

## **ATHLETE & COACH SUPPORT POLICY 2017-18**

Athletics Essendon sincerely appreciates the financial support given by Essendon Football Club and Bendigo Bank, Keilor East. This support has enabled the club to continue with programs to provide financial support through Bill Burke Scholarships to athletes from less privileged circumstances and also for championship wins and international selection.

The club has no hesitation in continuing with Bill Burke Scholarships and with an athlete support program for 2017-18 as set out below. All athletes who win an open or junior Victorian or Australian Championship individual event or are placed in an Australian Open Championship will have their membership renewed for the following year. Because of Athletics Victoria's change to registration it will be up to each athlete to choose and pay for their own competing package (XCR/track & field).

**In addition, our club is ready to support coaches and athletes for expenses in the following circumstances providing those coaches or athletes have given reasonable support to the club in team competitions and the two major social/fund raising events – our Trivia Night and summer season Presentation Night.**

- Winners of a Victorian open title or being placed in an Australian open event earns the athlete \$250 - \$500 for an Australian open win.
- Olympians may receive \$1,000. Athletes competing in the Commonwealth Games, World T &F or Cross Country Championships and World Junior Games may receive \$500. Other international competitors may receive support as determined by the committee. Financial support of any athlete is at the higher amount only, not accumulative in any one season.
- Coaches are welcome to apply to the committee for possible partial assistance for interstate travel to accompany athletes competing in championships. Any payment is discretionary and must be resolved prior to travel.

**5th August 2017**