

Presidents Report (Jamie McMillen)

Well another season has raced past and yet again with interruption.

With Saturday Comp being cancelled, which is generally unheard of, to having a whole Regional carnival postponed due to wet weather. I think most of us on the Saturday thought what's the fuss about... but Sunday revealed just how vulnerable the track is to flooding with vehicles up to their bonnet in water at the entrance to the Academy.

Then to cap it off the entire State Championship cancelled due to Covid19 the day before it was due to start. Wow what a season!

On some good notes we were once again able to win the Colbert Shield. Again ! "GO WAKEHURST".

A big thankyou to all who participated and to everyone cheering us from the stand. I would also like to thank the Committee members who helped out on the day with organising the team, and to Abbey and Lizzy for searching through the data to select our team.

Now for some stats from the season on Wakehurst.

- 237 Athletes
- 108 of those qualified for Zone 45%
- 89 qualified for Regional that's a whopping 82% of Zone Athletes progressed to Regions
- of those 49, 55%, qualified for State.

Wow What this shows is how competitive Manly Warringah is and how our weekend competition encourages our athletes to continue to improve on a weekly basis. With that said, Wakehurst Athletes produced 5035 PBs from 9717 events. That means every second event entered by a Wakehurst Athlete set a new PB on average. Our Athlete with the most PBs was Lucas Lund with 42. Well done Lucas.

This years Presidents awards went to Alexander Wenzel and Rory Nordenson, both of whom had stellar years in the field.

Our James Tilley Award went to Adam Bateman this year with his outstanding work with the U9 boys over the last few years and all the extra work beyond the Age Manager and parent duties.

This year saw correspondence from Northern Beaches Council regarding a new club house at Lionel Watts being fast tracked (cough) After being designed it then exceeded the budget and has since been put on hold.

We were quite fortunate to have been able to have our presentation day prior to Covid19 restriction came in, but please rest assured once restrictions have been eased we will endeavour to make the remaining trophies available to be collected.

I must apologise for completely missing this at our presentation day and that is a farewell to our U17s leaving us this season and wish them all the best for their bright futures whether it is on or off the Athletics track. The Athletes finishing up this year are

- Sachi Dickerson
- Charlie Dickerson
- Jasmine Ellery
- Emily Hatfield
- Aleisha Jeremy
- Emma O'Reilly
- Ciara Sinclair
- Jessica Tallentire
- Cameron Laytham
- Alexander Norris
- Angus Ritchie

A big thank you to all the Committee members for all your hard work this year, and to those leaving us a thank you for all you have done over the years, especially Peter Norris who has been on the Committee for 8 years!

A big thank you, too, to all who stepped up to take on those vacated positions.

I hope next Season will bring us a much-deserved uneventful year.

Regards Jamie McMillen

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