

# The Little Athlete 2017/18

50th Anniversary Souvenir Book





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*“I have always looked back fondly on my time in Little Athletics and often attribute the skills I learnt from being involved and participating in, went a long way to assisting my achievements in AFL football; to learn to run properly technique wise, the ability to generate speed off the mark, co-ordination and balance derived by field events. In general, just the want to compete, combined with a fierce desire to succeed assisted me no end and I would highly recommend it to all aspiring athletes in any sport. Further to that, the discipline coaching etc gave me positive thoughts on how to work hard and conduct my life.”*

*Brad Hardie, AFL Footballer and 1985 Brownlow Medallist*

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# Chairman's Message

***Teresa Blackman***



**L**ittle Athletics, and the concept of the whole of family involvement, has been a part of the lives of thousands of families for 50 years. Many will have fond memories of their days “at the track” on a hot Saturday morning. Whether you were an athlete running from one event to another, laughing with your friends; as a parent timing races, or raking pits; or as a dedicated volunteer organising events and officials, we all have a story to tell. Some participated for short periods, whilst others continued their family involvement across several generations. Whatever your involvement, there is no doubt that a concept created by Trevor Billingham, in Geelong 1964; adapting a sport to meet the needs of children through the use of modified equipment and rules, is one still enjoyed by thousands of children across Australia.

Under the leadership of Robin Johnson, and with the assistance of Shirley de la Hunty, the first Little Athletics competition in WA, was held on 17th February 1968 at Perry Lakes Stadium. On that day 200 young athletes were in attendance. 50 years later, Little Athletics WA has grown to over 9000 young athletes aged between 5 and 17 participating weekly at one of 36 Centres established throughout metropolitan and regional WA. Last year, our reach extended to over 18,000 students, in hundreds of primary schools where the Little Athletics for Primary Schools (LAPS) program was presented. From our oldest Centre, UWA (previously known as

Perry Lakes), to the most recently established Centre, Ashburton, we thank, acknowledge, and celebrate the thousands of athletes, parents, coaches, officials and volunteers who have participated and contributed to the development of the sport throughout this period.

I am proud and privileged to lead the Association into the future beyond 50 years. We should take the time to celebrate our history, and applaud the thousands of volunteers across WA, who continue to dedicate themselves to ensure our young athletes have the opportunity to participate each week. The importance of providing a foundation sport, developing the fundamentals of “*run, jump, throw*” remains an essential activity, particularly in an increasingly technology dependent society. Our challenge into the future will be to adapt to the lifestyle, and ensure that the philosophy of “*family, fun, fitness*” remains a primary focus. The social, emotional and life skill development experienced through participation, builds confidence, resilience, lasting memories and lifelong friendships which can be carried into your life beyond Little Athletics.

I wish to thank and acknowledge David Gardiner who has worked tirelessly over many years to research and document our proud sporting history and lead our 50th Anniversary activities. Enjoy the documented history of our achievements, events and activities of Little Athletics in WA.

# Logos



1969/70 – 1976/77



1977/78 – 1982/83



1983/84 – 1992/93



1993/94 – 2008/09



2009/10 – 2013/14 – 2017/18



2014/15 – 2016/17

# Introduction

**David Gardiner**



**L**ittle Athletics commenced in Australia when Mr Trevor Billingham recognised a need and introduced an idea designed to meet that need. On the first Saturday in October 1964 a program of running events was conducted in Geelong Victoria.

A contingent of eight athletics coaches from WA including Mr Robin Johnson, whilst attending a coaching seminar in Melbourne in January 1967, witnessed Little Athletics in operation in Victoria. The WA contingent met Trevor Billingham and discussed the aims and objectives of Little Athletics. They were impressed by what they had seen and heard and decided to start Little Athletics in WA.

Western Australia was the second State/Territory in Australia to commence Little Athletics. On the 17th February 1968 the first Little Athletics meet was conducted on the warm up track at Perry Lakes Stadium in Floreat with 200 children participating. The organisers were surprised with the turn out.

On the 6th March 1968 a meeting was held at 248 Cambridge Street Wembley (the home of Robin and Beris Johnson) where the Association was formed under the name of West Australian Little Athletics Association. The inaugural committee was elected comprising of:  
President – Mr Robin Johnson, Vice President – Mrs Shirley de la Hunty (Shirley Strickland), Vice President – Mrs Maureen Edwards, Secretary – Mrs Barbara Kent, Treasurer – Mr Ross Scott and Registrar – Mrs Beris Johnson.

The Association was incorporated in 1971/72 and introduced the trading name

West Australian Little Athletics in 1994/95. In 2010/11 the trading name was changed to Little Athletics Western Australia.

Little Athletics motto “*Family, Fun and Fitness*” has been retained since it was adopted in 1975/76. In 2000/01 “*Be Your Best*” was also adopted. Both of these clearly define that Little Athletics strives to provide the environment and deliver an enjoyable and rewarding experience for our athletes and their families.

Through an enthusiastic, dedicated and committed small group of people this laid the foundation for the organisation which we are today. Mr Robin Johnson was the driving force behind and the leader in our formative years and he is recognised as the founder of Little Athletics in WA.

Right from the beginning we were structured based on strong and committed parental participation in coaching, officiating, administration, fundraising and socialising. This remains so.

We would like to acknowledge the contributions made by so many people over the years to the growth and development of Little Athletics in WA.

We dedicate this 50th Anniversary Souvenir Book of “The Little Athlete” to all our past and present little athletes and the countless people who have invested their energy, enthusiasm, commitment and dedication to our organisation.

**David Gardiner**  
*Chairman, 50th Anniversary Committee*  
Little Athletics WA



# WA Little Athletics: The First Meet

**Date:**  
17th February, 1968

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**Location:**  
Perry Lakes Stadium,  
Floreat, WA

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**Participants:**  
200 children

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**Officials:**  
12 athletes





# The Beginning

**Robin Harold Johnson**



*A little history, in 1968 things were different, there were 2 Athletic Associations, Men and Women. No organised sport for under 12s. No physical education in Primary Schools. Women were not allowed to race distances exceeding 800m; sport was divided into 2 streams amateur and professional. There was very little to no sponsorship for amateur sports especially with logos involved.*

**L**ittle Athletics started in New Zealand but did not take well there; it was tried in Tasmania and failed. In Australia Little Athletics originated in Geelong Victoria. One of the chief founding members there was Trevor Billingham. When Little Athletics started they were included in the Seniors competition but grew so big they started the competition for them in the mornings and Seniors in the afternoon. About that time in the South West of WA and Kalgoorlie youngsters were included in the Senior competition. I had discussed, starting similar competitions in the rest of WA, with other WA Coaches and the Senior Associations with little support.

In January 1967 the National Fitness Council conducted a coaching seminar in Victoria. It was run at the Melbourne University by an international Coach Franz Stampfl. Among the coaches sent to Victoria from WA were Shirley de la Hunty (Shirley Strickland), John Gilmour, Mrs M Edwards and Robin Johnson, there were 8 in all. On a Saturday we were taken out to Frankston Little Athletic Centre to see what they were doing. There we met Trevor Billingham who explained his philosophy, some of the principal points such as to get children away from TV, to provide them with some degree of physical education which was lacking in all primary schools and make sport enjoyable and available as the minimum age in all sport

was above 12 years old at that time. To do this the emphasis was not on competition against each other, but to improve their own performance. Every competitor was given a card with their performance for every event and they had books given to them to record these performances or in which to keep all their best performances.

All of this was the subject of much discussion and on our return we held a meeting of those coaches and Shirley de la Hunty (Shirley Strickland), John Gilmour, Kevin Barry, Mrs M Edwards and Robin Johnson agreed to get Little Athletics started in WA and to run it along the same lines as was current in Victoria. Kevin Barry and I visited schools putting up posters advertising the first meeting. The other committee members were recruiting senior athletes and officials to give us a hand.

For equipment we had 6 stop watches, 1 homemade Javelin, 1 x 6lb shot put from Hale School, 1 discus from Victoria and the jumping tools from various sources. Roughly made performance tickets and old numbers from the Senior bodies. 12 athletes come officials to run the events and 200 athletes turned up. They were charged 5 cents each week to help buy equipment. Most children had 2 events and many up to 4 events each. We did not have enough officials to conduct the events and had to recruit parents to help.

The next week we formed the children into random clubs with parents in charge. During the next week we had a meeting of parents from those clubs and formalised the clubs and later on in March we formed Perry Lakes Centre, the first Little Athletics Centre in WA.

In March we held a meeting and formed ourselves into an Association adopting a Constitution and so WA Little Athletics was formed. The competition lasted for 6 weeks and on the 7th a gala day to present the winning clubs their banners. Numbers had risen to 400.

## Let the Games Begin

**Equipment for the first WA Little Athletics meet included:**

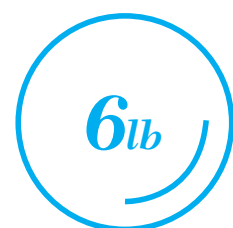
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Stop watches



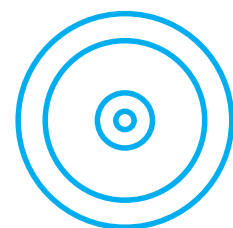
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Discus

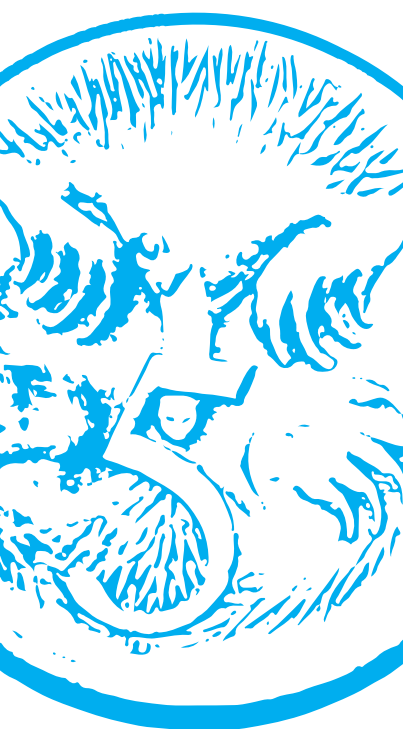


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Homemade javelin

## 5¢ Fee

**Participating children were charged 5 cents per week, which went toward buying necessary equipment**



At the end of the season Coaching seminars for athletes and officials were held in Perth, the South West, Kalgoorlie and Carnarvon with help of Senior Athletics coaches. The 1968/69 season ran for 6 weeks, recessed over Christmas and another 6 weeks followed by our first Championship meeting. By this time numbers had grown to 940 athletes and 100 officials. In the winter of that year handicap cross country races were held in conjunction with the Senior Associations. The numbers were now too large for one Centre and the Melville club requested and assisted in the formation of the Melville Centre with Trevor Billingham, who came to Perth, assisting and showing us how to go about forming new centres.

The Melville Centre opened in the 1969/70 season. Seminars for coaches and officials continued and we ended up with 4 centres being Perry Lakes, Melville, Eastern Goldfields and South West. Registrations grew to 2358.

Trevor Billingham invited us to come to Victoria and participate in the first National Championship with teams from WA, Victoria and NSW. The teams consisted of 10 girls and 10 boys in the U12 age group. The meet in 1970 was a great success. Our fundraising did not make the total cost but on our return we did raise the money and sought new sponsors and so we successfully cleared the debt. From then on we were always solvent.

The following year the National competition was held in NSW and in 1972 in WA. At the National Championship in 1972 a seminar was held at the Como Hotel at which we presented a draft Constitution for the formation of a National body, the start of Little Athletics Australia.

Funding in the formative years was a problem. The RT Hon. T Wardle donated \$500 and the Perth City Council and the WA Senior Athletics Association donated the use of the Perry Lakes warm up track and the R & I Bank donated \$400 for the stop watches and hurdles. They continued to assist us and over the first 2 seasons donated a total of \$1122. We received \$1000 from the WA Lotteries Commission and \$1000 from the WA Youth Council for equipment for Melville Centre and equipment for future Centres.

During my time firstly as President and then Secretary Manager a very great number of people gave me huge amounts of support and assistance.

Without their aid I would never have managed and I gave my thanks for all the help I received. There were a number I feel I should acknowledge. The RT Hon. Lord Mayor of Perth Mt T Wardle, Mr B Trivett and Mr J Keeling who became Treasurer and through their efforts we became financially secure, Mrs S De La Hunty, The Scott family, the Hancy family, my 2 assistant Secretaries, Franz Stemphl and my own family.

When I resigned at the end of the 1976/77 from the Board of Management it was with regret as the organisation had now grown so large that it was beyond me, but I had satisfaction that I had put in place a strong well financed organisation that improved the lives of so many people in the past, now and will continue to do so in the future.

### **Robin Harold Johnson**

*WA Citizen of the Year – 1973 Sport Award,  
Life Member LAWA and Roll of Excellence LAA*



# Minutes of Inaugural Meeting (*Reproduced*)

*Minutes of Inaugural meeting of Little Athletic Assoc. of West Aust.  
Wednesday 6th March 1968 at 249 Cambridge St Wembley*

**Present:** Representatives of Deanmore Primary, United Group, North Innaloo, Doubleview, Wembley, Hale, Marist Bros.

**Election of Chairman** – Unanimous vote for Robin Johnson.

Report on Little Athletics by original organisers. The report put forward the aims of the association, main items being that it was designed as a family group participation, giving children coaching and a sense of sportsmanship. Also eventually it would possibly produce athletes of the future. At present 300 children are registered to compete. Initial printing and equipment was provided by WAAAA. Funds are to be raised through weekly 5c & registration money. Numbers to be replaced at a future date. Gest donated some drinks & also have offered wholesale prices for purchase of others. Equipment necessary to purchase will include:- starting pistols, 12 stop watches at a cost of approx. \$30.00 each, 8 x 100ft tapes, tables & chairs, sunshades, sand rakes etc. This association is modelled on a similar organisation in Victoria which has approximately 1000 competing.

This report was accepted by the meeting.

**Election of officers:**

**President:** Robin Johnson moved Mr Hanlon seconded Mr Jones.

**Secretary:** moved Mrs Scott seconded Mr Hanlon that Mrs Kent be elected.

**Treasurer:** moved Mr Jones seconded Mr Hanlon Mr Scott to accept temporary position as Treasurer.

**Registrar:** As Mrs Johnson had some experience in this position, the meeting agreed she continue.

**Vice Presidents:** moved R Johnson, seconded L Goudie that Mrs Delahunty & Mrs Edwards be asked if they would accept these positions.

**Financial report** – Bal in bank to this date \$115.60 at present negotiating for purchase of 4 stop watches @ \$30.00 ea. & starting pistol. This could be purchased from present funds. There was an outstanding a/c for Hale School also to be paid.

**Constitution:** moved V Williams seconded Mr Jones that we accept WAAAA rules in principal as a temporary measure while awaiting the drawing up of our own constitution.

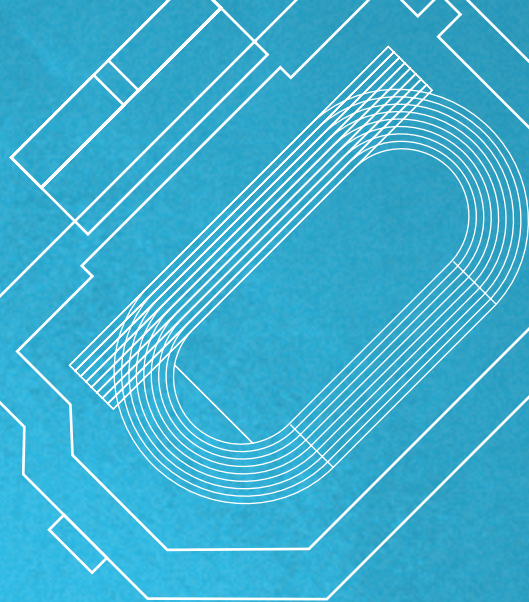
**Future of Little Athletics:** Availability of grounds is a problem, Perry Lakes not available in October, but suggest commence 2nd week in November which allows approximately 6 weeks to Xmas, then recess for 5 weeks, as in Victoria & re-commence early February.

**Officials:** Officials will be required to train in position of starter, announcer, timekeeper, track judge, track referee. 4 timekeepers are at the moment almost qualified to take this job on. Ask Lord Mayor to be patron of WALAA. Someone will be needed to help bring out equipment & speaker at 8am on Saturday mornings.

**Meeting closed 10.15pm  
followed by supper.**







# Perry Lakes Stadium

**Location:**  
Perth, Western Australia

**Capacity:**  
30,000  
*5,000-seat grandstand with open air seating for a further 25,000*

**Built:**  
1962  
*for the British Empire and Commonwealth Games, 1962*

**Closed:**  
mid-2009

**Demolition:**  
2012

**Sports Played:**  
Athletics, Football

**Historic Events:**  
1962 British Empire and Commonwealth Games

**Last Event:**  
2004 Telstra A-Series – Perth

# 1968/69 First Full Year

In 1968/69, our first full year, Perry Lakes was our only Centre. Perry Lakes Centre consisted of the following Clubs and registrations:

CLUB	GIRLS	BOYS	TOTAL
Bayswater Convent	47	0	47
Christian Bros. Bedford	0	68	68
Canning Districts	14	18	32
Carawatha-Willagee	11	38	49
Deanmore	22	38	60
Doubleview	39	50	89
Floreat Park	36	54	90
Graylands	25	53	78
Holy Rosary	45	33	78
Innaloo	36	67	103
Marist	0	52	52
Salters Point	11	6	17
Scarborough	15	16	31
Servite	19	25	44
Sister Kates	0	20	20
Wembley	28	54	82
TOTAL	348	592	940



# 1970 Inaugural U12 State Team



## Inaugural Interstate Meet

**Date:**  
25 March, 1970

**Location:**  
Olympic Park,  
Melbourne

**Competitors:**  
New South Wales,  
Victoria and Western  
Australia

**Teams:**  
Teams consisted of  
10 girls and 10 boys,  
in the U12 age group

### State Team Members (Girls):

Robyn Austin  
Joan Blacklock  
June Cook  
Gail Cotchin  
Kerry Ewen  
Esther Mariotti  
Janet McKenzie  
Susan Millar  
Tracey Parker  
Glenda Robertson

### State Team Members (Boys):

Douglas Beaton  
Murray Bridgland  
Geoff Hendriks  
Peter Hendriks  
Des May  
Steven Pesick  
Stephen Pitts  
Des Scott  
Mark Stanton  
Ian Stewart

### State Team Managers:

Beris Johnson, Robin Johnson





# Registrations

**W**hen Little Athletics commenced in Western Australia the only age groups offered were U9 to U13. In subsequent years other age groups were introduced.

Some Centres provide a modified athletics program for U6.

## Age group introductions:

AGE GROUP	INTRODUCED
U7	1986/87
U8	1969/70
U9	1968
U10	1968
U11	1968
U12	1968
U13	1968
U14	1981/82
U15	1984/85
U16	1997/98
U17	1997/98

## Total registration numbers and Centres for each year:

YEAR	REGISTRATIONS	CENTRES
1968	300	1
1968/69	940	1
1969/70	2358	4
1970/71	4459	5
1971/72	5120	10
1972/73	7426	16
1973/74	6782	17
1974/75	7630	17
1975/76	6875	19
1976/77	7686	22
1977/78	8074	22
1978/79	8770	24
1979/80	8797	24
1980/81	7526	25
1981/82	6953	27
1982/83	7524	30
1983/84	6156	29
1984/85	6937	29
1985/86	5655	30
1986/87	6392	29
1987/88	5509	28
1988/89	6070	31
1989/90	5280	31
1990/91	5287	30
1991/92	5371	31
1992/93	5391	33
1993/94	5187	32
1994/95	5786	34
1995/96	5029	33
1996/97	5578	32
1997/98	4933	31
1998/99	5055	30
1999/00	4730	27
2000/01	6113	29
2001/02	5583	30
2002/03	5497	29
2003/04	4992	29
2004/05	5878	27
2005/06	5828	29
2006/07	5788	27
2007/08	6163	30
2008/09	7809	31
2009/10	7279	31
2010/11	7613	32
2011/12	7591	32
2012/13	9565	30
2013/14	8366	31
2014/15	8792	35
2015/16	8400	35
2016/17	8887	35
2017/18	Incomplete	36



## Affiliated Centres

**C**entres are classified as either based in the Metropolitan or Country areas.

Historically Metropolitan Centres consisted of a number of Clubs which are separately managed by a committee. The Clubs come together at a location where the weekly competitions are conducted. Some Centres no longer have Clubs and are administered by the Centre Executive Committee. Country Centres generally do not have Clubs and are administered by the Centre Executive Committee.

### Breakdown of Centres into Metropolitan or Country for each year:

YEAR	METRO	COUNTRY	TOTAL
1968	1	0	1
1968/69	1	0	1
1969/70	2	2	4
1970/71	3	2	5
1971/72	6	4	10
1972/73	11	5	16
1973/74	11	6	17
1974/75	12	5	17
1975/76	13	6	19
1976/77	13	9	22
1977/78	15	7	22
1978/79	15	9	24
1979/80	15	9	24
1980/81	15	10	25
1981/82	16	11	27
1982/83	16	14	30
1983/84	16	13	29
1984/85	16	13	29
1985/86	16	14	30
1986/87	16	13	29
1987/88	16	12	28
1988/89	16	15	31
1989/90	16	15	31
1990/91	16	14	30
1991/92	16	15	31
1992/93	17	16	33
1993/94	16	16	32
1994/95	16	18	34
1995/96	16	17	33
1996/97	17	15	32
1997/98	17	14	31
1998/99	17	13	30
1999/00	17	10	27
2000/01	17	12	29
2001/02	17	13	30
2002/03	17	12	29
2003/04	17	12	29
2004/05	18	9	27
2005/06	18	11	29
2006/07	18	9	27
2007/08	18	12	30
2008/09	18	13	31
2009/10	18	13	31
2010/11	18	14	32
2011/12	18	14	32
2012/13	18	12	30
2013/14	18	13	31
2014/15	19	16	35
2015/16	19	16	35
2016/17	19	16	35
2017/18	19	17	36





# Current Centres

Centres which are affiliated in 2017/18:

CENTRE	DETAILS
Albany	Affiliated in 1972/73 and each year since.
Ashburton	Affiliated in 2017/18 based in Tom Price. Originally there was a Tom Price Centre affiliated from 1988/89 to 1989/90 and again in 1995/96.
Baldivis	Affiliated in 2007/08 and each year since.
Bayswater	Affiliated in 1972/73 and each year since. Was originally in the name of Ashfield and changed to Bayswater in 1974/75.
Belmont	Affiliated in 1970/71 and each year since.
Broome	Affiliated in 2001/02 and each year since.
Bunbury & Districts	Affiliated in 1971/72 and each year since.
Cockburn	Affiliated in 1972/73 and each year since. Was originally in the name of Fremantle and changed to Cockburn Fremantle in 1986/87 and to Cockburn in 1988/89.
Collie River Valley	Affiliated in 2005/06 and each year since. Originally there was a Collie Centre affiliated for one year in 1973/74.
Dale	Affiliated in 1977/78 and each year since.
Denmark	Affiliated in 2007/08 and each year since.
Eastern Goldfields	Affiliated in 1969/70 and each year since. The oldest Country Centre in WA.
Eastern Hills	Affiliated in 1974/75 and each year since. Was originally in the name of Mundaring and changed to Eastern Hills in 1978/79.
Esperance	Affiliated from 1981/82 to 1985/86, from 1993/94 to 1995/96 and since 2010/11.
Geraldton	Affiliated in 1980/81 and each year since.
Gosnells & Districts	Affiliated in 1971/72 and each year since.
Hamersley	Affiliated in 1971/72 and each year since.
Hedland	Affiliated from 1976/77 to 1985/86 and since 2014/15.
Inglewood	Affiliated in 1972/73 and each year since.
Joondalup	Affiliated in 1992/93 and each year since.
Karratha	Affiliated from 1982/83 to 1988/89, from 1990/91 to 2005/06, in 2007/08 and since 2009/10.
Kingsway	Affiliated in 1977/78 and each year since. Was originally in the name of Wanneroo and changed to Kingsway in 1978/79.
Kwinana	Affiliated in 1975/76 and each year since.
Lower South West	Affiliated from 1997/98 to 2002/03 and since 2008/09. Was originally in the name of Warren and changed name to Lower South West in 2014/15.
Margaret River	Affiliated from 1990/91 to 1998/99 and since 2008/09.
Melville	Affiliated in 1969/70 and each year since. The second metropolitan centre to be formed in WA.
Merredin & Districts	Affiliated from 1986/87 to 1994/95 and since 2009/10. Changed name to Eastern Districts in 1992/93 and back to Merredin in 2009/10.
Narrogin & Districts	Affiliated in 1975/76 and each year since.
Newman	Affiliated from 1995/96 to 1996/97 and since 2014/15.
Northam & Districts	Affiliated in 1975/76 and each year since.
Peel Districts	Affiliated in 1978/79 and each year since. Was originally in the name of Murray Districts and changed to Peel Districts in 1992/93. Changed from a country centre to a metropolitan centre in 1996/97.
Ridgewood	Affiliated in 2004/05 and each year since.
Rockingham Districts	Affiliated in 1971/72 and each year since.
Southern Districts	Affiliated in 1972/73 and each year since.
Swan Valley	Affiliated in 2014/15 and each year since.
UWA	Affiliated in 1968 and each year since. Was originally in the name of Perry Lakes and changed to UWA in 2009/10. The first centre formed in WA.







# Closed Centres

Centres which have affiliated  
and are no longer in existence:

CENTRE	DETAILS
Badgingarra	Affiliated from 1996/97 to 2000/01 and in 2003/04.
Balga & Districts	Affiliated from 1972/73 to 2006/07. Changed name to Stirling Central in 2006/07.
Carnarvon	Affiliated in 1997/98 and 2003/04.
Central Midlands & District	Affiliated from 1993/94 to 1995/96. Was based in Moora.
Central Wheatbelt	Affiliated from 1992/93 to 1993/94. Was based in Kellerberrin.
Chapman Valley	Affiliated from 1994/95 to 1996/97.
Chittering	Affiliated in 1987/88.
Cue	Affiliated in 1989/90.
Donnybrook	Affiliated from 1988/89 to 1989/90.
Eneabba	Affiliated from 1991/92 to 1992/93.
Exmouth	Affiliated from 1996/97 to 1998/99 and from 2000/01 to 2005/06.
Gascoyne	Affiliated in 2011/12. Based in Carnarvon.
Geographe Districts	Affiliated from 1971/72 to 1976/77, in 1978/79, from 1982/83 to 1986/87 and from 1997/98 to 1998/99.
Gnowangerup	Affiliated from 1988/89 to 1996/97.
Halls Creek	Affiliated in 1994/95 however no registrations were taken.
Kambalda	Affiliated from 1979/80 to 1982/83 and from 2001/02 to 2002/03.
Katanning	Affiliated from 2000/01 to 2008/09.
Kendenup	Affiliated from 2007/08 to 2008/09.
Leonora	Affiliated in 1996/97.
Manjimup	Affiliated from 1985/86 to 1986/87.
Meekatharra	Affiliated in 1994/95.
Midland & District	Affiliated from 1981/82 to 1992/93.
Nelson	Affiliated in 1976/77. Was based in Manjimup.
Norseman & Districts	Affiliated from 1976/77 to 1992/93 and from 1994/95 to 2003/04.
Northampton	Affiliated from 1989/90 to 1993/94.
Ravensthorpe	Affiliated in 1988/89.
South West	Affiliated from 1969/70 to 1974/75.
Wickham Community	Affiliated from 1982/83 to 1995/96.

## WA Little Athletics: Centres

### Amount:

36 established Centres throughout metropolitan and regional WA

### Oldest Centre:

UWA (previously known as Perry Lakes), Floreat, WA established 1968

### Most Recent:

Ashburton, Tom Price, WA established 2017







# Perth Children's Hospital Activity Day

Since 1998 Little Athletics WA and Perth Children's Hospital Foundation (formerly Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation) have been partners.

Little Athletics WA holds an event on a specific weekend in November annually, in conjunction with the Centre's competition programme, and the funds raised are used for a predetermined project for the hospital.

The aim is to make our athletes aware of children who are not as fortunate as themselves and subsequently we adopted the phrase "Kids Helping Kids."

Initially the event was a Relayathon and over the years the Centres have adapted fundraising activities to include games, mad hair day, dress up day, tin shaking, cake stalls, sausage sizzles etc.

Some of the projects which the funds raised have gone towards are: Special hydraulic beds, digital cameras for diagnosing, silent saw for cutting plaster,

infusion pumps to administer medication, Health Care Professional to work with children with obesity and the Artist in Residency program.

From 2013 donations from Little Athletics Centres have contributed significantly to the Artist in Residence program at the Perth Children's Hospital. The program is based on maximising the benefits of arts in health and healing to enhance the wellbeing of patients during their time in hospital.

Perpetual trophies are presented to the Centre's which raise the highest amount and who raise the highest amount per capita. During the Relayathon a trophy was also presented to the Centre achieving the greatest distance.

The event was originally named Relayathon and remained so until 2011/12 when renamed Activity Day.

Since 1998 we have raised in excess of \$261,000.

## Funds raised:

YEAR	TOTAL AMOUNT	HIGHEST RAISED
1998/99	\$5000	Balga
1999/00	\$6022	Kingsway
2000/01	\$8800	Balga
2001/02	\$10000	Balga
2002/03	\$14922	Balga
2003/04	\$9126	Eastern Hills
2004/05	\$12400	Eastern Hills
2005/06	\$11000	Bayswater
2006/07	\$14000	Bayswater
2007/08	\$16245	Dale
2008/09	\$19005	Bayswater
2009/10	\$13788	Bayswater
2010/11	\$12423	Bayswater
2011/12	\$22165	Bayswater
2012/13	\$20848	Bayswater
2013/14	\$17339	Bayswater
2014/15	\$16637	Bayswater
2015/16	\$17302	Bayswater
2016/17	\$14000	Bayswater

## Most distance covered:

YEAR	CENTRE
1998/99	Southern Districts
1999/00	Bayswater

## Most amount raised per capita:

YEAR	CENTRE
2006/07	Dale
2007/08	Dale
2008/09	Dale
2009/10	Dale
2010/11	Bayswater
2011/12	Bayswater
2012/13	Bayswater
2013/14	Bayswater
2014/15	Bayswater
2015/16	Bayswater
2016/17	Bayswater

**\$261,000**

The amount of money raised since 1998, for the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation











Under 11 Girls 900 Metres start.



Under 9 Boys Sprint — close finish coming up?



Shot-put instruction by officiates Shirley DeLahunty and Robin Johnson during the first Athletic Meeting at Perry Lakes, 1968.

# Board of Management/Directors

## Chairman:

YEAR	NAME
1968-1969	RH Johnson
1969-1973	BA Trivett
1973-1976	WT Tucker
1976-1976	A Deppeler
1976-1987	CP Robinson
1987-1994	DW Cramer
1994-2005	B Newton
2005-2011	P Bergshoeff
2011-2014	R Crockett
2014-Present	T Blackman

## Executive Officer/ Chief Executive Officer:

YEAR	NAME	POSITION
1993-2012	Hannah Tebbutt	Exec. Officer
2012-2016	Samya Monaco	Exec. Officer
2016-Present	Vince Del Prete	Chief Exec. Officer







# State Country Championships

Several people from Country Centres shared the view that it would be beneficial for their athletes to have another level of competition. Due to distance and the spread out nature of the location of Country Centres they felt that their athletes did not have the same opportunities as the athletes from Metropolitan Centres have. Accordingly they set about to organise an Inter Centre competition for athletes from Country Centres.

The inaugural Invitation Country Meet was held in Narrogin on the 13 February 1982. In 1983/84 the name of the event was changed to Country Centres Championships and further changed to State Country Championships in 2000/01.

The Country Centres select the date, host Centre, program of events, rules and conduct the Championships. The rules largely followed those for the State Track & Field Championships. LAWA provides financial assistance in the form of the medals since around 1984/85 and support.

Since the inaugural Invitation Country Meet the Championships have been held annually in November/ December. The Championships have been and continue to be well supported with the athletes and their families travelling hundreds or thousands of kilometres to participate.

In 2017/18 Country Championships was held on the Australia Day long weekend in Bunbury.

## The Host Centres:

YEAR	HOST CENTRE
1981/82	Narrogin
1982/83	Eastern Goldfields
1983/84	Northam
1984/85	Bunbury
1985/86	Albany
1986/87	Narrogin
1987/88	Geraldton
1988/89	Murray Districts
1989/90	Northam
1990/91	Bunbury
1991/92	Eastern Goldfields
1992/93	Narrogin
1993/94	Geraldton
1994/95	Peel Districts
1995/96	Albany
1996/97	Northam
1997/98	Bunbury
1998/99	Eastern Goldfields
1999/00	Narrogin
2000/01	Geraldton
2001/02	Northam
2002/03	Bunbury
2003/04	Albany
2004/05	Eastern Goldfields
2005/06	Geraldton
2006/07	Northam
2007/08	Bunbury
2008/09	Collie River Valley
2009/10	Eastern Goldfields
2010/11	Geraldton
2011/12	Bunbury
2012/13	Albany
2013/14	Eastern Goldfields
2014/15	Bunbury
2015/16	Bunbury
2016/17	Eastern Goldfields
2017/18	Bunbury

# State Country Championships

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**T**hree perpetual trophies have been available and presented to Centres. These being:

## Overall

The Centre with the highest points.

## Handicap

The Centre with the highest adjusted points based on a formula taking into account the Centres number of athletes entered, the total number of events and the total number of competitors.

## March Past

The best presented Centre in the March Past. This trophy commenced in 1987/88.

YEAR	OVERALL	HANDICAP	MARCH PAST
1981/82	Northam	Unknown	—
1982/83	Eastern Goldfields	Unknown	—
1983/84	Geraldton	Bunbury	—
1984/85	Bunbury	Unknown	—
1985/86	Albany	Eastern Goldfields	—
1986/87	Albany	Geraldton	—
1987/88	Geraldton	Bunbury	Albany
1988/89	Albany	Geraldton	Geraldton
1989/90	Eastern Goldfields	Eastern Goldfields	Geraldton
1990/91	Eastern Goldfields	Eastern Goldfields	Eastern Goldfields
1991/92	Bunbury	Bunbury	Geraldton
1992/93	Bunbury	Bunbury	Geraldton
1993/94	Geraldton	Bunbury	Narrogin
1994/95	Bunbury	Unknown	Geraldton
1995/96	Bunbury	Unknown	Geraldton
1996/97	Bunbury	Unknown	Narrogin
1997/98	Bunbury	Unknown	Narrogin
1998/99	Eastern Goldfields	Unknown	Badgingarra
1999/00	Geraldton	Bunbury	Geraldton
2000/01	Geraldton	Unknown	Eastern Goldfields
2001/02	Bunbury	Unknown	Katanning
2002/03	Bunbury	Unknown	Eastern Goldfields
2003/04	Bunbury	Unknown	Albany
2004/05	Eastern Goldfields	Unknown	Narrogin
2005/06	Geraldton	Unknown	Albany
2006/07	Eastern Goldfields	Unknown	Unknown
2007/08	Bunbury	Bunbury	Albany
2008/09	Bunbury	Unknown	Katanning
2009/10	Bunbury	Unknown	Merredin
2010/11	Bunbury	Geraldton	Northam
2011/12	Bunbury	Bunbury	Northam
2012/13	Bunbury	Esperance	Denmark
2013/14	Eastern Goldfields	Geraldton	Narrogin
2014/15	Eastern Goldfields	Unknown	Narrogin
2015/16	Eastern Goldfields	Eastern Goldfields	Denmark
2016/17	Eastern Goldfields	Eastern Goldfields	Northam
2017/18	Bunbury	Ashburton /Esperance	Ashburton



# State Relay Championships (Track)

**P**rior to the introduction of the State Relay Championships a 4 x 100 metres relay event was held at the 1971 State Track & Field Championships for both girls and boys. The girls relay was won by Karrinyup Club in 58.0 and the boys relay was won by Karrinyup Club in 56.5.

At the Association meeting held on 16 June 1971 it was decided to hold a Relay Championships. The inaugural State Relay Championships was held on 18 December 1971. For these Championships, Centres entered teams from Clubs and Combined Club teams. This was changed to Centre based teams for the following State Relay Championships.

For the 1972/73 State Relay Championships a rule was introduced that each Centre could enter 1 team for each event. This rule has essentially remained in place ever since.

The events offered have continued to be 4 x 100 metres, 4 x 200 metres and 4 x 400 metres for different age groups.

Since the inaugural State Relay Championships they have been held in December annually except for 1997/98 when they were held in February.

## Naming sponsors have been:

- 1979/80 to 2004/05 KFC;
- 2009/10 to 2010/11 IGA;
- 2013/14 Beyond Bank; and
- 2017/18 Go for 2 & 5.

## State Relay Championships venues:

YEAR	VENUE
1971/72	Shoalwater Bay Oval, Rockingham
1972/73	Fremantle Oval, Fremantle
1973/74	Hands Memorial Oval, Bunbury
1974/75	Fremantle Oval, Fremantle
1975/76	Fremantle Oval, Fremantle
1976/77	Fremantle Oval, Fremantle
1977/78	Fremantle Oval, Fremantle
1978/79	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
1979/80	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
1980/81	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
1981/82	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
1982/83	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
1983/84	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
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1999/00	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
2000/01	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
2001/02	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
2002/03	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
2003/04	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
2004/05	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
2005/06	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
2006/07	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
2007/08	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
2008/09	Perry Lakes Stadium, Floreat
2009/10	WA Athletics Stadium
2010/11	WA Athletics Stadium
2011/12	WA Athletics Stadium
2012/13	WA Athletics Stadium
2013/14	WA Athletics Stadium
2014/15	WA Athletics Stadium
2015/16	WA Athletics Stadium
2016/17	WA Athletics Stadium
2017/18	WA Athletics Stadium

# State Relay Championships (Track) *cont.*

Over the years there have been several perpetual shields which were presented to the Centre with the highest points score at the Championships. These being:

## Relays Champion Centre (combined girls/boys):

YEAR	CENTRE
1973/74	Perry Lakes

## Commonwealth Bank Shield (combined girls/boys):

YEAR	CENTRE
1974/75	Perry Lakes
1975/76	Perry Lakes
1976/77	Belmont & Melville
1977/78	Belmont
1978/79	Hamersley
1979/80	Hamersley
1980/81	Hamersley
1981/82	Hamersley
1982/83	Hamersley
1983/84	Hamersley
1984/85	Hamersley
1985/86	Hamersley

## KFC Shields (separate girls/boys):

YEAR	GIRLS	BOYS
1979/80	Hamersley	Hamersley
1980/81	Hamersley	Hamersley
1981/82	Hamersley	Hamersley
1982/83	Hamersley	Hamersley
1983/84	Hamersley	Hamersley
1984/85	Hamersley	Hamersley
1985/86	Hamersley	Hamersley
1986/87	Hamersley	Melville
1987/88	Hamersley	Melville
1988/89	Hamersley	Hamersley
1989/90	Hamersley	Hamersley
1990/91	Hamersley	Hamersley
1991/92	Hamersley	Hamersley
1992/93	Melville	Hamersley
1993/94	Hamersley	Hamersley
1994/95	Hamersley/Melville	Hamersley
1995/96	Hamersley	Kingsway
1996/97	Melville	Hamersley/Kingsway/Melville
1997/98	Melville	Kingsway
1998/99	Melville	Kingsway
1999/00	Hamersley	Melville
2000/01	Hamersley	Kingsway
2001/02	Hamersley	Southern Districts
2002/03	Southern Districts	Southern Districts
2003/04	Southern Districts	Kingsway
2004/05	Kingsway	Kingsway

## State Relay Championships Shields (separate girls/boys):

YEAR	GIRLS	BOYS
2005/06	Kingsway	Kingsway
2006/07	Kingsway	Kingsway
2007/08	Melville	Kingsway
2008/09	Melville	Kingsway
2009/10	Melville	Melville
2010/11	Melville	Melville
2011/12	Melville	Melville
2012/13	Melville	Melville
2013/14	Melville	UWA
2014/15	UWA	Melville
2015/16	Melville	Kingsway
2016/17	Melville	Kingsway
2017/18	UWA	Kingsway



# State Relay Championships (Field)

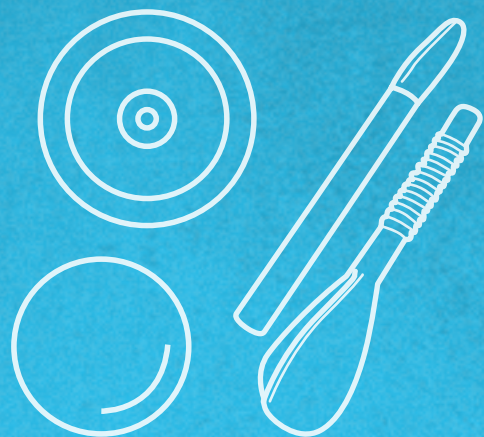
In 1996/97 a Field Relay was introduced and incorporated into the State Relay Championships in conjunction with the Track Relays.

Initially this was for the U10 to U15 age groups. The U16 and U17 age groups were introduced in 1997/98 and in 2004/05 they combined as U17. The U16 and U17 did not compete in the field relays in 2009/10 and 2010/11. They were reintroduced as U17 in 2011/12.

Each team consists of a minimum of two athletes and a maximum of four athletes. The events comprised of Discus, Javelin, Long Jump and Shot. Due to the move to WA Athletics Stadium in 2009/10 and the resultant reduction in field sites available the events were changed to four provided for each group/gender from Discus, Javelin, Long Jump, Triple Jump and Shot.

Athletes can only compete in either the Field or Track Relays but not both.

In 1997/98 a perpetual trophy was awarded to the Champion Centre which accumulates the highest combined points for both girls and boys.



## Previous winners:

### KFC Field Relay Shield (combined girls and boys):

YEAR	CENTRE
1998/99	Bayswater
1999/00	Kingsway
2000/01	Kingsway
2001/02	Kingsway
2002/03	Kingsway
2003/04	Kingsway
2004/05	Kingsway
2005/06	Kingsway
2006/07	Kingsway
2007/08	Kingsway
2008/09	Kingsway

### IGA Field Relay Shield (combined girls and boys):

YEAR	CENTRE
2009/10	Kingsway
2010/11	UWA

### Field Relay Shield (combined girls and boys):

YEAR	CENTRE
2011/12	Kingsway
2012/13	UWA
2013/14	Kingsway
2014/15	UWA
2015/16	UWA
2016/17	UWA
2017/18	UWA







*The West Australian team in the March Past at Hensley Field, Sydney, Easter, 1974*





# State Combined Events Championships

Australian Little Athletics trialled a Multi Event competition for U15 at the 1985/86 Australian Teams Championships held in Adelaide. 9 x U15 athletes from WA competed. As a result of the success of the trial Australian Little Athletics decided to introduce a Multi Event Championships in 1986/87 for U15 athletes to run in conjunction with the Australian Teams Championships.

To provide our older athletes the opportunity to experience a multi event competition and to assist with the selection of our U15 Combined Event athletes for the Combined Event Championships WA introduced a Combined Event State Championships.

Our inaugural Multi Event State Championships was held on the 18 February 1990 with 350 athletes participating. The U11 to U15 age groups were eligible to compete and the 5 events provided were 100m, 800m, Hurdles, Long Jump and Discus.

In 1997/98 the U16 and U17 age groups were included with their events being: girls – 200m, 800m, Long jump, High Jump and Shot Put and boys – 100m, 1500m, Long Jump, High Jump and Shot Put.

The events provided essentially remained unchanged until 2009/10 when some changes were required with the move to the new WA Athletics Stadium. In 2015/16 the U16 and U17 events were expanded to a heptathlon (7 events) for girls and octathlon (8 events) for boys to trial a transition event to align more closely to events conducted at senior combined event competition. In 2016/17 the National U15 Multi Events expanded to a two-day competition and the number of events conducted increased. The increased event numbers for U14 and above athletes commenced in WA the same year.

The name of the event was changed to the State Multi Events Championships in 2007/08 and further changed to State Combined Events in 2016/17.

Each year these Championships have been held in February except in 1997/98 when they were held in December having swapped dates with the State Relay Championships.

In 2001/02 a perpetual trophy was introduced and named WALA Life Members Trophy to recognise the commitment and contribution made by our Life Members. A points system is used to determine the Centre who wins the trophy.

## State Relay Championships venues:

YEAR	VENUE
1989/90	Perry Lakes Stadium
1990/91	Perry Lakes Stadium
1991/92	Perry Lakes Stadium
1992/93	Perry Lakes Stadium
1993/94	Perry Lakes Stadium
1994/95	Perry Lakes Stadium
1995/96	Perry Lakes Stadium
1996/97	Perry Lakes Stadium
1997/98	Perry Lakes Stadium
1998/99	Perry Lakes Stadium
1999/00	Perry Lakes Stadium
2000/01	Perry Lakes Stadium
2001/02	Perry Lakes Stadium
2002/03	Perry Lakes Stadium
2003/04	Perry Lakes Stadium
2004/05	Perry Lakes Stadium
2005/06	Perry Lakes Stadium
2006/07	Perry Lakes Stadium
2007/08	Perry Lakes Stadium
2008/09	Perry Lakes Stadium
2009/10	WA Athletics Stadium
2010/11	WA Athletics Stadium
2011/12	WA Athletics Stadium
2012/13	WA Athletics Stadium
2013/14	Langford Oval Gosnells
2014/15	WA Athletics Stadium
2015/16	Ern Clarke Athletics Centre & WA Athletics Stadium
2016/17	WA Athletics Stadium
2017/18	WA Athletics Stadium

## WALA Life Members Trophy winners:

YEAR	CENTRE
2001/02	Kingsway
2002/03	Bayswater
2003/04	Kingsway
2004/05	Bayswater / Kingsway
2005/06	Southern Districts
2006/07	Kingsway
2007/08	Kingsway
2008/09	Bayswater
2009/10	Kingsway
2010/11	Kingsway
2011/12	Kingsway
2012/13	Kingsway
2013/14	Gosnells
2014/15	Gosnells
2015/16	Kingsway
2016/17	UWA

## Combined Events Trophy winner:

YEAR	CENTRE
2017/18	Gosnells







# Zones Championships

These are the heats and quarter finals of the State Track & Field Championships.

With increasing registration numbers it was becoming difficult to accommodate the number of athletes who were entering the State Track & Field Championships. It was decided to extend the State Track & Field Championships to include heats, quarter finals, semi-finals and final.

In 1974/75 "Divisions" were introduced. Each Centre in WA was allocated to a Division generally on a geographical basis. There were eight Divisions these being:

DIVISION	CENTRES
1	Albany
2	Eastern Goldfields
3	Geraldton
4	Northam
5	Bunbury/Collie/Geographe District/ South West
6	Bayswater/Belmont/Gosnells/ Mundaring
7	Balga/Hamersley/Inglewood/ Perry Lakes
8	Fremantle/Melville/Rockingham/ Southern Districts

The prime reason behind introducing the Divisions was that more athletes could compete in the State Championships. In 1978/79 "Divisions" was changed to "Zones."

As new Centres were formed or existing Centres folded the Divisions/Zones were adjusted to accommodate this. There were between 8 and 11 Divisions/Zones.

In Divisions/Zones where there were 2 or more Centres those Centres formed a Sub Committee to conduct the heats and quarter finals for their Division/Zone. These were held at a venue within their division/zone and usually held 2 weeks prior to the semi-finals and finals. A uniform program was used.

In 1982/83 the Zone structure was reformed where each metropolitan Centre plus Northam was allocated to one of 5 Zones. The number of entries qualifying from the Zones to the semi-finals was determined by the number of Centres in each Zone. The country Centres were allocated 1 entry for each event direct to the semi-finals.

This structure remained in place until 1994/95 when the number of Zones was reduced to 4 with Northam moving out of the Zone structure. In addition the number of entries qualifying from the Zones to the semi-finals was determined by the total number of registrations in the Zone.

In 2016/17 the Zone structure was refined introducing a 5th Zone consisting of the Country Centres. The number of athletes qualifying from Zones is based on the total number of registrations in the Zone and the event. Country Centres do not have a Zones competition as it is not practical given the geographical distances across WA, the financial or logistical resources required. Athletes from Country Centres can nominate based on event achievements during the season or alternatively they can compete at the metropolitan Zone which their Centre is aligned with.





*“I first got involved in Little Athletics because I am the youngest of four children and my family was all a part of it. My Dad was the Manager of Rossmoyne. My Mum recorded times and helped out while my brother, sisters and I competed. I enjoyed doing athletics every weekend with the whole family. My brother was in the State team for high jump and long jump. I think this may have inspired me to one day be in a State team and then go on from there. I made good friends within the centre and loved having the chance to do different events such as running, jumping and throwing. Athletics taught me how to compete, win and lose and helped me with fitness, strength and agility. I believe doing athletics at an early age gave me a good fitness base that has kept me fit, healthy and in good stead.”*

*Jackie Pereira, Olympian (Hockeyroos)*

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# State Track & Field Championships

**T**hese are the semi-finals and finals of the State Track & Field Championships.

The Inaugural State Track & Field Championships were held on the 16 March 1969 and were open to the U9 – U13 age groups. The following year the U8 age group were included. Over subsequent years other age groups have been included.

For the first four years athletes competed in Club uniforms and Centre uniforms were introduced in 1972/73.

The naming sponsors of the Championships have been Coca-Cola between 1975/76 to 1994/95, Water Corporation in 2000/01, Capt'n Snooze between 2002/03 to 2003/04 and McDonalds from 2005/06 to 2016/17. In 2017/18 Healthway became the major sponsor promoting the 'Go for 2 and 5' healthy lifestyle message.

At the Board of Management meeting held on the 26 February 1982 it was decided to introduce a trophy in memory of Stuart Dunne who passed away on the 18 November 1981. Ian Stuart Dunne was elected to the Board of Management in 1976/77 and remained so until his tragic death. He was the Officer for Public Relations and during his tenure was responsible for a dramatic increase in sponsorship funds. He serviced the few existing sponsors and secured many more sponsors some of these turned out to be long time sponsors.

The Stuart Dunne Trophy was awarded to the best performed metropolitan and country Centres at the State Track & Field Championships. In 2017/18 the Stuart Dunne Award will be reintroduced.

In 1994/95 an award was introduced for the Athlete of the Meet at the semi-finals and finals of the State Track & Field Championships. This award was sponsored by AJ Parks between 1994/95 to 2005/06, National Medals between 2006/07 to 2013/14 and by Prime Trophies since 2014/15.

With the strong partnerships forged with the Singapore Schools Sports Council and the Malaysian Schools Sports, through our International Competition, Singapore have been sending teams to our State Track & Field Championships since 1986/87 and Malaysia since 1992/93. Medals achieved by the Singaporeans and Malaysians are in addition to those achieved by our athletes.

## Venues where the Championships have been held:

YEAR	VENUE
1968/69	Perry Lakes Stadium
1969/70	Gilbert Frazer Memorial Oval, North Fremantle
1970/71	Forster Park, Belmont
1971/72	Forster Park, Belmont
1972/73	Perry Lakes Stadium
1973/74	Perry Lakes Stadium
1974/75	Perry Lakes Stadium
1975/76	Perry Lakes Stadium
1976/77	Perry Lakes Stadium
1977/78	Belmont Athletic Park, Belmont
1978/79	Perry Lakes Stadium
1979/80	Perry Lakes Stadium
1980/81	Perry Lakes Stadium
1981/82	Perry Lakes Stadium
1982/83	Perry Lakes Stadium
1983/84	Perry Lakes Stadium
1984/85	Perry Lakes Stadium
1985/86	Perry Lakes Stadium
1986/87	Perry Lakes Stadium
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1999/00	Perry Lakes Stadium
2000/01	Perry Lakes Stadium
2001/02	Perry Lakes Stadium
2002/03	Perry Lakes Stadium
2003/04	Perry Lakes Stadium
2004/05	Perry Lakes Stadium
2005/06	Perry Lakes Stadium
2006/07	Perry Lakes Stadium
2007/08	Perry Lakes Stadium
2008/09	Perry Lakes Stadium
2009/10	WA Athletics Stadium
2010/11	WA Athletics Stadium
2011/12	WA Athletics Stadium
2012/13	WA Athletics Stadium
2013/14	WA Athletics Stadium
2014/15	WA Athletics Stadium
2015/16	WA Athletics Stadium
2016/17	WA Athletics Stadium
2017/18	WA Athletics Stadium



### Recipients of the Stuart Dunne Trophy:

YEAR	METROPOLITAN	COUNTRY
1981/82	Melville	Bunbury
1982/83	Hamersley	Bunbury
1983/84	Hamersley	Bunbury
1984/85	Hamersley	Bunbury
1985/86	Hamersley	Geraldton
1986/87	Hamersley	Albany
1987/88	Hamersley	Albany
1988/89	Hamersley	Albany
1989/90	Hamersley	Bunbury
1990/91	Hamersley	Bunbury/Northam
1991/92	Hamersley	Bunbury
1992/93	Hamersley	Bunbury
1993/94	Hamersley	Bunbury
1994/95	Hamersley	Bunbury
1995/96	Melville	Bunbury
1996/97	Melville	Bunbury
1997/98	Melville	Bunbury
1998/99	Melville	Eastern Goldfields
1999/00	Melville	Bunbury
2000/01	Kingsway	Bunbury
2001/02	Kingsway	Bunbury
2002/03	Kingsway	Bunbury
2003/04	Southern Districts	Bunbury
2004/05	Kingsway	Bunbury
2005/06	Kingsway	Unknown
2006/07	Kingsway	Unknown
2007/08	Kingsway	Unknown
2008/09	Kingsway	Bunbury
2009/10	Kingsway	Bunbury
2010/11	UWA	Unknown

### Recipients of the Athlete of the Meet Award:

YEAR	NAME	CENTRE
1994/95	Kylie Wheeler	Kingsway
1995/96	Megan Wheatley	Dale
1996/97	Trent Hunter	Belmont
1997/98	John Pringle	Perry Lakes
1998/99	Andrew Wilson	Hamersley
1999/00	Craig Jovanovic	Melville
2000/01	Zack Holmes	Southern Districts
2001/02	Chris Masten	Southern Districts
2002/03	Jack Darling	Hamersley
2003/04	Nicholas Smith Karina Zilm	Southern Districts Rockingham
2004/05	Anthony Lipari	Gosnells
2005/06	Daniel Williamson	Eastern Hills
2006/07	Michael Craggs	Melville
2007/08	Rhiannon Ormsby	Cockburn
2008/09	Rhiannon Ormsby	Cockburn
2009/10	Poppy Schwass	Southern Districts
2010/11	Jake Balestra	Bayswater
2011/12	Stefan Rajakovic	Hamersley
2012/13	Stefan Rajakovic	Hamersley
2013/14	Jake Ahearn James Gallagher Nathan George	Rockingham Melville Melville



# State Cross Country Championships

In the 1968/69 winter season our little athletes were invited by the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association and the Western Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association to compete in their cross country season. These were handicaps races based on age and performances with races being conducted at Thornlie Swimming Pool, Eden Hill, TVW7, Melville and Sorrento.

In 1969/70 our inaugural State Cross Country Championships were held on the 13 June 1970 with 30 girls and 48 boys entering. The winter season was again organised by the senior associations.

For the 1970/71 winter season our Association decided to take more control by appointing a Winter Manager. This resulted in a more organised approach and a greater degree of independence. Six venues were used, some of which were held in conjunction with the senior associations, in addition to our Championships.

The number of runs required to have competed in during the winter cross country season to qualify for the State Championships has changed from time to time. Currently it is more than half of the Centre hosted cross country events. Athletes from Country Centres are exempt from this criteria.

## Naming sponsors for Cross Country runs:

YEAR	SPONSOR
1969/70 – 1970/71	Ampol Petroleum
1984/85	HBF
1988/89 – 1998/99	RAC

## Venues used for the Championships:

YEAR	VENUE	HOST	MANAGER
1969/70	Perry Lakes Reserve, Floreat	-	-
1970/71	Wollaston College, Mt Claremont	-	Les Capes
1971/72	Perry Lakes Reserve, Floreat	-	Les Capes
1972/73	Homestead Park, Thornlie	-	Terry Hargreaves
1973/74	Old Golf Course, Harvey	-	Terry Hargreaves
1974/75	Unknown (possibly Serpentine)	-	Terry Hargreaves
1975/76	Old Golf Course, Harvey	-	Terry Hargreaves
1976/77	Old Golf Course, Kalamunda	-	Terry Hargreaves
1977/78	Old Golf Course, Kalamunda	-	Kevin Seaman
1978/79	Old Golf Course, Harvey	-	Kevin Seaman
1979/80	Sloans Reserve, Calista	-	Kevin Seaman
1980/81	Sloans Reserve, Calista	-	Kevin Seaman
1981/82	Jorgenson Park, Kalamunda	-	Dave Smith
1982/83	Old Golf Course, Harvey	-	Dave Smith
1983/84	Jorgenson Park, Kalamunda	-	Dave Smith
1984/85	Old Golf Course, Harvey	-	Dave Smith
1985/86	Jorgenson Park, Kalamunda	-	Trevor Straughan
1986/87	Bedforddale Hall, Bedforddale	Dale	Geoff James
1987/88	Millington Reserve, Karrinyup	Hamersley	Geoff James
1988/89	Murdoch Playing Fields, Murdoch	Melville	Dave Smith
1989/90	Manning Park, Hamilton Hill	Cockburn	Dave Smith
1990/91	Thomas Oval, Medina	Kwinana	Dave Smith
1991/92	Beach Front, Rockingham	Rockingham	Dave Smith
1992/93	Jacoby Park, Mundaring	Eastern Hills	Dave Smith
1993/94	Neil Hawkins Park, Joondalup	Kingsway	Dave Smith
1994/95	Homestead Park, Thornlie	Gosnells	Dave Smith
1995/96	Kent Street Weir, Wilson	Southern Districts	Bob Chalmers
1996/97	Bold Park, City Beach	Hamersley	Bob Chalmers
1997/98	Bold Park, City Beach	Hamersley	Bob Chalmers
1998/99	Millington Reserve, Karrinyup	Hamersley	Bob Chalmers
1999/00	Homestead Park, Thornlie	Gosnells	Bob Chalmers
2000/01	Bedforddale Hall, Bedforddale	Dale	Bob Chalmers
2001/02	Rickman Delawney Reserve, Balcatta	Hamersley	Bob Chalmers
2002/03	Lewington St Reserve, Rockingham	Rockingham	Bob Chalmers
2003/04	Manning Park, Hamilton Hill	Cockburn	Bob Chalmers
2004/05	Neil Hawkins Park, Joondalup	Joondalup	Bob Chalmers
2005/06	Millington Reserve, Karrinyup	Hamersley	Bob Chalmers
2006/07	Bedforddale Hall, Bedforddale	Dale	Bob Chalmers
2007/08	Jorgenson Park, Kalamunda	Belmont	Gail Bertoli
2008/09	Lewington St Reserve, Rockingham	Rockingham	Gail Bertoli
2009/10	Neil Hawkins Park, Joondalup	Joondalup	Gail Bertoli
2010/11	Piney Lakes Reserve, Winthrop	Melville	Allan Kelly
2011/12	Baldivis Pony Club, Baldivis	Baldivis	Allan Kelly
2012/13	Edgar Griffiths Reserve, Wanneroo	Ridgewood	Allan Kelly
2013/14	Davilak Avenue, Hamilton Hill	Cockburn	Jay Lewis
2014/15	Whiteman Park, Whiteman	Kingsway	Gail Bertoli
2015/16	Jorgenson Park, Kalamunda	Belmont	Gail Bertoli
2016/17	Yellagonga Regional Park, Edgewater	Joondalup	Gail Bertoli







# State Road Walk Championships

In the 1969/70 and 1970/71 winter seasons our little athletes were invited by the WA Walker's Club to compete in their walk events. The WA Walker's Club organised the venues, provided the walk judges, coached our little athletes and taught our officials how to judge walks.

For the 1971/72 winter season our Association's Winter Manager took control of organising our walks events.

Our inaugural State Road Walking Championships were held on the 26 August 1972 with 69 little athletes contesting 12 events over a 1500 metre course. The WA Walkers Club continued to provide support for several more seasons.

The road walks are usually conducted in car parks and not main roads for ease of control and the safety of all.

The number of walks required to have competed in during the winter road

walks season to qualify for the State Championships has changed from time to time. Currently it is more than half of the Centre hosted road walk events. Athletes from Country Centres are exempt from this criteria.

## Naming sponsors:

YEAR	SPONSOR
1984/85	TAA
1988/89 to 1998/99	RAC

## Venues which have been used for the Championships:

YEAR	VENUE	HOST	MANAGER	YEAR	VENUE	HOST	MANAGER
1971/72	City Beach Shopping Centre	-	Les Capes	1994/95	Edith Cowan University Joondalup Campus	Balga	Dave Smith
1972/73	City Beach Shopping Centre	-	Terry Hargreaves	1995/96	Aquatic Centre, Armadale	Dale	Bob Chalmers
1973/74	City Beach Shopping Centre	-	Terry Hargreaves	1996/97	Edith Cowan University Joondalup Campus	Balga	Bob Chalmers
1974/75	City Beach Shopping Centre	-	Dave Smith	1997/98	Aquatic Centre, Armadale	Dale	Bob Chalmers
1975/76	Belmont Swimming Pool	-	Dave Smith	1998/99	Aquatic Centre, Armadale	Dale	Bob Chalmers
1976/77	Valentine Road, Kewdale	-	Dave Smith	1999/00	Rockingham Volunteer Sea Rescue	Rockingham	Bob Chalmers
1977/78	Valentine Road, Kewdale	-	Dave Smith	2000/01	Murdoch University Veterinary Hospital	Melville	Bob Chalmers
1978/79	Belmont Library	-	Dave Smith	2001/02	Thornlie TAFE	Gosnells	Bob Chalmers
1979/80	Southlands Shopping Centre, Burrendah	-	Dave Smith	2002/03	Aquatic Centre, Armadale	Dale	Bob Chalmers
1980/81	Inglewood Aquatic Centre	-	Dave Smith	2003/04	Balga Swimming Pool	Balga	Bob Chalmers
1981/82	Centrepont Shopping Centre, Midland	-	Dave Smith	2004/05	Canning Vale Markets	Sth Districts	Bob Chalmers
1982/83	Rockingham City Shopping Centre	-	Dave Smith	2005/06	Armadale Aquatic Centre	Dale	Bob Chalmers
1983/84	Target Midland Gate	-	Dave Smith	2006/07	Mandurah High School	Peel	Bob Chalmers
1984/85	Number 8 Car Park WAIT, Karawara	-	Dave Smith	2007/08	Thornlie TAFE	Gosnells	Gail Bertoli
1985/86	Aquatic Centre, Armadale	-	Geoff James	2008/09	Thornlie TAFE	Gosnells	Gail Bertoli
1986/87	Adventure World, Bibra Lake	Cockburn/Fremantle and Dale	Geoff James	2009/10	Challenge TAFE Rockingham Campus	Rockingham	Gail Bertoli
1987/88	Rockingham City Shopping Centre	Rockingham	Geoff James	2010/11	Whiteman Park, Whiteman	Bayswater	Allan Kelly
1988/89	Aquatic Centre, Armadale	Dale	Geoff James	2011/12	Armadale Aquatic Centre	Dale	Allan Kelly
1989/90	Rockingham Bus Station	Rockingham	Dave Smith	2012/13	John Wallaston Anglican School, Camillo	Dale	Allan Kelly
1990/91	Adventure World, Bibra Lake	Cockburn	Dave Smith	2013/14	Rugby Car Park, Rockingham	Rockingham	Jay Lewis
1991/92	Edith Cowan University Joondalup Campus	Kingsway	Dave Smith	2014/15	Brownes Stadium (Lathlain Park), Carlisle	Belmont	Gail Bertoli
1992/93	Rockingham Bus Station	Rockingham	Dave Smith	2015/16	TAFE Peel Campus, Mandurah	Peel	Gail Bertoli
1993/94	Aquatic Centre, Armadale	Dale	Dave Smith	2016/17	Metro Maddington Shopping Centre	Gosnells	Gail Bertoli







# Quadrathon

The Quadrathon was conceived by the Board of Management in order to provide APD Snack Foods with a State Event for them to sponsor. This event became known as Twisties Day or Twisties Quadrathon.

The inaugural Quadrathon was held on Sunday 28 November 1982 and took the form of a team based competition between Centres with each Centre being eligible to enter a team of up to four athletes per age group and gender. Each athlete competed in four events consisting of two track and two field events.

Points were allocated based on the athlete's performances and these were accumulated to arrive at a team score. Each athlete in the team with the highest team score for each age group and gender received a pennant. The teams score for each Centre was accumulated to arrive at a total points score for each Centre. A Perpetual Trophy was awarded to the Centre with the highest points score for girls and for boys.

Initially the age groups eligible were U8 to U14 with U15 being included in 1984/85. The U7 age group was included in 1986/87 with the U16 and U17 age groups being included in 1998/99.

In 1984/85 all athletes who had won a medal at the previous seasons State Track & Field Championships was ineligible to compete in the Quadrathon.

In 2008/09 the Quadrathon was replaced by the Personal Best Challenge.

## Quadrathon venue and naming sponsors:

YEAR	VENUE	NAMING SPONSOR
1982/83	Perry Lakes Stadium	APD Snack Foods
1983/84	Perry Lakes Stadium	APD Snack Foods
1984/85	Perry Lakes Stadium	APD Snack Foods
1985/86	Perry Lakes Stadium	APD Snack Foods
1986/87	Perry Lakes Stadium	APD Snack Foods
1987/88	Perry Lakes Stadium	APD Snack Foods
1988/89	Perry Lakes Stadium	APD Snack Foods
1989/90	Perry Lakes Stadium	APD Snack Foods
1990/91	Perry Lakes Stadium	APD Snack Foods
1991/92	Perry Lakes Stadium	APD Snack Foods
1992/93	Perry Lakes Stadium	APD Snack Foods
1993/94	Perry Lakes Stadium	APD Snack Foods
1994/95	Perry Lakes Stadium	O'Keefe & Gee
1995/96	Perry Lakes Stadium	O'Keefe & Gee
1996/97	Perry Lakes Stadium	O'Keefe & Gee
1997/98	Perry Lakes Stadium	O'Keefe & Gee
1998/99	Perry Lakes Stadium	O'Keefe & Gee
1999/00	Perry Lakes Stadium	O'Keefe & Gee
2000/01	Perry Lakes Stadium	Cambridge Media
2001/02	Perry Lakes Stadium	Cambridge Media
2002/03	Perry Lakes Stadium	Cambridge Media
2003/04	Perry Lakes Stadium	Cambridge Media
2004/05	Perry Lakes Stadium	Cambridge Media
2005/06	Perry Lakes Stadium	Cambridge Media
2006/07	Perry Lakes Stadium	Cambridge Media
2007/08	Perry Lakes Stadium	Cambridge Media

*\*O'Keefe & Gee changed their name to Cambridge Media*



### Centres awarded the Twisties Shields:

YEAR	GIRLS	BOYS
1982/83	Hamersley	Hamersley
1983/84	Hamersley	Hamersley
1984/85	Hamersley	Hamersley
1985/86	Hamersley	Hamersley
1986/87	Gosnells	Melville
1987/88	Melville	Melville
1988/89	Hamersley	Melville
1989/90	Gosnells	Hamersley
1990/91	Hamersley	Hamersley
1991/92	Hamersley	Hamersley
1992/93	Hamersley	Hamersley
1993/94	Hamersley	Hamersley

### Centres awarded the O'Keefe & Gee Shields:

YEAR	GIRLS	BOYS
1994/95	Hamersley	Hamersley
1995/96	Hamersley	Bayswater
1996/97	Hamersley	Gosnells
1997/98	Hamersley	Hamersley
1998/99	Hamersley	Hamersley
1999/00	Hamersley	Gosnells

### Centres awarded the Cambridge Media Shields:

YEAR	GIRLS	BOYS
2000/01	Hamersley	Hamersley
2001/02	Hamersley	Hamersley
2002/03	Hamersley	Hamersley
2003/04	Hamersley	Perry Lakes
2004/05	Hamersley	Kingsway
2005/06	Hamersley	Hamersley
2006/07	Hamersley	Bayswater
2007/08	Hamersley	Perry Lakes



# Personal Best Challenge

**T**his State Event, sponsored by IGA, was introduced in 2008/09 to replace the Quadrathlon.

Athletes competed in a run, jump and or throw and the top 16 athletes or 50 per cent of the athletes in that age group progressed to the afternoon session to have a chance to better their performance.

This was open to athletes in the U7 to U13 age groups but athletes who had won a medal at the previous seasons State Track & Field Championships were ineligible to enter.

Athletes who bettered their Personal Best received a certificate. A banner was presented to the athlete in each age group and gender who came first in each event and certificates to the athletes who came second and third. All athletes entered received a show bag.

The Personal Best Challenge held in 2009/10 was our first state event held at the new WA Athletics Stadium.

The Personal Best Challenge which was scheduled to be held in 2010/11 was subsequently cancelled due to insufficient entries. This event has been amended to meet changing needs.

## Venue and Naming sponsors:

YEAR	VENUE	NAMING SPONSOR
2008/09	Perry Lakes Stadium	IGA Distribution
2009/10	WA Athletics Stadium	IGA Distribution

## Winners of the IGA Personal Challenge Shield:

YEAR	CENTRE
2008/09	Rockingham
2009/10	Eastern Hills







*“I was once a chubby kid in primary school who realised that he had to run faster to get away from the rough kids in the neighbourhood. I started running around the block (often not by choice) and then my grandfather took me to see a coach at Canning Districts Athletics Club. I joined up with Little Aths, Southern Districts, the next week. In six months I was the primary school athletics champion and by the end of my first season was State 400m champion. Athletics did help me to run away from the rough kids but also taught me the rewards of hard work, discipline, the camaraderie of being in a club environment, the self-confidence and belief that I could achieve. The success has lasted 30 years and emboldens me to this day.”*

*Dr Rhyon Johnson, Medical Practitioner*

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## Bravehearts Challenge

**T**he Teams Challenge event was introduced in 2012/13 for the U7 – U10 age groups. Each Centre could enter up to 4 teams with each team consisting of one athlete from each age group per gender. The events offered were 2 Track, 1 Jump, 1 Throw and a Shuttle Relay.

In 2013/14 the age groups were extended to include U6. Centres could enter up to 4 teams of 4 for each age group.

In 2013/14 and 2014/15 athletes and officials were encouraged to wear pink in support of the great work of the McGrath Foundation and highlighting their efforts in the fight against breast cancer. Whilst the main aim was creating awareness \$500 was raised both years, from the sale of shirts, and donated to the McGrath Foundation.

From 2015/16 the 'team' element was dropped and the event renamed "Bravehearts Challenge". Athletes and officials have been encouraged to wear purple in support of Bravehearts and their tireless work to empower, educate and protect children from child abuse. Their vision is to make Australia the safest place in the world to raise a child.

Our objective is to offer our youngest athletes an opportunity to participate at the WA Athletics Stadium and expose them to the athletics track and stadium in a fun and friendly non-competitive environment.

Since its introduction this event has been held in November each year.

A fun and enjoyable event experienced by not only the athletes but also the officials and spectators.

Each year the event has been held at the WA Athletics Stadium.



**\$500**

**The amount of money raised in both 2013/14 and 2014/15, donated to the McGrath Foundation**





# West Australian Little Athletics Association (Inc.) YEAR BOOK 1986



Official Opening of the W.A.L.A.A. Headquarters Building "C.P. Robinson Building" by the Hon. Keith Wilson M.L.A. Minister for Sport and Recreation on 7th December, 1985. Accompanying him were C.P. (Paddy) Robinson, Chairman of W.A.L.A.A. and M.S. (Mal) Hastie, President Australian Little Athletics Union.





# Headquarters Purchase

**F**rom about 1975 the Association leased an office in the Sir Thomas Meagher Pavilion at Perry Lakes Stadium. In early 1983 the Association was notified to seek alternative accommodation as the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation were progressively taking over the offices from June 1983.

The Board of Management looked at various options including leasing arrangements for alternative accommodation which cost in the range of \$10,000 to \$18,000 per year, purchasing a building or building an office. There were offers to provide land to build an office at the Western Australian Institute of Technology in Bentley or in Light Street, Dianella.

The offers to build were rejected as the Association would not own the land and this would cause difficulties in the future if selling. There was an office available for sale at 1 Cambridge Street, Leederville which was suitable accommodation. The building consisted of two units each with two levels.

The Board of Management at the time consisted of Paddy Robinson, Craig Tucker, Lionel Youens, Barrie Kernaghan, Nigel French, David Foley, Doug Hancy, Dave Smith and Maxine Boyd. They made the bold decision to invest in the future and purchase a suitable building.

In late February 1983 an offer of \$95,000 was made for one unit at 1 Cambridge Street, Leederville and this offer was accepted with settlement taking place around 10 May 1983. The administration moved into the unit on the 28 May 1983 and proceeded to set up as our new Headquarters. In order to cover the cost, \$65,000 was committed from accumulated

funds and a loan for \$35,000 was taken out with the Commonwealth Bank. The loan was subsequently paid off in August 1985.

During the latter part of 1985 and into early 1986, extensions were carried out to include a meeting room on the top level. These extensions cost around \$10,000.

To help with the purchase of the building and the extension, grants were obtained from the Sports Instant Lotto Grant through the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation in December 1983 of \$20,000 for the building and \$5000 for the extension.

The first Board of Management meeting held in our new headquarters was on the 1 June 1983 with the first Association meeting held on the 24 February 1984. In the early 1990's the local Council changed the address from 1 Cambridge Street, Leederville to 15 Harrogate Street, Leederville.

It is testimony to the Board of Management at that time that their bold and strong decision to purchase our building laid the foundations for a financially strong Association. The sound financial management provided the opportunity for the large majority of the cost of the building and extension to be covered by the Association. This is further enhanced with the loan having been repaid in just over two years and the registration fees were not increased during this period.

We have benefited with this large injection of financial assets from the initial outlay of around \$105,000 for our building and extension to where our building is valued at \$849,691 in our 2017 Audited Statement of Assets and Liabilities.





*“Having started Little Athletics at the young age of eight I really have to thank my parents for getting me involved. From day one I enjoyed the variety of events and friendships I developed. The personal challenge of bettering your PB was always something to strive for while having fun and to this day I still live by that motto. Do your best and have fun. Something I now try and pass onto my children. Athletics has such a broad range of events that there is something to suit everyone and there is lots of fun to be had trying them all.”*

*Kylie Wheeler, Olympian (Athletics)*



# Australian Little Athletics Championships – (U13)

The inaugural Interstate Meet for Little Athletics was held on the 25 March 1970 at Olympic Park in Melbourne with New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia competing. This was a team based competition which remains today.

New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia are the only States/Territories which have competed each year.

The initial teams consisted of 20 athletes which was increased to 22 athletes in 1973/74 and further increased to 26 athletes in 2015/16. Various limits on the number of events each athlete can compete in have been applied from the beginning.

Initially the competition was for the U12 age group which was subsequently changed to the U13 age group in 1992/93. In the early years some athletes from the U11 age group were selected for WA from time to time.

Since 1973/74 the event has been named the Australian Teams Championships. In 2002/03 the term Australian Little Athletics Championships was adopted to encompass both the Australian Teams Championships and the Australian Multi-Event Championships.

From the initial competition there have been 1034 athletes represent WA of which 24 competed for WA on 2 consecutive years.

In April 2015, on home turf and competing in warm and sunny conditions, the WA U13 won the Trevor Billingham Trophy. This was the first time in the history of the competition that WA had won the trophy, breaking the dominance of the larger East Coast States.

The competitions are hosted by affiliated State Associations on a rotational basis.

The Championships in 1974/75 were scheduled to be held in the Northern Territory however these were transferred to WA due to the devastation resulting from Cyclone Tracy which occurred on Christmas Day in 1974.

## Competitions hosted in WA:

YEAR	VENUE
1971/72	Perry Lakes Stadium
1974/75	Perry Lakes Stadium
1978/79	Perry Lakes Stadium
1983/84	Perry Lakes Stadium
1991/92	Perry Lakes Stadium
1999/00	Perry Lakes Stadium
2006/07	Ern Clark Athletic Track, Coker Park
2014/15	WA Athletics Stadium



# Australian Little Athletics Championships – (U13) *cont.*

There have been 3 trophies which we have been eligible for which are as follows:

## Eligible trophies:

YEAR	TROPHY	PURPOSE
1969/70 – 1995/96	ATC Trophy	Highest points
1996/97 - Present	Trevor Billingham Trophy	Highest points
1997/98 – Present	Alan Triscott Trophy	Handicap

## ATC Trophy placings:

YEAR	TEAMS	PLACING
1969/70	3	2
1970/71	3	2
1971/72	4	3
1972/73	5	5
1973/74	7	3
1974/75	7	3
1975/76	8	3
1976/77	6	3
1977/78	7	3
1978/79	7	2
1979/80	7	4
1980/81	7	3
1981/82	7	4
1982/83	7	4
1983/84	7	5
1984/85	8	3
1985/86	8	5
1986/87	8	2
1987/88	8	3
1988/89	8	4
1989/90	8	3
1990/91	8	4
1991/92	8	2
1992/93	8	2
1993/94	8	4
1994/95	8	3
1995/96	8	5

## Trevor Billingham Trophy and Alan Triscott Trophy placings:

YEAR	TEAMS	BILLINGHAM	TRUSCOTT
1996/97	8	3	-
1997/98	8	3	1
1998/99	8	4	1
1999/00	8	3	1
2000/01	8	4	2
2001/02	7	4	3
2002/03	7	3	1
2003/04	7	4	2
2004/05	7	4	7
2005/06	7	3	1
2006/07	7	3	2
2007/08	7	4	2
2008/09	7	4	4
2009/10	7	4	4
2010/11	7	3	2
2011/12	7	3	1
2012/13	7	2	2
2013/14	7	4	5
2014/15	7	1	1
2015/16	7	4	6
2016/17	7	4	7



Since 1970/71 we have selected a girl's captain and a boy's captain for each team.

## Team Captains:

YEAR	GIRLS	CENTRE	BOYS	CENTRE
1970/71	Kerry Ewen	Perry Lakes	Geoff Hendriks	Perry Lakes
1971/72	Caroline Hay	Bunbury	John Phillimore	Perry Lakes
1972/73	Susan Katnic	Melville	Glen Ewen	Perry Lakes
1973/74	Francine Butler	Inglewood	Sean Brealey	Perry Lakes
1974/75	Sandra McKimm	Albany	Stuart Francis	Melville
1975/76	Anne Capes	Melville	Rodney French	Inglewood
1976/77	Trudy Dawson	Hamersley	John McShane	Kwinana
1977/78	Pauline Roper	Mundaring	Brett Renton	Belmont
1978/79	Debbie Whinnen	Hamersley	Fred Martin	Melville
1979/80	Teryl Heys	Belmont	Greg Harvey	Melville
1980/81	Peta Kennedy	Kingsway	Andrew Foley	Melville
1981/82	Kylie Williams	Inglewood	Stephen Lawson	Melville
1982/83	Nicole Kuhaupt	Hamersley	Randal Hunich	Fremantle
1983/84	Lisa Quick	Hamersley	Stanko Milosevic	Rockingham
1984/85	Corrina Butler	Balga	Alan Nowrojee	Kingsway
1985/86	Kate Woodward	Melville	Jonathon Foley	Melville
1986/87	Sarah Jamieson	Bayswater	Ryan Carthew	Bunbury
1987/88	Rishelle Hume	Southern Districts	Shane Hair	Melville
1988/89	Tracey Anderson	Melville	Craig Tyrrell	Southern Districts
1989/90	Lynsey Longstaff	Dale	Shaun O'Brien	Hamersley
1990/91	Kate Fandry	Melville	Jeremy Burns	Kingsway
1991/92	Michelle Carew-Gibson	Hamersley	Leon Felton	Hamersley
1992/93	Melissa Delich	Kingsway	Adam Dorey	Cockburn
1993/94	Kiri Gukilau	Melville	David Wojcik	Inglewood
1994/95	Claudia Peters	Eastern Hills	Tom Parker	Hamersley
1995/96	Sarah van der Wal	Dale	Luke Buktenica	Cockburn
1996/97	Brooke Wood	Melville	John Pringle	Perry Lakes
1997/98	Jacqueline Prosser	Melville	Craig Jovanovic	Melville
1998/99	Aleisha Anderson	Melville	Jye Fisher	Cockburn
1999/00	Nicole Konsolis	Bayswater	Daniel Prigmore	Melville
2000/01	Lauren Smith	Melville	Kyle Chrystie	Gosnells
2001/02	Fiona Schulz	Perry Lakes	Reece Adams	Melville
2002/03	Tahnee Reynolds-Hopkins	Bayswater	Zac Holmes	Southern Districts
2003/04	Alanna Doig	Southern Districts	Glenn Ormesher	Gosnells
2004/05	Caitlin O'Donnell	Melville	Travis Hough	Bayswater
2005/06	Jessica Burrows	Dale	Raheen Williams	Bayswater
2006/07	Francesca Da Rui	Bayswater	Sean McDonald	Southern Districts
2007/08	Shenae Peterson	Bunbury	Diam Wright	Bayswater
2008/09	Breanna Dixon	Collie River Valley	Jean-Charl Smith	Joondalup
2009/10	Jemma Cianfrini	Melville	Jake Pitcher	Melville
2010/11	Megan Beaney	Rockingham	Lee Zimoch	Kingsway
2011/12	Emma Baars	UWA	Callum Corbett	Kingsway
2012/13	Amy Tolcon	UWA	Joshua Mott	Melville
2013/14	Sophie Horner	Southern Districts	Riley Andersen	Eastern Hills
2014/15	Sophie White	Rockingham	Dane Luitingh	Joondalup
2015/16	Madison Good	Baldivis	Etienne Rousseau	Kingsway
2016/17	Sienna Andritsos	Gosnells	Cooper Gleeson	Denmark



# Australian Little Athletics Championships – (U15)

An invitational Multi-Event competition for U15 athletes was held in conjunction with the Australian Teams Championships at Olympic Sportsfield, Kensington Park Adelaide on the 26 April 1986. WA was represented by 3 girls and 6 boys.

At the Australian Little Athletics Union Annual General Meeting in August 1986 it was decided to introduce an Australian Multi-Event competition to run in conjunction with the Australian Teams Championships.

The Inaugural Australian Multi-Event Championships was held at Malak Oval in Darwin on the 5 July 1987. Each team consisted of 2 girls and 2 boys from the U15 age group.

The teams were increased to 3 girls and 3 boys in 2015/16. The age group remains as U15.

In 1986/87 the events for both girls and boys was 100m / 800m / 90 Hurdles / Long Jump / Discus. The 90 Hurdles was replaced with a 100 Hurdles for the boys in 1992/93. In 2014/15 the 100m was changed to 200m and the Discus to Shot Put for the girls.

In 2016/17 the individual events contested were amended to provide a more aligned transition pathway to senior Combined Event competition. In addition to the individual events, U15 athletes also compete in a mixed 4x100m to contribute to the overall teams point score.

The event remains as the Australian Multi-Event Championships. In 2002/03 the term Australian Little Athletics Championships was adopted to encompass both the Australian Teams Championships and the Australian Multi-Event Championships.

Since the introduction of the Australian Multi-Event Championships, including the invitational Multi-Event competition in 1985/86, there has been 135 athletes represent WA.

In 2006/07 the Life Members Trophy was introduced and awarded to the team with the highest combined points score.

## Life Members Trophy placings:

YEAR	TEAMS	PLACING
2006/07	7	5
2007/08	7	5
2008/09	7	3
2009/10	7	3
2010/11	7	3
2011/12	7	4
2012/13	7	1
2013/14	7	4
2014/15	7	5
2015/16	7	3
2016/17	7	4



# International Athletics Championships

At various Board of Management meetings held from August 1985 to April 1986 discussions took place in relation to sending a team to Singapore to compete in a competition.

In March 1986 whilst holidaying in Singapore Maxine Boyd (Secretary) arranged a meeting with Mr Tony Neo Kay Cheong from the Singapore Schools' Sports Council to explore if they were interested in hosting an athletics competition. Subsequently at a meeting involving the heads of the schools in Singapore they agreed to host a Friendly Meet in Singapore on the 21/22 September 1986.

At the Board of Management meeting held on 9 April 1986 it was decided to send a team of U14/U15 athletes to the Friendly Meet in Singapore with the medal winners from our State Track & Field Championships being eligible.

The inaugural Friendly Meet was a resounding success and laid the foundations for the future of the competition. Whilst still in Singapore Paddy Robinson (Chairman), David Cramer (Officer for Competition & Special Events) and Maxine Boyd (Secretary) attended a meeting with the Singapore Schools' Sports Council at which it was decided that the Friendly Meet would be an annual event in Singapore. An invitation was extended to the Singapore Schools' Sports Council to send a team to our State Track & Field Championships which was accepted and continues today.

For a period, those athletes eligible for the team has been extended to include the U13/U14 medal winners from the previous seasons State Cross Country Championships and State Road Walking Championships and the U14/U15 medal winners from the current seasons State Multi Event Championships.

Following the 1991 International Meet it was agreed to extend an invitation to the Malaysia School Sports Council with the competition alternating between Singapore and Malaysia. This was accepted with Malaysia offering to be host in the 1992 competition. We extended an

invitation to the Malaysia School Sports Council to send a team to our State Track & Field Championships which they accepted and continues today.

From the 2003/04 season the best performed U14/U15 athletes at the State Country Championships have been invited to join the team.

Since its inception in 1986 the Championships have remained for athletes in the U14/U15 age groups and have been held annually. The exception being in 2003 when it was cancelled due to the outbreak of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). This was a great disappointment for those athletes who were eligible for the team.

Malaysia did not send a team to the 2010 Championships. In 2015 Thailand were invited and sent a small U15 team who competed.

At the conclusion of each Championships a trophy is presented to the Athlete of the Meet for each age group and gender for each team.

In the formative years of the Championships we were very dominant, however over the years Singapore and Malaysia have improved greatly in their competitiveness.

It is generally considered that the benefits derived for our athletes from our association with Singapore and Malaysia 'extend beyond an individual's athletic ability to include:

- An incentive to remain registered in the older age groups.
- Provides another level of competition.
- Exposure to other cultures and countries.
- Experiencing a degree of independence as for many athletes these trips are their first overseas trips without their parents/guardians.
- Making new friendships.
- Growth and development of the individual.

## Team size and Host country for each Championship:

YEAR	GIRLS	BOYS	TOTAL	HOST
1985/86	41	36	77	Singapore
1986/87	44	41	85	Singapore
1987/88	31	33	64	Singapore
1988/89	32	35	67	Singapore
1989/90	40	41	81	Singapore
1990/91	32	34	66	Singapore
1991/92	31	26	57	Malaysia
1992/93	37	41	78	Singapore
1993/94	31	29	60	Malaysia
1994/95	26	34	60	Singapore
1995/96	35	28	63	Malaysia
1996/97	29	32	61	Singapore
1997/98	31	26	57	Malaysia
1998/99	28	24	52	Singapore
1999/00	26	27	53	Malaysia
2000/01	29	34	63	Singapore
2001/02	30	35	65	Malaysia
2002/03	–	–	–	Cancelled
2003/04	19	25	44	Singapore
2004/05	25	29	54	Malaysia
2005/06	38	29	67	Singapore
2006/07	29	30	59	Malaysia
2007/08	33	27	60	Singapore
2008/09	36	33	69	Malaysia
2009/10	34	33	67	Singapore
2010/11	35	29	64	Malaysia
2011/12	36	30	66	Singapore
2012/13	27	32	59	Malaysia
2013/14	34	39	73	Singapore
2014/15	34	30	64	Malaysia
2015/16	28	23	51	Singapore
2016/17	19	28	47	Malaysia
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>1953</b>	



# International Athletics Championships *cont.*

## Girl Athletes of the Meet:

YEAR	U14 NAME	CENTRE	U15 NAME	CENTRE
1985/86	Merise Miragliotta	Melville	Renee Poetschka	Hamersley
1986/87	Unknown		Sharlene Raftis	Hamersley
1987/88	Unknown		Unknown	
1988/89	Unknown		Unknown	
1989/90	Natalie Goode	Gosnells	Nicole Mladenis	Balga
1990/91	Alison Smith	Hamersley	Clare Chambers Julie Dorsa	Bayswater Bayswater
1991/92	Julie DeLuca	Cockburn	Katrina Cole	Dale
1992/93	Michelle Pedrotti Carie Scott	Bayswater Kingsway	Julie DeLuca	Cockburn
1993/94	Tenneille Trigwell	Bunbury	Sarah Tyrrell	Southern Districts
1994/95	Jonelle Champion	Cockburn	Kylie Wheeler	Kingsway
1995/96	Shayley McGurk	Bunbury	Stacey Woodhouse	Hamersley
1996/97	Sarah Van Der Wal	Dale	Eleanor Brewer	Perry Lakes
1997/98	Brooke Wood	Melville	Simone Carre	Cockburn
1998/99	Rachael Duggan	Kingsway	Suzanne Whitney	Bunbury
1999/00	Lauren Bettini	Kingsway	Rachael Duggan	Kingsway
2000/01	Kelly McGinnity	Perry Lakes	Lauren Bettini	Kingsway
2001/02	Cara Evans	Rockingham	Kelly McGinnity	Perry Lakes
2002/03	-	-	-	-
2003/04	Hannah Van Der Wal	Dale	Danielle Devellerez	Bayswater
2004/05	Alanna Doig	Southern Districts	Christine Keeley	Southern Districts
2005/06	Aisha Collymore	Dale	Meggie Ostle	Kingsway
2006/07	Shawnee Roberts	Southern Districts	Aisha Collymore	Dale
2007/08	Amanda Filippou	Perry Lakes	Shawnee Roberts	Southern Districts
2008/09	Shenae Peterson	Bunbury	Loughlyn Webb	Kingsway
2009/10	Hannah Watt	Southern Districts	Titilayo Wright	Gosnells
2010/11	Amy Braimbridge	Albany	Rebekah Newton	Kingsway
2011/12	Charla Gungor	Melville	Isobel Copeman	UWA
2012/13	Joanna Maynard	Kingsway	Alanah Yukich	Kingsway
2013/14	Amy Tolcon	UWA	Ashlee Glands Sophie Williams	Melville Melville
2014/15	Chelsea Turner	UWA	Alex Fraser	Cockburn
2015/16	Sophie White	Rockingham	Tiana Merritt	Bunbury
2016/17	Catherine Porter	Eastern Hills	Tanika Lockley	Bayswater



## Boy Athletes of the Meet:

YEAR	U14 NAME	CENTRE	U15 NAME	CENTRE
1985/86	Simon Lindsay	Balga	Robert Engelhard	Bayswater
1986/87	Alan Nowrojee	Hamersley	Unknown	
1987/88	Unknown		Unknown	
1988/89	Unknown		Kabba Forster-Jones	Gosnells
1989/90	Scott Blachut	Eastern Goldfields	Geoffrey Pielow	Perry Lakes
1990/91	Ivan Lazarus	Cockburn	Jai Thomas	Murray Districts
1991/92	Stephen Anderson	Belmont	Ivan Lazarus	Cockburn
1992/93	Scott Cumming	Bunbury	Shaun O'Brien	Hamersley
1993/94	Kim Askew	Bunbury	Daniel Davey	Melville
1994/95	Kevin Johnston	Rockingham	Jon Gawley	Melville
1995/96	Samneang Kean	Bayswater	William Brown	Bayswater
1996/97	Scott Andrews	Cockburn	Phillip Nelson	Inglewood
1997/98	Shaun Luckens	Belmont	David Singe	Melville
1998/99	David Brown	Dale	Scott Hollaway	Southern Districts
1999/00	Troy Abreu	Belmont	Ross Eastough	Geraldton
2000/01	Daniel Prigmore	Melville	Alex Griffiths	Perry Lakes
2001/02	Justin Wood	Kingsway	Daniel Prigmore	Melville
2002/03	-	-	-	-
2003/04	Jesse Jones	Gosnells	Zac Farrow	Melville
2004/05	Jarrod Smith	Southern Districts	Ray Williams	Bayswater
2005/06	Daniel Williamson	Eastern Hills	Jared Bezuidenhout	Rockingham
2006/07	Brandon Walker	Peel	Jacob Pritchard	Ridgewood
2007/08	Michael Craggs	Melville	Bryan Reyes	Hamersley
2008/09	Terrell McKenzie	Kingsway	Cruz Hogan	Kingsway
2009/10	Blake Phillips	Ridgewood	Ethan Giesige	Cockburn
2010/11	Chad Ross	Cockburn	Blake Phillips	Ridgewood
2011/12	Bradley Fullgrave	Bayswater	Theodore Kenworthy-Groen	Melville
2012/13	Liam Moore	Melville	Emmanuel Lloh	Eastern Hills
2013/14	James Gallagher	Melville	Callum Corbett	Kingsway
2014/15	Cian Guest	Kingsway	Joshua Turner	Rockingham
2015/16	Dylan James	Ridgewood	Kian Paget	Kingsway
2016/17	Jake Teague	Gosnells	Stefan Rajakovic	Kingsway



## Perry Lakes Stadium



## WA Athletics Stadium





# Athlete of the Year

The award was introduced in 1970/71 and was sponsored by The Sunday Independent Newspaper until 1978/79. Initially it was awarded to essentially U13 athletes and as the U14 and U15 age groups were introduced those athletes were eligible. Since 1986/87 it has been awarded only to U15 athletes.

The athletes are nominated by Centres and judged on their performances achieved in Little Athletics competition from the commencement of the State Track & Field Championships the previous year through to the completion of the Zone Championships and is awarded to athletes who are deemed to have the potential to go on and possibly become a State or National Champion.

## Athlete of the Year recipients:

YEAR	GIRLS	CENTRE	BOYS	CENTRE
1970/71	June Cook	Melville	Ian Stewart	Belmont
1971/72	Sharon Williams	Rockingham	Geoff Hendriks	Perry Lakes
1972/73	Marie Brignoli	Belmont	Kim Atkinson	Melville
1973/74	Diana Christensen	Hamersley	Bruce Stanton	Geographe
1974/75	Toni Cartmall	Perry Lakes	Wayde Crafter Gavin Sturgess	Inglewood Fremantle
1975/76	Vanessa Browne	E Goldfields	Paul Mardle	Hamersley
1976/77	Alison Trewenack	Perry Lakes	Andrew Newton	Hamersley
1977/78	Trudy Dawson	Hamersley	John McShane	Kwinana
1978/79	Pauline Roper	Eastern Hills	David Anderson	Melville
1979/80	Gillian De Gruchy	Hamersley	Fred Martin	Melville
1980/81	Christine Cole	Rockingham	Greg Harvey	Melville
1981/82	Debbie Barnett	Melville	Richard Giroud	Melville
1982/83	Suzanne Broadrick	Hamersley	Bradley Stevens	Perry Lakes
1983/84	Vanessa French	Belmont	Michael Malloch	Northam
1984/85	Angela Milne	Sth Districts	Shane Cassey	Hamersley
1985/86	Colleen Palmer	Belmont	Bradley Smith	Gosnells
1986/87	Gemma Norwell	Geraldton	Gareth Bird	Belmont
1987/88	Michelle Smart	Dale	Alan Nowrojee	Hamersley
1988/89	Kristy French	Inglewood	Cliff Hannaford	Gosnells
1989/90	Sarah Forbes Sarah Jamieson	Hamersley Bayswater	Steven Papal Duncan Pugh	Inglewood Hamersley
1990/91	Rishelle Hume	Sth Districts	Davin Valenti	Eastern Hills
1991/92	Alison Smith	Hamersley	Ivan Lazarus	Cockburn
1992/93	Julie De Luca	Cockburn	Michael Andrews	Gosnells
1993/94	Carie Scott	Kingsway	Daniel Davey	Melville
1994/95	Jennifer Richardson	Bayswater	Leon Felton	Hamersley
1995/96	Jonelle Champion	Perry Lakes	Kevin Johnston	Rockingham
1996/97	Shayley McGurk	Bunbury	Peter Maher	Hamersley
1997/98	Ebony Cope	Rockingham	Ryan Purcell	Kingsway
1998/99	Shermin Oksuz	Melville	John Pringle	Perry Lakes
1999/00	Rachael Duggan	Kingsway	Craig Jovanovic	Melville
2000/01	Lauren Bettini	Kingsway	Matt Marlow	Bayswater
2001/02	Nicole Konsolis	Bayswater	Daniel Prigmore	Melville
2002/03	Megan Wheatley	Melville	Justin Wood	Kingsway
2003/04	Larissa Perry	Kingsway	Callum Kneale	Bayswater
2004/05	Hannah Van Der Wal	Dale	Anthony Lipari	Gosnells
2005/06	Alanna Doig	Sth Districts	Jarrod Smith	Sth Districts
2006/07	Sinta Wardana	Bayswater	Travis Hough	Bayswater
2007/08	Karina Zilm	Rockingham	Jordan Dobson	Kingsway
2008/09	Francesca Da Rui	Bayswater	Dalton Duplock	Sth Districts
2009/10	Ashleigh Germain	Kingsway	Terrell McKenzie	Kingsway
2010/11	Breanna Dixon	Bunbury	Tarwyn Filipek	Rockingham
2011/12	Taylor Collard	Rockingham	Chad Ross	Cockburn
2012/13	Summer Walters	Cockburn	Bradley Fullgrave	Bayswater
2013/14	Ashlee Glands	Melville	Sean Davis	Gosnells
2014/15	Alex Fraser	Cockburn	Liam Van Der Spuy	Ridgewood
2015/16	Chelsea Turner	UWA	Jovan Hubana	Bayswater
2016/17	Sophie White	Rockingham	Stefan Rajakovic	Kingsway





*“I honestly believe that my time in the sport of athletics helped me gain high level of discipline, structure and a drive attitude to never give up on what I believe in, and knowing that I can achieve whatever I desire and all I must do is believe in myself. Without athletics setting the early foundations, I certainly do not think I would be the person I am today.”*

*Rishelle Hume, 2016 Western Australian of the Year – Aboriginal Award*

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# Doug Hancy Award

In 1985/86 The Sir Thomas J Lipton Award was introduced and sponsored by Rosella Lipton Pty Ltd until 1989/90. In 1990/91 the award was named the Doug Hancy Award.

Doug Hancy commenced his involvement in the administration of Little Athletics in 1969/70 with the formation of Melville Centre. In the same year he was appointed to the Board of Management where he served for 17 years at various times in the positions of Officer for Competition & Special Events, Treasurer and Officer for Development & Administration of Centres.

He continued his active interest in Little Athletics WA where he was a Trustee from 1987/88 to 2000/01 and also as Patron from 1993/94 to 2011/12.

He was awarded Life Membership of Melville Centre, Little Athletics WA, Little Athletics Australia and was inducted into the Roll of Excellence for Little Athletics Australia.

He was a dedicated servant of Little Athletics WA for over 43 years until he passed away on 23 July 2012.

The award is an attempt to recognise standards of behaviour that reflect moral values and depth of character. The recipient of the award is not necessarily a champion, but who shows sportsmanship and courage, who maintains an effort, who is honest, friendly and shows a willingness to help at club training with the younger athletes and also at Saturday morning competition.

Since the inception of the award U15 athletes are nominated by the

Centres and are judged on who has best exemplified the spirit and aspirations in terms of fraternity, integrity, courage and perseverance. In 2017/18 the award was extended to include U16 and U17 athletes, acknowledging the growing number of athletes contributing back to the sport and displaying these highly regarded qualities.

## Fraternity:

Candidates shall demonstrate that they place concern for others above themselves and have committed themselves to the spirit of Little Athletics.

## Integrity:

Candidates shall maintain a gracious attitude towards those with whom they compete, demonstrating a respect for the rules and the officials charged with their enforcement. These standards of personal behaviour must be maintained to reflect moral soundness and honesty in and out of athletics.

## Courage:

Candidates shall demonstrate, during practice and competition, a constant desire to improve and achieve higher levels of skill and performance which reflect concentration and commitment.

## Perseverance:

Candidates shall strive with consistent determination to achieve their personal goals, doing so without complaining or resorting to alibis even if things seem to go wrong.

All athletes nominated are recognised and acknowledged.



## Sir Thomas J Lipton Award recipients:

YEAR	GIRLS	CENTRE	BOYS	CENTRE
1985/86	Amanda Plowicz	Inglewood	Not Awarded	
1986/87	Corrina Butler	Balga	Not Awarded	
1987/88	Michelle Smart	Dale	Paul Mondy	Fremantle
1988/89	Tracey Richter	Northam	Frank Trimboli	Hamersley
1989/90	Cassandra Wood	Kingsway	Colin Chambers	Rockingham



### Doug Hancy Award recipients:

DATE	GIRLS	CENTRE	BOYS	CENTRE
1990/91	Samantha Vanirsen	Hamersley	John Barnett	Southern Districts
1991/92	Jade McSherry	Belmont	David Clover	Kingsway
1992/93	Rebecca Peel	Bunbury	Daniel Walkerden	Bayswater
1993/94	Natalie King	Southern Districts	Chris Pearce	Cockburn
1994/95	Ruth Barnett Laura Graham	Southern Districts Hamersley	Brett Rosebury	Dale
1995/96	Julie Choate	Peel	Lance Gunn	Belmont
1996/97	Melissa Sinclair	Dale	Shaun Geary	Joondalup
1997/98	Rebecca Gray	Peel	Anthony Bertoli	Kwinana
1998/99	Tracey Baines	Southern Districts	Kieron Tebbutt	Hamersley
1999/00	Bianca D'Agnone	Gosnells	Benjamin Armstrong	Gosnells
2000/01	Lauren Palmer	Geraldton	Daniel Roffman	Hamersley
2001/02	Katherine Putz	Gosnells	Stephen Peterkin	Eastern Goldfields
2002/03	Lauren Smith	Melville	Peter West	Kingsway
2003/04	Hannah Klauz	Melville	Kevin Ciotucha	Dale
2004/05	Jessica Ghizzo	Bayswater	Mitchell Zilm	Rockingham
2005/06	Gemma Francis	Bayswater	Thomas McDonald	Eastern Goldfields
2006/07	Sarah Rafty	Hamersley	Jake Carson	Kingsway
2007/08	Stephanie Lam	Belmont	Duncan Bradbury James Connaughton	Hamersley Kingsway
2008/09	Vincion Geneste	Belmont	Michael Craggs Dale Hennighan	Melville Ridgewood
2009/10	Rebecca Delpup	Southern Districts	Adam Ryan	Southern Districts
2010/11	Alex Robinson	Melville	Perry Fardella	Cockburn
2011/12	Amanda Short	Belmont	Lachlan McDonald	Gosnells
2012/13	Brenda McDonald	Gosnells	Luke Turner	Peel
2013/14	Julia Armenti	Inglewood	Mitchell Lees	Kingsway
2014/15	Taylah Eastwood	Cockburn	Thomas McDonald	Gosnells
2015/16	Katie Robertson	Ridgewood	Justin Russell	Belmont
2016/17	Amber Perez	Cockburn	Jake Mazzuchelli	Cockburn



# Award of Merit

At the Association meeting on the 24 February 1984 it was decided to introduce an Award of Merit to recognise volunteers who have made a substantial contribution to a Centre or Association.

To qualify the nominee must have at least six years' service in a Centre as a member of the Executive or as a key competition official. Over

the years this has subsequently been increased to include at least eight years as a key official or helper at Association run events, service on the Board of Management recognised and a minimum involvement of at least ten years.

Centres submit nominations and the Board of Management select the recipients.

## Award of Merit recipients:

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
1984	Joan Hancy	1991	Peter Milne	2005	Gail Bertoli
1984	Joy Hardman	1991	Stan Bicknell	2005	Carol Bascombe
1985	F Moodie	1992	Richard Strachan	2005	Kath Turner
1985	Ron Capes	1992	Shirley Sardelich	2005	Craig Middleton-White
1985	Wendy Murray	1992	Margaret Stone	2006	Joe D'Agnone
1985	Kaye Runge	1992	David Stone	2006	Sue Howlett
1985	Bob Chalmers	1992	Frits Vanirsen	2006	Carmel Matthews
1985	Barrie Kernaghan	1993	Egon Jankauskas	2007	Sonia Stafrace
1986	Maxine Boyd	1993	Bill Allsopp	2007	Peter Herbert
1986	Tony Catchpole	1993	Betty Allsopp	2008	Bruce Kaszanski
1986	Ann Sweeney	1994	Brian Newton	2009	Allan Kelly
1986	Terry Marriott	1994	Taffy Nabbs	2009	Anne Gardner
1986	Mike Biddulph	1995	Mrs Beth Kelly	2009	Wayne Treloar
1986	Bob Godfrey	1995	Peter Ryan	2009	Melissa Wighton
1986	Merle Carter	1995	Robin Moyle	2010	Pieter Bergshoeff
1987	John Foster	1995	Chris Pearce	2010	Ken Zilm
1987	Maureen Cramer	1995	Tony Gerritsen	2011	Bev McCagh
1987	Craig Tucker	1996	David Gardiner	2011	Murray King
1987	George Strickland	1997	Jenny McGregor	2011	Linda Van Alste
1987	Pat Lewis	1997	Ann Mundy	2011	Bob Gray
1987	Rita Hicks	1998	Anne Graham	2011	Patricia Peterkin
1987	Francis French	1999	Veronica Carr	2011	Toni Clark
1987	Geoff James	1999	Jacqui Cattermole	2012	Mark Whyte
1987	Lyn Patchett	1999	Hannah Tebbutt	2012	Christine Turner
1988	David Cramer	1999	Frank Jamieson	2014	Kaleigh Butterfield
1988	Ray Butler	2000	Allan Savage	2014	Ed Van Alste
1988	Maureen Green	2001	Mick Adams	2014	Ixchel Wood
1988	Pat Bennett	2001	Clive Murtha	2014	Anthony Bertoli
1989	Bob Bridges	2001	Peter Redmond	2015	Richard Beaney
1989	Anne Pearce	2001	Barbara Rowcroft	2015	Jenny Grosse
1989	John Udall	2002	Fred Turner	2015	Carol Hale
1989	Kim Wood	2002	Adrian Van Der Wal	2015	Coral McCooey
1989	Kath Griffiths	2002	Alison Polson	2015	Kathy Turner
1989	Bob Boyle	2003	Julie Lane	2016	Trevor Lane
1990	Jenny Lloyd	2003	Jill Bonsor	2017	Esther Armenti
1990	Terry Smith	2003	Frank Bertoli	2017	Erica Gray
1990	Gordon Ashworth	2003	John Purcell	2017	Helen Hahn
1990	George Knott	2003	Don Roffman	2017	Lukas Martens
1990	Marg Butler	2004	Louise Bingley	2017	Joanne Richardson
1991	Peter Fordham	2004	Milan Klauz		





*State Team at ALAC in Perth in 2015*



*March Past at ALAC in Perth in 2015*





# Distinguished Merit Award

In 1996/97 the Distinguished Merit Award was introduced to recognise volunteers who have given long and meritorious service to Little Athletics in WA.

Nominees must have given service at Centre/Zone and State and/or Board of Management level.

Their involvement at all levels would have demonstrated a clear commitment over and above the call of normal duty and been observed as such by the majority of people involved in Little Athletics.

Only people who have displayed a high standard of character, credentials and integrity will be considered. A minimum of 12 years service to Little Athletics is required with a minimum of ten years as a member of the Centre Executive or Board of Management or a combination of these.

In 1999/2000 the minimum length of service was lifted to 15 years and it became necessary that the nominated person must have previously been awarded the Award of Merit, and a period of 5 years must have elapsed since the presentation of the Award of Merit.

Centres submit nominations which are administered by the Board of Management.

## Distinguished Merit Award recipients:

YEAR	NAME
1998	Brian Newton
2002	Bob Chalmers
2003	Maureen Cramer
2004	Pat Bennett
2006	Jenny McGregor
2010	Hannah Tebbutt
2011	Allan Savage
2012	Craig Tucker
2013	Elaine Scott
2014	Louise Bingley
2015	Ann Mundy
2016	Bev McCagh
2017	Sue Howlett
2017	Bob Gray

# Life Membership

An Association meeting may have the power to confer on a person the honour of Life Membership of the Association for meritorious service on a two-thirds majority. The person nominated must have served a minimum of 8 years, 4 at Centre and Club levels, and at least 4 at Board of Management level.

Since the commencement of Little Athletics in WA 23 people have been awarded Life Membership which is the highest award available for our volunteers.

## Life Membership recipients:

YEAR	NAME
1974	Bruce Trivett
1975	Robin Johnson
1976	Beris Johnson
1976	Doug Hancy
1980	Bill Tucker
1980	Joe Keeling
1982	Ian Dunne
1983	Paddy Robinson
1984	Bob Green
1985	Joy Hardman
1986	David Smith
1988	Lee Derby
1989	Pat Lewis
1989	Maxine Boyd
1990	David Cramer
1993	Frits Vanirsén
1993	Kim Wood
2002	Kaye Runge
2003	Frank Jamieson
2005	David Gardiner
2006	Brian Newton
2009	Anne Graham
2013	Pieter Bergshoeff





*“The first time I threw a javelin, I whacked my head with the back of it and almost knocked myself out. Knowing how hard I hit myself, I knew there was potential for a big throw if I learnt how to do it correctly... so I hit the training track and tucked into it. Not only did I love the sport but I also loved the friends and experiences that came with it and I honestly wouldn’t have made it this far in my career if it wasn’t for Little Athletics.”*

Kim Mickle, Olympian (Athletics), Australian record holder – Javelin



# LAA Roll of Excellence

In 2009 Little Athletics Australia introduced the Roll of Excellence to recognise and acknowledge the achievements of former little athletes and people who have made an outstanding contribution to Little Athletics in Australia.

There are four categories which are:

## Track & Field

Former Little Athletes who have represented Australia in athletics.

## Sportsperson

Former Little Athletes who have competed at the highest level in Sport.

## Achievers

Former Little Athletes who have achieved in a non-sport related discipline.

## Volunteers

Any person (outside those eligible above) and/or families who have made an outstanding contribution to Little Athletics in Australia.

## Little Athletes and volunteers from WA inducted into the Roll of Excellence:

YEAR	NAME	CATEGORY
2009	John Worsfold	Sportsperson
2009	Doug Hancy	Volunteers
2010	John Steffensen	Track & Field
2011	Brett Rosebury	Achievers
2011	Maxine Boyd	Volunteers
2012	Christine Stanton	Track & Field
2012	Simon Black	Sportsperson
2012	David Cramer	Volunteers
2012	Robin Johnson	Volunteers
2016	Jackie Pereira	Sportsperson
2016	Kaye Runge	Volunteer
2017	Kim Mickle	Track & Field
2017	Rishelle Hume	Achievers

# LAA Life Membership

Little Athletics Australia may confer on individuals the honorary title of Life Member of Little Athletics Australia.

To be considered for such award a nominee shall have given long term meritorious service to the Little Athletics movement in Australia including at affiliated Association and National level.

## Western Australians awarded Life Membership of Little Athletics Australia:

YEAR	NAME
1983	Doug Hancy
1985	Paddy Robinson
2001	David Cramer
2002	Maxine Boyd
2008	Brian Newton







# Approved Centre Uniforms 2017/18

CENTRE	UNIFORM	CENTRE	UNIFORM
Albany	Dark green top with black trim – black bottoms.	Hedland	Red shirt with white waves on sides and white stripe along sleeves.
Ashburton	Ochre top with blue wave design. Round logo on back with "Ashburton LAC" and running man through the Pilbara.	Inglewood	Maroon top with black & white sublimated design – black bottoms.
Baldivis	Royal blue with light blue waves, three red runners on back – black bottoms.	Joondalup	Purple top with white & yellow stripes down sides, Centre logo – black bottoms.
Bayswater	Vertical panels in black/red/white, white sleeves with black trim – black bottoms.	Karratha	Royal blue top, white stripe to sleeves and vertically to sides – black bottoms.
Belmont	Purple & white vertical striped top with purple back – black bottoms.	Kingsway	Lime green top with navy design, trim and logo, Centre name and phrase on back in navy – navy bottoms.
Broome	Bright blue fading to white at bottom with orange side panels and bands. Broome Little Athletics and orange logo on back – black bottoms.	Kwinana	White top with red & black sublimated design to side and shoulder, red logo on front – black bottoms.
Bunbury	Top with black & white panels on front and back – black bottoms.	Lower South West	Green with white & red sublimated design to top – black bottoms.
Cockburn	Yellow shirt with sublimated green and blue stripe design on each side, blue trim, Centre name on back and C.L.A.C on front right – black bottoms.	Margaret River	Green with gold design top – black bottoms.
Collie	Half aqua, half lime green top with black bands – black bottoms.	Melville	Orange top with black & white sublimated design and tiger motif – black bottoms.
Dale	Sky blue top with sublimated design, red & black swoops under each arm hole and to sides – plain black shorts.	Merredin	Navy blue top with gold trimmings – navy bottoms.
Denmark	Spring blue with navy stripe at sleeves – black bottoms.	Narrogin	Royal blue shirt with emerald sleeves (singlet has emerald green side panels and trim) – black bottoms.
Eastern Goldfields	Gold top with olive green trim and green stripes down side – olive green bottoms.	Newman	Royal blue with white side panels, logo on front of top – black bottoms.
Eastern Hills	Silver sublimated top with red at shoulder/sleeve and "EHLAC", black design and trim – black bottoms.	Northam	Royal blue top with gold sides and sleeve design – royal blue bottoms.
Esperance	Predominately red, white stripes at sides and shoulders with white Centre logo – black shorts.	Peel	Royal blue top with white & black sublimated design, royal blue logo with dolphins – black bottoms.
Geraldton	Green top with black stripe and red pinstripes down sides – red bottoms.	Ridgewood	Red top with navy/white sublimated design and trim, navy & white Centre name – navy shorts.
Gosnells	Gold top with white sublimated diamond design and royal blue trim, Centre name on back – royal blue bottoms.	Rockingham	Aqua blue top with black & white sublimated design – black bottoms.
Hamersley	Gold top with maroon & white sublimated design and trim – maroon bottoms.	Southern Districts	White top with blue trim, red and blue side panels, Southern Stars logo on front – navy blue bottoms.
		Swan Valley	Grey, silver, black and deep ruby sublimated top.
		UWA	Blue, green and gold panelled top with logo – black bottoms with logo.



# Photos – Approved Centre Uniforms



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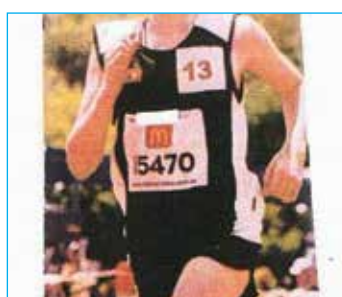
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# Mascot

**A**s part of our celebrations during 2017/18 in recognition of our 50th Anniversary of Little Athletics in WA, we decided to create a mascot to be our ambassador.

During February 2017 we held a competition to design a mascot which was open to all our members especially our little athletes. To enter the competition a drawing of a mascot, a written description about the mascot and their values as well as a name for the mascot were required.

From the entries, three finalists were selected from which our mascot was selected. The mascot was professionally designed, made and revealed at our State Conference on 24 June 2017. The young athletes who designed the three finalists attended and each were presented with a certificate and a Jetstar voucher.

**The two runner ups were:**

## Swiftly

*(designed by Lataya Lawrence)*

Represents WA because he is a black swan. His shorts represent Australia because one day I would like to run for our country in the Olympics. The logo's on his wing would be good to show how many clubs we have. His shoes are spikes so he can run fast like me.

## Kanga

*(designed by Aniel Matkowski)*

Is a kangaroo who comes from Australia. His favourite thing to do is run and jump. He is a character full of spirit with a warm and fuzzy heart. He is always energetic and loves to play with his friends.

You would always find Kanga cheering for his team sharing the love of athletics. Kanga would love to represent Western Australia and help pass athletics through the generations.

**The design selected to be our mascot was:**

## Cheego

*(designed by Amberlee Statham)*

The cheetah head and legs show the speed in athletics running events. The gorilla arms show the strength in athletics throwing events. The kangaroo tail represents the jumps in athletics. The hat and singlet are to show that it is LAWA including Jetstar sponsor. The shoes show running shoes.

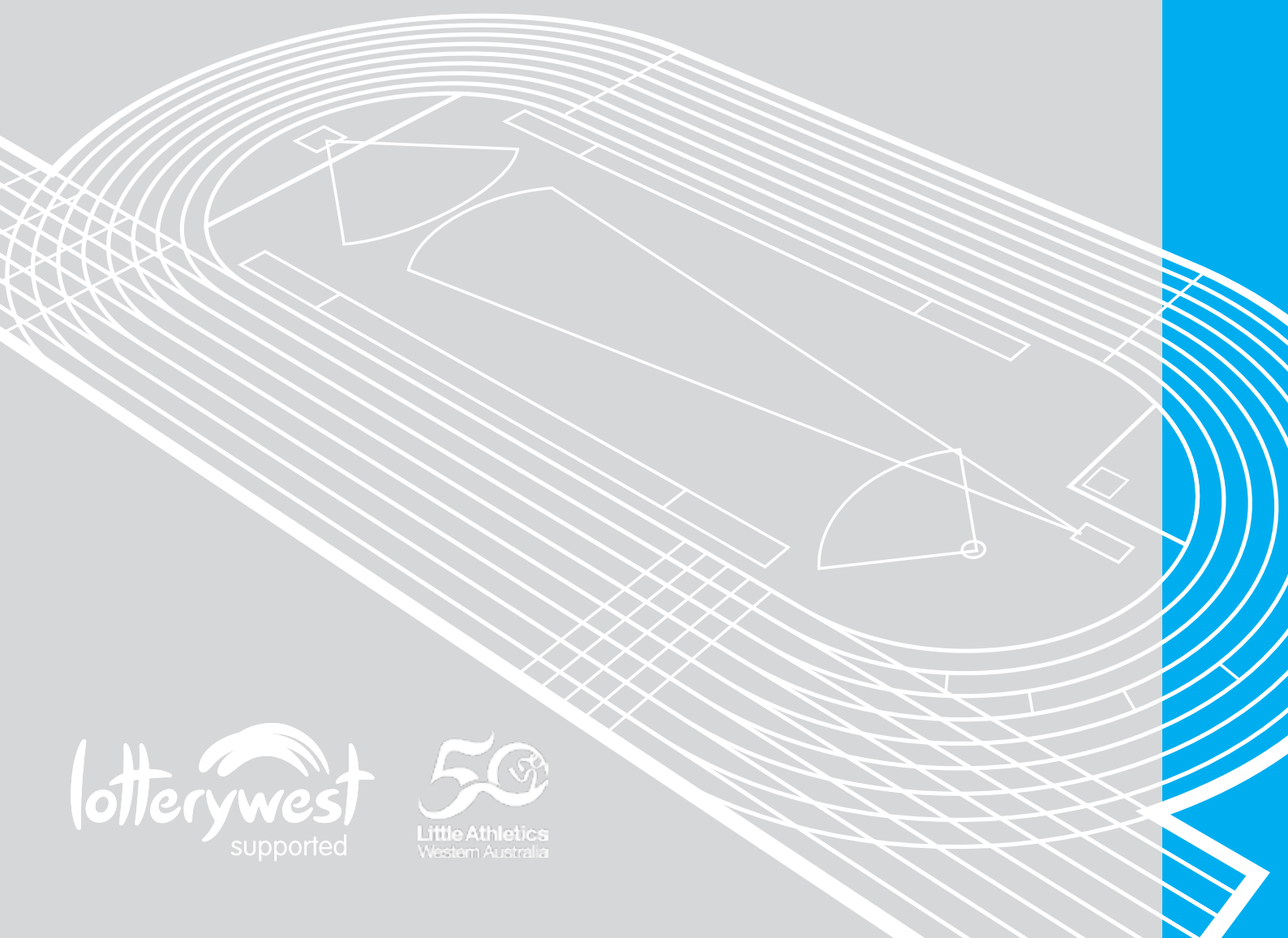


*Cheego with Amberlee Statham and our friend Stitches the Bear from Perth Children's Hospital Foundation.*









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