



Aspley Little Athletics Centre Inc.

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Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission
GPO Box 1428
Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Commissioner,

OUR CENTRE

Bowden Park is the headquarters of Aspley Little Athletics Centre Inc. affiliated with Queensland Little Athletics Assn. Inc. the State Little Athletics body. The Centre was founded in 1980/81 and was incorporated on 9 August 1984.

Our current 2008/09 Season started on 6 September 2008. On Saturday 14 March we had 316 children registered with QLAA and 67 Athletes registered with Queensland Athletics through our Senior Club Aspley Athletics Club Limited which we incorporated on 7 August 2002. The Directors of that Club are all Life Members of our Centre, save for two Directors who are QA athletes, coaches and members of the Little Athletics Centre.

We are presently in the later part of our Centre Season. On Saturday 14 February we successfully held our Annual General Meeting and elected a Management Committee of 21 members. We held Bring a Friend Day on Saturday 27 September and Annual Kedron Wavell Services Club Pentathlon was held on Sunday 12 October. We compete at our home ground each week – Saturdays between 9.00am and Noon from 6 September to 29 November 2008 and 14 February to 4 April 2009; Fridays 5.30pm – 9.00pm from 5 December 2008 to 30 January 2009 under lights to avoid the heat in accordance with our Sun Safe Policy and train Monday and Wednesday nights under lights between 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Our QA Athletes then train on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

At the Kedron Wavell Services Club Pentathlon on 12 October children from 18 Centres took part

Our Centre is:

- (1) inclusive and fosters participation by all eligible children
- (2) we particularly encourage into our Centre equity groups of women and girls, indigenous Australians, people with non-English speaking background, and people with a disability.

Our vision statement is:-

"Provide, for the children of the North-east area of Brisbane and its environs, high quality competition, coaching and facilities to assist each child, no matter what standard of ability, to improve performance, enjoy participating in athletics and mature as a healthy well adjusted person." (adopted 13 September 1993)

Our records disclose that membership for the Centre of Registered Little Athletes registered

1980/81	not recorded
1981/82	230
1982/83	184
1983/84	150
1984/85	385(1 st in State)
1985/86	260 (3 rd in State)
1986/87	230
1987/88	221 (5 th in State)
1988/89	251 (3 rd in State)
1989/90	228 (7 th in State)
1990/91	291 (7 th in State)
1991/92	275 (5 th in State)
1992/93	308 (5 th in State)
1993/94	270 (9 th in State)
1994/95	354 (5 th in State)
1995/96	217 (11 th in State)
1996/97	307 (5 th in State)
1997/98	299 (4 th in State)
1998/99	344 (3 rd in State)
1999/2000	326 (5 th in State)
2000/2001	393 (4 th in State)
2001/2002	358 (2 nd in State)
2002/2003	329 (5 th in State)
2003/2004	357 (1 st in State)
2004/2005	421 (1 st in State)
2005/2006	346 (1 st or 2 nd in State)
2006/2007	337 (4 th in State)
2007/2008	332 (4 th in State)

Our 2008/09 Season will conclude on 4 April 2009.

EQUITY

In the current 2008/09 Season a large component of our registrants are girls, we have many women parent members a number of these are single parent family. 9 women were elected on our Management Committee on Saturday 14 February. 8 of our qualified parent coaches are women, and a number of women became qualified officials. We have children and parents in each of the equity groups. A number of our Little Athletes, are disabled and have been with us a number of years.

We make our facilities available on Saturday afternoon each week to a group of disabled athletes, approximately 20, to train – Brisbane North Special Olympics – under the supervision of one of our former coaching officers.

SHARED FACILITIES

Our Centre has arrangements, whereby our facilities are shared with Athletics North Brisbane Club affiliated with the State senior body – (Queensland Athletics Ltd) and that Club trains at Bowden Park on Thursday nights throughout the year under lights and contribute to the cost of lighting used.

Our Centre has for many years been concerned that our Senior Athletes have had to leave the Centre and Little Athletics at the end of Summer Season of their 15 year.

However, while some continued in School Athletics for a short time, most dropped out of the Sport because they missed the structured training and competition and most of all the caring family atmosphere and friendship of the Centre.

In an endeavour to rectify this Aspley Centre formed Aspley Athletics Club Limited which was incorporated on 7 August 2002.

Aspley Athletics Club trains during our Summer Season on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and the Athletes compete with our Little Athletes in our Friday/Saturday competitions which have been sanctioned by both QA and QLAA. Other members of our Club compete at QA events at QSAC track, U of Q track and Gold Coast track to State and National level. In the remainder of the year those QA Athletes train Monday & Wednesday nights from 5.30pm to 9.00pm and compete at Cross Country events conducted throughout Brisbane and its environs.

Aspley Athletics Club has been a success. Our registrations in December of the last year were 67 athletes

An independent Athletics squad is coached by ~~Steve Zaccaro~~, one of our neighbours on the corner of Bateman & Maidencombe Streets, at least twice a week. Whenever I mow the field I see other small family groups or squads training and the teachers and students of St Kevin's School use the track and field very regularly.

During the school Athletics Season there is great demand on our facilities by both local and regional schools and these are made available at nominal costs. We often provide, free, our qualified parent officials. The last report which I prepared detailed the school usage during 2004 and 2005 season.

2004		2005	
Date	Group	Date	Group
Apr 22	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	Mar 1	Corpus Christi Coaching Session
Apr 27	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	Mar 15	Corpus Christi Coaching Session
Apr 28	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	Apr 7	Corpus Christi Coaching Session
Apr 30	St Kevin's approx 9 – 12 Noon		St Kevin's training
May 5	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	Apr 11	Corpus Christi Coaching Session
May 6	St Kevin's Primary School	Apr 14	St Kevin's training
	Coaching Session		
May 6	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	Apr 21	St Kevin's training
May 11	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	Apr 28	St Kevin's training
May 12	Corpus Christi Training Sessions		Corpus Christi Coaching Session
May 13	St Kevin's Primary School	Apr 29	Corpus Christi Coaching Session
	Coaching Session		
May 18	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	May 14	Special Olympics

May 19	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	May 16	Eagle Junction State School
May 20	St Kevin's Primary School Coaching Session	May 20	Corpus Christi Coaching Session
May 25	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	May 23	Corpus Christi Coaching Session
May 27	St Kevin's Primary School Coaching Session	May 24	Corpus Christi Coaching Session
June 2	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	May 26	Corpus Christi Coaching Session
June 3	St Kevin's Primary School Coaching Session	May 27	Corpus Christi Coaching Session
June 3	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	May 28/29	Qld Police Games
June 8	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	May 30	Eagle Junction State School
June 9	Corpus Christi Training Sessions		Corpus Christi Coaching Session
June 10	St Kevin's Primary School Coaching Session	May 31	Northside Christian (Primary)
June 15	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	June 2	Geebung State School
June 16	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	June 3	Corpus Christi Coaching Session
June 22	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	June 15	All Saints Carnival
June 23	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	June 16	All Saints Wet Day Reserve
June 24	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	July 7	St Kevin's training
June 25	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	July 12	City District
July 15	St Kevin's Primary School Coaching Session	July 13	City District
July 19	Northside Christian Centre	July 14	North District
July 20	Northside Christian Centre	July 15	North District
July 21	All Saints Sports Day	July 19	Northside Christian (Secondary)
July 22	We Day Reserve	July 20	North District Wet Day Reserve
July 22	St Kevin's Primary School Coaching Session	July 21	North District Wet Day Reserve
July 23	Corpus Christi Sports Day		St Kevin's training
July 24	Special Olympics Pentathlon	July 22	Corpus Christi
July 27	Geebung Primary Sports Day	July 26	Mt Alvernia Coaching Session
July 29	St Kevin's Primary School Coaching Session	July 28	St Kevin's training
July 29	Mt Alvernia Coaching Session		Mt Alvernia Coaching Session
July 30	9.00am – 12 Noon	July 29	St Kevin's Sports Day
Aug 2	Mt Alvernia Coaching Session	Aug 2	Mt Alvernia Coaching Session
Aug 3	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	Aug 3	Corpus Christi Coaching Session
Aug 4	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	Aug 4	St Kevin's training
Aug 4	St Kevin's Primary School Coaching Session		Mt Alvernia Coaching Session
Aug 5	Mt Alvernia Coaching Session	Aug 5	St Kevin's Wet Day Reserve
Aug 5	Holy Cross Sports Day	Aug 9	Mt Alvernia Coaching Session
Aug 6	St Kevin's Sports Day	Aug 11	St Kevin's training session
Aug 9	Mt Alvernia Coaching Session		Mt Alvernia Coaching Session
Aug 9	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	Aug 12	Holy Cross School
Aug 10	St Agatha's Sports Day	Aug 16	St Agatha's Sports Day
Aug 13	St Agatha's Wet Day Reserve		Mt Alvernia Coaching Session
Aug 16	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	Aug 19	St Agatha's Wet Day Reserve
Aug 16	Mt Alvernia Coaching Session		St Joseph's Nundah
Aug 18	Corpus Christi Training Sessions	Aug 22	Central District
Aug 19	Central District Sports	Aug 23	St Joseph's Wet Day Reserve
Aug 19	Mt Alvernia Coaching Session		Mt Alvernia Coaching Session

Aug 20	North District Primary	Aug 25	St Kevin's training session
Aug 23	North District Primary		Corpus Christi Coaching Session
Aug 24	City District Sports		Mt Alvernia Coaching Session
Aug 25	City District Sports	Aug 29	Zone 6 Big Schools
Aug 26	North District Primary Wet Day Reserve	Aug 30	Zone 6 Small Schools
Aug 26	St Kevin's Primary School Coaching Sessions	Aug 31	Zone 6 Middle Schools
Aug 27	North District Primary Wet Day Reserve	Sept 1	Zone 6 Wet Day Reserve
Aug 31	City District Wet Day Reserve		St Kevin's training session
Sept 1	City District Wet Day Reserve	Sept 2	Zone 6 Wet Day Reserve
Sept 1	Zone 6 Small School ½		
Sept 1	St Kevin's Primary School Coaching Sessions		
Sept 2	Zone 6 Small All Day		
Sept 3	Zone 6 Big Schools All Day		
Sept 7	Zone 6 Big Schools All Day		
Sept 9	Zone 6 Small School Wet Day Reserve		
Sept 10	Zone 6 Big Schools Wet Day Reserve		
Sept 14	Corpus Christi Training Sessions		

At the time of this report the Bowden Park bookings are

2009

March 19	1 – 3pm	St Kevin's
March 26	1 – 3pm	St Kevin's
April 2	1 – 3pm	St Kevin's
April 23	12.30 – 3pm	St Kevin's
April 30	12.30 – 3pm	St Kevin's
May 7	12.30 – 3pm	St Kevin's
May 14	12.30 – 3pm	St Kevin's
May 15	9.00 – 12.00	St Kevin's
May 21	12.30 – 3pm	St Kevin's
May 22	9.00 – 12.00	St Kevin's
May 28	12.30 – 3pm	St Kevin's
June 4	12.30 – 3pm	St Kevin's
June 11	12.30 – 3pm	St Kevin's
June 17		Northside Christians Primary
June 18		Northside Christians Primary
June 19		Corpus Christi
June 24		Northside Christians Primary (Wet Day Reserve)
June 25		Northside Christians Primary (Wet Day Reserve)
July 15	1.00 – 3pm	Corpus Christi
July 16	12.30 – 3pm	St Kevin's
July 17		Northside Christians Secondary
July 21		All Saints
July 22	1.00 – 3pm	Corpus Christi
July 23		City Districts
July 24		City Districts
July 27		Northside Christians Secondary (Wet Day Reserve)

July 28		All Saints (Wet Day Reserve)
July 29	1.00 – 3pm	Corpus Christi
July 30		City Districts (Wet Day Reserve)
July 31		City Districts (Wet Day Reserve)
August 3		North District Athletics
August 4		North District Athletics
August 5	1.00 – 3pm	Corpus Christi
August 6		North Districts (Wet Day Reserve)
August 7		North Districts (Wet Day Reserve)
August 10		St Kevin's
August 11		St Agatha's
August 14		St Agatha's (Wet Day Reserve)
August 17		St Kevin's
August 19		Holy Cross
August 20	12.30 – 3pm	St Kevin's
August 21		St Kevin's
August 27	12.30 – 3pm	St Kevin's
August 28		Holy Cross (Wet Day Reserve)
September 3		St Kevin's
September 4		Zone 6 Small Schools Athletics
September 7		Zone 6 Small Schools Athletics (Wet Day Reserve)
September 8		Zone 6 Big Schools
September 9		Zone 6 Big Schools (Wet Day Reserve)
September 10		St Kevin's
September 17		St Kevin's

When formal training etc. is not in progress the public have access to the Park which receives heavy usage from individual Athletes on an informal basis and by local residents and casual walkers etc.

KEDRON WAVELL SERVICES CLUB SUPPORT

Without the support of the KWSC Aspley Centre faced a very bleak financial situation. Our Centre would not have been able to meet our Vision Statement and certainly would not have been anywhere near as successful as it has been. The relationship started in 1995 when the Centre obtained a grant from GMCBF of \$10,791.00 for flood lightning and KWSC contributed \$5,000.

At our Centre's Annual General Meeting on 19 February 2000, I reported:

1. Including Kedron Wavell Services Club's assistance for coaching which I reported on earlier the Club subsidized the Centre a total of:-

	Total	Coaching
1996	\$20,740.94	\$15,645.00
1997	\$26,682.01	\$10,791.00
1998	\$23,129.94	\$13,483.00
1999	\$27,093.70	\$13,443.00

2. H. During 1996, Aspley Centre received from Kedron Wavell Services Club for Coaching Education, Registration and Delivery \$15,645.00
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J. During 1998, The Centre obtained from Kedron Wavell Services Club for Coaching Education, Registration and Delivery \$13,394.00.

K. During 1999, The Centre obtained from Kedron Wavell Services Club for Coaching Education, Registration and Delivery \$13,443.00.

3. In our negotiations with Athletics North and Kedron-Wavell, the Club agreed to cover the Queensland Athletics costs of our U13/14/15 children wanting dual membership, 12 of our children took up that offer in 1997 but only 6 in 1998 and 4 in 1999. I firmly believe that this is one way we can smooth the Little Athletes path to senior athletics and help friends stay together.
4. In addition the Club stood behind the Centre in all our applications for subsidy – Government and Council. The Club agreed to stand behind the Centre for \$20,000 to cover the cost of the additional area to allow the high jump to be extended to 15M radius. It was anticipated that those funds would be needed in July 1998. But due to active fundraising by our Centre Parents, it was not necessary to call on the Club for those funds.
5. Kedron Wavell donated the colour TV prize for our Townsville raffle which gave us \$3,270.00.
6. The Club also made us a gift of \$1,095.00 to purchase the petrol driven tiller for our long jump pits.
7. Kedron Wavell Services Club stood behind our application under the 1999 Minor Sports Facilities Program to duplicate the long jump synthetic runways and pit, subsoil drainage of infield and extend sprinkler system and has paid \$16,949.00 being 50% of the costs to date.

At our Centre's Annual General Meeting on 17 February 2001, I reported:

1. During 2000, the Centre obtained from Kedron Wavell Services Club for Coaching Education, Registration and Delivery \$11,843.15.
2. In our negotiations with Kedron Wavell, the Club agreed to cover the Queensland Athletics costs of our U16/17 children. 12 of our children took up that offer.
3. Kedron Wavell Services Club stood behind our application under the 1999 Minor Sports Facilities Program to duplicate the long jump synthetic runways and pit, subsoil drainage of infield and extend sprinkler system and has paid \$35,536.00 being 50% of the costs between 7 October 1999 and 11 May 2000.
4. In August 2000 Kedron Wavell again gave us the TV & Video for our raffle which netted \$2,841.70.
5. Including Kedron Wavell Services Club's assistance for coaching which I reported on earlier the Club subsidized the Centre a total of:-

	Total	Coaching
2000	\$37,402.25	\$11,843.15

and on 2 January I asked the Club to meet the cost of PA repairs of \$1,100.00 and we have received that refund.

At the Centre's Annual General Meeting on 16 February 2002, I reported:

1. When the extensions of the shed was in progress we approached the Club for assistance to purchase hurdles etc. for QA Athletes and purchased it from Nordic Sports. Kedron Wavell kindly agreed to meet these costs which we paid on 5 October 2001 at total of \$15,316.50.
2. During 2001, The Centre obtained from Kedron Wavell Services Club for Coach Education, Registration and Delivery \$14,355.65.
3. In August 2001, Kedron Wavell again gave us the TV & DVD Combo for our raffle which netted \$3,516.94 after paying \$511.06 for printing and advertising.
4. Including Kedron Wavell Services Club's assistance for Coaching that Club subsidized the Centre a total of:-

	Total	Coaching
2001	\$44,160.51	\$14,355.65

and as I reported at paragraph 10 on page 14 Kedron Wavell also paid \$15,316.50 for the new QA equipment in October 2001.

At the Centre's Annual General Meeting on 22 February 2003, I reported:

1. In August 2002, Kedron Wavell again donated these prizes \$1,098.00 for our Townsville raffle. We netted \$3,980.81 giving us a total of \$8,752.46 which allows us to subsidize our qualifiers bus fare by \$100.00
2. Including Kedron Wavell Services Club's assistance for Coaching which I reported on earlier the Club subsidized the Centre a total of:-

	Total	Coaching
2002	\$50,595.88	\$18,309.20

and as I reported last year Kedron Wavell also paid \$15,316.50 for the new QA equipment in October 2001.

At the Centre's Annual General Meeting on 21 February 2004, I reported:

1. During 2003, the Centre obtained from Kedron Wavell Services Club for Coach Education, Registration and Delivery \$16,091.16.
2. The 2003/04 Raffle is much more valuable. We grossed \$4,038.40.
3. In 2003, the KWSC Club paid \$16,135.90 for the discus cages and nets.

At the Centre's Annual General Meeting on 19 February 2005, I reported:

1. September 2003, Construction Hammer/Discus cage; Discus cage, nets and conversion circle \$36,669.30 OSR \$23,533.40 KWSC \$16,135.90.
2. During 2004, the Centre obtained from Kedron Wavell Services Club for Coach Education, Registration and Delivery \$17,051.00.
3. In 2004, Kedron Wavell donated a \$2,000.00 travel raffle. These were issued as Parents signed on. We grossed \$3,320.55.

4. During 2004, Kedron Wavell has supported us to the amount of \$54,057.51.

At the Centre's Annual General Meeting on 18 February 2006, I reported:

1. During 2005, the Centre obtained from Kedron Wavell Services Club for Coach Education, Registration and Delivery \$20,067.70 (+GST)
2. In 2005, Kedron Wavell again donated a \$2,000 travel raffle and the Committee agreed to issue one book per family at sign-on and increase fees by \$10.00.
3. During 2005, Kedron Wavell has supported us to the amount of \$57,161.31 (incl GST).

At the Centre's Annual General Meeting on 17 February 2007, I reported:

1. During 2006, the Centre obtained from Kedron Wavell Services Club for Coach Education, Registration and Delivery \$21,257.75 (+GST).
2. In 2005 Kedron Wavell again donated a \$2,000 travel raffle and the Committee agreed to issue one book per family at sign-on and increase fees by \$10.00 but this was not really successful as books were outstanding despite 2 letters to parents.

In 2006 the Centre decided to increase our fees by \$15.00 and give each family 10 tickets in the Travel Raffle. This has been a success.

3. During 2006 Kedron Wavell has supported us to the amount of \$58,611.00 (incl GST).

At the Centre's Annual General Meeting on 16 February 2008, I reported:

1. During 2007, the Centre obtained from Kedron Wavell Services Club for Coach Education, Registration and Delivery \$16,212.81.
2. Since 1998, Kedron Wavell has donated prizes for our Sign-on raffles.
3. During 2007, we have claimed \$48,661.30 + (GST) from Kedron Wavell.

At the Centre's Annual General Meeting on 14 February 2009, I reported:

1. To September 2008, the Centre obtained from Kedron Wavell Services Club for Coach Education, Registration and Delivery \$9,687.92.
2. All these improvements effected since 1983 come out of Fund Raising and Sponsorship, grants from Office of Sport, grants from Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund – Gambling Community Benefit Fund, Commonwealth Government Water Grants, and Kedron Wavell Services Club
3. In September 2002 with the loss of our steady regular Fund Raising Sources Aspley Centre faced a very bleak financial situation if it were not for the exceptional support which we got from Kedron Wavell Services Club.
4. Under the heading of Coaching, I have touched on the support we have got from Kedron Wavell in that respect.

During 2007, we claimed and received from Kedron Wavell \$48,661.30 + GST.

5. In September 2008 Kedron Wavell agreed to formalize the arrangements it had with Aspley Little Athletics Centre (and also with Aspley Athletics Club) to provide

. ALA a sponsorship fee of \$40,000 (incl GST) per annum payable to ALA in two instalments as follows:

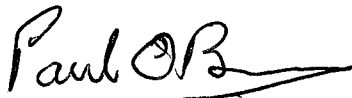
- Instalment 1 on September 30TH 2008 - \$20,000 (inc. GST)
- Instalment 2 on January 31ST 2009 - \$20,000 (inc. GST) and

. ALA net funds (inc GST) generated from the weekly raffle payable to ALA in quarterly instalments as follows:

- Instalment 1 on December 31ST 2008
- Instalment 2 on March 31ST 2009
- Instalment 1 on June 30TH 2009
- Instalment 1 on September 30TH 2009
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The first quarterly instalment under this system was received on 21 January 2009 and was \$8,313.18.

Yours Sincerely,



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PAUL O'BRIEN OAM FSSA
President/Centre Manager