

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

### **Annual General Meeting & Conference – 18 & 19 July 2015**

#### **'Back to Basics with the 3Rs'**

Little Athletics NSW would like to remind centres this next year's conference will be held in Wagga Wagga on the weekend of 17-19 July. We encourage all centres to send delegates/observers as representatives to attend this engaging and informative weekend with the Little Athletics NSW staff, directors and other LANSW centre representatives.

By attending, delegates will have the opportunity to:

- Listen and learn about what is happening in the world of Little Athletics and how other centres operate in the state.
- Find out more about how and why things are done or why they are not.
- Engage with selected presenters applying their knowledge to Little Athletics settings.
- Attend workshops, feedback sessions, forums and networking sessions.
- Share ideas and opinions about matters which may benefit their centre and/or the individual personally.
- Meet and socialise with many other people involved in Little Athletics with excellent opportunities to make new friends/contacts within the organisation.

Our theme for the Annual Conference 2015 is "Back to Basics with the 3R's, which will highlight the core foundations of any organisation's success – Recruitment, Retention and Recognition. Click [here](#) to download a full copy of the Conference Flyer, which includes the agenda and workshop topics for the weekend. Little Athletics members have been offered a special discounted rate at the International Hotel Wagga Wagga, where the Annual Conference and Awards Presentation Dinner 2015 will be hosted, which is detailed in the conference flyer.

To register for the conference, download a copy of the Conference Attendance form [here](#).

### **Call for Notices of Motion and Discussion Items**

Centres are hereby invited to submit Notices of Motion and Discussion Items for the LANSW 2015 Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held in Wagga Wagga on 18 & 19 July 2015.

Notices of Motion and Discussion Items are to be approved by the executive of the centre submitting the item. Each item is to contain an explanation as to the reasons behind the submission of the item.

Proposed Notices of Motion and Discussion Items are to be received at the LANSW office by **Thursday, 28 May 2015**. Click [here](#) to view memos outlining full submission requirements.

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### **Nominations for the LANSW Board of Management & Returning Officer**

Nominations are being sought for the following positions on the LANSW Board of Management, which will be declared vacant at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

- i) President
- ii) Business Development Director
- iii) Officials Director
- iv) Business Assurance Director

Nominations are also called for the position of returning officer.

Nominations must be in writing; must specify which Director position they are nominating for; address the requirements set out in the position description; be signed by an authorised representative of two (2) members of a committee of a Little Athletics centre; and certified by the nominee expressing their willingness to accept the position for which they are nominated.

Nominations and resume are to be received at the LANSW office by **Thursday, 28 May 2015** and must be addressed to the Returning Officer.

Click [here](#) for further information and position descriptions.

### **Annual Reporting**

A friendly reminder that the appropriate financial and annual reporting data needs to be sent to LANSW, as well as NSW Fair Trading, promptly following Annual General Meetings. Click [here](#) for memos relating to the submission of these reports and a copy of the Annual Summary of Financial Affairs form.

### **Registrations**

Currently our registrations for the 2014/2015 season are 37, 239.

We need registrations to be finalised for the summer competition centres. Any unused registration numbers should have been returned to the LANSW office. If your centre has not returned final registrations and unused numbers, please do so as a matter of urgency.

### **Gala Day Dates for Calendar of Events**

A reminder that LANSW will again be producing a calendar for the 2015-2016 season. The calendar will outline dates for gala days, championship events, camps, coaching courses, etc. A sufficient quantity of this calendar will be supplied to all centres for distribution to families at the time of registration. In order to include as many events as possible, centres and zones are requested to provide information regarding local activities, gala days, etc.

To allow time for compilation and printing of the calendar, all information must be received at the LANSW office no later than **Friday, 1 May 2015**. Click [here](#) to access the form for submission of dates.

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A reminder that if you want your centre gala day included in the printed LANSW calendar, details must be received by Friday, 1 May 2015.

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## Volunteer of the Year

Does your centre have someone who fulfils the criteria for Volunteer of the Year? If so, please put forward a nomination to Little Athletics NSW for the 2014/2015 LANSW Volunteer of the Year. Nominations must be made by a Little Athletics centre and passed by the executive of that centre. To be eligible for the award, volunteers must:

- be a member of a Little Athletics centre (e.g. committee member, financial member or parent)
- have been undertaking a role within the Little Athletics centre for at least five years
- not have received any financial gain from their involvement with Little Athletics

Nominations for this year's award close on **Friday, 22 May 2015**. The Volunteer of the Year award will be presented at Little Athletics NSW Annual Conference, which will be held in Wagga Wagga on 18 & 19 July 2015. Nominations can be made by downloading and completing a copy of the nomination form, [here](#).

## McDonalds Grants

The 4 final winners have been announced for this seasons Maccas Grants. A huge congratulations to Albion Park, Griffith, Newcastle City and Old Bar!

A total of 10 centres have received \$1000 from McDonalds to go towards upgrading their equipment. Those centres are; Albion Park, Blayney, Griffith, Maitland, Newcastle City, North Rocks Carlingford, Old Bar, Port Macquarie and Parkes. Thank you to McDonalds for their continued support.

## Central Tablelands Zone Coordinator

We are pleased to advise that Michael Gray from the Orange LAC has been endorsed to fill the casual vacancy of Central Tablelands Zone Coordinator. Thank you Michael for your ongoing commitment to the zone.

## Jetstar Little Athletics Centre Logos

A friendly reminder that no centre currently has approval to use the LANSW logo. We have noticed however on various social media sites, centre websites and centre documents, that the LANSW logo is still being used by some centres. We ask that these be removed immediately! Rather than offering approval for use of the new LANSW logo, we are continuing to offer centres their own Jetstar centre logo (example above). A logo such as this is available for all centres! If you would like to have a Jetstar Little Athletics logo created for your centre, please email a request to [cgrills@lansw.com.au](mailto:cgrills@lansw.com.au).



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A reminder that nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award close on Friday, 22 May 2015.

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## CHAMPIONSHIPS & OFFICIALS



### State Cross Country & Road Walk Championships

Make sure you remind your members that this year the State Cross Country and Road Walks are being held at Scheyville National Park, Scheyville (the same venue as 2013) and hosted by Kurrajong/Bilpin Little Athletics. The online entry login will be available soon, so keep looking at our website and don't forget to enter. Entry is only via online and will be \$10 per athlete. Entries close on Wednesday, 17 June. We will also accept late entries up until close of business on 24 June (at an increased cost of \$25).

### Jetstar Trans Tasman Tour - 2016

The Jetstar Trans Tasman Tour is for any athlete in the U11 and U12 age groups (in 2015/2016). The dates for the Jetstar Trans Tasman Tour to New Zealand in 2016 are Thursday, 7 January through to Tuesday, 19 January, with The Challenge on Sunday, 17 January. As previously advised there will be no selection trials for the 2016 Trans Tasman Tour, instead, all athletes must provide times and distances (that can be confirmed/ verified) for each of their nominated events. Online entry for this event will be made available early in the new season.

The Trans Tasman selectors will then select the team and reserves based upon these performances. There will however still be a uniform fitting day on 1 November 2015 at the Holroyd Little Athletics Centre club rooms.

### Sydney 10 – Little Athletics NSW 2.5km Run

A reminder that the early bird rate for the Sydney 10 on 2 May, ends at 5pm on Friday 17 April.

The Sydney 10 day includes the Herbalife 10km event which doubles as the Australian Road Titles; The Greater 5km fun run, and the Little Athletics NSW 2.5km run for children and families. Each of the fun runs will start from Dawn Fraser Avenue and finish at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre via the tunnel used in the 2000 Olympics. Participants will see their results on the big screen as they finish.

The Little Athletics NSW 2.5km run is a perfect opportunity for mums and dads to join their kids in a fun, supportive family event, so we are asking centres to help us promote it. Entries are now open at [www.sydneyten.com.au](http://www.sydneyten.com.au).

### Officials

There are 2 types of officials required, as follows: -

#### 1. LANSW Official

These are suitably accredited and/or experienced officials who available to officiate at all or at least the majority of the championship events. These officials are nominated by zone coordinators, other LANSW officials or can self-nominate. The nominations are considered by the officials director with assistance from the officials selection panel. The 2015/2016 Officials nomination form will be posted on the website in late July.

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### 2. Carnival Official

These are suitably accredited and/or experienced officials who available to officiate at specific championship events only. This has to be a minimum of a ½ day at the carnival although at least one day is preferred. These officials are nominated by zone coordinators, other LANSW officials or can self-nominate. The nominations are considered by the officials director with assistance from the officials selection panel. Please click [here](#) to view the Carnival Officials Nomination Form.

Please contact Diane Levy ([dlevy@lansw.com.au](mailto:dlevy@lansw.com.au)) if you require more information on becoming a LANSW Official, or you know of someone interested in joining the Little Athletics NSW officials list.

## DEVELOPMENT



### Desire to Inspire: School Visit Program

#### Be a part of it... Don't miss out!

The 2015 "Desire to Inspire" School Visits Program registration is now available. This has proven to be a very successful, mass promotion program. As the name suggests, the aims of the visits is to inspire kids to get involved and be active through Little Athletics by:

- Generating children's interest and educating them about the benefits of Little Athletics.
- Motivating children to register with their local centre.
- Increasing the profile of Little Athletics within the wider community.
- Creating a link between local centres and schools.

Centres and schools have described the program as:

- "Great emphasis on being your best not the best"
- "Informative – very practical demonstrations"
- "A wonderful mix of listening, humour and active participation"

This program is open to all centres and is generally conducted in term 3. Last year, LANSW saw over 35,000 school students state-wide. The best thing about the program is it's FREE, there is no financial cost to the centre at all. A copy of the information and request forms will be emailed to all centre secretaries, presidents and zone coordinators.

To register for school visit, click [here](#)!

### A Call for "Run Jump Throw clinics" Host Centres

Each year Little Athletics NSW conducts a number of skills clinics throughout NSW. Clinics are organised by Little Athletics NSW Coaching and Development staff and centres become the host venue. Most clinics are conducted during (but not limited to) the school holidays. This is a great opportunity to increase the skills of your athletes, promote your centre, use this as a "come 'n' try" for non-registered athletes and also provide a general community service from a community sport. There is generally no cost to the centre, and centres can benefit from funds generated from the canteen.

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If your centre is interested or for more information, please contact Alvin Umadhay at the Little Athletics office.

### Winter Teen Athletics (May - July 2015)

Winter Teen Athletics will kick off on Friday, 1 May 2015 and will take place at Barton Park, Parramatta every third Friday evening across the winter months (May - July). Little Athletics NSW and Athletics NSW members registered in the U12- U18 age groups for the 2014-2015 season are encouraged to take part.

The events that will be covered over these evening sessions are shot-put, discus, javelin, long jump, triple jump, sprints and middle distance. The sessions are scheduled between 6.30pm-8.30pm, and the BBQ and canteen will be open each night. Each athlete is required to pay \$2 to register on the evenings that they choose to attend, and athletes are instructed to attend in their centre/club uniform. Each car load of athletes is expected to provide at least one parent helper to ensure the night runs efficiently.

Dates:

1 May 2015  
22 May 2015  
12 June 2015  
3 July 2015  
24 July 2015

For further information, please go to [www.plac.org.au](http://www.plac.org.au) where you can find the contact details for this event series.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



### April 2015

26th Australian Little Athletics Championships - WA Athletics Stadium

### May 2015

1st Winter Teen Athletics - Parramatta  
2nd Sydney 10 - Sydney Olympic Park  
22nd Winter Teen Athletics - Parramatta  
30th-31st Zone Coordinators Workshop - Parramatta RSL

### June 2015

12th Winter Teen Athletics - Parramatta  
17th Closing date: State Cross Country & Road Walks

### July 2015

3rd Winter Teen Athletics - Parramatta  
5th State Cross Country & Road Walks - Scheyville National Park  
18th-19th AGM & Annual Conferene - Wagga Wagga  
24th Winter Teen Athletics - Parramatta