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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

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Presented to delegates of affiliated Associations at the Twenty-seventh Conference, held in the Conference Room of the N.S.W. Leagues' Club, 165 Phillip Street, Sydney, N.S.W., on Thursday, 3rd March at 7.30 p.m. and Friday, 4th March, 1977 at 9.30 a.m.

It is the Twenty-Sixth

Ladies,

Our Twenty-seventh Annual Report and Financial Statement is presented for your consideration.

The achievements of our athletes over the year are listed in the following pages.

Equally important, at administrative level, the situation was amicably resolved at a joint meeting between the two Australian Unions at Melbourne last January, following some years of unnecessary pin-prickings in respect to "amalgamation" on the part of various State Associations.

It appears almost certain that a standing committee of the two Unions, to be known as the Australian Amateur Athletic Board, will be appointed to formulate policy for the development of Amateur Athletics in Australia.

The Board will meet annually, or more often if required and submit reports and recommendations to the respective Unions forthwith, after its meeting.

Each affiliated Association shall elect one member to the Board and a Chairman shall be elected from its members who shall only exercise a deliberative vote.

It is interesting to record in 1977 that the equality of men and women was clearly stated in the Bible, Galatians, 3-28-
"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one —".

Our acceptance on an equal basis is gratifying and undoubtedly we will contribute with renewed enthusiasm to aid the development of our sport in Australia.

REGISTRATIONS

We are pleased to report an increase in registrations for the current season in all States except Tasmania, which, however, still maintains its fourth place in overall registrations.

State	Senior	Junior	Sub-Junior	Officials	Totals	
					1975/6	1976/77
New South Wales	298	531	1508	446	2270	2663
Queensland	58	143	422	99	533	722
South Australia	76	87	163	92	407	418
Tasmania	31	75	264	70	464	441
Victoria	315	464	914	307	1775	2000
Western Australia	56	110	149	96	377	408
					<u>5826</u>	<u>6655</u>

CONFERENCE

The Twenty-sixth Conference of the Union was held at the Y.W.C.A., 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, Victoria on March 17th and 18th, 1976, presided over by the President, Mrs. M. Robinson, M.D.E.

Offite bearers and Committees elected at the Conference are listed on the inside front cover.

Constituent Associations were represented by the following delegates:-

New South Wales	Mesdames D. Magee, M.D.E., F. Wrighter, D.E.M.
Queensland	Mesdames J. Donwick, D. Spittles
South Australia	Mesdames W. Ey, N. Shepherd
Tasmania	Mesdames M. Ebzery, D. Frawley
Victoria	Mesdames M. McQuiston, D.E.M., E. Scott,
Western Australia	Mesdames V. Hancock, J. Harris.
Vice President	Mrs. J. Davis
Life Members	Mrs. M. Cahill, Misses, G. Dull, N. Gould, DEM (Hon. Treasurer) and L. Neville (Hon. Statistics Officer).

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - MELBOURNE 1976

The combined men's and women's Track and Field Championships were held for the second time in 43 years - the last time being at Perth in 1972. The Championships, held at Olympic Park from March 18 to 21, were an outstanding success.

ORGANIZATION

The organization of the Championships was the responsibility of the Executive Committee of the Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association and the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association. Much time and thought was necessary in the planning of the Titles. The

combined Victorian State Titles were held a short time prior to the Nationals; this was a good dress rehearsal for the Australian Championships and several alterations were made to improve the presentation of this major competition.

SPONSORSHIP:

The Commonwealth Banking Corporation sponsored the Championships and we are most grateful for this support. They provided headed typing paper, competition numbers, folders and posters for advertising. Several satchels were supplied to Interstate Delegates. They organized a Cocktail Party for the Press. Our respective Associations compiled a folder for each Press representative. This contained information regarding all teams - where accommodated, Manager's name together with personnel and performances of the top athletes in each team. This pre-arrival information was much appreciated.

The Bank was responsible for a further Cocktail Party for the announcement of the Athletic Team to represent at the Montreal Olympic Games.

PUBLICITY:

We are of the firm opinion that the Press Cocktail Party was, in many ways, responsible for the excellent Press before and during the events. Action pictures appeared in the Press daily and we thank all members of the media for their support.

TEAMS:

All teams were met on arrival, introduced to their liaison officers and presented with a box of fruit. Training was available at Olympic Park and Yarra Park. A meeting of Team Managers was held at the Amateur Sports Club. There, Arena and Technical Managers gave details of the forthcoming four days of competition.

COMPETITION:

Mrs. Mabel Robinson, M.D.E., President of the Women's Union declared the Championships open on the Thursday morning. The contribution of our women athletes to the Championships played a great part in their success. Added excitement to the Meet was the knowledge, by all athletes, that this would be the last opportunity to perform before the Australian Selection Committee panel.

We pay a warm tribute to our Interstate girls, who, together with our own State representatives, were responsible for one Commonwealth, Fifteen Australian, and thirty-two Victorian records. This must be an outstanding achievement

In the history of women's athletics in Australia.

Yes! Our girls certainly played their part in what has been claimed a 'great Championship'.

The President of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia, Mr. C.R. Aitken, C.D.E., accompanied by our President, Mabel Robinson, welcomed the Governor-General of Australia, Sir John Kerr, K.C.M.G., K.St.J., Q.C., and Lady Kerr to the Championships on the Saturday afternoon.

OFFICIALS:

The Officials Committee of each Association selected Officials for the four days of competition. They worked throughout the Championships on a 50/50 basis. Many compliments were received for the highly efficient manner in which they carried out their duties.

GENERAL:

Complete results of each days events were available to State Secretaries, Team Managers and members of the Australian Selection Committee.

Light refreshments were provided for Officials throughout each day. We will always be grateful to those Officials who worked 'behind the scenes'.

Mrs. Robinson presented the Doris Mulcahy Shield to Victoria - most wins Open Championships; Doris Magee Shield to Queensland - most wins Junior Championships.

We record our appreciation to all States for their co-operation throughout the Championships.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If combined Championships are to be held in the future, we feel it is necessary to review the 'Order of Events'. The printed programme was compiled by the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia. We suggest if this is to be the pattern in the future, programmes designate Record Holders at the heading of each event.

We feel more 'colour' can be introduced to the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. It was surprising the number of people who expressed their disappointment because the 'girls did not march'.

Maisie McQuiston,
Hon. Secretary, V.W.A.A.A.

REPORT OF WOMEN'S TEAM - OLYMPIC GAMES 1976

After a rather long and tiring trip, we arrived at the village shortly after midnight and finally into our quarters by about 2.00 am. Our apartment was good compared with some of the other rooms but still quite crowded for the tense moments that built up during competition.

The lack of privacy was the major inconvenience, as most athletes prefer to be alone while competing under pressure. There were four bedrooms shared by two and three people, and three of the girls had to sleep in the lounge which was also the T.V. and Kitchen area. Two toilets and showers amongst thirteen women was hardly enough and often there was a queue up.

The security in the village was to be commended and although some may have thought it was overdone, the thought of Munich's tragedy made them realise the necessity for their strictness.

The food was excellent and one could hardly say they went hungry as the cafeteria was open 24 hours with fresh salads, fruit and hot meals always available.

The pre-games meetings in Canada were successful but without European entries the competition was dominated by Australians who desperately needed the races.

Considering Australia was out of season with the rest of the world, most athletes performed above themselves, and those who didn't were not to be disgraced, for three meetings since March is hardly enough competition to peak for an Olympic Games.

The Team called a meeting with the Manager, Manageress, and Coaches to discuss the future of Australian Track and Field, this report will be forwarded to the Union by the Manager, Graeme Briggs.

The team was not the happiest of teams that I have been a member of, but I feel our living conditions could have been the reason for some of the incidents that arose.

In conclusion I thank the selectors for electing me as Captain; indeed a great honour.

Charlene Rendina
Team Captain.

RESULTS

<u>DOYLE, Raelene</u>	1st - 100m heat	11.39s
	2nd - round 2	11.29
	3rd - Semi-Final	11.22
	4th - Final	11.23 (winner 11.08s)
	1st - 200 heat	23.12s
	1st - round 2	22.97
	Disqualified - Semi-final	(winner 22.37s)
	5th - 4 x 100m relay	43.18 (winner 42.55s)
<u>BURNARD Verna</u>	2nd - 400m heat	52.1s
	3rd - round 2	51.79
	6th - Semi-Final	51.79
	4th - 4 x 400m relay	3m25.56s (winner 3m19.23s world record)
<u>GARTY, Judith</u>	6th - 400m heat	52.6s (winner 49.29 world record)
	4th - 4 x 400m relay	3m25.56s
<u>DELL, Gaye</u>	5th - 100m hurdles heat	13.68 (winner 12.77s)
<u>HUNT, Christine</u>	Javelin Throw	- fouled in three attempts to qualify
<u>MAIL, Bethanie</u>	4th - 400m heat	52.09s
	3rd - round 2	51.71
	5th - semi-final	51.44s (winner 49.29 World record)
	4th - 4 x 400m relay	3m25.56s
<u>POLLOCK, Judy</u>	2nd - 800m heat	2m0.66s
	5th - semi-final	1m59.93 (Australian International record)(winner 1m54.94s World record)
	7th - 1500m heat	4m14.22s (winner 4m05.48s)
<u>RENDINA, Charlene</u>	2nd - 800 m. heat	2m01.76s
	5th - Semi-final	2m0.29s (winner 1m54.94s world record)
	4th - 4 x 400m. Relay	3m25.56s
<u>ROBERTSON, Denise</u>	5th - 100m heat	11.50s
	6th - round 2	11.56 (winner 11.00s)
	2nd - 200m heat	23.23s
	3rd - round 2	23.12
	3rd - Semi-final	22.91
	7th - final	23.05 (winner 22.37s)
	5th - 4 x 100m relay	43.18s
<u>WANGMAN, Terri</u>	4 x 400m relay	(did not compete)
<u>WELLS, Deborah</u>	4th - 100m heat	11.47s
	5th - round 2	11.51 (winner 11.08s)
	3rd - 200m heat	23.78
	5th - round 2	23.65 (winner 23.37s)
	5th - 4 x 100m relay	43.18s

WILSON, Barbara 5th - 4 x 100m relay 43.10s

AUSTRALIAN CROSS COUNTRY, ROAD WALKS AND ROAD RELAYS
CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships were conducted at Carisbrooke Reserve on Saturday August 21st and at The Levels, Pooraka South Australia on Sunday, August 22nd, 1976.

RESULTS

5000 METRES OPEN CROSS-COUNTRY: G. Clews (WA) 17:56s;
L. Tennant (Vic) 18:08s; R. Bell (NSW) 18:08s; J. Moon (WA) 18:25s; E. Richards (NSW) 18:30s; N. Butler (SA) 18:36s;
L. Bickley (Vic) 18:44s; D. Stanford (NSW) 18:48s; D. Huxley (Vic) 19:00s; R. Thompson (SA) 19:40s;

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

3000 METRES JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY: R. Taylor (Vic) 10:37s;
A. Lord (Vic) 10:39s; M. Desser (Vic) 10:40s; J. Poyner (SA) 10:51s; J. Green (Qld) 10:55s; T. McDonnell (SA) 11:02s;
J. Penton (WA) 11:05s; C. Freund (SA) 11:06s; C. Williamson (SA) 11:17s; J. Durton (NSW) 11:23s;

Nell Gould Shield for teams event - won by Victoria.

1500 METRES SUB-JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY: L. Cox (NSW) 4:58s;
S. Grayson (WA) 5:00s; K. Hillier (SA) 5:01s; N. Budd (NSW) 5:05s; J. Deer (SA) 5:13s; A. Reeve (NSW) 5:13s; G. Edmonds (Vic) 5:17s; M. Reddish (WA) 5:19s; S. Kemp (Qld) 5:20s; A. Curry (Vic) 5:20s;

Stella McMinn Shield for teams event - won by New South Wales.

5000 METRES OPEN ROAD WALK: L. Harpur (SA) 24:25s; S. Orr (Vic) 25:05s; R. Thompson (NSW) 25:54s; J. Whimpey (Vic) 26:14s;
S. Melene (NSW) 26:27s; L. Barralet (Qld) 26:35s; K. Schultz (SA) 27:46s; T. Shepherd (NSW) 28:02s; F. Burke (NSW-Ind) 28:02s; J. Rankine (Vic) 28:34s;

Lillian Neville Shield for teams event - won by Victoria

3000 METRES JUNIOR ROAD WALK: R. Thompson (NSW) 14:05s;
K. Neville (Vic) 14:10s; S. Pierson (Vic) 14:41s; A. Miller (Vic) 15:00s; T. Hannan (WA) 15:42s; F. Burke (NSW) 15:48s;
J. Barkla (SA) 16:10s; M. Maher (WA-Ind) 16:27s; S. Turley (SA) 17:08s; L. Castle (SA) 17:17s;

Mabel Robinson Shield for teams event - won by Victoria

3 x 3000 METRES OPEN ROAD RELAY; Victoria (L. Tennant, L. Bickley, D. Huxley) 30:37s; New South Wales (R. Bell, B. Stanford, E. Richards) 30:50s; South Australia (M. Butler, C. Williamson, G. Freund) 31:36s; Western Australia (M. Tracy, M. Harris, G. Clews) 32:32s; Queensland (- Garfoot, R. Inwood, C. Hill) 59:22s;

Joan Beretta Memorial Shield - won by Victoria.

3 x 2000 METRES JUNIOR ROAD RELAY - Victoria (R. Taylor, A. Dossier, M. Lord) 19:08s; South Australia (J. Poyner, L. McLoughlin, J. Gillett) 20:01s; New South Wales (J. Burton, W. Uren, J. Windred) 20:11s; Western Australia (J. Walsh, K. Robinson, J. Penton) 20:29s; Queensland (J. Green, J. Minter, - Wilson) 20:49s.

Dorothy Spittles Shield - won by Victoria

3 x 1000 METRES SUB-JUNIOR ROAD RELAY - New South Wales (A. Reeve, L. Cox, N. Dudd) 9:04s; South Australia (K. Hillier, J. Deer, - Brokenshire) 9:07s; Victoria (A. Curry, J. Dannick, K. Wilkinson) 9:20s; Queensland (S. Kemp, S. Starkey, S. Bambrick) 9:34s; Western Australia (M. Tracy, M. Reddish, S. Grayson) 9:30s.

Mary Chambers Memorial Shield - won by New South Wales.

4th WOMEN'S ROAD MINI-MARATHON - GUYANILLA, PUERTO RICO.

21st November, 1976.

The Mini-marathon (10,000 metres) was held in sunny, very hot conditions with a temperature of 90°F.

Fifteen nations were represented with a total of sixty competitors.

Gaylene Clews of Australia suffered heat exhaustion and collapsed some 3,000 metres before the finish. Several other competitors were similarly effected and withdrew from the race.

Christa Vahlensieck of West Germany who won the event is the holder of the world's best time on record for the 10,000 metres.

Results;

Christa Vahlensieck	West Germany	35:47:31s
Elizabeth Richards	Australia	37:00:67s
Cindy Pour	U.S.A.	37:46:59s
Peggy Neppel	U.S.A.	37:47:07s
Manuela Angenwoorth	West Germany	39:13:08s
Ilena Hocking	Puerto Rico	39:36:59s

AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

The following records have been approved by the Records Committee, for submission for confirmation to the Union's Conference, 1977.

OPEN,

400 Metres Hurdles	57.2s	Marian Fisher (Vic)	19.3.76	Melbourne
1500 Metres	1m59.0s	Charlene Rendina (Vic)	28.2.76	Melbourne
3000 Metres	9m20.4s	Angela Cook (NSW)	26.2.76	Sydney
3000 Metres	9m27.6s	Irene Cook (Vic)	19.3.76	Melbourne
Pentathlon	4026 pts	Glynis Saunders (Qld)	3.1.77	Brisbane

Australian International Record

800 Metres 1m59.93s Judy Pollock 7.76 Montreal

JUNIOR,

400 Metres Hurdles	61.4s	Jennifer Stewart (NSW)	19.3.76	Melbourne
400 Metres Hurdles	60.5s	Glynis Saunders (Qld)	27.11.76	Brisbane
800 Metres	2m07.5s	Penelope Gray (Tas)	18.3.76	Melbourne
800 Metres	2m06.2s	Penelope Gray (Tas)	20.3.76	Melbourne
1500 Metres	4m25.4s	Penelope Gray (Tas)	21.3.76	Melbourne
4 x 100m Relay	46.3s	New South Wales Team (J. English, J. Haines, J. Stewart, D. Wells)	20.3.76	Melbourne
4 x 400m Relay	3m50.3s	Garden City W.A.A.C. (M. Mackereth, J. Grace, J.A. Bradford, G. Saunders)	20.11.76	Brisbane

SUB-JUNIOR BEST ON RECORD

400 Metres	56.5s	Michelle Mackereth (Qld)	18.3.76	Brisbane
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Flo Wrighter
Recorder

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The 1976/77 year started with the usual winter cross country competition which was conducted during the months of May, June and July on five different courses. The attendance of athletes was very good, and the officials are to be complimented on the running of this competition under cold and wet conditions.

Interclub competition was again conducted in Grades. The "Major A" grade was retained with the selected athletes having the choice of competing in Major A or in a lower grade for their club. Surprisingly the majority of topliners preferred to compete for their Club, and this reduced the standard of our Major A grade.

In addition to the Sports Ground, Interclub competition was held on five suburban grounds, two of these being combined with the Men. The idea of suburban grounds, so that competition can be taken to the athletes, is a good one but it is sometimes difficult to get a sufficient number of clubs on the ground to make the competition interesting for the athletes.

As the Government is anxious that any submissions for assistance should be channelled through one body, the formation of an Athletic Board is in progress in our State. The Board would discuss the development, sponsorship and Government assistance for athletes, with each Association retaining its own autonomy.

With members of the N.S.W. Men's Association, we conducted week-end visits to many country areas to give instruction to club officials on administration and each section of track and field. The country people are most anxious to gain all the knowledge that they can, and their enthusiasm was clearly shown by the number of questions asked.

The Coaching Clinics which have been sponsored by the Shell Company for so many years were again conducted. These are always well received and well attended by country officials and athletes, and the athletes benefit greatly from the personal coaching of topline coaches whilst the officials learn a lot about coaching that they can pass on.

Registrations have increased, and in addition to the 2663 members listed in the A.W.A.A. Union Report we have 352 juveniles under 11 years, making a total of 3015 members. We also have 31 male technical officials. At present we have 20 city clubs and 42 country clubs. Our 5 Branches provide interclub competition for the country clubs.

To the South Australian W.A.A.A. - congratulations on the very successful running of the 1976 Australian Cross-Country/Road Walks/Road Relay Championships, and sincere thanks for the hospitality extended to our team members, this is very much appreciated.

We welcome the visiting officers and athletes from other States to our City, and hope that they will enjoy the 1977 Australian Track & Field Championships.

Flo Wrighter
Honorary Secretary.

QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Firstly we must say congratulations to the three women athletes who were chosen for the Montreal Olympics. Denise Robertson who ran herself into the 200 metres final and was a member of the Australian 4 x 100 metres Relay team which also made the final. Barbara Wilson was also a relay member, and Susan Jowett, who is a registered Queensland athlete, but was chosen for the Country of her birth, New Zealand. We are really proud to have had these three athletes in Montreal, and we are becoming really optimistic, with the talent which we have at present, that further women athletes will be chosen in future Australian Teams.

Cross-Country both on a State and School level has been really successful, and the comradeship and competition which it provided augurs well for the next winter competition.

Schoolgirls Track and Field entries are still increasing, and this season's events were held at the Mount Gravatt complex. Many more young athletes were recruited, due mainly to the aftermath of Olympic Games fever. This happens most Olympic or Commonwealth Games years.

An overall registration of 722 athletes and Officials has been a delight to our Council members. During the season 58 Seniors; 143 Juniors; 422 Sub-Juniors and 99 Officials have been registered in Metropolitan and Country areas.

The annual Sub-Junior Interstate Match has proved a great incentive to the youngsters and maybe it could become a Championship meeting at a later time.

Queensland is still conducting its graded Interclub competition and we feel that this competition is proving to most of our younger athletes, that the better competition does improve their own standard of performances. It is likely that some of the higher grades will be raised to cope with the ever improving performances of some of the youngsters.

With the staging of the Sydney Games and a team being invited to New Zealand in January, the Melbourne Games to be held in February, Australian Championships and an Australian v New Zealand, our athletes will be able to get more vital competition with overseas stars.

This season our own State titles will not be held until after the Australian Championships in Sydney. This was unavoidable with the combined competition at Mount Gravatt.

Congratulations are offered to New South Wales for a successful Track and Field Championships and for the coming Cross Country in August. Best of luck to your Association.

Joyce Donwick
Hon. Secretary

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

More athletes particularly those in the younger age groups are developing interest in Cross Country running. Most of the Sub-Junior girls involved appear to have come from districts where Little Athletics members are encouraged to join senior clubs for winter running.

The Cross Country Championships, hosted by South Australia in 1976 were most successful, although as usual "the rains came" and made competition unpleasant for the Relay and Walking athletes.

Secondary Schoolgirls Championships held in April last year and Primary Schoolgirls Championships held in October are proving a most successful venture with up to 1,000 children competing at each fixture, some of them travelling quite remarkable distances for the day, and apparently enjoying every minute of it. The Commonwealth Banking Corporation continue to sponsor the presentation medallions to all placegetters in events at both Championships.

During the recent school holidays a Junior Coaching Clinic, sponsored by the State Government Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport, and conducted by Officials from our Association was held in Port Lincoln. It was well attended by young athletes from surrounding districts, and arrangements are already in hand for further clinics to be conducted in other country centres.

Our system of grading individual athletes has resulted in keen competition at all Interclub Meetings, and although the numbers of registered members has increased only slightly over the past year, we feel that there is a trend towards a greater interest in athletics in general. Many records have been achieved in all age groups during the Summer Season.

It was most gratifying for an athlete from South Australia, Miss Verna Burnard, to be included in the selection for the Australian Olympic Team.

We extend our congratulations to the Victorian Women's Association for the able manner in which they conducted the 1976 Australian Championships, and the more recent All Australian Sub-Junior Match.

Mureen Shepherd
Hon. Secretary

REPORT TASMANIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Twenty-five years ago our Secretary (Mrs. Mavis Ebzery) re-formed Women's Athletics in Tasmania. To mark the occasion and to show their esteem and appreciation of her untiring and conscientious work during this period a presentation was made on behalf of all Clubs of an inscribed silver Coffee Service and tray. The Northern Clubs presented Mrs. Ebzery with an inscribed silver and crystal savoury set (dish and tray) for the help and encouragement she had extended to them over the years.

The early part of this season in the south has been marred with frustration and disappointment due to the unseasonable weather and lack of grounds for training and Inter Club competition, but athletes and officials have rallied around and made the best of the difficult conditions.

Saturday 8th January, 1977 saw the fulfilment of long deferred hopes and plans when we at last competed on the long awaited chevron track.

Cross Country races were held for the first time since 1973 and proved quite successful. The season opened on 6th June, and twelve runs were conducted culminating in State Championships held on 12th September at Sandy Bay.

We would like to compliment the Victorian W.A.A.A. for the part they played in conducting the Combined 1976 Australian Track and Field Championships, and South Australian W.A.A.A., for staging the Sub-Junior Match.

We extend our best wishes to New South Wales W.A.A.A., for a most successful Track and Field Championship and the Victorian W.A.A.A., for a successful Sub-Junior Match.

M. Ebzery
Hon. Secretary

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

It is pleasing to report the increase in Metropolitan membership; however, despite two new Country Clubs and the many miles travelled by our Development Committee, our Country membership is down.

The Cross Country season was most successful and there is an enthusiastic approach to Road Walking during the Winter months.

Several of our top athletes have retired or are overseas. This is a challenge to our younger athletes to fill their places.

Our Schoolgirls' Championships, usually held at the commencement of the track season will not be held until after the Nationals. Several schools in Victoria have introduced athletics in first term; thus, we thought it a good idea to follow. However, at the request of several schools and Clubs, we shall revert back to again holding these Championships at the beginning of the season.

The Inter Club season, up to this point, has been marred by inclement weather which made it necessary to cancel two Saturdays.

We have enjoyed a happy liaison with the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association and we will share the Melbourne Games, to be held at Olympic Park on February 2/3, 1977.

We congratulate the South Australian Association on the successful 1976 Australian Cross Country, Road Relay and Road Walk Championships and convey our thanks for their kind hospitality.

Our Annual Track and Field Match with South Australia will be held on January 31, 1977 in Adelaide.

The Annual Sub-Junior Inter-State Match will be held at Aberfeldie Athletic Field on January 29/30. We look forward to welcoming the young teams to Melbourne.

We send our best wishes to New South Wales Association for a happy and successful 1977 Championships.

Maisie McQuiston
Hon. Secretary

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The 1976 Cross Country season was very successful, with an increase in the number of athletes competing at the weekly fixtures. Schoolgirls' Cross Country Championships and Cross Country Relay Championships are extremely popular. Our athletes performed well in the Australian Cross Country Championships and sincere thanks extended to the South Australian Association, for the wonderful hospitality extended to our Team.

We were honoured to have Bethanie Nail selected for the Olympic Games in Montreal who performed brilliantly. Mrs. Shirley de la Hunty's appointment as Assistant-Manager Women to the Australian Team. Gayelene Clews, a schoolgirl, for her outstanding performance to win the Open 5000 metres Cross-Country title at the Australian Cross Country Championships, which gained her selection to compete at Puerto Rico.

Our Association has expanded within the Metropolitan area - two new clubs have affiliated. The South West regional area of our State, which showed a very strong decrease in clubs last year, has not regained very much strength during this season. The country club of Albany is growing rapidly and is producing many outstanding athletes. The interest in the Geraldton area is being fostered and the formation of a club next season could eventuate.

Registrations have a slight increase. It is pleasing to note, that we have successfully held our Sub Junior members to flow on into the Junior ranks. We contribute this factor to the introduction of the new points scoring system, which operated last season. The aim was to encourage participation, which in turn has created a deeper depth in the overall performances of our members. This was evident, when our girls were awarded second placing in the Doris Mulcahy Shield, at the 1976 Australian Championship - a feat not achieved since 1962.

Our Sub-Junior team of 10 athletes compete at Melbourne in several weeks time. We wish the Victorian Association a very successful sub Junior Match.

Interclub competition, under the Management of our Association continues to grow within a happy atmosphere, created by our Sports Officials and Athletes. Each week we receive tremendous press coverage and we are proud to record that our press reporters hold us in high esteem and we are grateful for the excellent liaison with the Press.

Early February, a Twilight Meeting will be conducted in conjunction with the W.A.A.A.A. Denise Robertson and Varne Durnard have accepted our invitation to compete at the meeting to be held on 9th February. We extend our appreciation to T.A.A. who will sponsor these athletes to Perth.

State Championships will be conducted at the Joint Championship Meeting with the W.A.A.A.A. Last year a joint competition committee was formed - three appointed representatives from each of the two State Association - and the aim of this committee is to promote the management and control of joint Championship Meetings. Various side issues from time to time are ironed out, however if Committees within the structure of the State Bodies, will allow the joint competition committee to inherit responsibilities, the strength of this joint committee could establish stronger liaison and co-operation between both Associations in our State.

Our Association now operates from an office, situated on the 3rd floor, Sir Thomas Meagher Pavilion, Perry Lakes Stadium. The office area is leased through the Community Recreation Council of W.A. Point worthy to record - the three State Athletic Associations all have individual office area on the 3rd floor.

October was indeed an exciting month - Dunlop Aviation Division selected our Long Jump site, at the Warm-Up Track, Perry Lakes, to lay the first test strip of Rubtan 106 in Australia, for experimental purposes. We await the experts opinion to ascertain the durability of this synthetic surface. We desperately need a synthetic track in our State.

Our Association would like to offer their best wishes and wish the Pacific Games Committee, every success for the conducting of the Pacific Conference Games, Canberra, 1977.

We convey to the New South Wales Association our sincere best wishes for a happy and successful 1977 Australian Track and Field Championships.

Val Hancock
Hon. Secretary

IN APPRECIATION

We thank our many friends throughout Australia - supporters, sponsors and media who have contributed to our continued progress over the past year.

Thank you also, Mr. G. Carruthers, who for over forty years has acted as our Honorary Auditor and Mr. P. Opas, Q.C. for his help as Honorary Legal Adviser.

We are indebted to Mrs. Flo Wrighter, who has assisted on numerous occasions with our duplicating, Mrs. Beth Holden for her invaluable help with Conference Minutes and Miss Mary Breen for aid in producing the Almanac.

My personal thanks to our President, Mrs. Mabel Robinson, Mr. Ron Aitken and Mr. Lee Morrison, president of the A.A.U. of A. and Secretary respectively, also to this Union's Committee members and State Secretaries for the help which has been so generously given throughout the past year.

CONCLUSION

This year promises to be a particularly busy one with the Australia v New Zealand match in March, followed by the Jaques Coeur Relais in France, the World Cup at Dusseldorf and culminating in Selection Trials and the Pacific Conference Games at Canberra.

I close with an interesting quote:- "YOUTH - A youth is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. She is going to sit where you are sitting, and, when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on her. All your works are going to be judged, praised or condemned by her. The fate of humanity is in her hands. So it might be well to pay her some attention."

BUT - where is she?

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

ADDENDUM

This has been another year of anxiety for the fate of our Union with the continued threat of a "take-over" by the A.A.U. It would appear that the reason given for the amalgamation, that is, ease of administration, is barely sufficient to bring about the disappearance of our Union. The proposed Australian Amateur Athletics Board with equal representation appears to be a compromise but could be of a temporary nature only. We must consider ourselves extremely fortunate in having in our Secretary, a person whose experience and ability enables her to handle our affairs with her usual tact and diplomacy.

My thanks go to our Treasurer and all those who devote their spare time to the promotion of women's athletics in Australia. May they continue to do so for many years to come.

Mabel Robinson
President

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDING 1st FEBRUARY, 1977

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance at 15 February 1976	1759.97	<u>A.A.U. of Australia</u>	141.45
<u>Affiliations:</u>		Affiliation	8.80
1976/77	100.00	Printing & Stationery	
1977/78	40.00	Postages & Petty Cash	
<u>Levies:</u>		Trunk Calls & Phonograms	150.25
1976 Vic.	6.80	Conference Expenses:	81.76
1977 Vic	400.00	Annual Report	97.94
Old	144.40	Agendas	719.79
Ias	88.20	Annual Report	16.00
N.S.W.	532.60	Agendas	17.00
S.A.	83.60	Honorariums	33.00
W.A.	82.20	Union & Life Members Badges	700.00
Forms & Handbooks	1337.30	Travel & Accommodation:	94.61
Dadges	98.40	I.A.A.F. Member -	
Interest:	1.50	Montreal	1527.26
on Investment		Oceania delegate	565.00
current bank A/c	775.59	Union Conference	82.40
Conference travel substdy	63.78	Special Conf. Meib.	300.25
Profit Australian Championships	899.37	Less Contributions	2474.91
for 1976	115.00	received	600.00
Less 2/3 V.M.A.A.A.		Copying Machine	150.00
Transfer from Savings Account	1736.78	Teams A/c Transfer (50% levy)	68.90
	1000.00		4571.16
	<u>\$7030.90</u>	Balance at Bank 1st Feb. 1977	2459.74
			<u>\$7030.90</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance as at 15/2/76	1297.75	Transfer to cheque Account	1000.00
Bank Interest	42.39	Balance C/forward	340.14
	<u>\$1340.14</u>		<u>\$1340.14</u>

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS' FUND

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance as at 15/2/76	2039.06	Hospital Exp. M. Dutler (Los Angeles)	69.65
Bank Interest	59.48	Balance C/forward	2697.79
1976/77 Levies	668.90		
	<u>\$2767.44</u>		<u>\$2767.44</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 1st FEBRUARY, 1977

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
International Teams Fund	997.79	Investment- Alliance Holdings	7000.00
Futurian Press	45.50	Medallion Dies	20.00
State Travel Allocation	115.00	Filing Cabinet & Copier Less Deprec	143.00
Affiliation fees in Advance	40.00	<u>Commonwealth Bank</u> Trading	
Accumulated Funds Balance Feb		Bank	2459.74
1976	3107.72	Savings Bank G/A	340.14
Surplus		Int. Teams Fund	2697.79
1977	373.56		5497.67
	3481.28		
Less transfer to Team Fund	668.90		
	2812.38		
	<u>\$12710.67</u>		<u>\$12710.67</u>

N. Gould - Honorary Treasurer

H.G. Carruthers, F.A.S.A. - Honorary Auditor.

Date: 10th February, 1977.