



**Little  
Athletics**  
Western Australia

*Championship Edition*

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## STATE CHAMPS

The 2012/13 summer season came to a great end with our McDonalds State Track & Field Championships on Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th March.

1722 Little Athletes were registered to compete and it was fantastic to see most of our metro and country centres coming together. Once again, it was fabulous to welcome international teams from Singapore and Malaysia.

Our traditional centre March Past took place on Saturday and there was an opportunity to acknowledge those who have contributed to Little Athletics through the service and merit awards. A cheque in excess of \$22,000 from WALA was presented to Ian de Nazareth (Head of Fundraising, PMH Foundation) as a result of our 'Kids Helping Kids' centre wide fundraising day in November 2012.

It was great having Rod Sinclair from our sponsors McDonalds, staff from United Community and Mr Sean L'Estrange MLA (newly elected Liberal member for Churchlands) present as well.

On day two, our outstanding and committed athletes were all recognised. The Doug Hancy award is for a male and female U15 athlete who demonstrates sportsmanship, courage, maintains effort, honesty, friendliness and a willingness to help out wherever possible. This is a special award because the late Doug Hancy formalised our State Championships in WA and has attended every one since. This was the first year without his presence so it was fitting for his family members to present Luke Turner of Peel LAC and Brenda McDonald of Gosnells LAC with the award. Summer Walters from Cockburn LAC was awarded Athlete of the Meet.

Thank you to all officials, helpers, participants and attendees for being part of a great State Championships.

To our departing U17 athletes, we hope you keep enjoying your athletics and take away with you many great lessons, friendships and memories.

We hope to see every Little Athlete again for Winters or our next Summer Season.

**Our official photographers, Aussies in Action, now have all of the photos available to view and purchase at [aussiesinaction.com.au](http://aussiesinaction.com.au) an early 10% discount will apply for 10 days.**



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## ZONES

West Australian Little Athletes competed in their respective zone heats and quarter finals on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March 2013.

Our four zones each consist of between 4-6 Little Athletics Centres and all had a brilliant weekend of competition serving as State Championship qualifiers for the U10 to U15 athletes. The competitions over the weekend were held at Bartolo Reserve (Greenfields), Langford Oval (Gosnells), Kingsway Oval (Madeley) and McGillivray Oval (Mount Claremont).

Olympian Ben Offereins was also great enough to visit one of the competition sites. On the top right he is with Ridgewood and Yancheper Little Athletes.

## AJAC & PTC 2013

### Fantastic meet for WA's junior stars

The Australian Junior Athletics Championships were held in Perth for the first time between March 12-17. Nearly 1700 competitors and their families travelled from across the country to be a part of the event. The meet for U14 to U20 athletes stretched over 6 days with morning and evening sessions.

WA fielded a large team. Our Little Athletes can be proud as they performed and conducted themselves admirably while representing their state

On Saturday 16th March, the Australian Athletics Tour Perth Track Classic hit town. Fans were treated to performances from top stars such as Greg Rutherford, the UK Long Jump Olympic gold medallist who can leap over 8 metres. Elite local products Kim Mickle, Steve Hooker and Liz Parnov also joined nationally renowned athletes Dani Samuels and Mitchell Watt.

An undoubted highlight were the 'Fastest Fan' races where our Little Athletes had the opportunity to run a 100m race in front of the large crowd. As a surprise, the Olympic 100m hurdles gold medallist Sally Pearson then went to start line to chat to each athlete before their run!



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# CENTRE SNAPSHOTS

“U17 Ridgewood Girls say goodbye to Little A’s. Not a dry eye in the house”  
Photo: Danny Oakes



Left: Betty Cuthbert with Rockingham Little Athletes

Right: Luke Turner (Peel) receiving the Doug Hancy award

Bottom left: Yanchep LAC

Bottom right: Ridgewood LAC



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