

**AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR**

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**AND**

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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Presented to delegates of affiliated Associations at the twenty-third Conference, held at Hadley's Hotel, 36 Murray Street, Hobart, Tasmania on Tuesday February 27th, 1973 at 7.30 p.m. and on Wednesday February 28th, 1973 at 9.30 a.m.

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Ladies,

The Twenty-second Report and Financial Statement of the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union is presented for your consideration.

The year just concluded has been perhaps one of the Union's most interesting and we are about to embark on an equally eventful year ahead.

Our Union, in keeping with other national bodies, has its problems and its critics, but with the help of constructive criticism and the dedication of its officials and supporters, will continue to provide the incentive for improved achievements both in the field and in the administrative area.

Congratulations are extended to Marlene Willard on the success of the Australian Women's Track and Field at the 1972 Olympic Games and the Union's best wishes will go with Margaret Cahill and her team for the Pacific Conference Games at Canada next June and to the Women's Manager elect and her team for the 1974 Commonwealth Games at Christchurch.

REGISTRATIONS

Registrations have increased and a comparison of figures for this current season and the previous year is listed hereunder-

State	Seniors	Juniors	Sub-Juniors	Officials	Totals	
					1971/2	1972/3
New South Wales	191	446	1616	349	(2481)	2602
Queensland	20	100	161	36	(296)	317
South Australia	53	82	178	96	(423)	409
Tasmania	17	72	191	30	(390)	310
Victoria	275	549	975	305	(1985)	2104
Western Australia				39	(339)	371
					<u>5914</u>	<u>6113</u>

CONFERENCE

The Twenty-second Conference was held in the Stirling Room, Forrest House, St. George's Terrace, Perth, Western Australia on

March 20th and 21st, 1972 with President Mrs. M. Robinson in the Chair.

Office-bearers and Committees appointed at the Conference are listed on the inside front cover of this Report.

Affiliated Associations were represented by the following delegates -

New South Wales	Mesdames D. Megee, MDE., Mrs. F. Wrighter
Queensland	Mesdames J. Donwick, Y. Lanyon-Owen,
South Australia	Mesdames M. Cahill, W. Ey,
Tasmania	Mesdames M. Ebzery, D. Frawley,
Victoria	Mrs. M. McQuiston, Miss L. Neville,
Western Australia	Miss G. Dull, Mrs. E. McKenzie,
Vice-President	Mrs. de la Hunty, MDE., also attended.

#### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - PERTH, 1972

The 1972 Australian Track and Field Games Championships were held as a combined meeting by the Western Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association and the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association, on behalf of the A.W.A.A.U. and the A.A.U. of A. This was the first time in thirty-nine years that a combined meeting had been held and a very successful meeting resulted. Sixteen overseas athletes came to Perth to compete in the Championships and this was brought about by the sponsorship of W.D. & H.O. Wills (Australia) Ltd, and Qantas.

The Opening Ceremony was performed by Sir Paul Hasluck, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O. & K. St.J, Governor-General of Australia.

Owing to the very heavy five days of Championships social activities were rather curtailed. On the Tuesday evening a Cocktail Party for Officials and Team Manageresses was held at the residence of Mrs. R. Chester. At the conclusion of the Championships on the Sunday night Mrs. Shirley de la Hunty entertained athletes and Officials at her home in Applecross. It was then time to go to the Airport to farewell the teams on their way home.

To all Officials, both from W.A. and Interstate, who did such a magnificent job during the Championships to make everything a success, our grateful thanks. Special mention must be made to the Canteen helpers who worked tirelessly during the five days, to provide refreshments for the Officials and general public. These facilities certainly assisted in the success of the Championships.

To the winners and placegetters in the Championships our congratulations and to the girls who have been chosen to represent Australia in the Olympic Games at Munich our best wishes.

Gwen Dull

W.A.A.A.A.

DETAILED RESULTSPENTATHLON

1. L. Tillet (NSW)	4283 pts
2. H. Nixon (Qld)	3921 "
3. C. Lewis (Vic)	3776 "
4. M. Wilson (WA)	3643 "
5. P. Smith (NSW)	3639 "
6. J. Arnold (SA)	3538 "

100 METRES

1. R. Boyle (Vic)	11.8s
2. M. Hoffman (Qld)	12.1s
3. M. Render (USA)	12.1s
4. M. Caird (NSW)	12.1s
5. P. Ryan (Vic)	12.2s
6. P. Gillies (NSW)	12.3s

200 METRES

1. R. Boyle (Vic)	23.3s
2. M. Hoffman (Qld)	24.2s
3. K. Holland (WA)	24.2s
4. A. Ross-Edwards (NSW)	24.5s
5. D. Robertson (Qld)	24.5s

400 METRES

1. J. Pollock (Vic)	52.5s
2. A. Ross-Edwards (NSW)	53.1s
3. C. Wendina (Vic)	53.2s
4. J. Ganty (Vic)	54.0s
5. K. Holland (WA)	54.5s
6. C. Peasley (NSW)	54.6s

800 METRES

1. J. Pollock (Vic)	2m01.5s
2. C. Peasley (NSW)	2m03.3s
3. J. Orr (Vic)	2m05.4s
4. G. Maiyo (Kenya)	2m08.0s
5. D. Chelimo (Kenya)	2m08.8s
6. J. Hart (SA)	2m09.1s

1500 METRES

1. J. Orr (Vic)	4m22.6s
2. G. Maiyo (Kenya)	4m23.2s
3. E. Chelimo (Kenya)	4m28.5s
4. M. Charles (NSW)	4m38.4s
5. I. Palmer (Vic)	4m38.4s
6. L. Tennant (Vic)	4m47.5s

100 METRE HURDLES

1. P. Gillies (NSW)	13.3s
2. P. Ryan (Vic)	13.3s
3. M. Caird (NSW)	13.6s
4. J. Watson (WA)	14.1s
5. D. Pease (NSW)	14.4s
6. M. Rallins (USA)	14.4s

200 METRE HURDLES

1. P. Ryan (Vic)	26.4s
2. M. Rallins (USA)	28.0s
3. D. Pease (NSW)	28.0s
4. J. Watson (WA)	28.2s
5. J. Sayer (Qld)	29.0s

1500 METRES WALK

1. D. Behan (NSW)	6m49.2s
2. A. Nicholls (Vic)	6m54.7s
3. G. Woolley (NSW)	7m26.5s
4. A. Williams (Vic)	7m33.2s
5. D. Patmore (NSW)	7m33.2s
6. S. Foale (WA)	7m48.0s

4 x 400 METRES RELAY

1. Victoria	3m33.3s
2. New South Wales	3m40.4s
3. South Australia	3m46.7s
4. Queensland	3m49.3s
5. Western Australia	3m50.2s

4 x 100 METRE RELAY

1. Victoria	44.7s
2. Queensland	45.2s
3. Western Australia	45.9s
4. New South Wales	45.9s

HIGH JUMP

1. R. Parke (Vic)	5'8"
2. C. Lewis (Vic)	5'7"
3. Y. Craig (NSW)	5'5"
4. L. Tillet (NSW)	5'5"
5. J. Symon (SA)	5'5"
6. J. Arnold (SA)	5'4"

LONG JUMP

1. L. Tillet (NSW)	21'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
2. E. Nixon (Qld)	21'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
3. E. Hindle (WA)	20'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
4. D. Pease (NSW)	20'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
5. M. Wilson (WA)	20'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
6. D. Hatch (Ind. WA)	19'10"

DISCUS

1. S. Culley (NSW)	162'6"
2. A. Karner (Vic)	154'0"
3. C. Schultz (Ind)	142'5"
4. L. Torso (NSW)	138'11"
5. G. Mulhall (Vic)	137'9"
6. G. Sardi (Vic)	136'11"

SHOT PUT

1. A. Karner (Vic)	48'7½"
2. C. Schultz (Ind)	42'10¾"
3. J. Kennedy (NSW)	40'7½"
4. G. Mulhall (Vic)	40'4"
5. L. Torso (NSW)	37'6"
6. M. Phillipott (NSW)	36'8½"

JAVELIN

1. J. Symon (SA)	150'11"
2. M. Koscick (Vic)	156'7"
3. J. Kennedy (NSW)	139'2"
4. M. Phillipott (NSW)	135'4"
5. R. Squibb (Tas)	133'7"
6. T. Wrenn (WA)	101'8"

The Doris Mulcahy Shield for Interstate Open Point Score was won by  
VICTORIA.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (UNDER 18 YEARS)PENTATHLON

1. D. Hatch (WA)	3645 pts
2. S. New (NSW)	3644 pts
3. S. Scott (Vic)	3621 pts
4. W. Frost (Qld)	3508 pts
5. L. Hargreaves (NSW)	3480 pts
6. C. Booth (NSW)	3438 pts

100 METRES

1. R. Doak (Vic)	12.4s
2. S. James (NSW)	12.4s
3. L. Lundberg (SA)	12.6s
4. C. Beazley (WA)	12.7s
5. G. Jericho (Qld)	12.7s
6. S. Behan (NSW)	12.8s

200 METRES

1. L. Lundberg (SA)	24.3s
2. C. Dale (Vic)	24.3s
3. R. Boak (Vic)	24.3s
4. L. Dalziel (NSW)	25.0s
5. N. Jones (Qld)	25.3s
6. L. Dick (Tas)	25.5s

400 METRES

1. D. Costello (NSW)	56.1s
2. M. Johnson (Vic)	56.3s
3. R. Boak (Vic)	56.5s
4. L. Dalziel (NSW)	57.0s
5. L. Marquis (Tas)	58.2s
6. M. Fisher (Vic)	58.5s

800 METRES

1. D. Costello (NSW)	2m11.4s
2. D. Stevens (Qld)	2m12.1s
3. B. Willis (Qld)	2m13.0s
4. J. Johnson (WA)	2m16.8s
5. D. Cort (WA)	2m19.2s
6. D. Huxley (Vic)	2m23.1s

1500 METRES

1. D. Costello (NSW)	4m42.2s
2. S. Stevens (Qld)	4m43.3s
3. L. Doyle (NSW)	4m49.2s
4. J. Carter (Qld)	4m52.9s
5. K. Campbell (NSW)	4m59.6s
6. D. Huxley (Vic)	5m02.7s

100 METRE HURDLES

1. D. Hatch (WA)	14.6s
2. S. New (NSW)	14.8s
3. C. Finch (SA)	14.9s
4. D. Gelle (WA)	15.0s
5. K. O'Connell (WA)	15.3s
6. R. Kerr (NSW)	15.5s

200 METRES HURDLES

1. S. New (NSW)	28.9s
2. D. Hatch (WA)	29.5s
3. D. Gelle (WA)	29.5s
4. L. Hargreaves (NSW)	30.0s
5. C. Finch (SA)	30.2s
6. D. Galov (NSW)	30.5s

800 METRES WALK

1. B. Patmore (NSW)	3m35.8s
2. A. Williams (Vic)	3m37.9s
3. G. Woolley (NSW)	3m37.9s
4. S. Foale (WA)	3m47.6s
5. J. Mills (NSW)	3m55.7s
6. K. Sunderland (WA)	4m03.3s

4 x 100 METRE RELAY

1. New South Wales	46.7s
2. Victoria	47.4s
3. Western Australia	47.7s
4. Queensland	48.0s

LONG JUMP

1. D. Hatch (WA)	19'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
2. S. New (NSW)	19'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
3. E. Parkin (WA)	19'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
4. L. Hargreaves (NSW)	19'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
5. A. Harris (WA)	18'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
6. S. Scott (Vic)	18'7"

HIGH JUMP

1. G. Jamieson (NSW)	5'4"
2. B. Pool (WA)	5'2"
3. T. Wrenn (WA)	5'2"
4. W. Rost (Qld)	5'2"
5. S. Scott (Vic)	5'2"
6. P. Ferry (SA)	5'2"

DISCUS

1. G. Mulhall (Vic)	143'11"
2. G. Sardi (Vic)	141'8"
3. L. Torso (NSW)	138'8"
4. D. Ashford (NSW)	123'11"

SHOT PUT

1. G. Mulhall (Vic)	42'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
2. L. Torso (NSW)	39'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
3. J. Watson (Qld)	36'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
4. M. Phillpott (NSW)	35'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
5. G. Sardi (Vic)	32'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
6. D. Ashford (NSW)	32'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

JAVELIN

1. M. Phillpott (NSW)	135'6"
2. W. Frost (Qld)	122'11"
3. D. Ashford (NSW)	114'7"
4. T. Wrenn (WA)	109'0"

The Doris Magee Shield for Junior Interstate Point Score was won by NEW SOUTH WALES.

1972 AUSTRALIAN CROSS COUNTRY, ROAD WALKING & ROAD RELAY  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

To help encourage athletes in the country areas, our Association decided that the venue for the Championships be Canberra, it being the first time that they had been held in other than a State Capital. The Cross Country events were held on Capital Hill on 19th August and the Road Walking and Road Relays were held at the Carillon on 20th August.

On the Saturday morning it rained but the weather cleared, and although it was still dull and overcast we were honoured to have the Patron of the A.W.A.A. Union, Her Excellency Lady Hasluck open the Championships. Leonie Doyle, on behalf of the competitors took the Oath of Amateurism.

The total number of athletes entered in the Championships was 61. Although the entries in the open events may have been a little disappointing there was tremendous enthusiasm amongst the Juniors and Sub-Juniors and these sections had large fields.

The Sunday was fine and sunny and the setting at the Carillon was delightful.

The Open Road Walk was increased to 5000 metres, and for the first time a Junior 3000 metres Road Walk was included on the program. We were fortunate to have a police escort for the Road Walks and Road Relays, and this was a tremendous help.

Having the honour to represent the A.W.A.A. Union, I made the presentations to the winning teams and declared the Closing

of the Championships. A barbecue lunch was then served in the Pavillion close to the venue, and this was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Thanks must be extended to the officials of our South Canberra Club who did a tremendous job in helping with the organisation of the Championships, this assistance we very much appreciated.

We look forward to the 1973 Championships in Melbourne, and send our Best Wishes to the Victorian Association for their success.

Flo Wrighter  
Hon. Secretary, N.S.W.W.A.A.A.

### RESULTS

#### OPEN - 5000 METRES CROSS-COUNTRY

B. Stanford (NSW) 19m42.8s; I. Palmer (Vic) 19m 57.4s; L. Petrie (Vic) 19m59.6s; L. Tennant (Vic) 21m03.6s; A. Gook (NSW) 21m11.0s; V. Slavicek (NSW) 21m12.0s; C. Reeves (NSW) 21m23.0s; J. Connelly (SA) 22m10.0s G. Waterman (SA) 23m 14.0s.

Mirror Newspaper Shield: Victoria 9 pts, N.S.W. 12 pts.

#### JUNIOR - 3000 METRES CROSS-COUNTRY

E. Whelan (SA) 11m43.4s; S. Garrity (Ind.NSW) 11m47.2s; E. Stubbs (SA) 11m52.8s; C. Keating (Vic) 12m01.6s; K. Cardell (Qld) 12m11.0s; M. Riley (NSW) 12m12.0s; S. Halpin (SA) 12m16.0s; D. Stevens (Qld) 12m18.0s; M. Butler (Ind.SA) 12m27.0s; A. Joyce (NSW) 12m38.0s; S. Morrison (SA) 12m38.0s; K. Fraser (Vic) 12m39.0s; L. Doyle (NSW) 12m40.0s; K. Wells (NSW) 12m55.0s; G. Taylor (Vic) 13m11.0s; K. O'Brien (Vic) 13m20.0s; H. Abrahams (Ind. Qld) 13m42.0s.

Nell Gould Shield: South Australia 8 pts, NSW 19 pts, Vict. 22 pts.

#### SUB-JUNIOR 1500 METRES CROSS-COUNTRY

D. Bryant (NSW) 5m23.0s; D. McCawley (NSW) 5m26.6s; I. Trundle (NSW) 5m29.4s; H. Oregan (Vic) 5m29.8s; C. Vincent (Ind.NSW) 5m33.4s; D. Fink (Vic) 5m38.0s; S. Mellor (Ind.Vic) 5m43.0s; M. Bersee (SA) 5m46.0s; D. McIntosh (Vic) 5m46.0s; J. Grant (NSW) 5m48.0s; L. Bickley (Vic) 5m50.0s; M. Murray (Ind.NSW) 5m52.0s; C. Walloscheck (SA) 5m57.0s; V. Exton (Qld) 5m59.0s; J. Gillett (SA) 6m02.0s; A. Smith (SA) 6m11.0s; D. Munn (Qld) 6m15.0s; B. Ford (Qld) 6m17.0s; S. Hobbs (Qld) 6m25.0s; C. Heilbronn (Ind. Qld) 6m25.0s;

Stella McMinn Shield: N.S.W. 6 pts, Vict. 16 pts, S. Aust. 28pts

#### OPEN 5000 METRES ROAD WALK

A. Nicholls (Vic) 24m55.0s; L. Harpur (S.A.) 27m07.0s; B. Wilkins (NSW) 28m08.2s; J. Mills (NSW) 28m25.4s; J. Tully (NSW) 28m34.6s;

Lilian Neville Shield: N.S.W. 6 pts.



JUNIOR 9000 METRES ROAD WALK

B. Wilkins (NSW) 15m15.2s; K. Cardell (Qld) 15m22.4s; A. Williams (Vic) 15m54.0s; L. Barralet (Qld) 16m01.0s; M. Behan (NSW) 16m07.6s; J. Davies (Vic) 16m13.0s; A. Pembroke (NSW) 16m20.0s; S. Skilton (Vic) 16m25.0s;

OPEN 3 x 9000 METRES ROAD RELAY

New South Wales 31m09.6s (A. Cook, C. Reeves, B. Stanford)  
 Victoria 31m24.4s (L. Petrie, I. Palmer, L. Tennant)  
 South Australia 34m01.2s (J. Connelly, C. Waterman, S. Morrison)

Joan Beretta Memorial Shield: New South Wales.

JUNIOR 3 x 1500 METRES ROAD RELAY

South Australia 15m08.2s (E. Whelan, E. Stubbs, S. Halpin)  
 New South Wales 15m17.0s (L. Doyle, K. Wells, M. Riley)  
 Victoria 15m45.0s (G. Taylor, C. Keating, K. Fraser.

Dorothy Spittles Shield: South Australia.

SUB-JUNIOR 3 x 800 METRES ROAD RELAY

New South Wales 7m18.6s (D. Bryant, I. Trundle, D. McCawley)  
 Victoria 7m23.6s (H. Cregan, D. Fink, D. McIntosh)  
 Queensland 7m52.2s (S. Hobbs, D. Munn, B. Ford)  
 South Australia 8m00.4s (G. Walloscheck, J. Gillett, M. Bersee)

Mary Chambers Memorial Shield: New South Wales.

OLYMPIC GAMES - MUNICH, 1972

As assistant Manager-Women, I have pleasure in submitting the following report on the Women's Athletic Section of the above team.

TEAM MEMBERS: Raelene Boyle, Maureen Caird, Marion Hoffman, Lyn Tillet, Alison Ross-Edwards, Cheryl Peasley, Erica Nixon, Jenny Orr, Judy Pollock, Pam Ryan, Charlene Rendina and Penny Gillies.

Due to excellent organisation by Section Manager, Mr. Alex McIvor, all team members were kept fully informed of team requirements by periodical bulletins, so that by the time the team assembled in Melbourne on August 5th, 1972, all girls were fully aware of all details and arrangements required by the A.O.F.

Problems with adequate training and competition did arise, as always with Australian track teams travelling overseas out of season and although I realise geographically it is probably impossible, an effort should be made to have the team assemble in a warm climate at least two to four weeks prior to departure. Competition is most unwise in weather such as is experienced by Sydney and in particular Melbourne.

All team members, with the exception of Pam Ryan, who was in Europe, underwent their medical before being farewelled at Tullermarine by the Prime Minister of Australia, the Right Honourable William McMahon, M.P., and Sir Harry Alderson.

Our departure time from Melbourne was approximately 9 pm, and after refueling stops at Singapore and Bahrain, the team arrived fit and well, although very tired, in Munich at 12.15pm European time. Formalities were non-existent and all members were taken by bus direct to the Olympic Village. One's first impression of the Village was that of a huge concrete jungle, sombre, very cold and austere.

Due to the excellent work done by the Advance Party, our settling in problems were kept to a minimum. Our accommodation was of a very high standard, in most cases two girls sharing a room, with the exception of myself, Maureen Caird and Pam Ryan, who had a room to ourselves. Catering facilities were very efficient and of a high standard, although the actual menu became very monotonous after a while. There were very few complaints received regarding the quality of the food.

Pam Ryan moved into the Village shortly after our arrival, and all girls settled down quickly enough to start light training the next day. The weather was extremely hot, a direct contrast to what we were used to, so training was kept to a minimum for the first few days.

TRAINING FACILITIES: Our early training was done in the University Grounds adjacent to our headquarters. The facilities provided in this direction left nothing to be desired, and the "Rekortan" all-weather track, of which Munich boasts at least five, was conducive to good training sessions.

As the Games drew closer, training schedules were issued to all teams and most girls took advantage of using the warm-up track or indoor track, depending on weather conditions.

I feel that ways and means must be sought to install at least one of these tracks in Australia, so that our teams can at least compete on equal level with their European counterparts. An excessive number of injuries to team members could well have been avoided had our girls had the opportunity of training on similar surfaces in Australia prior to departure.

There was still a certain amount of anxiety over Judy Pollock's injured calf muscle, but this seemed to be responding well to treatment.

Pre-Games competition was readily available in Munich itself, and the first of these meets was held at Dante Stadium on Wednesday, 9th August. The events at this meeting were limited and only Marion Hoffman and Cheryl Peasley were able to compete. Results are attached

The following day, with the exception of Judy Pollock and Penny Gillies who were nursing leg injuries, the complete athletic team left for Italy, a meeting arranged prior to our departure from Australia. Unfortunately, our travel arrangements were upset due to an air strike by Alitalia and although we arrived at Milan early in the morning, it was after lunch before alternative arrangements were made by Airline officials to travel to Viareggio by train - a trip we were told would take about 3-3½ hours. However, owing to many delays, we did not arrive at Viareggio until 5¼ hours later, and we were then advised that our hotel was located at Lucca, approximately 20 Kilometres further on.

The accommodation, although rated first class, was well below our Australian standards.

Maureen Caird became ill with stomach pains during our first night, and had to be taken to hospital for treatment first thing in the morning. It was difficult to find out exactly what was wrong, but this stomach complaint persisted for the remainder of the Games. Since Maureen's return to Australia, it has been diagnosed as a stomach ulcer.

The meeting at Viareggio on the 11th August commenced at 8.20 p.m. and the last event finished at 12.30 p.m. on the 12th August. The competition was of a high standard, with competitors from Jamaica, U.S.A., Trinidad, Spain, Great Britain, Venezuela, Senegal, Hungary, Australia and Italy.

Unfortunately, Lyn Tillett had to withdraw from the High Jump after the first jump with an injured knee, causing her withdrawal from any further competition. Maureen Caird also scratched from all events. All results are attached.

The return trip was also delayed by airline problems. I do feel that the delays to and from Italy, due to circumstances beyond officials control, detracted from the benefits of the competition, as team members lost some all-important training time, and returned to Munich in a very tired and unsettled frame of mind.

Because of these unfortunate experiences, a team meeting was called, and arrangements for the proposed trip to Warsaw, Poland, were extremely modified.

No team member was compelled to go if they considered the trip would interfere with their preparation for the Games, but should they decide to stay in Munich, they were expected to compete at a meeting scheduled for Dante Stadium on 15th and 16th August, except for those under medical treatment.

It was decided that I remain in Munich with Henry Schubert, while Alex McIvor travelled with the rest of the team to Poland.

Events at the Dante meeting on the 15th August were again rather limited, and only Maureen Caird, Raelene Boyle and Pam Ryan were able to compete. Results are attached.

A rather depleted team left for Warsaw on the 16th August, and it was unfortunate at this time that Judy Pollock sustained a further leg injury, causing her eventual withdrawal from any further competition. Also on the same day, Pam Ryan suffered a tummy upset and was advised to stay in bed. Raelene Boyle developed an injury to her Achilles tendon, and as a result, both girls scratched from the second day of the meeting at Dante Stadium. Injuries aggravated by the tartan tracks were causing concern, and both Penny Gillies and Lyn Tillett returned from Poland with injuries which were to hinder them throughout the duration of the Games. Penny, of course, sustained a stress fracture and had to have her foot in plaster (after the heats of the 100M Hurdles).

The three day international meet in Poland catered for all events, and from reports received, competition was excellent, and the results achieved by the team, although not of the high standard expected, were a guide to the current form of those who competed. Results are attached.

After the conclusion of the meeting on Saturday, the team was entertained at an official banquet by the Polish Federation.

I feel that while this pre-Games competition is a necessary part of an athlete's build-up, it would be wiser to seek this international competition before entering the Olympic Village. It causes too much upheaval in the athlete's programme, both mentally and physically, after having settled into a routine, to have to pack up and travel backwards and forwards to the Village. Once a team is in the Village they should remain there until after the Games have concluded.

Relay combinations were presenting a problem at this stage, because of injuries. Penny Gillies had to be withdrawn and replaced by Maureen Caird in the 4 x 100M. Similarly, in the 4 x 400M, the running order had to be altered due to Judy Pollock's withdrawal. Once this order was established, training was carried out from the 21st August, with Lyn Tillett and Jenny Orr reserves in their respective teams.

A meeting with a limited number of events was conducted in the main stadium on the 23rd August, and the results are attached. Lyn Tillett won the Long Jump with a leap of 6.60M, an Australian record.

Further pre-Games competition was organised at Poste Stadium on Thursday, 24th August, but only the 100M and High Jump were held for women. Results are attached.

The weather was perfect for Opening Day, and all team members marched, with the exception of Maureen Caird.

Team confidence was remarkably high at this stage, and all girls were looking forward to the start of competition.

Full credit must be given to both Dr. Brian Corrigan and Dr. Ken Fitch for their untiring efforts to have the girls fully fit for competition, also George Saunders, whom the girls found most helpful when it came to the relief of sore and tired muscles.

I do feel, however, that some consideration should be given to the inclusion of a fully trained physiotherapist in future teams. Facilities for medical and physiotherapy treatment in the village were of an exceptionally high standard.

August 31st, the first day of competition, was a day of mixed fortune. Both Lyn Tilleit and Erica Nixon were confident following good warm-ups, but results show, Lyn jumped well below her best and had difficulty making the board. Erica jumped well, and missed qualifying by only one inch. The overall standard was excellent, especially from Germany's Rosendahl and Schueller. Later in the day, Cheryl Peasley and Jenny Orr qualified for the second round, both having personal best times in their respective events.

FRIDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER: The first day of qualifying heats for the 100M. All girls qualified for the second round, but Pam and Maureen found the competition too good. Raelene qualified with a second to Chivas in her heat. It was obvious that Cheryl was a little flat after her run the previous day, and her performance was well below her heat run.

SATURDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER: The start of the Pentathlon and Lyn's performances were quite creditable, having a personal best in the Shot. Charlene Rendina and Alison Ross-Edwards both qualified for the second round of the 400M, Charlene running an Olympic record of 51.9, truly an outstanding performance. Raelene ran a very good race in the 100M final to finish second to Stecher. One wonders how good Raelene would be if she really trained.

SUNDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER: Lyn's final day in the Pentathlon, with very good results in the Long Jump and 200M. The second round of the 400M saw Charlene run another excellent race to go through to the semis. Alison, however, failed to qualify.

MONDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER: First round of the 100 M Hurdles. Penny Gillies competed with her injured foot, after receiving a pain-killing injection, but failed to qualify, as did Maureen Caird. Pam Ryan ran second to world record holder Erhart and was very disappointed. Raelene Boyle ran very easily to run second to Stecher in the first round of the 200M, and went on to win her

second round just as easily. Charlene Rendina ran her third 51.9 to qualify for the final of the 400M. Charlene's performance, without doubt would be the most outstanding of all the team's performances. Jenny Orr's run in the 1500M was also an Australian record and well inside her personal best.

TUESDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER. This was a day never to be forgotten in the history of the Olympic Games. The tragic incident involving the Israeli team was to cause the cancellation of all events until Thursday. Although our team was not directly involved, it was evident these events did have some effect on all team members. A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday in the Stadium but because of the chance of further disturbance, the girls were advised not to attend.

THURSDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER Most activity returned to normal. Raelene Doyle ran well in the semi-final of the 200M, but again had to be content with a Silver Medal for the final. Charlene Rendina proved her times were hot flukes and again ran 51.9 to finish sixth in the final of the 400M. Jenny Orr ran another good race to qualify for the final of the 1500M. Pam Ryan sustained an injury to her calf muscle and finished only second in the semi-final of the 100M Hurdles.

FRIDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER. A disappointing day for Pam who could only manage fourth place in the final of the Hurdles, still carrying an injury to her calf muscle.

SATURDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER Both the 4 x 100 relay and the 4 x 400 M. relay qualified for the second round. In the 1500M final, Jenny Orr finished seventh in a race in which the first five placegetters broke the existing world record.

SUNDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER Final day of competition - Pam's leg was still suspect, but the doctors gave her the O.K. to run in the relay. The 4 x 100M ran an Australian record to finish sixth. The 4 x 400M finished in a similar place in their final. As a matter of interest, Raelene Doyle was clocked at 51.0 sec over her leg in the relay.

Considering the lack of baton practice, both relay teams performed well above expectations, in fact all the girls' performances (with the exception of two) were equal to or better than their previous Australian standard.

It is obvious that Australian standards will fall short of overseas performances until first class facilities for training and competition are available to our athletes here. Tracks must be brought up to date and regular overseas competition sought for them. I realise that the cost involved in providing either of these requirements would be enormous, but if we are to give our athletes a chance to maintain our high standards in world class competition, some solution will have to be found.

Because of the tragic events which had marred the last week of the Games, the programme for the closing ceremony was cut to a minimum, and cold and wet conditions did not help to make the occasion the spectacle expected of such an event. The March was not compulsory, and an air of informality was the order of the day.

The whole of the Australian team was farewelled by the V.W. Company at Lowenbrau Cellars on Sunday 10th September, and no expense was spared to make this evening an outstanding success.

I think all team members were glad when we embarked on our Qantas jet at approximately 9.30 p.m. on September 12th for our return trip home. After scheduled stops at Bahrain and Singapore, we landed at Melbourne airport at 7.30 a.m. on 14th September.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

FACILITIES AND TRAINING: As mentioned earlier, the improvement of facilities here in Australia is a "must". The number of injuries sustained over the six weeks period must be avoided in future teams.

I feel the selection of the team should be made only after trials have been conducted, no more than two months prior to departure. The knowledge that the athlete has to produce top form prior to leaving Australia would ensure that all athletes were 100% fit and capable of producing high standards overseas.

There is no doubt our weather conditions in Sydney and Melbourne during the winter do little to help our athletes and the only way to overcome this is to hold a training camp in warm weather where team members can train together, instead of miles apart all over the country. This would most especially benefit our relays, which cannot be expected to match overseas teams who compete together for six months or more prior to any international competition.

CLOTHING: The only real complaint voiced by team members was the fact that they were issued with only one track suit. I feel that two track suits are a must for future teams, as it is very difficult to keep one clean and respectable when in constant use. Otherwise, the clothing and equipment issued were quite acceptable.

Perhaps the time has come for a change from the conventional gold frock. Most overseas teams had an ensemble, which could be interchanged for either formal or casual wear.

Team members expressed a desire to be issued with more casual clothes, such as a slack suit, etc.

A more modern raincoat in lieu of the drab plastic one would also be appreciated. Even teams from Russia and Poland were supplied with all-weather coats and looked a good deal smarter than any of our team members.

APPRECIATION: My personal thanks to each member of the team for their co-operation, dedication to training, continued cheerfulness in somewhat extreme conditions and their team spirit and unity. Their performances in most cases were of the highest standard, especially those produced by Raelene Doyle, Charlene Rendina and Jenny Orr.

I must congratulate Judy Pollock on the splendid job she did as Team Captain. She carried out her responsibilities most capably, and the help and co-operation I received from her was, I am sure, instrumental in the success of our trip.

My sincere thanks to Section Manager, Mr. Alex McIvor for the tremendous help and support while we were away and prior to our departure, to Ken Steward and Henry Schubert who were always there to help with training, and to Headquarters Staff for their untiring co-operation, to the Chef de Mission, Mr. Julius Patching for his wonderful patience, understanding and general interest shown to all team members.

To Mrs. Doris Magee, Mrs. Mabel Robinson and Miss Gwen Dull for their help and assistance before leaving Australia and during our stay in Munich, my sincere thanks. It was sincerely appreciated. Sincere thanks to Mrs. Flo Writer and members of the N.S.W.W.A.A.A. for their kind thoughts and good wishes before our departure.

Finally, my sincere appreciation to those members of the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union responsible for my appointment as Manageress. To be given the opportunity of representing one's country as an official as well as competitor is an honour I will cherish for many years to come.

Marlene Willard.  
ASST. MANAGER - WOMEN

RESULTS OF DANTE STADIUM MEETING 9th AUGUST - MUNICH

100 Metres Women	-	M. Hoffman	3rd	11.7 seconds
800 "	"	C. Peasley	1st	2:8.7

RESULTS OF VIAREGGIO - ITALIAN MEETING 11th AUGUST

The meeting was conducted with a series of heats over each distance - no finals being run in any event.

High Jump L. Tillett 4th 1.50m.  
(Lyn withdrew after second jump with a sore knee and I therefore scratched her from the 100 metres and the relay, also 100m Hurdles.)

Series 1: 100 Metres E. Nixon 3rd 12.1  
(No Long Jump on the programme for Erica.)



Series 4; 100 Metres	- R. Doyle	1st	11.5s
	P. Ryan	3rd	11.8s
	M. Hoffman	4th	11.9s
Series 2; 400 Metres	- C. Rendina	1st	53.5s
	A. Ross-Edwards	3rd	53.0s
	C. Peasley	5th	55.0
Series 1; 300 Metres	J. Orr	2nd	2:00
Series i; 100 Metres Hurdles	- P. Ryan	1st	13.2s
4 x 100 Relay - Australia		1st	47.2s
	(P. Ryan, E. Nixon, M. Hoffman, R. Boyle.)		
4 x 400 Relay - Australia		2nd	3:42.4
	(C. Rendina, C. Peasley, J. Orr, A. Ross-Edwards)		

Maureen Caird-Jones became ill with stomach cramps the previous night and received medical attention so I was forced to scratch her from the 100m, 100m Hurdles and Relay.

RESULTS OF DANTE STADIUM MEETING 15/16 AUGUST - MUNICH

15th	100 Metres	R. Doyle	1st	11.61
		M. Caird-Jones	3rd	12.3
15th	100m Hurdles	P. Ryan	1st	13.07
		M. Caird-Jones	4th	13.75

RESULTS OF WARSAW TRIP - 3 DAYS OF COMPETITION - 17/18/19 AUGUST

100 Metres Hurdles	P. Gillies	13.7sec		
(2nd in Heat - did not run in final because of injured ankle)				
Pentathlon	L. Tillet	1st	4147 points	
100m Hurdles	1st	14.21sec	841 pts	
Shot Put	5th	10.88m	648 "	
Long Jump	1st	6.22m	954 "	
200m	1st	24.5s	891 "	
High Jump	7th	1.58m	313 "	
200 Metres	A. Ross-Edwards	5th	24.6s	
400 Metres	A. Ross-Edwards	3rd	53.2	
	A. Ross-Edwards	4th	53.0	
	C. Rendina	1st	53.3	
	C. Rendina	5th	53.5	
300 Metres	C. Peasley	1st	2:06.9	
	C. Peasley	2nd	2:04.8	
	J. Orr	3rd	2:09.2	
	J. Orr	7th	2:08.5	
100 Metres	Heat	M. Hoffman	5th	11.7
Long Jump	E. Nixon	4th	20' 3½"	
1500 Metres	J. Orr	1st	4:21.0	

RESULTS EVENTS HELD AT MAIN STADIUM 23rd AUGUST - MUNICH

4 x 100 Relay	Australia	3rd	44.53
(M. Caird-Jones, P. Ryan, M. Hoffman, R. Doyle)			
100m. Hurdles	P. Ryan	1st	13.1
	M. Caird-Jones	3rd	13.7
800 Metres	C. Peasley	1st	2:04.69
	J. Orr	5th	2:07.70
Long Jump	L. Tillctt	1st	6.60m (Aust. Rec) PD
	E. Nixon	6th	5.94m

RESULTS OF POST STADIUM EVENTS - 24th AUGUST - MUNICH

Series 1	100 Metres	M. Hoffman	3rd	11.8	Winner's time	11.2
Series 1	100 Metres	R. Doyle	2nd	11.3	"	" 11.2
Series 2	100 Metres	M. Caird-Jones	5th	11.8	"	" 11.3

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES - OLYMPIC GAMES

RAELENE DOYLE	- 100 Metres	Heat	1st	11.37
		2nd Round	2nd	11.30
		Semi Final	1st	11.32
		Final	2nd	11.23
				(Silver Medal)
Winner:	R. Stecher	GDR	11.07	
	- 200 Metres	Heat	2nd	23.58
		2nd Round	1st	23.06
		Semi-Final	2nd	22.92
		Final	2nd	22.45
				(Silver Medal, PD, and Aust. Record)
Winner:	R. Stecher	GDR	22.4	E.W.R. - N.O.R.
MAUREEN CAIRD-JONES	- 100 Metres Hurdles.	Heat	5th	13.63
PENELOPE GILLIES	- 100 Metres Hurdles.	Heat	6th	13.82
	(Penny ran courageously with a badly injured ankle.)			
MARION HOFFMAN	- 100 Metres	Heat	7th	11.60
		2nd Round	7th	11.78
ERICA NIXON	- Long Jump	(Failed to Qualify - qualifying distance 6.30, Erica's jumps were 6.16m, 6.27m, 5.42m)		
JENNIFER ORR	- 800 Metres	Heat	5th	2:04.5 PD
	1500 Metres	Heat	4th	4:08.1 PD &
				Aust. Rec.
		Semi-Final	6th	4:08.9
		Final	8th	4:12.8
Winner	L. Dragina	URS -	4:01.4	N.W.R. - N.O.R.

CHERYL PEASLEY - 800 Metres Heat 3rd 2:03.1 PB  
Semi-Final 7th 2:04.6

JUDITH POLLOCK - did not compete because of injuries.

CHARLENE RENDINA - 400 Metres Heat 1st 51.94 PB  
(New Olympic Record - Aust. Rec)  
2nd Round 1st 51.96  
Semi-Final 3rd 51.90 PB  
Final 6th 51.99 Diploma  
Winner M. Zehrt GDR - 51.08 N.O.R.

ALISON ROSS-EDWARDS - 400 Metres Heat 4th 53.40  
2nd Round 6th 53.60

PAMELA RYAN - 100 Metres Heat 5th 11.73  
2nd Round 6th 11.85  
- 100 Metres Hurdles Heat 2nd 12.93  
Semi-Final 2nd 12.95  
Final 4th 12.98 Diploma  
Winner A. Ehrhardt 12.59 N.O.R.

LYNNETTE TILLET - Long Jump - failed to qualify -  
qualifying distance 6.30m Lyn's Jumps, 5.99m, 5.90m,  
and 5.97m

Pentathlon - 4258 points 16th  
100m Hurdles 14.26 834  
Shot Put 11.46m 685 PB  
High Jump 1.60m 834  
Long Jump 6.44m 1001  
200 Metres 24.36 904  
Total 4258

RELAYS 4 x 100 - M. Caird-Jones, P. Ryan, M. Hoffman, R. Boyle.  
Heat 3rd 44.03  
Final 6th 43.61 Aust. Rec. &  
Diploma.

Winner GERMANY 42.01 E.W.R., N.O.R.

(N.O. Aust. Tea, 5th in Mexico in 43.40)

4 x 400 - A. Ross-Edwards, R. Boyle, C. Peasley &  
C. Rendina

Heat 3rd 3:30.0 (Aust. Rec)  
Final 6th 3:28.8 (Aust. Rec) &  
Diploma

Winner GDR (East Germany) 3:23.0, N.W.R., N.O.R.

SUMMARY OF AWARDS - Silver Medals 2, Diplomas 10.

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#### NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

It is with pleasure and pride that we present this Report, having completed 40 years as a Women's Association. Prior to 1932 women's athletics in this State was organised by the Men's Association. We are also proud that one of

our foundation members, Miss Nell Gould, was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Our Association held the Australian Cross-Country, Road Walks and Road Relay Championships this year in Canberra. The Championships were very successful, and the venue proved to be a popular one. We sincerely thank our Canberra Clubs for their co-operation and assistance.

In an effort to find the form of competition that the majority of our athletes desire, our Track and Field Season has been an experimental one, with no trophies being awarded. For the first half of the season we conducted our usual form of interclub competition (i.e. club against club), and then went on to a form whereby all athletes were graded into divisions, according to their performances, in all events. At the conclusion of our Season the athletes will be asked to vote on which form they prefer. The competition was conducted on the Sydney Sports Ground and seven suburban grounds.

Our coaching clinics in country areas continue to be held. This scheme has been sponsored by the Shell Company for the past seven years, and has proved very popular resulting in many country clubs being formed.

Registrations still continue to rise and we now have 191 seniors, 446 juniors, 1616 Sub-Juniors, 596 Under 11 years and 349 officials totalling 3190 members. We have 33 Metropolitan Clubs, 43 Country Clubs and 4 Country Branch Associations.

New South Wales congratulates Mrs. Margaret Cahill of South Australia on her appointment as Assistant Manager-Women to the Pacific Conference Games in Canada, and send best wishes for the success of her team.

We compliment the Western Australian Association on the staging of the 1972 Championships, and extend to the Tasmanian Association our Best Wishes for a happy and successful 1973 Championship Meet.

Flo Wrighter  
Hon. Secretary.

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#### QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The present season has been dogged by bad weather and several competition days have been interrupted or abandoned altogether.

Some extra competition has been available at Lang Park with a few twilight meetings as well, and in these a considerable number of athletes participated.

Membership has increased considerably and a total of 317 which includes 36 Officials, 20 Seniors, 100 Juniors and 116 Sub-Juniors have been registered so far.

The fact that two Queensland Athletes were chosen in the Australian Olympic Team for Munich seems to have given added incentive to our Schoolgirls and many more have registered with the Association, than in previous years.

The Schoolgirls Cross Country last July, and the Track and Field Championships were a huge success and once again more events will be added next year to cater for all wishing to participate.

The month of October seems to be the right month for Track & Field and many more schools entered this time.

The North Queensland Championships were held in Townsville last August and will be conducted in Mt. Isa this August.

The Country Championships held last year in Bundaberg are to be held in Sarina at Easter.

This year the 3000 metres events, which has been conducted only as an Interclub events, will become a Championship in both Open and Junior sections.

Mr. Alan Schulz, one of our oldest Officials passed away during the Cross Country season. Mr. Schulz was for many years the Chief Starter and had only recently returned from an overseas trip.

Cross Country is developing very well & a very successful season was held during the winter months. Most of those who took part in it have definitely improved in their track events.

The Q.W.A.A.A. wishes the Tasmanian W.A.A.A. all the best in the conducting of the 1973 Australian Track & Field Games Championships & also wishes to congratulate all those women who once again brought credit and distinction to Australian Womens athletics at Munich and Mrs. Doris Magee who was honoured with an I.A.A.F. Veteran Pin.

Joyce Donwick  
Honorary Secretary.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The 1972-73 season has continued in much the same pattern as last season with the bulk of our number being in the younger age group. The senior grade has slightly increased with a number of our junior athletes of last season reaching the senior age group.

Our season opened with the Schoolgirls Championships and these were a tremendous success.

The increased interest shown forced us to run the Championships over two days, the primary schools on one Saturday followed by the secondary schools the next week. Over 2000 athletes competed but we do not seem to obtain many of the girls into registered clubs.

South Australia suffered a great loss last year when our first lifemember and most loyal official, Mrs. Lilian Kavanagh passed away. Mrs. Kavanagh was a tower of strength in our Association and we sadly missed her this season.

Athletes continue to improve their standard in inter-club competition under the grading on personal performances and in many events junior athletes record better performances than the senior athletes. Increased programs in the sub-junior and juvenile age groups are proving successful and many of these younger athletes show promise in events that they did not compete in previously.

We travelled to Victoria for the Annual S.A. v Victoria Match and were successful after a day of interesting competition. Victoria will visit us this year for the Annual L.C. Mills Cup Competition and we are looking forward to friendly rivalry between the younger athletes of both States. These friendly competitions are gaining popularity with each year and when one looks back it is amazing how many of these young athletes have continued on to represent their state and a few have risen to represent Australia.

This season we have a registration number of 466 members, comprising of 53 seniors, 82 juniors, 178 sub-juniors, 37 juveniles and 96 officials.

We extend to Tasmania our wishes for a very successful Championship meeting and to the competitors our best wishes for success.

Margaret Cahill  
Hon. Secretary.

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TASMANIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

This season registrations in all parts of the State have increased. A marked improvement in Field Events has been most noticeable, especially on the North West Coast where Residential records in Javelin and High Jump have been broken.

Louceston has been the strongest part of the State for sprinting. Everyone in Southern Tasmania has been working hard in various ways to raise money for our proposed new athletic centre, the site has already been selected, and we are hopeful that we will see the realization of our dreams fulfilled in the near future.

We are conducting a "Miss Teener Quest" to raise money to help towards conducting the Australian Track and Field Championships in Hobart in March '73, all members and officials are excited at the prospect of playing host to the various States and we are hopeful that all visiting athletes and officials will enjoy their visit to Hobart.

(Mrs) Mavis Ebzery  
Hon. Secretary

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VICTORIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION REPORT, 1972/73

We are delighted to report that Mrs. Aileen Kennedy, our chief starter and Social Secretary was awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours.

Mrs. Doris Magee, M.B.E., Honorary Secretary of the Aust. Women's A.A. Union was awarded the 'Veteran's Pin' by the I.A.A.F.

Miss Nell Gould, Honorary Treasurer of the A.W.A.A.U. was awarded the British Empire Medal in Queen Elizabeth's Birthday Honours. These awards are distinctive personal honours for each recipient. Members of the V.W.A.A.A. extend their warmest congratulations and thank them for their years of dedicated and unselfish service to Women's Athletics.

Our membership continues to grow as the numbers reported in the registrations indicate. The upward trend in Country membership is very pleasing. We now have three Centres firmly established at Geelong, Latrobe Valley and North Eastern. Within the metropolitan area our numbers are firm, however, the bulk of registrations come from the Sub-Junior section.

The 1972 Cross-Country season was most successful, probably due to the mild winter experienced in our State. The climax of the season was the National Championships held at Canberra by the N.S.W.W.A.A.A. Whilst congratulating them on the presentation and conduct of the Championships we commend their Officials for the part they played in the presentation of all events and, especially for the buffet tea which was a great way to conclude a weekend in splendid surroundings and first class sportsmanship throughout.

The 72/73 Track & Field season commenced with the School-girls Championships. We decided to conduct the Championships for 'Novice' girls only, thus registered members of the Association were not eligible to enter. The objective being to introduce a new breed to competition on this level. The move proved most successful with over 1,000 entries from girls who had never participated in highly competitive events apart from within their own school sports. Following the Novice Championships many girls joined clubs and we think we discovered a 12 year old who could possibly be a field games star of the future.

We have continued our Interclub competition on the graded ability basis, with all girls competing on the one ground at Royal Park West. This entails a long day for all especially the track officials.

Our recently held match with South Australia for the West End Shield: resulted in a fine win for them. We congratulate them and thank them for a day of excellent competition.

At the end of January our Sub-Juniors will travel to Adelaide for the L.C. Mills Cup Match. This event is the highlight of the season for our younger members.

We have the privilege of conducting the 1973 Australian Cross-Country and Road Walk Championships on behalf of the Union. The events will be held on August 25/26 in the grounds of the Christian Brothers College, Bundoora, situated approximately 12 miles from Melbourne. It would be grand to see all States represented. To the Tasmanian W.A.A.A. we offer our best wishes for a most successful Track and Field Championships, with keen competition resulting in a fine squad being selected to aim at final selection later in the year to represent at the Commonwealth Games to be held in New Zealand in 1974.

Maisie McQuiston  
Honorary Secretary

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Our Athletic Season drew to a close after the conducting of combined Men's and Women's Australian Track and Field Championships. As the Championships, programmed over five days, was the biggest Athletic Event held in our State since the Commonwealth Games, 1962 we are proud of all Officials for the manner in which the events were conducted. We were delighted the Championships were so successful. Such combined Australian Championships was made possible by the generous sponsorship of W.D. & H.O. Wills (Australia) Ltd. who arranged the visit of International Women Athletes to compete within our State.

The Annual General Meeting was held Tuesday 13th June. After many years of outstanding service to Athletics both within our State, Interstate and Overseas, Miss Gwen Bull declined a further term of office as Hon. Secretary. Miss Bull retired from Office with outstanding administration knowledge and managerial experience. Officers duly elected:- Mrs. G. Chester, President; Mrs. V. Hancock, Hon Secretary and Mrs. E. McKenzie, Hon. Treasurer.

It is pleasing to report registrations have increased by 32, making a total of 332 registered athletes. This season two new clubs, Belmont and Rockingham, were accepted into our Association.



Due to increasing interest by our athletes in Winter competition, Road Walking and Cross Country Championships were conducted. Entries received from both Metropolitan and Country Athletes. 3000 metre Cross Country Championships - Winners time 13m48.6 (Sub-Junior); 3000 metre Road Walking Championships - Winners time 17m12.0 (Sub-Junior). Our State can no longer close Athletic activities during the Winter months, and Council must conduct regular programmes in these Events.

Track and Field Competition commenced on October 26th and 27th with the conducting of State Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Championships. Entries reached a record number and performances very good.

Interclub competition commenced November 4th under the control of the W.A.A.A.A. We have just conducted a very successful pre-Xmas Championships - programmed over two days. Although the weather extremely warm, ideal conditions for the athletes and many Sub-Junior records recorded.

South West Association are conducting their Annual Championships January 28th and 29th. These Championships are very popular and we look forward to another successful Carnival.

State Pentathlon Championships will be conducted January 14th. State Track & Field Championships March 24th & 25th.

Whilst our State Team will be small in number to compete in Hobart at the Australian Track and Field Championships, this year we will be sending our Team by Air. Unfortunately we lack strength and depth in our Senior ranks, however our Junior girls are extending and showing dedication to our Sport.

The Finance of our Association is very sound, and appreciation must be extended to the club helpers in helping man the Ganteer from which our revenue is derived.

In conclusion: The challenge of conducting our own Athletic Meetings must soon be faced.

- 1) The increase of athletes competing at combined Men's and Women's Interclub Meetings is restricting the number of events conducted each week.
- 2) The Men's Management Committee are in full control of Athletic Meetings. Whilst our Association is allowed representation at their Committee Meetings, we have power of speech, but NO voting power.

We are granted consideration to most of our requirements, however, it is frustrating on occasions to see our Athletes compete under this present system, especially when the Lower Track at Perry Lakes, which is a rubber surface track, being used as a warm up area each Saturday Afternoon.

V. Hancock  
Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

The following Australian records will be confirmed at the 1973 Union Conference.

<u>OPEN</u>		<u>Made</u>	
Long Jump	6.33m 20'9½"	Erica Nixon Qld	Perry Lakes Stadium, W.A. 22/3/72
100M. Hurdles	13.1s	Maurcen Caird NSW	Sydney Sports Ground, N.S.W. 26/2/72
100M. Hurdles	13.0s	Pamela Ryan Vic	Perry Lakes Stadium, W.A. 26/3/73
1500M. Walk	6m49.2s	Dianne Behan NSW	Perry Lakes Stadium, W.A. 26/3/72
1 Mile Walk	7m24.5s	Alison Nicholls Vic	Bellarat Wendowee 30/4/72
4 x 400M. Relay (C. Rendina, J. Canty, E. McLeod, J. Pollock)	3m33.3s	Victorian State Team	Perry Lakes Stadium WA, 25/3/72
100M. Hurdles	12.5s	Pamela Ryan Vic.	Warsaw 28/6/72
<u>JUNIOR</u>			
200M. Hurdles	28.2s	Susan New NSW	Perry Lakes Stadium, W.A. 23/3/72
4 x 100M. Relay (S. Sames, S. New, S. Behan, S. Procter)	46.7s	Equ. N.S.W. State Team	Perry Lakes Stadium WA, 25/3/72

OPEN RECORDS CREATED OLYMPIC GAMES, MUNICH 1972 - Now recognised.

Long Jump	6.60m	23/8/72 (Special Meeting)	
" "	6.44m	3/9/72	Lynette Tillett
1500 Metres	4m08.1s	4/9/72	Lynette Tillett
400 Metres	51.9s	4/9/72	Jennifer Orr
4 x 100M. Relay (M. Caird, P. Ryan, M. Hoffman, R. Boyle)	44.03s	9/9/72	Charlene Rendina Australian Team
4 x 100M. Relay (M. Caird, P. Ryan, M. Hoffman, R. Boyle)	43.51s	10/9/72	Australian Team
4 x 400M. Relay (A. Ross-Edwards, R. Boyle, C. Peasley, C. Rendina)	3m30.0s	9/9/72	Australian Team
4 x 400M. Relay (A. Ross-Edwards, R. Boyle, C. Peasley, C. Rendina)	3m28.8s	10/9/72	Australian Team
200 Metres	22.5s	7/9/72	Raelene Doyle
3000 Metres Walk	14m30.0s	23/12/72	Lilian Harpur (S.A.) at Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide.

CONGRATULATIONS

It is with considerable pride and pleasure we record that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has graciously conferred the distinguished honour of the British Empire Medal on two of our members. - Our Honorary Treasurer Miss Nell Gould (New South Wales) was included in the 1972 Birthday Honours' List and Mrs. Aileen Kennedy (Victoria) in the 1973 New Year's Honours' List.

Both have devoted a lifetime working tirelessly to further the interests of our sport and are very worthy recipients of such an honour.

CONDOLENCE

It is with deep regret we report the passing, during the year, of Mrs. Lilian Kavanagh.

A Life Member of the South Australian W.A.A.A. and that Association's President for a number of years, Mrs. Kavanagh held the position of Vice President of this Union from 1960 to 1962.

Our very sincere sympathy is extended to her family and to the South Australian W.A.A.A.

APPRECIATION

Our thanks are expressed to this Union's many friends throughout Australia; to business firms and to the News media - Press, T.V. and Radio.

Our debt of gratitude increases each year to our Honorary Auditor, Mr. George Carruthers, our Legal Adviser Mr. David McKenzie and for the close co-operation of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia through its Honorary Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Arthur Hodsdon, M.B.E.

We pay a special tribute to our Honorary Treasurer Miss Nell Gould, B.E.M. who has compiled and presented a most comprehensive history and record of this Union since its inception; a publication which in the future will prove of untold value.

My personal thanks also to our Officers, Committees and the Honorary Secretaries of our constituent Associations for their assistance and support throughout the year.

CONCLUSION

What have we achieved together in the year? The preceding pages certainly record that it has been an extremely successful one.

It is interesting to see recent experiments in some states in a new concept for competition.

Perhaps we have become more critical in assessing the established methods and the move not to carry on activities in the old way but to serve and achieve the same purpose in new and even more significant way is to be commended.

Possibly the time is now opportune for an evaluation of the experiments to decide the implications of the future and what we will achieve together in the years ahead.

We congratulate the Tasmanian W.A.A.A. on its Inaugural organisation for the 1973 National Championships and have every

confidence they will be most successful.

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

Doris I. Magee,  
Honorary Secretary.

ADDENDUM

Our Union is most fortunate in having as its two senior administrative officers, very dedicated officials in your Secretary, Mrs. Doris Magee and your Treasurer and acting Secretary, Miss Nell Gould. Their efficient and timely application to their separate tasks has in no small manner been responsible for the high standing in which the Union is held in sporting circles.

It is fitting that the I.A.A.F. at its Conference in Munich last year recognised the work of our Secretary by awarding her its 'Veteran Membership' for long and outstanding service to the sport, and I am sure you were all delighted when this decision was made. Our sincere congratulations go to Mrs. Magee for an Award which she has so thoroughly earned.

To all officials and others who have assisted in the administration of our sport, I extend grateful appreciation.

Mabel Robinson.  
President

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

Summary of Receipts and Payments for Period Ending 26th January, 1973

<u>Receipts</u>	
Balance as at 10/2/1972	2162.51
Affiliations	60.00
Levies	1262.20
Sale of Handbooks	35.00
Profit Aust. Championships Perth	800.00
Interest on Investment	362.52
Refund Thos. Cook & Sons	64.13
Bank Interest	51.69

<u>A.A.U. of A.</u>	<u>Payments</u>	
Affiliations	IAAF	61.84
	Oceania	13.33
	P.C.G.	26.38
	A.O.F.	1.46
	A.D.C.G.A.	3.50
	W.W.C.C.	<u>14.67</u>
		120.52
Dables		10.92
Record Placques		26.73
I.A.A.F. Scorers		35
Postage Almanacs		6.00
Guidance for Walking		10.34
I.A.A.F. Bulletin		7.23
Postages & Petty Cash		50.12
Printing & Stationery		19.74
Transfer of Levies		531.10
Trunk Calls & Phonograms		68.09
Conference Expenses	Admin.	35.00
	Travel	<u>532.87</u>
		567.87
Travelling Expenses-Selectors		61.45
Expenses IAAF WC - Munich		823.05
Flowers		5.00
IAAF World Record List		3.00
Life Membership Dadge		18.01
Cheque Book		3.00
Balance C/fwd		2362.58
		<u>\$4798.05</u>

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INTERNATIONAL TEAMS FUNDReceipts

Balance as at 10/2/1972	2562.47
Levies	31.10
Bank Interest	79.93
	<u>\$3272.60</u>

Payments

Balance C/fwd	3272.60
	<u>\$3272.60</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNTGeneral AccountReceipts

Balance as at 10/2/1972	1561.08
Bank Interest	50.54
	<u>\$1619.62</u>

Payments

Balance C/fwd	1619.62
	<u>\$1619.62</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 26th JANUARY 1973Liabilities

International Teams Fund	8272.60
Futurian Press	45.50
Accumulated Funds	4006.70
	<u>\$12,324.80</u>

Assets

Investments	
Alliance Holdings	5000.00
Medallion Dies	70.00
Commonwealth Bank	
Trading Bank	2362.58
Savings "	
Gen. A/c	1619.62
International Teams Fund	3272.60
	<u>7254.80</u>
	<u>\$12,324.80</u>

H. G. Carruthers, F.A.S.A.

Honorary Auditor

N. Gould

Honorary Treasurer

Date: 2nd February, 1973