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OF THE 1986 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE GAZEBO RAMADA HOTEL,

ELIZABETH BAY, NEW SOUTH WALES

ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 30TH & 31ST AUGUST, 1986

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association  
Queensland Athletic Association  
Victorian Athletic Association  
Athletic Association of South Australia  
Athletic Association of Western Australia  
Amateur Athletic Association of Tasmania  
Australian Capital Territory Athletic Association  
Northern Territory Athletic Association

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Australian Track & Field Coaches Association  
Australian Universities Sports Association  
Australian Association of Veterans' Athletic Clubs  
Australian Little Athletics Union  
Australian Athletic Confederation

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Elected by AAU of A)		(Elected by AWAU)	
Hugh R. Weir, CBE	1957	Miss Gwen Bull, BEM	1962
C. Ronald Aitken, CBE	1965	Miss Nell Gould, BEM	1962
Arthur J. Hodsdon, MBE	1965	Mrs. Doris Magee, AM, MBE	1962
Norman G. Hutton	1965	Miss Lillian Neville	1962
Leonard B. Curnow, OBE	1968	Mrs. Mavis Ebzery, OAM	1967
Robert E. Graham, OBE	1968	Mrs. Maisie McQuiston, BEM	1971
George Soper	1969	+ Mrs. Margaret Cahill	1972
F. Theo Treacy, OBE	1969	Mrs. Mabel Robinson, MBE	1973
C. Herbert Gardiner	1974	Mrs. Joyce Bonwick	1978
		H. George Carruthers, MBE	1977

(Elected by AAU)

Thomas C. Blue, BEM 1980

Clive D. Lee 1984

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION INC.

Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting of the Union held at the Gazebo Ramada Hotel, 2 Elizabeth Bay Road, Elizabeth Bay, New South Wales on Saturday and Sunday, 30th & 31st August, 1986 commencing at 10.30am.

First Session	-	Saturday, August 30	-	10.30am to 1.00pm
Second Session	-	Saturday, August 30	-	2.00pm to 5.10pm
Third Session	-	Sunday, August 31	-	9.00am to 1.00pm
Fourth Session	-	Sunday, August 31	-	1.50pm to 2.28pm

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES:

Officers: President - G.T. Briggs, AM, JP; Vice President - Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, OAM, BEM; Honorary Treasurer - Mrs. J. Cross; General Manager - R.W. Pannell.

Also present: Coaching Co-ordinator - F. McEwen; Competitions Manager - J. Lambert; Minute Secretary - Mrs. J. Brown.

Delegates: Queensland - J. Bailey, E.C. Bartholomeusz  
New South Wales - Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, OAM, BEM, C.D. Lee  
Australian Capital Territory - D.P. Wilson, P. Hamilton  
Victoria - Mrs. L. Downes, S.M.L. Guilfoyle  
Tasmania - N.J. Ruddock, R. Hood  
South Australia - Mrs. W. Ey, BEM, D. Prince  
Western Australia - P.R. Druitt, A. Marshall  
Northern Territory - Ms. A. Genders, N. Halligan  
Australian Track & Field Coaches Association - Ms. M. Mathews, AM  
Aust. Association of Veterans Athletic Clubs - Mrs. P. Smith  
Australian Universities Sports Association - Ms. S. Evans  
(Saturday only)  
Australian Little Athletics Union - M. Hastie, D. Blythe  
Australian Athletic Confederation - R. Austin (Saturday only)

Observers: A. Eustace (IAAF Council Member) (Saturday only), Mrs. M. Jackman (NZAAA), I. Rogers (SA) and G. Mason (Vic).

2. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

2.1 The President read the notice convening the meeting.

2.2 The President declared open the Annual General Meeting of the Union and extended a welcome to all members present, especially welcoming D. Prince (SA), A. Marshall (WA), A. Genders, N. Halligan (NT) and S. Evans (AUSA) to their first Meeting of the Union.

3. OBITUARY

The Meeting showed a mark of respect for Mr. Wal Shepherd, Mrs. Margaret Cahill, Mr. Bernie Cecins and Mr. Albert Bonwick all of whom had passed away since the last General Meeting and the President stated that all would be missed on the athletics scene for their contributions to the sport.

4. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

First may I welcome you all to the 1986 Annual Meeting of the Australian Athletic Union.

A welcome in particular to Mr. Arthur Eustace who is the IAAF Council Member for Oceania and who, I can assure you, represents our area most vigorously in that arena.

A welcome also to Marian Jackman who is here with us representing the New Zealand AAA.

It is not really New Zealand AAA's turn to attend our Meeting but the order has been reversed to enable our President, whoever he or she may be, to attend New Zealand's Centenary Celebrations next year.

I welcome also our Associate Members but I must mention with great delight Reg Austin from the Australian Athletic Confederation. To see a representative from that body represents an enormous step. I shall at some time during the Meeting invite each of you to address the Meeting, in the meantime please feel free to participate in our debate and discussions.

I trust this Meeting will be one of the most significant, if not the most significant, that we have had.

You have before you a Development Plan which has been prepared by Board Members and members of the staff. The paper is a culmination of many hours of discussion over a number of years. It is aimed at progressing this Union towards the Year 2000. The time has come, in my view, to make firm positive decisions as to how we are to reach that year. I would like to think that when we do make that milestone those of us who remain can look back and say that the 1986 Annual Meeting was where it all started positively. You as the elected delegates of our Member Associations must now take the bullet between your teeth and decide the direction in which the Union must go. Do you wish to remain a group comprising autonomous Member Associations and a number of other bodies all conducting the sport of athletics throughout this country or do you wish to see one integrated association conducting sport under the one umbrella and progressing as the one body. That is the challenge which faces us. We must make up our minds now, we must have our Member Associations and all the other bodies thinking nationally and positively.

The year ended 31 March 1986 was a great year for the Australian Athletic Union. The enormously successful organisation, conduct and presentation of World Cup IV in Canberra on October 4, 5 & 6, 1985 has raised tremendously the stature of the Union at the international level. We have saved World Cup and it is pleasing to note that it will be continued and will be held in Barcelona in 1989. Whilst it was not a financial success for the Union in that we did not profit thereby, nonetheless significant gains have been made as a result.

Coaching programmes have developed greatly under the stewardship of Fletcher McEwen and the Junior Development Commission with Margaret Mahony as its Chairman and Dale Horrobin as the staff member in charge under the generous sponsorship of the Australian Sugar Industry is now on a very firm footing. We are grateful for the sponsorship of the Australian Sugar Industry and we look forward to a continuance of our very good relationship with that body.

I should mention at this stage the performances of our teams at the World Junior Championships in Athens and at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. They were heartening indeed but we must not be complacent. They show that we have a very good nucleus of teams for the future, but we must remember the other levels of athletes also. Our sport caters for persons wishing to take part at whichever level they chose. That is, from recreational runner through to the gold medallist at a games or World Championships. We must not overlook any of those levels.

I ask you to take very seriously indeed, the remarks which will be made about our financial situation and I ask you to take positive steps to rectify that, looking at the matter from a national viewpoint and not from parochial interests.

I thank also the General Manager and his staff for a very good year and the members of the Board of Directors for their help and support.

I know that we will have a happy Meeting. I trust that it will be a fruitful one based always on a national outlook for the good of the sport as a whole remembering our responsibility to the community at large to ensure that our sport remains number one in the Olympics and one of the top sports in this country.

The President then read a letter from the Australian Sports Commission and stated that he hoped the meeting would be conducted with these thoughts in mind.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 1ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5.1 Add to Page 9, Minute 10:

10.1 Mr. Mel Hastie accepted the invitation on behalf of the Australian Little Athletics Union.

10.2 It was moved by Mr. S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded by Mr. C.D. Lee (NSW) that the Australian Athletic Confederation be invited to apply for Associate Membership of the Union.

The motion was carried.

5.2 It was resolved that subject to additional items 10.1 and 10.2 being included, the minutes of the 1985 Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.

5.3 It was agreed that the Minutes of this Annual Meeting should be published as soon as possible.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nil

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Appendix 1)

7.1 It was moved R. Pannell, seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that the report be received.

The motion was carried.

8. REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Appendix 2)

8.1 It was moved by the Treasurer, seconded by S. Guilfoyle (Vic) that the Statement of Accounts year ended 31st March, 1986 be received.

8.2 It was moved by D. Prince (SA), seconded by S. Guilfoyle (Vic) that G. Briggs, as Chairman together with the General Manager should examine the up-to-date accounts of the Union and report back through the normal channels.

The motion was carried.

8.3 It was noted that members should expect the levy to increase by the same rate as the CPI. i.e. 9.2% for year ended 31st March, 1986.

9. MOTIONS UPON NOTICE

9.1 It was moved C. Lee (NSW) seconded P. Drutt (WA) that the By-Laws of the Union appearing as Appendix 3 be adopted.

The motion was carried.

9.2 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that the General Rules as tabled be adopted and the queries as raised be referred to the Constitution Committee for further recommendation to the Board.

The motion was carried

9.3 It was moved by the Secretary, seconded by Mrs. P. Wrighter, OAM, BEM (NSW) that Minute 7.3.1 paragraph (e) "All athletes to be in State uniform from 1987 and thereafter" be rescinded.

The motion was lost.

9.4 It was moved by the Secretary, seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that as from the 1st April, 1987, the Australian Athletic Union allow non-registered people to enter championships".

9.4.1 An amendment was put by C. Lee (NSW), seconded by N. Ruddock (Tas) that the word "Australian" be inserted before the word "championships" and that the words "except the Schools Championships" be added after the word "championships".

9.4.1.1 The motion would then read:

"That as from the 1st April, 1987, the Australian Athletic Union allow non-registered people to enter Australian Championships, except the Schools Championships."

The amendment was carried.

The motion as amended was carried.

9.5 It was moved by the Treasurer, seconded by S. Guilfoyle (Vic) that the contribution by Member Associations to the Union administration from 1st April, 1989 be based on the percentage of population in the age group 15-34 resident in each State.

The motion was carried.,

9.6 It was moved by the Treasurer, seconded by S. Guilfoyle (Vic) that for 1986/87 this levy would be based on the percentage of registration as mentioned above and would progressively reach the population percentage by 1989.

9.6.1 An amendment was put by P. Druitt (WA), seconded A. Marshall (WA) that the progression be drawn out to 1991.

The amendment was lost.

The motion as put was carried.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, LIFE MEMBERS & MERIT AWARDS, TRUSTEES.

10.1 It was resolved that the scrutineers for the elections would be Mrs. J. Cross and Mr. J. Lambert.

10.1.1 The President stated that Australian Oceania Representatives to IAAF Committees should be co-opted to AAU Committees.

10.2 Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. J. Cross (Qld) was elected unopposed to the office of Honorary Treasurer.

10.3 Honorary Statistician: Mr. P. Jenés (Vic) was elected unopposed to the office of Honorary Statistician.

10.4 Board of Directors: (2 year period) Nominations were received for E. Bartholomeusz (Qld), P. Brebner (SA), Mrs. M. Ebzery OAM (Tas), Mrs. L. Downes (Vic), P.R. Druitt (WA), S.M.L. Guilfoyle (Vic), P.I. Hamilton (ACT), C.D. Lee (NSW), Mrs. M.L. Mahony (Vic), N.J. Ruddock (Tas) and Mrs. F.E. Wrighter OAM, BEM (NSW).

A ballot resulted in the following persons being elected to the Board of Directors: Messrs. P.I. Hamilton (ACT), C.D. Lee (NSW), Mesdames M.L. Mahony (Vic) and Mrs. F.E. Wrighter OAM, BEM (NSW)

Mrs. F.E. Wrighter OAM, BEM (NSW) was elected Vice President.

- 10.5 Officials Committee: Nominations were received for Mrs. M. Ebzery OAM (Tas), D. Ferrier (Vic), J. Forrest (Qld), Mrs. B. Pearl (SA), D.P. Wilson (ACT) Mrs. F.E. Wrighter OAM, BEM (NSW). Nominations were called and received from the floor for G. Tempest (WA), M. Simpson (NT).

All of the above were elected and Mrs. F.E. Wrighter OAM, BEM (NSW) was named Convenor.

The Executive to be Mrs. F. Wrighter, OAM, BEM (NSW), D. Wilson (ACT) and D. Ferrier (Vic).

- 10.6 Scoring Tables and Standards Committee: Nominations were received for R.J. Carter (SA), A. Launder (SA), R. McFadden (SA)

As new Law Section II (3) was adopted the above nominations lapsed and the Standards Committee consists of the following:

F. McEwen (National Coaching Co-ordinator)  
P. Jenes (Honorary Statistician)  
J. Lambert (Competitions Manager)

- 10.7 Selection Committee - Track & Field & Walks: Nominations were received for Mrs. L. Bartholomeusz (Qld), R.J. Carter (SA), B. Cook (ACT), P. Jenes (Vic), B. Roe (NSW).

The following were elected: P. Jenes (Vic) (Convenor), Mrs. L. Bartholomeusz (Qld), B. Roe (NSW).

- 10.8 Selection Committee - Road Running & Cross Country: Nominations were received for Mrs. W. Bain (Qld), J. Gilbert (ACT), B. Roe (NSW), Mrs. P. Turney (Vic), C. Wardlaw (Vic).

The following were elected: Mrs. P. Turney (Vic) (Convenor); B. Roe (NSW), C. Wardlaw (Vic).

- 10.9 Technical Committee: Nominations were received for R.C. Fritn AM (NSW), I. Galbraith (ACT), F.W. Napier OAM (WA), D. McL. Proudfoot (Vic), B. Turner (Qld).

The following were elected: R.C. Fritn, AM (NSW) (Convenor), I. Galbraith (ACT), F.W. Napier OAM (WA).

- 10.10 Records Committee: Miss R. Jenkins (Vic) (Chairperson), M.J. McLaughlin (Vic), G. Nicholls (Vic) were elected unopposed.



- 10.11 Constitution Committee: Nominations were received for R. Brandis, B. MacDermott, M. MacDermott (Qld) and B. Roe, P.W. Lucas, Mrs. F.E. Wrighter OAM, BEM (NSW).
- A ballot was held and Mrs. F.E. Wrighter OAM, BEM, B. Roe, P. Lucas (NSW) were elected. Mrs. F.E. Wrighter OAM, BEM was appointed Convenor.
- 10.12 Women's Committee: Nominations were received for Mrs. J. Cross (Qld), Mrs. W. Davidson (ACT), Mrs. W. Ey (SA), Mrs. M.L. Mahony (Vic). It was resolved to co-opt Ms. M. Mathews (Oceania representative on IAAF Women's Committee) to this Committee.
- A ballot resulted in the following persons being elected:  
Mrs. W. Ey (SA) (Convenor), Mrs. J.M. Cross (Qld), Mrs. M.L. Mahony (Vic).
- 10.13 Walking Committee: Nominations were received for J.D. Bailey (Qld), Mrs. J. Huxley (NSW), Miss M.J. Patterson (Vic), R.C. Smith (Vic), G. Talbot (SA).
- The following were elected: Mrs. J. Huxley (NSW) (Convenor), Miss M.J. Patterson (Vic), R.C. Smith (Vic).
- 10.14 Trustees: Nominations were received for: D.W. Jowett (Qld), D.P. Wilson (ACT). Further nominations were called from the floor and Mr. J. Bailey (Qld) opposed the fact that these nominations were called.
- It was moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded J. Bailey (Qld) that the Trustees for the R.W. Clarke Foundation and Alf Robinson Foundation be D.W. Jowett (Qld), D.P. Wilson (ACT).
- The motion was carried.
- 10.14.1 It was moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded N. Halligan (NT) that the matter of nomination and appointment of Trustees of the Union be referred to the Board for recommendation to the next Annual General Meeting.
- The motion was carried.
- 10.15 Merit Award: Nominations were received for E. Bartholomeusz (Qld) and Miss M.J. Patterson (Vic).
- A ballot was held and the Congress resolved that E. Bartholomeusz (Qld) and Miss M.J. Patterson (Vic) should receive Merit Awards.
- 10.16 Life Membership: Nominations were received for Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, OAM, BEM (NSW) and Mr. F. Napier AM (WA).
- A ballot was held and the Congress resolved to award Life Membership to Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, OAM, BEM (NSW).

11. REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

11.1 It was moved P. Druitt (WA), seconded Mrs. F.E. Wrighter OAM, BEM (NSW) that the Reports of Associations and Standing Committees be received.

The motion was carried.

11.1.1 The President thanked Associations for submitting the reports.

11.2 Report of the Australian Association of Veterans Athletic Clubs

11.2.1 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried.

11.3 Staff Reports (Appendix 3)

11.3.1 It was moved by R. Pannell, seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that the reports of the Competitions Manager, National Coaching Co-ordinator and the Junior Development Officer be accepted.

The motion was carried.

11.4 Report of the Technical Committee

11.4.1 It was moved N. Ruddock (Tas), seconded C. Lee (NSW) that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried.

11.5 Report of the Officials Committee

11.5.1 It was moved Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, OAM, BEM, seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried.

11.6 Report of the Constitution Committee

11.6.1 It was moved Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, OAM, BEM, seconded P. Druitt (WA) that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried.

11.6.2 The President thanked Mrs. Wrighter and her Committee for the tremendous tasks which the Committee has carried out cheerfully and capably.

11.7 Report of the Records Committee

11.7.1 It was moved J. Bailey (Qld), seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried.

11.7.2 Delegates were asked to emphasise the contents of paragraphs 3 & 4 of this report to their respective Associations.

11.8 Report of the Selection Committee - Track & Field & Walks

11.8.1 It was moved Mrs. F. Wrighter OAM, BEM, seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried.

11.8.2 It was moved Mrs. W. Ey, BEM, (SA), seconded R. Hood (Tas) that the comments of the Selection Committee re undesirable practices in attempting to achieve standards be referred to the Board of Directors.

The motion was carried.

11.9 Report of the Race Walking Committee

11.9.1 It was moved J. Bailey (Qld), seconded Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, OAM, BEM, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried.

11.10 Report of the Cross Country & Road Selection Committee

11.10.1 It was moved D. Wilson (ACT), seconded E. Bartholomeusz that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried.

11.11 Report of the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee

11.11.1 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded P. Drutt (WA) that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried.

11.12 Report of the Statistician

11.12.1 It was moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic) seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried.

12. CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

12.1 Section 1 - Government of the Union - G.T. Briggs

12.1.1 It was resolved to adopt the paper in principle, seek comments from each Member Association by 30th November, 1986 and charge the Board of Directors to prepare a detailed proposal for implementation.

12.2            Section 2 - Administration of the Union - R.W. Pannell

12.2.1        It was resolved that the General Manager should check the cash flow to the cost of the administration of the Union.

12.3            Section 3 - Coaching - H.P. McEwen

12.3.1        It was noted that the Coaching Co-ordinator and General Manager had been invited to the AIS to discuss the re-arrangement of that body's programme.

12.4            Section 4 - Junior Development - D. Horrobin

12.5            Section 5 - Track & Field - W. Ey

12.5.1        It was noted that it would be desirable for disabled athletes to compete with able bodied athletes at all levels.

12.5.2        It was resolved to request the Scientific & Medical Commission of the Union to gather statistics on the effect of the triple jump, pole vault, hammer throw and steeplechase on women and this Committee to liaise with The Athletics Congress of the USA which is also interested in introducing these events for women.

12.5.3        It was resolved to advise those concerned that there would eventually be State and National Titles for these events if numbers warrant this.

12.5.4        It was resolved to discuss the C.D. Lee Paper on a week of Championships.

12.5.4.1      It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded P. Druiitt (WA) that in 1989 the Union stage a week of athletics in the following form:

Saturday & Sunday - Under 16 & Under 18 Championships  
Monday & Tuesday - Multiple Events  
Wednesday - Meetings  
Wednesday evening - Social activity  
Thursday & Friday - Under 20 Championships  
Saturday & Sunday - Open Championships

The motion was carried.

12.5.5        It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded P. Druiitt (WA) that the venue for the 1989 Championships be Brisbane, providing that the present facilities are still available.

The motion was carried.

12.5.6        It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded P. Druiitt (WA) that the Australian Little Athletics Union be invited to participate during that week with an Interstate Teams Competition.

The motion was carried.

12.6 It was resolved that the Queensland delegates should go back to that Association and ascertain suitable dates and report back to the Board of Directors with dates. Member Associations would then be given 30 days to respond to these suggested dates.

12.6.1 Mr. Bailey thanked Delegates for the most generous gesture of giving the Australian Championships to Queensland in 1989.

12.7 Sections 6 to 11 were tabled.

12.8 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded N. Ruddock that Sections 2 - 11 be endorsed and that the Board be instructed to move in the direction shown therein and that comments be invited from Member Associations by 30th November, 1986 and that Member Associations be strongly urged to implement the policies contained therein.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 Mr. Arthur Eustace, IAAF Council Member for Oceania spoke to the meeting stating that Australia and Oceania were now held in very high regard since the success of World Cup in Canberra.

Mr. Eustace thanked the President for the opportunity of renewing friendships in Australia and wished the meeting well in its deliberations.

Mr. Lee reported that Mr. Eustace had been awarded the IAAF Veterans Pin at the last Council which is the highest IAAF Award to be conferred upon anyone.

13.2 Mr. Reg Austin of the Australian Athletic Confederation addressed the meeting and the President again stated how pleasing it was to have a member of that body at a meeting of the Union.

13.3 Mr. C. Lee gave a brief report on the IAAF <sup>COUNCIL</sup> ~~Council~~ Meeting recently held stating that full report would be available in the near future.

13.4 Mr. G.T. Briggs reported on the Pacific Conference Games Federation Permanent Committee Meeting.

13.5 Mr. Mel Hastie, President of the Australian Little Athletics Union gave a brief report on the activities of that Union stating that the invitation to become an Associate Member of the Union had been accepted by his Union at its last Annual Meeting.

13.6 Mrs. Marian Jackman representing the NZAAA spoke to the Meeting, thanking the Union for the invitation stating that it was evident that most matters effecting athletics in Australia were also relevant to the sport in New Zealand.

13.6.1 The President responded on behalf of the Union and officially wished the New Zealand Association all the best in its centenary celebrations and for the 1988 World Cross Country Championships.

13.7 S. Guilfoyle (Vic) stated that he had in his possession a list of figures from the Budget Papers which would be of interest to Member Associations.

13.7.1 It was resolved that these appear as an appendix to the minutes. (Appendix 6).

13.8 The thanks of the Meeting were extended to the President and the President responded thanking delegates for comprising a meeting which had achieved something most progressive and pleasing.

13.9 Mr. Briggs reported to the meeting on the final outcome of the financial arrangements of World Cup Four. The Union would be reimbursed its costs and would be given an administration fee.

13.10 The General Manager reported that the IAAF had provisionally allocated the conduct of the 1988 World Women's 15K Road Running Championship to Adelaide. Mr. Pannell advised that support had been received from the Australian Bicentenary Authority and the South Australian Government and that a full proposal would be presented to the IAAF at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.28pm.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO THE

2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

Year 1985-86 was a very busy year for Australian Athletics. The major event being the staging of the I.A.A.F. World Cup which was held in Canberra on October 4th - 6th.

The successful staging of World Cup IV has ensured that this event will be continued by the I.A.A.F. The competition was excellent with two World Records being broken and numerous Australian Records falling by the way side. The event was conducted by our officials in a manner the World has come to recognise as second to none. A.B.C. Television provided that best coverage ever seen at an athletics event around the World, a coverage that has already been referred to many times overseas as an example to follow.

All those involved in the staging of World Cup IV should be justly proud of their efforts and the higher profile they have given to Australian Athletics.

ADMINISTRATION

The Incorporation of the Australian Athletic Union finally came to pass in August last. This very long and involved process should ensure some protection to all officer bearers and committees and give the Board a slightly better basis on which to enter into negotiations.

The office area available at Olympic Park became overcrowded at the beginning of the year and as there was no other area large enough for us to move into in the Olympic Park complex we had no alternative but to move. The 1st of July saw the Union move to new premises in Moonee Ponds. A very much larger area, the position, half way between the city and the airport is most convenient for visitors and easy to find.

The office area is currently shared with the Australian Veterans Association and the extra area we have has already been taken up with staff employed for the Bicentennial Relay.

1985 also saw a large change over of staff and the employment of new staff.

From the Sydney office Brian Roe left in June to take up a post with World Cup and more recently Nerida Anderson also left.

Jeff Lambert replaced Brian as Competition Director and Carolyn Talbot has recently joined Jeff in Sydney.

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Dale Horrobin joined us in late June 1985 as Junior Development Officer servicing the Junior Development Commission and working closely with our major Sponsors the Australian Sugar Industry. Dale is doing an excellent job in this area with his work with the clinics and camps and now more recently the resource publications for schools.

In late July Fletcher Mc Ewen came on board as coaching Co-ordinator. Fletch's main task to date has been to formulate a National Development plan which we hope will come into effect within the next month or two.

The allocation of a \$300,000 grant from the Australian Bicentenary Authority to conduct the Around Australia Relay has allowed us to employ two people to undertake this task. Martin Noonan, National Director of the Relay started in January and Jane Allen came to us from Softball, as Assistant Director in April this year.

Your attention is drawn to the Financial position of the Union. As our activities continue to grow so do our costs. The recommendation by the Treasurer must be looked at closely as an alternate method of funding must be found if we wish to continue to develop and promote our sport as we have done in the past.

#### SPONSORS

##### Australia Sugar Industry

This year was the second year of the Australian Sugar Industry sponsorship. With Dale Horrobin starting, the planned programme for Junior Development speeded up. The conduct of the Junior clinics around the country was most successful and the introduction of a National Coaching Camp brought a response far greater than we all expected. Only initially catering for 30-40 athletes to attend, the September camp held at the Australian Institute of Sport saw 99 athletes in attendance.

As we move into the last year of our sponsorship with the A.S.I. the profile of our sport is increasing through our association with the industry and the programmes we are undertaking via their assistance. The Union looks forward to continued relationship with the A.S.I.

##### Adidas

A further three year arrangement was concluded with Adidas during 1985. Adidas has been a great supporter of Australian Athletics over many years first being associated with the A.A.U. in 1974. Our thanks are extended to Adidas and we look forward to an association that will last for many more years to come.

##### T.A.A.

The Unions domestic carrier, TAA continued to provide exceptional service to athletes, officers and staff. As is the case with most Member Associations the assistance from the airline goes well beyond the negotiated contract on many occasions and for this we are most grateful.



#### Mars

Mars Confectionary continued their Association with the Union and Member Associations through the Five Star Award. Mars are currently reviewing their involvement with the scheme and it is hoped that we will be able to extend this involvement throughout the country.

#### News Ltd.

Last year was the last year of the first three year contract with News Ltd. We are pleased to advise that a second three year period has been contracted and look forward to bigger marathons culminating in the 1988 Bicentenary Marathon.

#### COMPETITION

Both our Domestic and International competition continues to grow. The time has now come where athletes and coaches cannot say "there is not enough competition".

The coming 12 months sees a dearth of International competitions with 8 competitions and approximately 200 athletes, between June 1986 and June 1987.

#### AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Late 1985 saw the announcement by the A.B.A. of a \$300,000 grant to the Union to conduct the Around Australia Relay. Since then two staff have been employed to pursue the necessary initial planning of all stages of the relay, particularly the all important securing of sponsorship.

Planning is well advanced and on target, the major task now being to secure some sponsorship.

The A.B.A. has endorsed the Australian Marathon Championship as the Bicentenary Marathon and support has also be received for the staging of the IAAF Womens World 15K Road Running Championships in March in Adelaide.

#### AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Liaison between the AIS and the AAU has become much closer in the past 12 months.

The AIS has been generous in their assistance to the Union for coaching camps and clinics and through negotiation helped with some funding of AIS athletes to International meets held early in the year.

It is now five years since the Institute was established and we believe it is time to review the relationship of the AIS/AAU and the impact the AIS has on the development of athletics. Fletcher McEwen has included this aspect in his development plan and it is hoped that through negotiation we can introduce a programme which will best suit the AAU and AIS objectives.

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

Last year Phil Trenardon was appointed as the Athletics Liaison Officer. Phil has been most helpful since taking up this position and with his knowledge and experience in athletics we should be able to forge a better working relationship with the Commission.

CONCLUSION

In concluding, I would thank once again our honorary workers Lil Neville, Henri Schubert and Bert Gardner. Thanks are also extended to all staff for their co-operation and interest in their job.

ANALYSIS OF REGISTRATIONS 1985-1986

ATHLETES

	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SENIOR.	5,071	1,147	6,199
UNDER 20	975	465	1440
UNDER 18	4,452	3,251	7,703
ATHLETES REGISTERED UNDER 12	1,369	1,127	2,496
OFFICIALS AND LIFE MEMBERS	<u>677</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>1,262</u>
TOTAL:	<u>12,544</u>	<u>6,556</u>	<u>19,100</u>

ANNUAL REPORT

NATIONAL COACHING CO-ORDINATOR

The last year has seen a consolidation and a more detailed development of the national development plans. The original five-year plan has been restated as a National Performance Strategy with the aim of providing an ongoing direction for the development of athletics in this country.

The major problems which face the development of the sport are the obvious ones of distance and finance. While this will always be the case, the national strategy has addressed the basic problem of fragmentation in funding which is rife in Australia. It outlines a framework of regional development which rationalizes the use of State, Federal and private funding by providing a network of regional centres throughout the country. The core element of the strategy is to reject a centralized developmental process and to replace it with a network of regional support for all athletes.

The Coaching Co-ordinating Committee in line with the national strategy have re-focussed their activities away from the national level towards grass-roots development in the States. It was felt that the national programmes are now well established and that there is a need to upgrade the quality of the initial interaction between athletes and coaches. This programme was initiated by a policy of moving Coaching Co-ordinating Committee meetings around the States and combining these with meetings with local coaches. This has enhanced communication between "grass roots" coaches and the national administrators and is beginning to result in a better appreciation of regional problems and needs. In particular, for a trial period of 12 months from the last AGM of the AT and FCA, the National Coaching Board meetings have been suspended to allow for a programme of bridging courses to be held in each State. These courses will provide a link between Level I and Level II courses but who nevertheless wish to extend their coaching knowledge. We anticipate a big demand for these courses.

In the same vein a Summer School has been planned to run parallel to the Level II course in Canberra in January 1987. The theme of this course will be "Coaching Young Athletes" which should cater for a previously neglected area in our courses. This course should be of particular use to those coaches who wish to work only in the Little Athletics age ranges.

While these new plans are being implemented a considerable number of activities were undertaken in the last 12 months. It has been particularly pleasing to see that there has been an enormous amount of co-operation between the AAU and the AIS. To this end all National Event Coaches have been appointed as satellite coaches of the AIS and thereby have had not only financial support by they have been enabled to gain access to information services, sport science support and so on from the Institute. Similarly the AIS has supported all national A Squad members by providing them with visiting scholarships, a service which is being extended to a larger number of athletes each year. The extent and quality of services offered to both athletes and coaches increases year by year.

Coaches throughout the country have been serviced by two major event based conferences. The first, a jumps conference, had U.K. Coaching Director Frank Dick as its keynote speaker and the second, a sprints conference, had Olympic champion Donald Quarrie as its major contributor. Both conferences were attended by 20-30 coaches from throughout the country and provided a major stimulus to those who attended. In each case, the international coaches also ran a series of clinics in two States prior to the conference. A third, throws based conference, is planned for November 1986.

The annual Level II course and Level III assessments were held in January with the highlight being the awarding of a Level III certificate to the first female candidate to pass completely through the system in Anne Masters.

Jackie Byrnes, the N.S.W. Coaching Director, was awarded the Adidas Coach Development scholarship and studied the U.K. system as well as attended the International Summer School at Loughborough.

Planning for development was largely influenced by two extremely successful meetings of the National Event Coaches and the Group Directors. These conferences will be combined in the National Coaching Conference to be held in October 1987.

Planning for athlete development was undertaken after a national interview tour where the majority of international athletes were consulted, particularly with reference to the build up for the Commonwealth Games. The competitive build up was negotiated in the light of findings from this interview tour.

The major activities taken for athlete development with seniors were two relay squad weekends. A commitment has been made to make national relay squads a major priority with a view to ensuring that we can field four relay teams in Seoul. These weekends were extremely successful and point towards an ongoing development in this area.

In a similar light, the Junior Development Programme is going from strength to strength. The junior clinics are increasing in numbers and attendance and have been capped off with two excellent national camps with the nation's best juniors. The World Junior Championship team camp was extremely successful and should have provided the most professional preparation for any team to leave our shores.

Finally, it was very pleasing to note the large groundswell of improvement which was evident at the National Track and Field Championships. The greatly increased depth of performance augurs well for the future and indicates that our developmental programmes are now beginning to bear fruit. The challenge now is to channel that groundswell into the international arena and to make Australian athletes truly magnificent in that area.

Fletcher Mc Ewen

## JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT

### Introduction

Over the last 12 months the Junior Development Commission has been very instrumental in initiating and instigating many programmes that have shown to be having a positive effect upon the performance of Australian junior athletes. The emphasis that has been put on the A.A.U.'s Junior Development Programme and the many programmes that have been developed as a result of the Commission, has given greater importance to the performance of junior athletes and have resulted in a greater level of commitment toward training and competition.

The second year of the Australian Sugar Industry's sponsorship of Athletics Towards 2000 saw a great number of programmes conceptualized during the first year coming to fruition. This included an increase in the number of coaching clinics from eight to fourteen, the introduction of a team training camp prior to overseas competition, the introduction of grant awards to outstanding junior and senior athletes, the production of resource material for schools, athletes and coaches and the selection of three National junior teams.

The major programmes conducted during 1985/86 were as follows.

### Coaching Clinics

Approximately 1,100 junior athletes have participated in the coaching clinic programme in the ten clinics that have been held to date. The final four clinics for this year will be completed during September having provided 1,500 junior athletes high level coaching opportunities. The clinics held between October 1985 and September 1986 are as follows:

Canberra, October	- Two days, 200 athletes.
Sydney, December	- Three days, 140 athletes.
Brisbane, April	- Three days, 100 athletes.
Darwin, April	- Three days, 80 athletes.
Melbourne, May	- Five days, 150 athletes.
Adelaide, May	- Five days, 150 athletes.
Lismore (N.S.W.), June	- Two days, 80 athletes.
Launceston, June	- Three days, 80 athletes.
Hobart, June	- Three days, 60 athletes.
Bundaberg (Qld.), June	- Three days, 60 athletes.
Bendigo (Vic.), August	- Three days.
Adelaide, September	- Five days.
Perth, September	- Two days.
Bunbury (W.A.), September	- Two days.

To support the programmes and lectures conducted at the clinics, a new series of booklets were produced on training and technique for all events, sports injuries and nutrition for athletes. Many athletes, coaches and schools have shown interest in these publications. From the tremendous support and continued success of these clinics, the programme will again be expanded over the next 12 months to conduct 21 clinics throughout Australia.

### Coaching Camps

Two five-day coaching camps have been held in the last year at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra during August 1985 and May 1986. The former was the National Junior Squad development camp and the latter was the preparation camp for the World Junior Championship Team.

The Junior Squad coaching camp provided an intensive week of practical sessions to include technique training, weight training, conditioning, plyometrics and field testing, as well as lecture sessions on sports psychology, nutrition, sports injuries, periodisation and drugs in sport. Ninety nine athletes throughout Australia attended this camp including a large proportion of the World Junior Championship Team selected six months later.

The May camp gave all athletes leaving for Athens in the World Junior Championship Team an opportunity to get to know each other including the team management staff, develop group cohesion and establish their final preparation for departing overseas. Vital aspects of the tour including overseas travel, competitions available, the Games village situation, and the many peculiar difficulties that arise when travelling and competing overseas were discussed at length and greatly contributed toward team harmony and individual performances.

In light of the athletes performances, commitment to training and attitudes towards competition, both camps have played a significant role in the excellent performances of Australia's World Junior Championship Team.

An additional two-day coaching camp, not originally scheduled in the Junior Development Programme was conducted in Melbourne in May 1986, sponsored by the A.N.Z. Bank. This camp enabled 48 junior athletes throughout Australia to assemble for the weekend and gain a high level coaching from some of Australia's top coaches. The camp was found to be far too short and much information had to be crammed in. For the conducting of future A.N.Z. camps, it has been recommended by the A.A.U. that camps be held over at least a four to five day duration, that the programme should better compliment the A.A.U.'s Junior Development Programme and that the A.A.U. is given total responsibility for the conducting of the programme.

During the first week of September this year the Annual National Junior Squad Development Camp will again be conducted in Canberra. Approximately 90 athletes are expected to attend with a similar format being conducted as a result of last years successful Development Camp.

#### Schools Resource Programme

The first stage of the Schools Resource Programme has just been released to every secondary school and athletic club throughout Australia. The promotional brochure includes information about the first two books and video which have just been completed.

Book 1 is on how to mark out an athletics field. Book 2 includes all the rules, basic requirements, safety aspects and organisational details in running a school athletic meeting. The video is motivational and encourages all school aged athletes to participate in track and field and is entitled "Personal Best".

Work will commence shortly on the final six books in the set which include teaching manuals for track, jumps and throws, sports injuries, nutrition for athletes and physiology of exercise.

### International Competitions

To provide the motivational ingredient for a greater commitment from junior athletes, as well as the top tier in our Junior Development pyramid, greater International competition was provided.

Fifty athletes were selected in the Australian Schools Team which toured New Zealand in January participating in three successful competitions against the New Zealand Schools Team. Fifty athletes were selected in the World Junior Championship Team to tour Europe for five weeks before competing in Athens in the World Junior Championships. A further 34 athletes were selected in an Australian junior team to tour China for two inter-country competitions against China and Japan in August.

These competitive opportunities will greatly assist our senior athletes of the future who will be well experienced in travelling overseas and competing in major International competitions, as well as providing major incentives for our talented junior athletes.

### Scholarships

To date almost \$17,000 has been distributed to senior and junior athletes throughout Australia under the Australian Sugar Industry Sports Scholarship Programme. Allocations have been made to individual athletes and squads and have been distributed to athletes who are not already receiving assistance from any other source.

### National Junior Coaches

The recent appointment of David Smith as National Junior Event Coach for Walks now increases the Junior Coaching Panel to seven. Before the end of the year a National Junior Event Coach for Hurdles will also be appointed.

All National junior coaches attended major National junior championships throughout the season, attended National junior coaching camps and had regular contact with National junior squad members to assist them with their training and competition programme.

Many other programmes conducted under the Junior Development Commission included: The hosting of 27 junior cross country athletes from the United States in Melbourne, Ballarat and Adelaide during July and August this year. The production of a quarterly junior newsletter entitled "Fast Lane" for 200 of Australia's highest rank athletes. An investigation into the standardisation of all athletic specifications in junior age groups at school and club level.



Conclusion

Through the grateful assistance of the Australian Sugar Industry, Junior Development Commission, Australian Track and Field Coaches Associations and all State Associations, the A.A.U.'s Junior Development Programme has gained considerable momentum and is making a positive contribution toward the development of athletics in Australia at all levels. Having already achieved many short term objectives, continued support of the programme will certainly contribute greatly towards Australia's future International athletic success.

Dale Horrobbin, Junior Development Officer

"Based on the normal method of calculation the AAU can expect \$83,020 as income derived from the capitation levy of \$5 in 1986/87. This compares with \$91,146 in 1985/86 when the fee was \$4.50. The AAU for too long has relied on the Commonwealth Government to fund its administration. Members need to decide just where the AAU goes from here on in.

"The Board resolved at its last meeting to raise a levy for administration from 1st April 1989, based on the percentage of population in the age group 15-34 resident in each State. It was further resolved that for 1986/87 this levy would be based on the percentage of registration as mentioned above and would progressively reach the population percentage by 1989.

"The table below illustrates this progression:

	Present %	April 1987	April 1988	April 1989
NSW	28	28.7	29.3	30
Vic	34	32.7	31.3	30
Qld	16.5	16.4	16.2	16
SA	7	7.6	8.3	9
WA	4	5.5	7.5	9
Tas	6	5.0	4.0	3
NT	-	.5	.7	1
ACT	4.5	3.6	2.7	3