

**Weston Creek Athletics Club**

**2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

**President's Report 2017/18**

There were some significant events to the Club during the 2017/18 season.

Weston Creek Athletics Club maintained this name officially but we received approval from the Committee and ACT Athletics to change the name we are known as from Weston Creek Redbacks to the "Canberra Redbacks". With this change we updated our website and our stock of uniforms with our new Club Logo.

After not running the annual Club Half Marathon in 2017 the Committee, through great leadership from Event Coordinator Robbie Costmeyer, got this iconic event back up and running. A new event, the 10km community fun run, was added in an effort to capture some of the many Park Runners. The Half Marathon and Community fun run took place on Sunday 11 March in perfect weather. The event was a great success with 63 finishers in the half marathon and 31 finishers in the 10km run. The Club will look at improving and growing this event next year as it is our main source of income, earning some \$5000 net this year. The Club is thinking about other events we may set up next year too, including interclub challenges using the Burley Park Run event, which we have used on 2 occasions as a club 5km age graded championship.

We held our second club 5km Championships within the Lake Burley Griffin Park Run on Saturday 2 September with food and drink provided afterwards. The event was reasonably well attended and Philo Saunders and Stephanie Torley took out the age adjusted titles winning a \$30 Runners Shop gift voucher.

The club held the annual Life Members Dinner at Olive in Mawson which was a great success. This event allows current members to recognise the previous club members who formed and grew the club. This is always a great opportunity to share stories and give members ideas for the future of the club. The dinner was well attended with 8 life members attending.

The Club is in a reasonable position members-wise and has an enthusiastic and active Committee that can continue making the Club relevant and providing support and opportunities for its members.



Philo Saunders

President

4 May 2018

## **32<sup>nd</sup> Half Marathon and 1<sup>st</sup> 10km Community Fun Run on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> running of this iconic Canberra running event was conducted in perfect weather and the start was spectacular as numerous hot air balloons paraded overhead and these could be seen throughout much of race. It is an undulating and challenging course, all run on bike paths, with no road crossovers. Thus it is a safe and extremely scenic course with views over Lake Burley Griffin for most of it.

There were 69 individual entrants and two relay teams of three each competing in the half marathon, of whom 30% were female.

This race was particularly special for two people, Jim White and Graham Burke, who had each completed 22 races of the 31 run to date. Jim White was unable to compete this year due to his health issues and he had specifically asked me not to mention the 32<sup>nd</sup> running of the half marathon to Graham. Naturally, as soon as I got home after that conversation I sent Graham an invitational flyer and he responded promptly saying that he would love to run it again if his health was up to it on the day. In the event Graham did complete the run and now holds the record for the most Weston Creek Half marathons run by an individual at 23. Congratulations Graham! Jim turned up at the end of the race just to ensure that Graham finished the race. You will find photos of Jim and Graham accompanying this article.

You will find the full results elsewhere on the web site but congratulations to Paul Tilse, Thien Voung and Daniel Redman who were the first three males to finish; Kim Wilmhurst (who has won the event twice before in 2011 and 2012), Georgie Farrar and Kym Somi who were the first three females to finish and to the winning relay team 'Reid em an weep' comprising of Peter Daley, Colin Reid and Stuart Gorham.

The 'age group winners' were M40 Douglas Brendan, W40 Serena Lawlor, M50 Tony Oakden, W50 Sally Galbraith, M60 Peter Clarke, W60 Clare Wall and M70 Mick Saunders. They have all earned a free entry in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Half Marathon which is to be held one week later than this year on 17 March 2019.

The inaugural running of the 10Km community fun run attracted 31 participants and they set off 15 minutes after the start of the Half Marathon. Next year the gap will be 30 minutes and it is planned to introduce a free kids/parent run 30 minutes later again to provide some interest for the spectators while they wait for their parent/partner to complete either the half Marathon or 10km. The course will start and finish at the same spots as the other two events, a distance of about 2km.

Again the full results can be found on the web site but congratulations to Adam Leane, Shane Hutchinson and Andreas Catteau (who is visiting Canberra from Belgium) who were the first three males home; Tracy Clinch, Lilian Anderson and Verity Farragher who were the first three females to finish. Nigel England, who is a very competitive M55 runner in ACT Masters Athletics and Parkrun events, told me that he let Tracy go during the first part of the race thinking that she would soon tire and he would catch her but realised when he was running down the steep incline just before Scrivener Dam and he could see that she was just crossing the Dam that she would not be caught.

Well run Tracy! Nigel's wife Lorna walked the course while his daughter Ruth also competed, making it a family affair.

The event took a lot of organising but the outcome was very pleasing. Next year's event promises to be even better with improved PR and greater numbers.

The event could not be run without the help of lots of volunteers and I thank all members of the Canberra Redbacks who assisted before and/or on the day, especially the Caley family. I also thank Life Member Vince Craig for his guidance and support. Two Kambah Lions Club members, Janeen and Janet Faes, manned the second drink station, thank you.

Thanks also to our major sponsor, Nick Walshe of The Runners Shop, who supports a number of similar running events in Canberra.

Robbie Costmeyer

Event Organiser

24 March 2018

## Registrar's Report 2017/18

During the 2017/18 season the club had 31 registered members. Of these we had 29 registered athletes and 2 Accredited Technical Officials. The club registered 21 Men, and 10 Women,

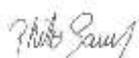
Membership fees are listed below with a \$10 club fee in addition to the AACT fees.

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| Membership for Part Year - 1 May 2018 to 30 September 2018  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adult Part year Membership (U20 - Open) - \$74.00</li><li>• Concession Membership (U14 - U18) - \$61.00</li><li>• Dual AACT and ACT Masters Membership - \$74.00</li></ul>  |
| Memberships for the full year - 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018 are:  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adult Full Year Membership (U20 - Open) - \$123</li><li>• Gold Membership - \$260.00 (Adult and Concession)</li><li>• Concession Membership (U14 - U18) - \$102</li><li>• Dual AACT and ACT Masters Membership - \$123</li><li>• Gold Dual Masters Membership - \$260.00</li><li>• ACT Masters Membership - \$65 (Athletes pay \$5.00 per Meet to compete at ACT Masters Meets)</li><li>• Dual Registered Little Athletics Membership - Nil. (You need to be registered with an ACT Little Athletics Club).</li><li>• Gold Dual Little Athletics Membership - \$130.00</li><li>• Community Membership - \$30.00 (Events limited to 3k, 5k, 10k and Mile Championships and AACT Cross Country Championships)</li><li>• Accredited Technical Official - Nil</li><li>• Club Official/Administrator - Nil</li></ul> |

We have continued to meet the ACT Athletics registration cost of those members of the club who represent the ACT at national championship level and who apply in writing to the Committee to request registration support. The club also contributed \$250 to Sophie Stanwell to compete at the national championships on the Gold Coast as per our Club policy. The Club also contributed \$500 towards Keely Small's levy to compete at the Melanesian Games (a requirement to be selected for the Olympic Youth Games). It is an expectation that members who are provided with financial assistance from the Club volunteer to help at the Weston Creek Half Marathon.

The Club purchased a new stock of singlet and crop tops designed by ZNEK (Deon Kenzie). The new stock features a new design featuring our new "Canberra Redbacks" logo.

The total number of people affiliated with the Club is greater than just those formally registered as it also includes social members who are currently athletically inactive; including some of our 18 Life Members and Service Merit Award Members and non-registered individuals who are actively involved in the Club.



Philo Saunders

Registrar

4 May 2018

## Secretary's Report

The Committee met on four occasions during 2017; in July, August, October and December, and thrice in 2018; in January, February and March; a total of seven times.

Bryce Anderson was unable to attend any of these meetings and was dropped from the Committee at the March 2018 meeting.

In October 2017 the Club celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and following an email survey of our current members and Life members it was decided to change our Club pseudonym from 'Weston Creek Redbacks' to 'Canberra Redbacks' to more closely mirror the geographic disbursement of our current members.

- Constitution does not need to be changed
- Athletics ACT and Weston Creek Little Athletics were informed and the latter agreed to the proposed change. The AACT Board needed to rule on this. James Nipperess, who is on the AACT Board, followed through on this.

### **Decision by AACT: Change of Club 'brand name' to Canberra Redbacks:**

"I am writing to advise that the Athletics ACT Board considered your proposal to change your club's 'brand' name to the '*Canberra Redbacks*' at its meeting last night (16 January 2018). During the discussion members considered the names of sporting clubs, including athletics clubs, in other capital cities as well as several examples overseas.

I am pleased to advise that Board has approved the name change however it has clearly noted that the 'official' name of your club will continue to be the '*Weston Creek Athletics Club*.'

Please note that I have copied this e-mail to Phil Cholewick, President of the Weston Creek Little Athletics Centre.

Regards,

**Neil Boden | President | Athletics ACT**



We will officially continue to be listed as WCAC with Athletics ACT and Athletics Australia, but be branded as 'Canberra Redbacks', on both ACT Athletics' and on our own Web page. The Club Logo will be the 'Canberra Redbacks'.



Robbie Costmeyer

## Weston Creek Athletics Club Treasurer's Report 2018

There was good news on the financial front this year. Thanks to the revival of the Weston Creek Half Marathon and the addition of a 10k run to that event the club made a small profit of \$423.30. This result reaffirms that the club must continue to generate revenue if it wishes to continue paying the current level of subsidies to athletes.

The liability listed on the balance sheet is for the donations collected from the participants in the 2018 Half Marathon and 10k for Hartley Lifecare. At the end of the financial year the donations had not been forwarded to Hartley Lifecare. The donations were forwarded to Hartley Lifecare in early April.

Last year's balance sheet showed a liability of \$140. This was for unrepresented cheques. The club's auditor requested that be removed as the \$140 was used to reduce the balance of the club's cheque account from \$15,399.69 to \$15,228.69. This is the reason the figures for *Total Club Funds* and *Net Assets* did not match.

The club purchased 59 club uniforms this year. 19 have already been distributed to members. Consistent with the club's policy, 17 of these have been distributed to club members, that have join as athletes via Athletics ACT, at no charge. The club has added \$10 to the cost of joining the club as an athlete to help cover the costs of club uniforms.

The club is still in a healthy financial state with \$15,027.41 in its cheque account.



Rohan Lowry

Treasurer

2/5/18

## 2017-18 Financial Reports

### Profit and Loss

Year ended 31 March 2018

| <b>Income</b>                   | <b>2017/18</b>    | <b>2016/17</b>     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Weston Creek Half Marathon 2017 |                   | \$131.74           |
| Weston Creek Half Marathon 2018 | \$5,304.42        |                    |
| Sponsorship - The Runners Shop  |                   | \$121.00           |
| Interest                        | \$1.36            | \$464.62           |
| Uniforms                        | \$30.00           | \$40.00            |
| Registration fees               |                   |                    |
| OneSport Technology             |                   | \$344.16           |
| <b>Total Income</b>             | <b>\$5,335.78</b> | <b>\$1,101.52</b>  |
| <b>Expenditure</b>              |                   |                    |
| Weston Creek Half Marathon 2016 |                   | \$1,958.60         |
| Weston Creek Half Marathon 2018 | \$1,162.60        |                    |
| Functions Presentations         | \$568.35          | \$749.07           |
| Administration                  | \$242.50          | \$160.79           |
| Subsidies                       | \$1,296.00        | \$2,060.00         |
| Website                         | \$360.00          | \$913.00           |
| Cost of stock sold              | \$463.03          | \$40.00            |
| Registration Fees               | \$440.00          | \$440.00           |
| Donation to Hartley Lifecare    | \$350.00          |                    |
| Refunds                         | \$30.00           | \$202.00           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>       | <b>\$4,912.48</b> | <b>\$6,523.46</b>  |
| <b>Year Surplus/Deficit</b>     | <b>\$423.30</b>   | <b>-\$5,421.94</b> |

### Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 March 2018

| <b>Club Funds</b>       | <b>2017/18</b>     | <b>2016/17</b>     |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Accumulated funds       | \$17,031.49        | \$22,453.43        |
| Current surplus/deficit | \$423.30           | -\$5,421.94        |
| <b>Total Club Funds</b> | <b>\$17,454.79</b> | <b>\$17,031.49</b> |

*Represented by*

**Assets**

*Current Assets*

|                                     |            |             |             |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash at Bank                        |            |             |             |
| <i>Cheque Account</i>               |            | \$15,027.41 | \$15,228.69 |
| <i>Term Deposit</i>                 |            | \$-         | \$-         |
| Accounts receivable                 |            |             |             |
| Stock - uniforms                    |            | \$2,777.38  | \$1,802.80  |
| <i>opening stock 1/4/17</i>         | \$1,802.80 |             |             |
| <i>purchases</i>                    | \$1,437.61 |             |             |
| <i>stock distributed to members</i> | \$463.03   |             |             |
| <i>closing stock 31/3/18</i>        | \$2,777.38 |             |             |
| Total Current Assets                |            | \$17,804.79 | \$17,031.49 |

*Fixed Assets*

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|---------------------|--|-----|-----|
| Athletics equipment |  | \$- | \$- |
| Other equipment     |  | \$- | \$- |

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| Total Fixed Assets |  | \$- | \$- |
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| <b>Total Assets</b> |  | <u>\$17,804.79</u> | <u>\$17,031.49</u> |
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| <b>Liabilities</b> |  | \$350.00 | \$- |
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| <b>Total Liabilities</b> |  | <u>\$350.00</u> | <u>\$-</u> |
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| Net Assets |  | <u>\$17,454.79</u> | <u>\$17,031.49</u> |
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**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

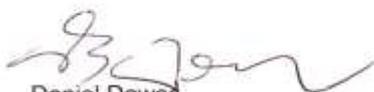
**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTON CREEK ATHLETIC CLUB INC.**

I have examined the accounts relating to the Weston Creek Athletic Club for the year ended 31 March 2018.

My examination has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements and whether they present a view of the Club which is consistent with my understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

As an audit approach it is not practicable to extend my examination of the receipts beyond the accounting for amounts received as shown by the books and records of the Club.

Subject to the foregoing reservation, in my opinion the attached Financial Statements present fairly the financial activities of the Club for the year ended 31 March 2018, and its financial position as at that date.



Daniel Dawes  
Canberra, ACT  
30 April 2018

## 2017/18 COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

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| <b>Patron</b>                                  | Garry Hand   |
| <b>Office Bearers</b>                          |  |
| President                                      | Philo Saunders   |
| Vice President                                 | Reuben Caley   |
| Secretary                                      | Robbie Costmeyer - backup Emily Brichacek  |
| Treasurer                                      | Rohan Lowry – backup Reuben Caley  |
| <b>Committee</b>                               | Philo Saunders, Reuben Caley, Robbie Costmeyer, Rohan Lowry, James Nipperess, Emily Brichacek, Newton Small, Keely Small, Bryce Anderson, Sam Harding and Avish Sharma |
| <b>Officers of the Club:</b>                   |  |
| Public Officer                                 | Robbie Costmeyer   |
| Honorary Auditor                               | Daniel Dawes   |
| Publicity and Promotions Officers              | Reuben Caley and Scott Imhoff  |
| Registrar                                      | Philo Saunders   |
| Uniforms Officer                               | Philo Saunders   |
| Webmaster - Facebook                           | Brett Anderson and Reuben Caley resp.  |
| Weston Creek Half Marathon & 10Km Coordinators | James Nipperess and Emily Brichacek with assistance from Robbie Costmeyer and others as needed   |
| Club Historian                                 | Philo Saunders   |

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| ACTAA Liaison                    | Philo Saunders                                    |
| Social Committee                 | James Nipperess, Emily Brichacek and Reuben Caley |
| Club Captain                     | Philo Saunders                                    |
| Head Coach                       | Philo Saunders                                    |
| <b>Life Membership Committee</b> | Robbie Costmeyer, Ken Sweeney & Ken Eynon.        |