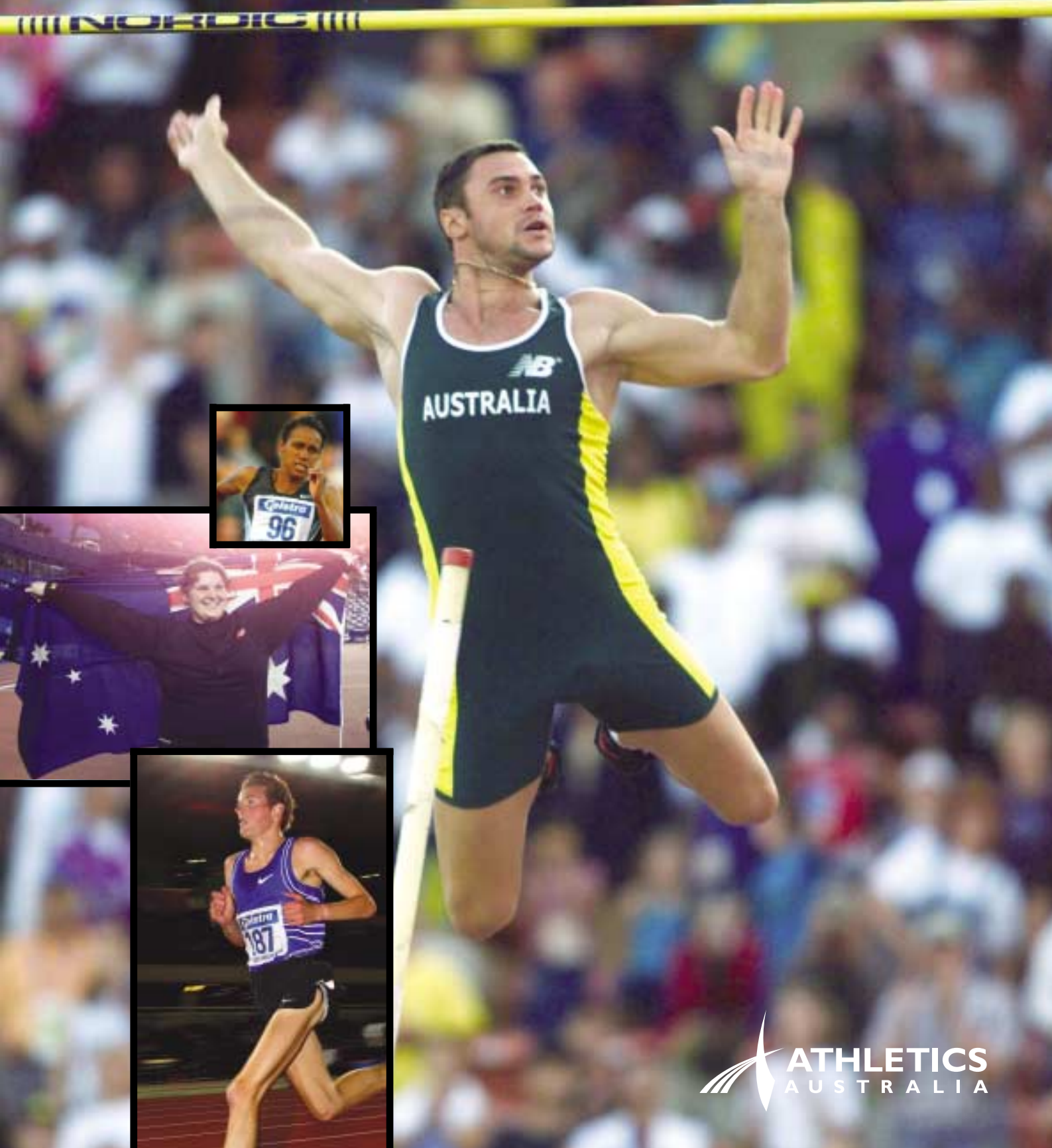


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**Hicham El Guerrouj** of Morocco celebrating with fans after his win of the Men's 1500m at the **17th IAAF Grand Prix Final - Melbourne**









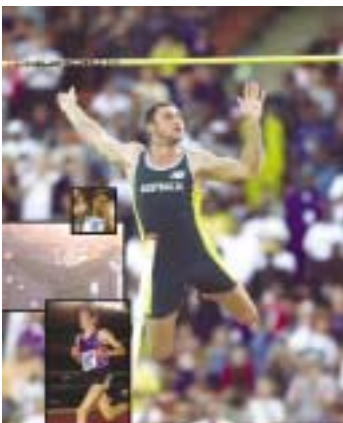
Inaugural Flora Sydney Marathon & Sunday Telegraph Bridge Run





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**Cover Picture:** Dmitri Markov at World Championships, Edmonton, Canada, 6.05m; Cathy Freeman at Telstra A-series; Bronwyn Eagles after winning bronze at World Championships; and Craig Mottram on way to winning the Men's 5000m and breaking the Australian record at Telstra A-series Melbourne.



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**Bronwyn Thompson . . . .**  
**Commonwealth Record long jump**  
**. . . . 7.00 metres**



Photo by: Kathy Watt



## Chairman's Message



A year of focus, consolidation, international success and domestic progress - we knew that our year after the Sydney Olympics would be one of our most challenging and exciting yet and 2001-2002 has lived up to our expectations.

After the hype surrounding Sydney 2000 dampened down, new names were out to prove themselves in the sport of athletics.

The thrilling pole vault competition in Edmonton at the IAAF World Championships gave us our first ever pole vault world beater in Dmitri Markov - his jump equalling the second best all-time jump of 6.05m. Joining him as a world medallist was young Bronwyn Eagles with her bronze medal performance. Both athletes epitomise the breadth, and depth of our sport, and our continuing strength in the arena of field events. Our athletes with disabilities also excelled bringing home three gold medals and one bronze medal.

Not to be outdone, Benita Johnson and Craig Mottram enhanced their developing reputations with a 4th and 5th placing respectively in the World Cross Country Championships.

As an organisation it is essential that we showcase to the world our ability to stage major events. We are committed to bringing world-class events to the people of Australia to ensure the growth and profile of our sport. Our staging of the IAAF Grand Prix Final left no doubt in the minds of the world athletics family that we could do just that - with meticulous planning, professional event presentation, an enthusiastic crowd, the best possible services for the world's best athletes and a celebration for everyone to remember.

Following on from this world-class event came our re-launch of our domestic season - the Telstra A-series which took our sports entertainment product to the next level, allowing over 38,000 spectators to enjoy and experience Australian athletics at its best.

One of the most exciting initiatives our sport has developed is the Lest We Forget Run - a modern platform to celebrate and remember our proud ANZAC traditions through a national community fun run program. We have every hope that this marvellous initiative will grow to be a true national legacy in support of the RSL movement and remembrance of our ANZAC history.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to share with you our program that will underpin the future of our sport - IGA Team Athletics. Our sport required a revolution in the area of development and we believe Team Athletics to be the answer. With the committed support of IGA and the Federal Government, we are aiming to ensure every school and primary school child will be able to experience this new and innovative program.

More people running, jumping, walking and throwing and more places where this is happening - that is our goal and one which our united sport, after the successful unification of the Australian Athletics Federation, has its eyes firmly fixed upon.

None of the improvements we are seeing in our sport could be delivered without our major supporters. Telstra, our principal sponsor, continues to deliver support, enthusiasm and the best in technology platforms for our sport. Our thanks also to New Balance for providing world-class footwear and apparel, IGA, Qantas, Accor, Vittel, the Australian Sports Commission, Australian Olympic Committee, Australian Commonwealth Games Association, Member Associations, volunteers, staff and fellow Directors. It is a pleasure to lead this team into an even brighter future.

Andrew Forrest  
Chairman

## Summary

# A Year in Review

### A Year of Consolidation and Partnership

- ♦ Many outstanding performances by Australia's athletes on the world stage during year one on the path to Athens:
  - World Championship gold medals to Dmitri Markov, Louise Sauvage, Amy Winters and Neil Fuller and bronze medals to Bronwyn Eagles and Meagan Starr;
  - IAAF Grand Prix Final silver medal performance by Bronwyn Eagles (women's hammer);
  - World Youth Championship gold medals to Georgie Clarke (1500m), Kimberley Mickle (javelin), Shermin Oksuz (long jump), silver medals to Kimberley Crow (400mH), Petrina Price (high jump), James Watson (high jump) and bronze to Jason Dudley (octathlon);
  - Goodwill Games gold medals to Nathan Deakes (20km walk), Melissa Rollison (3000m steeple), silver medal to Bronwyn Thompson (long jump) and bronze medals to Tatiana Grigorieva (pole vault), Dmitri Markov (pole vault), Susie Power (10,000m), Matt Shirvington (100m) and the Men's 4x100m relay (Matt Shirvington, Paul Di Bella, Steve Brimacombe and Adam Basil);
  - World University Games gold medal to Jane Jamieson (heptathlon), silver medal to Clinton Hill (400m) and bronze medals to Sonia Brito (400mH) and Jacquie Munro (100mH);
  - World Cross Country Championships best (or equal best) ever Australian performances by Benita Johnson (4th, open woman's short course), Junior Women's Team (4th), Craig Mottram (5th, open men's short course) and Senior Women's Team (5th, open short course);
- ♦ Successfully staged the IAAF Grand Prix Final in Melbourne, in partnership with the Victorian Government, reiterating Australia's ability to host quality international athletics events;
- ♦ Conducted the athletics competition of the Goodwill Games in Brisbane to a standard acknowledged by the Goodwill Games organisation for its professionalism and execution;
- ♦ Developed and commenced implementation of a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Development program with the full participation of athletes Catherine Freeman, Kyle Vander Kuyp and Tim Forsyth. Funding support secured from both the Australian Sports Commission and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission;
- ♦ Re-branded Australia's domestic athletics series to be the Telstra A-series, in partnership with the sport's principal sponsor, Telstra, and held successfully in seven cities around the country;
- ♦ Successfully conducted the Telstra A-championships in Brisbane, which doubled as the 2002 Commonwealth Games Selection Trials, in year two of the three year partnership with the Queensland Government. The inaugural Chairman's Lunch was hosted by AA's Chairman, Andrew Forrest, during the Championships;
- ♦ In an Australian first, Athletics Australia became, to date, the only National Sporting Organisation admitted as a full member of the Australian Paralympic Committee;
- ♦ IGA Team Athletics was introduced to Australian schools for the first time. Events, demonstrations and in-service training programs for teachers and Member Association staff conducted across the country. A national partner for the supply and distribution of Team Athletics equipment was secured and a national retail program for IGA Team Athletics equipment established;
- ♦ Completed AA's restructure with the adoption of new By-Laws governing the operation of the sport and the organisation;
- ♦ Conducted the inaugural Lest We Forget Run on the Sunday immediately after ANZAC Day at 49 locations around Australia and on HMAS Newcastle stationed in the Persian Gulf, as a national tribute to Australia's servicemen and women, in partnership with River City Events and the RSL movement;
- ♦ Held the inaugural Flora Sydney Marathon and Sunday Telegraph Bridge Run in Sydney in partnership with Sporting Frontiers. Born out of the Host City Marathon, over 6,000 runners continued the tradition established in the Olympic Year by keeping alive the only community level participation legacy from the Sydney Games;
- ♦ Secured three new corporate partners for the sport: Qantas, Vittel and SBS Television. SBS' first ever full coverage of the World Championships in Athletics from Edmonton drew an audience of 3.243 million viewers, which exceeded the total audience for SBS' first soccer World Cup coverage in the early 1990's, thereby highlighting the strong domestic interest in international athletics;
- ♦ Achieved a positive break-even financial result for the year and maintained AA's net asset base position despite the impact of the economic slowdown, increased expenditures in several essential areas and after distributing record financial support to the Member Associations;
- ♦ Secured continued significant government funding support through the Australian Sports Commission, including being one of the first two sports assisted under the Commission's new Targeted Participation Program;
- ♦ Established a three-way national agreement with the IAAF Member Federations in South Africa and Nigeria to explore competition and development opportunities between the three countries;
- ♦ Provided much needed athletics equipment to Australia's fellow Member Federations in the Oceania region as a means of assisting in the provision of opportunities for Oceania athletes to enjoy and develop in their sport;
- ♦ Formalised the establishment of the Australian Athletics Federation with the adoption of the Federation Constitution and appointment of the Federation's Board;
- ♦ Conducted the first meeting of Member Association Presidents under AA's new Constitution;
- ♦ Commenced involvement with Melbourne 2006 for the organisation of the athletics competition at the 2006 Commonwealth Games.





## Summary

# A Year in Forecast

## Looking Ahead - Towards Athens, Melbourne & Beijing

In support of Athletics Australia's three principal objectives:

- ♦ To be a world top 5 ranked nation at the 2004 Olympic Games (based on the IAAF point score);
- ♦ To increase participation in athletics, be it in schools, fun runs or community level programs, as a means of developing a healthier and more active Australian population; and
- ♦ To achieve financial stability, with a \$5m net asset base by end 2004

Athletics Australia has identified the following priority projects to be focused upon over the next two, four and six year periods:

### Marketing

1. Sponsorship servicing and relationship management;
2. Sponsorship procurement;
3. Electronic media arrangements;
4. Media, PR and promotions management;
5. Marketing and communications strategy and execution; and
6. Web site development.

### Community / Participation

7. Running Australia;
8. Lest We Forget;
9. Industry Forum;
10. Flora Sydney Marathon;
11. IGA Team Athletics, including schools and equipment / program merchandising;
12. Athletics camps;
13. Indigenous program; and
14. Coach education and development.

### Competitions / Events

15. Telstra A-series, A-championships and other AA events;
16. National Road (Running) Series;
17. Commonwealth Games 2006;
18. International event procurement;
19. Domestic competition and club structures; and
20. Officiating development.

### High Performance

21. International competitions: Olympic Games, World Championships et al;
22. Elite junior development;
23. Paralympic Preparation Program;
24. High Performance program structure and operation, including Institute/Academies of Sport network;
25. Coaching; and
26. Australian teams and team management.

### Management / Administration / Strategic

27. Oceania Federations relationships and support;
28. Database / IT;
29. Financial management;
30. Australian Athletics Federation;
31. Member Association relationship management through MOU's;
32. Government and umbrella body relationships;
33. International relations;
34. Athlete servicing arrangements, including Team AA;
35. Organisational administration;
36. Governance;
37. Staff development;
38. Proactive inputs from AA Commissions;
39. Business plan; and
40. Revenue generation.

## Message from *Principal Sponsor*

Principal  
sponsor



At the close of the very successful Telstra A-series, Summer of Supercharged Athletics season, I was honoured to be asked to speak at the end of season celebration.

I spoke about the similarities between the business world and the world of competitive athletics.

Passion...Choice...Commitment...Teamwork and a Willingness to invest in the future. These characteristics are critical to excellence in performance.

More than 1800 athletes competed in the showcase of 2002 athletic events held in Melbourne, Brisbane, Hobart, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra, Campbelltown and Newcastle.

During the series, a group of athletes showed great commitment in coaching young Australians, as part of the Telstra Supercharged Athletics Clinics, in regional locations across the country. They deserve special recognition for their efforts.

We also congratulate Athletics Australia for continuing to promote the highest standards of athletic competition.

Telstra has renewed its principal sponsorship of Athletics Australia for 2002 and 2003.

With the success of the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games behind us and two years of athletic preparation for the 2004 Athens Olympic Games ahead, we are proud to be continuing our sponsorship of Athletics Australia into the coming year.

Some of the highlights of our association with Athletics Australia include:

- ◆ The successful re-branding of Telstra Athletics Grand Prix, to the Telstra A-series - Supercharged Athletics;
- ◆ The Telstra Supercharged Athletics Clinics held in conjunction with the Telstra A-series - providing a great stimulus to our elite athletes and invaluable tips and inspiration to children across the country;
- ◆ The forthcoming 2003 Telstra A-series kicking off in Adelaide in February and travelling to Perth, Campbelltown, Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney.

And, it's great to know that wherever our athletes are competing in the world, their family, friends and fans can share in their success . . . . and celebrate in their participation, by sending a Herofax®, sending a HeroSMS® message over the mobile or logging on to the internet and getting the latest sports results from telstra.com.

So, on behalf of Telstra and the many Australians who enjoy fine performances everywhere our athletes compete - we say thanks.

**David Moffatt**  
Chief Financial Officer  
Telstra Corporation Ltd



**Athlete of the Year Award (AWD)**  
From left - Senator Rod Kemp, David Moffatt, Bruce Wallrodt, Lisa McIntosh and Andrew Forrest



**Patrick Johnson, Alvin Harrison (USA) and David Geddes at the Telstra A-series - Campbelltown**





## *Chairman and CEO's Report*

*Pursuant to Clause 12.2 of the Athletics Australia Constitution, it is with pleasure that we present the report on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff into the affairs of Athletics Australia for 2001-2002.*

After a year of extraordinary highlights in 2000-2001, most Olympic sports would be forgiven for taking time to draw breath, survey the landscape and then set forth on a new path to Athens in 2004. As the achievements and projects listed earlier in this report attest, Athletics Australia has worked with considerable intensity during the year under review to build on the momentum of the Sydney Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2000.

As stated, 2001-2002 has been a year of consolidation. Several significant partnerships have been entered into to ensure our programs continue to develop and progress. A number of these will bear fruit in the years ahead and Athletics Australia's action in planning for the long-term success of the sport and of the AA business is entirely consistent with the focus we are maintaining on Athens, Melbourne and indeed Beijing.

### **High Performance**

The period following the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games was a period of great change in Athletics Australia's High Performance program. Newly appointed Head Coach Keith Connor (appointed March 2001) worked with the State Institutes and Academies of Sport (SIS/SAS), the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), coaches and athletes to unite them in a national approach to the delivery of high performance results.

A vital component of the program is the shared belief that Australian athletes CAN compete with the best in the world. By putting in place strategies and programs with appropriate personnel and financial support, Australia can achieve its goal of being a Top 5 nation at the 2004 Olympic Games.

### **Major Competitions**

The major competition during the period was the 2001 World Championships. In the transition year after 2000 a significant emphasis was not placed on the team result at this event.

Only a relatively small team of 30 athletes was selected and Australia finished 20th on the IAAF Top 8 points table with 29 points.

The highlight was undoubtedly Dmitri Markov's clearance of 6.05m to win the pole vault gold medal. This was the equal second highest height ever achieved in the event.

Outstanding performances by young athletes, including Bronwyn Eagles' bronze medal in the hammer, Nathan Deakes' 4th place finish in the 20km walk and the 4x100m men's relay team's 4th were a great start to a new Olympiad for Australian athletics. Tatiana Grigorieva was also competitive, finishing 4th in the pole vault. Tatiana cleared the same height, 4.55m, which won her a silver medal at the Olympic Games, showing the rapid progress in this event.

### **Other Competitions**

#### **World Cross Country**

The goal for Athletics Australia is to place teams in the top 8 at this event. In March 2002 Australia sent four teams, of which three finished in the top 8. In addition, Benita Johnson (nee Willis) achieved the best ever placing by an Australian woman finishing 4th in the short course (4km) event. Craig Mottram achieved the second best ever placing by an Australian finishing 5th over the men's short course (4km) distance.

Top 8 Team results were: Women's Short Course - 5th, 86 points (the same number of points as 4th, and one point from the bronze medal); Junior Women - 4th, 77 points (equal best ever placing by any Australian team) and Men's Short Course - 8th, 120 points.

#### **World University Games**

As 2001 was a transition year, the emphasis was on developing athletes for 2004-2008. A young team was sent to the World University Games in Beijing in July and, pleasingly, a number of future stars of Australian athletics were identified. Clinton Hill (400m) a bronze medallist at the East Asian Games in May improved to silver at the University Games, as did Jacquie Munro in the 100mH. Sonia Brito (400mH) secured silver at the University Games, while experienced international athlete Jane Jamieson won her second World University Games heptathlon.

## *... Chairman and CEO's Report*

### **World Youth Championships**

The long-term future also looks good with Australia achieving its best ever result at this, the third staging of the World Youth (under 18) Championships. Australia placed 6th on the IAAF Top 8 points table, with gold medals to Shermin Oksuz (long jump), Georgie Clarke (1500m), Kimberley Mickle (javelin), silvers to Kimberley Crow (400mH), James Watson (high jump), Petrina Price (high jump) and bronze to Jason Dudley (combined event - octathlon). These very young athletes can generally be expected to make an impact at the 2006 Commonwealth Games and 2008 Olympic Games.

### **Goodwill Games**

The staging of the Goodwill Games in Brisbane in September 2001 again provided a home ground advantage for Australian athletes. In the invitation only, straight final format, local crowds roared with excitement as Nathan Deakes (gold, 20km track walk), Melissa Rollison (gold, 3000m steeplechase and World Junior Record), Bronwyn Thompson (silver, long jump), Tatiana Grigorieva (bronze, pole vault), Matt Shirvington (bronze, 100m and 4x100m), Dmitri Markov (bronze, pole vault), Susie Power (bronze, 10,000m) and the men's 4x100m relay (bronze) shone.

### ***State Institutes and Academies of Sport and the AIS***

To effectively deliver the national High Performance Program, strong lines of communication and solid working relationships with SIS/SAS and the AIS are required.

Each institute/academy of sport operated under a Joint Management Committee (JMC), comprising representatives from the SIS/SAS, Member Associations and Athletics Australia and at least two meetings were held annually with each JMC, with the exception of the Northern Territory. AA currently does not have a program with NTIS but several meetings have been held and an application to government has been submitted. All SIS/SAS operating athletics programs and the AIS have developed Service Level Agreements with AA.

The SIS/SAS have appointed State Event Coaches to work with AA's National Event Coaches to drive the program out in the field. Groundwork has been put in place to further develop and strengthen activity in this area.

### **High Performance Coaches**

The number of High Performance (HP) Coaches was increased during the year, with new coaches employed at QAS, NSWIS, VIS, SASI and the AIS. Further appointments due to be confirmed shortly will see additional HP Coaches appointed in QAS, NSWIS, VIS, WAIS, ACTAS/AIS and hopefully NTIS.

Funding was provided for individuals to pursue professional development opportunities. As an example, two distance coaches spent time in Spain with the Spanish National Distance Program observing and discussing their very successful program. These coaches will now present their findings to the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association Annual Congress in October.

### **Scholarship Coaches**

The development of future High Performance Coaches is also a critical component. Athletics Australia introduced an initiative, being two new types of coaching scholarships, to accelerate the development of future High Performance Coaches.

The first is in conjunction with the SIS/SAS for full-time employment for one year. During this time the scholarship coaches undergo an individually designed education program, are encouraged to develop their own squads and are exposed to the administrative requirements of working as an employed coach. Two scholarship coaches, Olympian Susan Andrews and former Tasmanian athlete Aaron Holt, were employed by WAIS. At the NSWIS, two former athletes and current coaches, Ken Green and James Fitzgerald, were employed in the distance events area, a target for that region. The TIS employed Sonia Laduzko over two years on a part time basis and two scholarship coaches were employed at the AIS, in conjunction with the ASC's Sports Education Section, both former Olympians, Nicole Boegman and Darren Clark.

The second scholarship is in conjunction with the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association (AT&FCA) and is for coach/es to travel with major national teams to give them experience of the demands of the team environment and an opportunity to learn from international coaches and athletes. Robert Medicott was selected to travel to the 2001 East Asian Games, and was subsequently selected for the World Junior Championships in 2002, demonstrating the effectiveness of this scheme for developing team staff.





## *Chairman and CEO's Report*

### **Athletes**

To achieve athletic success, talented athletes must prepare in appropriate coaching situations and have the necessary ACE (Athlete Career and Education), sports medicine and sports science support available to them. Strategies to drive these areas are:

- ◆ **National Squad Structure**

A tiered system covering under 18 to senior athletes has been implemented.

National agreement amongst the SIS/SAS on scholarship standards has seen the majority of the 200+ National Squad members now supported by SIS/SAS scholarships which provide access to coaching, facilities, ACE, sports science and sports medicine services.

Athletes are reviewed six monthly, and they and their personal coach meet with their SIS/SAS Head Coach/Manager and AA High Performance to review progress.

The Senior Squad comprises four levels. Level One covers world top 10 (IAAF rankings) athletes; Level Two comprises athletes who have finished 9th to 16th at the most recent Olympics or World Championships; Level Three is mainly athletes with two IAAF A qualifying performances; and Level 4 is for athletes with one IAAF A, two IAAF B's and for medallists at secondary championships such as World University Games, Commonwealth Games and World Juniors.

The Emerging Athlete Squad is linked to the standards for World University Games amongst other criteria.

The Junior Squad uses the IAAF qualifying standards for the under 20 and under 18 age groups.

All Indigenous Sports Program scholarship holders are included in the appropriate squad.

- ◆ **Direct Athlete Support (DAS)**

About 100 athletes received needs based Direct Athlete Support. This ranged from a \$1000 grant to help isolated/underprivileged young athletes to up to \$200 per week to assist international level athletes reduce their working hours.

Seven athletes also received relocation assistance during the year to enable them to train with identified coaches.

Performance based DAS will also be introduced towards the end of 2002.

- ◆ **Sports Medicine**

National Medical, National Physiotherapy and National Research Co-ordinators have been appointed. A national system of injury monitoring of the top 100 athletes has been introduced and 12 months of data collected for analysis.

- ◆ **Sports Science**

A National Co-ordinator was appointed and a Committee formed with active representatives from each discipline and each SIS/SAS.

A standardised national testing program was conducted through the SIS/SAS and 12 months of data has now been collected for analysis.

Extensive biomechanical and physiological services were provided to athletes through their SIS/SAS and while at national training camps.

The High Performance Thinking System, an athlete/coach driven self-education package in sports psychology, was also successfully introduced, with packages purchased by AA for distribution through the SIS/SAS.

### **Camps**

An extensive program of national event group and team camps was conducted during the year.

Event group camps were held for National Squad members and their personal coaches. Emphasis was on programming and technical development in the event group, and on enhancing co-operative, united and professional approaches to finding solutions. An informal education process for junior athletes was an integral part of the camps. By working with the successful international level senior athletes in their event group, aspiring young athletes learned much about the pathway to success.

## *... Chairman and CEO's Report*

### **Summary of the High Performance Vision**

A classic expression used by sport psychologists when working with athletes to improve performance is that if you focus on the process, the result will follow. AA's High Performance strategy embraces this philosophy. If we can achieve the vision, the Australian Athletics Team will be a major competitor for a top 5 finish. To do so will require:

- ◆ Good communication and working relationships with State Institutes and Academies of Sport, and the AIS;
- ◆ An effective national and state network of High Performance Centres;
- ◆ An effective national and state network of High Performance Coaches; and
- ◆ Talented athletes in appropriate coaching situations with the necessary ACE, sports medicine and sports science support.

#### **Athlete Development**

- ◆ Identify young athletes that have the characteristics to attain world-class performances;
- ◆ Systematically develop athletes for success on the international stage - from identification through to medal winning performances;
- ◆ Support the preparation of prospective medal contenders;
- ◆ Increase the numbers of identified athletes making the transition through a national network;
- ◆ Provide a network of High Performance Centres through the current SIS/SAS structure that ensure the necessary services reach targeted athletes; and
- ◆ Raise the standard of our athletes to world-class levels.

#### **Coach Development**

- ◆ Recruit and or professionally develop coaching staff to produce the required results; and
- ◆ Raise the standard of our coaches to world-class level.

### **Paralympic Preparation Program**

This reporting period has been one of the most significant in the history of Paralympic athletics in Australia.

While performances on the track have not held the spotlight due to the absence of major events during this time, off the track significant changes to ensure Paralympic athletics is well structured, administered and supported have taken place.

The formalisation of the partnership between the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) and Athletics Australia, which resulted in AA accepting the responsibility for the preparation of Paralympic teams, is a milestone for the Australian Paralympic movement and Australian sport in general.

For the first time, Paralympic squad members have fully participated in AA camps and program planning sessions. This integration was further enhanced by the increased participation of Paralympic athletes in the Telstra A-series and the full integration of the national championships for athletes with disabilities into the Telstra A-championships.

In 2002, athletes with disabilities were recognised as part of the overall Telstra A-series prize money and awards structure. This significant step established a point of progress that cannot be turned back from.

The most significant effect has been the full-time employment of Scott Goodman by Athletics Australia in the role of Paralympic Program Manager. In this position Scott forms part of the High Performance department and has also joined the overall AA management team.

The AA-PPP received greater access and support from the broader AA business operations, particularly in areas of development and marketing. AA Member Associations have similarly picked up the baton and generally increased the accessibility of local events and state championships for athletes with disabilities.

On the track the Paralympic squad bid farewell to a number of athletes who retired after the Sydney Paralympic Games, but in their place a new generation of young athletes has started to emerge.

The continued support and efforts of the large number of coaches now involved in coaching athletes with disabilities represents both the present and the future of Paralympic





## *Chairman and CEO's Report*

athletics and it would be remiss not to acknowledge the efforts of this group and the co-ordinating efforts of the event group coaches in establishing this effective network. It is a key challenge for 2002-2003 to ensure that this network is not only grown in size but also more aggressively challenged to improve their skills and contributions to the program. This will necessitate greater interactions into the established coaching networks and development programs within the sport.

The APC and AA have continued to show their support of the athletics program through all of the initiatives outlined above. The APC's forthright commitment to challenge sports to look closer and more objectively at their programs has been appropriate and well received. We believe that the AA-PPP continues to repay this support and faith with results on the track and the laying down of a long-term sustainable structure within AA that will ensure continued success.



**Louise Sauvage, Telstra A-series**

With the 2002 IPC World Athletics Championships approaching in July it is time for the focus to return, rightly, to our athletes. In an environment where more countries are now investing significantly more resources than Australia into their programs, our position as the number one nation will be seriously challenged. We believe we can retain this position, but recognise it will become increasingly difficult to do so.

It is appropriate to acknowledge the issue surrounding the athletes with an intellectual disability who have paid a hefty price for the events that followed the Paralympic Basketball

fiasco in Sydney. Our World Championship team will not be a complete unit in the absence of a number of key athletes with an intellectual disability. However we look forward to their return into the overall team in the near future. Congratulations in particular to AUSRAPID for their efforts during this period, and to the APC for taking a stance of support at the international level in support of this.

## *Marketing and Media*

The year began with the lead into the 2001 World Championships in Edmonton, Canada. SBS' coverage of the event attracted 3.243 million viewers - a significant result that sparked the network's commitment to international and domestic athletics action for at least the next three years.

Melbourne hosted the 17th IAAF Grand Prix Final in September. After a focused radio, outdoor and press campaign, 12,100 people were treated to a world-class athletics event. Athletics Australia delivered a top class event breakfast hosted by Bruce McAvaney, event hospitality and a gala dinner at the Sofitel for over 500 guests attended by the majority of athletes and leading Melbourne figures including the Premier, the Honourable Steve Bracks.

Athletics Australia undertook significant and major strategic marketing work in 2001. Athletics Australia's product portfolio was identified to enable AA to market smarter, be more relevant and develop our products and brands more successfully.

Broadly, Athletics Australia's marketing focus cuts across four main areas:

- ◆ Telstra A-series;
- ◆ International teams;
- ◆ Play Athletics; and
- ◆ Running Australia.

Focused and specific marketing plans were developed for each area. Specifically in 2001, our domestic product was revamped and re-branded to become the Telstra A-series - a step that would enable us to maintain and grow the interest in our sport within Australia (both live and on TV).

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Formerly named the Telstra Grand Prix, research showed that this product had little equity, recognition or loyalty. After consultation, creative research and development, the 'Telstra A-series - Supercharged Athletics' was launched in December 2001 incorporating a new logo, identity, creative applications and strap lines. The brief was to capture the excitement, passion, entertainment and more specifically the adrenalin, action and athleticism of top class athletics. Simultaneously, the Australian championships were re-branded the Telstra A-championships.

Our IGA sponsored youth development programs were also re-branded as 'Play Athletics'. This captures our vision that every child in Australia will learn how to play athletics. The programs that are delivered under this banner are IGA Team Athletics, Schools Knockout, Hot Tracks and the All Schools Championships - all with the significant support of IGA.

**Telstra A-series**

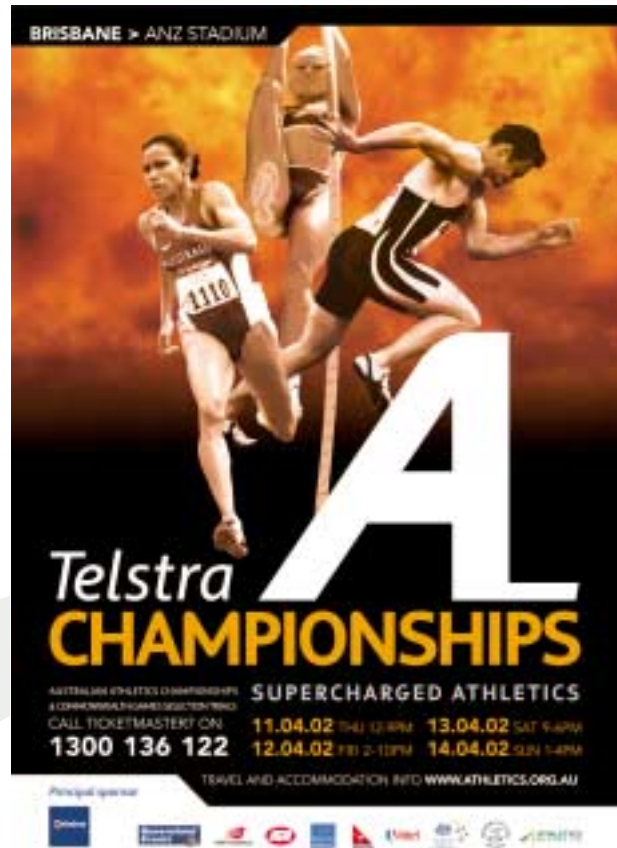
**Marketing**

AA's above the line marketing effort focused on radio campaigns with selected TV and press. Outdoor executions were used in some markets together with newer forms of ambient advertising such as targeting students through postcards and health club users through posters. In a first for AA, the series was advertised on TV in selected markets. AA also ran promotional events throughout the country showcasing the events, ticket offers and related activity.

Sponsor activity was innovative and added value to the day's events. This included the action packed Telstra A-zone for kids to participate in athletics activity and receive auto-graphs and merchandise from their heroes to the lucky winners of the 'Novotel bed'; trackside luxury complete with Accor-supplied room service. All activity combined with the excellent event presentation from Great Big Events contributed to a great day out and a real feeling of sports entertainment.

Unique hospitality was delivered at all venues with Melbourne Olympic Park playing host to 350 guests and The Chairman's Lunch in Brisbane with 120 guests.

A cumulative spectator audience of 38,200 was achieved for the 2002 season, up from 32,500 the previous year.



**Television**

In 2002, AA embarked on a three-year partnership with Eurocam and SBS to broadcast the Telstra A-series and the Telstra A-championships. The events were also televised on Fox Sports.

TV hours	40 hours
TV cumulative audience	794,000
National press articles	338
Television news articles	558

Significantly, Athletics Australia delivered an increase in value to its sponsors through increased branding initiatives and deeper involvement in the production of the TV program. Combined with the significant increase in media coverage, there was an increase in media accreditation at events (figures in brackets are from 2001):





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Print	91 (90)
Radio	75 (32)
Television	75 (60)
Photographers	55 (66)
Other	17 (40)
<b>Total</b>	<b>313 (288)</b>

**Publications**

AA continued to develop its annual season guide and informative team and media guides. Athsinfo - e-mail news to athletics fans, was a new initiative - subscribed via the AA web site.

***www.athletics.org.au***

With the support of Telstra, AA re-launched the athletics web site [www.athletics.org.au](http://www.athletics.org.au) in conjunction with the World Championships. Weekly user sessions increased to a high of 36,000 - from 11,000 at launch and revamped areas included News, Features, Photo Gallery and Your Fitness.

**Sponsorship**

2001-2002 was a year to cement new partnerships and build significant relationships. For several of our sponsors, it was their first year of association through the domestic season. Significantly, we continued to grow revenue streams, developing commercial partnerships with Qantas and Vittel (water). These two leading brands are a welcome addition to a portfolio we are justly proud of - Telstra, New Balance, IGA, Accor and SBS.

***Telstra Athlete of the Year Awards***

With the generous support of our principal sponsor, Telstra, AA delivered a gala evening to celebrate our Athletes of the Year at the conclusion of the Telstra A-championships in Brisbane in April. Over \$250,000 was awarded in prize money in recognition of consistent performances throughout the season. Award recipients were:

**Telstra Athletes of the Year:** Bronwyn Eagles and Craig Mottram

**Telstra AWD's of the Year:** Lisa McIntosh and Bruce Wallrodt

**International Athlete of the Year:** Dmitri Markov

**Coach of the Year:** Alex Parnov

**Emerging Athlete of the Year:** Michael Rehardt

**Athletes' Athlete of the Year:** Andrew Currey  
(Voted by the Athletes' Commission)

**Volunteer of the Year:** Khan Sharp

**Event Group Winners:**

**Male**

Sprints and Hurdles: tied - Clinton Hill and David Geddes

Middle Distance: Craig Mottram

Jumps: Andrew Murphy

Throws: Andrew Currey

Walks: Nathan Deakes

**Female**

Sprints and Hurdles: Jana Pittman

Middle Distance: Tamsyn Lewis

Jumps: Bronwyn Thompson

Throws: Bronwyn Eagles

Walks: Jane Saville

**Male AWD**

Ambulant Track: Tim Sullivan

Wheelchair Track: Geoff Trappett

Ambulant Field: Murray Goldfinch

Wheelchair Field: Bruce Wallrodt

**Female AWD**

Ambulant Track: Lisa McIntosh

Wheelchair Track: Louise Sauvage

Ambulant Field: Jodi Willis-Roberts

Wheelchair Field: Claire Summersgill

**Media Awards:**

Media Merit Award: Ron Reed (Herald Sun) and ABC Radio Grandstand

Feature Article Award: Scott Gullan (Herald Sun)

News Photo Award: David Crossling (The Australian)

Radio Coverage Award: Peter Walsh (ABC Radio Grandstand)

Television News Coverage Award: Robert Grasso (SBS Toyota World Sports).

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### **Competitions**

A new competition management team was engaged by Athletics Australia during the year prior to the 2002 domestic season. Competition Director, David Gynther, commenced in September, Assistant Competition Manager, Andrew Faichney in October and Competition Co-ordinator, Carol Grant in June. With Tina Folmer on well-deserved long service leave, Competition Assistant Pam Turney was the only experienced hand in the team.

Despite the relative inexperience of the team, AA maintained its record of staging quality athletic events to the highest standards of efficiency and professionalism.

The sport is indeed fortunate to be able to call and rely on an outstanding band of committed event volunteers, including both technical staff and competition officials. Their continued involvement is a source of significant comfort to AA and supported the smooth transition of the new Competition department team. AA does not take the involvement of our volunteers for granted - we very much appreciate their continued commitment to this sport.

The full list of competitions and championships administered during the reporting period were:

#### **2001**

- ◆ Goodwill Games (Brisbane, Qld)
- ◆ IAAF Grand Prix Final (Melbourne, Vic)
- ◆ Australian Half Marathon Championships (Noosa, Qld)
- ◆ Australian and Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships (Hobart, Tas)
- ◆ Australian Road Walking Championships (Hobart, Tas)
- ◆ Australian Marathon Championships (Sydney, NSW)
- ◆ Telstra Zatopek Classic (Melbourne, Vic)
- ◆ IGA Australian All Schools Athletics Championships (Melbourne, Vic)
- ◆ IGA Schools Knockout National Final (Geelong, Vic)

#### **2002**

- ◆ Selection Trials for World Cross Country Championships (Bundoorra, Vic)
- ◆ Telstra A-series (Canberra, Campbelltown, Newcastle, Melbourne, Hobart, Perth, Adelaide)
- ◆ Australian 100km Road Championships (Canberra, ACT)

- ◆ IGA Australian Youth Athletics Championships (Mile End, SA)
- ◆ Telstra Australian Combined Events Championships (Brisbane, Qld)
- ◆ Telstra A-championships (Commonwealth Games, World Junior and IPC World Championships Selection Trials) (Brisbane, Qld)
- ◆ Telstra Australian Road Walking Championships (Brisbane, Qld)
- ◆ Telstra Australian Clubs Championships (Brisbane, Qld)
- ◆ Australian Mountain Running Championships (Mt Buffalo, Vic)
- ◆ Telstra Australian Men's 50km Road Walking Championships (Selection Trials for World Race Walking Cup and Commonwealth Games (Albert Park, Vic)

### **Development**

2001-2002 was a year of significant progress for Athletics Australia in the area of Development. This was underpinned by the introduction of the Memorandum of Understanding agreements between AA and its Member Associations and the formalisation of the Australian Athletics Federation (AAF).

The former reversed the historical practice of upwards funding from Member Associations to Athletics Australia and resulted in over \$600,000 being made available for Member Associations to invest in the sport.

Unification of key bodies through the Australian Athletics Federation was a similarly historic and immediately beneficial milestone for the sport. For the first time in the sport's history, the combined resources of Athletics Australia, Australian Masters Athletics, the Australian Athletics Confederation, School Sport Australia and the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association are now being focused and co-ordinated to achieve common outcomes for our athletes, members and the sport.

Athletics Australia's strategic plan is framed in a long-term context to provide focus for the sport leading up to, and increasingly beyond, the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games. Accordingly, the Development program's key activity areas did not change dramatically over the course of the reporting period. However, the results and activities within these key focus areas were very positive.





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The Development Program consists of the following key focus areas:

1. Schools;
2. Clubs; and
3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Development.

### **Schools**

- ◆ Athletics Australia secured the commercial rights for Team Athletics on an exclusive basis for Australia and in partnership with the Millennium Institute of Sport and Health in Auckland, New Zealand, for the Oceania and South East Asian regions.
- ◆ An Australian based equipment supply and distribution partner for IGA Team Athletics equipment was secured.
- ◆ In excess of 10,000 primary school aged participants played IGA Team Athletics for the first time during the year.
- ◆ All Member Associations received an initial stock of IGA Team Athletics equipment, fully funded by Athletics Australia.
- ◆ All Member Association Development personnel were fully trained to deliver a quality IGA Team Athletics program to local schools and clubs.
- ◆ Athletics Australia was one of the first two sports (the other being AFL Auskick) to receive additional Federal Government funding under the Australian Sports Commission's targeted participation growth program. This funding has been provided over a three-year period to support the establishment of IGA Team Athletics and the Running Australia program.
- ◆ Participation at a national level in the IGA Schools Knockout national final was positive with all states and territories represented. A second tier plate competition was introduced.



School children that participated in IGA Team Athletics with athletes - Bronwyn Eagles, Colin Jackson and Tamsyn Lewis

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- ◆ At state level, local participation in the IGA Schools knockout dropped by 985 players during the year. This issue is now being addressed by the Member Associations in conjunction with AA.
- ◆ Participation in the 5-star awards program, principally through the secondary school IGA Hot Tracks resource program, edged past 320,000 as a cumulative figure since 1996. In 2001-2002, approximately 35,000 5-star certificates were provided to secondary school age athletics participants.
- ◆ Presentations on IGA Team Athletics were made at a number of major conferences and exhibitions throughout the year and each occasion reinforced the strengths and timeliness of the program and its roll out. Significant organisations presented to included ACHPER (Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation), national and state bodies and conferences, Victorian Department of Education, IGA National and State conferences and the Australian Sports Commission.

### **Clubs**

- ◆ Athletics Australia commenced a program to establish a long-term sustainable grass roots delivery structure driven through regional athletics hubs. This process does not mean that clubs will no longer be the cornerstone of athletics participation, in fact the opposite is the case. Hubs are being developed to provide a sound structure that is well resourced and supported so that local clubs have a positive and vibrant local athletics resource from within which better competitions can be accessed and a cradle to grave pathway for athletics participation can be delivered.
- ◆ The Athletics Australia National Club Awards again attracted strong applications from clubs throughout Australia. \$10,000 was provided to the various category winners to assist them in the ongoing development of their clubs.
- ◆ All properly affiliated clubs were extended the significant benefits provided through the establishment of the national insurance program. Where most sports have had enormous difficulty in securing appropriate and

affordable insurance at all levels, Athletics Australia has in place a program that ensures every individual, club, state and national body is properly insured. This program continues to be fully driven and funded by Athletics Australia and is a clear demonstration of the benefits of a nationally co-ordinated approach to the sport's management.

- ◆ In addition to insurance benefits, all clubs have similarly been extended the benefits offered by Athletics Australia's commercial partners. Qantas, Accor and New Balance, in particular, have been able to deliver benefits to local clubs and members which, in many circumstances, are greater in value than any local sponsorships clubs have been able to access in recent years.
- ◆ A cursory examination of traditional athletics membership registrations over the past ten years highlights the increasing problem facing the sport in terms of traditional structures for registration and participation. Athletics Australia and Member Associations have recognised that this area of the sport requires urgent and drastic reform. Improving the traditional athletics environment to more positively reflect contemporary needs will be the single key focus of our work in this area over the coming 12 months and will require a united commitment to change from national, state and local athletics groups and individuals.

### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Development**

- ◆ With the support of Catherine Freeman, Kyle Vander Kuyp and Tim Forsyth, the organisation made significant progress in this area over the reporting period.
- ◆ Emanating from a strategic commitment to support an holistic approach to establishing sustainable partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, Athletics Australia has emerged as one of the leading national sporting organisations in this area.
- ◆ Programs delivered in Shepparton, Victoria, and Yirrkala, Northern Territory, were successful and between them have established participation and partnerships with these communities.





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- ♦ Tim Forsyth (1992 Olympic Games bronze medallist - high jump) joined the organisation to drive this program and has had a considerable impact. Athletics Australia has demonstrated a long-term commitment to the program to look in detail at how our strategies can be enhanced and our partnership approach delivered more successfully.
- ♦ Key funding from both the Australian Sports Commission and ATSIC has been sourced and will allow this important and long-term program to continue with certainty and the capacity to build legitimate partnerships with targeted communities.



Siblings in Yirrkala enjoying the C'mon Let's Go! program

### *Out-of-Stadium*

Out-of-Stadium is an expanding area of athletics, with community interest in participation events, such as road races and fun runs, experiencing steady growth. During the reporting period, Athletics Australia continued to establish links with major running events throughout the country. Running Australia was developed and enhanced, in conjunction with the Athletics Participation Committee, as the umbrella program overlooking the Out-of-Stadium industry.

As one of the major highlights of the reporting period, the inaugural Flora Sydney Marathon and Sunday Telegraph Bridge Run was held on Sunday 15th September 2001. 7,819 participants took the opportunity to run along the famous "blue line" showcasing Sydney's spectacular scenery, including the Sydney Harbour Bridge crossing. Athletics Australia is committed to the long-term future of this event, with the full support of the NSW Government, as a community driven participation legacy of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

### *Finance*

As indicated in the financial report, Athletics Australia posted a small surplus which, given our intention to generate a stronger balance sheet position over the four-year period to end-2004, is considered a break-even result for the year. In light of the current difficult economic environment and the financial impacts AA has absorbed this year, this result is a more than satisfactory outcome.

During the year, Athletics Australia absorbed the increased insurance premium the sport has been presented with as part of the total insurance industry difficulties. The insurance bill for AA and the MA's in calendar year 2001 was approximately \$144,500 whilst the premium for 2002 is \$185,000. A further increase to at least \$200,000 in 2003 is expected.

AA made a substantial investment in the sports marketing and public positioning during the year by providing significant seed capital into our television partnership with SBS. Although the investment will be amortised over three years, the impact on AA's cash flow in the year under review was immediate.

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The sport continues to suffer from the generation of less than desired revenues from our major events, principally the A-series and A-championships (the 2002 domestic season cost in the order of \$1.7million with approximately \$450,000 generated from gate and other associated revenue, excluding sponsorship). AA has set challenging targets for gate receipts, for example, to minimise the cost impacts our events have on our overall business and, importantly, to enable AA to continue to grow them in stature. As has been conveyed to the MA's on several occasions, it is imperative that the sport collectively derives increased revenue from our events to underpin the support AA is able to provide to the MA's and for national programs.

### Summary

The investment AA has made in the sport over the past 12 months through the MA's, Team Athletics, marketing, television, Running Australia and high performance, has been deliberate and strategic, designed to position the sport strongly for a healthy future. Despite the break-even financial position, the organisation is very well positioned and is now being viewed by government, our corporate partners and outside observers as being an effective and professional, yet ambitious NSO.

Clearly, the sport is facing a number of continuing challenges:

- ◆ The current difficult economic environment and its impact on corporate sponsorship and individuals' discretionary spend;
- ◆ Continued provision of best practice coaching and support services for the High Performance Program;
- ◆ Club competition and membership structures not meeting the needs of the sport's participants;
- ◆ Coach accreditation and education needing to keep pace with societal trends;
- ◆ Ramping up of the Australian Athletics Federation in areas such as common registration, despite the absence of the Little Athletics movement; and
- ◆ Increasingly uncertain electronic media environment.

Athletics Australia will aim to favourably progress these issues over the next 12 months to enable the sport to move closer to the realisation of the ambitions identified by the AA Board. These are to:

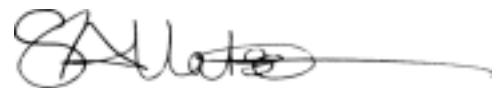
- ◆ Achieve a net asset base of \$5 million, which, in turn, will remove the cash flow fluctuations that have dominated many Olympic sports, including AA;
- ◆ Become a world top 5 athletics nation;
- ◆ Ensure every Australian primary school child is introduced to fun and healthy physical activity via IGA Team Athletics;
- ◆ Convert a minimum 5% of Australia's fun run participants to being regular members of AA; and
- ◆ Continue to elevate the Telstra A-series to become a tier 1 sports product in Australia, and to generate increased spectator and television audiences.

These ambitions will continue to direct the organisation's focus and effort in the immediate to medium-term future. Athletics Australia, the Board, management team and staff are committed to achieving these goals. In so doing, increasingly positive benefits will be delivered to our athletes and all who participate in this most pure of Olympic sports.

We have our sights set firmly on Athens, Melbourne and Beijing, on children's participation and community involvement. The sport has much to look forward to and much to be proud of.



Andrew Forrest  
Chairman



Simon Allatson  
Chief Executive Officer



## Australian Honours List

The Australian Honours List is an official record, containing 224,000 entries, of all Australians who have been honoured since Federation through to the present day, with the exception of military campaign service and military long service awards.

The Order of Australia was created in 1975 and since then over 14,000 Australians have been recognised for their service to Australia or to humanity. There are four levels of the Order of Australia:

- ◆ Companion in the Order of Australia (AC) - For eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree in service to Australia or to humanity at large;
- ◆ Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) - For distinguished service of a high degree to Australia or to humanity at large;
- ◆ Member in the Order of Australia (AM) - For service in a particular locality or field of activity or to a particular group; and
- ◆ Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) - For service worthy of particular recognition.

The following members of the athletics family were awarded the Order of Australia during 2001-2002:

<i>NAME</i>	<i>STATE</i>	<i>AWARD</i>	<i>CITATION</i>
Mr Paul Kenneth Bird	QLD	OAM	For service to sports administration, particularly through the Australian Paralympic Committee.
Ms Jacqueline Mildred Byrnes	NSW	OAM	For service to sport, particularly in the area of athletics.
Mr Herbert James Elliott, MBE	WA	AC	For service to community leadership through the development of sport in Australia, continuing involvement in the Olympic movement at national and international levels, and as a supporter and benefactor of community and charitable organisations for youth, health promotion and cultural understanding.
Mr Stanley Martin Guilfoyle	VIC	AM	For service to the community, particularly young people, through school and vocational education organisations, athletics and the Scout movement, and to professional organisations.
Mr Alan George Launder	SA	AM	For service to sport as a volunteer coach, particularly in track and field athletic events, through junior athlete development and field event coaching.
Ms Lorraine May Morgan	VIC	AM	For service to athletics, particularly as an administrator, and as a contributor to the organisation of the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
Mr Christopher John Nunn	ACT	OAM	For service to sport as a coach, particularly to athletes with a disability, and for providing Australian Paralympic squads with elite sporting opportunities.
Mr Raymond Henry Weinberg	VIC	AM	For service to sport as an administrator, manager and coach, particularly through track and field athletics, and as an athlete.



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## *Athletics Australia* **Hall of Fame & OAA Merit Award 2001**

### ***Athletics Australia Hall of Fame***

The following individuals have been inducted into the Athletics Australia Hall of Fame for their outstanding contribution to the sport of athletics:

<b><i>NAME</i></b>	<b><i>YEAR INDUCTED</i></b>	<b><i>NAME</i></b>	<b><i>YEAR INDUCTED</i></b>
Ron Clarke	2000	Edwin Flack	2000
Betty Cuthbert	2000	Marjorie Jackson	2000
Herb Elliott	2000	Shirley Strickland	2000

### ***Oceania Merit Awards 2001***

At its meeting in Melbourne on 8-10 September 2001, the Council of the Oceania Athletic Association (OAA) resolved that the OAA Merit Award for 2001 would be presented to the following Australian persons for their major contributions to the sport of athletics in the Oceania region:

<b><i>NAME</i></b>	<b><i>CITATION</i></b>
Mr Norm Osborne	For service as a coach, mentor and lecturer
Mr Chris Wilson	For service as a technical official



## Message from Sponsor



The Federal Government is a strong supporter of Australian sport as evidenced by the national sports policy 'Backing Australia's Sporting Ability - A More Active Australia'. This unprecedented ten-year plan, together with the Government's record funding commitment for sport, will deliver continued sporting excellence and significantly increase the number of Australians playing sport.

During 2001-2002 the Federal Government, through the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), supported Athletics Australia to the tune of \$3,500,000.

The ASC worked closely with Athletics Australia to support a range of programs to develop athletic excellence, increase participation and assist coaching and officiating. The ASC also subsidises Athletics Australia's work promoting harassment-free sport and inclusiveness of Indigenous Australians.

The Federal Government is supportive of the creation of partnerships that include both Government and business support. It is felt these types of partnerships provide the opportunity for long-term and sustainable programs that benefit sport and the Australian community. The relationship between the ASC, IGA (Independent Grocers of Australia) and Athletics Australia to deliver the Team Athletics and the Out-of-Stadium initiatives, is a wonderful example of this.

The ASC would like to congratulate Athletics Australia's key partners Telstra, IGA, New Balance, Accor Hotel Group, Qantas and Vittel for their leading role in supporting the development of athletics in Australia.

The Australian Sports Commission looks forward to a continued positive relationship with Athletics Australia.



## *Picking Up The Torch*

*By Len Johnson, The Age*

FOR ONCE, there was no Cathy Freeman to focus on. The face of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, Australia's only gold medallist in the main stadium, the athlete who has carried the Australian domestic scene for almost a decade, decided to take the post-Olympic year off.

Freeman made up her mind soon after resuming training with a couple of runs at Falls Creek last January. It took just a few weeks for her to realise that her heart was not in another campaign. She was wasting time - hers, that of her coach and that of her training partners.

She called time out. "It's a question of fire in the belly and fire in the heart," Freeman said in March. "If I don't have this break, I might finish up a lot less healthy."

It was easy to understand. Even if you had no understanding of the pressure Freeman was under in the lead-up to Sydney 2000, it became obvious for all to see when she crumpled to the track after crossing the line - elated sure, but mainly relieved it was all over.

This was the woman, however, of whom Olympic track and field head coach Chris Wardlaw had said: "If Freeman has a sniffle, Australian athletics gets pneumonia."

How would Australian athletics fare without its standard-bearer? Freeman was missed, no doubt about that. Her return to training on November 1 was greeted with a sigh of relief. Yet the world did not fall apart in her absence.

That it did not was in no small part due to the efforts of Dmitri Markov, who soared to a Championships' record 6.05 metres in winning the pole vault gold medal at the World Championships in Edmonton. Only Sergey Bubka, winner at the first six world titles, has gone higher. Maksim Tarasov, winner of the seventh, is the only other to go as high as Markov did.

Though the 26-year-old Markov came to Australia from his native Belarus after his coach, Alex Parnov, moved here in 1996, he represents his adopted country with passion and pride. He bristled

when asked at the medallists' press conference in Edmonton whether he felt part of his gold medal belonged to Belarus.

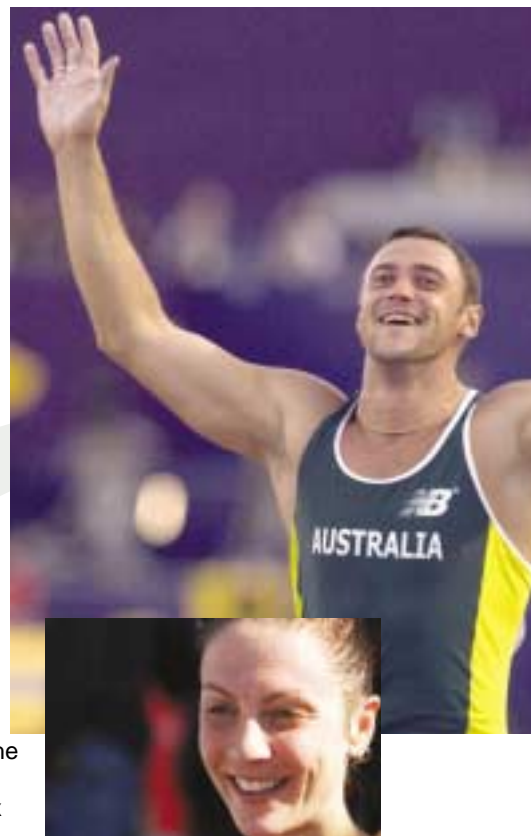
"This result and medal is for Australia," he said. "I'm really proud to represent Australia in the World Championships. It's the best place in the world for training. There are no minuses, it's all plus, plus, plus."

Besides Markov, Australia's only other medallist was 20-year-old Bronwyn Eagles, who took a bronze in the women's hammer throw.

Eagles did not make last year's Olympic team, but improved markedly throughout 2001. She was female athlete of the year in the Australian domestic season, won a gold medal at the East Asian Games in Osaka in May and completed her season with a second place in the International Association of Athletics Federations Grand Prix Final in Melbourne.

Eagles was one of several young athletes to shine in what was a transitional year after Sydney. Others included Bronwyn Thompson, a silver medallist in the long jump at the Goodwill Games, Melissa Rollison, who set a world junior record in winning the 3000 metres steeple at the same event, walker Nathan Deakes, who won at the Goodwill Games after placing fourth in the 20-kilometre road walk at the World Championships, Craig Mottram and Benita Willis [now Benita Johnson] in the middle distances and 400 metres runner Clinton Hill, a silver medallist at both the East Asian and the World University Games.

Notably, too, Susie Power returned after having a baby at the end of the Olympic year. The former junior star was in tremendous form in Australian competition, culminating in a third place in the Goodwill Games 10,000 metres and a win in the year-ending Zatopek 10,000 in 31 minutes 26.34 seconds, fourth-fastest in the world for 2001.







For the second year in a row, the climax of the international season was reached in Australia. Last year, it was the Olympics, this year the Goodwill Games in Brisbane, followed by the Grand Prix Final in Melbourne. The two meetings complemented each other, helping ensure a healthy turnout for both (the substantial prizemoney didn't hurt, either).

Media and public did not quite know what to make of either event, yet each boasted fields the quality of which will not be seen here again for a long, long time.

Brisbane hosted the final appearance of Michael Johnson in a mainstream athletics event. He did not let his fans down, anchoring the United States to a win in the 4x400 relay before taking an emotional farewell lap.

Another 'MJ', sprinter Marion Jones, also appeared, taking out the 100 in the last of several consecutive defeats she inflicted on Zhanna Pintusevich-Block, who had upset the American to win the gold medal at the World Championships.



The Games were also notable for two controversial 5000 metres races. The women's event saw Russia's Olga Yegorova sprint to a win, as she had done for most of the year, including the World

Championships in Edmonton. Yegorova had returned a positive urine test for the banned oxygen-boosting drug, EPO, earlier in the year but had escaped penalty on what most people regarded as a technicality - the required blood test had not been taken.

The men's race was, astoundingly, won in slower time than the women's. A world-class field literally jogged round in Indian file order, Paul Bitok of Kenya finally taking the win with a sub-50 seconds final lap. It was a long time to wait for an incredibly exciting finish.

The Grand Prix Final was held two days after the Goodwill Games athletics. For the three hours of the meeting,

Melbourne's fickle spring weather was on tolerably good behaviour, but heavy overnight rain and the difficulty of promoting the meeting against both the Goodwill Games and the first week of the AFL finals held the crowd down to a modest 12,000.

What those spectators saw, however, was the best meeting in Melbourne for years. Hicham El Guerrouj and Andre Bucher, neither of whom had run in Brisbane, produced superb performances to take the 1500 and 800, respectively.

El Guerrouj atoned somewhat for his Olympic disappointment "up the road" in Sydney the previous year by regaining the Australian all-comers record. Bucher's win, achieved in an exciting race in which he and young Russian Yuriy Borzakovskiy reversed their usual hunter-hunted roles, gave him the men's overall Grand Prix win with its \$US100,000 bonus.

Violeta Szekely, the Romanian 1500 runner whose only loss all season was to arch-rival Gabriela Szabo in the World Championships, bounced back to win the overall women's title easily. Stacy Dragila added a Grand Prix Final win to her Goodwill Games title as home favourite, Tatiana Grigorieva, ingloriously no-heighted in Melbourne.

Melbourne also hosted a superb javelin performance from the event's best, Jan Zelezny of the Czech Republic, and yet another win from Mozambican 800 runner Maria Mutola, whose honour roll includes reigning Commonwealth, Olympic, world, world indoor, African, World Cup, Goodwill Games and Grand Prix champion.

At landmark level, nothing could go past the women's marathon in 2001. First, Olympic champion Naoko Takahashi of Japan produced the first-ever sub-2:20 by a woman when she won in Berlin in two hours 19 minutes 46 seconds on September 30. Kenya's Catherine Ndereba topped that a week later with a 2:18:47 in Chicago. Australia's Kerryn McCann was third in the latter race.

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Photos: top - Dmitri Markov  
left - Susie Power  
right - Bronwyn Eagles

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## 17th IAAF Grand Prix Final - Melbourne

Melbourne hosted the 17th IAAF Grand Prix Final on 9 September 2001 at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

The IAAF Reception took place on Saturday 8 September at the Melbourne Museum and the IAAF presented the IAAF Silver Order of Merit to three great Australians - Herb Elliott, Cathy Freeman and John Landy, while the IAAF Veteran Pin was presented to Geoff Annear of New Zealand.

Visiting athletes, officials and delegates were accommodated at the Sofitel Hotel, which was also the venue for the Grand Prix Gala Dinner hosted by Bruce McAvaney and attended by the Premier of Victoria, the Honourable Steve Bracks.

A total of 161 athletes from 44 Federations participated in the 17th IAAF Grand Prix Final (78 men and 83 women). Ten of these athletes were Australian:

◆ Georgie Clarke	1500m	8th
◆ Karyne Di Marco	Hammer Throw	7th
◆ Bronwyn Eagles	Hammer Throw	2nd
◆ Tatiana Grigorieva	Pole Vault	=6th
◆ Lauren Hewitt	200m	7th
◆ Kris McCarthy	1500m	DNF
◆ Craig Mottram	1500m	6th
◆ Melissa Rollison	3000m	9th
◆ Susy Walsham	1500m	9th
◆ Benita Johnson	3000m	8th

Andre Bucher (SUI), Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR), Noah Ngeny (KEN), Jan Zelezny (CZE), Stacy Dragila (USA) and Svetlana Feofanova (RUS) were just some of the international stars whom competed, with Andre Bucher (SUI) and Violeta Szekely (ROM) winning the overall event.

Weather conditions were not the most favourable which contributed to only one personal best and two season bests. However, a World Junior Record was broken in the Women's Hammer Throw by Kamila Skolimowska of Poland with 71.71m.

The event attracted 12,100 fans who packed Olympic Park which was a fantastic result.

The host broadcaster was SBS (and TWI) with an Australian viewing audience of 488,000 (total reach).

Athletics Australia's principal sponsor, Telstra, cemented its commitment to athletics by becoming a national partner at this prestigious event and joining the Victorian Government, Adidas, Coca-Cola, Epson, Seiko and TDK.





## Message from Sponsor



2002 witnessed the future of Australian athletics, with the upcoming Telstra Australian Junior Team to compete at the World Junior Championships in Kingston, Jamaica, and Australia's athletes with a disability taking on the world's best at the IPC World Championships in Lille, France, these two world-class competitions will provide the perfect platform to showcase Australia's New Balance uniform.

Athletes come in numerous different forms and compete in a wide variety of events and disciplines, however, they share one thing in common - the need for functional performance apparel that unites the group as a proud and passionate Australian team.

The relationship between New Balance and Athletics Australia goes far beyond providing Australia's elite athletes with superior apparel that aids their quest for gold. A joint commitment to Out-of-Stadium events has seen a steady increase in 'fun run' participants throughout the

country. This commitment ensures any runner, no matter their level, will reap the benefits of our support of athletics in Australia.

The development of high tech fabrics and the support and advice provided by the travelling 'New Balance bus' are just two examples of innovative initiatives made by New Balance to assist elite and recreational runners achieve their goals.

As a leading performance footwear and apparel brand, New Balance is delighted to be involved with Athletics Australia and will continue to work closely to push the boundaries of sport, support our elite performers and allow Australia's active community to achieve new balance.

**Darren Tucker**  
Managing Director  
New Balance



The New Balance Bus at a Telstra A-series meet



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## Lest We Forget



**LEST WE  
FORGET  
RUN**

A new ANZAC tradition began on Sunday, 28th April 2002 called the Lest We Forget Run, a new national event, designed by Athletics

Australia, in partnership with River City Events Ltd, and approved by the RSL, as a contemporary platform for communities to celebrate and commemorate the ANZAC spirit.

From every corner of Australia and internationally, in over 50 locations, as far reaching as the HMAS Newcastle in the Persian Gulf, Australians ran, jogged or walked in the name of remembrance and charity. 100% of profits from the Lest We Forget Run were donated to the RSL for welfare related charities, totalling \$20,000 in 2002.

Thousands of participants set off simultaneously, as the Reveille and race start were broadcast live on ABC Radio's "Australia All Over" program, hosted by Ian McNamara, with special guest Major General Peter Phillips, National President of the RSL.

Over a symbolic 8-kilometre (5 mile) distance, the same distance the ANZAC's were required to capture upon landing at Gallipoli, competitors sweated it out in the name of honour.

With such an encouraging response, it is Athletics Australia's ambition to grow the event to become the largest community participation event in Australia.

Athletics Australia CEO Simon Allatson: "I fully anticipate the Lest We Forget Run will, in a very short period of time, become an event of national significance. I haven't come across one Australian yet who doesn't think this is an outstanding concept and a great way for Australians to show their support of the ANZAC spirit and traditions."

The RSL is an esteemed organisation, entrenched in history and prestige, and Athletics Australia is proud to be involved in this joint initiative.

Athletics Australia CEO Simon Allatson: "It is an honour for athletics to be associated with the RSL movement in Australia. The values the RSL stands for, the service its members have provided in defending our freedoms and the fact that a number of Australian athletes have served their country confirms the relevance and necessity of maintaining close links between our two organisations."

The 2003 Lest We Forget Run will be staged on Sunday, 27th April.



Lest We Forget Run on HMAS Newcastle in the Persian Gulf



Lest We Forget Run - Canberra



## Registration Figures - All States 2000-2001 to 2001-2002

		Totals	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Totals
		00/01	01/02	01/02	01/02	01/02	01/02	01/02	01/02	01/02	01/02
Athletes - Senior	Male	3,707	165	1,295	113	221	237	165	1,302	105	3,603
	Female	1,663	81	620	129	142	118	101	414	60	1,665
Under 20	Male	574	31	192	8	157	47	21	206	30	692
	Female	345	26	137	6	76	26	15	104	18	408
Under 18	Male	1,023	43	365	5	133	76	55	346	46	1,069
	Female	735	28	277	7	132	58	42	213	46	803
Under 16	Male	1,046	43	354	25	277	85	86	334	61	1,265
	Female	1,004	43	359	18	266	78	68	265	51	1,148
Under 14	Male	999	27	263	144	245	31	41	184	13	948
	Female	814	30	294	165	245	51	58	178	36	1,057
Under 12	Male	701	0	202	321	543	0	7	0	0	1,073
	Female	686	0	193	356	539	0	0	0	0	1,088
Total	Male	8,050	309	2,671	616	1,576	476	375	2,372	255	8,650
	Female	5,247	208	1,880	681	1,400	331	284	1,174	211	6,169
<b>Total Athletes</b>		<b>13,297</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>4,551</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>3,546</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>14,819</b>
<b>State All Schools</b>		<b>9,475</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>3,689</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>11,440</b>
<b>Schools Knockout</b>		<b>4,663</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>3,465</b>
<b>Australian All Schools</b>		<b>1,005</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1,403</b>
Officials	Male	650	34	206	15	78	61	62	239	26	721
	Female	452	10	135	27	59	42	58	166	24	521
<b>Total Officials</b>		<b>1,102</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,242</b>
Life Members	Male	127	7	22	9	25	34	5	20	22	144
	Female	102	1	15	8	22	26	3	20	19	114
<b>Total Life Members</b>		<b>229</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>258</b>
Coaches											
Level 1	Male	1,264	60	390	7	493	88	36	176	43	1,293
	Female	784	41	196	8	370	29	14	74	32	764
Level 2	Male	244	10	82		58	21	9	46	9	235
	Female	65	3	22	2	20	4	2	9	3	65
Level 3	Male	95	8	20	1	20	7	2	32	5	95
	Female	15	0	4		0	2	1	4	2	13
Others	Male	77	6	18	12	46	4	0	25	3	114
	Female	77	3	25	16	36	5	0	10	5	100
<b>Total Accredited Coaches</b>		<b>2,621</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>2,751</b>
<b>Out of Stadium</b>		<b>29,197</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>10,203</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>14,662</b>	<b>11,858</b>	<b>4,542</b>	<b>16,122</b>	<b>14,400</b>	<b>73,319</b>
<b>Total Registrations</b>		<b>61,589</b>	<b>3,072</b>	<b>18,308</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>22,404</b>	<b>14,175</b>	<b>7,459</b>	<b>25,472</b>	<b>15,993</b>	<b>108,697</b>

## *Member* **Associations' Reports**

### **ACT Athletics**

When the year finishes on a high note it can generally be considered to be a good year, and so it was for ACT Athletics. Our Track and Field Championships were the best for many years, competition was of a high standard, the administration was a credit to the organising committee and conditions were first class.

Throughout the year our other championships were also well attended and highly competitive. The cross country and road running saw good performances, as did the road walking, though the latter struggles to register numbers of good performances in the sport. Mountain running has found a good home in the ACT and again we provided the majority of the Australian team from our membership.

#### **Administration**

The Association continued to manage its operations with one part-time Executive Officer supporting the Board. We have an office in suitable accommodation, sponsored by the ACT Government. In the absence of any major sponsorship we were able to fund all our competitions while keeping registration costs at a modest level and low individual event entry fees.

During the year we were most fortunate, with the assistance of Athletics Australia, to be able to engage a Development Officer, with shared responsibilities for New South Wales, in the Riverina Area. The outcomes of the Development Officer's appointment were a junior development squad, enhanced liaison with the ACT Academy of Sport, the Australian Institute of Sport and ACT schools.

#### **Governance**

During the year the governance of athletics in the ACT underwent a major change. The Board now has responsibility for policy, finance, sponsorship, planning and administration. A Management Council has responsibility for the operations of the sport with a number of committees each being in control of defined functions. It is recognised that there will be a period of settling in but so far all is encouraging.

#### **Principal Events**

In addition to our Championships we were able to conduct the following events:

- ♦ Telstra A-series - Canberra (an IAAF Permit Meet);
- ♦ ACT School carnivals at Zone and Championship levels;
- ♦ School carnivals for regional NSW primary and secondary schools and Catholic schools;
- ♦ Schools cross country events;
- ♦ Lake Burley Griffin Walks Carnival;
- ♦ Canberra Marathon and Half Marathon.

Owen Heness  
President

### **Northern Territory Athletics**

Northern Territory Athletics (NTA) reports a successful year. The tyranny of distance is easily overcome with a club's council meeting each month providing leadership and resources to all athletes throughout the Territory.

The Territory Championships were held in Katherine for the first time since 1991. Seven records fell on the grass track and as the Championships are the one opportunity to meet and compete with peers many friendships were made and renewed.

East Arnhem Athletic and Centralian Athletic, both formed last year, have consolidated to show strength in their administration and participation bases. East Arnhem continues to be a focus for Indigenous Sport Programs. The partnership between the Northern Territory Government, Athletics Australia and NTA continues to deliver opportunities in rural and remote Australia and is producing real results - especially with IGA Team Athletics and 'C'mon Lets Go!' as part of the package.

Partnerships with the Office of Sport and Recreation have resulted in positive outcomes for athletics in leadership programs and an excellent introduction for Team Athletics within schools.

Athletics has been successful at grass roots with the return of a vibrant Litchfield Gift, strong localised interclub meets and e-meets to allow athletes from around the Territory to





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make comparisons with their peers regardless of geography. The Development Program is now well into its third year. Coach accreditation blossomed this year and the development squad members are showing the benefits in both performance and personal areas.

Darwin was proud to play host to our national team during the pre-departure phase of the Commonwealth Games assault. The presence of the team was a great fillip for the whole community and many remarkable encounters were enjoyed. The team and staff are to be commended on their involvement at local level during their stay.

Many opportunities lay ahead, not least the elevation of athletics to the prestigious Northern Territory Institute of Sport and the unlimited potential of IGA Team Athletics. The continued support of Northern Territory Government and Athletics Australia will help these possibilities become realities.

Ian Fullarton  
President



Tatiana Grigorieva teaching the IGA Team Athletics program

### *Athletics NSW*

The year in review has been one of transition and growth due to significant staff changes and the expansion of participation and development programs throughout the state. John Patchett, Athletics NSW Chief Executive Officer for the past five years retired and was replaced by Greg Doyle, whilst a number of additional key staff appointments were made throughout the year.

Largely due to support provided by Athletics Australia through the 'Memorandum of Understanding', Athletics New South Wales achieved a pleasing profitable result for the year.

Total annual registrations increased by 2.5%. This represented an upward trend for the first time in several years and was largely due to the introduction of the 'associate' membership registration category.

The first steps were taken to establish a comprehensive state-wide junior competition framework encompassing IGA Team Athletics for primary school children and the Schools Knockout Competition for secondary schools. Development programs incorporating Regional Academies and the NSW Oz Squad / NSW Talent Squad expanded and continued to provide opportunities for athletes to be identified and to develop. To service outreach areas of the state incorporating indigenous and club development, a far western and northern regional development tour was conducted. Over a two-week period covering in excess of 4,000 kilometres, some 2,200 participants were involved in clinics and gala days.

Athletics NSW continued to provide a menu of winter and summer competitions with varied formats to meet the needs of our athletes. Participation in our winter cross country events increased, especially in Masters' ranks, which continues the upward trend over the past several years. A new twilight summer competition format, called 'PB Meets', was introduced on Friday evenings and proved successful. The annual NSW IGA All Schools Championships attracted 1500 school students from 680 schools throughout the state competing over three days in some 338 events. These championships provide a full and tight program and are an integral part of our calendar.

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NSW hosted two successful Telstra A-series meets in Campbelltown and Newcastle respectively. In front of her home crowd at Campbelltown, Bronwyn Eagles broke her own Commonwealth record with a throw of 69.38 metres. Subsequently, Bronwyn was awarded the Telstra Female Athlete of the Year.

To ensure Athletics NSW maintains the momentum and is well positioned to capitalise on the opportunities ahead, a series of reviews into our core business areas and governance structures have begun. The implementation of review recommendations and the adoption of a fresh strategic business plan - 'Leading The Way 2002-2004' will provide the platform for the provision of quality service, value and programs to our members whilst positioning our sport and the organisation in the coming years.

Ralph Doubell  
President

### *Queensland Athletics*

Without doubt 2001-2002 was an important and successful year for Queensland Athletics (QA). Following significant change in the previous year, QA was able to achieve growth in a number of key areas, particularly in its financial position. The Association was able to post a surplus for the 2001 year, a result made more heartening after two substantial losses in 1999 and 2000.

Another extremely positive result for QA was the growth in membership of just over 19%. North Queensland, under the leadership of ANQ, produced strong results in this area and should be able to continue this following the employment of a development officer in the region. Membership growth remains a key focus and QA will continue to actively attempt to increase its membership through various initiatives and activities.

In March 2002 QA, along with Queensland Little Athletics (QLA) and Queensland Masters Athletics, formed the Athletic Federation of Queensland (AFQ). The Federation is committed to uniting the sport in Queensland. The AFQ has already helped to reduce duplication and increase co-operation between the organisations.

In December 2001, QA and QLA employed a joint development officer to assist the sport in North Queensland. Both organisations are pleased with the results and see it as an important step in developing the sport more effectively.

Since the commencement of the year, QA has been governed by a corporate board. Under the chairmanship of David Williams, the sport has made a telling contribution in the areas of finance, governance and relationship building with the Queensland Government. Underneath the Board, the sport has been directed on an operational level by three commissions - Competitions, Officials and Education.

Queensland enjoyed success at elite level, both in terms of performance and hosting major meets. The 2001 Goodwill Games Athletics Program was an excellent event as was the 2002 Telstra A-championships, both hosted at ANZ Stadium. Bronwyn Thompson, Justin Anlezark, Michael Rehardt and Melissa Rollison led the charge for Queensland athletes in national and international competition. A large group of other athletes also recorded excellent performances during the season.

QA and the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) have forged a very close working relationship over the past 12 months and the results will be very positive for the sport. The development plan for the sport has been a joint effort with QA's development squads linking directly into the QAS.

Finally, any report into athletics in Queensland would not be complete without acknowledging the tremendous support given by the Government. Apart from ongoing assistance provided through an annual grant, the Queensland Government has provided money for facilities throughout the state and has assisted the sport in a number of other ways. Additionally, recognition is due to Athletics Australia for the assistance and support it has provided Queensland in numerous areas.

David Williams  
President



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### *Athletics South Australia*

I am delighted to report on the activities of Athletics South Australia (ASA) in 2001-2002. It was, in my opinion, a very successful year.

2001-2002 was an extremely busy time for athletes, officials and staff of ASA. The conduct of numerous national championships eg IGA National Youth Athletics Championships incorporating the National Youth multi-events, Australian Masters Games and a Telstra A-series event along with a host of state championships tested the tenacity of all. Without exception, all were deemed an outstanding success.

Once again our Development department provided magnificent opportunities for young athletes in South Australia. Development Officer, Shane Thiele, Field Officer, Graham Davis and specialist coaches provided a comprehensive program that encouraged many young people to become involved in athletics at school and state level. Assisting in this program were the South Australian Sports Institute through Head Coach Graham Boase, Institute coaches and State Event coaches. Many thanks.

The adoption of a new constitution heralded a new direction for ASA with the formal establishment of several commissions whose prime purpose is to look after the interests of athletes. The effectiveness of the Constitution will be tested over the next few years.

Another pleasing outcome was the financial performance of the Association. Re-negotiation of the management contract for Santos Stadium and the continued sound operations of the canteen contributed significantly to this outcome. Thanks to Ann McFadden and her band of volunteers. The challenge of course will be to achieve a similar or better result in coming years. My thanks to new Chief Executive Officer, Bob Cruise, Lorraine Campbell and Paula Stankiewicz for their contribution.

However, the highlight of the year was undoubtedly the acceptance by the Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency Marjorie Jackson-Nelson, to become Patron of Athletics SA Incorporated. We are indeed honoured to have such an outstanding Australian as Patron.

Once again the operational management of Santos Stadium was carried out in a most efficient manner. My thanks to Ian Boswell and Steve Heard for their good work.

To our volunteer reception staff may I offer a huge thank you. Without the contribution of Brenda Pearl, Rosemary

Billett and Vicki Miller the office of Athletics SA would operate far less effectively.

I extend my appreciation to ASA Board members, past and present, for their contributions to the sport of athletics in South Australia. I look forward to the continued input of the many talented and committed volunteers we are privileged to have.

My report should not finish without a sincere vote of thanks to Sophie Keil.

At the end of 2001, long serving Executive Director, Sophie Keil resigned to take up a position at the Australian Sports Commission. Sophie led ASA through some difficult periods and provided sound leadership during her eight years in South Australia. All at ASA wish her well.

Tony Keynes  
President

### *Athletics Tasmania*

Almost every year will see a host of highs and lows and 2001-2002 was no different, with many of the ups and downs closely related.

From a registration point of view we have fewer numbers than we had last year but conversely we have seen an increase in the number of participants in our fun runs and school cross country events, building on the increase from the previous year. A quick look at the problem of reduced registrations would seem to be related more to retention of athletes than getting more children to start athletics. We initiated a survey at the start of the last track and field season and we are still sorting through the data. It is our intention to continue to survey those that do not re-register to build a bigger knowledge base on this matter.

Last year saw the loss, mid-year, of Graham Briggs. Graham was well known to many in athletics, not only locally and nationally, but also across the world, and he will be missed by all those that came into contact with him over the years.

On a brighter note, three of our junior athletes were selected to the World Junior Championships this year and congratulations must go to Kate Pedley, Morgan Whiley and Aaron Jones who performed very well in Jamaica.

In March this year we hosted a leg of the Telstra A-series, arguably producing one of the biggest crowds, on a per capita basis, of the series. The weather was fantastic and everyone that attended really enjoyed the event. We are most disappointed that we will not be getting an event in 2003.



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Financially we continue to trade well and our financial report for 2002 shows a small profit. Hopefully we will continue to build on this base into next year, as we believe that it is important to build a financial reserve that can see us through most unforeseen problems. We look forward to the next year with enthusiasm.

Thanks must go to the Tasmanian State Government for their assistance in many areas, especially through the departments of Sport and Recreation and State Development. The local councils in Hobart, Launceston and the Central Coast continue to be of great assistance and whilst sponsorship is harder and harder to come by, the Commonwealth Bank, Cadbury Schweppes, The Hotel Grand Chancellor and Kwik Kopy Printing have continued to be amongst our major supporters.

Terry Mahoney  
President

### *Athletics Victoria*

Athletics Victoria was pleased with its ability to provide a range of competition for its members and potential members, both out of stadium events and traditional track and field. The winter season was again strong and generated some excellent competition at a variety of venues.

Like other Member Associations, we struggle with the challenge of converting participants in school events to club members. Literally thousands of potential members are involved in events that we organise and conduct. Secondary students contest three winter and three summer events, apart from the special Premier League and Schools Knockout competitions.

Athletics Victoria was pleased to host the IGA Australian All Schools Athletics Championships in Melbourne. The outstanding performances at this event lead us to believe that Australia's future as an athletics nation is very encouraging providing we retain the athletes in the sport.

The Association was also pleased to be significantly involved in the Telstra A-series Melbourne (Melbourne Track Classic), and it was pleasing to see that spectator numbers were up on the previous year.

Relationships with the Victorian Little Athletics Association and the Victorian Athletic League, through the Victorian Athletic Federation, are excellent and some initiatives such as dual registrations are showing promising signs. During the year, the Victorian Athletic League staff moved into our office and increased the scope for synergy between the two bodies.

A close working relationship with the Victorian Institute of Sport enables Victorian athletes to share in the opportunities and facilities offered by the Institute. Joint management of teams to the Telstra A-championships has provided many benefits.

Apart from the substantial support provided for development activities by Athletics Australia, our programs in this area are wonderfully supported by Sport and Recreation Victoria and VicHealth.

Over the last 12 months, the Association has spent considerable time in organising the athletics component of the World Masters Games, which we have been contracted to conduct in early October 2002.

Max Binnington  
President

### *AthleticA (Western Australia)*

The past 12 months have been a landmark period in athletics with a number of developments that provide great optimism for the future of the sport in Western Australia.

The first Memorandum of Understanding between Athletics Australia and the Member Associations was signed prior to the start of the financial year and this provided AthleticA with significant financial support to assist in the implementation of a range of agreed programs and services.

AthleticA remains supportive of Athletics Australia's nationally driven programs that are complemented by the specific application of a staff that continues to provide the sport with ongoing stability.

It is appropriate, however, to recognise the outstanding contribution that the retiring Chief Executive, Chilla Porter, has made in the six years he has held the position and we all wish Chilla a happy retirement.

Planning has commenced for a new facility after the State Government has reached agreement with the local authority, the Town of Cambridge. A boutique style track and field facility with lights will provide Western Australia with some of the best conditions for athletics, anywhere in the world.

The Government has also committed to a State Facilities Plan that will result in three new regional synthetic tracks in Western Australia. The provision of these regional facilities with a new state facility will provide great impetus to the development and promotion of athletics in Western Australia.

Peter Bacich  
President



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### ACTAS

The Australian Capital Territory Academy of Sport (ACTAS) Track and Field Program was successfully resurrected in October of 2001, after a temporary abandonment following the cessation of the Olympic Athlete Program (OAP) post Sydney 2000.

The main purpose of the program was to re-establish the viability and importance of ACTAS as a leading track and field entity that would complement the role of the AIS and Territory athletic bodies. Clearly there was a need for a greater cohesion and working relationship between the AIS, ACTAS, ACT Junior Development and Little Athletics and to this end significant progress has been made in this area. A distinct performance pathway for athletes is now established, commensurate with appropriate levels of support.

Whilst still in its infancy and with a limited budget, another key initiative was to incorporate a fully integrated track and field program. A total of eight scholarship athletes were catered for this year. Following a successful national championships, four athletes were selected for their respective national teams which included World Juniors, Commonwealth Games and AWD World Championships.

In a joint initiative the AIS, ACTAS and Athletics Australia created a dual track and field coaching position, involving ACTAS and the AIS. Specifically the successful applicant will take on the role of Head Coach Track and Field ACTAS and in addition co-ordinate the AIS athletes with disabilities program. Given the commitment from all stakeholders, the program will be able to cater for a larger number of athletes and provide a far more comprehensive support system.

Another key strategy will be to expand and formalise the local coaching network and invite a number of coaches to accept specific event group co-ordinator roles. This will greatly add to the co-ordination of the program and depth of expertise.

The challenges that lie ahead are exciting and one of the ongoing objectives will be to continue to strengthen the communication between all athletic parties and broader athletic community. A close working relationship with NSWIS, which is currently in place, is vital to the national strategy and will ensure that our best regional athletes can be optimally supported.

### AIS

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Athletics Program has played a major role in establishing a 'community approach' to athletics in the ACT and region. With Craig Hilliard co-ordinating the ACTAS program as well as his AIS role as Coach, and ACT Athletics and the ACT Little Athletics Association both establishing development programs, there is now a clear pathway of assistance for local athletes.

The performances standards used by both ACTAS and the AIS fall in line with the standards established by the Athletics Australia High Performance Committee, supporting the national approach to athlete support.

Of the 30 scholarships available, the AIS program consists of a mix of established and developing athletes in walks, sprints, distance, throws, hurdles, horizontal jumps and athletes with disabilities. All athletes participated in the domestic Telstra A-series in preparation for the various international competitions during the 2002 calendar year.

Early in the year Esa Peltola resigned as AIS Sprints Coach to take up the position as AIS Senior Physiologist. Dean Benton has been acting as a sprints consultant to the program whilst the program structure has been finalised.

In conjunction with Athletics Australia, the AIS hosted various camps - sprints/jumps/throws/distance - that enabled athletes and coaches to utilise and facilitate the resources of the AIS.

The AIS is a centre of excellence where the holistic development of the athlete is paramount. Each aspect of an athlete's needs is individually tailored to ensure development through educational and vocational careers whilst the athletes are pursuing their athletic endeavours.

The AIS Athletics Program continues to strive to maintain a workplace of innovation, teamwork and information sharing where excellence can prosper. The program is managed by Head Coach, Chris Nunn, driven by coaches Craig Hilliard, Dick Telford and Ron Weigel and administered by Louise Mogg.

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### **NSWIS**

New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS) aims to deliver a high performance program for athletes throughout NSW. Working in conjunction with Athletics Australia, the program will focus on increasing the numbers of athletes qualifying for semi-finals and finals at major international events, and ultimately winning medals at World Championships (indoor and outdoor), World Junior Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games.

To achieve these objectives NSWIS is targeting event groups for high performance or development support based on their athlete talent pool, coaching and facility access.

NSWIS assists athletes by providing the best possible environment for them to pursue their athletic goals via the High Performance Centres and Development Centres throughout the state. By offering athletes access to a range of support services including sports science, medical, sports psychology, coaching, access to competition, career, education and professional development, the NSWIS provides athletes with the best possible opportunities to perform.

The NSWIS's High Performance Thinking System has been made available to all, and is being utilised by many scholarship holders and their coaches. It aims to better equip coaches to work with their athletes by promoting a strong mental approach, emphasising ongoing development rather than crisis management.

NSWIS has retained the services of the expert coaches in jumps, throws/multis and sprints/relays employed following the Olympics. During the reporting period, NSWIS awarded two one-year coaching scholarships to coaches in the distance running discipline to focus the development of this event group.

NSWIS has maintained its key training centres at Homebush and Narrabeen by continually updating modern technical and sporting equipment. These High Performance Centres have first class track, weights and computer office facilities. The Greystanes High Performance Throws Centre continues as a centre of excellence for the throwers.

NSWIS has continued to focus on regional NSW with its ongoing support of the High Performance and

Development Centres at Newcastle and Illawarra. Both have part-time co-ordinators and first class track and weights facilities. This provides regional athletes and coaches much greater flexibility and development opportunities. The centre initiatives improve NSWIS's ability to fully develop NSW elite athletes and coaches by supporting them within their home network.

State Event Group Co-ordinators have been appointed to facilitate the co-ordination and development of event groups through the State Event Coaches. Technical clinics and informal shared training sessions have been conducted to share information and assist developing coaches to improve their knowledge and networks. NSWIS coaches continue to support the Athletics NSW development programs.

### **QAS**

In the season following the 2000 Olympic Games, the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) Track and Field Program underwent significant review and evaluation. Several factors were influential in this review including the departure of QAS Head Coach, Jon Zanfirache, and High Performance Coach, Cliff Mallet. Also pivotal to this review, was the appointment of Keith Connor as the Athletics Australia Head Coach.

In October 2001, Matthew Favier was appointed as the Program Manager, Athletics. During the remaining months of 2001 the strategy was to re-establish the QAS Athletics Program as the key support entity for elite track and field athletes in Queensland. At the same time, the intention has been to build on the program's past successes with a view to ensuring a sustainable elite athlete pathway in the lead up to future Olympic Games, various World Championships and Commonwealth Games.

The QAS program works closely with Queensland Athletics (QA) in the delivery of services to athletes in elite programs. This relationship will continue to be a strength in the future given the intention for both the QAS and QA to align resources so that athletes and coaches are able to aspire to achieve performances that will result in a greater number of Queensland athletes selected to national teams in future years.





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At the 2001 World Championships, the QAS was represented at the 2001 World Athletics Championships, Edmonton, by athletes Paul Di Bella (4x100m relay), Justin Anlezark (shot put), Alison Lever (discus) and Blair Young (400m hurdles). Paul Di Bella's contribution to the 4x100m relay resulting in a fourth place was one of the highlights of the championships for the Australian team.

In November 2001, an almost entirely new squad of athletes was selected with 22 athletes supported during the Telstra A-series.

The appointment of eight Event Group Co-ordinators in January 2001 was the first step towards revitalising a QAS coaching strategy for the QAS and Queensland. The intended role of Event Co-ordinators is to be 'Team Leaders' for respective Event Group activities and facilitated the transition of athletes through various activities from junior to senior levels.

A three-way partnership between the QAS, Athletics Australia and Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre was also initiated in January and involved the employment of Sergey Miroshnichenko as a High Performance Coach. This partnership model is seen as being a sustainable strategy to supporting full-time coaches in the future - where a quality coach is supported in co-operation with a high-quality training venue, in a populated regional area.

From a high performance perspective, one of the highlights for the QAS program included the emergence of Michael Rehardt (Coach: Glynis Nunn-Cearns) as a potential new face of 400m running and earning him the Telstra Rising Star award. Unfortunately for Michael, his Commonwealth Games campaign was cut short due to injury. Also impressive was the 7.00m long jump performance from Bronwyn Thompson (Coach: Gary Bourne) at the Melbourne leg of the Telstra A-series.

Eleven Queensland athletes were eventually selected to the Australian Team for the 2002 Commonwealth Games while eight Queensland athletes were selected to the World Junior Championships.

On the one hand, this result suggests that the existing and emerging talent pool in Queensland continues to reflect quality. However, the challenge for the QAS in the coming years will continue to be facilitating an improved transition from junior talent to senior elite.

## **SASI**

The main competition in 2001 was the World Championships, Edmonton, in which Tatiana Grigorieva and Viktor Chistiakov both qualified for the finals and finished 4th and 10th respectively. Tatiana also won the bronze medal at the subsequent Goodwill Games in Brisbane. Junior Wendy Young finished 6th in the final at the World Youth Championships in Debrecen.

The reporting period saw the employment of two additional full-time coaches at South Australian Sports Institute (SASI), Vassili Grishchenkov and Nik Hagicostas. In the 80's, Vassili was ranked in the Top 10 in the world for the triple jump. He also brings to the job a strong background in physical conditioning. Nik, also a former athlete, has had extensive experience working with a number of sports, particularly Australian Rules Football, and comes into the job as National Event Coach for multi-events.

SASI's training facilities are being expanded with the construction of a 6m x 40m area of synthetic rubber to be used for plyometric training. The area will have a cover and will consist of varying densities to cater for athletes at differing levels of training. Together with our well-equipped weight training gym, readily accessible on-site sports science analysis and excellent recovery centre, SASI has established physical conditioning facilities equal to any high performance centre in the nation.

We have restructured our event co-ordinators to provide improved coaching opportunities for our junior development athletes. The SASI coaches will play a leadership role in this revitalised development program.

SASI will also be strongly supporting a targeted events approach, as part of the national initiative to focus on those events where we have the best chance of being successful at the highest international level. At SASI our number one targeted events are the pole vault and hammer throw, with a strong developmental emphasis on the horizontal jumps and the multi-events.

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### **TIS**

The newly reinstated Tasmanian Institute of Sport (TIS) Track and Field Program is an integral part of Athletics Australia's High Performance Program and provides talented Tasmanian athletes and their personal coaches with an environment of athletic excellence beneficial to both Tasmania and Australia as a nation. The TIS Track and Field Program is funded by the TIS and Athletics Australia and supported by Athletics Tasmania. Tasmanian athletes now have the same support and services that their counterparts in other states have access to and in some cases, because of the size of the program and the state, athletes at times receive an even more personalised service.

The main objectives of the program are to:

- ♦ Provide the best possible environment and opportunities to Tasmania's elite athletes;
- ♦ Increase the level of success of athletes at senior and junior international level; and
- ♦ Assist TIS athletes to develop lifestyle skills, attitudes and personal qualities which will assist them to excel both in and outside of the sporting arena.

While the current program is focussing on junior development, the future of an elite program depends on the success of its senior athletes. With this objective in mind the program has instigated a sequential and definitive pathway that will take an athlete from grass roots level to senior international representative level.

The Athletics Tasmania Underpinning Program has been a very important and significant factor in the success of the TIS program to date and much of the work has been in this area. The main underpinning 'feeder' programs, the Oz Squad and TIS Talent Search have proved to be very successful in terms of developing the grass root athlete through to junior international standard. All three Tasmanian athletes (Aaron Jones, Kate Pedley and Morgan Whiley), who competed in the 2002 World Junior Championships, developed and progressed through the Oz Squad and/or Talent Search Programs.

Excellent links have now been established with Athletics Tasmania and two regional coaches have been appointed in the north and north-west to assist with the co-ordination of the underpinning and TIS programs. Regional coaching teams have also been set up to encourage coaches to work together and share and exchange ideas in their respective areas.

Tasmania has a history of excellent performances in multi-events at the national level with a total of 63 medals being won over the past decade. With this, and Athletics Australia's High Performance Program targeted approach in mind, there has been a strong emphasis placed on identifying and developing some senior international multi-event athletes of the future. The Regional Coaching Teams will be instrumental in the success of this program and already there is an atmosphere of mutual respect and co-operation developing.

Another successful feature of the Tasmanian program has been the ongoing coach education program through links with coaches from other states and institutions. There have been several visiting high performance coaches who have conducted invaluable clinics/workshops and many Tasmanian coaches and athletes are now networking closely with these coaches on the mainland, and in some cases including regular training visits.

The implementation of a TIS Scholarship Coach has also proved to be very successful and is ensuring the continuity of knowledge and expertise within the state. The Scholarship program has enabled the coach to experience and understand the role of a High Performance Coach and will have significant benefits to the program in the future.

The new program is in its infancy and will always face the difficulties associated with a small population and talent base. However, it is not unrealistic to expect the three TIS athletes who competed in the 2002 World Junior Championships to become senior international representatives in the next few years - this must be the focus and vision for the TIS program.



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**VIS**

The 2001-2002 track and field season has been a dynamic one for the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) Program. In the lead-up to the 2002 Commonwealth Games, the program, its athletes and coaches have been working fastidiously to create a climate of excellence and elite performance.

Head Coach, Eric Hollingsworth, has worked closely with the senior coaches, Bruce Scriven and Peter Fortune, and the five event co-ordinators to implement new strategies and objectives as the next Olympiad draws near. This year saw VIS athletes dominate much of the domestic season in

the Telstra A-series culminating at the Commonwealth Games Trials, which saw 23 VIS athletes selected for the Australian team. The program is now focused on building a new generation of elite juniors, and also maximising international performance for our leading crop of athletes and their coaches in the build up to the Athens 2004 Olympics.

**Competition Program**

After the VIS' success at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, 2001 was a relatively quieter domestic and international year, with seven VIS athletes representing Australia at the IAAF World Championships in Edmonton, Canada. Two VIS



Craig Mottram, competing in 5000m at the Telstra A-series Melbourne (Melbourne Track Classic), leads Stephen Cherono of Kenya to break the Australian record in 13:12.04



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athletes won medals at the World Youth Games, with Georgie Clarke winning gold in the 800m and Kimberley Crow silver in the 400m hurdles. For the majority of athletes, it was a year of consolidation and hard work, in the build up to the domestic season and the 2002 Commonwealth Games.

The 2001-2002 season saw the launch of the new Athletics Australia 'Telstra A-series'. VIS athletes dominated many of the Telstra A-series events across Australia, with individual standout performances from Lauren Hewitt, Tamsyn Lewis and Craig Mottram - all dominating their individual events. Craig Mottram also broke the Australian record in the 5000m in the Melbourne Telstra A-series meet. The 2002 National Championships in Brisbane saw VIS athletes lead the way, with 23 athletes selected for the Commonwealth Games, and ten athletes selected to represent Australia at the World Junior Championships in Jamaica.

### **VIS Highlights**

Craig Mottram - 5th, World Cross Country, 4km, 12:27mins;  
Craig Mottram - Australian Record, 5000m, 13:12.04  
(Telstra A-series Melbourne (Melbourne Track Classic) 2002).

### **Honour Role**

Commonwealth Games Team - David Baxter, Sonia Brito, Georgie Clarke, Duane Cousins, Nathan Deakes, Katerina Dressler, Scott Ferrier, Catherine Freeman, Lauren Hewitt, Brigid Isworth, Sarah Jamieson, Tamsyn Lewis, Kris McCarthy, Hayley McGregor, Cecilia McIntosh, Craig Mottram, Michael Power, Susie Power, Anna Thompson, Clare Thompson, Lee Troop, Tim Williams and Simone Woloweic.

World Junior Team - Georgie Clarke, Kimberley Crowe, Sarah Dosen, Shawn Forrest, Steven Landers, John Mezaros, Gabrielle Neighbour, Paul Peulich, Jarred Tallent, Toby Sutherland.

### **Specialist Coaches and Staff**

Head Coach - Eric Hollingsworth, Senior Coach - Peter Fortune, Senior Coach - Bruce Scriven, Event Co-ordinator (Jumps/Multis) - Sandro Bissetto, Event Co-ordinator (Throws) - Mike Edwards, Event Co-ordinator (Hurdles) - Roy Boyd, Event Co-ordinator (Distance/Walks) - Peter Schuwalow, Event Co-ordinator (Sprints) - Peter Van Miltenburg.

## **WAIS**

The year started remarkably with two World Youth titles to Shermin Oksuz and Kimberley Mickle. Dmitri Markov vaulted 6.05m to win the World Championship title. This height set a new national record as well as equalling the second highest vault ever (with Russian Maksim Taratov) behind Sergei Bubka.

The program developed successfully throughout 2001-2002. An emphasis on youth saw the introduction of a development squad, with the second highest number of WA athletes being selected into a World Junior team (7). Athlete programs were more individualised to identify and rectify any deficiencies.

Two scholarship coaching positions were established through the joint initiative of Athletics Australia and Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS). This has given opportunities to two developing coaches, Aaron Holt and Susan Andrews, to start on a coaching career path.

Nationally, a ranking system was introduced to identify target events in each state. Factors such as coaching, talent base, equipment, structure and history of the event enabled WAIS to identify level 1, 2 or 3 events. Level 1 events include pole vault, high jump, multi-events, 110m hurdles and javelin. These events will receive priority servicing. At the same time, the level 2 and 3 events will be supported to continue to develop. These events will be reviewed annually.

The WA Government announced its intention to construct four new synthetic tracks. This is a long-term plan but should see the construction of a new State Athletics Centre with a world-class track and facilities. The introduction of lights and orientation of the new track will help alleviate some of the negative effects of the 'Fremantle Doctor', the prevailing sou'westerly winds. This should benefit elite athletes in attaining national and international performances.

The focus of the program in the coming year will see the consolidation of the new programs. The emphasis on youth will continue with a specific focus on placing athletes on the World University Games and World Championship teams. The State Event Group Co-ordinators positions will be further refined, in conjunction with AthleticA, to ensure the most effective system possible is in place.



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### *Anti-Doping Commission*

The Anti-Doping Commission advises the Athletics Australia Board on the development and implementation of anti-doping policy.

The Commission met once in person and continued communication by email and telephone throughout the year. The Commission addressed in particular, and made recommendations for, changes to Athletics Australia's By-Laws to tighten the process for athletes to obtain approval to use a prohibited substance (the most common are asthma medications).

The Commission also made recommendations on the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) proposed World Anti-Doping Policy, and will be working with the Athletics Australia's Competitions department to determine a solid domestic competition testing strategy.

### *Athletes' Commission*

During the past 12 months the Athletes' Commission has maintained a commitment to providing a medium between athletes and Athletics Australia to ensure that the interests and rights of athletes are effectively represented, valued and upheld. It is the Athletes' Commission's belief that athletes are the most important organisational resource and customer, and that therefore, decisions, policies, practices, and structures should represent this. It also recognises that no one athlete or group of athletes is greater than the sport of athletics itself and that given the large reliance on public funding, it is important for the sport and its athletes to contribute back to the general community.

A major focus of the Commission during 2001-2002 has been on team selection, an area that has historically fuelled considerable debate between athletes and officials. Through close consultation with Athletics Australia on both the 2002 Commonwealth Games selection criteria and teams beyond this year, the Commission is committed to helping develop criteria that are fair and equitable between all athletes. This will enable Athletics Australia to select the best team possible and reduce non-selection grievances by unselected athletes. The Athletes' Commission, through Simon Hollingsworth, presented on national team selection at the High Performance Congress in early 2002.

Further to selection, at the High Performance Congress the Athletes' Commission also provided input into Team AA and the Direct Athlete Support (DAS) funding scheme in addition to plans to assist athletes' careers and futures outside as well as within the sport. Whilst Team AA in its original format has been placed on hold, the Athletes' Commission is committed to the development of a National Squad Agreement, which will protect athletes athletically, financially and managerially. It is envisaged that such a scheme or agreement would expand to assisting and encouraging athletes' welfare and community contributions in addition to assisting athletes beyond their competitive years with career guidance.

An extensive DAS scheme funding survey was conducted by the Athletes' Commission during 2002, completed by a large percentage of national team members. This ascertained that funding requirements and expectations vary between age and standard of athlete. The Athletes' Commission supports the implementation of a needs-based DAS scheme, which seeks to support those athletes within the sport that may be in need of direct financial support to improve their commitment to, and level of performance in the sport. Survey feedback was extremely beneficial and is assisting the Athletes' Commission express to Athletics Australia the needs of Australian athletes.

A key focus of the Athletes' Commission during 2003 will be to continue to increase the credibility and awareness of the Commission amongst our key stakeholders. We welcome the continued support of Athletics Australia's CEO, the Board and the High Performance team in facilitating this measure and trust that we can relay the expressed and informed views of the athlete community to these parties in 2003.

### *Athletics Participation Committee*

Out-of-Stadium is an expanding area of athletics, with community interest in participation events experiencing steady growth. The Athletics Participation Committee is an industry body comprising experienced event owners and operators. During the reporting period, the Committee continued to work with Athletics Australia to develop mass participation in Out-of-Stadium events into a nationally structured and co-ordinated industry.

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During the reporting period, Athletics Australia:

- a) Established the Running Australia Framework, designed to provide a quality assurance model for the industry;
- b) Developed, with New Balance, sponsorship arrangements with numerous out-of-stadium events;
- c) Incorporated registered events under Athletics Australia's national insurance policy;
- d) Identified a framework for a national co-ordinated database for the industry;
- e) Identified and supported a new national event series, Lest We Forget, which will become a legacy event for the industry; and
- f) Ensured the Sydney Marathon was retained as a Sydney 2000 Olympic Games legacy and participation event.

Following on from these accomplishments, the Athletics Participation Committee reaffirmed its collective commitment to the growth and development of the industry by identifying the following priorities for the next phase of development:

- a) Finalising the Running Australia Framework as the formal quality assurance standard for the industry;
- b) Registering the Framework with federal and state authorities;
- c) Promoting the Framework to the insurance industry and to local government to position registered events as the preferred events for insurance and local government consideration and support;
- d) Implementing a national media and marketing plan for the preferred events. This will include national advertising promoting the preferred events and establishing consumer promotions to increase participation across the events (included as part of this approach will be cross-promotion with Athletics Australia's Team Athletics schools program) and an industry expo;
- e) Securing further national umbrella sponsorships;
- f) Establishing the national Out-of-Stadium database as a viable tool to drive industry growth;
- g) Finalising, perhaps in line with point a), a viable permit system for national events, including a co-ordinated event calendar;

- h) Investigating opportunities to co-ordinate the participation of ranked Australian athletes in the registered events;
- i) Establishing the participation levy as a meaningful contributor to the development of the industry;
- j) Aggressively seeking economies of scale for the registered events through a co-ordinated bulk purchase program (eg timing chips, medals and t-shirts);
- k) Formalising a group of accredited advisers to assess the conduct of registered events and their compliance with the Framework;
- l) Establishing an Out-of-Stadium Technical Unit within Athletics Australia to monitor and train event organisers in course measurement, race timing, finish line systems, aid station delivery and technical officiating;
- m) Producing an industry-wide training guide for participants at all levels; and
- n) Progressing a National Road Series for commencement in 2003.

The following events were registered with Athletics Australia during the reporting period:

- ◆ Gold Coast Marathon (Qld)
- ◆ Noosa Half Marathon (Qld)
- ◆ Advertiser City-Bay (SA)
- ◆ Flora Sydney Marathon & Sunday Telegraph Bridge Run (NSW)
- ◆ Skilled Burnie 10 (Tas)
- ◆ New Balance Bolt (Qld)
- ◆ Runner's World Run to the G (Vic)
- ◆ New Balance Canberra Marathon (ACT)
- ◆ Ryka Queen of the Lake (Vic)
- ◆ Half on the Harbour (Vic)
- ◆ Lauriston Fathers Day Run / Walk (Vic)
- ◆ Spring Into Shape Series (Vic)
- ◆ Sporting Chance Christmas Run (Vic)
- ◆ Runner's World Portsea Twilight (Vic)
- ◆ Defence Lake Attack (Vic)
- ◆ Savoy Baths Women's Run/Walk (Tas)
- ◆ Mothers' Day Classic (Vic)
- ◆ Chiropractic Run For Health (Vic)
- ◆ City to Casino (Tas)
- ◆ Brauer Barossa Half Marathon (SA)
- ◆ New Balance Lap of the Lake (Vic)





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- ◆ Channel Nine City to Surf Presented by New Balance (WA)
- ◆ Brighton Rotary Bay Run (Vic)
- ◆ Puffing Billy Great Train Race (Vic)
- ◆ Colonial First State Fun Run / Walk for MS (NSW)
- ◆ Nabiac Charity Fun Run (NSW)
- ◆ TIO City to Surf (NT)

### *Coaching Commission*

During the period of this report the Coaching Commission members were: Peter Bowman (Chairman), Keith Connor, Joan Cross, Marjorie McNamara, Chris Nunn, Harry Summers, John Weeks, and Tony Rice. Four meetings were held during the year.

The Commission (which is also the Board of Management of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association (AT&FCA)) is responsible for the education, development, support and advocacy of coaches.

The Commission has pursued its roles with enthusiasm and diligence, and is to be congratulated on a year that is highlighted by the following successes:

- ◆ Two coaches completed the Development Program to achieve Level III accreditation;
- ◆ 26 coaches received the award of Level II accreditation;
- ◆ 51 Level I courses successfully completed, resulting in 771 new accreditations;
- ◆ 52 Orientation to Coaching Courses successfully presented;
- ◆ The Orientation to Coaching Course incorporated into the curriculum of a number of high schools;
- ◆ Seven Teacher Certificate Courses conducted at University Human Movement departments or by AT&FCA branches;
- ◆ Reciprocal Accreditation recognising qualifications gained overseas awarded to seven foreign coaches now resident in Australia;
- ◆ Established nine Coach Education Panels, in Sprints and Relays, Hurdles, Distance Running, Race Walking, Jumps, Throws, Multiple Events, Coaching Children and Coaching Athletes with a Disability, with 38 coaches involved;
- ◆ The Henri Schubert Memorial Award presented to Craig Hilliard;

- ◆ Appointed three new national coaching consultants - Pat Clohessy, Mike Edwards, and Efim Shuravetsky;
- ◆ The AT&FCA / Athletics Australia Coaching Scholarship introduced and awarded to Robert Medicott to attend the East Asian Games;
- ◆ Supported the Australian Sports Commission's Thanks Coach campaign with awards to more than 30 coaches during the year;
- ◆ Introduced a Correspondence Delivery for the Level I Basic Course;
- ◆ The revised Orientation to Coaching Curriculum conducted in all branches;
- ◆ The revised Level II Curriculum introduced;
- ◆ The Recommended Coaching Scale of Fees reviewed and refined;
- ◆ Two Service Providers licensed to conduct some of the Coach Education and Development Programs;
- ◆ AT&FCA News newsletter presentation and format revised, with four issues throughout the year distributed to all accredited coaches, athletics clubs, Little Athletics Centres, and other athletics organisations;
- ◆ The Modern Athlete & Coach technical journal, edited by Jess Jarver for the 39th year, continuing to increase subscription levels, especially from overseas;
- ◆ Increased the range and content of resources available to coaches (and others) at AT&FCA Office to 162 publications and 20 videos;
- ◆ Coaching Information Centres conducted at the major Australian Track and Field Championships and a number of State Championships.

### *Facilities and Equipment Sub-Commission*

The Facilities and Equipment Sub-Commission provides advice within Athletics Australia on matters pertaining to athletics facilities and equipment. It also liaises with the IAAF on the same matters and occasionally provides advice to outside organisations such as local councils.

During the year the Sub-Commission provided advice on indoor athletic facilities to enable Athletics Australia to assess the viability of existing indoor stadia to conduct the World Indoor Athletics Championships. Comments were

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provided on the Melbourne Olympic Park redevelopment and proposed tracks at Sydney University. Track and Field Safety Guidelines were issued and a proforma for throwing cages was developed. A safety audit of all existing cages is underway. New hammer and discus cage designs for the IAAF were tested at the AIS Stadium, Canberra. Advice to Athletics Australia on equipment and implement purchases is ongoing.

### *High Performance Commission*

The High Performance Commission works with the High Performance department of Athletics Australia to provide additional direction and expertise in the on-going development and administration of the High Performance Plan.

Commission members joined with the Head Coaches of Athletics Programs at the State Institutes and Academies of Sport and the Australian Institute of Sport to form an experienced and highly motivated group supporting the National Program.

The Commission members met with the SIS/SAS/AIS group to deliver a more effective approach to directing the program.

### *Officials' Commission*

The Athletics Australia Officials' Commission is engendered with providing professional development for the National Technical Officials (NTO's) through national courses and seminars, recruitment and education of potential officials and the promotion of NTO's beyond the national level to Area and International Technical level.

The Commission underwent change with the appointment of two new members, making a team of seven. Thanks must be extended to Reg Brandis, who led this Commission through the years preceding the Olympics and Paralympics until this season.

It has been formally acknowledged by the IAAF and the IOC, that the Athletics Australia NTO's are the world leaders in professionalism at international meets. Further to the Olympic and Paralympic Games, this was evidenced at the Goodwill Games in Brisbane and the IAAF Grand Prix Final in Melbourne.

Recruitment of new officials has continued to increase with courses being conducted around the nation, particularly with school teachers. Not only does this raise our numbers, but also ensures that the athletes, within their school systems with whom these people come into contact, understand the rules of competition and have their meets officiated correctly.

The examination papers for all levels of the Athletics Australia NTO system have been updated to include the new IAAF and IPC rules.

Three of our NTO's were added to the International Technical Official panel, five to the Area Technical Officials (walks) and eight passed their level 2 TOECS examinations. These people are to be congratulated for achieving these standards to which all officials can aspire.

We are now preparing for the 2006 Commonwealth Games and endeavouring to recruit, upgrade and retain officials.

Thank you to all NTO's around Australia who spend countless hours in all sorts of weather officiating; to the Commission members and Education Officers thank you for your support, energy and endeavour in continuing to maintain and ever increase the standards to keep the Australian Athletic officials at the forefront of the international stage.

### *Out-of-Stadium Committee*

Due to a range of reasons there was little activity with the Committee over the year. The merging of the old Walking Commission and the Road Running and Cross Country Commission to form this Committee proved unsatisfactory. A proposal to split into two sub-committees in future, a Walks Sub-Committee and a Road Running/Cross Country Sub-Committee, should remedy the situation. It was not possible to arrange a face-to-face meeting of Committee members during the year.

Matters addressed by the Committee during the year included:

- ♦ Assistance with the appointment of a technical delegate for the 2002 World Cross Country selection trial;
- ♦ Advice on appropriate action to be taken in relation to a late requirement to alter the date of the 2002 Australian Cross Country Championships;



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- ♦ Advice on the proposed venue for the 2002 Australian Cross Country Championships;
- ♦ Liaison with the Oceania representative on the IAAF Road Running and Cross Country Commission (Alan Stevens - New Zealand);
- ♦ Recommendation on a proposal to be put to the IAAF in relation to the team scoring system used at World Cross Country Championships;
- ♦ Comments on the published Athletics Australia selection criteria for the 2003 World Cross Country Championships; and
- ♦ Input in relation to a proposal that Athletics Australia bid to host the 2006 World Cross Country Championships.

### *Schools Commission*

The Schools Commission was formed this year following the establishment of the new Athletics Australia Constitution.

Since its inception the Commission has met formally once via teleconference and has maintained an active involvement in Athletics Australia school programs through regular email and standard form correspondence.

Issues on which the Commission has been asked to provide feedback and guidance to Athletics Australia since its inception include the following:

1. IGA Team Athletics roll out program;
2. Development of an IGA Team Athletics hybrid program to facilitate the transition by school aged players into traditional athletics;
3. Promotion and advocacy programs for Athletics Australia school programs; and
4. Adaptation of athletics school programs for remote, regional and indigenous populations.

Current membership of the Schools Commission provides Athletics Australia with access to individuals with significant expertise across education, coaching, athlete and administration areas. This diversity of skills and experience is integral to the value of the Commission and there is every expectation that it will grow in effectiveness over the next 12-month period.

### *Selection Committee*

The Board of Athletics Australia appointed a new panel of selectors in October 2001. The majority are former international athletes with a wide range of championship credentials and personal experiences. They bring a freshness and enthusiasm to the often very difficult task of both preparing selection criteria, and then implementing it in the selection of teams. Not including the road racing teams, the selectors had to prepare criteria for, and select, five teams in 2002.

Various stakeholders, such as the Athletes' Commission and coaches, have requested more detailed, explicit and objective criteria. At the same time, the selectors are conscious of the need to balance this with the opportunity for flexibility and common sense in the inevitable circumstances, which always seem to arise, that do not fit totally into the "square". Coupled with these are the ever-increasing requirements to ensure the legal principles of natural justice are covered when writing and implementing criteria.

The nature of selection means that not everyone will be happy with the outcome. The Australian selectors, as former athletes, understand the tremendous pressures on athletes. Australia's athletes can walk onto the competition arena with the knowledge and confidence that their efforts will be fairly judged.

### *Statistician's Report*

The annual ranking list was published in the 2002 Season Guide as well as the all-time list. Throughout the season I have supplied Athletics Australia with regular national ranking lists as well as results, especially during the peak period of Telstra A-series meets.

The submission of results is now quite fast as well as regular with very few exceptions. The formats vary but essential details are in most cases included such as wind, weight of implements and hurdle heights.

The one major problem that existed was Athletics Australia's web site for rankings. It has been rectified and the rankings now appear in PDF form and can be updated on a more regular basis. The same applies for the all-time lists.



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There are many people involved in the collection of results and they are all acknowledged in the media guide and all rankings that are released.

Paul Jenès

### *Track and Field Commission*

The major work of the Track and Field Commission in the past year was the complete integration of the Open Disability Championships into the Telstra A-championships. This was a major endeavour to try and integrate another 50-70 events into the program and still keep to the four days of the championships. The success of the integration must go to Brian Roe and Scott Goodman who worked hard to achieve a very successful integration.

Another successful feature of the season was the implementation of the U16 girls' 2000m steeplechase. A large number of entries were received for both the IGA All Schools Athletics Championships and the IGA Australian Youth Athletics Championships. This event is now attracting large numbers of young girls and is very competitive. This is a very good sign for Australia as we head toward the 2005 World Championships, when it will become an official event.

The integration of the IGA Australian Youth Athletics Championships with the Telstra A-series meet in Adelaide was very well received - in particular the inclusion of some of the youth finals in the main program. This combining of meets allows the younger athletes to get a feel for the big meets and see Australia's best athletes in competition. The format will again be trialed this coming season in Sydney.

A number of new technologies were also tried very successfully. All AA meets now use an EDM for the measurement of long throws. This not only speeds up the events but also allows many of our officials to be trained on the latest equipment. A new cross country timing system was also tested over the winter and was very successful. This new system will be fully implemented for the following 2003 season.

### *Tribunals*

The tribunals of Athletics Australia are established pursuant to clause 5 of the By-Laws and comprise the Appeals Tribunal, Doping Control Tribunal and the Selection Appeals Tribunal. The Doping Control Tribunal considers all alleged breaches of the Anti-Doping By-Law and the Selection Appeals Tribunal considers all appeals regarding the selection or non-selection of an athlete by a Selection Committee. The By-Laws set out the procedures and composition of each Tribunal.

Since the establishment of the Tribunals in 2001 the only tribunal to have been convened has been the Selection Appeals Tribunal which was convened on three occasions.

Two appeals were heard by the Selection Appeals Tribunal in May 2002 concerning appeals by two individual athletes against their non-selection in the Australian team to compete at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England. The tribunal in each instance was convened expeditiously and the appeals heard within a short period of time thereafter. Each appeal was dismissed.

A third appeal was lodged in May 2002 by an athlete who had been selected in the Australian team to compete in the 2002 World Junior Athletics Championships in one event but wished also to be selected to participate in another event. A tribunal was convened, however, did not proceed to hear the appeal due to the fact that the selectors ultimately selected the athlete in the event concerned after a further selection trial was held. The appeal was therefore withdrawn.

The procedures established by the new Athletics Australia By-Laws for the conduct of appeals has proved effective to date. The administrative assistance provided by the Chief Executive Officer, Simon Allatson, and the staff at Athletics Australia is appreciated as is the assistance of the other members of the Selection Appeals Tribunal who sat on the panel together with myself to hear the selection appeals in May 2002.

David Grace Q.C.



## *In Remembrance*

The athletics family regrets the loss of members to the sport during the year:

### **Graeme Briggs AM** (- 11.05.2002)

It is almost impossible to chronicle Graeme's achievements in sport and his contribution to athletics, in particular. Perhaps the following list goes some way - Life Member of Athletics Tasmania, Athletics Australia and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, President of Athletics Tasmania, President of Athletics Australia, Team Manager of the 1970 Commonwealth Games Track and Field Team, Team Manager of the 1976 Olympic Games Track and Field Team, Team Manager of the Oceania Team to the inaugural World Cup in Athletics. But in fact, this represents only a very small part of Graeme's contribution to the sport.

Graeme was widely respected throughout the world of athletics. He was awarded its Veteran Pin by the international governing body - the IAAF. He played a significant role in bringing to Australia, and then organising, the 1985 World Cup in Athletics held in Canberra. He became a Member in the Order of Australia (AM) for his contribution to sport, in particular to athletics.

He was a sensitive yet fearless reformer. It was Graeme who was chosen by both parties to harmonise the amalgamation in the late 1970's of the men's and women's athletics unions to form what is now Athletics Australia. It was Graeme who broke down the barriers between the amateur and professional codes of athletics in Australia. But it will perhaps be as a technical official and organiser of competitions that he will be most remembered by the Athletics Family.

Graeme was an innovative thinker who ensured that athletics competitions in Australia were organised and conducted as well as any competition anywhere else in the World. It mattered not to Graeme whether it was the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, at which he directed a flawless athletic competition, or weekly interclub in Hobart, his home town - each meeting was just as important and deserved equal commitment in terms of organisation.

"Briggsy", as he was affectionately known to almost everyone with whom he made an acquaintance, was always insistent that every athlete should have their performance recorded and be informed of it as soon as possible after the conclusion of their event. The simple communication system which he used to achieve this in local competitions became the expectation for every meet in the country.

In competition management, he was years ahead of his time. So much so that all major competitions in Australia to this day have been conducted in accordance with his blueprint.

At all times his contribution to sport was in a voluntary capacity. In his professional life he was an accountant, rising to become the Bursar of the University of Tasmania.

Graeme will be fondly remembered by his sport as a man of enormous commitment, knowledge and dedication, and as a wonderful teacher of his craft.

### **Doris Magee (nee Lee) MBE, AM** (21.02.1907 - 04.07.2002)

Doris Magee dedicated over 50 years of her life to the sport of athletics. As a volunteer, Doris did not receive remuneration for her decades of work and was a leader and pioneer of women's track and field athletics in Australia. She was highly recognised for her work by Her Majesty The Queen, the IAAF, the AOC and the ACGA. It is probably fair to class Doris Magee as Australia's first truly influential female sports administrator and a pathfinder extraordinaire for women in sport.

Doris's awards, services and highlights in athletics are numerous: Appointed to the IAAF Women's Committee in 1952 and remained a member for 20 years; Member of the Order of British Empire (MBE) - 1956; awarded the IAAF Veteran Pin in 1972 becoming the second woman to receive the honour; Member of the Order of Australia (AM) - 1980; and Australian Sports Medal - 2000. Doris was the first Manageress for the ACGA in 1938 and is also a Life Member. Doris held the positions at NSW Women's

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Amateur Athletic Association (NSWWAAA) of Honourary Secretary from 1932 - 1959, President 1959 - 1982 and became a Life Member in 1949. She also held positions at the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union (AWAAU) of Honourary Secretary 1937 - 1940 and 1942 - 1978, became a Life Member in 1962 and given the Merit Award in 1971. She was the first chaperone for the Australian Olympic Federation/Committee (AOF/AOC) in 1948 and again in 1960 and in 1980 was awarded the AOF/AOC Olympic Order of Merit.

Doris Magee was the author of the 'Women In Sport' a regular column in the Sydney Sunday Herald and in a 1953 article titled 'More glamour in clothes' she wrote:

"Sportswomen are turning their attention more and more to the introduction of glamour into sportswear and uniforms. The drab schoolgirl uniforms for active competitions are now a thing of the past. Women tennis players made headlines at Wimbledon with their sports attire, and the world's leading dress designers are now giving tennis togs their serious attention. The Australian sporting public demanded 'more glamour for our Olympic girls' ... Now women athletes are turning their attention to brightening up their officials."

The parade dress for the Olympics and Commonwealth Games from 1928 until 1948 had mostly consisted of a white blouse and grey skirt. Two officials Norah Morison and Nell Gould, enlisted the help of Magee to try and change and brighten the uniform. They submitted a gold coloured uniform to the Australian Olympic Federation for consideration. Eventually the uniform was changed and the team received a tremendous ovation at the 1960 Olympics. Magee was again named the Team Chaperone, an archaic title which Magee tried to change to Manageress.

Her life long dedication, commitment and passion for athletics has been remarkable.

### **Amy Bremer**

Amy Bremer was Australia's first national women's 220 yards. Amy won in 1933 in a time of 26.1. She finished 3rd in 1935 and 1936.

### **Owen Davies** (13.03.1909 - 16.10.2001)

Owen was an athlete who competed mainly in field events. He joined the St Stephens Hawthorn Club in the 1930's, was a Committee Member from 1945, appointed Vice President in 1953 and elected as a Life Member of the Club in 1962.

Owen was a top official and held the position of Secretary of the Athletics Victoria Interclub Competition for a number of years. Owen was appointed a Life Member of Athletics Victoria in 1958 in recognition of his services.

### **Denis Gray** (- 30.05.2002)

Denis became involved in athletics with his elder daughter Elizabeth and offered to be an official with the Hills Little Athletics group when Liz first began competing in 1976. Later when Liz competed at ES Marks, Denis became an NSW official working quietly but efficiently in the photo finish area. The highlight of his time as an official was the weeks spent at the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games, where his skills were put to good use as an EDM operator.

### **Trevor Huxley** (20.08.1930 - 01.10.2001)

Trevor was an official of the NSW Athletics for 30 years and made a valuable contribution to athletics in NSW, not only at local club events but also interstate and internationally. Trevor commenced officiating in 1972, initially carrying out duties such as timekeeping, place judging, and walk judging. He performed similar tasks with the NSW Race Walking Club, where he was a handicapper up until 1991. Trevor's dedication to athletics was exceptional.





## *... In Remembrance*

### **Ray Kenny** (25.12.1922 - 15.07.2001)

Ray's interest in Athletics commenced when his son, Leigh, began his association with the De La Salle Old Collegians Amateur Athletic Club about 1972. Ray became involved in the Club, firstly as a timekeeper, and then as a Club Official. During his association with the Club, he also performed the very important role of Secretary during the Club's formative years. His long association with this club, about 30 years, also earned him a Life Membership with them.

Ray also became involved with the then VAAA and continued throughout to Athletics Victoria. He attended and officiated at many local, state, and national competitions. After retiring Ray became totally dedicated to athletics. There was an accumulation of something like 25 years service with athletics associations, for which he received a Merit Award.

### **Joseph Francis (Frank) McCaffrey** (04.11.1919 - 19.03.2002)

The grandfather of running for fun and fitness, born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, he moved to Australia in 1947 after spending four years as a POW during WWII. Fitness became the basis of Frank McCaffrey's life at a relatively young age. He took up running longer distances as a teenager after discovering his talent for distance running in the Royal Navy.

He founded the Nowra Athletic Club and later joined the Western Suburbs AAC. Frank ran in many of the world's major marathons - Berlin, London, New York, San Francisco and Sydney.

### **John McNamara** (08.04.61-21.01.2002)

John represented Australia at the 1987 Universiade where he finished tenth in the shot put with 15.99m. John was second at the National Championships on three occasions (1987, 1993 and 1995) in the shot put and was third in the discus in 1979. John had a best of 18.39m in Brisbane in 1986.

### **Keith Pardon** (16.03.1912 - 15.02.2002)

The 12-time NSW hammer throw champion represented Australia at the 1938 Commonwealth Games (2nd with 45.13m and 5th in discus with 39.73m) and 1950 Commonwealth Games (2nd with 47.84m and 4th in discus with 41.10m). Keith was national hammer champion on six occasions between 1937 and 1955 and was discus champion on five occasions. His bests were discus throw - 44.32m in 1953 and hammer throw - 49.52m in 1952.

### **Myer Rosenblum** (- 21.04.2002)

Myer Rosenblum was a Patron of Sydney University Athletic Club and one of its greatest athletes and supporters. A 1938 Commonwealth Games representative, he was National Hammer champion in 1934 and 1936. He was fifth in the 1938 Commonwealth Games with 41.39m. He also represented Australian in rugby and was a patron of the Sydney University Athletic Club. He was 95 years old.

### **Richard A Turner** (14.12.1908 - 29.05.2002)

Richard Turner registered with Victorian Amateur Athletic Association in January 1925 and competed for several years in cross country and track events, performing well as a middle distance runner. When Dick was no longer involved in club competition he became an official and gained VAAA qualifications as a timekeeper, finish judge and in administration and remained actively involved until he was in his eighties. He was an official lap scorer at the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

Dick was appointed Vice President of St Stephens Harriers in 1960 and was awarded Life Memberships to St Stephens Harriers in 1973 and to Athletics Victoria in 1986 after 50 years service.

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# Australian Records

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>STATE/COUNTRY</i>	<i>PERF.</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>VENUE</i>
<b>MEN</b>					
<b>1500 METRES</b>					
Aust U16	Tyson Mahon	VIC	3.53.7 hand	15/11/2001	Melbourne
Aust Allcomers	Hicham El Guerrouj	MAR	3.31.25	09/09/2001	Melbourne
<b>5000 METRES</b>					
Aust National	Craig Mottram	VIC	13.12.04	07/03/2002	Melbourne
Aust National Indoor	Mark Tucker	VIC	14.10.57	26/01/2002	Indianapolis
<b>3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE</b>					
Aust Allcomers	Brahim Boulami	MAR	8.16.14	09/09/2001	Melbourne
Aust Allcomers	Brahim Boulami	MAR	8.17.73	05/09/2001	Brisbane
<b>20000 METRES TRACK WALK</b>					
Aust National & Allcomers	Nathan Deakes	VIC	1.19.48.1	04/09/2001	Brisbane
<b>20KM ROAD WALK (BEST ON RECORD)</b>					
Aust National & Com'wealth	Nathan Deakes	VIC	1.18.14	16/06/2001	Dublin
<b>POLE VAULT</b>					
Aust National & Com'wealth	Dmitri Markov	WA	6.05	09/08/2001	Edmonton
Aust National	Dmitri Markov	WA	5.95=	20/07/2001	Monte Carlo
<b>LONG JUMP</b>					
Aust U18	John Thornell	NSW	7.78	07/03/2002	Melbourne
Aust U18	John Thornell	NSW	7.69=	08/02/2002	Canberra
Aust U18	John Thornell	NSW	7.69	07/12/2001	Melbourne
<b>SHOT PUT</b>					
Aust U20 (6kg)	Scott Martin	VIC	19.78	08/12/2001	Melbourne
<b>DISCUS THROW</b>					
Aust U20 (1.75kg)	Timothy Driesen	VIC	57.38	13/04/2002	Brisbane
<b>HAMMER THROW</b>					
Aust Allcomers	Koji Murofushi	JPN	82.94	07/09/2001	Brisbane
Aust National & Com'wealth	Stuart Rendell	ACT	78.93	15/07/2001	Szombathely
Aust National & Com'wealth	Stuart Rendell	ACT	78.90	03/07/2001	Szombathely
<b>JAVELIN THROW</b>					
Aust U20	Oliver Dziubak	WA	75.90	30/12/2001	Perth
<b>DECATHLON</b>					
Aust U20	Stephen Cain	VIC	7023 pts	12/04/2002	Brisbane
Aust U18 (Combined Event)	Jason Dudley	QLD	7419 pts	14/10/2001	Brisbane
<b>OCTATHLON</b>					
Aust U18	Jason Dudley	QLD	5997pts	13/07/2001	Hungary



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<b>WOMEN</b>					
<b>1500 METRES</b>					
Aust Allcomers	Violeta Szekely	ROM	4.03.46	09/09/2001	Melbourne
<b>5000 METRES</b>					
Aust National	Benita Johnson (Willis)	ACT	15.01.44	11/05/2002	Osaka
Aust National	Benita Willis (Johnson)	ACT	15.04.18	13/07/2001	Oslo
<b>90 METRES HURDLES</b>					
Aust U16	Sally McLellan	QLD	12.51	09/12/2001	Melbourne
Aust U16	Sally McLellan	QLD	12.83	08/12/2001	Melbourne
<b>100 METRES HURDLES</b>					
Aust Allcomers	Gail Devers	USA	12.61	04/09/2001	Brisbane
<b>200 METRES HURDLES</b>					
Aust U16	Sally McLellan	QLD	28.15	26/10/2001	Brisbane
<b>3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE</b>					
Aust National, Allcomers, World Junior & Com'wealth	Melissa Rollison	QLD	9.30.70	04/09/2001	Brisbane
<b>4X100 METRES RELAY</b>					
Aust U16	J Boyd, S McLellan, M Cutmore, R Reuter	QLD	46.25	07/12/2001	Melbourne
<b>HIGH JUMP</b>					
Aust U18	Petrina Price	NSW	1.90=	08/12/2001	Melbourne
<b>LONG JUMP</b>					
Aust National & Com'wealth	Bronwyn Thompson	QLD	7.00	07/03/2002	Melbourne
Aust National	Bronwyn Thompson	QLD	6.88	07/09/2001	Brisbane
<b>TRIPLE JUMP</b>					
Aust National	Nicole Mladenis	WA	14.04	09/03/2002	Hobart
<b>HAMMER THROW</b>					
Aust National & Com'wealth	Bronwyn Eagles	NSW	69.65=	11/04/2002	Brisbane
Aust National & Com'wealth	Bronwyn Eagles	NSW	69.65	23/03/2002	Adelaide
Aust National & Com'wealth	Bronwyn Eagles	NSW	69.38	10/02/2002	Campbelltown
Aust Allcomers & World Junior	Kamila Skolimowska	POL	71.71	09/09/2001	Melbourne
Aust National & Com'wealth	Bronwyn Eagles	NSW	68.87	07/08/2001	Edmonton
<b>JAVELIN THROW</b>					
Aust U20	Kathryn Mitchell	VIC	54.96	01/12/2001	Ballarat
Aust U20 & Aust U18	Kimberly Mickle	WA	51.83	14/07/2001	Hungary
Aust U18	Kimberly Mickle	WA	51.21	14/07/2001	Hungary



## Australian Rankings

### World top 50 ranked Australian athletes in 2001

This list is based on the new IAAF World Rankings, which are merit, rather than just performance based. Note road events are not included in this list on the IAAF World Rankings, therefore road athletes have been included on the basis of their IAAF performance ranking:

1st	Dmitri Markov	Pole Vault	33rd	Paul Burgess	Pole Vault
3rd	Bronwyn Eagles	Hammer	33rd	Nova Peris	400m
3rd	Nathan Deakes	20km Walk	34th	Blair Young	400m Hurdles
3rd	Nathan Deakes *	50km Walk	34th	Georgie Clarke	1500m
4th	Tatiana Grigorieva	Pole Vault	35th	Patrick Johnson	100m
9th	Viktor Chistiakov	Pole Vault	36th	Craig Mottram *	5000m (10,000m)
9th	Andrew Murphy	Triple Jump	36th	Jacquie Munro	100m Hurdles
14th	Peter Burge	Long Jump	36th	Lee Troop	Marathon
15th	Bronwyn Thompson	Long Jump	37th	Jana Pittman	400m Hurdles
16th	Jane Jamieson	Heptathlon	37th	Kris McCarthy	800m
17th	Matt Shirvington	100m	39th	Patrick Johnson *	200m
17th	Stuart Rendell	Hammer	39th	Nicole Boegman	Long Jump
17th	Andrew Currey	Javelin	39th	Jane Saville	20km Walk
17th	Benita Johnson (Willis)	5000m (10,000m)	41st	Lauren Hewitt *	100m
17th	Sonia Brito	400m Hurdles	41st	Kym Howe	Pole Vault
20th	Lauren Hewitt	200m	42nd	Kyle Vander Kuyp	110m Hurdles
21st	Alison Lever	Discus	42nd	Rachael Dacy	Pole Vault
22nd	Tamsyn Lewis	800m	42nd	Rohan Robinson	400m Hurdles
23rd	Craig Mottram	1500m	43rd	Sharon Cripps	200m
23rd	Karyne Di Marco	Hammer	44th	Michael Power	5000m-10,000m
25th	Kerryn McCann	Marathon	45th	Liam Murphy	50km Walk
29th	Adrian Hatcher	Javelin	47th	Mandy Heath	Heptathlon
31st	Justin Anlezark	Shot Put	47th	Shermin Oksuz	Long Jump
31st	Patrick Dwyer	400m	48th	Nicole Mladenis	Triple Jump
31st	Nick Moroney	High Jump	48th	Darren Bown	50km Walk
33rd	Grant Cremer	800m			

\* Ranked higher in another event.



## *Athletics International Trust*

The Athletics International (AI) Trust supports the growth and development of the sport by offering grants to individual athletes, organisations and other athletics participants such as coaches. Athletics Australia supports this program.

Scholarships are awarded annually. Owing to the use of Athletics Australia's web site, the AI Trust received a record number of applications from athletics participants from across Australia. The AI Trust was especially pleased about both the number of applicants and the quality of their performances. This made the task of allocating grants rather difficult, and in the main the AI Trust selected promising young athletes.

A number of athletes received grants:

Jacinta Boyd	Queensland
Sonia Brito	Victoria
Stephen Cain	Victoria
Andrew Cameron	Queensland
Kimberley Crow	Victoria
Scott Crowe	Australian Capital Territory
Fiona Cullen	Queensland
Lee Derby (coach)	Western Australia
Sarah Dosen	Victoria
Katerina Dressler	Victoria
Jason Dudley	Queensland
Shawn Forrest	Victoria
Michael Hazel	Victoria

Fabrice Lapiere	New South Wales
Joshua Lodge	New South Wales
Cecilia McIntosh	Victoria
Brian Neighbour (coach)	Victoria
Gabrielle Neighbour	Victoria
Peter Nowill	Queensland
Shermin Oksuz	Western Australia
Paul Peulich	Victoria
Ryan Purcell	Western Australia
Clare Thompson	Victoria
Sean Wroe	Victoria
Wendy Young	South Australia



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## *Trust for Young Australians*

The Trust for Young Australians is an organisation dedicated to working in partnership with a range of agencies to provide opportunities for young Australians to pursue their academic and sporting ambitions.

Athletics Australia, in partnership with the Trust for Young Australians, initiated the Trust for Young Australians Athletics Scholarship program in 2001. The objective of the Trust Athletics Scholarship is to support talented athletes under the age of 18 years to maintain their involvement in athletics when economic or geographical circumstances may otherwise preclude this. In its inaugural year ten scholarships were awarded to a value of \$5000.

In 2002 the funds available were doubled following the success of the program in year one. The Trust Athletics Scholarship is jointly funded by Athletics Australia and the Trust for Young Australians and administered by Athletics Australia.

During the period 1 January to 30 June 2002, 12 athletes have received Trust Athletics Scholarships consisting of both direct financial support and the provision of athletic footwear and apparel provided by Athletics Australia's category partner, New Balance.

With the Trust Athletics Scholarship program growing in effectiveness the Trust for Young Australians is hopeful of increasing the scholarship total value again next year so that more young athletes are able to access the resources needed for them to continue their progress along the athletics development pathway.



Stuart Rendell at Telstra A-zone, Perth





## Ron Clarke Foundation

The criteria for the Ron Clarke Foundation grants was changed in 2001 from being reviewed biannually to annually. At the request of Ron Clarke it was agreed by the committee to call for applications by April 30th each year.

This meant that in April 2002 a year had elapsed since the last review.

The committee consisted of Ron Clarke (Chairperson), Trevor Vincent and Andrew Faichney - deputising for Pam Turney who was on leave.

There were a total of 25 applicants and of these 15 were male and 10 female. Applicants included five senior internationals and five members of the World Junior Athletics team.

Twelve grants was approved; these were made up of three of \$1000 and nine of \$500 making a total of \$7,500.

Libby Allen	Victoria	Geoffrey Davis	New South Wales
Werna Botha	Queensland	Martin Dent	Australian Capital Territory
Erryn Boxall	Western Australia	Brad Dyson	Tasmania
Lachlan Chisholm	New South Wales	Jacinta Lynn	Victoria
Vicki Collins	Queensland	Haley McGregor	Victoria
Nic Davidson	Tasmania	Anna Thompson	Victoria



Anna Thompson, Haley McGregor, Natalie Harvey and Benita Johnson at IAAF Cross Country meet in Dublin, Ireland

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## Life Members

The following individuals have been recognised for their significant contributions to the sport of athletics in Australia and are Life Members of Athletics Australia:

<i>NAME</i>	<i>YEAR ELECTED</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>YEAR ELECTED</i>
C Ronald Aitken CBE *	1965	Doris Magee AM MBE *	1962
John Bailey AM	1995	Margaret Mahoney OAM	1997
Thomas C Blue AM BEM *	1980	Allen McDonald QC	1993
Joyce Bonwick OAM	1978	Stella McMinn AM JP	1992
Graeme Briggs AM JP *	1990	Maisey McQuiston BEM *	1971
Gwen Bull OAM *	1962	Fred Napier OAM	1992
Margaret Cahill OAM *	1972	Lillian Neville OAM *	1962
H George Carruthers MBE *	1977	Brenda Pearl OAM	1992
Gwen Chester	1998	Mabel Robinson MBE *	1973
Leonard Curnow OBE *	1968	Noel Ruddock AM	1989
Mavis Ebzery OAM *	1967	George Soper *	1969
C Herbert Gardiner QJM *	1974	George Tempest	1994
Nell Gould OAM BEM *	1962	F Theo Treacy OBE *	1968
Robert Graham OBE *	1968	Hugh R Wier CBE *	1957
Arthur Hodsdon MBE *	1965	Doris Wilson *	1964
Norman Hutton *	1968	Denis Wilson AM	1997
Paul Jenés	1995	Flo Wrighter OAM BEM	1986
Clive Lee AM	1984		

\* Deceased



## *Directors'* **Biographies** *Athletics Australia - Board of Directors*



### ***Andrew Forrest*** *Chairman*

Andrew Forrest was previously the founding Chief Executive of Anaconda Nickel Limited. Anaconda launched the \$1.5 billion Murrin Murrin Nickel/Cobalt operations, now one of Australia's largest and most exciting resource industries. Andrew was also formerly a director of the Australian Government's Export, Finance and Insurance Corporation, known as EFIC. During that time he held Chairman and other senior positions in the Investment Banking industry prior to founding Anaconda and was a Director of the WA Chamber of Minerals & Energy. He now manages private funds and is involved in charities.



### ***Ken Roche*** *Deputy Chairman*

Ken Roche was a dual Commonwealth Games 440y hurdles champion in Perth in 1962 and Kingston in 1966. He was also a semi finalist at the Olympic Games in Tokyo. In business, Ken is the Chairman of Roche Holdings, Director of Downer Group Limited.



### ***William (Bill) Bailey***

Bill Bailey is the Oceania Area Representative on the International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF) Council. He is also the Executive Director of the Oceania Athletic Association (OAA) and was Athletics Competition Manager for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. A former schoolteacher, Bill moved into sport as the Manager of Policy and International Relations at the Australian Sports Commission. His involvement in athletics started as a volunteer at the 1985 World Cup in Athletics in Canberra and his athletics career has included team management positions on many senior and junior Australian teams.



### ***Elaine Canty***

Elaine Canty has a solid background in sports journalism and administration. She worked for six years as a sports broadcaster and journalist with ABC Radio and Television, and from 1990 - 1996 presented a daily current affairs and lifestyle program on ABC Radio. Elaine is a Foundation Director of the Victorian Institute of Sport, and is currently a Board member of VicHealth, Women's and Children's Health (Royal Women's and Royal Children's Hospitals in Victoria), the Queen Victoria Market and Melbourne 2002 World Masters Games and is Deputy Chair of the Royal Botanic Gardens. A lawyer and businesswoman, Elaine is also a member of the AFL Tribunal.



### ***Paul Kennedy***

Paul Kennedy is the Vice President of Marketing with Carlton & United Breweries Ltd. He has held senior marketing and sales positions in the USA, Asia, NZ and Australia in the soft drink and beer industries. He is also a Board member of the Australian Association of National Advertisers (AANA) since 1996 and was elected its Chairman in 2000.



### ***Russell Scrimshaw***

Russell Scrimshaw leads Technology, Operations and Procurement as a Group Executive with the Commonwealth Bank Group and was previously the Director of Marketing for Optus Communications.

Russell led the development and implementation of the Optus Brand and products.

Throughout his career, Russell has held several broad business leadership and directorship roles with emphasis on marketing, strategic planning and general management in Australia, Asia and the USA.

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William (Bill) Bailey (IAAF Council Member)  
Elaine Canty  
Paul Kennedy  
Russell Scrimshaw

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Jason Hellwig

#### **Finance and Administration Director and Company Secretary**

John Hamilton

#### **Head Coach**

Keith Connor

#### **High Performance Manager**

Kathryn Periac

#### **Team Management Manager**

Mandy Robinson (to April 2002)

#### **Paralympic Program Manager**

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Samantha Culbert (part-time to July 2001)

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Alex Trewin (from June 2002)

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#### **Development Manager**

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#### **Finance Officer**

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#### **High Performance Officer**

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#### **Marketing Co-ordinator**

Tom Bills (from January 2002)

#### **Australian Athletics Federation Co-ordinator**

Margaret Mahony (from June 2002)





## *Athletics Australia Directory*

### **Personal Assistants**

Margaret Mahony (to June 2002)  
Dayna Metropolis  
Jan Tyrrell

### **Front Office Manager/Receptionist**

Janet Fitch

## ***Solicitors***

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## ***Bankers***

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Business Banking Centre Melbourne West  
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Footscray VIC 3011

## ***Auditors***

Ernst & Young  
120 Collins Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

## ***National Statistician***

Paul Jenés

## ***National Records Officer***

Ronda Jenkins

## ***Commissions and Committees***

### **Anti-Doping Commission**

Dr Chris Bradshaw (Chair)  
Dr Lee Naylor  
Dion Russell

### **Athletes' Commission**

Lee Naylor (Chair)  
Simon Hollingsworth (Deputy Chair)  
Susan Andrews  
Simon Baker  
Chris Carroll  
Nathan Deakes  
Melinda Gainsford-Taylor  
Susan Hobson

### **Athletics Participation Committee**

Simon Allatson (Chair)  
Dave Cundy  
Don Griffin  
Stephen Hite  
Steve Manning  
Des Paul  
Stan Perkins  
Garth Prowd  
Terry O'Halloran  
Chris Robb  
Ron Smith  
Peter Stewart

### **Coaching Commission**

Peter Bowman (Chair)  
Keith Connor  
Joan Cross OAM  
Marjorie McNamara  
Chris Nunn  
Tony Rice  
Harry Summers  
John Weeks

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**Facilities and Equipment Sub-Commission**

Phil O'Hara (Chair)  
Greg Gilbert  
John Hamann  
Grant McKay  
Denis Wilson  
Graeme Watson

**High Performance Commission**

Keith Connor (Chair)  
Nathan Deakes  
Craig Hilliard  
Steve Lemke  
Chris Nunn  
Tony Rice

**Officials' Commission**

Lorraine Morgan (Chair)  
Reg Brandis  
Janelle Eldridge  
Yvonne Mullins  
Helen Roberts  
Brian Roe  
Chris Wilson

**Out-of-Stadium Committee**

Trevor Vincent (Chair)  
Robert Cruise  
Nathan Deakes  
Robert De Castella  
Tim Erickson  
Susan Hobson  
Chris Wardlaw

**Schools Commission**

John Patchett (Chair)  
Kirsteen Farrance  
Marg Koenen  
Jodi Lambert  
Lorraine Morgan

**Selection Committee - Track and Field**

Keith Connor (Chair)  
David Culbert  
Michael Hillardt  
Glynis Nunn-Cearns  
Pam Turney

**Selection Committee - Road Walking, Road Running, Relays and Cross Country**

Keith Connor (Chair)  
John Andrews  
Simon Baker  
Pam Turney

**Track and Field Commission**

Khan Sharp (Chair)  
Greg Bowman  
Rachael Dacy  
Peter Hamilton  
Chris Nunn  
Brian Roe  
Tracey Shephard

**Tribunals**

David Grace QC (Chair)  
Ralph Doubell  
Steve Hatton  
Jamie Nettleton  
Mark Rosenburg  
Khan Sharp

**Financial  
Report** for the Year Ended 30 June 2002

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## *Directors'* **Report**

Your Directors present their report on the company for the year ended 30 June 2002.

The names of Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

J A H Forrest (Chairman)  
K J Roche (Deputy Chairman)  
W F Bailey  
E S V Canty  
P R Kennedy  
R J Scrimshaw

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

The principal activity of the company in the course of the financial year was the organisation of athletics. No significant change in the nature of the activity occurred during the year.

The net profit of the company for the financial year was \$26,156 (2001: \$588,540).

Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

No dividend has been paid or declared since the commencement of the financial year.

During the financial year the company conducted national championships in various disciplines of athletics and sent a representative team to compete in the World Championships, World Youth Games and World University Games.

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

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

The company will continue with its normal activities of conducting national championships and organising various teams to compete in the Commonwealth Games and other international events.

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.



**... Directors' Report**

**Information on Directors**

The total number of directors' meetings held during the financial year was: 5

***J Andrew Forrest, Chairman***

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*Qualifications*                      B.A.  
Member of Institute of Mining & Metallurgy  
Member of Australian Institute of Company Directors  
Member of Society of Senior Executives

*Experience*                              Deputy Chairman, Managing Director and Chief Executive of  
Anaconda Nickel Limited

***Kenneth J Roche, Deputy Chairman***

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*Qualifications*                      Fellow of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology  
Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia  
Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy  
Chartered Professional Engineer

*Experience*                              Chairman of Roche Holdings Pty Ltd  
36 years corporate experience  
1964 Tokyo Olympics – 400m, 400m hurdles  
1962/66 Commonwealth Games – 400m hurdles dual gold medallist

***William (Bill) F Bailey***

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*Qualifications*                      B.A.

*Experience*                              Executive Director of the Oceania Amateur Athletic Association,  
Competition Manager Athletics, Sydney Organising Committee for Olympic Games  
30 years teaching and sports management experience

***Elaine S V Canty***

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*Qualifications*                      B.A., LL.B.

*Experience*                              Lawyer, Broadcaster and Journalist

***Paul R Kennedy***

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*Qualifications*                      B. Com., Master of Commerce (Hons)

*Experience*                              VP Marketing, Carlton & United Breweries  
20 years corporate experience

***Russell J Scrimshaw***

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*Qualifications*                      Diploma of Business Studies  
Member of Australian Society of Accountants

*Experience*                              Head – Technology, Operations and Property, CBA  
30 years corporate experience

*... Directors' Report*

***Meetings of Directors***

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Meetings Held</i>	<i>Meetings Attended</i>
Andrew Forrest	5	4
Kenneth Roche	5	4
William Bailey	5	3
Elaine Canty	5	4
Paul Kennedy	5	3
Russell Scrimshaw	5	5

The company has not, during or since the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company or a related body corporate:

indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability incurred as an officer, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or

paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability incurred as an officer for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings;

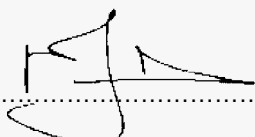
with the exception of the following matter:

The company has paid a premium of \$4,235 representing a group policy to insure all company directors against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the company other than conduct involving a willful breach of duty in relation to the company.

No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report.

No person has applied for Leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director  .....

Director  .....

Date: 22 October 2002

**Statement of Financial  
Performance** for the Year Ended 30 June 2002

	<i>Note</i>	<i>Company and Consolidated 2002 \$</i>	<i>Company 2001 \$</i>
<b>Revenues from ordinary activities</b>			
Revenues from operating activities	3	11,962,382	6,856,274
Revenues from outside operating activities	3	20,807	26,020
		11,983,189	6,882,294
Competition expenses		(4,688,963)	(1,491,046)
High Performance expenses		(3,442,648)	(2,533,858)
Development expenses		(1,318,476)	(585,920)
Marketing and Media expenses		(1,349,555)	(775,651)
Administration expenses		(1,157,391)	(907,279)
		26,156	588,540
<b>Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense</b>		26,156	588,540
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities		-	-
		26,156	588,540
<b>Net profit</b>		26,156	588,540
Increase in asset revaluation reserve		-	373,419
		-	373,419
<b>Total valuation adjustments recognised directly in equity</b>		-	373,419

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of financial performance.

## Statement of Financial Position *as at 30 June 2002*

	Note	<i>Company and Consolidated 2002</i> \$	<i>Company 2001</i> \$
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash assets	24 (b)	386,306	421,717
Receivables	5	1,380,394	1,405,513
Other financial assets	6	-	1,000,000
Inventories	7	92,152	109,874
Other	8	912,204	341,471
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>2,771,056</u>	<u>3,278,575</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	9	1,341,986	1,290,761
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<u>1,341,986</u>	<u>1,290,761</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>4,113,042</u>	<u>4,569,336</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables	10	2,210,504	2,693,839
Interest bearing liabilities	16 (b)	22,870	30,113
Provisions	11	76,299	49,317
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<u>2,309,673</u>	<u>2,773,269</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Interest bearing liabilities	16 (b)	48,395	63,749
Provisions	11	9,500	13,000
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<u>57,895</u>	<u>76,749</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>2,367,568</u>	<u>2,850,018</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,745,474</u>	<u>1,719,318</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Reserves	12	421,280	421,280
Retained profits	13	1,324,194	1,298,038
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>1,745,474</u>	<u>1,719,318</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of financial position.



**Statement of  
Cash Flows** for the Year Ended 30 June 2002

	<i>Note</i>	<i>Company and Consolidated 2002 \$</i>	<i>Company 2001 \$</i>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from all sources		11,987,501	5,988,180
Payments to suppliers and employees		(12,800,073)	(4,544,567)
Interest received		20,807	14,884
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	24 (a)	(791,765)	1,458,497
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(221,049)	(262,511)
(Payments for)/proceeds from investments		1,000,000	(963,810)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities</b>		778,951	(1,226,321)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from/(repayment of) finance leases		(22,597)	93,862
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>		(22,592)	93,862
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>		(35,411)	326,038
<b>Cash at the beginning of the financial year</b>		421,717	95,679
<b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>	24 (b)	386,306	421,717

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of cash flows.

*Notes to the Financial*  
**Statements** for the Year Ended 30 June 2002

**Note 1. Corporate Information**

Athletics Australia is a company limited by guarantee that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The registered office of Athletics Australia is located at Suite 22 Fawkner Towers, 431 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, Victoria 3004.

The principal activity during the year was the organisation of athletics.

The entity employed 26 employees as of 30 June 2002 (2001: 24 employees).

**Note 2. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of accounting**

This financial report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, which includes applicable Accounting Standards. Other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) have also been complied with.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, except for certain assets, which are at valuation.

**Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements are those of the consolidated entity, comprising Athletics Australia and all entities that Athletics Australia controlled from time to time during the year and at balance date.

Information from the financial statements of the subsidiaries is included from the date Athletics Australia obtains control until such time as control ceases and consolidated financial statements reflect results for that part of the reporting period Athletics Australia has control.

The financial statements of subsidiaries are prepared for the same period as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies.

All inter-company balances and transactions are eliminated in full.

As the subsidiaries have not operated since incorporation, company and consolidated financial statements are identical.

**Change in accounting policies**

Accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

**Cash**

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks, and money market investments readily convertible to cash within two working days, net of outstanding bank overdrafts, call deposits with banks or financial institutions.

**Trade and other receivables**

Trade and other receivables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less any provision for doubtful debts. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off as incurred.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

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**Note 2. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Inventories**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Costs incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition for finished goods represent cost of material and other incidental costs.

**Other assets**

Other assets comprise the following:

- (i) TV production costs that cover the years ending 30 June 2003 and 2004 that have been treated as a prepayment; and
- (ii) Expenditure that relates to overseas team representation at World Junior Championships and Commonwealth Games that has been treated as a deferred cost.

**Recoverable amount**

Non-current assets are written down to their recoverable amount when the carrying amount of the asset is greater than the assets' recoverable amount. Where a group of assets working together supports the generation of net cash inflows relevant to the determination of recoverable amount, the net cash inflows are estimated for the relevant group of assets and the recoverable amount test is applied to the carrying amount of that group of assets.

**Property, plant and equipment**

Property is valued at independent valuation and plant and equipment is included at cost. All assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the company.

Major depreciation periods are:

	2002	2001
Freehold buildings	40 years	40 years
Plant and equipment	3 to 10 years	3 to 10 years
Infrastructure	3 years	3 years

**Leases**

Leases are classified at their inception as either operating or finance leases based on the economic substance of the agreement so as to reflect the risks and benefits incidental to ownership.

**Operating Leases**

The minimum lease payments of operating leases, where the lessor effectively retains substantially all of the risks and benefits of ownership of the leased item, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis.

**Finance Leases**

Leases which effectively transfer substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased item to the company are capitalised at the present value of the minimum lease payments and disclosed as plant and equipment under lease. A lease liability of equal value is also recognised.

Capitalised lease assets are depreciated over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the assets and the lease term. Minimum lease payments are allocated between interest expense and reduction of the lease liability with the interest expense calculated using the interest rate implicit in the lease and charged directly to the statement of financial performance.

... *Notes to the Financial Statements*  
for the Year Ended 30 June 2002

**Note 2. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

***Trade and other payables***

Liabilities for trade creditors and other amounts are carried at cost which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the company.

***Unearned revenue***

The amount of \$300,107 recorded as a current liability "unearned income" at balance date, comprises sponsorship advances of \$300,107 that have not been acquitted at balance date (refer to Note 10).

***Interest bearing liabilities***

Finance lease liability is determined in accordance with the requirements of AASB 1008 "Leases".

***Revenue recognition***

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

- Sale of Goods - Control of the goods has passed to the buyer;
- Grants - Grants are recognised on an accruals basis in order that they are brought to account in the accounting period to which they relate;
- Interest - Control of a right to receive consideration for the provision of, or investment in, assets has been attained.

***Employee entitlements***

Provision is made for employee entitlement benefits accumulated as a result of employees rendering services up to the reporting date. These benefits include wages and salaries, annual leave, and long service leave.

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave, and any other employee entitlements expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts. All other employee entitlement liabilities are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. In determining the present value of future cash outflows, the interest rates attaching to government guaranteed securities, which have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related liability, are used.

Employee entitlements, expenses and revenues arising in respect of the following categories:

- Wages and salaries, non-monetary benefits, annual leave, long service leave, sick leave and other leave entitlements; and
- Other types of employee entitlements

are charged against profits on a net basis in their respective categories.

***Income tax***

The company is exempt from income tax under the provisions of item 1.4 of Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.



*Notes to the Financial Statements*

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**Note 2. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Foreign currency transactions**

Foreign currency transactions during the period are converted to Australian currency at the rates of exchange applicable at the dates of the transactions. Amounts receivable and payable in foreign currencies at balance date are converted to the rates of exchange ruling at that date.

The gains and losses from conversion of short-term assets and liabilities, whether realised or unrealised, are included in operating profit before income tax as they arise.

**Note 3. Revenues from Ordinary Activities**

	<i>Company and Consolidated 2002</i>	<i>Company 2001</i>
	\$	\$
<b>Revenues from operating activities</b>		
Australian Sports Commission	3,078,114	2,177,186
Australian Olympic Committee	225,000	200,500
Australian Paralympic Committee	430,591	113,773
Australian Commonwealth Games Association	363,000	54,000
ATSIC	150,000	-
IAAF - Grant	232,522	200,390
Sponsorship	3,583,560	2,934,920
Competition revenue	499,762	806,584
IAAF Grand Prix Final	2,834,045	-
Entry fees - championships	78,870	48,029
Running Australia	5,327	-
Capitations	150,000	150,000
Athlete and team levies	160,761	84,829
Permit fees	-	5,247
Merchandising	70,707	36,411
Other	100,123	44,405
	<u>11,962,382</u>	<u>6,856,274</u>
<b>Revenue from outside operating activities</b>		
Interest received other persons	20,807	14,884
Foreign exchange gain	-	11,136
	<u>20,807</u>	<u>26,020</u>
<b>Total revenues from ordinary activities</b>	<u>11,983,189</u>	<u>6,882,294</u>

... *Notes to the Financial Statements*  
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	<i>Company and Consolidated 2002</i>	<i>Company 2001</i>
	\$	\$

***Note 4. Expenses and Losses/(Gains)***

**Expenses**

**Depreciation of non-current assets**

Buildings	23,750	15,797
Plant and equipment	41,020	44,415
	<hr/> 64,770	<hr/> 60,212

**Amortisation of non-current assets**

Leased assets	30,742	-
Infrastructure	74,312	-
	<hr/> 105,054	<hr/> -

**Total depreciation and amortisation expenses**

	<hr/> 169,824	<hr/> 60,212
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**Borrowing costs expensed**

Interest paid to unrelated persons	10,625	4,823
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**Other expense items**

Operating lease rentals	30,108	2,511
Increase in provision for doubtful debts	24,545	-
	<hr/> 24,545	<hr/> -

***Note 5. Receivables (Current)***

Trade debtors	1,260,816	1,200,940
Provision for doubtful debts	(45,000)	(20,455)
Other debtors	52,078	87,443
Accrued grant income	112,500	123,750
Prepayments	-	13,835
	<hr/> 1,380,394	<hr/> 1,405,513

Terms and conditions relating to the above financial instruments  
Credit sales are on seven (7) day terms.

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*Notes to the Financial Statements*

*for the Year Ended 30 June 2002*

	<i>Company and Consolidated 2002 \$</i>	<i>Company 2001 \$</i>
<b>Note 6. Other Financial Assets (Current)</b>		
Bills receivable	-	1,000,000
<b>Note 7. Inventories (Current)</b>		
Finished goods, at cost	92,152	109,874
<b>Note 8. Other Assets (Current)</b>		
Prepayments	279,120	-
Deferred costs	633,084	341,471
	912,204	341,471
<b>Note 9. Property, Plant and Equipment (Non-current)</b>		
Land and buildings		
At independent valuation		
Opening balance	950,000	631,870
Revaluation	-	318,130
	950,000	950,000
Closing balance		
Accumulated depreciation		
Opening balance	-	39,492
Depreciation	23,750	15,797
Revaluation	-	(55,289)
	23,750	-
Closing balance		
Net book value	926,250	950,000

The valuation of land and buildings was based on the estimated market value. The valuation was performed by J M Trevethick A.A.P.I. (Val) Certified Practising Valuer Australian Valuation Office and dated 30 June 2001.

*... Notes to the **Financial Statements**  
for the Year Ended 30 June 2002*

*Company and  
Consolidated  
2002  
\$*                      *Company  
2001  
\$*

**Note 9. Property Plant and Equipment (continued)**

Plant and equipment		
Cost		
Opening balance	437,358	385,049
Additions	54,016	81,705
Disposals	-	(29,396)
Closing balance	491,374	437,358
Accumulated depreciation		
Opening balance	306,799	262,384
Depreciation for the year	41,020	44,415
Closing balance	347,819	306,799
Net book value	143,555	130,559
Plant and equipment under lease		
Cost		
Opening balance	87,612	
Additions		87,612
Closing balance	87,612	87,612
Accumulated amortisation		
Opening balance	-	-
Amortisation for the year	30,742	-
Closing balance	30,742	-
Net book value	56,870	87,612
Communication Infrastructure		
Cost		
Opening balance	122,590	-
Additions	167,033	122,590
Closing balance	289,623	122,590
Accumulated amortisation		
Opening balance	-	-
Amortisation for the year	74,312	-
Closing balance	74,312	-
Net book value	215,311	122,590
Total property, plant and equipment, net	1,341,986	1,290,761



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	<i>Company and Consolidated 2002 \$</i>	<i>Company 2001 \$</i>
<b>Note 10. Payables (Current)</b>		
Trade creditors and accruals	1,910,397	1,401,276
Unearned revenue (refer Note 2)	300,107	1,292,563
	2,210,504	2,693,839

Terms and conditions relating to the above financial instruments:

- Trade liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms

**Note 11. Other Provisions**

Current		
Provision for annual leave	76,299	49,317
Non-current		
Provision for long service leave	9,500	13,000

**Note 12. Reserves**

Asset revaluation reserve		
Opening balance	421,280	47,861
Revaluation of land and buildings	-	373,419
	421,280	421,280
Closing balance		

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements in the value of non-current assets.

... *Notes to the Financial Statements*  
for the Year Ended 30 June 2002

	<i>Company and Consolidated 2002 \$</i>	<i>Company 2001 \$</i>
<b>Note 13. Retained Profits</b>		
Retained profits at the beginning of the year	1,298,038	709,498
Net profit/(loss)	26,156	588,540
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Retained profits at the end of the year	1,324,194	1,298,038

**Note 13. Retained Profits**

Retained profits at the beginning of the year  
Net profit/(loss)

1,298,038      709,498  
26,156            588,540

Retained profits at the end of the year

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1,324,194      1,298,038

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**Note 14. Members' Guarantee**

The company is limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Articles of Association state that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 30 June 2002 the number of members was 8 (2001: 8).

**Note 15. Trust Funds**

In addition to its normal activities Athletics Australia acts as Trustee for two foundations:

(a) Alf Robinson Memorial Race Walking Foundation

Income from this fund is used to assist race walking athletes to obtain overseas walking competitive experience between the World Track and Field Championships, Olympic and Commonwealth Games. During the financial year the fund derived income of \$672 (2001: \$758), and the balance of the fund at 30 June 2001 is \$19,149 (2001: \$18,477).

(b) RW Clarke Foundation

Income from this fund is used to assist athletes to obtain overseas competitive experience between the World Track and Field Championships, Olympic and Commonwealth Games. During the financial year the fund derived income of \$2,492 (2001: \$3,658), grants totalling \$7,500 (2001: \$15,500) were made and the balance of the fund at 30 June 2002 is \$53,632 (2001: \$58,640).

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<b>Note 16. Commitments</b>		
(a) Capital commitments	-	-
(b) Finance lease expenditure contracted for is payable as follows:		
Not later than one year	30,113	30,113
Later than one year but not later than two years	46,881	30,113
Later than two years but not later than five years	-	46,881
Later than five years	-	-
	76,994	107,107
Future finance charges	5,729	13,245
	71,265	93,862
Reconciled to:		
Current liability	22,870	30,113
Non-current liability	48,395	63,749
	71,265	93,862

Terms and conditions relating to the above financial instruments:

- Finance leases had a lease term of three (3) years at inception of the lease with the option to purchase the asset at the completion of the lease term for the asset's residual. The average discount rate implicit in the lease is 8% (2001: 8%).

### Note 17. Employee Entitlements

The aggregate employee entitlement liability is comprised of:

Accrued wages and salaries and on costs	8,008	27,333
Provisions (current)	76,299	49,317
Provisions (non-current)	9,500	13,000

### Note 18. Contingent Liabilities

Contingent liabilities

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### Note 19. Subsequent Events

There were no subsequent events for the year ending 30 June 2002

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**Note 20. Auditors' Remuneration**

Amounts received or due and payable by Ernst & Young for:

- An audit or review of the financial report of the entity and any other entity in the consolidated entity

	8,000	-
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Amounts received or due and payable by auditors other than Ernst & Young for:

- An audit or review of the financial report of the entity and any other entity in the consolidated entity

	-	5,000
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- Other services in relation to the entity and any other entity in the consolidated entity

	9,244	5,831
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	9,244	10,831
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**Note 21. Remuneration of Directors**

Income paid or payable, or otherwise made available, in respect of the financial year, to all Directors of Athletics Australia, directly or indirectly, from the entity or any related party

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	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
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The number of directors of Athletics Australia whose income (including superannuation contributions) falls within the following bands is:

\$0	6	6
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**Note 22. Related Party Disclosures**

Directors

- J A H Forrest
- K J Roche
- W F Bailey
- E S V Canty
- P R Kennedy
- R J Scrimshaw

There were no related party transactions during the year.



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### Note 23. Financial Instruments

#### Note 23 (a) Interest Rate Risk

The company's exposure to interest rate risks and the effective interest rates of financial assets and financial liabilities are as follows:

#### Financial Assets

##### Floating interest rate

Cash	386,306	421,717
Bills receivable	-	1,000,000
	386,306	1,421,717

##### Non interest bearing

Trade and other receivables	1,380,394	1,391,678
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##### Total carrying amount per financial statements

Cash	386,306	421,717
Bills receivable	-	1,000,000
Trade and other receivables	1,380,394	1,391,678

Total financial assets

	1,766,700	2,813,395
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##### Weighted average effective interest rate

Cash	0.5%	0.5%
Bills receivable	3.8%	5.7%
Trade and other receivables	N/A	N/A

#### Financial liabilities

##### Non interest bearing

Trade creditors	2,210,504	2,693,839
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##### Fixed interest rate maturity - one year or less

Finance lease liability	22,870	30,113
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##### Fixed interest rate maturity - over one to five years

Finance lease liability	48,395	63,749
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##### Total carrying amount per financial statements

Trade creditors	2,210,504	2,693,839
Finance lease liability	71,265	93,862

Total financial liabilities

	2,281,769	2,787,701
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##### Weighted average effective interest rate

Trade creditors	N/A	N/A
Finance lease liability	8%	8%

#### Note 23 (b). Net Fair Values

All financial assets and liabilities have been recognised at the balance date at their net fair values.

... Notes to the **Financial Statements**  
for the Year Ended 30 June 2002

	<i>Company and Consolidated 2002</i>	<i>Company 2001</i>
	\$	\$

**Note 24. Notes to Statement of Cash Flows**

(a) Reconciliation of net profit/(loss) after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities:

Net profit	26,156	588,540
Depreciation	169,824	60,212
Increase/(decrease) in debtors and prepayments	13,869	(869,980)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred expenses	(570,733)	(341,471)
Increase/(decrease) in accrued grants income	11,250	(9,250)
Increase/(decrease) in inventories	17,722	(109,874)
Decrease/(increase) in sundry creditors	509,121	1,091,665
Decrease/(increase) in unearned income	(992,456)	1,061,608
Decrease/(increase) in other provisions	23,482	(12,953)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>(791,765)</u>	<u>1,458,497</u>

(b) Reconciliation of cash assets

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the balance sheet as follows:

Cash at bank	386,106	421,517
Petty cash	200	200
	<u>386,306</u>	<u>421,717</u>

(c) Credit stand-by arrangement and loan facilities

The company has an on going overdraft facility of \$50,000.

**Note 25. Controlled Entities**

Host City Marathon Ltd incorporated in Australia 13 July 2001

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Team AA Ltd incorporated in Australia 13 July 2001

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These companies are limited by guarantee.

Athletics Australia exercises a controlling influence over these companies, eg on becoming a member of the Board of Athletics Australia a person is deemed to have been admitted to the membership of the Company and likewise is deemed to be appointed to be a Director.

During the year these companies did not trade.

## **Directors' Declaration**

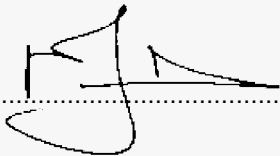
In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Athletics Australia Limited, we state that:

In the opinion of the directors:

- (a) The financial statements and notes of the company and of the consolidated entity are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - (i) Giving a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2002 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) Complying with Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board

Director .....



Director .....



Melbourne, 22 October 2002

*Independent*  
**Audit Report** to the Members of Athletics Australia

***Scope***

We have audited the financial report of Athletics Australia Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2002, as set out on pages 65 to 81, including the Directors' Declaration. The financial report includes the financial statements of Athletics Australia Limited, and the consolidated financial statements of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at year's end or from time-to-time during the financial year. The company's Directors are responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the company.

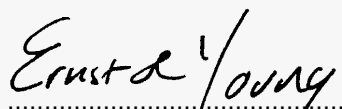
Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements and statutory requirements, in Australia, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's and the consolidated entity's financial position and performance as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

***Audit Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial report of Athletics Australia Limited is in accordance with:

- (a) The Corporations Act 2001 including:
- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2002 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) Complying with Accounting Standards in Australia and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.



Ernst & Young



A J Pititto  
Partner

Melbourne, 22 October 2002



*Disclaimer on Additional  
Financial Information*

The additional financial information, being the attached Detailed Statement of Financial Performance, has been compiled by the management of Athletics Australia Limited.

No audit or review has been performed by us and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person, other than Athletics Australia Limited may suffer arising from any negligence on our part. No person should rely on the additional financial information without having an audit or review conducted.

*Ernst & Young*

Ernst & Young

Melbourne, 22 October 2002

*Detailed Statement of*  
**Financial Performance** (Unaudited)  
for the Year Ended 30 June 2002

	<i>Company and Consolidated 2002</i>	<i>Company 2001</i>
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Australian Sports Commission	3,078,114	2,177,186
Australian Olympic Committee	225,000	200,500
Australian Paralympic Committee	430,591	113,773
Australian Commonwealth Games Association	363,000	54,000
ATSIC	150,000	-
IAAF - Grant	232,522	200,390
Sponsorship	3,583,560	2,934,920
Competition revenue	499,762	806,584
IAAF Grand Prix Final	2,834,045	-
Entry fees - championships	78,870	48,029
Out-of-stadium	5,327	-
Capitations	150,000	150,000
Athlete and team levies	160,761	84,829
Permit fees	-	5,247
Merchandising	70,707	36,411
Other	100,123	44,405
Interest received	20,807	14,884
Foreign exchange gain	-	11,136
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Total revenue	11,983,189	6,882,294

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### Detailed Statement of *Financial Performance* (Unaudited)

for the Year Ended 30 June 2002

	<i>Company and Consolidated 2002</i>	<i>Company 2001</i>
	\$	\$
<b>Competition Expenses</b>		
Domestic competition	638,142	675,730
International athletes	247,793	161,030
Olympic Trials	-	176,040
IAAF Grand Prix Final	2,639,716	-
Prize money	330,051	98,177
Officiating	11,407	29,826
Competition expenses	57,458	11,190
Competition equipment	42,843	24,813
Television coverage	130,000	-
Out of stadium	348,322	67,161
Competition consultants	6,286	63,492
Staffing costs	213,933	145,238
Travel	23,012	38,349
	4,688,963	1,491,046
<b>Total Competition expenses</b>		
<b>High Performance Expenses</b>		
International competition	958,727	755,955
State Institute programs	1,017,704	692,246
Direct athlete support	178,243	66,465
Special initiatives	28,207	45,257
Paralympic program	421,637	37,122
Juniors/espoirs development	34,605	57,176
Camps	167,572	563,249
Sport science	53,784	50,824
Sports medicine	79,670	-
Staffing costs	377,084	217,329
Travel	66,722	27,817
Selection and Athletes' Commission costs	7,017	-
Coaches	51,676	20,418
	3,442,648	2,533,858
<b>Total High Performance expenses</b>		

*... Detailed Statement of **Financial Performance** (Unaudited)  
for the Year Ended 30 June 2002*

	<i>Company and Consolidated 2002 \$</i>	<i>Company 2001 \$</i>
<b>Development Expenses</b>		
AT&FCA subsidy	70,000	72,666
Staffing costs	204,795	144,785
Travel	21,438	23,707
Club and school development activities	72,530	100,326
Team Athletics	297,109	-
Integration activities	86,008	22,134
Member Association financial support	326,391	72,002
National insurance program	156,773	61,315
Constitutional reform	24,603	86,535
Database	58,829	2,450
Total Development expenses	<u>1,318,476</u>	<u>585,920</u>
<b>Marketing Expenses</b>		
Sponsorship commissions	-	7,883
Sponsorship management	81,115	-
Team AA	210,739	121,000
Media and promotions	40,538	247,013
Domestic season marketing	359,442	-
Collateral	47,297	-
Industry conference dinner	107,535	-
Staffing costs	322,560	199,074
Travel	35,329	20,504
Publications	145,000	180,177
Total Marketing expenses	<u>1,349,555</u>	<u>775,651</u>

## ***Athletics Australia Financial Report***

### ***... Detailed Statement of Financial Performance (Unaudited)***

***for the Year Ended 30 June 2002***

	<b><i>Company and Consolidated 2002</i></b>	<b><i>Company 2001</i></b>
	<b><i>\$</i></b>	<b><i>\$</i></b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>		
Staffing costs	409,049	397,478
Chief Executive Officer's expenses	69,740	43,215
Telephone and fax	132,683	74,022
Rates and taxes	48,347	26,760
Legal expenses	37,562	61,966
Meeting expenses	14,740	5,836
Office expenses	36,852	31,868
Recruitment and training	18,811	24,922
Consultants	13,011	8,784
Printing and stationery	28,035	31,627
Postage	19,567	26,032
Board expenses	25,203	22,544
Outgoings	16,045	16,680
Work Cover	39,275	27,481
Auditors remuneration for:		
Auditing the accounts	8,000	5,000
Other services	-	5,831
Insurances	-	7,268
Bank charges and credit card commissions	32,327	20,123
Doubtful debts	24,545	-
Publications and subscriptions	9,191	8,904
Couriers, freight and cartage	4,584	344
Affiliation fees	-	382
Depreciation	169,824	60,212
<b>Total Administration expenses</b>	<b>1,157,391</b>	<b>907,279</b>
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>26,156</b>	<b>588,540</b>



*... Detailed Statement of **Financial Performance**  
for the Year Ended 30 June 2002*

	<i>2002</i> \$	<i>2001</i> \$
<b>RW CLARKE FOUNDATION</b>		
<b>Statement of Income and Expenses as at 30 June 2002</b>		
Balance of distribution account as at 1 July 2001	640	482
Plus: Interest (net of bank charges)	2,492	3,658
Transfer from capital account	5,000	12,000
Less: Grants paid	7,500	15,500
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Balance as at 30 June 2002	632	640

**Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2002**

Cash at bank	53,632	58,640
Capital and reserves		
Capital account	53,000	58,000
Distribution account	632	640
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	53,632	58,640

**ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL RACE WALKING FOUNDATION**

**Statement of Income and Expenses as at 30 June 2002**

Balance of distribution account as at 1 July 2001	1,877	1,119
Plus: Interest (net of bank charges)	672	758
Less: Grants paid	-	-
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Balance as at 30 June 2002	2,549	1,877

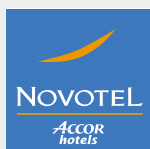
**Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2002**

Cash at bank	19,149	18,477
Capital and reserves		
Capital account	16,600	16,600
Distribution account	2,549	1,877
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	19,149	18,477



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