

GIRRAWEEEN ATHLETICS CLUB Inc



ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

*(Formerly Girraween Amateur Athletics Club 1980 - 1996)
(Formerly Greystanes / Girraween Amateur Athletics Club 1978 - 1980)*

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Toongabbie Community Hall*



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GIRRAWEEN ATHLETICS CLUB



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the Committee, I have great pleasure in presenting our Club's 38th Annual Report for the 12 months ended 31st March 2016. Thanks to everyone involved in compiling it, particularly Steve Williams.

Winter 2015 was another great cross country season with Girraween runners maintaining a high presence and faring well in the presentations. Thanks to our Winter Coordinator Steve Clark for organising ANSW event participation.

We also had a great Summer of athletics. No thanks to the weather in January we maintained fairly decent attendances. Thanks to member feedback we trialled some program changes jumbling things around and adding cross country races on alternate weeks. Despite adding so much to the program it was managed very efficiently. The extra javelin was not as popular as expected but we have interest in the cross country events. Thanks to our Summer Coordinator Michael Grogan, who again did a fantastic job of organising both CV Kelly Park and representative events. Thanks also to the members and visitors who competed. The volunteer support improved this year and made athletics more efficient and enjoyable.

Our dual members have also performed well in major competitions. Brendon Neich placed second in the U16 Hammer Throw and fifth in the Javelin at the Australian Youth Championship in Perth while his sister Teagan placed seventh in the U15 hammer, 8th in the U14 hammer, 8th in the U14 shot put and 11th in the U14 Discus.

Our members continue to compete all over the globe. Brad Milosevic has had another great year competing in Japan and Germany. At home he won the City to Surf, the Melbourne Marathon and the NSW State Open Championships 10,000 metres. His run in Melbourne was an Olympic qualifying time of 2:16.00. At this stage he has narrowly missed out on Olympic selection, here's hoping they take a reserve. Taylor Doyle for the second year in a row qualified to the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athletics World Championship. The event was held in Doha, Qatar. Taylor placed fifth in the Women's Long Jump T38 and seventh in the 100 metres T38 final.

Brad was not the only one overseas, Carly Eager recently competed at the Walthamstow, London Parkrun and Terry Rose competed at the South Manchester Park Run. The Park Run phenomenon has been embraced by Girraween and we pop up all over the place competing. Our members are regularly seen in community fun runs and events even orienteering.

Sadly this season we farewelled one of our oldest members, Phil Bowden. Phil had been unable to compete over recent years but dropped down to the ground occasionally to stay in touch. He passed away after a short illness at the age of 89.

I again thank Michael Christie for not only his great newsletters and emails but for being my calendar and task manager. He often comments that he is a pain in my backside but to the contrary without his support and timely reminders the club would be run nowhere near as efficiently as it is.

Once again, I would like to thank the Committee and members for their support. They do a fantastic job. There are many quiet achievers on this committee who meet to make decisions about the running of the club. A special thanks to Heidi Juhart who stepped capably into the role of Treasurer. She has done a great job.

Thanks to our committed team of committee and members who prepared and ran our 4th “Run for Jess” to raise funds for Ward C5c at Westmead Hospital. It was again great to see Steve, Amelia, Lynette and many of the Clark and Culbert families and friends getting behind the event.

Congratulations to our award recipients and thanks to Steve Clark, Lynette Clarke, Steve O’Donnell, Michael Grogan and Michael Christie for the collection and collation of the seasons’ results. It is not an easy job.

I look forward to 2016/2017 season.

Wayne Thurlow
Club President



GIRRAWEEEN ATHLETICS CLUB

(Formed September 1978)
C V Kelly Park, Oramzi Road, Girraween

CLUB PATRON

Michelle Rowland

LIFE MEMBERS

John Wheeler – 1986 (died 1997)

Bob Sewell – 1988

Vivian Manwaring – 1997

Stephen Halverson – 2003

Lynette Smith – 2006

Graham Sheargold – 2009

Steven Williams - 2012

REGISTERED 25-YEAR MEDALLISTS

Bob Sewell – 2002

Vivian Manwaring – 2011

Lynette Smith - 2015

REGISTERED 20-YEAR MEDALLISTS

Bob Sewell – 1997

Vivian Manwaring – 2006

Lynette Smith – 2009

Graham Sheargold – 2012

Steven Williams - 2015

REGISTERED 15-YEAR MEMBERS

Bob Sewell - 1992

Vivian Manwaring - 2001

Graham Sheargold - 2007

Phil Bowden - 2009

Richard Frost - 2010

Suresh Raju - 2010

Steven Williams – 2010

Lisa Grant - 2013

Gary Micallef – 2014

Robert Giesler – 2014

Brad Milosevic - 2015

REGISTERED 10-YEAR MEDALLISTS

Jackie Wheeler - 1988

Bob Sewell - 1988

Paul Sewell - 1991

Vivian Manwaring - 1997

Stephen Halverson -2003

Vikki Savage - 2005

Suresh Raju - 2005

Lisa Grant - 2008

Gary Micallef - 2009

Carly Eager - 2010

Eddie Makki - 2010

Joseph Butler – 2011

Jean Davis – 2012

Clive Kidson – 2013

Roger Mar – 2013

Danny Martins -2014

Tracey Wheeler - 1988

John Doolan - 1989

Robert Kropman - 1993

Lynette Smith - 2000

Graham Sheargold - 2003

Richard Frost - 2005

Wayne Jeff - 2005

Chelsea Kimpton - 2008

Vince Adams - 2010

Robert Eager - 2010

Bradley Milosevic - 2010

Michael Free – 2011

Stephen O'Donnell – 2012

George Milosevic – 2013

Terry Rose – 2013

Katrina Russell - 2014

Deborah Mulhall - 1988

Peter Kropman - 1989

Catherine Kropman -1993

Michael Kammerer - 2003

Phil Bowden - 2004

Steven Williams - 2005

Keith Mayhew - 2007

Robert Giesler - 2009

Stacey Argent - 2010

Amanda Giesler - 2010

Geoffrey Sheargold - 2010

Michael Evans – 2011

Stephen Parkins – 2012

Michael Christie – 2013

Wayne Thurlow – 2013

Nicholas Hanna 2015

HON. AUDITOR

Tony Ward

Public Officer

Viv Manwaring – 2005 - Present



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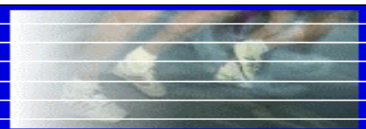


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President	Year	Secretary
John Wheeler	1978-1979	John Wheeler
John Wheeler	1979-1980	John Wheeler
John Wheeler	1980-1981	John Wheeler
John Wheeler	1981-1982	John Wheeler
John Wheeler	1982-1983	John Wheeler
John Wheeler	1983-1984	John Wheeler
John Wheeler	1984-1985	John Wheeler
John Wheeler	1985-1986	John Wheeler
John Wheeler	1986-1987	John Wheeler
John Wheeler	1987-1988	John Wheeler
Bob Sewell	1988-1989	Viv Manwaring
Bob Sewell	1989-1990	Viv Manwaring
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Bob Sewell	1995-1996	Viv Manwaring
Bob Sewell	1996-1997	Viv Manwaring
Graham Sheargold	1997-1998	Viv Manwaring
Bob Sewell	1998-1999	Viv Manwaring
Bob Sewell	1999-2000	Viv Manwaring
Bob Sewell	2000-2001	Viv Manwaring
Bob Sewell	2001-2002	Viv Manwaring
Bob Sewell	2002-2003	Lynette Smith
Steven Williams	2003-2004	Lynette Smith
Steven Williams	2004-2005	Garry Womsley
Steven Williams	2005-2006	Garry Womsley
Steven Williams	2006-2007	Garry Womsley
Steven Williams	2007-2008	Garry Womsley
Steven Williams	2008-2009	Garry Womsley
Steven Williams	2009-2010	Garry Womsley / Jean Davis
Steven Williams	2010-2011	Jean Davis
Steven Williams	2011-2012	Jean Davis
Steven Williams	2012-2013	Katrina Russell
Wayne Thurlow	2013-2014	Katrina Russell
Wayne Thurlow	2014-2015	Katrina Russell
Wayne Thurlow	2015-2016	Katrina Russell



GIRRAWEEEN ATHLETICS CLUB



CLUB COMPETITION SUMMER CHAMPIONS

Jean Davis (Masters)	2015 / 2016	*	Wayne Thurlow (Masters)
Jean Davis (Masters)	2014 / 2015	*	Michael Grogan (Seniors)
Helen Ozols	2013 / 2014	*	Wayne Thurlow (Masters)
Robyn Smith	2012 / 2013	*	Wayne Thurlow (Masters)
Jean Davis (Masters)	2011 / 2012	*	Stephen Parkins (Masters +)
Jean Davis (Masters)	2010 / 2011	*	Wayne Thurlow (Masters)
* Venessa Separovich (Snr)	2009 / 2010		Robert Giesler (Masters +)
* Jean Davis (Masters)	2008 / 2009		Peter Matthews (Masters)
Andrea Hendley (Masters)	2007 / 2008	*	Wayne Thurlow (Masters)
Brenda Micallef (U16)	2006 / 2007	*	Wayne Thurlow (Masters)
Kelly Micallef (U15)	2005 / 2006	*	Stephen Blunden (Masters)
* Cath Germech (Snr)	2004 / 2005		Robert Giesler (Masters)
* Andrea Hendley (Masters)	2003 / 2004		Steven Williams (Masters)
Brenda Micallef (U12)	2002 / 2003	*	Brad Milosevic (U14)
* Chelsea Austin (U18)	2001 / 2002		= Peter Kimpton (U18)
			= Brad Milosevic (U13)
Chelsea Austin (U17)	2000 / 2001	*	Suresh Raju (Snr)
Gemma Austin (U13)	1999 / 2000	*	Steven Williams (Vet)
Samantha Marshall (Snr)	1998 / 1999	*	Graham Sheargold (Vet)
Erin Scouller (U15)	1997 / 1998	*	Suresh Raju (Snr)
Jessica Fisher (U14)	1996 / 1997	*	Stephen Halverson (Vet)
Jessica Fisher (U13)	1995 / 1996	*	Peter Balinski (U13)
Linda Balinski (Vet)	1994 / 1995	*	Stephen Muir (U13)
* Michelle Townsend (Snr)	1993 / 1994		Doug Leabon (Snr)
* Lynette Smith (Snr)	1992 / 1993		Michael Finucane (Snr)
* Lynette Smith (Snr)	1991 / 1992		= Michael Finucane (Snr)
			= Viv Manwaring (Vet)
* Lynette Smith (Snr)	1990 / 1991		Bruce Hogg (U18)
Stella Mauceri (U17)	1989 / 1990	*	John Doolan (Snr)
= Elizabeth Knoke (U15)	1988 / 1989	*	Jeff Micallef (U19)
= Kate Rada (U15)			
Jackie Wheeler (Snr)	1987 / 1988	*	Viv Manwaring (Vet)
* = Jackie Wheeler (Snr)	1986 / 1987		Michael Jamieson (U14)
= Deborah Mulhall (Snr)			
Jackie Wheeler (U20)	1985 / 1986	*	Peter Kropman (U18)
* Jackie Wheeler (U19)	1984 / 1985		Frank Soballa (U17)
Kellie Fenech (U14)	1983 / 1984	*	Peter Kropman (U14)
Kellie Fenech (U14)	1982 / 1983	*	Phillip Fenech (U15)
Deborah Mulhall (U16)	1981 / 1982	*	Phillip Fenech (U14)
Jackie Wheeler (U15)	1980 / 1981	*	Michael McHugh (U14)
* = Catherine Downer (U13)	1979 / 1980		Ralph Downer (U15)
= Jackie Wheeler (U14)			
* Joanne Kendall (U13)	1978 / 1979		Simon Gemmell (U14)

* Denotes overall Champion/s

GIRRAWEE ATHLETICS CLUB Inc

CLUB COMMITTEE 2015 / 2016

<u>Club Patron</u>	Michelle Rowland	Appointed 2015
<u>President</u>	Wayne Thurlow	Elected AGM August 2015
<u>Secretary</u>	Katrina Russell	Elected AGM August 2015
<u>Treasurer</u>	Heidi Juhart	Elected AGM August 2015
<u>Registrar</u>	Graham Sheargold	Elected AGM August 2015
<u>Public Officer</u>	Viv Manwaring	Appointed 2005
<u>Fund Raising</u>	Judy Milosevic Erin Grogan	Elected AGM August 2015 Elected AGM August 2015
<u>Summer Competition</u>	Michael Grogan	Elected AGM August 2015
<u>Winter Competition</u>	Steve Clark	Elected AGM August 2015
<u>Club Records</u>	Stephen O'Donnell	Elected AGM August 2015
<u>Coaching Co-ordinator</u>	-	Vacant
<u>Publicity Officer</u>	Michael Christie (GAP)	Elected AGM August 2015
<u>Canteen Manager</u>	-	Vacant
<u>ANSW Delegate</u>	Wayne Thurlow Brad Milosevic Michael Christie	Elected AGM August 2015 Elected AGM August 2015 Elected AGM August 2015
<u>Park Trust Delegate</u>	Ed Bratovic Wayne Thurlow	Elected AGM August 2015 Elected AGM August 2015
<u>Uniform Officer</u>	Judy Milosevic	Elected AGM August 2015
<u>Webmaster</u>	Steven Williams	Elected AGM August 2015
<u>General Committee</u>	Geoff Sheargold George Milosevic Ed Bratovic Rob Eager	Elected AGM August 2015 Elected AGM August 2015 Elected AGM August 2015 Elected AGM August 2015

REGISTERED MEMBERS 2015 / 2016**MEN: 45****WOMEN: 30****TOTAL: 75**

This season of 2015/2016 we have a total of 75 members divided into the following age groups:

U13	3
U20	19
Senior	17
Master	28
Golden	8
TOTAL	75

Under-13

Ben O'Donnell
Daniel O'Donnell
Meredith Webb

Under 20

Adriana Busic
Renate Busic
Cristobal Corvanlan
Shania Cox
Luke Jobson
Tayla Jobson
Monica McRae
Nathan Moffit
Dylan Nagle
Brendan Neich
Teagan Neich
Aiden O'Brien
Jessica O'Brien
Liam O'Brien
Tahlia O'Connell
Mikayla Ozols
Natasha Ozols
Kharrinne Somasundaram
Emma Watkins

Seniors

Ed Bratovic
Michael Christie
Steven Clark
Claudio
Corvanlan
Taylor Doyle
Carly Eager
Lisa Grant
Nicholas Hanna
Nicole Mantarro
Danny Martins
Matt Modini
Mark Milliss
Brad Milosevic
Geoff Sheargold
Cristina
Sotomayor
Jennifer Watkins
Natalie Webb

Masters

Lilliana Busic
Lynette Clark
Jean Davis
Andrew Free
Michael Free
Rob Giesler
Michael Grogan
Jason Jobson
Heidi Juhart
Roger Mar
Stephen Mifsud
Judy Milosevic
Graham O'Brien
Stephen O'Donnell
David Otte
Mischelle Otte
Helen Ozols
Stephen Parkins
David Perry
Katrina Russell
Greg Sargeant
Robyn Smith
Peter Tutty
Wayne Thurlow
Steven Williams
Jill Woodruff
Kristy Zammit
Rodney Zammit

Golden Oldies

Robert Eager
Clive Kidson
Keith Mayhew
Viv Manwaring
George Milosevic
Terry Rose
Graham Sheargold
Raminder Singh

**Graham Sheargold
Registrar**

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2016

Once again, thank you to the President Wayne Thurlow, committee members and club members for their contribution to another busy year of athletics.

Special mention again to the Winter and Summer Competition Managers who have done a great job and give a lot of their time over the season.

Special mention also to Michael Christie and Lynette Clark for putting up the results from each week's summer meet.

Girraween members did the club proud with many trophies and medals for the 2015 Westmet competition.

GAC members are also often competing in park runs and other community events.

Brad Milosevic has continued his fine form in Marathon events with times that are up there with other Olympic contenders.

March 2016 has seen another successful 'Run for Jess' event organised by the Girraween club with fundraising going to Ward C5C at Westmead Hospital. Thanks again to Lynette Clark for her assistance in this.

The committee looks forward to seeing club members at the up and coming AGM.

Katrina Russell
Club Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income/Expense Comparison by Category - 2016

1/04/2014 through 31/03/2016 (in Australian Dollars)

27/04/2016

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Category Description	1/04/2014- 31/03/2015	1/04/2015- 31/03/2016	Amount Difference
INCOME			
Bank Interest	10.19	9.16	-1.03
Canteen Income	337.20	222.60	-114.60
Chocolate Drive	1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
Clothing Sale	398.00	227.00	-171.00
Employment-Employment Income			
Other Employment-Employment Income	300.00	0.00	-300.00
TOTAL Employment-Employment Income	300.00	0.00	-300.00
Ground fees	1,351.45	1,046.10	-305.35
Other Income-Royalties, share schemes	200.00	0.00	-200.00
Raffle	368.00	169.00	-199.00
Registration manual	285.00	0.00	-285.00
Regos ANSW online	7,008.85	1,611.70	-5,397.15
TOTAL INCOME	11,758.69	3,285.56	-8,473.13
EXPENSES			
Affiliation Fees	762.30	762.30	0.00
Business Expenses	300.67	526.80	-226.13
Canteen Expenses	168.60	0.00	168.60
Catering	150.00	62.22	87.78
Chocolate Drive Expenses	899.91	0.00	899.91
Dues-Dues and subscription	0.00	174.00	-174.00
Education-Education			
Other Education-Education	0.00	229.68	-229.68
TOTAL Education-Education	0.00	229.68	-229.68
Electricity	150.00	0.00	150.00
Equipment	112.00	642.66	-530.66
IMG Online Fee	67.36	70.96	-3.60
Park Trust Fees	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Registration Relays	418.00	1,033.00	-615.00
Rego ANSW Online	5,477.85	0.00	5,477.85
Trophies	2,044.95	304.35	1,740.60
Winter BBQ	24.86	23.00	1.86
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,076.50	5,328.97	6,747.53
OVERALL TOTAL	-317.81	-2,043.41	-1,725.60

I certify that this income and expenditure statement of Girraween Athletics Club Incorporated has been checked and is a true and fair representation of its financial transactions.

ASSETS:

Bank account	\$3,347.66
Plus 26 singlets @ \$33.35 each (unsold)	\$ 867.10
Plus 27 jackets @ \$33.50 each (unsold)	\$ 904.50
Plus 8 polo shirts @ \$21.70 each (unsold)	\$ 173.60
Plus 4 bags @ \$25.35 each (unsold)	\$ 101.40
Liabilities (None)	
NETT ASSETS	\$5,394.26

Accountant

Heidi Juhart
Treasurer

FUNDRAISING REPORT

This year the club did lack major fundraisers to earn the revenue in which the club requires to operate and grow successfully.

However we did have the following successful fundraisers to earn some income for the club.

\$227.00 Uniform sales profit throughout the year.

\$222.60 Summer Canteen sales profit over the Summer Competition.

\$169.00 Christmas Raffle earnings.

\$1 257.00 “Run 4 Jess” annual charity run event at Greystanes which raised money donated to the C5C Ward at Westmead Hospital. (A special thanks goes to Lynette Clark for all her work to organize this event.)

\$220.00 “Run 4 Jess” Barbeque also donated to the C5C Ward at Westmead Hospital.

\$180.00 “Jennifer’s Wish” Barbeque at Upjohn Park, Dundas donated to the C5C Ward at Westmead Hospital. (On the behalf of David Archbold from West Met.)

Finally the club and committee would like to sincerely and gratefully thank all persons involved for their generosity in giving their help, support and donations in making any fundraiser into a worthy and rewarding result.

Judy Milosevic and Erin Grogan.
The Fundraising Committee.

SUMMER COMPETITION REPORT

Girraween Athletics Club has once again enjoyed a highly successful Summer Competition. The 2015 / 2016 season enjoyed a good number of members competing at CV Kelly Park.

This season the weather was not as kind as the previous season that had a total of seven competition weeks missed.

Our competition hungry athletes continued to make the best of spare time competition days, utilising the “snake pit run” when normal competition was not available. The snake pit alternative event is a 2, 4 and 8 km run along the Gipps road bike path.

Our point scoring system is based on an athlete scoring points by competing (1 point), equalling a personal best (1.5 points) or achieving a personal best (2 points). The four best events each week are counted for each competitor and the points accumulated over the season. At the end of the season, the four lowest scoring weeks are subtracted from each athlete’s total. From this, the season’s Club Champion is determined as well as the age category winners and the champion visitor. Athletes need to have completed at least 50% of the competition days held during the season to be eligible for awards. Competition days consist of both grading weeks and all other weeks excluding modified weeks. In the event that a competition week is cancelled all athletes will have this week allocated as attended, however the competition week must be cancelled prior to any track or field event being held.

There were in excess of 4 weeks cancelled from the total of 20 which means a competitor is eligible for club champion and category winners if they competed in 6 or more events.

All competitors that are able to be considered for points competed in 7 or more events this year.

The summer 2011/2012 competition categories
Open (male and female)
Under 20 (male and female)
Senior (20 to 39 years male)
Senior (20 to 34 years female)
Masters (40 to 9 years + male)
Masters (35 to 49 years + female)
Masters Plus (50 to 59)
Golden Oldies (60 -69)
Veteran (70-79)
Visitors

There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd places available within each summer competition category, catering for men and women. From these placing’s, 1st, 2nd and 3rd summer champion awards are presented to the top three men and women. The highest award, Club Champion, is presented to the male or female who has scored the highest total of points for the summer season.

Summer Club Champion

The summer competition was a clear winner this year showing continual improvement all summer. It is usually a very tight competition with only 4 or so points separating first and second and third. Wayne Thurlow was the clear winner by 32 points at 122 points. When the worst four weeks were removed the gap stayed and the adjusted scores also remain unaffected.

Congratulations to **Wayne Thurlow** who is our 2015 / 2016 season’s **Club Champion**. This is Wayne’s sixth summer club champion award.

Wayne is a good competitor and was in fine athletic form this season

Summer Male and Female Champions

The men’s competition was won by **Wayne Thurlow** with 122 points. **Nathan Moffitt** accomplished an outstanding season gaining 2nd place on a creditable 90 points, with a tie for third another two fine athletes **Michael Grogan** and **Roger Mar**, gaining 3rd place on 76 points. Congratulations and well done.

The women's competition was won by **Jean Davis** with 73 points. A tie for the next place another two fine athletes **Jessica O'Brien** and **Helen Ozols**, gaining 2nd place with 67 points. As there was a tie for second there is no 3rd place this year. Jessica O'Brien deserves a noted mention though, with another year in the top three and so very close to the top position. Keep it up Jessica excellent work

All of these athletes not only had outstanding seasons on the field they also were fantastic assistance in setting up and packing up event equipment and managing the canteen. The club thanks you for these great efforts.

The following table displays the age category winners:

Under 20				
1st	Nathan Moffit	90	Jessica O'Brien	67
2nd	Daniel O'Donnell	62	Adriana Busic	52
3rd	Ben O'Donnell	50	Mikayla Ozols	46
Seniors				
1st				
2nd				
3rd				
Masters				
1st	Wayne Thurlow	122	Jean Davis	73
2nd	Michael Grogan	76	Helen Ozols	67
3rd	Claudio Corvalan	58		
Masters Plus				
1st	Roger Mar	76		
2nd	Stephen O'Donnell	69		
3rd	Michael Christie	44		
Golden Oldies				
1st	Raminder Singh	71	Lynette Clark	47
2nd				
3rd				

Summer Visitor Champion

With Girraween being one of the few clubs competing in track and field on Saturdays, many visitors compete in our competition. Visitors are defined as members from another club or younger athletes who don't qualify for dual membership. Congratulations to **Graham Ryan** who has gained first place again this year as **Champion Visitor**.

With our Summer Competition known as Girraween All comers, we attract regular visitors from other clubs and non dual athletes from Girraween Little Athletic and acknowledge the contribution from regular visiting athletes.

Congratulations to all members and visitors for your enthusiasm and dedication to athletics during the 2015 / 2016 Summer Competition.

Many thanks to all those who assisted in the collection and input of results every week and the organisation of competition weeks.

Detailed Summer Results

Club Competition Point Scores

Wayne Thurlow	122	Amelia Clark	19
Nathan Moffitt	90	Joe Farrugia	19
Michael Grogan	76	Katrina Russell	19
Roger Mar	76	Luke Jobson	18
Jean Davis	73	Michael Free	17
Raminder Singh	71	David Perry	16
Stephen O'Donnell	69	Jeremy Aggio	15
Graham Ryan	68	Jessie Wong	15
Helen Ozols	67	Kajanan Srisivaeas	15
Jessica O'Brien	67	Nikolas Grech	15
Daniel O'Donnell	62	Steve Clark	15
Claudio Corvalan	58	Vanessa Ozols	15
Adriana Busic	52	Gregory Sargeant	14
Ben O'Donnell	50	Lilliana Busic	13
Graham O'Brien	50	Emma Watkins	12
Ashleigh Farrugia	47	Ed Bratovic	11
Lynette Clark	47	Danny Martins	9
Mikayla Ozols	46	Heidi Juhart	8
Tayla Jobson	45	Keith Mayhew	7
Michael Christie	44	Lloyd Harney	6
Katherine Farrugia	43	Shania Cox	6
Brendon Neich	42	Tahlia O'Connell	6
Renata Busic	42	Graham Sheargold	4
Cristobal Corvalan	39	Caitlin Thurlow	3
Rob Giesler	39	Geoff Sheargold	3
Jason Jobson	38	Harine Somasundaram	3
Chloe Grogan	35	Harrison Frost	3
Dylan Nagle	34	Peter Byrne	3
Natasha Ozols	33	Rak Somasundaram	3
Aiden O'Brien	32	Shikorah Way	3
Teagan Neich	32	Brad Sharp	2
Matt Modini	27	Deborah Drennan	2
Liam O'Brien	25	Jill Woodruff	2
Jennifer Watkins	24	Stephen Mifsud	2
Laura Corvalan	24	Nick Watkins	1
Cristina Sotomayor	21		

Note Registered Members who did not compete in the summer competition are not listed in these point scores.

Stephen O'Donnell

Another season of summer athletics is done and dusted with a few changes at the end. It's good to have change and move forward. I really enjoyed this season. A big thank you to Wayne, Michael, Jason, Ed, Claudio, Lynette, Roger, Dave and Nathan for helping set up and pack up on a regular basis. It was a pleasurable season for me, see you all next year.

Michael Grogan

WINTER COMPETITION – 2015

The Winter Competition in 2015 had a total of 48 athletes turn out for the Girraween Senior Athletics Club competing in a large variety of different age categories and distances.

A huge ‘thank you’ goes out to Michael Christie, who always does a fantastic job of collecting the times for all the Girraween athletes as well as producing a weekly report outlining our athletes’ achievements. It is impossible to overestimate the amount of work Michael puts in each week seeking out, verifying and collating results and his work is certainly valued personally by me, and by all in the club. Thank you again Michael!

EXPLANATION OF THE WINTER CLUB COMPETITION POINT SCORE – 2015

The point score was based on participation in the various West Metropolitan Zone Events.

Competition for males and females was separate.

Athletes must have finished an event to score points in that event. To be eligible for a Club award, athletes must have completed at least 50% of the events on offer. Point scoring is determined as follows:

West Metropolitan Zone races:

The Short, Medium and Long distances are open to all age groups.

Athletes were included in the Short, Medium or Long distance category based on the distance they nominated at the commencement of the season.

Where an athlete failed to notify the Winter Competition Manager of a nomination the athlete was allocated a category at the managers’ discretion.

Points were awarded from the fastest finisher to the slowest i.e. first finisher gains maximum points (this year 30), second gained 29 points, third gained 28 points etc.

If athletes did not participate in their nominated event but participated in another event, they received half points for one event only based on the same point scoring criteria as above, e.g. if 3rd fastest time normally receives 28 points, they would receive 14 points.

Calculating Total Points

To allow those who miss the occasional run to still be competitive in the point score, the final score will be made of the competitor’s best 10 events of the season, meaning that if an athlete ran in all 14 West Metropolitan Zone races, their 4 lowest scoring races will be omitted from the final total.

WEST METROPOLITAN TROPHY WINNERS - 2015

The 2015 awards were presented at the West Metropolitan Series Presentation Day. A list of the Girraween Athletics Club members who received awards is below:

Short Distance			
Age Group	Place	Name	West Met Points
W U/10	2nd	Hayley Zammit	42
W30+	2nd	Cristina Sotomayor	78
W40+	1st	Jean Davies	106
W45+	1st	Robyn Smith	105
W60+	1st	Lynette Clark	106
M U/16	1st	Nathan Moffitt	78
M45+	1st	Wayne Thurlow	122
M45+	3rd	Ed Bratovic	105
M55+	1st	Greg Sargeant	126
M55+	3rd	Mark Milliss	96
M60+	1st	Terry Rose	100

Medium Distance			
Age Group	Place	Name	West Met Points
W20+	1st	Carly Eager	121
W45+	1st	Jill Woodruff	88
W60+	1st	Katrina Russell	108
M50+	1st	Michael Christie	98
M55+	3rd	Stephen Parkins	50

Long Distance			
Age Group	Place	Name	West Met Points
M20+	1st	Sergio Martinez	76
M40+	2nd	Claudio Corvalan	87
M45+	1st	Rodney Zammit	104
M60+	3rd	Robert Eager	87

Representative Awards

These awards will be awarded to athletes who choose to represent the club at ANSW sanctioned events plus the City to Surf. The more races entered the more points you will get. Points are based on your time scaled for your age against international standards (there is no first, second, third point scoring). This creates an even playing field for all athletes for all ages. An example would be if a 60 year old ran a 10km time of 40 minutes and a 20 year old ran a 10km time of 35 minutes the 60 year old would gain more points because of the age scaled scoring system.

The current representative races are:

1. Ramsgate - State Novice Championships 10km / or 10km Fun Run for those not eligible for Novice;
2. NSW Half Marathon Georges Hall;
3. Olympic Park - 10km Road Race;
4. West Dapto - Long Course Cross Country;
5. Dundas Rydalmere Upjohn Park - Short Course Cross Country;
6. Miranda (Cross Country Relays 4km);
7. Ourimbah (Road Relays 4km); and
8. City to Surf

Steve Clark
Winter Competition Manager
14th April 2015

Girraween Winter Club Championship Results 2015

Short Distance			
Age Group	Place	Name	Club Points
Female U/20	1st	Chloe Grogan	283
Female U/20	2nd	Hayley Zammit	281
Female U/20	3rd	Laura Corvalan	260
Female Master	1st	Jean Davis	289
Female Master	2nd	Robyn Smith	285
Female Master	3rd	Christina Sotomayor	180
Female GoldOld	1st	Lynette Clark	233
Male U/20	1st	Cristobal Corvalan	233
Male U/20	2nd	Daniel O'Donnell	228
Male U/20	3rd	Nathan Moffitt	224
Male Master	1st	Wayne Thurlow	300
Male Master	2nd	Ed Bratovic	293
Male Master +	1st	Gregory Sargent	276
Male Master +	2nd	Mark Milliss	247
Male Master +	3rd	Roger Mar	190
Male GoldOld	1st	Terry Rose	261

Medium Distance			
Age Group	Place	Name	Club Points
Female Senior	1st	Carly Eager	298
Female Master	1st	Jill Woodruff	259
Female Master +	1st	Katrina Russell	277
Male Master	1st	Michael Grogan	296
Male Master	2nd	Claudio Corvalan	174
Male Master +	1st	Michael Christie	283
Male Master +	2nd	Stephen Parkins	194.5
Male GoldOld	1st	Keith Mayhew	197

Long Distance			
Age Group	Place	Name	Club Points
Male Master	1st	Rod Zammit	286
Male Master +	1st	Stephen O'Donnell	264
Male GoldOld	1st	Robert Eager	293
Male GoldOld	2nd	Clive Kidson	246

2015 Short Distance Results

	WM1	WM2	WM3	WM4	WM5	WM6	WM7	WM8	WM9	WM10	WM11	WM12	WM13	WM14
Bratovic, Ed				0:08:13	0:08:45	0:07:28	0:08:17	0:08:05	0:08:03	0:08:10	0:08:03	0:10:40	0:07:41	0:10:29
Busic, Renata			0:11:01											
Clark, Lynette	0:14:51		0:14:14	0:13:32		0:12:58	0:14:28	0:14:20		0:14:39		0:19:20		0:18:59
Clark, Stephen				0:08:02						0:08:56	0:08:50		0:08:07	
Corualan, Cristobal	0:09:41		0:09:20	0:09:19	0:10:08	0:12:41	0:10:19		0:09:28			0:12:30		0:13:14
Corualan, Laura	0:14:33		0:14:57	0:13:56	0:13:56	0:12:39	0:15:20	0:14:31	0:14:19			0:18:51	0:13:25	
Corvalan, Claudio				0:14:02			0:15:22	0:14:32	0:14:20			0:12:31	0:08:50	0:13:15
Davis, Jean	0:10:30			0:09:47	0:11:09	0:12:16		0:10:21	0:13:25		0:10:57	0:13:59	0:10:16	0:14:21
Etherington, Adam									0:09:03					
Free, Andrew	0:12:29	0:10:38		0:10:39		0:10:38								
Grogan, Chloe	0:13:18	0:11:14	0:12:50	0:12:20	0:13:30	0:12:54	0:14:12	0:13:05	0:13:54	0:13:22	0:12:48	0:15:48	0:11:24	0:16:40
Grogan, Michael	0:13:19	0:11:16	0:13:21	0:12:21	0:13:33	0:12:55	0:14:13	0:13:06	0:13:55	0:13:23	0:12:49	0:15:49	0:11:25	0:16:41
Juhart, Heidi						0:10:02		0:10:28		0:10:58	0:10:34		0:10:04	
Mar, Roger	0:12:01		0:12:49			0:10:59		0:12:36		0:12:32		0:15:50	0:11:51	0:16:37
Martinez, Sergio								0:14:34	0:14:01					0:13:16
Matthews, Peter				0:07:56										
Mayhew, Keith					0:12:32	0:10:31	0:11:42		0:11:39	0:12:07	0:12:03	0:18:37	0:10:49	
Milliss, Mark			0:10:27	0:10:10		0:09:17	0:10:47	0:10:17	0:10:52	0:10:49	0:10:27	0:14:00	0:09:50	0:13:25
Milliss, Rowena	0:10:40													
Moffitt, Nathan	0:08:13		0:08:46	0:08:35	0:09:19	0:08:09			0:09:04		0:09:20		0:08:48	
O'Donnell, Ben	0:12:16			0:12:40		0:12:14		0:13:22	0:13:24		0:13:06	0:17:02	0:12:35	0:17:43
O'Donnell, Daniel	0:10:40			0:09:43	0:10:42			0:09:49	0:09:44		0:09:45	0:12:50	0:09:13	0:13:18
O'Donnell, Stephen	0:12:17			0:12:44				0:13:23	0:09:38		0:12:15	0:16:43	0:11:50	0:13:26
Parkins, Stephen	0:08:13													
Perry, David											0:10:28	0:14:03	0:09:36	0:12:55
Rose, Terry	0:10:17	0:08:44	0:09:50		0:09:58	0:08:40	0:09:57	0:09:36	0:09:32		0:10:16		0:10:21	
Russell, Katrina			0:12:25	0:11:51				0:12:02		0:11:59	0:11:23	0:15:02	0:10:55	
Sargeant, Gregory			0:09:21	0:09:07	0:09:47	0:08:32	0:09:32	0:09:00	0:09:07	0:09:20	0:09:13	0:12:02	0:08:52	0:12:21
Smith, Robyn	0:09:48		0:09:21	0:09:21		0:08:51		0:09:14	0:09:25	0:09:41	0:09:14			0:12:11
Sotomayor, Christina			0:15:29	0:13:57	0:13:57		0:15:21		0:13:59			0:18:52	0:13:26	
Thurlow, Wayne	0:07:56	0:07:14	0:07:31	0:07:24	0:07:51	0:06:52	0:07:45	0:07:29	0:07:42	0:07:35				0:10:25
Zammit, Hayley	0:12:35	0:11:32	0:13:40		0:13:05	0:12:15	0:13:51	0:13:12				0:15:22	0:11:15	0:17:48
Zammit, Kristy				0:16:49		0:15:14	0:16:45	0:15:37				0:22:43		
Zammit, Rod	0:14:47	0:13:58			0:14:50									0:18:48
Zammit, Zac	0:14:46	0:13:56	0:15:38	0:14:31	0:14:48	0:12:53		0:15:35				0:19:56	0:14:21	0:18:45

2015 Medium Distance Results

	WM1	WM2	WM3	WM4	WM5	WM6	WM7	WM8	WM9	WM10	WM11	WM12	WM13	WM14
Grogan, Michael	0:20:51	0:18:53	0:20:13	0:20:11	0:27:06	0:19:51	0:22:19	0:22:27	0:20:49	0:22:28	0:21:42	0:27:40	0:21:02	0:21:02
Russell, Katrina	0:25:35		0:24:10	0:23:06		0:23:27		0:23:40	0:24:25	0:24:45	0:23:45	0:30:58	0:23:08	0:23:08
Eager, Carly	0:22:35	0:19:29	0:22:32		0:27:37	0:21:06	0:21:47	0:21:58	0:21:14	0:20:27		0:27:25	0:20:02	0:20:02
Christie, Michael	0:23:56	0:21:19		0:22:20	0:33:23	0:22:11			0:24:41		0:25:40	0:33:32	0:24:38	0:24:38
Mar, Roger	0:26:11		0:25:42			0:26:55		0:27:59		0:27:44		0:35:28	0:27:09	0:27:09
Bratovic, Ed				0:18:53	0:23:24	0:17:25	0:18:24	0:18:09	0:18:04	0:18:10	0:17:31	0:23:11	0:17:07	0:17:07
Woodruff, Jill	0:22:56	0:19:50	0:21:50	0:21:21	0:28:52	0:21:31					0:22:54		0:21:50	0:21:50
Sargeant, Gregory			0:22:44	0:23:17	0:27:24	0:21:18		0:22:44	0:21:39		0:22:12	0:28:47		
Sotomayor, Christina			0:21:25	0:20:36	0:27:39		0:22:23		0:22:16			0:28:51	0:20:44	0:20:44
Perry, David						0:22:01		0:22:31	0:21:25		0:21:21	0:27:47	0:19:25	0:19:25
Thurlow, Wayne	0:17:19	0:15:03	0:16:28	0:16:08	0:20:49		0:16:40	0:16:59	0:16:24	0:17:09				
Davis, Jean	0:25:04			0:23:26		0:22:03		0:23:17					0:22:39	0:22:39
Parkins, Stephen			0:19:41					0:18:50		0:19:50	0:18:44	0:24:49	0:18:08	0:18:08
Mayhew, Keith	0:24:49		0:24:03	0:22:53				0:23:16		0:30:08				
Busic, Adriana	0:23:42		0:19:21	0:19:44		0:18:29	0:19:56							
Busic, Renata	0:25:03			0:24:14		0:23:23	0:24:56							
Sheargold, Graham							0:21:26	0:20:00					0:19:33	0:19:33
Williams, Steve					0:26:52		0:23:00	0:20:27						
Corvalan, Claudio												0:27:52	0:20:50	0:20:50
O'Donnell, Stephen	0:23:36			0:23:12				0:21:18						
Mantarro, Nicole	0:19:36									0:20:23	0:19:03			
Smith, Robyn						0:16:18							0:19:44	0:19:44
Juhart, Heidi	0:24:37			0:22:19										
Moffitt, Nathan				0:22:55		0:21:35								
Sheargold, Geoff								0:14:30					0:14:15	0:14:15
Kidson, Clive												0:24:14		
Clark, Stephen				0:19:26										
Tutty, Peter		0:17:41												

2015 Long Distance Results

	WM1	WM2	WM3	WM4	WM5	WM6	WM7	WM8	WM9	WM10	WM11	WM12	WM13	WM14
Eager, Robert		0:44:30	1:01:52		1:02:45	0:45:26		0:46:58		0:50:23		0:45:34	0:45:03	0:47:53
Zammit, Rod	0:41:23	0:35:47	0:39:31	0:39:31	0:50:31	0:37:09	0:38:52	0:37:50				0:37:26	0:36:35	
Thurlow, Wayne	0:38:44	0:33:24	0:35:26	0:35:01	0:44:43	0:36:12	0:36:42	0:36:23	0:35:42	0:35:16				
O'Donnell, Stephen	0:49:52			0:47:45				0:50:48			0:47:10	0:42:13	0:42:58	0:46:51
Corvalan, Claudio			0:42:36	0:41:53		0:42:26	0:43:52	0:45:07		0:44:28	0:42:21			
Kidson, Clive	0:42:08				0:49:44			0:39:09	0:39:34	0:39:17	0:38:04		0:37:04	
Martinez, Sergio			0:40:25	0:39:04			0:42:24	0:40:17	0:41:41	0:41:29	0:39:40			
Parkins, Stephen			0:43:01					0:43:24		0:43:24	0:40:51	0:41:35	0:42:25	
Free, Michael	0:47:43		0:45:11		0:58:35	0:42:33								0:43:02
Martins, Danny				0:36:08					0:42:59	0:43:47	0:38:19		0:37:53	
Grant, Lisa			0:36:38						0:37:07	0:37:59		0:35:07		
Sargeant, Gregory						0:44:54				0:44:20				
Sheargold, Graham									0:43:04	0:43:26				
Bratovic, Ed									0:37:25		0:36:53			
Sheargold, Geoff				0:28:52			0:31:40							
Tutty, Peter		0:37:49												

Girraween Representative Results 2015

Male winner: Brad Milosevic – 421 Points

Male 2nd place: Nic Hanna – 271 Points

Male 3rd place: Ed Bratovic – 237 Points

Female winner: Lisa Grant – 331 Points

Female 2nd place: Carly Eager – 276 Points

Female 3rd place: Robyn Smith – 185 Points

Girraween Athletics Club Publicity Report 2015-2016

This year's publicity report covers the period April 2015 through to March 2016. I have endeavoured over the last twelve months to keep a record of our athlete's achievements within this timeframe. This report is essentially a summation of their achievements within this period.

The 2015 West Metropolitan cross-country season was a successful one for Girraween's athletes. The number of participants was slightly down from 2014. Approximately on average, thirty-seven Girraween athletes competed each Saturday afternoon with a highest number of fifty-six competing at Rydalmere early in the season. Once the West Metropolitan awards were handed out in September, twenty athletes from Girraween won awards across various age categories, in the short, medium and long distance runs. This was only three less than 2014. The majority, ten were gained in the short event. This was a fine achievement as many of the categories were very even.

A number of Girraween athletes also competed in the Sydney Marathon Clinic series of races held at Greystanes over the 2014/2015 season which concluded in June 2015. Held from October through to June this Sydney running institution continues to attract a healthy number of runners who compete over the 5km, 10km and 21/30km distances. The Girraween athletes who compete regularly at Greystanes are always keen for more of their club mates to join them. This season, Michael Grogan, Michael Christie, Rod Zammit, Terry Rose, Geoff Sheargold and Carol Adams were successful in picking up awards in various categories. As well, Carol Adams was also named as the Club Marathon Champion and the Ultra Marathon Champion in the female category, a tremendous achievement by Carol. This series continues to be popular within the Sydney running community.

The winter of 2015 also saw a good number of our athletes at Athletics NSW events. Girraween athletes were spotted at such events as the NSW State Road Championships at Homebush, the NSW Cross Country Relays at Miranda, the NSW Cross Country Championships at West Dapto, the NSW Road Relays at Ourimbah, the NSW Short Course Cross Country at Dundas and the State Half Marathon Championships at Homebush. While in 2015 there were no team medals, there were great individual performances from Brad Milosevic who picked silver medals in the NSW Cross Country at West Dapto and the Short Course Cross Country at Dundas in the midst of stellar season by him. It was encouraging to see the number of Girraween athletes competing at these events, particularly the relays where once again the Girraween philosophy of giving everyone a run who wanted to run was to the fore.

Winter 2015 also saw many Girraween athletes compete in many fun runs and other events outside the scope of West Metropolitan and ANSW sanctioned events. Events such as the Australian Masters Athletics Championships, Parkrun (various locations), Sri Chinmoy (various locations), Mother's Day Classic, SMH Half Marathon, North Face 100, Festival of the Feet, Gold Coast Qld Athletics Permit Meet, Sydney Striders 10km, Throwers Club of NSW Permit meet, Sutherland 2 Surf, Westlink M7 Blacktown Running Festival, Bay Run, Sun Herald City to Surf, ACT High Noon Series AIS, World Masters Athletics Championships, Lyon, France, Sydney Half and NSW Half Marathon Championships, Australian National Cross Country Championships, Parkinsons Unity Fun Run, Sunshine Coast Marathon and Community Running Festival and Shepparton Marathon. This is an exhausting list demonstrating yet again the amazing versatility of our members and friends all year round.

With the onset of the warmer weather, Girraween's summer afternoon track and field season ran from September 2015 through to March 2016 on Saturday's at CV Kelly Park Girraween. While the surface when dry was in good condition, there was a deal of rain in January/February which led to a number of meets having to be cancelled. There are major drainage issues that need to be addressed and this will take time. These meets as a rule are generally well supported although numbers were down on previous years particularly in the latter part of the season. Having said that, the competition continues to be an important ground for Girraween's athletes of all levels wanting to improve their skills and try out new events in a friendly and competitive environment. It is to be hoped that more athletes are able to take advantage of this competition in coming seasons.

In November 2015, the annual ANSW Track and Field Relays were held at Blacktown International Sports Park at Rooty Hill. Girraween entered nine teams across the weekend and whilst there were no medals on this occasion, most of the teams were very competitive and in some cases were not far off a medal. It was a wet weekend, particularly on the Saturday, but all Girraween's teams did not let this dampen their enthusiasm. All members enjoyed the opportunity to compete at such a great facility.

The summer of 2015/2016 also saw Girraween athletes compete at a number of ANSW Inter-Club and Permit meets. Our junior and senior athletes did a fine job representing their club at a number of venues in conditions that were often very challenging. Teagan Neich, Brendon Neich, Raminder Singh, Rob Giesler, Nathan Moffitt, Nicholas Hanna, Taylor Doyle, Claudio Corvalan, Cristina Sotomayor, Michael Grogan and Brad Milosevic all did a superb job representing Girraween across the summer months.

Throughout the 2015/2016 summer season, Girraween athletes competed in a large number of other events such as Parkrun (various locations), SIDS Stampede Windsor, Blackmores Sydney Running Festival, SMC Greystanes, Western Sydney Marathon Penrith Lakes, Australian Masters Games Adelaide, Fernleigh 15, Medibank Melbourne Marathon, Triathlon Pink, Southland Marathon Invercargill New Zealand, IPC World Athletics Championships Doha, Qatar, Logan Running Festival Qld, Noosa Bolt, Sun-Herald Summer Starter Homebush, TCS New York Marathon, Zurrieq 10km Zurrieq Malta, Carcoar Cup Running Festival, Ryde Rollercoaster, Sunday Age City 2 Sea Melbourne, Belle Property Balmain Fun Run, Australian All Schools Championships Melbourne, Albie Thomas Night of Miles, Illawarra Track Classic, Knapsack Lap Race Glenbrook, NSW Junior and Youth Championships Homebush, SMH Sun Run, NSW Masters Championships Homebush, Dawn to Dusk Caboolture Marathon Qld, Wangaratta Marathon Vic, Vodafone Malta Half Marathon, Australian Junior Athletics Championships Perth, Six Foot Track, Sri Chinmoy (various locations), Old Mutual Two Oceans Ultra Marathon Cape Town South Africa, Australia 3 Days Orienteering Festival ACT. As you can see our athletes do not stop for summer, they keep on going.

Over the previous twelve months there have been many highlights from our athletes who have represented Girraween. All our athletes gave their best when representing Girraween and this is what counts. There were a number of stand-out performances.

After Brad Milosevic's breakout season in the previous twelve months, it would have been hard to top, yet during the 2015/2016 period he has done so. Here is a summation of his major achievements during this time: 2nd NSW Cross Country West Dapto, 2nd NSW Short Course Cross Country Dundas, 1st Sun Herald City to Surf, 1st Medibank Melbourne Marathon (with an Australian Olympic Games Qualifier here), 1st NSW Men's 10,000m Championships. This once again is extraordinary and if possible when all is said and done outstripped his previous twelve months. Brad continues to be a wonderful representative for his sport and for Girraween Athletics.

Taylor Doyle after setting a new Australian record in the F38 category in the Long Jump, one that had stood for almost twenty years, was selected for Australia for her second IPC World Athletics Championships, which were held at Doha, Qatar in October 2015 and made the finals in her 100m and Long Jump events where she was not far off the medals. This was a remarkable achievement by Taylor, as she continues her amazing athletic career.

Brendon Neich continued his rise to prominence in his chosen discipline, the Hammer Throw and again performed wonderfully well at the highest level, with a 3rd in the Australian All Schools Championships in Melbourne, a 1st in the NSW Junior Championships at Homebush and a 2nd at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships at Perth. His consistency at this level is extraordinary and he is developing into one of the top junior Hammer Throwers in the country.

In conclusion, it's been another remarkable twelve months. Our athletes continue to amaze us all with their versatility across a wide range of events and their willingness to give events a go well outside their comfort zone. Long may this continue.

Michael Christie
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