



Ocean Grove Barwon Heads Little Athletics Club (Inc.)
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President's Message: Season 20/21

I would like to extend a warm welcome for Season 2020/21 to all our new members, existing athletes and our sponsors of the Ocean Grove Barwon Heads Little Athletics Club ('OGBHLAC').

Our local competition at Landy Field was unaffected by CO-VID last season, finishing a very close second to Leopold in the 'Top Club' Award. It was such a shame that many of our little athletes were unable to compete at the State Championships, which were eventually cancelled due to the pandemic.

Season 20/21 is our club's 50th Anniversary, so its pleasing for all involved that we have a start date, and we can get out on the track for our milestone season.

I would like to thank outgoing Committee members Ruth Payne, Andrea Grunberg, Amanda Blount and Bec Dalton for their years of service and assistance.

Secondly a huge thank you to this season's Committee Members for offering to give up their valuable time to assist with the running of our club. Without all of your passion and dedication, organisations like ourselves simply wouldn't survive. In particular, we welcome Denita Foley as this year's Club Secretary, and Tanya Achterberg as Child Protection Officer.

This is my 7th year on the OGBHLAC Committee, and it continues to amaze me how our club continues to grow season on season. We reached nearly 80 members last year, which is testament to the hard work of our Committee Members to promote this great Australian Summer Sport in our local community. Little Athletics undoubtedly requires commitment from not only our little athletes, but also from their parents. In return, it provides the little athletes with the chance to compete against each other, but importantly against themselves. In striving to be the best they can, they develop physical fitness, coordination and self-confidence. For our parents, embracing Duty Roster provides the opportunity to support your child/ren, and gain a better understanding of the skills that each event requires.

This year we will continue to communicate through the following platforms:

- Facebook Page *@OGBHLittleAthletics*
- OGBH Team App (every family will be required to join for Roster updates).

It's sure to be another great season of participation, competition and personal achievements for all our little athletes. C'mon Ocean Grove Barwon Heads! There will be fantastic competition with the other clubs at Landy Field this season, so to all our little athletes, **Be Your Best!**

Matthew Payne, President, OGBHLAC Season 20-21