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BIENNIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Presented to delegates of affiliated Associations at the Tenth Biennial Conference of the Union, held at Brisbane, Queensland on Thursday, 29th March 1956.

LADIES:

Your Executive has pleasure in submitting its Ninth Biennial Report and Financial Statement for your consideration.

Again it is our pleasure to report continued increase in numerical strength and a general all-round improvement in standards.

As will be noted in this Report, the Australian competitors at the British/Empire and Commonwealth Games at Vancouver acquitted themselves very well notwithstanding several mishaps - it is indeed pleasing to again justify the financial assistance of our supporters who responded so enthusiastically to our appeals for funds.

Based on experience with previous overseas athletic teams, the Executive thought it necessary that an athletic official capable of coaching should be available to members of the team whilst away. The Union was indeed fortunate that Miss N. Gould volunteered for this position and paid her own expense.

The A.A.U. of A. requested that the A.W.A.A.U. should pay a share of the cost of Australian and overseas affiliation fees. This amount is now being paid, although your Union has no representation on the A.A.U. of A.

It is hoped that the equal representation granted to women elsewhere and already spread to European countries will eventually be accepted in Australia.

We have accepted the financial responsibilities in the past so representation carries only administrative cares, in which, judging by the growth and standard of women athletes in Australia should prove no difficulty, but indeed indicate our ability to contribute rather than gain.

Appreciation to our President, Miss Doris Carter who has been always available to render unstinting assistance based on her wide experience of women's affairs and her interest in our sport extending over many years.

AFFILIATIONS

Associations from each State are affiliated with the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union, as listed hereunder:-

NEW SOUTH WALES
QUEENSLAND
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TASMANIA
VICTORIA
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CONFERENCE

The Ninth Biennial Conference of the Union was held at Boan's, Perth, Western Australia on 26th February 1954, and in the absence of the President Miss D. Carter and Vice President Mrs. K. Beazley the Chair was taken by Mrs. M. Barrett of Western Australian W.A.A.A.

The following delegates attended:-

New South Wales	Miss N. Gould and Mrs. E. Magee
Queensland	Misses M. Johnson & D. Welch
South Australia	Mrs. C. Kavanagh
Victoria	Miss L. Neville & Mrs. A. Robinson
Tasmania	Miss M. Triffitt
Western Australia	Miss G. Bull and J. Gullan

Sympathy was expressed by delegates on learning that Vice President, Mrs. K. Beazley had contracted poliomyelitis that week, and a message wishing her speedy recovery was forwarded.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

PERTH, W.A.

The Council of the W.A. Women's Amateur Athletic Association has pleasure in presenting, for your consideration and approval, this Report on the Australian Track and Field Championships conducted at the Leederville Oval on Saturday, 28th February and Monday, 1st March, 1954.

The Association feels justly proud of the confidence placed by the Union in entrusting the conduct and organising of this important fixture, in its care, this being the second occasion that the Championships have taken place in Western Australia.

From the experience gained from observing meetings controlled by other Associations, and the very valuable help and advice given by the W.A. Amateur Athletic Association, it was well prepared to proceed on this occasion to present the Championships to the best advantage of visiting Athletes and Officials to the people of the State.

The results of the meeting, both from the competitive and financial aspects, were most gratifying and will undoubtedly greatly assist in creating still more interest in the improvement of the status of the sport in the State, in addition, both bodies will benefit considerably financially, which is indeed a most important factor these days.

The standard of the performances of the competitors was well maintained as revealed in the schedule of results and augers well for the success of the 1956 Olympic Games to be held in Melbourne.

ACCOMMODATION

All Athletes and Team Manageresses were accommodated at the University Hostel, Stirling Highway, Crawley which is ideally situated a distance of less than three miles from the city.

The surroundings and amenities of the Hostel appeared to meet with the approval of all, and proved most popular as the visitors were able to meet one another from other States.

The tariff @ £6. 0. 0 per week was indeed reasonable, taking into consideration the high living costs existing these times and helped to reduce the cost of financing visiting teams.

By arrangement, all Athletes were conveyed from the Hostel to Leeder-ville Oval and returned each day of the Championships without charge to the constituent Associations.

ADVERTISING

The coverage of this important item was comprehensive and we were fortunate in not having to expend a large sum of money, as the press and radio stations had undertaken to give their fullest support and co-operation.

The advertising mainly consisted of 600 Billposters suitably worded, in places to attract the public's attention throughout the metropolitan area, and some small stickers were displayed on motor cars.

The support of the Press was excellent. In some instances it was front page news, supported by many photos of competing athletes. This practical assistance undoubtedly proved a valuable contribution to the conduct of the Championships.

Similarly, excellent support was given by the A.B.C. and the Commercial Station 6 IX., both providing a generous amount of time on their respective programmes in broadcasting general information and items of news relating to the meeting.

ENTERTAINMENT

The teams commenced arriving on Monday the 22nd February, either by train or air, and were met by Officials and members of the W.A.W.A.A.A. and conveyed to the Hostel by car, and departed on Tuesday 2nd March.

The short stay of our visitors limited the functions that could be arranged for them, the official functions being :

Friday	26th	12 noon	Civic Reception extended to visitors by the Lord Mayor of Perth, Mr. J. Murray.
Friday	26th	1 p.m.	Luncheon to Conference Delegates.
Saturday	27th	8 p.m.	Barbecue at Mr. & Mrs. D. Rapley's residence.
Sunday	28th	2 p.m.	Bus and car trip to Beaches and places of interest around Perth.
Monday	1st	8 p.m.	Farewell Dance at Cottesloe Civic Centre.

FINANCIAL.

The attached statement of receipts and payments discloses in detail the items of expenditure and the receipts relative to the conduct of the Championship meeting.

The net profit far exceeded expectations and was most gratifying. This bears out the fact that this weekend is far more suitable than the long weekend in January, from a financial point of view.

The charges for admission both days were - Grandstand Reservations 5/-, Adults all parts of ground 3/-, children under 16, 1/6.

Attendance	First day				
	Adults	-	4722		
	Children	-	804		
	Second Day				
	Adults	-	3700		
	Children	-	615	TOTAL	9841

Gate receipts for the two days amounted to £1487. 9. 1 and all expenditure was carefully kept to an absolute minimum.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

The conduct of the meeting was under the Managership of Mr. M. Adair with the assistance of the officials of the W.A.A.A.A. and the W.A.W.A.A.A.

The number of visiting Athletes were made up as follows :
New South Wales 16, Queensland 7, South Australia 5, Tasmania 4, Victoria 11.

Prior to the meeting all equipment being used at the Championships by competitors and that provided by the Association, was carefully checked, likewise the stop watches were certified as accurate.

The Doris Mulcahy Shield was won by the N.S.W.W.A.A.A. on a count back from Western Australia. The places gained by the various teams are set out below:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
New South Wales	4	4	3	6	5	3
Western Australia	4	1	1	2	2	3
Queensland	2	2	2	2		
Victoria	1	3	4	1	3	2
South Australia		1	2		1	
Tasmania						1

The Perth City Council, the owners of the Leederville Oval, spent considerable effort in ensuring that the ground and running tracks were in first class order for the meeting, and there is no doubt this track is one of the best in Australia.

From the attached schedule of the results of the Championship events conducted, it is felt that the times and performances recorded are well up to world standard. In all five Australian records were established and seven West Australian records were bettered.

CONCLUSION

The Council of the W.A.W.A.A.A. trusts that the Championships were conducted in a fitting manner satisfactory to the Union and looks forward to the time when the Association will again have the honour of organising and presenting the Championships in Perth.

For and on behalf of the Council of the
Western Australian Women's Amateur Athletic
Association.

G. BULL,
Hon. Secretary.

Results:-

100 yards

M. Jackson	N.S.W.	Time 10.6s.
M. Mathews	N.S.W.	
W. Cripps	Vic.	
N. Fogarty	N.S.W.	

High Jump

C. Bernoth	Qld.	5'4"
P. Bergin	S.A.	
A. Tracey	Qld.	
J. Baumann	N.S.W.	

220 yards

M. Jackson	N.S.W.	24.2s.
W. Cripps	Vic.	
M. Mathews	N.S.W.	
P. Bryant	W.A.	

Long Jump

V. Schwarzingger	W.A.	18'4½"
G. Wallace	N.S.W.	
M. Johnson	Qld.	
B. Hill	N.S.W.	

440 yards

P. Bryant	W.A.	56.6s.
D. Welch	Qld.	
B. Kewming	Vic.	
J. Hanger	Vic.	

Javelin

V. Pepper	Qld.	123'11"
L. Murphy	Vic.	
E. Kitsapea	N.S.W.	
J. Heath	N.S.W.	

880 yards

B. Folland	W.A.	2m.20.7s
D. Welch	Qld.	
J. Brown	S.A.	
L. Geyle	Vic.	

Discus

L. Murphy	Vic.	121'7½"
S. Smith	N.S.W.	
V. Lawrence	W.A.	
V. Pepper	Qld.	

80 Metres Hurdles

G. Wallace	N.S.W.	11.5s.
M. Middlemiss	Vic.	
N. Austin	S.A.	
P. Robertson	W.A.	

Shot

V. Lawrence	W.A.	39'11"
M. Breen	N.S.W.	
E. Hawkes	N.S.W.	
S. Smith	N.S.W.	

440 Yards Relay

N.S. Wales	47.0s.
West Australia	
Victoria	
Queensland.	

AUSTRALIAN BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM - VANCOUVER 1954.

The Australian Team, which included eight women athletes, left Mascot Airport at 11 a.m. on 13th July and arrived at Vancouver at 2 a.m. on 15th July.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Marjorie Jackson-Nelson	(S.A.)
Miss Winsome Cripps	(Vic.)
Miss Marlene Middlemiss	"
Miss Nancy Fogarty	(NSW)
Miss Marlene Mathews	"
Miss Gwen Wallace	"
Miss Carol Bernoth	(Q'ld)
Miss Valerie Lawrence	(W.A.)

TRAVEL: No member of the team suffered adverse effects from air travel, although swollen feet was a general complaint, due partly to the mode of travel, and aggravated by the wearing of new shoes. An overnight stay at Honolulu enabled satisfactory treatment to be carried out. The plane's return to the tarmac at Honolulu for repairs, caused a delay of several hours, resulting in arrival at Vancouver at 2 a.m. on the morning of 15th July.

ARRIVAL: Although the hour was late, a wonderful welcome was accorded the tired, lei-bedecked team, which was driven, immediately upon completion of formalities, to quarters at the University of British Columbia.

ACCOMMODATION: It was originally intended that all competitors would be housed at Empire Village, but unexpectedly large teams made it necessary for women competitors to be accommodated in buildings across the campus. These ultra-modern buildings, in a setting of almost incomparable natural beauty, afforded competitors every comfort and facility. Women competitors were accommodated in twin-bed-sitting rooms, with single rooms available for officials. A large lounge, equipped with modern luxuries, was situated on the ground floor, and competitors were permitted to entertain guests until a reasonable hour in the evening.

For several days following arrival, the girls were affected by the central heating, but upon request the heating was switched off, and they rapidly regained their lost energy.

MEALS: Meals were served for women competitors at Brook Hall, about 150 yards from the sleeping quarters. They were served cafeteria style, were plentiful and various. During the Games period, special meals were arranged at various times, to suit individual competitors. Steak was plentiful, and although the Canadian method of grilling differed from that to which the Australians were accustomed, it proved satisfactory to the competitors. Suppers and light snacks were also available in the accommodation building.

TRAINING: Training facilities were available at the University of British Columbia Stadium, which was approximately half a mile from the women's quarters. Competitors were able to use transport, or walk the short distance to the training ground. Ground officials were most helpful and co-operative, and during the final week of preparation our girls were given the opportunity of practising starting with the official Games starters. The team used the ground morning and afternoon. Each girl trained most assiduously; the team was in complete harmony, and earned the admiration of all.

MEDICAL: A sick parade for BE&CG personnel was held each morning at the Clinic within the University Medical Centre. Despite maximum care, injuries were suffered by members of the team. Marlene Mathews suffered a re-occurrence of an old leg injury shortly before the commencement of the Games. Following treatment at the nearby Clinic, she resumed training after a few days. The injury rapidly

healed, and on the day of competition, Marlene was particularly fit, but, unfortunately, the extreme pressure placed on the leg during the heat of the 100 yards caused further injury, resulting in the withdrawal of Marlene from further competition. Valerie Lawrence injured her back, and was under medical treatment prior to, and during the entire Games period. Later diagnosed as a slipped disc, the courage and fortitude displayed by Valerie showed great strength of character. Winsome Cripps and Gwen Wallace received treatment for strained muscles, whilst Marlene Middlemiss suffered severe muscle discomfort caused by her inexperience of cinder tracks.

OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS: During a visit to Empire Village, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, chatted informally with members of the team.

Members of the Australian and New Zealand Teams were guests at a late afternoon Garden Party and Dinner, given by the Australian and New Zealand Attaches - Mr. James Payne and Mr. P.B. Cook.

ATHLETIC MEETINGS: Otherwise excellent organisation was marred by the lack of competition available. The only track meeting arranged was at Aldergrove, a small country town 30 miles from Vancouver, on what was, literally, a baseball diamond, thus restricting the distance of events, the maximum being 60 yards. Australians dominated this meeting, Marjorie Jackson-Nelson creating a new Canadian record for the 50 yards. Performances were as follows:

Marjorie Jackson-Nelson	1st 50 yards.	5.9s Canadian
Winsome Cripps	2nd 50 yards.	record.
Marlene Middlemiss	1st 60m hurdles.	9.7s
	2nd Broad Jump.	16' 3"
Gwen Wallace	1st Broad Jump.	17' 6"
Carol Bernoth	2nd High Jump.	5' 1"
Valerie Lawrence	2nd Shot put.	40' 10"
Nancy Fogarty	3rd 50 yards.	

BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH
GAMES PERFORMANCES:

Marjorie Jackson-Nelson (Australia) and Yvette Williams (New Zealand) shared the honour of being the most outstanding woman athlete. Each won three gold medals. In winning the 100 yards Marjorie created a new BE&CG record of 10.7s; in the 220 yards she established a new BE&CG record and equalled her own world record of 24s, and her amazing finish in the 440 yards relay enabled Australia to win the event in the BE&CG record time of 46.8s.

Winsome Cripps' performances in track events were second only to those of Marjorie Jackson-Nelson. She gained two silver and one gold medal, in the 100 yards, 220 yards and relay, respectively.

Despite severe pain, caused by a back injury, Valerie Lawrence performed exceptionally well to gain 4th place in the shot put and 5th in the discus.

Carol Bernoth tied for 5th place in the high jump. Although Gwen Wallace failed to qualify for the final of the 80 metres hurdles, her time of 11.4s in the heat, exceeded the Australian standard, and was a very creditable performance. She also finished 7th in the broad jump.

Despite hard training and determination, Marlene Middlemiss could not regain her form, and was extremely handicapped by muscle discomfort.

Following a leg injury sustained in the heat of the 100 yards, Marlene Mathews was forced to withdraw from subsequent events.

The reserve, Gwen Wallace, was substituted for Marlene in the 440 yards relay, and, with Nancy Fogarty, Winsome Cripps and Marjorie Jackson-Nelson, running in that order, won the event in the record time of 46.8s.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:

100 YARDS

<u>Marjorie Jackson-Nelson</u>	100 yards - Heat 1 - 1st	10.9s.
	Final	1st 10.7s BE&CG Record
<u>Winsome Cripps</u>	Heat 2 - 1st	10.9s
	Final - 2nd	10.8s
<u>Nancy Fogarty</u>	Heat 1 - 6th	11.2s
<u>Marlene Mathews</u>	Heat 2 - retired	injured

220 YARDS

<u>Marjorie Jackson-Nelson</u>	Heat 2 - 1st	24.3s
	Final - 1st	24s (BE&CG Record Equals World record)
<u>Winsome Cripps</u>	Heat 1 - 1st	24.7s
	Final - 2nd	24.5s
<u>Nancy Fogarty</u>	Heat 2 - 3rd	25.8s

80 METRES HURDLES

<u>Gwen Wallace</u>	Heat 1 - 4th	11.4s
<u>Marlene Middlemiss</u>	Heat 2 - 5th	12.0s

BROAD JUMP

<u>Gwen Wallace</u>	7th	17' 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
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HIGH JUMP

<u>Carol Bernoth</u>	Tied	5th	5' 1"
<u>Marlene Middlemiss</u>		9th	4' 8"

DISCUS

<u>Valerie Lawrence</u>	5th	104' 6"
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SHOT PUT

<u>Valerie Lawrence</u>	4th	40' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
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440 YARDS RELAY

(M. Jackson-Nelson, W. Cripps, N. Fogarty G. Wallace)	1st	46.8s (BE&CG Record)
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UNIFORM: The uniform, which included a grey wool frock, was extremely smart, and much admired.

CONDUCT: The conduct of members of the team, both on and off the field, was exemplary. In the eight women athletes, Australia had very worthy ambassadors.

APPRECIATION: I would like to thank the Team Manager, Mr. J. Eve, for the assistance which was readily available. The Assistant Manager, Mr. E. Kenny, who was most helpful. Mrs. Norah Morison, Team Manageress for her wonderful co-operation, and the Track Sectional Manager Mr. F. Theo Treacy, who contributed so much to the success of the individual members, and the harmony of the team as a whole.

CONCLUSION: In conclusion, I would like to make a few suggestions with a view to assisting future teams. (a) That every endeavour be made to appoint sectional managers for women. (b) That consideration be given in respect of girls in their early teens being subjected to the mental strain of international competition. This to apply principally to field games and jumps, where complete concentration is essential to success. (c) When selecting footwear, the emphasis to be on comfort. (d) That, when a relay team is selected, consideration be given to the inclusion of an emergency, providing such emergency cannot be drawn from selected team members.

The result of the 1954 British Empire and Commonwealth Games proves that, once again, Australia's women athletes have upheld the prestige of their country, both as athletes, and as individuals. Whilst our selectors continue in their sound method of selection, we need have no fear for teams of the future.

NELL GOULD,
(Honorary Track Coach)

WARSAW VISIT - S. de la Hunty.

An invitation was extended to Mrs. Shirley de la Hunty to compete at the Youth Festival Games at Warsaw, Poland, in August 1955.

As the Polish A.A. Union was unwilling to accept our proposal that a suitable manageress should be provided and financed by them, permission was granted for Mrs. de la Hunty to proceed overseas after she had undertaken to accept full responsibility in both personal and Union matters.

Details of the competition have not been supplied, but official advice has been received from the I.A.A.F. that her time of 11.3 seconds over the distance of 100 metres at Warsaw has now been accepted as a world record.

Mrs. de la Hunty is congratulated by the Union on this most outstanding performance.

HELMS AWARD

Advice has recently been received that the Helms award for 1955 has been awarded to Mrs. de la Hunty of Western Australia.

We have appreciated that Mrs. de la Hunty is indeed an outstanding athlete amongst world class. It is most pleasing to have our opinion confirmed by world authority - again congratulations!

NEW ZEALAND VISIT - G. Cooke & G. Wallace.

An invitation was extended by the Hastings A.C. & A. Club, New Zealand for hurdlers Mrs. de la Hunty and Misses G. Cooke and G. Wallace to visit there during January last.

Mrs. de la Hunty was unable to accept, but approval was given by the Executive for Misses Cooke & Wallace to make the trip, with Miss Gladys Symes, appointed by the N.Z.A.A.A. as manageress.

The girls reached New Zealand on January 17th and were driven to Hastings where they were billeted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hagenson.

A civic reception was tendered the visitors by the Mayor of Hastings, Mr. Bates.

Two night meetings were held at Hastings on 23rd and 30th January - at Napier on 26th January and at Wairoa on 1st February with the following results:-

23rd January - Hastings

80 Metres Hurdles - M. Stuart (N.Z.)	100 yards	- M. Stuart
G. Cooke		G. Cooke
G. Wallace		
Time 11.4s (N.Z. Record)	Long Jump	- G. Wallace 16'6"

26th January - Napier

80 Metres Hurdles - M. Stuart (N.Z.)	100 yards	- G. Cooke
G. Cooke		M. Stuart
11.3s (W/A)		10.9s (eq. N.Z. Record)

30th January - Hastings

80 Metres Hurdles - M. Stuart	100 yards	- M. Stuart,
G. Cooke		G. Cooke
11.3s (N.Z. Record)		

1st February - Wairoa

80 Metres Hurdles - M. Stuart	100 yards	- G. Cooke
G. Cooke		M. Stuart
11.6 secs.		11.4 secs.

The party left on 2nd February for Auckland for a further competition, but the meeting was postponed due to rain. They returned to Sydney on 5th February by plane.

Throughout the tour the Australians were treated with kindness and hospitality, and the experience should prove most beneficial in future competitions.

OLYMPIC GAMES - Melbourne

Members of our Union have for many years looked forward to personally seeing an Olympic Games without having to travel overseas - The time is not far distant, but much organising work remains to be done.

Overseas competitors - On previous occasions Australian representative teams have been handicapped by lack of suitable training and competitive facilities before the Games.

In discussion with representatives from other countries in a personal way whilst overseas, there was a general agreement in this regard.

Your Union has communicated with the A.A.U. of A. asking that invitations be extended to the principal women's athletic countries to avail themselves of our training and competitive facilities before the Games, and requesting that the arrangements be finalised in ample time before they leave their home country so that we can have suitable grounds and non-olympic competition available for that purpose.

As yet the A.A.U. of A. has not informed us of any action they have taken with overseas countries to assist them in this regard.

OFFICIALS: These officials have been appointed for the following positions for the 1956 Olympic Games:

Field Judges - Mrs. A. Robinson and Miss L. Neville
Finish Judge - Mrs. E. Magee
Liaison Officers:- Mesdames D. Clark, E. Crockett, Misses N. Gould
and N. McWilliams.

No further information has been received from the A.A.U. of A. in respect to any persons, in addition to the seven mentioned above, being appointed, although it is known that many lesser male positions have been finalised.

It is hoped that this information will shortly be forthcoming which will indicate the number of women officials appointed will be in keeping with the post Olympic standards of our Union.

There are many officials who have worked hard over the years in the true amateur spirit to promulgate athletics. It is little to expect that they should be given still further opportunity to work hard again as amateur officials when the world championships come to our country.

FINANCE - It is suggested that the State Associations will need to be prepared to assist in the additional expenditure associated with the preparation of their own competitors in their respective Olympic training groups. Then later, according to the decision of the Conference possibly to assist in the final costs.

It will be our pleasing duty before and after the Games to assist in the training and social activities of our overseas guests.

Whilst finance is of little consideration in principle, in such circumstances it must, from a business viewpoint, be considered. Our Union Executive will need to co-operate with other Unions in insuring that we can do our share in this regard.

RECEPTION: Whilst the bulk of the work associated with welcoming our overseas visitors to Australia will fall on (a) Western Australia by virtue of Fremantle port and (b) N.S.Wales by virtue of Sydney air terminal. It is realised that, although pleasant, this task can be most arduous, particularly when one appreciates the matter of plane, boat and customs delays.

It is suggested that the States principally involved give consideration to these matters immediately, so that suitable committees can be appointed in which rosters can be arranged.

Large sized lapel badges could be used indicating the representation of the Union in the language of the country being welcomed.

The appropriate consulates would, no doubt, be happy to assist.

It is appreciated that the main organising body will make adequate preparation for the reception of the visitors, but our Union, as the Official internal Australian body for women's athletics should, and must actively participate in such welcomes.

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION

Whilst the Olympic Games are being held, the opportunity will be taken as on previous occasions to hold a Conference of I.A.A.F. delegates.

The A.A.U. of A. has advised that this Union will have one delegate to this Conference.

RECORDS

AUSTRALIAN.

These records, made during the past two years, have been approved by your Records Committee as Australian records, and are submitted to the Conference for confirmation:-

OPEN:

220 Yards	M. Jackson (N.S.W.)	24.0s.	Sydney	20.2.54.
" "	M. Mathews (N.S.W.)	24.0s.	"	3.3.56.
440 "	P. Bryant (W.A.)	56.6s.	Perth	27.2.54.
880 "	J. Brown (S.A.)	2m 23.4s	Adelaide	23.1.54.
" "	B. Folland (W.A.)	2m 20.7s.	Perth	1.3.54.
" "	J. Brown (S.A.)	2m 18.3s.	Adelaide	5.3.55.
" "	B. Jones (Vic.)	2m 16.6s.	Melbourne	21.1.56.
80 Metres Hurdles	G. Wallace (N.S.W.)	11.2s.	Sydney	13.3.54.
" " "	S. Strickland (W.A.)	11.1s.	Perth	5.2.55.
440 Yards Relay	N.S.W. (M. Jackson, R. James M. Mathews, N. Fogarty)	47.0s.	"	1.3.54.
High Jump	C. Bernoth (Qld.)	5'3"	"	1.3.54.
Discus	L. Murphy (Vic.)	121'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	1.3.54.
"	Y. Williams (N.Z.)	130'11"	Melbourne	27.3.54.
Shot	" "	42'6"	"	20.3.54.
Pentathlon	W. Rose (Vic.)	2823 pts.	" 29-30-	1.55.
"	G. Wallace (N.S.W.)	4029 pts.	Sydney 10-11-3-	56.

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Discus	M. Breen (N.S.W.)	122'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	15.1.55.
"	S. Smith "	124'1"	Newcastle	17.12.55.
"	L. Jackman (V)	125'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Melbourne	25.2.56.

JUNIOR

100 Yards	B. Cuthbert (N.S.W.)	11.0s.	Sydney	26.2.55.
220 "	" "	25.1s.	"	19.2.55.
220 "	" "	24.6s.	"	3.3.56.
High Jump	C. Bernoth (Qld.)	5'3"	Perth	1.3.54.
Discus	V. Lawrence (W.A.)	116'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	1.3.54.
"	L. Jackman (V)	116'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Melbourne	12.3.55.
"	E. Barclay (V)	119'7"	"	25.2.56.
<u>JAVELIN</u>	M. Wright (N.S.W.)	115'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Sydney	12.3.55.
"	" "	119'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	12.11.55.
"	P. O'Neill (N.S.W.)	126'10"	"	17.12.55.
"	M. Wright (N.S.W.)	128'10"	"	14.1.56.
"	" "	132'0"	"	3.3.56.

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Your Executive extends congratulations to these athletes on their very fine performances.

APPRECIATION

The Executive of the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union would like to take this opportunity of expressing its sincere appreciation to the President, Mr. Hugh Weir, O.B.E., and Hon. Secretary Mr. Arthur Hodsdon, of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia for their assistance and co-operation throughout the past two years, and to our Hon. Auditor, Mr. George Carruthers for his valued assistance.

IN CONCLUSION

The Union and the A.A. Union of Australia have worked amicably throughout the period under review, and its officers have been most co-operative.

It is hoped that the method of ultimate selection of the women athletics representatives in the final team in which all sports are included, for the 1956 Olympic Games will be improved as compared with previous years.

This is more likely as a much larger team will be possible.

We are confident that our competitors will do well at Melbourne- we wish them good luck.

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

DORIS I. MAGEE,

Honorary Secretary.

ADDENDUM

From our President:

Once again it is my pleasure to pay a tribute to our Secretary for her continued and untiring efforts on our behalf.

The continued progress of the Union over the past two years is due in the main to the keen interest of Mrs. Magee and on your behalf I thank her most sincerely for her loyal service to our Union.

Our thanks go also to the members of the Executive and to our Treasurer, Miss N. Gould who have done so much since the last Conference, to capably assist in carrying out Union business.

DORIS CARTER,

President.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD 1ST FEBRUARY, 1954
TO 29TH FEBRUARY 1956.

RECEIPTS:

PAYMENTS:

Balance as at 1st Feb. 1954.	£287.13.10	AAU of A	
<u>Affiliations -</u>		Exp/ BEG Team	£2623.15. 0
1954/55	12.12. 0	Cables S.Strick-	
1955/56	18.18. 0	land-Poland	10.11.11
1956/57	<u>9. 9. 0</u>	IAAF Tables	1.18. 6
	40.19. 0	IAAF H'books	10. 2. 6
<u>Capitation Fees -</u>		Affil. AOC/IAAF/	
1954/55	34. 6. 6	ABEGA	<u>17. 9. 2</u>
1955/56	<u>37.12. 6</u>		2663.17. 1
	71.19. 0	<u>Printing & Stationery -</u>	
<u>ABE&CG Team -</u>		Biennial Report &	
N.S.W.	843.17. 6	Balance Sheet	5.18. 2
Victoria	700. 0. 0	Constitutions	5. 5. 9
Q'ld.	445. 0. 0	Letterheads	<u>1.19. 5</u>
W. Aust.	445. 0. 0		13. 3. 4
S. Aust.	30. 0. 0	<u>Hon. Secty's Expenses</u>	
Aust. Women's		Union Conference	70. 3. 6
Weekly	<u>228.11. 6</u>	Postages & P/Cash	<u>8.18. 4</u>
	2692. 9. 0		79. 1.10
<u>WAWAAA -</u>		<u>NSWWAAA -</u>	
Profit Australian Champs.	298. 7. 2	Re-imburement	
		Phonograms	10.17. 9
<u>Sundries -</u>		<u>BE&CG Vancouver -</u>	
Constitutions	1. 3. 3	Team Amenities	30. 0. 0
Handbooks	10. 2. 9	<u>AWW ABE&CG Fund-</u>	
Scorers	1.13. 0	Q'ld.	21.15. 9
Record Forms	9. 1	N.S.W.	43.11. 6
Postages	5. 7	W. Aust.	<u>21.15. 9</u>
Exchange	<u>2.11.11</u>		87. 3. 0
	16. 5. 7	<u>Sundries -</u>	
		Engraving	18. 6
		Bank Charges	<u>7. 6. 5</u>
			8. 4.11
		Transferred to Savings A/c	271.19. 0
		Balance as per Cash Book	<u>243. 6. 8</u>
	<u>£3407.13. 7</u>		<u>£3407.13. 7</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 29TH FEBRUARY 1956.

LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Accumulated Funds	449. 1. 5	Typewriter - at cost	8. 0. 0
Affiliation Fees - in advance	9. 9. 0	Medallion Dies	6. 0. 0
Teams Reserve	71.19. 0	Constitutions	1. 3. 9
		<u>Commonwealth Bank -</u>	
		" Trading Bank	243. 6. 8
		" Savings Bank	271.19. 0
	<u>£530. 9. 5</u>		<u>530. 9. 5</u>

N. GOULD Honorary Treasurer.
H.G. CARRUTHERS, F.A.S.A. Honorary Auditor.

15th March, 1956.