

## LITTLE ATHLETICS

# Awards for Barker performers

The Mt Barker and Districts Little Athletics Centre concluded its current season with a presentation night and annual general meeting earlier this month.

Based at the Mt Barker High School, the Centre had a very successful 2015-16 season with a membership of 160 athletes, and 140 received attendance medallions.

There were a number of athletes who achieved medals at events held at the SA Athletics Stadium, including Aimee Hacquoil who received a bronze medal in the Under 11 Girls at the Multi-Event Championship during January, Liam Johns and Bradley Hilton were part of the Under 15 Boys Relay team, along with Kurt Gonzales and Kailan Challenger from the Murray Bridge Centre, who received a gold medal in the Under 15 4x100m relay in February.

More recently at the State Individual Championships, Mt Barker had 11 athletes compete with Kodi Parkinson receiving a silver medal in Under 11 Boys 800m and a bronze medal in the 1500m, and Hacquoil took a bronze medal in Under 11 Girls 400m, with a silver medal in both the 800m and the 60m hurdles.

Hilton received a bronze medal in the Under 13 Boys 800m and Johns received a bronze medal in the Under 15 Boys 400m.

Hacquoil also received a gold medal at the Cross Country Championships held last July.

A number of other athletes attended other events at SA Athletics Stadium including the Jetstar SA State Classic (PB Day), Whole Kids State Carnival for TT-Under 8 and Under 9-Under 12 and the State Challenge.

Recipients of the 2015-16 club champion awards which recognises attendance and personal bests achieved at Mt Barker meets throughout the season were: Junior Award, Jack Rogers (junior) and Olivia Johnston (senior), while the most outstanding (winter) award went to Hacquoil and most outstanding (summer) award was jointly shared by Hacquoil and Hilton.

### Winning the most improved athletes in the various age groups were:

Under 6 Girls: Alicia Newman; Under 6 Boys: Oliver McInness; Under 7 Girls: Amelia Boscence and Millie Bell; Under 7 Boys: Beau Walsh and Joshua Bailey; Under 8 Girls: Ella Newman; Under 8 Boys: Jack Rogers; Under 9 Girls: Aaliyah Fox and Sienna Fox; Under 9 Boys: Tyler Usher; Under 10 Girls: Charlotte McAvaney; Under 10 Boys: Edward Hopley; Under 11 Girls: Rebekah Hilton; Under 11 Boys: Bailey Newman and Kodi Parkinson; Under 12 Girls: Imogen Raidis; Under 12 Boys: George Hopley; Under 13 Girls: Georgina Michael; Under 13 Boys: Bradley Hilton; Under 14 Girls: Hannah Rodert; Under 15 Girls: Jackie

Megson; Under 15 Boys: Liam Johns; Under 16 Boys: Joshua Silwood.

The recipients of the Chris Lane Memorial Encouragement Awards were Tess Bishop-Oldfield and Harrison Betts (junior), while Molly Noel and Leevi Stott captured senior honors.

The Mt Barker Centre also recognised 24 athletes who have attended 25 meets, and seven athletes who had attended 50 meets, with certificates.

Charlotte McAvaney was presented with a trophy and certificate for her 75 meet attendance, having commenced as a Tiny Tot.

Jackie Megson was also presented with a trophy and certificate for her 150 meet attendance, being the first athlete to reach this milestone in the Centre, having also joined up as a Tiny Tot.

A number of committee members were presented with a gift for their services, namely Steve Chapman, Natalie Harvey and Eric Gardner.

Glenys Megson was presented with Centre Life Membership after serving 8 years in the recorder's position and previously helping out for a year as Tiny Tots co-ordinator.

The Cross Country season starts up in May with the first event to be held at Gawler, while Mt Barker's 2016-17 summer season will commence in September.

*Right:  
Winning medals at the  
2016 State Individual  
Championships  
were Mt Barker and  
Districts Little Athletics  
Centre representatives  
(from left) Liam Johns,  
Bradley Hilton, Kodi  
Parkinson and Aimee  
Hacquoil.*

*The quartet were  
also among award  
recipients at the  
Centre's annual  
presentation night held  
earlier this month.*

