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Heptathlon  
110m hurdles  
3000m steeple  
4x400m relay  
Hammer throw  
Javelin throw  
3000m  
Decathlon  
Cross country



# High Performance

Athletics Australia  
Annual Report  
2008/09

**The strategy moving forward after the Olympic Games is to develop talent and give opportunity to new and untested athletes.**

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## From the President

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The last year has seen great victories on and off the track. The sport continues to grow with many of our athletes benefiting from both our junior and senior programs. The year held several significant meets and our athletes proved yet again that they are among some of the best in the world.

Performances of significant note this year included:

### **12th IAAF world junior championships July 2008 – Bydgoszcz, Poland**

The Australian world junior team returned 13 top-eight finishes and a bronze medal to the girls' 4x400m relay amongst the team of 28. This was a significant improvement from the three top-eight finishes in Beijing in 2006. Noteworthy also, is the fact that 18 members of the team have been part of the National Development Pathway that commenced in 2006 as part of the development of junior athletes in Australia.

### **Olympic Games XXIX August 2008 – Beijing, China**

Athletics Australia nominated 41 athletes, including 25 debutantes, to the Australian Olympic Committee for competition in Beijing. Several athletes were displaying their best form leading into the Games and didn't disappoint with a gold medal and Olympic record to Steve Hooker (pole vault); silver to Sally McLellan (100m hurdles); and silver and bronze to Jared Tallent (50km and 20km walks respectively). All athletes performed exceptionally well. This was the best result by an Australian team at an Olympic Games for 40 years.

### **Paralympic Games XIII September 2008 – Beijing, China**

A total of 3,951 athletes from 146 different countries arrived in Beijing to compete in their respective sports. At the end of competition, the Australian team was placed fifth on the medal tally with 23 gold, 29 silver and 27 bronze across all sports. Heath Francis was outstanding in collecting three gold and one bronze medal and Evan O'Hanlon followed closely behind with three gold medals. Lisa McIntosh, Australia's most successful female athlete, won two gold medals.

With a total of 79 medals won, there were many more athletes from a range of sports who took to the podium at the Games. It was very pleasing to note that most of the athletics events were sold out and this was bettered only by swimming and the opening and closing ceremonies.

### **3rd Commonwealth Youth Games October 2008 – Pune, India**

Held every four years, the Commonwealth Youth Games provides opportunities for our developing elite athletes to perform in a highly competitive international event. The first Commonwealth Youth Games in 2000 saw 733 athletes from 14 countries on the world stage. The Pune Games witnessed 1330 rising stars from 71 Commonwealth nations vying for gold. A total of 19 medals were won in athletics, with outstanding performances from Sam Baines, Ray Williams, Vika Lolo and Lauren O'Sullivan. We look forward to these developing athletes making the transition to senior elite athletics in the near future.

### **5th Australian Youth Olympic Festival January 2009 – Sydney, Australia**

Organised by the Australian Olympic Committee, these Games provide future Olympic athletes with an environment reminiscent of an Olympic Games and promote the ideals of friendship, solidarity and fair play. Complete with opening and closing ceremonies, drug testing and medal ceremonies, the Festival provides athletes with an insight into what the Olympics are about.

The Australian team consisted of three teams of 30 athletes. The competition was World Cup-style with straight finals for each event. Many athletes were able to obtain world youth championships-qualifying performances and managed themselves on the international stage with great success.

The Australian Youth Olympic Festival Ambassadors were Beijing Olympians Dani Samuels and Lachlan Renshaw. Both athletes spoke about their careers to date and what inspires them to continue on. Dani and Lachlan spent time out at the track for both training and competition, which was well received by all.

### **37th IAAF world cross country championships March 2009 – Amman, Jordan**

Australia sent 18 senior and junior athletes to compete in the championships in March. The competition, dominated by the African nations, was held in blustery and cold conditions. Two of our female competitors broke into the top 20 for the first time in their careers – Lisa Weightman (senior) placed 17th and Emily Brichacek (junior) placed 11th in her race. Several other athletes bettered their previous world results and we look forward to continued improvements at the cross country championships in the future.

Thank you to our Board members for their skilled and considered input over the past 12 months. The Board ensured the policies were in place as we moved into an Olympic year, enabling Athletics Australia management to concentrate on preparing the team for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing.

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, continues to do an excellent job covering the many and numerous functions of his position with skill, patience and competence. A special thank you to our outgoing High Performance Manager, Max Binnington, who has been a great servant to Australian athletics for over 40 years. A warm welcome to our new High Performance Manager, Eric Hollingsworth.

A full review of the Athletics Australia Committees and Commissions was conducted after the Beijing Olympic Games. I would like to thank all past members for their time and expertise provided to the organisation and welcome the new Committee members and their support of athletics in Australia.

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.

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

Our thanks also go to the Australian Olympic Committee, the Australian Paralympic Committee and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association.

Thanks to our footwear and apparel sponsor Asics, our compression partner 2XU and our broadcast supporter Network Ten/One HD.

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.

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

Athletics is often overlooked as the foundation sport for nearly all sports: running, jumping and throwing. We struggle, along with other Olympic sports, to keep and develop our share of talented young Australians against the financially strong and powerful professional sports in Australia.

Athletics' challenge is to remain relevant in today's fast-changing world with so many options open to our young athletes.

It is important we all work together, in a spirit of harmony, to improve the sport of athletics throughout Australia.

Finally, I wish all our athletes great success in the 2009/10 season and in their future athletics goals.

**Rob H Fildes OAM**

*President  
Athletics Australia*



# From the Chief Executive Officer



It is with great pleasure I provide you with my Chief Executive's report for the 2008/09 financial year. The year past has seen many highlights on the international stage, including an Olympic gold, two silver and one bronze medal at the Beijing Olympic Games, but most importantly we have, in collaboration with our Member Associations, made steady progress in the development of our sport.

Added to this, our financial performance for the year shows another positive result, which is our fifth in succession and demonstrates the care taken by all involved at Athletics Australia to ensure we manage the sport's funds in a responsible and sustainable manner.

The end-of-year surplus will be reported as \$18,626 with cash reserves of \$1.58m. This is a terrific result given that the 2008/09 financial year encompassed the 2008 Beijing Olympics which required Athletics Australia to provide significant financial support to the members of the Olympic team and their coaches to assist their preparation for the Games.

With the assistance of the Australian Sports Commission and the IAAF we once again conducted a very successful World Athletics Tour (WAT) meet in Melbourne and an equally successful Sydney Track Classic. We were fortunate to have many Australian and international stars competing in both events and the Australian athletics fans appreciated the world-class competition provided by the athletes. We were fortunate to watch athletes of the calibre of Steve Hooker, Dani Samuels, Fabrice Lapierre, Asafa Powell, Valerie Vili and many other world-class performers compete.

These events were very important for Australian athletes who needed to qualify for the 2009 world championships and hone their competition skills prior to the European season. Athletics Australia continues to see these international competitions as a valuable asset that enables Athletics Australia to showcase the sport of athletics during the Australian summer.

The 2009 WAT meet generated media coverage throughout Asia and Europe and profiled Australia as a preferred southern hemisphere destination for competition outside of the European season. Our thanks must also go to our media partner Jump Media for their contribution towards raising the profile of athletics in Australia.

## Athlete of the Year Awards

At the conclusion of the national championships in Brisbane in March 2009, Athletics Australia hosted the Athlete of the Year awards. It was no surprise when Steve Hooker claimed the Male Athlete of the Year award and Sally McLellan was presented with the Female Athlete of the Year award. The other award winners were:

Volunteer of the Year	Rob Blackadder
Asics Junior Athlete of the Year	Jess Rothwell
Coach of the Year – Senior Athlete	Brent Vallance
Coach of the Year – Junior Athlete	Ian Hatfield
Athletics International International Athlete of the Year	Steve Hooker
Steve Moneghetti Emerging Athlete of the Year	Ryan Gregson
Out-of-Stadium Athlete of the Year	Jared Tallent
Athlete of the Year – Female AWD	Lisa McIntosh
Athlete of the Year – Male AWD	Heath Francis and Evan O'Hanlon
Athlete of the Year – Female	Sally McLellan
Athlete of the Year – Male	Steve Hooker
Athlete of the Australian Season – Female	Sally McLellan
Athlete of the Australian Season – Male	Tristan Thomas
Indigenous Athlete of the Year	Angeline Blackburn

## Recognition of Life Governors and Life Members and the Special Awards Committee

In keeping with the Athletics Australia Boards' desire to recognise the hundreds of volunteers who have worked tirelessly in our sport over many years, the Athletics Australia honours system was broadly revised in 2008. The current Life Members became Life Governors and all then-living recipients of the Merit Award were invited to become Life Members. This revamp saw 16 Life Members uplifted to Life Governors and 48 Merit Award recipients uplifted to Life Members. A gala function was held at the Sofitel Hotel in Melbourne on the evening of November 17, 2008 to present the awards and honour the recipients for their outstanding contribution to athletics over many years.

Athletics Australia also inducted five new members into the Athletics Australia Hall of Fame. The inductees were Robert De Castella, Debbie Flintoff-King, Pam Ryan, Decima Norman (deceased) and John Winter (deceased).

The Edwin Flack Award for 2009 was awarded to Jane Saville for her distinguished service to the sport of athletics in Australia.

I congratulate all award recipients and look forward to announcing these awards on an annual basis in the years to come.

Finally, as we close one chapter in the High Performance area, another chapter opens for new High Performance Manager Eric Hollingsworth. We welcome Eric into his role and wish him all the best. However, I would like to pay tribute to outgoing High Performance Manager Max Binnington, who held the position for the past four years. The international results achieved during his term speak for themselves so it is proper at this time to recognise his significant contribution. Max not only directed the HP program but was a valued member of staff and a key member of the Athletics Australia management team. Max, we thank you and salute you for your unwavering support and wonderful contribution to the sport that is very dear to you.

## The Strategic Direction and Performance of Athletics Australia

During the course of the last financial year we finalised Athletics Australia's new Strategic Plan – a plan that will determine the strategic priorities for the organisation from 2009 through to 2013. Our strategic priorities firmly focus on five central themes or key pillars that underpin our direction as we continue to review and learn from our experiences over the past four years.

The five key pillars are:

### 1. High Performance and the pathways that lead there

#### The future

To be competitive at the London Olympics in 2012 we revised the High Performance plan. Our aim is to deliver sustainable success on the world stage with a more streamlined approach to our development pathways.

Our vision is that the High Performance program consistently develops athletes and coaches who are competitive at Olympic and Paralympic Games.

- Australia wants High Performance (HP) outcomes from athletics on the world stage, in terms of medals and top-eight finishes.
- Improving HP outcomes and developing available talent requires major change
  - The current HP structure must share its vision and clearly articulate roles and responsibilities. The development of coaches at all levels is crucial for success.
  - HP cannot prosper independently of vibrant grassroots athletics, effective talent identification and strong development pathways, so it must take some responsibility for fostering these.
- We plan to see the emergence of our elite junior program athletes in the 2010 Commonwealth Games and 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- HP has an obligation to the athletic community to use its resources in a transparent way and be accountable for the results.

## From the Chief Executive Officer continued

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### Elite junior programs

As our elite junior programs continue to grow in stature I would like to thank National Youth Performance Manager Sara Mulkearns and her staff for their efforts in developing and preparing our next generation of talent. The logistics involved in coordinating these groups, along with the coaching and development activities provided via the camps-based program is an investment in our athletes, their coaches and Australia's athletics future.

Through the National Talent Identification Program we have developed a Talent ID program to find the next generation of stars not only through the state institutes and academies of sport, but also through our fast-growing indigenous program which is being very well managed by Athletics Australia staff member Sally McGrady.

### 2. Leadership of the Athletics Community

By providing leadership across the sport Athletics Australia is aiming to unite the athletics community and build trust across all stakeholders.

Our vision is to ensure that Athletics Australia is regarded as an organisation that is respected by the athletics community for providing capable and innovative leadership and one that unites the sport in a transparent and trustworthy fashion.

Our ongoing work with our Member Associations to improve the sport saw us jointly develop the key pillars of our new Strategic Plan. The competition structure was seen as vitally important and I am pleased to report that we worked collaboratively with all our Member Associations to offer a range of competition opportunities including the third edition of the Australia Cup. This is a state-based competition held in Brisbane for the past three years and this year was well supported by all members.

This year's competition was no less exciting than the first and was again won by Queensland.

We thank David Gynther for his work in compiling the annual fixture and meeting the requirements of the High Performance division by providing an array of competition opportunities for the athletes.

### 3. Coaching

Although the number of coaches has remained stable since 2004, we know that we need to attract, develop and retain more skilled coaches into every level of the sport.

It is for this reason that Athletics Australia must take responsibility for coaching and develop a sustainable network of accredited coaches at all levels of the sport and provide increased opportunities for athletes to receive quality coaching, no matter what their level of participation.

We are committed to:

1. Administering the coach accreditation framework including coach education;
2. Working in conjunction with the various agencies to deliver coach development and education;
3. Recognising and rewarding quality coaches;
4. Leading the change to a "fee for service" culture.

The introduction of coach of merit and/or professional development funding as well as coaching clinics and camps has been well received by the coaching community. We have continued our work with the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association to try to develop an agreed position to accredit our coaches and plan the way forward to improve the recruitment, development and retention of Australian coaches. I would like to recognise the contribution of Michael Poulton and Athletics Australia Director Nick Moore in this crucial area of our sport. Their combined leadership and direction has been invaluable in driving change.

### 4. Junior Programs – Under 14 through to Under 20

Athletics Australia is committed to the development of an unbroken pathway and a positive experience for the junior athlete.

Our vision is that our sport boasts a vibrant grassroots athletics experience with quality competitions, a clear unbroken development pathway and a rewarding experience for all involved in our sport.

To achieve this vision we continued dialogue with all the various stakeholders in an attempt to unify athletics in Australia. This objective was established by our Member Associations at our annual conference in May 2008. There remains much work to do in this area but we have had positive interactions with our colleagues at Australian Little Athletics (ALA) over the past year. The two organisations have held regular meetings at Board level with Board members from both organisations actively involved in discussions to devise ways to work together to improve our sport. This collaboration culminated in both organisations signing a Joint Policy Statement in which we have agreed to work together on: the transition of athletes into senior ranks, the development and recognition of our officials as well as the development of the next generation of coaches.

Little Athletics plays a crucial role as a foundation activity for all sports and significantly, one of the main pathways into senior ranks. As is the case with many Australian sporting activities it is the domain of the community and our clubs to ensure that junior participants are appropriately catered for to ensure we provide a continuous and unbroken pathway into senior athletics.

During the year Athletics Australia again extended an invitation to ALA to compete in the Australia Cup and I am pleased to report that the participation of our Little Athletics counterparts contributed to the success of the event. Like all sports we must focus on the retention and transition of our young athletes and provide quality coaching and a fun environment for participants.

### 5. Financial Capability

Financially, Athletics Australia aims to become a vibrant and profitable sport with a long-term growth strategy.

Our vision is to develop a financial model that sources and distributes its funds efficiently and effectively for the long-term benefit of athletics.

Whilst Athletics Australia is financially stable and has no debt, we are continually searching for new revenue streams to support our athletes, programs and events. Australia is regarded as one of the most competitive sports sponsorship markets in the world and in the past 12 months this has been a challenge to the Board and management of Athletics Australia particularly in this economic climate.

We are grateful and acknowledge the support of the Australian Sports Commission but we continue to look for commercial opportunities and new revenue streams. The Sydney Running Festival is an example of an event owned by Athletics Australia that has become a key source of additional revenue in our annual budget.

This event is managed on our behalf by former Australian cross country representative Wayne Larden and his company, Pont3. This Festival is now recognised as one of the premier running events on the Australian running calendar and provides invaluable financial support to Athletics Australia and our elite athletes. Our thanks go to Wayne and his team for their support in managing this great event.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Athletics Australia's Marketing Manager Nicole Roache, who has worked tirelessly in the marketing division to manage our events and partners through a challenging time. Nicole's thoughts are always with the athletes and her support of our international teams has been outstanding.

We look forward to reporting our progress in the above areas each year for the next four years. It is certainly a challenging time in our sport.

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## From the Chief Executive Officer continued

### 10 Acknowledgements

In closing, I warmly thank our President, Rob Fildes OAM, and the Athletics Australia Board for their dedication and support over the past year. The sport is very fortunate to have a President and Board who have a thorough understanding of the sport and are passionately committed to improving the sport of athletics in Australia.

I would like to thank the Australian Sports Commission and the ASC Executive team for their support. I would like to give special thanks to outgoing CEO Mark Peters for all his support during his term. We extend our best wishes to Mark and his family for the next phase of his career.

Also special thanks to all our Member Associations for their commitment to athletics at a grassroots level and their support of Athletics Australia. Without the substantial support of the Members our sport would not function in the manner it does.

Thanks also to our State Institute of Sport/ Academies of Sport partners who have supported our High Performance plans and who were instrumental in its implementation through to the Beijing Olympics.

We recognise the invaluable support of the Australian Olympic Committee and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association and look forward to a collaborative effort in preparing the Australian athletics teams for Delhi in 2010 and London in 2012. In particular I would like to thank John Coates and Perry Crosswhite for their invaluable support and counsel.

Thanks to our footwear and apparel sponsor, Asics, our compression partner 2XU and television partner Network Ten/One HD.

Special thanks to the Oceania Athletics Council and in particular President Geoff Gardner, Executive Director Yvonne Mullins and IAAF Australian Area representative and Athletics Australia Director Bill Bailey and my fellow Councillors on the Oceania Athletics Council – your work in the Oceania Region often goes unnoticed, so we take the opportunity to say thank you!

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the Athletics Australia management team and staff for their efforts in administering the sport. Special thanks to the coaches, officials and volunteers for the countless hours they donate to assist in the running of our sport. Without your support we could not run the sport as effectively as we do and in particular we thank you for assisting us in hosting the world-class athletics meetings we run each year.

We now look forward to 2009/10 and the upcoming athletics season, and again watching our Australian athletes take on the world as we accept the challenge of making New Delhi our best ever Commonwealth Games in terms of medal results for Australia.

Yours in sport,



**Danny Corcoran**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Athletics Australia



Jared Tallent on his way to silver in the men's 50km walk at the Beijing Olympic Games

**Jared Tallent**

# From the Australian Sports Commission

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The power of a successful sports system like Australia's lies within the many cooperative partnerships and relationships between its system partners.

As our sports system has diversified and increased in complexity over the years, so too has the nature of these relationships. Now, as ever, a critical ingredient for our system's continued success and sustainability is to ensure that we all remain on the same page – that our links between each other, our leading programs, our roles and relationships are clearly defined and understood by all.

Sport operates in a dynamic, demanding and rapidly changing environment. The sources of change include advancing technologies, new structures and systems, products and services, people concerns and rising international competition and benchmarks.

The Australian Government has flagged the need to address this change by reforming our sports system and has outlined its approach in the paper Australian Sport: Emerging Challenges, New Directions.

The Government has also appointed an independent expert panel headed by lawyer David Crawford to investigate ways to ensure both high performance and community-level sport is prepared for those challenges.

The Australian Sports Commission has already taken steps to review and evaluate our strategic position and intent in active consultation with national sporting organisations and other stakeholders. These system improvements will provide a foundation for any changes emerging from the Government process.

Already we have identified a number of priorities. These include: the need to better align our high performance sport efforts with our partners; to work more collaboratively with state departments of sport and recreation in strategic approaches to growing participation in sport; to re-communicate the value of sport to the Australian community; and to retain and develop our best coaches.

Our efforts to act on these priorities are inherently intertwined with our partners. These partnerships represent a powerful tool in our ability to adapt to a changing environment, to share responsibilities, effectively communicate and continue to expand and strengthen sport.

Our work together will ensure that the Australian sports system is progressive, robust and sustainable for decades to come.

**Matt Miller**

*Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Sports Commission*



New South Wales athlete Ryan Gregson celebrates a new junior national record in the 1500m at the Sydney Track Classic in February

**Ryan Gregson**

# High Performance

## 14 High Performance Program

2008/09 can be viewed as the culmination of the four-year cycle in high performance at the Beijing Olympic Games or it can be seen as the stepping-stone for the future.

Our athletes, coaches and administrators have been through a great deal of change since the beginning of this Olympiad in 2005. Like all change in programs there was much pain but that brought with it a great deal of gain which will give athletics in Australia a great platform to launch into the future with many of the young stars currently developing in our sport. Off the back of the most successful Commonwealth Games in 2006 and a very successful world championships in Osaka in 2007, our athletes turned in an extraordinary performance in Beijing; the best result since Mexico City against a far greater number of countries than in 1968 could well be read as the best international Olympics in athletics for Australia.

### Beijing Olympics

Our medallists and their coaches cannot be congratulated enough for their performances and so formally we again congratulate Steve Hooker and Alex Parnov (gold), Sally McLellan and Sharon Hannan (silver) and Jared Tallent and Brent Vallance (silver and bronze) for their outstanding performances. We also had some outstanding performances that gave us a glimpse of things to come with finalists such as Dani Samuels, Jarrod Bannister and the men's 4x400m relay team (Clinton Hill, Joel Milburn, John Steffensen, Sean Wroe) all featuring in Beijing.

The Olympic Games takes an inordinate amount of preparation on the part of the team staff and those at Athletics Australia. In particular we acknowledge the efforts of team manager Geoff Rowe and coaching coordinator Tudor Bidder, both of whom were involved with the AOC over a period of two years to ensure the best possible opportunity was provided for our athletes. These staff were ably supported by Nathan Sims, who put in a huge amount of time ensuring everyone was entered and was able to be in Beijing when it mattered, and of course the Athletics Australia staff who dealt with the emergencies as they arose.

Thanks to all of you and to the team event coaching coordinators who were there to help the athletes and their coaches through the greatest event of their lives.

Congratulations to all the coaches who had input into the careers of the athletes who made it to Beijing. The success of the athletes at this level begins with their first coach and is built on by every coach the athlete has through their career.

### World junior championships

A more detailed account of the world junior championships is provided in the Elite Youth Development section of this report. Credit for the results is due in part to the education, preparation and support delivered as part of the National Youth Development pathway over the past three years.

### European season 2008

The circuit was the opportunity for our athletes to prepare for the Beijing Olympics and that remained their focus. The results overall were a mixed bag and not as successful as some previous seasons. However, the Beijing results for many of our athletes proved the success of their preparation campaigns. From Beijing our top athletes went on to the World Athletics Final in Stuttgart, Germany, which gave us a sign of things to come with a great competitive performance by Olympian Fabrice Lapierre, who beat the best in the world to win the long jump final with a distance of 8.14m.

### Max Binnington

*High Performance Manager to December 2008  
Athletics Australia*



Olivia Tauro and Angeline Blackburn celebrate bronze in the 4x400m relay at the world junior championships

## World junior championships



## High Performance continued

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One of the main objectives for the High Performance program post an Olympic Games is to set future direction.

Since my appointment in January this has been a major focus area. The strategy moving forward after the Olympic Games is to develop talent and give opportunity to new and untested athletes for the first two years of the cycle before deciding which athletes will be entrusted with taking Australia forward in 2011 and 2012.

There is a particular emphasis to prepare athletes for the long-term goal of the London Olympics.

The appropriate behind-the-scenes processes have been completed with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). Athletics Australia would like to thank the Australian Sports Commission for its ongoing support of the High Performance Program.

The Athletics Australia High Performance plan has been signed off by the ASC. The key elements include:

Athletics Australia targeted areas refined, i.e:

- Walks
- Pole vault
- Relays
- Greater Jumps Centre
- AA Paralympic Preparation Program
- Individual performance structure
- Throws as a long-term development process focus

The reintegration of AIS/SIS/SAS structure as key partners and service providers is nearing completion and Athletics Australia certainly looks forward to a fruitful performance partnership on the journey to the London Olympic Games.

The other major areas being addressed include athlete reward systems and a clearly defined High Performance coaches structure.

In conclusion, it is a very exciting time in High Performance and I look forward to sharing our future results in next year's annual report.

### Championship events:

World cross country championships  
Amman, Jordan  
March 28, 2009

### Team results:

Senior men:	No team entered	
Highest-placed Australian:	Collis Birmingham	29th
Senior women:	7th	
Highest-placed Australian:	Lisa Weightman	17th
Junior men:	7th	
Highest-placed Australian:	Ryan Gregson	24th
Junior women:	7th	
Highest-placed Australian:	Emily Brichacek	11th

### Eric Hollingsworth

*High Performance Manager from January 2009  
Athletics Australia*

## AWD Inclusion & Paralympic Preparation Program

During the 2008/09 reporting period Athletics Australia's commitment to the inclusion of athletes with a disability (AWDs) has been further enhanced through:

- 1) The incorporation of the third Athletics Australia underage AWD championships program into the 2008 Pacific Schools Games, Canberra, November 30-December 6, 2008;
- 2) The running of the ninth combined AWD and 'able-bodied' national championships, Brisbane, March 19-21, 2009;
- 3) Enhancement of the competition and training pathways at interclub, regional and state level provided by Athletics Australia Member Associations;
- 4) Continued AWD events coverage in the national series and Grand Prix meets;
- 5) The maintenance of open and underage AWD records by our Athletics Australia AWD statistician Neil Fuller (Note: Over 160 open and underage AWD national records have been processed over the last 12 months);
- 6) The establishment of an Athletics Australia Paralympic Preparation Program Emerging Talent (AA-PPP ET) squad. Brett Jones has been coordinating this process to align with the Australian Paralympic Committees (APC) Talent Search Program initiatives as well as providing some athletics-specific targeting and identification. As a result of this approach we have over 20 'new' athletes that we are nurturing for the 2012 London Paralympic Games and beyond.
- 7) The implementation of 'inclusive' coach education practices and materials lead by Alison O'Riordan in consultation with the ATFCA and Michael Poulton. This should create a larger pool of committed and competent coaches to adequately support the AA-PPP ET squad members and AWDs generally.

## Athletics Australia AWD Advisory Commission

In late 2007 Athletics Australia established the inaugural AWD Advisory Commission. The Athletics Australia Board reappointed the following people to its AWD Advisory Commission in March 2009:

- Janelle Eldridge (Chairman)
- Sally McGrady
- David Gynther
- Michael Thomson
- Louise Sauvage
- Neil Fuller
- Scott Goodman

The Commission is not a high performance or PPP Advisory Commission, although there are often crossover issues. The Commission meets two times per year face to face and when required by conference call, however communication and discussion flows on an almost daily basis.

The key roles of the Commission are to:

- Provide Athletics Australia with advice to enhance the inclusion of AWDs in the sport of athletics in Australia;
- Strengthen inclusive practices within Athletics Australia and its Member Associations for the benefit of all AWDs;
- Address and drive a number of AWD-related matters that are outside the scope of the AA-PPP; and
- More evenly spread the responsibility for inclusion throughout the Athletics Australia network.

For further information regarding the role of the Commission or to raise AWD related matters please contact any of the Commission members or Chairperson Janelle Eldridge at: [eldridge@cia.com.au](mailto:eldridge@cia.com.au)

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The Australian athletics team finished second on the athletics medal tally at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games behind host nation China with a medal haul of 10 gold, nine silver and seven bronze (refer to the following table).

#### Australian athletics medal summary at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games

Gold medallists			
Female		Male	
Lisa McIntosh (VIS)	T37 100m	Kurt Fearnley (NSWIS)	T54 Marathon
Lisa McIntosh (VIS)	T37 200m	Heath Francis (AIS)	T46 100m
Christine Wolf (AIS)	F42 Long jump	Heath Francis (AIS)	T46 200m
		Heath Francis (AIS)	T46 400m
		Evan O'Hanlon (AIS)	T38 100m
		Evan O'Hanlon (AIS)	T38 200m
		Chris Mullins (VIS)	T35-38 4x100m relay
		Evan O'Hanlon (AIS)	
		Tim Sullivan (VIS)	
		Darren Thrupp QAS)	
Silver medallists			
Female		Male	
Amanda Frazer (AIS)	F37-38 Discus throw	Aaron Chatman (AIS)	F42-46 High jump
Kath Proudfoot (AIS)	F35-36 Discus throw		
Angie Ballard (NSWIS)	4x100m T54 relay		
Christie Dawes (NSWIS)			
Madison DeRozario (WA)			
Jemima Moore (Vic)			
		Richard Colman (VIS)	T53 200m
		Kurt Fearnley (NSWIS)	T54 800m
		Kurt Fearnley (NSWIS)	T54 5000m
		Paul Raison (QAS)	F44 Shot put
		Brad Scott (AIS)	T37 800m
Bronze Medallists			
Female		Male	
Madeleine Hogan (Vic)	F42-46 Javelin throw	Richard Colman (VIS)	T53 400m
Julie Smith (QAS)	T46 200m	Kurt Fearnley (NSWIS)	T54 1500m
Jodi Willis-Roberts	F12/13 Shot put	Aaron Chatman (AIS)	T42-46 4x100m relay
		Heath Francis (AIS)	
		Paul Raison (QAS)	
		Stephen Wilson QAS)	
		Christine Wolf (AIS)	F42 Long jump

The team consisted of 48 athletes (24 male and 24 female) and 20 staff. Of the 48 athletes, 26 were first-time Paralympians. Of the 26 first-timers 10 returned with a medal/s. Consequently, we are very confident that we can sustain our international ranking and hopefully make inroads on the No. 1 ranked country (China) at the 2012 London Paralympic Games.

Thankyou to all the staff, personal coaches, parents and supporters that assisted with the preparation of the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games, in particular:

- Team managers: Gary Lees and Louise Mogg
- Event group coordinators: Brett Jones (sprints and jumps), Alison O'Riordan (throws), Robbie Bolton (distance) and Andrew Dawes (wheelchair track and road)
- Medical coordinator: Rowena Toppenberg
- AIS staff: Tudor Bidder (manager), Iryna Dvoskina (AWD sprints and jumps), Gary Slater (nutrition) and Jo Vaile (recovery)
- APC staff: Michael Hartung and Jason Hellwig

Also special congratulations to:

- Iryna Dvoskina, who was awarded the APC's 2008 Coach of the Year Award for her superb achievements with her AIS AWD squad including multiple medallists (Evan O'Hanlon, Heath Francis, Aaron Chatman, Christine Wolf and Brad Scott).
- Tim Sullivan, whose gold medal in the T35-38 4x100m relay saw him become Australia's most prolific Paralympic gold medallist with a total of 10 (five in Sydney, four in Athens and one in Beijing). Note: This is one more than the mercurial Louise Sauvage.

### 2009/10 AA-PPP Focus on Emerging Talent

A major focus for 2008/09 for the AA-PPP was to foster new talent for the 2012 London Paralympic Games and beyond. As part of this approach AA-PPP has recently conducted or assisted to send young/new athletes to attend:

- 1) An NSWIS/AA-PPP WC T&R Emerging Athlete Camp, Runaway Bay, June 12-14, 2009
- 2) A Global Games Preparation Camp, Runaway Bay, June 12-14, 2009
- 3) The first AA-PPP Emerging Talent Camp, Runaway Bay, June 19-21, 2009
- 4) 2009 Global Games, Czech Republic, July 5-14, 2009
- 5) IWAS junior world athletics championships, Switzerland, July 15-19, 2009

As a result of these camps, competitions and the work done by AA-PPP and AIS staff, in particular by Brett Jones (AA-PPP Emerging Talent Coordinator) and Andrew Dawes (NSWIS/AA-PPP Wheelchair Track and Road Coordinator), a group of athletes have now been formally invited to be in the AA-PPP ET squad (refer to the table below).

#### AA-PPP Emerging Talent (ET) Squad

The following athletes have been invited to be included in the AA-PPP ET squad:

**Wheelchair track and road group** (coordinated by Andrew Dawes and Louise Sauvage)

*Males:* Nathen Arkley, Sam Carter, Xavier Elsworthy and Jake Lappin

*Females:* Jemima Moore and Madison de Rosario

**Sprints and jumps, distance and throwers group** (coordinated by Brett Jones in consultation with Alison O'Riordan, Iryna Dvoskina and Scott Goodman)

*Males:* Gabriel Cole, Mitchell Pink, Sean Roberts and Jack Swift

*Females:* Georgia Beikoff, Angelique Booth, Jodi Elkington, Michelle Errichiello, Briannah Holloway, Lucy Larsen and Tahlia Rotumah

*Note: The squad is transient and more athletes will be added as they are identified and trialed or become available (e.g. Helen Hvalica and Morgan McAllister will be invited to AA-PPP ET camps once they have completed their Year 12 commitments)*

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The AA-PPP ET squad has been established to try to 'fast-track' the development of young or new athletes:

- Who were not in Beijing but we believe can have an impact at the 2012 London Paralympic Games and beyond; or
- Who were very young in Beijing and would benefit from being involved with this squad for social and developmental purposes.

Athletes who accept the invitation into the AA-PPP ET squad will:

- Be invited, along with their personal coaches, to three to four AA-PPP ET training camps over the next 12 months
- Have their costs subsidised for the Athletics Australia national championships (open and/ or underage)
- Receive AA-PPP ET clothing (to be finalised – probably two polo shirts, three t-shirts and a tracksuit)
- Some AA-PPP ET squad members will also be invited to event group-specific camps/ opportunities:
  - At the AIS with Iryna Dvoskina (sprints and jumps)
  - At the AIS with Alison O’Riordan (throws)
  - In Brisbane with Brett Jones (sprints and jumps)
  - In Sydney or Newcastle with Andrew Dawes and/or Louise Sauvage (wheelchair track and road)

We are extremely confident that a majority of the AA-PPP ET squad will be selected for the IPC 2011 Christchurch IPC world championships (January 21-30, 2011) and will become part of the 'established' AA-PPP for the 2012 or 2016 Paralympic Games.

## High Performance Youth

2008/09 year was a very important year in the High Performance Youth area as it was a world junior year. Australia sent a team of 28 athletes (17 female, 11 male) aged from 16 to 19 years. The championships were conducted in Bydgoszcz, Poland in July 2008. The Australian team placed 12th from over 180 countries on the IAAF final points table with one bronze medal in the women’s 4x400m (Angeline Blackburn, Trychelle Kingdom, Olivia Tauro and Brittney McGlone) and a total of 13 top-eight performances. Two Australian junior records toppled, in the men’s triple jump with Henry Frayne leaping 16.40m, and the women’s 10,000m walk with Jess Rothwell finishing in 44.44.22. All 28 athletes were fortunate to have gained valuable experience in knowing what is needed to be a success at the international level. Athletics Australia would like to sincerely thank the staff who worked tirelessly for this team in Jodi Lambert (team management), Brett Green (coaching co-ordinator and throws coach), Brad Carter (sprints and jumps), Terri Cater (sprints, relays and middle distance), Nick Bowden (middle distance and walks) and Lindsay Burgoyne (throws and pole vault), Dr Adam Castricum and physiotherapists Kylie Holt and Dr Liz Molloy.

The Commonwealth Youth Championships (Under 19) was held in Pune, India in October 2008. Thirty-two athletes (17 boys and 15 girls) represented Australia with many outstanding results. Of the gold medals, both Blake Lucas in the pole vault and Julian Wruck in the discus would have placed in the top five at the 2008 world junior championships. The other three gold medal performances (Sam Baines 110m hurdles, Vika Lolo women’s discus and Bianca Maurer women’s javelin) would have placed in the top 10 at the 2008 world juniors. There were 29 top-eight performances with the Australian team placing second on the medal tally behind India and ahead of a very strong English team. Again, our thanks to our great staff of Nicky Frey (section manager), coaches Sharon Hannan (sprints/hurdles and relays), Sandro Bisetto (jumps), Dion Collins (throws), Mark Stewart (pole vault) and physiotherapist Aidan Rich.

In January 2009, 90 Under 18 athletes competed in the Australian Youth Olympic Festival (AYOF) held in Sydney. Education sessions, an opening ceremony to remember, presentations by ASADA and talks from our Olympic ambassadors Dani Samuels and Lachlan Renshaw gave each athlete a wonderful taste of life as an international athlete. Many of these athletes went on to compete in the 2009 world youth championships in Italy.

Our National Under 17 Development Squad program was held at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in May. This was a terrific introduction to our High Performance program. The group of 50 highly energised young athletes enjoyed coaching sessions with our National Youth Event Coaches (NYEC) and also education sessions in the areas of nutrition, sports psychology, physical competencies and recovery. Importantly, the chance to build new friendships rated very highly and will be something to develop in years to come.

The National Under 19 Talent Squad met for two camps at the AIS, one in September and the other in April. Coaching, medical screening and education sessions featured throughout both camps alongside our highly successful mentor program, generously supported by our friends at Athletics International (AI). Some of the mentors who worked with these young athletes were Peter Bourke, Maxine Corcoran, Nick Ward, Adam Steinhart, Bruce Frayne, Terri Cater, Charlene Rendina, Lynne Williams, Rohan Robinson, Karyne Di Marco, Peter Hadfield and Warren Parr. Topics discussed were transition from junior to senior athletics, time management, international travel and competition, dealing with distractions, building resilience and many, many empowering and funny stories.

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Our Target 2012 program was developed to work with the transition age group of Under 23s to provide assistance and support as well as education and medical screenings to this emerging senior group. An initial program in Melbourne, which included nutrition, medical screenings, training and media skills workshops, was followed up with a competition-based camp during the NSW State Open Championships. The aim was to put in place practices developed and discussed in the Melbourne program in a competition scenario, similar to what would be experienced in a village-like setting. This worked well with many athletes hitting top gear at these championships, readying themselves for the following World University Games and world championships. A very successful program that developed great spirit in a team environment.

Athletics Australia would like to thank our National Youth Event Coaches (NYEC) for all their help, support and guidance throughout the year. The program would certainly be lacking without Glynis Nunn-Cearns (co-ordinator and 400m), Sharon Hannan (sprints and relays), Penny Gillies/Matty Beckenham (hurdles), Nicky Frey (distance), Brent Vallance (walks), Karyne Di Marco (hammer throw), John Minns (shot/discus), Lindsay Burgoyne (javelin), Nicole Boegman-Stewart (long/triple jump), Mark Stewart (pole vault), Sandro Bisetto (high jump) and Peter Hannan (multi events). Our thanks to our medical team in Dr Adam Castricum, Dr Craig Panther and physiotherapists Dr Liz Molloy, Kylie Holt and Merryn Aldridge.

Nicky Frey finished up her full-time role as High Performance Administrator Youth in January, a role that has been embraced by former pole vaulter Rosie Ditton. Thanks to both Nicky and Rosie for the power of work they put into our High Performance Youth Program.

Thankyou to Athletics International, the Commonwealth Games Association, 2XU and Asics for their terrific financial support during this year. We would struggle to fund each of our important programs without their support.

### **Sara Mulkearns**

*National Youth Performance Manager  
Athletics Australia*



Kurt Fearnley contests the heats of the 1500m – T54 on day eight of the Beijing Paralympic Games

**Kurt Fearnley**

# Marketing and Communications

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Achieving medals on the track, in the field and on the road in Beijing, athletics was one of the most talked about Olympic sports in Australia in 2008 with Steve Hooker, Sally McLellan and Jared Tallent providing some of the most memorable Olympic moments.

Success breeds success and though the breakthroughs in marketing and communications are comparatively small, we are slowly moving toward a strategically marketed and promoted sport from high performance to grassroots.

As a sport funded for high performance and largely judged on this, it was good to see that much of the interest generated by our sport this year, including crowds, television audiences and media coverage, was due to outstanding performances, both on and off the track and field, by our elite athletes. Steve Hooker, Sally McLellan and Jared Tallent led a league of talent who were generous with their time in the fan zones at meets, in the media and at other ambassadorial engagements. We are fortunate to have such excellent role models in our sport and I would like to thank and commend each and every athlete who helped us to promote the sport this year. I would also like to thank the athletes, coaches and volunteers for their support of my ideas and their generosity in sharing their thoughts and ideas on the sport and how it is run. Their feedback and support have had an incredible influence on the new marketing strategies and overall promotion of the sport of athletics.

## The Gemba report

The Gemba report, an Australian Sports Commission funded review into the commercial aspects of the Athletics Australia business, was delivered in August 2008. The review raised key issues and recommendations, the most compelling being the lack of a strong brand positioning or story as a sport and as an organisation. With such a diverse range of disciplines, athletes, clubs and communities, finding one compelling story is a challenge and one with far-reaching effects, but throughout this process and the development of our strategic plan, more than ever we have seen the start of concrete development to drive athletics into the future in a responsible and sustainable manner that remains true to the sport.

## Marketing

Much of our 2008/09 marketing focus has been on reassessing our priorities and developing a program that is both cost effective and sustainable, but builds the profile of our sport through targeted strategies that link in with the pillars of our strategic plan.

Key projects included naming and branding the Australian athletics team, developing the Australian season, assessing our sponsorship portfolio and creating commercial opportunities at all levels of the sport to help build and develop athletics. We are working to fix the core of the sport and to earn the right to grow and we are committed to aligning national and state programs to create a compelling story. We have shifted from promoting high performance as the sport, to promoting high performance as the pinnacle of the sport, which is a subtle change but one that, alongside other programs, will help strengthen and build an aspirational pathway within the sport of athletics.

We are working to make Athletics Australia the champion of the sport and are committed to developing, protecting and promoting our champions and future champions, to becoming the caretaker of all athletics activity and to doing what is best for athletics at every level.

## 2009 season

With our strategic focus centering on developing and growing the talent pool for London 2012, our season was reflective of this, from our operational delivery to our look and feel. By celebrating our Beijing heroes, providing opportunities for youth, bringing an international contingent that increased the levels of competition, developing a sense of team and professionalism, and tying this together with a strong London feel, we were able to deliver a relevant and compelling season for the athletics community.

Post Olympics, when traditionally attendances and interest in the Australian athletics season have been lower, the 2009 season was proof that success on the international stage lifts the profile of our sport at home. Whilst crowds were slightly lower than in 2008 (3 per cent), compared to

2005, when audiences were at their lowest since the Sydney Olympics, the season performed well. A big thank you must go to our Australian athletes who came out in great numbers ready to compete and made sure the crowd was treated to a show.

The pinnacle of the season, the Sydney Track Classic, the World Athletics Tour Melbourne and the Australian Athletics Championships, which were held for the third year in Brisbane, showcased our Australian superstars Steve Hooker, Sally McLellan, Jared Tallent, Sean Wroe, Tristan Thomas, Dani Samuels and Fabrice Lapierre to name but a few. They were joined by Olympic champions Valerie Vili, Stephanie Brown Trafton, Asafa Powell, Shericka Williams and a host of international stars who battled head to head with the Australians in good-quality, entertaining athletics.

Joint marketing efforts in Sydney and Brisbane led to many local innovations and saw a considerable increase in crowd sizes, especially in Sydney. Melbourne, despite an outstanding lineup, was hampered by an unseasonal cold snap which affected both the crowd size and the performances on the night. I would like to acknowledge the support of David Bell, Queensland Athletics CEO and Greg Meagher, Athletics New South Wales CEO, as well as the voluntary marketing committees in their respective states for their efforts and achievements in promoting the events in their states, and the local organising committee for the Melbourne meet, led by Maurie Plant, for their help and guidance.

In Sydney the crowd was the largest since the Sydney Olympics and by bringing the Sydney Track Classic and the Sydney Grand Prix meets together we created one high-quality offering for the Sydney market. In its third year in Brisbane the Australian Athletics Championships attracted a stronger crowd with Queensland Athletics working tirelessly alongside our partners Queensland Events and Brisbane Marketing to make this event a success. They were integral in driving activities including a street pole vault meet to enhance awareness of the event.

High-level athletics was also profiled in Hobart at the Graeme Briggs Memorial, a Thursday night sprints meet in Canberra and at the Australia Cup, which was once again held in Brisbane. The Australia Cup embodies our commitment to working with Australian Little Athletics to help transition athletes, coaches and officials through from the junior ranks of competition to senior clubs, competitions and representative teams. Pitting state against state, this competition is an opportunity for Little Athletes from the age of 13 to compete in a team alongside senior athletes from their state, and is helping to establish a team culture from grassroots to elite level.

## Broadcast

Athletics Australia entered a new relationship with OneHD and Channel 10 in late 2008 which saw the Sydney Track Classic and the World Athletics Tour Melbourne broadcast to free to air audiences on Channel 10 and replayed on the new digital channel OneHD. The peak audience for the Sydney meet was 548,000 or 22.7 per cent of the free to air audience, and the World Athletics Tour Melbourne attracted 14.1 per cent of the audience and was viewed by a peak audience of 394,000. A huge thank you to Channel Ten and OneHD for their commitment to athletics, the broadcast team especially Ian Cohen and Tim Lane, and to Jump Media and Marketing and Dreampool, for the excellent production.

## athletics.com.au

Despite a glut of Olympic information freely available, athletics.com.au performed strongly over the two-week Olympic period and has continued to perform well through the domestic season. The IAAF world junior championships in Poland was also a highlight, with Athletics New South Wales' Tim McGrath providing exclusive daily coverage.

With up to the minute coverage during Beijing and regular updates from the team in Hong Kong, we recorded approximately 200 more unique browsers per day than the world championships in Osaka in 2007.

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### Media

Once again Jump Media were our contracted media department and did an excellent job of ensuring newsworthy results and activities were promoted across a broad spectrum of media outlets and achieved strong coverage especially around the World Athletics Tour and Sydney Track Classic. Thank you to the Jump team, especially David Culbert and Michelle Cook for their time and effort.

In the lead-up to the Olympics team members were profiled in a number of forums and during Games time the media was handled by the AOC's media liaison officer Kevin Diggerson. With the outstanding achievements of Steve Hooker, Jared Tallent, Sally McLellan and the rest of the team, the sport was the focus of much post-Olympic attention which fed well into the domestic season coverage. We continue to be committed to raising the profile of the sport of athletics and our heroes through targeted media, public relations and education for athletes and coaches and look forward to ongoing success in this area.

### Events and hospitality

In the past year our events and hospitality calendar has been busy. In November we hosted a Gala dinner to recognise the new Hall of Fame inductees, athletics greats Rob De Castella, Debbie Flintoff-King, Pam Ryan, Decima Norman and John Winter, as well as our Life Governors and Life Members. The Gala dinner was a great athletics community event with plenty of stories and laughs and demonstrates our commitment to recognising achievement across all facets of the sport.

Throughout the season we hosted John Landy Lunches in both Sydney and Melbourne, aiming to introduce athletics to a new corporate audience. The Sydney event was held on the waterfront with great views of the harbour and an engaging address by Olympic champion Steve Hooker, while the Melbourne event saw Craig Mottram take to the stage alongside a smiling Asafa Powell and a host of athletics talents. Thank you to MC David Culbert, event managers Samantha Culbert and the Jump Media and Marketing team, the John Landy Lunch Club committees and to Athletics International for their support and work on these events.

At the World Athletics Tour Melbourne, the Sydney Athletics Classic and the Australian Athletics Championships, VIP functions were held to recognise our partners and to thank very special contributors to the sport. Beijing Olympians and their guests were invited and these functions were well attended.

The pinnacle of the Australian season was marked with the Athlete of the Year Awards being held the day after the national championships in Brisbane and included the announcement of the world championships team. The awards moved from a year-end award this year to encompass the Australian season and included two Athlete of the Australian Season awards to recognise outstanding achievements over our season and to encourage athletes to compete well in Australia. This was the first year the event has been held after the nationals for many years and we hope to build this event into a true end-of-season celebration for the athletics community in the coming years.



Queensland's Sally McLellan takes Female Athlete of the Year and Female Athlete of the Season honours at the Athletics Australia awards function in Brisbane in March

**Sally McLellan**

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### Sponsorship

We are fortunate to have fantastic partnerships with a number of organisations and companies who support our sport. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their generosity and passion for athletics and to thank them on behalf of Athletics Australia and the entire athletics community.

- The Australian Sports Commission – Principal Partner
- Asics
- 2XU
- OneHD
- Athletics International
- Australian Commonwealth Games Association
- Australian Olympic Committee
- Australian Paralympic Committee
- IAAF
- Queensland Events
- Brisbane Marketing
- Herald Sun

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution made to our sport by long-term partners Accor and SBS, who in 2008 concluded their sponsorship with Athletics Australia. Both Accor and SBS have had long and fruitful relationships with athletics and have been great supporters of the sport. I would particularly like to thank Ken Shipp and the team at SBS for their continued support through the broadcast of international athletics events.

#### The Australian Sports Commission – Principal Partner

Athletics Australia remains one of the priority sports for the Australian Government and the Australian Sports Commission throughout 2008 has continued to provide excellent support across a number of platforms. We have worked closely with Peter Sharpe and Janice Lo to continue to grow the recognition the Australian Sports Commission receives through their association with athletics and thank them for their support.

### Asics

We are extremely fortunate to work with Asics for all of our team uniform and apparel requirements. This support is essential to the delivery of high performance programs and we greatly appreciate their flexibility and assistance with the wide variety of requests we put forward. A leader in its field, Asics are innovative and continue to assist the sport of athletics to develop through their outstanding uniform technology and creative branding. A big thank you to Sam Chew and his team for their ongoing and outstanding support.

### 2XU

Athletics Australia's compression partner 2XU provides our squads with high-quality compression garments which aid in recovery after training, performance and travel. A relatively new brand in the space, 2XU have been proactive in promoting their products at many Athletics Australia events and recognise and promote the partnership on their packaging. I would like to thank Aiden Clarke, Brett Voss, Hayden Rydberg and the 2XU team for their great support.

### OneHD

In December 2008 Athletics Australia negotiated a deal with Channel 10 and OneHD to broadcast the Melbourne and Sydney meets for the 2009 season. In the lead-up to the Commonwealth Games, for which Channel 10 is the host broadcaster, Channel 10 and OneHD have committed to profiling athletics and increasing our television audience. Thanks to Gus Seebeck and the Channel 10 team for their support.

### Athletics International

Athletics International, a group of former Australian representative athletes, has been working closely with our junior high performance department supporting and mentoring our developing U19 athletes since 2007. This is a fantastic partnership that enables us to facilitate education and mentoring sessions with former athletes who bring a wealth of experience and passion for the sport and provide an additional support network for the young athletes. Many thanks to all of the mentors involved and a special thank you to Bob Lay and Maxine Corcoran who oversee the program.

### Queensland Events and Brisbane Marketing

The Australian Athletics Championships and Selection Trials have been held in Brisbane since 2007 and during this time we have had outstanding support from both Queensland Events and Brisbane Marketing both financially and to promote and deliver a great event. The Brisbane nationals have been an outstanding success and we thank Queensland Events and Brisbane Marketing for their commitment to athletics and support over the journey, which included the mammoth task of bidding for the 2011 world athletics championships. We look forward to working with the City of Brisbane and the Queensland Government on other Australian and international athletics opportunities in the future.

### IAAF

The support of the Australian athletics season by the IAAF shows a strong commitment by the international federation to athletics in Australia and Oceania and allows us to bring in the international talent and provide significant prizemoney for the athletes. Thank you to the IAAF for this support and especially to Athletics Australia President Rob Fildes, who continually presents our case to the IAAF with excellent results.

### Other partners

From the Herald Sun and SEN who support our World Athletics Tour meet through to our fun run partnerships including the Sydney Running Festival, Great Australian Run, Melbourne Marathon, City to Bay in South Australia, City to Surf in Perth and the Gold Coast Marathon, we have a wide-ranging group of partners who support us in both communicating our messages and bringing people to the sport. We will continue to expand these networks and to work on growing the athletics community to make athletics a truly vibrant offering in the sporting marketplace. Special thanks must also go to the Australian Olympic Committee, Australian Paralympic Committee and the Commonwealth Games Association who provide support and funding for our teams' preparations.

### Sponsorship acquisition

With the world's financial markets in crisis, there is no doubt that marketing budgets across the board have been affected. We sit in the relatively strong position where we rely on just a few corporate partners to continue our operating budget. Obviously the present climate makes seeking new partnerships challenging, however in the afterglow of Olympic success athletics is presenting as a professionally run sport through which a partner will get brand traction in an uncluttered space and that offers good value for money, and hence we have attracted more interest in this financial year than in the previous three years. We still have a long way to go towards building a sport that is truly attractive to new and greater sponsorship revenue but we believe that we are making changes to the sport now that will stand us in good stead for the future.

### Running Australia

Following the facilitation of a new membership category in the previous financial year, Running Australia has continued to build a connection with the previously stand-alone mass participation running market.

The overall number of events registered with Running Australia remained consistent and the growth in participant numbers was strong.

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The newly implemented administration and price structure has been a success in its trial phase. Eventually the state member associations will deliver all administration with the direction of Athletics Australia. Currently event organisers pay the state member associations a membership fee for each runner directly and this allows the funds to be used to build resources to continue promoting relevant athletic activities to serious recreational runners, to encourage them to participate in more traditional athletics club activities.

2009 welcomed a renewed association with the Perth City to Surf event in WA that will increase the recreational runner membership for Athletics Western Australia by as much as 38,800 (TBC) and raises the profile of athletics in the city playing host to the 88th Australian Athletics Championships and Selection Trials for the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

A decline in the number of registrations for Victoria is a direct result of placing a clause on all entry forms enabling participants to opt out of becoming a member of the sport. The disadvantage in the short reduction is grossly outweighed by the thousands of new members gained to the sport through the formalised recreational runner category.

Member associations in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia attended the flagship running event's official expo in their respective states to promote core athletics products to an audience that may have never had exposure to the sport before or are reminded to re-engage with it again.

Event organisers who previously held regular athletics activities independent of the sport have been successfully affiliated into clubs with the member association in their state. This is a significant step in the direction of 'One Sport',

a strategic objective we are committed to, and integrates all groups conducting regular athletics activities to work in support of the sport's core product, rather than in competition with them.

A national Running Australia conference will be one of the next strategies in bringing member associations up to speed with the current network. Furthermore, a forum to bring event organisers together has been requested by independent organisers, to explore potential ways to grow the value of the Running Australia network and establish a strategy for out-of-stadium Australian championships as a mechanism to elevate the status and quality of their event. This is extremely positive as the biggest stakeholders in the recreational running market are placing value on collaboration through the governing body.

It has been a marathon year for athletics in Australia and we have made inroads but have a long way to go. A huge thank you to my team Rebecca Healey, Erin Carter, Bronwyn Trueman and our assistant for the season Trychelle Kingdom. Your refreshing attitude, commitment, passion and enthusiasm are key ingredients for our future success.

We look forward to the challenges the next year will bring and have every confidence that we will have even greater performances both on and off the track and field to talk about.

**Nicole Roache**  
Marketing Manager  
Athletics Australia

### Running Australia

Total 07/08	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
101,297	2332	28830	0	26397	28770	5476	23791	874	116,470



Steve Hooker is named Male Athlete of the Year and International Athlete of the Year at the Athletics Australia awards function in Brisbane in March

**Steve Hooker**



# Competitions

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Post-Olympic domestic seasons are historically quiet, and have been for some time. In doing some research in the office I came across a comment, in the 1960/61 Annual Report for the AAAU of NSW, in which President Charles Moses wrote, "in a typically quiet post-Olympic season." 2008/09 was to prove an exception to this rule, with some great performances observed by solid spectator numbers and substantial media interest.

Our premier meets in Sydney and Melbourne were shown on One HD gaining solid ratings. Sydney saw one of its biggest spectator crowds in many years, and athletes young and old produced outstanding performances.

It was great to see our three Olympic medallists – Steve Hooker, Sally McLellan and Jared Tallent – compete often and well over the domestic season. They were joined by a group of keen and ambitious athletes eager to make every opportunity count; just some of the standouts were Dani Samuels, Tristan Thomas, Sean Wroe, Tamysn Lewis, Mitchell Watt, Fabrice Lapierre, Jeff Riseley and young Ryan Gregson.

The season kicked off with the 2008 Pacific Schools Games, where the Australian All Schools and Youth Championships were combined with the athletics program of the quadrennial Pacific Schools meet. The result was 2500 young athletes, aged 10 to 19 years of age competing over seven days in the largest such event ever staged in Australia. This event was a massive undertaking and thanks must be given to all the volunteers and officials, ACT Athletics and School Sport Australia in putting it all together.

The national series meets in Hobart and Brisbane provided a solid start for our elite and developing athletes and for the first time substantial prizemoney was given. From this platform Athletics Australia was again able to deliver two world-class one-day meets, Sydney (IAAF Area Permit) and Melbourne (IAAF World Athletics Tour).

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 \$250,000 in prizemoney was available over these two meets, \$100,000 in Sydney and \$150,000 in Melbourne.

The Sydney Track Classic was for the first time staged as a joint event between Athletics Australia and Athletics New South Wales. In effect it was a combination of the existing ANSW-run Sydney Track Classic and Athletics Australia's Sydney Grand Prix. This was to prove a very successful move with over 7000 spectators treated to one of the great nights of domestic athletics in many years. My thanks for all the hard work put in by ANSW staff and volunteers, in particular Greg Meagher, Grant Cremer and Andrew Mathews. We look forward to this event in 2010.

After arguably the best Sydney meet for years we were looking forward to Melbourne and building on the very successful 2008 edition. Unfortunately the weather gods had other ideas and we woke on Thursday morning to very cold and wet weather breaking a record hot dry spell. With consistent rain all day, temperatures barely out of single figures and strong winds it was hardly ideal for either athletic performance or spectator numbers. However, such is the nature of an outdoor sport and the athletes, both Australian and international, put on a great night of entertainment nonetheless.

Athletics Australia once again supported athletes' travel to national series and Grand Prix meets. In total \$150,000 in flights was available for athletes who met specific performance standards.

The 87th Australian Athletics Championships were staged in Brisbane over three days, the last of our three years at the Brisbane venue. Once again, in order to best use the Queensland weather to our advantage, we conducted the championships from Thursday to Saturday, allowing most finals to be run at night. There were some great performances and competition at the championships, with the standouts being the men's long jump and 1500m.

Below is a list of the competitions organised or supported by Athletics Australia in the 2008/09 Australian domestic season.

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## 2008

Saturday 23 August

Australian Cross Country Championships & Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships Eastern Park, Geelong, VIC

Sunday 24 August

Australian Road Walking Championships Albert Park, VIC

Sunday 21 September

Australian Marathon Championships Sydney, NSW

Sunday 12 October

Australian Half Marathon Championships Melbourne, VIC

Saturday 22 November

Ron Clarke Classic Geelong, VIC

Saturday 29 November – Saturday 6 December

Pacific Schools Games (Australian All Schools and Youth Championships) Canberra, ACT

Thursday 11 December

Zatopek 10 Melbourne, VIC

Thursday 11 December

Australian Schools Knockout – National Final Melbourne, VIC

Sunday 14 December

Australian 50km Road Walking Championships Fawkner Park, Melbourne, VIC

## 2009

Friday 16 January – Saturday 17 January

Australian Youth Olympic Festival Sydney, NSW

Friday 30 January

Graeme Briggs Memorial Hobart, TAS

Saturday 31 January – Sunday 1 Feb

Australian U23, U18 & U16 Combined Events Championships Hobart, TAS

Saturday 7 February

Australia Cup Brisbane, QLD

Sunday 8 February

Australian Selection Trials for the 2009 World Cross Country Championships Canberra, ACT

Saturday 28 February

Sydney Track Classic Sydney, NSW

Thursday 5 March

Melbourne IAAF World Athletics Tour (GP) Melbourne, VIC

Saturday 7 March

Australian 20km Road Walking Championships Fawkner Park, Melbourne, VIC

Thursday 19 March – Saturday 21 March

Selection Trials & 87th Australian Athletics Championships Brisbane, QLD

Australian Championships for Men & Women Open & AWD Events

Thursday 19 March – Friday 20 March

Australian Open & U20 Combined Events Championships Brisbane, QLD

Friday 3 April – Sunday 5 April

Australian U20 All Schools U20 & U23 Athletics Championships Adelaide, SA

Sunday 5 April

Australian Club Championships Adelaide, SA

Of course, all of this would only have been possible with the help of a large group of experienced and dedicated volunteers and officials. 2008/09 was to prove a very heavy workload for this group, who once again stepped forward and delivered a wide range of events. In addition to all the Athletics Australia competitions listed above, 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 thankyou to all these talented and dedicated people without whom we could not conduct our sport.

**David Gynther**

*Competitions Manager  
Athletics Australia*

# Development

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The Indigenous development programs continued to flourish in 2008/09 with a large number of Jump Start to London athletes making their presence felt at meets such as the Zatopek and the Graeme Briggs Classic. This continued at the national open championships with Josh Ross winning the 100m title, making it seven years in a row that an Indigenous athlete has won the event.

The Jump Start program attended a number of domestic events this year with a range of athletes from the developing athlete to the elite. The junior athletes gained valuable experience from the competitions and being in a group environment with the elite gave them a taste of the future and also of what it takes to become a senior athlete.

Squads of athletes attended the Athletics North Queensland Championships, Arafura Games and the Pacific Schools Games; events such as these have provided a sound starting point in their athletics career and we have seen many senior athletes progress. This year a group of 19 developing athletes from the Jump Start to London 2012 National Talent and Identification Program took away a massive 24 medals from the 2009 Arafura Games held in Darwin. The squad claimed 11 gold, eight silver and five bronze medals from a variety of events.

Twenty-six Jump Start athletes competed at the Pacific Schools Games held in Canberra. The exciting news from the Games was that some of our younger members who have been in the program for a year showed promising signs and results. Khaele Bowen (QLD) led the way medalling in both the long jump (gold) and the high jump (bronze); Joel Hagen (QLD) had an outstanding couple of days claiming three medals in the 100m (silver), 200m (silver) and 4 x100m (gold). Other medallists were Raheen Williams (WA), who won gold in the 400m hurdles and Kertisha Thompson (QLD), who won silver in the triple jump. Newly identified Terri-Ann Cain stood out with gold in the 100m and 200m.

The next big event for the program was the Zatopek meet held at Olympic Park in Melbourne. Known primarily as a distance event, the meet delivered a very exciting men's 200m. Ray Williams (WA) ran a PB to win against an impressive field, finishing with a time of 21.16 into a -1.3 headwind. The Jump Start program also had representation at the 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival with Kertisha Thompson and Raheen Williams travelling to Sydney to compete. Raheen came home with a silver medal in the 400m and Kertisha a bronze in the triple jump.

We also had athletes competing in the Graeme Briggs Classic (Hobart), the Australia Cup and the Sydney Track Classic, where Jacob Groth ran a strong 200m finishing third in 21.03.

Jump Start athletes Laura Whaler and Shannon McCann kept the girls in the picture by taking out four U23 titles between them, Laura in the 100m/200m double and Shannon in the unusual 100m hurdles/400m hurdles combination.

Angeline Blackburn was the recipient of the inaugural Indigenous Athlete of the Year award which was presented by legend Catherine Freeman. Catherine, on being asked what the award meant to Indigenous athletes, was quoted as saying: "It is such an honour to present this award. Indigenous athletes have a rich history in Australian sport and it is great that athletics is rewarding and encouraging them."

It is hoped that the Jump Start program will continue to identify and develop Indigenous athletes.

The Athletics for the Outback program continues to be a strong participation program for not only remote communities but also for metro areas where there is a large percentage of Indigenous youth. By linking into the Jump Start program there is a seamless development pathway for athletes and coaches. Basically a participation program, it also provides opportunity for athletes to develop should they choose to follow a structured performance pathway. Our elite Indigenous athletes such as Kyle Vander Kuyp, Nova Peris and Patrick Johnson are strong supporters of the program and add a great depth and value to the community visits. This year we saw some 200 young, eager Indigenous athletes turn out at the regular visit to Newcastle in New South Wales, where they were given the opportunity to see how some of Australia's elite prepare for a day of competition. Led via roaming microphone presenter Patrick Johnson, the athletes got a taste of the big time with Nova Peris, Benn Harradine, Joshua Ross, Robbie Crowther and Kyle Vander Kuyp. In line with previous years, a small group of athletes from around the country were selected from Athletic Australia's remote community-based athletics participation programs (Athletics for the Outback and the Outback Challenge). These athletes come together to make up their specific state relay team, and compete in the State versus State relay challenge, which acts as the feature event at the conclusion of the carnival. This year saw athletes from Western Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia take up the challenge, with the Queenslanders taking victory in a hotly contested race. For many of these athletes, it was their first time running on anything besides the hard earth, let alone a synthetic athletics track.

Another major event for the program is the annual visit to South Australia where a strong cluster has been formed, with Oodnadatta being the host community for this year's activity. Indigenous role model Kyle Vander Kuyp travelled to the remote community in May as part of the Athletics for the Outback program. Each year a community in the Port Augusta region hosts an athletics education program followed by an athletics carnival. Past hosts have included Marree and Leigh Creek.

A group of five, including Kyle, spent a week in the community taking the students and staff through athletics disciplines. Nine community members sat through the Introduction to Training course which will give a massive boost to the ongoing delivery of athletics in the region.

With education being an important component of each program we are looking forward to a bright new crop of Indigenous athletes being involved with track and field

## Sally McGrady

*Development Manager  
Athletics Australia*

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# Coach Development

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Significant progress has been made in 2008/09 in some key areas of coach recruitment, recognition and retention. Importantly, the Athletics Australia strategic plan for 2009-2012 incorporates coaching as one of the five pillars of the organisation and the vision and key projects that make up this plan are now being delivered.

The vision for coaching is that "Athletics Australia leads the development of a sustainable network of accredited coaches at all levels of the sport to deliver excellent outcomes for athletes". Athletics Australia is now responsible for the Athletics Coach Accreditation Framework. In accepting this responsibility, we recognise the work done by the ATFCA over more than 30 years, in providing the opportunity and coursework required for coaches to become accredited through the National Coach Accreditation Scheme.

Work continues on the Coach Accreditation Framework in the areas of reviewing the content and delivery of courses to ensure they meet the needs of coaches. This will include a much more significant role for the state member associations in delivering courses using Athletics Australia-endorsed coach education providers and online resources and services for coaches to access.

Further, by January 1, 2010 all accredited coaches will be registered with Athletics Australia, regardless of the area of the sport with which they are associated (eg: clubs, schools, Little Athletics, professional athletics etc). This development is critical to the realisation of the vision as per the strategic plan for coaching.

Coach development workshops have continued in 2008/09 in event specific areas and with the elite junior programs for U17 and U19 athletes.

In conjunction with Sara Mulkearns and the National Youth Event Coaches, three workshops were conducted throughout the year at the AIS for personal coaches of athletes selected in the national U17 and U19 squads. These workshops brought together specialist coaches, sports scientists and other experts, including staff from the AIS, to share their knowledge and enhance the experiences of those coaches working with the best emerging talent in the country.

Several others were conducted by Athletics Australia for middle distance, jumps and relay coaches. Additional workshops were funded by Athletics Australia and conducted in collaboration with local coaches, the ATFCA state branches and the member associations in South Australia, Tasmania, Western Australia and Victoria. These state-based activities have been very successful in bringing together coaches around specific issues to enhance knowledge and coaching skills.

In November 2008, Athletics Australia hosted the second annual Throws Workshop at the AIS, attracting more than 80 coaches and athletes for what was a very successful event. Olympic gold medal hammer thrower Koji Murafushi (Japan) and Kirsten Hellier, coach of Olympic gold medal shot putter Valerie Vili (New Zealand), were the two key-note presenters, along with many Australian coaches and retired athletes, who generously shared their knowledge and skills. Following the workshop, a DVD resource was developed and this is now a popular sale item through the Athletics Australia online store.

Athletics Australia and the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association continue to work together on key issues for coaches. The aim for both organisations continues to be the promotion of the accredited athletics coach and the recognition of what that means, especially among the clubs and schools network.

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The Elite Coach Development Program (ECDP), funded by the Australian Sports Commission, continued in 2008/09. A total of 17 coaches of high performance athletes were supported for a range of professional development experiences and we have again been successful in securing further ECDP funding for 2009/10.

Ms Sharon Hannan joined the ECDP in July 2008 and has benefited greatly from the support the program provides. Sharon was able to attend several coaching conferences throughout the year, further developing her relationships with key international hurdles coaches, and was able to engage a QAS sports scientist as part of Sally McLellan's preparations for the 2009 world championships.

The challenge for 2009/10 is to begin the implementation of the strategic plan for coaching. Significant progress has already been made with accreditation and as at January 1, 2010 all accredited coaches will be registered with Athletics Australia as part of the single national database.

I thank the state member associations and their staff and the ATFCA and its state branches for the work they have all done this year to enhance the development of coaching. Finally, I thank the thousands of coaches throughout the country who continue to provide opportunities for participants of all ages to enjoy the sport of athletics.

## Michael Poulton

*National Coaching Manager  
Athletics Australia*

# Life Governors, Life Members and Merit Award Holders

## Honorary Life Governors

† Mr Hugh R Weir CBE	(1957)
† Miss Gwen Bull OAM	(1962)
† Miss Nellie Gould OAM BEM	(1962)
† Mrs Doris I Magee AM MBE	(1962)
† Miss Lillian M Neville OAM	(1962)
† Mrs Doris Mulcahy-Willson	(1964)
† Mr C Ronald Aitken CBE	(1965)
† Mr Arthur J Hodsdon MBE	(1965)
† Mrs Mavis M Ebzery OAM	(1967)
† Mr Leonard B Curnow OBE	(1968)
† Mr Robert E Graham OBE	(1968)
† Mr Norman G Hutton	(1968)
† Mr George Soper	(1969)
† Mr F Theo Treacy OBE	(1969)
† Mrs Maisie McQuiston BEM	(1971)
† Mrs Margaret Cahill OAM	(1972)
† Mrs Mabel E Robinson MBE	(1973)
† Mr C Herbert Gardiner QJM	(1974)
† Mr H George Carruthers MBE	(1977)
Mrs Joyce P Bonwick OAM	(1978)
† Mr Thomas C Blue AM BEM	(1980)
Mr Clive D Lee AM	(1984)
† Mrs Flo Wrighter OAM BEM	(1986)
Mr Noel J Ruddock AM	(1989)
† Mr Graeme T Briggs AM	(1990)
Mrs Stella McMinn AM	(1992)
† Mr Frederick W Napier OAM	(1992)
Mrs Brenda J Pearl OAM	(1992)
Hon Allan W McDonald QC	(1993)
† Mr George W Tempest	(1994)
Mr John D Bailey AM	(1995)
Mr Paul Jenes OAM	(1995)
Mrs Margaret L Mahony OAM	(1997)
Mr Denis P Wilson AM	(1997)
† Mrs Gwen Chester	(1998)
Ms Ronda M Jenkins OAM	(2002)
Mrs Jill Huxley	(2003)
Mr Reginald H Brandis	(2005)
Mr David A Prince OAM	(2008)
Mr Brian S Roe	(2008)

## Honorary Life Members

† Mr Julius L Patching AO OBE (V)	(1968)
Mrs Phyllis Andersson (V)	(1971)
Mrs Jean Harmey (N)	(1971)
Mrs Noella M Greenham OAM (S)	(1973)
Mrs Pat Peters AM (S)	(1973)
Mrs Amy Burow (V)	(1974)
Mrs Jean Gell OAM (V)	(1974)
Mrs Joyce Davis MBE (V)	(1975)
† Mrs Elva Schulz (Q)	(1978)
Mrs Joan M Cross OAM (Q)	(1985)
Mr Everard Bartholomeusz (Q)	(1986)
Miss Marion J Patterson OAM (V)	(1986)
† Mrs Joyce M Petfield OAM (Q)	(1987)
Ms Marlene Mathews AO (N)	(1988)
Mr Robin K Hood AM (T)	(1989)
† Mr Peter W Lucas (N)	(1989)
Mrs Eileen D Murphy OAM (Q)	(1990)
Mr Murray R Aitken (S)	(1993)
Dr John A Daly OAM (S)	(1993)
Mr Laurie A Hutton (N)	(1993)
Mr Donald W Jowett OAM (Q)	(1993)
Mr Daryl P Cross (Q)	(1994)
Mr Ian Galbraith (A)	(1994)
Dr Brian Hodgson (V)	(1994)
Mrs Pamela Turney OAM (V)	(1994)
Mr L Roy Boyd OAM (V)	(1995)
Mr Peter I Hamilton (N)	(1996)
Mrs Rosemary Owens OAM (N)	(1996)
Mr Dave B Cundy (A)	(1997)

† Deceased

## Recipients of the Merit Award of Athletics Australia

(Elected by the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia 1968-1978)

Ms Lorraine Morgan AM (V)	(2002)
Mr Greg Gilbert (A)	(2003)
Mr Geoffrey Martin (N)	(2003)
Ms Janelle Eldridge (N)	(2004)
Mr Ian RP White (N)	(2004)
Mr David Culbert (V)	(2006)
Mr P Wayne Fletcher (T)	(2006)
Mr Maurie Plant (V)	(2006)
Mr Christopher Wilson (T)	(2006)
Mr Peter Bowman (N)	(2007)
Mr Patrick A Clohessy AM (Q)	(2007)
Mr Ronald J Crawford OAM (N)	(2007)
Mrs Lynette M Foreman (W)	(2007)
Mrs Patricia A Kinnane (Q)	(2007)
Mr Alan G Launder AM (S)	(2007)
Mr Anthony L Rice (Q)	(2007)
Ms Pam Ryan AM MBE (V)	(2007)
Mr Neville Sillitoe (V)	(2007)
Mr Trevor A Vincent OAM (V)	(2007)
Dr John F Boas OAM (V)	(2008)
Mr Graham Boase (S)	(2008)
Dr Robert J (Bob) Cruise (S)	(2008)
Mr Peter I Duras (V)	(2008)
Mr Rodney J (Rod) Gibb OAM (N)	(2008)
Mr H Fletcher McEwen OAM (S)	(2008)
Ms Glynis L Nunn Cearnis OAM (Q)	(2008)
Mr Kenneth J (Ken) Roche AO (V)	(2008)
Mr Raymond (Ray) Smith (V)	(2008)
Mr Harold J (Harry) Summers (V)	(2008)

The Athletics Australia honours system was broadly revised in 2008. Then Life Members became Life Governors and all then living recipients of the Merit Award (who had not previously become so) were invited to become Life Members.

† Mr JB (Jim) Barlow (Q)	(1968)
† Mr EW (Bill) Barwick MBE (T)	(1968)
† Mr Reginald Clemson (V)	(1968)
† Mr TB (Tom) Dodds (S)	(1968)
† Mr HJ (Harry) Eastaughffe (Q)	(1968)
† Mr JK (Keith) Faulkner (S)	(1968)
† Mr CH (Bert) Gardiner QJM (V)	(1968)
† Mr TF (Ted) Hantke (W)	(1968)
† Mr Charles HF Morgan (S)	(1968)
† Mr AE (Alf) Robinson (V)	(1968)
† Mr FA (Fred) Rose (T)	(1968)
† Mr Victor B Sharp MBE (S)	(1968)
† Mr WC (Bill) Thompson (Q)	(1968)
† Mr FT (Theo) Treacy OBE (W)	(1968)
† Mr PS (Phil) McCavanagh (S)	(1969)
† Mr H George Carruthers MBE (N)	(1970)
† Mr RC (Dick) Corish BEM (N)	(1970)
† Mr Herbert J Lowe OBE (S)	(1970)
† Mr George B Stringer (V)	(1970)
† Mr Raymund PB White (N)	(1970)
† Mr JE (Jack) Draper (V)	(1971)
† Mr PD (Pat) Walsh (N)	(1971)
† Mr JH (Jack) Hanman (N)	(1972)
† Mr JW (Jack) Cook (Q)	(1973)
† Mr WW (Wally) Huxley (Q)	(1973)
† Mr Eric R Goodwin (Q)	(1974)
† Mr Eddie Moore (V)	(1974)
† Mr Ray C Frith OAM (N)	(1975)
Mr Noel J Ruddock AM (T)	(1975)
Mr John D Bailey AM (Q)	(1976)
† Mr Alex H Mclvor (S)	(1976)
† Mr FJW (Fred) Budge (S)	(1977)
† Mr Frederick W Napier OAM (W)	(1977)
† Mr ED (Ted) Eastham (V)	(1978)
† Mr ER (Ray) Graham OAM (S)	(1978)

† Deceased

**Life Governors and Merit Award Holders** continued40 **Recipients of the Merit Award of Athletics Australia**

(Elected by the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union 1971-1978)

† Mrs Gladys Armstrong (V)	(1971)
Mrs Joyce P Bonwick OAM (Q)	(1971)
† Mrs Doris Clarke (N)	(1971)
† Mrs Zora Fibbins OAM (N)	(1971)
† Mrs Edna Godfrey (N)	(1971)
† Miss Nellie Gould OAM BEM (N)	(1971)
† Mrs Lillian Kavanagh (S)	(1971)
† Mrs Aileen Kennedy BEM (V)	(1971)
† Mrs Yvonne Lanyon-Owen (Q)	(1971)
† Mrs Emily McBeth (V)	(1971)
Mrs Stella McMinn AM (Q)	(1971)
† Mrs Doris I Magee AM MBE (N)	(1971)
† Miss Lillian M Neville OAM (V)	(1971)
† Mrs Mabel E Robinson MBE (V)	(1971)
† Mrs Gladys Rose (V)	(1971)
† Mrs Grace Sheldon (N)	(1971)
† Mrs Dorothy Spittles (Q)	(1971)
† Mrs Doreen Stanton (V)	(1971)
† Mrs Flo Wrighter OAM BEM (N)	(1971)
† Mrs Margaret Cahill OAM (S)	(1972)
† Mrs Mavis M Ebzery OAM (T)	(1972)
† Mrs Gwen Chester (W)	(1973)
† Mrs Nea Edwards (N)	(1973)
† Mrs Martha Fraser (V)	(1973)
† Mrs Phyllis M McWillie (W)	(1973)
† Mrs Iris Bennett (V)	(1974)
† Mrs Lena Berzinski (V)	(1974)
† Mrs Doris Davis (V)	(1974)
† Mrs Nancy Keily (V)	(1974)
† Mrs Maisie McQuiston BEM (V)	(1974)
† Miss Evelyn Morris (V)	(1974)
† Mrs June Saunders (V)	(1974)
† Mrs Faye Venn (V)	(1974)
† Mrs Errol Clay (W)	(1975)
† Mrs Marjorie Fitzgibbons (N)	(1975)
† Mrs Doris (Dot) Barnes (S)	(1976)
Mrs Brenda J Pearl OAM (S)	(1976)
† Mrs Nell Davey (N)	(1977)
† Mrs Yvonne Neasbey (N)	(1977)
† Mrs Gerida Bergman (N)	(1978)
† Mrs Marion Cuthbert (N)	(1978)

(Elected by Athletics Australia 1979-2007)

† Mr Harold L Ralph OAM (N)	(1979)
† Mr CA (Froggy) Wise (T)	(1979)
† Mrs Molly Heffernan OAM (S)	(1980)
† Mr Graeme T Briggs AM (T)	(1981)
† Mr Douglas G Ferrier (V)	(1984)
† Mr J D (Jack) Forrest (Q)	(1984)
† Mr Donald F Bell OAM (V)	(1985)
† Mr Henri J Schubert MBE (V)	(1987)
† Mr George W Tempest (W)	(1990)
† Mr Frank J Day OAM (W)	(1991)
† Mr ES (Sam) Martin (Q)	(1991)
Mr Paul Jenes OAM (V)	(1992)
† Mr RW (Rick) Pannell (V)	(1992)
† Mrs Wendy M Ey BEM (S)	(1993)
† Mr AK (Scotchy) Gordon OAM (S)	(1994)
† Mr Jess Jarver OAM (S)	(1994)
Mrs Margaret L Mahony OAM (V)	(1994)
Mr Denis P Wilson AM (A)	(1994)
Mrs Jill Huxley (N)	(1996)
Mr Brian S Roe (T)	(1996)
Mr Reginald H Brandis (Q)	(1998)
Ms Ronda M Jenkins OAM (V)	(1998)

† Deceased

**Athletics Australia Hall Of Fame**

Ron Clarke MBE	(2000)
Betty Cuthbert AM MBE	(2000)
Herb Elliott AC MBE	(2000)
† Edwin Flack	(2000)
Marjorie Jackson Nelson AC CVO	(2000)
† Shirley Strickland AO MBE	(2000)
Raelene Boyle AM MBE	(2004)
Ralph Doubell AM	(2004)
John Landy AC CVO	(2004)
† Anthony (Nick) Winter	(2004)
Robert de Castella MBE	(2008)
Debbie Flintoff King OAM	(2008)
Pam Kilborn Ryan AM MBE	(2008)
† Decima Norman MBE	(2008)
† John Winter	(2008)

**The Edwin Flack Award**

(Awarded by Athletics Australia to an athlete who has rendered distinguished service to athletics)

Max Binnington (V)	(1982)
Robert de Castella MBE (V)	(1983)
Helen Searle OAM (N)	(1984)
Glynis Nunn OAM (S)	(1987)
Christine Stanton (W)	(1989)
Gary Honey (V)	(1990)
Paul Narracott (Q)	(1991)
Simon Baker (V)	(1992)
Susan Hobson (A)	(1993)
Christine Schultz (V)	(1995)
Pat Scammell (N)	(1996)
Catherine Freeman OAM (V)	(2004)
Stephen Moneghetti (V)	(2005)
Jane Saville (N)	(2009)

**Henri Schubert Memorial Award**

(Awarded by Athletics Australia on recommendation from the ATFCA to an accredited coach who has rendered distinguished service to Australian athletics in different ways, but particularly in the field of coach education)

Norm Osborne (V)	(1994)
Tom Hancock (V)	(1995)
† Jack Pross OAM (N)	(1996)
† Frank Day OAM (W)	(1997)
Tony Rice (Q)	(1998)
Pam Turney OAM (V)	(1999)
Alan Launder AM (S)	(2000)
Craig Hilliard (A)	(2001)
L Roy Boyd OAM (V)	(2002)
Tom Kelly (V)	(2003)
John Boas OAM (V)	(2004)
Max Debnam (V)	(2005)
† Max Cherry OAM (T)	(2006)
Peter Lawler (N)	(2007)
Eric Brown	(2008)

† Deceased

# Australian Honours List

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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 humanity.

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

## Australia Day Honours

January 26, 2009

### John Palmer OAM (QLD)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to youth in central west and north west Queensland through roles with athletics organisations and the Scouting movement, and to the community.

### Alan Waddle OAM (TAS)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to the community through a range of justice, business, sporting and service organisations.

### Steve Hooker OAM (VIC)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to sport as a gold medallist at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

### Christine Wolf OAM (ACT)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for service to sport as a gold medallist at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

### Evan O'Hanlon OAM (ACT)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for service to sport as a gold medallist at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

### Chris Mullins OAM (VIC)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for service to sport as a gold medallist at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

## Queen's Birthday Honours

June 8, 2009

### Ronda Jenkins OAM (VIC)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to athletics, particularly as a records officer, and the community.

### Paul Jenes OAM (VIC)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to athletics as a statistician, competition official, commentator and sports historian.

### Trevor Wiseman OAM (SA)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to school sports organisations, and to athletics.

### Ronald Richter OAM (NSW)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to athletics, particularly in a range of voluntary roles.

### Ronald Keys OAM (NSW)

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

### Andrew Newell OAM (NSW)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to athletics and to the community of the Central Coast.

### Darryl Channells OAM (NSW)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to the community of Blacktown, particularly through sport for children.



Jamaican sensation Asafa Powell takes on Australia's best at the World Athletics Tour Melbourne in March

**Asafa Powell**

# Vale

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## Margaret (Burvill) Edwards

Margaret (Burvill) Edwards passed away on February 28, 2009 after a battle with cancer. Margaret represented Australia at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics where she was eighth in the 100m semi-finals in 11.85 and fifth in the 200m semis in 24.3. She was a member of the 4x100m relay team that finished sixth. She also competed in the 1962 Commonwealth Games where she finished third in the 220 yards in 24.42. She finished second in the national 220 yards championship in 1962 and 1964 and was second in the 1966 440 yards championship. Margaret equalled the world 220 yards record of 23.2 in Perth in 1963 and then improved it to 22.9 in 1964, which also equalled the metric record held by Wilma Rudolph (USA). Her personal bests were 100 yards 10.5 (1964), 100m 11.7 (1964), 220 yards 22.9 (1964), 440 yards 54.5 (1966).

## Allan Barlow OAM

Box Hill Athletic Club bade farewell to its inspirational coach and leader, Allan Barlow, the mainstay of the rise and success of the club from the 1960s until he retired from active coaching in 1994. The current success that Box Hill AC is experiencing was built on the foundation of achievement for which he was responsible for so many years.

Allan's contribution to the Box Hill Athletic Club augmented that made by the late Reg Barlow, his brother. Together they made a formidable team and partnership and they certainly made a difference to Australian athletics. Box Hill had an unrivalled period of success between 1964 and 1980 when the club swept all opposition away in recording A-grade premierships for 17 consecutive years.

Allan coached many elite athletes. His combination of Olympic, Commonwealth Games, world championships, World Cup, Pacific Conference Games and world cross country representatives combined with national and state champions would place him as the most successful athletics coach Australia has had. One of his most distinguished moments came in 1976 when five Box Hill athletes were selected in the Olympic team, and he was chosen as an Australian Olympic coach, an honour he richly deserved.

Allan was a perfectionist and his painstaking care resulted in the remarkable improvement of so many athletes. He was just as generous with his time and knowledge with your average interclub athlete as he was with an Olympian. Under Allan's guidance, ordinary athletes performed way above the norm for the grade in which they competed.

Allan was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1987 in recognition of his services to athletics. He was a very determined person who had a major positive influence on the lives of many young people and who encouraged them to do their best. He encouraged a great sense of pride in personal, club and national achievement. Allan passed away on June 1, 2009, aged 96.

## Andrew Ludwig

Andrew Ludwig's sudden death on January 27, 2009 saddened the race walking community. Andrew was a young 43 and still a picture of health and fitness courtesy of a lifetime of hard work as a dairy farmer. He was involved in race walking from his days as a junior athlete right up until his untimely passing.

He won a record number of Queensland 50km road walk titles and was the most respected of athletes by his peers, officials and with everyone with whom he came into contact. Andrew raced for over 25 years and won more Queensland open state titles than any other walker (over distances of 5, 10, 20, 30 and 50km), represented Queensland at national level over two decades and won national medals. Andrew is survived by his wife and three children. (Bob Cruise)

## Arnold Hunt OAM

During his long involvement in the sport Arnold Hunt held a number of senior positions within the organisation, including the role of Director for Officials on the Board of Management. Arnold was also a long-serving technical official at state and national level. In 1998 he was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for service to athletics and to youth through Little Athletics, which he was heavily involved in establishing in NSW.

## David "Fitzy" Fitzsimons

David Fitzsimons passed away on September 12, 2008 from non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

David began competing in athletics in 1966 for Catholic Collegians in South Australia and achieved great results. Respected by all he competed with, David represented Australia at the 1974 and 1978 Commonwealth Games, 1976 and 1980 Olympics, 1977 and 1979 World Cups and 1977 Pacific Conference Games.

His best performance was a third placing in the 5000m in the World Cup at Dusseldorf in 1977. His time of 13m 17.42sec was only 0.8 second behind Ron Clarke's Australian record and is still the fourth fastest time ever recorded by an Australian. He also made the 10,000m final at the Montreal Olympics run in oppressive conditions.

An eight-time Australian champion over 5000m and 10,000m, David also won many state championships and his South Australian records for 3000m, 5000m and 10,000m stood for over 30 years.

He always went above and beyond to make sure he achieved his best, several times running beyond the point of exhaustion. An unassuming mate yet social, he leaves many fond memories of his friendship and humour. Rob De Castella recalls his times with Fitzy: "No one trained and raced harder, or was tougher but I often think about those great days, races and parties with Fitzy, that mischievous little smile and giggle he had."

## Edwin "Ted" Jeffery Winter

Former national champion and Commonwealth representative Ted Winter passed away at 100 years of age on June 2, 2009. Ted finished fifth in the 1938 Empire Games pole vault with 12'9" (3.88m). He was national pole vault champion in 1947 and 1948. His personal best was 3.93m in 1939. Ted gave up pole vaulting at age 80 after injuring his ankle but continued cross-country ski racing to age 85.

## Julius "Judy" Patching

Athletics Victoria lost its longest surviving Life Member Julius "Judy" Patching on February 14, 2009. He was awarded the Association's highest award in 1967 in recognition of his outstanding service to athletics and was recognised throughout the sport at local, state, national and international levels as an athlete, official and administrator.

Judy was a member of the Geelong Guild Club. His main events were 400m hurdles and the decathlon. Later he was the official starter at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. He went on to attend 11 other Olympic Games in a variety of capacities including Athletics Manager and Chef de Mission of Australian Olympic teams.

Over the years he mentored generations of athletes and administrators. He made an outstanding contribution in his role as Secretary-General of the Australian Olympic Committee. It was fitting that in 2008 the AOC instituted a special award -Sports Official of the Year – in his honour.

Judy was also a Merit Award recipient and Life Member of Athletics Australia.

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## Vale continued

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### Kerryn (Hindmarsh) McCann

That Kerryn McCann was not an outstanding junior athlete yet became a dual Commonwealth Games champion in her thirties is but one of the many inspiring qualities she displayed during her fine athletics career.

That she did not give up in her fight for life, even in the face of an impossible struggle with breast cancer, was characteristic of her determination and courage within and beyond the sporting field in which she excelled.

Her second Commonwealth marathon gold medal, most remembered by her epic battle with Kenyan Hellen Cherono over the final 400m inside the Melbourne Cricket Ground, was the inspirational moment of those Games for very many Australians.

For those who had known her previously her gritty fight to the line to win by that tiny margin of two seconds was no surprise. And for those for whom that day in March 2006 was their first acquaintance with the then mother of two, it was instant respect and admiration.

Of Australia's 84 gold medals in Melbourne in 2006, Kerryn's is unquestionably amongst the most often recalled. Her unassuming victory lap with son, Benton (then nine) won the hearts of a nation.

Such was Kerryn's influence, amongst all Australian success in all sports that year, it was Kerryn who was the recipient of The Don Award presented by the Sport Australia Hall of Fame to an athlete who by achievement and example over the previous 12 months is considered to have had the capacity to most inspire the nation.

That citation says everything about Kerryn McCann and her performance in Melbourne. But in so many ways it was simply reflective of the person and her approach to life in general – one who genuinely earned the respect and admiration of team mates, rivals, officials and fans alike.

The young Kerryn Hindmarsh loved athletics. She won a local community fun run at 11 years of age, defeating all the adult women in the field of 900. She made the front page of the local paper. A career had begun.

But it did not immediately blossom in the way that typifies so much other female teenage talent. There was success at state level but no national medals, until at 19 Kerryn bobbed up for third in the Australian marathon championship held on the streets of Sydney.

The celebration of 100 years of athletics in Australia delivered a first national gold medal in the centenary one mile championship held in Sydney in January 1988, and was followed soon after by Kerryn's first major national team appearance in the world cross country championships in Auckland.

The result, a 104th placing, was nothing special but a fierce determination to keep trying ensured that a top 20 placing was eventually forthcoming – some 11 years later in Belfast, where Kerryn led the Australian women's team to fourth, its then best ever team performance.

In between it was a hard, but always determined, battle. Opportunities for international representation came reasonably often, as did national medals but it was not until Kerryn was amongst the leaders when the group went passed the 5km point in the 2005 world championships marathon in a record split time, that real progress was made.

As it happened the record split was misleading, the result of officials failing to ensure athletes ran an additional lap of the stadium before running out onto the streets of Goteborg, Sweden. But the coming of age of Kerryn McCann as a world-class distance runner was not.

She finished 15th – enough to signal the emergence of an athlete not only of great willpower but also of talent. The successful partnership with coach Chris Wardlaw, with whom she had linked up after her first Commonwealth Games appearance in Canada the year before, was developing well. Soon after they were joined in their small 'team' by Nic Bideau, who provided guidance and race support.

A dream to run in the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 delayed plans with husband Greg to start their family but Benton's arrival meant there was no second Commonwealth Games in 1998.

Like many other athletes who have returned to competition after maternity duties, Kerryn's re-appearance on the running scene in 1999 was a successful one, winning the Zatopek 10,000m and then setting a national half marathon record in Tokyo of 1:07.48, which to date no Australian woman has been able to better.

A tenacious 11th in the Sydney Olympic marathon heralded a series of fine performances in international races, which included third in Chicago in 2001 when Catherine Ndereba set a world record for the marathon.

Just under a year later, the first of her two Commonwealth successes came in Manchester, at the head of an all-Australian victory dais. After the birth of daughter Josie in 2003, it was back to training for a tilt at a third Olympics in Athens.

The 2006 Commonwealth Games was Kerryn's 14th major team appearance for her country and came after 10 Australian championship victories. What is perhaps little known is that she almost did not make it to the line. A disappointing run in the Tokyo marathon in November 2005 almost prompted Kerryn to withdraw her availability. But she and the selectors held faith, and the rest is now Australian sporting folklore.

Kerryn's passing came on December 7, 2008 after a courageous fight with breast cancer. (Brian Roe)

### Peta (Kennedy) Jurson

Peta (Kennedy) Jurson lost her 10-year battle with cancer on December 18, 2008.

Peta competed in the 1988 world junior championships, finishing 16th in the heptathlon with 5,178 points. She was twice Australian junior long jump champion (1988/90) and heptathlon (1990). She won the Australian open long jump title in 1990 with 6.29m and the heptathlon with 5,788 points, both personal bests. She narrowly missed selection for the 1990 Commonwealth Games heptathlon.

After retiring from athletics Peta returned to her first love netball, playing for Melbourne Kestrels and then Phoenix.

### Peter Lucas

Athletics Australia and Athletics NSW life member Peter Lucas passed away suddenly whilst on an overseas holiday in October 2008, having devoted a large portion of his life to volunteer roles within athletics, ranging from being a technical official to holding a number of administrative roles.

As an official, Peter pioneered the use of electronic timing and photo finish in NSW and was appointed to senior roles at all major competitions held within Australia, including the 1982 Commonwealth Games, 1985 World Cup, 1996 world junior championships, the Sydney Olympics and the Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

In administrative roles, Peter was a long-time member of the board of management, with his professional skills as an accountant making him aptly suited to the role of treasurer, a position which he held for over 20 years.

### Roger Green (NSW)

Throws Coach and Coach Educator

### Don McKinnon (NSW)

Technical Official

### Kevin Stone (NSW)

Race Walk and Distance Running Coach

### Jeanne Norman (NSW)

Life Member, Athletics NSW

### Peter McWilliams (NSW)

Technical Official, Athlete and Coach

### Myrtle Green (Tas)

Life Member, Athletics Tasmania

### Eilis Breen (Tas)

Merit Award, Athletics Tasmania

### Harry Mason (Vic)

National Technical Official and Merit Award, Athletics Victoria

### Vic Nolan (WA)

Athlete and Coach

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# Australian Records

48 **Australian records from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.**

<b>Men</b>						
Sasha Alexeenko	QLD	U18	400m hurdles (.84m)	51.75	Canberra	05/12/2008
Sam Baines	QLD	U18	110m hurdles (.91m)	13.28	Canberra	04/12/2008
Collis Birmingham	VIC	AUS national	10,000m	27:29.73	Berkeley, USA	25/04/2009
Collis Birmingham	VIC	AUS national	15km road	43:35	Melbourne	30/11/2008
Richard Everest	SA	U20	3000m	8:00.76	Adelaide	21/01/2009
Henry Frayne	WA	U20	Triple jump	16.58m	Melbourne	11/12/2008
Ryan Gregson	NSW	U20	3000m	7:57.45	Christchurch, NZL	13/03/2009
Ryan Gregson	NSW	U20	1500m	3:37.24	Sydney	28/02/2009
Steve Hooker	WA	AUS national	Pole vault	6.06m	Boston, USA	07/02/2009
Daniel Martin	VIC	U20	110m hurdles (.99m)	13.60	Adelaide	03/04/2009
Jared Tallent	VIC	AUS national	5000m walk	18:41.83	Sydney	28/02/2009
State team	NSW	U18	4x100m relay	40.85	Canberra	04/12/2008
Julian Wruck	QLD	U20	Discus throw (1.75kg)	60.98m	Adelaide	05/04/2009
<b>Women</b>						
Sally McLellan	QLD	AUS national	100m hurdles	12.53	Monaco, MON	29/07/2008
Jess Rothwell	VIC	U20	10km track walk	44:44.22	Bydgoszcz, POL	09/07/2008
<b>Indoor</b>						
Shawn Forrest	VIC	AUS national	5000m	13:37.77	Fayetteville, USA	13/02/2009
Sally McLellan	QLD	AUS national	60m	7.30	Boston, USA	07/02/2009
Sally McLellan	QLD	AUS national	60m hurdles	7.96	New York, USA	30/01/2009

# Australian Medallists

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## XXIX Olympic Games, Beijing, China, August 8-24, 2008

Steve Hooker	1st	Pole vault
Jared Tallent	2nd	50km walk
Jared Tallent	3rd	20km walk
Sally McLellan	2nd	100m hurdles

## IAAF World junior championships, Bydgoszcz, Poland, July 8-13, 2008

Angeline Blackburn, Trychelle Kingdom, Brittney McGlone, Olivia Tauro	3rd	4x400m relay
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## IAAF World Athletics Final, Stuttgart, Germany, September 13-14, 2009

Fabrice Lapierre	1st	Long jump
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# Registration & Participation Figures 2008/09

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		Totals 07/08	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Totals
<b>Athletes</b>											
Senior	Male	3,942	87	1,267	190	843	184	179	1,430	132	<b>4,312</b>
	Female	2,029	41	660	150	667	98	116	549	88	<b>2,369</b>
Under 20	M	561	11	200	2	115	40	27	220	44	<b>659</b>
	F	420	11	149	3	98	20	18	154	36	<b>489</b>
Under 18	M	1,036	20	306	14	227	86	64	351	55	<b>1,123</b>
	F	846	19	267	12	192	48	34	258	51	<b>881</b>
Under 16	M	1,112	22	306	25	184	83	64	387	69	<b>1,140</b>
	F	1,127	25	317	29	237	85	59	335	59	<b>1,146</b>
Under 14	M	859	31	196	41	165	41	55	277	44	<b>850</b>
	F	1,053	33	245	29	213	53	76	293	54	<b>996</b>
Under 12	M	803	0	149	187	450	3	N/A	N/A	0	<b>789</b>
	F	840	0	148	193	467	4	N/A	N/A	0	<b>812</b>
Total	M	8,313	171	2,424	459	1,984	437	389	2,665	344	<b>8,873</b>
	F	6,315	129	1,786	416	1,874	308	303	1,589	288	<b>6,693</b>
Total Athletes		14,628	300	4,210	875	3,858	745	692	4,254	632	<b>15,566</b>
<b>Officials</b>											
	M	678	34	119	32	119	37	80	188	24	<b>633</b>
	F	655	26	77	36	155	32	40	128	34	<b>528</b>
Total Officials		1,333	60	196	68	274	69	120	316	58	<b>1161</b>
<b>Active Life Governors</b>											
	M	N/A	1	1	0	2	1	2	2	0	<b>9</b>
	F	N/A	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	<b>6</b>
Total Active Life Governors											<b>15</b>
<b>Active Life Members</b>											
	M	137	3	7	0	5	5	3	11	0	<b>34</b>
	F	104	0	4	0	4	2	0	8	1	<b>19</b>
Total Active Life Members		241	3	11	0	9	7	3	19	1	<b>53</b>

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		Totals 07/08	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Totals
<b>Coaches</b>											
Level 1	M	2332	18	130	5	130	37	22	170	79	<b>591</b>
	F	1604	14	125	3	150	21	8	70	70	<b>461</b>
Level 2	M	427	22	198	1	261	33	16	147	52	<b>730</b>
	F	219	13	80	0	168	11	1	49	39	<b>361</b>
Level 3	M	15	1	20	0	45	2	1	7	4	<b>80</b>
	F	4	0	2	0	5	11	0	1	2	<b>21</b>
Level 4	M	93	9	66	1	64	16	12	44	10	<b>222</b>
	F	29	2	22	1	19	6	3	14	5	<b>72</b>
Level 5	M	32	3	13	1	18	4	0	31	1	<b>71</b>
	F	10	1	2	0	1	2	0	3	5	<b>14</b>
Others	M	5	0	2	0	1	1	0	6	0	<b>10</b>
	F	6	0	2	1	4	0	0	4	0	<b>11</b>
Total Coaches		4,776	83	662	13	866	144	63	546	267	<b>2,644</b>
Total Registrations		20,978									
<b>Participation Programs</b>											
Schools Knockout		3,922	0	372	0	310	300	650	1,560	320	<b>3,512</b>
Australian All Schools + PSG		1,494	186	597	95	465	200	126	404	164	<b>2,237</b>
STAR Athletics			STAR Athletics was relaunched June 1, 2008 (figures unavailable)								
Running Australia		101,297	2332	28830	0	26397	28770	5476	23791	874	<b>116,470</b>
Total Participation Programs		106,713									
Total Participation		127,691	2,518	29,799	95	27,172	29,270	6,252	25,755	1,358	<b>122,219</b>



# Queensland Athletics

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The national championships were again held in Brisbane in 2009 however, undoubtedly, the highlight of the athletics year in 2008/09 was the Beijing Olympic Games.

It will be impossible to forget the absolutely sensational effort of Queensland's own Sally McLellan in her silver medal-winning performance. Her personal dedication and commitment, with the aid of a well-balanced support team, was justly rewarded with an excellent series of great performances in 2008.

Queensland Athletics also had a very busy year in 2008/09 with progress being made in a number of areas.

## Unification

The Board of Queensland Athletics is convinced that our sport needs to be unified. Further meetings were held throughout the year with Queensland Little Athletics (QLA) and it is fair to say those meetings went further than any previous discussions.

However, those discussions did not eventuate in any concrete outcomes. We will continue to pursue unification discussions with QLA in 2009/10.

## Competition

The exciting new Shield Meets were continued in 2008/09 and Queensland Athletics is pleased at how well the concept of Shield Meets is being embraced. Many clubs are viewing these meets as a great way to invigorate their clubs and to build a sense of club pride.

The Shield Meets directly contributed to an increase of 13 per cent in Brisbane track and field competition participation numbers from the 2007 season. Track and field championships numbers also increased by nearly six per cent over 2007 entry numbers. The gains came in younger age groups, which is particularly pleasing.

In the winter, cross country participation also increased following the introduction of the Shield Meet concept into the cross country season. The cross country championships again showed huge gains, increasing by 21 per cent from 2007 (which had increased 70 per cent from 2006).

## Representative teams

Another successful year for Queensland representative teams was achieved in 2008. For the first time in many years, the Australian All Schools Track and Field event was combined with the Pacific Schools Games. The Queensland Athletics team of 273 athletes was highly successful in attaining 30 gold medals, 19 silver and 38 bronze.

The Board would also like to mention and acknowledge the efforts of the Queensland team that again competed in the Australia Cup. Whilst not winning the Cup in 2008, Queensland claimed the title for the first time in 2009 on the back of some very strong performances of our open athletes.

## Sport development

Officiating courses were conducted in 2008 to train new officials and to up-skill existing officials across all areas of the sport. As always, Queensland Athletics is committed to the challenge of recruiting more officials and increasing the skills of all officials.

Changes to the national coaching framework saw changes to the structure of coaching courses in 2008 – however the Queensland Athletics courses continued to be popular. Queensland Athletics was responsible for accrediting 90 new Level 1 Coaches and up-skilling 98 coaches to the Level 2 accreditation. This total of 188 coaches receiving accreditation represents more than a 20 per cent increase from 2007.

The new development and high performance programs were rolled out in 2008 and Kate Abbott deserves special mention for her work in these areas. The new programs are designed to provide a clear pathway from junior athletics to elite senior athletics.

In the latter part of 2008, our Board determined to commit a great amount of time and energy into finalising the Clubs on Track program to be rolled out in 2009. This incentive-based program aims to encourage and reward clubs with their endeavours to provide better athletics products and services and to increase club membership.

A vital need for our sport is to have a properly resourced national program, which can be used by clubs, schools and private providers to introduce young Australians to the fun and enjoyment of developing athletics skills.

## Elite athlete development

Queensland Athletics continues to work very closely with the Queensland Academy of Sport and Athletics Australia to provide assistance with the state's high performance programs, funding initiatives, scholarship recommendations and athlete and coach liaison.

2008 saw the introduction of the new Queensland Athletics high performance pathway system, which was designed to assist our emerging and elite athletes and aid them with services and advice that may assist with future progression into the AA National Squad system and the QAS scholarship program. In 2008 we had a total of 154 athletes involved in our high performance pathway programs.

Queensland also had a very successful year with regards to representation in the three major international events; the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games and the world junior championships. Across these major events Queensland had 18 athletes take part with medals being claimed by Sally McLellan (silver) at the Olympics and by Darren Thrupp (gold), Paul Raison (silver) and Julie Smith (bronze) at the Paralympics.

## North Queensland

Athletics North Queensland (ANQ) continues to provide a full range of competitions and opportunities for its members via an extremely dedicated Board, staff and volunteers. It is particularly pleasing that ANQ managed to attract a significant number of new officials to the sport.

From a local perspective the ANQ season was again full of successful competitions, including the North Queensland Games and the Athletics North Queensland Championships. However, the Oceania Masters Championships were certainly a highlight and were run by ANQ with great success.

Queensland Athletics' working relationship with ANQ is very strong and new arrangements relating to the employment of the Northern Queensland Development Officer are testament to that fact.

## Communication

Queensland Athletics remains committed to continual improvement in its communication and sees the Clubs on Track program as a critical new part of that commitment. A club healthcheck survey was conducted in 2008 as we recognised that we needed to better understand the demands placed on clubs and the difficulties faced in providing an exciting athletics product.

By having significantly increased contact with clubs through the Clubs on Track program and ensuring that Queensland Athletics better understands the difficulties clubs are facing, we are confident of seeing further improvements in 2009/10.

A new sponsorship in 2008 with Vision 6 (an e-mail marketing company) allowed Queensland Athletics to establish an excellent new e-mail update system that provides regular information to all members.

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## Queensland Athletics continued

### 54 Volunteer development

Having the national championships in Brisbane in 2008 and 2009 provided a great opportunity for our officials to operate at a high-level meet.

Officiating courses continued to be conducted by Queensland Athletics (through the Officials Commission) to train new officials and to up-skill existing officials across all areas including timing, photo finish, meet manager and also event specific areas.

Queensland Athletics remains committed to the challenge of recruiting more officials and increasing the skills of all officials.

### Financial performance

Financially, Queensland Athletics again showed a healthy profit in 2008 of \$37,130 with net assets moving to \$276,961.

Whilst again financially successful in 2008, the Board is cognisant of the need for new revenue streams and the need to identify and utilise additional corporate partnership opportunities.

### Acknowledgements

As is always the case, the devotion of volunteers is what really keeps athletics in Queensland ticking and all our volunteers deserve very special thanks.

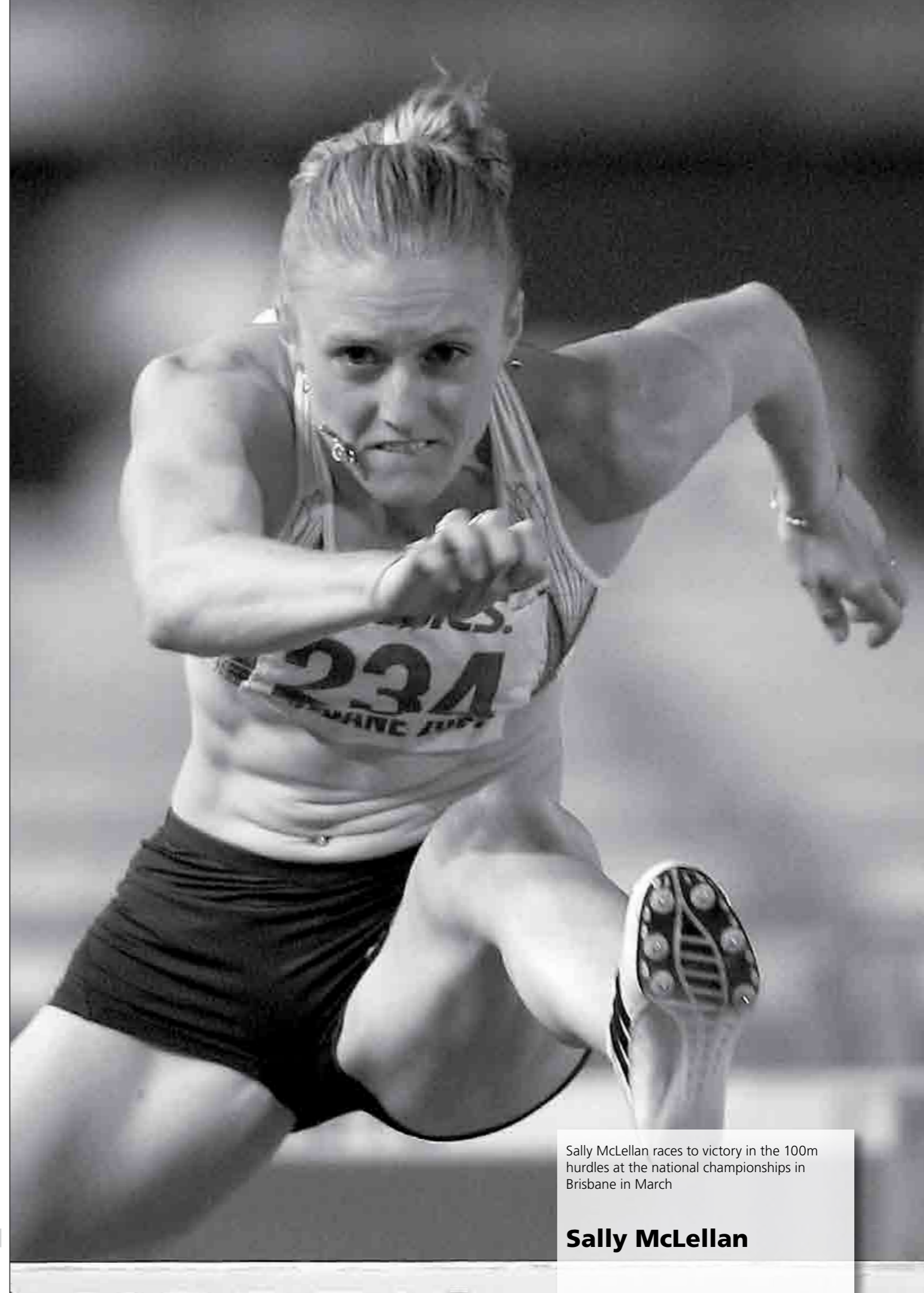
The Queensland Athletics Commissions have again worked tirelessly and the members of those four commissions deserve the gratitude of all associated with athletics in Queensland. ANQ and its Board and staff ensure that the sport continues to prosper in the north of our state.

Thanks go to all of our supporters and partners, and particularly to the Queensland Government. The financial support of the Queensland Government through the Department of Communities is absolutely excellent.

Finally I thank my fellow directors, CEO David Bell (David resigned in August 2009) and the Queensland Athletics staff for their efforts throughout 2008/09.

### David Keating OAM

*Chairman  
Queensland Athletics*



Sally McLellan races to victory in the 100m hurdles at the national championships in Brisbane in March

**Sally McLellan**



# Athletics New South Wales

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The 2008/09 season has once again been one for progress at all levels of our sport in New South Wales. We welcomed Greg Meagher as our new CEO in December 2008 and he has already put his mark on the role at Athletics NSW (ANSW). Greg's previous experience in a national role with Australian Rugby Union has proven invaluable in many of the discussions and negotiations that this position requires. Greg recently appointed Kym Hooper as the new Chief Financial Officer, and with Kym's recent corporate experience we now have a strong management team.

I am pleased to report that our working group with Little Athletics NSW (LAANSW) has begun to overcome the barriers that exist in relation to the transition of athletes from LAANSW to our senior sport. We have now established the reciprocal/dual registration initiative between ANSW and LAANSW scheduled to commence in 2009/2010. The recent announcement by Athletics Australia and Australian Little Athletics of a similar joint policy supports this move, and recognises the need to be proactive in this area, as we all have much to gain as a sport.

The strong financial position of ANSW provides the Board and management with the confidence to develop new strategies to grow the sport in NSW. The Board undertook a full strategic review through a series of workshops, and determined the organisation's direction for the next three years. The key areas that this strategy focuses on are competition, development, financial management and brand communication/marketing. Within our plan officials and coaches continue to play a key part, along with the encouragement of those in their twenties and thirties to stay in the sport as administrators.

The 'Clubs on Track' model is the current policy framework in helping to develop this. While some perceptions are that this is only a health check of the club, it is more about helping clubs to improve in the areas of membership, administration, competition, coaching, officials and marketing. Even though many clubs have supported this initiative, I would ask that all clubs consider how this framework can help them develop their club in the future.

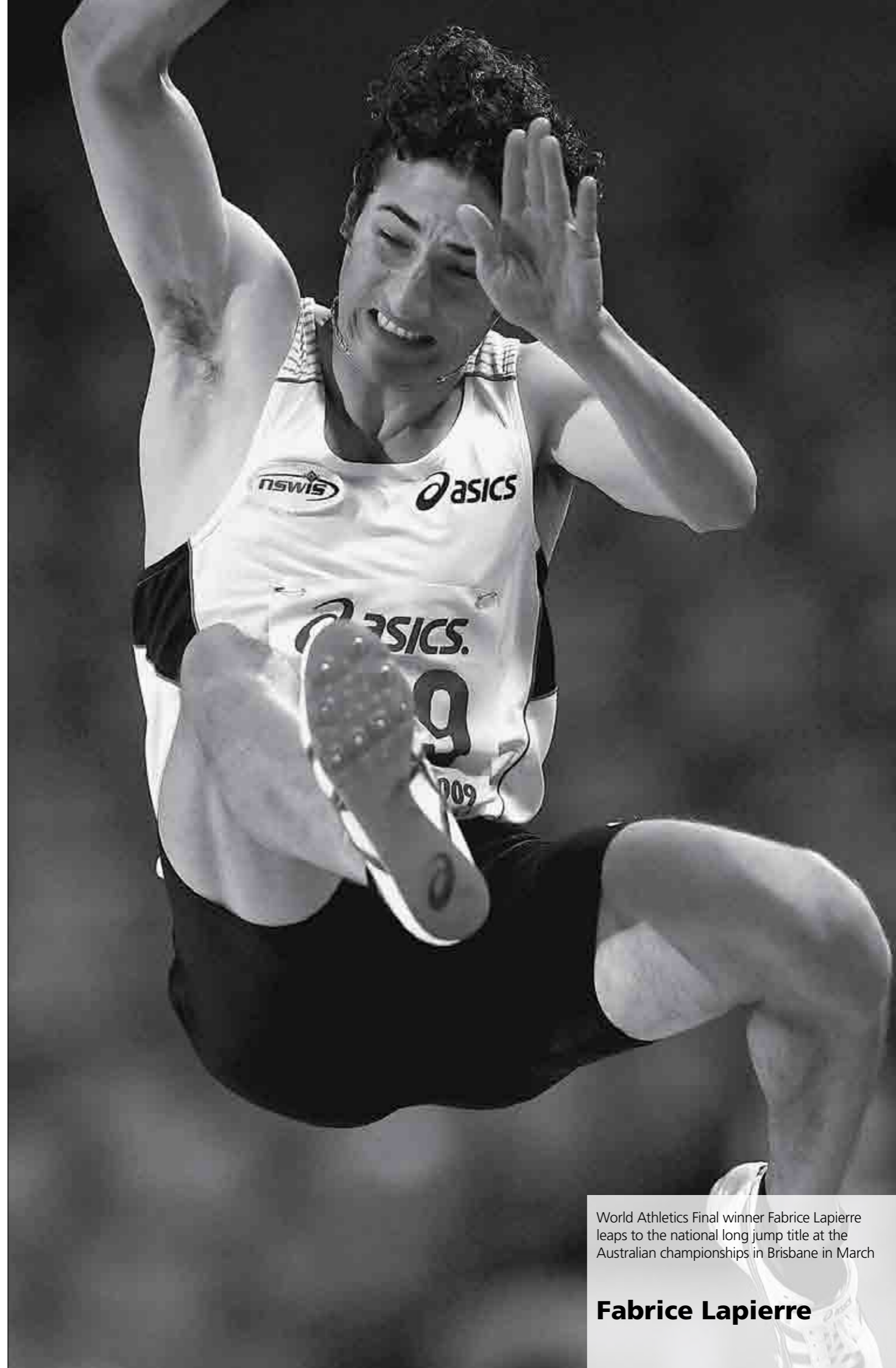
A major initiative that was continued during 2008/09 was the appointment of Scott Westcott as the Regional Development Officer for the Hunter region. Scott has made some good steps in bringing a new focus to the sport in the Hunter. He recently presented a 10-point plan to the board that was endorsed for implementation. We would expect to see both development and competition programs piloted in this area, so that we can potentially expand into other regions through similar roles.

Competition continues to be the fabric of our sport in both the winter and summer seasons. Two events in particular provided us with exciting improvements and demonstrated that ANSW can run great athletic events. The NSW 10km Road Race was held at Sydney Olympic Park, with over 800 entries. This proved a success not only for the athletes, but also for the spectators who could easily watch the events unfold. Not surprisingly, the premier event of the year was the Sydney Track Classic, which was held in February 2009. With the cooperation of the Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) and Athletics Australia, and the presence of several key international athletes, the event provided both an entertaining evening and an excellent opportunity for our own athletes to compete and qualify for international events.

The year ahead will require the Board and management to implement the strategic plan once we have the endorsement of clubs and other stakeholders. My personal thanks to the Board members, as well as to Greg and his team for the commitment and dedication everyone has shown to this sport. Thank you also to Athletics Australia, NSW Institute of Sport, Sydney Olympic Park Authority and our local sponsors for your support.

**Peter Bromley**

*Chairman  
Athletics New South Wales*



World Athletics Final winner Fabrice Lapierre leaps to the national long jump title at the Australian championships in Brisbane in March

**Fabrice Lapierre**



# Athletics ACT

Despite a number of challenges Athletics ACT (AACT) had a successful 2008/09 year, which included both a full range of summer and winter events plus some in-depth consideration of the future directions of athletics in Canberra and the surrounding regional areas. It is pleasing to note that progress is being achieved in respect to the latter (more to follow).

## 2008/09 season

The interclub programs were well attended and credit must again go to Gerard Ryan for the extraordinary level of commitment he provides in running the programs with his dedicated assistants. Our track and field championships were a great success with many athletes from other state associations and interstate school groups attending. The officials of AACT again provided high levels of assistance to schools and organisations requiring officials, equipment and advice on running athletics carnivals

Athletics ACT hosted a number of major events including:

1. Pro-Am event on January 10, 2009 where AACT and the NSW Athletic League (professional runners) combined for a very successful event which will be staged again in 2010 (on January 16); and
2. Canberra Track Classic on January 20, 2009 where a host of the top athletes from around Australia competed in a combined event with one of our Tuesday evening AACT interclub meets.
3. Australian selection trials for the 2009 world cross country championships.

Credit goes to the teams of officials and volunteers that organised and ran these events in conjunction with Athletics Australia. Also of note is the huge number of Canberra athletes, officials and volunteers who were heavily involved in the Pacific Schools Games held in Canberra in December, 2008. The Games were a great success.

Again the track and field season could not operate without high levels of support from the many volunteers that assist. In recognition of the support provided, the Association initiated a new 'Volunteer of the Year' award and the inaugural winner was Diane Calvert of the North Canberra-Gungahlin Athletics Club (NCGA). AACT faces challenges in the future in ensuring that new officials are recruited to take on the role of retiring members. In this respect I pay tribute to Dot Mills who is retiring after more than 40 years of service as an official.

Athletes representing ACT performed well at both national and international level and particularly pleasing was the development of a number of juniors. Some of these young athletes will be stars of the future and represented Australia at major events such as world juniors, world youth, world youth Olympics and World University Games. With the establishment of a development committee, AACT aims to take a more strategic approach towards talent identification and development.

One of the highlights of 2008 was the exceptionally strong performance of Canberra runners at the City to Surf. Martin Dent won the race after a number of prior close finishes and in her first hit-out on this challenging course Emily Brichacek placed second in the women's event.

For the first time a series of 'high noon' winter track and field meets were conducted at the AIS and with numbers averaging over 100 this is likely to become an annual event on the AACT calendar.

## Future directions

During 2007/08 the Association was hampered by not having a president following the resignation in early 2008 of Michael Thomson. However the Board, with member input, produced an excellent strategic review of the position of AACT in Canberra. The review noted the strong performance of many Canberra-based athletes but that the industry, and our local clubs, was facing increasing competition from other sports resulting in a gradual decline in participant numbers.

AACT Athletics developed the following key strategic goals to meet the challenges facing athletics in ACT:

1. Leadership/management: Provide leadership for athletics in the ACT through effective governance and management.
2. Competitions: Manage and deliver quality competitions and events for all members at all levels.
3. Athlete development: Develop the participation opportunities and pathways to enable participants to reach their potential.
4. Development: Develop our people, coaches and officials, to grow our base and deliver quality services to our members.
5. Partnerships: Work with key stakeholders and partners.
6. Promotion and marketing: Lift the profile and appeal of athletics throughout the ACT.

In alignment with the strategic plan for AACT the Board re-affirmed that future membership growth would be focused on juniors transitioning into seniors and increased involvement from the ACT-based tertiary institutions. AACT will continue to work closely with both the ACT Veterans Athletics Club (ACTVAC) and the ACT Cross Country Club (ACTCCC); where they have strong and valued positions and duplication of activities makes no sense.

## Athletics ACT continued

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In May 2009 Alex Gosman, from the NCGA club, took on the position of AACT President. With the strong support of the new Board the Association has increased its external liaison. The good news is that there appears more opportunity to look at growing the membership through closer links with Little Athletics (to ensure a high rate of transition of athletes into seniors from Little Athletics) plus improved links with the coaching fraternity – greatly assisted by Dennis Goodwin and the ACT T&FCA committee filling the vacant development committee role.

Noting these developments and wanting to capitalise on opportunities the Board has re-considered the current direction of the Association, where the majority of resources are concentrated in the administrative area and needing to rely on volunteers in the development area.

Rather, the Board supports the alternative of reducing resources into administration and putting some of the Association's limited funds towards development – at least as a short term priority. This approach is more aligned with the strategic plan developed for AACT and will enable the Association to increase its presence in the secondary schools and tertiary education sector.

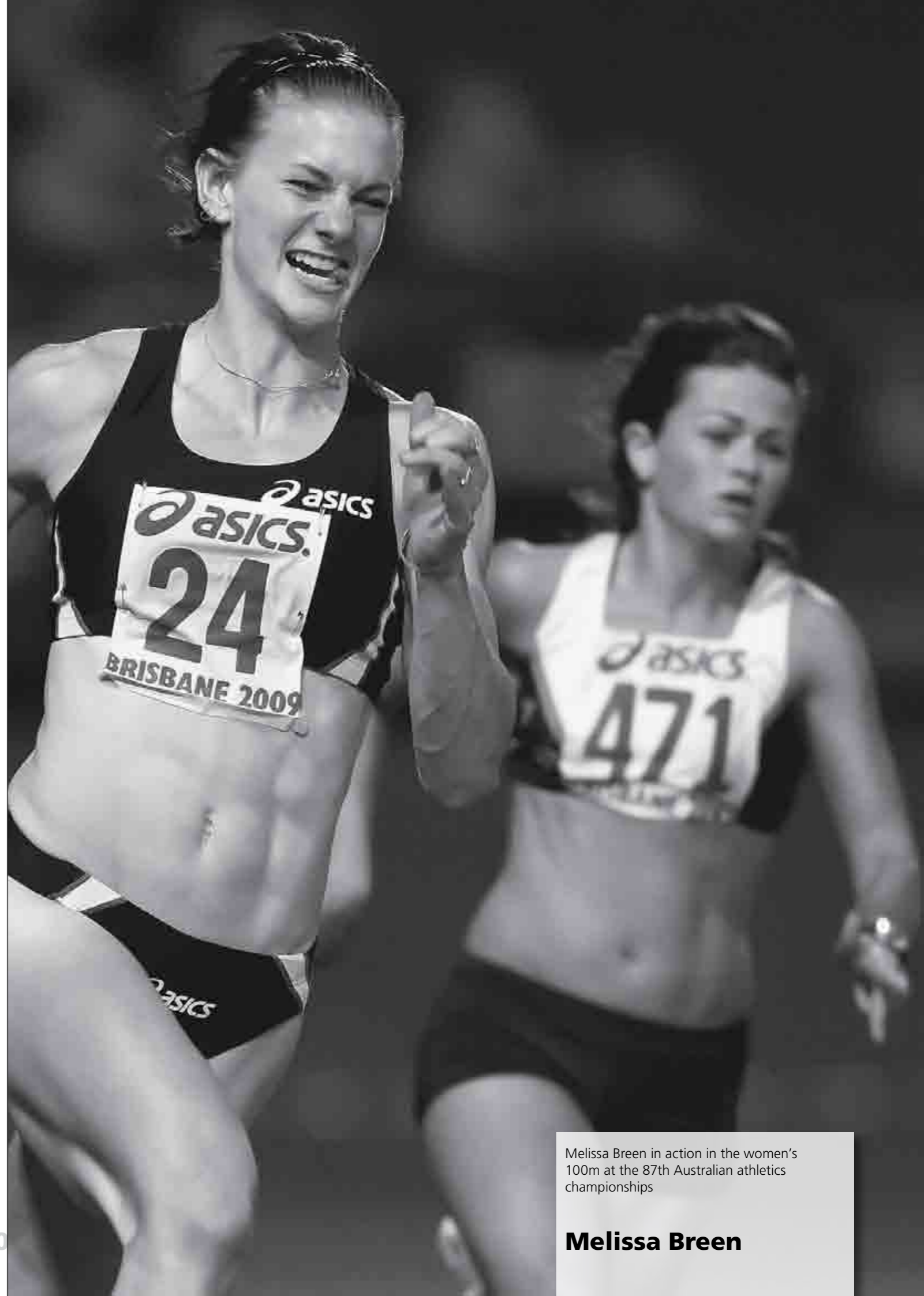
We look forward to also building on our good relationships with Athletics Australia and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) in bringing these changes to fruition and to also improve the AACT website and communications.

Michelle D'Ambrosio recently resigned as Executive Officer and I would like to pay tribute to her commitment during her two years in the position.

I feel confident that with the energised Board of AACT and the first steps to putting into place the recommendations of the strategic review that athletics in the ACT will start growing again. Hard work lies ahead but improved consultation with key stakeholders and a concentration on areas of strength are the way of the future.

### Alex Gosman

*President  
Athletics ACT*



Melissa Breen in action in the women's 100m at the 87th Australian athletics championships

**Melissa Breen**



# Athletics Victoria

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Having set significant new benchmarks last year, I am delighted to report that the 2008/09 athletics year has seen further improvements in our measurable success indicators. There has been continued growth in membership numbers, membership satisfaction, competition participation rates and brand recognition. Athletics Victoria has also, once again, returned a solid financial surplus for the year.

The 2008 cross country and road racing (XCR) season has continued to go from strength to strength and has further enhanced its reputation as the leading out-of-stadium athletics competition in Australia. Once again I offer congratulations to Tim Crosbie and the XCR sub committee, as well as the Athletics Victoria office staff, for conducting and managing another successful XCR season.

The summer track and field season was again conducted with considerable success. Athletics Victoria's statewide shield competition continues to grow and further innovations and improvements will continue to be trialled. The Zatopek 10 was managed and promoted by Athletics Victoria for the second year and was considered an outstanding success. The Z:10 was one of a number of specialist meets that were facilitated by AV and contributed to a busy and rewarding summer schedule. Others included the Australian Masters Games, the Australian University Games, the Pacific Schools Games selection trials, the Ron Clarke and the Peter Norman Classics, as well as the usual suite of Athletics Victoria state championships.

Athletics Victoria was proud to continue its growth in membership. The impressive figure of 4991 total membership represents a 20-year high for Athletics Victoria and is the largest membership of any Australian senior athletics state sport organisation. Nonetheless, we will be looking to break through the 5000-mark next year and continue our growth in the following years. This year we also accounted for a new membership category that takes into account the many fun runners who compete in Victoria's major fun runs and fall under the national

Running Australia banner. The recreational runner category accounted for a further 13076 Athletics Victoria members, enabling us to report a total annual membership of 18067.

Financially, Athletics Victoria has again performed well. Although not quite matching last year's record surplus figure, a surplus of \$32,105.00 was recorded.

As I reported last year, Athletics Victoria continues to build strong and productive alliances with other athletics bodies. The Masters (Victorian Masters Association), the Pros (Victorian Athletic League), the Victorian Little Athletics Association and our national governing body, Athletics Australia, have all worked co-operatively and productively with Athletics Victoria at different times throughout the year in order to provide better products and services to our customers.

The move of the home of the sport away from Olympic Park to the State Sports Centre's Trust precinct at Albert Park continues to progress. Athletics Victoria is still negotiating and planning with various participating departments of the State Government in an effort to secure the best deal possible for the sport, for both the short and long terms.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Athletics Victoria Board and especially our president, Anne Lord. These individuals' enthusiastic and sound advice, governance and direction have enabled the organisation to move forward and achieve success in a range of areas. Thank you also to the dedicated AV staff members who work above and beyond the call of duty for our sport. Their remarkable efforts and skills often go unrecognised, yet are vital to the everyday success of Victorian athletics.

I look forward to another successful year of operation and growth for Athletics Victoria in 2009/10.

**Nick Honey**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Athletics Victoria



National 10,000m record-holder Collis Birmingham celebrates victory at the World Athletics Tour Melbourne in March

**Collis Birmingham**





# Athletics Tasmania

Athletics Tasmania, through its Board and staff, continues to administer and grow the sport of athletics in Tasmania in line with the adopted Strategic Plan (2007-10) and the feedback received from members and stakeholders. The Board has recently undertaken a mid-term appraisal of the Plan and has re-assessed some objectives in light of experience and changed circumstances.

The trial arrangement with the Tasmanian Athletic League (which oversees 'carnival running' in Tasmania) was a key strategy of 2008/09. The plan, built around a single registration system for athletes competing in both arms of the sport, appears to have been successful with an increase (12 per cent) in athlete numbers generally and of those participating in carnival competition, a long-standing tradition in Tasmania. The trial will be repeated in 2009/10, with some refinements designed to simplify both registration and competition entry.

The Board is now exploring a similar arrangement with the Tasmanian Masters Association. Coach registration has also undergone change, with coaches now having the option of registration through either the ATFCA (Tasmanian branch) or the Athletics Australia program, both delivering a coaching licence and membership of the sport. Athletics Tasmania (AT) continues to monitor closely the progress of discussions between Athletics Australia and Australian Little Athletics. In the meantime, dual registration options remain available to age-eligible athletes who wish to compete with both AT and Tasmanian Little Athletics Association.

Registration options have been refined as from April 1, 2009. A streamlined system sees members register directly with AT, which in turn will distribute set components to branches and clubs. It is anticipated that this will eliminate the confusion previously confronted with renewing and potential members.

AT's schools competition program was maintained in size in terms of the number of competitions offered and with further increases in numbers. The Board has continued to raise the issue of support for these programs with the Departments of Education and Sport and Recreation. It is clear that without the sport's willingness to undertake this role, inter-school athletics programs in parts of Tasmania would not exist, and the breadth of options greatly reduced. We are pleased to report, however, that with the assistance of the Australian Sports Commission we have been able to re-commence an involvement with its Active After School program.

We are pleased to report the development of some very favourable commercial relationships. The signing of IGA Supermarkets as the sport's principal commercial partner is a major plus for Tasmanian athletics.

AT's capacity to host events to a high standard continues to be recognised. AA provided generous support for the Briggs Athletics Classic in 2009, ensuring the re-introduction of sprint events as a key element of the meet. We were also allocated and successfully hosted the Australian Age Combined Events Championships. The Cadbury Marathon Festival continued to grow, with increased participation numbers a just reward and recognition for one of the longest running sponsorships in Australian athletics.

The Board aims to expand sponsorship returns in 2009/10, already enhanced by the decision of the University of Tasmania to become naming rights sponsors of the Australian All Schools and Youth Championships, the country's largest track and field competition that AA has allocated to AT this coming season.

The Tasmanian Government continues to provide ongoing support to us for administration and development activities.

Coach and officials education courses were successfully staged during the report period, including the first Level II coaching course held in the state for a number of years. Our appreciation is extended to the ATFCA (Tasmanian branch) and Darrel Harington, in particular, for their skills and commitment in delivering the coach education courses. Ongoing coach education and skills development opportunities for athletes were also delivered on a regular basis by the three-way collaboration between ATFCA, the Tasmanian Institute of Sport and AT. A highlight was the clinic conducted by reigning Olympic discus champion Stephanie Brown Trafton in early March.

The support from AA and the TIS for our unique state performance program is most significant – its value again demonstrated by the selection of the state's athletes in international teams, success in national competition and the growing stature of and support for the Europcar AT/TIS Development Squad.

The dedication and competence of AT's most valuable resource, its volunteers and officials continues to be recognised. Noel Ruddock, Clive Lee and Brian Roe were inducted as Life Governors of Athletics Australia, and Robin Hood, Wayne Fletcher and Chris Wilson as Life Members. Wayne was acknowledged with the Merit Award in the Tasmanian Sports Awards as the state's leading technical official for the year following, amongst other achievements, his role as a walk judge at the Beijing Olympics, whilst Robin was specially honoured for a lifetime contribution to sport in Tasmania.

## Athletics Tasmania continued

66 The reduction in athletics activity on the north-west coast remains a concern and following consultations with key stakeholders, some approaches have been made to the Department of Sport and Recreation for assistance in this regard.

AT's financial result for 2008/09 was again satisfactory – a small surplus, when not including DAC depreciation. Cash flow remains sound and an emphasis has been placed on reducing monies due.

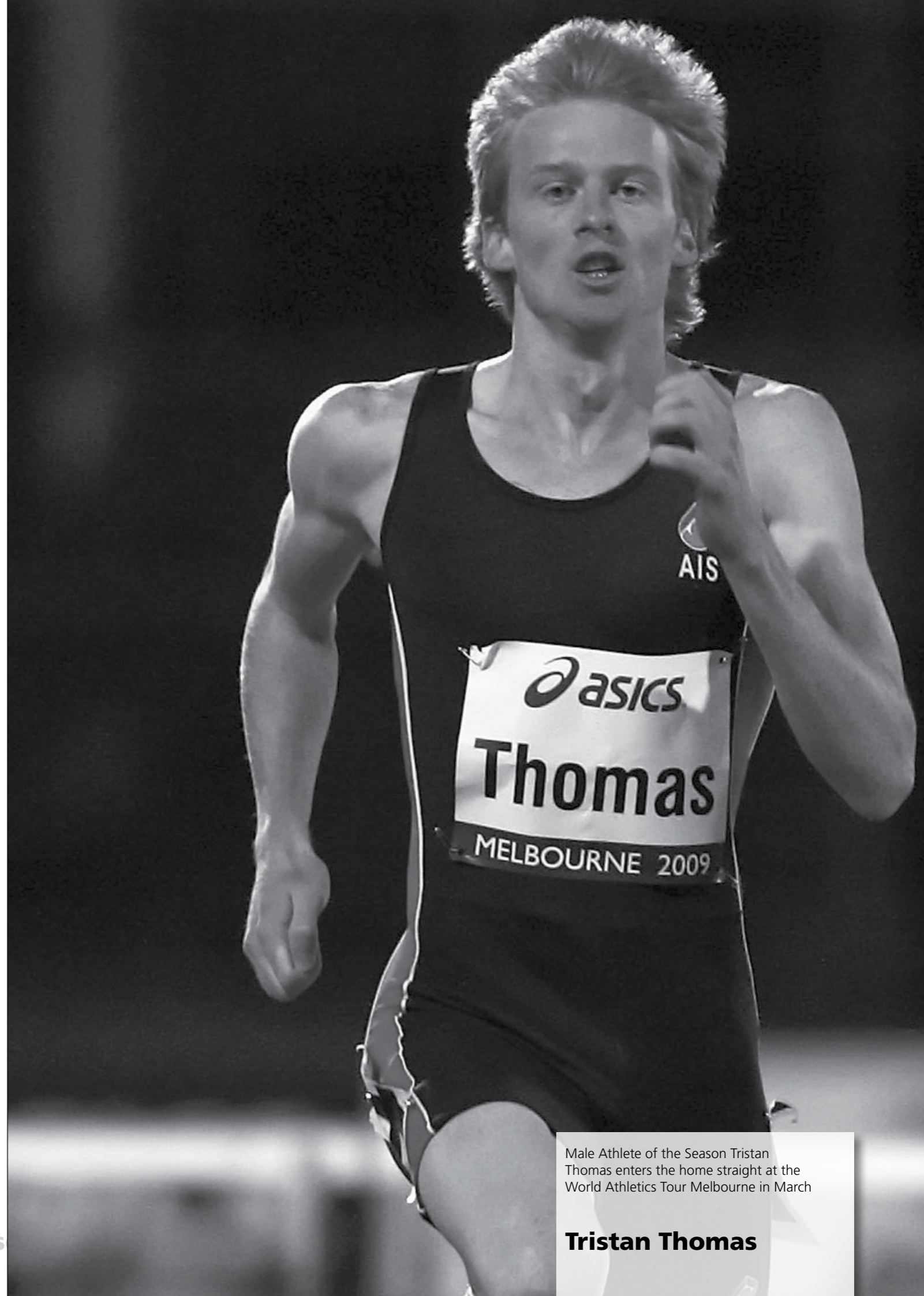
Media coverage continued at a high level, much to the envy of our colleagues in other states. For this we thank and acknowledge the Tasmanian media for its willingness to provide exposure for the sport. Similarly we thank our statisticians Mike Gunson and Kev Morse for their great work in implementing the very popular state rankings system, which completed its first full year on December 31.

Sadly we said farewell to our esteemed life member Myrtle Green during the season, and since the end of the report period, official Ellis Breen and veteran competitor, Graeme Fennell. Each leaves the sport richer for their respective valued contributions

Finally I record my thanks and appreciation to fellow Board members and to our tireless staff, Fiona Plummer, Richard Welsh and Peter Fortune, State Team Manager Rosemary Coleman, Website and Competitions Officer Brendon Hill and every athlete volunteer, coach and official who contributes to the ongoing development and expansion of Tasmanian athletics.

### Brian Roe

*President  
Athletics Tasmania*



Male Athlete of the Season Tristan Thomas enters the home straight at the World Athletics Tour Melbourne in March

**Tristan Thomas**



# Athletics South Australia

Season 2008/09 has been an extremely busy and productive year for athletics in South Australia. As an organisation, Athletics SA is undergoing significant change, with new staff, a new direction and a renewed enthusiasm for the sport of athletics. In the past 18 months, there has been a complete turnover of paid administrative staff and this change in management has brought about a strong desire to significantly improve the operations of Athletics SA.

## Communication

A key objective of Athletics SA during 2008/09 was to improve its communication at all levels. Specifically, there was a focus on increasing stakeholder communication, particularly utilising our ability to communicate electronically with our membership base. The flow of information from the office has improved markedly and will continue to improve as we address the inadequacies of our current database setup. Athletics SA's ability to communicate quickly, efficiently and more effectively with our members will significantly improve once the online registration process is properly set up. This has been a long and at times frustrating process, but we have been working closely with IMG and the clubs and, at the time of writing, we have just gone live with the system. Furthermore, we have significantly increased the amount and relevance of the information that appears on our website, as it is recognised that [www.athleticsa.org](http://www.athleticsa.org) is an important resource for current and potential members, as well as a vital marketing tool. Athletics SA also launched a new electronic newsletter, which was well received. There is still much work to be undertaken in this area.

## Membership survey

One of the more significant projects undertaken this financial year was the development and implementation of a comprehensive membership survey. As part of the communications overhaul, Athletics SA, for the first time in a very long time, sought feedback from its stakeholders in a range of key areas across the sport. Knowledge is power, and as the Executive Officer, I really wanted to have a clear indication of the opinions, needs and desires of the membership base. With this in mind, I wrote the survey and then sifted through the 240 responses to write a comprehensive report. This was an extremely time-consuming process but one that was very important. The data acquired from the survey responses has been enlightening and the catalyst for change in a number of areas. Importantly, the survey data will be used to help construct the new Athletics SA strategic plan, which will be developed in the latter half of 2009.

## Competitions

Athletics SA continues to conduct strong summer and winter competitions. Interclub competition has been well supported by clubs, but there is a recognition that changes must occur in this area to revamp the competition to make it more appealing. Winter competition appears to have fallen away over the past couple of seasons, so there are also changes needed in this area. The Adelaide Invitational, consisting of a series of one-hour track meets, held four times during the summer for Athletics SA's elite competitors, has been a great innovation. These events have been well-supported and enabled South Australia's top athletes to compete against each other in perfect conditions. One of the highlights of the Invitationals this season was Richard Everest breaking the national Under 20, 3000m record. These events provided a great platform for South Australians competing at national level and played a key role in many of the great results that were achieved this season.

A key event for Athletics SA during the 2008/09 track and field season was the hosting of the Australian U20/U23 Championships. The South Australian athletics community can be well proud of their efforts in showcasing Athletics SA's ability to host high quality athletics events.

## Development

Development programs at Athletics SA continue to be assessed and refined. The Hyundai Emerging Athlete Squad, which seeks to recognise and support talented junior athletes, has been a great initiative and well-supported by SASI. The Athletics SA Development Squad, known as the D-Squad, has been greatly improved, giving members access to quality coaching and expert advice in a range of key areas. After an eight year absence, 2008/09 saw a group of South Australian distance runners travel to Falls Creek over the new year period to participate in some altitude training with Australia's best distance runners. This was an incredibly valuable and positive experience for those in attendance and was the catalyst for some great performances over the course of the season.

## New initiatives

Athletics SA continues to explore new initiatives to improve, promote and develop athletics in South Australia. One such initiative was the introduction of a new membership fee structure for the 2009/10 season thanks to a deal struck with the Office for Recreation and Sport for the hire of Santos Stadium. Commencing in October 2009 all athletes, coaches, spectators and officials will be admitted free to Interclub events. Not only will this save regular participants money, but it is hoped this will encourage people to bring their family and friends along to meets, which will be extremely positive for the sport.

## Finance

Financially, Athletics SA had a strong year with a healthy profit, but the organisation is still limited by its financial capability and the year ahead promises to be a challenging one. Staffing is an issue and the Board and management need to persist in the search for additional sponsorship and revenue streams. Having an Executive Officer employed full time is something Athletics SA desperately needs and must work towards.

## Track resurfacing

One of the more satisfying outcomes for the 2008/09 financial year was the announcement of \$1.7 million in funding to resurface the Santos Stadium track in the 2010/11 financial year. This was very well received and credit must be given to those who worked very hard behind the scenes to frame this as an important issue for the South Australian Government. It is hoped that, once completed, the track resurfacing will provide opportunities for the return of elite-level athletics competitions to South Australia and increased interest at the grassroots level.

## Membership

Membership levels of the Association have remained fairly stagnant over the past four or five years. Whilst it is pleasing that there hasn't been a decline in registered members, the challenge for Athletics SA is to explore new membership initiatives to increase participation numbers in the sport. A number of new initiatives and partnerships are being considered for the coming season to encourage an increase in membership.

## Officials and coaching

Athletics SA acknowledges the tremendous support provided once again by its officials and coaches. Recruitment and retention of officials is an area that needs attention and Athletics SA has begun to work more closely with the Officials Commission to provide greater assistance and identify new opportunities. Barb Stephens continues to do a fantastic job in coordinating coaching courses in South Australia.

## Athletics South Australia continued

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I wish to acknowledge the tremendous support of the Board, and in particular, Tony Keynes, as President of Athletics SA. Tony's enthusiasm, leadership, and phenomenal work ethic have been invaluable to the administrative team. Few would be aware of the countless hours Tony so willingly devotes to his position for the benefit of the sport and he has certainly made my role a lot easier this past year.

### The future

Athletics South Australia faces a number of challenges in moving forward and innovative change is needed to ensure that the organisation remains relevant and ultimately, viable. Revenue streams, staffing, volunteer recruitment and retention, competitions and development all face unique and complex challenges. Further, the management team is continuing to explore the notion of just what Athletics SA is as an organisation and where it fits into the overall scheme of athletics in South Australia. Athletics in SA, and moreover, across the country, presently exists in a fragmented state and this, I believe, is the biggest challenge facing the sport. Answering these questions and addressing issues of fragmentation require much thought and careful consideration, as they have wide-reaching implications for the future of Athletics SA and other athletics organisations in South Australia.

I feel privileged to be in a position where I can drive positive change for athletics in South Australia. I look forward to facing the challenges ahead as we work to improve the administration and delivery of athletics in South Australia.

### Adam Bishop

*Executive Officer  
Athletics South Australia*

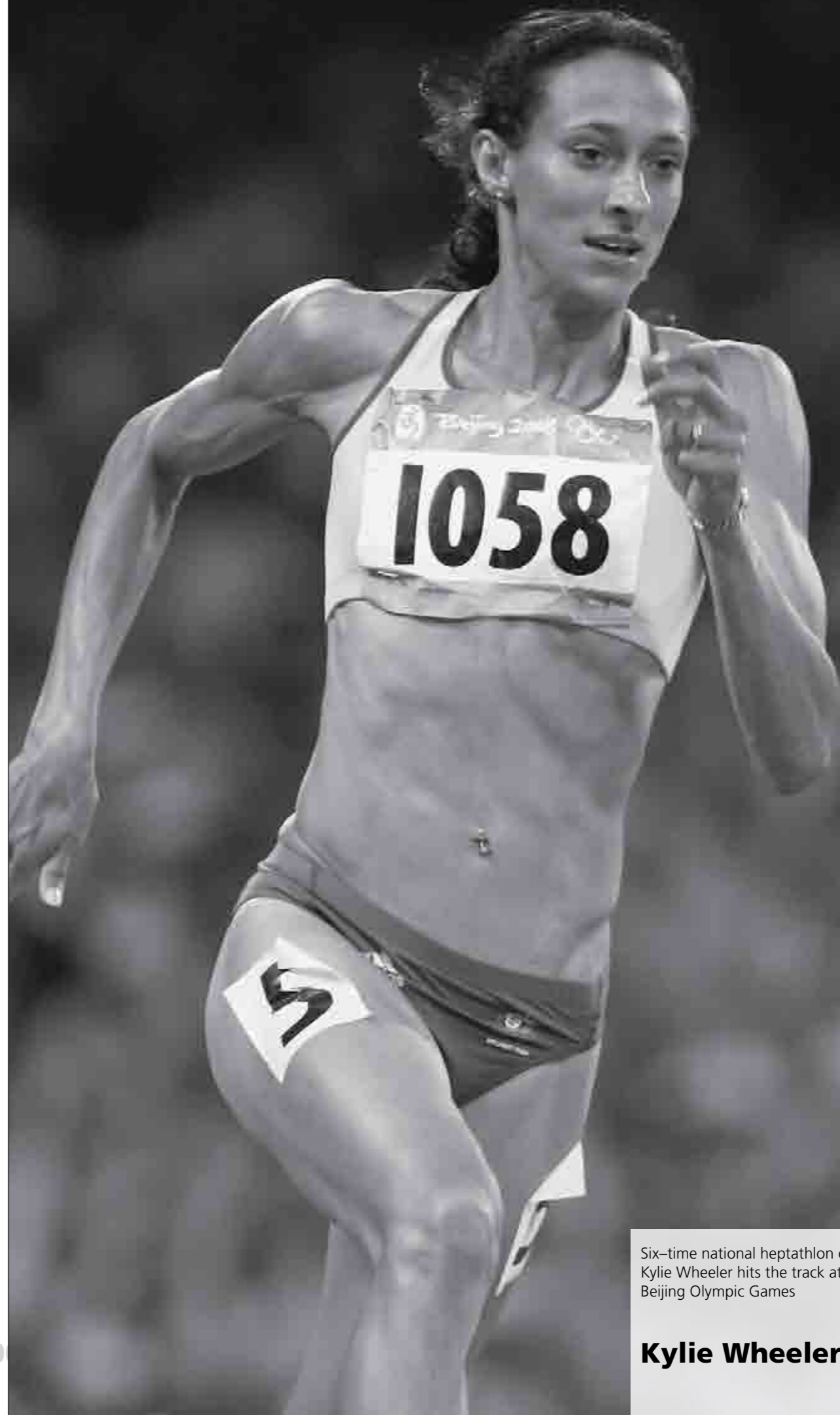


South Australian race walker Claire Tallent with husband Jared at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

**Claire Tallent**



# Athletics Western Australia



Six-time national heptathlon champion Kylie Wheeler hits the track at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

**Kylie Wheeler**

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The 2008/09 athletics season has seen significant benefits achieved for the sport of athletics in Western Australia. The track season culminated in a 100 per cent increase in athletics competitors and 20 per cent increase in officials. These figures represent the efforts of Athletics Western Australia (AWA) in promoting a style of competition that is attractive and accessible to all members of the community, both the serious and casual athlete. Considering this was the season for competitions to be conducted at the 'old and tired' Perry Lakes Stadium, the increase was very rewarding.

On Tuesday May 26, 2009, the new WA Athletics Stadium was officially opened by the Premier of WA, Mr Colin Barnett MLA. Athletics Western Australia staff are now accommodated at the new stadium. The management of the stadium has now been transferred to VenuesWest on behalf of the WA Government, with AWA as the principal tenant. Financial negotiations between AWA and VenuesWest have, to date, resulted in a positive outcome for all parties to enable AWA to look confidently to a sound financial future for the sport.

To celebrate the official opening of the WA Athletics Stadium a competition was held on the following Thursday where the track was confirmed by competing athletes as fast. This competition was followed by the end of season awards night and presentation of new life membership awards to AWA members. During the evening many fond memories were recited concerning the old stadium.

Official competition commenced at WA Athletics Stadium on July 1, 2009 resulting in the sad closing of the Perry Lakes Stadium.

AWA has doggedly continued to endeavour to bring together all athletic bodies within Western Australia. A major step forward was achieved in early 2009 with the Western Australia Little Association (WALA) and AWA agreeing and promoting a joint statement re-commencing the WA Athletics Alliance project. Both WALA and AWA publicly broadcasted their commitment to developing mutual cooperation and encouraged their respective members and stakeholders to support the project and to provide active and positive participation. Both AWA and WALA have

taken many positive steps forward to progress this statement. AWA has publicly stated and confirmed by our commitment that athletics in Australia must be brought together as one to ensure the best and most efficient outcome for the sport and the Australian community.

AWA during the past year has moved forward with a hop, step and jump but this has been encouraged and made possible by the ongoing support of the WA Government. With this support AWA has been able to acquire the 2010 Australian national championships for the first time in many, many years. The Board of AWA formally extends its thanks and appreciation to the WA Government for the many opportunities to promote and develop the sport of athletics.

In concluding, on behalf of the Board of AWA, the efforts of the AWA staff are acknowledged, in particular, the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Wayne Loxley, whose efforts during the past year have been tireless and inspirational. It is also my personal pleasure to acknowledge the commitment of the officials who week in and week out provide the mat from which athletes spring forward.

It is with confidence the Board of AWA can advise Athletics Australia that AWA is well-placed to move forward during the 2009/10 season.

## **Stephen Stingemore**

*Chairman  
Athletics Western Australia*



# Athletics Northern Territory

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The 2008/09 athletics season in the Top End has seen the sport remain stable, with very similar membership numbers and service provided. The Athletics NT office has been understaffed for a majority of the year and this has contributed to the limited amount of production from the office outside of major events, combined with a lack of progression and management from our volunteer Board of Management that has seen the sport remain stable.

This has been my third year with Athletics NT and I have been promising a number of new incentives over the years; some have been implemented however a number have remained on the back shelf and continue to sit there until our Board decides to move forward with the management of the sport. In early 2008 the NT Government provided Athletics NT with a consultants' and governance review; sadly since then a number of the recommendations outlined to the Board have not been implemented to date. For the sport to progress forward the Board must take firm action on these recommendations; until that happens the sport in the Northern Territory will continue to remain idle.

There have been a number of changes to the Board Management since the AGM in September 2008 with the resignation of Charlie King, Eli Melky and recently Bronwyn Rossingh. These positions have been filled by Cameron Burrows and Steven Teale, however there are still two vacancies that need to be filled. I would like to thank Charlie, Eli and Bronwyn for their time and efforts in assisting with the management of Athletics NT.

In the office, Symone Hamriding commenced as the part-time Administration Assistant in June 2008 and has proven to be highly valuable to our association as she has developed and improved her skills in the office; a special thankyou to Symone for her continued hard work. The vacant position of Development Officer was filled in August 2008 by Kim Cockran, however her stay was brief as she had to move interstate with her partner in December 2008. The position remained vacant until July 2009 when Stuart Dempster, a Level 4 coach with plenty of experience, commenced work in the role. We wish Stuart the very best in the position of Development Officer.

Down to event matters and the 2008 NT Championships saw a record number of entries with 420 athletes taking part. As the Championships are combined with the School Sport NT Championships the competition was hot for qualification to the 2008 Pacific Schools Games in Canberra, where Arlun McCormack from Alice Springs was a standout with five gold medals. In May 2009 the Arafura Stadium in Darwin hosted the 10th Arafura Games athletics program, which incorporated the Oceania Paralympic Championships. Michelle Errichiello broke the 200m AWD world record in her heat, before Victorian Kelly Cartwright bettered that time in the following heat. Over 320 athletes participated in the competition from 19 different countries.

Out of the stadium Athletics NT capitalised on the growing Fun Run market and introduced a 10km NT Road Championships, which saw our two premier distance runners, Peter Eason and Eliza Mayger, take out the men's and women's titles. The Australia Day Fun Run was down on numbers due to a major storm on the night before and morning of the event but over 2000 people still completed the course. The 2009 NT News City 2 Surf matched its numbers from 2008 only three weeks after a busy Arafura Games with Peter Eason winning his third title in a row and Luci Hardiman claiming her seventh title after finishing runner-up in 2008. The most interesting statistic from these events was the level of female participation, with the females greatly outnumbering the males for most of the big events, a definite trend swing for the Northern Territory.

Looking towards the future there are a number of recommendations I have put forward to the Board. These include: implementation of good business practices, increased communication to clubs and members, increased ability to create extra revenue, repackaging our product and competitions, facility development across the Territory, recognition of volunteers, coaches and officials, and an enhanced general awareness of and participation in the sport of athletics.

With the introduction of a new four-year Northern



Indigenous children test their skills at an athletics day in Yirrkala, Northern Territory

**Northern Territory**

teepchase | 4x100m relay | 4x400m relay | High jump | Pole vault | Long

## Athletics Northern Territory continued

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Territory Institute of Sport program that links the Athletics Australia High Performance pathways with a full-time, experienced Development Officer and the revised Development Squads, Athletics NT will finalise its plan to have athletes achieving national standards within this timeframe.

Athletics NT would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution of our supporting sponsors for their continued assistance throughout the season, in particular the NT Government, The Athletes Foot, Southern Cross Broadcasting, NT News, Coca-Cola, Powerade and the valuable support of the Department of Sport and Recreation.

I would like to thank the tireless efforts of all our volunteers, officials, coaches and club representatives throughout the Territory for their continued commitment to our sport. I would also like to thank and applaud Athletics Australia for its continued support and leadership in effecting positive change and improvements to our sport in all areas.

I wish everyone involved in the sport of athletics the very best in the coming years!

Yours in athletics,

### Mick Outhred

*General Manager  
Athletics Northern Territory  
"Forever Young"*

# Australian Olympic Committee

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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.

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 2012 Olympic team preparation is determined in accordance with its Program and Funding Guidelines for the 2012 Olympic Games, London (Guidelines). Specifically, AOC Funding is provided through one of three programs:

- Australian Youth Olympic Festival 2009 (AYOF)
- AOC Funding for International Competition
- adidas Medal Incentive Funding

The Guidelines are available at [olympics.com.au](http://olympics.com.au).

For the calendar year 2008 and in accordance with the Guidelines in effect for Beijing preparation, the AOC provided the following support to Athletics Australia, its athletes and coaches:

- AOC Funding for International Competition \$171,000
- adidas Medal Incentive Funding \$51,744

Athletics was also included on the program of the AYOF in January, 2009, where 160 athletes from 11 nations took part in the athletics competition.

The AOC is proud to be able to support Australian athletes in realising their Olympic dreams.

While the Beijing Olympic Games seem like a long time ago, it is appropriate that mention be made of the outstanding achievements of Australia's Olympic team. In all, the Olympic team won 14 gold, 15 silver and 17 bronze medals, placing it sixth on the gold medal tally and fifth on the overall medal tally.

The sport of athletics contributed four medal performances to the Olympic team's total with one gold, two silver and one bronze. Behind these medal performances were remarkable stories. Who can forget the drama of Steve Hooker's win in the men's pole vault or the exuberance of Sally McLellan as she celebrated her fantastic second place?

Jared Tallent made history by becoming only the second Australian male track and field athlete to win two medals at the same Olympic Games. Only the legendary Edwin Flack (Athens, 1896) had previously achieved this feat.

It is pleasing to note that Beijing medallists Sally McLellan and Jared Tallent are former AYOF athletes.

As the AOC's thoughts turn towards London, we are encouraged by the results recorded at the recent world athletics championships. Athletics Australia is to be congratulated for the two gold and two bronze medals achieved. Most significant were the breakthrough performances of Mitchell Watt in the men's long jump and Dani Samuels in the women's discus throw. Steve Hooker's gold medal performance whilst carrying an injury clearly stamped his authority on the men's pole vault.

The AOC congratulates Athletics Australia on its achievements and looks forward to working together on the road to London and beyond.

### Craig Phillips

*Secretary General  
Australian Olympic Committee*

# Australian Paralympic Committee

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The Australian Paralympic Committee helps Australians with disabilities to participate in sport and compete at the Paralympic Games through partnerships with governments, business, sporting bodies and the community.

The APC is responsible for preparing the Australian Paralympic summer and winter teams for the Paralympic Games, which we have done successfully since we were established in 1990. At the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games, Australia was placed in the top five countries in the world.

The APC helps identify and develop potential athletes through programs such as the Toyota Paralympic Talent Search Program, and assists athletes to prepare for competition by providing funding for coaching, equipment and travel in the lead-up to competition.

Partnerships with governments, business, national sporting organisations and disability groups are critical to the APC in delivering a successful Paralympic team to the Games.

The APC believes participation in sport provides positive social and physical benefits to people with disabilities, and plays an important role in changing community perceptions of people with disabilities.

Through the Paralympic Education Program, the APC educates Australian children about Paralympic sport and the importance of inclusion for all people with disabilities.

At the heart of what the APC does is its athletes, who strive to compete at an elite level, upholding the ideals of the Paralympic movement.

Australia has a proud record of success in the sport of athletics at the Paralympic Games, a record enhanced further by the performances of the 2008 Australian team at the Beijing Paralympic Games.

Further success remains the major objective for the world championships in 2011 and the Paralympic Games in 2012, and I would like to acknowledge the athletes, coaches and support staff who continue to strive towards achieving such success.

But if Australia is to remain competitive on the world stage, the APC and Athletics Australia must continue to work closely, particularly in regards to improving preparation and development of emerging athletes, coaches and support staff.

While the challenges ahead are many, I am excited by the journey ahead and confident in the shared ability of the APC and Athletics Australia to help maintain Australia's place among the world's leading Paralympic nations in the sport of athletics.

## Miles Murphy

*Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Paralympic Committee*



Triple Paralympic Games gold medallist  
Heath Francis in action in Beijing

## Heath Francis



## Chief Financial Officer's Report

It is with pleasure that I present to you the Chief Financial Officer's report and the audited annual Financial Statements for the year ending 30/06/2009.

The 2008/09 financial year can be described as a challenging but successful year. A reported surplus was achieved of \$18,626 (\$115,844 2007/08) against an approved budget surplus of \$54,000 (-\$116,789 deficit 2007/08), the net result being a negative variance amount of -\$35,374 (\$232,633 variance 2007/08) lower than budgeted. There are a number of specific areas that contributed to this result, which will be explained later, but the most pleasing aspect is that a financial surplus has again resulted for the fifth consecutive year. The preparation and analysis of monthly financial management reports and their thorough monitoring and comparison to budget, ensured that the financial results and position were constantly being reviewed. This action would therefore mitigate any potential cash flow risks. Once again all departmental managers are to be commended on their own divisional financial results and in particular their attitude and responsibility to their income and expenditure items.

These are the first financial results produced for a number of years that contain no substantial direct major sponsorship revenue (Telstra sponsorship \$590,000 2007/08). What was indeed pleasing, but often challenging, was the fact that we were able to produce a small financial surplus without such sponsorship funding. If we are successful in future years in securing a major sponsor, then such funding will have a substantial affect on our bottom line surplus. These results have proven that this organisation can survive and not be reliant on this funding source.

These financial statements now incorporate all of the transactions resulting from the athletics season meets. This includes the Sydney Track Classic, World Athletics Tour Melbourne and the national championships and selection trials. The later months of the financial year incorporate only some incurred costs (travel and preparation) for the August 2009 IAAF world championships in Berlin. Whilst almost all of these costs have already been paid for by this office, proper accounting standards require that they are accounted for in the next financial year of 2009/10. These amounts are recorded in the Balance Sheet as Prepaid Expenses.

The total revenue earned for the year was \$7,617,027 against budgeted revenue of \$7,580,000 therefore being some \$37,027 higher than expected. On the other hand our total expenditure was \$7,598,402 for the year against our budget of \$7,526,000 and therefore \$72,402 higher than planned. The significant variance to budget (both favourable and unfavourable variances) will now be detailed.

Interest income received for the year of \$94,606 was an amount of \$60,394 below budgeted of \$155,000. This variance reflects the obvious reductions in interest rates experienced in the last financial year which were essentially beyond our control. Contracted funding from the Australian Sports Commission was very late in being received during this financial year. This resulted in severe cash flow and liquidity issues by this office earlier on in the financial year. As a result we were forced to utilise our available cash holdings as well as on occasions, small usage of our \$500,000 overdraft limit during this period. We were fortunate that during this period, we managed to get by and not need to access (break) our 12-month Commonwealth Bank fixed term deposit of \$750,000. This fixed deposit expired on 28/06/2009 and was fixed at a very attractive interest rate of 8.2%. Whilst the bank would have allowed us to have access to this fixed deposit in need, any surplus funds in the future would not have been able to be invested at such an attractive interest rate. In any case, all quarterly funding instalments have now been received from the Australian Sports Commission, all outstanding creditors have now been paid, and a cash surplus of some \$1,500,000 is shown in our bank accounts. With the Board's approval, on 29/07/2009 a new bank fixed term deposit for \$1,000,000 was entered into at a rate of 4.0% for a period of six months expiring 29/12/2009.

Funding from the IAAF which totalled \$416,056 (against budget of \$508,000) was received in different categories during the year including some USD\$178,000 carried forward from the previous financial year. This amount does not include some \$109,321 funding which was owed to us but used by the IAAF to pay out prizemoneys. In addition, an amount of USD\$115,000 still due from the IAAF was not received and will now be paid to us in the 2009/10 financial year. Also we were fortunate enough to receive some

\$100,000 additional IAAF funding which enabled us to attract more international athletes and increase the prizemoney for the WAT Melbourne meet. As a result you will see additional unbudgeted expenditure of \$77,951 in the competitions department. We were grateful for this additional funding which enabled us to put on a world class event with a healthy Melbourne crowd in difficult Melbourne weather conditions. In addition we also benefited from some favourable exchange rates on the US dollar, budgeted to be converted at \$0-95c whereas we were fortunate to convert it at around \$0-69c.

Gate receipts, entry fees and program sales are down this year by some \$95,840 due to a number of factors including no All Schools meet as well as the Sydney and Melbourne venues offsetting their meet operating costs against the gate receipt income. To offset this shortfall, we were fortunate to secure \$77,965 of unbudgeted team levies for travel to, and preparation for, the IAAF world championships.

One item of variance was that for the first time in eight years, we did not receive any preparation grant funding from the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC). We had budgeted to receive an amount of \$172,000 this financial year from the AOC; instead we only received \$8,250 for the Olympic Youth Festival, which left a substantial shortfall of \$163,750. At the time of budget preparation, we had not received a letter of commitment from the AOC as to their annual allocation of funds. However, our files had indicated that an amount of \$175k had been committed to and paid to us every January for the past eight years in succession. As a result we assumed that a similar amount would be forthcoming this financial year. We then subsequently made a number of follow-ups for their commitment this financial year. In addition, the AOC reports on a calendar year and not on a financial year. We have recently received a commitment from the AOC providing details of their proposed funding for the four years leading up to London 2012. They have now committed to fund \$2,500- per athlete and official (previously \$3,000-) payable in August 2009. This reduction, they advise, is due to the global financial crisis and will be again reviewed when the economy improves. This funding is to be used as preparation funding for "annual benchmark events" commencing with the August 2009 IAAF Berlin world championships. In the eyes of

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Athletics Australia  
2008/09

Jarrod Bannister launches the javelin at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

Jarrod Bannister

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the AOC, they continue to make an annual payment to us for their calendar year. The only change for them is that payment is made in August instead of January. However in our eyes, we received no AOC funding this financial year.

During the year we were also fortunate enough to secure \$193,000 of additional funding from the Australian Sports Commission. This was broken down into \$135,000 Beijing Olympics preparation funding costs (which were \$135,819 in excess of budget), plus some \$60,000 additional for our Elite Coach Development Program funding.

Our Paralympic department also secured some \$50,500 of additional government funding during the year, however as they are a department of this office, they also expended some \$48,439 of their own project costs. In all they achieved a nominal \$5,573 surplus.

Our annual dividend from the Sydney marathon received was \$230,000 against our budget of \$86,000. This is a significant variance of around \$144,000 above budget. This event is now a very significant budget item for this organisation and a new four-year contract was this year signed with the event organiser Pont 3 Pty. Ltd. Steps have now been taken that the Chief Financial Officer will assume a more supervisory overview role of this event in order to preserve this funding source into the future. Pont 3 Pty. Ltd. has turned this annual event from a loss maker to a significant surplus and has welcomed a greater supervision role from this office. A strong partnership is being forged.

Total staffing expenses are showing a result of some \$56,004 below budget. The main contributing factor was a \$9k refund of overpayment of payroll tax from the previous year; the late recruitment of one of our competitions department staff as well as the three months' wages savings in the previous High Performance Manager converting to a consultant. Steps have now been taken to ensure that the monthly estimate payment of payroll tax is calculated more accurately. In any case it is always subject to an annual reconciliation.

We paid unbudgeted \$28,187 to Gemba for their strategic reports. To implement their findings, the ASC provided us with \$475k over the subsequent two years. This amount has been placed in a provision account and as per proper accounting treatment, cannot be brought into our accounts until we commence implementation in the 2009/10 and

the 2010/11 financial years. Additional \$12,252 unbudgeted spending on office construction also took place.

Our Indigenous department expended some additional \$96,067 in project funding over their budget. The contributing factors to this were additional costs associated with the Pacific Schools Games, national championships and the successful Arafura Games in Darwin. It was determined that these programs are too important to the indigenous community and had to be completed successfully.

New funding arrangements to the state institutes of sport / state academies of sport were entered into during the year and for the next financial year also. This resulted in a saving of \$65,509 in funding costs. I will leave this to others to argue the costs or benefits of such a decision. However with finite resources, balancing decisions and compromises need to be made.

All other items of income and expenditure are essentially in line with budget.

The 2009/10 financial year budget was recently completed showing a projected annual surplus of \$70,000. Income grants and contributions were produced based on written and confirmed funding sources. Additional funding sources and sponsorships are expected but not included in the budget without a firm confirmation. Each department manager presented their department's mini budget to the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer for discussion and justification. Following some additional changes and compromises a budget was prepared, endorsed and approved by the Board. We are grateful for the assistance provided by Board members Rob and Jane in this important annual process.

As you can see in our financial and management reporting we separate all income and expenditure lines into their various departments. We can now therefore see what each department contributes to the bottom line. All departments are reported on their month's results (and comparison to budget), and on their year to date results (and comparison to budget). Also produced is a Consolidated Profit and Loss report for the month (and comparison to budget) and year to date (and comparison to budget).

We are however in a comfortable cash position at present. In addition to our \$1,000,000 fixed bank deposit, we have \$88,232 in our normal trading account (at 2.5% at call) plus \$500,000 in our

Cash Investment account (at 3% at call). Approximately half of these funds will be expended as per budget in the next three months. In any case it may be possible that we could achieve an additional, say, 0.5% return on our funds with another (somewhat riskier) institution, but we have chosen to retain our funds in a large, conservative and reputable institution in the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Debtor collections are being received regularly and we are not aware of any doubtful debts. Our trade creditors are also being paid within their term arrangements. Our other liabilities including taxation, staff leave entitlements and superannuation liabilities are all fully provisioned for and are being paid as they fall due.

The amount of 'Unearned income' of \$701,500 that resides on the balance sheet as a liability comprises of a number of income items received that relate to future accounting periods. The carryover of these amounts is to satisfy the proper accounting / audit treatment. Details are listed below. Accrued expenses of \$46,813 predominantly relate to prizemoney and international athlete appearance fees. Prizemoney will be actually paid out when ASADA clearance is given from drug testing. Prepayments of \$341,706 shown as an asset on our balance sheet comprise of expenses already paid for but relate to the future 2009/10 accounting period. These amounts are also detailed below. Provision for employee entitlements include fringe benefits, annual leave and long service leave are fully provided for on our balance sheet. These provisions, whilst fully accurate, are conservative and accounted for in excess of the minimum requirements of the Australian accounting standards.

In summary, whilst we have this year a nominal operating surplus of \$18,626, we are now fortunate to have a comfortable net equity position of \$1,900,436. We own our own premises and were not at all exposed to the significant falls of the world equity markets. Our cash flow continues to be positive and the only challenge we face is to continue to trade without breaking into our bank fixed term deposit or using our approved \$500,000 approved overdraft limit. Due to the seasonal nature of our funding and our business, this is often a significant challenge.

As far as our future is concerned, to a large extent, the 2008/09 financial year could be described as one of commercial uncertainty. The budget for this period, whilst predicting a small surplus of

\$70,000, in reality reveals that we can continue to operate successfully in the short term, without a major sponsor and without major disruption to our various programs. If in the future we were successful in securing a replacement major sponsor, then this will be seen to be a financial bonus to the budget.

The Board and Chief Executive Officer continue to monitor on a monthly basis our financial results, comparisons to budget, our financial position and our ongoing cash / liquidity position and requirements. Such regular and ongoing reporting ensures that any financial risks of the organisation are mitigated. This proactive financial monitoring ensures and assists in the organisation operating soundly and being prepared for future challenges.

I look forward to a challenging but successful 2009/10 not only in a financial capacity, but more importantly, one that continues to grow the sport of athletics.

### Joe Brugliera FCPA

*Chief Financial Officer  
and Company Secretary  
Athletics Australia*

## Directors' Report 2009

Your directors present their report on the company for the year ending June 30, 2009.

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

N R Moore

B L Thompson

### Meeting of Directors 2008/09

Board Members	Meetings held	Attended
Robin H Fildes OAM	6	6
William F Bailey	6	2
Jane C Hansen	6	6
Edward J McGuire AM	6	4
Matthew B Mahon	6	4
Michael J Smellie	6	6
Noah (David) Grace	6	5
Nicholas R Moore	6	6
Bronwyn L Thompson	6	5

Please note that in the 2007/08 annual report it was stated that six Board meetings were held; this should have been seven meetings. The correct attendance based on seven meetings was:

### Meeting Of Directors 2007/08

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

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

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 \$18,626 (need to get final amount when audited results come in).

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 at the world junior championships, Olympic Games XXIX, Paralympic Games XIII, the 3rd Commonwealth Youth Games, Australian Youth Olympic Festival and 37th IAAF world cross country championships.

During this 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 that 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 six.



#### Robin (Rob) 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  
O.A.M. 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 Athletic Association  
Competition Manager – Athletics, Sydney Organising Committee for the 2000 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*



#### Matthew B Mahon

##### Qualifications

Bachelor of Commerce

##### Experience

General Manager of Royce Communications  
14 years experience in marketing communications, corporate and financial advisory services and sport

*Public Company Directorships held in the past three years N/A*



#### Noah (David) Grace QC

##### Qualifications

Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Law (Hons), Masters of Laws

##### Experience

30 years experience as a legal practitioner  
Extensive involvement with sporting organisation at all levels  
Arbitrator on the Court of Arbitration for Sport  
President of Athletics Australia tribunals  
Team advocate for the Australian Olympic team in Athens, 2004

*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*



#### 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 Rules Football  
Television host and sports commentator

*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*



#### 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*



#### Joe Brugliera – Company Secretary

##### Qualifications

Bachelor of Business (Accounting), Fellow member of CPA Australia Limited (FCPA)

##### Experience

Over 15 years Accounting and senior management experience including:  
Finance Manager / Business Manager – YMCA Australia  
Finance Manager, Chief Investment Officer and Fund Administrator – The Australian YMCA Superannuation Fund  
Finance and Administration Manager – Ansett Air Freight  
Finance and Administration Manager – Colorific Pty Ltd  
Credit Manager – Westpac Banking Corporation

## Declaration

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

In the opinion of the directors:

- (A) The financial statements and notes of the company are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including
- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30/06/2009, and of its 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.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Director.....

Date 28/10/2009



Steeplechaser Youcef Abdi heads for sixth at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

**Youcef Abdi**

## Consolidated Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	Company and Consolidated 2009	Company and Consolidated 2008
		\$	\$
Revenue from Grant, Sponsorships and Events	3	7,522,422	7,794,396
Other Revenue	3	94,606	169,181
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>7,617,028</b>	<b>7,963,577</b>
Competition expenses		(1,366,797)	(1,362,458)
High performance expenses		(3,459,024)	(3,667,762)
Development expenses		(829,797)	(1,123,086)
Marketing and media expenses		(884,819)	(931,883)
Administration expenses		(1,057,965)	(762,544)
<b>Net Profit</b>		<b>18,626</b>	<b>115,844</b>

## Consolidated Balance Sheet

as at 30 June 2009

	Note	Company and Consolidated 2009	Company and Consolidated 2008
		\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	21 (b)	588,733	903,444
Receivables	5	172,948	124,808
Other assets	6	1,464,615	1,093,154
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>2,226,296</b>	<b>2,121,407</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	7	916,716	927,608
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>916,716</b>	<b>927,608</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>3,143,012</b>	<b>3,049,015</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	8	963,105	925,710
Interest bearing liabilities	13	–	4,907
Provisions	9	214,573	169,944
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,177,678</b>	<b>1,100,560</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Interest bearing liabilities	13	–	9,722
Provisions	10	64,898	56,921
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>64,898</b>	<b>66,643</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>1,242,577</b>	<b>1,167,204</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>1,900,436</b>	<b>1,881,811</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained profits	11	1,900,436	1,881,810
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>1,900,436</b>	<b>1,881,810</b>

## Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	Company and Consolidated 2009 \$
<b>Opening balance</b>		1,881,810
<b>Changes in Equity</b>		
Profit for the year		<u>18,626</u>
<b>Closing balance</b>		<u>1,900,436</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of changes in equity.

Note that the only type of Equity that Athletics Australia reports is Retained Profits.

## Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	Company and Consolidated 2009 \$	Company and Consolidated 2008 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from all sources		8,497,299	8,308,390
Payments to suppliers and employees		<u>(8,588,067)</u>	<u>(8,680,785)</u>
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	21	<u>(90,768)</u>	<u>(372,395)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		-	-
Interest received		94,606	169,181
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment		<u>(53,920)</u>	<u>(11,021)</u>
Payments to term deposit		<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>(750,000)</u>
<b>Net cash outflow from investing activities</b>		<u>(209,314)</u>	<u>(591,840)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of borrowings		<u>(14,629)</u>	<u>(4,907)</u>
<b>Net cash outflow from financing activities</b>		<u>(14,629)</u>	<u>(4,907)</u>
<b>Net decrease in cash held</b>		<u>(314,711)</u>	<u>(969,142)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year</b>		903,444	1,872,586
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	21 (b)	<u>588,733</u>	<u>903,444</u>

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

# Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2009

## 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 the sport of Athletics.

The entity employed 23 employees as of 30 June 2009 (2008: 23 employees)

## Note 2. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

### BASIS OF PREPARATION

This financial report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB). 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.

### 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 (if any) are eliminated in full.

As the subsidiaries have not operated since incorporation, company and consolidated financial statements are identical. However wholly owned subsidiary company Australian Flame Pty Ltd (which has not operated) has issued capital of \$10, but has not traded since incorporation.

### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at bank and on hand and short term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less, that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

### TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables, which generally have 14 day terms, are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less an allowance for impairment.

### COMPLIANCE

#### (a) Compliance with IFRS

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

#### (b) New Accounting standards and interpretations

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective have not been adopted by the company for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2009.

No accounting standards or interpretations that have been issued, but are not yet effective, have been adopted with the exception of AASB 8: Operating Segments. The remaining standards and interpretations are not expected to have a material effect on the financial report before adoption.

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

Major depreciation periods are :

	2009	2008
Freehold buildings	40 years	40 years
Plant and equipment	3 to 10 years	3 to 10 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.

#### 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 \$701,500 recorded as a current liability 'Unearned Income' at balance date comprises – \$77,000 team levies for the World Youth Championships, \$502,000 of unspent Australian Sports Commission funding and \$122,500 Unspent Australian Commonwealth Games Association funding. This revenue will be fully recognised during subsequent accounting periods (refer to Note 9).

#### 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 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. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2009 continued

### 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:

### EVENTS

Revenue from events is recognised as the gross cash received or receivable.

### SPONSORSHIP

Revenue from sponsorships comprises of both gross cash received or receivable plus the value of goods and services received in kind.

A portion of sponsorship revenue is comprised of "in kind" goods and services (eg. Team uniforms). Revenue from goods and services received in kind, is measured and recognised at the fair value of the goods and services received.

### GRANTS

The company generally 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.

### 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 profit as they arise.

	Company and Consolidated 2009	Company and Consolidated 2008
	\$	\$

### Note 3. Revenue

Revenue from grants, sponsorships and events		
Athlete and team levies	77,965	119,875
Indigenous Program Funding	175,000	100,000
Australian Commonwealth Games Association	208,250	208,250
Australian Olympic Committee	8,250	173,750
Australian Paralympic Committee	717,500	701,250
Australian Sports Commission	4,710,617	4,560,501
Capitations	14,628	14,493
Domestic Competitions	211,952	139,913
Entry Fees – championships	35,202	116,571
IAAF	416,056	382,443
Merchandising	6,617	13,835
Other	631,498	383,079
Running Australia	7,887	–
Sponsorship	301,000	880,436
<b>Total revenues from operating activities</b>	<b>7,522,422</b>	<b>7,794,396</b>
Other Revenue		
Interest received	94,606	169,181
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>7,617,028</b>	<b>7,963,577</b>

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

Expenses		
Depreciation of non current assets		
Buildings	24,346	24,411
Plant and equipment	40,466	36,504
	64,812	60,915
Borrowing costs		
Interest paid	14,897	559
Other expense items		
Bad Debts written off or provided for	1,788	–
Employee Benefit expense	1,417,812	1,488,269



**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30 June 2009** continued

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2009	2008
	\$	\$

**Note 5. Receivables (Current)**

Trade receivables	166,914	124,556
Other receivables	6,034	252
<b>Total current receivables</b>	<b>172,948</b>	<b>124,808</b>

Terms and conditions relating to the above financial instruments.

Credit sales are on seven (7) day terms.

As at balance date the ageing analysis of Trade debtors is as follows:

0 – 30 days	113,629	71,024
31 – 60 days	6,520	4,820
61 – 90 days (past due not impaired)	14,252	7,997
+ 91 days (past due not impaired)	32,513	40,715
+ 91 days (considered impaired)	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>166,914</b>	<b>124,556</b>

**Note 6. Other Assets**

Accrued Income	15,681	-
Bank Term Deposit	1,000,000	750,000
Prepayments	448,934	343,154
	<b>1,464,615</b>	<b>1,093,154</b>

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2009	2008
	\$	\$

**Note 7. Property Plant and Equipment**

	Land & buildings	Plant & equipment	Total
<b>Year ended 30 June 2009</b>			
At 1 July 2008 net of accumulated depreciation and impairments	875,055	52,553	927,608
Additions		53,920	53,920
Disposals		(16,282)	(16,282)
Depreciation charge for the year	(24,346)	(24,184)	(48,530)
At 30 June 2009 net of accumulated depreciation and impairments	850,709	66,007	916,716
At 30 June 2009			
Cost or fair value	973,811	136,029	1,109,840
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(123,102)	(70,022)	(193,124)
	<b>850,709</b>	<b>66,007</b>	<b>916,716</b>
<b>Year ended 30 June 2008</b>			
At 1 July 2007 net of accumulated depreciation and impairments	899,466	84,991	984,457
Additions		11,021	11,021
Disposals		(6,955)	(6,955)
Depreciation charge for the year	(24,411)	(36,504)	(60,915)
At 30 June 2008 net of accumulated depreciation and impairments	875,055	52,553	927,608
At 30 June 2008			
Cost or fair value	973,811	372,056	1,345,867
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(98,756)	(319,503)	(418,259)
	<b>875,055</b>	<b>52,553</b>	<b>927,608</b>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2009

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2009 continued

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2009	2008
	\$	\$

### Note 8. Payables

Trade payables and accruals	261,605	539,120
Unearned revenue (refer Note 2)	701,500	386,590
	963,105	925,710

Terms and conditions relating to the above financial instruments

Trade liabilities are normally settled on 30 to 60 day terms

### Note 9. Provisions (Current)

Provision for annual leave	180,274	153,110
Provision for long service leave	34,299	16,834
	214,573	169,944

### Note 10. Provisions (Non current)

Provision for long service leave	64,898	56,921
	64,898	56,921

### Note 11. Retained Profits

Retained profits at the beginning of the year	1,881,810	1,765,966
Net profit	18,626	115,844
Retained profits at the end of the year	1,900,436	1,881,810

### Note 12. Members' Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 30 June 2009 the number of members was 8 (2008: 8).

	2009	2008
	\$	\$

### Note 13. Commitments

Finance lease expenditure contracted for is payable as follows:

Not later than one year		6,636
After one year but not more than five years		9,953
Total minimum lease payments	–	16,589
LESS amounts representing finance charges		1,960
Present value of minimum lease payments	–	14,629
Included in the financial statements as Current interest bearing loans & borrowings		4,907
Non-current interest bearing loans & borrowings		9,722
	–	14,629

Terms and conditions relating to the above financial instruments

Finance arrangements had a term of 48 months at inception of the agreement and related to the financing of Athletics Australia's phone system. However during the 08/09 financial year, an offer was agreed to for the full payout of the lease early and obtain a expenditure saving.

### Note 14. Contingent Liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities in existence at year end

### Note 15. Subsequent events

There were no subsequent events for the year ended 30 June 2009.

### Note 16. 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.	23,500	21,000
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### Note 17. Compensation of Key Management Personnel

Short Term	864,337	869,475
Post Employment – Superannuation	124,753	72,330
	989,090	941,805

### Note 18. Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions during the year.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2009 continued

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2009	2008
	\$	\$

### Note 19. Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

Athletics Australia's financial instruments comprise of receivables, payables, cash and term deposits at call. Athletics Australia does not enter into or trade financial instruments for speculative purposes.

The company manages its exposure to key financial risks in accordance with the company's financial risk management policy set by the Board, as the objective of the policy is to support the delivery of the company's financial targets while protecting future financial security.

The primary responsibility for the identification and control of financial risks rests with the Chief Financial officer under the authority of the Board. The Board reviews and sets policies for managing each of the risks set out below, including the investment exposure, setting of limits on reserves and future cash flow forecast projections.

### Risk Exposures and Responses

#### Note 20 (a) Interest rate risk

The company's exposure to interest rate risks and the effective interest rates of financial assets and financial liabilities. The company has low exposure to interest rate risk as the majority of financial assets are held at fixed interest rates.

At balance date the company had the following exposure to variable interest rate financial assets:

Financial Assets		
Floating interest rate		
Cash and cash equivalent	588,733	903,444
	588,733	903,444

#### Note 20 (b) Sensitivity Analysis

The following sensitivity analysis is based on the interest rate risk exposure in existence at the balance sheet date.

As at 30/06/2009, if interest rates had moved as illustrated in the table below, with all variables held constant, profit would have been affected as follows:

	Surplus / (Deficit) Higher / (Lower)	
+ 1% (100 basis points)	7,460	7,500
- 0.5% (50 basis points)	(3,730)	(3,750)
	Reserves Higher / (Lower)	
+ 1% (100 basis points)	7,460	7,500
- 0.5% (50 basis points)	(3,730)	(3,750)

Interest rate analysis is based on balances of financial assets not exceeding 1 year, which are at floating rates. Maximum and minimum exposures are calculated at shifts of 50 basis points and 100 basis points respectively. A net decrease in interest rate translates into a fall in profit as investment income is reduced.

#### Note 20 (c) Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from the financial assets of Athletics Australia, which comprise cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and term deposits. Athletics Australia's exposure to credit risk arises from potential default of the counterparty or default of the counterparty on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss to the company.

The company has adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counter parties as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults. Trade receivables consist of grants and funds arising from contractual arrangements with state and commonwealth governments, trusts, corporates and other organisations. Receivables are monitored and followed up on an ongoing basis to reduce any potential for bad debts. There is no significant concentration of credit risk to any single party or group having similar characteristics. The credit risk in respect of cash and cash equivalents and term deposits is considered limited because the counter parties are reputable banks with high credit ratings assigned by Standard and Poors.

#### Note 20 (d) Price Risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market prices.

Athletics Australia has no exposure to Price Risk as none of its investment portfolio is currently exposed to equity securities. If an investment in equity securities was proposed, the board would first need to change its investment philosophy to allow such investment. Such change in philosophy is not currently being proposed.

#### Note 20 (e) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the board, who have built an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of short, medium and long term funding and liquidity management. Management manages the liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash reserves and a bank overdraft limit of \$500,000, and by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows while matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities. Given the current surplus cash assets, liquidity risk is considered minimal.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2009 continued

	Company and Consolidated 2009 \$	Company and Consolidated 2008 \$
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### Note 20 (f) Maturity analysis of financial assets and liability

The risks implied from the values shown in the table below, reflects a balanced view of cash inflows and outflows. Any leasing obligations, trade payables and other financial liabilities mainly originating from financing of assets used in our ongoing operations are considered in the overall liquidity risk.

Year ended 30 June 2009	Less than 6 months	6 – 12 months	1 – 5 years	Greater than 5 years
<b>(I) FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	588,733			
Trade and Other Receivables	166,914			
Term deposits		1,000,000		
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>755,647</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>(ii) FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>				
Trade and other payables	261,605			
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>261,605</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET MATURITY</b>	<b>494,042</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Year ended 30 June 2008	Less than 6 months	6 – 12 months	1 – 5 years	Greater than 5 years
<b>(I) FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	903,444			
Trade and Other Receivables	124,808			
Term deposits		750,000		
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,028,252</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>(ii) FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>				
Trade and other payables	539,120			
Interest bearing loans & borrowings		14,629		
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>539,120</b>	<b>14,629</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET MATURITY</b>	<b>489,132</b>	<b>735,371</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

	Company and Consolidated 2009 \$	Company and Consolidated 2008 \$
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### Note 21. Notes to Statement of Cash Flows

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

Net profit	18,626	115,844
Depreciation	48,530	60,915
Loss on disposal	16,282	6,953
Interest received	(94,606)	(169,181)
Decrease in debtors and prepayments/ditors	(169,601)	(142,096)
Increase in payables	37,395	(279,624)
Increase in provisions	52,606	34,794
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b>(90,768)</b>	<b>(372,395)</b>

(b) Reconciliation of cash assets

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

Cash at bank	588,233	902,944
Petty cash	500	500
	<b>588,733</b>	<b>903,444</b>

(c) Credit Stand-by Arrangement and Loan Facilities

The company has an on going overdraft facility of \$500,000 secured over Suites 22 and 23, Fawkner Towers 431 St Kilda Road Melbourne. As at balance date, the overdraft limit remains undrawn (2008: nil)

### Note 22. Related Party Disclosures

Subsidiaries	Cost of Investments
Host City Marathon Ltd incorporated in Australia 13 July 2001.	-
Team AA Ltd incorporated in Australia 13 July 2001	-
Australian Athletic Federation Ltd incorporated in Australia 13 July 2001	-

These companies are limited by guarantee.

Athletics Australia exercises a controlling influence over these companies. On becoming a Director of Athletics Australia, that director then automatically also becomes a director of these 3 related companies.

Australian Flame Pty Ltd incorporated in Australia 13 May 2009	10
The directors of this company are Danny Corcoran, Nicole Roache and Joe Brugliera	

During the year these 4 companies did not trade.

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

### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial report of Athletics Australia Ltd and its controlled entities, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2009, 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. In Note 2, the directors also state that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the consolidated financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and International Standards on Auditing. 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 consolidated financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial report. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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, a copy of which is included in the directors' report. The Auditor's Independence Declaration would have been expressed in the same terms if it had been given to the directors at the date this auditor's report was signed.

## 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 2009, 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 &amp; Young

Robert Dalton  
Partner  
28 October 2009

# Detailed Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2009	2008
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Athlete and team levies	77,965	119,875
Australian Commonwealth Games Association	208,250	208,250
Australian Olympic Committee	8,250	173,750
Australian Paralympic Committee	717,500	701,250
Australian Sports Commission	4,710,617	4,560,501
Capitations	14,628	14,493
Domestic Competitions	211,952	139,913
Entry Fees – championships	35,202	116,571
Equipment sales	–	(4,545)
IAAF	416,056	382,443
Indigenous Funding	175,000	100,000
Interest received	94,606	169,181
Merchandising	6,617	13,835
Other	631,499	387,624
Running Australia	7,887	
Sponsorship	70,000	710,970
Sponsorship – VIK	231,000	169,466
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>7,617,027</b>	<b>7,963,577</b>

NOTE: This additional Information has been compiled by management of Athletics Australia and has not been audited

## Competition Expenses

Competition equipment	7,301	2,357
Competition expenses	22,781	13,068
Domestic competition	347,553	337,268
International athletes	385,266	256,301
Officiating	69,374	61,262
Other expenses	10,134	13,464
Prize money	183,779	307,727
Salaries, wages and oncosts	190,338	240,845
Travel	136,272	127,276
VIK	14,000	2,890
<b>Total competition expenses</b>	<b>1,366,797</b>	<b>1,362,458</b>

	Company and Consolidated	Company and Consolidated
	2009	2008
	\$	\$
<b>High Performance Expenses</b>		
Athlete funding	4,506	12,000
Coaches	215,171	244,164
Inter divisional administration charge	100,000	100,000
International competitions	622,730	685,530
Junior HP program	148,323	250,458
Juniors/Espoirs development		1,248
Other high performance expenses	321,306	27,712
Paralympic program	711,927	796,091
Salaries, wages and oncosts	421,199	428,417
Selection and athlete commission costs	18,656	29,827
Sport science & medicine	47,178	47,322
State Institute programs	628,809	662,669
Travel	63,219	242,160
VIK	156,000	140,164
<b>Total high performance expenses</b>	<b>3,459,024</b>	<b>3,667,762</b>

## Development Expenses

Club and school development activities		3,000
Indigenous sport	712,152	764,547
Member Association financial support	29,003	84,014
Other expenses		522
Out of stadium	1,161	18,939
Telephone / Fax / Internet	5,000	6,175
Salaries, wages and oncosts	32,090	79,722
Team Athletics and School projects / events	21,603	48,387
Travel	787	1,428
VIK	28,000	2,227
<b>Total development expenses</b>	<b>829,797</b>	<b>1,008,961</b>

NOTE: This additional Information has been compiled by management of Athletics Australia and has not been audited

## Detailed Income Statement for the Year Ended 30 June 2009 continued

	Company and Consolidated 2009 \$	Company and Consolidated 2008 \$
<b>Marketing Expenses</b>		
Athlete of the Year event	71,168	58,867
Business Development	4,518	37,314
Domestic Season Marketing	109,766	128,718
Media and PR	146,909	113,719
Other expenses	9,309	9,388
Publications and collateral	25,784	52,166
Salaries, wages and oncosts	233,160	228,299
Sponsorship management	28,265	36,901
Television coverage	147,250	160,500
Travel	25,216	10,852
Website – development and maintenance	55,473	92,923
VIK	28,000	2,236
<b>Total marketing expenses</b>	<b>884,819</b>	<b>931,883</b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>		
Affiliation fees	114	114
Audit Fees	20,751	22,500
Bad and doubtful debts	1,788	–
Bank charges and credit card commissions	746	5,959
Board costs	34,839	18,510
Couriers, freight and cartage	–	1,775
Depreciation	48,530	60,915
Interest paid	14,897	559
Legal expenses	6,812	591
Other expenses	34,992	35,041
National insurance program	127,621	114,125
Office expenses	31,604	33,229
Outgoings	10,727	23,137
Postage	10,990	14,798
Printing and stationery	30,215	26,707
Professional fees	33,625	6,000
Publications and subscriptions	–	4,023
Rates and taxes	4,443	4,261
Salaries, wages and oncosts	541,024	410,986
Staff expenses	14,254	32,770
Storage	10,446	10,252
Telephone, fax and internet	44,184	13,607
Travel	29,363	18,081
VIK	6,000	18,729
<b>Total administration expenses</b>	<b>1,057,965</b>	<b>876,669</b>
<b>Net profit /(loss)</b>	<b>18,626</b>	<b>115,844</b>

NOTE: This additional Information has been compiled by management of Athletics Australia and has not been audited

	Company and Consolidated 2009 \$	Company and Consolidated 2008 \$
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### 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 \$1,251 (2008: \$1,382), and the balance of the fund at 30 June 2009 is \$24,385 (2008: \$25,533).

#### (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 \$1,111 (2008: \$1,501), grants totalling \$7,200 (2008: \$5,500) were made and the balance of the fund at 30 June 2009 is \$14,762 (2008: \$24,850).

#### R W CLARKE FOUNDATION

Statement of Income and Expenses as at 30 June 2009

Balance of distribution account as at 1 July 2007	(32,149)	(28,150)
Plus, Interest (net of bank charges)	1,111	1,501
Transfer from capital account	–	–
Less, Grants paid	(7,200)	(5,500)
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2007</b>	<b>(38,238)</b>	<b>(32,149)</b>

#### R W CLARKE FOUNDATION

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2009

Cash at Bank	14,762	20,851
Capital and Reserves	–	–
Capital account	53,000	53,000
Distribution account	(38,238)	(32,149)
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,762</b>	<b>20,851</b>

#### ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL RACE WALKING FOUNDATION

Statement of Income and Expenses as at 30 June 2009

Balance of distribution account as at 1 July 2007	8,543	7,161
Plus, Interest (net of bank charges)	1,251	1,382
Less, Grants paid	(2,400)	–
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2007</b>	<b>9,794</b>	<b>8,543</b>

#### ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL RACE WALKING FOUNDATION

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2009

Cash at Bank	24,385	25,143
Capital and Reserves	–	–
Capital account	14,591	16,600
Distribution account	9,794	8,543
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,385</b>	<b>25,143</b>

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## Staff

### Chief Executive Officer / General Secretary

Thomas 'Danny' Corcoran

### Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary

Joe Brugliera

### Accountant

Travis Nicholls

### Personal Assistant to CEO

Mary-Lou Silveira

### Receptionist

Carol Grant

### National Performance Manager

Maxwell Binnington (to December 2008)  
Eric Hollingsworth (from January 2009)

### National Coaching Manager

Michael Poulton (from August 2008)

### National Youth Performance Manager

Sara Mulkearns

### National Events Coach – Distance

Tim O'Shaughnessy

### National Events Coach – Sprints

Paul Hallam (to June 2009)

### High Performance Administrators

Nicky Frey – Youth (to January 2009)  
Rosie Ditton – Youth (from January 2009)  
Nathan Sims – Teams

### Paralympic Program Manager

Scott Goodman

### AA-PPP Sprints & Jumps Coach and Emerging Talent Coordinator

Brett Jones

### AA-PPP Throws Coach and Coach Education Coordinator

Alison O'Riordan (to May 2009)

### Competitions Manager

David Gynther

### Competition Coordinators

Lorraine Morgan  
Jarrod Woff (to August 2008)  
Clare Burton (from December 2008)

### National Development Manager

Sally McGrady

### National Talent Identification & Development Assistant Coordinator

Ben King

### Marketing Assistant

Jan Tyrrell (to August 2008)

### Communications Coordinator

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Erin Carter (from January 2009)

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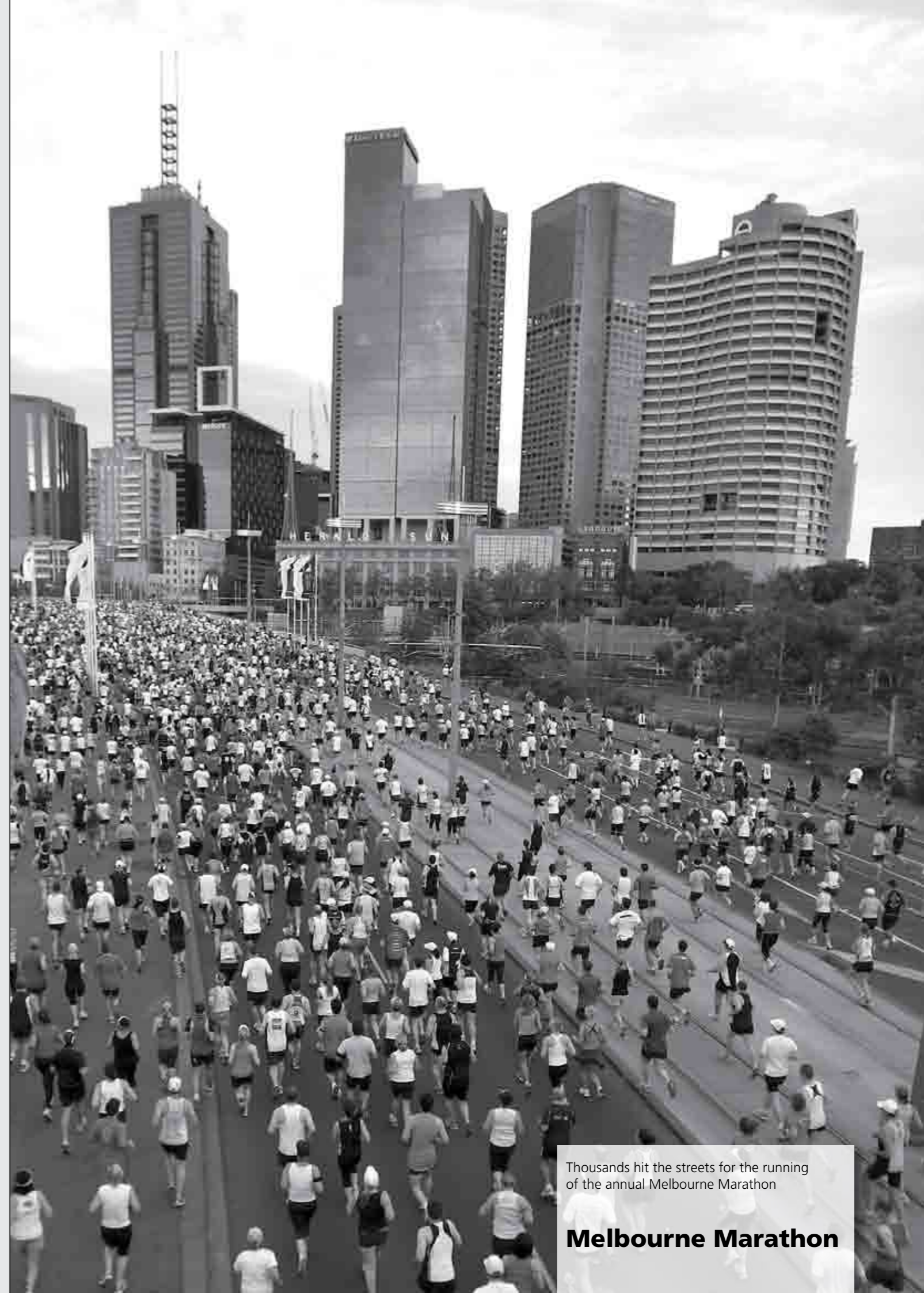
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### National Statistician

Paul Jenès OAM

### National Records Officer

Ronda Jenkins OAM



Thousands hit the streets for the running of the annual Melbourne Marathon

## Melbourne Marathon

## Commissions & Committees

After the four-year Olympic cycle, all Commission and Committee (except the Athletes Commission) members were retired as of October 31, 2008. A full review was undertaken between October 31 and January 28, during which time nominations were called for the next four-year period. The Board ratified the Commissions and Committees below on January 29, 2009.

### Anti-Doping Commission

Dr Tim Barbour (Chair)  
Dr Chris Bradshaw  
Dr Peter Larkins  
Simon McDonald  
Dion Russell  
Danny Corcoran  
(Athletics Australia contact)

### Athletics Australia Tribunal

Ian Hill QC  
Jamie Nettleton  
Paul Connolly  
Mark Rosenberg  
The Hon. Justice Tricia Kavanagh  
Danny Corcoran  
(Athletics Australia contact)

### Athletes Commission

*(appointed September 30, 2009)*

Luke Adams  
Justin Anlezark  
Clinton Hill  
Sarah Jamieson  
Bronwyn Thompson (Chair)  
Katrina Webb  
Kylie Wheeler  
Danny Corcoran  
(Athletics Australia contact)

### Athletes With a Disability Advisory Committee

Janelle Eldridge (Chair)  
Neil Fuller  
Dave Gynther  
Sally McGrady  
Louise Sauvage  
Michael Thomson  
Scott Goodman  
(Athletics Australia Contact)

### Coaching Advisory Committee

Tudor Bidder  
Glynis Nunn-Cearns  
Antonia Harmer  
Dianne Huxley  
Sarah Jamieson  
Robert Medlicott  
Nick Moore (Chair)  
Alison O'Riordan  
Barbara Stephens  
Lindsay Watson  
Kylie Wheeler  
Michael Poulton  
(Athletics Australia Contact)

### Distance Running & Walking Advisory Committee

Jason Agosta  
Dave Cundy  
Anne Lord (Chair – Distance)  
Sonia O'Sullivan  
Tim O'Shaughnessy  
Pam Turney  
Chris Wardlaw  
Luke Adams  
Bob Cruise  
Tim Erickson (Chair – Walks)  
Brent Vallance  
David Gynther  
(Athletics Australia Contact)

### Facilities and Equipment Advisory Committee

David Barfoot  
Graham Dwight  
Robert Mitchell (Chair)  
Joe Stevens  
Denis Wilson  
David Gynther  
(Athletics Australia Contact)

### International Tours Advisory Committee

Dean Barton-Smith  
Carol Grant  
Sarah Jamieson  
David Tarbotton  
Eric Hollingsworth  
(Chair and Athletics Australia Contact)

### Officials Advisory Committee

Reg Brandis (Chair)  
Janelle Eldridge  
Lorraine Morgan  
Brian Roe  
David Gynther  
(Athletics Australia Contact)

### Selection Committee

Peter Fitzgerald (Chair)  
Melinda Gainsford-Taylor  
Steve Moneghetti  
Dion Russell  
Eric Hollingsworth  
(Athletics Australia Contact)

### Track and Field Advisory Committee

Dean Barton-Smith  
Peter Hamilton  
Andrew Matthews  
Grant McKay  
Brian Roe  
Khan Sharp (Chair)  
David Gynther  
(Athletics Australia Contact)

From July 1, 2008 to October 31, 2008 the following Athletics Australia Committees and Commissions were in place:

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### Athletes With a Disability Advisory Commission

Janelle Eldridge  
Michael Thomson  
Neil Fuller  
Louise Sauvage  
David Gynther  
Sally McGrady  
Scott Goodman  
(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

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

### High Performance Commission

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

### International Tours Commission

Peter Bowman  
Carol Grant  
Brent Kirkbride  
Margaret Mahony  
Maurie Plant  
Max Binnington  
(Chair and Athletics Australia contact)

## Commissions & Committees continued

### Officials Commission

Reg Brandis (Chair)  
Janelle Eldridge  
Colleen McEwen  
Brian Roe  
Ian Sinclair  
David Gynther  
(Athletics Australia contact)

### Out of Stadium Committee

Dave Cundy  
Daniel Green  
Ken Green (Chair)  
Susan Hobson  
Anne Lord  
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

Bob Cruise  
Peter Fitzgerald (Chair)  
Gerard Ryan  
Pam Turney  
Max Binnington  
(Athletics Australia contact)

### Selection Committee – Track and Field

Peter Brukner  
Peter Fitzgerald (Chair)  
Michael Hillardt  
Glynis Nunn-Cearns  
Dion Russell  
Max Binnington  
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### Track and Field Committee

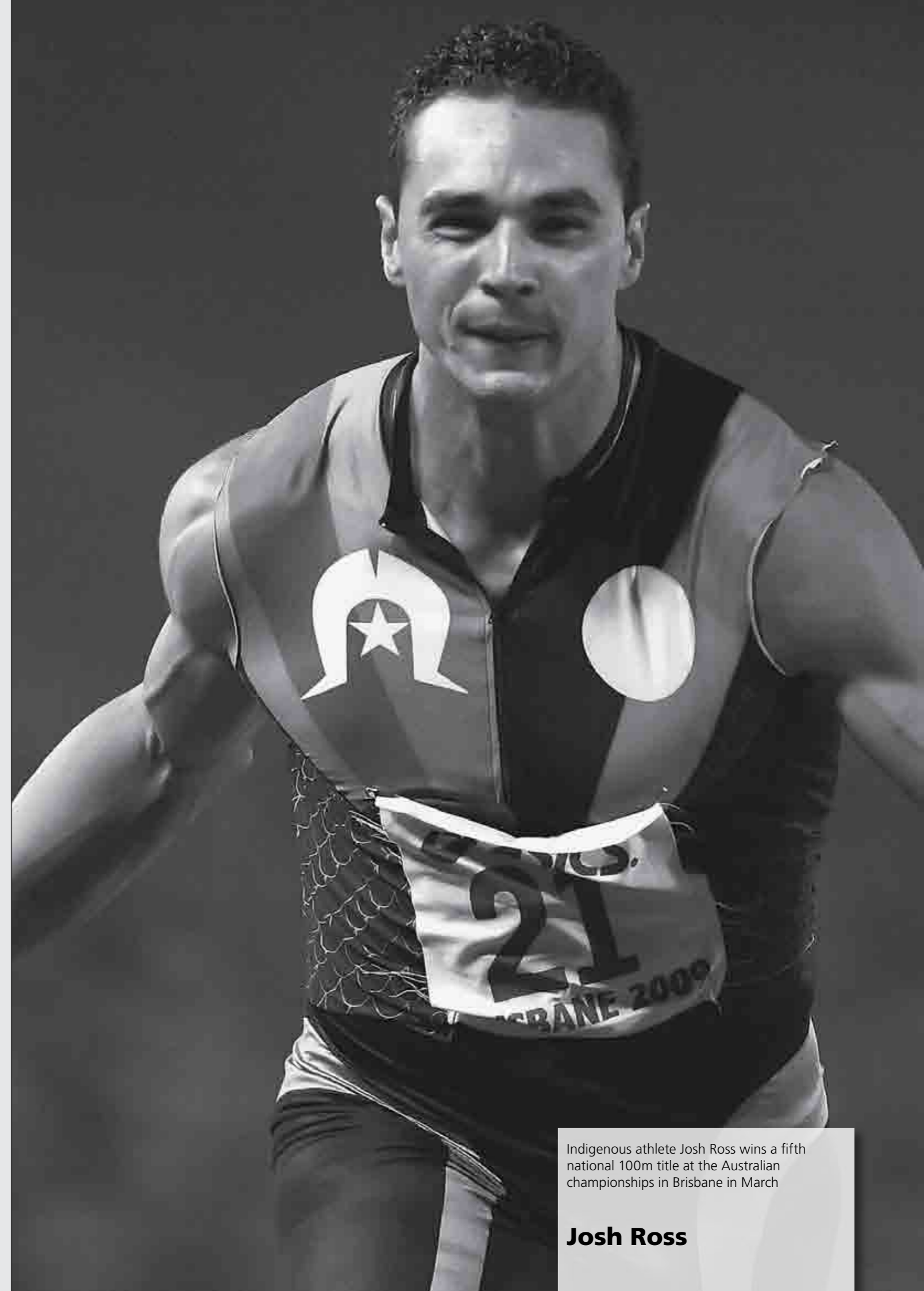
Greg Bowman  
Grant Cremer  
Daryl Cross  
Peter Hamilton  
Grant McKay  
Brian Roe  
Khan Sharp (Chair)  
Cameron Yorke  
David Gynther  
(Athletics Australia contact)

### Walking Committee

Bob Cruise (Chair)  
Tim Erickson  
Wayne Fletcher  
Dave Smith  
Harry Summers  
David Gynther  
(Athletics Australia contact)

### Athletes Commission

Nathan Deakes  
Clinton Hill  
Sarah Jamieson  
Scott Martin  
Bronwyn Thompson (Chair)  
Lee Troop  
Katrina Webb  
Kylie Wheeler  
Danny Corcoran  
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Indigenous athlete Josh Ross wins a fifth national 100m title at the Australian championships in Brisbane in March

### Josh Ross

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Steve Hooker wins gold at the  
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Olympic medallists and 2008/09  
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