



Athletics Australia
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Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia held on 20 October 2023 (10.30am) at Athletics House, (Catherine Freeman Room) ground floor, 31 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park VIC 3206.

Ordinary Business

1. Welcome, apologies and obituaries

The Chair of Athletics Australia, Jan Swinhoe, welcomed past Presidents of Athletics Australia, Member Associations, Life Governors, Life Members, staff and guests to the company's Annual General Meeting.

The Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country:

Athletics Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we walk, run, jump, throw and roll. We pay our deepest respects to Indigenous elders throughout Australia, both past and present.'

The Chair also welcomed Directors of the Company, confirmed a quorum was present and opened the meeting at 10.35am.

The Chair asked the Company Secretary to note apologies to the meeting (below):

Apologies	Position
Roy Boyd OAM	Life Governor
Peter Hamilton	Life Governor
Denis Wilson AM	Life Governor
Chris Wardlaw PSM	Life Governor
Ian Boswell OAM	Life Governor
Brenda Pearl OAM	Life Governor
Ronda Jenkins OAM	Life Governor
Paul Jenes OAM	Life Governor
Anne Lord OAM	Life Member
Chris Wilson	Life Member
Owen Heness	Life Member
Sharon Hannan	Life Member
Bill Bailey	Life Member
Peter Reynolds	Life Member
Nick Moore	Life Member
Carol Grant	Life Member
Ken Roche AO	Life Member
Len Johnson	Life Member
Des Johnston	Life Member
Kirsteen Farrance	Life Member
Heather Mitchell OAM	Life Member
Dave Cundy	Life Member
Rob Blackadder	Life Member
Jackie Byrnes OAM	Life Member
Gerard Ryan	Life Member
Richard Lawysz	Life Member
Wayne Fletcher OAM	Life Member
Susan Hobson	Life Member
David Culbert	Life Member
Nancy Atterton	Life Member

Other Apologies

Merrick Howes	AA Director
Jane Russo	President Athletics South Australia
Rob Wendel	President Athletics Victoria

Present

Position

Company Directors

Jan Swinhoe	President and Chair, Athletics Australia
Jill Davies	Vice President, Athletics Australia
Jane Flemming	Vice President, Athletics Australia
Steve Moneghetti	Director, Athletics Australia
Megan Dwyer	Director, Athletics Australia
Brian Miller	Director, Athletics Australia
Ben Sellenger	Director, Athletics Australia

Members, Delegates

Tim Christie	President, Athletics ACT (Capital Athletics)
Matthew Whitbread	President, Athletics New South Wales
Sean Goff	Director, Athletics Northern Territory
Yvonne Mullins	President, Queensland Athletics
Nikolaos Flabouris	Vice President, Athletics South Australia
Damon Thomas	President, Athletics Tasmania
Clare Burton	Vice President, Athletics Victoria
Tim Lyons	Chair, Athletics West

Members, Executives

Glen Taylor	Executive Officer, Athletics ACT (Capital Athletics)
Christian Renford	CEO, Athletics New South Wales
Leanne Chin	Executive Officer, Athletics Northern Territory
David Gynther	CEO, Queensland Athletics
Tim Crosbie	Athletics Victoria
Vince Del Prete	CEO, Athletics West
Blake Steele	EO, Athletics Tasmania

Life Governors and Life Members

Brian Roe OAM	Life Governor
David Grace KC OAM	Life Member

Invited Guests

Lyndon Hall	Athlete
Jo Psihogios	Grant Thornton Audit

AA Staff

Peter Bromley	Chief Executive Officer
Simon Thompson	Company Secretary
Adam Bishop	Executive, Athletics Australia
Andrew Faichney	Executive, Athletics Australia
Samantha Culbert	Executive, Athletics Australia
Karen Murphy	Staff, Athletics Australia
Sean Whipp	Staff, Athletics Australia
Jemma Caon	Staff, Athletics Australia
Chris Brophy	Staff, Athletics Australia
Sascha Ryner	Staff, Athletics Australia
Lindsey Mersey	Staff, Athletics Australia
Blair Taylor	Staff, Athletics Australia
Tom Thorpe	Staff, Athletics Australia

The Chair invited AA Life Governor, Brian Roe OAM, to read out the names of those who had passed away since the last AGM (listed at Appendix One). One minutes silence was observed for those who had made contributions to Athletics.

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General meeting

The Chair tabled the first item of business, which was the minutes of the 38th AGM of Athletics Australia held on 21 October 2022. No questions were raised regarding the minutes. The minutes were adopted as a true and correct record of the 2022 AGM.

3. President's Report

The AGM President's Report coincided with Jan Swinhoe's end of term as a Director and President of Athletics Australia. The Presidents Report reflected on not only the past 12 months of the Company, but the Presidents many years of experience within Athletics, both at participant and Board levels. The report noted the following points:

- The Chair again welcomed those in attendance, particularly athletes and the role of the Athletes Advisory Committee in raising various important issues to the Board.
- The Chair reflected on a childhood love of running that continued on to becoming the first female President of Athletics Australia in its 125 year history. This was viewed fondly considering the many skilled and experienced female administrators involved in athletics over the years.
- An achievement to be noted is that of Athletics Australia sending large teams away to overseas competitions such as the Oregon and Budapest World Championships. This is an expensive exercise but benefits young athletes by providing crucial overseas experience.
- The organisation is proud of its athletes, not just their performance, but the culture of the team. For example Nina Kennedy and her positive and authentic personality is fantastic for the sport.
- This success would not have been possible without the dedication of volunteers, staff, Directors and others who contribute to the Athletics community. The Chair thanked everyone who had contributed to Athletics over the past year, particularly Members Associations (MA), and Tim Lyons as the MA Chair representative.
- The 2023 World Athletics Cross Country Championships in Bathurst was a highlight. The Chair thanked Jill Davies and Matt Whitbread as Co-Chairs of a fantastic event now recognised by World Athletics as a template for future events. The Chair also thanked fellow Directors who participated and made the event a highpoint of the year.
- The Chair thanked CEO Peter Bromley for his professionalism and desire to get the absolute best outcomes for the sport. Both the CEO and Presidents role are not easy with many tough discussions. For example the Peter Bol anti-doping test issue was a difficult moment for the sport and a matter still being worked on.
- On a personal note, the Chair thanked her husband Peter for his patience and support.

Before concluding, the Chair took the opportunity to acknowledge the partnerships which had made an impact over the past year including:

- The immense support of the Australian Government and particularly Federal Minister for Sport, the Honourable Anika Wells MP;
- Acknowledging the role of the Australian Sports Commission and thanked its Chair, Josephine Sukkar and CEO, Kieran Perkins OAM. Without their belief, Athletics Australia wouldn't be able to operate successfully;
- Commonwealth Games Australia who provided vital funding, as well as the Australian Olympic Committee and Paralympics Australia;

- Member Associations and National Institute Network whose commitment and collaboration are vital; and
- Sponsors including Weet-Bix, Chemist Warehouse, Rio Tinto and the partners or individuals who have donated to The Athletics Foundation.

4. CEO's Report

The CEO's Report on the affairs of the Company was tabled. The CEO thanked the Chair for her contribution to Athletics and the ongoing support provided in his role of CEO. The report provided the following highlights and acknowledgments:

- At the heart of the organisation is a singular objective: to grow athletics and provide every participant with the opportunities they need to thrive.
- National teams have soared to unprecedented heights. In Oregon, the team came home as the most successful team in more than a decade, with two world champions and a new bronze medallist. In Birmingham, the team won 10 gold, 10 silver and five bronze medals, and while that was happening, two more global bronze medals were won by our World Under 20 Team in Colombia. This success rolled on to the new year, as the mixed 4x2km relay team ran to bronze at the World Athletics Cross Country Championships.
- Our commitment to High Performance and our core stakeholders paid off. AA was honoured with the High Performance Program of the Year 2022 at the AIS Sport Performance Awards.
- The 2023 Chemist Warehouse Australian Summer of Athletics was a success, marked by world-class events and record-breaking ticket sales. The Maurie Plant Meet – Melbourne, Oceania's only World Athletics Continental Tour Gold Level Meet and 100th edition of the Australian Athletics Championships was a highlight. No one will forget the world's fastest man (at the time) Fred Kerley spearheading an all-star line-up in front of 6000+ fans.
- Congratulations to the Local Organising Committee headed up by Co-Chairs Jill Davies and Matt Whitbread on delivering an incredible World Cross Country Championships in Bathurst. Along with Destination NSW, Athletics NSW and the Bathurst City Council, a memorable event was delivered.
- The organisations partnerships have thrived, with Chemist Warehouse, Rio Tinto, Puma and supportive state governments boosting contributions, ensuring the sustainability of programs and events.
- Governance and sustainability have made strides by aligning with the Australian Sports Commission's governance principles, revising our constitution twice and emphasising values and behaviours within the entire sport.
- The commitment to inclusivity and accessibility has remained unwavering. Through initiatives like Sporting Schools and Active Bands, Athletics Australia have empowered thousands of young Australians to embrace athletics.
- Making a social impact through athletics also remains a mission of Athletics Australia. The expansion of our First Nations Programs alongside Rio Tinto was a highlight, and Athletics Australia also revised the scope and terms of reference for the RAP Advisory Group.
- There is a resurgence of athletics across the country. Athletics Australia strongly supports the need to find a host city for the 2026 Commonwealth Games. While the withdrawal from Victoria was not within this reporting period, the Commonwealth Games remains an imperative event and a building block for our athletes and officials at an international level.
- The CEO provided his thanks to the Chair Jan Swinhoe for her support and thanked the Board for their expertise and guidance.

- The CEO thanked the major stakeholders, sponsors, donors and in particular, the ASC, World Athletics, Oceania Athletics, AOC, CGA, Paralympics Australia and Member Associations.
- Finally, the CEO thanked participants, including athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers – who are the heartbeat of Australian athletics, and Athletics Australia is grateful for their service.

5. Financial Statements and Reports

The Chair noted that the *Corporations Act 2001* requires the Company's Financial Statements, Directors' Report, Directors' Declaration and the Auditor's Report to be laid before the Annual General Meeting. Athletics Australia's Member Associations were previously briefed about the reports in advance of the AGM.

No questions were received on the reports.

6. Ratification of Directors

The Chair noted that the proposed resolutions for the ratification of new Directors had been set out in the Notice of Meeting already provided to Members, who were asked to consider ratifying the appointment of Mr John Lamont and Dr Anna Cicognani.

The Chair confirmed that Members had now signed the resolution unanimously and the ratification of John Lamont and Dr Anna Cicognani confirmed.

7. Election of Auditors

The Chair confirmed that, under clause 60 of the Constitution, the voting Members had all signed a resolution to unanimously agree for Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd to be reappointed as auditor of the Company.

8. Special Awards

The Chair thanked the work of the Special Awards Committee and the nominations for Honorary Life Membership and Honorary Life Governorship. A signed resolution from each of the Members confirming the endorsement of these awards had occurred.

The Chair asked Brian Roe, Life Governor, to announce the awards and read citations describing the outstanding contributions that each of these individuals has made to Athletics.

- Life Member - Helen Roberts
- Life Governor - Marlene Mathews AO
- Life Governor - Patricia (Trish) Kinnane

The Chair congratulated the new Life Governors and Life Member on their awards.

9. Other Business

No further business was raised by Members, Life Governors or Life Members.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance, closed the meeting at 11.37am and invited everyone to enjoy the morning tea provided.

Signed as a true and correct record of the AGM.

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Chair/President

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Date

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OBITUARIES

DURING 2022 – 2023 REPORT YEAR

Pat Agg (Vic) – AV Life Member, AA Platinum Pin

Allen Bain (Qld) – National Technical Official

Murray Bird (Tas) – Athlete, AT Merit Award Holder, AA Platinum Pin

Peter Brebner (SA) – Constitution Offer, Athletics Australia, President Athletics South Australia

Jo Cherry (Tas) – National Technical Official, Life Member, Athletics Tasmania

Noel Clough (Vic) - Commonwealth Games Champion at 880yards

Ann Shanley (Cooper) (SA) – Commonwealth Games Relay Gold, National Champion

Shirley Cotton (NSW) – 1956 Olympian in Discus Throw

Wayne Crandell (NSW) – Coach, Club Administrator

Sharon Dalton (NSW) – Pacific Conference Games and National Champion

Gary Eddy (Vic) – Commonwealth Relay Medallist, Olympian

RJ (Bob) Ellicott KC AC (NSW) – Member of IAAF Arbitration Panel

Ian Galbraith (ACT) – Athletics Australia Life Member, National Technical Official

Graham Gipson (WA) – Olympic Silver Medallist, National Champion

Bruce Grummitt (Qld) – National Technical Official

Stan Guilfoyle AM (Vic) – Treasurer, Athletics Australia, President Athletics Victoria

Stephen Hampstead (NSW) – ANSW Life Member, National Technical Official

Ivan Harding (Vic) – National Technical Official

Brian Howlett (Vic) – Official

Phil Hutton (Vic) - Official

Bob Lay AM (Vic) – Olympian, National Champion

Bryan McCarthy (AACT) – National Technical Official

Jim McGrath (NSW) – Coach, Club Official and Administrator

Granton McKay (Vic) – Athletics Australia Life Member, National Technical Official

Alf Mitchell (NSW) - Commonwealth Games Champion in Javelin Throw

Helen Moir (Tas) – Life Member, Athletics Tasmania

Judy Mason (Vic) – National Technical Official

Duncan Pugh (WA) – Australian Junior Medallist, Winter Olympian

Sean Quilty (Vic) – Commonwealth Games Silver Medallist in marathon

Maurie Rich (Qld) - 1956 Olympian in Triple Jump, National Champion

Neil Sargison (Tas) – AT Special Award Holder, Race Organiser

John Toleman (Vic) – Event Promoter, Pro Runner

Tony Vecellio (NSW) – ANSW Life Member, National Technical Official

Norm Windred (NSW) – Coach, Club Official and Administrator

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Gavan Breen AO (Vic/Tas/NT) - Athlete

David Carr (WA) – AWA Life Member, AA Platinum Pin, Athlete

Terry Giddy (NSW) – Paralympic Champion in Discus Throw

John Hunt (ACT) – Coach, Athlete

Graham Kent (NSW) – ANSW Life Member, Club Administrator

Mandy Robertson (NSW) – Coach, State Team Manager

Lorraine Smith (Vic) – National Technical Official, AV Merit Award Holder