



# HERVEY BAY ATHLETICS CLUB

## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2022 / 2023

#### **Memberships for 2022/2023 season**

- 59 LAQ members - this is a decrease from 85 members in 2021/2022.
- 5 QA members - this is no change from 2021/2022.
- No QMA members - this is no change from 2021/2022.
- 3 new Club members in Term 1 - this is no change from 2021/2022.

#### **Successes for the seasons**

- The same Committee members and some new faces stepped up for 2022/2023 to made it another successful year for the Club. We are very grateful to our committee for their ongoing hard work and commitment.
- The Club continually received great feedback from families regarding their little athletes' high level of enjoyment and achievements throughout the season.
- The Club had great representation at many LAQ & QA Carnivals and Championship during the season with a great deal of medals and PBs for Club athletes, and with almost a dozen athletes advancing to State competition levels and one to National competition level.
- The Clubs' Term 2 off-season training program has again proven to be successful with 26 athletes signing up to improve their performances in their school athletics carnivals and the Hervey Bay District School cross-country championships. The athletes will also be ready and confident to perform well in their events at the Hervey Bay District School athletics carnivals being held in July and August 2023.
- The Club has been able to retain all of it great coaching and officials staff with three Level 2 Coaches and the regular officials on our Club Competition nights. The Club will continue to help fund training courses for new coaches and officials.



## **Problems encountered this season**

- The Club still has a low number of volunteers undertaking all of the titled roles on the Club committee. The Club hopes to rectify this issue at this years' AGM.

## **Financials & Grants**

- The Club is in a good financial position with enough surplus funds to cover ongoing necessary utilities and service costs.
- Approximately \$20K of grants and funding was secured for the Club during the 2022/2023 season by Niel Ensbey (Vice-president) to install a new equipment shed.

## **Sponsors**

- The Club is thankful to the "Hervey Bay RSL" who provided a Community Grants (& sponsorship) to continue to help cover some of the costs of the Club's Uniforms to make them affordable for families. The Hervey Bay RSL also provides free of charge the use of the function room for our Annual AGM & Awards Presentation event.
- The Club is also very thankful to our long-time sponsor "Pie & Pastry Paradise" who again this season, supplied 200 pie vouchers for the Clubs' Competition night "Sponsors' Incentive Award". They were awarded to our young athletes, one from each age group who showed great effort, progress and above all, good behaviour.

## **Carnivals at the Club**

- The Club hosted 3 local school athletics carnivals and 2 school sports district athletics carnival this past season. Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers in the Canteen the large profit made in previous years was not achieve in the 2022/2023 season.
- Unfortunately, the Club was unable to host a LAQ carnival this past season due to lack of volunteers to ensure a successful event.

## **Special Visitors & Guests**

- The Club was honoured with the attendance of the Fraser Coast Regional Council Mayor, George Seymour (special guest speaker and presenter) at the Club's Annual Awards Presentation event in May 2023.



## Athletic Achievements

- Back in July 2022 Club member Ryan Cunningham competed in the Australian School Sports cross-country championships that was held in Adelaide. This was a fantastic achievement for young Ryan (U15) and competing in this high-level competition was, in itself, a great reward for his hard work and dedication.
- This season the Club had athletes competed at the Bundaberg Spring Carnival, the Maryborough Day Night Carnival, Caloundra Open Day, Central Coast Region Combined Events, Caboolture Twilight, along with the Combined Event Championships with fantastic athletic performances and many place medals.
- There were awesome results at the Central Coast Regional Championships in Gayndah in February 2023 with every attending athlete receiving medals and many breaking their PBs in most of their events, along with all athletes qualifying for the 2023 State Championships. The Club athletes who competed were Ana Jenkins, Boden Milne, Ben McKenzie, Grace Woodard, Riley Rogers, Dylan Turner, Rozalia Stewart, Ryan Cunningham. A special thanks to our Head Coach, Niel Ensbey for volunteering his weekend as an Official, and to Murray & Kilar McKenzie as Team Managers along with all the parents/carers who helped out on many events.
- Unfortunately, due to the location of the LAQ 2023 McDonalds State Championship being in Townville in March 2023, none of our club athletes were able to attend due to accommodation costs and the extra distance to travel there.
- It was a good season for the Club's Qld Athletics athletes Ella Parry (15) and Ethan Parry (19). This year Ella qualified and competed in triple jump at the QA State Championships in March 2023. Ethan found success at the 2023 QA State Championships with 2 gold medals and then headed to Brisbane for the National Athletics Championships at the end of March 2023 to achieve a gold and silver medal. Ethan also competed back in November 2022 at the Virtus Oceania Asia Games and came home with a 3 gold and 1 silver medal. Ethan is now looking forward to heading off to France for the 2023 Virtus Global Games in June 2023.
- Overall, the Club had a very successful season with Club Records broken at just about every Club Competition night. Along with numerous medals and new PBs set at LAQ & QA competition levels. The Club is very proud of, not just its' athletes' performances, but the wonderful comradery shared amongst all members of the Club.



## **New plans for the upcoming season of 2023/2024**

- The Clubs' all-inclusive athletics program for multi-class athletes will continue and improve by providing further opportunities for athletes of all abilities.
- The Club will continue to deliver extensive and elevated track & field training and competition programs for little athletics along with establishing more opportunities for its' junior elite athletes with the Club Squad Team.
- The Club will be pushing to increasing membership numbers with Opens and Masters athletes (QA & QMA affiliated) by seeking expressions of interest to establish a training program for adults, which will include a group for Club Competition nights.
- The Club will be focusing on increasing its' Little Athletics Qld memberships by promoting extensively to local schools before and during the Hervey Bay District School athletics carnivals in July and August.
- The Club's Little Athletics Qld registration will open on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 for season 2023/2024, with training commencing in the first week of school term 3 and Club Competition nights starting in early August, to prepare our athletes attending the Spring Athletics Carnivals that commence in September 2023.
- The Club is hoping to nominate to host the 2024 LAQ Central Coast Regional Championships to be held in February next year, with the possibility of over 500 athletes and spectators in attendance. This weekend event cannot be confirmed, until we have volunteer assistance from our Club members and their families, along with support from the local community and funding from our local council.

## **Thank you!**

Hervey Bay Athletics Club wishes to extend its' gratitude to all the volunteers who help to make this Club the great sporting group that it is. A special thanks to all the committee members, especially Edwin Stewart, Lisa Dalglish and Jack Wolstencroft for stepping up as executives to ensure this Club, established in 1980, has continued on. A big thanks to the coaches Neil Ensbey, Jim Beecham and assistant Murray McKenzie for provide great guidance and encouragement to our young athletes. And thank you to all the competition night helpers for making 2022/2023 a fantastic season for the athletes.

**Hervey Bay Athletics Club is looking forward to a successful 2023/2024 season by continuing to provide a friendly and fun environment for members and their families.**

