

# Small Centre Challenges (2)

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# Purpose

- To workshop topics typically common to small Centres.
- Capture and share the ideas and suggestions
- For Centres to identify others in the Association

# Topic # 1

- Competing with the 'power Centres: preparing your athletes to compete successfully against well coached athletes from the big Centres.

## **Feedback & suggestions:**

- Develop a 'Centre spirit' where the Centre is engaged socially;
- Actively encourage athletes to attend Open Days (ie compete against athletes from other Centres) & Region events;
- Cross Country – intimate size of events keeps athletes together;
- Shorten the program to 1 or 2 attempts so as to move through the program and/or run more events.
- Training squads: all ages and abilities train together. Create a sense of 'one club'.
- Social media – encourage athletes to share photos of their Open Day/Region/State experience;

# Topic #2

- What to do when that critical committee member who 'does everything' steps away?

## **Suggestions & feedback:**

- Committees: have clear position descriptions;
- Canvass the skill sets of parents – understand who's capable of doing what, and contributing to the running of the Centre;
- Visit other Centres to expand knowledge Centre operations.
- Retain experienced personnel within the Centre
- Upskilling parents
- Promoting communication within the Centre