



## Member Profile

# Athletics WA (AWA)

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### **Purpose/aim of organisation:**

To provide the best possible competition opportunities for our members and to promote athletics as a sport for all ages, levels and both genders. It is also our aim to bring world class athletics to WA to inspire the next generation of athletes.

### **Size of organisation:**

AWA has 1100 members and 13 affiliated clubs.

### **Number of staff members/volunteers:**

AWA has 5 full-time staff, comprising of a CEO, Development Manager, Competitions Manager, Administration Officer and Inclusion Officer.

### **Key areas of focus at the present time:**

We are currently working with Eventscorp in a bid to secure some major events on the athletics calendar and are hopeful of a major announcement in the near future.

From a whole of sport perspective we continue to work closely with WA Little Athletics (WALA) in an effort to deliver a more coordinated sport for all ages. Excellent progress has been made with AWA and WALA recently agreeing to adopt a constitution to form the Community Athletics Council of WA.

### **Highlights in the last 12 months:**

Since the opening of the WA Athletics Stadium, WA now boasts the best athletics facility in the country, a fact highlighted by the number of eastern state athletes who travel to Perth seeking perfect competition conditions. As predicted, the provision of lights to enable night competition in the temperate Perth climate has delivered the best performance conditions in Australia.

Subsequently, membership has doubled during this period to be in excess of 1000 and we continue to attract more of the adolescent market from WALA.

AWA also hosted the Australian Athletics Tour Final at the end of March which offered the highest amount of prize money in Australian history.

### **When and why did you become a Member of WA Sports Federation (WASF):**

AWA joined the WA Sports Federation in 1950, recognising the benefits of an independent body to represent sport. The Federation's strong advocacy continues to be a major strength of the Western Australian sporting system.

### **How to get further info:**

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