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Huge thank you to all the officials who worked so hard over the last three days! You rock!

ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021

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FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Glenn Bartlett	Vicki Birtles	Mark Blackman
Fiona Brown	Roger Brown	Marion Buchanan
David Carr	Jacquie Cattermole	Bob Chalmers
Marie Fitzsimons	Kate Glass	Lindsey Glass
Carol Hale	Jackie Halberg	Bernadette Hennighan
Mike Holmes	Brett Johns	Terry Jones
Gwenda Kennedy	Nikki Lopez *	Bev McCagh
Coral McCooley	Kylee McVee	Toni Petts
Bob Schickert	Lynne Schickert	Colin Smith
David Stanton	June Streeter	Max Sulejmani
Matthew Vine	Jennifer Wheatley	Garry Wilson

Deceased *

2020-2021 Committee Members

President	Marion Buchanan
Vice President	Fiona Brown
Secretary	Jennifer Wheatley
Treasurer	Vicki Oliver
Membership Officer	Matthew Vine
Education Coordinator	Marie Fitzsimons
Social Coordinator	Melissa Lewis
General Committee Member	Bev McCagh
General Committee Member	Kylee McVee

Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO)

Kylee McVee

Member Protection Information Officers play an important role in sport. They provide information and guidance on complaints procedures - they are the 'go to' person if you want to discuss problems at your club/association, particularly if you are considering making a formal complaint.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Record of meeting

Date: Sunday, 11 October 2020

Time: 12.50 pm - 1.40 pm

Venue: Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries – Sport and Recreation
246 Vincent Street
Leederville

1. WELCOME

Marion Buchanan, President, welcomed all attendees to the Annual General Meeting for the Club, 2020.

2. ATTENDANCE

Bruce Wilson, Bev McCagh, Fiona Brown (via Zoom), Yvonne Mann, Jackie Halberg, Jen Wheatley, Kylee McVee, Marion Buchanan, Marie Fitzsimons, Vicki Oliver, Terry Jones, Toni Petts, David Pye, Matt Vine, Melissa Lewis, Bernadette Hennighan

APOLOGIES

Melody Velthuysen, Gwenda Kennedy, Rachel Williams, Paul Lever, Erin Lever, Kelly Taylor, Lynne Schickert, Bob Chalmers, June Streeter

3. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

The minutes for the Annual General Meeting conducted on Sunday, 13 October 2019 were distributed via email to all members and presented at the meeting. Acceptance of the minutes – that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2019 are confirmed and accepted as a true and accurate record.

- o proposed by Vicki Oliver, seconded by Yvonne Mann
All in favour?

PASSED

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Cub President, Marion outlined how 2020 made for quite a different and challenging time during the second half of the 2019-20 athletics season for all involved in athletics. WA hosted the National All Schools Competition in View and edit this document in Word on your computer, tablet, or phone. You can edit

text; easily insert content such as pictures, shapes, and tables; and seamlessly save the document to the cloud from Word on your Windows, Mac, Android, or iOS device.

December 2019, with State and National Championships, and International events postponed or cancelled due COVID-19 restrictions.

The amalgamation of the two State Associations, Athletics WA and Little Athletics WA to form Athletics West will have a significant and long-term impact on the delivery of our sport.

During the summer season the Club was involved in the North West Championships, LA Country Championships and many local competitions with skill and knowledge development opportunities for our members. COVID-19 restrictions did limit the number of competitions in the second half of the season. A shortened program of Walks and Cross Country was offered during the limited winter season, with WAAOC managing the events program.

Marion thanked all members of the Executive Committee who have worked tirelessly as a team to deliver many benefits for the Club and its members.

The income derived from the LAWA contract has enabled the Club to fund a number of our Officials to travel to various Championship events, including two members who attended a National event prior to COVID-19 restrictions which prevented all intra- and interstate travel.

The Club continues to provide Officials and volunteers with education and development opportunities through onsite Centre visits and by offering seminars for all Officials. Many seminar attendees are opting to attend via the 'Zoom' online platform.

Marion specifically referred to one of the Club's strongest assets, Matthew our Social Media and Marketing representative. His tireless work ensures the Club has a wide and strong presence on many social media platforms. He produces a regular Club newsletter to keep members up to date on all things local through to international athletic events and incidents of interest.

The relatively new 'Joey's Program' has provided assistance to our young Officials; however, the program requires attention to further support interested young people in officiating at our sport.

Adoption of the President's Report – that the President's Report be adopted by the meeting.

- o proposed by Jackie Halberg, seconded by Kylee McVee.
All in favour?

PASSED

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Annual Financial report for the period 27/09/2019 to 30/06/2020 was tabled, showing a closing balance of \$17,971.91. For details refer to the report as tabled and includes:

Opening balance	\$9,919.45
Receipts	\$10,500.00 (includes LAWA Education Program Contract payments)
Payments	\$2,447.54
Closing balance	\$17,971.91

As per legislative requirements, the Western Australian Athletics Officials Club Annual Financial Report 2020 is for the financial period 27/09/2019 to 30/06/2020. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report – that the Treasurer's Report is confirmed and accepted as a true and accurate record.

- o proposed by Toni Petts, seconded by Bev McCagh.
All in favour?

PASSED

6. RETURNING OFFICER

Nomination of returning officer: David Pye has agreed to be the Returning Officer for the election of office bearers, should votes need to be counted.

7. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nominations are open for five positions on the committee. Positions as outlined by the Constitution are:

- President (2-year term)
- Treasurer (2-year term)
- Education Coordinator (2-year term)
- General Committee member (2-year term)
- Social Coordinator (1-year term) VACANT

Election for Executive committee members:

Nominations called for President

Nomination received from Marion Buchanan, seconded by Matthew Vine

No further nominations received. Marion confirmed as President

PASSED

Nominations called for Treasurer

Nomination received from Vicki Oliver, seconded by Marion Buchanan

No further nominations received. Vicki confirmed as Treasurer

PASSED

Nominations called for Education Coordinator

Nomination received from Marie Fitzsimons, seconded by Bernadette

Hennighan

No further nominations received. Marie confirmed as Education Coordinator

PASSED

Nominations called for General Committee member

Nomination received from Kylee Mc Vee, seconded by Bev McCagh

No further nominations received. Kylee confirmed as General Committee member

PASSED

Vicki Oliver has resigned as General Committee member, therefore one year remains for this position

Nominations called for General Committee member (one year)

Nomination received from Bev McCagh, seconded by Matthew Vine

No further nominations received. Bev confirmed as General Committee member

PASSED

Nominations called for Social Coordinator (currently vacant, one year remaining)

Nomination received from Melissa Lewis, seconded by Matthew Vine

No further nominations received. Melissa confirmed as Social Coordinator

PASSED

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Little Athletics North West Championship – Report by Bev McCagh

Provided background to the development of the North West Championships. Bev and Paul represented the Club at the Broome competition conducted in

September. Essentially to assist in the conduct of the Championship competition, including equipment required for sites and demonstrated effective ways to run individual sites, concentrating on one person, one job. Explanation of the rules of the competition for each site. Outlined safety procedures, particularly around the handling of implements. Both Club representatives were overwhelmed by the generous support and appreciation shown by parents and athletes present at the Championship.

- Country Championship 2021 – Bunbury

The Championship event to be an 'Athletics West' competition, including juniors and seniors; essentially a full track and field program will be on offer. The proposed dates are Friday, 15 – 17 January 2021.

- Education program – Centre Visits

All Club members are invited and encouraged to assist with the delivery of the Centre Visit program, as a component of the LAWA Education Program Contract.

- Para Athletics Seminar – WAAOC event

A comprehensive seminar outlining requirements for a full and inclusive competition program for all para-athletes. The seminar will be available via Zoom on Wednesday, 28 October 2020 at 7.00pm. Notification details and registration will be available via email.

- Formation of Athletics West– name change impact on Club Constitution

With the formation of Athletics West, Section 2.1, Definitions, of the Club Constitution will need to be amended to reflect name changes, including Athletics WA and Little Athletics WA. The Governance committee to investigate requirements.

9. CLOSURE

The Annual General Meeting, 2020, declared closed at 1.40 pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WA Athletics Officials Club has now been in operation for six years and I believe has seen good success within the athletics community with our very visible presence at events and supporting the sport through our education programs.

When the club was set up we looked at our vision: "To provide a support network for volunteer officials from grass roots to International level, through a fair and equitable approach to the sport of Athletics" then to our Values: Inclusion, Tolerance, Integrity, Ethics, Co-operation, Teamwork, Commitment, Fairness, Passion, Impartiality and Democracy.

To make sure we are always addressing our Vision and Values a Strategic plan was developed and updated for the period 2019-2022 giving us Objectives, Strategies to meet those objectives and KPI's to achieve those goals.

We are progressing within the four key areas we agreed upon, so let us see how we are tracking:

1. **Advocacy:** We continue to maintain our affiliation with relevant Athletics Associations and have a good representation within them. We have members on the various planning committees with Athletics West and work daily with the operational staff at their office. We are currently working with the Association to bring TOECS level courses to the state.
As part of an increased presence within Little Athletics Centres and Clubs, we visited at least eight metropolitan Centres along with Geraldton and Bunbury Little Athletics Centres, as well as supporting the Winter season competition.
WAAOC have Fiona Brown as a representative on the Australian Athletics Officials Advisory Committee, and Matthew Vine one the LAWA Competition Advisory Committee.
Kylee McVee continued her role as our Member Protection Officer for the Club and has completed re accreditation with DSR.
Members of the Committee have attended club meetings and workshops with Athletics West within this period and will continue to do so. Covid-19 has placed some restrictions upon meeting activity, but we have embraced Zoom meetings to provide continuity.
2. **Recruitment and Retention:** Our Club members regularly participate in our Club activities and particularly in the sport of Athletics. The Club membership rose to 47 over the last twelve months and we are aiming to recruit 5-10 minimum new members per year. For this period, we only had three members travel to Sydney for National Championships and two members to the Oceania pre departure competitions on the Gold Coast. Many National and International events have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
A large contingent of WAAOC members supported State Championship events, taking on management roles and lead positions on the track and field. Whilst we endeavour to provide social activities for members, we have been limited by Covid-19 restrictions, but will continue to offer ongoing events.
3. **Communication:** Our aim is to provide up to date news and information for our members and to do that we have utilised Facebook, Instagram, direct emails, telephone, newsletters and the website. We are still waiting on Athletics West to provide a Social media policy on their website for us to then follow and provide one for our Club. Our website needs a lot of work and it is something we are very aware of and will develop as time and personnel allows.

Thank you goes to Matthew Vine for all his hard work as our Social Media Coordinator and for his ongoing efforts in developing greater IT usage across all areas.

Members of our committee meet regularly with Athletics West to work on developing the sport and support for our members. Over the summer season, monthly meetings either by telephone or face to face are held. An end of season survey was conducted, providing the Committee with good feedback from our members.

4. **Education:** Over the last twelve months we have run several workshops including the Spring Education Series seminars for Track, Jumps and Throws at basic entry level, supported by recommending the online learning provided by Athletics Australia. A Para seminar was also conducted via Zoom from Darwin.

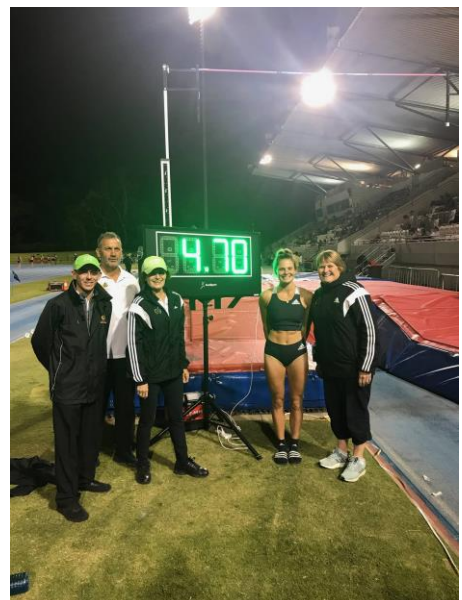
Whilst there has been an increase in the AAOES Level 1 officials due to the great online learning facility provided by Athletics Australia, there has not been a lot of growth in Level 2 or 3. The main reason for this has been the lack of officials wanting to progress and we are planning to re visit this area in the coming summer season. Most of our members hold Level 1 accreditation in at least one discipline, but there is a lot of work to do.

Visits to Little Athletics Centres has always been a successful way to promote education and we are looking at how we do more intensive education and development both at Little Athletics and Senior competition. Recruitment via education and support to the volunteers at a Centre level is the best way to bring more strength in numbers to our sport.

It is a changing time in our sport with the One Sport model now in place and this presents some exciting challenges and opportunities for all members. I look forward to another year as President of the Club and will work within our Strategic Plan to ensure further success for our Club and its members.

Marion Buchanan

President



Officials overseeing Nina Kennedy's Olympic qualifying performance at WA Athletics Stadium.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Cashflow

WA Athletics Officials Club Incorporated

ABN: 27 849 248 469

Report Period: 1/07/2020 - 30/06/2021

Account(s) in this report: ANZ 4019-37208

Money In	Tax Type	Code	Quantity	\$
Fundraising - WA Return Recycle	Non GST			22.80
Membership Subscriptions Received	Non GST	195		440.00
Officials Education Program	Non GST	230		5892.00
Uniform Sales	Non GST			160.00
Total Money In				6514.80
Money Out	Tax Type	Code	Quantity	\$
Advertising & Promotion	Non GST	302		9.00
Country Championships	Non GST			1619.50
Education Seminars/Centre Visits	Non GST			686.24
Mobile Phone	Non GST	460		30.00
Purchases - Equipment	Non GST			1050.26
Purchases - Gifts for Centres	Non GST			610.42
Purchases - Uniforms	Non GST	270		232.76
Subscriptions/Internet Expenses	Non GST	454		406.76
Travel Subsidy - Interstate/International	Non GST	464		85.00
Total Money Out				4729.94
Net				1784.86



Collection for Containers for Cash deposit

Treasurers Report July 2020 to 30th June 2021

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Account(s) in this report: ANZ 4019-37208

Money In

Fundraising - WA Return Recycle	\$22.80
Membership Subscriptions Received	\$440.00
Officials Education Program	\$5,892.00
Uniform Sales	\$160.00
Total Money In	\$6,514.80

Money Out

Advertising & Promotion	\$9.00
Country Championships	\$1,619.50
Education Seminars/Centre Visits	\$686.24
Mobile Phone	\$30.00
Purchases - Equipment	\$1,050.26
Purchases - Gifts for Centres	\$610.42
Purchases - Uniforms	\$232.76
Subscriptions/Internet Expenses	\$406.76
Travel Subsidy - Interstate/International	\$85.00
Total Money Out	\$4,729.94
Balance as per Bank Statement 30/6/2021	\$19,756.77

OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

Despite the restrictions that have been in place on occasions in WA during the last 12-months, our education program has been productive.

The 2020-21 Spring Education Series consisted of Track, Jumps and Throws seminars during September. The introduction of a zoom option for those who were unable to attend in person was very successful. A total of 27 people attended, with most attendees attending to multiple seminars.

An Administration presentation was delivered by Vicki Oliver prior to the 2020 AGM. The seminar provided attendees with an understanding of the operations of the Administration room during competition.

Fiona Brown (Australian Athletics Officials Education Officer - WA) delivered a Zoom Para Seminar from NT, which was appreciated as we had a come and try day Run by Athletics West. The seminar was attended by 36 people, including people from other states.

Date	Seminar	Number of attendees
10 September 2020	SES Jumps	14
16 September 2020	SES Throws	19
24 September 2020	SES Track	13
11 October 2021	Administration	14
28 October 2021	Para	36

Unfortunately, we didn't get to have any of our AAOES Level 2 seminars due to Covid-19 restrictions and Athletics West putting a competition on one of our planned days, so let's hope we get their next season.

Members visited Little Athletics Centre as part of our contractual arrangements with Athletics West, whereby guidance is provided during Centre competitions. Eight (8) metropolitan Centres and one (1) country Centre were visited during the summer season. The country visit was to Geraldton, where we also ran a track seminar which was well attended. Geraldton parents and athletes enjoyed having us visit and asked if we could return for their Centre Championships. Unfortunately, we were unable to send members due to the Combined Events State



Track seminar in Geraldton

Championships being conducted in Perth on the same weekend. Centres visited were:

Bayswater LAC	Eastern Hills LAC	Kwinana LAC
Belmont LAC	Geraldton LAC	Southern Stars LAC
Cockburn LAC	Inglewood LAC	Swan Valley LAC
Eastern Hills LAC	Kingsway LAC	

Athletics West Northwest Championships were held in Broome in September 2020. Bev McCagh and Paul Lever attended to provide assistance and guidance to the parents during the event.

Athletics West County Championships were held in Bunbury in January 2021, with 9 members attending and having a great weekend with lots of education being provided during the event. The parents and athletes have gotten to know us from previous years, taking away the knowledge we offer them over this weekend. It was reported that some parents had asked Jake to put them in Call Room for state events, as they enjoyed their roles during the Country Championships. Also, parents are teaching new volunteers from what we have taught them, which is so good to see.

Thanks again for all those involved in educating our volunteers and officials.

Marie Fitzsimons
Education Coordinator

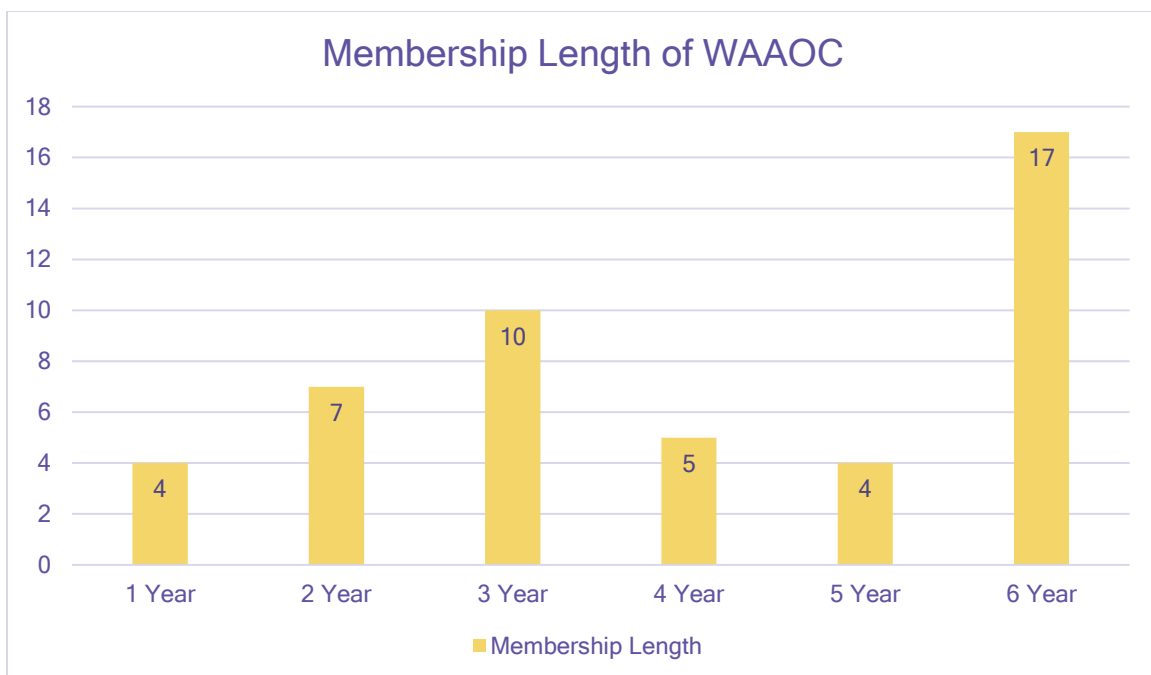
MEMBERSHIP

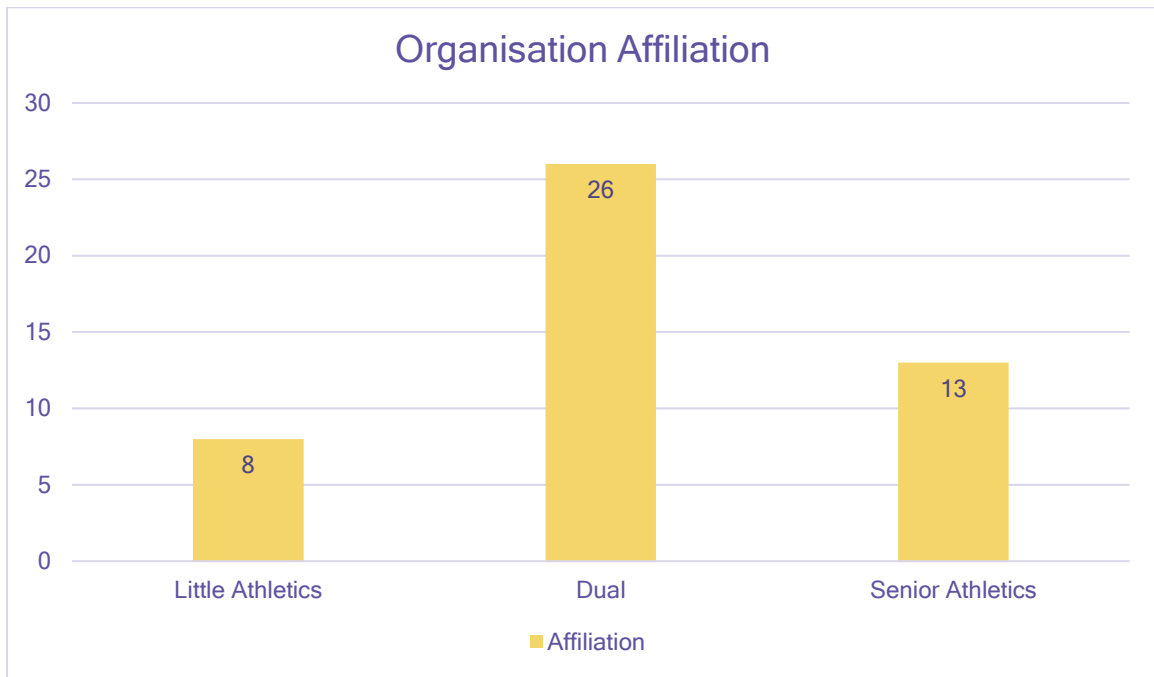
Acknowledging members who have attained 5-years membership.

Esther Armenti	2021	Gwenda Kennedy	2020
Glenn Bartlett	2021	Yvonne Mann	2021
Fiona Brown	2020	Bev McCagh	2020
Marion Buchanan	2020	Kylee McVee	2020
Bob Chalmers	2020	Toni Petts	2020
Marie Fitzsimons	2020	David Stanton	2020
Kate Glass	2021	June Streeter	2020
Lindsay Glass	2020	Max Sulejmani	2020
Jackie Halberg	2020	Matthew Vine	2020
Bernadette Hennighan	2020	Jennifer Wheatley	2020
Terry Jones	2020		

The 2020/2021 has once again been a successful year for the WA Athletics Officials Club with 47 registered members across the season. Now in our 6th year of existence we have continued to maintain our membership within the 40s for the last three seasons. I am sure the 2021/22 season will see the Club continue to grow and accrue more than 50 members.

The 2020/21 Membership profile is outlined below.





As Athletics West continues to move towards the One Sport model that it is built upon, it is pleasing to see that over 50% of our members officiate as part of the Little Athletics competitions and at Senior competitions (Dual Affiliation). As the new season commences, I am sure that this number will continue to increase and more events become “whole of sport” events.

Matthew Vine
Membership Officer

SOCIAL MEDIA / MARKETING REPORT

The WA Athletics Officials Club has an active social media presence with Facebook and a limited presence on Instagram and through the Club's website.

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Over the 2020/21 season, the number of 'Likes' on our Facebook Page has increased by approximately 90 to a total of 563 to June 30, 2021. It is pleasing to see the steady increase in interest in our Facebook account.

Our Instagram followers total 241 for the 12 months to June 30, 2021. The Club's Instagram account is not as active as the Facebook page, and this is due to the way that the Club currently utilises our social media accounts.

Regular posts throughout the year have continued to maintain the levels of engagement with our followers. The Club continues to promote local, state, national and international athletics events and officiating opportunities, education and seminar opportunities and other notable items related to the Club and our members.

As the 2021/2022 season approaches, I am sure the WA Athletics Officials Club and Athletics West will continue to promote and host great events and opportunities for officiating in WA, Australia and hopefully, eventually internationally once again.

Remember to, if you have not already, like and follow us on Facebook/WA Athletics Officials and Instagram @waathletics_officials.

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

National Awards

Little Athletics Australia - 2020 Official of the Year

Paul Lever

Athletics Australia - 2020 Official of the Year

Fiona Brown



Athletics West Awards

Official of the Year

Matthew Vine

Athletics Australia National Championships representation

Cliff Bernard

Umpire

Fiona Brown

Umpire; Call Room Referee

Toni Petts

Starter; Starter's Assistant

Other Memberships

Marion Buchanan - World Athletics International Walks Judge Area Panel - Oceania

Fiona Brown - Australian Athletics Officials Advisory Committee

Matthew Vine - LAWA Competitions Advisory Committee

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Kelly Taylor conferring with Nina Kennedy during the Pole Vault



The creativity of the Call Room ladies, instigated by Covid-19 times.

