

President's Report 2018

First and foremost I would like to thank each and every one of the Sapphire Coast Runners Committee who has served the club over the last twelve months. It has certainly been a pleasure to work alongside you as we continue to grow our club. No club exists without the efforts of their committee and the time they sacrifice to ensure the day to day running of your club!

2018 saw our club stage several “club events” throughout the year. These events were well received by all and I believe they will continue into the future, some highlights for 2018 were:

- Mandeni Trail event in April (Steph Auston)
- Urban Rogaine event in June (Andy Gibbs and Michelle van der Voort)
- Challenge The Pinch event in October (Steve Isles and Jody Collins)

Thanks go to all volunteers who helped put these and our other club events together.

Our major events for the year were the Merimbula Fun Run (in May) and the Bega Fun Run (in October). Participant numbers were down on previous years. I would like to extend a massive thanks to Lisa Lukassen and her team at Merimbula and Debbie McGufficke and her team at Bega for once again putting together two great events!

Our next events are the 5km handicap event in Bega on Sunday 18th November, the Local Runner's Christmas BBQ on Saturday 8th December and the Christmas Lights Run on Friday 21st December. It would be fantastic to see big turnouts for the final events of the year!

A major highlight for our club for this year was the initiation of the SCR Kid's Run Club. This free event is held each Wednesday at Berrambool Oval at 4.45pm and is conducted by three SCR members (all with Working With Children Checks). We are seeing up to fifteen children each week aged three and up. In 2019 we will look to purchase equipment to assist with these days and also for the supervisors to receive some coaching qualifications from Athletics NSW. If any member is willing to assist with these days please get in contact with me. A massive thanks to both Steph Auston and Lisa Lukassen for turning up each week and running these groups!!

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Our club has once again made significant financial contributions to our community.

- Merimbula Fun Run - \$260 to Merimbula Rural Fire Service
- Bega Fun Run - \$175 to Bega Rural Fire Service
- Run For A Reason - \$460 to BVSC Mayoral Appeal Fund (Tathra bush fires in March)

Thanks to everyone who made these donations possible.

Run Down Under (a virtual run / walk around Australia) continued to be a source of fun and entertainment for many members. RDU contributes \$5 per team member back to clubs each year and this means we will soon receive a payment of \$210 (we had forty two "primary club" members in 2018). I would like to thank Clare Gilbert for her weekly humorous updates on everyone's progress. Anyone is welcome to join us, I am more than happy to answer any queries that anyone has.

I continue to be impressed and extremely proud of the representation of SCR members at many running events (all over the country and the world). I still believe that one of the greatest benefits we have is the camaraderie that being in a club with other likeminded individuals offers. The SCR livery was seen at events in Dubai, Gold Coast, Sydney, Alice Springs, Anglesea, Canberra, Melbourne, Snowies Trail Run, Brisbane and the Blue Mountains (just to name a few).

It has been an honour and privilege to serve the club as your President in 2018. I have again nominated as President in 2019 and I hope to continue to serve you.

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