

It has been a great pleasure to have been the President of the North Canterbury Athletic club for the 2021/22 season.

This season was once again severely impacted by Covid-19 and the restrictions that were put in place for the safety of competitors. We were lucky to run the inaugural Andrew Reese relay along with helpers from Canterbury Athletics in June along the Ashley River bank. Sixty-four teams took part in the event which was held in good running conditions. Previous floods had hampered the initial track, so adjustments had to be made to the running route. With the positive feedback from runners, the club has made the decision to hold the run again next season. Thanks to ex committee members John and Natasha for co-ordinating the event. \$1000 was raised for the Cancer Society.

Nikora Jonathan stepped into the shoes as the children's manager this season. Although it has been a steep learning curve for himself, he has brought in a fresh format for trainings and has worked alongside coach Jo with trainings and Saturday Interclub days. Junior athletes helped at trainings and two (Xanthe Jane and Emma Pawsey) attended the Colgate Games in Invercargill in the absence of coach Jo Ramsey. Numbers have remained the same as previous years in the summer children's athletics. It is great to see kids with many PBs at the Colgate Games and at the end of season champs. This is what it is all about, not being top three but bettering oneself. Covid-19 restrictions put a halt to any Canterbury representative fixtures. Thank you to Torlesse travel for the \$1000 sponsorship and Rozie Robinson for taking walk sessions which has resulted in a resurgent of walkers with great results.

The Junior athletes 15 – 18-year-olds had good numbers to trainings but were light in numbers to the track each week. Jess Hendren retained her under 18 women's National title in High jump as well representing New Zealand Secondary Schools.

The long jump runway has been a bone of contention again and looks to be finally resolved with ASI. Thanks to Denise, Ian, and Paul for your work in trying to resolve the issue and finally getting the surface redone.

The club is in a great financial state and has a well-stocked equipment shed.

Thank you to Secretary Denise Pawsey for her tiresome work, treasurer Paul Brouwers, Vice President Michael Jane and all other committee members for another rewarding year.