

Welcome back guys, we would like to officially welcome all athletes and their families to the 20/21 season and what a great start we have had, although it has gone very quickly and we are already counting down to our Christmas break, it has been a huge effort to get the club this far, so thank you to those people who continue to show up, pick up an age folder or a rake and assist each week - things might look a little different this year with vests, sanitizer and social distancing but it is fantastic to see the support of the committee, our athletes and their families to ensure our carnivals are run as safely and efficiently as possible, keep up the great work.

## REGISTRATIONS

In a year of such uncertainty we did not know what to expect with athlete numbers or even whether we would have a season, however it is fantastic to see 184 athletes registered with our club for the 20/21 season. This number is still growing and with state qualifiers just announced it is possible many athletes will continue to register. Please ensure athletes are displaying their number and age patches on uniforms each week, we understand there can be a delay on uniforms but it is necessary to have registration numbers attached to any clothes worn on the night.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Like so many things this year, our Christmas party night will too look a little different, unfortunately we will not have inflatables or pony rides, however we will have a modified program of events for athletes to compete in such as the 100m Reindeer Dash and Santa's Shot put, a BBQ and of course a special visit from Santa on the night. All athletes are encouraged to come and enjoy our last night of the year. This will take place on Friday 18th December from 5.45pm.

## STATE QUALIFIERS

Little Athletics NSW have recently released information to clubs regarding the state qualifiers, for those new members State is a championship event held each year in March for athletes in U9's to U17's, It usually requires progression from Zone to Regional then onto State, however this year Zone and Regional could not go ahead and has instead been replaced with a State Qualifiers to be held for age groups 9 - 12 on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th of February 2021 at Maitland Athletics Field. Any athlete can enter into 4 events but must meet the qualifying standards for the events they would like to enter (*must have been achieved this season from 1st September 2020*). Forms are available on Friday nights and must be returned by Friday 11th December 2020

## PRESENTATION

We still have lots of trophies available for pick up from the 19/20 season, please see a committee member on a Friday night to pick up any outstanding trophies and certificates from the office. We appreciate your patience for the delay in getting these to you.

## COMING UP

Friday 11th December  
Carnival Night  
Program 2

Saturday 12th December  
AWD Carnival

Saturday 12th December  
Blue Track Interclub  
3pm Start  
Fearnley Dawns Track

Friday 18th December  
Special Carnival Night  
Christmas Party  
BBQ



Saturday 19th December  
AWD Carnival

Saturday 19th December  
Zone Interclub  
Maitland Athletics Track  
Twilight Carnival

Friday 8th January  
First Carnival Night 2021  
Program 3

Saturday 9th January  
AWD Carnival

