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Below is a “Members Statement” extract from the State Parliament Hansard report in which MP Peter Lockwood (Member of Bayswater) made a speech about his experience at our 2005/06 AGM/Presentation Day.

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Bayswater Bullets Little Athletics Club: awards

Mr LOCKWOOD (Bayswater) — Last Saturday I went to the Bayswater Bullets Little Athletics Club presentation day, where I had the honour of presenting a number of awards. It is a great club with a great president in Dean Barton-Smith — an athlete himself and a Queen’s baton relay runner.

Donna Moore was honoured for her years of service as team manager. Life member, Kerry Semfel, shared the presentation honours with me. Jimmy Moore told us of his experiences of being a Commonwealth Games volunteer. The overall best girl award went to Laura Clissold and the overall best boy award to David Thomson. The RACV achievers shield winner was Cody Norton. The club has a system of rewarding its young athletes by acknowledging their personal best (PB) performances.

In Little Athletics it is not the winning that counts as much as self-improvement, so they have personal best medals. A gold personal best medal for 27-plus PBs went to David Thomson, Zac Thomas and Laura Clissold; a silver personal best medal for 22 to 26 PBs went to Sharnee Griffiths, Annie Egan, Matija Pecek, Josh Holdway, Josh Nolan, Emma Thomson, Jessica Thomson, Alex Barton-Smith and Olivia Mellahn; and a bronze personal best medal for 18 to 21 PBs went to Cody Norton, Erin Holdway, Nicholas Elliott and Claire Elliott. A 12 PB certificate went to Briony Walton, Daragh Moore, Steffi Walton, Jack Bole-Brown, Nathan Goodger, Jorgia Foster and Deborah Elliott. New club records were set by Alex Barton-Smith, Daragh Moore and Sharnee Griffiths — 11 at under-14 level — and Josh Holdway.

Congratulations to all those athletes on a wonderful season. Athletics is a wonderful sport and is great for those who have no wish for body contact sports, or who just wish to have fun. Athletes need only compete against their own last performance. They are an enthusiastic and great bunch of kids, and I am sure they will have a fun season next time as well.