

**Australian Women's Amateur  
Athletic Association**

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**TWELFTH BIENNIAL REPORT**

**and**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**1962**

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR

ATHLETIC UNION

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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

BIENNIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Presented to delegates of affiliated Associations at the Thirteenth Biennial Conference of the Union, held at the Oriental Hotel, Adelaide, on Thursday 25th January, 1962 at 7.30 p.m. and resuming on Friday 26th January at 9.30 a.m.

Ladies,

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

We are honoured that Her Excellency, the Viscountess De L'Isle has graciously consented to become Patroness of the Union.

During the two years under review we have held a successful Australian Championship at Hobart, and our first and second 1½ Miles Cross Country at Brisbane and Sydney. We wish to congratulate these three States on their capable organisation of the Championships.

As a result of the trials held in conjunction with the Hobart Championships, eleven athletes were chosen to represent Australia at the Rome Olympics, and a report and details of their performances appears in the following pages.

Since the 1960 Olympic Games many of our champions who earned for Australia a high place in International competition in the past, have retired. This month, in Adelaide, we look forward with confidence to an equally high standard and Australia's continued success.

Whilst a tentative team will be named at the conclusion of these current Championships, those selected will be required to reproduce their form at selection Trials at Melbourne in October, after which the official team to represent at the British Empire and Commonwealth Games at Perth at the end of the year will be named.

We are confident that the athletes chosen for Perth will more than justify their selection and prove worthy representatives of Australia - we wish them the best of luck.

AFFILIATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Associations from each State are affiliated with the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union, with a total registered membership for 1961/62 of 2,491, as listed hereunder :-

New South Wales	772	Queensland	227
South Australia	90	Tasmania	100
Victoria	1,077	Western Australia	225

CONFERENCE

The Twelfth Biennial Conference of the Union was held at the Imperial Hotel, 138 Collins Street, Hobart, on Thursday 3rd March, 1960 at 9.35 a.m. where the Chair was taken by the President, Miss D. Carter, O.B.E.

Affiliated Associations were represented as follows :-

New South Wales	-	Miss N. Gould and Mrs. E. Magee
Queensland	-	Miss R. Carson and Mrs. B. Mills
South Australia	-	Mrs. P. Jarvis
Tasmania	-	Mrs. D. Frawley and Miss M. Triffitt
Victoria	-	Mesdames R. Davis and W. McQuiston
Western Australia	-	Misses G. Bull and J. Gullan
Vice-President	-	Miss D. Kitchenman (Tasmania)

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AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - HOBART 5th and 7th MARCH, 1960

For the first time the Australian Championships were held at Hobart at the North Hobart Oval on the 5th and 7th March, 1960.

These Championships were held under ideal conditions and this was proved when Betty Cuthbert broke the World Record in the 220 yards, her time being 23.2 secs. This was a very proud moment for Hobart and one which will long be remembered.

In the Discus event the Australian Residential Record was broken by L. de Neefe with a throw of 151 ft. 7", and another Australian Residential Record was broken by D. Willis in the 880 yards with a run of 2 mins. 9.5 secs.

All Six States were represented at the Australian Championships. Teams began to arrive on the Sunday prior to the Championships, and on the Thursday evening all Teams had arrived at Hobart.

A Civic Reception was held on the Friday morning and Teams and their Managers were presented to the Lord Mayor Alderman B. Osborne and the Lady Mayoress.

On the Friday afternoon qualifying trials were held for the 440 yards.

A Cocktail Party for Delegates, Team Managers and Officials was held at Wrest Point on the Friday evening.

The Championships began by a parade of Athletes and Officials and the Amateur Oath was taken by Betty Cuthbert on behalf of all participating athletes. The Championships were officially opened by the Patroness of the Tasmanian Women's Amateur Athletic Association Alderman Mabel Miller, M.H.A.

The Association was most grateful to all States for making so many Officials available, and especially New South Wales and Victoria. By the

assistance of these experienced Officials it was possible for the T.W.A.A.A. to conduct the Australian Championships.

A grant of £500 was made available by the Tasmanian State Government and a £100 by the Hobart City Council towards the staging of the Australian Championships.

Both days of the Championships were well patronized by the public who had travelled from many parts of Tasmania. People present were able to see the athletes competing who later were selected for the 1960 Olympic Team for Rome.

Teams and Officials were taken by coach on the Sunday afternoon to the Salmon Ponds and New Norfolk where they were entertained at afternoon tea at the "Old Colony Inn" by members of the T.W.A.A.A.

On Monday evening 5th March, at the conclusion of the Australian Championships a presentation evening was held at the Imperial Hotel where Medallions and Certificates were presented by the Patroness of the T.W.A.A.A. to the place-getters.

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#### AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

<u>100 YARDS</u>			<u>220 YARDS</u>						
1st	P. Duggan	Qld	10.6	sec	1st	B. Cuthbert	NSW	23.2	sec
2nd	B. Cuthbert	NSW	10.8		2nd	P. Duggan	Qld	23.4	
3rd	M. Mathews	NSW	10.9		3rd	N. Fleming	Qld	23.7	
4th	W. Hayes	Vic	11.0		4th	N. Boyle	Vic	23.8	
5th	G. Cook	NSW	11.0		5th	J. Christian	W.A.	24.4	
6th	N. Fleming	Qld	11.1		6th	W. Hayes	Vic	24.5	
<u>440 YARDS</u>			<u>880 YARDS</u>						
1st	D. Willis	W.A.	55.4	sec	1st	D. Willis	W.A.	2-9.5	sec
2nd	M. Bergman	NSW	55.8		2nd	B. Jones	Vic	2-9.6	
3rd	P. Dowsing	Vic	56.2		3rd	P. Dowsing	Vic	2-12.4	
4th	M. Leedham	S.A.	56.5		4th	M. Bergman	NSW	2-13.5	
5th	B. Jones	Vic	56.8		5th	N. Borwick	W.A.	2-15.6	
6th	J. Cleary	NSW	57.5						
<u>80 METRE HURDLES</u>			<u>HIGH JUMP</u>						
1st	N. Thrower	S.A.	10.9		1st	H. Frith	NSW	5 ft 7"	
2nd	G. Cooke	NSW	10.9		2nd	R. Woodhouse	NSW	5 ft 6"	
3rd	P. Kilborn	Vic	11.0		3rd	M. Mason	NSW	5 ft 6"	
4th	W. Hayes	Vic	11.2		4th	K. Atkinson	NSW	5 ft 3"	
5th	S. Strickland	W.A.	11.7		5th	A. Allen	Vic	5 ft 2"	
6th	B. Cox	Qld	11.9		6th	R. Williams	Qld	5 ft 1"	

LONG JUMP

1st	S. Mitchell	NSW	19 ft 8½"
2nd	N. Fleming	Qld	19 ft 8"
3rd	H. Frith	NSW	18 ft 8½"
4th	N. Borwick	W.A.	18 ft 6½"
5th	M. McLean	NSW	18 ft 2½"
6th	M. Leedham	S.A.	17 ft 8½"

JAVELIN

1st	A. Pazera	S.A.	161 ft 7½"
2nd	M. Wright	NSW	145 ft 4½"
3rd	J. Mogg	Vic	141 ft 10½"
4th	H. Doherty	Qld	134 ft 4"
5th	M. Woodlock	Vic	121 ft 6"
6th	P. Telfer	Vic	121 ft

DISCUS

1st	I. DeNeefe	Vic	151 ft 7"
2nd	L. Jackman	Vic	138 ft 3½"
3rd	S. Cotton	NSW	133 ft 3"
4th	M. Breen	NSW	123 ft 6½"
5th	V. Melville	W.A.	116 ft 9"

SHOT PUT

1st	M. Woodlock	Vic	41 ft 11½"
2nd	M. Breen	NSW	39 ft 6½"
3rd	V. Melville	W.A.	39 ft 6"
4th	I. DeNeefe	Vic	38 ft 1½"
5th	M. Wright	NSW	34 ft 1"

4 x 110 YARDS RELAY

West. Australia	46.6	S. Strickland, J. Christian, K. Johnson, Hooper
New South Wales	46.6	G. Cooke, S. Mitchell, B. Cuthbert, M. Mathews
Victoria	46.9	M. Jackson, N. Boyle, J. Amooore, W. Hayes
Queensland	47.1	P. Duggan, N. Fleming, B. Cox, D. Watson
Tasmania	49.5	J. Wickham, R. Page, J. Gibson, E. Frawley

4 x 110 YARDS RELAY JUNIOR

New South Wales	48.7	L. Rivett, Chapman, M. Black, R. Bainbridge
Victoria	48.9	P. Turner, G. Beasley, M. O'Dea, H. Miller
Tasmania	49.7	S. Rush, R. Page, J. Gibson, E. Frawley
Queensland	50.	Coates, Weston, S. Casson, J. Turnbull.

100 YARDS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1st	L. Rivette	NSW	11.2
2nd	R. Bainbridge	NSW	11.2
3rd	B. Cox	Qld	11.3
4th	E. Frawley	Tas	11.4
5th	M. Black	NSW	11.6
6th	P. Turner	Vic	11.6

100 YARDS INVITATION

1st	R. Bainbridge	NSW	11.2
2nd	B. Cox	Qld	11.2
3rd	H. Miller	Vic	11.4
4th	P. Turner	Vic	11.5
5th	M. Black	NSW	11.6
6th	R. Chapman	NSW	11.6

220 YARDS INVITATION

1st	J. Rhall	Vic	25.2
2nd	D. Watson	Qld	25.8
3rd	J. Gibson	Tas	26.0
4th	B. Owen	Vic	26.5

LONG JUMP INVITATION

1st	P. Kilborn	Vic	19 ft 0½"
2nd	S. Mitchell	NSW	18 ft 9½"
3rd	M. McLean	NSW	17 ft 7½"
4th	B. Lewis	Tas	17 ft 2½"
5th	M. Leedham	S.A.	17 ft 1"
6th	S. Casson	Qld	16 ft 0½"

POINT SCORE FOR MULCAHY SHIELD

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
New South Wales	3	7	4
Western Australia	3	-	1
Victoria	2	2	5
South Australia	2	-	-
Queensland	1	2	1

New South Wales were again fortunate in winning the Doris Mulcahy Shield for the fifth successive time.

Dancing and supper was enjoyed by a large gathering of athletes and friends.

MAVIS TRIFFITT

Manager Australian Championships, 1960

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OLYMPIC GAMES - ROME, ITALY, 1960.

Report by Doris Magee - Chaperone.

PERSONNEL: Gloria Cooke-Wigney, Betty Cuthbert (Captain), Patricia Duggan, Norma Fleming, Helen Frith, Brenda Jones, Marlene Mathews-Willard, Sylvia Mitchell, Anna Pazera, Norma Thrower, Dixie Willis,

PREPARATION: Commencing in May, weekly competitions were conducted in both N.S.W. and Victoria for personnel, and elsewhere training was the direct responsibility of individuals and their coaches. Counter-acting weather conditions in one of our coldest winters was one of the many difficulties, and here we were aided by advice from the Sports Medicine Federation of Australia throughout this period.

The decision of the two Unions to assemble the team at Sydney ten days prior to its departure was very successful, but was handicapped again by extremely cold and windy conditions.

DEPARTURE: The team left by air on 18th August, with a two hours delay at Karachi and a further delay of 14 hours at Bahrain, the latter in extreme tropical heat, Rome was reached at 11.15 p.m. on 19th August.

On the instruction of the team manager, Mr. S.B. Grange, I left with the first plane on the previous Sunday to accompany two members of the Kyak team. My early arrival was advantageous as I was able to check quarters, facilities and allocate rooms for the main body of the women's team.

ACCOMMODATION: The team was housed in new flat units on 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors, the latter shared with South Africa and competitors were accommodated 13, 15 and 6 on each floor respectively.



Whilst quarters were both adequate and comfortable, dissatisfaction was felt about the large number of stairs to be climbed to and from ground level. Further, it was necessary to keep the front window shutters closed at all times as the rooms were overlooked by an elevated expressway.

AMENITIES: Stoves, irons, washing machines and a refrigerator were issued to each team. Television sets and nightly films and a recreation hall were provided for the use of teams.

MEALS: Food was plentiful, but lacked variation of menu and the Italian cooking was not popular with the Australians. Fruit and fruit juices were abundant and good. Undoubtedly the team would have fared better in an Anglo-Saxon mess instead of the "Oceania".

TRAINING: Venues were excellent, plentiful and convenient, with adequate equipment and facilities. All team members worked conscientiously throughout the pre-Olympic period.

TRANSPORT: During the pre-Olympic preparation transport was reliable and frequent to all training venues, but with the commencement of the Games became overcrowded and irregular.

HEALTH: At least 50% of the team spent one or two days in bed, mainly suffering from gastro-enteritis, rife throughout the village, nasal and respiratory infections and colds. Major casualties were a torn thigh muscle by Betty Cuthbert, a bad bone bruising of the foot by Brenda Jones, a shoulder muscle injury by Anna Pazera and pharyngitis and boils by Sylvia Mitchell.

Undoubtedly, the marked extremes in temperatures which we have not encountered in the past was detrimental to the general health.

Hospital and medical facilities were available, but lack of interpreters at the hospital made things difficult. The eventual setting-up of a daily sick parade by Dr. Barry Towers was a boon, and the services, in addition, of Mr. George Saunders, physiotherapist, were invaluable. The permanent addition of both a doctor and physiotherapist would be a great asset to all future teams.

UNIFORMS: The team was enthusiastic about travelling and parade uniforms and the general clothing and equipment issue. On their behalf may I express thanks to the various firms who designed and donated the outfits and goods making possible the extremely smart appearance of the team, which provided an excellent morale boost. Italian, British and Canadian newspapers all mentioned the Australian women as being amongst the smartest on Opening Day.

ADMINISTRATION: There is much to recommend the U.S.A. set-up, where the internal supervision within the camp is in the hands of a supervisor, leaving sectional managers more time to spend at the training and

competition grounds. Attention is once again drawn to the fact that Australia is one of the few remaining nations using the obsolete title of "Chaperone" for its women officials, and it is high time that the title was scrapped and brought into line with the more generally used "Women's Section Manager".

The setting up of a General Headquarters was a distinct advantage, and the assistance given throughout the teams stay in Rome was invaluable.

APPRECIATION: I should like to express my pleasure in working in such close harmony with the General Manager, Mr.S. Grange, Mrs. Joyce Ross (Swimming and Kyak Teams) and Mr. "Judy" Patching, who, at all times were most helpful. In conclusion, I should like to say a special thank you to the members of our team for their co-operation, good sportmanship at all times, and their conscientious approach to training.

COMPETITION:

31.8.1960 Long Jump - Qualifying Round  
 Norma Fleming 19'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
 Helen Frith 19'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
 Sylvia Mitchell 18'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Final  
 15th - N. Fleming 19'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
 17th - H. Frith 18'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
80 Metres Hurdles - Heats  
 Heat 2. N. Thrower 2nd 11.4 secs.  
 Heat 5. G. Cook 4th 11.7 secs.  
1st Semi-Final  
 N. Thrower 5th 11.3 secs.

1.9.1960 Javelin - Qualifying Round  
 A. Pazera 161'5"  
Final  
 A. Pazera 6th 167'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

100 Metres - Heats  
 2nd Heat P. Duggan 1st 11.9 secs.  
 3rd Heat M. Mathews 2nd 12.0 secs.  
 4th Heat B. Cuthbert 2nd 12.1 secs.  
Quarter Finals  
 1st Heat M. Mathews 3rd 12.1 secs.  
 2nd Heat P. Duggan 4th 12.2 secs.  
 4th Heat B. Cuthbert 4th 12.0 secs.

2.9.1960 Semi Finals  
 2nd Heat M. Mathews 6th 11.9 secs.

3.9.1960 200 Metres - Heats  
 Heat 1 P. Duggan 4th 24.7 secs.  
 Heat 2 N. Fleming 2nd 24.2 secs.

5.9.1960	<u>Semi Finals</u> Heat 1 N. Fleming	4th	24.3 secs.
6.9.1960	<u>800 Metres - Heats</u> Heat 1 B. Jones	2nd	2m. 11.0 secs.
	Heat 4 D. Willis	1st	2m. 05.9 secs. Olympic Record.
7.9.1960	<u>800 Metres - Final</u> B. Jones	2nd	2m. 04.4 secs.
	D. Willis	Fell and did not finish	
	<u>High Jump - Qualifying Round</u> H. Frith	5'5"	
	<u>4 x 100 Metres Relay - Heats</u> Heat 2 Australia (M. Mathews, N. Thrower, N. Fleming, P. Duggan)	Disqualified (over-ran 2nd change)	
9.9.1960	<u>High Jump - Final</u> H. Frith	eq. 6th	5'5"

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Post Games MeetingsBislett Stadium, Oslo 10. 9.1960

<u>100 Metres Final</u>			
1st	N. Fleming	11.8 secs.	
2nd	P. Duggan	11.8 secs.	
3rd	M. Mathews	11.9 secs.	

<u>Long Jump</u>			
1st	N. Fleming	19'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	

<u>200 Metres</u>			
1st	N. Fleming	23.9 secs.	
2nd	P. Duggan	24.0 secs.	
3rd	M. Mathews	24.0 secs.	

Trondheim

11. 9.1960

<u>Long Jump</u>			
1st	N. Fleming	19'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	

<u>100 Metres</u>			
1st	M. Mathews	11.8 secs.	
2nd	P. Duggan	11.9 secs.	

<u>200 Metres</u>			
1st	M. Mathews	24.0 secs.	
2nd	N. Fleming	24.1 secs.	
3rd	P. Duggan	24.2 secs.	

British Empire v U.S.A. White City, London 14.9.1960

<u>100 Yards</u>		
2nd	M. Mathews	11.0 secs.
<u>220 Yards</u>		
2nd	N. Fleming	24.4 secs.
<u>440 Yards</u>		
1st	D. Willis	55.7 secs.
<u>80 Metres Hurdles</u>		
3rd	N. Thrower	11.3 secs.
<u>4 x 110 Yards Relay</u>		
3rd	Australia	46.3 secs.

Amsterdam15. 9.1960

<u>800 Metres</u>		
1st	B. Jones	2m.11.6 secs (Dutch Record)
6th	D. Willis	

Welsh Games - Cardiff 17.9.1960

<u>100 Yards - 1st Final</u>		
1st	N. Fleming	10.6 secs.
<u>2nd Final</u>		
1st	M. Mathews	10.6 secs.
2nd	P. Duggan	11.0 secs.
3rd	G. Cooke	11.1 secs.
<u>220 Yards - 1st Final</u>		
1st	M. Mathews	24.5 secs.
2nd	P. Duggan	24.6 secs.
3rd	G. Cooke	25.5 secs.
<u>2nd Final</u>		
1st	N. Fleming	24.2 secs.
<u>80 Metres Hurdles</u>		
1st	N. Thrower	11.2 secs.
2nd	G. Cooke	11.3 secs.
<u>4 x 110 Yards Relay</u>		
1st	Australia	46.6 secs.
2nd	Gt. Britain	48.8 secs.
3rd	Canada	48.9 secs.
<u>Long Jump</u>		
1st	N. Fleming	19'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
2nd	S. Mitchell	18'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
3rd	H. Frith	17'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

The team left by plane for Australia on 20th September, leaving behind under the jurisdiction of the British Amateur Athletic Board, Gloria Cooke, Wigney, Betty Cuthbert, Norma Fleming and Norma Thrower who had been invited to compete in Nigeria. Patricia Duggan left the party at Rome for a pre-arranged stay in Italy.

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AUSTRALIAN 1½ MILES CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP, 1960

The Queensland W.A.A.A. had the honour of organising the first Australian Women's Cross Country Championship of 1½ Miles, which was run over the same course as the Brooks Shield; a two lap circuit of Downey Park on 24th September.

Three States were represented, Victoria with 2; New South Wales with 3; and Queensland with 4 competitors.

The disappointment of the event was the non-appearance of Brenda Jones Olympic Silver medalist at Rome, through leg injury. The race was won by Jan McDonald (Vic.) in 8m.41.4s. an Australian record, with Joan Beretta (Vic.) 2nd in 9m.4.1s. and Sonja Olsen (Qld.) in 3rd place in 9m.12.0s.

The teams race for the Mirror Newspaper Shield was won by New South Wales with 9 points from Queensland with 12 points. The Shield was presented to Mrs. Gosling, Manageress, by Miss Norma Coles of the Mirror Newspaper. The individual trophies for the 3 competitors, donated by Whatmores, went to Beth Stanford, Barbara Clift and Jeanette Stapleton.

The Telegraph Trophy presented by Mr. Hayes went to Jan McDonald as the winner, while the Courier-Mail Trophy for the first Queensland girl was presented by Mrs. Ruby Robinson to Sonja Olsen. The second and third girl received trophies donated by Mrs. A. Bonwick.

The Association records its thanks to the Newspapers, Whatmores and Television for their interest and support in this event.

RESULT OF CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

J. McDonald	Vic.	8 min. 41.4
J. Beretta	Vic.	9 min. 4.1
S. Olsen	Qld.	9 min. 12.0
J. Stapleton	NSW	9 min. 20.
B. Stanfield	NSW	9 min. 21.
B. Clift	NSW	10 min. 7.
H. Bonwick	Qld.	10 min. 35.

Joyce Bonwick  
Hon. Secretary - Queensland W.A.A.A.

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AUSTRALIAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP 1961

The 1961 Australian 1½ Miles Cross Country Championship was held at Fairfield, N.S.W. on Saturday 23rd September.

The race began at Makepeace Oval, and competitors then proceeded through undulating bush country, returning to Makepeace Oval for the finish.

A survey of the course to be traversed was made available to each team before the race, and Interstate competitors had a preliminary run over the course on their arrival at Sydney.

Our congratulations go to Victoria and Queensland for the wonderful performances of their athletes; Joan Beretta and Brenda Jones, both of Victoria were first and second with Sandra Olsen of Queensland third and N.S.W. filling the minor placings.

On completion of the point score, Victoria was first with ten points, N.S.W. second with 15 and Queensland third with 20 points.

PLACINGS

Joan Beretta	Victoria	8 min. 48.4 secs.
Brenda Jones	Victoria	8 min. 54.6 secs.
Sandra Olsen	Queensland	9 min. 1.2 secs.
Beth Stanford	N.S.W.	9 min. 6.8 secs.
Jan Stapleton	N.S.W.	9 min. 26.0 secs.
Jeanette Davis	N.S.W.	9 min. 40.0 secs.

Barbara Hodgson,  
Hon. Secretary - N.S.W.W.A.A.A.

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BRITISH EMPIRE & COMMONWEALTH GAMES, 1962 - OFFICIALS

It is gratifying to learn that twenty-two Australian women have been appointed as Track and Field Officials for the Perth Games this year.

This is a fitting reward for the splendid services our Officials render in their respective states, and we offer our congratulations to the following appointees :-

<u>NEW SOUTH WALES:</u>	Mrs. N. Edwards	Timekeeper
	Miss N. Gould	Track Umpire
	Mrs. Z. Fibbins	Liaison Officer
	Mrs. D.I. Magee	Track Judge
	Mrs. E. Wrighter	Field Games Recorder
<u>QUEENSLAND:</u>	Mrs. J. Bonwick	Lap Scorer
	Mrs. R. Dun	Field Games Recorder
	Mrs. E. McMinn	Track Umpire
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA:</u>	Mrs. M. Cahill	Dressing Room Steward
<u>TASMANIA:</u>	Mrs. G. Curtis	Asst. Practice Areas Officer
	Miss M. Triffitt	Liaison Officer

VICTORIA:

Mrs. J. Davis	Field Games Recorder
Mrs. A. Kennedy	Starter's Steward
Miss K. Mears	Records Steward
Miss L. Neville	Manager's Recorder

WESTERN AUSTRALIA:

Mrs. E. Connell	Dressing Room Steward
Mrs. K. Stuckey	Field Games Judge
Mrs. J. Fletcher	Lap Scorer
Miss J. Gullan	Field Games Judge
Miss J. Jones	Manager's Recorder
Mrs. P. McWillie	Dressing Room Steward

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REPORTS OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The last two years have been ones of steady advancement - we successfully defended the R.H. North Cup against New Zealand when we went to New Zealand in 1960, and they, in their turn, won it back when the N.Z. team came to Sydney in 1961.

A change was made this year to our A Grade competition, in so far as our A Grade girls now have a full competition each week, i.e. in both track and field events, and we hope this extra competition will benefit the girls in the long run.

Our annual schoolgirls' camp has again proved very successful over the last two years, with the best ever attendance of 139 girls in 1961, and with the increased interest in athletics in the schools, it is hoped that the 1962 camp will be more popular than ever.

Although we have suffered a drop in registrations the past season, we still have 13 grades in our Interclub competition.

Two more Branch Associations were formed during 1961, one at Wollondilly, which covers the Southern Tablelands area of N.S.W. and the second at Glenbrook, which will eventually encompass the whole of the Blue Mountains area.

My Association sends its best wishes to South Australia on the holding of the Australian Championships, and trusts that it will be a most successful competition.

Barbara Hodgson,  
Hon. Secretary.

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QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Over the two year period since the Hobart Conference Membership has gradually increased. The 1960-61 Season total Membership being 458 Competitors and 66 Officials, including those from the North Queensland A.A.A. who

have a bigger membership of Juveniles.

Queensland now has eight Metropolitan Clubs, five Country Clubs and North Queensland Association has two more Affiliated Clubs, Collinsville and Mt. Isa making a total of eight Clubs for 1961-62.

Maryborough held the Country Titles for 1961 and Toowoomba will hold the 1962 Championships to which have been added four extra events.

Schoolgirl Championships over Sprints only were conducted for the first time in 1960 and this season were added 2 Long Jumps and High Jumps which proved most successful.

A Canteen has been built at Downey Park by the Womens Sports Council from money raised by the H.Y. Carnival in March 1960, when Queensland had the honour of having a World Record equalled by Mrs. Thrower in the 80 metres Hurdles.

Queensland held the first Australian Womens Cross Country Championship in Brisbane in September, 1960 - Shield and Trophies were donated by Brisbane Newspapers and Sports Stores.

Two Queensland girls gained selection for the Rome Olympics in Pat Duggan and Norma Fleming, and several Juniors made a trip to Sydney in March, 1961 from which valuable experience was gained.

Queensland wishes South Australia the best of luck and good weather for the Championships.

Joyce Bonwick  
Hon. Secretary.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

During the past two years greater interest has been shown in athletics. South Australia has now a membership of six city clubs and three country clubs. Schoolgirls Championship entries are increasing yearly but only a small number of these girls continue with the sport.

Training facilities and a lack of suitable tracks are a severe handicap in this State.

The present situation makes it necessary to conduct our meetings in conjunction with the S.A.A.A.A.

South Australia has much pleasure in conducting the 1962 Australian Championships and wish every success to all competitors.

Margaret Cahill  
Hon. Secretary.

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TASMANIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Interest in Women's Athletics continues to grow since the holding of the Australian Championships at Hobart in 1960; and the Tasmanian standard has shown great improvement.

Two new Clubs in the South have affiliated with the T.W.A.A. thus making Saturday morning inter-club competition much more interesting for athletes.

A shield has been donated for the Club having the most points at the end of the season. It is found that girls are more eager to compete, and are taking part in more events.

In the North and North West, Clubs are showing a greater interest in field games and some of the Clubs have been fortunate enough to have coaches assisting them.

Membership for the 1960/61 was 140 and it is anticipated that the numbers will be greater this season.

It is pleasant to record that a greater interest has been shown by parents and this has reflected in a larger attendance at Saturday morning inter-club competitions and in the various fund raising activities in the various Clubs.

At present the Association is functioning under adverse conditions with regards to suitable ovals being available for Athletes.

Our season ended with a Film evening and Certificates were presented to the State title holders.

Mavis Triffitt  
Hon. Secretary

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VICTORIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Victoria has enjoyed two years of gratifying progress, with standards maintained, and a marked improvement in the Junior section of our Field Games.

Our Schoolgirl and Country Women's Championships were the best on record during the last season. The current season should be even better with the increase in country membership.

With the 1961/62 season well under way we have 40 Senior and 72 Junior teams in competition.

Our Annual Competition with New South Wales for the R.H. North Cup resulted in a win for N.S.W. to whom we extend our congratulations.

CROSS COUNTRY

We were represented in the Cross Country Championships in Brisbane 1960 and Sydney 1961. We were proud of the success of our members, and to both States we thank you for your hospitality to our girls.

At the end of the 1961/62 season we will leave our present ground at Royal Park. We have been allotted an Athletic Oval at the Women's Sports Field, built by the Melbourne City Council for all Women's Sport. The new ground is only a short distance from our present oval, and we look forward to welcoming all States in 1964, at the new ground, where we hope to return the generous hospitality we have received over the years from all States since the last Australian Championships held here in 1952.

With the B.C. & E. Games in Perth we know the W.A.W.A.A.A. will play their part for the success of same and to them we extend our best wishes. The Australian Championships are here again, to South Australia a happy and successful meeting. To all other States continued progress and success in our sport.

Maisie McQuiston

Hon. Secretary.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

We are very pleased to report an increased membership for the beginning of the 1961-62 season. During the previous season the standard of athletics seemed to be rather at a low ebb due to the retirement of several of our leading athletes. However, this season commenced with members full of enthusiasm and aiming to do better things. We have a wonderful crop of youngsters and a great deal should be heard of these people during the next couple of years.

Progress for the 1962 Empire Games is well in hand. The Stadium is excellent and although only about six miles from Perth is situated amongst bushland and the setting is really lovely. It is in a good position and it is felt that some good times will be recorded here.

For the benefit of visitors coming to Perth for the Games following is a summary of weather for 1961 - Opening Ceremony 74 deg, mild day. Nov. 23rd, 81, moderate, Nov. 24th, 84; Nov. 26th, 74 fresh S-W winds; Nov. 27/28th, 80; Nov. 29th, 85 deg. Nov. 30th hot 93 deg. Dec. 1st Closing Ceremony 80 deg. This is average weather.

G. Bull.

Hon. Secretary.

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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S RECORDS - 1960/61

ROBERTS, Jean Coburg W.A.A.C.	DISCUS 132 ft.8"	JUNIOR	ROYAL PARK MELB.	30. 1. 60
JELLEY, Helen C. Canterbury/ Bankstown, N.S.W.	JNR. PENTATHLON 3763 Points	JUNIOR	SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND	27. 2.60 & 28. 2.60
CUTHBERT, Betty Cumberland, N.S.W.	220 Yards & 200 Metres 23.2 secs.	OPEN WORLD	NTH.HOBART OVAL HOBART.TAS.	7. 3.60
WOODHOUSE, Robyn N.S.W. Team	HIGH JUMP 5ft 6" eq.	JUNIOR	HOBART, TAS.	7. 3.60
DeNEEFE, Isabel Victoria	DISCUS 151ft.7"	RESI- DENT	NTH.HOBART OVAL TASMANIA	7. 3.60
WILLIS, Dixie West. Aust.	880 Yards 2m.9.5secs.	OPEN	NTH.HOBART OVAL TASMANIA	7. 3.60
R. BAINBRIDGE ) M. BLACK ) R. CHAPMAN ) L. RIVETT ) NEW SOUTH WALES	RELAY 4 x 110 Yds. 48.7 secs.	JUNIOR	NTH.HOBART OVAL TASMANIA	7. 3.60
EILBOURN, Pamela University High School	PENTATHLON 4316 points	OPEN	ROYAL PARK MELB. VICTORIA	26th & 27. 3.60
PRITH, Helen Mid.West N.S.W.	HIGH JUMP 5ft 8" eq.	RESI- DENT	BRISBANE, O'LD.	26. 3.60
MASON, Michele Ryde W.C., N.S.W.	HIGH JUMP 5ft. 8" eq.	RESI- DENT	BRISBANE, O'LD.	26. 3.60
DeNEEFE, Isabel East. Suburbs Melbourne	DISCUS 153 ft.10"	RESI- DENT	ROYAL PARK MELB. VICTORIA	26. 3.60
WOODHOUSE, Robyn Blue Star, A.A.C.	HIGH JUMP 5ft. 7"	JUNIOR	SLAKY FLATS BULLI, NSW.	27. 3.60
THROWER, Norma West. Districts Sth.Aust.	80 METRES HURDLES 10.6 secs.	OPEN	BRISBANE, O'LD	26. 3.60
McDONALD, Dorothy J. Chelsea, Vic.	1½ MILE CROSS COUNTRY 8m.41.4secs.	BEST ON RECORD	DOWNEY PARK BRISBANE Qld.	24. 9.60

WOODHOUSE, Robyn Blue Star A.A.C.	HIGH JUMP 5 ft 8½"	JUNIOR	LYSAGHTS OVAL PORT KEMBLA N.S.W.	1.10.60
BLACK, Marilyn West. Suburbs N.S.W.	100 YARDS 10.7 secs.	JUNIOR	SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND N.S.W.	29.10.60
WILLIAMS, Roslyn East. Suburbs	DISCUS 142ft 7"	JUNIOR	SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND N.S.W.	14. 1.61
KILLBORN, Pamela Victoria	80 METRES HURDLES 10.6 secs.eq.	OPEN	SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND N.S.W.	28. 1.61
WILLIAMS, Roslyn East. Suburbs	DISCUS 147ft 5½"	JUNIOR	SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND N.S.W.	29. 1.61
BAINBRIDGE, Rhonda Cumberland	100 YARDS 10.7 secs eq.	JUNIOR	SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND N.S.W.	4. 2.61
BLACK, Marilyn West. Suburbs	220 YARDS 24.2 secs.eq.	JUNIOR	SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND N.S.W.	25. 2.61
STAPLES, Lorraine J. West.Suburbs NSW.	80 METRES HURDLES 11.5 secs. eq.	JUNIOR	SYDNEY N.S.W.	4. 3.61
COX, Brenda J. Queensland	100 YARDS 10.5 secs.	JUNIOR	SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND N.S.W.	18. 3.61
KNEE, Janet M. Novocastrian N.S.W.	PENTATHLON 3888	JUNIOR	SYDNEY SPORTS GR. SYDNEY ATHLETIC FIELD N.S.W.	18.3.61 19.3.61
MASON, Michele M. RYDE, N.S.W.	HIGH JUMP 5 ft 9"	RESI- DENT	NOWRA SHOWGROUND N.S.W.	19.3.61

PENDING

STAPLES, Lorraine West. Suburbs N.S.W.	80 METRES HURDLES(Eq) 11.5 secs.	JUNIOR	SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND N.S.W.	11.11.61
BREEN, Mary East.Suburbs N.S.W.	SHOT 44 ft 9½" 45 ft 0"	RESI- DENT RESI- DENT	SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND N.S.W. SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND N.S.W.	11.11.61 16.1.62
WILLIAMS, Roslyn East. Suburbs N.S.W.	DISCUS 156ft 8" 166ft 1½"	RESI- DENT RESI- DENT	SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND N.S.W. SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND N.S.W.	16.12.61 6. 1.62

APPRECIATION

Your Executive desires to place on record its sincere thanks to our Hon. Auditor, Mr. H.G. Carruthers, F.A.S.A. Mr. Carruthers has now occupied this position for the past 22 years, and his assistance during that period has been invaluable.

It is with regret that we learned that our President, Miss Doris Carter O.B.E. would be unable to stand for office due to pressure of business. Miss Carter became President in 1948, but resigned shortly after this due to a transfer to the United Kingdom. She resumed office again in 1952 and has been our President since then.

Miss Carter, as a former athlete and Olympian has a thorough knowledge of our Sport and appreciation of our problems. Our thanks and good wishes go with her in her new career.

May we also express our sincere appreciation to Mr. A. Hodsdon, Hon. Secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia for his continued assistance and co-operation.

CONCLUSION

In the foregoing pages the progress of the Union and its affiliated States during the past two years has been presented.

We may look forward shortly to a very brief respite before State Associations begin winter preparation of athletes for the selection trials at Melbourne in October, and the British Empire & Commonwealth Games which follow in November at Perth.

We are proud that Australia has once again been chosen as the venue for an International Meeting, and our best wishes go out to the West for the big task ahead.

The holding, after a lapse of twenty-four years, of holding a second British Empire & Commonwealth Games in Australia will provide an excellent opportunity for both our younger athletes and officials to gain experience, and will be yet another major stepping-stone in our progress.

To our competitors who will be chosen to represent on this important occasion, may we reiterate - Good Luck!

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

Doris I. Magee,  
Hon. Secretary.

## AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD 1st MARCH, 1960  
TO 7th JANUARY, 1962.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS	
Balance as at 1.3.60			928. 4. 1	AAU of A.	
Affiliation Fees				Wld. Rec. Plaq.	13.18. 0
N.S.W.		6. 6. 0		Affil. ABEGA/AOF/IAAF	46.14.10
Victoria		6. 6. 0		Olym. Team Allow Rome	58. 0. 0
Tasmania		6. 6. 0		Name Badges Rome	3. 6. 0
W. Aust.		9. 9. 0		Athletics Annuals	1. 1. 0
S. Aust.		6. 6. 0		Scoring Tables	4. 2. 0
Q'land		6. 6. 0	40.19. 0	Record Forms	10. 8. 2
International Teams' Levies				Ballet Exercises	4. 0
1959	1960	1961		Cable	6. 0
NSW	85. 8. 0	77. 4. 0		IAAF Handbooks	62. 7. 0
Vic.	10.14.0	123.10.0	107.13.0	Hon. Sec. Exp. Conference	200. 7. 0
Tas.	14. 0. 0	10. 0. 0		Hobart	31.18. 0
S.A.	9.10.0	9. 0. 0		Postages & P/Cash	23.14. 1
W.A.	20.18.0	22.10.0		Printing & Stationery	67. 5. 2
Q'ld.	28.18.0	22.14.0		Reimb. Telegrams NSWAAA	13. 6
	10.14.0	282. 4. 0	249. 1. 0	" Trunk Calls "	2. 5.10
Profit Aust. Champs. TWAAA			541.19. 0	Trans. Int. Teams' Levies	541.19. 0
Reimb. Teams' Allow. Rome			161.10. 9	Balance at Bank	1058. 0. 7
" Cables			58. 0. 0		
Profit Pre-Olympic Meeting (NSW)			12. 0		
Sundries			56. 8. 3		
Sale Handbooks		62. 0.11			
" Constitutions		3.11. 6			
" Record Forms		1.18.10			
" Scorers		1.16. 3	69. 7. 6		
Bank Interest			69. 2. 7		
			1926. 3. 2		
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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 7th JANUARY, 1961

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<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
International Teams Fund	1253.16. 6	Medallion Dies	6. 0. 0
Futurion Press	22.15. 0	Record Forms	11.11. 6
Affiliation Fees in Advance		Scoring Tables	11. 0
West. Aust.	3. 3. 0	IAAF Handbooks	1.14. 6
Accumulated Funds	1059.19. 1	Constitutions	<u>7.19. 6</u> 21.16. 6
		<u>Commonwealth Bank</u>	
		Trading Bank	1058. 0. 7
		Savings Bank	<u>1253.16. 6</u> <u>2311.17. 1</u>
	<u>£2339.13. 7</u>		<u>£2339.13. 7</u>

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS' FUND

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance as at 1st March, 1960	710.11. 4	Expenses 1962 Olympic Team	35. 0. 0
International Teams' Levies	541.19. 0	Balance at Bank	1253.16. 6
Bank Interest	36. 6. 2		
	<u>£1288.16. 6</u>		<u>£1288.16. 6</u>

(Sgd.) N. GOULD - Honorary Treasurer

(Sgd.) H.G. CARRUTHERS, F.A.S.A.

10th January, 1962.

I.A.A.F. & WOMEN'S COMMISSION CONFERENCES - ROME, 1960

The Women's Commission met on 14th August, and as a result, the following recommendations were submitted to the I.A.A.F. Conference for consideration:-

1. That the Women's Commission set standards and qualifications for all future Olympic Games.
2. That the Pentathlon and 400 metres be added to future Olympic Games.
3. That 1 mile and 1,500 metres be added to the world's record list.
4. The order of the Pentathlon be altered as follows:-  
1st day: 80 metres hurdles, shot, high jump,  
2nd day: Long jump and 200 metres.

Recommendations 2 and 4 have since been ratified, No. 2 for inclusion at the 1964 Olympic Games, Tokyo and No. 4 to take effect from 1st January, 1961.

The Women's Commission requested all nations to experiment during the next 2 years with 100 metres hurdles - 10 hurdles of standard 2'6" height; start to finish hurdle - 13 metres; 8.50 metres between hurdles; last hurdle to finish 10.50 metres.

The co-operation of affiliated states is sought in this experiment, taking into consideration the height of competitors and respective times over the standard 80 metres and the 100 metres hurdles.

Mr. Don Carr (Victoria) accompanied me to a meeting of women coaches convened by the Women's Commission, when the main discussion covered the above four recommendations, and the possibility of adding an additional relay to the Olympic Games. This was left in abeyance.

Australia was thanked for information forwarded during the past two years.

With Mr. Hugh Weir, O.B.E., I attended the Conference of the I.A.A.F. as a member of the Australian Delegation.

Doris I. Magee.

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