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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

BIENNIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Presented to delegates of affiliated Associations at the Eleventh Biennial Conference of the Union, held at National Fitness Council Room, Bent and Macquarie Streets, Sydney, on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st March, 1958, at 9.30 a.m.

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LADIES:

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

On the eve of yet another venture abroad, on this occasion to Wales for the British Empire & Commonwealth Games, we look back with proud memories of a successful Olympic Games, at Melbourne in 1956.

Australia did well in those Games, and our competitors will be striving to better those performances at Cardiff.

The deeds of Betty Cuthbert, Shirley Strickland, Marlene Mathews, Norma Thrower and our Relay team, made front page news in 1956, and many of these athletes are young enough and have retained their form to be in line for selection for Wales.

Finance again will present an obstacle, not unsurmountable, we hope, as Australia wants as big and as good a team as possible, and this Union, with its affiliated States, will do their utmost to see that all who are worthy of selection make the trip.

It is with regret that we learn of the retirement from International competition of one of our grandest athletes, Shirley Strickland-de la Hunty.

Mrs. de la Hunty has represented Australia well in the past, and has proved a fine ambassador for her country. Her participation in our sport has figured largely in placing Australian women athletes so high in world ranking.

The leadership of our President, Miss Doris Carter, O.B.E., has proved a stimulation over the past two years, and has earned the sincere admiration and appreciation of your Executive and affiliated Associations.

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AFFILIATIONS

All States are affiliated with the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union, and the Associations are as listed hereunder:-

NEW SOUTH WALES  
QUEENSLAND  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TASMANIA  
VICTORIA  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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CONFERENCE

The Tenth Biennial Conference of the Union was held at the home of Mrs. Lanyon-Owen, Newmarket, on 29th March, and National Fitness Building, Brisbane, Queensland, on Friday, March 30th, 1956, with Union President, Miss Doris Carter occupying the Chair.

Affiliated Associations were represented by the following delegates:-

|                   |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| New South Wales   | Miss N. Gould and Mrs. E.F. Magee     |
| Queensland        | Mesdames E. Y. McMinn and J. Spittles |
| South Australia   | Mrs. P. Jarvis                        |
| Tasmania          | Mrs. A. Jackson and Miss M. Triffitt  |
| Victoria          | Miss L. Neville and Mrs. A. Robinson  |
| Western Australia | Misses G. Bull and J. Gullan.         |

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

The Council of the Queensland W.A.A. has much pleasure in presenting for your consideration and approval, this Report on the Australian Track and Field Championships at the Brisbane Cricket Ground, on Saturday, 31st March and Monday, 2nd April, 1956.

The allocation of these important championships to our Association after a time lapse of 21 years, was indeed a step forward in the growth and popularity of athletics in Queensland and our handful of officials and athletes co-operated wholeheartedly to make these Championships a success.

Much preparation was required for the successful running of these important events, made doubly so because of Olympic year and all athletes striving to do their utmost to favourably impress the Australian selectors.

Unfortunately, owing to weeks of continuous rain, the track was not conducive to the breaking of records and many competitors failed to come up to expectations. However, taking the Championships all round, they were a success and certainly boosted women's athletics in Queensland, as shown by the increased number of members in all Clubs.

Accommodation: All visiting athletes and their manageresses were booked into the Canberra Private Hotel in the heart of the city where, I understand, they were quite comfortable and happy.

Publicity: The support given by the press and radio stations was excellent and certainly brought our Australian Championships before the eyes of the public and kept it there until the conclusion on Easter Monday.

Entertainment: The teams on arrival were met by officials and members of the Q.W.A.A.A. and were taken by car to the Canberra.

Owing to the short stay and rigid training schedule of the visitors, our entertainment for them was limited. The official functions were:-

A Civic Reception extended to visitors by the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Alderman T.R. Groom. Unfortunately, the Lord Mayor was unable to attend but the Lady Mayoress deputised and everyone, I am sure, enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of this occasion.

Afternoon Tea was served at the Brisbane Cricket Ground for the A.W.A.A.U. and other visiting officials, and was attended by Lady Lavarack, the wife of the Queensland Governor at that time.

An afternoon trip was arranged on the Sunday to Redland Bay and surrounding districts, which was enjoyed by those who went along.

On Monday night the Presentation of the Championship Medallions was made at a happy and successful social evening held in O'Connor Boathouse, when the Australian Selectors also announced an Olympic Training Squad, members of which were required for further trials in October of that year.

Despite the inclement weather, an overall profit was made on the whole meeting.

Listed hereunder are the results of the Championships:-

|                    |  |                        |
|--------------------|--|------------------------|
| 100 yds.           | 1. Wendy Hayes (Vic.)<br>2. Shirley Strickland (W.A.)<br>3. Marlene Mathews (N.S.W.) | 10.9 secs.             |
| 200 yds.           | 1. Betty Cuthbert (N.S.W.)<br>2. Marlene Mathews (N.S.W.)<br>3. Norma Croker (Qld.)  | 25 secs.               |
| 400 yds.           | 1. Shirley Strickland (W.A.)<br>2. Joyce Hanger (Vic.)<br>3. Daphne Welch (Qld.)     | 60 secs.               |
| 880 yds.           | 1. Joyce Hanger (Vic.)<br>2. Brenda Jones (Vic.)<br>3. J. Burdett (S.A.)             | 2m. 16.9 secs.         |
| Javelin.           | 1. Pat. O'Neill (N.S.W.)<br>2. J. Heath (N.S.W.)<br>3. M. Wright (N.S.W.)            | 136' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| Long Jump.         | 1. Erica Willis (N.S.W.)<br>2. N. Borwick (W.A.)<br>3. Margaret Johnson (Qld.)       | 18' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| High Jump.         | 1. J. Cooper (N.S.W.)<br>2. P. Bergin (S.A.)<br>3. Yvonne Mitchell (Qld.)            | 5' 1"                  |
| Shot.              | 1. M. Breen (N.S.W.)<br>2. S. Cotton (Vic.)<br>3. E. Hawkes (N.S.W.)                 | 34' 9"                 |
| 80 Metres Hurdles. | 1. Norma Austin (S.A.)<br>2. P. Robertson (W.A.)<br>3. G. Cooke (N.S.W.)             | 11.2 secs.             |
| Discus.            | 1. Lois Jackman (Vic.)<br>2. S. Cotton (N.S.W.)<br>3. M. Breen (N.S.W.)              | 125' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| Relay 4 x 110 yds. |  |                        |

The following are the winners of the various Invitation and Handicap Events on the programme:-

|                            |   |    |                            |
|----------------------------|---|----|----------------------------|
| Junior Invitation 100 yds. | - | 1. | Kay Johnson (W.A.)         |
| Junior Invitation Relay    | - | 1. | New South Wales            |
| 880 yds. Invitation Walk   | - | 1. | Denise O'Loughlin (Bardon) |
| 75 yds. Junior Handicap    | - | 1. | Kay Johnson (W.A.)         |
| 220 yds. Handicap          | - | 1. | Alice Robertson (Tas.)     |

The Doris Mulcahy Shield was won by New South Wales from Victoria. The places gained by the various States are set out below:-

|                   | <u>1st.</u> | <u>2nd.</u> | <u>3rd.</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| New South Wales   | 6           | 3           | 4           |
| Victoria          | 3           | 4           | 1           |
| Western Australia | 1           | 3           |             |
| South Australia   | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Queensland        |             |             | 4           |

In conclusion, the Council of the Q.W.A.A.A. takes this opportunity of thanking all visiting officials who helped in lots of ways in the staging of these Championships and look forward to the time when our Association will again have this honour.

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

E. Y. McMINN,  
President.

#### OLYMPIC TRIALS

The Australian Olympic Trials were held in Melbourne on Saturday and Sunday, October 13th and 14th, 1956, at Olympic Park. They were conducted by the Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association in conjunction with the V.A.A.A.

The meeting was a great success - the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union receiving £500 as their share of the Profits.

The following girls competed in the Trials:-

#### N.S.W.

Gloria Cooke  
Jan Cooper  
Shirley Cotton  
Betty Cuthbert  
June Heath  
Marlene Mathews  
Fleur Mellor  
Pat O'Neill  
Erica Willis  
Maureen Wright  
Mary Breen  
Michelle Mason  
Rae James  
S Mitchell  
Betty McReavie

#### S.A.

Norma Austin  
Pat Bergin

#### Queensland

Carol Bernoth  
Norma Crocker  
Pat Duggan  
Margaret Johnson  
Laurel Renalson

Victoria.

Bernice Basford  
 Nancy Boyle  
 Winsome Cripps  
 Wendy Hayes  
 June Issett  
 Lois Jackman  
 Wendy Lewin  
 Pat Johnson  
 Marlene Middlemiss  
 Norma Rose  
 Margaret Woodlock

W.A.

Shirley Strickland  
 Nancy Borwick  
 Pam Robertson  
 Kay Johnson  
 Val Lawrence  
 Beryl Caruth

Tas.

Heather Innis

It was a pleasure to be Manageress to such a fine lot of Girls.

DORIS MULCAHY.

Results of Olympic Trials, held 13/14th October, 1956.

Heat No. 1.

100 METRES.

B. Cuthbert N.S.W. 11.6  
 N. Crocker Qld. 11.7  
 W. Hayes Vic. 12.

Heat No. 2.

S. Strickland W.A. 12. sec.  
 G. Cooke N.S.W. 12.1 "  
 W. Cripps Vic. 12.1 "

No. 3 Heat.

M. Mathews N.S.W. 11.8  
 P. Duggan Qld. 11.8  
 F. Mellor N.S.W. 11.9

FINAL

B. Cuthbert 11.7 sec.  
 M. Mathews 11.7  
 N. Crocker 11.8  
 S. Strickland 11.9  
 G. Cooke 12.1  
 P. Duggan D.N. Finish

200 METRES.

1st Heat.

B. Cuthbert N.S.W. 24.6  
 N. Boyle Vic. 25.4  
 K. Evans N.S.W. 26.1  
 N. Fogarty N.S.W. 26.3

2nd Heat.

S. Strickland W.A. 24.9 sec.  
 M. Mathews N.S.W. 25.2  
 F. Mellor N.S.W. 25.3  
 M. Middlemiss Vic. 26.6  
 W. Hayes Vic. 28.3

3rd Heat.

N. Crocker Qld. 24.7  
 K. Johnson W.A. 25.3  
 W. Lewin Vic. 25.6  
 R. James N.S.W.

FINAL.

B. Cuthbert 23.7  
 M. Mathews 24.3  
 N. Crocker 24.5  
 S. Strickland 24.5  
 N. Boyle 24.8  
 K. Johnson 25.2

80 METRE HURDLES.

1st Heat.

|             |        |      |
|-------------|--------|------|
| B. McReavie | N.S.W. | 11.5 |
| B. Basford  | Vic.   | 11.8 |
| P. Johnson  | Vic.   | 12.2 |
| N. Rose     | Vic.   |      |

2nd Heat.

|               |        |           |
|---------------|--------|-----------|
| S. Strickland | W.A.   | 11.0 sec. |
| N. Austin     | S.A.   | 11.1      |
| G. Cooke      | N.S.W. | 11.3      |
| M. Middlemiss | Vic.   | 11.7      |
| P. Robertson  | W.A.   |           |

JAVELIN.

|            |        |                           |
|------------|--------|---------------------------|
| J. Heath   | N.S.W. | 128 ft. 9"                |
| H. Innis   | Tas.   | 128 ft. 2"                |
| M. Wright  | N.S.W. | 121 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| P. O'Neill | N.S.W. | 114 ft. 2"                |

DISCUS.

|               |        |             |
|---------------|--------|-------------|
| L. Jackman    | Vic.   | 138 ft. 5"  |
| S. Cotton     | N.S.W. | 130 ft. 5"  |
| V. Lawrence   | W.A.   | 126 ft. 10" |
| Aust. Record. |        |             |

SHOT PUT.

|             |        |                          |
|-------------|--------|--------------------------|
| V. Lawrence | W.A.   | 43 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| M. Woodlock | Vic.   | 40 ft. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ " |
| M. Breen    | N.S.W. | 39 ft. 1"                |
| J. Issett   | Vic.   | 38 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |

HIGH JUMP.

|            |        |          |
|------------|--------|----------|
| J. Cooper  | N.S.W. | 5 ft. 4" |
| M. Mason   | N.S.W. | 5 ft. 4" |
| P. Bergin  | S.A.   | 5 ft. 2" |
| C. Bernoth | Qld.   | 5 ft. 2" |

LONG JUMP.

|             |        |                          |
|-------------|--------|--------------------------|
| E. Willis   | N.S.W. | 18 ft. 7"                |
| M. Johnson  | Qld.   | 18 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| N. Borwick  | W.A.   | 18 ft. 1"                |
| S. Mitchell | N.S.W. | 17 ft. 4"                |
| N. Rose     | Vic.   | 16 ft. 6"                |

The Result of the Australian 4 x 110 Yds. Relay Championship was as follows:

|      |        |  |                |
|------|--------|--|----------------|
| 1st. | N.S.W. | M. Mathews, B. Cuthbert, N. Fogarty, F. Mellor | Time 46.2 sec. |
| 2nd  | Vic.   | N. Boyle, W. Hayes, W. Cripps, M. Middlemiss   | Time 47.9 sec. |

Queensland and W.A. both disqualified.

The time of 46.2 seconds is a new Australian and Victorian Record.

LIL NEVILLE.



OLYMPIC GAMES - MELBOURNE 1956.

It is with pride that I present to you this report on the wonderful achievements of our women athletes, and the part they played in helping to make the Olympic Games of 1956 the greatest of the modern era.

| <u>TEAM PERSONNEL.</u> |   |          |
|------------------------|---|----------|
|                        | Miss Nell GOULD - Sectional Manageress      | (N.S.W.) |
|                        | Miss Mary Patricia BREEN                    | (N.S.W.) |
|                        | Miss Carole Estelle BERNOTH                 | (QLD.)   |
|                        | Miss Nancy Jane BORWICK                     | (W.A.)   |
|                        | Miss Gloria Janet COOKE                     | (N.S.W.) |
|                        | Miss Janice COOPER                          | (N.S.W.) |
|                        | Mrs. Shirley Veronica COTTON                | (N.S.W.) |
|                        | Miss Norma Wilson CROKER                    | (Qld.)   |
|                        | Miss Betty CUTHBERT                         | (N.S.W.) |
|                        | Mrs. Shirley Barbara STRICKLAND-DE LA HUNTY | (W.A.)   |
|                        | Mrs. June Margaret HEATH                    | (N.S.W.) |
|                        | Miss Heather INNIS                          | (TAS.)   |
|                        | Miss Lois JACKMAN                           | (VIC.)   |
|                        | Miss Margaret JOHNSON                       | (QLD.)   |
|                        | Miss Valerie Dawn LAWRENCE                  | (W.A.)   |
|                        | Miss Michele Mary MASON                     | (N.S.W.) |
|                        | Miss Marlene Judith MATHEWS                 | (N.S.W.) |
|                        | Miss Fleur Northey MELLOR                   | (N.S.W.) |
|                        | Mrs. Norma Claire THROWER                   | (S.A.)   |
|                        | Miss Erica May WILLIS                       | (N.S.W.) |
|                        | Miss Margaret WOODLOCK                      | (VIC.)   |
|                        | Miss Maureen Fay WRIGHT                     | (N.S.W.) |

ARRIVAL AT VILLAGE: In order that training preparation be continued along normal lines for as long as possible, Australian Team personnel were permitted to take up residence at Olympic Village at any time between 31st October '56 and 12th November, '56. Therefore, the full team did not assemble until 12th November '56. Members were transported from the various States by air.

ACCOMMODATION: Competitors and Team Officials were quartered in new, modern homes, two people to each room, with a maximum of nine persons per house. All necessary facilities were available.

The members of the domestic staff at the Village were extremely kind and helpful, and the practice of placing a small posy of flowers, donated by the women of Heidelberg, upon the pillow of each new arrival, was a very thoughtful and much appreciated gesture.

MEALS: Excellent meals were provided in large, airy dining rooms, and food cooked and served in accordance with the customs of each country. A variety of dishes was available at each meal, thereby obviating the necessity of ordering special meals for competitors during actual competition. This was a tremendous help to both athletes and officials. The extremely high standard of the food and cooking continued throughout the entire period in which the team was in residence.

AMENITIES: A large recreation hall and theatre, situated in the Village, provided ample recreation for all. Films, dancing, games, etc. were featured each day, there being no necessity to leave the Village in search of entertainment.

UNIFORM: The parade uniform consisted of white serge skirt, white nylon blouse, white beret and gloves, green gabardine blazer and brown golf shoes; all of excellent quality.



UNIFORM. (CONTINUED) A grey gabardine skirt and green beret were also provided. Once again the selection of footwear presented a problem. The original shoes were smart brown court, with modest heel, but proved unpopular with some sections of the Team, and were discarded for heavy brown golf shoes, which, although perhaps more suitable for marching, proved very uncomfortable for many competitors.

As great difficulty is experienced in obtaining a type of shoe which can be worn comfortably by all competitors it is suggested that, in future, for parade purposes, a lighter type of shoe be considered.

FUNCTIONS: The only official function to which all team members were invited was the reception given by the Premier of Victoria, The Hon. H. Bolte and Mrs. Bolte, at Parliament House. In regard to other functions, the Women's Section of the Australian Team was completely disregarded, or invitations received too late for acceptance.

His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, attended an informal luncheon in the Australian Mess. Competitors and officials from many Commonwealth countries were present, and our triple gold medallist, Betty Cuthbert, acted as hostess to His Royal Highness.

MEDICAL: Medical attention at the hospital and medical centre situated adjacent to team quarters, was available at all times. Incidence of sickness among members was negligible. Immediate treatment of the most minor ailment prevented any possible interruption to training schedules.

TRAINING: Royal Park was selected as the training venue for most members of the team, as it afforded uninterrupted training facilities, not always available at other training venues. Field games contestants who were trained by Franz Stampfl were permitted to continue training under his guidance at University Oval. All members of the team completed final preparations under the supervision of their trainers.

The girls trained most conscientiously, and were extremely co-operative in all matters pertaining to transportation and training generally.

Competitors with little or no experience of cinder tracks rapidly adjusted themselves to the new conditions without adverse effect.

COMPETITION: In winning every track event in the Women's Section, the efforts of Australia's women athletes were acclaimed throughout the world.

Seven out of a possible ten placings went to Australia, the remaining three to Germany. In all, ten medals were won by Australia's women track athletes.

Betty Cuthbert, in winning three gold medals, creating a new Olympic 100 metres record, a new World and Olympic 200 metres record, and sharing in the 4 x 100 metres relay World and Olympic Records, eclipsed the fine performance of Marjorie Jackson at the 1952 Olympic Games.

Shirley Strickland gave the most brilliant performance of her career in retaining her 1952 80 metres hurdles title, creating new World and Olympic records for the event. She received her second gold medal as a member of the relay team.

The Relay Team. (S. Strickland, N. Croker, F. Mellor, B. Cuthbert) proved that the team work of our women athletes is equal to that of our individual performers. Its effort in winning the 4 x 100 metres event, creating Olympic and World records, and adding another four gold medals to Australia's list, is something of which we should all feel justly proud.

Marlene Mathews won two bronze medals. Her efforts in both the 100 metres and 200 metres were praiseworthy indeed. Norma Thrower gained her bronze medal in the 80 metres hurdles event, with a meritorious performance. Gloria Cooke, in reaching the final of the 80 metres hurdles, proved that she is among the six best hurdlers in the world, and Norma Croker added further to our prestige by gaining fourth place in the final of the 200 metres.

Although placed fifth on the final result board, the performance of Michele Mason in the high jump equalled that of the second, third and fourth place-getters, her actual jump being bettered only by the winner. The count-back, unfortunately, reduced her to fifth place.

Our Field Games representatives, competing for the first time in an Olympic Games, acquitted themselves remarkably well and fully justified their selection. Valerie Lawrence and Lois Jackman qualified, respectively, in the shot and discus. All three high jumpers (Michele Mason, Janice Cooper and Carole Bernoth) qualified. Nancy Borwick qualified in the long jump and finished in eighth place.

#### RESULTS

|                                     |  |              |                            |                            |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>100 METRES</u>                   | <u>Betty Cuthbert</u>  | Final - 1st  | 11.5s.                     | Olympic                    |
|                                     |  |              | 11.4s. (Heat)              | Record                     |
|                                     | <u>Marlene Mathews</u>   | Final - 3rd  | 11.7s.                     |                            |
|                                     |  |              | 11.5s. (Heat)              |                            |
| <u>200 METRES</u>                   | <u>Betty Cuthbert</u>  | Final - 1st. | 23.4s.                     | W. & Olympic Rec.          |
|                                     | <u>Marlene Mathews</u>   | Final - 3rd. | 23.8s.                     |                            |
|                                     | <u>Norma Croker</u>  | Final - 4th. | 24.s.                      |                            |
| <u>80 METRES</u><br><u>HURDLES.</u> | <u>Shirley Strickland-</u><br><u>de la Hunty</u>                         | Final - 1st. | 10.7s.                     | World & Olympic<br>Record. |
|                                     | <u>Norma Thrower</u>   | Final - 3rd. | 11.s.)<br>10.8s) (Heat)    |                            |
|                                     | <u>Gloria Cooke</u>  | Final - 6th. | 11.4s.                     |                            |
| <u>4 x 100 M</u><br><u>RELAY</u>    | <u>Australia</u><br>S. Strickland, N. Croker,<br>F. Mellor, B. Cuthbert. | Final - 1st. | 44.5s.                     | World & Olympic<br>Record. |
| <u>HIGH JUMP.</u>                   | <u>Michele Mason</u>   | 5th.         | 5 ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. |                            |
|                                     | <u>Janice Cooper</u>   |              | Qualified                  |                            |
|                                     | <u>Carole Bernoth</u>  |              | Qualified.                 |                            |
| <u>LONG JUMP</u>                    | <u>Nancy Borwick</u>   | 8th          | 19ft. 1 in.                |                            |
| <u>SHOT</u>                         | <u>Valerie Lawrence</u>  |              | Qualified                  |                            |
| <u>DISCUS</u>                       | <u>Lois Jackman</u>  |              | Qualified.                 |                            |

APPRECIATION: I would like to convey sincere thanks and appreciation to the following, who played no small part in the success of our women athletes.

Miss Doris Carter, Team Manageress, for her untiring efforts on behalf of all members of the team, and the wonderful support given to me at all times.

Dr. Margaret Blackwood of the Melbourne University, who made arrangements for Janice Cooper and Michele Mason to take their Leaving Certificate Examination,

and personally drove both girls from the Village to the University each morning during the Examination.

To all officials and members of the Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association for the great assistance they rendered in arranging competition during the pre-Games period, in providing many amenities for the team, and ensuring that refreshments were always available at Royal Park during training periods.

Mr. Bert Guyot, Sectional Manager Men's Athletics, for his kindness and full co-operation at all times.

All members of the team, not only for the part they played on the competition field, but for their consideration, co-operation and earnest endeavour to be worthy representatives of Australia. The selectors gave them a job to do and they acquitted themselves with honour and glory.

Mr. George Saunders, Physical Director, for his readiness to assist, and Mrs. Anne Saunders, masseuse to the team, for her hard work and keen interest in all members of the team.

CONCLUSION: The Melbourne Olympic Games were an inspiration to all, and we can feel justly proud not only of our competitors and officials, but of Australians as a whole, who helped to make it so.

The selectors are to be congratulated upon a job magnificently done, and providing we maintain the high standard which has always been a feature of Australia's representative teams, our prestige among the nations of the world will continue.

NELL GOULD

Sectional Manageress.

We regret to announce the recent sad passing of Australian Athletics manager to the 1956 Olympic Games team, Mr. Bert Guyot.

Mr. Guyot was at all times a valued friend to women's athletic and his passing is deeply regretted by officers and members of the Australian Women's Athletic Union.

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC CONGRESS.

Women's Commission - A Meeting of the Commission (I.A.A.F.) was held at Melbourne University during the Olympic Games and attended by members from Australia, Great Britain, Italy, Yugoslavia and Poland, with Mrs. M. Amies (Great Britain) in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Commission held at Berne, Switzerland, 1956, were read.

The meeting unanimously agreed that a recommendation be made to the I.A.A.F. for the granting of World records in 400 metres, 440 yards, 1500 metres and 1 mile.

It was further agreed that a recommendation from the Commission be forwarded to the I.A.A.F. Congress for consideration, that 400 metres and 1500 metres events be added to future European Championships. In the event of only one additional event being approved, preference should be given to the 400 metres.

Dissatisfaction was expressed that the recommendation from the 1956 meeting of the addition of the 800 metres and pentathlon championships to the Olympic programme had not been accepted, and it was unanimously agreed that the Commission press the matter of their inclusion in the 1960 Olympic Games at Rome, at the I.A.A.F. Conference.

A suggestion was made that future Agendas and Minutes be presented in French as well as English.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, appreciation was expressed for the work of Madame Romonova (Co-President of the Women's Commission) and members of the Commission for the production of a Bulletin, and hope was expressed that the publication would continue.

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I.A.A.F. Congress - was attended by Australian delegates, Messrs. R. Aitken, L. Curnow, A. Hodsdon and Mrs. E. Magee.

The Congress sanctioned the addition of World records for women in 400 metres, 440 yards, but rejected 1500 and mile records.

It was agreed that the recommendation of the Women's Commission for the inclusion of the 800 metres at the next Olympic Games be pressed by the I.A.A.F. for inclusion in the next Olympic Games, and that the matter be taken up with the International Olympic Council.

The I.A.A.F. approved the addition of the 400 metres for future European Games programmes.

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BRITISH EMPIRE & COMMONWEALTH v. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

At the conclusion of the Olympic Games, 1956, the usual Quadrennial Match between British Empire & Commonwealth and the United States of America was held at the Sydney Athletic Field on December 5th.

The match was won by the U.S.A. with a total of 13 points to 5.

The United States women were represented by ten competitors with Mrs. Roxanne Anderson, Manager.

The British Empire & Commonwealth personnel were as follows -

Great Britain - J. Armitage, J. Paul, A. Pashley, J. Scrivens, T. Hopkins.  
Canada -- E. Haslam, D. Matheson and M. Rever.  
New Zealand - M. Donaghy and M. Stewart.  
South Africa - E. Wynter  
Australia - G. Cooke, B. Cuthbert, N. Croker, S. de la Hunty, M. Mason, M. Mathews, F. Mellor and M. Thrower.

Mrs. M. Amies of Great Britain was appointed Finish Judge for the Match and Mrs. E. Magee, Manager, British Empire & Commonwealth Women's team.

RESULTS:

440 Yards Relay: 1st. Australia (S.de la Hunty, N. Croker, F. Mellor, B. Cuthbert)  
45.6 secs. (World, Empire & Aust. record.)  
2nd. Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 45.7 secs.  
3rd. U.S.A. 46.6 secs.  
4th. Composite Team

880 Yards Relay: 1st. Australia (M. Mathews, N. Croker, F. Mellor, B. Cuthbert)  
1m. 36.3 secs. (World, Empire & Aust. record.)  
2nd. Great Britain & Northern Ireland-Canada, 1m. 39.8 secs.  
3rd. U.S.A. 1m. 41.5 secs.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| <u>80 Metres Hurdles:</u> | 1st. S. de la Hunty (Australia) | 11.6 secs. |
|                           | 2nd. N. Thrower "               | 11.6 secs. |
|                           | 3rd. E. Wynter (S. Africa)      | 12.0 secs  |
|                           | 4th. G. Cooke (Australia)       | 12.1 secs. |
|                           | 5th. B. Mueller (U.S.A.)        | 12.2 secs. |
|                           | 6th. B. Dornowski (U.S.A.)      | 13.1 secs. |
| <u>High Jump:</u>         | 1st. M. Donaghy (N. Zealand)    | 5' 4"      |
|                           | 2nd. T. Hopkins (G.B. & N.I.)   | 5' 3"      |
|                           | 3rd. M. Mason (Australia)       | 5' 1"      |
|                           | 4th. A. Flynn (U.S.A.)          | 4' 11"     |

NEW ZEALAND

Invitations were accepted for Australian athletes to compete in New Zealand on three occasions during the past year.

At the conclusion of the 1957 season Betty Cuthbert and Erica Willis both of N.S.W. toured the South Island.

Two further tours were made earlier this year by Mrs. Nancy Boyle, Miss Wendy Hayes of Victoria, Mrs. Norma Croker-Fleming, Queensland and Miss Erica Willis, N.S.W., to the South Island and by Misses Betty Cuthbert and Fleur Mellor to Hawkes Bay Centre (North Island).

All tours were highly successful and did a great deal to promote friendly relationship between New Zealand and Australia.

RECORDS

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:-

AUSTRALIAN - Open.

|                    |           |   |                 |            |
|--------------------|-----------|---|-----------------|------------|
| 100 Yards.         | 10.4s.    | B. Cuthbert (N.S.W.)  | Sydney          | 1. 3. 58.  |
| 100 Metres         | 11.7s.    | M. Mathews "  | "               | 2. 2. 57.  |
| 100 Metres         | 11.4s.    | B. Cuthbert (N.S.W.)  | Melbourne       | 24.11. 56. |
| 220 Yards          | 24.0s.    | B. Cuthbert (N.S.W.)  | Sydney          | 30. 9. 56. |
| 220 Yards          | 23.9s.    | B. Cuthbert (N.S.W.)  | Sydney          | 8. 2. 57.  |
|                    | 23.9s.    | M. Mathews "  | "               | 14.12. 57. |
|                    | 23.6s.    | B. Cuthbert "   | Perth           | 25. 1. 58. |
| 200 Metres         | 23.5s.    | B. Cuthbert "   | Sydney          | 8. 3. 58.  |
|                    | 23.2s.    | " "   | "               | 16. 9. 56. |
|                    | 440 Yards | 56.3s.  | N. Boyle (Vic.) | Sydney     |
| 400 Metres         | 56.3s.    | " "   | "               | "          |
| 880 Yards          | 2m 15s.   | B. Jones (Vic.)   | Melbourne       | 16. 3. 57. |
| 800 Metres         | 2m 14.9s. | " "   | "               | 10.11. 57. |
|                    | 2m 13.9s. | " "   | "               | 4. 1. 58.  |
| 80 Metres Hurdles. | 10.7s.    | S. de la Hunty (W.A.)   | "               | 28.11.56.  |
| 440 Yards Relay.   | 46.2s.    | N.S.W. (M. Mathews, N. Fogarty, F. Mellor, B. Cuthbert)       | Melbourne       | 14.10. 56. |
|                    | 45.6s.    | Australia (S. de la Hunty, N. Croker, F. Mellor, B. Cuthbert) | Sydney.         | 5.12. 56.  |
| 400 Metres Relay.  | 47.5s.    | N.S.W.-Victoria (N. Fogarty, K. Evans, W. Hayes, G. Cooke)    | Sydney.         | 30. 9. 56. |
|                    | 44.5s.    | Australia (S. de la Hunty, N. Croker, F. Mellor, B. Cuthbert) | Melbourne.      | 1.12. 56.  |
| 880 Yards Relay.   | 1m.36.3s. | Australia (M. Mathews, N. Croker, F. Mellor, B. Cuthbert)     | Sydney.         | 5.12. 56.  |
| High Jump.         | 5'4"      | M. Mason (N.S.W.)   | "               | 29. 7. 56. |
|                    | 5'6"      | " "   | "               | 23. 9. 56. |

RECORDS. (Contd.)

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|             |                        |                |            |           |             |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| High Jump.  | 5'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "    | M. McDaniel    | (U.S.A.)   | Melbourne | 1.12. 56.   |
| Long Jump.  | 19'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "   | E. Willis      | (N.S.W.)   | Sydney    | 24. 2. 57.  |
|             | 20'10"                 | E. Krzesinska  | (Poland)   | Melbourne | 27.11. 56.  |
| Discus.     | 129'11"                | S. Cotton      | (N.S.W.)   | Sydney    | 12. 8. 56.  |
|             | 133'0"                 | "              | "          | "         | 2. 9. 56.   |
|             | 134'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | "              | "          | "         | 7.10. 56.   |
|             | 176'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ "  | O. Fikotova    | (Czs.)     | "         | 23.11. 56.  |
| Javelin.    | 136'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  | P. O'Neill     | (N.S.W.)   | Brisbane  | 31. 3. 56.  |
|             | 136'5"                 | J. Heath       | "          | Sydney    | 16. 9. 56.  |
|             | 176'8 $\frac{1}{8}$ "  | I. Iaounzem    | (U.S.S.R.) | Melbourne | 28.11. 56.  |
| Shot.       | 43'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  | V. Lawrence    | (W.A.)     | Perth     | 28. 8. 56.  |
|             | 44'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "   | "              | "          | "         | 2. 9. 56.   |
|             | 54'5"                  | T. Tychkevitch | (U.S.S.R.) | Melbourne | 30.11. 56.  |
| Pentathlon. | 4,088 Pts.             | M. Middlemiss  | (Vic.)     | Sydney    | 23/24/3/57. |

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|            |                       |            |          |           |            |
|------------|-----------------------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Javelin.   | 148'2"                | J. Heath   | (N.S.W.) | Newcastle | 6. 1. 57.  |
|            | 152'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | "          | "        | Sydney    | 16.11. 57. |
| Long Jump. | 19'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "  | E. Willis  | (N.S.W.) | "         | 24. 2. 57. |
| Discus.    | 146'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | L. Jackman | (Vic.)   | Melbourne | 26.10. 57. |
|            | 149'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | "          | "        | "         | 1. 2. 58.  |

JUNIOR

|            |        |           |          |           |            |
|------------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 100 Yards. | 10.9s. | W. Hayes  | (Vic.)   | Melbourne | 3. 3. 56.  |
| Javelin    | 142'4" | M. Wright | (N.S.W.) | Sydney    | 12. 1. 57. |

APPRECIATION.

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

CONCLUSION

So we report on the culmination of a most successful and satisfactory two years, ending, once more with an undercurrent of excitement and anticipation of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games later this year at Wales.

It is apparent that Australia's supply of promising material, particularly amongst our younger competitors is by no means exhausted, and augers well for our continued success in international competition.

At the conclusion of the current Australian Championships at Sydney, a team will be selected to represent us once more overseas. We are confident that all chosen will prove worthy representatives of Australia, and the good wishes of the officers and Executive members go with them.

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

DORIS I. MAGEE,

Hon/Secretary.

ADDENDUM.

At our last conference in 1956, we were looking forward to the Olympic Games in Melbourne later that same year. Although we expected our women athletes to maintain their high standard in international athletics, I am sure all will agree that at the 1956 Games they excelled themselves, and the whole of Australia was thrilled and delighted.

As Manageress of the Australian Women's Team, I have only the highest praise for our women athletes. Both on and off the field they were members of whom I was very proud.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing my most grateful thanks to Miss Gould. Not only did she tirelessly carry out her arduous duties as Sectional Manager, but she was ready and willing to assist me in all ways at all times.

The continued steady all-round improvement in the standard of women's athletics, reflects great credit on the members of the various State Councils and women officials who devote so much time to organising training classes, and conducting interclub competitions and State Championships. Success has resulted in larger memberships and more hard work, but their interest and enthusiasm never fail. Our thanks go to all of them.

Once again it is my pleasure to pay tribute to the work done by our Secretary, Mrs. Magee. Our continued success is to a great extent due to her untiring efforts, even when preparations for the Olympic Games made such heavy demands on her time, and on your behalf, I thank her most sincerely for her service to our Union.

To our Treasurer and to the members of the Executive, who have so capably carried out the business of the Union since our last Conference, I extend my sincere thanks.

DORIS CARTER, O.B.E.,  
President,  
Australian Women's Amateur  
Athletic Union.

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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD 1ST MARCH, 1956.  
TO 28TH FEBRUARY, 1958.

| <u>RECEIPTS:</u>                  |                    | <u>PAYMENTS:</u>                |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance as at<br>1st March, 1956. | £243. 6. 8         | <u>AAU of A</u><br>World Record |                    |
| <u>Affiliations -</u>             |                    | Plaques                         | £82.17. 4          |
| 1956/57.                          | 9. 9. 0            | Record Books                    | 3.10. 0            |
| 1957/58                           | 18.18. 0           | Refund                          | 1. 0. 0            |
| 1958/59 (adv.)                    | <u>3. 3. 0</u>     | Cables-NZ Tours                 | 2.16. 6            |
|                                   | 31.10. 0           | Conv. Tables                    | 15. 0              |
| <u>Capitation Fees -</u>          |                    | IAAF H'books.                   | 45.18. 0           |
| 1956/57                           | 43.13. 0           | Affil.AOC/IAAF/                 |                    |
| 1957/58                           | <u>70. 0. 6</u>    | ABEGA                           | <u>30. 0. 0</u>    |
|                                   | 113.13. 6          |                                 | 166.16.10          |
| <u>QWAAA</u>                      |                    | <u>Hon. Secty's. Exp.</u>       |                    |
| Profit Australian Champs.         | 76.17. 2           | Union Conference                | 21.13. 8           |
| <u>VWAAA</u>                      |                    | <u>Pntg.&amp; Stationery</u>    |                    |
| Profit Olympic Trials             | 569. 0. 0          | Bienn.Reports                   | 9. 5. 0            |
| <u>AAU of A</u>                   |                    | Letterheads                     | 2. 2. 3            |
| Allowance-Olympic                 |                    | Certificates                    | 6.12. 3            |
| Officials                         | 85. 0. 0           | Olym. Games                     | 5. 0. 0            |
| <u>Sundries</u>                   |                    | Minutes Conf.                   | 5. 6.11            |
| Donations                         | 6. 6. 6            | Invitations                     | <u>2.16. 3</u>     |
| Handbooks                         | 40.16. 0           |                                 | 31. 2. 8           |
| Tables                            | 1. 9               | <u>VWAAA</u>                    |                    |
| Constitutions                     | 19. 0              | Refund Profit                   |                    |
| Record Books                      | 3. 0. 0            | Olympic Trials                  | 69. 0. 0           |
| Reimb.E.Willis                    | 1.14. 0            | Reception-Olympic Games         | 51. 9. 0           |
| Postages                          | 8. 4               | Expense Allow.Olympic           |                    |
| Bank Interest                     | <u>10. 9</u>       | Officials                       | 84. 0. 0           |
|                                   | 53.16. 4           | Amenities-Olympic Team          | 18.15. 0           |
|                                   |                    | TAA-Fares NZ Tours              | 63.14. 0           |
|                                   |                    | <u>Sundries -</u>               |                    |
|                                   |                    | Phonograms                      | 13. 2. 7           |
|                                   |                    | Trunk Calls                     | 22.10. 2           |
|                                   |                    | Refund - E.Willis               | 1.14. 0            |
|                                   |                    | Flowers                         | 2. 2. 0            |
|                                   |                    | Bank Charges                    | 3. 7. 3            |
|                                   |                    | Taxis-Aust. Champs.             | <u>2. 9. 9</u>     |
|                                   |                    | Transfer Savings A/c.           | 45. 5. 9           |
|                                   |                    | Balance as per Cash Book.       | 494.18. 6          |
|                                   |                    |                                 | <u>126. 8. 3</u>   |
|                                   | <u>£1173. 3. 8</u> |                                 | <u>£1173. 3. 8</u> |

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

| <u>RECEIPTS:</u>                 |                   | <u>PAYMENTS:</u>  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Balance as at<br>1st March '56.  | 271.19. 0         |                   |                   |
| Transfer from<br>general account | 400. 0. 0         |                   |                   |
| Capitation Fees                  | 94.18. 6          |                   |                   |
| Interest                         | <u>12.14.11</u>   | Balance C/Forward | 779.12. 5         |
|                                  | <u>£779.12. 5</u> |                   | <u>£779.12. 5</u> |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY, 1958.

LIABILITIES

ASSETS

|                                 |                   |                            |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Accumulated Funds               | £819. 8.11        | Typewriter - at Cost       | 8. 0. 0           |
| Affiliation Fee -<br>in Advance | 3. 3. 0           | Medallion Dies             | 6. 0. 0           |
| International Teams'<br>Reserve | 166.17. 6         | IAAF Handbooks             | 5. 2. 0           |
|                                 |                   | Scoring Tables             | 11. 0             |
|                                 |                   | Conversion Tables          | 1. 9              |
|                                 |                   | NZAAU - Reimbursement      | 63.14. 0          |
|                                 |                   | <u>Commonwealth Bank -</u> |                   |
|                                 |                   | " Trading Bank             | 126. 8. 3         |
|                                 |                   | " Savings Bank             | <u>779.12. 5</u>  |
|                                 | <u>£989. 9. 5</u> |                            | <u>£989. 9. 5</u> |

(SGD.) N. GOULD - Honorary Treasurer.

11th March, 1958.

(SGD.) H. G. CARRUTHERS, F.A.S.A. Hon. Auditor.