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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

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Presented to delegates of affiliated Associations at the Twenty-sixth Conference, held at the Y.W.C.A., 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, Victoria on Wednesday 17th March at 7.30 p.m. and Thursday 18th March, 1976 at 7 p.m.

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Ladies,

In presenting our Annual Report we again endeavour to give a continuity of news and progress over the past year to maintain "family" concept of our sport.

Although now long established in Australia, our sport will always remain young by virtue of our continued flexible approach to our task and adjustment to each new era.

We must, however, never forget to think for ourselves, look objectively at new ideas and ask "what can they do for us?"

The inclusion of the names of our Union President, Mabel Robinson in the 1975 Queen's Birthday Honours' List and Union Vice President and Victorian Association President Joyce Davis in the 1976 New Years Honours' List was indeed pleasing.

It is a tribute to the long term of service to our sport and to the community that each received the award of an M.D.E. decoration. Sincere congratulations!

Whilst the 1974-75 season was disappointing it has been compensated by the tremendous improvement in standards this season which auger well for a strong representation at the Montreal Olympic Games. Our best wishes and optimistic hopes will accompany our team and Manager, Shirley de la Hunty, M.D.E., to Canada.

REGISTRATIONS

We are pleased to report an increase in registrations for this season in all States except Western Australia.

Tasmania, our smallest State in area is to be commended in recording this Union's largest increase in registrations.

State	Senior	Junior	Sub-Junior	Officials	Totals	
New South Wales	227	446	1261	336	1974/5	1975/6
Queensland	42	103	313	75	2264	2270
South Australia	83	92	145	87	490	533
Tasmania	24	80	280	80	402	407
Victoria	250	362	856	307	411	464
Western Australia	52	75	155	95	1771	1775
					<u>416</u>	<u>377</u>
					<u>5754</u>	<u>5026</u>

CONFERENCE

The Twenty-fifth Conference of the Union was held at the National Hotel, Brisbane, Queensland on March 6th and 7th, 1975, presided over by the President, Mrs. M. Robinson.

Office bearers and Committees appointed at Conference are listed on the inside front cover of this Report.

Constituent Associations were represented by the following delegates:-

New South Wales	Mesdames D. Magee, MDE., F. Wrighter, DEM.,
Queensland	Mesdames J. Donwick, D. Spittles
South Australia	Mesdames W. Ey, C. Woolley,
Tasmania	Mesdames M. Ebzery, D. Frawley
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Western Australia	Mesdames G. Chester, V. Hancock

Life Members Mrs. M. Cahill, Miss N. Gould DEM. (Hon. Treasurer), Miss L. Neville, (Hon. Statistic Officer).

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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Annual Track and Field Championships of Australia were held at Lang Park, Brisbane, Queensland on 6th, 8th and 9th March, 1975.

RESULTS

Open Championships.

Pentathlon	E. Nixon (Qld) 3941 pts; S. Scott (Vic) 3833; L. Parr (NSW) 3795; M. Taylor (WA) 3764; P. Dallard (NSW) 3482; M. Trezise (Vic) 3427;
100 Metres:	D. Robertson (Qld) 11.5s; D. Jordan (Qld) 11.7; R. Doak (NSW) 11.8; E. Murray (Vic) 11.8; G. Dell (Vic) 11.9; H. Wright (Q-AC) 12.1;

- 200 Metres: D. Robertson (Qld) 23.3; M. Sargent (NSW) 23.0;
R. Doak (NSW) 23.9; C. Nail (WA) 24.1; E. Murray
(Vic) 24.3; T. Wangman (Vic) 24.3;
- 400 Metres: C. Rendina (Vic) 53.6; D. Nail (WA) 53.7; J. Canty
(Vic) 54.4; M. Sargent (NSW) 54.8; M. Fisher (Vic)
55.2; A. Scarffe (Qld) 57.0;
- 800 Metres: C. Rendina (Vic) 2:05.1; P. Lazarakis (WA) 2:06.0;
A. Cook (NSW) 2:07.2; M. Seritelli (Vic) 2:07.2;
J. Hart (SA) 2:10.1; D. Stevens (Qld) 2:10.5;
- 1500 Metres: A. Cook (NSW) 4:26.6; P. Lazarakis (WA) 4:26.6;
L. Dickley (Vic) 4:36.2; D. Stevens (Qld) 4:37.2;
A. Wrench (Vic) 4:46.5; J. Carter (Qld) 4:55.0
- 3000 Metres: A. Cook (NSW) 10:07.2; A. Herding (NSW-AC) 10:30.8;
R. Mahoney (Vic) 10:49.0; G. Harris (Qld) 11:15.4;
- 100 Metres Hurdles: G. Dell (Vic) 13.4; S. Moir (Vic) 14.1; L. Young
(WA) 14.4; C. Boswell (SA) 14.6; C. de Vlelger (NSW)
14.6; E. Hindle (WA) 15.3;
- 200 Metres Hurdles: G. Dell (Vic) 26.7; C. Boswell (SA) 27.8; E. Hindle
(WA) 28.2; S. Scott (Vic) 28.3; L. Young (WA) 28.6;
- 400 Metres Hurdles: L. Young (WA) 60.7; C. de Vlelger (NSW) 61.4;
E. Hindle (WA) 63.1; R. Ward (NSW) 63.4;
- 3000 Metres Walk: A. Pembroke (NSW) 14:49.2; D. Wilkins (NSW)
15:23.0; J. Davies (Vic) 15:41.4; R. Thompson (NSW-
AC) 16:01.8; J. Trigwell (WA) 16:15.0; M. Poyner
(SA) 16:42.2;
- 4x100 Metres Relay: Queensland 45.7; Victoria 45.9; Western Australia
47.7; New South Wales 51.2;
- 4x400 Metres Relay: Victoria 3:40.9; Queensland 3:45.2;
New South Wales 3:56.0;
- High Jump: R. Parke (Vic) 1.74; C. Jamieson (NSW) 1.72;
C. Annison (WA) 1.68; D. McCawley (NSW) 1.65;
D. Oye (SA) 1.60; Y. Craig (NSW) 1.60;
- Long Jump: E. Nixon (Qld) 6.23; E. Hindle (WA) 6.15; S. New
(NSW) 6.06; M. Taylor (WA) 6.03; S. Scott (Vic)
5.02; L. Farr (NSW) 5.72;
- Discus: A. Laurens (Vic) 40.96; D. Ashford (NSW) 40.20;
S. Cullely (NSW) 47.98; C. Schultz (Vic) 44.44;
A. Vitols (Vic) 41.90; L. Torso (NSW) 41.66;

Javelins: C. Hunt (Vic) ~~50.00~~ ^{51.90}; P. Rivers (Vic) ~~51.90~~ ^{52.41};
 J. Wojdanowska (NSW) 47.54; P. Mathews (Vic) 47.80; A. Dacic (Vic) 42.95; M. Phillips (NSW) 42.50;

Shot Put: A. Laurens (Vic) 13.98; C. Schultz (Vic) 13.72;
 A. Vitols (Vic) 13.20; L. Torso (NSW) 12.95;
 S. Dansie (SA) 12.42; J. Wojdanowska (NSW) 11.60;

The Doris Mulcahy Shield for Open Point Score - won by
 Victoria

Junior Championships:

Pentathlon: K. Dritton (NSW) 3659 pts; G. Saunders (Qld) 3630;
 C. Annison (WA) 3526; R. Maclean (Qld) 3149.

100 Metres: L. Evans (Qld) 12.1; H. Edwards (Qld) 12.2;
 N. Jones (Qld) 12.3; G. Hoare (NSW) 12.3;
 J. Stewart (NSW) 12.3; L. Torris (NSW) 12.4;

200 Metres: L. Evans (Qld) 25.0; H. Edwards (Qld) 25.3;
 J. Haines (NSW-AG) 25.9; H. Grogan (Vic) 26.0;
 C. Deazley (WA) 26.0; O. Munn (Qld) 26.1;

400 Metres: H. Grogan (Vic) 55.6; C. Wrench (Vic) 56.3;
 C. Hiltzay (NSW) 57.3; K. Bird (Vic) 57.4;
 N. Jones (Qld) 58.1; J. Whittle (Qld) 58.3;

800 Metres: P. Gray (Tas) 2:08.8; J. Dempsey (Qld) 2:10.9;
 M. Murray (NSW) 2:11.5; J. Moon (WA) 2:11.6;
 S. Garretty (NSW) 2:13.1; J. Whittle (Qld) 2:15.4;

1500 Metres: S. Garretty (NSW) 4:31.5; P. Gray (Tas) 4:31.8;
 L. Dickley (Vic) 4:36.0; G. Poyner (SA) 4:37.4;
 J. Dempsey (Qld) 4:43.1; J. Windred (NSW) 4:43.5;

100 Metres Hurdles: K. Dritton (NSW) 14.3; H. Lean (Vic) 14.8;
 G. Saunders (Qld) 15.0; D. Jackson (Vic) 15.6;

200 Metres Hurdles: H. Lean (Vic) 29.0; K. Dritton (NSW) 29.0;
 G. Saunders (Qld) 29.4; D. Jackson (Vic) 29.5;
 J. Smith (NSW) 29.6;

1500 Metres Walk: B. Wilkins (NSW) 7:00.2; J. Davies (Vic) 7:13.4;
 S. Orr (Vic) 7:15.4; R. Thompson (NSW) 7:38.0;
 K. O'Brien (SA) 7:39.5; M. Poyner (SA) 8:02.7;

4 x 100 Metres Relay: Victoria 47.6; Queensland 47.9; Tasmania 48.2;
 New South Wales 48.2;

High Jump: D. McCawley (NSW) 1.67; C. Annison (WA) 1.67;
 C. Sharp (Vic) 1.63; S. Hatter (SA) 1.63;
 D. Oye (SA) 1.57; T. McRae (NSW) 1.57;

- Long Jump: E. Kinny (NSW) 5.78; G. Saunders (Qld) 5.73;
 J. Fraser (Qld) 5.71; L. Chuck (NSW) 5.59;
 L. Drwcer (Qld) 5.43;
- Discus: A. Vitols (Vic) 41.94; G. Henderson (Qld) 41.30;
 H. Hartnig (NSW) 38.54; S. Barnes (Vic) 37.70;
 C. Fuller (NSW) 34.60; D. Goodall (Qld) 33.44;
- Javelin: P. Mathews (Vic) 43.06; A. Dacic (Vic) 44.24;
 T. Wrenn (WA) 43.46; P. Uowett (Vic) 41.52;
 J. Achurch (Qld) 39.52; G. Gordon (NSW) 37.10;
- Shot Put: A. Vitols (Vic) 13.18; J. Gordon (Tas) 12.11;
 G. Henderson (Qld) 11.90; S. Philbey (Qld) 11.44;
 D. Thygeson (Qld) 11.09; C. Fuller (NSW) 10.76;

The Doris Magee Shield for Junior Point Score: won by Victoria.

INTERNATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION
MOROCCO, MARCH 16th, 1975

Once again I was very honoured to be selected to captain an Australian team. We all met in Sydney and flew to Rome where we stayed overnight. On arrival in Rome the men's captain, Rob McDonald, and I met with Senor Barra, the President of the Italian Athletic Federation to discuss arrangements for us to compete in the Italian Championships. It was arranged for the four girls to travel to Verona by train with one of the members of the Federation, who incidentally didn't speak English at all. We were met in Verona and taken to our hotel. Expenses for the 4 days were taken care of by the Italian Federation. We competed in the Championships at San Martino. Elizabeth Richards was 7th, Maureen Cutler 8th, Lynne Tennant 10th and Lavinia Petric 11th. We all received a small trophy of which we were very proud.

We stayed in Rome for the rest of the week and flew to Casablanca on Sunday. Two nights were spent there and then on to Rabat by bus. The Cross Country course was at the Hippodrome el Sulssi. It was flat and fast with a sandy base. There were two "obstacles" across the centre of the course. One was a ramp, the other was a ditch about 12 ins. wide. On the course proper they erected a narrow hurdle about 2 feet high along the finishing straight. Thirteen countries were represented and about 80 girls started in the race which was won by Julie Brown from U.S.A. Australian girls placed 44, 45, 49 and 53 and finished 11th in the teams race which was also won by U.S.A.

At the presentation of trophies we did not see any athletes receive awards at all. All members of the I.A.A.F. Committee received a souvenir/trophy and all team managers.

The results were only available to team managers and Mr. Garruthers said that he would arrange for his to be copied.

The trip on the whole was successful in spite of many difficulties which we were able to overcome. One of these being the language. Fortunately one of two of us could understand French and we managed to make ourselves understood.

Two things which came from the managers' meeting. One was a recommendation to include a race for Junior girls from 14-17 years. No distance was decided upon. In 1976 the I.C.C. will be held at Chepstow Race Course, Wales on February 28th. There is a strong possibility that should Australia and New Zealand send teams, they would be able to arrange billets for team members.

I would strongly recommend that Australia continues to participate in this event. If it is not possible to send a team then perhaps 1 or 2 individuals could go. The standard is very high but not beyond Australia and if the girls are given the incentive to compete in this event then more will be striving for selection and accordingly the standard within Australia will improve.

I would like to thank the Selectors once again and hope that my experience gained will be passed on through Cross-Country competition in Australia.

Lavinia J. Petrie
(Captain)

AUSTRALIAN CROSS COUNTRY, ROAD WALKS AND ROAD RELAY
CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Cross Country Championships were held at Kings Park, Perth on Saturday August 16th and the Road Walking and Road Relay Championships on Sunday, August 17th, 1975 at Kewdale, Perth, Western Australia.

RESULTS

5000 Metres Open Cross Country:- D. Stanford (NSW) 18:51.6s;
M. Butler (SA) 18:59.0s; E. Richards (NSW) 19:02.0s; L. Petrie
(V) 19:10.2s; S. Fraser (V) 19:17.0s; D. Carr (V) 19:21.0s;
R. Dell (NSW) 19:37.0s; H. Tabrett (Q) 19:50.0s; D. Downie (NSW)
21:39.0s; G. Garfoot (Q) 22:00.0s; E. Hindle (WA) 22:05.0s;
S. Urquhart (WA) 22:33.0; C. Judge (WA, Ind) 22:45.0; A. Stingemore
(WA) 23:09.0; R. Langford (WA) 25:19.0s;

Mirror Newspaper Shield for teams event - won by New South Wales.

3,000 Metres Junior Cross Country:- J. Penton (WA) 10:49.0s;
 J. Moon (WA) 10:50.0s; J. Dempsey (Q) 10:52.0s; L. Dickley
 (V) 11:06.0s; J. Duhn (NSW) 11:08.0s; G. Poyner (SA) 11:10.0s;
 F. Reid (NSW) 11:12.0s; M. Poyner (SA) 11:15.0s; J. Windred
 (NSW) 11:18.0s; R. Taylor (V) 11:20.0s; M. Dossler (V) 11:32.0s;
 J. Gillett (SA) 11:46.0s; L. Bourne (WA) 11:48.0s; J. Straney
 (NSW-Ind) 12:16.0s; C. Vincent (NSW) 12:22.0s;

Nell Gould Shield for teams event - won by Western Australia.

1,500 Metres Sub-Junior Cross Country:- J. McFadzean (V)
 4:50.3s; G. Clews (WA) 4:56.7; F. Griffin (V) 4:59.6s; L. Cox
 (NSW) 5:04.4s; G. Edmunds (V) 5:05.0s; K. Atkins (SA) 5:07.0s;
 M. Tracy (WA) 5:08.0s; K. Robinson (WA-Ind) 5:10.0s; S. McBride
 (WA) 5:13.0s; R. Inwood (Q) 5:14.0s; D. Wright (NSW) 5:14.0s;
 J. Divito (SA) 5:18.0s; J. Walsh (WA) 5:20.0s; S. Terranova
 (NSW) 5:21.0s;

Stella McMinn Shield for teams event - won by Victoria.

5000 Metres Open Road Walk:- L. Harpur (SA) 25:59.0s;
 D. Wilkins (NSW) 27:15.2s; R. Thompson (NSW) 27:30.6s;
 J. Trigwell (WA) 28:20.0s; S. Trigwell (WA) 28:27.0s; F. Burke
 (NSW) 29:20.0s; T. Hannay (WA) 29:52.0s; A. Moore (WA) 31:24.0s;

Lillian Neville Shield for teams event:- won by New South Wales.

3000 Metres Junior Road Walk:- D. Wilkins (NSW) 15:23.4s;
 T. Trigwell (WA) 15:31.6s; J. Davies (V-Ind) 15:56.6s;
 T. Hannay (WA) 15:58.0s; L. Dodd (NSW) 16:26.0s; F. Burke (NSW-
 Ind) 16:31.0s; S. Trigwell (WA) 16:47.0s; K. O'Brien (SA)
 17:03.0s; A. Moore (WA) 17:07.0s; L. Hall (WA-Ind) 17:42.0s;
 D. Downie (NSW-Ind) 17:47.0s; M. Collins (WA-Ind) 19:16.0s;

Mabel Robinson Shield for teams event - won by Western Australia.

3 x 3000 Metres Open Road Relay - Victoria (D. Carr, L. Petrie,
 S. Fraser) 31:41.0s; New South Wales (R. Bell, D. Stanford,
 E. Richards) 32:15.2s; Queensland (G. Garfoot, H. Tabrett,
 J. Dempsey) 32:59.4s; South Australia (S. Divito, C. Williamson,
 M. Butler) 34:13.4s; Western Australia (A. Stingemore,
 S. Urganhart, E. Hindle) 37:14.6s;

Joan Beretta Memorial Shield - won by Victoria

2 x 2000 Metres Junior Road Relay - Victoria (M. Dossler,
 R. Taylor, L. Dickley) 20:02.6s; New South Wales (F. Reid,
 J. Windred, J. Duhn) 20:16.0s; South Australia (J. Fillett,
 M. Poyner, G. Poyner) 20:28.6s; Western Australia (J. Penton,
 E. Smith, J. Moon) 21:17.6s;

Dorothy Spittles Shield - won by Victoria

3 x 1000 Metres Sub-Junior Road Relay - Victoria (G. Edmunds, J. McFadzean, F. Griffin) 9:22.4s; Western Australia (G. Clews, M. Tracy, J. Walsh) 9:35.0s; New South Wales (D. Wright, R. McCarthy, S. Terranova) 9:41.6s; South Australia (K. Hillier, J. Poyner, K. Atkins) 10:00.6s; Queensland (R. Inwood, S. Kemp, S. Dambrick) 10:22.0s;

Mary Chambers Memorial Shield - won by Victoria.

3rd WOMEN'S ROAD MINI MARATHON - GUAYANILLA, PUERTO RICO
1st NOVEMBER, 1975

Departed Sydney on time P.A. 812 Tuesday 20th October, 1975
Via Honolulu - Los Angeles - Puerto Rico San Juan - Ponce - by car
to Guayanilla.

After a very warm welcome at Ponce Airport we travelled by
car to Guayanilla Village to stay with a family.

Weather was very humid and hot. The day of the Race,
celebrations started with music and singing in the streets at
4.30 am. A Parade at 10.00am. The Race started at 2.00 pm in
very humid and hot conditions with a partly cloudy sky.

Road was good, gradual up hill on the way out, returned down
hill on the way back.

The Race was very well organized, Trophies for the first 10
places. 11 Countries, about 30 Internationals, 60 competitors,
ran the 10 Km.

Results: 1: Canada, 36:46:05; 2: Hungary; 3: U.S.A.;
4: Australia, 5: U.S.A.

Australia - Elizabeth Richards 4th 38:18:07s; Maureen
Butler 12th 41:20.00s;

A very enjoyable trip with a friendly atmosphere with all
the competitors.

Elizabeth Richards.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

In an endeavour to give top athletes stronger competition, a
'Major A' grade was added to the usual Interclub competition.
The top 12 in track and top 6 in field events competed in this
grade each week. In addition, 5 Twilight Meetings were arranged
for them on the Hensley Athletic Field Tartan track, and they were
also invited to compete in Twilight Meetings held by the N.S.W.
Men's Association.

Whilst assisting the top group we have also been mindful of the many young athletes who strive hard and also really enjoy the Sport. In addition to the Sports Ground competition of 7 grades, a further 5 lower grades were conducted on 4 suburban grounds, and it is on these suburban grounds that the beginning of future champions can be seen.

The Winter cross country competition was conducted as usual but, unfortunately, there were a few wet Saturdays. Our athletes performed well in the Australian Cross Country/ Road Walking Championships, and sincere thanks are given to the Western Australian Association for the courtesies extended to the New South Wales team.

We have expanded greatly in country areas, and 6 new clubs have affiliated. With 6 Country Branches, Inter-Branch competition was conducted, with the Finals of the competition being held in Canberra. There are now 44 clubs in country areas.

Our Association has for many years conducted both theory and practical examinations for technical officials, and on completion of both examinations a Certificate is given. Members of the Examination Board travel to the country areas to conduct the practical examinations and this greatly assists the country clubs, and is appreciated by them.

The Schoolgirls Championships were again well patronised, over 1200 entries being received.

We commend the Queensland Association on the successful running of the 1975 Championships, and send our Best Wishes to the Victorian Association for a very happy and successful 1976 Championship Meeting.

Flo Wrighter
Honorary Secretary.

QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Last July, during the winter months, the Q.W.A.A.A. Council after some deliberation decided that their Interclub Competition for the 1975-76 would be combined with the Queensland Amateur Athletic Association on the new tartan track at Mount Gravatt, provided that the most important facilities were available to the women athletes.

Several meetings were held and a number of problems were ironed out to our satisfaction, but there are still many more arisen to which as yet no solution has been reached, although most things are running smoothly so far.

Although the decision to move to Mount Gravatt would allow the athletes the best track facilities to compete on, it meant that the younger groups would have to compete in the mornings from 10.00 am and the older groups in the afternoon, and officials would have to be there all day, making a long day every week, with not much chance to fraternise with the youngsters or their parents, as was the case at Downey Park.

Many fine performances have already been made on the new track, with an Australian Open record equalled.

The total registration for 1975-76 was: - 42 Seniors, 103 Juniors; 313 Sub-Junior and 75 officials (533). Three new Clubs have affiliated, two Metropolitan (Mitchelton; Pine Rivers) and one Country (Queens Beach at Downey), but the Gold Coast did not re-affiliate and the Toowoomba Club will be disbanded by the end of the season, to join Garden City Club in the same area.

The North Queensland Championships were conducted by the Slade Point Club, with the 1976 Titles going to Mount Isa and the Copper City Club.

The Country Championships were held at Townsville and the 1976 Titles go to Garden City, Toowoomba, at Easter.

Cross Country was once again conducted and many new venues were made by the Clubs interested. The Schoolgirls Cross Country held at Marchant Park instead of St. Lucia drew a record 300 entries and seem to be more and more popular with the Schools.

Schoolgirl Track and Field Entries keep increasing and events and age groups have to be re-organised for this year, when these Championships will be held on the Mount Gravatt Track.

Our own Track and Field Championships will also be conducted over two days on the new complex, and we are hoping for some really first class performances.

Just as the 1975-76 season was about to commence we were very upset to hear the news of the death of our Groundsman at Downey Park, Mr. Dave Ferris. To all of us he was "Downey Park".

Our President has been out of action for most of the season, and we look forward to her return to good health once again.

Queensland had the privilege of conducting the 1975 Australian Track and Field Games Championships at Lang Park, and the Results are included herein.

A Sub-Junior team of 16 will travel to Adelaide for the L.C. Mills Cup competition and the Cross Country Team will go to Adelaide also.

Congratulations are offered Western Australia on their conducting of the Cross Country 1975 and all best wishes are extended to the Victorian Women's Association for a very successful combined Championship Carnival.

Joyce Donwick
(Hon. Secretary)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Tartan Track laid during last Summer Season has naturally added attraction to South Australian competition, and although the increase in the number of athletes is not particularly noticeable, an aura of enthusiasm, markedly absent for several years, now pervades the scene. Several Interstate athletes who have run on the new track have been most enthusiastic.

During the year we have endeavoured to establish some rapport with the South Australian Little Athletics Association, and on two occasions meetings have been held at Executive level between the S.A.H.A.A., S.H.W.H.A.A. and S.A.L.A.A. Matters re competition and the introduction of young athletes to the Senior Associations have been discussed and at two of the Twilight Meetings held here during the Season events for Little Athletic groups have been included on the programme.

This has proved most successful and quite a number of our Juvenile registered members have come from Little Athletics groups established here during the past two or three years.

I noticed on reading through the Minutes of the Secretaries Conference 1975, that it was mentioned that South Australia had an electrical timing device. Unfortunately this is not yet in operation, as a fire in equipment during the Winter destroyed electric wiring, and although this is in the process of being repaired it has not yet reached the stage where our timing equipment can be fully installed.

To date our own athletes are having a most successful season, due no doubt to the new Track, and several of the South Australian Residential Records have been bettered during Interclub competition.

Noreen Shepherd
(Honorary Secretary.)

TASMANIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The 1975/76 athletic season suffered many set backs in Hobart, firstly the North Hobart Oval was not available for the whole season, and school ovals had to be used, which proved very unsatisfactory, and it was not until late in December, that a permanent ground was established.

Interclub had to be held mostly on Sunday afternoons and the set programme could not be conducted. Complications arose as some members did not believe in participating in organised sport on Sundays.

The collapse of the Tasman Bridge made travelling conditions for the Eastern Shore Clubs, parents and officials very difficult and caused a decline in numbers.

Three new clubs have affiliated with the Association, but one club in the South has gone into recess through the lack of interest of parents to hold office positions.

Intra-State competition has been very keen, and it is noted that the sub-junior ranks have grown considerably since the introduction of the Sub-Junior Match.

Through the lack of Government Funds, the new Athletic Centre at Hobart has been delayed, but it is hopeful that the Track will be ready for use, either late February or early March, of this year.

The 1976/77 season should be an incentive to all athletes, for the first time ever, athletics in Tasmania will have their own centre, and a synthetic track, which will comply with International standards.

The sum of \$105,000 has been granted by the Federal Government for the erection of essential amenities for administration, participants and spectators. On the completion of these amenities, and the Track, with its ideal position on the Domain, I am sure that every Tasmanian who has contributed towards this very long awaited project will be very proud to share with our athletes and officials, a dream which at long last has come to fruition.

Our Association regrets that owing to circumstances beyond their control, they were unable to proceed with the organisation of the 1976 Combined Men and Women's Track and Field Championships, but we are most grateful to Victoria for their ever ready and willing assistance to hold these Championships, even though their time for preparation would be considerably lessened.

A team of seven girls representing our State, will take part in the Sub-Junior Match to be held in Adelaide during the long week-end in January.

Congratulations to our President, Mrs. Mabel Robinson, who was honoured with the M.D.E. Award, and is also a member of the office staff of the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

To our Manager of the 1976 Montreal Olympics Women's Athletic Team, Mrs. Shirley De la Hunty, we offer our congratulations and wish her every success with the Team.

In conclusion our best wishes are extended, to South Australia for the conducting of the Sub-Junior Match, and to Victoria for the Combined Men & Women's Track and Field Championships.

Hevis Ebzery
(Hon. Secretary)

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

We are privileged to introduce our report with congratulations to two of our members namely - Madames, Mabel Robinson and Joyce Davis, both of whom received the award of M.D.E. in the Birthday and New Year Honours.

The 1975/76 athletic season commenced with the trend of previous years, winter competition, Cross Country, Road Relays and Road Walks. We again report the success of same, due in no small measure to the dedication of our Officials who not only brave the vagaries of Melbourne weather but are keen to present the events in the highest manner, planning competition to maintain the interest of all participants.

Inter Club competition is really the backbone of the Association. Our competition is conducted on two grounds, Royal Park West and Aberfeldie Park with the clubs divided between the grounds. We continue with the format of girls graded in events according to their ability. It is a general opinion with our members that this type of competition is conducive to better standards in all events.

There is no marked increase in our membership despite the enthusiastic efforts of our Development Committee. The decrease in country membership is disturbing, to create more interest, Country Centers were established in new areas, however, unfortunately, this did not bring the success we had hoped for.

We look forward to our Annual Match with South Australia for the West End Shield, which will be held over the A.N.A. holiday week end. Our Sub Junior team will visit Adelaide for the Sub Junior Interstate Match for the L.C. Mills Shield.

We congratulate the West Australia Association on the conduct of the 1975 Australian Cross Country, Road Relays and Road Walks. We record our appreciation for their hospitality to our team.

Six years have elapsed since the National Track and Field Championships for women have been held in Melbourne. The 1976 Championships which will be combined with the A.A.U. of A. will be given added impetus due to the fact that this is

Olympic Games Year, when all athletes will be striving to give their best with the hope of selection.

We hope all visiting athletes, officials and friends will enjoy their visit to our city, more importantly, first class competition will prevail and further enhance track and field athletics in Australia.

Maisie McQuiston
(Honorary Secretary)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

For the first time we had the honour of conducting the Australian Cross Country, Road Walking & Road Relay Championships in Western Australia. We were delighted to welcome teams from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

A very happy climax to the promotion of Cross Country running within our State, particularly over the past three years by a dedicated group of officials.

It is regretted that our membership shows a decline. Metropolitan numbers are still very encouraging, especially in the Sub Junior age group. The decline is within the country clubs. South West A.A.A. has reached an all time ebb of only two clubs. Over the recent years the South West A.A.A. was acknowledged as strong Little Athletic area.

Registrations of Sports Officials has increased. Previous years our Sports Officials were elected un-opposed to various duties. The growth of our Association was indicated, this season, when for the first time it was necessary to conduct an election by ballot. Likewise, the competition committee is showing the depth of experienced officials.

During the 1974-75 Season, One hundred State Records were created. The overall performances by our State Team members at the 1975 Australian Track & Field Championships was most gratifying.

The decision taken three years ago by our Association, to manage and conduct our own athletic meetings has proven advantageous to all our members.

Track and Field State Championships will be conducted in February.

A State Team of nine members will compete at Adelaide for the 2nd Interstate Sub Junior Match. Our best wishes to South Australian W.A.A.A. for a successful meeting.

Our congratulations to Mrs. Shirley de la Hunty upon her appointment as Manager-Woman - 1976 Olympic Games.

Our congratulations to Mrs. Habel Robinson, upon the Queen's Honour Award - M.D.E.

We extend our very best wishes to the V.W.A.A.A. for a happy and successful combined Australian Championships.

Our sincere sympathy to the Officers and Members of the Q.W.A.A.A. in the sad loss of their President, Mrs. Y. Lanyon-Owen.

Val Hancock
(Hon. Secretary).

AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

The following records have been approved by the Records Committee, for submission for confirmation to the Union's Conference, 1976.

JUNIOR:

1500 Metres	4m31.4s	Lois Dickley (Vic)	4. 2.75	Melbourne
1500 Metres	4m31.2s	Sue Garretty (NSW)	5. 4.75	Brisbane
400 Metres Hurdles	1m06.9s	Elizabeth Dale (NSW)	15.11.75	Sydney
400 Metres Hurdles	1m06.6s	Susan Sambrallo (WA)	29.11.75	Perth
High Jump	1.78m	Christine Annison (WA)	8.11.75	Perth
High Jump	1.80m	Christine Annison (WA)	3. 1.76	Perth

SUB-JUNIOR BEST ON RECORD

100 Metres	11.3s	Deborah Wells (NSW)	29. 5.61	Sydney 4.1.76
200 Metres	23.9s	Deborah Wells (NSW)	29. 5.61	Melbourne 14.12.75
1500 Metres	4m30.9s	Linda Cox (NSW)	10.10.62	Sydney 14. 1.76
3000 Metres	10m17.1s	Anne Harding (NSW)	21. 2.61	Sydney 4. 2.75
400 Metres Hurdles	1m06.6s	Susan Sambrallo (WA)	30.11.60	Perth 29.11.75

Val Hancock
Recorder

VALE

We are sad to report the passing of Yvonne Lanyon-Owen, President Queensland W.A.A.A. and former Vice-President of this Union. Also Mr. W. McQuiston, Husband of Victorian W.A.A.A.A. Honorary Secretary, Mavis McQuiston.

The sincere sympathy of our members is extended to their families and to other members who have also suffered such a sad loss during the past year.

APPRECIATION

We again express sincere thanks to the support we have received from our officers, committee members and many friends throughout the year.

In particular, we thank Mr. George Carruthers, who has acted as Honorary Auditor of the Union for close on forty years.

We are also most appreciative of the help given by our Legal Adviser, Mr. P. Opas, Q.C. We thank Mr. Lee Morrison, Secretary Amateur Athletic Union of Australia for his continued amicable and co-operative association with our Union.

We are again indebted to Mrs. Flo Wrighter for her invaluable help with the duplicating of minutes and various other matters this year.

Miss Mary Dreen again assisted considerably with the collation of material for the Almanac. Her help is greatly appreciated.

CONCLUSION

After a period of over forty years of substantial success both in administration and standards achieved by our athletes, the decision this year to hold combined Australian Track and Field championships on a basis of equal status is gratifying.

We are aware that discrimination against women still exists and will not be eliminated until the law of all countries provides parity for them with men in the exercise of civil, social, political and sporting rights.

We look forward, in the future to the continued amicable liaison with the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia, with mutual primary objective, the promotion of athletics in Australia.

On behalf of the Australian
Women's Amateur Athletic Union
Doris I. Magee
Honorary Secretary.

ADDENDUM

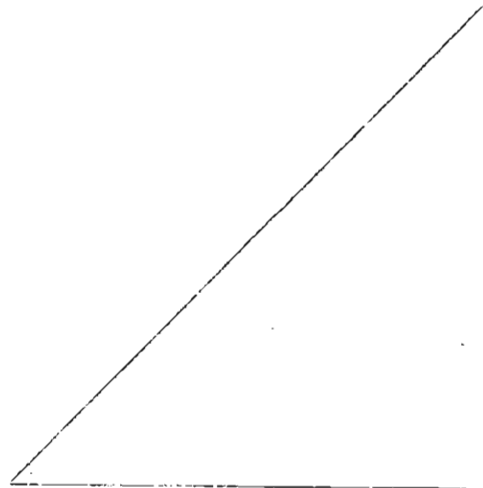
This has been a very busy and at times a frustrating year for our secretary and the forthcoming Olympic Games will see an increase in the work load of the Union. It is essential, if we are to continue representation on the Women's Commission to which we are entitled because of Australia's standing among the top countries of the world, that our member attend the Conference in Montreal. The necessary preparations for this will also take up some of Mrs. Magee's time so I appeal to all State Secretaries to bear in mind that their prompt attention to requests will assist tremendously.

I express sincere thanks to our Secretary, Mrs. Magee, Treasurer, Miss Gould, and all members of the Executive and Sub-committees for their continued efforts to retain, with tolerance and understanding, our Independence. Let up hope that our Union will continue to function for many years to come.

Mabel Robinson
President.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDING
15th February, 1976

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	\$	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance as at 31st January, 1975	1293.40	<u>AAU of A</u>	
Affiliations	140.00	Handbooks	362.15
Levies - Addit. Vic. 1975	9.80	Scorers	18.70
- 1976 Qld	106.60	Affiliations	179.96
- Tas	92.80	Cables	<u>6.54</u>
- Vic	355.00	Postages & Petty Cash	89.61
- N.S.W.	454.00	Printing & Stationery	9.38
- S.A.	81.40	Trunks & Phonograms	473.29
- W.A.	<u>75.40</u>	Levy Transfer to Teams' Account	587.50
	1175.00	<u>Conference Expenses</u>	
Forms & Handbooks	440.65	Annual Reports	20.00
<u>Australian Government Grants</u>		Conference Room	63.00
Australian Cross Country & S. Junior	6127.00	Agendas	14.00
Australian Track & Field	6772.00	Luncheon	45.00
Administration " " "	<u>699.00</u>	Minutes	<u>14.85</u>
	13598.00	<u>Government Grants</u>	156.85
ACC TV Rights T & F	300.00	<u>Cross Country & S. Junior</u>	
Interest on Investment	700.00	NSW	1612.00
Australian Championship Promotions	501.65	Vic	1442.00
Bank Interest	20.48	S.A.	833.00
Profit 1975 Aust. T & F. Championships	132.60	W.A.	769.00
Sale of Union Histories	5.00	Qld	842.00
		Tas	<u>629.00</u>
			6127.00



\$18,306.78

Australian Track & Field

NSW	1207.00	
Vic	1953.00	
Tas	482.00	
S.A.	933.00	
W.A.	2197.00	6772.00
Administration T & F	QWAAWA	366.80
Bank Interest		1.00
Flowers		10.00
Filing Cabinet		29.65
Cheque Book		4.00
Freight		3.68
Travelling Expenses		341.80
Engraving Shields		6.90
QWAAA - TV Rights		300.00
Honorariums		700.00
Balance at Bank as at		
15th February, 1975	1759.97	

\$18,306.78

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNIONSAVINGS ACCOUNT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance as at 31/1/75	1297.33	Balance Carried Forward	1297.75
Bank Interest	52.42		<u>1297.75</u>
	<u>\$1297.75</u>		

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS' FUND

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance as at 31/1/75	1998.86	CC Team Morocco	600.00
Bank Interest	52.70	Balance carried forward	2099.06
Levies	587.50		<u>2099.06</u>
	<u>\$2639.06</u>		

BALANCE SHEET

as at
15th February, 1976

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
International Teams' Fund	9039.06	Investments -	
Futurian Press	25.50	Alliance Holdings	7000.00
Accumulated Funds	3107.72	Medallion Dies	70.00
		<u>Commonwealth Bank</u>	
		Trading	1759.97
		Savings	1297.75
		General A/c	
		Inter. teams Fund	2039.06
		Filing Cabinet less Deprec.	25.50
			<u>5096.78</u>
	<u>\$12192.28</u>		<u>\$12192.28</u>

N. Gould -
H.G. Carruthers, F.A.S.A.
Date: 18th February, 1976

Honorary Treasurer
Honorary Auditor