

Hello everyone and welcome to the Cranbourne Little Athletics Club AGM.

This is our first face to face AGM in a while and we thought we would try it this way this year, but with events to follow we will keep it short and sweet as best as possible.

Well, another season done and dusted! With our Meteorite Gift Day tomorrow it concludes another pretty impressive year for us.

This season was a season of incredible achievements and firsts for our club. The most obvious is the record number of athletes this season of 496! With cross country still to come, we will undoubtedly cross the 500-membership milestone. Huge shout out to Bron and Katrina, the registrations team all those that help out on the deck dealing with all the enquires and trying to make the process and experience as smooth as possible. It isn't easy up there but you guys make it look smooth.

Big thank you to Dave as Sponsorships and Grants Officer this year. The amount of planning done in the off season last year, devising new packages and riding the wave of having been awarded the most active club on socials last year as well as being able to print sponsors logos on our uniforms or the 3 year sponsorship packages are all new initiatives which resulted in building stronger partnerships and we look forward to partnering with our current and any new sponsors even more closely in the future.

From a Grants perspective, we were also successful and enabled us to put ten committee members through first aid training as well as the acquisition of new starting devices for the club.

Coming back for a full season, with all the trimmings after the Covid years with record member numbers isn't easy but the clubs' results speak for themselves - whether it be on the track, or behind the scenes so much work has gone into ensuring the athletes had the best experience this season as well as putting in place initiatives for the next season.

How good is it seeing record number of PB's or the huge number of fantastic results at Region or State? How good is it seeing Cranbourne parents screaming on the sidelines showing passion not only for their kids but anyone wearing the Blue, Yellow and White.

On that note I would like to thank both Dean and Adam for all their hard work, both on the coaching side of things as well as ensuring the athletes are always a priority considered in every aspect. The passion both these guys have is amazing and our club is better off for having them.

We hosted the Region Track and Field this year for the first time in a number of years and the feedback from GCR and Lavic was fantastic.

Lots of work went into it ensuring there was a carnival type atmosphere. Shout out to Annette, Megan and Michelle and all the helpers – the canteen and BBQ ran smoothly, and it showed everyone we have the ability to host such a large event.

Our club is not a small club anymore. Member numbers are one indicator growth, and they can change year on year, but we are not a small club in the way we do things. We have matured. We have become more professional not only because we've had to but there are greater expectations of us either from Lavic, or new Government laws, but because we know it's the right way forward.

We are not afraid to try new things as the world around us changes. Some changes have worked, and some haven't, but we have been quick enough to tweak and adapt a new version to make it work.

Our financial position whilst strong has been of the back of some really smart decisions. We invest heavily back into the club and sometimes it isn't what we buy, rather what we say no to. More members mean more revenue, but it also means more money spent on uniforms and trophies and so on.

Huge thank you to Megan for ensuring our process are set up correctly so auditing and stock control is easier. Megan will take you through where the money has been spent in more detail as well as what's still to come that we can invest back into the club during the cross-country season.

For those that aren't aware yet, I would like to mention for those that aren't aware yet, we have been nominated by Lavic for the inaugural Little Athletics Australia Metro Centre of the Year. One centre gets nominated per State so watch this space. In addition, we are also Number 1 in the country for engaging content on social media. We have so much good stuff happening here all the time, so huge thank you to Andy who keeps making us look good! Keep those likes and comments coming!

We are definitely stronger together! It takes an enormous number of dedicated people to run the season and on that note, I would like to acknowledge and personally thank all of you.

To those new to Cranbourne this season, thank you, your help is amazing, and to those who have been around the track a few years and know the drill - you are really appreciated. The club wouldn't be in this position without the week in week out help from you guys!

From ensuring every Saturday is set up, to the computers and gates working, to the canteen and uniform shop, or to the coaching and general help, this club gets better and better each year because of your loyalty and dedication. Thank you.

This season was all about getting back to normal. We did that and blew it out the water.

Next season is our opportunity to bring more good stuff and continue the hard work put in over the past few seasons.

Thank you and hope to see you at XC or back on the track later this year!