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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I reflect on the year that's been, I take immense pride in the continued growth of Athletics Australia, our people and our programs.

Following a fantastic Commonwealth Games, a high standard was set for our sport - on the track, on the field and, of course, off it.

Melbourne 2006 ignited what promises to be an exciting yet challenging three-year window with the 2007 World Championships in Osaka and the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Key ingredients will be the opportunity for our athletes to compete in quality competition environments both within Australia and overseas and, post-Commonwealth Games, we were very pleased to see a very successful European season unfold.

Performances of significant note this year included Craig Mottram's win at the World Cup in Athens in September 2006, creating history as the first Oceania athlete to defend his title. In doing so he produced the best run of his career to dethrone one of the most decorated distance runners of all time, Ethiopian Kenenisa Bekele.

Steve Hooker won the pole vault at the same event to reclaim the world No. 1 ranking from training partner Paul Burgess while Sarah Jamieson clinched a spot on the podium in finishing third in the 1500m.

At the World Junior Championships in Beijing in August 2006, Australian athletics welcomed a new star in Queensland teenager Robbie Crowther who claimed the gold medal in the long jump. Sydney teenager Dani Samuels produced a new personal best and beat a 16-year-old Australian junior record to win the World Junior discus title while rising star Vicky Parnov took out the bronze medal in the pole vault.

At the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) World Championships in Assen, Holland in September 2006, the Australian team once again competed tremendously finishing equal second with 16 gold, 12 silver and 10 bronze medals. Beaten only by China and on par with the USA, some of our exceptional athletes included Kurt Fearnley, Amanda Fraser, Darren Thrupp, Tim Sullivan, Heath Francis, Paul Benz, Katherine Proudfoot, Russell Short, Rod Farr, Angie Ballard, Eliza Stankovic and Richard Colman.

The year concluded superbly when four-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist Nathan Deakes broke the 50km road walk world record in December in Geelong in a time of 3:35.47.

He then took out some fantastic sporting greats to win the 2007 Confederation of Australian Sport - Male Athlete of the Year award. Kurt Fearnley was a very deserving winner of

Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability and Marie Kay won the Masters Athlete of the Year.

Although our recent bid for the 2011 or 2013 World Championships was unsuccessful, we hope to bring an international athletics meet to Australia in the not-too-distant future to show the world what an incredible country, facilities, officials, volunteers and, of course, athletes we have.

I would like to say a big thank you to Queensland Premier, The Hon. Peter Beattie MP, Queensland Events Corporation chairman Des Power, CEO Michael Denton and bid team manager David Lloyd for the enormous amount of work put into the bid. I look forward to working with QEC again and the IAAF to secure a major athletics event for Australia in the future.

I've continued with the construction of a new Athletics Australia board. We have three new directors; David Grace QC, Nick Moore and the new chairperson of the athletes' commission, Bronwyn Thompson.

David, a former athlete, is a well-known Melbourne lawyer who has worked with the Australian Olympic Committee, the Australian Commonwealth Games Association and was chair of the Athletics Australia tribunal for many years.

Nick has 21 years' experience in business and information technology and also has 36 years' experience and involvement in athletics at all levels.

Bronwyn is Australia's leading female long jumper and one of our most respected athletes. Her professional background is physiotherapy.

All have already made significant contributions to the board and I very much look forward to their valuable input in the future.

Thank you to our other board members for their skilled and considered input over the past 12 months.

The new Athletics Australia board now consists of persons who understand our sport, with a broad mix of business, financial, legal, media, IT and organisational skills.

A special thank you to the staff and management team at Athletics Australia who work tirelessly to keep the wheels in motion toward our common goals. Our CEO Danny Corcoran is doing an excellent job covering the many and numerous functions of his position with skill, patience and competence.

I would also like to thank the Athletics Australia committees and commissions for the time and expertise they provide to the organisation.

Thank you to our eight member associations who work enormously hard and are a pleasure to work with. Your dedication to the sport does not go unnoticed and I genuinely thank you for your commitment and hard work.

HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

Our objective for high performance is to build a focused and transparent system that delivers exceptional performance outcomes in a cost effective manner by 2012. There are two core strategies for achieving high performance:

1. Establish a network of at least five event-focused National High Performance Centres (NHPCs) to provide coaches and athletes with access to the best support infrastructure within the State Institute of Sport/State Academy of Sport (SIS/SAS) framework. Some of these centres have commenced; Victoria (distance), New South Wales (sprints and relays), Australian Capital Territory (400m, 400m hurdles and jumps) and Western Australia (pole vault).
2. Create a national junior development program to identify and nurture talented young athletes. The elite junior development pathway continues in 2007 with the National Under-17 Development Squad being selected. This group will be developed by the National Youth Event Coaches (NYECs). This year we have also chosen a National Under-19 Talent Squad which will meet for two camps. Athletics International personally sponsors and supports the National Under-19 Talent Squad and provides individual mentors for each squad athlete. This is proving to be a fantastic opportunity for all. All personal coaches and mentors are invited to attend the camps with coach development and networking opportunities provided. Thirty-plus athletes will attend the World Youth Championships in Ostrava in July where they will again have the opportunity to compete against the world's best on the international stage.

Athletics Australia is in regular discussions with Australian Little Athletics regarding working more closely together on a range of issues to improve our sport. This should include the after schools programs and childhood obesity.

The Athletics for the Outback program is reaching more areas with the goal to develop a structured system that will encourage Indigenous Australians to participate in athletics via school programs. There is also a talent identification and development program that commenced recently, which will give talented Indigenous athletes the opportunity to reach elite levels through extended competition opportunities and coach education.

I would like to sincerely thank the Australian Sports Commission for their consistent and growing support of athletics.

Also our thanks must go to the Australian Olympic Committee, the Australian Paralympic Committee and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association.

Thank you to our sponsors and supporters, especially our principal sponsor Telstra who will not continue our relationship beyond December 2007 but has been a fantastic supporter of our sport for many years. Athletics Australia is now focused on securing a new principal sponsor to support the sport from grassroots to the Olympics.

Further, thanks to Asics, SBS, Accor, Healtie and Cadbury Schweppes.

Australia is one member of the IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations) and there are 212 member federations worldwide. The competition for success is huge and Australia is doing well!

The IAAF controlling body has been a tremendous help during the year and I would like to specifically thank IAAF President Lamine Diack, General Secretary Pierre Weiss and IAAF Councillor and Area Representative - Oceania Bill Bailey for their support to me personally and to Australian athletics throughout the year.

Unfortunately, athletics in Australia is under-funded and we have difficulty competing with the professional sports in our country. We will continue to work with the Australian and State governments, IAAF and our new sponsors to bring more funds and facilities into our wonderful sport for the benefit of all of Australia's athletes.

A special thank you to all the coaches, parents, officials, volunteers and supporters who do so much to help our athletes achieve their goals.

Ours is a great sport. We are a diverse sport and we will all achieve a great deal more by working together in a spirit of co-operation. This is happening more and more. Well done to all of us! Bringing our sport together is our biggest challenge and potential strength and I look forward to working with all in our sport to keep the positive momentum that is now back in Australian athletics moving forward.

Finally, I wish all our athletes great success in the 2007/08 season and in their future athletics goals.

Rob H Fildes OAM
President

❖ FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



By any measurement, the 2006/07 athletics year was an outstanding success with Australia's performances on the tough European circuit reported by several scribes as our 'best ever'.

For Athletics Australia, our board and management and the host of people who have a vested interest in our sport, it brought a wonderful sense of fulfillment.

However, accompanying that fulfillment was a desire - and a need - to build on our achievements and prepare ourselves for opportunities presented. With 28 Australians who were ranked in the top 20, including 10 ranked in the top 10, we saw 13 personal bests produced over the European season and three Australian records broken.

World Cup wins to Craig Mottram and Steve Hooker and a World Athletics Final victory to Paul Burgess rewarded those athletes for months of hard work and resolve following the Commonwealth Games, though the performances of our athletes in all disciplines was nothing short of spectacular. Congratulations to all.

The behind-the-scenes work of the board and management of Athletics Australia continues and we are beginning to see signs of improvement across the sport.

THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA

During the past year, we continued to follow our 2004-2009 strategic plan. As a result, we were again firmly focused on the five key pillars that underpin our overall direction and the implementation of the recommendations of the Athletics Australia-Australian Sports Commission review.

1. Financial stability

The financial position remains positive, even with the impending loss of our major sponsor Telstra at the end of 2007. The Athletics Australia board and management have worked tirelessly to provide the current financial position and we are committed to maintaining cash reserves of \$1.5m to cover for emergency situations

including the loss of a major sponsor. This buffer will enable Athletics Australia to continue its programs and fulfill its charter into 2008 which, of course, is an Olympic year.

With the assistance of the IAAF and the Victorian Government we once again conducted a successful World Athletics Tour (WAT) meet, with many international names gracing our shores to compete not only in the Melbourne WAT, but also in the Sydney Telstra A-Series. Several of the visiting athletes remained to compete at the Australian Championships in Brisbane. This was not only great for the athletics fans but important for our athletes who found the competition invaluable, encouraging season and personal bests, qualifiers for major championships and much needed international competition prior to the European season. Australia continues to see the WAT as a valuable asset to Australian athletics as well as for our athletes and the wider Australian public. While in Australia, some of our international stars also took part in clinics for athletes and coaches which were well received by all.

Australia is hopeful of future support for the Melbourne WAT that will enable us to grow the meet and to include more international stars and a greater prize-money pool for the athletes. Also, to cap off a successful athletics year in Australia, we will once again provide prizes for the Athlete of the Year Awards, which generates substantial media interest and excitement throughout the sport.

2. High performance

Our four National High Performance Centres, all of which have a discipline focus, are running effectively and we are beginning to see some favourable results and outcomes.

It is very early days yet but, as an important arm of our high performance plan, we are very confident the centres will deliver on their objectives with the required energy and resources.

Specialist National Event Co-ordinators have been assigned to the centres to manage and strengthen the various disciplines nationally.



Australia's Steve Hooker finished 2006 ranked world No. 1 in the men's pole vault.

Centres have been created at the following institutes:

- Australian Institute of Sport (ACT) - walks, jumps, 400m/400m hurdles program
- Victorian Institute of Sport - national distance program
- New South Wales Institute of Sport - national sprints, hurdles and relays program, and
- Western Australian Institute of Sport - pole vault

Though Athletics Australia still needs to increase the funding support for the programs at these institutes, they are now well positioned to grow as centres of excellence. Of some disappointment is that, due to a lack of resources, we are unable to commence a throws program or a multi-events program. We are hoping to rectify this situation in the near future.

3. Development

Along with the excellent work of our member associations, Athletics Australia is working on some great initiatives to provide clear pathway opportunities for our athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers. We have an increased ability to talent ID the next superstars not only through the State Institutes and Academies of Sport, but also through our fast growing Indigenous program very well administered by Athletics Australia's Development Manager Sally McGrady.

The introduction of coach of merit funding, professional development funding as well as coaching clinics and camps has been well received by the coaching community. We continue to work with the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association for a mutually satisfactory way forward for the recruitment, development and retention of Australian coaches.

Our work is ongoing with our member associations to improve the domestic competition structure and this year saw the introduction of the Australian Athletics Cup. This State-based competition, held in Brisbane, was well received and supported by all and produced some great results.

The team format of the meet had not been seen in Australian athletics for many years and it proved exciting, given no less than five teams were leading the competition at some stage of the day and the final result came down to the last event of the program.

The National Series meets were again well supported by the member associations with the overall winner our athletes, benefited by quality meets to prepare for the Telstra A-Series.

4. Brand

We have now successfully re-branded the whole sport with all member associations updating their own logos in line with our national approach. The logos look great, are individually dynamic and are collectively very recognisable as part of a unified sport.

5. Governance and structure

Athletics Australia has continued discussions with Australian Little Athletics and the two organisations are working more closely than ever before. Athletics Australia has extended an invitation to compete in the Australian Athletics Cup in 2008 and we look forward to their participation. We are hoping that, through potential joint sponsorship and sharing of ideas, the two bodies can agree on an exciting plan for the future. Like many sports, we must focus on the retention and transition of our young athletes and provide quality coaching and a fun competitive environment.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I warmly thank our president Rob Fildes and the Athletics Australia board for their support and direction over the past year. A former athlete, Rob's commitment to improving our sport has no boundaries. We are extremely fortunate to have a president with a thorough understanding of the sport and the work that needs to be done on our road to excellence.

I would like to thank the Australian Sports Commission for their ongoing support with special thanks to Mark Peters and the ASC team.

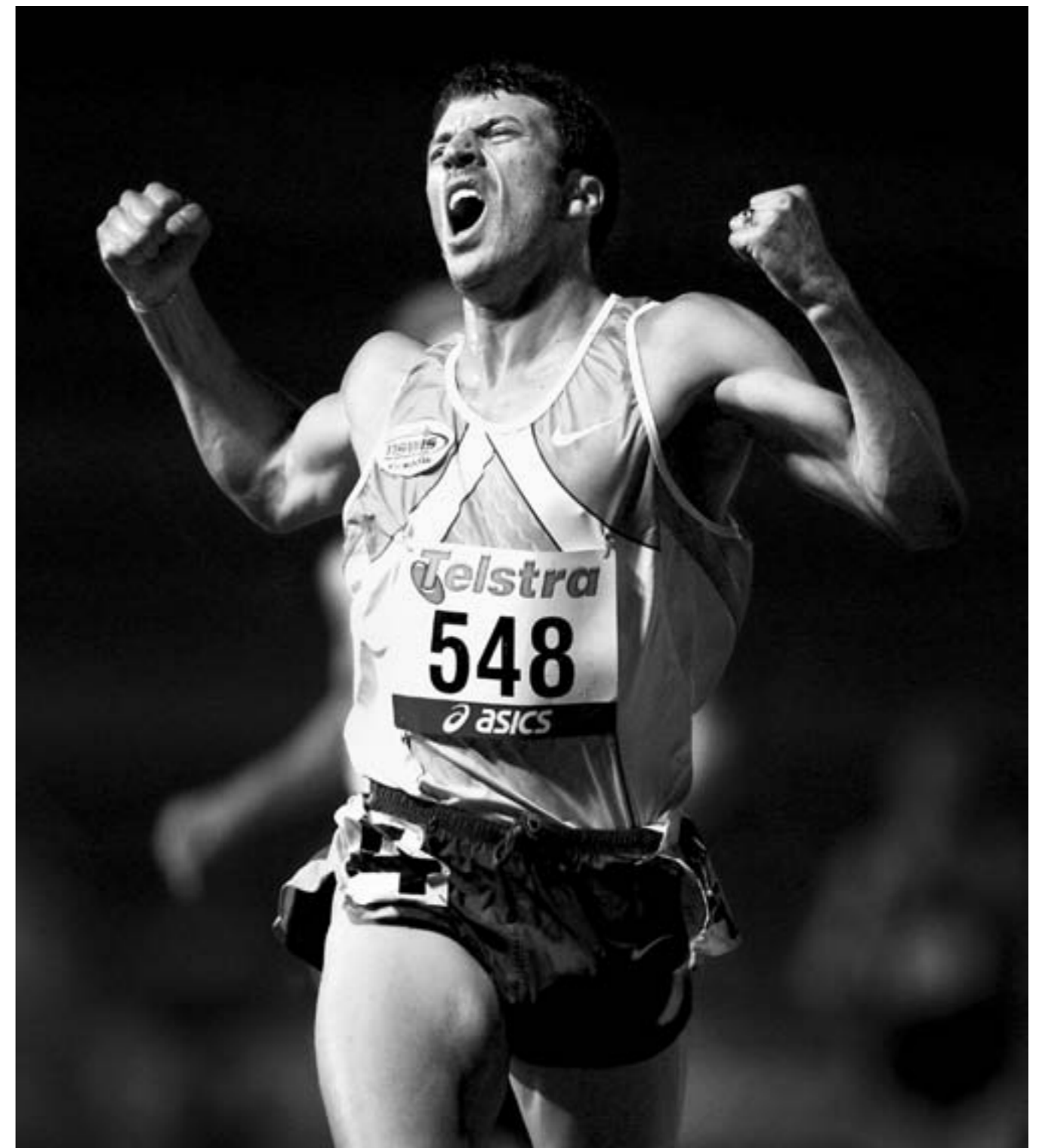
To our member associations, your commitment to athletics at that level is superb and is not taken for granted. Our sport is built on those efforts and the States have worked hard to have the right people in key roles. We wholeheartedly appreciate your continued efforts.

We extend a very special thank you to Telstra from all at Athletics Australia for their wonderful sponsorship of athletics over the past eight years. To David Moffatt and Lisa Gardner, we are indebted to your organisation's support as we say farewell in December.

Special thanks to the great work of the Oceania Athletics Council, especially executive director Yvonne Mullins and my fellow Oceania Athletics councillors.

Special thanks to our State Institute of Sport/Academy of Sport partners who have supported our high performance plan and who have been instrumental in its implementation.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank our coaches, officials and volunteers for the countless hours they give to assist in the running of our sport. Without your support



we could not run our sport as effectively as we do and in particular, run the world-class athletics meetings we host each year. Thank you.

We now look forward to 2008, the year in which the Olympic Games will be held in the People's Republic of China for the very first time.

Yours in sport,

Danny Corcoran
Chief Executive Officer

Youcef Abdi celebrates his win in the 3000m steeplechase at the Telstra A-Series Sydney.

FROM TELSTRA

Telstra has appreciated the opportunity to be principal sponsor of Athletics Australia for the last seven years. During this time we have watched the sport grow and develop at all levels of participation.

Working alongside Australian athletes - from elite to our junior competitors - we have played a supporting role as Athletics Australia sought to identify and develop a new generation of champion athletes.

At the grassroots, the Telstra Athletics Assistance Fund has provided essential training equipment to local athletics clubs across the country. Last year, over 60 athletics clubs were successful in securing funding for equipment such as hurdles and starting blocks. Further details on this funding program can be found at www.beinvolved.telstra.com

At the elite level, Telstra has been naming rights sponsor of the Telstra A-Series and Telstra Australian Championships competitions. Our support of Athletics Australia has also assisted some of the most talented young athletes to pursue their dreams of World Championships and Olympic selection.

Our current sponsorship agreement with Athletics Australia draws to a close at the end of 2007. Telstra has enjoyed a great partnership with Athletics Australia since 2001, working together to ensure wider access to athletics for all Australians. In turn, the partnership has provided Telstra with many benefits, including a solid platform from which to promote our products and services, access to high profile ambassadors and a means to engage with local communities through Athletics Australia's grassroots initiatives.

Every athlete and participant in this vital and growing sport is now preparing for the upcoming 2008 Beijing Olympics and we wish them every success as they compete on the world stage.

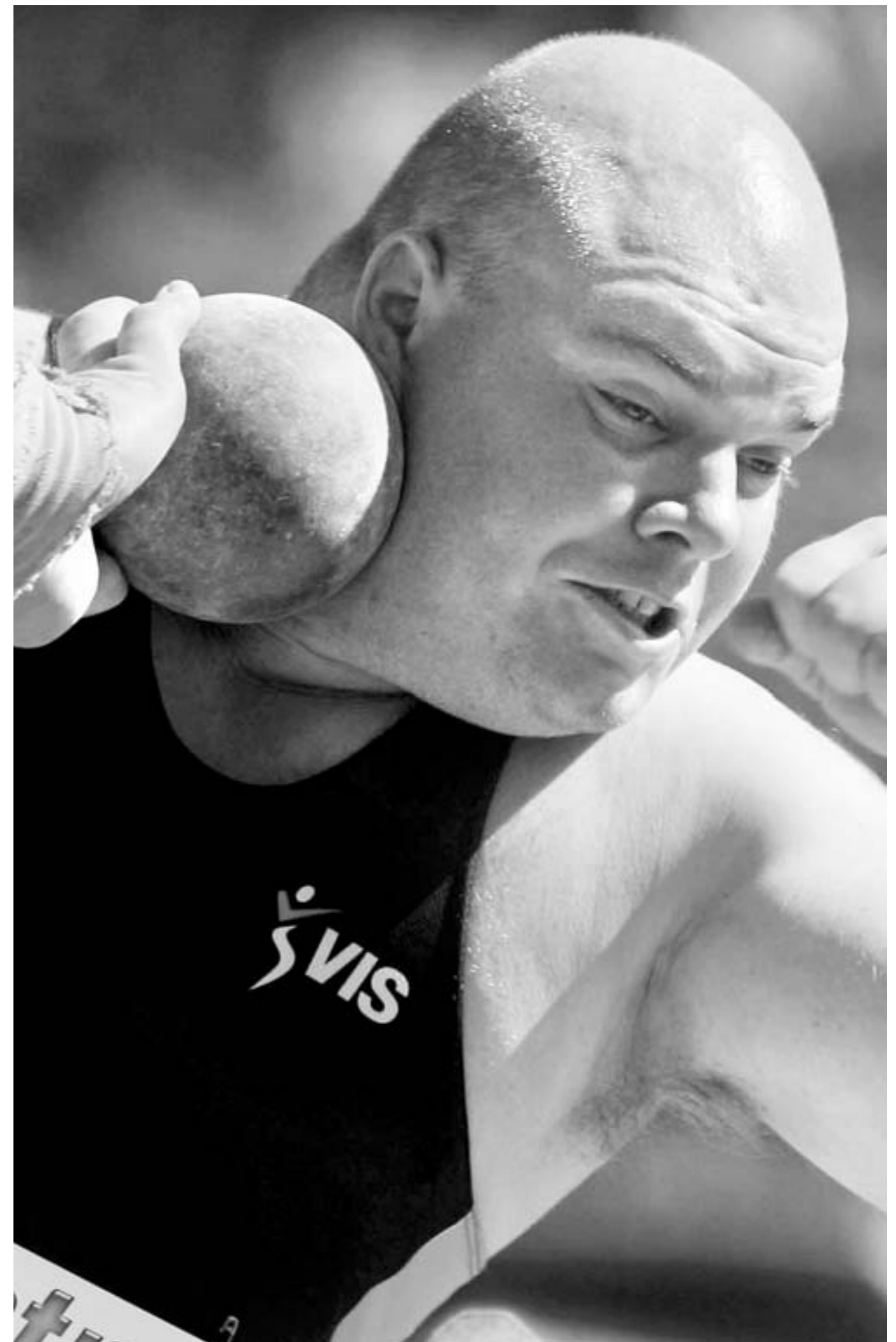
I commend the Athletics Australia board on their commitment to this partnership.

David Moffatt

Group Managing Director

Telstra Consumer Marketing and Channels

Telstra ambassador Scott Martin prepares to throw the shot at the inaugural Australian Athletics Cup in Brisbane.



❖ FROM THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

Australia, for its small population and remoteness of location, continues to confound the world with its achievements on the international sporting stage. This position has been reached by the development of a comprehensive and effective national sport system that encourages sport and physical activity for all Australians and creates opportunities to enable those who are talented and motivated to reach their potential. This system has evolved with the strong support of the Australian Government, State/Territory and local governments, the private sector and sporting organisations at all levels.

At the national level, primary responsibility for developing and directing sport lies with national sporting organisations. On behalf of the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission plays central leadership, co-ordination, funding and advocacy roles in the operation of the Australian sport system, largely through the national sporting organisations. Indeed the Australian Government, through the Commission, is the major investor in Australian sport.

In 2006/07 the Australian Government, through the Commission, allocated over \$6.1 million to Athletics Australia in support of its programs, including high performance, sport development, Indigenous sport and the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Athletics program. In addition, \$324,000 has been allocated to Australian track and field athletes under the Australian Government Sport Training Grants scheme. This grants scheme, which is targeted at achieving outcomes at the 2008 Beijing Games, provides direct financial support to medal potential athletes.

Of the \$6.1 million identified above, the Commission allocated over \$1.4 million to the AIS Athletics program. The AIS program targets athletes with medal potential for Beijing 2008 and London 2012. As part of Athletics Australia's national plan, the AIS program has a specific focus on the event groups of walks, jumps, 400 metres, hurdles and sprints for elite athletes with a disability. It also plays a supporting role in Athletics Australia's National Youth and National Talent Identification camps.

The Commission has continued to support Athletics Australia's lead role in working with the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association, Australian Little Athletics and School Sport Australia to improve the delivery of athletics to the community. A junior sport steering committee was established early in the year and all parties have committed to develop and implement a Junior Athletics Policy. This commitment is an important step in establishing more effective links between these key stakeholders, in order to achieve improved access, pathways and opportunities for positive experiences in the sport.

The Commission welcomes Athletics Australia's appointment of a National Coaching Co-ordinator during the year. This initiative gives Athletics Australia a dedicated resource to address its responsibility for coach support, education and professional development, as outlined in the 2004 joint Commission/Athletics Australia review into athletics in Australia. A key task is to review the needs of entry level coaches, especially those dealing with young people in the earliest stages of the athlete pathway. The Commission fully supports the leadership role being taken by Athletics Australia in consulting with stakeholders, in particular those involved in Little Athletics to ensure that courses are accessible and relevant to the needs of those who carry out the introductory coaching role - mostly volunteer parents, friends and family.

At the elite end of the coaching spectrum, athletics was one of five targeted sports to receive support in 2006/07 under the new Elite Coach Development program. Over a two to three year period, National Event Co-ordinators Paul Hallam and Tim O'Shaughnessy are receiving personalised professional assistance, support and monitoring specifically designed to fast-track their high performance development.

In 2006/07, the Commission enhanced its existing strong support for Athletics Australia's high performance programs with a significant injection of funding from the Commission's newly established National Talent



Identification and Development program. The first stage of the 'Jump Start to London 2012' program has resulted in the appointment of regional coaching co-ordinators, with 25 Indigenous athletes being identified and provided with extended competition experiences and training camps to fast-track their development.

In partnership with the Commission's Indigenous Sport program, Athletics Australia has again rolled out sport-specific participation and development programs to Indigenous communities throughout Australia. By delivering a positive sporting experience and incorporating capacity building initiatives at the

community level, Athletics Australia has met the needs of each community directly and has ensured each community is empowered with the necessary skills and experience to deliver sustainable sporting programs in the future.

On behalf of the Commission, I look forward to working with Athletics Australia in future for the betterment of Australian sport.

Mark A Peters
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Sports Commission

Patrick Johnson competes
in the 200m at the Telstra
Australian Championships
in Brisbane.

❖ HIGH PERFORMANCE

Following the successful Commonwealth Games in early 2006, it could have been assumed that the high performance area of athletics would have gone through a lull. But the sport does not work that way here in Australia.

After a brief recovery period, our top athletes undertook their usual journey to Europe to take on the best athletes from around the world in the IAAF Grand Prix and WAT meets as well as the many team competitions including the World Road Racing Championships and World Cup and, of course, the World Junior Championships. The athletes continued to demonstrate they have risen to a new level across these events and are preparing well for the lead-in to Osaka (2007) and Beijing (2008).

Along with the continued development of the National Youth program and National High Performance Centres, we have also seen the commencement of our National Coaching Co-ordinator in the last year.

Performances

In July 2006 our junior athletes travelled to Beijing to participate in the World Junior Championships. Forty-three athletes competed with Dani Samuels (discus) and Robbie Crowther (long jump) winning gold while Vicky Parnov (pole vault) earned a bronze medal. Australia finished eighth of 178 countries on the medal tally and many lessons were learned by athletes, coaches and management regarding preparation for Beijing 2008.

Australia had many members in the Oceania team for the World Cup, held in the Athens Olympic Stadium in September 2006. The outstanding results included Craig Mottram defending his 3000m title with a great run and Steve Hooker winning the vault and capturing the much sought world No. 1 status in the process. These results, teamed with the individual successes of our athletes, led to Australia having 10 athletes ranked in the top 10 in the world at year's end and the European summer hailed as the best season ever for Australian track and field athletes.

No doubt the 2006 Commonwealth Games created the impetus but our top athletes kept it going with a vengeance onto the world stage. Paul Burgess finished the year ranked No. 2 in the world behind Hooker, Bronwyn Thompson held that position in the long jump while Nathan Deakes upped the ante with his home-town world 50km walk record before friends and family in Geelong.

In the new calendar year our cross-country runners headed to the Mecca of distance running to take on the Kenyans at home. The experience awaiting them was much more than they could have believed with searing temperatures and extraordinary humidity making the task of completing the event a huge effort for all competitors. The conditions were so intense even many of the best African runners were forced to withdraw mid-race. Nevertheless, our athletes fought on well and 18th place to Anna Thompson was just reward for her successful season of cross-country running in Europe during our summer. Our women finished a creditable sixth in the teams race in the very trying conditions.

High performance program

Our high performance program continued its development with refinement of our approach and development of relationships between the National Event Co-ordinators and their event coaches as well as the National Youth Event Coaches and their program.

Paul Hallam moved the sprint program to a greater focus on relays while Craig Hilliard picked up the hurdles role. Shaun Creighton left us for other employment and was replaced by Tim O'Shaughnessy, who has spent much time with coaches and athletes developing a much closer working relationship between our current and future representatives.

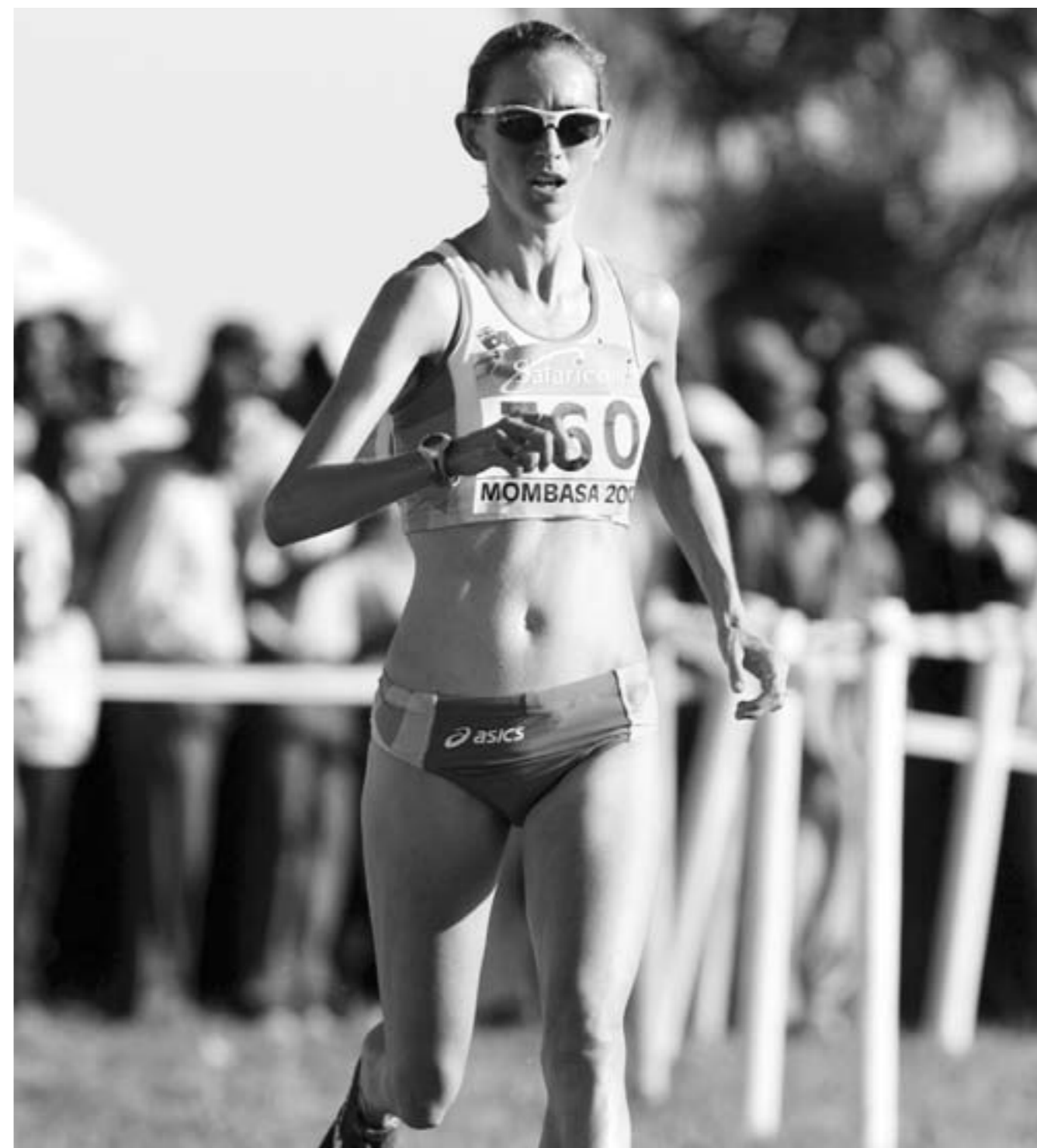
A highlight of the year was the assembly of our coaches in a number of different forums across the event groups. All coaches were keen to share knowledge and information that will help us develop the coaching knowledge and the performances of our athletes. Our newly appointed National Coaching Co-ordinator Michael Poulton instigated many initiatives including the elite coaches forum led by John Bertrand.

In the broad range of camps, forums and seminars, the support of the Australian Institute of Sport and its staff under head coach Tudor Bidder and the sports science staff have been of great help.

Youth development

The National Youth development program, led by Sara Mulkearns and her team of National Youth Event Coaches, has had a very hectic year.

Besides putting together a national program and getting that underway in record time, they have taken a team to the World Junior Championships in Beijing, reviewed the youth program, put in place a process and selected an under-19 talent squad and a new under-17 squad for



2007-08. To assist the selection and as a critical part of the program development, they conducted youth camps in Canberra and made great use of the facilities and staff.

With a keen eye on 2012 and beyond, they have focused on the relationships developed between these young athletes, their coaches and the national program and AIS staff to ensure the talented athletes are identified and given the best possible guidance and support. One of the exciting and innovative ideas to come out of the youth program was the involvement of Athletics International and its iconic members as mentors to our young athletes. Not only did former greats such as Bob Lay, Angie Cooke, Peter Bourke and 18 others offer their time and experience to our young athletes but Athletics International agreed

to support Athletics Australia's youth program for the next three years with a substantial financial contribution.

This program was launched magnificently in April in conjunction with the World Youth Team camp in Canberra and has generated a very positive feel about the youth program.

Coach development

Coach education and coach development are keys to the future of the sport in Australia. The thrust of the program is to increase the number and skills of our coaches across the board but, from a high performance perspective, we need more coaches with the skill and experience to produce athletes capable of podium finishes.

Anna Thompson runs in gruelling conditions at the World Cross Country Championships in Kenya.

Michael Poulton is working closely with the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association and the member associations to develop access to an increasing number of education courses to grow the number of coaches available at school, club and association levels. He is working with the National Event Co-ordinators to ensure we bring together as many of our top coaches as possible to develop their skills so our international athletes can move from finalists to medallists.

The culture we are developing is 'Australia against the rest of the world'. Our successes will grow as we achieve greater levels of skill sharing amongst our coaches and to date they have taken this approach on board with gusto. Coaching camps at the Australian Institute of Sport in October 2006 and May 2007 were met with great support, as was the elite coaches forum. We have been very fortunate to receive generous assistance in many areas from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), including the elite coach development funding provided for Tim O'Shaughnessy and Paul Hallam to undertake a personal development program accommodating visits overseas to watch and learn from great coaches in action. Opportunities to bring coaches to Australia will also benefit other coaches in their event groups.

As we lead in to the World Championships in Osaka, our athletes have again sought overseas competition and, thanks to funding from the ASC, we have been able to provide financial assistance. The preparation is a valuable opportunity for athletes and coaches to finesse their programs with an eye on the lead-in to Beijing 2008.

The development of our high performance program hinges on the commitment and support of many people who volunteer their time to assist our athletes in competition, camps and coaching and to all of those people we offer our sincerest thanks.

Max Binnington

National Performance Manager

ELITE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Addressing the challenges of Athletics Australia's National Development Pathway (NDP) over the last 12 months has been nothing short of rewarding.

We have created a clear path to London 2012 and the people we have involved at the elite junior level - athletes, coaches, parents and officials - indicates that the future of our sport is in good hands.

The results achieved at the World Junior Championships in Beijing in August 2006, including

gold medals to Robbie Crowther and Dani Samuels and a bronze medal to Vicky Parnov, were very promising. For the entire squad and team management, it proved a very valuable learning experience - especially with the Olympic Games to be held there in 2008.

An Olympic experience was created closer to home for those athletes that competed in the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney in January 2007. The 120-strong under-18 team was presented with international competition experience against athletes from China, New Zealand, Oceania and Chinese Taipei as well living in a village-like atmosphere and accommodation. The group was very fortunate to enjoy the company of our four Olympic ambassadors in Rohan Robinson, Karyne Di Marco, Kerryn McCann and Kylie Wheeler; their support was outstanding and their messages were understood well by the athletes.

Early in the year we were also very pleased to welcome Nicky Frey to our youth development program. Nicky is our National Youth Event Coach for distance and her knowledge and commitment to the program has been most valuable.

That was shared by each and every one of our National Event Coaches, who have embraced their responsibilities. Camps specific to combined events, throws and distance were co-ordinated very successfully.

Steps towards selecting the second edition of a National Under-17 Development Squad were made with plans for a camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in August, guided by our National Youth Event Coaches and with lessons from AIS sports service providers in goal setting, media and marketing, nutrition, preparation and recovery practices.

A significant number of the athletes that will represent the World Youth Championships in Ostrava, Czech Republic in July are graduates from our inaugural under-17 development squad and we look forward to their continued progress. For the majority of the team, it will be their first competition out of Australia and, for some, their first trip overseas.

The National Under-19 Talent Squad came together for the first of two scheduled programs in April 2007. Assembling at the AIS in April for educational sessions and a focus on international competition, 'expect the unexpected' was the theme with the athletes very fortunate to be paired up with mentors from Athletics International. Those past champions, Olympians and national representatives will help guide them over the years ahead. The second program will take place in October.

We wholeheartedly thank everyone involved in what we have organised, structured and achieved in the last 12 months. Our junior development is alive and kicking though there is still much to do in our quest to deliver in 2012 and beyond.

Sara Mulkearns

National Youth Performance Manager

PARALYMPIC PREPARATION PROGRAM

The partnership between the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) and Athletics Australia is now in its seventh year with the latter taking responsibility for the preparation of the Paralympic athletics team.

We are now little more than 12 months out from Beijing 2008 with the goal to achieve our best ever 'away Games' performance. This means that we must finish in the top two nations, a difficult yet attainable challenge in an environment where more countries are investing greater resources than Australia. In particular, it will be tough to finish ahead of the might of host nation China.

During the reporting period, the strengthening of the partnership between the APC and Athletics Australia was reflected in a number of areas, most notably:

- The performance of the Australian team at the 2006 Assen IPC World Athletics Championships, where we unexpectedly finished equal second in the medal tally with the USA behind China
- The performance of the athletics section of the Australian team at the 2006 Kuala Lumpur FESPIC Games in November/December 2006
- The introduction of the Athletics Australia Underage Athletes with a Disability (AWD) Championships in Canberra in November, thanks to the support of the ACT Athletics fraternity - in particular Greg Gilbert and Michael Thomson. Thirteen of the 47 of the athletes in the Assen team didn't compete at the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games, reflective of the work undertaken to support the APC's talent search program to identify and establish an Athletics Australia - Paralympic Preparation Program (AA-PPP) emerging talent squad. Brett Jones has been co-ordinating this approach, aligning the APC's initiatives while providing some athletics-specific targeting and identification. As a result, we have over 40 'new' athletes that we are nurturing for the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Paralympics.

The continued support and efforts of a large number of volunteer coaches, therapists, administrators, parents and

carers is critical to the ongoing functioning of the AA-PPP. It would be remiss not to acknowledge the particular efforts of:

- Wheelchair track and road staff: Andrew Dawes (co-ordinator), Louise Sauvage, Mandi Cole and Andrew Carter (mechanic)
- Throws staff: Alison O'Riordan (co-ordinator), John Eden, Eric Russell, Greg Gilbert, John Minns, Cathy Lambert and Chris Timpson
- Sprints and jumps coaches: Brett Jones (co-ordinator), Iryna Dvoskina, Alan Makin, Jennie Duffield and Mandy Robertson
- 2006 FESPIC Games head coach: Alison O'Riordan
- Physiotherapists: Rowena Toppenberg, Luke Vladich, Sian Pugh, Neil Tuttle and Emma Whiteside
- Massage therapists: Phil Power, Brett Robinson and Mick Jordan
- Managers: Louise Mogg, Gary Lees, Michael Thomson and Michele Saville
- Medical, athlete support and media staff: Dr David Millons, Stephanie Martin, Sam Seton, Hayley Seton, Neil Fuller, Amy Winters and Robert Pickles
- AA AWD representative and AWD statistician: Neil Fuller
- Distance staff: Robbie Bolton (co-ordinator), John Bell
- All of the athletes!

Thanks also to the staff at the AIS track and field program who provide considerable support, particularly Tudor Bidder and Iryna Dvoskina. Thanks also to APC staff for their ongoing support, including Jason Hellwig, Michael Hartung, Natalie Jenkins and Darren Peters.

In addition, thanks go to Athletics Australia staff, particularly Max Binnington, Carol Grant, Steven Lavell, Sally McGrady, David Gynther, Stephen Crook, Jarrod Woff, Lorraine Morgan, Janet Chitts and Danny Corcoran.

During the reporting period, coach education has also been made a significant AA-PPP focus. Alison O'Riordan, in consultation with the ATFCA and Michael Poulton, has been implementing a number of coach education initiatives to develop this area. The philosophy is to create a larger pool of committed and competent coaches, heightening our ability to adequately support the emerging talent squad athletes and athletes with a disability generally.

We look forward to another year of progress ahead.

Scott Goodman

AA Paralympic Program Manager
2006 Assen IPC World Championships Head Coach

COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

The year between major games is always challenging, with the focus of sports fans moving away from Olympic sports. Traditionally these have been lean years in terms of attendances and coverage, but with a strong long term strategy in place, the past year has seen Athletics Australia maintain the upward trajectory established in 2006, providing a strong lead-in to the 2008 Olympic year.

Key achievements

- The launch of the new Athletics Australia website, athletics.com.au
- Increased broadcasts of the sport on free and subscription television, with improved timeslots
- Nearly 1.5 million Australians watching the Telstra A-Series on SBS in 2007
- Re-introduction of the Telstra A-Series into Sydney, with strong support
- A 10% increase in attendances over the season, the first increase in a non-Olympic or Commonwealth Games year for over a decade
- Alignment of the State brands to the Athletics Australia brand, providing a united image for the sport
- A healthy increase in investment value to Athletics Australia's sponsors from 2006
- Establishment of the John Landy Lunch Club with nearly 300 people attending the first event

Marketing

As is always the case, the post-Commonwealth Games year provided significant challenges in maintaining interest in the sport, compounded by the fact that 2006 had seen the Games staged in Australia.

It is therefore pleasing that our key result areas saw significant growth during the 2007 season.

Utilising the increased profile of key athletes from the Commonwealth Games and 2006 European season, season marketing focused on key head-to-head battles between leading Australian athletes and international challengers including Shawn Crawford, Michelle Perry and Christian Cantwell.

Working with Sydney agency ACMN and local organising committees in each State, which incorporated sponsors and the State federations, a concerted push was made to reach the broad athletics community through State and club competitions, Little Athletics clubs and schools. This approach was particularly successful in Sydney

where 6123 fans travelled to Sydney Olympic Park for the first Telstra A-Series meet in Sydney since 2003.

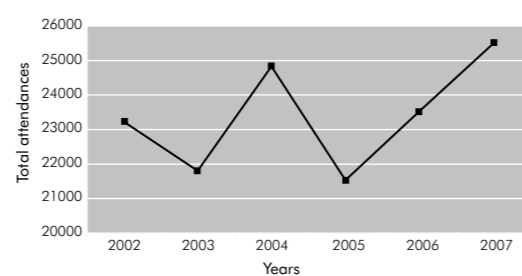
Partnerships with News Limited papers in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane saw increased exposure for the sport as well as a strong advertising push, as did a close relationship with 3AW in Melbourne.

Attendances

For the first time, only four events were held as part of the elite series in 2007. With this restructure and the move of the Telstra Australian Championships to Brisbane from Sydney - their home of the past three years, it was pleasing to see the strongest attendances across these cities since the Olympic year of 2000.

EVENT	DATE	2007	2006
Telstra A-Series Canberra	January 27	2100	3000
Telstra A-Series Sydney	February 17	6123	12,000 (Australian Championships)
Telstra A-Series Melbourne	March 2	7000	6000
Telstra Selection Trials and 85th Australian Championships Brisbane	March 9-11	10,238	2500 (A-Series)

Total attendances for events in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra 2002-07



The attendance results are particularly pleasing in a non-Games year and overcome the traditional saw-tooth nature of attendances, continuing the growth trend started in 2006. With an Olympic year in 2008, following on from the Osaka World Championships, the sport is well positioned for another year of attendance growth.

Sponsorship

Athletics Australia is pleased to recognise its partners during the past year:

Telstra – principal sponsor

Australian Sports Commission – principal partner

Asics

Accor – Novotel

SBS

Healthe

Cadbury Schweppes

Herald Sun

Queensland Events

Brisbane Marketing

Australian Commonwealth Games Association

Australian Olympic Committee

Australian Paralympic Committee

Telstra

As Athletics Australia's principal sponsor since 2001, Telstra continued its support of all levels of the sport in the past year. Whilst the Telstra A-Series is the most visible aspect of the relationship, Telstra's investment and programs reached far further into all aspects of the sport.

Once again the Telstra Athletics Assistance Fund provided the grassroots of the sport with the opportunity to share equipment grants totalling \$200,000. In its third year, the fund continued to attract greater numbers of applications from both senior and Little Athletics clubs and has developed into a key joint venture between Athletics Australia, its State member associations and Australian Little Athletics.

At the Telstra A-Series, the fanzone profiled new Telstra technologies including Foxtel on Next G mobile phones. Particularly popular were the athlete autograph sessions where athletics fans were able to meet their heroes.

Telstra was also involved in a number of recreational running events, including the Gold Coast Airport Marathon, which doubled as the Australian Marathon Championships, and the Blackmores Sydney Running Festival.

Australian Sports Commission

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) is Athletics Australia's principal partner and in the past year it continued its increasing support of the sport. A new focus on recognising the role of the Commission saw the commercial operations department work closely with the ASC to enhance awareness of its contribution to athletics.

Asics

The second year of Asics' relationship with Athletics Australia was built on the development of a new national uniform. Asics has worked closely with our designers to

develop an innovative uniform that combines state-of-the-art materials with a design that will differentiate Australia from the multitude of teams wearing green and gold in Osaka and beyond.

Work has also taken place on an exciting range of Asics-Athletics Australia licensed products.

Accor

The start of 2007 saw the beginning of an expanded relationship with Accor, which will extend the partnership to 2009. The relationship with Accor, through the Novotel brand, provides a strong example of linking the No. 1 Olympic sport with an Australian Olympic sponsor for the mutual benefit of both. The support of Accor is critical to Athletics Australia's ability to conduct its events, allowing an expanded program of support for athletes to travel nationally to meets.

Healthe

A new partnership with online health and wellness provider and Olympic sponsor Healthe was established in February 2007. The relationship with Healthe will assist the high performance department to monitor the health and rehabilitation of athletes in their Olympic preparation and planning is underway for a Healthe recreational running membership to be launched later in 2007.

Other partners

In 2007, Cadbury Schweppes, the Herald Sun and 3AW all joined Athletics Australia as Telstra A-Series partners. The Telstra Selection Trials and 85th Australian Championships were taken to Brisbane with the great support of Queensland Events and Brisbane Marketing, who have invested strongly in the development of the event over the next three years.

Communications

The launch of the new Athletics Australia website, athletics.com.au, has seen significant improvement in the communications tools used over the past year.

Presentation-wise, the site rivals those of other national sporting organisations and is a strong channel for Athletics Australia's brand, as is the suite of our organisation's publications and collateral.

Over 160,000 members of the athletics community have received communications in the past year, while subscribers to the website have more than doubled. A-News was re-launched as a monthly electronic

newsletter in December 2006 with a kids newsletter - Personal Beasts - added in April 2007. In addition, regular news and results releases have been added, as well as a daily newsletter during the Telstra Australian Championships.

Data from the first seven months of the new-look site shows significant growth, expected to accelerate into the 2007 World Championships, 2008 Australian season and Beijing Olympic Games.

A weekly radio show - Higher, Faster, Longer - was made available as a podcast with the launch of the new site. The program, available each Monday, provides a weekly wrap of results from around the world, as well as interviews with athletes, coaches, administrators and officials. The response to the weekly podcast update has been very pleasing, particularly the nightly show produced during the Telstra Australian Championships.

In addition, a commercial partnership has been framed with Fairfax Digital, providing significant promotion of the site on some of Australia's leading sites at no cost, as well as the opportunity to develop revenue through advertising and sponsorship.

Further initiatives are planned for the next year including a recreational running newsletter.

Media

Jump Media was appointed during the year to co-ordinate day to day media and public relations strategies and activities through to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

While the volume of coverage during the 2007 season decreased due to the peak of the 2006 Commonwealth Games year, the quality of coverage was significantly increased. The position of athletics stories in newspapers was greatly improved, including Craig Mottram featuring on the cover of the Herald Sun. In addition, domestic coverage during the northern hemisphere season was heightened, aided by the fantastic performances of Australian athletes overseas.

Central to the improved coverage has been the building of strong relationships with key media outlets across the country, a strategy that will continue to reap rewards over the next year.

Brand

The development of the brand in the past year has focused on unification across the States, with every association adopting a new logo. Based on the style of Athletics Australia's brand, the State logos incorporate local colours and icons. This is part of the 'one sport'

strategy to develop a united front and the logos have been warmly welcomed across the athletics community.

In addition, application of the brand to uniforms and licensed products has taken place in partnership with Asics, ready for the 2007 World Championships team.



Consumer products

Developing new products for market is a long process, but it has been pleasing to reach agreement with Asics for a range to be launched in mid-2008, including a special Athletics Australia running shoe.

In addition, a range of licensed athletics equipment is also under discussion with a number of partners.

Events and hospitality

The launch of the John Landy Lunch Club in Melbourne has been a highlight of the events and hospitality program over the past year. In partnership with Jump Media, Marketing and Events, Athletics Australia has established an advisory committee including Samantha Culbert (Chair), Luke Bould, Tim Cherry, Nick Columb, Maxine Corcoran, Lisa Hasker, Peter Jess, Bob Lay, Matt McKenzie and Julian Paynter, which has played a key role in the development of this initiative.

The club has been established to build the corporate support base of the sport and the first edition, which doubled as the media launch for the Telstra A-Series Melbourne, saw nearly 300 people enjoy a successful lunch at the Sofitel Melbourne showcasing the athletes who would compete in the meet later in the week at Olympic Park.

Broadcasting

The 2007 season was the second of a four-year agreement with SBS and saw a significant step forward in terms of length of program, broadcast timeslots and viewer numbers. In addition to the SBS broadcast of the three Telstra A-Series meets and Telstra Australian Championships, our programs returned to Fox Sports - broadcast on a number of occasions through March and April.



SBS broadcasted the four 90-minute programs on the Sunday following the meets at 4pm, a prime sports viewing time. The Telstra A-Series reached 1,445,000 viewers in total, nearly double 2006's figure, and the programs captured a 4.7 percent share of free to air viewing in a competitive timeslot. These are impressive numbers given competition against NRL matches broadcast in NSW and Queensland and the Australian Grand Prix on the weekend of the Australian Championships.

Athletics Australia's strategy of enhancing television coverage to offset the loss in coverage from print and television news succeeded, with all programs and markets showing an increased audience and the Sydney meet emerging as the most popular.

RUNNING AUSTRALIA

This year has seen some directional shifts in the recreational running industry. With public liability insurance costs falling in the general market place and a move by councils to increase monitoring of recreational runs and similar activities, the number of events registered with Running Australia has decreased slightly.

With 24 percent of the total population considering themselves to be fun run participants, including 30

percent of males between 16 and 44 and 33 percent of females from 16 to 29, recreational running remains a preferred option for exercise and is predicted to grow given the changing habits of Generation Y and beyond.

Running Australia, with more than 70 registered events including the Canberra Marathon, Melbourne Marathon, Sydney Running Festival, City-Bay Fun Run, Burnie 10, Gold Coast Marathon and Perth City to Surf, is a significant program and strong growth in all of the major events was reported this year.

These industry changes have led to a shift in focus for the Running Australia program. A new structure engaging competitors in recreational runs as members of their State association has been workshopped - with the co-operation of the State associations and event organisers - and will be implemented in early 2008.

This is a significant development for the program and for the sport as a whole, providing a great increase in reportable numbers and strong traction into the recreational running community for State associations and Athletics Australia's programs.

Luke Bould

Commercial Operations Manager

Young Victorian Jeff Riseley, an excitement package of the Australian domestic season, leads the 800m at the Graeme Briggs Memorial Track Classic in Hobart.

COMPETITIONS

The 2006/07 athletics competition program welcomed a return to a normal set of competition dates after an unusual 2006 program leading into the Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

After a review of changes implemented in 2006 and consultation with the track and field committee and member associations, the new season saw a strengthening of the two-tiered system of national one-day meets. National Series meets were held in Geelong, Perth, Sydney, Brisbane and Hobart, providing a sound competition base leading into a reduced number of Telstra A-Series meets. Three Telstra A-Series meets were conducted in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne.

This change to the structure of elite one-day competition over the Australian summer is a critical component in better providing for the needs of athletes and meet organisers. Additionally, it creates a true pathway of competition opportunities with National Series meets now providing a link between local competition and Telstra A-Series meets.

With the National Series and Canberra Telstra A-Series meets providing a solid base of competition for our elite and developing athletes, Athletics Australia was able to elevate the Sydney (IAAF Area Permit) and Melbourne (IAAF World Athletics Tour) meets to a more elite status. These two meets are the showcase of our sport providing world-class competition in a package that is attractive to spectators, media and television audiences. A total of \$350,000 in prize-money was available over these two meets - \$100,000 in Sydney and \$250,000 in Melbourne. This was the highest total ever offered in the form of prize-money on the Australian domestic circuit.

The strategy proved successful, with spectator numbers and general media interest in both Sydney and Melbourne up significantly on previous years.

Athletics Australia also continued to support athlete travel to National Series and Telstra A-Series meets. In total, \$150,000 in flights was available for athletes who met specific performance standards.

Athletics Australia attracted a significant group of international athletes to the Sydney and Melbourne Telstra A-Series meets. Athletes including Shawn Crawford, Michelle Perry, LaShawn Merritt, Brad Walker, Toby Stevenson, Shedrack Korir and Christian Cantwell not only provided world-class competition for our Australian athletes but great entertainment for spectators.

The Telstra 85th Australian Athletics Championships were staged in Brisbane over three days. Although conditions were very hot and humid, we saw some

great performances and several World Championships A-qualifiers. Sally McLellan capped off an excellent domestic season with a national record in the 100 metre hurdles in the last event of the program.

The introduction of the Australian Underage AWD Championships was well supported in its first year.

Following is a list of the competitions organised or supported by Athletics Australia over the 2006/07 Athletics Season:

- **August 26, 2006:** Telstra Australian Cross Country Championships and Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships, Hobart
- **August 27, 2006:** Telstra Australian Road Walking Championships and Junior Road Walking Championships, Hobart
- **September 17, 2006:** Telstra Australian Half Marathon Championships, Sydney
- **November 17-19, 2006:** Australian Athletes with a Disability Underage Championships, AIS Athletics Track, Canberra
- **December 2, 2006:** Telstra Australian Men's 50km Road Walking Championship, Geelong
- **December 2, 2006:** Ron Clarke Classic (NSM), Geelong
- **December 6, 2006:** Schools Knockout National Final, Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Sydney
- **December 7-10, 2006:** Australian All Schools and Youth Athletics Championships, Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Sydney
- **December 14, 2006:** Telstra Zatopek Classic and Australian Championships for Men and Women Open and Under 23 10,000m, Olympic Park, Melbourne
- **December 16-17, 2006:** Australian U18 & U16 Combined Events Championships, AIS Athletics Track, Canberra
- **January 7, 2007:** Drug Free Track and Field Classic (NSM), Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth
- **January 13, 2007:** RESI Sydney Track Classic (NSM), Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Sydney
- **January 19-20, 2007:** Australian Youth Olympic Festival, Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Sydney
- **January 20, 2007:** Australian Selection Trials for the 2007 World Cross Country Championships, Canberra
- **January 20, 2007:** Australian Athletics Cup - State Teams Match (NSM), Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, Brisbane
- **January 27, 2007:** Telstra A-Series Canberra, AIS Athletics Track, Canberra
- **February 9, 2007:** Graeme Briggs Memorial Track Classic (NSM), Domain Athletic Centre, Hobart



- **February 9-11, 2007:** Telstra Australian Under 20-All Schools, Under 20 and Under 23 Athletics Championships, Domain Athletic Centre, Hobart
 - **February 11, 2007:** Telstra Australian Club Championships, Domain Athletic Centre, Hobart
 - **February 17, 2007:** Telstra A-Series Sydney, Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Sydney
 - **March 2, 2007:** Telstra A-Series Melbourne (WAT), Olympic Park, Melbourne
 - **March 9-10, 2007:** Telstra Australian Open, U23 and U20 Combined Events Championships, Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, Brisbane
 - **March 9-11, 2007:** Telstra 85th Australian Athletics Championships, Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, Brisbane
 - **March 10-11, 2007:** Australian Interstate Youth (Under 18) Match, Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, Brisbane
 - **April 15, 2007:** Australian 50km Road Championships, Canberra
 - **June 16, 2007:** Telstra Australian Mountain Running Championships, Mt Majura
 - **July 1, 2007:** Telstra Australian Half Marathon Championships, Gold Coast
- * NSM = National Series Meet

Of course all of this would only have been possible with the help of a large group of experienced and dedicated volunteers and officials. The season again provided a very heavy workload and the group stepped forward and delivered - as always - at a wide range of events.

In addition to all the Athletics Australia competitions listed, our volunteers also contributed to a wide range of State Championships and interclub meets.

From all of us involved at Athletics Australia, the athletes and supporters, I would like to say thank you to these talented and dedicated people. We have set a high standard at our meets, largely through their outstanding input and commitment.

I would also like to recognise and thank the members of our Athletics Australia committees for their ongoing advice, assistance and vision on competition-related matters.

David Gynther
Competitions Manager

Melbourne Olympic Park hosts the 2007 Telstra A-Series World Athletics Tour meet.

DEVELOPMENT

Allocating required resources and energy to the development of our sport at the grassroots level is a continued priority of Athletics Australia.

As expected, a very successful Commonwealth Games campaign generated increased interest in track, field and out-of-stadium running and walking with young athletes around the country undoubtedly inspired by the efforts of their heroes.

We are very aware of the competition our sport faces from other codes and the challenge of keeping children and adolescents interested and involved in athletics.

Thankfully, we are blessed to have the support of many proactive and committed schools, athletics clubs and volunteers that do a wonderful job in promoting and managing participation and the massive influence it has on healthy living.

In the case of athletics clubs, both junior and senior, the Telstra Assistance Fund has been a fantastic program - rewarding 63 clubs in the past year with grants in the form of equipment to improve quality of their resources.

While we worked very hard to merge supplies in some areas, accommodating close to 500 applicants proved an impossible task. However, demand itself was a positive sign for our sport.

The main items purchased over the last four years through the fund have included hurdles, stopwatches, sunshades and high jump mats and we will miss Telstra's generosity once it concludes at the end of 2007.

Fortunately, the Telstra Assistance Fund will benefit another line of clubs before our relationship ends.

On behalf of the clubs and centres that have received support from the fund since 2003, we say thank you to Telstra.

Pleasingly, over the last 12 months Athletics Australia's development program has strengthened its focus on growing the sport within Indigenous communities and the talent identification of Indigenous athletes.

Athletics for the Outback

It was another very successful year for the Athletics for the Outback program.

In November 2006, the New South Wales Indigenous Championships welcomed teams from Western Australia, Queensland and South Australia with prominent Indigenous athletes Kyle Vander Kuyp, Josh Ross, Robbie Crowther, Patrick Johnson, Nova Batman and Benn Harradine meeting with the teams over two days of wonderful athletics.

A camp for Indigenous athletes was held at the beach-side suburb of Scott's Head where the athletes spent four days training and participating in cultural activities. It concluded with an athletics carnival that featured local athletes from clubs and schools.

Areas visited included Normanton in Far North Queensland - for the third consecutive year - and Marree in South Australia where the MCG (Marree Cricket Ground) hosted an athletics carnival for the first time in many years. Schools from Leigh Creek and Oodnadatta travelled to participate with support from the local communities fantastic in both areas.

Australia's elite Indigenous athletes continue to be very supportive of this program, which carries the positive messages of sport and health to communities across Australia. A number of Indigenous adults are now accredited as coaches and have the ability and knowledge to deliver effective athletics programs.

The program is in its third year and continues to receive support from the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA) and the Australian Sports Commission. Athletics for the Outback is seen as a vital part of the development program to encourage Indigenous Australians to participate in organised sport.

Future projects will include extending camps to Western Australia (2007) and Queensland. The State versus State clash will also be further developed to create an annual event with junior Indigenous representative teams being selected.

Jump Start to London 2012

With a focus on National Talent Identification and Development (NTID), Jump Start to London was



introduced with the support of the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). The program will see a number of elite Indigenous athletes being groomed to participate at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The athletes will receive support through extended competition opportunities, coaching and camps with the disciplines of sprints and jumps being the primary events of focus.

There are 27 athletes currently in the pilot group and their ages range from 16 to 23. The group have already begun to show improvements with a number of them making the national rankings in a short period of time.

Team trips have been made with Jump Start athletes competing at the New Zealand Track and Field Championships in March 2007 and the Arafura Games in Darwin in May.

The group also attended a camp at the AIS before departing for Darwin and have received performance analysis data to improve their daily training environment.

The program is supported by six regional development officers, employed by the ASC to assist in the NTID sports, and four Athletics Australia regional coaching co-ordinators based in New South Wales, Northern Territory, Western Australia and Queensland.

STAR program

Since 2004 the STAR program has been an extremely successful coaching aid, accessed by tens of thousands of teachers and students throughout Australia.

The program, in CD-ROM format, will be re-launched towards the end of 2007 to include extended lesson plans and modules to provide teachers and coaches with a variety of tools to enhance athletics coaching in schools and at clubs.

The disc will contain many segments of video footage of our elite athletes and of students beginning their track and field journeys. Covering all disciplines, it will preserve the popular five-star award program that has encouraged students to improve their athleticism in time.

We thank the athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, students, teachers and parents that have contributed to strengthening our great sport and, in most cases, spreading the word!

Special thanks must go to the Australian Sports Commission and the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts for their generous support of our Indigenous endeavours.

Sally McGrady
Development Manager

Talented Indigenous long jumper Robbie Crowther is also an AIS scholar.

❖ LIFE MEMBERS

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

NAME	YEAR ELECTED
C Ronald Aitken CBE*	1965
John Bailey AM	1995
Thomas C Blue AM BEM*	1980
Joyce Bonwick OAM	1978
Reginald H Brandis	2005
Graeme T Briggs AM JP*	1990
Gwen Bull OAM*	1962
Margaret Cahill OAM*	1972
H George Carruthers MBE*	1977
Gwen Chester*	1998
Leonard B Curnow OBE*	1968
Mavis Ebzery OAM*	1967
C Herbert OJM*	1974
Nell Gould OAM BEM*	1962
Robert E Graham OBE*	1968
Arthur J Hodsdon MBE	1965
Norman G Hutton*	1968
Jill Huxley	2003
Paul Jenes	1995
Ronda M Jenkins	2002
Clive D Lee AM	1984
Doris Magee AM MBE*	1962
Margaret I Mahony OAM	1997
Allan W McDonald QC	1993
Stella McMinn AM JP	1992
Maisie McQuiston BEM*	1971
Fred W Napier OAM*	1992
Lillian Neville OAM*	1962
Brenda J Pearl OAM	1992
Mabel E Robinson MBE*	1973
Noel J Ruddock AM	1989
George Soper*	1969
George W Tempest	1994
F Theo Treacy OBE*	1969
Hugh R Weir CBE*	1957
Doris M Willson*	1964
Denis P Wilson AM	1997
Flo Wrighter OSAM BEM*	1986

* Deceased

❖ AUSTRALIAN HONOURS LIST

The Australian Honours List is an official record, containing over 240,000 entries of Australians who have been honoured since Federation, excluding those who have been recognised for military campaign service and with military long service awards.

The Order of Australia was created in 1975 and since then, more than 14,000 Australians have been recognised for their service to their country or to humanity.

This year the following members of the Australian athletics fraternity received an award recognising their service.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS – JANUARY 26, 2007

Jean Gell OAM (VIC)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to athletics in Victoria as a competitor, manager and official, and as a contributor to the development of women's athletics.

John Harnden AM (VIC)

Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to sports administration, particularly through contributions to the planning and co-ordination of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Stanley Miller OAM (SA)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to athletics through a range of administrative and coaching roles.

John Pearce OAM (SA)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to athletics, particularly through the Enfield Harriers Athletics Club.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS – JUNE 12, 2007

Stan Bennett OAM (QLD)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to athletics in Queensland through the development of young athletes and as an official and administrator.

Raelene Boyle AM (QLD)

Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to the community through a range of roles with organisations that support people with cancer, particularly Breast Cancer Network Australia.

Max Cherry OAM (TAS)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to athletics as a coach and mentor at local, state and national levels.

Perry Crosswhite AM (VIC)

Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to sport, particularly through executive roles with the Commonwealth and Olympic Games organisations, and to basketball as a competitor at national and international levels.

Wally Foreman

Veteran ABC broadcaster and former Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS) executive director Wally Foreman died suddenly on November 2, 2006, aged 58.

His passion for athletics was inspired by his wife Lyn, a 400m hurdler, and so began a wonderful contribution to the sport as both a media personality and administrator.

Wally was a particularly popular personality in his home State, though his contributions to sport were recognised nationally through honours including Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to sport, WA Citizen of the Year (Sport) in 2000 and the Australian Sports Medal.

He was the inaugural executive director of WAIS, a position he held for 17 years from 1984. In 1992, Western Australia had six athletes within the Australian track and field team for the Olympic Games as WAIS built a strong reputation as a provider for elite athletes.

Wally played a key role in the creation of the Olympic Athlete Program in the lead-up to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and lent his energy to the world's biggest sporting event on four occasions, Sydney included.

Known for enormous wit and his larger than life personality, Wally was also most generous with his time and talents in junior coaching, fundraising activities and an ear to many fans of talk-back radio.

Alastair 'Scotchy' Gordon

The athletics family lost one of its great characters on ANZAC Day 2007 with the passing of Alastair 'Scotchy' Gordon.

Scotchy's love for athletics commenced as a participant. His under-16 200m record set at St Peter's College in 1944 - a proud athletics institution - still stands. He progressed to international participation, winning a gold medal in the 4 x 110 yards relay and finishing fourth in both the 100 yards and 220 yards finals at the 1950 Empire Games.

By the late 1950s, Scotchy's focus turned to athletics coaching. One of his most decorated students was Bruce Frayne, who competed over 400m at the Los Angeles Olympic Games of 1984. Kathy Sambell followed, competing at Barcelona 1992, while Tania Van Heer took three medals at the Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games of 1998.

It was after that effort that Scotchy retired from coaching, though he upheld his passion for the sport.

Life membership of Athletics South Australia, an Athletics Australia Merit Award and an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for services to sport were among his other achievements.

He was 78.

Robert 'Bob' Grant

A founding member of Athletics International, Bob Grant was as dedicated a teacher and administrator as he was an athlete, husband and father.

Australian champion in the javelin throw in 1955, 1956 and 1957, Bob competed at the Melbourne Olympic Games of 1956 and also had numerous State titles.

Bob's contributions extended to Scotch and Geelong Colleges and with Athletics International he held the position of treasurer and trust director - the latter until just before his death in June 2007.

Jennifer Jaye

Jennifer passed away on January 16, 2007, aged 73.

A prominent former member of the national officiating team, she officiated at a number of major internationals and many Australian Championships.

Ken Lorroway

Ken Lorroway will be fondly remembered as a feisty competitor, tough and stubborn but enormously respected.

He remains Australia's best triple jumper, holding the Australian and Oceania record of 17.46m set in London on August 7, 1982.

An athletics scholar at Southern Illinois University, he studied and trained from 1974 until 1978 and received all-American honours in his final year.

Ken represented Australia at the 1978 Edmonton Commonwealth Games, where he placed fourth in the triple jump and eighth in the long jump, and at two Olympic Games. In Moscow in 1980, he was a finalist in the triple jump but did not progress in Los Angeles in 1984.

Closer to home, he was crowned national triple jump champion over five consecutive years.

The highlight of Ken's career, in the eyes of many track and field fans, was his silver medal at the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games. Soon after the games, he married fellow silver medallist and Australian long jumper Robyn Strong.

A Canberran through and through, Ken emerged via the junior ranks with the North Canberra Athletics Club and competed for Belconnen Striders until his retirement.

Ken was actively involved in athletics until his sudden death in January 2007 at the age of 50.

Mizan Mehari

Mizan Mehari, a former Australian distance champion and Sydney Olympic finalist, died tragically in May.

One of four Ethiopian athletes who remained in Australia after the World Junior Championships held in Sydney in 1996, Mehari received his Australian citizenship in 1999.

He competed in his first major meet for his new country at the World Championships in Seville the same year, finishing 23rd over 5000m.

Selected in the Australian team for the Sydney Olympics, he made the final of the 5000m, crossing the line in 12th position.

Coached by Dick Telford, Mehari was based at the Australian Institute of Sport during his career and remained in Canberra thereafter.

Peter Norman

One of Australia's greatest ever sprinters, Peter Norman passed away in October 2006 after suffering a heart attack.

For all his achievements, he is best remembered for receiving his 1968 Olympic Games silver medal in quiet support of African American athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos in their 'Black Power' salute on the victory dais - one of the most stirring moments in sporting history.

The trio shared a life-long friendship; Peter attended the unveiling of a statue at San Jose State University in 2005, where Smith and Carlos had been students.

He represented Australia in the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Perth in 1962 and in Jamaica 1966.

Securing his third successive national 220 yards title in 1968, Peter was selected for the Mexico Olympic Games and maintained his brilliant form in the lead-up.

Running from lane six in the final, Peter was third off the turn but passed Carlos, the world record holder, to finish second in 20.06 seconds behind Tommie Smith's new world record of 19.83. Amazingly, Peter was not considered a finals prospect prior to the Games and his effort remains the best result by an Australian male sprinter at an Olympic Games.

The Australian record to this day, his time would have won him gold at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Peter retired from top-level athletics in 1972 after finishing third in the national championships and missing out on selection for the Munich Olympic Games team. He threw his energy into teaching physical education, commentating for the Nine Network and sports administration. He was also active in encouraging young athletes, assisting with Olympic fundraising and Olympic education in schools.

In 2000 his significant contribution to sport was recognised with the award of the Australian Sports Medal.

With a great sense of humour, he was excellent company and a generous man sadly missed by all who knew him.

Peter was 64.

Jack Pross

One of Australia's most influential coaches, Jack Pross passed away in Sydney on August 9, 2006, aged 86.

He represented Tasmania at national championships in track and cross-country, but navy service saw him live in Victoria, Western Australia and New South Wales where he lent his support to the various State bodies, their athletes and coaches.

After World War II he moved to Melbourne, where Percy Cerutti assessed his abilities as modest and encouraged a move into coaching. He took that advice and charges included Commonwealth Games medallists Trevor Bickle (pole vault), Gordon Windeyer (high jump), Dave Power (10,000m) - who also won Olympic bronze,

John Baguley (triple jump) and world record holder Albie Thomas, among many others.

Jack also made significant contributions to coach education and development, recognised by the IAAF and the Australian Government.

He was a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), the Australian Sports Medal 2000 for services to athletics, the Eunice Gill Coach Education Merit Award for outstanding contributions to coach education, the Henri Schubert Memorial Award from Athletics Australia and was rewarded with life membership of Athletics New South Wales and the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association.

A very popular man, he left an indelible mark on the athletics community.

Dave Stevens

Queensland and Australian Athletics lost one of its longest-serving and most dedicated officials with the passing of Dave Stevens on June 29, 2007.

Dave began officiating in 1969 with the Queensland Women's Association and continued with Queensland Athletics after its amalgamation in 1983.

An expert in both summer and winter disciplines, he is best remembered as 'Mr Photo Finish' which he worked at numerous national championships. He was also part of the photo finish team at the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games and the World Cup in Canberra in 1985.

Responsible for the purchase and establishment of grounds and clubhouse for the Southern Suburbs Athletic Club, now known as the QEII Track Club, Dave was active in administration. A coach, volunteer, official and club president for many years, he earned life membership of his club and Queensland Athletics.

He received an OAM in 1995 for his services to the sport and in 2000 was honoured by selection as a torchbearer in the Olympic Torch Relay.

Dave's wife of 55 years, Pauline, is also a long-serving official. He was 76.

Athletics Australia also acknowledges the wonderful contribution to athletics of:

Don Bell - Athletics Victoria Life Member

Jack Biggins - Athletics Victoria Life Member

Rudi Hochreiter - Athletics Victoria Life Member

Michael O'Loughlin - Athletics Tasmania Merit Award holder

AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

MEN						
Nathan Deakes	VIC	Aust national, Aust all comers	30km road walk	2:05:06	Hobart	27/08/06
Nathan Deakes	VIC	World, Aust national, Commonwealth, Aust all comers	50km road walk	3:35:47	Geelong	02/12/06
Craig Mottram	VIC	Aust national	3000m	7:32.19	Athens	17/09/06
Jarrold Smith	WA	U16	100m hurdles	12.81	Sydney	10/12/06
Australian team		U18	1000m sprint medley relay	1:54.77	Brisbane	10/03/07

WOMEN						
Linda Allen	QLD	U20	Triple jump	13.36m	Gold Coast	08/07/06
Laura Cornford	NSW	U20	Javelin throw	57.37m	Sydney	03/02/07
Lisa Corrigan	ACT	Aust national, Aust all comers	Mile	4:22.66	Melbourne	02/03/07
Jessica Gilfillan	QLD	U16	2000m steeplechase	6:33.54	Gold Coast	08/06/07
Kym Howe	WA	Aust national, Commonwealth	Pole vault	4.72m	Donetsk	10/02/07
Sarah Jamieson	VIC	Aust national	1500m	4:00.93	Stockholm	26/07/06
Benita Johnson	VIC	Aust national	Marathon	2:22:36	Chicago	22/10/06
Sally McLellan	QLD	Aust national	100m hurdles	12.92	Brisbane	11/03/07
Sally McLellan	QLD	Aust national	100m hurdles	12.71	Osaka	05/05/07
Vicky Parnov	WA	U18, U20	Pole vault	4.40m	Rheinland-Pfalz	30/06/07
Dani Samuels	NSW	U20	Shot put	16.19m	Hobart	08/02/07
Dani Samuels	NSW	U20	Discus throw	60.63m	Beijing	20/08/06

INDOOR

MEN						
Steven Hooker	WA	Aust national	Pole vault	5.81m	Boston	27/01/07
Craig Mottram	VIC	Aust national	3000m	7:39.24	Boston	27/01/07

WOMEN						
Kym Howe	WA	Aust national	Pole vault	4.72m	Donetsk	10/02/07
Sarah Jamieson	VIC	Aust national	Mile	4:28.03	Boston	27/01/07

AUSTRALIAN MEDALLISTS

IAAF World Junior Championships

Beijing, China, August 15-20, 2006

Robert Crowther	1st	Long jump
Dani Samuels	1st	Discus throw
Vicky Parnov	3rd	Pole vault

IAAF World Cup

Athens, Greece, August 16-17, 2006

Craig Mottram	1st	3000 metres
Steven Hooker	1st	Pole vault
Sarah Jamieson	3rd	1500 metres

IAAF World Athletics Final

Stuttgart, Germany, September 9-10, 2006

Paul Burgess	1st	Pole vault
Bronwyn Thompson	2nd	Long jump

IPC Athletics World Championships

Assen, Holland, September 3-10, 2006

Crystal Adams	2nd	100 metres
	3rd	Long jump
Aaron Chatman	2nd	High jump
Richard Colman	3rd	800 metres
Rod Farr	2nd	Discus throw
	2nd	Shot put
Kurt Fearnley	1st	800 metres
	3rd	1500 metres
	1st	5000 metres
	1st	Marathon
Heath Francis	1st	100 metres
	1st	200 metres
	1st	400 metres
Amanda Fraser	1st	Discus throw
	2nd	Shot put
Gregory Hibberd	3rd	Shot put

Hamish MacDonald	1st	Shot put
Lisa McIntosh	1st	100 metres
	1st	200 metres
Wade McMahon	3rd	Javelin throw
Andrew Newell	1st	200 metres
Evan O'Hanlon	3rd	200 metres
Katherine Proudfoot	3rd	100 metres
	3rd	Discus throw
	2nd	Shot put
Russell Short	2nd	Shot put
Eliza Stankovic	3rd	800 metres
Tim Sullivan	1st	100 metres
	1st	200 metres
	1st	400 metres
Darren Thrupp	3rd	100 metres
	1st	Long jump
Christine Wolf	3rd	100 metres

AUSTRALIAN RANKINGS

WORLD TOP 50 RANKED AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES IN 2006

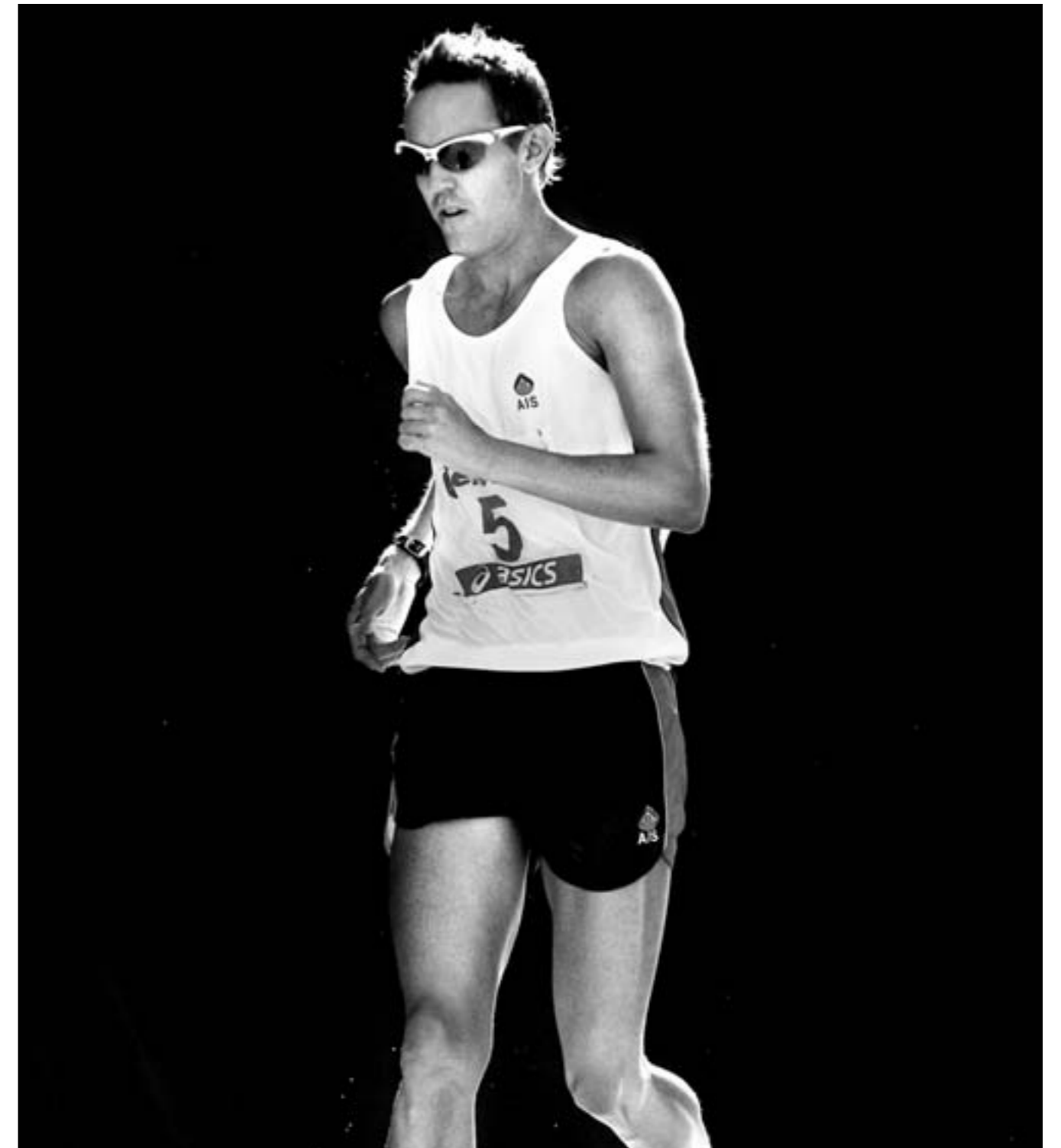
1st	Steven Hooker	Pole vault	26th	Craig Mottram	1500m
2nd	Paul Burgess	Pole vault	26th	Suzy Walsham	1500m
2nd	Bronwyn Thompson	Long jump	26th	Peter Nowill	3000m steeplechase
2nd	Nathan Deakes	Race walking	27th	Patrick Johnson	100m
5th	Sarah Jamieson	1500m	27th	Brendan Cole	400m hurdles
5th	Jane Saville	Race walking	27th	Ellen Pettitt	High jump
6th	Victoria Mitchell	3000m steeplechase	27th	Tim Parravicini	Long jump
7th	Kym Howe	Pole vault	28th	Kerrie Taurima	Long jump
8th	Donna MacFarlane	3000m steeplechase	30th	Sally McLellan	100m hurdles
10th	Tatiana Grigorieva	Pole vault	31st	Oliver Dziubak	Javelin throw
11th	Jana Rawlinson	400m hurdles	32nd	Alwyn Jones	Triple jump
12th	Scott Martin	Shot put	33rd	Cheryl Webb	Race walking
12th	Stuart Rendell	Hammer throw	35th	Jared Tallent	Race walking
13th	Daniel Batman	200m	36th	Rosemary Hayward	400m
13th	Clinton Hill	400m	36th	Victoria Parnov	Pole vault
13th	Dmitri Markov	Pole vault	38th	John Thornell	Long jump
13th	Scott Martin	Discus throw	38th	Andrew Murphy	Triple jump
14th	Benita Johnson	5000m - 10,000m	39th	Lisa Corrigan	1500m
15th	Patrick Johnson	200m	40th	Tristan Thomas	400m hurdles
16th	Craig Mottram	5000m - 10,000m	43rd	Benn Harradine	Discus throw
16th	Eloise Wellings	5000m - 10,000m	44th	Tamsyn Lewis	400m
18th	Fabrice Lapierre	Long jump	45th	Anna Thompson	5000m - 10,000m
18th	Brooke Billett	Hammer throw	45th	Kathryn Mitchell	Javelin throw
19th	Dani Samuels	Discus throw	47th	Nick Moroney	High jump
20th	Kimberley Mickle	Javelin throw	48th	Sally McLellan	100m
20th	Luke Adams	Race walking	48th	Robert Crowther	Long jump
20th	Natalie Saville	Race walking	49th	Jeremy Roff	1500m
21st	John Steffensen	400m	49th	Sonia Brito	400m hurdles
24th	Mark Fountain	1500m			
25th	Youcef Abdi	3000m steeplechase			

As at October 9, 2006

Note: The IAAF has confirmed that 2007 will be the final year that world rankings are formally presented.

REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION FIGURES 2006-2007

		Totals	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Totals
		05-06	06-07	06-07	06-07	06-07	06-07	06-07	06-07	06-07	06-07
ATHLETES											
Senior	Male	3,933	107	1,127	178	701	175	118	1,280	89	3,775
	Female	2,034	45	632	135	457	126	61	502	40	1,998
Under 20	M	584	16	157	6	88	51	16	171	32	537
	F	442	13	139	9	79	40	21	108	24	433
Under 18	M	1,114	30	404	22	173	93	34	354	62	1,172
	F	961	32	323	13	185	51	25	228	70	927
Under 16	M	1,165	23	310	32	219	76	45	349	40	1,094
	F	1,141	40	363	36	250	72	49	308	57	1,175
Under 14	M	657	14	230	36	215	30	55	165	24	769
	F	812	26	254	55	232	29	70	202	28	896
Under 12	M	706	0	132	173	519	0	0	0	0	824
	F	784	0	152	204	537	0	0	0	0	893
Total	M	8,159	190	2,360	447	1,915	425	268	2,319	247	8,171
	F	6,174	156	1,863	452	1,740	318	226	1,348	219	6,322
Total Athletes		14,333	346	4,223	899	3,655	743	494	3,667	466	14,493
OFFICIALS											
	M	690	35	167	14	133	37	23	163	22	594
	F	658	14	123	25	230	44	26	136	28	626
Total Officials		1,348	49	290	39	363	81	49	299	50	1,220
ACTIVE LIFE MEMBERS											
	M	149	9	26	11	22	34	8	14	21	145
	F	113	2	16	8	23	26	4	16	18	113
Total Active Life Members		262	11	42	19	45	60	12	30	39	258
COACHES (AS PROVIDED BY THE AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD COACHES ASSOCIATION)											
Level 1	M	573	6	139	8	174	47	24	134	38	570
	F	360	6	95	9	178	19	7	54	46	414
Level 2	M	507	20	198	0	245	35	10	108	17	633
	F	229	15	63	0	143	12	2	39	12	286
Level 3	M	3	1	5	0	4	0	0	4	2	16
	F	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	8
Level 4	M	236	13	72	0	62	21	12	47	10	237
	F	69	1	22	1	19	6	3	15	4	71
Level 5	M	76	1	17	1	20	4	1	28	1	73
	F	17	2	2	0	1	2	0	3	5	15
Others	M	48	0	11	0	7	5	0	26	1	50
	F	15	0	4	0	7	6	0	10	1	28
Total Coaches		2,135	65	632	19	861	157	59	468	140	2,401
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS		18,078	471	5,187	976	4,924	1,041	614	4,464	695	18,372



	Totals	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Totals
	05-06	06-07	06-07	06-07	06-07	06-07	06-07	06-07	06-07	06-07
PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS										
Schools Knockout	5,298	50	500	125	600	600	600	1,300	400	4,175
Australian All Schools	1,491	34	412	9	400	128	46	284	109	1,422
STAR Athletics	176,588	Accurate figures unavailable due to STAR program transition period (development of new resource)								
Running Australia	134,153	2,206	19,218	0	19,389	23,030	7,489	17,636	25,241	114,209
Total Participation Programs	317,530	2,290	20,130	134	20,389	23,758	8,135	19,220	25,750	119,806
TOTAL PARTICIPATION	338,251	2,761	25,317	1,110	25,313	24,799	8,749	23,684	26,445	138,178

Luke Adams won the men's 20km walk at the Telstra Australian Championships in Brisbane.

QUEENSLAND ATHLETICS



Queensland Athletics (QA) continues to strive for growth and improvement in all areas.

Unification

The ongoing attempts to unify the sport in Queensland continued in 2006 and whilst the issue has not been resolved, Queensland Athletics and Queensland Little Athletics continue to discuss ways to move our two organisations forward for the good of the sport. With the support of Queensland Masters Athletics and Athletics North Queensland, we are confident that ways can be found to deliver better service and a better cradle-to-grave sport.

Competition

It was extremely pleasing to see that the 2006 Queensland Athletics Competition season continued to show growth in competition numbers. For example, the Rebel Sport Super Series again showed strong increases with participation numbers up 8.7% on 2005.

Sport development

In 2006, 176 coaches received coaching accreditation through Queensland Athletics and an additional 198 coaches received accreditation through Sports Credentials through their delivery of regional courses.

The rural and remote coach mentor program continues and I give thanks to Athletics North Queensland for its assistance in this program and to the Queensland Government for its continued financial support of this initiative.

It would be remiss not to mention Brisbane's (ultimately unsuccessful) bid for the World Championships in 2011. A very strong bid was delivered by the bid team and it is sufficient, I believe, to say that Brisbane can count itself very unlucky not to have been successful.

Elite athlete development

In 2006 the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) continued its individual scholarships program, rather than adopting a full service program, but we are optimistic that at some stage that will change. Additional funding from Athletics Australia to employ a state performance co-ordinator has been secured and this position was filled in early 2007.

At the World Junior Championships, Robbie Crowther, from Bowen in North Queensland, produced an amazing leap in the long jump to win the gold medal.

North Queensland

It was another exciting year for athletics in North Queensland, with Athletics North Queensland continuing to provide a range of competitions and opportunities for their members throughout the northern region. The highlight of 2006 was undoubtedly the Athletics North Queensland Championships. This event continues to grow in popularity and is a credit to the board and staff of Athletics North Queensland.

Communication

Communication remains the key to running a successful organisation and Queensland Athletics is committed to improving the communication channels it has in place to all stakeholders.

Initiatives such as club development days were used to enhance communication between the association and its members.

Volunteer development

Officiating courses continued to be conducted by Queensland Athletics (through the officials commission) to train new officials and to strengthen the skills of existing officials.

The challenge remains to increase the number and skill of officials so that Queensland remains at the forefront of athletics officiating in Australia.

Finances

Our financial position continues to be strong, thanks to tight cost control and excellent support from our principal supporter, the Queensland Government.

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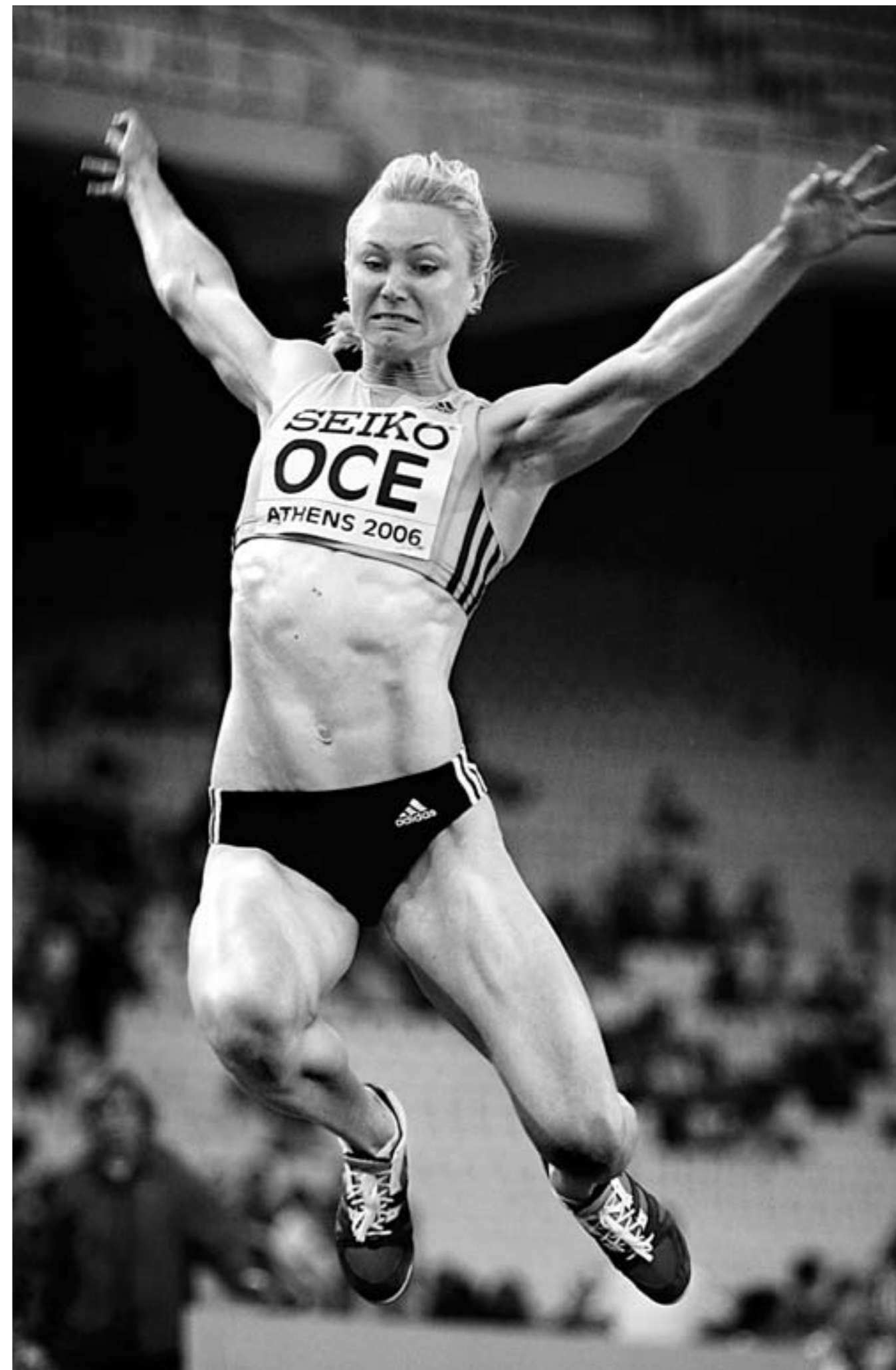
Without question, athletics in Queensland would not be as successful without the devotion and tireless work of the numerous volunteers, officials, club administrators and coaches. These people deserve special thanks.

I would also like to thank the QA commissions and the board and staff of Athletics North Queensland. Finally, special thanks must also go to the Queensland Government, QA staff and my fellow QA directors.

With the support of all stakeholders, the board is confident of seeing QA go from strength to strength and ensure its place as the pace-setter State in athletics.

Doug Carlson

Chairman, Queensland Athletics



Queensland's Bronwyn Thompson flies to fourth in the women's long jump at the 2006 World Cup.

ATHLETICS NEW SOUTH WALES



The success of any organisation will be periodically determined by its stakeholders which, in the case of Athletics New South Wales, are the clubs. They will eventually have the final say as to what structures and actions will be acceptable and the time frame behind their implementation.

We are a non-profit, State sporting organisation competing in a sporting arena where new entities are formed every year in order to capture the patronage of the public. It is therefore of paramount importance to provide the best possible services to stay ahead of the pack and more particularly to deliver strategies and programs which complement our club structure and permit clubs to grow and thus improve competition and development opportunities.

It was primarily for these reasons that last year we introduced the Clubs on Track program, which provided a template for critical appraisal of club activities in order to highlight areas which perhaps needed some more attention. Many clubs embraced the concept and returned the questionnaire allowing us to rank them into gold, silver or bronze status. Gold clubs received a financial benefit which could be used to assist in the running of their club and hopefully act as an incentive for other clubs to acquire gold status.

That was the first step in an ongoing process to improve the internal structure of clubs. The board believes that this program should play a major role in the rationalisation and development of our sport and is committed to rolling out the next stage in forthcoming months.

Another pleasing financial result was accomplished aided by a less than budgeted relocation expense, an unexpected increase in sponsorship, entry fees from increased participation and a higher rate of return on investments. The board is very keen to maintain the practice of delivering surplus budgets and, given normal trading conditions, this approach should continue. We have a diligent and robust board that continues to question financial matters and evaluate opportunities as they may arise whilst still ensuring that our key business functions are not compromised.

The online services delivered through our partnership with the IMG Corporation were recently extended to include registration and I am pleased to say that some 20 clubs have already availed themselves of this time-saving service. It is envisaged that eventually all clubs and athletes will support this initiative.

Greg Doyle has now entered his sixth year as CEO and continues to steer the organisation in a positive and innovative manner. His management of our affairs complements his professionalism and dedication, no better

emphasised by the recent agreement with Little Athletics for joint-funding of a regional athletics officer in the Hunter and Central Coast regions. This is a real step forward for athletics and hopefully the first of many joint ventures.

The modest increase in registrations confirms the trend from last year but numbers remain our biggest challenge. A study was undertaken to look into the feasibility of re-structuring two of our country regions in an attempt to bolster membership and competition and give local areas more ownership of their operations. This is still a work in progress but some headway has been made.

It is well known that the population is working longer hours and recreational habits are changing to the extent that people are not committing to long-term involvement in activities, especially organised sport. We may have to design a completely new competition structure to capture the interests of a new membership base.

The re-location to Sydney Olympic Park was a major operation that fortunately had little disruption to our business. Our presence will give us direct access to school carnivals and the chance to market the advantages of becoming a member of a club.

Our elite junior athletes continue to outperform their older counterparts but, unfortunately, the common problem of retaining them through their later teens and into their twenties remains. I believe we must radically change our approach to high performance and establish a fund to support elite junior athletes who show outstanding potential. The fund would target the top 20 to 30 ranked athletes and provide sufficient support to allow training to be their prime objective. We intend presenting a proposal to Athletics Australia before the end of the year.

The second National Series meet was conducted in January and the success of it has prompted us to make it a permanent fixture on the calendar and elevate its status to a new level. We plan to make this event so attractive to athletes that it will become one of the showcase meets of the year.

In conclusion, I would once again like to thank our officials, volunteers, club administrators and athletes who have worked so tirelessly in support of our sport. To our sponsors, the Australian Institute of Mathematics, Resi Mortgage Corporation, Skins compression garments and Kings Track and Field, thank you for your continued faith. Your contribution has made a huge impact on the continued viability and growth of our sport.

Peter Bromley

Chairman
Athletics New South Wales



Sydney teenager Dani Samuels won gold in the discus throw at the World Junior Championships in Beijing, China.

ATHLETICS ACT



As I look back over the last 12 months, I feel a sense of accomplishment for Athletics ACT. It has been another big year for athletes, officials, coaches and volunteers. As I prepare my report, three words come to mind - challenge, reward and sadness.

Athletics ACT has faced many challenges in the past year from within and outside the sport. Within they have been the implementation of the findings of reviews into athletics in Australia and the ACT, the re-writing of our constitution, our relationship with the ACT Cross Country Club and the conduct of numerous athletics events. Outside, the ACT Government's funding of sport and recreation, the ACT Academy of Sport restructure and the drought have impacted on Athletics ACT and many sports in Canberra. We have been fortunate that the ACT Government triennial funding has been maintained and the ACTAS program, although reducing the number of scholarships, is continuing and that we have the use of a synthetic track at the Australian Institute of Sport for our competitions.

It is always sad to lose the services of our valued coaches and officials. Two outstanding coaches in Rob Hathaway and Rob Wozniak have decided to cut back on their coaching - Rob Hathaway moving to Queensland and Rob Wozniak focusing on other sports. Coaches are the backbone of the sport and the contribution of these two coaches will be sadly missed. The development of our existing coaches and the number of qualified coaches is an area that Athletics ACT must focus on to enable the sport to grow. It is difficult to recruit athletes when we do not have coaches to look after them.

The passing of Ken Lorroway was a shock to us all and a huge loss to Robyn and the family. It has been particularly pleasing to see the Athletics ACT community support Robyn and the family and to see Alex continue his athletics endeavours. I was again saddened to hear of the loss of another former athlete in Mizan Mehari.

Each year we rely on a large number of officials and volunteers to conduct our weekly competitions and our major events. Our more senior officials also involve themselves in many interstate and international events as well. Athletics ACT has a proud record for conducting professional, cost effective events conducive to high performance. While this is an honour for Athletics ACT, this year has been a struggle for our small number of officials. In one weekend our officials were spread across three major events, the Olympic Youth Festival in Sydney, the inaugural

Australian Athletics Cup in Brisbane and the World Cross Country Championship Selection Trials and ACT interclub in Canberra. We got through these challenging times but need to be careful we do not overwork our volunteers in the years ahead.

November saw Athletics ACT, with the assistance of several interstate officials, conduct the inaugural Athletics Australia AWD Underage Championships. Held over three days it was a major event and for many young athletes with a disability their first opportunity to compete at a national level. This event is a key development pathway for our AWD athletes and another outstanding success story for Athletics ACT.

The new year saw the World Cross Country Championship Trials followed by the Telstra A-Series on the Australia Day weekend. Both events saw outstanding results. In February the ACT Championships were once again conducted in conjunction with the ACT Veteran Athletics Club Championships.

For one of the smaller States, we have an amazing list of accomplishments. As a former ACT Sports Minister once said, "we box well above our weight". This is definitely true for Athletics ACT, but it isn't restricted to our outstanding athletes. Athletics ACT is a leader with inclusion of athletes with a disability and our officials and volunteers make a considerable contribution to Athletics in Australia in a range of capacities.

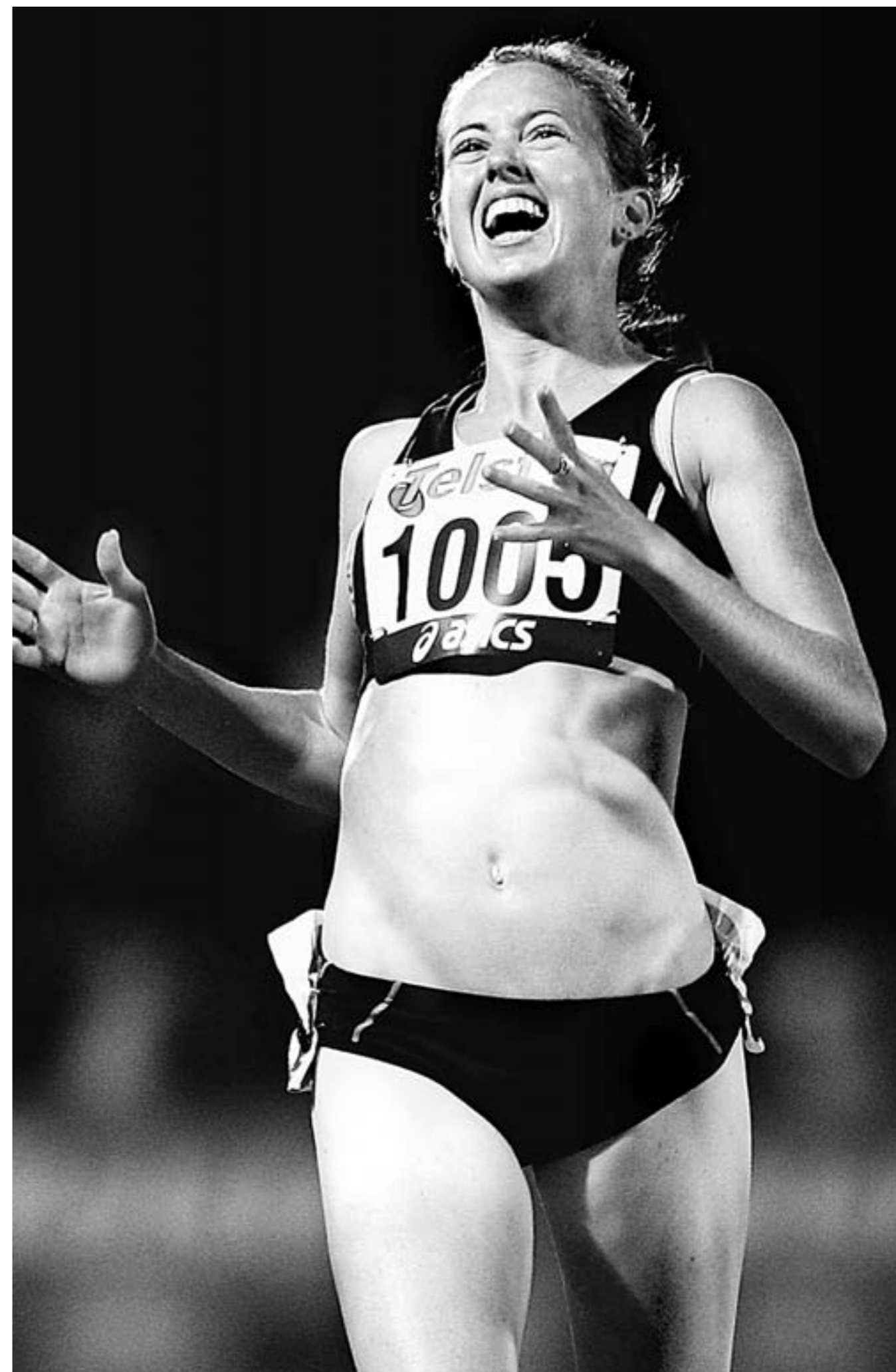
In closing, I would like to thank my fellow board members Mick Morris, Neil Boden, Michael Daly and Susan Hobson for their support and valuable contributions. Michelle D'Ambrosio has added a new level of professionalism to the office while our development officer Toby Sutherland brings great enthusiasm in support to his development role. The constitution committee of Bob McFadden and Hugh Jorgensen are to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts preparing a new constitution for the association. To all the officials, coaches and volunteers, thank you all for your time, support and contribution to Athletics ACT.

There are still many challenges ahead of us and with those challenges will come rewards. I look forward to the year ahead, working on key priorities of coach development, athlete registration and increasing our official and volunteer workforce as we work to take Athletics ACT forward.

Michael Thomson

*President
Athletics ACT*

Middle distance athlete Lisa Corrigan was a stand-out performer of the Australian domestic season.



ATHLETICS VICTORIA



It was always going to be a big challenge to enable the 2006/07 Victorian athletics season to match the magnificent season of 2005/06. I am pleased to say, however, that Athletics Victoria (AV) was up to the challenge.

In fact, it has been demonstrated this year that the enormous success of last season - so emphatically punctuated by the 'AV at the G' State Championships and the Melbourne Commonwealth Games - provided Athletics Victoria with the means to significantly grow and improve the sport in Victoria.

The many and varied cross-country and road racing events that make up the AV winter season saw us visit such venues as Frankston, Wheelers Hill, Healesville, Ballarat, Bendigo, Burnley and, of course, Sandown Racecourse. The quality of the courses and the professional administration of the events led to record numbers participating throughout the series.

Following on from the winter season, a number of innovations were introduced for the summer track and field season, namely the premier league competition, various all-comers meets and a three-program rotation for shield competition. Once again, these new formats received a positive response from the majority of members. In keeping with the trend set during the winter season, participation figures for the shield competition were up compared with those of recent years and the summer championships were also very well supported. The All Schools Championships also proved to be a very popular event as were the Country Championships in Bendigo. It was particularly heartening to see the State Open Championships return to Olympic Park and to find that the numbers of Victorian members participating in the event were on par with the numbers who took part in the MCG State Championships the previous year.

With a spike in membership numbers the previous year, it was felt that a further increase in registered members this year would be difficult to achieve. This concern, however, proved to be unfounded. The result of initiatives implemented by our development programs, marketing campaigns to schools and the individuals on our databases by the competition staff and solid recruiting by our clubs, was another increase in our overall membership numbers. The final figure of 4319 is close to a three percent increase on last year and is a 10-year high!

From a financial standpoint, the association continues to perform strongly. Costs have been restrained and revenues

have continued to grow. A solid surplus will again be recorded this year adding substantially to Athletics Victoria's net asset base and ensuring our short to mid-term financial future. These financial results also enable the association to reinvest in the development of the sport and provide members with a higher level of service and product.

As a not-for-profit membership State sport organisation, Athletics Victoria relies heavily on two main sources of revenue, namely revenue derived from members in the form of registration fees and competition charges and revenue allocated for various areas by the State Government of Victoria. In October 2006, in recognition of the outstanding contribution made by athletics (and, in particular, Victorian athletics) towards the success of the 2006 Commonwealth Games, the Department of Sport and Recreation allocated substantial funding for Athletics Victoria's development programs. The four programs - Development Officer Support, Schools Knockout, Officials and Coaches and Mind the Gap (AV Clubs-Schools-Little Athletics) - were allocated funds amounting to a total of \$1.2 million over three years. This is a tremendous vote of confidence in our sport and will facilitate fantastic growth opportunities over the coming years. The State Government is to be commended for their show of faith in athletics and Athletics Victoria.

Athletics Victoria has had a strong and productive working relationship with the other major Victorian athletics bodies this year. Both the masters (Victorian Masters Association) and the pros (Victorian Athletic League) have open and productive communication with Athletics Victoria. The Victorian Little Athletics Association has also been working closely with AV on a number of projects. The relationship between the administrative bodies of Little As and AV has never been closer and a true spirit of friendly co-operation exists. Our national governing body, Athletics Australia, has also worked well with all the State associations. There is a productive, clear and open line of communication between national and State bodies that has enhanced the delivery of our sport.

I am very optimistic about the forthcoming year as I believe that our sport has seized the opportunities recently provided and will continue to grow and improve.

Nick Honey
Chief Executive Officer
Athletics Victoria

Craig Mottram's brilliant win at the World Cup was a highlight of the 2006 European season.



ATHLETICS TASMANIA



After the recovery and consolidation in the 2004/05 and 2005/06 years, Athletics Tasmania (AT) is pleased to report that the sport has been able to commence, as it had envisaged, a period of growth and expansion.

Whilst formal registration numbers remain unacceptably low, there is evidence that participation in many aspects of the sport is on the improve. This is particularly evident in the schools competitions delivered by Athletics Tasmania, most notably with the primary and secondary cross-country events and the Schools Knockout – interestingly events with a team aspect to them.

Following the changes agreed at the 2006 Annual General Meeting, the board has increased in size by three members, enabling greater efficiencies to be achieved and more activities to be undertaken. The board constantly examined future directions throughout the year, enabling the new AT strategic plan to be finalised shortly after the end of the report period. We believe this document will provide an excellent framework for the future direction, growth and expansion of Tasmanian athletics.

AT has requested Athletics Australia (AA) to examine ways in which it can assist in leading some renewed national development programs but it is acknowledged that its capacity to do so will depend, to a considerable degree, on its important search for a new major sponsor. AT takes this opportunity to acknowledge the valuable assistance that Telstra has provided to it and its member branches, during its period as AA's principal commercial partner.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Elliott Review, AA has implemented a range of initiatives to play a greater role in the delivery of education and support to coaching and coaches. AT has been an enthusiastic participant in this process, with an initial emphasis on the provision of geographically and financially accessible level one coaching courses. These have resulted in an increased number of coaches undertaking these courses. We hope that it will also lead to an increase in numbers coaching in clubs and schools.

AT looks forward to working closely with the Tasmanian branch of the Australian Track and Field Coaches

Association (ATFCA) in delivering courses and other support services to coaches. We are pleased to note the excellent range of coach and athlete support sessions and programs that have been delivered through the fine co-operation between the AT/Tasmanian Institute of Sport (TIS) performance arm led by Peter Fortune and the branch. Similarly, we are delighted with the early results of the re-activation of the AT/TIS State development squad program.

Tasmania was fortunate during the report year to not only again stage a meet within the National Series program – the Tasmania's Forest Industries Graeme Briggs Memorial but, in addition, two major national championships. The partnership with the Brighton Council and Events Tasmania, with the assistance of a sport and recreation grant, to deliver the 2006 Australian Cross Country and SSA Cross Country Championships at Pontville from August 25 to 27 produced an outstanding event - one that was acknowledged by many visitors in attendance as the best they had witnessed.

The Australian Road Walking Championships, which were co-staged, but at the Derwent Entertainment Centre at Elwick, were similarly successful with Nathan Deakes setting a new Australian 30km record. The Australian Under 20/Under 23 and Clubs Track and Field Championships were hosted at the Domain Centre in February 2007 in conjunction with the Briggs meet, again with excellent reviews.

Also during the summer, our two directly run public road events, the Race to the Taste and the Cadbury Marathon were again successfully staged and with increased participation numbers.

AT has continued to ensure sufficient attention is paid to the association's administration, communication, higher performance and competition responsibilities. The financial result for 2006/07 is a satisfactory one, with a small surplus even after allowing for depreciation on the DAC capital asset. This has enabled AT to increase its cash reserves and avoid cash flow problems on an ongoing basis.

AT has commenced a partnership with IMG e-Commerce which provides a new website in addition



to online registration and event entry facilities. The level of uptake has been beyond expectation but we will continue to work with IMG to make the system more efficient and user-friendly. Other communication systems have been expanded and media coverage has increased.

AT has continued to pursue initiatives with kindred bodies to grow athletics in Tasmania. Annual regional consultations have been instituted with TAA and talks continue with the TAL on closer relations. Efforts to draw closer to recreational running groups were not as successful as had been hoped but the door will be left ajar to pursue these possibilities in the future.

As always Athletics Tasmania acknowledges the much appreciated contribution made to it by its major supporters - the Tasmanian Government, Events Tasmania, the TIS, Tasmania's Forest Industries, Cadbury, Athletics Australia and its principal sponsor Telstra and an increasing number of support providers.

We can look forward to 2007/08 with some considerable anticipation.

Brian Roe
President
Athletics Tasmania

Donna MacFarlane rounds the bend on her way to winning the 3000m steeplechase at the Telstra A-Series Sydney.

ATHLETICS SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Athletics South Australia (SA) has had an interesting 12 months, realising for some time that the strengthening of the sport in the State required effective strategic planning and implementation. This has been a major focus over the past year and will continue for the next 12 months.

The foundation of the strategic planning is the 'Clubs on Track' program, developed from the initiative of Athletics New South Wales to whom we are indebted. The self-analysis of the clubs' performance has provided a guide to build up the strength of athletics at a local level. We further enhanced the program to include a facilities audit.

We are in the process of establishing 'hubs' - a collection of clubs representing eastern, western, southern and northern clubs that strategically plan and implement programs to assist the participating clubs. This includes marketing, promotions and resource sharing. The hubs concept is being eagerly watched by the South Australian Office for Recreation and Sport as a possible model for other sporting bodies.

Our winter program had been in the decline for some time but with the innovative and proactive leadership of Noel Bray, chair of the OOS Commission, and his committee, new initiatives have been developed. This includes the Joggers World Fun Run series in partnership with SA Runners, SA Masters and SA Triathlon. Various sponsors provided incentives and participation reached 300 in the last event. Next year the program will continue with some modifications.

Athletics SA was fortunate to receive grant funding to determine the feasibility of establishing full athletics programs (including physical activity programs, inter-community competitions in track and field and pathways) in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands in northern South Australia. This study is almost complete with promising results. We are working with the South Australian National Football League and

various Federal and State Government agencies to put appropriate structures into place. Education and training is an important outcome required and this, too, is coming together quite well.

Santos Stadium has some issues that need to be addressed, including the resurfacing, or better still, the replacement of the track as well as better warm-up facilities. These issues continue to be on the agenda with State Government.

Another issue that must be addressed is the confirmation of a working relationship with Little Athletics. At a local level, senior clubs and Little Athletics centres have largely developed a good rapport but, on an overall State level, there needs to be an urgent resolution of issues.

The last main issue that is beyond our control is the loss of elite athletes moving interstate to continue their training. This is a tragedy for South Australia but naturally we wish our athletes the best opportunities to reach their goals.

Athletics SA inducted Tatiana Grigorieva, Dmitri Markov and Brooke Billett into the Hall of Fame. We bestowed honorary life membership on State Governor Marjorie Jackson-Nelson, whose term expires in July 2007.

Athletics SA continues to be poor in human resources, mainly due to its streamlined financial position, but despite this is taking up challenges and starting to make inroads. Clubs, coaches, athletes and officials are encouraged to provide input into the association and they do so enthusiastically. The board of Athletics SA is proactive and is providing leadership but we are indebted to the volunteers who remain the backbone of the association.

The past 12 months have set the agenda for the next year - which I believe will be exciting and productive.

Michael Verwey
Executive Officer
Athletics South Australia

Australian record holder
(pole vault) Dmitri Markov
bid farewell at the Telstra
A-Series Melbourne.



ATHLETICS WESTERN AUSTRALIA



For the past few years I have commenced my report with an update on the development of the new athletics facility. Last year we advised that construction would commence in March but, as with most building contracts, there have been some slight delays. We are now due to start construction before Christmas with the opening scheduled for late in the 2008/09 summer season.

The State Government and the appointed architects Cox Howlett Bailey and Woodland have designed an outstanding boutique style facility that, combined with the perfect climatic conditions in Perth, will provide one of the best tracks in the world for elite performance.

In addition to catering for elite performance, the provision of lights will facilitate Friday twilight competition that will hopefully enable the sport to attract a new generation of young participants who will be able to combine their athletics pursuits with an enjoyable social experience.

Our registration numbers still need to improve and we are implementing specific strategies at Little Athletics centres that will hopefully complement the provision of a new facility to boost these numbers.

The Drug Free Track and Field Classic at Perry Lakes on January 7 was the highlight of the summer calendar,

providing world class pole vault performances with Paul Burgess and Steve Hooker jumping 5.91m. Joshua Ross again showed his liking for the fast Perry Lakes track by winning the Drug Free men's 100m in a wind-assisted time of 10.09. His heat time of 10.21 qualified him for the World Championships.

Olympic heptathlete and local favourite Kylie Wheeler had her usual busy day competing in four events and winning the long jump with a leap of 6.45m. The crowd of 3400 was very enthusiastic and enjoyed all the action.

The Perth meet has developed a reputation as being one of the best organised meets on the national calendar and this is largely due to the efforts of our staff and the many volunteers that contribute to the day. On behalf of the board and all members I would like to specifically thank our officials who are the backbone of our organisation.

May I also take this opportunity to wish all Australians who compete at the World Championships in Osaka in August every success!

Peter Bacich

Chairman
Athletics Western Australia

Perth-born John Steffensen powered to victory in the men's 400m at the Telstra A-Series Sydney.



ATHLETICS NORTHERN TERRITORY



Well, what an inspiring year it has been for Athletics in the Northern Territory (NT). Overall the 2006/07 season has seen administration, development, competition and marketing changes, awards, forward direction and increased general awareness of Athletics in the Territory.

Early in the season, Athletics NT appointed me to the position of administration manager to replace Cherry Harvey. Cherry still is heavily involved with athletics as a coach and recently fulfilled the development role on the board of management. The office organisation has recently seen the employment of an administration assistant and an accountant/book-keeper greatly assisting the management of Athletics NT.

Participation numbers have remained steady and we have an excellent base to further develop and grow our numbers over the next few seasons. With a recent three-year deal with Southern Cross TV (Channels 7 and 10 in the NT), Athletics NT has the opportunity for commercial air-time and being able to promote our clubs, events and athletics in general.

Our development programs are progressing forward, with Athletics NT's development officer Emily Ryan continuing her excellent work with schools and implementing new programs. Athletics NT decided earlier this season to standardise our age determination, weights and heights with School Sport NT and we are looking forward to working together and producing further combined events between both organisations across the Territory.

In order to further assist Athletics NT's capabilities, we split funding with the Department of Sport and Recreation to have a consultant review of the organisation completed and to formalise a new vision/strategic plan for the future. This review process will ultimately lead to the completion of a business plan that will see the sport of athletics in the Territory become a major force alongside other strong sports like the AFL, soccer and rugby.

The launch of our new logo and name change, in accordance with Athletics Australia's new vision, represents the desert sun of the Territory outback and

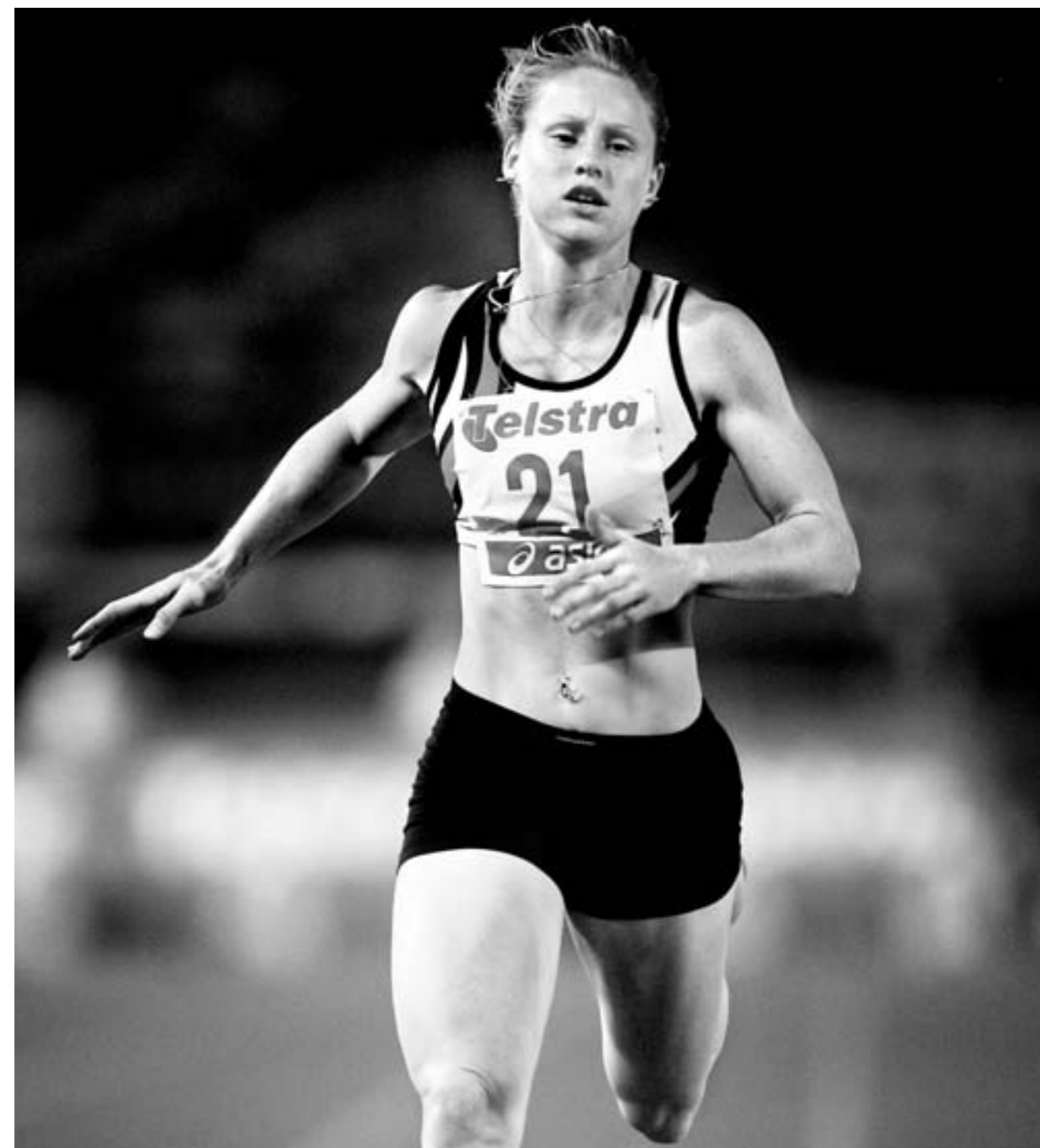
the ever-lasting crocodile of the Top End and has been a success across all areas. This, combined with IMG's Clubs Online website, has successfully seen this media used as the major information support for members and clubs.

On the track, Athletics NT hosted the Arafura Games that doubled as the Oceania Paralympic Championships. This international event hosted over 3000 athletes from 32 countries and athletics enjoyed strong competition across the board, including the Jump Start to London squad making excellent use of this competition. The event saw 10 new Arafura Games records set and, in the AWD classification, there were seven new Australian records, one Australian all-comers record and nine underage records set.

The 2006 NT Championships hosted 181 athletes with the junior boys and girls leading the way by breaking eight records. Shenade Bell from Katherine set three new records in the 11 years girls' events. Following the championships, athlete representation from the NT in various competitions across the country saw a team of 10 compete at the North Queensland Championships, 16 at the South Australian All Schools Championships and nine selected members to the Australian All Schools Championships in Sydney. With 19 new personal bests, 13 gold medals, 12 silver medals and 6 bronze medals across these events, the efforts were most successful.

For out of stadium events, Athletics NT has secured a naming rights sponsor for the next three years - the NT News City to Surf Darwin. There was a 20 percent increase in participation at this year's event, held over a new scenic course to showcase the best of Darwin. The Australia Day Fun Run witnessed over 3000 participants and Athletics NT has approached the NT Government's Minister of Health to become a major supporter of these community-based events through the health benefits associated.

At the annual 2007 NT Sports Awards, athletics enjoyed a successful night. Guest speaker and co-host, Paralympian and world record holder Neil Fuller presented two outstanding awards for the evening. Steve Darling won the Minister's Official of the Year award while Crystal Attenborough took the major prize



of the evening, the NT Sportsperson of the Year award. Congratulations also to Crystal for her selection into the 2007 World Championships team.

Athletics NT is committed to moving forward with many new incentives currently being created. We are in the process of developing our own unique Clubs on Track program based on Athletics New South Wales' model. With the appointment of Steve Darling as our Australian officials educator for NT endorsed by Athletics Australia, a new officials benefit program is being developed - the Top Cat Track Crew (TC) Officials. These, combined with the development of new exciting events, clubs, members and school packages and our business plan will see Athletics NT striding forward.

I would like to thank the tireless efforts of all volunteers, officials, coaches and club representatives throughout the Territory for their continued commitment to our sport.

I would also like to thank Athletics Australia for their ongoing support, including their continued improvement and strategic assessments of our sport.

Athletics NT is on the verge of entering a new era and the future is looking very exciting, as 'each stride is Territory gained'.

Mick Outhred
Manager
Athletics Northern Territory

Crystal Attenborough continued her emergence in women's sprints and was named the NT Sportsperson of the Year.

❖ AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) has the exclusive responsibility for the representation of Australia at the Olympic Games.

To help achieve Australian Olympic Team objectives, the AOC provides funding (AOC Funding) to its member National Federations (NFs), athletes and coaches. Athletics Australia (AA) is one of those member NFs.

AOC Funding is derived from income distributions from the Australian Olympic Foundation, grants from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the licensing and sponsorship activities of the AOC and fundraising by the AOC, State Olympic Councils and their Corporate Appeal Committees.

AOC Funding for the 2008 Olympic Team preparation is determined in accordance with its Program and Funding Guidelines for the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing (Guidelines). Specifically, AOC Funding is provided on a calendar year basis through one of three programs:

- Australian Youth Olympic Festivals 2005 and 2007 (AYOFs)
- AOC Funding for International Competition
- adidas Medal Incentive Funding

The Guidelines are available on olympics.com.au

For the calendar year 2006, the AOC provided the following support to AA, its athletes and coaches:

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| ➤ AOC Funding for International Competition | \$171,000 |
| ➤ adidas Medal Incentive Funding | \$6250 |
| ➤ Craig Mottram | \$5000 |
| ➤ Nic Bideau | \$1250 |

The AOC maintained similar funding levels to AA during 2007.

We are proud to be able to support Australian athletes to realise their Olympic dreams.

The fourth edition of the Australian Youth Olympic Festival (AYOF) was held from the January 17 to 21, 2007 in Sydney. The AOC played host to 1500 talented young athletes from around the world.

In staging the AYOF sports competition, the AOC relies on the expertise of its member NFs. We congratulate AA on organising such an outstanding athletics meet for the 231 athletes from Australia, Chinese Taipei, New Zealand, the People's Republic of China and a combined Oceania team.

The AYOF has become an important proving ground for future national team members and Olympians. Twenty-eight athletes who competed in Athens in 2004 were former AYOF participants with eight Olympic medals being won by Australia for these athletes.

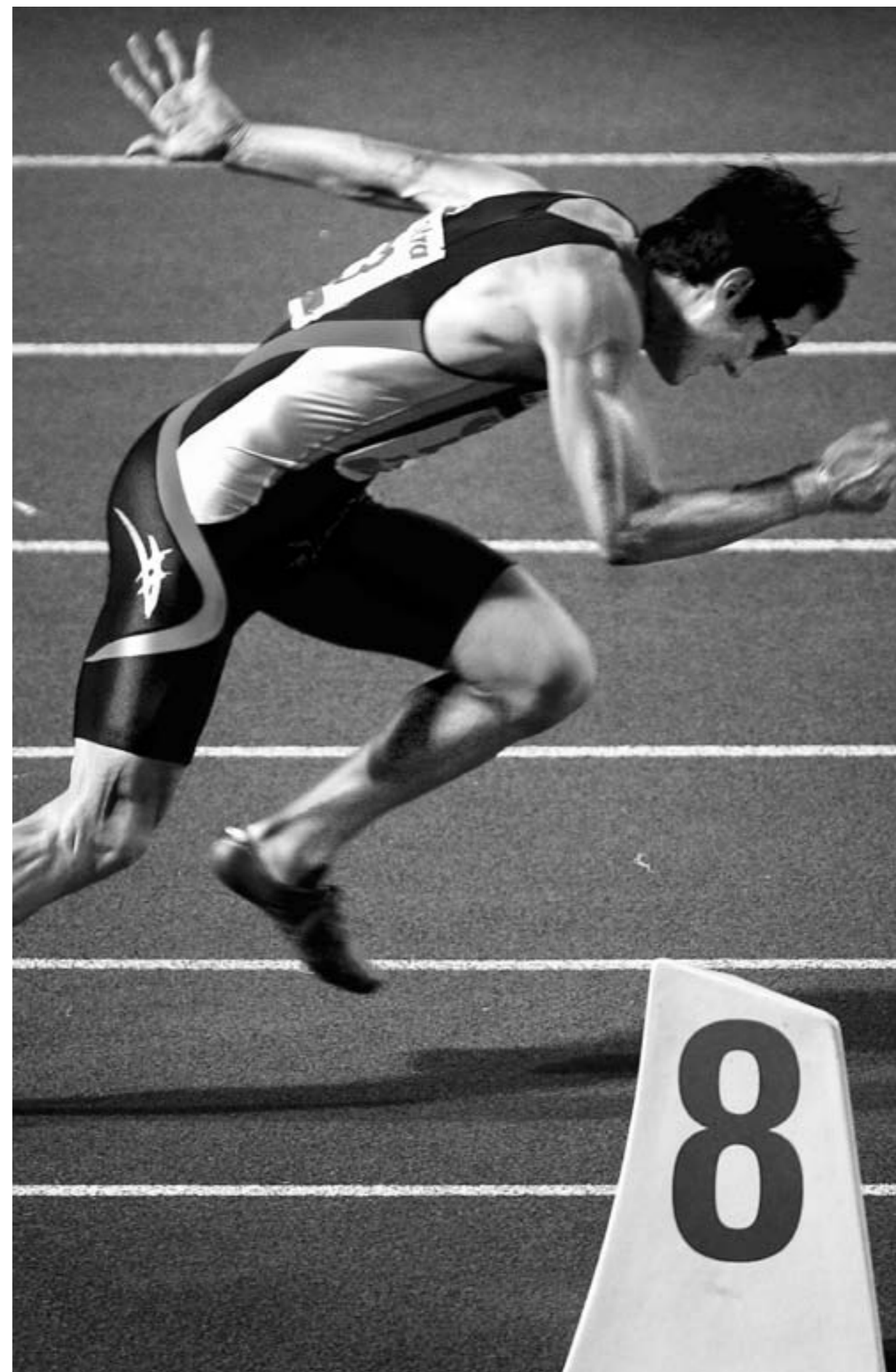
The Australian team for the Osaka World Championships boasted eight former AYOF athletes, including Vicky Parnov, Jarrod Bannister, Alana Boyd, Dylan Grant, Sally McLellan, Dani Samuels, Jared Tallent and Sean Wroe.

With approximately one year to go until the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing much of the AOC's focus will be on the preparation and organisation of the Australian Olympic Team. Over the coming months we will be working hard in co-operation with our member NFs, to ensure that we do everything possible towards the successful participation of Australia's athletes in Beijing.

The AOC welcomes the opportunity to work with AA in supporting our talented track and field athletes.

Craig Phillips

*Secretary General
Australian Olympic Committee*



Sean Wroe surges from the start in the men's 400m at the Telstra Australian Championships in Brisbane.

❖ AUSTRALIAN PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE

It has been another busy and productive year for the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) and our partnership with Athletics Australia.

The final Far East and South Pacific Games (FESPIC) in November 2006 provided a valuable opportunity to test team operations ahead of the 2008 Paralympic Summer Games in Beijing. FESPIC was also a chance for sports to trial their emerging and development athletes against strong international competition. The Australian team placed ninth with 63 medals, led by the Athletics squad's tally of 40 (13 gold, 12 silver and 15 bronze).

An historic milestone for the APC was achieved in May 2007 when Darwin's Arafura Games expanded to include the inaugural Oceania Paralympic Championships. The championships attracted 322 Paralympic athletes from 24 countries to compete in seven sports. This was another opportunity for emerging and development athletes to compete internationally alongside more established athletes. One hundred and fifty-five Paralympic athletes competed in athletics, with Australia's athletes claiming roughly half the Oceania medals. The future of this event is bright, and the APC looks forward to an even stronger turnout in 2009.

The APC's Toyota Paralympic Talent Search Program continued in 2006/07. Seventeen days were held across Australia, testing 235 participants. Since the program's inception in 2005, more than 800 people have taken part. Athletics Paralympic Program staff have made good use of the program, identifying 166 athletes as having potential in athletics.

Overall, the program has had a significant impact in two areas:

1. The growth of the athlete base in Paralympic sports in Australia;
2. An immediate impact on the medal prospects of Australia at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games.

Another highlight for 2006/07 was the successful launch of the Telstra Paralympic Education Program (TPEP). The program consists of a teaching resource, tailored to State curricula which teaches primary school students about diversity and inclusion while introducing and promoting Paralympic sports and athletes. Athletes have been invited to participate in an athlete correspondence program to link registered schools to Paralympians and aspiring Paralympians. Already launched in NSW, ACT, VIC, QLD and SA, plans are in place to launch in WA, TAS and NT in the latter part of 2007 (see www.paralympiceducation.org.au).

In 2006/07, the APC continued to be active in the field of classification, through the development and implementation of a national classification strategy. There are now 65 national classifiers across all sports in Australia with 25 new classifiers since June 2006. Another 34 potential classifiers are in the pipeline, most of whom are physiotherapists. Athletics is a particular focus of the strategy.

In late 2006 the APC made a site visit to Beijing to meet the organising committee and inspect the Paralympic facilities. We are happy to report that everything appears on track for a successful Games in 2008. Team preparations at home are also well advanced, with key announcements of outfitting suppliers and travel arrangements to be made in the coming months and medical screening of potential team members already underway. The next key milestone for the APC is team processing in August 2007.

The APC values the ongoing support of Athletics Australia, which continues to play a leading role in advancing Paralympic sport in Australia. We look forward to this partnership continuing into the future.

Darren Peters
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Paralympic Committee



Athens 2004 Paralympic dual gold medallist Kurt Fearnley posted a stirring win in the ING New York Marathon in November 2006.



FINANCE

As the organisation entered the final sponsorship term with Telstra, the 2006-07 strategic plan and budget were prepared to mitigate any potential adverse effects from non-renewal in the following year. This preparation, combined with the ongoing monitoring of Athletics Australia's monthly financial performance, has meant that Athletics Australia is able to report a surplus for the third consecutive year. The surplus for 2006-07 is \$307,806 against a budget surplus of \$68,243.

During the year the sport benefited from an unbudgeted additional injection of just over \$1m from the Australian Sports Commission that was primarily directed to preparation for the 2007 World Championships and for talent identification of talented Indigenous athletes. At June 30, 2007 we had yet to use \$409,501 of this funding and it has been carried forward into the 2007-08 financial year.

All divisional managers have taken a very positive approach to the requirement to do 'more with less' which has been a major contributor to the current year's surplus and the ability to conduct Athletics Australia's business on a reduced budget.

Towards the end of the financial year, Athletics Australia assisted athletes preparing for the World Championships by granting in excess of \$450,000 to them as a preparation grant. In addition, the Asics Australian uniform was finally delivered to be shown to the world for the first time at the World Championships.

Cognisant that the sport requires constant exposure, Athletics Australia engaged the services of a prominent media liaison company to ensure that all possible positive news stories were published in the media. Combined with the excellent SBS coverage of the Telstra A-Series, this initiative incurred unbudgeted costs in both 'media and PR' and 'domestic season marketing' expense lines in the marketing department. It is arguable that the measure of success for this unbudgeted spend is not so much how much it costs the sport, but rather the positive light that the sport is shown.

The IAAF also assisted by providing an additional \$171,484 over that budgeted for costs incurred in the conduct of the Melbourne World Athletics Tour (WAT) event. This assistance allowed the Melbourne WAT to provide world-class athletes and significant prize-money to Melbourne and an opportunity for athletes to get performance funding from the event.

Despite three years of successive surpluses, we are now faced with the certainty that Telstra will not be renewing its sponsorship of Athletics Australia. This issue was identified as early as 2004 and upon the recommendation of the review conducted that year, we have successively been managing the organisation to ensure that there are sufficient reserves to support the sport during a period where Athletics Australia may be without a major sponsor.

As we move towards the end of calendar year 2007 and into a period of commercial revenue uncertainty, the sport can rest in the knowledge that we have mitigated the risk as a result of the surpluses generated since the loss years of 2003 and 2004.

The budget for 2007-08 reflects the commercial reality of the loss of a major sponsor but, with the assistance of the Australian Sports Commission, the programs established over the past two years can continue unaffected. In addition, we have engaged Elite Sports Properties (ESP) in a role of sponsor acquisition for Athletics Australia's commercial properties but the real challenge will be to plan for 2008-09 whilst a major sponsor remains unsecured.

The board continues to monitor the activities of management in order to keep abreast of issues in the sport and provides valuable feedback to management that has assisted in taking a proactive approach to issues as and when they appear.

Stephen Crook
Chief Financial Officer



Seasoned campaigner Tamsyn Lewis (299) in action at the Telstra Australian Championships in Brisbane.



Rob Fildes



Bill Bailey



Jane Hansen



Eddie McGuire



Matthew Mahon



Michael Smellie



David Grace



Nick Moore



Bronwyn Thompson



Ken Roche



Paul Kennedy

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the company for the year ended June 30, 2007.

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

R H Fildes OAM (President)

W F Bailey

J C Hansen

E J McGuire AM

M B Mahon

M J Smellie

N D Grace - appointed November 21, 2006

N R Moore - appointed November 21, 2006

B L Thompson - appointed March 15, 2007

K J Roche AO - resigned November 21, 2006

P R Kennedy - resigned November 21, 2006

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Board member	Meetings held	Attended
Robin H Fildes OAM	7	7
William F Bailey	7	4
Jane C Hansen	7	5
Edward J McGuire AM	7	1
Matthew B Mahon	7	6
Michael J Smellie	7	6
Noah (David) Grace	5	4
Nicholas R Moore	5	4
Bronwyn L Thompson	3	3
Ken J Roche AO	2	1
Paul R Kennedy	2	1

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 \$307,806 (2006: \$678,742).

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 Half Marathon Championships, World Cross Country Championships and the World Junior Championships.

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 World Championships 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

The total number of directors' meetings held during the financial year was seven.

Robin H Fildes OAM – President

Qualifications

Fellow Australian Institute of Management (F.A.I.M.)

Experience

Executive Chairman of Fildes Group
Over 40 years' commercial experience
Trustee of the Melbourne Olympic Park Trust
Chairman of the Australian Masters Games
Director – AFL Publications Board
OAM recipient for sports administration

Public Company Directorships held in the past three years

N/A

William (Bill) F Bailey

Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts

Experience

Executive Director of the Oceania Amateur Athletic Association

Competition Manager Athletics, Sydney Organising Committee for Olympic Games

Over 30 years' teaching and sports management experience

Public Company Directorships held in the past three years

N/A

Jane C Hansen

Qualifications

Bachelor of Economics

Masters of Business Administration

Experience

Investment banking in New York, London and Australia

Board member of Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust

Board member of State Sports Centres Trust

Public Company Directorships held in the past three years

N/A

Edward (Eddie) J McGuire AM

Experience

President of the Collingwood Football Club (1998 to present)

Chairman of the Trevor Barker Foundation

Australian Sports Medal (2000) for services to Australian Rules Football

Centenary Medal (2000) for services to media and Australian Football

Television host and sports commentator

Public Company Directorships held in the past three years

N/A

Matthew B Mahon

Qualifications

Bachelor of Commerce

Experience

General Manager of Royce Communications

15 years' experience in marketing communications, corporate and financial advisory services and sport

Public Company Directorships held in the past three years

N/A

Michael J Smellie

Qualifications

Bachelor of Business (Accounting)

Experience

Chief Operating Officer of Sony BMG

Chief Executive Officer of MMA Group

Group Managing Director / Finance Director

– Polygram Group

Over 25 years' corporate experience

Public Company Directorships held in the past three years

N/A

Noah (David) Grace QC

Qualifications

Bachelor of Economics

Bachelor of Laws (Hons)

Masters of Laws

Experience

30 years' experience as a legal practitioner

Extensive involvement with sporting organisations at all levels

Arbitrator on the Court of Arbitration for Sport

President of Athletics Australia tribunals

Team advocate for the Australian Olympic Team at Athens

Public Company Directorships held in the past three years

N/A

Nick R Moore

Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts

Experience

Project Director for the National Australia Bank
Over 20 years' management, business consulting and technology experience
President of the Sydney University Athletics Club
Member of organising committee for the 1996 World Junior Athletics Championships

Public Company Directorships held in the past three years

N/A

Bronwyn L Thompson

Qualifications

Bachelor of Physiotherapy
Bachelor of Applied Science – Human Movement

Experience

Member of the national athletics team (long jump)
Athletics coach
Senior paediatric physiotherapist
Lecturer – paediatric physiotherapy and physiotherapy and the elite athlete
Motivational speaker
Ambassador for Queensland Little Athletics
Public Company Directorships held in the past three years
N/A

Kenneth J Roche AO

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
Over 35 years' corporate experience
1964 Tokyo Olympics – 400m, 400m hurdles
1962/66 Commonwealth Games – 400m hurdles dual gold medallist
Public Company Directorships held in the past three years
Downer EDI Ltd

Paul R Kennedy

Qualifications

Bachelor of Commerce, Master of Commerce (Hons)

Experience

CEO of Biogreen Ltd

VP Marketing, Carlton & United Breweries

Over 20 years' corporate experience

Public Company Directorships held in the past three years

N/A

Stephen J Crook - Company Secretary

Qualifications

Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia
Registered Tax Agent

Experience

Over 15 years' accounting and senior management experience
Financial Controller – AAV Ltd
Group Financial Controller – ISIS Communications Limited
Financial Controller – Comcopy Pty Ltd / ISIS Broadcast Media Pty Ltd

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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 \$5,177 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 wilful 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.



American athlete Shawn Crawford was a popular visitor during the Australian domestic season.

DECLARATION

Auditor Independence and Non-audit Services.

The directors received the following declaration from the auditor of Athletics Australia Ltd.

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Athletics Australia Ltd

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Athletics Australia Ltd for the financial year ended June 30, 2007, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code of professional conduct.

Ernst & Young
Tony Pititto
Partner
Melbourne
September 2007

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors:

Director 

Director 

Date: September 24, 2007

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Athletics Australia, 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 June 30, 2007, 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 

Date: September 24, 2007

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Athletics Australia Ltd

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Athletics Australia Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2007, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code of professional conduct.


Ernst & Young


Tony Pititto
Partner

Melbourne
24 September 2007

FINANCIAL REPORT

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Note	Company and Consolidated 2007 \$	Company and Consolidated 2006 \$
Revenue from continuing activities			
Revenue from operating activities	3	8,331,590	7,117,251
Revenue outside operating activities	3	101,634	53,423
		<u>8,433,224</u>	<u>7,170,674</u>
Competition expenses		(1,577,468)	(1,231,366)
High performance expenses		(3,710,318)	(2,527,447)
Development expenses		(805,630)	(877,434)
Marketing and media expenses		(1,191,780)	(1,076,195)
Administration expenses		(840,222)	(779,490)
		<u>307,806</u>	<u>678,742</u>
Surplus/(deficit) from continuing activities before income tax expense			
Income tax expense relating to continuing activities		–	–
Surplus/(deficit)		<u>307,806</u>	<u>678,742</u>

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

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 2007

	Note	Company and Consolidated 2007 \$	Company and Consolidated 2006 \$
Current assets			
Cash assets	22 (b)	1,872,586	1,356,587
Receivables	5	70,847	115,794
Inventories	6	–	–
Other	7	255,019	150,006
Total current assets		<u>2,198,452</u>	<u>1,622,387</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	984,456	1,020,866
Total non-current assets		<u>984,456</u>	<u>1,020,866</u>
Total assets		<u>3,182,908</u>	<u>2,643,253</u>
Current liabilities			
Bank overdraft - interest bearing	22 b	–	–
Payables	9	1,205,333	879,754
Interest bearing liabilities	14 (b)	4,908	148,005
Provisions	10	154,525	136,867
Total current liabilities		<u>1,364,766</u>	<u>1,164,626</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Interest bearing liabilities	14 (b)	14,629	–
Provisions	10	37,547	20,467
Total non-current liabilities		<u>52,176</u>	<u>20,467</u>
Total liabilities		<u>1,416,942</u>	<u>1,185,093</u>
Net assets		<u>1,765,966</u>	<u>1,458,160</u>
Equity			
Accumulated surplus	11	1,765,966	1,458,160
Total equity		<u>1,765,966</u>	<u>1,458,160</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Opening balance		1,458,160	779,418
Changes in equity			
Surplus for the year		307,806	678,742
Closing balance		<u>1,765,966</u>	<u>1,458,160</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this balance sheet.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Note	Company and Consolidated 2007 \$	Company and Consolidated 2006 \$
Cash flows from continuing activities			
Receipts from all sources		8,273,296	7,401,855
Payments to suppliers and employees		(7,697,701)	(6,575,391)
Interest received	3	101,634	53,423
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from continuing activities	22 (a)	677,229	879,887
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from disposal of asset		1,000	22,077
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(33,762)	(64,469)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		(32,762)	(42,392)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from / (repayment of) finance contracts		(128,468)	32,262
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		(128,468)	32,262
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		515,999	869,757
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		1,356,587	486,830
Cash at the end of the financial year	22 (b)	1,872,586	1,356,587

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007
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 23 employees as of June 30, 2007 (2006: 20 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 Australian Equivalents of International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS). 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 have been measured at fair value.

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 intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated in full. As the subsidiaries have not operated since incorporation, company and consolidated financial statements are identical.

Accounting policies

Accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year. Where expenses have been reallocated between departments or within expense lines, the comparatives for the previous year have been reallocated also to assist comparability between the years

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 and call deposits with banks or financial institutions.

Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value

Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less any allowance for any uncollectible debts. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when there is objective evidence that the amount will not be collectible. Bad debts are written off as incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007
Note 2. Statement of significant accounting policies (Continued)
Going concern

The directors have considered all available information for a period of 12 months from the date of the report and consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

Impairment

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

The carrying values of plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment at each reporting date, with recoverable amount being estimated when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

Property, plant and equipment

Property is valued at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment loss. All assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the company.

Major depreciation periods are :

	2007	2006
Freehold buildings	40 years	40 years
Plant and equipment	3 to 10 years	3 to 10 years
Infrastructure	3 to 10 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 income statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Note 2. Statement of significant accounting policies (Continued)

Trade and other payables

Liabilities for trade creditors and other amounts are carried at amortised cost and represent liabilities for goods and services received prior to the end of the financial year, whether or not billed to the company.

Unearned revenue

The amount of \$511,001 recorded as a current liability 'Unearned Income' at balance date comprises - \$81,500 team levies for the World Youth Championships, \$409,501 of unspent Australian Sports Commission funding and \$20,000 2007-08 sponsorship that was invoiced in June 2007. This revenue will be fully recognised during the 2007-08 financial year (refer to Note 9).

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

The company recognises the revenue from grants when the entity gains control of the grant or the right to receive the grant, it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the grant will flow to the company and the amount can be measured reliably. Where the grant is provided conditionally, revenue is recognised as the conditions of the grant are met.

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 based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method.

Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Note 2. Statement of significant accounting policies (Continued)

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.

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.

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2007	2006
	\$	\$

Note 3. Revenue from ordinary activities

Revenue from continuing activities

Athlete and team levies	356,700	103,776
Indigenous program funding	100,000	80,000
Australian Commonwealth Games Association	118,500	370,500
Australian Olympic Committee	181,000	256,500
Australian Paralympic Committee	710,500	567,500
Australian Sports Commission	4,357,329	3,552,000
Capitations	14,333	14,676
Domestic competitions	131,212	137,229
Entry fees - championships	67,137	66,846
IAAF	211,484	95,122
Melbourne 2006	-	156,895
Merchandising	15,622	7,257
Other	343,155	558,388
Running Australia	32,828	48,119
Sponsorship	1,686,320	1,079,230
Equipment sales	5,470	23,213
Total revenues from continuing activities	8,331,590	7,117,251

Revenue from outside operating activities

Interest received other persons	101,634	53,423
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	-	-
Total revenue from outside the operating activities	101,634	53,423
Total revenues from continuing activities	8,433,224	7,170,674

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2007	2006
	\$	\$

Note 4. Expenses and losses/(gains)

Expenses		
Depreciation of non-current assets		
Buildings	24,345	25,000
Plant and equipment	43,055	51,328
Total depreciation expense	67,400	76,328
Borrowing costs expensed		
Interest paid to unrelated persons	5,210	8,418
Other expense items		
Increase / (decrease) in provision for doubtful debts	-	(25,000)
Bad debts written off or provided for	935	-
Employee benefit expense	1,538,270	1,420,194
Note 5. Receivables (Current)		
Trade debtors	63,468	103,935
Provision for doubtful debts	-	-
Other debtors	7,379	11,859
Total current receivables	70,847	115,794

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2007	2006
	\$	\$

Note 6. Inventories (Current)

Finished goods	-	-
Note 7. Other assets		
Prepayments	255,019	150,006
	255,019	150,006

Note 8. Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings		
Deemed cost		
Opening balance	973,812	973,812
Revaluation	-	-
Closing balance	973,812	973,812
Accumulated depreciation		
Opening balance	50,000	25,000
Depreciation	24,345	25,000
Revaluation	-	-
Closing balance	74,345	50,000
Net book value	899,467	923,812
Plant and equipment		
Cost		
Opening balance	548,639	773,130
Additions	33,762	64,469
Disposals	(214,412)	(288,960)
Closing balance	367,989	548,639
Accumulated depreciation		
Opening balance	451,585	667,140
Depreciation for the year	43,055	51,328
Disposals	(211,640)	(266,883)
Closing balance	283,000	451,585
Net book value	84,989	97,054
Total property, plant and equipment, net	984,456	1,020,866

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Note 9. Payables (Current)		
Trade creditors and accruals	694,332	866,445
Unearned revenue (refer Note 2)	511,001	13,309
	<u>1,205,333</u>	<u>879,754</u>
Terms and conditions relating to the above financial instruments. Trade liabilities are normally settled on 30 to 60 day terms		
Note 10. Other provisions		
Current		
Provision for annual leave	150,279	131,334
Provision for long service leave	4,246	5,533
	<u>154,525</u>	<u>136,867</u>
Non-current		
Provision for long service leave	37,547	20,467
	<u>37,547</u>	<u>20,467</u>
Note 11. Retained profits / (accumulated losses)		
Retained profits at the beginning of the year	1,458,160	779,418
Net profit / (loss)	307,806	678,742
Retained profits / (accumulated losses) at the end of the year	<u>1,765,966</u>	<u>1,458,160</u>

Note 12. 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 June 30, 2007 the number of members was 8 (2006: 8).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Note 13. 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 \$1,182 (2006: \$1,035), and the balance of the fund at June 30, 2007 is \$23,761 (2006: \$22,579).		
(b) R W 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 \$1,482 (2006: \$1,643), grants totalling \$6,000 (2006: \$8,000) were made and the balance of the fund at June 30, 2007 is \$24,850 (2006: \$29,368).		
Note 14. Commitments		
(a) Capital commitments	-	-
(b) Finance lease expenditure contracted for is payable as follows:		
Within one year	6,636	148,005
After one year but not more than five years	16,589	-
Total minimum lease payments	<u>23,225</u>	<u>148,005</u>
LESS amounts representing finance charges	3,688	-
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>19,537</u>	<u>148,005</u>
Included in the financial statements as		
Current interest bearing loans & borrowings	4,908	148,005
Non-current interest bearing loans & borrowings	14,629	-
	<u>19,537</u>	<u>148,005</u>

Terms and conditions relating to the above financial instruments

Finance arrangements had a term of 48 months at inception of the agreement and relates to the financing of Athletics Australia's phone system. The average discount rate implicit in the lease is 9.97% (2006: 10.30%)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Note 15. Employee entitlements		
The aggregate employee entitlement liability is comprised of:		
Accrued wages and salaries and on costs		
Provisions (current)	10 154,525	136,867
Provisions (non-current)	10 37,547	20,467
	<u>192,072</u>	<u>157,334</u>
Note 16. Contingent liabilities		
Contingent liabilities	-	-
Note 17. Subsequent events		
There were no subsequent events for the year ending June 30, 2007.		
Note 18. 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.	18,000	16,500
Note 19. Compensation of key management personnel		
Short term	602,372	605,959
Post employment - superannuation	54,122	53,131
	<u>656,494</u>	<u>659,090</u>

Note 20. Related party disclosures

Directors

R H Fildes OAM
W F Bailey
J C Hansen
E J McGuire AM
M B Mahon
M J Smellie
N D Grace QC - appointed November 21, 2006
N R Moore - appointed November 21, 2006
B L Thompson - appointed March 15, 2007
K J Roche AO - resigned November 21, 2006
P R Kennedy - resigned November 21, 2006

There were no related party transactions during the year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Note 21. Financial instruments		
Note 21 (a) Interest rate risk		
The company's exposure to interest rate risks and the effective interest rates of financial assets and financial liabilities		
Financial assets		
Floating interest rate		
Cash	1,872,586	1,356,587
	<u>1,872,586</u>	<u>1,356,587</u>
Non interest bearing		
Trade and other receivables	70,847	115,794
Total carrying amount per financial statements		
Cash	1,872,586	1,356,587
Trade and other receivables	70,847	115,794
Total financial assets	<u>1,943,433</u>	<u>1,472,381</u>
Weighted average effective interest rate		
Cash	4.50%	4.55%
Trade and other receivables	N/A	N/A
Financial liabilities		
Floating interest rate		
Overdraft	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Non interest bearing		
Trade creditors	1,205,333	879,754
Fixed interest rate - one year or less		
Finance lease liability	4,908	148,005
Fixed interest rate - over one to five years		
Finance lease liability	14,629	-
Total carrying amount per financial statements		
Overdraft	-	-
Trade creditors	1,205,333	879,754
Finance lease liability	19,537	148,005
Total financial liabilities	<u>1,224,870</u>	<u>1,027,759</u>
Weighted average effective interest rate		
Trade creditors	N/A	N/A
Overdraft	N/A	10.95%
Finance lease liability	9.97%	10.30%

Note 21 (b) Net fair values

The fair value of finance lease liability has been calculated using a market interest rate.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

	Company and Consolidated 2007	Company and Consolidated 2006
	\$	\$
Note 22. Notes to statement of cash flows		
(a) Reconciliation of net profit/(loss) after income tax to net cash provided by continuing activities:		
Net profit/(loss)	307,806	678,742
Depreciation	67,400	76,328
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors and prepayments	(58,294)	284,604
(Increase) / Decrease in deferred expenses	-	342,168
(Increase) / Decrease in inventories	-	-
(Decrease) / Increase in sundry creditors	(172,113)	140,391
(Decrease) / Increase in unearned income	497,692	(460,147)
(Decrease) / Increase in provisions	34,738	(182,199)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from continuing activities	677,229	879,887

(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:

Bank overdraft	-	-
Cash at bank	1,872,086	1,356,087
Petty cash	500	500
	1,872,586	1,356,587

(c) Credit stand-by arrangement and loan facilities

The company has an on going overdraft facility of \$685,000 secured over Suites 22 and 23, Fawkner Towers 431 St Kilda Road Melbourne

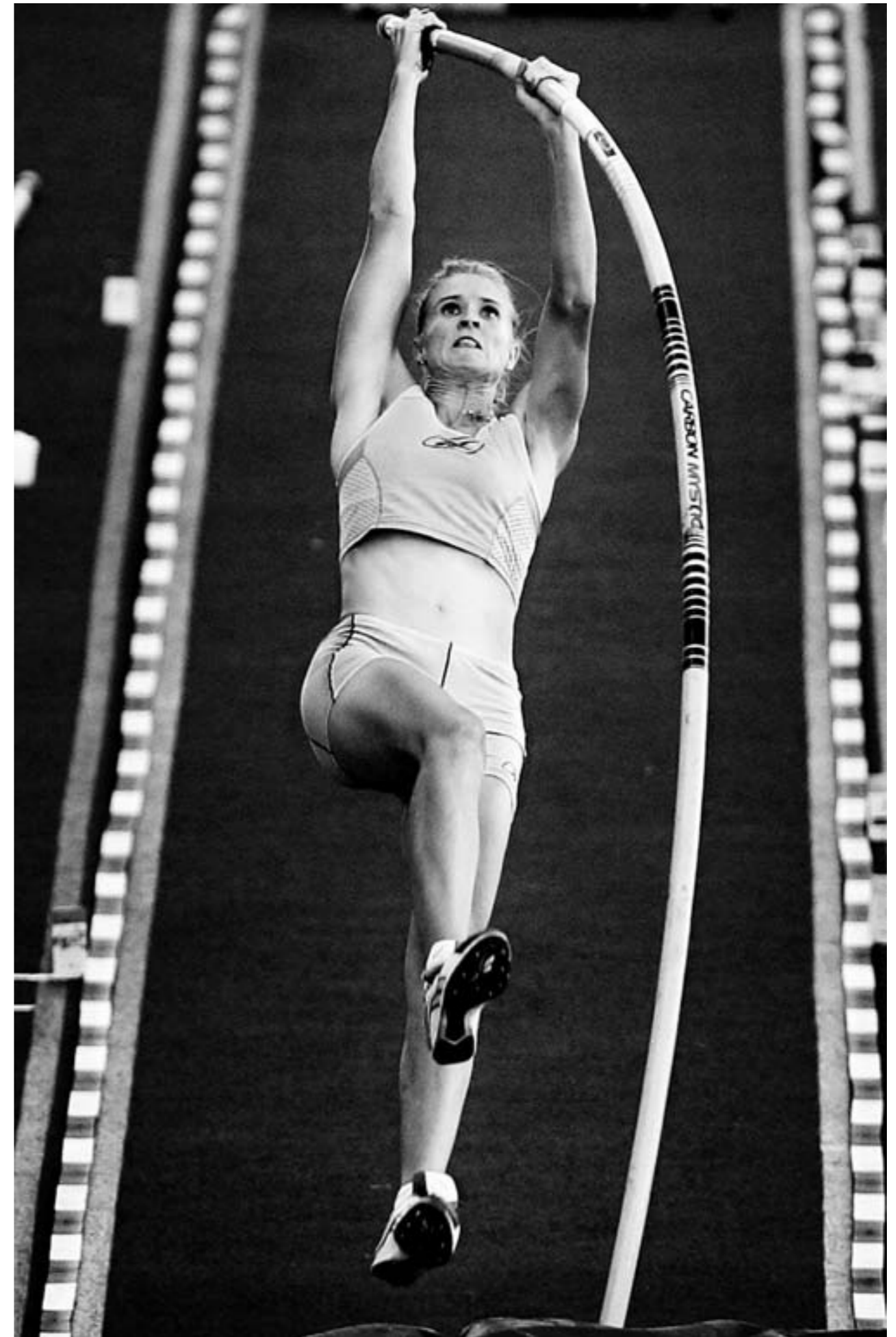
Note 23. Controlled entities

	Cost of Investments
Host City Marathon Ltd incorporated in Australia July 13, 2001.	-
Team AA Ltd incorporated in Australia 1 July 13, 2001.	-

These companies are limited by guarantee.

Athletics Australia exercises a controlling influence over these companies as 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.



Kym Howe's 2006-07 season included a new Australian record and the crown of national champion.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Athletics Australia Ltd

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Athletics Australia Ltd (the company), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit we have met the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We have given to the directors of the company a written Auditor's Independence Declaration, copy of which is included in the directors' report.

Auditor's Opinion

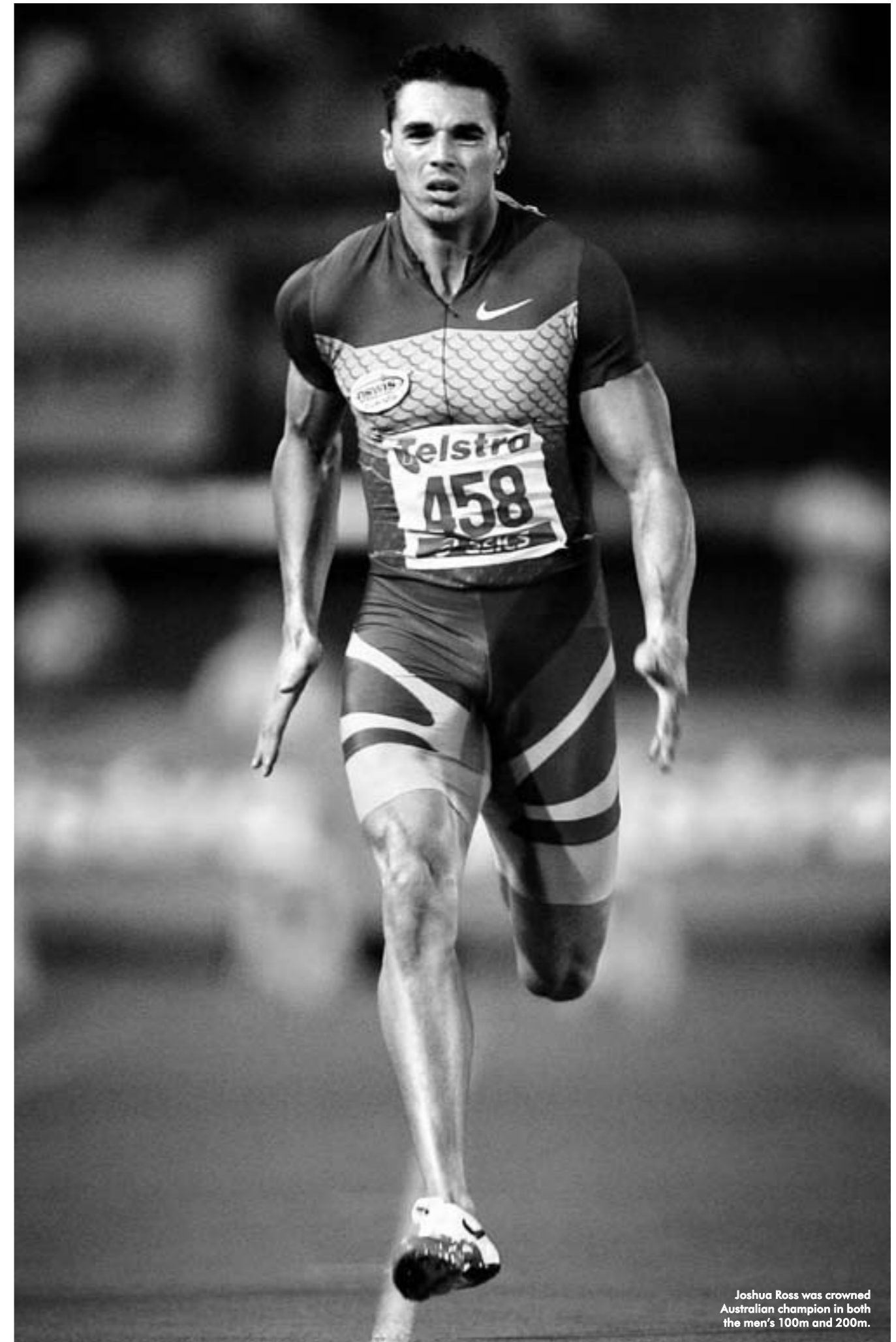
In our opinion, the financial report of Athletics Australia Ltd is in accordance with:

- (a) the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of Athletics Australia Ltd and the consolidated entity at 30 June 2007 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations); and
- (b) other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia.

Ernst & Young

Tony Pititto
Partner
Melbourne

24 September 2007



Joshua Ross was crowned Australian champion in both the men's 100m and 200m.

DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Company and Consolidated 2007	Company and Consolidated 2006
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Athlete and team levies	356,700	103,776
Australian Commonwealth Games Association	118,500	370,500
Australian Olympic Committee	181,000	256,500
Australian Paralympic Committee	710,500	567,500
Australian Sports Commission	4,357,329	3,552,000
Capitations	14,333	14,676
Domestic competitions	131,212	137,229
Entry fees - championships	67,137	66,846
Equipment sales	5,470	23,213
IAAF	211,484	95,122
Indigenous funding	100,000	80,000
Interest received	101,634	53,423
Melbourne 2006	-	156,895
Merchandising	15,622	7,257
Other	343,155	558,388
Running Australia	32,828	48,119
Sponsorship	1,310,167	972,008
Sponsorship - VIK	376,153	107,222
Total revenue	8,433,224	7,170,674

The additional information above has been compiled by the management of Athletics Australia and has not been audited.

DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Company and Consolidated 2007	Company and Consolidated 2006
	\$	\$
Competition expenses		
Competition equipment	218	11,002
Competition expenses	36,364	43,735
Domestic competition	371,994	489,937
International athletes	288,155	100,450
Officiating	45,548	90,113
Other expenses	834	-
Prize money	353,687	182,800
Salaries, wages and oncosts	250,333	177,442
Travel	136,696	118,440
VIK	93,639	17,447
Total competition expenses	1,577,468	1,231,366
High performance expenses		
Athlete funding	17,136	17,864
Coaches	217,259	7,727
Inter divisional administration charge	100,000	100,000
International competition	277,253	477,332
Junior HP program	195,903	203,088
Juniors/Espoirs development	50,505	106,657
Other high performance expenses	25,521	35,022
Paralympic program	976,390	706,473
Salaries, wages and oncosts	378,827	303,166
Selection and athlete commission costs	15,125	1,582
Sport science & medicine	43,685	43,074
State Institute programs	760,053	483,137
Travel	483,411	19,883
VIK	169,250	22,442
Total high performance expenses	3,710,318	2,527,447
Development expenses		
AA Federation support funding	12,500	10,000
ATFCA subsidy	-	70,000
Club and school development activities	3,000	4,148
Indigenous sport	254,763	83,502
Member Association financial support	118,443	219,743
Member management services	7,000	39,535
National insurance program	189,136	201,375
Other expenses	424	-
Out of stadium	29,532	77,944
Project Connect	-	20,108
Salaries, wages and oncosts	74,633	77,194
Team athletics and school projects / events	108,550	64,032
Travel	1,964	530
VIK	5,685	9,323
Total development expenses	805,630	877,434

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DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Company and Consolidated 2007	Company and Consolidated 2006
	\$	\$
Marketing expenses		
Athlete of the Year event	1,014	65,775
Business development	30,000	-
Domestic season marketing	168,037	255,418
Media and PR	167,117	40,954
Other expenses	10,475	48,903
Publications and collateral	82,503	70,232
Salaries, wages and oncosts	294,460	271,414
Sponsorship management	36,435	66,939
Television coverage	230,610	218,000
Travel	16,487	18,870
Website - development and maintenance	100,893	-
VIK	53,749	19,690
Total marketing expenses	1,191,780	1,076,195
Administration expenses		
Affiliation fees	115	383
Audit fees	22,500	22,500
Bad and doubtful debts	935	(25,000)
Bank charges and credit card commissions	5,962	5,907
Board costs	28,263	4,412
Couriers, freight and cartage	3,859	1,976
Depreciation	67,400	76,313
Inter divisional expense recovery	(100,000)	(100,000)
Interest paid	5,210	8,418
Legal expenses	7,617	5,675
Meeting expenses	28,085	13,655
Office expenses	51,985	50,737
Outgoings	14,249	19,396
Postage	11,281	13,280
Printing and stationery	28,229	17,632
Professional fees	6,000	11,000
Publications and subscriptions	1,510	3,675
Rates and taxes	3,844	3,870
Salaries, wages and oncosts	540,017	590,978
Staff expenses	6,099	3,607
Storage	1,128	1,805
Telephone, fax and internet	12,668	4,556
Travel	14,163	6,395
World Championship bid costs	25,273	-
VIK	53,830	38,320
Total administration expenses	840,222	779,490
Net surplus / (deficit)	307,806	678,742

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R W CLARKE FOUNDATION

Statement of Income and Expenses as at June 30, 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Balance of distribution account as at July 1, 2006	(23,632)	(17,276)
Plus, interest (net of bank charges). Transfer from capital account	1,482	1,643
Less, grants paid	(6,000)	(8,000)
Balance as at June 30, 2007	(28,150)	(23,632)

Balance Sheet as at June 30, 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	24,850	29,368
Capital and reserves		
Capital account	53,000	53,000
Distribution account	(28,150)	(23,632)
	24,850	29,368

ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL RACE WALKING FOUNDATION

Statement of Income and Expenses as at June 30, 2007

	2007	2006
Balance of distribution account as at July 1, 2006	5,979	4,944
Plus, interest (net of bank charges)	1,181	1,035
Less, grants paid	-	-
Balance as at June 30, 2007	7,161	5,979

Balance Sheet as at June 30, 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	23,761	22,579
Capital and reserves		
Capital account	16,600	16,600
Distribution account	7,161	5,979
	23,761	22,579

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STAFF

**Chief Executive Officer /
General Secretary**
Thomas 'Danny' Corcoran

**Chief Financial Officer /
Company Secretary**
Stephen Crook

Senior Book-keeper
Shiranthi Sivarajah
(to November 2006)

Assistant Accountant
Travis Nicholls
(from July 2006)

**Personal Assistant
to CEO**
Janet Chitts

Receptionist
Kandace Gardner
(to February 2007)
Kiely Blackley (from
February 2007)

**National Performance
Manager**
Max Binnington

**National Youth
Performance Manager**
Sara Mulkearns

**National Coaching
Co-ordinator**
Michael Poulton
(from November 2006)

**National Events
Coach – Distance**
Shaun Creighton
(to July 2006)

Tim O'Shaughnessy
(from July 2006)

**National Events Coach
– Sprints**
Paul Hallam

**High Performance
Administrators**
David Tarbotton
(to December 2006)
Rohan Robinson
(to November 2006)

Dane Frey
(from November 2006
to March 2007)

Nicky Frey – Youth
(from January 2007)
Nathan Sims – Teams
(from March 2007)

**Paralympic Program
Manager**
Scott Goodman

**AA-PPP Sprints & Jumps
Coach and Emerging
Talent Co-ordinator**
Brett Jones

**AA-PPP Throws Coach
and Coach Education
Co-ordinator**
Alison O'Riordan

Competitions Manager
David Gynther

**Competition
Co-ordinators**
Carol Grant
Tina Folmer
(to December 2006)

Lorraine Morgan
(from October 2006)
Jarrod Woff
(from October 2006)

**National Development
Manager**
Sally McGrady

**Commercial Operations
Manager**
Luke Bould

**Personal Assistant to
COM**
Jan Tyrrell

**Communications
Co-ordinator**
Janelle McLean
(from June to
August 2006)

Steven Lavell
(from December 2006)

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National Statistician
Paul Jenes

National Records Officer
Ronda Jenkins

COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Anti-Doping Commission
Tim Barbour (Chair)
Chris Bradshaw
Peter Larkins
Simon McDonald
Dion Russell
Danny Corcoran (Athletics
Australia contact)

Athletes' Commission
Bronwyn Thompson (Chair)
Nathan Deakes
Clinton Hill
Sarah Jamieson
Scott Martin
Lee Troop
Katrina Webb
Kylie Wheeler
Danny Corcoran (Athletics
Australia contact)

**Athletics Australia
Tribunal**
Paul Connolly
Tricia Kavanagh
Jamie Nettleton
Mark Rosenberg
Danny Corcoran (Athletics
Australia contact)

Coaching Commission
Peter Bowman (Chair)
Tudor Bidder
Nic Bideau
Ross Burridge
Joan Cross OAM
Glynis Nunn-Cearns
Kevin Prendergast
Harry Summers
John Weeks
Max Binnington (Athletics
Australia contact)

**Facilities and Equipment
Committee**
Denis Wilson (Chair)
Rob Blackadder
Graham Dwight
Greg Gilbert
Bob Mitchell
Anton van Bavel
David Gynther (Athletics
Australia contact)

**High Performance
Commission**
Max Binnington (Chair
and Athletics Australia
contact)
Nic Bideau
Rob Fildes OAM
Craig Hilliard
Maurie Plant

**International Tours
Commission (new)**
Max Binnington (Chair
and Athletics Australia
contact)
Peter Bowman
Carol Grant
Brent Kirkbride
Margaret Mahony
Maurie Plant

Officials Commission
Reg Brandis (Chair)
Janelle Eldridge
Lorraine Morgan
Yvonne Mullins
Helen Roberts
Brian Roe
Chris Wilson
David Gynther (Athletics
Australia contact)

**Out of Stadium
Committee**
Anne Lord (Chair)
Dave Cundy
Daniel Green
Ken Green
Susan Hobson
Joe Murphy
June Petrie
Pam Turney
Trevor Vincent
David Gynther (Athletics
Australia contact)

Schools Commission
Kirsteen Farrance (Chair)
Helen Fraser
Jodi Lambert
Paul Travis
Sally McGrady (Athletics
Australia contact)

**Selection Committee
– Road Walking, Road
Running, Relays and
Cross Country**
Peter Fitzgerald (Chair)
Bob Cruise
Gerard Ryan
Pam Turney
Max Binnington (Athletics
Australia contact)

**Selection Committee
– Track and Field**
Peter Fitzgerald (Chair)
Peter Brukner
Michael Hillard
Glynis Nunn-Cearns
Dion Russell
Max Binnington (Athletics
Australia contact)

**Track and Field
Committee**
Khan Sharp (Chair)
Greg Bowman
Grant Cremer
Daryl Cross
Peter Hamilton
Grant McKay
Brian Roe
Cameron Yorke
David Gynther (Athletics
Australia contact)

**Walking Committee
(New)**
Bob Cruise (Chair)
Tim Erickson
Wayne Fletcher
Jane Saville
Dave Smith
Harry Summers
David Gynther (Athletics
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Sarah Jamieson claims victory
 in the 1500m at the Yokohama
 Super Meet in September.

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