

Sports REPORTS



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ATHLETICS (JUNIOR)

Liaison Director: Christine Butters

Our 2024-2025 season has now come to an end, and we reflect on some incredible achievements as our centre continues to grow from strength to strength in membership growth and athletic performances. Some season highlights include:

- A record 503 athletes registered, aged from 5 years through to 17 years
- 96 athletes competed at the Zone Championships
- 67 athletes qualified to compete at the Region Championships
- 25 athletes qualified to compete at the State Championships
- 26 Centre records broken
- 1 Zone record broken
- 2 Region records broken
- Zone results - 34 Gold, 24 Silver, 24 Bronze
- Region results - 19 Gold, 17 Silver, 7 Bronze
- State results - 3 Gold, 4 Silver, 3 Bronze

Congratulations to our State medallists:

- Max Farrugia - 15 Boys - 1st in 100m Hurdles, 300m Hurdles, High Jump, 2nd in Triple Jump
- Jordyn Brookes - 9 Girls - 2nd in Discus, 3rd in Shot Put
- Byron Farrugia - 13 Boys - 2nd in 200m Hurdles, 3rd in 90m Hurdles
- Scarlett McGraw - 16 Girls - 2nd in 1500m Race Walk
- Joshua Wallis - 12 Boys - 3rd in 1500m Race Walk

The new season of Little Athletics will commence in August 2025 and runs through until March 2026. Registrations will open online in August 2025 via our website www.revesbylac.org.au.

Revesby Workers' Little Athletics promotes fun, fitness and skills development in a friendly competitive environment while encouraging family participation, community spirit and values. Any child born between January 2009 and December 2021 can join our Centre in the new season. Children engage in running, jumping and throwing events, with the opportunity to compete at carnivals outside our centre as well as our regular Friday night club competition.

Registration fees are a one off cost each year with no weekly fees involved. Uniforms are purchased from the centre during the registration period. A small number of fundraising assists in the purchase of end of season awards and enables us to keep our equipment up to date.

For any information or enquiries please contact Erin on 0404 120 088.

ATHLETICS (SENIOR)

Liaison Director: Daniel Kurtz

Illawong Revesby Workers' Athletic club had 26 Junior athletes aged U15-U20s compete recently at the NSW Junior Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre.

The following weekend IRWA had 22 Open athletes compete at the NSW Open Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre.

The club had some outstanding results with the athletes coming away with a combined 10 medals.

The state competitions are the best opportunity to compete against the best in NSW and either obtain a National qualifying time or distance or finish on the podium to automatically qualify for Nationals.

Several of the IRWA junior athletes achieved National qualifiers at state and will be heading to Perth to compete at the beginning of April.

It was great to see so many of the junior athletes perform such amazing results they are all very excited to go to Perth and compete for their State.

As the summer season for athletics nears its end we prepare for our weekly Cross Country season. This will kick off on Saturday 24th April at Como - 2km at 2pm, 3km at 2.30pm and the 5km & 10km at 3pm. Meet near the beginning of the bridge. There are no restrictions on how many distances you can run. We hope to see you there!

BOWLS – INDOORS (LADIES)

Liaison Director: David Raper

After a year of no games due to the renovations at the Club it was with great enthusiasm that we returned to playing on the 15th of January. For many it was a great opportunity to catch up and update each other on the events in their lives.

We would like to put together the history of our club however there are no paper records beyond 2010. A book was found with a notation dated 7-6-1996 and one of the ladies being made a Life Member which would point to the Club having been around for at least 10 years before this if not more. The President's Cup Trophy has the first winner dated 1990.

This is as far as we have been able to go back so we are calling out to anyone that may have played then or who may know of someone that did. Unfortunately, we

do not have anyone playing today that goes back that far so any information would be grateful. My contact number is below.

Our AGM was held on the 19th of February with Alysha Green from RWC chairing the meeting. We welcome the committee for 2025

President: M.Halls

Vice-President: M.Rogers

Treasurer: J.Moon

Secretary / Publicity Officer: C.Sorrenti

Committee Members: C.McDonald, A.Cornale, P. Merrell, F.Rochecouste

Once again, the laughter and banter during the games was so great to hear. We welcome a new member, Dianna McLean.

Weekly winners and runners up January to end March 2025:

15th January

1st. M.Rogers.

2nd. B. O'Connor, C.McDonald

22nd January

1st. P.Merrill, P.Land

2nd. F.Rochecouste, B.O'Connor, M.Rogers

29th January

1st. P.Land, P.Merrill

2nd. C.Packwood, M.Rogers, J.Moon

5th February

1st. J.Moon, C.Sorrenti, F.Rochecouste, P.Merrill

2nd. P.Land, L.Seckold, D.McClean

12th February

1st. C.Packwood, L.Seckhold, M.Halls, P.Land

2nd. M.Williams, A.Cornale, C.Sorrenti, C.McDonald

19th February

1st. M.Halls, M.Williams

2nd. F.Rochecouste, P.Land

26th February

1st. M.Williams, A.Cornale

2nd. C.McDonald, C.Sorrenti

12th March

1st. M.Halls, F.Rochecouste, D.Johnson

2nd. M.Rogers, P.Land

19th March

1st. M.Halls, M.Rogers

2nd. L.Seckold, F.Rochecouste, C.Sorrenti

26th March

1st. M.Rogers, M.Williams, F.Rochecouste

2nd. M.Halls, C.Sorrenti

Congratulations to all the winners and runners up.

We are reaching out to anyone that would like to join our club.

Due to a multitude of reasons our numbers have dropped over the last few years and many women don't know about us and would certainly have a great time if they joined us.

It's a fun day and you don't have to know how to play to join – members will eagerly teach you!!

Give me a call if you want to know more about us.

**Connie Sorrenti
Secretary**

BOWLS – LAWN

Liaison Director: David Raper

Our bowling year has been very busy with many events being played. The amalgamation of the men's and ladies' clubs has proved to be very successful. The morale and camaraderie at the club is high.

Our club has been saddened over the last few months by the passing of some of our valued members.

Just recently, Dennis Randall suffered a heart attack which was a huge shock to all. Dennis was a devoted bowler who bowled at every opportunity. He was a great club member and a loyal friend. He will be sadly missed.

At the end of last year, Maureen McKinley passed after a long battle with cancer. Maureen loved her bowling and was an inspiration to her fellow bowlers, who always put the interests of the bowlers first.

Lisa Ward and Ernie Wilson were valued past members of our club, and they passed at that time as well. May they all rest in peace and may their families and friends be comforted by loving memories of their loved ones.

The Women's Major singles championship was well-contested by all. In the final, Elizabeth Griffin defeated Betty Davidson in a challenging game.

We wish Elizabeth well as she moves on to contest the Regional Champion of Champions contest.

The Women's club triples are currently being contested. The finalists are Phyllis

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Merrell, Ellie Atme and Sue Semnitzky who will play Fay Shean, Jan Pennell and Elizabeth Griffin. Enjoy a good game ladies.

The annual Terry Raper Melanoma challenge was played in March. This was a successful day with bowlers completing four games of tens ends on an extremely hot day. Bowlers from many clubs joined us for day with a young side from Padstow winning the day.

The club consistency contest was played in good spirit and saw Peter Shean and Darryl Oehlman reaching the final. In a high-quality game, Peter defeated Darryl. Well-played gents!

In the Major/Minor competition, the final is set to be played between Ellie Atme / Shane Matakaiongo (Spiff) and Ross Gage / Laurie Wilson. Congratulations and best wishes for a good game.

The Mixed Fours championships has also reached the finals where Pat Tate, Geoff Tate, Robert McFarland and Jan Calderon will compete against Fay Shean, Peter Shean, Sandra Weekes and Dave Raper.

Good game to all.

The Regional Pennants competition has kept all players busy and engaged. The Club has entered one Grade 5 team and two Grade 7 teams. All teams are playing well for our club with our goal to reach the regional play-offs.

We are on a break now with the competition resuming in a few weeks. Go Workers!!!!

The Club Mixed Pairs will commence in late March. This is always a popular and well-contested competition. The Ladies Minor Singles and the Under 5's challenge will also be played in April.

This will be followed by the Ladies Consistency contest in May.

Twilight bowls on Friday evenings has been popular and well-attended.

Bowlers play for two hours and then enjoy a drink and perhaps dinner with their teammates. It is great fun. Thank you, Tony Finneran, for organising it once again this year and we thank Andrew Raper for his support.

We are always looking to welcome new bowlers to our Club. Coaching is provided for inexperienced bowlers. Social bowling is played on Wednesday afternoons, Thursday mornings and

Saturday afternoons. If interested, please contact our President, Geoff Went (0407 204 139) or our Vice President, Dianne Oliver (0412 738 320).

See you on the green.

CRICKET

Liaison Director: Trevor Heaslip

Another season done and dusted!

It was disappointing that we fielded no junior sides this season, but this reflected the overall decline in numbers in the district. We did have 3 children participate in the Blasters program for littlies!

We had 3 senior teams this season, down from 6 last season. Two of last season's teams did not return and two had to decide to merge, as they each had insufficient numbers to field teams.

In the end there were too many players in some teams, meaning that some players did not get the opportunity to play as many matches as they would have liked.

Our 4th Grade side moved from 6th Grade last season, performed very well, and did our Club proud. They finished 3rd on the ladder, but lost their semi-final on a very hot weekend, while most were fasting for Ramadan.

We congratulate Zak, Imran and the team on another great season with The Workers and look forward to another great season starting September.

Two of the other senior sides from last season, 1st Grade and one of the 5th Grade sides were merged into a 3rd Grade side and represented Revesby Workers Cricket Club admirably. They took out their minor premierships, won the major semi-final and are about to play their Grand Final as I write this report.

Thank you to Ryan, Paul, Danny and Richard for all your efforts with the merged team and for playing with the right attitude. Very proud of you all.

The other team was one of the 5th Grade sides from last season, which remained in 5th Grade this season. They did not originally qualify for the semi-finals but received a last-minute invitation to play in the minor semi-final when a team had to make the sad decision to withdraw due to lack of numbers.

Our side played brilliantly, winning the semi- but unfortunately went down in

the Preliminary Final. Great effort, team.

The 2025 Masters Cup (Over 35s Super 8s) is due to run from May until the end of July at Vale of Ah, and promises to be loads of fun, as usual.

Hopefully, our team will again be competitive and maybe bring home the shield like they did last season.

We look forward to holding our Presentations during winter and will start signing on for the next summer comp. from 1 July on-line – just visit the "Play Cricket" site and enter your postcode – Revesby Workers' Cricket Club will be one of your options, which I hope you will choose!

Christine Benham Secretary

GARDEN CLUB

Liaison Director: Christine Butters

February marked the start of another exciting year for the Garden Club. Our guest speaker was Danielle Corrie who presented her book, Teida's Story: Life through the Eyes of a Dog. Here she shared the unique relationship she developed with her Staffie cross, Teida.

In March we had a double celebration! With our 36th birthday (and the usual birthday cake), the Garden Club also awarded President Val Kennedy with a most deserved Life Membership.

Val joined the Garden Club in 2013 and in succeeding years took on various positions in the executive committee.

She was voted President in 2019 and since then, together with an extremely capable set of committee officers, helped the club become the success it is now.

We look forward to seeing our April guest speaker again. He is Gav Kleinhans, aka the Postie Geezer who travels around Australia for charity. His mission is to raise funds for the Medecins sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders), a very noble undertaking indeed.

For May we have invited Stephen Cassettari, who will discuss Chinese brush painting, complete with demonstrations.

We will have our Spring Tour this year on Saturday, 31st May, many thanks to our Tour Organizer Claire. We will be visiting the Camellia Grove Nursery in Glenorie. After a sit-down lunch at the Galston Club, we will visit Swane's Nursery,

mainly a rose lover's delight.

Later this year we plan to have a photo competition, with prizes on offer. We hope to be able to sync with the annual Garden Clubs of Australia photo competition, which offers sizable prizes and the chance to be featured not only in the official magazine but also in their annual calendar.

Do keep in touch with Garden Club activities via the Sports Reports section of the Revesby Workers' Club Journal and our website rwcgarden.com.

Our monthly meetings are held every first Saturday at the Workers' Club and open with our guest speaker at 10 am.

Members and visitors are welcome to always join.

HOCKEY (WOMENS') **Liaison Director: Christine Benham**

The Hockey Ladies are about to kick off their season, and what a big season we are looking at having!

Firstly, we kick off at Narallan in the MacArthur Hockey Comp at the start of April. We are incredibly excited as this year we see some ladies returning from having babies, studying or just from some time out.

We also welcome a brand-new addition to the team, playing her first season with her Mum, Emma.

This is just another Mum/Daughter duo in the long tradition we have at the club!

We are incredibly lucky to have our C Grade team defending their title this year, however, we are super excited to have joined forces with another club to create a mixed B grade team. We are looking forward to the opportunities this will give our players this year.

The most exciting part of our year will be in May, when we head off to Taiwan to play in the World Masters Games!! We have 2 teams heading over and competing in the 35- and 55-year age groups.

We have worked hard fundraising for the last 18 months and are so incredibly thankful to all the support from RWC, Christine Benham, Board of Directors, and all our other supporters have given us to help make this opportunity become a reality.

We can't wait to report back on our time away in Taiwan!

If you are looking at returning or trying hockey, please contact us. We welcome all skill levels, however you must be turn 14 this year or older.

Contact us at
revesbyworkershockey@gmail.com

LADIES GROUP **Liaison Director: Christine Butters**

We returned from our break after enjoying our end of year Christmas Luncheon held in the new function rooms.

This year we have already started to plan activities and trips for our group. We had a lovely this month to Bundeena and lunch at the local club there.

Revesby Workers' Club have kindly placed a sign on the building to identify the 'MacArthur Room' on the corner of MacArthur Avenue & Dixon Lane.

At the end of the year, one of our previous members, Nancy Goman, passed away. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Should you like to make new friends and participate in our group, please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

We are always happy to welcome new members.

First Wednesday of the month we have a bus trip unless otherwise changed.

Second Wednesday onwards, Group Weekly Venue, MacArthur Room
Corner of MacArthur Avenue & Dixon Lane REVESBY NSW 2212 from 9:30am

NETBALL CLUB **Liaison Director: Christine Benham**

It was with great eagerness and enthusiasm that we finally headed back to Netball with the start of the 2025 season.

We are excited to welcome back our returning members and all our new players and families.

This year we have registered 19 teams ranging from our 5- & 6-year-old academy players right up to our seniors.

We also have a dedicated team of umpires who give their time and skills each week, not only to umpire our games, but to also utilise their expertise to train our young umpires.

The season kicked off on the 5th of April

at Deverell Park and runs through until September. It has been a great start to the season, and we have loved watching our players come together as teams and seeing their hard work but more importantly their love for netball.

The annual March Past to start the season saw all our teams come together to represent Revesby Workers' Club and was fabulous to watch.

Also, we thank all our players who participated in the ANZAC Day march and joined Club Directors and other Sub Club members to pay our respects to the men and woman who sacrificed so much. Lest We Forget.

Our 2025 Executive and Committee were elected at our Annual General Meeting, and we are grateful for their commitment to our club.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

President – Julie Howard
Vice President - Michelle Brown
Secretary - Kellie McFarlane
Treasurer - Dave Howard
Registrar - Kerrie Pride
Coaching Convenor - Chelsea Conen
Umpires Convenor - Ella Martin

COMMITTEE

Uniforms & Equipment - Georgie Chamakos
Assistant Umpires Convenor - Meagan Whitehorn
Assistant Treasurer & Sponsorship - Andrew Pride
Minutes Secretary - Ann McLauchlain
Publicity - Margaret Williams
General Committee - Izzy McFarlane & Zoe Chamakos

We love seeing all our families on Saturdays cheering on our teams and can't wait to watch them all continue to grow their skills further throughout this season.

SWIM CLUB **Liaison Director: Christine Benham**

As our summer season wraps up in April, we celebrate some outstanding achievements at representative pool events and at National Open Water Championships.

The National Open Water event took place in Busselton, Western Australia, where our swimmers delivered fantastic performances.

- A huge congratulations to Thomas Valassis, who put in a determined effort to claim gold in the 5km (15 years) event!

- Jayden Schipp - 4th in the 15yrs 5km
- Nate Robertson - 6th in the 15yrs 5km
- Nicholas Macher – 3rd in the 17yrs 7.5km and 5th in the 5km
- Maclaren Derwent – 16th in the 16yrs 7.5km and 13th in the 5km
- Noah Dignan – 10th in the 14yrs 5km
- Jennifer Tzikas – 15th in the 15yrs 5km
- Annalise Nicotra– 16th in the 15yrs 5km
- Abbie Clay – 20th in the 17yrs 5km

Our 14/15yrs relay team secured a fantastic 2nd place, while the Open relay team finished 19th. An incredible effort by all our swimmers at National Open Water Championships—well done!

NSW Senior Metropolitan Championships (February 2025)

We had an impressive team of 28 representatives, bringing home 7 medals and achieving 24 top 10 finishes—another successful meet for our club!

NSW Junior State Age Championships (March 2025)

Eighteen of our junior swimmers competed, securing 18 top 10 finishes. Special congratulations to Jasmine Bochenek for her 3rd place finish in the 200m butterfly!

National Pool Age & Open Championships (April 2025)

Our final event for the summer season is the National Pool Age Championships and National Pool Open Championships, held in Brisbane this April.

Best of luck to our swimmers: Sienna Bautista, Iris Bochenek, Marli Broughton, Jiazi Chen, Audrey McDermott, Jayden Schipp, Thomas Valassis, and Carolyn Yu. Enjoy Nationals—do your best and have fun!

As we transition into the winter months, we look forward to our short course carnivals and sharing more exciting updates throughout the season.

Club Snaps



See what's been going on in our Clubs