

WAC Times

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Presidents Message

On behalf of the committee, we would like to wish our members a Happy New Year. We hope you have been able to relax a little, enjoying time with family and friends. We look forward to a busy second half of our 2023-24 Track and Field Season.

Thank you to everyone for doing your part in making Wodonga Athletics an enjoyable environment for people to have a go at athletics. We have a number of new members this season, which is encouraging.

I am sad to say that Anthea Mulholland has stepped down from the Club Secretary role and away from committee involvement.


Anthea has been very busy in her role, bringing a wealth of experience and energy to the task. This has included a closer working relationship with Wodonga Little Athletics, a thorough update of the constitution, track and field program, transition to AthsVIC Revsport Platform, and more.

Gavin Smith

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2024 Opens In Albury



Our first meet for 2024 is in Albury on Saturday 20th. Arrive from 12:30pm to help with set up and competition will begin at 1:15pm.

Thank you to Albury Athletics for making space for us. Both clubs want this relationship to grow and develop over the coming years. This is seen as an element for growing athletics participation in the region.

VIC Country Championships – Australia Day Weekend

If you are keen to experience greater competition or an entertaining way to spend Australia Day then sign up and come along to VIC Country

Championships (<https://athsvic.org.au/events/victorian-country-track-field-championships/>).

A small group of our athletes are going to attend. Gavin Smith will be competing and coordinating our roster requirements for the weekend. Please sign up by 15 January on the AthsVIC website.

Note no local competition on Australia Day Weekend.

Special Meeting - 6pm Saturday 24th February 2024

We hereby announce a Special Meeting of the Wodonga Athletic Club Incorporated on Saturday 24 February 2024 at 6pm. The relay spot in the program will be replaced by this meeting.

There is one motion before this meeting and that is to accept the updated constitution. This was distributed to members in 2023. A couple of updates have been forwarded to the club by members and these are incorporated in the current proposed constitution.

See the

club's website for a copy.

The existing Constitution was well out of date and has been completely rewritten and approved by the committee for acceptance by the club membership.



Positions Vacant

Please consider joining the committee for the remainder of this season or coming on board for the 2024-25 season. General committee members are very welcome to broaden the committee skills without the workload of an executive role. The committee have divided up and delegated the Secretary role for the remainder of 2023-24 season.

The role of Registrar is currently filled by Conwae Knight (also VP). Mary Toney was tentatively in this role and has moved away this year. Thanks to Mary for many years of commitment to the club's sporting, social and administrative success.

Moving forward we ask that members consider nominating for a position on the committee for the 2024/25 season. These nominations and appointments will be made at the annual general meeting on the 26th of March. All contributions big or small are welcome, and if you feel like you would like to discuss what this might look like for you or keen to join, please reach out to a current committee member.



Finances

For the last couple of years WAC has been running at a loss. Our member numbers dropped during the covid interruptions as people refocused their attention and activities they are involved in. We have been able to continue as a club because of significant savings put away in previous years.

Moving forward we see increased membership as the ideal solution to this situation. Please encourage your friends back into active pursuits 'especially' athletics in Wodonga.

We will recommend increased membership fees to the incoming committee for the 2024-25 season. Other funding avenues that the club can use are local business sponsorship and distance event income. Please help in these areas as you are able to.

A big thanks to local businesses: Boyd's Fitness for donating throws training devices, Wodonga Auto Centre for trailer servicing, and Baker Motors for sponsorship of the Sumsion Garden 5k event.





Calendar Updates

We will make a few further changes to the programs advertised. These will be minor updates to keep the event repetitions (jumps, throws, distance, sprints) as even as possible and balanced between Saturday and Sunday competitions. It can't be perfect but we can avoid large discrepancies.

Multi Event Points

Simon Crocos has been working on providing a mid-season points summary for each athlete. See our website "Awards" section for details on the rules

(www.wodongaathletics.org.au). This will show you where you are at this season, what events you have missed etc. Hopefully this will be available for our first meet at home in Wodonga for 2024 (Sun 4th Feb).

Uniforms

Our athletes have been repping our brand new uniforms. at our weekly competitions.

It's not too late to place an order, or you can purchase and try one on at any of our competition days.

<https://wodonga-athletic-club.square.site/shop/uniform/2>

