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President's Report

Christine Butters

Welcome to the 37th Annual Report of the Revesby Workers Little Athletics Centre.

As our name reflects we are closely associated with Revesby Workers' Club as one of their 40 sub-clubs and without their ongoing financial and collegiate support we would flounder somewhat, so on behalf of the Committee I convey our thanks to the Club and Board of Directors for their ongoing support.

This is my fifth year as President and I am delighted to report that the Club has gone from strength to strength over the past five years. We have changed in membership numbers from 260 in 2012-13, down to our lowest ebb with 204 athletes in 2013-14 and progressively we have increased to this season registering 329 athletes!

The changes over the last five years have been many, mainly to do with the grounds at the University and the management of the Facility but each challenge that gets thrown at us seems to make us stronger and more determined to build and grow. This is primarily for the sake of the children and families who choose to participate in Little Athletics with our Centre.

The first half of our season ran very smoothly with no washouts until the last week before Christmas. We had a participation rate above 60% every week and the children were gaining skills and friendships on a weekly basis. Unfortunately with the New Year came a wave of different weather challenges, from heat waves to washouts and lightening stoppages. We lost five competition nights which meant it was necessary to again modify the criteria for a number of the awards given out on Presentation Night.

We welcomed to the committee two new members this year in Les Rolls and Bree McGraw and they have both been invaluable in their input, both at meetings and on Friday nights. I would also like to mention the following committee members for their long-term commitment to the Centre with active participation on the Committee: Rebecca Taylor 9yrs, Anthony Tahhan and Maureen Carey 7yrs and Mikaela Butters 6 yrs. Also of special mention is Barry Butters who has served on the committee for 15 years of the past 21 and continually threatens to retire but supports me immensely. My wise and close ally on the Committee is of course our RWC Liaison Director John Rodwell who has been with the Centre for more years than I can count and without John as a sounding board and mentor I don't think I would have got through the past five years. Thank you all.

Unfortunately this season we had to retire our elder statesman Michael Irwin. Although Michael had not been on the committee for some years he was a Centre stalwart and had been our BBQ chef and Equipment technical guru since 2008 when he came off the Committee. Ill health and then immobility robbed us of Michael's presence on a Friday night but I have still been able to utilise his knowledge with regular visits to him at home. He has been sorely missed with many families enquiring after him each week. The other people who deserve a special mention in my report are the non-committee helpers and supporters of our Centre, namely Nathan (setup) Sharon, Mike and Margaret (walks judges) and Frank (announcing when John is away and Presentation Night assistance) I thank you all, without your help we could not run the Centre the way we do.

We have been fortunate this year to be successful in two grant applications and received \$2000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation to upgrade our technology and hopefully be able to do live data entry next season. The second grant was a Community Building Partnership Grant, also for \$2000 and will be used to purchase an AED and send several committee members to a first aid course.

Our athletes and families were again invited to participate in the Revesby Workers' Club ANZAC Day march and showed their pride in participating and remembering our servicemen and women.



RWLAC Athletes before and after the ANZAC Day March
and Service at Revesby Workers' Club

April 25th 2017



Vice President's Report

Anthony Tahhan

We have just completed the 37TH season and it has been another successful one despite the weather not being too kind to us towards the end of this season.

I must start with saying a big thank you to all of the parents and helpers who performed their rostered duties at the various events and especially for those who helped me at the long jump where I was on duty. This season I had plenty of help every week and long jump seemed to run well and smoothly most of the time. We did have one of our biggest years in terms of numbers of athletes, although it was a little slow at the beginning until we adjusted the program to cope with the numbers.

We are there each week to make sure the children have fun and do the best they can do. For this we, the mums and dads must continue our help in running the events, doing the rostered duties, being age managers and hopefully stepping up and joining the committee. Revesby Workers' Little Athletics could not work or continue to run without all of the help and support we receive from the volunteers.

I would like to say a special thank you to our President Christine, the Committee and all of the volunteers, without you Revesby Workers Little Athletics wouldn't run.

Thank you for all the help and looking forward to our 38th season.

Canteen Report

Rebecca Taylor

What another great season we have had at Revesby Workers Little Athletics Centre. I have been part of the club as a committee member and as a proud parent for several years now, and I have to say that the club grows better each season!

This season was nothing short of exceptional with the amount of eager young people who want to pursue their passion, meet new friends, or who just want to try something new. The encouragement from the parents was strong, as they assisted helped run events, volunteered in the canteen or joined part of the committee.

As a club we like to have a great time year round. Whether it be at the end of year Christmas fun night at McDonalds with a special visit from Santa, or at the annual Bunnings BBQ event. I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and a great attitude when joining in on the fun at Little A's and at our volunteering events. I would also like to give a big thank you to Bunnings Warehouse located in Milperra for allowing us to run another successful barbeque.

Special thanks to Chris who always goes above and beyond for the club, always running one successful season after another.

Can't wait to see everyone next season, take care, Bec xxx

Secretary's Report

Jackie Bottrill

The 2016-17 season flew past, it seems like only yesterday we were getting ready for the season. It has been a busy season but very enjoyable. My second year as secretary was easier as I knew what it was about, but I still could not have done it without the support of an amazing committee. It was a busy year, with many athletes competing at State Relays as well as Zone Championships, thanks to the recruitment skills of our wonderful Officer for Championships, Erin. Several progressed from Zone to Region, with two progressing to State championships. It's great to see the kids competing and having fun in such a supportive environment. I would urge all athletes to enter these competitions; athletics is a sport that gives kids many opportunities to do their best in a variety of events. Congratulations to all the athletes for the efforts they have put in over the season. The amount of preparation that goes into our Friday night competition is phenomenal. Every committee member and many others work hard to ensure that things run smoothly. Special thanks should go to Christine, Barry, John, Mikaela and Ben who work tirelessly; despite not having any children competing, because they love the sport and the opportunities it gives the athletes. It's always a great experience to see the kids having a great time on Friday nights. I look forward to my evenings on the circular track, even if not all the athletes love running that far!

Our senior athletes stepped up as always, setting an example for the younger athletes as well as showing them that the sport is about fun and friendship. I wish our Under 17 athletes all the best for the future and hope they continue with their athletics through seniors clubs. We hope to see them back some Friday nights helping out, they are always welcome.

I would like to thank everyone on the committee for their friendship and support. It is never a chore to be at club or at other competitions with a great group of people who work really well together. Special thanks to Christine, who has the answer to every question and especially for proofreading the minutes. I hope to see everyone back at Little Athletics for the 2017-18 season.



Committee 2016-17

L-R: Scott Wastell, Erin Austin, Peter Bottrill, Mikaela Butters, John Rodwell, Bree McGraw, Barry Butters, Ben North, Les Rolls, Christine Butters, Jackie Bottrill, Mara Basic, Maureen Carey(hidden), Lisa Wedgwood, Rebecca Taylor and Leanne Thompson

Absent: Anthony Tahhan

Treasurer's Report

Scott Wastell

The financial position of the Centre has remained solid throughout the 2016-2017 season.

A Balance Sheet and account of the Centre's Income and Expenditure accompany this report.

The Centre posted a surplus of \$14874, which is a very positive outcome for the season. This was largely achieved due to the increase in athlete numbers which meant net registration income rose to \$15347, up from \$8774 in 2015/16

The Centre, in addition, had no major equipment purchases during the year resulting in a saving of around \$5000.

The Centre has been most fortunate to enjoy the continued support of the Revesby Workers' Club. Their annual subsidy of \$7 500 goes a long way to ensuring that we can run our centre effectively, for example, by enabling us to develop and maintain our equipment and also reduce the pressure to increase registration fees

I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for their ongoing patience and assistance in helping me perform the role of Treasurer, in particular Christine and Mikaela Butters and Rebecca Taylor.

The Committee has carefully managed the financial operation of the Centre and as such, is well placed to embark on a new season this September and provide its current and future members with the opportunity to take part in the key ideas of "Family, Fun and Fitness", as endorsed by Little Athletics.

Income and Expenditure Report

	2017	2016
Canteen Nett Profit	4,213.50	7,153.23
Championships		
Coaching	174.00	148.00
Donations	1,300.00	1,310.00
Floats returned		200.00
Fuundraising**	2,251.00	
Interest	847.64	428.43
Maintenance	735.00	
Registrations	19,356.90	11,856.75
RWC Subsidy	7,500.00	7,500.00
Uniforms	9,427.40	7,295.21
Sundries		0.04
Total Income	45,805.44	35,891.66
Championships	675.00	350.00
Coaching	-	1,630.00
Donations	300.00	800.00
Equipment	458.63	5,246.04
Floats issued	- 400.00	400.00
Fundraising**	610.60	
Gifts		95.00
Insurance		
Maintenance	1,671.30	3,068.20
Meeting expenses	1,699.30	1,423.60
Postage	299.00	574.00
Printing and Stationery	342.94	108.15
Registrations	4,009.00	3,083.00
Software	605.00	
State Conference	610.00	675.70
Trophies and Awards	4,302.72	3,345.78
Uniforms	9,142.35	8,152.76
University Facility Hire	6,506.50	6,144.60
Website	99.00	40.00
Sundries		97.99
Total Expenditure	30,931.34	35,234.82
Income Less Expenditure	14,874.10	656.84

Notes

Canteen Net Profit for 2016 includes Fundraising income and expenditure

Balance Sheet

As at	31/03/2016	31/03/2017
Opening Balance	55,385.67	56,042.51
Add Income	35,891.66	45,805.44
Less Expenses	35,234.82	30,931.34
	56,042.51	70,916.61
Represented By		
General Account (#3330) Balance as at March 31st, 2015	17,617.29	20,421.75
	-	-
Less Unpresented cheques	10,304.84	5,387.40
	7,312.45	15,034.35
Canteen Account (#4412) balance as at March 31st, 2015	10,504.59	9,015.49
Term Deposit 1 (#7138) balance as at March 31st, 2016	23,361.55	23,947.19
Term Deposit 2 (#2754) balance as at March 31st, 2015	10,904.62	21,161.58
Cash on Hand	3,659.30	1,458.00
Canteen Float	300.00	300.00
	56,042.51	70,916.61

Registrar's Report

Mikaela Butters

The 2016/2017 season saw huge growth in the registration numbers for Revesby Workers LAC, in fact this season we had the highest registrations in over a decade for our Centre. We continued to increase our registration numbers for the third season in a row.

We increased our registrations this season by 32.9% (82 athletes), as a Centre we saw more than half of our registrations being new athletes this year, this made managing some age groups a great challenge, but our age managers did a fantastic job working together to keep their groups moving through the events. Because of this large increase in numbers and many new families registering, our retention rate has decreased when compared to our overall registrations with just under 43% of our athletes being re-registrations compared to 57% last year. However, in athlete numbers we had 145 athletes return to us this season which is on par with last season where we had 142 athletes reregister.

This season saw the introduction of the OneSport number for our senior athletes (U12 and up), which enabled them to be automatically dual registered with a seniors club. Whilst we had a bumpy start with this change due to a delay in receiving the numbers, the transition was a smooth process in the end, particularly for those athletes who do compete in ANSW events.

Following on from the success of our online registrations last season, we once again utilized the available technology at our registration nights, providing laptops and committee support to families registering on the night, this enabled us to have 100% of registrations online. Once upon a time registration nights at RWLAC used to be a very long process (our club president can attest to this), with parents queueing up to an hour just to complete the process, thankfully with the technology and a streamlined process many of our families were able to walk in, check their name off and leave with their packs in a matter of minutes. This has also greatly reduced the workload for the registrar and I am grateful to all our families who do register prior to our collection nights, you make my job a much easier one.

I thank the committee for helping on the registration nights, they could never be run by one person alone. Registrations for the new season will commence in August so keep an eye on our web site for more information.

I look forward to another season of Little Athletics and hope to see many of our athletes return for another year of family, fun and fitness.

Season Registrations:

Age Group	Male		Female		Total	
	2015/2016	2016/2017	2015/2016	2016/2017	2015/2016	2016/2017
Under 6	24	24	12	25	36	49
Under 7	24	27	11	21	35	48
Under 8	20	32	20	18	40	50
Under 9	21	19	19	30	40	49
Under 10	11	23	14	25	25	48
Under 11	11	11	11	14	22	25
Under 12	5	8	12	12	17	20
Under 13	8	5	5	12	13	7
Under 14	1	8	4	2	5	10
Under 15	4	3	1	3	5	6
Under 17	2	6	9	3	11	9
Total	131	166	118	165	249	331

Captain's Speech 2016-17 Presentation Night

Madeline Carroll and James Bottrill

James: Welcome athletes, parents, esteemed guests and the Revesby Workers Little Athletics Committee. My name is James and this is Maddi and it has been an honour to have been your Club Captains for the 2016/17 season.

Maddi: The past season has been very successful, with many athletes competing at zone and region competitions. Throughout the season they each grew and improved as athletes, with many personal bests, making new friends, and having lots of fun at our Friday night competitions. Tonight we will celebrate the achievements of everyone who is a part of our club including our parents, helpers, committee members and athletes.

James: We would like to begin tonight by thanking all those who have made athletics possible, especially our Club President, Christine Butters for her hard work, dedication and organization every Friday night and at all our competitions and fundraisers. We would also like to give special thanks to the Vice President Anthony Tahhan and our announcer on Friday nights John Rodwell, for their support and commitment to the club. For making each and every Friday night possible, we can't forget to thank our own Revesby Workers committee who make each Friday run so smoothly, setting up the equipment and helping out at all the events. We would also like to acknowledge two people we couldn't survive without, Rebecca, for running the canteen and to Greg who always has a sausage sizzle ready when we need it after running.

Maddi: We also would like to acknowledge the great job that Erin Austin, our Championships Officer, does for organising our zone, region and state relay teams. We also can't forget to thank all the parents that take time out of their busy lives to bring athletes every Friday night and for running and timing events. Our last thanks goes to all the athletes that come every Friday night and make the club an enjoyable experience. Without everyone's dedication, we would not have been able to have such a successful and fun time.

James: From the beginning of this season, we have had many records broken as well as a large number of zone and regional athletes enter with many placegetters and excellent results. We have also had athletes reach state levels and had a fantastic year athletic achievement.

Maddi: We hope you enjoy the rest of the evening celebrating the many achievements of our athletes and club from the 2016/17 athletics season.



Club Captains and Vice Captains

L-R: Guo Jun Gan, James Bottrill,
Madeline Carroll and Phoebe Bottrill

Championships Officer's Report

Erin Austin

This year was another great achievement for the club. We entered a number of teams in the state relays, the U8 boys field team had a great result placing 7th. However the main objective of the relay was to have fun and every athlete who was part of a relay team enjoyed themselves. It was a wonderful experience for all the athletes and I believe all of them walked away with smiles and memories.

Zone is an exciting event and a chance to see just how well you run, jump and throw compared to other athletes. So congratulations to all the athletes who put their hands up and gave it their all. It can also be a little daunting, so well done to all the first timers. All our athletes showed great sportsmanship when winning and also in defeat, something that is not recognised on the podium but is noticed by your peers and other clubs. I was really proud of each of you.

Congratulations to all the athletes who made it through to region. Most of those athletes put in many hours each month training and it seemed to pay off, we had many athletes come away with new PB's and the experience competing at region level. A special mention to Ashleigh Mooney and James Bottrill who qualified for State and again to James who came away from State with 2 medals – congratulations!

I'm excited for next season and fingers crossed I'll still be championships officer!

Following is a summary of our athletes Championships achievements:

54 RWLAC athletes across all groups competed in 201 events at the Zone Carnival over two and a half days in December at The Ridge Athletics Field. Of the 54 entered 51 actually competed. The top 6 in each event qualified to compete at Region. We had 8 children from the u7 age group compete in their first Zone and a number of personal bests were achieved.

Three of these children won medals, Sienna Bender bronze in the 70m, Cooper Hunter bronze in the shotput and Eilijah Biuvanua Heather bronze in the discus

30 athletes then qualified for the Region carnival. James Bottrill Club Captain placed first in the U17B 800m, 1500m and 3000m and broke Zone records as well.

Of the 30 athletes who qualified for Region, only 22 actually competed. They were

Boys: Jonah Austin, Adam Pittman, Jake Bender, Kael Austin, Benjamin Pittman, Owen Forest-Jones, Jack Wedgwood & James Bottrill

Girls: Niamh Mackenzie, Isabel Mcfarlane, Adelaide Loane, Brianna Whitney, Matilda Richards, Saffron Fredericks, Scarlett McGraw, Brooke Hunter, Cate Bennett, Ciara Cassiles, Elizabeth Wastie, Evie Donnelly, Ashleigh Mooney & Madeline Carroll

From these athletes, 2 qualified for State Championships:

They were James Bottrill, and Ashleigh Mooney. James placed 3rd in both the 1500m and 3000m and 4th in the 800m for the U17 boys. Ashleigh unfortunately was unable to record a height.



Cooper Hunter and Sienna Bender Under 7 Zone Medallists



James Bottrill Region Medalist with Jonah Austin , his no. 1 fan!

Ashleigh Mooney and James Bottrill State Representatives 2016-17 season



Our very special visitor to see Santa; Life Member Michael Irwin and great granddaughter Lily.



Christmas Fun Night at McDonalds Padstow



Our Christmas Fun Nights have become somewhat of a tradition and for the fourth year running Padstow McDonalds hosted the event for us. This was generously sponsored by the proprietors and long-time supporters of our Centre, Mina and Tony Favotto. A great evening was had by all and in the process we raised \$300 which was donated to the Revesby Workers' Bill Bullard Charity to support Bankstown Hospital. As has become our "tradition" we had a visit from Santa and lolly bags and face-painting kept the kids occupied for a good length of time. Thanks again to our Canteen manager Rebecca for organizing this.

Recorder's Report

Maureen Carey

An exciting season this year as we had new events. With new events comes the opportunity for athletes to become the inaugural record holder for that event! It was mainly for our seniors as the 300m Hurdles event was introduced.

We also had a year where we had some very impressive young athletes breaking long held records, and with them being such a young age, it will be quite adventurous to watch their development over the next few years !!!

Throughout the year we had some records broken, but due to them not being sighted and signed off by committee members, they cannot be recorded and added to the records list. Recorders need to remember if they think a record has been broken they need to “freeze” the event until a committee member can reach the area to confirm the details.

So congratulations to the following athletes who are now official record holders with the club:

AGE	EVENT	RECORDING	NAME
6G	50 Metres	9.47 sec 24/02/2017	Liliana Anthony-Ligaiviu
6G	100 Metres	19.55 sec 13/01/2017	Liliana Anthony-Ligaiviu
6G	300 Metres – Pack Start	1m02.43 sec 28/10/2016	Liliana Anthony-Ligaiviu
7B	Discus	15.50 m 27/01/2017	Cooper Hunter
11B	Javelin	11.35 m 10/03/2017	Kamran Kumar
14B	80m Hurdles	17.84 sec 04/11/2016	Mitchel Carroll
15B	300m Hurdles	33.69 sec 16/09/2016	James Khoury
15G	300m Hurdles	1M01.77 sec 21/10/2016	Phoebe Bottrill
17B	3000 Metres	9m55.43 sec 09/09/2016	James Bottrill
17B	100 Metres	12.38 sec 24/02/2017	Allen Mackie
17B	300m Hurdles	31.51 sec 16/09/2016	Atharva Karle
17G	300m Hurdles	57.30 sec 21/10/2016	Madeline Carroll

Season Award Winners 2016-17

Age Group	Age Champion	Runner Up	Encouragement	Most Improved	Participation
Under 6 Girls	Khloe Hunter	Abbie Pasnin	Liliana Anthony-Ligaiviu	Juliet Loane	Khloe Hunter
Under 6 Boys	Lachlan Wise	Benjamin Collins	Luke Fenwick	Dion Sidrak Charlie Theodosiou	Lachlan Wise Benjamin Collins
Under 7 Girls	Sienna Bender	Ava Hounslow	Chloe Shankar	Emma Morgan	Emma Morgan
Under 7 Boys	Cooper Hunter	Callum Clasper	Rex Tilley	Ryan Borello	Cooper Hunter
Under 8 Girls	Ryleigh Delacour-Batch	Scarlett McGraw	Amelia Lukunic	Ava Pringle	Scarlett McGraw Ryleigh Delacour-Batch
Under 8 Boys	Sebastian Siegler	Alex Solomon	Jacob Poole	Hayden Bennett	Alex Solomon
Under 9 Girls	Niamh Mackenzie	Matilda Richards	Sabina Khoury	Yen Do	Yen Do
Under 9 Boys	Cayde Herbert	Jake Bender	Rhys Parmeter	Omar Ardati	Jonah Austin
Under 10 Girls	Trinity Basic	Kayley Sommer	Brooke Hunter	Julia Stokes	Giordan Pidgeon
Under 10 Boys	Daniel Merheb	Benjamin Pittman	Elias Tahhan	Samuel Weightman	Benjamin Pittman
Under 11 Girls	Adelaide Loane	Samara Powell	Jennifer Sewell	Taylor Nangle Summer Choumar	Taylor Nangle
Under 11 Boys	Lincoln Parmeter	Kamran Kumar	Owen Forest-Jones	Samuel MacBeath Mitchell Mazza	Anthony Bova
Under 12 Girls	Scarlett Biuvanua Heather	Cate Bennett	Elizabeth Wastie	Rhiannon Shipley	Cate Bennett
Under 12 Boys	Callum Powell	Adam Pittman	Travis Basic	Aaron Carey	Aaron Carey
Under 13 Girls	Brianna Whitney	Evie Donnelly	Elizabeth Rolls	Tahlia Gow	Brianna Whitney
Under 13 Boys	Noah Farrugia	William Braddick		Jadd Nicholls	Noah Farrugia
Under 14 Girls	Sami Taylor	Kayla Momircevski			Kayla Momircevski
Under 14 Boys	Mitchell Carroll	Debashis Prasad	Jack Exton	Dylan Bennett	Debashis Prasad
Under 15 Girls	Janice Rodrigues	Phoebe Bottrill	Hayley Shipley		Janice Rodrigues
Under 15 Boys	James Khoury	Hayden Whitney	Lachlan Wright		James Khoury
Under 17 Girls	Ashleigh Mooney	Madeline Carroll	Amy Currie		Ashleigh Mooney
Under 17 Boys	Alan Mackie	Guo Jun Gan	Atharva Karle	Thomas Padron	Alan Mackie

Banks Outstanding Sporting Achievement Awards

This year the Committee decided that rather than singling out one or two athletes for this award who may already be receiving awards for their exceptional athletic talent, we would instead ask the age managers to nominate one or two athletes in their age groups who have demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship, both in their own efforts and towards their fellow athletes. Following are the recipients of these awards:

U6G Victoria Sayle
 U7G Helen Denyer
 U8G Kiara Murphy, Amelia Lukunic & Bhayva Prasad
 U9G Violet Loane & Zoe Milan
 U10G Giordan Pidgeon & Rachel Field
 U11G Phoebe Miller
 U12G Hannah Vaughan
 U13G Ella Ashton and Tahlia Gow

 U17B Atharva Karle

U6B Zac Frost, Zach O'Brien & Alex Weightman
 U7B Hayes Gow, Tyler Hanchard & Sean Field
 U8B Hayden Bennett and Patrick Field
 U9B ThomasClark
 U10B Andrew Denyer
 U11B Andrew Cooper
 U12B Peter Mohi-Lett

 U14B Challita Tahhan & Jordan Carey

Service Awards

5 Year Awards

RWLAC 5 Year Service Awards: Awarded to any athlete who has completed five years continuous service with RWLAC; This year we have the largest number of athletes 20 in total receiving this award for many years

The following athletes achieved this milestone:

Guo Jun	Gan	Benjamin	Pittman
Hayley	Shiple	Tegan	Shankar
Jack	Wedgwood	Julia	Stokes
Ella	Ashton	Lucas	Donnelly
Jadd	Nichols	Elias	Tahhan
Rhiannon	Shiple	Trinity	Basic
Alysha	Cannon	Kayley	Sommer
Taylor	Nangle	Jeremy	Cannon
Bridget	Morgan	Gabriel	Austin
Tristan	Otomancek	Brooke	Hunter



Some of our Five Year Service Award recipients

10 Year Awards

This year 2 athletes completed 10 year membership at our Centre, they were Thomas Padron and Ashleigh Mooney. James Bottrill completed 11 years. We also had one athlete who has completed 12 years with the Centre, Maddie Carroll started in the Under 6's and has pursued her entire athletics career with our Centre.

Joan Carroll Memorial Volunteer Award

Adam Powell: Adam has been involved at the Centre since his two children Callum and Samara joined in 2011, some 6 years ago. Right from the start Adam has assisted with his son's age group, quickly assuming the role of Age Manager. He has encouraged all the boys in his group and fostered a terrific sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship among the boys. This season he has had 8 boys in the U12 age group, 5 of whom have been with him the whole time he has been at our Centre. This is testament to the manner in which he organises and encourages the boys and promotes a love of athletics while seeking out the best in every athlete in his group. At times Adam has also co-managed the girls age group when they have been short of an age manager and he does this without complaint or concern. Thank you Adam, for your work as an Age Manager and your support of your son's group and all the athletes who come under your guidance.



Michael Irwin Award for Athletics Excellence

James Bottrill: James came 1st in 3 events at Zone including 2 zone records. At the Region Carnival he again contested 3 events and achieved 1st placings in all 3. This qualified him in 3 events at the State Championships where he won bronze medals in 1500m and 3000m and placed 4th in the 800m. This athlete has been very busy during our season, not only competing at our Centre but also at a number of Senior athletics meets and school carnivals as well as the NSW Junior and Youth Championships where he placed 3rd in the U20 Men's 3000m steeplechase, the NSW All Schools Championship where he placed 4th in the U17 2000m steeplechase. Our congratulations James from the U17 boys, a terrific performance by our Club Captain who is a wonderful role model for the younger athletes.

Banks Volunteer Award

Rebecca Taylor

Every year the Federal member for Banks calls for nominations from sporting and community organisations for volunteers considered worthy of recognition. While all volunteers are worthy the RWLAC committee nominated our Canteen Manager Rebecca Taylor for this award. Rebecca has been on the Committee of RWLAC for nine years following a call from the president at the time. Rebecca not only nominated for the committee she immediately took on the role of Canteen Manager and has held this role ever since. She rarely gets to see her daughters compete, is often first at the grounds and last to leave and shops, cooks and serves all our hungry athletes on Friday nights. She has also been integral in organising fundraisers for the Centre in the form of Cadbury Chocolate drives and Bunnings BBQs. A worthy recipient of a Banks Volunteer Award.



David Coleman MP Member for Banks,
Rebecca Taylor RWLAC volunteer, Hon.
Julie Bishop MP

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