

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION.

BIENNIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Presented to delegates of affiliated Associations at the **Fifth Biennial Conference** held in Perth, Western Australia, on Thursday, 7th March, 1940.

Ladies:

Your Executive has great pleasure in presenting its Fourth Biennial Report and Balance Sheet for your consideration.

Its gratification in the activities of the last two years has been amply justified by the outstanding performances of the Australian team at the British Empire Games; the high standard which is being maintained in all States, and the general progress attained.

AFFILIATIONS.

The following State Associations are affiliated:-

NEW SOUTH WALES VICTORIA
QUEENSLAND WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

CONFERENCE.

The Fourth Conference of the Union was held at the V.R.I. Melbourne, on Friday, 10th December, 1937, with the President, Mrs. Chambers presiding.

The following delegates attended:-

N.S.W. Mesdames L. Drake and D. Magee.
Queensland. Mrs. T. Peake and Miss K. Reed
Victoria. Mrs. D. Mulcahy and Miss P. Cantwell.
West. Australia. Misses D. Norman & J. Barnett.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fourth Australian Championships were conducted at Royal Park, Melbourne, on December 8th, 9th & 11th, 1937, and resulted in the Doris Mulcahy Shield passing to the custody of Victoria, to which team the Union extends heartiest congratulations.

The following were the points scored:-

Victoria	6 firsts	6 seconds
West Aust.	3 "	-
N. S. W.	2 "	4 seconds
Queensland	1 "	2 "

A general high standard was maintained, two (2) Australian records being broken and two (2) new records established.

The results were as follows:-

<u>100 YARDS.</u>	D. Norman (W. Aust.) T. Peake (Qld.) J. Woodland (W.Aust.)	Time 11.1/5 sec.
<u>220 YARDS.</u>	D. Norman, (W.Aust.) J. Coleman (N.S.W.) E. Wearne (N.S.W.)	Time 25.9/10 sec.
<u>440 YARDS.</u>	J. Coleman (N.S.W.) I. Talbot (Vic.) J. Barnett (W.Aust.)	Time 60½ sec. (Record)
<u>880 YARDS.</u>	A. Bradfield (Vic.) R. Smallwell (Vic.) K. Flanagan (Vic.)	Time 2 min. 44.4/5 secs. (Record)
<u>880 YARDS WALK.</u>	M. James (Vic.) M. Moad (Vic.) J. Bond (Vic.)	Time 3 min. 55.3/10 sec. (Record)

<u>HIGH JUMP.</u>	D. Carter (Vic.) E. Poore (Vic.) H. Mott (Vic.)	Height 5'0".
<u>90 YARDS HURDLES.</u>	I. Grant (Vic.) T. Peake (Qld.) C. Kennedy (N.S.W.)	Time 12.4/5 secs.
<u>DISCUS.</u>	C. Hannan (N.S.W.) D. Carter (Vic.) E. Evans (N.S.W.)	Dist. 100' 11 1/2".
<u>SHOT PUTT.</u>	V. Cowan (Vic.) C. Hannan (N.S.W.) P. Rowarth (Vic.)	Dist. 33' 1 1/8" (Record)
<u>JAVELIN.</u>	E. Jones (Vic.) L. Mitchell (Vic.) C. Kennedy (N.S.W.)	Dist. 110' 2"
<u>BROAD JUMP.</u>	T. Peake (Qld.) E. Evans (N.S.W.) H. Mott (Qld.)	Dist. 16' 11 1/2"
<u>440 YARDS RELAY.</u>	West Australia New South Wales Victoria	Time 50 secs.

It has been decided to hold the next Australian Championships in Tasmania in 1940, to be followed by Perth as the venue for 1942.

BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES.

SYDNEY, N.S.W. 1938.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S ATHLETIC TEAM.

Carter, Doris (Vic.)	High Jump
Coleman, Jean (N.S.W.)	220 yards: 440 & 660 yds. Relays.
Evans, Enid (N.S.W.)	Broad Jump
Gould, Helen (N.S.W.)	Broad Jump & 80 metres hurdles
Grant, Isabel (Vic.)	80 metres hurdles
Jones, Elsie (Vic.)	Javelin
Kennedy, Clarice (N.S.W.)	Javelin and 80 metres hurdles
Mitchell, Lena (Vic.)	Javelin
Norman, Decima (W.Aust.)	100 yds, 220 yds. Broad jump and 440 and 660 yds. relays.
Peake, Thelma (Qld.)	100 yds. broad jump: 80 metres hurdles & 660 yards relay
Poore, Elsie (Vic.)	High Jump
Talbot, Irene (Vic.)	220 yards
Walker, Joyce, (N.S.W.)	100 yards
Wearne, Eileen (N.S.W.)	220 yards & 440 relays
Woodland, Joan (West Aust.)	100 yards & 660 yards relay
<u>Manageress</u>	Mrs. Doris Magee (N.S.W.)

AUSTRALIAN SELECTORS:

Mesdames D. Mulcahy (Vic.)
C. Walter (N.S.W.)
D. Magee (N.S.W.)

RESULTS OF WOMEN'S ATHLETIC EVENTS.

<u>100 YARDS.</u>	D. Norman (Aust.) J. Walker (Aust.) J. Dolson (Canada)	Time 11.1 secs. (Record)
<u>220 YARDS.</u>	D. Norman (Aust.) J. Coleman (Aust.) E. Wearne (Aust.)	Time 24.5 secs. (Record)
<u>440 YARDS RELAY.</u>	Australia Canada England	Time 49.1 secs. (Record)

<u>660 YARDS RELAY.</u>	Australia England Canada	Time 1 min. 15.2 secs.
<u>80 METRES HURDLES.</u>	B. Burke (Sth. Africa) I. Grant (Aust.) R. Tong (New Zealand)	Time 11.7 secs.
<u>HIGH JUMP.</u>	D. Odam (Eng.) D. Gardener (Eng.) E. Forbes (New Zealand)	Height 5'3" (Record)
<u>BROAD JUMP.</u>	D. Norman (Aust.) E. Raby (Eng.) T. Peake (Aust.)	19' 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (Record)
<u>JAVELIN.</u>	R. Higgins (Canada) A. Robertson (S. Africa) G. Lunn (Eng.)	Dist. 127' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (Record)

This is the first occasion on which Australian Women Athletes have been granted representation at British Empire Games, and it will be seen by consulting the results that they more than merited their selection. It is indeed to be regretted that war has intervened causing the cancellation of the Olympic Games which were scheduled to be held in Finland this year, 1940, as it is generally felt that a strong team of Women Athletes could have been selected to represent Australia, which would have compared favourably with the world's best women competitors.

MRS. W. CHAMBERS.

Your Union feels proud that His Majesty the King saw fit to confer the honour of an M.B.E. on our President, Mrs. Chambers in 1938.

It is felt that this is a fitting reward for a lifetime devoted to the furthering of Women's Amateur Sport in Australia, and the Members of this Union and all affiliated Associations offer their most sincere congratulations.

TASMANIAN W. A. A. A.

It is indeed to be regretted that this Association has been unable to carry on and has found it necessary to withdraw from affiliation. However, it is understood that this is only a temporary measure, and it is hoped in the near future that re-affiliation will be granted.

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1939.

An invitation was extended to Decima Norman by the Auckland centre of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association to compete at the National Championships in March of that year.

Miss Norman maintained her usual high athletic standard and was only defeated on one occasion by Doreen Lumley in the 100 yards event, when Miss Lumley equalled the world's time of 11 seconds, which time Miss Norman equalled at a later carnival.

Decima competed in 50 yards, 100 yards, 220 yards and broad jump events at at five carnivals and also was a member of a relay team which established fresh New Zealand record figures for the 440 yards relay.

Considerable interest and enthusiasm was evinced in both Auckland and Wellington centres over the prospect of a regular interchange of visits between women athletes of New Zealand and Australia, although the advent of war has proved a serious hinderance to further negotiations at present.

However, this unfortunate state of affairs will only postpone the fulfilment of these aims, and it is hoped that the day is not far distant when it is an accomplished fact.

Miss Norman was accompanied by Mrs. Magee on her visit to New Zealand.

SYMPATHY.

It is with regret that we record the passing of three athletes known to all affiliated associations, namely, Doreen and Bernice Lumley, of Auckland, New Zealand, who visited Australia with the New Zealand Empire Games Team and who were killed in a motoring accident at the end of 1939, and Mrs. Leight, formerly Lorna Carrington of N.S.Wales, a State and Australian walking champion, who passed away in February of this year.

Our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

HANDBOOKS.

During 1939, your Executive had 2,000 Union Handbooks published, the cost of producing which was covered by advertisements.

It was with an aim to assist State Associations in raising Olympic funds, but with the postponement of the Games, these may prove an additional source of revenue to the Union.

AUSTRALIAN RECORDS.

The following performances have been granted recognition as Australian records by the Union during the past two years.

1/2/1937	High Jump	5'3 3/8"	D. Carter	Vic.
13/2/1937	100 yards	11 secs.	E. Wearne	N.S.W
20/2/1937	220 "	25.5 secs.	J. Coleman	"
15/3/1937	880 yds. walk	3.56 secs.	M. Moad	Vic.
28/8/1937	100 yards	11 secs.	T. Peake	Qld.
8/12/1937	Shot	33'1 1/8"	V. Cowan	Vic.
8/12/1937	880 yards	2.44 4/5 s.	A. Bradfield	Vic.
11/12/1937	440 yards	60.5 secs.	J. Coleman	N.S.W
11/12/1937	880 yds. walk	3.55 3/10 s.	M. James	Vic.
19/2/1938	440 yards	58.1/5 secs.	I. Talbot	Vic.
5/3/1938	880 yards	2.25 2/5 secs.	A. Bradfield	Vic.
12/3/1938	Discus	108'4"	D. Carter	Vic.
12/11/1938	Javelin	118'5 5/8"	L. Mitchell	Vic.
4/2/1939	90 yds. hurdles	12 1/10 secs.	D. Norman	W.Aust.
4/2/1939	100 yards	11 secs.	J. Walker	N.S.W.
4/2/1939	Discus	108'10"	C. Hannan	"
11/2/1939	880 yds. walk	3.50 secs.	A. Tanner.	"

APPRECIATION

Your Union desires to express its appreciation to the A.A.U. of A. and the British Empire Games Association for their co-operation and willing assistance at all times; to its Auditors Messrs. R.P. Heathwood & G. Carruthers for their valuable aid and also to its Executive for the splendid way in which it has carried out its duties

CONCLUSION

It is under vastly different conditions that we draw to the close of another two years of progress.

Finland has been invaded and the Olympic Games have consequently been abandoned and in addition, our own country is at war.

A serious task lies ahead in keeping our Associations active during the serious hours before us, and doing our bit in helping our country carry on as well.

Your Union feels confident, however, that with the splendid pioneering spirit its members have displayed in the past, this task will by no means prove too difficult.

On behalf of the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union.

DORIS I. MAGEE,

Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

Statement of Receipts and Payments
1st December, 1937, to 29th February 1940

<u>Receipts</u>			<u>Payments</u>		
Balance at 1st December, 1937		24 2 7	Typewriter	...	8 - -
<u>Affiliations:</u>			Stationery and Duplicating	...	2 18 6
New South Wales	... 6 6 -		Expenses re New Zealand trip	...	3 - -
Queensland	... 6 6 -		Secretary's petty cash	...	1 10 -
Victoria	... 3 3 -		Stamps, etc.	...	1 11 -
Western Australia	... <u>3 3 -</u>	18 18 -	Olympic Levy	...	5 15 -
Share of Profit on Australian Championships		1 10 6	Bank balance at 29th February, 1940	...	30 6 9
Interest	17 7			
Sale of Constitutions	5 -			
Olympic Levies	<u>5 18 6</u>			
		<u>£51 12 2</u>			<u>£51 12 2</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 29TH FEBRUARY 1940

<u>Liabilities</u>			<u>Assets</u>		
President's fare to Perth	29 1 -	Medallion Dies	6 10 -
Treasurer	3 6	Typewriter	6 10 -
Accumulations A/c	<u>17 5 3</u>	Fees O/S - Victoria	3 3 -
		<u>£46 9 9</u>	Cash at Bank	<u>30 6 9</u>
					<u>£46 9 9</u>

We have audited the books of account for the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union for the period 1st December, 1937, to 29th February, 1940. We report that, subject to the matters stated in the attached letter, in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Union's affairs according to the information and explanation given us and as shown by the books of account.

R. P. HEATHWOOD, A.I.C.A.,

G. CARRUTHERS, A.I.C.A.

Honorary Auditors.