



'Athletics leader in Sydney's Northern Suburbs & Northern Beaches Areas'

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017-18

1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018

To the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club Community: athletes, coaches, officials, committee, partner organisations and supporters - thank you! Well done to everyone for very enjoyable, diverse and successful 2017-18 winter and summer seasons that concluded on 31 March 2018.

Thank you very much to the Club Committee that has put in many hours of voluntary time.

The Sydney Pacific Athletic Club continues to grow in numbers, stature and diversity. **Highlights of the Club and its 2017-18 Athletics Season** include:

1. **Club Culture:** New and ongoing camaraderie and friendships
2. **Relationships, Partnerships and Support:** Strong with organisation including Athletics NSW, the NSW Office of Sport, Manly-Warringah Little Athletics Centre and Ku ring gai Council (re Turramurra Oval hire) - a credit to Committee Members, Coaches and Athletes
3. **Finances:** The Club's finances are very sound given the club's requirements. There are non-traditional ways of generating income for the Club noting the change by ANSW in 2016 to the registration of Dual Athletes which has impacted negatively on Sydney Pacific's income stream
4. **Narrabeen T&F Facility Upgrade:**
 - Track upgrade completed in April 2018
 - Great support from Jason Falinski Federal MP for Mackellar, from the NSW Office of Sport and from Manly Warringah Little Athletics
 - Awareness of the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation (NSW State Government owned and managed) to the new Northern Beaches Council in its review of longer term sporting facility requirements by the wider Northern Beaches community
5. **Membership:**
 - The Club's membership base (athletes, coaches and officials) continued to grow with 270 members (118 Fee Paying)
 - Of the 270 members:
 - Dual 56%
 - U20 19%
 - Masters 17%
 - Open 6%
 - Other 2%

6. **Training Locations and Coaches:** Training with Sydney Pacific Coaches at many locations across a wide range of T&F events and cross country running:
- Track & Field facility, Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation Narrabeen, the principal Sydney Pacific Athletic Club training location
 - Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah
 - Turramurra Oval, Turramurra
 - Northern beaches and associated sand hills
7. **Team and Athletes' Performances:** Many outstanding team and individual PB performances including 27 Club Records occurred during the 2017/18 season including:
- Peter Crombie, Sydney Pacific Club Life Member receiving an OAM in 2018
 - Australian Representatives 2017/18
 - 2017 Oceania Area Championships 2017: Rosie Craker (U18 - Sprints) and Tayanita Robertson (U16 - Sprints)
 - 2018 Melanesian Regional Championships: Matthew Tilley (High Jump)
 - 2018 IAAF World Junior Championships: Cameron McEntyre (Javelin)
 - Growth in Cross Country athlete numbers and focus
 - Sydney Pacific Teams winning 15 medals (7 Silver, 8 Bronze) at the 2017 NSW State Relay Championships
 - Sydney Pacific finishing 5th overall in the 2017/18 Treloar Shield out of more than 50 competing clubs
 - Sydney Pacific Juniors winning 15 medals (7 Gold, 5 Silver, 3 Bronze) at the 2018 NSW Junior and Youth Championships and 11 Medals (1 Gold, 6 Silver, 4 Bronze) at the 2018 Australian Championships
 - Sydney Pacific Opens winning 3 medals (2 Gold, 1 Bronze) at the 2018 NSW Opens Championships
 - Sydney Pacific Masters' winning 37 medals (22 Gold, 7 Silver, 8 Bronze) at the 2018 NSW Masters' Championships
8. **The focus and opportunities** for the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club in the coming years will include:
1. Continuing camaraderie, friendship and enjoyment
 2. Ensuring the Club's financial sustainability
 3. Continuing to grow and develop the Club's membership: competing and non-competing Athletes, and Coaches and Officials
 4. Continuing to maintain mutually beneficial partnerships with Athletics NSW, Little Athletics NSW and other relevant community focussed groups
 5. Further exploring the scope of competition and event offerings to members and to the wider athletics community including X-Country and Fun Runs on the northern suburbs beaches and a Winter T&F Series and X-Country
 6. Using relevant social media tools for communication, for awareness-raising and for engagement with the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club
9. **OneSport:** There could be one 'North Sydney Athletics Club' encompassing Little Athletes, Junior Athletes, Opens Athletes and Masters' Athletes with the Narrabeen T&F Facility as the main training venue and other Northern Sydney training facilities /grounds as required

Thank you very much for your ongoing contributions to, participation in and support of the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club.

Robert McEntyre
Sydney Pacific Athletic Club President, 2017-18