



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
1998

Friday 5th April

The Committee of Rosanna Little Athletics Club cordially invite your Family to attend our AGM and Presentation Night for the 1997/1998 Season. The night will be starting at

6.30pm
at the Willinda Park Hall,
Willinda Park,
Greensborough (Melways p.21-A4)

with a free BBQ and drinks for all, followed by the AGM and presentation of Medals and trophies. This has been made possible due to your generosity in supporting our fund raising during the year. Could you please bring a plate for supper after the Presentations.

Nominations are called for all Committee positions. Those wishing to nominate please fill in the attached nomination form and hand it in on the night, or prior, to a Committee member, if unable to attend.

NOMINATION FORM

TO: The Secretary
Peter Mills
8 Kinlock Street
Macleod VIC 3085

I wish to nominate as
on the 1998/1999 Rosanna Little Athletics Committee.

Signed: Date: / /1998

Name:

Seconded: Date: / /1998

Name:

AGENDA

1. **Previous Minutes** (Taken as Read)
2. **Action Arising.**
3. **Reports** ~~(All taken as read)~~

 - 3.1 President's Report
 - 3.2 Secretary's Report
 - 3.3 Fundraiser's Report
 - 3.4 Treasurer's Report (to be tabled at AGM)
 - 3.5 Team Manager's Report
 - 3.6 Training Coordinator's Report
 - 3.7 Uniform Coodinator's Report
4. **Election of 1997/1998 Committee.**
5. **General Business**

MINUTES OF THE 96/97 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Rosanna Golf Links Primary School
Time: 7:00 pm, Friday 4th, April, 1997
Apologies: Stephen Stewart, Merryn Madigan, Anna Parkin and Brzica family.
Major Sponsors could not come.

Minutes from last AGM (95/96) tabled.

~~-moved Carmel Tsakmakidis, seconded Mark Doyle; carried.~~

Reports

-moved Patsy Keall, seconded Maree Doyle; carried.

Treasurer's Report- interim financial report

-moved Robert Leslie, seconded Julie Hood; carried.

(Yet to be audited, then handed to Centre Appraisal)

Action Arising from last AGM

None to report.

ELECTION OF 97/98 ROSANNA LITTLE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Ken Keall President	nominated Steve Parkin, 2nd Anne Leslie; carried.
Peter Mills Secretary	nominated Steve Parkin, 2nd Julie Hood; carried
Robert Leslie Treasurer	nominated Lynne Matheson, 2nd Peter Mills; carried.
Louise Millington Team Manager	nominated Peter Mills, 2nd Lynne Matheson; carried.
Noelene Brett Uniform Coordinator	nominated Peter Mills, 2nd Carmel Tsakmidis; carried.
Dennis Holmes General Committee.	nominated Steve Parkin, 2nd Pat Keall; carried.
Michael Brett General Committee	nominated Julie Hood, 2nd Anne Leslie; carried.

ELECTION OF 97/98 ROSANNA LITTLE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE (cont.)

Kerrie Edwards nominated Noelene Brett, 2nd Louise Millington;
General Committee carried.

Peter Butterworth nominated Peter Mills, 2nd Julie Hood; carried.

Welcome to the New Committee!! Many thanks to the outgoing Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS

No outgoing business or business arising.

Team, Age Group and Individual Medals warmly received.

Meeting finished at 7:45pm.

29/03/98

ROSANNA LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

SEASON 1997/8

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well, not only another season has come and gone, but a quarter of this year has already vanished! It does not seem all that long ago that I sent out the letters to inform members of the forth coming season.

This is to be my last report as President, after eight years with the Club, seven of them on the committee in various roles from General Committee Member, Treasurer, and President, it is time for me to retire, as my son over the last two years has lost interest and it is doubtful that he will return next year. Unfortunately, the timing of this decision is not advantageous to the Club, as Peter Mills and Robert Leslie, (Secretary and Treasurer) have also decided to retire for very much the same reasons.

The Club is very financial, as you will see when you read the Treasurer's report, in fact when I first joined the Club, it was not unusual to start the next season with only \$300 to \$500 in the bank. Coupled with this, is that the Committee works very harmoniously together.

However, I will be available to serve on the Committee next year to ensure a smooth transition to a relatively new Committee. I would therefore, like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Peter for his generous services to the Club over the last five years, of which four have been on the Committee serving the Club from Fund Raiser, Team Manager and Secretary. I'm sure that everyone will agree that Peter's valuable input will be sorely missed next year. Thanks must also go to Robert for taking on the task this season of Treasurer, and to Kevin Blacker for stepping in at the last minute and accepting the vital role as Team Manager for Centre Championships. Last and by no means least I must thank the remainder of the Committee for their efforts throughout the season which enabled the Club to function effectively and efficiently, this is especially significant when one considers that with the exception of Peter and myself the rest of the Committee was new last year.

Subsequent to the season starting, the Committee was extremely active and worked very hard in a membership drive by promoting the Club and Little Athletics. This was achieved by holding sausage sizzles at Harry Heath's Supermarket in Heidelberg, and the Macleod Shopping Centre, both activities resulted in raising approximately \$250.

Again this year three thousand fliers were distributed to thirteen schools in "our area". The areas included Ivanhoe, Heidelberg, Macleod, Rosanna, Viewbank, and Banyule. It was, therefore, to some degree disappointing that this great effort didn't reflect in the registrations numbers we were able to generate. If any parents or children have any thoughts, or ideas that could improve our service to you the members, or may improve the membership numbers for our Club, we really need your help in this area.

The Committee over the past several seasons has discussed the feasibility of a postal drop, where a particular post code is selected and fliers are delivered to each household. This was done by a club within our Centre with very successful results, however, the downside of this is the cost of about \$1000. I believe that for next season we may need to take this drastic action.

The other major decision that requires attention next season, is to decide if we are to continue with the Rosanna Medals (which I believe are quite unique), for our awards at our presentation night, as they require replenishment at a cost of about \$2000 (last purchased about five or six years ago), or replace them with traditional trophies. I don't believe that this is a decision that should be made solely by the Committee, to this end I shall ask for a show of hands at the AGM that will indicate which way the Club should go.

If the children could be described as the life blood of our Club, then surely the parents are our assets, for without your willingness to participate in the many activities there would be no Club, and indeed no Little Athletics. To those parents that have helped out each week, many sincere thanks for your very valuable contribution. Without doubt, the parents this year have been one of the best and easiest groups, we as a Committee have had the pleasure to work with. Certainly contributing to this fact is that we only had to staff one venue, although I have heard that some parents wish they had more to do to occupy their time on a Saturday morning. If you fall into this category don't be discouraged, please see your Team Manager or a Committee member, I'm sure that they will find something for you to do.

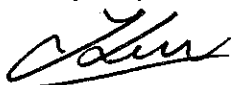
On a down side, for the last few years the Club has struggled in providing enough parents to participate in training nights. Next year we won't have any qualified coaches at the Club. For those parents that are interested, coaching courses are held each October, with the cost being paid for by the Club and the Centre.

A few years ago I discussed at an AGM the need for the continuation of a club such as ours. I believe the time is right to once again reiterate these points, and rather than verbalise them, put them to print. The first point is that our Club is the only junior athletics club in an extremely large area, as mentioned before. I believe we have a duty to make available to the children of these areas an athletic programme such as Little Athletics which encompass many different abilities and events not available in other sports. Secondly, if we disbanded, or merged with another club, our children would be very much disadvantaged belonging to a larger organisation. Their chances of being rewarded at the end of the season would be vastly diminished competing with a much larger group of children. Therefore, please consider a position on the Committee, it's not difficult or time consuming as it only take a few hours each month over a six month period. After all it's for the benefit of all our children.

Please remember, that during the Winter months, the Centre holds Cross Country events on Saturday mornings (no additional joining fees). Unlike the T&F season, the duration is only half an hour 9.30am to 10.00am. This is an extremely good way for the children to keep fit for next season, parents are all so encouraged to participate, so please consider.

In closing, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Club and Little Athletics, working with the various parents and committees over many years. To some degree reducing my involvement is some what sad, but time doesn't stand still for any one and it is time to move on. However, you haven't quite seen the last of me, as Pat and I will be back next year for walk judging and will remain until such time that the judging panel has been consolidated with new parents. All my best wishes for the Club and its membership for the future.

My very best regards



Ken Keall
PRESIDENT R.L.A.C.

1997/98 SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well the 97/98 season is over and it has been an enjoyable one for me. At the start of the season we had to get permission from Banyule City Council (for the two preseason recruitment BBQ's and our use of Rosanna Parklands for our registration down there). Approach Jewel Supermarket (Heidelberg) for one of the BBQ's and Cox Press for the flyers that go to the schools and our other sponsors at the start of the season. This was done both by telephone and of course followed up by mail.

Apart from the frenetic work that goes into the start of the season, there is the correspondence to and from the Diamond Valley Little Athletics Centre, that goes on each week. This year, we decided not to have as many meetings as last year, as things seemed to run just as smoothly after the season got on its way and being busy parents, it was a sensible decision.

On top of the invariable minutes that accompany the committee meetings, I decided some years ago to incorporate the "Gold Stars" into the the weekly newsletters. This was due to the "Heidelberger" not printing our results, after they were constantly faxed and posted to them, always on time to meet their printing schedule. It seems odd that those few athletes still running at the old Olympic Village oval still get their results published each week, funny that.

The other duty that seemed to fall upon the President and Secretary was attending the 'Delegates' meeting each second Tuesday evening of the month, at the Willinda Park. This is where we - the parents from the clubs- get to make decisions that affect your children each week and at the Championships. If you wanted to know why this heat or that heat was run as a final, this is where the decisions are made. By becoming a member of the Rosanna Little Athletics Club Committee, you get the chance to go and participate in this decision making process. Two years ago, we -RLAC- motioned the DVLAC to reduce our duties, to which we now only have 'Discus 2' (as well as various timing and canteen duties), without also having to man "Triple Jump 2'. It was often a stretch, especially at 8:30am on a Saturday morning when both venues had to be up and running.

On Saturday mornings and other competition days, I was also the de facto Roster Coordinator. I would like to thank the courteous help and support which you showed me in getting RLAC represented at all the venues we had to 'man' at times. Rosanna- being a small club- can certainly hold its head up high with a participation rate of 100% of its parents most competition days and also having the consistently largest working force at each of the DVLAC working bees.

I have been with Rosanna LAC for five years now, the last four being on the Committee in varying roles- Fundraiser, Team Manager and Secretary. I have enjoyed each season, because of the people in the Club and our Club philosophy of participation and FUN. Thank you for enduring me for this time, Goodbye,

Yours

Peter Mills.

Rosanna Little Athletics Club

Interim Financial Report 1997/98

Treasurer - Robert Leslie

	Credit	Debit	Balance
Opening Bank Balance as at April 17, 1997	\$ 4,294.37		\$ 4,294.37
Plus Income	\$ 6,105.76		\$ 10,400.13
Less Expenses		\$ 4,566.13	\$ 5,834.00
Closing Reconciled Balance as at March 30, 1998			
Less Estimated Expenditure			
Annual General Meeting		\$ 250.00	\$ 5,584.00
Trophies		\$ 750.00	\$ 4,834.00
Anticipated Funds for Start of 98/99 Season			\$ 4,834.00

Income and Expenditure Statement

	Income	Expenses	1997/98 NET \$	1996/97 NET \$
Registration	1925.00	1218.00	707.00	717.00
Handbooks	0.00	140.00	-140.00	-148.00
Weekly Subscriptions	1292.00	510.00	782.00	715.50
Uniforms	750.00	259.90	490.10	221.80
Region/Centre Championships	148.00	493.00	-345.00	-285.50
Fundraising	1267.55	377.80	889.75	971.20
New Equipment	0.00	467.90	-467.90	0.00
St John's Ambulance	0.00	0.00	0.00	-50.00
Social	0.00	354.73	-354.73	-216.77
Other	710.50	710.50	0.00	-132.90
Government Charges/Interest	12.71	34.30	-21.59	-9.05
TOTAL	\$ 6,105.76	\$ 4,566.13	\$ 1,539.63	\$ 1,783.28

FUNDRAISER'S REPORT

After one season at Little Athletics, I nominated As a General Committee member. Each Club needed a representative at a weekly Fundraiser's meeting during competition days and I was given the task to represent Rosanna.

This season, Centre Fundraising had to be stepped up, as the facilities are being given a much needed upgrade and the track is to be resurfaced in the near future. Diamond Valley Little Athletics had to help pay for a portion of this (approx. \$13,000).

Each Club's Fundraiser had to report back to its committee and members on up-coming events and help the two Centre Fundraiser's selling and distributing raffle tickets, etc. To date, about \$5,000- had been raised, which is a great effort.

Thank you to everyone who sold car raffle tickets, attended functions and made cakes for the stall held on the Championship weekend.

Kerrie Edwards,
General Member/ Fundraiser.

TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT

As a new parent to Little Athletics and only having taken up the appointment of Team Manager for the Centre Championships, I find it a little difficult to reflect on the whole season. However, I have seen enough of the children's efforts to say that they had a successful and enjoyable year. Success should not always be measured on winning or losing, but rather on the efforts and determination of the children (and the Committee) and throughout this season I have seen plenty of that.

The Centre Championships, the culmination of the season's efforts, was held over the weekend 14th & 15th of March. It was fairly hectic (or at least I thought so) however, due to the assistance of parents and children alike, I know my job was made easier. Over the two days the Club was represented more than 170 times by 14 girls and 21 boys, no mean feat and all the children should be congratulated on their efforts. There were plenty of PB's (what more could you ask for), lots of ribbons and even some medals too. My congratulations goes to all the athletes that participated.

Also, throughout the season there were some children who achieved Club and Centre Records, and represented the Centre (and the Club) at Region and State levels. I would like to finish by congratulating them on their achievements and by wishing every athlete even more success next season.

Regards

Kev Blacker.

TRAINING COORDINATORS REPORT

Rosanna LAC trains at Willinda Park on Wednesday evenings at 6-7pm and half an hour before daylight saving. Our initial training sessions were well attended (for our Club) with over a dozen athletes. After the Christmas break, the numbers did drop off to around half that. Unfortunately, El-Nino gave us some very hot afternoons and this affected both the training regimes and the athletes attending.

Two years ago, we decided to move from Golf Links Primary School to Willinda Park. This has given our Club better access to a decent running surface, field throwing rings and jumping pits. As the last Level 'O' coach left at Rosanna LAC, I tried to impart my knowledge to the athletes who attended and for them to have fun as well. To this end, one of the favourite events was 'match-racing' over 20 to 50 metres. Most participants loved this and it also improved their starting technique.

It was gratifying to see the improvement over the course of the season from the athletes who did go to training. One girl who fell whilst trying Triple Jump for the first time at training, got PB's later on in the season.

Hopefully, next year, with a few of the parents interested in doing the Level 'O' Coaching course, we (RLAC) will continue to have Level 'O' Coaches at Rosanna. I would like to thank all the athletes who turned up for training and Ken Keall for taking me to training when I was between vehicles.

Peter Mills,
Training Coordinator & Level 'O' Coach.

UNIFORM COORDINATORS REPORT

The 97/98 Season has been very interesting as Uniform Coordinator. Revenue from the sale of uniforms is \$750. Expenditure for dressmaking and screen-printing was \$259.

It is necessary to purchase another roll of the purple lycra for the forthcoming season; at the last Committee meeting it was decided to purchase the material and have a stack of the uniforms in sizes that are sold the most. They will also be screen printed, which will alleviate the need for collecting during the season to have them printed.

It is necessary to find another dressmaker this season, so if anyone knows of anybody who is willing to do this, can you please contact me.

Noelene Brett,
Uniform Coordinator.

MAJOR SPONSORS

I would like to thank our Major Sponsors for their continued support, as it is very much appreciated by all members. It is becoming increasingly difficult to raise funds by normal means, and without them, the Club would find it increasingly difficult to operate.

This year the Club has been fortunate in having a range of products that sold extremely well (discounted Cosmetics), and helped the Club into a comfortable position financially. However, this arrangement has neared its end and we will be looking at other avenues of fund raising next season.

Therefore, I urge all members to, where possible, utilise our sponsors to the Club's benefit.

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