



Rosanna Little Athletics Club
ANNUAL REPORT

2010 - 2011



About Rosanna

Rosanna Little Athletics Club was established in 1970. Over 8,000 people have been part of the club in the past 40 years. The club participates at the Diamond Valley Little Athletics Centre, Willinda Park – Greensborough.

Rosanna Little Athletics Club is run by an enthusiastic group of parents who are committed to providing a fantastic environment for children aged 6 to 16 years of age to have fun and achieve their best!

Presidents Report

“Challenge Yourself” was the theme of our 2010-2011 Season and what a wonderful way to set ourselves for the season. It was a big year for the Mighty Purple Haze including a massive increase in athletes, the celebration of our clubs 40 year history and the development of programs and activities that strengthen the clubs involvement with the community.

In between we also managed to fit in some athletics ... and what a simply superb year the club had on the track. Rosanna athletes challenged themselves and came out on top! Rosanna proved itself again as one of the States leading little athletics clubs and to be an exceptional club, with exceptional athletes from exceptional families. The club continued its ethos of developing children as people, leaders and athletes. As well as athletes doing their best on the track healthy living, helping to build young people's self esteem & confidence and building leadership qualities is an important part of the clubs objectives.

Athlete achievements on the track are almost too numerous to mention and are a result of the hard work of the entire club – athletes, club committee, club families and the Diamond Valley Centre. The combined effect of the PB program and a coaching emphasis on fun and technique have ensured Rosanna athletes achieved the best they possibly can in season 2010-2011. Club Achievements on the track include:

- A massive 1,219 PB's achieved!
- A world class PB recognition and reward program
- A coaching philosophy based on fun and technique
- Rosanna finished first on the club multi event medal tally
- 14 Rosanna athletes qualified for State Track and Field Championships (a new club record)
- Rosanna won 6 of the 18 DVLAC Age Groups
- 35 Rosanna athletes represented Diamond Valley as part of Relay Teams (the most of any club)
- 13 Rosanna parents acted as coaches/team managers of Diamond Valley Relay Teams (the most of any club)
- Diamond Valley continued to adopt the Rosanna Coaching Philosophy as a centre wide approach
- A large number of Rosanna records broken (the most in recent memory!)
- The most athletes of any Diamond Valley Club (139 athletes)

- The most Rosanna athletes since 1985
- The biggest increase in athlete numbers ever (69 new athletes)
- The most ontrack athletes ever (40).

Off the track Rosanna continues to develop to ensure the continued growth and strengthening of the clubs long term future. The support of all families and a strong and vibrant committee has achieved a huge amount including:

- The introduction of a Rosanna website with lots of Club information, games and fun!
- The introduction of an After Schools Program through the Australian Sports Commission (5 schools and over 200 children)
- Introduction of a Rosanna Life Member Award
- A successful fund raising program
- New Uniform elements
- The introduction of the Rosanna “Wall of Fame” (thank you to our first inductee Cathy Freeman)
- An off-site club sign up day in Heidelberg
- Regular SMS Communication to families
- Purchase of a second Rosanna tent to increase the shade (and rain!) area for families
- Closer relationship with Diamond Valley (and a number of parents taking on senior roles with the Diamond Valley Centre)
- Introduction of Rosanna Hoodies.

Writing of a Club History

The 40th Year Celebration event was a significant milestone for the club and a 40th Year BBQ was held on early in the season. Over 200 people attended including a parade down the Willinda Park front straight during a break in competition. Over 40 years more than 8,000 people have been involved in the club and the BBQ and parade were a great way to celebrate.

A thank you also to all of our major sponsors and supporters and in particular Evolution Synthetic Grass, Digital Galaxies Australia, Vinsara Institute of Education, Subway Rosanna, Dominos Heidelberg, Muffin Break Greensborough, Magnum Movies, Bakers Delight Rosanna, N.G.R Force, IGA Rosanna and McDonalds Yallambie and Caron Automotive.

Thank you also to the Diamond Valley Centre and the Committees of all other clubs – we are very fortunate to have to so many dedicated and passionate assist to people create a wonderful environment for Rosanna families to participate in.

A big thank you to all families!! In particular thank you to the Rosanna Committee families and the families who

assisted over the course of the season with duties. Without the involvement of all families Little Athletics would not be the same or as successful as it is. Thank you also to Shana Simonovski for putting together this years annual report.

I and my family (Sharon, Benjamin and Joshua) have really enjoyed ourselves this season and this is in a very large part due to the wonderful Rosanna families we get to spend lots (!) of time with each week.

The future is full of opportunities for Rosanna. The club continues to grow and strengthen due to the exceptional work of all families and athletes who together form the mighty purple haze!!

Go Rosanna Go!

Jamie Parsons

PRESIDENT

ROSANNA LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

Secretary's Report

The 2010-11 season was a big year for the Rosanna Little Athletics Club as we celebrated our 40th year of competition. A celebration of this milestone was held in October when past athletes, committee members and their families joined the current club members and members of the Diamond Valley executive in a BBQ lunch. A highlight of the day was the recognition of Glenys Schubert as the first Life Member of the club, a title that will be officially conferred at the Annual General Meeting today.

With a new President Jamie Parsons in the chair and a number of new faces on the committee, the club began the year with a recruitment drive across the areas schools. This was accompanied by an Election Day stall at Viewbank Primary School and the staging at the same school of the LAPS program to introduce "little aths" and RLAC to prep to grade 4 children. Our athlete numbers swelled and our retention rate exceeded our expectations. A very successful sign up day was held at Domino's Pizza in Heidelberg where we unveiled the new Purple Rosanna Hoodies which were a great success.

This year also saw the introduction of enhanced club communications, featuring the RLAC website, SMS bulletins and eNewsletters. The SMS bulletins proving their worth with a number of last minute cancellations at the beginning of the season due to rain. Thanks to Jamie and our sponsors for introducing and supporting these innovations.

With our expanding numbers and damp conditions playing havoc with the slippery hillside that we occupy, the DV

centre arranged for the realignment of the fence line to allow expansion of our area and a space in which to erect our new (2nd) Rosanna tent. This in particular gave our hardworking Team Managers Sue and Warren Zerna the extra space required to administer the PB program and the athlete rewards. The PB program has grown into one of the major features of the club and its success has been a tribute to the Zernas' vision and commitment to our athletes.

Thank you to all of the committee for their contributions this season. It has been great to see the club thrive with an enthusiastic and active group of families. I shall be stepping down after 2 years in the role of RLAC Secretary but look forward to continuing to participate in other RLAC committee roles and in my capacity as DV Boys Team Manager.

Carolyn Hannan

SECRETARY RLAC

Treasurer's Report

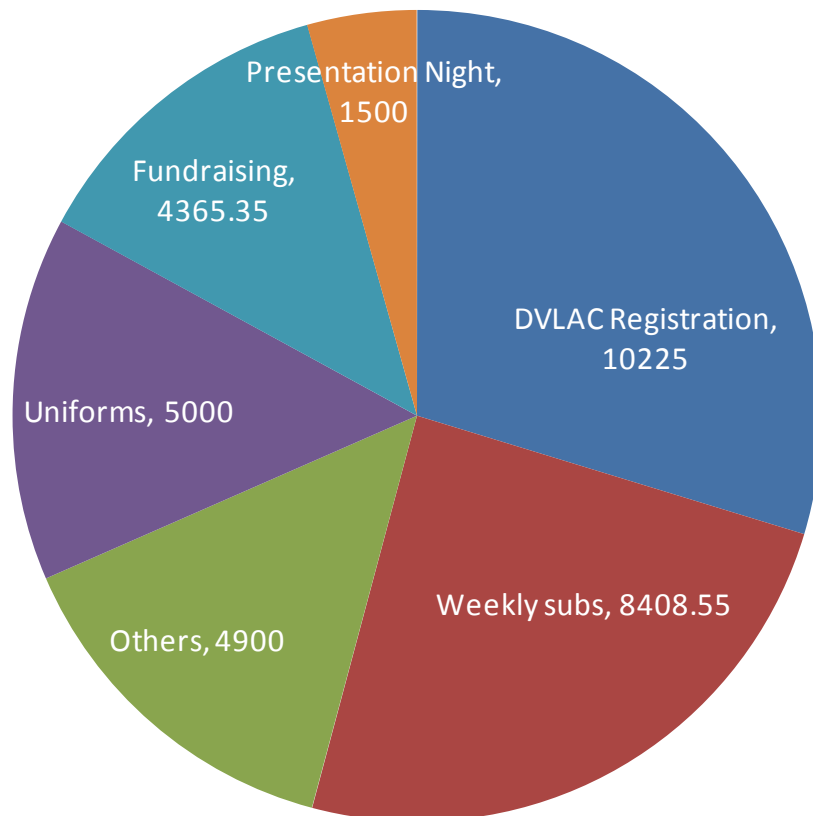
As of 15 March 2011, Rosanna Little Athletics club has an actual income of \$32,833 and an expenditure of \$28,532. This amount does not include major expenditure related to presentation day and few pending receipts.

The projected income for the 2010 – 2011 season is \$34,399 and expenditure is \$34,122. This will bring an operational

surplus of \$277 for the season and an accumulated cash (projected) balance of \$7,576.

Following is the major income (projected) breakdown of the 2010 – 2011 season:

Income (projected) for 2010 - 2011 Season



Overall, the financial health of the club is very good.

Biju Philip

TREASURER

RLAC Budget and Projection 2010-2011

| | 2010-11 \$ Budget | 2010-11 \$ Projected |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Opening Balance | | 7,299 |
| Income | | |
| DVLAC Registration | 7,000 | 10,225 |
| Rosanna Subs | 8,000 | 8,409 |
| Region Multi | 0 | 535 |
| Uniforms | 1,800 | 5,000 |
| Fundraising | 3,000 | 4,365 |
| Presentation Night | 1,000 | 1,500 |
| Interest | 50 | 25 |
| Website | 400 | 400 |
| After Shool Program | 1,500 | 3,000 |
| Photo | | 435 |
| Super Clinic | | 505 |
| Total Income | 22,750 | 34,399 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Bank charges and fees | 200 | |
| DVLAC Registration | 7,000 | 10,225 |
| Weekly subs | 4,000 | 4,600 |
| Region Multi | 0 | 570 |
| Uniforms | 2,200 | 5,162 |
| Fundraising | 1,000 | 2,056 |
| Presentation Night | 2,500 | 2,700 |
| Bundoora Trophies | 1,500 | 1,800 |
| Wilinda Park Fee | 160 | 56 |
| Misc | 150 | 1,500 |
| Printing & Stationary | 800 | 59 |
| 40 Yr Hats | 1,200 | 0 |
| Banners | 200 | 337 |
| Website | 300 | 300 |
| After School Program | 1,500 | 2,229 |
| Tent | 500 | 1,889 |
| Training Fee | | 160 |
| Elite Coaching Clinic | | 480 |
| Total Expenditure | 23,210 | 34,122 |
| Operating surplus/(deficit) | -460 | 277 |
| Closing Balance | | 7,576 |

Rosanna Team Managers Report

The 2010-11 season for the Rosanna Little Athletics club saw a huge increase in the number of athletes join due to various strategies that the committee decided to introduce.

It was our third season of running the Personal Best Program which again proved popular and saw in particular some of our senior athletes motivated to do their best. The weekly participation program for our ontrack athletes (U6 and U7) proved to be highly successful again with Rosanna having large numbers of Ontrack athletes this season.

With the bar set higher yet again for our club goal, to beat 1287 Pb's we fell short this year achieving 1219 Pbs. This was possibly due to washouts and inclement weather on various days which saw our numbers down. This was however a great achievement considering those conditions at the start of the season.

One initiative we put together this season was to create club relay and multi records. The records were created using results from the previous 2 seasons unless centre records had been established.

As a club, Rosanna has consolidated to second position as the most successful club this season.

Here is snapshot of the season that Waz (was):

- ☺ 74 athletes competed at Centre Relay Championships (up from 62 last season), with 56 receiving medals. That is 75% of our athletes that competed. With 7 records broken and 4 new records established.
- ☺ At the Region Relay Championships 13 athletes from U7 to U8 competed with 2 athletes receiving a medal.

For athletes from U9-U16; 19 Rosanna athletes competed; 2 region relay records were broken and 16 progressed through to the State Championships.

- ☺ Of the 16 athletes that progressed through to the State Championships, 9 athletes received medals.
- ☺ Rosanna won the most gold medals at the Centre Multi Championship. With 4 Club records broken.
- ☺ At the Region Multi Championships, Rosanna had 14 athletes compete on behalf of DVLAC with:
 - ✓ 3 top ten finishes
 - ✓ 10 top Five finishes (up from 6 last season)
 - ✓ 8 receiving medals (up from 6 last season)

Of the 14 athletes that competed, 13 finished in the top 10. A true reflection of our performance at centre multi championships.

- ☺ At the State Multi event 8 Rosanna athletes competed (up from 5 last season). 3 finished in the top 10, one of those finished in the top 5.
- ☺ 81 Athletes competed at the Centre track and field championships (up from 59 last season) resulting in 42 receiving medals. This enabled Rosanna to place second in the overall medal count.
- ☺ 32 Rosanna Athletes competed at the Region Track and Field Championships of this 22 were from U9-U15 (an increase from 19 last season) of which 13 progressed to State. 10 U7&U8 athletes competed of which 5 made finals and 3 received medals.
- ☺ Rosanna had 14 athletes represent DVLAC at the State Track and Field championships with 8 making a final, 2 receiving medals and one withdrawing due to illness.
- ☺ Rosanna has won a possible 6 out of 17 age groups that we have athletes in (up from 4 from last season) with another 1 age group coming second and 4 coming third proving that we are strong growing club competitive across all levels.
- ☺ 5 new club records were made and 1 record equalled for track and field

*11 club records were established by our U16 girls. 8 of these established are centre records.

We liked to thank all the parents and athletes that helped us throughout the season at the table. Your help is truly appreciated.

Thanks you for a fantastic and extremely successful season.

Warren and Sue Zerna

TEAM MANAGERS

Rosanna Coaching Report

Thank You's - James Lynch, Jamie Collins, Bob Derrett, Gabriel Magbadiefe, and everyone else that helped with our Wednesday Night training.

Our fantastic athletes were brilliant this year, in their overall performances as athletes on the track, and they way they conducted themselves off the track which is the foundation of our culture at our Club.

A big thank you to Sue and Warren Zerna for having a Great PB Program which is vital to and directly in line with my

coaching philosophy. Well done to everyone from U6 to U16.

My goal was to firstly to get all Athletes to have fun, Which is the most important, and develop their Technique in all events. I believe we have had a great year in these two areas.

Challenge Yourself to improve next season.

Grant King

COACH

On-Track Co-ordinator

The function of the On-Track Co-ordinator position was to act as an initial point of contact for parents of On-track athletes. As On-Track is often the first contact that families have with the Club and the centre the RLAC committee decided that an On-Track co-ordinator position would be created starting in the 2010-2011 season.

In my position as On-Track co-ordinator my initial responsibilities involved greeting new and returning On-Track families at the Rosanna tent at the start of the season and answering any queries. For the first few weeks of competition I also made sure that athletes made it to the bunker when called to marshal and that they returned to the tent after the session to have their attendance recorded and to receive any rewards/stamps. As the season progressed and the On-Trackers (and their parents) grew more used to the operations of the Centre very little was required of the Co-ordinator apart

from continuing to give support to the On-Trackers.

On the whole, the On-Track co-ordinator position is a great way to welcome new families into the club and to take some pressure off the team managers, especially in the hectic early season.

Michael Harte

ON-TRACK CO-ORDINATOR

Uniforms

Hello to all athletics families

We've had a busy season so far with 59 t-shirts being sold and 36 hoodies to date. The hoodies have been a very popular new addition to our uniform and have helped to keep our precious athletes (and some parents) warm during our inclement weather.

Next season we will be introducing Rosanna singlets which will be available for purchase at a similar cost to our current t-shirts. These singlets will be optional. You may continue to use the t-shirts or you may wish to purchase a singlet.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with regard to any delays in receiving the Diamond Valley Region/State uniforms due to a change in supplier and in the overall appearance. Please note the current Diamond Valley uniform without the new logo will remain valid until the END of the 2013 Athletics season.

Congratulations on a terrific season.

Ali Mlikota

UNIFORM MANAGER

RLAC Volunteer Coordinator Report 2010-2011

What a year with 95 families and Rosanna being the largest club at Diamond Valley!!

This season I had lots of families on board ready to help at the drop of a hat. On the other hand I still had trouble getting ALL families involved.

Planning the volunteer roster is not hard. It takes about half an hour each week, to roster parents and check the program for age groups who will be starting early and ending the program, and rostering parents accordingly.

The hard part is getting people to read the newsletter each week so that they know they are on the roster. Communication is the big key. If you cannot do your duty (which sometimes can happen!) then you need to let the coordinator know ASAP! Even better you could find someone to swap with!! Most parents did let me know via email or text and I thank those parents for that.

My aim at the start of the season was to get every family involved by the end of the season. Most of the jobs are not difficult, it makes the time go quicker and often you can get up close and personal to your athlete competing.

Next season I urge you to get involved particularly at an Officials level. With so many families now and being the biggest club we will be given more duties. We need to have quite a few 'officials' to help, instead of having to rely on 2 or 3 parents each week. In saying this I would like to send special thanks to Tony Hannan, Mark Raheke, Grant King and Simon Rigoni who officiated the High Jump & Shot Put every week. These parents like you have children competing and they would like to be able to watch them sometimes instead of doing jobs every week.

I have lots of families who were always happy to help whether I needed them or not. I would like to thank them personally but I'm afraid I might miss someone and that wouldn't be good.

I wish my successor the best of luck for the next season as I will be stepping down from this position and letting someone else give it a go!!

Thank You

Sharon Hankinson

**RLAC VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
GO ROSANNA GO!**

Fundraising Report

My role as fundraising co-ordinator this season entailed the following:

1. Organising the Cadbury chocolate drive at the beginning of the season.
2. Co-ordinating, ordering, liaising with sponsors, club families and committee members and collecting donations for the Club allocated fundraising day.
3. Arranging raffle prize and selling of tickets for the 40th Birthday celebrations.
4. Arranging raffle /door prizes for the end of season presentation day.
5. Our budget for the season was \$3000. We have a profit to date of \$2309. This does not include proceeds from raffle sales on presentation day.
6. I would like to thank the terrific Rosanna Committee, all our sponsors and suppliers, (please see list below) Rosanna Club families and especially my own family for giving their time, donations and support to the clubs fundraising activities this season.

7. I will not be continuing in this role and will look forward to handing over the position for the 2011/12 season.

8. List of sponsors/suppliers: Cadbury fundraising, Caron motors, Digital Galaxies, Katie's Hair Design, Muffin Break Greensborough, Sharon Hankinson (Mary Kay cosmetics), Karin Minney (Tupperware Consultant), Bonita Reinbold Beauty Therapy, Rosanna Chiropractic, Vyve Restaurant.

Angela Whitten

FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR

Active After School Communities Report

This year RLAC participated in the AASC program. This is a government subsidised program in which coaches go out to schools and run clinics in specific sports. Our sport of course was Little Athletics. We get a grant to use on equipment necessary to perform our clinics and our coaches and coordinator are paid for their contribution.

We had 6 coaches (all who did a training course run by the Australian Sports Commission) representing RLAC – Olivia Reinbold, Peter Bovo, David Stewart, Kaitlyn Krahe, Joe Langford & Greg Beriman. These coaches went out to specific schools once a week for 7 weeks (1 hr sessions). The schools that have participated so far are Macleod PS, St Martin's PS, Streeton PS, Preston North East PS and Ivanhoe East PS (twice).

I would personally like to thank these 6 coaches and their parents and grandparents for helping out with travel to and from participating schools and for 'housing' the kit with all our equipment.

I hope that this will continue over the years as we can train up new coaches (have to be 16yrs plus) and continue to educate the importance of fun, fitness and family, the philosophy of Little Athletics.

Thank You

Sharon Hankinson

**AASC COORDINATOR
GO ROSANNA GO!**

Registrations 2010-2011

Rosanna held a very successful "Sign up" day at Dominos Pizza Heidelberg on the 4th September 2010, 53 Athletes Registering that day 16 of which were new to our club introducing 8 new Families.

Diamond Valley held two come and try days one on the 11th September where Rosanna had 18 Athletes sign up followed by another 26 on the 18th of these 28 new athletes we had 14 new families join and 18 Athletes returning from the previous season. These additions took our total registrations to an amazing 117 all before competition had officially begun.

From October to the end of 2010 we signed up another 22, and after signing our final 3 athletes in 2011 our total number of registered Athletes stood at 139.

Altogether we have:

95 Families

- 57 families with 1 Athlete
- 32 Families with 2 Athletes
- 6 Families with 3 Athletes

69 New Athletes (most new athletes in history of club)

- 43 Boys
- 26 girls

70 Returning from season 09/10 (70% return rate)

- 34 Boys
- 36 Girls

77 Boys in total

62 Girls in total

2011 Athletes

| Rosanna Athletes | |
|-------------------|------------|
| New Athletes | 69 |
| Existing Athletes | 70 |
| Total | 139 |

| Families | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| families with 1 Athlete | 57 |
| Families with 2 Athletes | 32 |
| Families with 3 Athletes | 6 |
| Total | 95 |

| Age Groups | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Under 6 Ontrack Boys | 13 |
| Under 6 Ontrack Girls | 7 |
| Total | 20 |

| Age Groups | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Under 12 Boys | 6 |
| Under 12 Girls | 5 |
| Total | 11 |

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| Under 7 Ontrack Boys | 13 |
| Under 7 Ontrack Girls | 7 |
| Total | 20 |

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| Under 13 Boys | 1 |
| Under 13 Girls | 1 |
| Total | 2 |

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| Under 8 Boys | 8 |
| Under 8 Girls | 6 |
| Total | 14 |

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| Under 14 Boys | 3 |
| Under 14 Girls | 1 |
| Total | 4 |

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| Under 9 Boys | 13 |
| Under 9 Girls | 7 |
| Total | 20 |

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| Under 15 Boys | 2 |
| Under 15 Girls | 3 |
| Total | 5 |

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|----------------|-----------|
| Under 10 Boys | 10 |
| Under 10 Girls | 8 |
| Total | 18 |

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| Under 16 Boys | 0 |
| Under 16 Girls | 3 |
| Total | 3 |

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|----------------|-----------|
| Under 11 Boys | 8 |
| Under 11 Girls | 14 |
| Total | 22 |

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| Total Athletes | 139 |
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Athletes 2010-11

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|---------|-----------------|-----------|
| Under 6 | Bisogni | Jack |
| Under 6 | Boilee | Mason |
| Under 6 | Carr | Patrick |
| Under 6 | Fealy | Hudson |
| Under 6 | Gruer | Ruby |
| Under 6 | Hahn | Lukas |
| Under 6 | Harte | Erin |
| Under 6 | Kennedy | Siobhan |
| Under 6 | Lynch | Jack |
| Under 6 | Mlikota | Will |
| Under 6 | Mullins | Matthias |
| Under 6 | Renton | Zoe |
| Under 6 | Simonovski | Ilija |
| Under 6 | Turcu | Georgia |
| Under 6 | White | Jacob |
| Under 6 | Willits | Mia |
| Under 6 | Witharanage | Shavith |
| Under 6 | Yates | Charlotte |
| Under 7 | Adekoya | Caleb |
| Under 7 | Bosinco-Hammett | Ella |
| Under 7 | Corea | Gayan |
| Under 7 | Crawford | Glen |

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|---------|-------------|-----------|
| Under 7 | Della Rocca | Lara |
| Under 7 | Donohue | Ethan |
| Under 7 | Edgar | Noah |
| Under 7 | Fealy | Miller |
| Under 7 | Fox | Ned |
| Under 7 | Glover | SallyAnne |
| Under 7 | Jerram | Matthew |
| Under 7 | Loaisiga | Joseph |
| Under 7 | Meaden | Stephanie |
| Under 7 | Philip | Benjamin |
| Under 7 | Russo | Matthew |
| Under 7 | Scott | Isaac |
| Under 7 | Steele | Alice |
| Under 7 | Witchell | Sam |
| Under 7 | Young | Lily |
| Under 7 | Zerna | Hannah |
| Under 8 | Barnett | Lily |
| Under 8 | Brown | Jamie |
| Under 8 | Cook | Blake |
| Under 8 | Derrett | Abigail |
| Under 8 | Hannan | Rachel |
| Under 8 | Hare | Charli |
| Under 8 | Lawson | Elizabeth |

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| Under 8 | Lynch | Grace |
| Under 8 | Mgbadiefe | Raphael |
| Under 8 | Stanley | Dominic |
| Under 8 | Stowell | Zachary |
| Under 8 | Tosti | Joshua |
| Under 8 | Williams | Bailey |
| Under 8 | Willits | Harrison |
| Under 9 | Beerling | Jacob |
| Under 9 | Coe | Joshua |
| Under 9 | Collins | Joshua |
| Under 9 | Corea | Suren |
| Under 9 | Derrett | Lucinda |
| Under 9 | Edgar | Chelsea |
| Under 9 | Ellis | Ben |
| Under 9 | Giles | Sean |
| Under 9 | Gray | Darcy |
| Under 9 | Kennedy | Edmund |
| Under 9 | Loaisiga | Danielle |
| Under 9 | Mackay | Brianna |
| Under 9 | Manteaw | Michael |
| Under 9 | Meaden | Calvin |
| Under 9 | Mlikota | Rosie |
| Under 9 | Philip | Josh |
| Under 9 | Plummer | Matilda |
| Under 9 | Steele | Penny |
| Under 9 | Todd | Timothy |
| Under 9 | Young | Jack |
| Under 10 | Brown | Tayla |
| Under 10 | Curnow | Justin |
| Under 10 | Fox | James |
| Under 10 | Fox | Lee |
| Under 10 | Gemmill | Lachlan |
| Under 10 | Goonesekera | Vinhara |
| Under 10 | Gray | Lilah |
| Under 10 | Hare | Jaime |
| Under 10 | Lal | Harrison |
| Under 10 | Landy | Adele |
| Under 10 | Langford | Taylor |
| Under 10 | Lawson | Patrick |
| Under 10 | Loaisiga | Isabella |
| Under 10 | McCarthy | Brody |
| Under 10 | Rigoni | Rhys |
| Under 10 | Simonovski | Yane |
| Under 10 | Stowell | Hayden |
| Under 10 | Ware | Rachel |
| Under 11 | Anderson | Lucy |
| Under 11 | Billington | Gemma |

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| Under 11 | Caiafa | Alana |
| Under 11 | Collins | Benjamin |
| Under 11 | Cook | Monique |
| Under 11 | Derrett | Eloise |
| Under 11 | Hannan | Emma |
| Under 11 | Harte | Matthew |
| Under 11 | Jones | Sophie |
| Under 11 | Kennedy | Bridget |
| Under 11 | King | Lachlan |
| Under 11 | King | Brayden |
| Under 11 | Landy | Chloe |
| Under 11 | Meagher | Oliver |
| Under 11 | Milne | Isabel |
| Under 11 | Mlikota | Holly |
| Under 11 | Mullins | Joshua |
| Under 11 | Plummer | Isla |
| Under 11 | Russo | Alana |
| Under 11 | Stanley | Monique |
| Under 11 | Todd | James |
| Under 11 | Zerna | William |
| Under 12 | Bateson | Owen |
| Under 12 | Beaton | Grace |
| Under 12 | Coe | Rebecca |
| Under 12 | Colovic | Luke |
| Under 12 | Dow | Tahlia |
| Under 12 | Hankinson | Zac |
| Under 12 | Hare | Chelsea |
| Under 12 | Laws | Benjamin |
| Under 12 | Le Fevere | Shane |
| Under 12 | Manuel | Kurt |
| Under 12 | Whitten | Grace |
| Under 13 | Curnow | James |
| Under 13 | Mills | Tarlya |
| Under 14 | Hankinson | Jordi |
| Under 14 | Keppel | Jazmyn |
| Under 14 | Owen | Joshua |
| Under 14 | Raheke | Hemi |
| Under 15 | Crabtree | Jade |
| Under 15 | Schubert | Laurence |
| Under 15 | Whitten | Olivia |
| Under 15 | Wilde | Maddi |
| Under 15 | Witharanage | Charith |
| Under 16 | Gamage | Chamalka |
| Under 16 | Krahe | Kaitlyn |
| Under 16 | Stewart | Joanna |

Committee

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PRESIDENT | Jamie Parsons Collins |
| SECRETARY | Carolyn Hannan |
| TREASURER | Biju Philip |
| TEAM MANAGERS | Sue Zerna & Warren Zerna |
| REGISTRAR | Belinda Coe |
| VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR | Sharon Hankinson |
| COACHING PANEL CO-ORDINATOR | Grant King |
| UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR | Ali Mlikota |
| UNIFORM ASSISTANT | Carmel Cook |
| FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR | Angela Whitten |
| ONTRACK CO-ORDINATOR | Michael Harte |
| DV DELEGATES | Sharon Parsons Collins |
| DV DELEGATE | Carolyn Hannan |
| GENERAL COMMITTEE | David Laws |
| | Graham Stewart |
| | Gabriel Mgbadiefe |
| OFFICIALS | Glenys Schubert |
| | Tony Hannan |
| COACHING PANEL | |
| COACHING CO-ORDINATOR | Grant King |
| | Jamie Parsons Collins |
| | James Lynch |
| | Gabriel Mgbadiefe |
| ROSANNA LAC | |

Rosanna Little Athletics Club Annual General Meeting 2010-2011

AGENDA

DATE: 2 April 2011

LOCATION: Willinda Park, Greensborough

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Accept previous years Minutes
3. Presidents Report
4. Treasurers Report
5. Election of Committee
 - 5.1 President
 - 5.2 Secretary
 - 5.3 Treasurer
 - 5.4 Team Manager x 1
 - 5.5 Team Manager x 1
 - 5.6 Coaching Co-ordinator
 - 5.7 Uniform Co-ordinator
 - 5.8 Assistant Uniform Co-ordinator
 - 5.9 Fundraising Co-ordinator
 - 5.10 Assistant Fundraising Co-ordinator
 - 5.11 Registrar
 - 5.12 Assistant Registrar
 - 5.13 Ontrack Co-ordinator
 - 5.14 Volunteer Co-ordinator
 - 5.15 Assistant Volunteer Co-ordinator
 - 5.16 General Committee / Team Manager Assistants
6. Other Matters
7. Meeting Close

AGM Meeting 27/03/2010

WILLINDA PARK

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| PRESENT | As listed on the attendance record signed on arrival. |
| APOLOGIES | Marino Bovo |
| MEETING OPEN | 12.27pm |
| CHAIR | Kristy McGregor (outgoing President) |

*Welcome Address

*Written copy of reports made available to all present. (accepted unanimously)

*All positions declared vacant and elections held.

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| President | Jamie Parsons |
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| Secretary | Carolyn Hannan |
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| Treasurer | Biju Philip |
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| Team Manager | Sue Zerna |
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Warren Zerna

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| Registrar | Belinda Coe |
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| Volunteer Co-ordinator | Sharon Hankinson |
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| Coach | Grant King |
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| Uniform Co-ordinators | Ali Mlikota |
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Carmel Cook

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| Fundraising Co-ordinator | Angela Whitten |
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| DV Delegate (1) | Sharon Collins |
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| DV Delegate (2) | Carolyn Hannan |
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| *Other business raised: | A request that committee introduce a singlet top as an alternative option to the current Rosanna shirt. |
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MEETING CLOSE 1.00PM.

Proud, Passionate and Purple

A run down memory lane



of organising families set the tone for Rosanna's future. The Committee was well organised and was very co-operative with a common purpose of providing fun and friendly athletic activities for children.

Controversy and Rosanna have never been too far away and at this early stage there was a potential local conflict brewing. The McLeod Little Athletics Club had been functioning for a number of seasons and were concerned that the new new Rosanna Club would have a negative impact on their membership numbers - they had a right to be worried - the new Rosanna club started with a bang.

The newly established club joined the Heidelberg Little Athletics Centre. The track was located at

The history of the Rosanna Little Athletics Club is a colourful one. It is full of families, fun and passion - with a little controversy thrown in along the way. More than 8,000 people have participated with the the Club over the past 40 years. If you have any further information to add to the club history please do not hesitate to contact the club.

In the Beginning

In 1970 Johnny Farnham's "Raindrops Keep falling on my head" was Australia's best selling single and at the same time, on Wednesday the 16th September (a school night) a community meeting was called at the Rosanna Primary School Library with the aim of establishing a Rosanna little athletics club.

Warren Bartley called the meeting and while he was setting up the room and finalising his opening remarks he was still not too sure if enough people would turn up. He needn't have worried. By the start of the meeting over 25 parents had taken their seats and there there was now a lot to organise.

This first meeting lasted 3 hours and by the time parents started heading home the club colours of purple & white were selected, a club name chosen, flyers needed producing and there was equipment to purchase.

The meeting appointed Warren Bartley as President, Geoff Mill as Secretary, Vivienne Bartley as Treasurer and Stewart Paterson & Bill Cowley as Team Managers. This first group

the Olympic Village in West Heidelberg. 60 athletes from 40 families aged from under 8's to under 12's signed up to the inaugural season. These families were the beginning of a dynasty - more than 8,000 people would go on to be part of the mighty purple and white.



Registration fees were 60c for the season and an extra 10c every Saturday morning. The club finished the season with \$3.40 in the bank from a turnover of \$137.70. The club finished 7th overall with four Rosanna athletes holding Heidelberg Centre records.

1970's

Australian society changed markedly in the 1970's. The Vietnam war ended, there was turmoil in politics and skyhooks were one of Australia's most successful bands. We were living in the 70's and it was a purple world.

Club meetings were held at the homes of Committee members (a tradition that has survived for 40 years). The Club commenced training at Rosanna Primary School and Little Athletics was becoming one of the biggest junior participation sports across Australia.

At the end of the 1971-72 season presentation day was held at the Tootourrong Reservoir just outside of Whittlesea. A new club medal was awarded for "Athlete of the Year" to Elisa Coulson for Girls and Craig Smythe for boys.

Despite their being a cinders track at the Olympic Village it was in no state to compete on the Rosanna athletes competed on a grass track marked out by the Heidelberg Centre. It was not until later in the decade that the cinders track was upgraded by the council and little athletes could compete on it.

Craig Smythe was an outstanding club performer, he was Centre Boys Champion and represented Victoria at the National Championships in the mid 1970's.

By 1975 the club had grown to almost 100 athletes and had become one of the more successful and well organised clubs at the Heidelberg Centre.

The 1970's were golden years, with the club winning four Heidelberg Centre Club Championships in a row including 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79.



In 1976 the Club's finances has swelled to \$368.

In 1977-78 club Champion Lee Oakley won gold in the 100 metre hurdles and silver in the long jump in the under 12's State Championships. Ricky Jackson, who later went onto play for Melbourne in the Victorian Football League, won a gold medal at the State Championships for under 10 high jump in 1976-1977.

Towards the end of 70's the club moved its training from Rosanna Primary School to Rosanna Parklands. Every Wednesday night the Rosanna Little Athletics Club was a regular feature for the commuters travelling on the Greensborough line.

The club's success grew – the club become financially strong, had lots of participants and produced some wonderful athletes. Rosanna was also significantly involved in managing the Heidelberg Centre.

A number of current club records that were set in the 1970's are still unchallenged today. This includes Lee Oakley who set 5 U10 records in 1977-1978 - 60H(10.00), Long Jump (4.15), 70m (10.4) and 100m (14.2). In the same year Kerrie Lee set a Rosanna record in the U12 200m with a time of 27.70.

The end of the 70's lead to the most significant event in the club's history, friendships would be frayed, accusations made and ultimately the destiny of the club would change. The start of the decade started with optimism but by the start of the 1978 season purple storm clouds were brewing.

An End and a New Beginning

As the decade came to a close the 1970's were ending in drama. There was talk of national team boycotts at the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games and at the same time the Rosanna Little Athletics Club was considering it's own protest action.

Rosanna was a stalwart club and a key part of Heidelberg Centre's success. The club was well run and had high expectations. The events of the first day of season 1978 had a domino effect that would change the club forever.

7th October 1978 was the opening day of the athletics season. In the lead up to the 1978-79 season The Banyule Club, a suburb located next door to Rosanna, had done a great deal of promotion and recruited a large number of Children. Being located next to Rosanna there was often discussion over which Club children would compete for.

Banyule signed up 60 athletes on its first day, however registration fees were not paid on the day as had been understood was required. A debate erupted over whether club points would be counted.

The Executive of the Heidelberg Centre determined to meet on the following Wednesday to make a decision. By this time the issues were more than just about points but the integrity of the competition.

After much discussion the Heidelberg executive decided to award points to Banyule despite not paying their registration fees on the day. This lead to acrimonious debate and a walkout by the Rosanna Delegates.

A number of days later the Rosanna Committee met and the following motions were put forward:

Moved by Dick White: We stick with the Centre this season and fulfil our obligations where applicable – carried.

Moved by Paul Nerer: That we request a special delegates meeting to discuss registration and allocation of points for first day of competition – all were in favour

Moved by Paul Nerer: That we discuss at a later date the possibility of joining another centre – defeated

Not only was the motion to move to another centre lost but the Rosanna Club agreed by majority to continue at Heidelberg and “wholeheartedly” supported the centre.

Letters, phone calls and comments continued to fly back and forth but the Banyule points would stand. The issue continued to simmer.

The season progressed and issues that would normally be taken in their stride including the incorrect recording of times and poor organisation of the centres relay championships were magnified through Rosanna’s continuing frustration with the Centre.

Relationships had broken down so far that the Victorian Little Athletics Association were called in to mediate. At the Rosanna committee meeting of 21st November 1978 passions were running high. A lengthy amount of time was put aside to discuss the “unpleasantness” that had developed between the Heidelberg Centre and the Rosanna Club. In attendance were the Rosanna Committee, George Nevitt of the Victorian Little Athletics Association and Tony Brown from the Heidelberg Centre.

After the meeting the Heidelberg Centre prepared a statement for other club committees that only served to stoke tensions further. Rosanna insisted some words in the statement be deleted. The statement was released with the offending sentence blacked out. This act was the last straw for the Rosanna Committee and along with the continuing issues between adults lead to the events at the Rosanna Committee meeting of 12 December 1979.

At the Committee meeting of 12 December 1979 parents Ron Gates and Paul Nerer were authorised to prepare a report regarding the pros and cons of moving to another Centre which they carried out with due diligence.

The issue bubbled away over Christmas of 1979. The contents of the report were distributed and at the Club Committee meeting of 21 February 1979 it was agreed that Rosanna parents would be approached to gauge their interest in becoming members of the Committee – then a decision to move or stay would be made by the new committee.

Finally, at the committee meeting of 14 March 1979 a decision would be made, would the club stay at the Heidelberg Centre or move to the Diamond Valley Centre?

The meeting proceeded covering the normal issues of medal production, finances, uniforms and track and field Championships. Then finally the Committee turned its attention to the most important item on the agenda.

Its Unanimous!

It was agreed unanimously that the Rosanna Club should make an application for transfer to the Diamond Valley Centre!

The club secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Victorian Little Athletics Association to request the transfer. The VLAA replied saying it was entirely a matter for the Rosanna Club provided the Diamond Valley Centre accepted the transfer. The Rosanna Committee wrote to the Diamond Valley Committee requesting to join the Centre.



On the 28th May 1979 Rosanna Little Athletics Club received a letter from Ray Nightingale of the Diamond Valley Little Athletics Centre welcoming Rosanna to their competition. On the 17th August 1979 Rosanna attended the Diamond Valley AGM as fully fledged voting members of their new centre.

1980's

The 1980's were a decade of excess - big money, big hair, big shoulder pads and a big Rosanna Little Athletics Club.

By the early 1980's club training had moved to the Rosanna Golf Links Primary School Oval and continued on Wednesday nights. The club also continued its relationship with the Ivanhoe Amateur Athletics Club. Over the years many Rosanna athletes have joined the Ivanhoe club when they moved to seniors as well as the Diamond Valley Senior Athletics Club.

In 1981-82 season Julie Clough (U9) won the girls Club Champion and Erin Carozzi (also U9) won the boys club Champion award.

In 1982-83 under 14's and under 15's were added to the program providing further opportunities for children to stay involved in little athletics. This had the effect of boosting athlete numbers significantly and in 1982-83 the club had a record 112 (93 boys and 47 girls) enrolments. The ratio of boys and girls continued to remain lopsided until the start of the 2000's.



At the end of 1983 the club decided to have a logo. The famous Rosanna running hurdler was born.

At the end of 1983 Club funds totalled \$801.

The club went from strength to strength increasing participation numbers to 158. Then top a great decade off won the Diamond Valley Club Championships in 1983/1984 and 1985/86 and coming runners up in 1982/1983.

The move to Diamond Valley was paying off through increased participation and good organisation. In 1985 the tensions with Heidelberg still simmered and Rosanna's old foe attempted to cajole, convince and encourage Rosanna to come back, including the claim that Rosanna held Heidelberg trophies that had not been returned. Letters were written to VLAA by the Heidelberg Centre, however arrangements stood and Rosanna continued at Diamond Valley.



By the end of the 80's the club was continuing to perform strongly. 98 athletes signed up for the last season of the decade. There was a great group athletes and parents involved with the club and the future look bright.

1990's

The 1990s were a decade of a diverse world – the internet and email took hold of popular culture and alternative rock became mainstream. You go, girl! was a popular phrase in the media and Rosanna had a booming start to the Decade.

Robert Whitmarsh emerged as a star of the club and was selected in the Victorian team to compete at Australian Championships and still holds many Rosanna records.

In 1993-94 Leslie Smith became just the second female President until that time and in 1995-96 Rosanna celebrated 25 years as a club.

At the end of the 1995-96 season the club reviewed its training based at Rosanna Golf Links Primary School and decided a move training to Willinda Park. Wednesday's continuing to be the club's training night and the move opened a new chapter in the life of Rosanna Little Athletics Club.

The cash position of the club continued to be strong and at the start of the 1996/97 season the club had \$2,759 locked away in the bank.



At the end of the 1997-98 season presentation day was held as a BBQ at Rosanna Parklands.

In the late 90's the boy power of Serey Nop, Hayden Keall and Christopher Lim produced outstanding results. Between them - winning state medals, centre championships and Club Champions awards.

As the decade came to end athlete numbers started to decline. From a high of 104 in 1995, numbers had fallen to 55 for the start of the 1999-00 season. Basketball and netball were impacting on numbers; computer games and the internet started to take hold and the club was looking for fresh impetus.

The 00's

The y2k bug was nothing but a distant memory when the start of the first full season of the decade rolled around. Macy Gray was the hottest new act around, the Sydney Olympics were a huge success and there was a sense of optimism and the club started to grow again. Within 2 years the athlete numbers had grown to 112.

The "ontrack" program for under 6's and under 7's was introduced at the start of the 2001-02 season. On track was a radical departure from the traditional athletics program. It was a new emphasis with Athletes having a focus on fun and skill development for an hour on a Saturday mornings. Rosanna has been an enthusiastic supporter of the ontrack program with large numbers of participants.

After 9 years with the club the David Family said a sad goodbye in 2005/06. New State Championship medal winners emerged including Jade Crabtree, Laurence Schubert, Phillip Blyth, Kaitlin Krahe, Olivia Getson and Joanna Stewart.

During the 2000's the numbers of boys and girls evened up reflecting further changes in society and the many female role models emerging in the sporting arena.

In 2008/09 Emma Hannan (under 9) became the first Rosanna and Diamond Valley athlete to medal in 4 State Championships in the same season. – Cross Country (Team Bronze), Relay (gold, silver & bronze), Multi (Bronze) and Track and Field (1 Silver, 2 Bronze).

Under the auspices of Team Managers, the Zerna's, a formal Personal Best Program was introduced at the start of the 2008/2009 season providing athletes with incentives to beat their PB's. There was an immediate spike in retuning athletes to the club and more athletes attending from week to week.

Other innovations towards the end of the decade included a "coaching panel" set up by Grant King to develop the coaching skills within the club.



The inaugural Rosanna Gift, a staggered race based on season times, was run for the first time at presentation day of the 2009/10 season and is set to become a time honoured Rosanna tradition.

The late 2000's saw the club explode with athletic numbers peaking again at 120 in the 2008/09 season and more than 130 in the 2010-2011 Season. The 2010-2011 saw the club break a number of records including – biggest retention rate, biggest increase in athletes from one year to the next and the largest number of on trackers (under 6 and under 7 participants).

The Clubs financial position was at its strongest at the end of the 2009/2010 season with over \$7,500 in the bank.



In 2010 The Club launched an after school program with the support of the Australian Sports Commission promoting athletics to children. The club was also been involved with the LAPS program run by VLAA, promoting athletics in schools during school time.

In 2010-11 Rosanna Parents Sharon Collins Parsons and Carolyn Hannan held the positions of Girls Team Manager and Boys Team Manager with Diamond Valley.

A club website was introduced (www.rlac.com.au) in 2010 and a club them song launched as part of the 40th Birthday celebrations. The club theme song reflects 40 years of culture within the club as well as a focus on the future.

Future

The club is in a strong position and the club is well on the way to celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The key principles of the club – fun, family, working together and being purple are just important today as they were at the first club meeting 40 years ago.

The club for the first time will recognise life members at the 2010-11 AGM and has supporters such as Olympic Gold Medallist, Cathy Freeman pictured below.

While Johnny Farnham may have sang Rain Drops are Falling on my Head 40 years ago the future of the Rosanna Little Athletics Club looks especially bright and there are purple skies ahead.





*We are Rosanna, The greatest club of all
We are Rosanna, We are one for all
We try with all our might, We are the mighty
purple and white
Our banners fly high from dawn to dark,
Down at Willinda Park*

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