

# Australian Athletic Union



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(The Amateur Athletic Union of Australia & New Zealand)  
 Founded 1897 - Disbanded 1928  
 (The Amateur Athletic Union of Australia)  
 Founded 1928 - Disbanded 1979  
 (Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union)  
 Founded 1932 - Disbanded 1979  
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M E M B E R   A S S O C I A T I O N S

A.A.A. of New South Wales	(Founded 1887 - Disbanded 1982)
Victorian A.A.A.	(Founded 1891 - Disbanded 1982)
Queensland A.A.A.	(Founded 1895 - Disbanded 1983)
A.A.A. of Tasmania	(Founded 1902 - Disbanded 1980)
A.A. of South Australia	(Founded 1905 - Disbanded 1980)
Western Australian A.A.A.	(Founded 1905 - Disbanded 1908) - Reformed 1928) - Disbanded 1979)
New South Wales Women's A.A.A.	(Founded 1932 - Disbanded 1982)
Queensland Women's A.A.A.	(Founded 1929 - Disbanded 1940) - Reformed 1948) - Disbanded 1983)
South Australian Women's A.A.A.	(Founded 1937 - Disbanded 1980)
Tasmanian Women's A.A.A.	(Founded 1937 - Disbanded 1940) - Reformed 1951) - Disbanded 1980)
Victorian Women's A.A.A.	(Founded 1929 - Disbanded 1982)
Western Australian Women's A.A.A.	(Founded 1936 - Disbanded 1942) - Reformed 1946) - Disbanded 1979)
A.A. of Western Australia	(Founded 1979)
Australian Capital Territory A.A.	(Founded 1980)
Northern Territory A.A.	(Founded

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

(Elected by A.A.U. of A.)	(Elected by A.W.A.A.U.)	
*Hugh R. Weir CME (1957)	Gwen Bull OAM	(1962)
C. Ronald Aitken CBE (1965)	Nell Gould BEM	(1962)
*Arthur J. Hodsdon MBE(1965)	Doris Magee MBE	(1962)
*Norman G. Hutton (1965)	Lillian Neville OAM	(1962)
*Leonard B. Curnow OBE(1968)	Mavis Ebzery OAM	(1967)
*Robert E. Graham OBE (1968)	Maisie McQuiston BEM	(1971)
*George Soper (1969)	*Margaret Cahill OAM	(1972)
*F. Theo Treacy OBE (1969)	Mabel Robinson MBE	(1973)
C Herbert Gardiner (1974)	Joyce Bonwick OAM	(1978)
*Deceased	H. George Curruthers	(1977)
(Elected by A.A.U)		
Thomas C. Blue BEM (1980)	Flo Wrighter, OAM,BEM	(1987)
Clive D Lee (1986)		

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(Elected by the A.A.U. of A.) 1968-1978

J.D. Bailey AM	Q(1976)	T.F. Mantke	W(1968)
J.B. Barlow	Q(1968)	*W.W. Huxley	Q(1973)
E.W. Barwick	T(1968)	*H.J. Lowe	S(1970)
*F.J.W. Budge	S(1977)	*P.S. McCavanagh	S(1969)
H.G. Carruthers MBE	N(1970)	*A.H. McIvor	S(1976)
*R. Clemson	V(1968)	E. Moore	V(1974)
*J.W. Cook	Q(1973)	*C.H.F. Morgan	S(1968)
R.C. Corish	N(1970)	F.W. Napier	W(1977)
*T.B. Dodds	S(1968)	J.L. Patching OBE	V(1968)
*J.C. Draper	V(1971)	*A.E. Robinson	V(1968)
*H. Eastaughffe	Q(1968)	*F.A. Rose	T(1968)
E.D. Eastham	V(1978)	N.J. Ruddock AM	T(1975)
*J.K. Faulkner	S(1968)	V.G. Sharp MBE	S(1968)
R.C. Frith	N(1975)	G.B. Stringer	V(1970)
C.H. Gardiner	V(1968)	W.L. Thompson	Q(1968)
E. Goodwin	Q(1974)	*F.T. Treacy OBE	W(1968)
E.R. Graham	S(1978)	*P.D. Walsh	N(1971)
*J.H. Hanman	N(1972)	R.B.P. White	N(1970)

(Elected by the A.W.A.A.U.) 1971-1978

Mrs. P. Anderson	V(1971)	Mrs. N. Greenham	S(1973)
*Mrs. E. Armstrong	V(1971)	Mrs. J. Harmey	N(1971)
Mrs. D.I. Barnes	S(1976)	*Mrs. A. Kennedy, BEM	V(1971)
Mrs. I. Bennett	V(1974)	*Mrs. N. Kelly	V(1974)
Mrs. G. Bergman	N(1978)	*Mrs. Y. Lanyon-Owen	Q(1971)
Mrs. L. Berzinski	V(1974)	Mrs. E. McBeth	V(1971)
Mrs. J. Bonwick OAM	Q(1971)	Mrs. S. McMinn AM	Q(1971)
Mrs. A. Burow	V(1974)	*Mrs. P. McWillie	W(1973)
*Mrs. M. Cahill OAM	S(1972)	Mrs. M. McQuiston BEM	V(1974)
*Mrs. L. Cavanagh	S(1971)	Mrs. D. Magee AM MBE	N(1971)
Mrs. G. Chester	W(1973)	*Mrs. E. Morris	V(1974)
Mrs. D. Clarke	N(1971)	Miss L. Neville OAM	V(1971)
Mrs. E. Clay	W(1975)	*Mrs. Y. Neasbey	N(1977)
Mrs. M. Cuthbert	N(1978)	Mrs. B.J. Pearl	S(1976)
Mrs. D. Davis	V(1974)	Mrs. P. Peters AM	S(1973)
Mrs. J. Davis MBE	V(1975)	Mrs. M. Robinson MBE	V(1971)
Mrs. N. Davey	N(1977)	Mrs. G. Rose	V(1971)
Mrs. M. Ebzery OAM	T(1972)	Mrs. J. Saunders	V(1974)
Mrs. N. Edwards	N(1973)	Mrs. E. Schulz	Q(1978)
Mrs. Z. Fibbins AM	N(1971)	Mrs. G. Sheldon	N(1971)
Mrs. M. Fitzgibbons	N(1975)	Mrs. D. Spittles	Q(1971)
Mrs. M. Fraser	N(1973)	Mrs. D. Stanton	V(1971)
Mrs. G. Gell	V(1974)	Mrs. F. Venn	V(1974)
Mrs. E. Godfrey	N(1971)	Mrs. F. Wrighter OAM BEM	N(1971)
Miss N. Gould BEM	N(1971)		

(Elected by Amalgamated Union)

E. Bartholomeusz	Q(1986)
D. Bell	V(1985)
G. Briggs AM	T(1981)
Mrs. J. Cross	Q(1985)
D. Ferrier	V(1984)
*J.D. Forrest	Q(1984)
Mrs. M. Heffernan	S(1980)
Ms. M. Mathews, AM	N(1988)
Miss M.J. Patterson	V(1986)
Mrs. J. Petfield	Q(1987)
H.L. Ralph	N(1979)
H.J. Schubert, MBE	V(1987)
C.A. Wise	T(1979)

\* Deceased

TROPHY AWARDS 1988/89

MEN

Track and Field - Open	Richard Coombes Shield	Victoria
" - U20	C. Ronald Aitken Cup	Western Australia
" - U16	Arthur J. Hodsdon Shield	
	Shell-Charles Hansen Cup	New South Wales
Schools T. & F. - U19	Coca-Cola/Adidas Cup	New South Wales
" - U17	"	New South Wales
" - U15	"	New South Wales
Cross Country - Open	E.S. Marks Shield	New South Wales
Schools C.C. - U19	Commonwealth Bank Cup	Victoria
" - U17	"	Victoria
" - U15	"	Victoria

WOMEN

Track and Field - Open	Doris Mulcahy Shield	New South Wales
" - U20	Doris Magee Shield	New South Wales
" - U16	Louise C. Mills Shield	New South Wales
Schools T. & F. - U19	Coca-Cola/Adidas Cup	New South Wales
" - U17	"	New South Wales
" - U15	"	New South Wales
Cross Country - Open	Mirror Newspaper Shield	Aust. Capital Terr
" - U20	Nell Gould Shield	
" - U18	Stella McMinn Shield	Western Australia
Schools C.C. - U19	Commonwealth Bank Cup	Victoria
" - U17	"	Victoria
" - U15	"	Victoria
Road Walk - Open 20km	Lillian Neville Shield	New South Wales
" - U20 10km	Mabel Robinson Shield	Victoria
Schools Road Walk - U19	Stella McMinn Shield	New South Wales
" - U17	Spittles Shield	Victoria
" - U15	Mary Chambers Memorial Shield	Victoria
Road Running - Marathon	AWAAU Cross Country Shield	Queensland
" - 15km	Joan Beretta Shield	Lisa Martin

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1989

The directors submit their report with respect to the company and the group for the financial year ended 31st March, 1989.

The names of the directors in office at the date of this report are as follows -

G.T. Briggs (Chairman)	Bursar
R.H. Brandis	General Manager
D.P. Wilson	Public Servant
M.L. Mahony	Teacher
D.A. Prince	Company Director
K.D. Edwards	Sports Administrator
J.M. Cross	Public Servant
S.M.L. Guilfoyle	Company Director

The principal activities of the company in the course of the financial year were the organisation of athletics.

During the financial year there were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the corporations in the group.

The net amount of the consolidated profit of the group for the financial year was \$8,777.

The directors do not recommend that any dividend be paid.

During the financial year the group conducted National championships in various disciplines of athletics and sent representative teams to compete in various World Championships.

During the financial year there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the group.

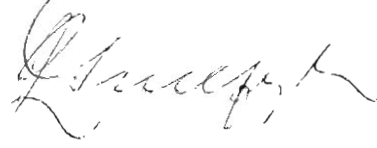
No matter or circumstance has arisen since the end of the financial year that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the group in subsequent financial years.

The group will continue with its normal activities of conducting National Championships and organising various teams to compete in World Championships.

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director of the company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the accounts or the fixed salary of a full-time employee or the company or of a relation corporation) by reason of a contract made by the company or a related corporation with the director or with a firm of which he is a member, or with a company in which he has a substantial financial interest.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

  
DIRECTOR

  
DIRECTOR

2 August, 1989

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Year 1988/89 saw a number of changes in Athletics in Australia. Three new Board members were elected at the 1988 Annual Meeting and at the request of the Annual meeting a new direction was undertaken in marketing and promoting of the sport.

After advertising nationally for a marketing company to undertake the sponsorship, marketing and promotion of the sport, two companies were appointed in December. 21st Century Sports were appointed to seek sponsorships and Michels Warren were appointed to offer marketing and promotional advice.

Michels Warren did an excellent job at the 1989 Sugar Industry Australian Championships in Brisbane promoting the Championships and the launch of the new name of the sport which was suggested by one of the companies.

21st Century has been succesful in two sponsorships to date and it is hoped to announce another two contracts in the next few months.

COMPETITION

This year we introduced the "week of athletics" and changed the method of conducting and allocating our Championships by inviting Member Association and promoters to tender to stage our competitions.

I believe the week of championships was most successful and the promotion undertaken in Brisbane was prestigious for the sport nationally and in the state of Queensland.

The policy of receiving tenders for Championships I believe needs to be reviewed, and looked at very carefully. Having been in the position of General Manager for over 11 years I found it difficult coping with some indecision regarding the allocation and conduct of our championships. In the past we have prided ourselves on the fact that we planned well in advance; venue allocation 10 years, dates 3 years, and the past twelve months has unsettled our sport a little because of some of these uncertainties. I am not suggesting that this change is not good for our sport but that we need to look at it much more closely to ensure we are acting in the best interests of the athletes and the sport.

The international calendar was again very full last year with 7 teams being selected and 159 people representing their country. In addition to the team another 20 invitations were received for various people to compete in meets and road races and 26 athletes travelled for these competitions.

The Olympics were no doubt the highlight of the year with the most successful athletics team for some years in an Olympic Games. Two medals, 10 athletes in the top 8 plus the mens 4 x 400m relay team, another 3 in the top 16, 11 personal bests, 1 Olympic record, 3 Commonwealth records and 4 Australian records. A splendid effort by all concerned and one of which we all should be very proud.

Special mention must be made of the following athletes.

Debbie Flintoff-King for her magnificent effort in winning the 400m hurdles in a race that I am sure we all thought she had little hope of winning as she lead into the straight. Her effort of fighting to the finish is a splendid example to our younger athletes of how to run a race and the race is never won until you cross the line. Congratulations Debbie and Phil.

Lisa Martin's effort in the marathon under the prevailing conditions was a great effort as was Steve Moneghetti's in the mens marathon.

Chris Stanton competing in her 3rd Olympics again showed us what high level competition is all about by being placed 7th in the high jump. Since 1980 Chris has competed in all major athletics meetings for Australia and has never been placed lower than 11th. This I believe to be an outstanding achievement and one that was recognised by the Australian Athletic Union with the presentation to her of the Flack Award.

A team of 60 represented us at the World Junior Championships last year gaining two silver medals and being placed 16th overall out of 142 nations. This continued success of our juniors is a positive result of our Junior Development Programme which has now been operating for the last 4 years.

The year was capped by the continued success of walker Kerry Saxby who at the Australian Championships in March broke her 18th World record. Kerry has certainly bought walking to the attention of the Australian public and with the introduction of a women's walk into the next Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games we should see more medals for Australian athletics.

#### SPONSORS

June 1989 is the conclusion of the sponsorship agreement with the Australian Sugar Industry. It is certainly hoped that the ASI will continue its involvement with the sport and we look forward to its assistance and support in the next three years.

Thanks are extended to Adidas, Australian Airlines, Unisys and Mars confectionery for their continued assistance. We are still pursuing Unisys in an endeavour to meet all the requirements of the Member Associations for hardware and to get the amendments done to the software package.

The situation with Mars Confectionery has not changed although we were promised by Mr Geg Brooks last year that the administration of this scheme would be placed in the National office sometime in 1988. The matter has been handed over to 21st Century Sports to resolve in their capacity of sponsor manager.



With the assistance of Olympic Park Management NEC again sponsored a track meet at Olympic Park Melbourne in March 89. National Mutual Royal Bank was associate sponsor and we thank both these companies for their support and look forward to further involvements from both in the future.

#### ADMINISTRATION

The commencement of this year saw us facing a \$30,000 deficit for the period. The Board has been most diligent in this period over our finances and a number of measures were introduced in an effort to cut costs. In addition the staff were requested to cut budget figures wherever possible.

These cost saving measures saw the office lose one staff member. Mrs Robinson, and a junior clerk/typist employed to replace Mrs Robinson and the bookkeeper. Although this cut costs it did put much more pressure on the staff to continue to produce the output expected by the Board, Member Associations, sponsors and the Government.

It is probably a catch cry by many of us in our work place that we have to do too much, however I believe that the National office is understaffed by two people for the current demand that is placed upon it. It is hoped with a review of finances this year that the staffing of the office is reviewed and that additional staff employed.

In addition to the above change Tony Benson commenced duties in June last and Kevin Oakey replaced Dale Horrobin as Junior Development officer in August.

We again had the assistance of our ardent supporters, Lil Neville, Bert Gardner and Henri Schubert (the junior at 77). These three people continue to give unstintingly of their time to help the office in the areas that we probably would never get around to and for this I am most grateful. In addition Mabel Robinson has been coming in once a week on a voluntary basis typing the newsletter to ensure that we did not have to cease operation of this publication after the staff cut.

#### AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION/AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

The ASC has again supported the Union over the last twelve months not only with finance but much appreciated advice and assistance in many different areas.

Tony Benson has been liaising with the AIS and he refers to our activities with the Institute in his report.

Thanks is extended Dean Moore, Phil Trenordan at the ASC and to Dr Ross Smith and Peter Bowman at the AIS for the continued support and assistance over the last year.

CONCLUSION

This report is my last as I am resigning from the position of General Manager on the 6th August.

The past eleven years have been very exciting and challenging ones as well as having their share of frustrations. I believe I have been lucky to have been able to be a part of the introduction of professional sports administration in Australia. To be able to do this with athletics, the principle Olympic sport, has been a great experience for me and very enriching.

The changes and activities in the past 11 years have been many and varied.

- amalgamation of the AAU and the AWAAU
- establishment of the national office
- bigger usage of sponsor dollars
- 1982 Commonwealth Games
- 1985 World Cup
- 1988 World 15Km Road Running Championships for Women
- introduction of 4 new World Championship events
- introduction of prizemoney & trusts accounts
- introduction of sponsored athletes & athlete advertising

I am sure the next 11 years will be as exciting as the last 11. Having been involved in the sport for the last 25 years as a competitor or administrator I could not walk completely away, and therefore will look forward to being involved in some way in the future.

I would like to thank Graeme Briggs for his support and encouragement over the last 6 years and to all members of staff who I have worked with especially Mabel Robinson and Jeanette Brown.

I extend best wishes to my successor and wish the Federation every success in the future.

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION  
ANALYSIS OF REGISTRATIONS 1988-1989

STATE	SENIOR		U/20		U/18		U/16		U/14		U/12		OFFICIALS & LIFE MEMBERS		COACHES	TOTAL	
	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W		M	W
ACT	312	79	32	15	196	91					1	7	34	192	NA	575	19
NSW	1220	354	233	102	447	212	511	373	339	284	610	463	531		250	3360	178
QLD	455	141	117	46	720	567					462	389	163	170	250	1917	131
SA	378	89	60	30	236	179					4	4	72	61	74	750	36
TAS	263	76	45	19	331	222					89	69	63	66	39	791	45
VIC	2082	372	302	106	1366	809					73	65	130	126	NA	3953	147
WA	188	64	56	37	173	140							103		128	417	24
	4898	1175	845	355	3469	2220	511	373	339	284	1239	997	1096	615	741	11763	592

TOTALS

Male Athletes	11301	
Female Athletes	<u>5404</u>	16705
Officials and Life Members		1711
Coaches		741

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COACH

The year just completed has seen some major changes in Australian athletics.

Structurally a clear definition of coach development and athlete performance has formulated. The Australian Track & Field Coaches Association is now clearly identified with coach education and the Australian Institute of Sport with athlete enhancement.

This means that the planning and conducting of all seminars and clinics, once formulated by the ATFCA Executive/Athletics Australia Coaching Coordinating Committee, are implemented by ATFCA.

It also means that the National Event Group Directors and National Event Coaches are designated as the leading figures in the coach education program and, where other coaching resources are required the AIS Canberra based as Regional coaches can be approached.

Further the Coordinator of Track & Field unit at the AIS has made it clear that the AIS coaches are encouraged to accept national roles and that the position is considered to be part of their Institute coaching responsibility.

On the athlete performance side of things the AIS coaches are now the head coaches, nationally, of the event(s) that they are responsible to the Track & Field Coordinator.

The two major functions of the National Coach are now to work with the National Coaching Convenor of the Rothman's National Sports Foundation in implementing the education programs and the with the T & F Coordinator of the AIS in raising the athletes performance levels.

### COACH EDUCATION

#### 1. Activities.

- i) An international Jumps Conference.
- ii) A Sprints/Hurdles Conference.
- iii) The National Event Coaches Conference.
- iv) The conducting of the Level II and III Coaching Courses.
- v) An AIS sponsored Satellite Coaches Conference.
- iv) Craig Hilliard and Norm Osborne attended a Sprints and Hurdles Course in Bad Blankenberg, DDR.

#### 2. Appointments.

##### i) Group Directors

Sprints-	Norm Osborne
Hurdles-	Craig Hilliard
M/L Distance-	Ron Brinkert
Jumps-	Tony Rice
Throws-	Merv Kemp
Walks-	Harry Summers
Multi Events-	Peter Lawler
Jun. Development-	Fletcher McEwan

ii) National Event Coaches

Nancy Atterton, John Daly, Shirley dela Hunty, Craig Hilliard, Tony Benson, Margaret James, Tom Kelly, Pam Turney, Tony Rice, John Boas, Sandro Bissetto, Alan Launder, Peter Taylor, Merv Kemp, Colin Smith, Mike Edwards, Peter Lawler, Efim Shuravetsky.

iii) Junior Group Directors

Jackie Dufell, Garry Brown, Chris Falcke, Graeme Boase, Lou Taylor, Alan Iverson, Yvonne Melene.

iv) AIS Coach Rationalizations

During 1988/89 the AIS moved dramatically away from the concept of centralizing all coaches in Canberra. Presently there are now three coaches at the Institute (Merv Kemp, Craig Hilliard, and Pat Clohessy) and coaches situated in Adelaide (Fletcher McEwen) and Melbourne (Efim Shuravetsky and Norm Osborne) and, as of June, in Brisbane (Garry Brown). Similar plans are under way for other States in the near or intermediate future.

#### ATHLETE ENHANCEMENT

1. National squads, based more on performance than on potential, have been formed. At the highest level are those athletes who have performed in the top 15 in their event in the world. Next are those athletes who are potential members of the 1992 Olympic Team and who have demonstrated this by performing above the 1988 I.A.A.F. Olympic standard. Finally there is the National Squad which comprises all those athletes who are in the top 3-5 nationally in their event and who are currently capable of international representation up to Commonwealth Games level.

2. A joint Athletics Australia/AIS program has been developed which ensures support of varying magnitude according to squad level to those athletes selected onto the various squads and the AIS has expanded its program beyond basically assisting only its own scholarship holders directly to accepting responsibility for the nation's high performance athletes regardless of where they live.

In South Australia and Western Australia the establishment of State Institutes of Sport has taken this assistance even further.

3. A National Development Squad is in the process of being formed under the auspices of the Junior Development Commission and the National Coaches office. This will attempt to bridge the gap between the talented junior level and the performance required to reach National Senior Squad level.

4. Monitoring of athlete and coach performance has now begun.

As regards the athletes assistance under the AA/AIS program is only on condition that the athlete adhere to AA competition requirements, the the athletes competition and training programs are made available to the National Coach and that the athlete supports any aspect of the National Plan that is applicable to him/her.

Efforts are also being made to identify the "performing coaches" by establishing which who are working with the national senior and junior squads.

4. A MODEL FOR ELITE PERFORMANCE was begun (and since completed). See the 33rd Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda for Details. The model has been explained to the AIS, the AOF, the State Sports Institutes and to representatives of the State Departments of Sport and Recreation.

5. A National Relay Squad has been named and a program is being developed under the control of John Daly, the National Relay Coach, the National Coach and the Chairman of Selectors.

6. The following studies have either been completed or are under way.

i) building an athlete performance profile for all members of the Senior Squads which graphs the performances of all the current top athletes from the time they first appeared in the AAU Almanac as well the world top 10 for 1988 so that comparisons in terms of rates of progress can be made.

ii) researching the real levels of performance required to make the semi-finals or to qualify for finals in the case of the field events as distinct from using the world ranking lists for this purpose.

#### ATHLETE PERFORMANCE

Finally the highlights of the year to the 31st of March 1989 have been well documented but a special mention should be given to the overall performance of the 1988 Olympic Team and to Debbie Flintoff-King, Lisa Martin and Kerry Saxby (and to their coaches Phil King, Dick Telford and Craig Hilliard) for their individual performances during the year as well as to the members, particularly the "top 10" placegetters Steve Moneghetti, Jackie Perkins and Suzie Walsham, of the World Cross-Country teams.

In addition the following athletes received world rankings from Track & Field Magazine.

Darren Clarke-	5th (400m)
Simon Baker-	6th (50km Walk)
Lisa Martin-	2nd (Marathon)
Debbie Flintoff-King-	1st (400H)
Kerry Saxby-	3rd (10km Walk)
Nicole Boegman-	10th (Long Jump)
Jane Flemming-	10th (Heptathlon)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

WALKING COMMITTEE

Following a brief meeting in Melbourne during March, a meeting was held whilst the 3 elected members were officiating at the All Schools Championships in Adelaide on July 1. Mr. Harry Summers, National Events Coach was unable to attend.

The Walking Committee resolved to recommend the following:

- The red card display board mentioned in the new IAAF Guide Book should not be introduced into Australia until it has had a long trial period with the IAAF
- The production of the AAU Judges Handbook should be further delayed until after the IAAF Congress in September. A number of changes to Rule 191 will be considered at that time.

The Walking Committee recommends that the Australian delegates to IAAF Congress vote in favour of only the following changes to Rule 191 -

1. Amendment to 2(b) proposed by the IAAF Walking Committee
2. The deletion of 4(b) proposed by Mexico

These will be the first substantial changes to 191 for sometime and the delay in producing our Handbook is justified.

In addition to these possible changes the Committee will include a section giving a more extensive explanation relating to Rule 191-1-b (knees), incorporating suggestions received from Mrs. Y. Melene, National Junior Coach.

The Committee confirms that it is not in favour of All Schools Championships entries being received through schools instead of Member Associations. The Committee feels that the base for race walking in the schools sports structure is not strong enough, and the promotion of race walking through the various clubs and Associations should continue as in the past.

The Committee discussed the proposed new method of appointing the Walking Committee and the following points are made -

- The Committee is currently elected by a body representative of athletic competitions in Australia

The current members operate in various technical capacities and are in close contact with the sport at the grass roots level in a hands-on capacity.

- The current method of electing the Committee should ensure that people with these qualifications will be elected.
- The Committee considers that the inheriting of a place on the Committee because of a position attained in another organisation will not give the same benefits.

Ray Smith, Convenor

ROAD RUNNING, CROSS COUNTRY & ROAD WALKING SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Committee reports a most successful twelve months, particularly in respect of the performances of teams and individuals selected. The Committee records with pride the outstanding successes of many of those selected during the year, but particularly those of the Olympic marathon squad - Lisa Martin's silver medal, along with Steve Moneghetti's and Rob de Castella's top eight finishes; both the mens and womens team at the Chiba World Road Relay Challenges; the top ten placings by Steve Moneghetti (4th), Jackie Perkins (5th) and Suzy Walsham (9th) in the World Cross Country Championships; and last but certainly not least the performances of our road walkers throughout the year capped by the gold and silver medals won by Simon Baker and Kerry Saxby at the World Walking Cup.

The Committee has continued to attempt to streamline and make more effective our selection criteria and procedures. Athletes have been asked to declare their availability for selection in certain teams well in advance of the selection date. The same method has been applied to determine those available for the many individual marathon and road race invitations which are received. This system has ensured more meaningful selection meetings and an earlier confirmation of the actual composition of teams.

The Committee has again attempted to place emphasis on performances in national championship events when formulating selection criteria except where special circumstances (such as the remoteness of the venue for the 1988 Australian Cross Country Championships) would make this unreasonable for those seeking selection. In determining those to be selected, the Committee has continued its policy of emphasizing the competitive records of all the contenders, both domestically and overseas.

It remains our belief that some form of pre-selection or exemption from trial events is appropriate for those athletes with outstanding performance records who are seeking selection in the longer events, notably the marathon and 50km walk. The results achieved by Lisa Martin, Steve Moneghetti, Rob de Castella and Simon Baker, none of whom were required to trial, is evidence of the value of this policy.

For the future, the Committee believes that our chances of selecting even better and more successful teams and individuals to represent Australia can be enhanced by a greater accentuation on distance development generally, and particularly on cross country and road walking within the Junior Development Programme.

In concluding this report I must record my thanks to my fellow selectors, Pam Turney, Chris Wardlaw and National Coach, Tony Benson for their dedication to our task over the year. Chris is not seeking re-election this year, after three years of most valuable service to the Committee. His input, particularly from the viewpoint of his own distinguished international competitive career, will be sorely missed. The Committee also records its appreciation to those coaches (particularly Pat Clohessy and Craig Hilliard) and athletes who have continued to regularly advise us of programmes, progress and performances. Thanks also to Rick, Jeanette and the other members of the AAU staff for their assistance so readily given to the Committee.

Brian Roe, Chairman



## TRACK & FIELD SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee was required to select 3 teams during the season.

1. World Indoor Championships - Budapest
2. Touring Team to West Coast, USA
3. Junior team to Japan and China

Criteria was also finalised for the Commonwealth Games, Auckland.

The Committee was very pleased with the performance of the Olympic team and looks towards the Commonwealth Games with confidence.

The Committee is always eager to hear from any member of the athletic community re criteria. All input helps in selections.

I wish to thank my Committee Members for their help and also the AAU Coaching Director and Junior Development Officer.

Paul Jenes, Chairman

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

During the past year the following matters were referred to the Technical Committee for resolution -

- Hurdle & Steeplechase specifications
- Letter from David Edwards from Victoria regarding use by clubs of locally produced timing equipment
- The upgrading of the Bruce Stadium warmup track to National Championship level.

These matters were discussed by phone and in writing with the other members of the Technical Committee - in regards to the Hurdle and Steeplechase specifications, we endorsed the National Coach's recommendations, Mr. Edwards was advised that we could not recommend any alterations to the rules governing the method of timing of track events or changes to the method of reporting results that differ from the current IAAF rules.

Information from the Oceania IAAF Technical Delegate, Mr. Denis Wilson, was circulated to the other committee members for information, perusal and comment. These items include the IAAF Javelin Working Group report, 16.9.88. Information regarding time allowed between rounds in field events by Robert Blanchett, also a letter from Mr. Ian White 1.9.88 regarding certain aspects relating to Jury investigations at athletic competitions.

After my meeting at the Track and Field Championships in Brisbane with the ACT Infrastructure Division Project Manager and the Architect for the Bruce Stadium alterations, sketch plans and technical data were drawn up and presented to the ACTAA Committee. These were sent to the Technical Committee and their comments were incorporated in the ACT Committee's reply.

I would like to thank the Athletics Australia Board of Management for the opportunity to be part of the Technical Committee and to thank the other two committee members, Fred Napier and Duncan Proudfoot, for their invaluable assistance during the past year.

Ian Galbraith, Convenor

### STATISTICIAN

Work has been completed on the 88/89 Almanac . Ranking lists were produced on a regular basis during the season as were result roundups which are available from the AAU office.

I have finally purchased a computer which should enable me to do better rankings if I ever learn how to work the machine.

All results will be gratefully received and I wish to thank all those people who have helped during the season and are acknowledged in the Almanac.

Paul Jenés

### DISTANCE RUNNING COMMISSION

Due to financial limitations, the Commission only had a single one day meeting this financial year.

The Commission has been consistent in its recommendations that the Schools Cross Country Championships be abolished in its present form, and an Australian Half Marathon Championship not be conducted because the national event calendar is too congested . However, the Commission supports the conducting of a National Club Relay Championship on the day after the Australian Cross Country Championships.

There is a need for the standard of national events to be raised. To this end the Commission's suggestions that -

- technical delegates be appointed;
- the distance courses be measured by recognised course measurers to ensure their compliance with international regulations; and
- course maps and race information be forwarded for evaluation earlier

were adopted by the Board.

A seminar and practical session for potential course measurers is a priority for the Commission in the coming year. Each State must have recognised competent course measurers.

The Commission has been concerned at the high cost to individual athletes, particularly juniors, when representing Athletics Australia at international events. However, the Commission supports the sending of Junior teams to the World Cross Country Championships in odd numbered years. Greater emphasis on support for Junior distance runners such as the proposed appointment of a Junior Development Coach for Cross Country and Road Running is welcomed.

The permit system and the Winter Calendar Congress are key elements in the regulation of distance running for the benefit of all. The permit guidelines were received by the Commission and minor adjustments made were supported by the Board.

The first draft of the Competition Manual for distance running was substantially completed during the year and must be finalised by the Commission.

## JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Since coming on board the Athletics Australia / Australian Sugar Industry Junior Development Programme in August 1988, I have attempted to continue the momentum of the programme. My first priority, once I was settled in, was to clarify the direction of parts of the programme. Some of the projects were set up and running well but seemed to lack consistency with the objectives of the Junior Development Programme. A few projects simply required detailing on paper to enable smoother running.

### AUSTRALIAN SUGAR INDUSTRY SPONSORSHIP

The Australian Sugar Industry (ASI) were again very valuable sponsors of the Junior Development Programme for 1988/89.

With the sponsorship expiring in June 1989 negotiations resulted in the ASI continuing sponsorship for a further six months. The ASI is currently going through a Deregulation Bill that threatens to reduce its available finances. The six month extension of its sponsorship is seen as a show of faith in our programme until such time as its own problems are sorted out.

Our thanks again to the Australian Sugar Industry for its continued support.

### NATIONAL JUNIOR SQUAD

The National Junior Squad for 1989/90 was selected after the 1989 A.S.I. Nationals in Brisbane. Prior to the finalising of the squad the National Junior Event Coaches (N.J.E.C.) and myself (J.D.O.) worked together to formalise a "Selection Criteria" for the Junior Squad. This paper was aimed at providing an achievable target for the athletes but still a certain amount of discredational control to the N.J.E.C.

Selection in the National Junior Squad is having increasing importance. Athletes still have the opportunity to attend the annual National Junior Training Camp and receive a National Junior Squad t-shirt and windcheater. They also have the resources of an extra coach, N.J.E.C., to look after their interests, a higher priority to attend a variety of meets around Australia and access to wholesale cost athletics gear from Adidas with their new Adidas Card.

### NATIONAL JUNIOR EVENT COACHES

In August 1988 the appointments of National Event Coaches for the next four years were announced. In the junior ranks there was a mix of 4 new coaches and 4 re-appointments. Due to some uncertainty by the new N.J.E.C. and the J.D.O. of the exact role of these coaches a paper was put together outlining the duties of the N.J.E.C., that could be presented as a job description. It was realised that to fulfil the job description would require the services of full time coaches and greater financial resources. Although this is not currently possible the N.J.E.C. have managed to set up effective communication links with athletes so that any problems faced can be attended to.

## AUSTRALIAN SUGAR INDUSTRY JUNIOR CAMPS

Athletics Australia, with the support of the Australian Sugar Industry, continues to run the two camps each year for the benefit of junior athletes. The first camp in the year is held in conjunction with the National Sports Programme at the A.I.S. This camp is attended by those athletes selected to represent Australia on a junior tour later in the year. It is run by the management and coaches travelling with the team and its programme is totally orientated towards preparing the athletes for the tour. April 1989 saw a very successful camp held for the National Junior Team preparing to tour Japan in August.

The second camp is held for those athletes in the National Junior Squad and is run by the J.D.O. and the N.J.E.C. In the past it appeared that the camp programme was the same each year. This resulted in a number of athletes having to sit through the same lectures and sessions each year, resulting in them losing interest and becoming a disruptive influence. It was felt that with the World Junior Championships being held every two years should come in line so as to begin the athletes preparation as early as possible. It was decided then that a two year camp programme be run. This would direct the whole camp programme to the premier junior athletic event: the World Junior Championships. The camp held in September 1988 was the smallest in the history of the programme, with only 89 athletes attending. This could be attributed to the fact that many athletes were uninterested in the same camp programme they experienced in previous years. There was also the problem of me being unprepared for the camp due to my only recent employment. Taking these problems into account the camp was still successful and the athletes that attended benefitted from the experience.

## NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The main competitions available for Australian junior athletes are still the Australian All Schools in December and the National Titles in March. In 1989, for the first time, the senior and junior National Titles were held at the same venue on separate weekends. This gave many junior athletes the opportunity to compete in senior events.

Part of the development programme now is to have National Junior relay teams entered in the Hobart Relays each year. We attempt to have teams that are most likely to be our representative teams for the next international tour. This event provides an excellent opportunity for race practice. In January 1989, the Australian Junior Womens 4x400m relay team set a State U20 record in their event at the Hobart Relays.

With the setting up of the Grand Prix Circuit in Australia it is hoped that many of the National Junior Squad will be given a chance to compete in higher grade competitions.

### INTERNATIONAL TOURS

In 1988 an Australian Team competed at the World Junior Championships in Sudbury, Canada. Although there were a number of problems with the travel arrangements for the team, most athletes performed creditably, with Australia achieving 2 silver medals and 16th ranking overall. This was an excellent performance considering that the qualifying standards were harder and the competition stiffer than the previous World Junior Championships.

In 1989 a team of 43 athletes and 10 staff will tour to Japan to compete in a China/Australia/Japan Match. Due to the high cost of living in Japan the cost of the tour is fairly high. Hence a number of athletes pulled out of the team because funds couldn't be found.

With the World Junior Championships held every two years, Athletics Australia has an agreement with the Chinese and Japanese Associations to send a fully representative team in each alternative year between World Juniors. In the World Junior year only a small complimentary team will be sent for the Match.

With the introduction of juniors to the World Cross Country Championships in the last few years, Australia had a team of 4 girls and 6 boys competing in Starvanger, Norway. Both teams were extremely successful with a 9th place in the inaugural junior womens event and 10th place in the junior mens.

### SUGAR INDUSTRY COACHING CLINICS

The 1988 Coaching Clinics had mixed successes. For the first time clinics had to be cancelled in Dubbo (NSW) and Kalgoorlie (WA) which was extremely disappointing for the programme. On a more positive note the 1988 Coaching Clinics attracted over 1500 athletes to 17 clinics around Australia. Most notable were the Canberra and Tasmanian Clinics that attracted over 200 athletes each. If promoted properly these clinics offer an excellent opportunity for local clubs to increase their memberships by advertising their clubs at the clinics. It would appear that more effort ought to be put into encouraging clubs to attend these coaching clinics and try to bolster their membership.

At present there are 23 clinics listed to be run in 1989, including six 2-day clinics being held along the coast of Queensland. This project aims to promote athletics further afield than just the capital cities.

### SCHOOLS RESOURCE MATERIAL

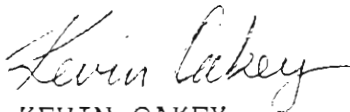
The total Schools Resource Material (SRM) Kit was completed in 1988. Promotion of the material included sending order forms to all Australian schools and the running of a competition to win \$1000 worth of athletics equipment. In the two months before Christmas over 350 Kits were ordered, resulting in a reprint of Books 1 and 2 and video being required. The AT&FCA will also be using the SRM as the text for their new School Teachers Coaching Award.

TEACHER IN-SERVICE

A government grant has been allocated to Athletics Australia for the use of promoting the Schools Resource Material and athletics in schools. Currently in-service seminars are being arranged in Adelaide. It is planned that seminars also be run in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth and Canberra, with any left-over finances directed towards a Hobart seminar.

U23 SQUADS

With the National Junior Squad taking on a new 2 year cycle to fit in with the biennial World Junior Championships it became apparent that a number of athletes disappeared from the squad lists. They were too old for the Junior Squad and not yet good enough for the Senior Squads. So as not to have these athletes forgotten from the athletics scene an U23 Squad has been initiated to fill in the gap between junior and senior. These athletes will still be considered for the Grand Prix events and possibly even an international tour can be arranged for this squad. The final details of this squad are still being finalised.



KEVIN OAKEY  
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

It has not been possible as a result of the Australia wide geographical location of members to have a formal meeting of this committee.

Telephone conversations have however been made and correspondence exchanged. This committee sees its role as being a watchdog to ensure that women are given equal opportunities in athletics in Australia.

Whilst we are able to do this at national level it is extremely difficult to ensure that equal opportunity exists in the States.

We are concerned that the number of women competitors in our sport is declining and that the number of officials both technical and administrative are also failing to increase nationally.

Unfortunately some States are very apathetic about our sport and are not actively seeking solutions to the participation problem in their own region.

Nationally women athletes are being encouraged to participate in an ever widening range of events. The next event to be introduced at National level should be the Pole Vault. This is successfully conducted at present in some States.

Our women are again competing with distinction at international competition. To ensure this continues we need a greater participation of women with equal opportunity.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The 1988-89 season concluded with the total of 102 new Records and 12 new Best on Record performances at the All Schools Championships.

Quite a substantial increase in new Australian Records, which is very promising for the promotion of our sport.

There is quite some delay in processing records as some States are slow in forwarding the applications and then even more delay because all the relevant documentation is not submitted with the application.

This can create some problems and disappointments.

I would like to thank the officers of the State Associations who do their utmost to attend to my stubborn requests in obtaining all the information to enable the athletes, who train so hard to break records, which is not an easy feat to repeat. So when it does happen I should do my best, in the position I hold, to ensure the athlete does not suffer at the expense of time, event though the rule may state otherwise.

So to overcome this problem the responsibility lies with the State Associations to act quickly on behalf of their members who are good enough to break records.

Statistics

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
World Records	-	2
Commonwealth	1	5 (including 1 equal record)
Aust. Open	3	7
Aust. National	6	13
Under 20	7	16
Under 18	8	12
Under 16	9	8
Best on Record	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>36</u>	<u>66</u>

Included in the above statistic are records set at the following events:

Seoul Olympics	4	5
Pacific Schools Games	6	5
Aust. All Schools Champs	1	2
Aust. U18 & U16 Champs	-	1
Aust. Open & U20 Champs	2	7

Australian All Schools Best on Record performances

Under 19	4	2
Under 17	3	3
Under 15	—	—
	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>

Ronda Jenkins (Convenor), Graeme Nichols, Michael McLaughlin

#### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

During the year the Chairman had a number of informal meetings with members of the Commission resulting in many worthwhile suggestions being implemented in the secretariat accounting and secretariat sections. The requirements of Article 62 of the Articles of Association relating to monitoring procedures were carried out during the year.

S.M.L. Guilfoyle, Convenor

#### INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMISSION

A review of the requirements of the Secretariat with relation to printing and photocopy demands was carried out and resulted in the upgrading of the printer to the computer with a Laser Writer from UNISYS and the replacement of the photocopier with one which increased production and productivity significantly. The replaced photocopier has been retained as it did not demand very much as a trade-in and will only be used if the new equipment is down for maintenance or unserviceable.

The utilisation of the computers in the Union is progressing at a steady pace and it is thought that members should place this subject higher on their agenda in order to have a national network at the earliest time. Whilst the lead must come from the Secretariat in programming decisions with the computer supplier, it is the Member Boards who should ensure that their administration is using the equipment to its capacity. The Secretariat has arranged training sessions for some members and as more programmes become available more sessions will be available.

S.M.L. Guilfoyle, Convenor

#### OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

The Officials Committee is pleased to report that officials are still enthusiastically sitting for examinations but are concerned at the shortage of officials in most States. It is felt that every encouragement should be given to officials whether they be "graded" or "ungraded".

The Committee has asked the AAU to endeavour to obtain some subsidy for the officials, particularly those who officiate at Australian Championships. The cost to the officials is becoming enormous, and speaking to some athletes they were surprised to hear that the officials paid all their own expenses. It would be interesting to conduct a survey to see just how much it has cost some officials over the number of years they have officiated - own uniform expenses, accommodation and travel, etc. Some may say "but they enjoy it". Yes maybe but not when they have to stand out in the rain all day or stand in the heat all day. Every effort must be made to get financial help for our officials. Younger officials will not come forward when they learn of the expense.

Insurance of officials is another concern to the Committee as in some States they are not covered by insurance. This matter is being pursued by the Committee.



A meeting of the Committee was held during March and many previous decisions were reviewed. The matters revised include the voting system for the selection of "Chief" officials which will now be on a preferential basis; consideration will now be given to selecting "Chiefs" from the Host Association. States have been asked to emphasize how important the position of Umpire is, as many feel that to be an Umpire is to be down-graded.

The Committee has continued to work as a team, each of the Committee has been most conscientious and I do thank them for their concern for officials and their whole-hearted support to me.

Flo Wrighter, Convenor

#### ATHLETES COMMISSION

MEMBERS: Jane Flemming, Simon Baker, Robert de Castella, Gary Honey, Don Wright, Margaret Mahony (Chair).

Whilst the Commission has only had one formal meeting since its inception, regular contact is made with members as to their thoughts on various matters which have been presented to the Board, as well as seeking proposals to present. In addition a report of Board meetings is circulated to members and where necessary their thoughts and nominations obtained.

The Board has been most receptive to recommendations from the Commission and has considered all matters which cause concern to the competitors, especially at a senior level. Examples are: composition of Commission - the athletes have requested that membership consist of male and female representatives from the following disciplines - track, field and road/walk (over 10K). It was also felt that in Olympic and World Championship years that the selection standard be that of the IAAF only.

The overall aim of the Commission is to have an athlete representative on the Board. This proposal should be forthcoming by the end of the year and it is hoped that members will see the value of such a request.

Whilst some may be a little cynical as to the value of such a Commission, it is envisaged that in the future such a group will achieve a strong input into the decision making of Athletics Australia.

Margaret Mahony, Chairperson



ATHLETICS VICTORIA

President: Mr. Stan Guilfoyle  
General Manager: Mr. Greg Mason

In following the long term development plan of Victorian Athletics, the Association took another step forward with the affiliation of the Victorian Cross Country League. The primary aim being to increase communication and co-ordination between athletic bodies.

We have continued discussions with the VLAA under the Victorian Athletic Development Committee and prepared an "Athletics in Schools" project which has the support of the State Government.

A submission to the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation for sponsorship was successful and for the first time since 1985 Victoria will have a State Coaching Director, from September, 1989.

Continued efforts of the Victorian Branch of the ATFCA, together with AIS Satellite coaches and the proposed Victorian Institute of Sport will see significant changes in the development of athletes across Victoria.

Administratively Athletics Victoria has gone from strength to strength. The fourth upgrade of our computer software has streamlined membership processing and championship entries (Cross Country and Schools) to the point where it now takes only 20% of the time it did 5 years ago. The statistical information now available has made forward planning more reliable and effective.

Future networking of the computers and the addition of an Apple McIntosh with Desktop Publishing capabilities (that will produce our Newsletter and Annual Report), a fax, telephone answering service and production of an Officials Training Video will enable us to cope with the demands of the 1990's and hopefully the 1996 Olympic Games in Melbourne.

This professional development of the sport in Victoria is reflected in the response to Athletics Australia's first offer to put to tender the National Championships. Athletics Victoria combined with Olympic Park Management to develop the first commercially viable and comprehensive tender for the National Championships to be held in Melbourne for 1990, 1991 and 1992. A first for Australian Athletics.

Following the lead of Athletics Australia, the name Athletics Victoria was registered.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



President: Paul Druitt  
Executive Director: Tony Rice

Many new initiatives were established by the AAWA under the hand of Tony Rice over the past two years including fostering closer ties with the coaching fraternity and other athletic bodies and increased participation from schools and regional centres. During 1988/89 the Schools Development Programme was established and was well received by schools in the metropolitan districts. During the coming year with the Shell Schools Development Programme it is hoped to cover both Metropolitan and Country areas. Clubs too established formal links with high schools in their areas and it is hoped to encourage this developmental progression from novice to elite athlete level in terms of both training activities and coaching expertise all helping to encourage membership and development of athletics in the State.

The Development Squad initiated in 1988/89 was a great success. This year the squad also sponsored by Shell is being extended to a group of 75 to ensure a carry on of athletes from the Junior to Senior ranks and it is hoped to develop this concept further in the future years.

The Association was requested to assist in the organisation and running of a number of athletic events sponsored by other organisations. These include "The Running of the Bulls" hosted by the Stock Exchange of Perth, a 4K run on the Esplanade, Perth City in June, the WA Department of Health "Quit" Campaign "Up the Tower" run in June held in Allendale Square Building. These and other events are assisting in placing the AAWA in front of the public.

It is pleasing to note the increase in membership of the Association and the growth in membership of some clubs. It is also encouraging to report increased entries in many AAWA events particularly in State Schoolboys/Girls titles, the Joondlup State Marathon and others. The general improvement in athletes' performances and increased number of talented juniors showing outstanding potential is very encouraging. Many outstanding performances at the National Track & Field Championships in Brisbane are noted this year with teams increasing in numbers and standards.

The number of supporting sponsors increased during 1989 thanks to the efforts of the Marketing and Sponsorship Committee. Their role is becoming of vital importance in funding major events and assisting AAWA finances. The Commonwealth Bank became our sponsor for the Special Invitation Track & Field meet held in March and sponsored the All Schools State Championships for summer and winter. This Association is grateful to all our sponsors for their support in the development of athletics in Western Australia.

The Western Australian Government has stated that it cannot continue funding athletics on the current basis unless the various athletic bodies function more closely together leading to the various athletic groups meeting in December. Meetings have continued with representatives from the Athletic Association of Western Australia, WA Little Athletics Association, Distance Running Association and Australian Track & Field Coaches

Since establishment the West Coast Athletic League and Veterans Club have attended meetings and shown strong support for the Government initiative. Issues raised for closer scrutiny include programmeing, personnel, office establishment, coaching resources and publications. A calendar meeting will be held in July and December each year. Closer co-operation and continued representation in the group committee is approved by the AAWA Board of Management.

The Western Australian Institute of Sport and the Western Australian Sports Federation continued to help and support athletics in the State. A special note of thanks to the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr. Graham Edwards for his support.

NEW SOUTH WALES AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

President: Mr. Ray Durie  
Executive Director: Mr. Clive Lee



This has probably been the most successful year for New South Wales for some time. The Association was supreme in the competition area winning the coveted Richard Coombes Shield from Victoria for the first time since 1958. However it must also be noted that NSW was successful in winning ALL Open Series in ALL Australian Track and Field Championships this season including winning 7 out of 8 relays at the Under 20 and Open; 12 out of 16 relays in the Under 16 and Under 18; and 4 out of 4 relays at the Hobart Relays. A first class achievement.

It was pleasant to see a small increase in registrations - not many - but at least it was an upward trend.

The Association was fortunate in retaining all of its previous year's sponsors with the exception of AMP, but thankfully we were fortunate in obtaining OTC in their place. A full list of Association sponsors shown hereunder shows a wide range of "product" with which athletics in NSW is associated.

- The John Fairfax Group (Sun-Herald and Sydney Morning Herald)
- Streets Ice Cream
- OTC
- Hattori (Australia) Pty. Ltd. (Pulsar Quartz)
- Canon Copeies
- Australian Newsprint Mills
- Commonwealth Bank
- Shell Australia
- Australian Airlines
- Angus & Coote
- Mars Confectionery
- Southern Pacific Hotels (Travelodge)
- Adidas
- Rothmans (Sports Division)
- Hospital Contribution Fund (H.C.F)

In addition the terrific financial support given by the Department of Sport, Recreation & Racing through the Minister Mr. Bob Rowland-Smith, has been of inestimable value.

The re-surfacing of Sydney Athletic Field with the top quality Rekortan surface together with other improvements undertaken by the Sydney City Council - and since 1st January the South Sydney Council - has meant a great deal to our athletes and the co-operation of the Director of Parks & Recreation much appreciated.

Finally, one must mention our elite athletes who have performed so well in international competition including the Olympic Games, one of which is Kerry Saxby, now the holder of 19 world records, a figure she will undoubtedly surpass this year.

As this is my last report as Executive Director of NSWAAA I would like to thank all my colleagues on the Board, athletes, coaches, officials and administrators for all their help over the past nearly 30 years in which I have been involved in administration.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA



President: Graeme Briggs, AM, JP  
Executive Director: Noel Ruddock AM  
Hon. Secretary: Mavis Ebzery, OAM

The 1988/89 season has been one of significant achievement and progress. The major factors, not necessarily in order of importance were:

- the opening of the splendid new facility at Penguin, giving a boost to the sport in the North-West and a new dimension to the Statewide competition;
- the selection of ten Tasmanians in the Australian Junior Squad of 65 for a world-wide tour culminating in the World Junior Championships in Sudbury, Canada;
- the selection of Dean Rose in the Australian team for the World Junior Cross Country Championships for the third year in succession;
- the record medal tally in the Australian Track and Field Championships;
- the success of Susan Andrews in the Oceania Team for the World Cup in Barcelona in September, 1989;
- the success of the National Relays Meet in January, despite inclement weather and the establishment of that Meet as an important fixture not only locally but interstate;

and

- the competitive excellence of the Tasmanian Track and Field Championships, despite the malignment of a sporting commentator.

The successes of the athletes - and their coaches who now realise what is required to compete at the top level - pose a big challenge to the administrators. To this end, it is pleasing to report that Council appointed a Working Party with Mr. K. McNamara as Chairman to prepare recommendations for the restructuring of the administrative structure of the Association and its Branches. That Working Party has held three forums in the respective areas, its report will be available shortly and that report will be given the widest possible circulation and consideration. The conclusions of those discussions and the implementation of the consequent recommendations, together with the appointment of the three Development Officers, in conjunction with the Department of Sport and Recreation, can only be for the benefit of the sport and the further enhancement of the progress which has been most evident in the past year. Details of the achievements follow in this comprehensive report.

QUEENSLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION LIMITED



President: Mr. John Bailey  
General Manager: Mr. Reg Brandis

The 1988/89 Athletic Year has been a successful and busy one for the Association which has seen a consolidation of the company's financial position; the successful conduct of a number of major athletic events including the first-ever "Week of Australian Track and Field Championships"; two major Conferences, one to discuss the future structure of the QAAL and the usual Conference of Secretaries of Country Clubs; and an increase in the number of athletes registered with the Association. In addition the Association upgraded its office accommodation but at the same time reduced its annual rental and the successful purchase of ex-Commonwealth Games equipment means that the Association's competition equipment is now of a high standard.

Administratively it has been an extraordinarily busy year particularly because of the additional workload generated by the conducting of all National Track and Field Championships at QEII. State registrations increased this year from 3071 in 1987/88 to 3230 at 31st March, 1989, an increase of 5.2%. The Deception Bay Club disbanded in July and Emerald did not re-affiliate, however on the positive side new Clubs with strong membership were affiliated in Lower Curtis, Monto and North Rockhampton and new Associate Clubs affiliated were the Gold Coast, Mackay and Rockhampton Road Runners Clubs.

New Clubs are presently being formed in Goondiwindi and Stanthorpe and are expected to apply for affiliation in the near future. Indications are that both clubs will have strong memberships and will fill a void in the Southern Darling Downs Region.

One major task for the QAA Board to address in the 1989/90 Athletic Year is the formulation and the implementation of a plan to develop new Clubs in areas where no QAA Club presently exists. There is also a pressing need to review the situation of some of our existing Clubs, particularly those with small memberships.

During the year the Association conducted a large number of State and Australian Championships and a number of feature events including the Hypermarket Fun Run, The Central Plaza Run-Up, the QAA Track & Field Opening Day and the QAA Gift. The Drug Offensive Meeting conducted on February 12, was a high-profile Meet featuring many of Australia's leading athletes and incorporated the Australian One Mile and 100 Yards Championships for both Men and Women. Once again the QAA combined with the Queensland State Secondary Schools Sports Association to conduct the Schools Track and Field Championships and this competition continues to go from strength to strength.

Country athletics continues as a major force on the Queensland scene. Once again a successful City-Country Junior Match was conducted at QEII this year for the Under 17 age group and also included a special coaching clinic. The major focus for the majority of country athletes are the Queensland Country Championships and the North Queensland Championships.

These Championships were conducted by the Maryborough and Cairns Clubs respectively and once again were organised to a high standard.

The immediate major challenge in the Country is to ensure that the numbers of Seniors in Country Clubs are greatly increased. This can only be achieved by more Inter-Club type competitions and representative opportunities.

The State Marathon Championships conducted in conjunction with the Gold Coast Marathon were also the Australian Championships and a notable success. The undoubted 'Highlight of the Year' was the Association's hosting on behalf of the AAU, the first-ever "Week of Australian Track and Field Championships". This was a major undertaking for the QAA and involved an enormous amount of planning and organisation. The end result was an outstanding success and a tribute to the efforts of all concerned.

During the year a large number of Queensland athletes achieved the high honour and distinction of representing Australia in a variety of international competitions. To all these athletes the Association extends its congratulations and good wishes.

Major sponsor of the QAA in 1988/89 was once again the National Australia Bank which has given magnificent and continuing support to Queensland athletics for some six years.

Other major sponsors during th year were Australian Airlines, International Public Relations (Mars 5 Star), Coca Cola, Baker Joe's Pies, Pick 'n Pack Hypermarket and Lewzen Pty. Ltd. (Gold Coast Marathon), Adidas and Unysis. During 1989/90 the Association's Development Plan will be completed and will provide a Blue Print on which the future success of Queensland Athletics can be based.





ATHLETICS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

President: Mr. David Prince  
General Manager: Ms. Kathy Edwards

The most pleasing aspect of the past twelve months has been the co-operation and co-ordination of the Associations' activities and the clear understanding that the Board of Management, the Administration, the Clubs, the athletes, coaches and supporters to enjoy a common goal.

The viability and stability of the AA of SA continues to rank as the Board's top priority, whilst short and long term athletic and marketing programmes are currently under review.

Our change in the Constitution has commenced to reap the planned improvements at most levels.

It has been an extremely exciting and fulfilling year and it has been satisfying to see that most members have taken a much more positive attitude towards the promotion and development of Athletics in South Australia.

Athletics SA was the winner of the Wallman Shield in 1988. This Shield is presented by the SA Olympic Council for the most effective promotion and improvement of a sport.

We have gained the SA Athletic League and the Wheelchair Sports as affiliated members, this was certainly a great jump forward towards all Athletic bodies working together.

The other point to be stressed is the number of athletes administered by this Association. Although the registered athletes/officials/coaches number is 1,000 we have another 10,000 people who run in our Fun Runs (City Bay) Relay (Victor Harbour, Gawler, Patawolonga Marathons, Half Marathons, etc.

Most importantly another 28,000 school students use our Track & Field facilities at OSF during the year and 5,000 students take part in the Association of SA special school events during the season, both summer and winter events. We are proud of the number of SA athletes with which we have direct and indirect contact.

The competition highlights for this year have been

- of course the Seoul Olympics - John Daly, Australian Team Manager  
Fletcher McEwen, Australian Track & Field Coach  
Highlight - Lisa Martin - Silver Medal in Women's Marathon
- Adelaide Games - another extra-ordinary success and a spectacular twilight event.
- State Championships - Sponsored by "Streets" a high profile event and it was covered by all TV stations and both daily newspapers. Most pleasing that the media is really behind our drive to take "Athletics" to the General Public.

- State Marathon - a spectacular course around the West Lakes and Delphin Island
- "City Bay" Fun Run - for the 15th consecutive year and still a resounding success
- Coca-Cola Games - A huge schools Event to cover all regions of the State and all schools, both state and independent.
- Series of 3 School Event in April:
  - a) U14, U16, U18 Championships
  - b) Multi Event & Relay Championships
  - c) Meet of Champions - this follows the 7 days of schools carnivals where 210 schools compete. We began this event last year and it doubled in numbers this year so we anticipate it will eventually be as big as the Coac-Cola Games.
- Coaching Clinics - supported by the Sugar Industry were again held in the October holidays and were most successful with visiting elite athletes assisting at the Clinics. Two country clincis in Whyalla and the Riverland were also extremely well received.
- SASI Programme - an excellent programme is developing through support by the SASI and the AIS under the leadership of our State Coach, Fletcher McEwen. It caters for 4 levels of performance from talented juniors to international level. The scheme is assisted by 4 event coaches.
- Firls Fun Run - an outstanding success.

Promotional Activities have been many;

- We have rewritten the Constitution of the Association giving portfolios to Board Members, in other words fitting the person to a position so we have a Board of Directors.
- A Club Seminar held in August, 1988 to look at Development of Clubs, facilities and memberships.
- A breakfast to raise funds for our international World Junior Championship representatives with a high profile speaker - this was extremely successful.
- A luncheon for the "Advertiser" Adelaide Games where Bruce McAvaney spoke to the guest. Again a really successful promotion.
- A season launch for media/sponsors, government and sporting bodies was the success we hoped for.
- A novel idea was our Olympic Games launch at St. Pauls Restaurant - set up as a Qantas Plane, we took our guests on a "flight" to the opening ceremony.

Our major sponsors are again Regupol (Aust) Pty. Ltd., Streets, Ansett, adidas, Coca-Cola, Shell, Mars with many supporting sponsors - we could not progress without both cash and kind sponsorships.

To conclude, we continue to look forward optimistically to the future marketing and development of Athletics SA

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



President: Mr. Ken English  
Secretary: Mr. Bill Bailey

The 1988-89 athletic year was a good one for ACT Athletics.

It was a year in which many clubs, riding on the coat-tails of the interest upsurge generated by the Olympics and the Pacific Schools Games, set about planned recruitment drives so that in some clubs, registrations showed a dramatic increase. In particular, there was record junior participation at interclub prior to Christmas.

It was also a year in which it would appear as though the battle to retain the athletic track at the National Athletic Stadium appears to have been lost with certain politicians and influential media and public service personnel not wishing to listen to logical and sensible arguments against the move to destroy the track.

Competitively the ACTAA had another fine year. At the Seoul Olympics Robert de Castella, Sally Hamilton-Fleming and Carolyn Schuwalow-Lloyd represented Australia with distinction. Susan Hobson, Joy Terry and Carolyn Schuwalow-Lloyd represented Australia at the 1989 World Cross Country Championships and Gerard Barrett did likewise at the recent World Marathon Cup in Milan. Don Wright, Lisa-Marie Visianari and Astra Ettienne have been selected for Oceania at World Cup V in Barcelona later this year.

Excellent achievements at Under 16, 18, 20, Open, All Schools and Winter National Championships were too numerous to detail but certainly reflect the improved standards of commitment from athletes and the higher quality of coaching that they are receiving in Canberra these days; and this rise in standards is also reflected in the record number of thirteen athletes who received the Canberra Medal for outstanding performances this year.

With the release of the news by Athletics Australia that the sport is to undertake major marketing initiatives over the next few years, it is fortuitous that our Association has already planned to conduct a seminar prior to the commencement of the 1989-90 summer season. This seminar will examine future directions of athletics in the ACT in an endeavour to upgrade aspects of our performance in areas such as recruitment, presentation, publicity, promotion and sponsorship as well as athlete, coach and officials' development.

The ACTAA Junior Development Squad again enjoyed a year of success. As a consequence it has been decided to extend this concept to athletes in the Under 23 age group. An Athlete Development Squad is to be formed to offer financial and infrastructure support to outstanding athletes in this age group to encourage talented athletes to reach their potential. Similarly, an initiative to develop winter athletes is to be negotiated with the ACT Cross Country Club. These initiatives, together with the considerable financial support given to athletes selected in State and National teams, demonstrates the priority this Association continues to give to athletes. To this end we are extremely fortunate to have a number of generous sponsors, without whom we would be unable to offer this degree of support. We are most grateful to Hooker Projects, Ansett Airlines and the Commonwealth Bank for providing major sponsorship support.