



Aspley Athletics Club Limited

Established 2001

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Affiliated with
 Queensland Athletics Assn. Ltd
 and Kedron Wavell Services Club Inc.



Supporting Sport & Recreation



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20 March 2009

Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission
 GPO Box 1428
 Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Commissioner,

Our Club is registered with Queensland Athletics and affiliated with Aspley Little Athletics Centre, on whose behalf I have submitted an earlier report, and with Kedron Wavell Services Club.

Without the support of KWSC our Club would face a very bleak financial situation and would probably fold. If this were to occur it would mean that our athletes would not be able to seamlessly progress from Little Athletics to their own senior body and, from our earlier experiences, would soon leave the Sport.

I attach a copy of my report which will be presented to the Annual General Meeting of our Club tomorrow Saturday 21 March 2009.

Yours Sincerely,

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 PAUL O'BRIEN OAM FSSA
 President
 Enc.

ASPLEY ATHLETICS CLUB LIMITED

REPORT OF THE BOARD

21 MARCH 2009

The Board reports to you what has occurred at our Club in the present 2008/09 Queensland Athletics Season.

The current 2008/09 Season commenced on 1 April 2008 and runs until 31 March 2009 and at the end of 2008 our Club had:

	2008	2007
Full Registrations	40	45
Cross Country	11	7
Dual U13/14/15 Athletes	12	13
Coaches/Officials	1	2
Coaches	1	4
Officials	2	4
Life Member	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	68	76

Our Centre was for many years been concerned that our Senior Athletes have had to leave the Centre and the Little Athletics at the end of Summer Season of their 15 year. We persisted in encouraging our Centre's Senior Athletes by having our U13/14/15 children join Athletics North Brisbane Club free to our members, and parents by Kedron Wavell Services Club paying their QA Registration fees. When this was not particularly successful we registered U16 and U17 as social members of QA and our Centre became an Associate Club.

At our Centre's AGM on 19 February 2000, I reported:

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.

At our Centre's AGM on 17 February 2001, I reported:

In our negotiations with Kedron Wavell, the Club agreed to cover the Queensland Athletes costs of our U16/17 children. 12 of our children took up that offer. I firmly believe that this is one way we can smooth the Little Athletes' path to senior athletics and help friends stay together.

At our Centre's AGM on 16 February 2002, I reported:

We have 11 athletes registered with QA who are basically working on fitness. We have had a number of our former Little Athletes trialing and hope to get more members in the New 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 with all Directors save two are Life Members of the Centre. Those two Directors are QA Athletes, Coaches and members of the Little Athletics Centre.

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.

At the Centre's AGM on 22 February 2003, I reported:

Registration with QA Club	We had 12 Athletes registered with QA, this time last year, who
Aspley Athletics	were basically working on fitness. We incorporated Aspley
AGM 22/2/03	Athletics Limited on 7 August 2002 and at the end of 2002 that
	Club had 55 QA Athletes.

Since then at each AGM of the Centre we reported

31/12/02	55QA
31/12/03	89QA
31/12/04	133QA
31/12/05	116QA
31/12/06	73QA
31/12/07	76QA
31/12/08	67QA

We have obtained the Sanctions of both Queensland Athletics and Queensland Little Athletics for our Athletes to also compete at Aspley Little Athletics Friday night/Saturday morning competitions which has already been highly beneficial to our Club, the Centre and all Athletes.

During 2008 we have been very active in promoting membership of Kedron Wavell Services Club and 19 of our members/parents of junior members have joined Kedron Wavell, 8 have renewed their membership. The others are members through the Little Athletics Centre.

According to my records Kedron Wavell Services Club supported our Senior Club with sponsorship:

2004	\$12,932.09
2005	\$14,621.69
2006	\$10,624.90
2007	\$11,996.05
2008	\$12,690.00

and under the new arrangement has in 2009 paid \$5,000.

From September 2008 Kedron Wavell Services Club agreed to support our Club by \$10,000 incl. GST per year payable in October and February.

Our Directors extend their sincere appreciation of Kedron Wavell Services Club's support during 2008, particularly in the midweek coaching sessions. We hope that with Kedron Wavell's continued support, to grow Aspley Athletics Club even further in 2009/10.

Paul OR
20/3/09