

South Australian Athletic League

ANNUAL REPORT
2025/26



SUPREME
QUILTS



VISION STATEMENT

"To be recognised across Australia as a leading athletics organisation renowned for its innovation and provision of competitive exciting and deliberately different athletic events."

MISSION STATEMENT

"To grow athletics by providing athletes of different ages and abilities the chance to be competitive and pursue athletic excellence. Our quality events will be innovative, exciting and provide value to all our stakeholders."



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OUR TEAM

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

Kym Steer

VICE PRESIDENT

Shane Grimwade

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Frank McHugh, Jordi McMillan

Shane Bewry, Ross Hill Brown,

Brian Curtis, Sarah Manning

SAAL OFFICE

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Jenny Poole

LEAGUE PATRONS

PATRON

Bruce McAvaney

VICE PATRON

Peter Noblet AM

BAY SHEFFIELD

EVENT MANAGER

Leon Burckhardt

HANDICAPPERS

MALE SPRINTS

Damian Tohl

FEMALE SPRINTS

Jamie Sibbick

DISTANCE (550m+)

Damian Robinson

OVER 35

Shane Grimwade

UNDER 18 BOYS

Kevin McAnaney

UNDER 18 GIRLS

Shane Grimwade

UNDER 14

Paul Young / Brian Curtis

PARA ATHLETES/LITTLE ATHS

Paul Young

SUPPORT

Dale Bewry

HANDICAP APPEALS

Andrew Camilleri, Lauren McHugh, Gaetano Aiello, Glenn Carter and Mark Brown.

RACE CALLERS

Chief Race Caller

Terry McAuliffe,

Race Callers

Ollie Wurm, Tom Rehn

OFFICIALS

Chief Steward	Chris Dimitrak
Chief Starter	Tricia McHendrie
Chief Technical Manager	Gordon Brimble
Stewards	Phil Daws, Brian Hart, Adam Cleary, Trevor Mules
Chief Judge	Dennis Letton
Judges	Brian Curtis, Liberato Icolaro
Starters	Michael Sutton, John Turner
Marksman	Jenny Poole, Mark Howson
Photo finish/Timekeeper	Liberato Icolaro
Race Video Operator	Gordon Brimble
Colour & Scratching Stewards	Kathy & Barry Rofe, Joanna Sutton
Track Marking	Michael Buckler
Race Day Results System Management	Brian Curtis

CARNIVAL SUPPORT

PA System	Owen Sound (Tony Owen)
Photographers	Chief Photographer - Jenny Poole, Scarlett Poole, Neil Jameson, Jeff Wray
Social Media Content	Fixon Media – Didier Le Miere
Videographers	Xavier Poole, Jimmy Grant
Trailer Towing	Michael Hayes, Tim & Ben Noblet, Kym Steer, Frank McHugh, Mark Burns, Dan Flesfader, Adam Cleary,

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we come to the end of my second term as President, I would like to sincerely thank all members of the South Australian Athletic League for your ongoing support, commitment and, above all, your passion for the sport of athletics.

It remains a privilege to serve this League and to work with so many people who care deeply about its history, its present and its future.

Season Overview

The 2025/26 season was another important year for the SAAL. While we have continued to maintain strong nomination numbers, we also recognise that athletics is operating in a challenging environment. The difficulty in recruiting new members, whether they be athletes, coaches or officials, is not unique to the SAAL. It is an issue being experienced by Athletics South Australia and by athletics organisations across the country.

As a League, we cannot ignore this challenge. Our strategy for the 2026/27 season will include a renewed focus on increasing participation, supporting coach development and actively marketing the League to attract new athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers.

Pleasingly, the season calendar was released well ahead of the opening event, allowing athletes, coaches and families to plan effectively. This is an important operational improvement and one we will continue to prioritise.

Our financial management also remains strong. Under the careful stewardship of Jenny Poole, the League has again achieved a surplus, allowing us to maintain a contingency fund of at least \$30,000. This is a significant achievement and provides the League with greater stability in what can be a financially volatile sporting environment.

Strategic and Operational Progress

During 2024/25 and into the 2025/26 season, the League continued to invest significant funds into improving our computer system, with a particular focus on meet management, handicapping functionality and the integrity of our processes.

Once again, we offered coaches the opportunity to receive one-on-one education and support in relation to the system. It is worth noting that no coaches took up this offer. Next season, we will again provide formal opportunities for coaches to deepen their understanding of how the system works. However, it must also be understood that complaints about the system that arise from a lack of engagement or understanding will not receive the same level of attention as genuine operational or technical concerns.

We are also pleased to report continued progress in our relationship with the Victorian Athletic League. We have consolidated our agreements around data sharing and are now exploring further alignment in our approaches. This is an important step in strengthening professional running across state borders and improving consistency for athletes who compete in both Leagues.

Our social media presence continues to grow, despite operating with an extremely limited budget. Increased online engagement has complemented our community presence and has helped promote our athletes, our events and the broader profile of the League.

Finances

The League's financial position is now very stable. Over recent years, we have moved to a position where regular, coherent and positive financial reporting is in place, and where, for the past four years, the League has delivered annual profits.

We are extremely aware of the financial volatility that exists within our sport. Weather, event costs, sponsorship uncertainty, attendance fluctuations and broader economic pressures all have the potential to impact the League. For this reason, we will continue to invest in a contingency fund that allows us to manage risk and protect the future sustainability of the SAAL.

Financial stability does not happen by accident. It is the result of disciplined management, careful planning and a clear understanding that the League must live within its means while still investing in the areas that matter.

Bay Sheffield and Community Impact

The Bay Sheffield remains the flagship event of the South Australian Athletic League and one of the great traditions in Australian sport.

This year, participation in the Bay Sheffield increased, despite an early-season drop-off in numbers. The 2025 Bay Sheffield also saw a significant increase in interstate competitors, reinforcing the importance and reputation of the event beyond South Australia.

We sincerely thank the South Australian Government, the City of Holdfast Bay and our key sponsor, Shane Grimwade from Supreme Quilts, for their continued support. Their contribution enables the League to deliver an event that is not only important to athletes, but also to the broader South Australian community.

The Bay Sheffield continues to showcase the very best of professional running while also providing opportunities for juniors, emerging athletes, established competitors and the wider athletics community.

Challenges

Despite the many positives, the League continues to face several challenges.

Post-New Year attendance remains affected by the timing of national championships, state championships and surf lifesaving commitments. Athlete reluctance to travel has also made it increasingly difficult to sustain regional carnivals, despite strong interest and support from local communities.

We also recognise that there remains some confusion around junior handicapping, particularly when U14 athletes compete in U18 events, or when U18 athletes compete in senior events. This is an area requiring better education, clearer communication and continued consistency in application.

At the end of the 2025/26 season, we undertook a survey of all members to better understand these issues. The survey provided valuable feedback on the reasons behind these challenges, including cost, timing and travel. Interestingly, there was significant support for a conservative handicapping approach when junior athletes transition into senior grades.

We are committed to continuing to address these issues in a respectful, transparent and practical way.

One area where we have seen significant improvement over the past four years is in the way members interact through social media and in their conduct toward officials. In 2025/26, there were no breaches of either our social media policy or code of conduct. This is an important cultural improvement and one of which the League should be proud.

I am also pleased to report that the SAAL has signed a mutual acceptance of penalty agreement with Athletics South Australia. Under this agreement, any suspension imposed by either organisation may be recognised and applied by both organisations. This is an important step in promoting respect, accountability and appropriate standards of behaviour across the sport.

Acknowledgements

To our athletes — you are the reason this League exists. We appreciate your support, your patience and your commitment to competition. Our responsibility is to continue providing the best possible environment for you to participate, improve and achieve your goals. We want every athlete in this League to have the opportunity to be the best they can be.

To our volunteers — you are the backbone of the League. From handicappers, stewards and starters, to judges, colour stewards, timekeepers and all those who contribute behind the scenes, thank you. Your dedication, resilience and willingness to serve the sport, often in challenging conditions, is what makes the SAAL possible.

To our Committee — thank you for your tireless efforts, your vision and your commitment to the ongoing development of the League. Your work is often unseen, but it is deeply valued.

To our Executive Officer, Jenny Poole — your behind-the-scenes dedication, professionalism and countless hours of support have been invaluable. You are, in many ways, the heartbeat of the League, and we thank you sincerely for everything you continue to do.

Looking Ahead

I have agreed to stand again as President of the League. This will be my final term. As such, one of our key priorities will be the implementation of a succession plan to ensure the League is well positioned for the future.

It is important that the next generation of leadership inherits an organisation that is stable, respected, financially responsible and capable of continuing to grow. My commitment, and the commitment of the Committee, is to ensure that we hand over a League of which all members can be proud.

The South Australian Athletic League has a long and proud history. Our responsibility is to honour that history while continuing to make the decisions necessary to secure its future.

Thank you once again for your support, your contribution and your commitment to the SAAL.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kym D Steer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kym Steer
President
South Australian Athletic League

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The 2025/26 season has been one of steady progress for SAAL, marked by important investments, valued partnerships, and continued efforts to strengthen the sport for our members and the broader community.

Country carnivals in Crystal Brook and Loxton continue to be highlights of the program, although members may find it challenging to attend each year while balancing other commitments. The 25th Loxton Gift a great celebration despite wet conditions, and we extend our sincere thanks to the local committee for its outstanding efforts in delivering the carnival. We also welcomed a new carnival at Mount Barker which was a popular addition to the calendar.

In December 2025, SAAL welcomed Westpac as its corporate sponsor, joining Supreme Quilts and the Mort Daly Running Foundation as major supporters for the season. These partnerships are highly valued, and we remain grateful for the opportunities they create to deliver meaningful outcomes for our members and the broader community.

SAAL has continued to work closely with the Victorian Athletic League to support a more coordinated national approach to professional running. Members can now access both VAL and SAAL meets through a single login, with their data stored in one central location. This has streamlined the entry process and removed the previously time-consuming requirement to update race results across states.

Volunteers remain one of the League's greatest strengths, and I extend my sincere appreciation for their dedication. Please consider volunteering with SAAL, as it is a meaningful way to support the sport and strengthen connections within the League.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the South Australian Government, local councils, and our sponsors, whose partnership continues to make our events possible. Their contribution enables us to promote active lifestyles and showcase the best of South Australia, and we value the strong relationships that have been developed through this collaboration.

I wish to acknowledge the Management Committee for its guidance, support, leadership and ongoing commitment to improving our culture. We can look forward with confidence to the 2026/27 season and beyond. It is a privilege to be part of the SA Athletic League community, and I remain extremely grateful for the support of coaches, athletes, and volunteers.



Jenny Rofe
Executive Officer

REGISTRATIONS

We maintained good registration numbers this year in most categories. The large under 14 numbers from the previous season dropped off but note that some of these athletes moved into the Under 18 category. There was increased uptake of 3 meet and 1 meet passes which were promoted more via host clubs and worked well to increase local engagement and promotion of pro running as a pathway.

Good interest in Little Athletics races at Bay Sheffield, Crystal Brook and Henley was maintained.

CATEGORY	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Para Athletes (Inc. 1x3 day registration)	0	0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14	15	15
Associate	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coach (Inc 4 Life Members)	27	24	30	30	25	29	28	34	37	41	30
First Year Athletes (No longer available)	21	20	24	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Officials (Inc 6 Life Members)	28	24	18	18	18	19	22	21	23	25	22
Men (inc 20x1 day rego, 39x3 day)	119	114	123	125	126	124	170	147	135	145	145
Women (inc 19x1 day rego, 27x3 meet)	33	41	40	56	48	45	69	78	64	87	96
Over 35	18	25	17	17	17	14	22	23	23	23	19
Under 18	70	98	104	110	112	97	102	86	35G 32B	34G 37B	30G 41B
Under 14	44	49	59	60	48	44	39	20	12G 16B	19G 37B	20G 11B
Under 20 (No longer available)	42	25	23	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	402	420	439	426	394	372	452	409	389	460	429
Females									128	160	163
Males									261	300	266
3 day (included above)		18	18	19	17	29	66	45	43	62	66
1 day (included above)		24	21	20	35	23	28	29	23	7	39
Little Aths Registrations				50	47	45	41	56	123	103	115
Gather Round Footballers										104	
Total Life Members included above where indicated only.	43	43	44	45	47	47	49	51	52	54	55

EVENTS

Category	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	26/27
Men	55	58	51	53	47	44	44	45	46	47	48
Women	37	42	35	38	35	38	38	38	42	39	44
Open								10	10	7	7
Over 35 Mixed	21	21	15	16	14	20	23	27	29	29	25
Over 35 M											3
Over 30 W							1	3	3	3	3
Over 35 W											1
Novice	7	20	14	10	7	6	6	6	8	8	6
Para								4	6	12	13
Women/Over 35	3	5	9	8	6	5	4	5	5	5	3
Under 18	2	22	34	39	39	13	8	6	4	3	4
Under 18 Girls						13	21	22	23	21	23
Under 18 Boys						13	21	22	23	21	23
Under 14	13	16	14	14	12	10	17	18	21	23	30
Consolation/ Invitation	2	1	2	4	7	8	7	6	4	5	6
All Comers					8	4	9	1	3	0	0
Restricted					1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Junior Inv/Little Aths.									17	20	25
Football										8	0



CARNIVAL NOMINATIONS

Registrations and nominations were not as high as the previous season; however, this strengthened over time, resulting in increased numbers at the Bay Sheffield. Attendance at post-Bay carnivals remained broadly consistent with the previous year. The spike in participation during the 2024/25 season appears to have been influenced by the Olympic year, reflecting a broader trend observed both locally and interstate. As in previous seasons, many members continue to balance professional running with amateur athletics and surf commitments, which contributes to lower participation at carnivals following the Bay.

Carnival	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	%
Marion	283	307	303	403	292	221	290	284	278	340	295	-13%
Crystal Brook							238	258	221	329	319	-3%
Mount Barker											338	
Flinders	355	348	302	387	389	312	319	310	319	334	300	-10%
Western/Henley/St Mich.	259	275	256	296	0	0	0		213	283	265	-7%
Kensington		163	360	420	478	362	369	306	313	404	341	-16%
Keith Patching Memorial	431	404	427	387	423	389	389	294	274	349	294	-16%
Mort Daly	426	422	500	441	455	446	409	362	308	446	349	-22%
Bay Sheffield	908	889	914	801	818	741	830	800	738	955	1065	12%
Brighton									175		239	
Camden	377	367	357	405	378	338	328	280	281	332	310	-7%
Reynella						296	239	239	211	231	249	8%
Loxton	250	290	326	333	212	223	379	245	230	262	266	2%
End of Season Meet									63	79	170	115%
McKinnon	304	261	291	267	COVID	229	243			218		
Port Adelaide	278	318	348	365	355	236	277	286	275	345		
Gather Round Sprint										193		
Mt Gambier					263	COVID	248	187	204			
Barossa								165	160			
Adelaide Hills								253				
Brighton #2							319					
Fleurieu				358	360	321	234					
Flagstaff	330	297	313	338	298	250	0					
Sacred Heart/Bowker	342	364	269	419	303	0	0					
Tea Tree Gully	302	358	0	0	0	0	0					
Brighton Launch			99	134	0	0	0					
Western	346	290	273	0	0	0	0					
Hectorville	229	279	0	0	0	0	0					
Total	5420	5469	5338	5754	5014	4364	5111	4269	4263	4976	4799	-4%

Does not include COVID cancelled events.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

South Australian Athletic League Inc

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Report by the Management Committee

10th June 2025

In accordance with Section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, the Management Committee hereby states that during the financial year ended 30th April 2025:

- a) (i) no Management Committee member of the League:
 - (ii) no firm of which the Management Committee member is a member: and
 - (iii) no body corporate in which a Management Committee member has a substantial financial interest, has received, or become entitled to receive benefit as a result of a contract between the Management Committee member, firm or body corporate and the League.
- b) no Management Committee member of the association has received directly or indirectly from the League any payment or other benefit of pecuniary value, other than salaries and honorarium's paid to Management Committee members.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of members of the Management Committee



Committee Member



Committee Member

Dated this 10th day of June 2026

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Income and Expenditure Statement - Notes

For the Year Ended 30 April 2026

Income

Registration Income

Reflects the increase of registration fees rather than registration numbers 2025/2026.

Grants

We have been successful in obtaining a number of grants which have significantly improved support to our volunteers and improve our database, website and race day equipment.

Successful in obtaining council grants for carnivals that had not had grants available the previous year.

Sponsorships

Sponsorship figures are below figures from 2024/25 which included the sponsorships for Port Carnival and Gather Round Sprint

Other income

2024/25 figures were high with an influx of new members from Brighton Bombers and subsequent singlet and blocks sales. This was not replicated this year. Bay Sheffield VIP income was also reduced when reduce to one day.

Expenditure

Employee Benefits Expense

This significant increase includes an accrued allowance for long service leave and annual leave.

Race Meeting Expenses

This drop is due to the figures last year including the prizemoney from the Gather Round Sprint and Port Adelaide.

Finish Line Camera Purchase

It is to be noted that from the grant income we have purchased another finish line camera. This expense is recognised as the asset depreciates over the coming years.

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Income and Expenditure Statement

For the Year Ended 30 April 2026

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Registrations income	72,423	65,918
Nominations income	94,981	98,519
Sponsorships	260,790	293,904
Grants	69,310	36,850
Other Income	36,867	44,144
Employee benefits expense	(90,878)	(79,264)
Race meeting expenses	(381,970)	(419,645)
Admin and Office expense	(16,107)	(18,657)
Rent	(2,409)	(3,691)
Depreciation	(3,537)	(4,161)
Insurance	(5,089)	(4,206)
Other expenses	(4,068)	(5,353)
Profit before income tax	<u>30,313</u>	<u>4,359</u>
Income tax expense	-	-
Profit for the year	30,313	<u>4,359</u>

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Assets and Liabilities Statement

As at 30 April 2026

	2026 \$	2025 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	167,636	76,022
Trade and other receivables	1,469	16,773
Inventories	0	1,580
Vehicles	3,992	4,697
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	173,087	99,072
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	34,408	18,884
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	34,408	18,884
TOTAL ASSETS	207,505	117,957
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	3,560	2,847
Other liabilities	4,410	8,022
Employee benefits	14,911	6,343
Grant Funding received in advance	53,565	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	76,477	17,212
TOTAL LIABILITIES	76,477	17,212
NET ASSETS	131,058	100,745
MEMBERS' FUNDS		
Retained profits	131,058	100,745
TOTAL MEMBERS EQUITY	131,058	100,745

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 April 2026

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

This financial report is a special purpose report prepared for distribution to members in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985. The committee has determined that the South Australian Athletic League Inc ('the League') is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(b) Income Tax

The League is exempt from Income Tax under section 23g(iii) of the Income Tax Assessment Act

(c) Revenue and other income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue. Grant and donation revenue is recognised when the League obtains control over the funds. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST)

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities up to 12 months.

(e) Inventories

Inventories are valued at lower of cost and net realisable value.

(f) Property, plant and equipment

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

(g) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the League's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting year. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(h) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of GST, except where the GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST

2 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	2,306	5,629
Cash at Bank	146,321	59,739
Term Deposit due within 12 months	19,009	10,654
	<u>167,636</u>	<u>76,022</u>

3 Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables	<u>1,469</u>	16,773
	<u>1,469</u>	<u>16,773</u>

4 Inventories

General Merchandise	-	1,580
	-	<u>1,580</u>

5 Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment at cost	81,400	63,044
Less accumulated depreciation	(43,000)	(39,463)
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>38,400</u>	<u>23,581</u>

6 Trade and Other Payables

Trade Creditors	3,560	2,847
Sundry Creditors and accruals	4,410	8,022
	<u>7,970</u>	<u>10,869</u>

7 Employee Benefits

	\$	\$
Provision for employee benefits	<u>14,911</u>	6,343
	<u>14,911</u>	<u>6,343</u>

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Statement by the Management Committee

The Management Committee has determined that the League is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Management Committee the financial report:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of the League Inc as at 30 April 2026, and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the League will be able to pay its debts when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Management Committee:



Committee Member



Committee Member

Dated this 10th day of June 2026

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**

Scope

We have audited the accounts of the entity, being the Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet and Notes to and forming part of the Report for the year ended 30th April 2026. The entity's Treasurer is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the information they contain. We have conducted an independent audit of the accounts in order to express an opinion on them to members of the entity.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free from material misstatements. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of all evidence supporting the amounts, and evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the receipts and payments are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the entity which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the basis.

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Associations Act 1985, the financial position of the SA ATHLETIC LEAGUE Inc as at 30th April 2026 and the results of its operations for the 12 months ended.

In my opinion the financial report on which this report is prepared is adequate, given the nature and scope of the activities of the SA ATHLETIC LEAGUE Inc as at 30th April 2026.

AFC Accounting & Finance



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Amin F Chehade FNTAA

North Adelaide

Dated this 26th day of May 2026

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CARNIVALS AND RESULTS

MARION GIFT CARNIVAL

12th October 2025

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
70m Under 14	Fergus Sellick	Gisele Chernishev	Callum Cornish
70m Under 18 Girls	Adelaide Boulton	Isla Wood	Maeve McGorm
70m Under 18 Boys	Jack Combe	Jack Burfield	Tyson Donovan
70m Over 35	Daniel Flesfadar	Filip Kulinicz	Mark Simons
70m Para	William Brown	Oliver Baker	Karl Supple
120m Novice	Kanisha Serfontein	Bradley Ramsey	Lewis Day
120m Women	Maya Lange	Lilliana Hoffman	Tigerlily Kovacic
120m Men	Nicholas Krznaric	Xavier Poole	Riley James
300m Under 14	Wyatt Taylor	Callum Cornish	Fergus Sellick
300m Under 18 Girls	Emma Potter	Mia Hetherington	Tully Allen
300m Under 18 Boys	Jack Combe	Ashton Zorich	Pietro Corno
300m Over 35	Matthew Cousins	Albert Jamae	Courtney Ryder
300m Women	Mercedes Tierney	Ella Clogg	Tigerlily Kovacic
300m Men	Hayden Rothe	Michael Hayes	Luke Rigby
800m Under 18	Jack Combe	Tyler Rowston	Brock Thompson
800m Men	Tyler Gridley	Michael Nitschke	Jack Atherton
800m Women	Emily Wass	Alison Sorell	Mercedes Tierney
1600m Open	Zade Kretschmer	Michael Nitschke	Jack Atherton
Athlete of the Meet	Jack Combe		



PACIFIC BLUE CRYSTAL BROOK CLASSIC

19th October 2026

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
70m Under 14	Wyatt Taylor	Dom Kinley	Fergus Sellick
70m Under 18 Girls	Anya Horgan	Maeve McGorm	Scarlett Poole
70m Under 18 Boys	River Dowling	Jack Burfield	Zac Kinley
70m Women	Ella Clogg	Lakeisha Sheffield	Kanisha Serfontein
70m Men	Michael Hayes	Luke Rigby	Charlie Hildyard
120m Under 14	Wyatt Taylor	Dom Kinley	Fergus Sellick
120m Over 35	Ben Abriani	Jarrad Dartnall	David Wilczek
120m Women Crystal Brook Classic	Maya Lange	Ella Clogg	Kanisha Serfontein
120m Men Crystal Brook Classic	Luke Rigby	Charlie Hildyard	Samuel Blyzno
400m Under 18 Girls	Anya Horgan	Emma Potter	Scarlett Poole
400m Under 18 Boys	Noah Charlesworth	Ethan Palmer	Lewis Day
400m Over 35	Ben Abriani	Gianny Scoleri	Jarrad Dartnall
400m Women	Melarn Murphy	Maya Lange	Mercedes Tierney
400m Men	Joseph McKinnon	Hayden Rothe	Hayden Petherick
800m Open	Gianny Scoleri	Jessica Kemp	James Grant
1600m Open	Gianny Scoleri	Emma Potter	Mercedes Tierney
Athlete of the Meet	Maya Lange		



PACIFIC BLUE CRYSTAL BROOK CLASSIC

18th October 2025

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
120m Little Athletics Girls 9 and Under	<i>Lara Wardle</i>	<i>Evie Kapitola</i>	<i>Mia Kalisch</i>
120m Little Athletics Girls 11 and Under	<i>Maggie Gum</i>	<i>Ava Goddard</i>	<i>Imogen Wardle</i>
120m Little Athletics Boys 11 and Under	<i>Joe Noll</i>	<i>Leon Carbine</i>	<i>Marcus Kalisch</i>
120m Little Athletics Girls 13 and Under	<i>Jaspa Barnes</i>	<i>Hayley Pilkington</i>	<i>Mabel Byrne</i>
120m Little Athletics Boys 13 and Under	<i>Baylen Goddard</i>	<i>Cooper Smith</i>	<i>Jace Pilkington</i>
400m Little Athletics Girls 9 and Under	<i>Lara Wardle</i>	<i>Evie Kapitola</i>	<i>Indi Mudge</i>
400m Little Athletics Boys 9 and Under	<i>Denzel Farr</i>	<i>Judd Farr</i>	<i>Tate Pilkington</i>
400m Little Athletics Girls 11 and Under	<i>Maggie Gum</i>	<i>Sadie Hook</i>	<i>Imogen Wardle</i>
400m Little Athletics Boys 11 and Under	<i>Joe Noll</i>	<i>Jonah Richards</i>	<i>Leon Carbine</i>
400m Little Athletics Girls 13 and Under	<i>Indy Farr</i>	<i>Mabel Byrne</i>	<i>Hayley Pilkington</i>
400m Little Athletics Boys 13 and Under	<i>Patrick Zwar</i>	<i>Cooper Smith</i>	<i>Jace Pilkington</i>



Junior Invitational Participants at Crystal Brook

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Mt Barker Rotary Gift

2nd November 2025

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
70m Women	Olivia Tierney	Ella Byrne	Mikayla Round
70m Men	Samuel Blyzno	Xavier Poole	Liam Moss
120m Under 14	Seth Best	Mo Kulinincz	Wyatt Taylor
120m Under 18 Girls	Anya Horgan	Evelyn Cornish	Maeve McGorm
120m Under 18 Boys	Nathan Flesfadar	Austin Botha	Lachlan Fanning
120m Over 35	Kasey Allen	Ali Saliu	Sue Turner
120m Women	Ella Byrne	Ashlee Munt	Charlotte McAuliffe
120m Men	Michael Hayes	Hayden Rothe	Xavier Poole
120m Para	Sam Paech	Oliver Baker	Nathan Woods
300m Under 14	Callum Cornish	Fergus Sellick	Wyatt Taylor
300m Over 35	Courtney Ryder	Albert Jamae	Gianny Scoleri
550m Under 18 Girls	Emma Potter	Anya Horgan	Madison Brown
550m Under 18 Boys	Tyler Rowston	Luca Floreani	Billy Rowston
550m Women	Pia Marschall	Mercedes Tierney	Rachael Kean
550m Men	Michael Hayes	Alex Twartz	Gianny Scoleri
1600m Open			
Mount Barker Mile	Cooper Giles	Maddy Humphry	Zac Connell
120m Little Athletics	Macie Snowden	Isabella Stratfold	Jack McAvaney
550m Little Athletics	Ada Dower Adams	Zac Dower Adams	Paxton Newman
Athlete of the Meet	Michael Hayes		



TOBY SCHREIER FLINDERS PRO MEET

9th November 2025

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
120m Under 14	April Joyce	Eliana White	Alice Gallagher
120m Under 18 Boys	Tyler Rowston	Nathan Flesfadar	Lachlan Fanning
120m Under 18 Girls	Adelaide Boulton	Adelaide Boulton	Adelaide Boulton
120m Over 35	Filip Kulinicz	Daniel Flesfadar	Andrew Boyd
120m Women	Lakeisha Sheffield	Ashlee Munt	Mikayla Round
120m Men	Joel Cedric Ebomo		
Bill Ross Memorial	Zoalang	Ryley James	Hayden Petherick
120m Para	Oliver Baker	Nathan Woods	Lexie Bruce
400m Under 14	Dom Kinley	Alice Gallagher	Charlotte Davies
400m Under 18 Boys	Tyler Rowston	Tyler Rowston	Tyler Rowston
400m Under 18 Girls	Madison Brown	Adelaide Boulton	Emma Potter
400m Over 35	Ross Hill-Brown	Albert Jamae	Gianny Scoleri
400m Men	Toby Cook	John Evans	Zade Kretschmer
400m Women	Ashlee Munt	Olivia Tierney	Amie Mittiga
800m Under 14	Chloe Liptak	Olivia Raymond	Mikayla Szelag
800m Under 18	Juvenal Doko Tchatoka	Tyler Rowston	Brock Thompson
800m Women	Mercedes Tierney	Jessica McManus	Emily Wass
800m Men	James McManus	Oakley Nilsen	James Grant
3200m Open David Abbott Memorial	Jett Noble	Jordan Harvey	Oliver Sparkes
Athlete of the Meet	Tyler Rowston		



WESTERN ATHLETICS CLUB GIFT

16th November 2025

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
70m Under 14	Alfie Wyness	Mo Kulinincz	Wyatt Taylor
70m Over 35	Sue Turner	Daniel Flesfadar	Jarrad Dartnall
70m Para	Oliver Baker	Nathan Woods	Ross Hill-Brown
70m Novice	Lewis Day	Christian Custodio	Bradley Ramsey
70m Women	Lakeisha Sheffield	Chantelle McAneney	Olivia Tierney
70m Men	Michael Hayes	Hayden Petherick	Daniel Flesfadar
300m Under 14	Fergus Sellick	Mo Kulinincz	Liliana McClean
300m Under 18 Girls	Tully Allen	Madison Brown	Anya Horgan
300m Under 18 Boys	Austin Botha	Ashton Zorich	Kael Clarke
300m Women	Ashlee Munt	Alex Day	Mercedes Tierney
300m Men	Michael Hayes	Toby Cook	Luis Lawrie-Lattanzio
300m Over 35	Sue Turner	Courtney Ryder	Andrew Boyd
800m Men	Archer Charles	James Grant	Nicholas Sullivan
800m Women	Courtney Ryder	Alison Sorell	Mercedes Tierney
70m Little Athletics Boys	Leo Renshaw	Cruze Lamberti	Patrick Hobbs
70m Little Athletics Girls	Ashlyn Axon	Hannah Gluszkowski	Isabella Atkinson
200m Little Athletics Boys	Bradley Taylor	Fraser Montgomery	Cruze Lamberti
200m Little Athletics Girls	Zara Cotter	Miranda Owen	Ashlyn Axon
Athlete of the Meet	Sue Turner		



The Williams Back to School Bolt was a great addition to the 2025/26 Season

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CITY OF BURNSIDE GIFT CARNIVAL

23th November 2025

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
70m Women	Maeve McGorm	Scarlett Poole	Ella Byrne
70m Men	Joel Cedric Ebomo Zoalang	Xavier Poole	Charlie Hildyard
120m Under 14	Mo Kulinincz	Alice Gallagher	Fergus Sellick
120m Under 18 Boys	Henry Raymond	Tyler Rowston	Tyson Donovan
120m Under 18 Girls	Maeve McGorm	Scarlett Poole	Evelyn Cornish
120m Over 35	Daniel Flesfadar	David Palmer	Filip Kulinicz
120m Women Kensington Gift	Alex Day	Chantelle McAneney	Tigerlily Kovacic
120m Men Kensington Gift	Joel Cedric Ebomo Zoalang	Charlie Hildyard	Xavier Poole
120m Para Kensington Gift	Ross Hill-Brown	Sam Paech	Nathan Woods
300m Under 14	Olivia Raymond	Evie Cantwell	Eliza McCarthy
550m Over 35	Albert Jamae	Ben Abriani	Matthew Cousins
550m Under 18 Boys	Luca Floreani	Juvenal Doko Tchatoka	Brock Thompson
550m Under 18 Girls	Madison Brown	India Goodall	Eden Grant
550m Women	Jessica Kemp	Emma Potter	Pia Marschall
550m Men	Rory White	Asher Gillings	Joseph McKinnon
1600m Women/Over 35	Mercedes Tierney	Isabel Hobbs	Michael Nitschke
1600m Men	James Grant	Jack Atherton	Daniel Bahr
Athlete of the Meet	Joel Cedric Ebomo Zoalang		



KEITH PATCHING MEMORIAL CARNIVAL

7th December 2025

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
70m Novice			
Alby Donnelly Memorial	Luke Simpson	Scarlett Poole	Tyler Rowston
70m Women	Scarlett Poole	Olivia Tierney	Mikayla Round
70m Men	Joel Cedric Ebomo		
Keith Patching Sprint	Zoalang	Luke Rigby	Charlie Hildyard
70m Para	Karl Supple	Brayden Davidson	Oliver Baker
100m Under 14	Evie Cantwell	Avalie Deboy	Eliana White
100m Women	Ella Clogg	Olivia Tierney	Anya Kalu
100m Men	Corey Baker	David Amaechi	Hayden Rothe
100m Over 35	Filip Kulinicz	Andrew Boyd	David Gross
400m Under 14	Mo Kulinicz	Evie Cantwell	Liliana McClean
400m Under 18 Girls			
Les Brown Memorial	Emma Potter	Madison Brown	Isla Wood
400m Under 18 Boys			
Les Brown Memorial	Oscar Norman	Sydney Lambert	Ethan Palmer
400m Women	Rachael Kean	Tahlia Curnow	Amie Mittiga
400m Men	Joseph McKinnon	John Evans	Lucas Mann
1000m Women/Over 35	Pia Marschall	Alison Sorell	Jessica Kemp
1000m Men The Brian Hart	Rory White	Bennett Maxwell	Brock Thompson
Athlete of the Meet	Scarlett Poole		



Keith Patching Memorial Sprint

Photo: Scarlett Poole

MORT DALY RUNNING FOUNDATION CARNIVAL

14th December 2025

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
70m Novice	Christian Custodio	Blake Favretto	Tyler Rowston
70m Women The Brenda Pearl	Olivia Tierney	Alex Day	Ashlee Munt
70m Men	Daniel Flesfadar	Michael Moschou	Nicholas Krznaric
120m Under 14	Avalie Deboy	Zoe Kupeckyj	Liliana McClean
120m Under 18 Girls	Evelyn Cornish	Scarlett Poole	Addison Martin
120m Under 18 Boys	Austin Botha	Tyler Rowston	Lewis Day
120m Over 35	Kasey Allen	Filip Kulinicz	Mark Burns
120m Para	Oliver Baker	Sam Paech	Karl Supple
120m Women	Ashlee Munt	Imogen Nobbs	Anya Kalu
120m Men	Riley James	Jason Weah	Hayden Rothe
300m Under 14	Mo Kulinicz	Liliana McClean	Fergus Sellick
550m Under 18 Girls	Anya Horgan	India Goodall	Emma Potter
550m Under 18 Boys	Jack Gallagher	Oscar Norman	Jack Combe
550m Over 35	Matthew Cousins	Ben Abriani	Albert Jamae
550m Women Ian Reddaway Memorial	Jessica McManus	Pia Marschall	Maeya Robinson
550m Men Ian Reddaway Memorial	Cameron Konnis	Tyler Gridley	Gianny Scoleri
1600m Women/Over 35	Eden Grant	Maddy Humphry	India Goodall
1600m Men	Jett Noble	Michael Nitschke	Robert Killmier
Athlete of the Meet	Ashlee Munt		



Mort Daly Running Foundation Carnival
Pia Marschall, Jessica McManus, Maeya Robinson

Photo: Jen Poole

SUPREME QUILTS BAY SHEFFIELD CARNIVAL - DAY 1

27th December 2025

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
70m Women	Madeleine Parris	Halle Martin	Chantelle McAneney
70m Men	Joel Cedric Ebomo Zoalang	Alex Dunn	Ian Irwin
120m Under 14 Williams Back to School Bolt Series Final	Alfie Wyness	Callum Cornish	Zoi Sardelis
120m Restricted Jim Travers Memorial	Gman Paye	Olivia Parnell	Owen de Vries
300m Under 14	Jordan Romanelli	Eliana White	Mia-Rose Johnson
300m Women Over 30	Kasey Allen	Kim McDonough	Courtney Ryder
300m Men Over 35	Gary Mahon	Gianny Scoleri	Jarrad Dartnall
550m Under 18 Girls	Madison Brown	Emily Fiedler	Adelaide Boulton
550m Under 18 Boys	Leo McMeel	Ethan Palmer	Brock Thompson
550m Women	Isabel Hobbs	Alex Tzilantonis	Maddy Humphry
800m Men The Patawolonga	Michael Nitschke	James Grant	Tyler Gridley
1600m Over 35	Marcus Downes	Alison Sorell	John Davis
3200m Open	John Davis	Daniel Bahr	Jordan Harvey



Bay Sheffield Carnival
Alex Dunn, Joel Cedric Ebomo Zoalang, Ian Irwin
Photo Jen Poole

SUPREME QUILTS BAY SHEFFIELD – DAY 2

29th December 2025

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
120m Under 14	Callum Cornish	Ava Ward	Zoe Kupeckyj
120m Under 18 Girls	Emily Fiedler	Lilliana Hoffman	Evelyn Cornish
120m Under 18 Boys	Lewis Day	Luke Rollinson	Max Thompson
120m Para Men Bay Sheffield	Sam Paech	Darcy Bekric	Oliver Baker
120m Para Women Bay Sheffield	Lexie Bruce	Anu Francis	Akeesha Snowden
120m Women Bay Sheffield	Mia Greacen	Shauna Herbst	Olivia Hastings
120m Men Bay Sheffield	Xavier Poole	Liam Moss	Charlie Hildyard
120m Backmarkers	Josh Lotsu	Mitchell O'Neill	Cooper Sherman
120m Men Over 35	Ryan Hancock	Daniel Flesfadar	David Palmer
120m Women Over 35	Kasey Allen	Sonya Pollard	Hayley Kovacic
550m Men	Gras Amekata	Zade Kretschmer	Harry McDonough
550m Over 35	Jarrad Dartnall	Ben Abriani	Michael Nitschke
800m Under 18	Juvenal Doko Tchataka	Brock Thompson	Maeya Robinson
800m Women	Maddy Humphry	Jessica McManus	Eden Grant
1600m Men	Bennett Maxwell	Jett Noble	Michael Nitschke
1600m Selected Men	Jack Atherton	William McCann	Robert Killmier
400m Little Athletics Girls	Katie Fenna	Asher Bateman	Macy McCullough
400m Little Athletics Boys	Ari Harris	Blake Bush	Liam Kowald
1600m Women	Emily Wass	Kate Holland-Smith	Molly Cook
120m Little Athletics Girls Div 1	Kaysii Obst	Angelique Whittaker	Jasmine Hughes
120m Little Athletics Girls Div 2	Millie Lokan	Asher Bateman	Ava Scaife
120m Little Athletics Boys Div 1	Gerard McGinley	Keanu Cooper	Paul Gluszkowski
120m Little Athletics Boys Div 2	Matthew Macrae	Blake Bush	Lachlan Jory
800m Masters Association	Gino Geracitano	Sabine Orchard-Simonides	Paul Lainio
Athlete of the meet	Kasey Allen		



Bay Sheffield Carnival
Bay Sheffield Final

Photo Jen Poole

BRIGHTON GIFT CARNIVAL

23rd January 2026

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
100m Under 14	Ashley Burckhardt	Alfie Wyness	Olivia Raymond
100m Under 18 Girls	Anelise Bewry	Scarlett Poole	Adelaide Boulton
100m Under 18 Boys	Jack Combe	Lachlan Fanning	Luca Floreani
100m Over 35	David Palmer	Andrew Boyd	Neil Thomas
100m Women	Ashlee Munt	Olivia Tierney	Tahlia Curnow
100m Men	Jason Weah	Joseph McKinnon	Blake Jones
100m Para	Karl Supple	Oliver Baker	<i>William Brown</i>
400m Under 14	Noah Fitzgerald	Olivia Raymond	Annabelle Fitzgerald
400m Under 18 Girls	Adelaide Boulton	Emma Potter	Scarlett Poole
400m Under 18 Boys	Jackson Camilleri	Sydney Lambert	Jack Combe
400m Over 35	Andrew Boyd	Gianny Scoleri	James Grant
400m Men	Charlie Hildyard	Hayden Rothe	Ben Wilson
400m Women	Mercedes Tierney	Ashlee Munt	Tahlia Curnow
800m Men	Nicholas Sullivan	Gianny Scoleri	James Grant
800m Women	Mercedes Tierney	Rachael Kean	Isabel Hobbs



Brighton 100m Gift
Photo Jen Poole

CAMDEN CLASSIC

2nd February 2026

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
70m Under 14			
Williams Back to School Bolt	Noah Fitzgerald	Jace Chapman	Tayla Backwell
70m Under 18 Girls	Scarlett Poole	Adelaide Boulton	Talulah Kovacic
70m Under 18 Boys	Tyler Rowston	Isaac Winther	Kael Clarke
70m Para	Oliver Baker	Ross Hill-Brown	Brayden Davidson
70m Over 35	Ben Abriani	Jarrad Dartnall	Filip Kulinicz
70m Women	Scarlett Poole	Ashlee Munt	Sienna Walsh
70m Men	Jason Weah & Alex Dunn		Charlie Hildyard
400m Under 14 Brian Hart	Jace Chapman	Alfie Wyness	Adilyn Anderson
400m Under 18 Girls	Scarlett Poole	Emma Potter	Anya Horgan
400m Under 18 Boys	Jackson Camilleri	Tyler Schmitt	Lachlan Fanning
400m Women Over 30	Kasey Allen	Courtney Ryder	Hayley Kovacic
400m Men Over 35	Ben Abriani	Andrew Boyd	Gianny Scoleri
400m Women Camden Classic	Ali Wright	Mercedes Tierney	Olivia Tierney
400m Women Consolation	Tully Allen	Leila Croker	Victoria Cholsh
400m Men Camden Classic	Max Thompson	Hayden Rothe	Luke Simpson
400m Men Consolation	Thomas Kemp	Xavier Poole	Michael Hayes
800m Novice	Hannah Tourneur	Brock Thompson	Piper Hudson
1600m Open			
Thomas Wright Memorial Mile	James Grant	Charlie Ellis	William McCann
Athlete of the meet	Scarlett Poole		



Camden Classic Final Celebrations – Winner Ali Trewartha

Photo Jen Poole

REYNELLA GIFT CARNIVAL

13th February 2026

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
120m Under 14	Indii Backwell	Alfie Wyness	Liliana McClean
120m Under 18 Girls	Scarlett Poole	Adelaide Boulton	Ava Ward
120m Under 18 Boys	Lachlan Fanning	Nathan Flesfadar	Oliver Baker
120m Para	Oliver Baker	William Brown	Brayden Davidson
120m Novice	Bradley Ramsey	Piper Hudson	Luka Elliston
120m Over 35	David Palmer	Brett Stokes	Ben Abriani
120m Women Reynella Gift	Ashlee Munt	Ella Clogg	Anya Kalu
120m Men Reynella Gift	Michael Hayes	John Evans	Xavier Poole
300m Under 14	Alfie Wyness	Jade Thiele	Olivia Raymond
300m Women	Tahlia Curnow	Mikayla Round	Mercedes Tierney
300m Men	Xavier Poole	Joseph McKinnon	Michael Hayes
300m Over 35	Nathan Rout-Pitt	Ben Abriani	Tim Noblet
800m Women	Madison Brown	Mercedes Tierney	Isabel Hobbs
800m Men	Cameron Konnis	Benjamin Hayes	Nicholas Sullivan
Athlete of the Meet	Tahlia Curnow		



NIPPY'S LOXTON GIFT

28th February 2026

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
70m Under 14	Avalie Deboy	Alfie Wyness	Mo Kulinicz
70m Women	Ashlee Munt	Scarlett Poole	Maya Lange
70m Men	Ryley James	Xavier Poole	Samuel Blyzno
120m Under 18 Girls	Madison Kelly	Tully Allen	Avalie Deboy
120m Under 18 Boys	Jackson Camilleri	Tyler Rowston	Noah Charlesworth
120m Women	Ashlee Munt	Chantelle McAneney	Lilliana Hoffman
120m Men	Luke Rigby	Luke Rigby	Luke Rigby
120m Over 35	David Palmer	Jarrad Dartnall	Wallace Long-Scafidi
300m Under 14	Alfie Wyness	Wyatt Taylor	Avalie Deboy
300m Under 18 Girls	Tully Allen	Anya Horgan	Scarlett Poole
300m Under 18 Boys	Jackson Camilleri	Lachlan Fanning	Sydney Lambert
300m Men Over 35 The Reddaway	Tim Noblet	James Grant	Wallace Long-Scafidi
300m Women Over 30	Courtney Ryder	Kirsten Fantinel	Kasey Allen
300m Women	Leila Croker	Samantha-lee Pols	Mercedes Tierney
300m Men	Michael Hayes	Joseph McKinnon	Xavier Poole
1000m Women	Rachael Kean	Mercedes Tierney	Beth Griffin
1000m Men	Cameron Konnis	James Grant	Ian Worsfold
50m Sprint Skins Invitation	Max Thompson	Maya Lange	Joel Cedric Ebomo Zoalang
Athlete of the meet	Ashlee Munt		



Nippy's Loxton Gift Final

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ADELAIDE HILL PICNIC CARNIVAL (MYLOR) END OF SEASON CELEBRATION CARNIVAL

22nd March 2026

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
60m Under 14	Sonny Roe	Liliana McClean	Roxie Balmer
60m Over 35	David Palmer	Filip Kulinicz	Daniel Flesfadar
60m Para	Oliver Baker	Sam Paech	Brayden Davidson
60m Men	Sam Hunter	Billy Rowston	Zac Kinley
60m Women	Mikayla Dell	Kanisha Serfontein	Scarlett Poole
300m Under 14	Darcy Roe	Charli Ryder	Sonny Roe
300m Under 18	Zac Kinley	Adilyn Anderson	Tully Allen
300m Over 35	Mark Burns	Jarrad Dartnall	Ben Abriani
300m Women	Maya Lange	Mercedes Tierney	Ella Byrne
300m Men	Sam Hunter	Nicholas Sullivan	Wallace Long Scafidi
800m Women	Mercedes Tierney	Eden Grant	Maddy Humphry
800m Men	Benjamin Hayes	Brock Thompson	Gianny Scoleri



Adelaide Hills Picnic Carnival

Para Race

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STAWELL

The Victorian Athletic League, Stawell Athletic Club and Stawell Gift Event Management deserve high praise for delivering another outstanding Stawell Gift. It was an unforgettable experience to be present at the track and witness Sha' Carri Richardson clinch the win in the Women's Gift, showcasing her amazing talent.

In the Men's Gift, SAAL's Paul Young guided Olufemi Komolafe to victory, following on from last year's success with John Evans.

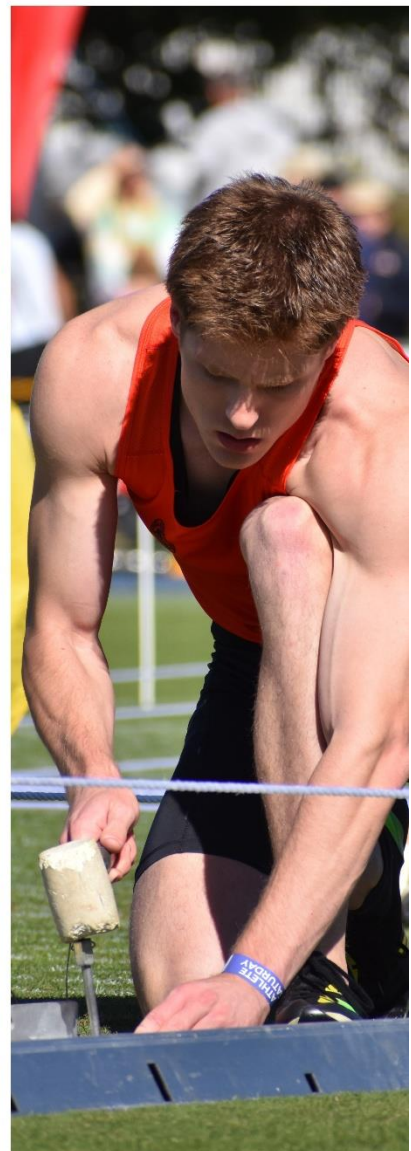
Over 70 South Australians made the journey to Stawell in 2026, Participating at Stawell is an essential part of the Pro Running, and simply being involved in such a prestigious competition is a remarkable experience in itself. Congratulations to all athletes!

Olufemi Komolafe	Winner 120m Men's Stawell Gift
Arron Nitschke	Winner 1600m Herb Hedemann

Other notable performances include

Michael Nitschke	2 nd	3200m Open
Alfie Wyness	2 nd	100m Under 14 Back to School Bolt Series Final
Xavier Poole	3 rd	400m Backmarkers
Gman Paye	3 rd	70m Men
Kayla Lemm	4 th	120m Backmarkers Invitational
Ellie Whittingham	5 th	120m Backmarkers Invitational
Isaac Winther	5 th	100m Under 18 Boys
Ben van Raalte	5 th	1600m Open Herb Hedemann
Juvenal Doko Tchakota	5 th	800m Under 18
Michael Nitschke	7 th	1600m Back Markers
John Evans	7 th	120m Backmarkers Invitational
Harrison Hunt	8 th	120m Backmarkers Invitational
Jarrad Dartnall	8 th	300m Men's Over 35
Cameron Konnis		Finalist 400m Front Markers
Hayden Petherick		Finalist 400m Front Markers
Toby Cook		Finalist 800m Open





BEHIND THE SCENES

Our team at the SA Athletic League is exceptional. Their genuine commitment to the success of the SAAL and their willingness to contribute is commendable. Many thanks to everyone from both the Management Committee, handicapping team, ad hoc helpers and the outstanding race day team for their support throughout the past season. Would you like to help out? We would love to hear from you!

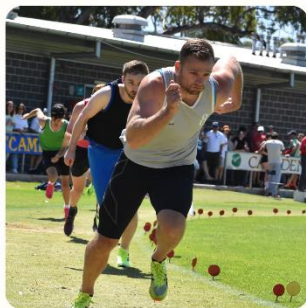


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SEASON 2025/2026 AWARD WINNERS



Joel Cedric Ebomo Zoalangi, Michael Hayes, James Grant, Ashlee Munt,
Mercedes Tierney, Mercedes Tierney, Alfie Wyness, Anya Horgan
Tyler Rowston, Ben Abriani, Kasey Allen, Oliver Baker
Camden Athletic Club, Frank McHugh, Ashlee Munt.

SEASON 2025/2026 AWARDS

Award Title	1	2	3
Short Sprint Award	Joel Cedric Ebomo Zoalang	Michael Hayes	Xavier Poole
Long Sprint Award	Michael Hayes	Joseph McKinnon	Hayden Rothe
Middle Distance Award	James Grant	Michael Nitschke	Jett Noble & Gianni Scoleri
Women's Short Sprint Award	Ashlee Munt	Olivia Tierney	Scarlett Poole
Women's Long Sprint Award	Mercedes Tierney	Ashlee Munt	Tahlia Curnow & Pia Marschall
Women's Middle Distance Award	Mercedes Tierney	Emily Waas	Rachael Kean
Under 14 Award	Alfie Wyness	Mo Kulinicz	Wyatt Taylor
Under 18 Girls Award	Anya Horgan	Scarlett Poole	Emma Potter & Adelaide Boulton
Under 18 Boys Award	Tyler Rowston	Jack Coombe	Jackson Camilleri
Over 35 Award - Men	Ben Abriani	David Palmer	Dan Flesfader & Filip Kulinicz
Over 35 Award – Women	Kasey Allen	Courtney Ryder	Sue Turner
Para Athlete Award	Oliver Baker	Sam Paech	Darcy Bekri
Novice Club Award	Camden	Reynella	Brighton
Club of the Year	Camden	Reynella	Flinders
Coach of the Year	Frank McHugh		
Athlete of the Year	Ashlee Munt	Michael Hayes	Joel Cedric Ebomo Zoalang & Xavier Poole

SERIES AWARDS



SUPREME
QUILTS

Over 35 Middle Distance	1	2	3
Ian Reddaway Cup - Men	<i>Ben Abriani</i>	<i>Gianny Scoleri</i>	<i>Jarrad Dartnall</i>
Mary Karutz Cup - Women	<i>Courtney Ryder</i>	<i>Kasey Allen</i>	<i>Kirsten Fantinel</i>



Under 18 Series	1	2	3
Boys	<i>Tyler Rowston</i>	<i>Lachlan Fanning</i>	<i>Ethan Palmer</i>
Girls	<i>Anya Horgan</i>	<i>Scarlett Poole</i>	<i>Emma Potter</i>

WILLIAMS

Back to School Bolt	1	2	3
Under 14 Sprint Series	<i>Alfie Wyness</i>	<i>Mo Kulinicz</i>	<i>Dom Kinley</i>

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Anton van Bavel



At the 2025 annual presentation, Anton van Bavel was awarded South Australian Athletic League Life Membership.

Over more than two decades of dedicated service, Anton has made an outstanding contribution to the League. He began in 2005 as an assistant starter to Brenda Pearl and Brian Hart, before serving as Chief Starter from 2015 to 2024. His familiar calls—“Get on!” and “Runners, you’re in the starter’s hands”—became a well-known part of race days across South Australia, from Whyalla to Mount Gambier and from Victor Harbor to Kadina.

Anton’s contribution to the League includes:

- starting the Bay Sheffield 11 times
- officiating at 19 Nippy’s Loxton Gifts, including 18 consecutive carnivals
- maintaining equipment and ensuring tracks were race-ready through his precise setups

Although he has retired from official duties, Anton continues to support the League. Each Boxing Day he helps paint the Bay Sheffield track, he donates the women’s distance trophy, and he honours his mentor Brenda Pearl OAM with a special sash at the Mort Daly Running Foundation Carnival.

Anton’s Life Membership with both Athletics SA and SAAL is a remarkable achievement. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honour.

Anton joined us at the 25th Nippy’s Loxton Gift Carnival to be presented with his Life Membership badge.

BAY SHEFFIELD HALL OF FAME

Hall of Fame Inductee – Robbie Killmier

Robbie Killmier has competed in an extraordinary 22 Bay Sheffields since 2002 and missed only 2013 due to injury. Over this time Robbie has won 4 Bay Sheffield sashes.

Wins

2004 800m
2006 Select Mile
2010 Select Mile (off scratch)
2022 3200m Back Markers

Placings

2005 550m 2nd
2011 Select Mile 3rd
2018 Select Mile 2nd

- 10 x 800m finalist (7 in Red as back marker, and 2 as second back marker)
- Raced in the select mile 12 times.

Robbie's first memories of the Bay were the first year it was at Adelaide Oval in 2001 watching stable mates in the stands as he had not started pro running yet. He remembers knowing he really wanted to get involved from then on.

His first season of pro running was 2002. He ran his first Bay Sheffield that year narrowly missing the final in the 800m (back then it was winner only through) He also ran the backmarkers mile.

Toby Schreier was the driving force behind Robbie for his entire running career. He spotted Robbie at a school cross country meet and convinced him to come out to run at Flinders. 25 years later he is still there.

Amongst his wins, the 800m victory in 2004 and the Select Mile in 2010 off scratch were the highlights. At the time he didn't realise how hard these things were to win. "The 800 was a windy day and I worked extremely hard down the back straight to get to Matt Ferber and Matt Fallon so I could get some cover into the head wind down the home straight. I somehow had the nerve to sit behind, until only about 30m to go and then came out to take the win."

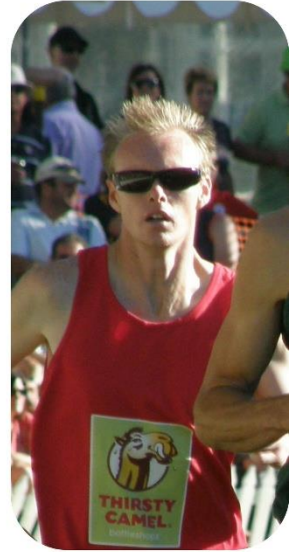
Robbie has an unbelievable number of great memories of the Bay and finds it hard to go past seeing great wins within his running squad.

"Jords winning his first Bay Sheff for me would be right up there after 13 attempts. The relief and celebration that followed was amazing. We were school mates together and have been running together at Flinders for a combined 51 years. Seeing Dylan win the select mile in 2022 and Torben last year, Chris Ross doing the 550/800 double in 2010, Also right up there is Oakley Nilsen winning the open 550m then his dad Brett winning the over 35s 500m straight after."

"The Bay is an amazing venue to race at. It is completely unique, and the tight turns make it interesting with a lot of tactics involved as at times you really need to commit to be first to the corner rather than on most tracks being able to just make moves when you want. The crowd being able to be so close really does make you feel like you are in a running auditorium and gets you to really try to get the most out of yourself right to the line"

Robbie back in action this year in the 800m Men, 3200m Open and the Select Mile.

Congratulations Robbie on your outstanding achievement



SAAL 2025/26 SURVEY SUMMARY

Overview

The survey captures feedback from athletes, coaches, parents, officials, and supporters about SAAL and in particular:

- Participation patterns
- Preferred meeting times and season structure
- Views on handicapping rules
- Country carnival attendance
- Volunteering and sponsorship interest

Who Responded

- **Athletes:** 62%
- **Parents/Guardians:** 18%
- **Officials:** 10%
- **Coaches:** 9%
- Most athlete respondents compete in **Open** or **Over 35s** categories.
- Majority race in **short sprints** (70–120m).

Attendance & Season Preferences

Meeting Attendance

- **54%** attend *most* meetings
- **28%** attend *about half*
- Only **3%** are new to SAAL

Preferred Meeting Times

- **Sunday afternoon** strongly preferred (77%)
- Friday night is least preferred (30%)

Season Length

- Split between:
 - **October → Easter** (53%)
 - **October → Loxton** (48%)

Picnic Meetings (Mylor, Belair)

- Mixed views:
 - **41%** prefer *not* to include them in the main program
 - **32%** think they suit *end-of-season only*
 - **27%** want them *more regularly*

Country Carnivals (Loxton, Crystal Brook)

Attendance Willingness

- **44%** will attend “wherever possible”
- **36%** like both metro + country but can’t commit every year
- **19%** prefer Adelaide only

What Would Encourage Attendance

Top suggestions:

- **Series weighted toward country meets** (43%)
- **More accommodation info** (37%)
- **Continue junior/masters series with country weighting** (40%)
- **Bus transport option** (21%)

Barriers to Attendance

- **Other commitments** (38%)
- **Time** (19%)
- **Cost** (14%)
- **Not applicable** (44%)

Handicapping System Feedback

Understanding

- Most rate their understanding as **Good** or **Very High**.

Key Handicapping Opinions

Strong agreement on:

- U14 athletes should become competitive after 3–4 meets
- U18 athletes treated as a development group
- Para athletes handicapped at full discretion
- Athletes with NAP/UP should be ineligible for lifts
- Athletes with limited SAAL participation should be handicapped conservatively
- Full handicap review required if no form over a distance

Mixed views on:

- Credits/lifts for athletes competing in amateur events
- Reassessing athletes who run under target



Elite Athlete Eligibility

- Majority support allowing **national medalists (14+)** to apply for entry into Bay Sheffield Open 120m and Camden 400m.



Para-Athlete Feedback – insufficient responders



Volunteering & Sponsorship

It was also great to see some members put up their hands to volunteer and support meets with sash or race sponsorship