



Secretary's Report 2016/17

As the 2016/2017 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 6 athletes progress through Zone and Regional Championships to represent our club at the Little Athletics NSW State Championships this year; James Barton, Isabella Watts, Skye Vaughan, Chiyo Brown, Brooke Newberry and Ellie Mitchell. Ellie placed 3rd in the state and received the Bronze medal in High jump. Congratulations and I hope you all enjoyed the experience.

We also had a total of 18 club records broken this season. Congratulations to our new record holders.

This year saw the first year that free dual registration was implemented in U12 age groups and above; this did present some challenges and confusion but is a great step for our athletes in their ability to compete in more events and also retention of athletes as they 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 BBQ's have been great again this year and the kids love it, so thank you to Marietta and her helpers Jill, Chris, Hailey, Hamish and to anyone else that I've forgotten to mention.

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. I hope that next year some more parents will step up to help out, parent assistance has always been an issue and I know there are some parents that really hold the fort particularly with the groups on Thursdays, that doesn't go unnoticed and is appreciated because without you taking the lead our kids would not be able to participate.

Last but definitely not least... thank you to the committee for all their contributions and hard work throughout the year; it has been a pleasure working with you. A special thanks to the Sauer Family, in particular Jodie, for being my go to person, at any time of day or night with pretty much anything and everything.

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