

***ALBION PARK LITTLE  
ATHLETICS CLUB***



***ANNUAL REPORT  
2019/2020***

# *APLAC 2019/2020* *Executive Committee*

**President:** *Crystal Woll*

**Vice President:** *Patrick McPhillips*

**Secretary:** *Andrew Campbell*

**Treasurer:** *Katie Dent*

**Recorders:** *Julie Lyons & Kayla Zarebski*

**Registrars:** *Tracey Thompson*

**Uniform Officer:** *Katie Dent*

**Webmaster:** *Josh Woll*

**Media Liaison Officer:** *Crystal Wool*

**Championship Officer:** *Crystal Woll*

**Grounds Team:** *Colin Nicol*

**Equipment Officer:** *Josh Woll*

**Public Officer:** *Troy Meyers*

**Canteen Co-Coordinator:** *Charleen Campbell & Robin Harvey*

**General Committee:** *Kris Lorkin*

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## *Presidents (& Championship Officer) Report:*

The 2019/20 season has been a challenging one for APLAC, with the season disrupted by poor air quality, bushfire risks, floods and the Covid19 pandemic. Although much shorter, the season was still a successful one for our athletes and club. I extend my personal thanks to the committee for their assistance this year, whilst facing the added stress of the unpredictable season, we pulled together a successful Zone Championships and competition season.

I would also like to extend my thanks to all the parents that stepped up to assist throughout the season. Your assistance does not go unnoticed and without your support, our club could not function. For those that have yet to step up, we encourage you to get involved in whatever capacity you can. As those on the committee can tell you, it can prove very rewarding for not just your child but yourself also.

Now onto our significant happenings of the 2019/20 season.

Our results at all levels of competition were outstanding with APLAC well represented at Mid-South Coast carnivals, Zone championships hosted by our club & Regionals at Lake Illawarra. Unfortunately, the LANSW State Championship cancellation left many of our athletes disappointed, however I am sure their dedication and perseverance will have them qualify again next season. A large group also represented APLAC at LANSW State relays bringing home multiple medals & our State Multi competitors had an enjoyable experience at Tamworth's brand-new facilities. We thank you for your effort and sportsmanship at all competitions and congratulate you on gaining new PBs, medals and friends along the way.

I must thank our sponsors Kelly + Partners for their contribution to the centre. I know it has been said before, but we do really appreciate your support. This past season saw us introduce our Electronic Timing Gates to Friday night competitions and some local school carnivals. These were mostly successful with a few learning curves for our volunteers along the way.

Shellharbour City Council have been extremely supportive of APLAC again this season with the repair and resurfacing of our track in the Spring and the support of their grounds team on ensuring the field was ready for the Zone Championships in December. Our thanks to SCC again this season.

Our presentation was also cancelled due to Covid19 restrictions however our drive-thru presentation day proved a hit with most of our athletes collecting their awards and State Representative gear.

As my role is also Championship Officer, I would like to highlight a few outstanding results throughout the season. Our annual carnival saw approx. 200 athletes compete with several records broken again. With athletes coming from all around the state, we witnessed some exceptional performances and sportsmanship and hope to see these athletes again next season.

Our state relay teams shone this year bringing home multiple medals across the age groups. The teamwork, sportsmanship and pride in our club radiates at these championships and I am so proud of our athletes' achievements.

At the Zone championships, APLAC was successful in winning the Dean Blair Memorial trophy for Overall Point score again. 78 APLAC athletes competed at our home ground with 67 athletes qualify for the Regional Championships. Our 4 relay teams blitzed the competition, winning gold in all races.

At the Regional Championships at Lake Illawarra, hosted by the Mid-South Coast Zone with 26 athletes and our 2 senior relay teams qualifying for the State Track & Field Championships.

Up from 20 athletes at last year's State Championships, these 26 athletes were unfortunately unable to compete due to the Covid19 pandemic and the cancellations of the championships at the last minute. I am sure many of them would have achieved outstanding results at State and hopefully next season these athletes will qualify again.

As this season comes to a close, 3 of our athletes Tayissa Buchanan, Chelsea Ezeoke & Charlize Colwell have been selected for next season's u15s National Camp at the AIS, Canberra in October. I hope the girls have a great camp and utilise the expertise of the National coaches and support staff.

Each year some people move on from Little Athletics. These may be our u17s, committee members or athletes looking for a change. I wish all of you the very best for the future and I thank you for whatever contribution you have made to our centre. I hope that you take with you, happy memories of your time at Albion Park Little Athletics.

I want to congratulate all our little athletes on their efforts throughout the year. You should be proud of your performances both on and off the field. I hope that you have enjoyed the season and choose to return to APLAC next season.

Finally, due to personal commitments I will not be standing for President again this season, however I will remain a part of APLACs committee and assist wherever I am able to. I thank you for the support over the last few years and look forward to seeing APLACs progress this coming season.

***Crystal Woll***

***APLAC PRESIDENT/CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICER***

## *Treasurers' Report:*

I would like to thank Troy Apps and the staff at Kelly & Partner's for once again preparing this year's financial reports. This service is provided Pro Bono (\$1100.00) and is very much appreciated from all of us at Albion Park Little Athletics Club. Their continued support is invaluable to our club.

### **As at 31<sup>st</sup> March Cash Assets are as stands:**

Horizon Working Account - \$851.94  
Bendigo Statement Account - \$19 501.30  
Horizon Visa Canteen Account - \$0.01  
Bendigo Mastercard Canteen Account - \$73.38  
Bendigo Savings Account - \$14 277.86  
Canteen Float - \$300.00

The club had a successful off-season hosting local school Athletics Carnivals. This year our canteen took a total of \$21875.15 hosting carnivals, an increase on last year's takings of \$20499.90. Similarly, takings were up in the canteen on club nights from \$4604.40 to \$5256.42. It is worth noting a recommendation was made last season to run the BBQ as often as possible due to the significant increase in canteen takings on club nights when we have the BBQ running.

This has proved an asset to the club, and it is recommended this practice continues next season, given the disruptions we experienced hosting club nights this year meant we didn't have as many opportunities to do so, but there is still an increase in takings from last year.

- In total the canteen's takings this season = \$32387.99 (Club Nights & Carnivals)
- In total the canteen's expenses this season = \$18113.12 (Club Nights & Carnivals)

Registration numbers were Down this year from last year.

Last year's registrations = \$12062.80 Ground fees \$4996.00

This year's registrations = \$10658.70                      Ground fees \$4697.65

Council ground fees are charged on a sliding scale of \$ per capita and were slightly increase by council this season.

I would recommend the committee discuss an increase of registration fees before next season. We now have EFTPOS facilities available for the purchase of uniforms and in the canteen. The yearly cost of this could be dispersed evenly across the club with a slight increase in fees. The continuation of the NSW Sport ACTIVE KIDS program provides ongoing assistance to our members and helps to keep parents out of pockets cost relatively low compared to other seasonal sports.

Uniform expenses were again down this year due to a minimum order placed prior to the introduction of a new uniform in the coming season.

- Total expenses for uniforms this year: \$1035.30 (down from \$2394 last year) &
- Total income this year: \$5239.00 (down from \$7391.00 last year).

It is predicted that uniform expenses will increase significantly in the coming season as we will be introducing a new design. Careful consideration should be taken when planning stock levels, due to this season's income being compromised by COVID 19 (The loss of income from carnival hosting will have financial consequences for the club this season.)

Albion Park Little Athletics had no successful grant applications this season, however fundraising was up from \$434.50 to \$3216.50. A direct result due to our participation in the Wings over Illawarra Event held in May last year.

Kelly and Partners have expressed the importance of the committee ensuring the club has a specific interest in applying for grants in the future. This is most important for the upcoming season, due to the loss of income related to being unable to host off season school carnivals, as mentioned because of COVID 19.

The continued monitoring of grants available to the club is advised, as this is an ideal way to increase the club's ability to continue to provide our members with the latest equipment and most up to date facilities available, both now, and in the future.

Kelly and Partners have continued their support doing our accounts at no cost (valued at \$1100). They also made a cash donation to the club of \$500.00.

Sadly, we have been advised this financial support may not continue next season due the continuing financial pressure businesses are feeling in the current economic environment.

It is recommended that attention is paid to attracting more sponsorship to our club over the 20/21 season. The current economic environment will see an increase in competition for Grants and Sponsorship with other sporting groups at a time in which this assistance will be very much needed.

Creating a role within the committee which focus' on this issue, with the aim to build stronger partnerships within our local community, that will be of mutual benefit to all parties is recommended.

The 19/20 Season has been one full of challenges for our Club and our Members, but it is pleasing to see the continued support of our families as we look towards what we hope will be a more (financially) consistent season in 20/21.

Katie Dent  
Treasurer

## Registrar Report:

### Age groups for 2019/20 season

Age	Boy	Girl	Total	2018/19	2017/18
<b>Tots</b>	12	11	23	27	28
<b>6</b>	8	7	15	26	17
<b>7</b>	15	12	27	19	18
<b>8</b>	11	6	17	26	19
<b>9</b>	8	11	19	23	14
<b>10</b>	8	10	18	20	12
<b>11</b>	12	12	24	17	17
<b>12</b>	6	7	13	19	9
<b>13</b>	8	8	16	14	3
<b>14</b>	2	6	8	4	11
<b>15</b>	0	2	2	7	6
<b>17</b>	4	7	11	14	9
			<b>193</b>	216	163

Numbers were slightly down from last seasons 216, however our senior athlete numbers appear to be stronger.

The younger age groups have remained consistent across the last few seasons. Hopefully the disrupted season will not reduce our numbers next season.

Due to other life commitments I will not be nominating for the committee next season, thankyou for allowing me to assist this season. I wish the oncoming committee all the very best for the next season.

Tracey Thompson

Registrar

*Thank you all for another  
Successful Season.*

*We had so many outstanding results!  
Hope to see you all again next Season.*

