

To the Mudgeeraba Little Athletics Community,

After many years on the committee, including serving as President, Registrar and Secretary, the time has come for me to step away.

This club has been far more than a sporting organisation to me. It has been a community, a second home and a place where I have had the privilege of watching thousands of young athletes grow—not only in skill and achievement, but in confidence and character.

I have been fortunate to work alongside incredible volunteers, committee members, officials, coaches, parents and athletes. Together we have celebrated personal bests, representative selections, state medals, friendships, laughter, muddy mornings, rainy competitions and countless memories that I will treasure forever.

When I first became involved, the club already had a strong foundation built by passionate people who cared deeply about creating a place where everyone belonged. I have simply tried to build upon that foundation in my own way—through communication, organisation, new ideas and a genuine desire to create the best experience possible for our families.

I would also like to acknowledge Simon Hinton.

Simon was one of the people who made Mudgeeraba Little Athletics so special. His passion for the club, his belief in people and his ability to bring a community together helped create the culture that so many families came to love. He taught me a great deal about leadership, service and the importance of making everyone feel welcome.

I was fortunate to work alongside him, learn from him and call him my friend. His impact on this club continues to be felt long after his passing, and I know many of us still see his influence in the traditions, values and community spirit that remain today.

Thank you, Simon, for the foundation you helped build and for the legacy you left behind.

One of the most special moments of my time with the club was A Day for Simon. What began as an opportunity to support a much-loved friend became a powerful reminder of what community truly means. The generosity, kindness and unity shown by volunteers, families, athletes, sponsors and the wider community was something I will never forget.

That day reflected the very best of our Little Athletics community (both locally, statewide and nationally) and reinforced the values that have always mattered most to me – connection, belonging, compassion and people coming together to support one another.

One of the greatest lessons I have learned during my time with the club is that community is not built through programs, websites, uniforms or trophies. Community is built through people. Through kindness. Through respect. Through the way we support one another, especially during challenging times.

Over the years my life has changed significantly. While my commitment to the club never changed, my capacity did. There were seasons where I could give more, and seasons where life required my energy elsewhere. Stepping away has not been an easy decision, but it is the right one for me and my family.

As I leave, my hope for the future of Mudgeeraba Little Athletics is simple: that it continues to be a place where every child feels welcome, every family feels valued, and every volunteer feels appreciated. A place where participation is celebrated, friendships are formed and young people are encouraged to believe in themselves.

Thank you to every athlete, parent, volunteer, official and committee member who has been part of this journey. Thank you for the memories, the friendships and the opportunity to contribute to something that has meant so much to me.

There are countless people I could thank individually, and countless moments and memories I could tell. If I tried to include them all, this letter would never end. Please know that every person who contributed to this club, no matter how big or small the role, has helped shape a chapter of my life that I will always treasure.

To all of the athletes, past and present, thank you. You may never realise the impact you had on me. While I hope I was able to play a small role in your journey, the truth is that you gave me far more than I could ever give in return.

Watching you grow in confidence, overcome challenges, celebrate successes, support your teammates and discover what you were capable of was one of the greatest privileges of my time at the club.

Some of you achieved representative honours, state medals and remarkable athletic success. Others achieved personal victories that may never appear in a results book but were equally important. Every athlete's journey mattered.

During some of the most difficult periods of my life, the club gave me purpose, and the athletes gave me a reason to keep showing up. The fun, friendships, smiles, determination and growth I witnessed week after week reminded me why this club mattered so much.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey. Supporting you, cheering for you and getting to know you has been one of the greatest honours of my life.

Before I finish, I would like to thank my children. For many years, they shared their mum with Little Athletics. They sat through early mornings, long days, weekend competitions, committee commitments and countless hours spent behind a computer, on the phone or at the track. Their patience, understanding and support allowed me to contribute to this club in ways that would not have been possible otherwise.

To Korbyn, thank you for the many hours you spent by my side. From early starts at carnivals to setting up and packing down equipment, mowing the grounds, carrying tents and helping wherever you were needed, your contribution often happened quietly behind the scenes. I am incredibly proud of the young man you have become and grateful for the support you gave me throughout this journey.

To all three of my children, thank you for sharing this chapter of my life with me. I hope you know that while I have loved serving this club, being your mum has always been my greatest privilege and my most important role.

To the MLA family, thank you for allowing me to be part of your journeys and for allowing me to belong to this beautiful community. The memories, friendships and lessons I take with me will stay with me long after my time on the committee has ended.

Mudgeeraba Little Athletics will always hold a special place in my heart.

With gratitude,

Krysta