



## **Secretary's Report 2017/18**

As the 2017/2018 season comes to a close, I would like to thank our parents and congratulate our athletes.

We had lots of athletes competing in a range of competitions this year, either representing Armidale Little Athletics or Armidale Athletics Club, you should be very proud and I am always pleased to see or hear about our Armidale team spirit at these events.

We had a larger group of athletes' from last year, progress through Zone and Regional Championships to represent our club at the Little Athletics NSW State Championships this year; these athletes made many personal best times and distances while they were there. Congratulations to all and I hope you enjoyed the experience.

We also had 90 odd club records broken this season, and although this was due to the new reporting system, the majority being held by the U6 age group due to the inclusion of U4's & U5's where there were no existing results, it is still very exciting for them. Congratulations to our new record holders in all the age groups, a fantastic effort by everyone.

We are into the second year of free dual registration from the U12 age groups and above; the implementation being a little more settled this year and has seen a progression of athletes transition into the senior club. I would expect to see more changes in coming seasons as Little Athletics and Athletics Australia align.

The canteen and a few BBQ's have been great again this year and the kids love it, so thank you to Marieta for all her organisation in having it available for everyone. Also a thank you to her helpers throughout the season, and Chris who has helped on the BBQ especially on Gala day.

A big thank you to all the parents and helpers that assist on Thursday evenings and to those that filled the jobs required of us at Zone, Regional, State and our Gala day. There are some parents that hold the fort particularly with the groups on Thursdays, which doesn't go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. I know it is challenging for many, but I hope that next season we get some more parents to help out, because without you taking the lead our children would not be able to participate, so thank you again.

Last but definitely not least... thank you to the committee Graham, Ross, Tim, Jodie and Stacie, for all their contributions and hard work throughout the year; in my first year on the committee it has been an absolute pleasure working with you, to see the amazing commitment in time and effort. A special thank you to the Sauer Family, in particular Jodie, for being my go to person, in a new role with a new computing system, it has been a very steep learning curve, and I could not have done it without her.

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