

**AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**AND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

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## AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

### ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Presented to delegates of affiliated Associations at the Nineteenth Annual Conference, held at the National Hotel, Queen Street, Petrie Dight, Brisbane, Queensland, on Thursday, 13th March, 1969, at 7.30pm and on Friday, 14th March, 1969, at 9.30am.

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Ladies,

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

The past year has been both progressive and successful, and we can be gratified by what has been achieved for youth throughout Australia in providing organisation, facilities and incentive for healthy recreation, together with opportunities to maintain our Track and field standards in world class.

This is exemplified in our Australian record list and the success of our athletes at the 1968 Mexico Olympic Games. To the athletes in both categories, we extend our congratulations.

Two international meets are scheduled for 1969 - at Los Angeles and at Tokyo, and whilst we "can't see round corners", we are justifiably confident that at both meets, Australians will be well represented and acquit themselves with honour and distinction.

#### REGISTRATIONS

A summary of the total membership registered with Constituent Associations for the past twelve months is listed below. A comparison with the figures for the previous year shows a membership increase in five States and in the overall total.

	<u>1967-68</u>	<u>1968-69</u>
New South Wales	1,559	1,949
Queensland	200	220
South Australia	444	465
Tasmania	250	175
Victoria	1,500	1,578
Western Australia	270	310
Total Registrations:	<u>4,263</u>	<u>4,697</u>

#### CONFERENCE

The Eighteenth Annual Conference was held at the Sportsmen's Association Clubrooms, 147-8 Greenhill Road, Parkside, Adelaide on March 7th and 8th, 1968, with President, Mrs. M. Robinson in the Chair.

The following delegates represented affiliated Associations:

New South Wales	Mesdames Z. Fibbins & D. Magee
Queensland	Mesdames J. Bonwick & Lanyon-Owen
South Australia	Mesdames M. Cahill & W. Ey
Tasmania	Mesdames M. Ebzery & D. Frawley
Victoria	Mesdames J. Davis & M. McQuiston
Western Australia	Miss G. Bull & Mrs. G. Chester

#### AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS 1968

I have much pleasure in presenting a report on the Australian Women's Track and Field Championships which were conducted in South Australia from March 6-10, 1968.

The championships were conducted at the Olympic Sports Field, Kensington on a rubber bitumised track. The track was in perfect condition and the weather was favourable. Performances were of an exceptionally high standard and many records were broken.

#### Accommodation

States were advised of suitable accommodation in a close proximity to the Arena. Each State made its own choice and this arrangement was found to be satisfactory.

The Victorian Team was accommodated at the Glenunga Motel, New South Wales at the Hilton Motel, Tasmania at the Murratville Hotel, Western Australia and Queensland at the Grosvenor Hotel.

#### Official Opening.

The Hon. the Premier of South Australia, Mr. D. Dunstan, M.C.P., LL.B., Q.C., accompanied by Mrs. Dunstan officially declared the 1968 Championships open.

For the first time in the history of the A.W.A.A.U., an official Union Flag was unveiled and flown at an Australian Women's Track and Field Championships.

On behalf of all competing athletes, Janet Riley of South Australia recited the Oath of Amateurism.

During the Opening Ceremony, each state was represented by a flag bearer and a team representative. This departure from previous procedure was met by mixed feelings from some states, but did bring all states to an equal basis.

#### Reception

The Lady Mayoress of Adelaide, Mrs. W.L. Bridgland, on behalf of the Lord Mayor, tendered a Civic Reception to visiting athletes and Officials.

As there was a limit of 30, each state was allocated a certain number to attend this reception, according to the size of their team.

### Entertainment

A Cocktail Party was held at the Sportsmen's Association Clubrooms, Delegates, Managers and Union Officials were invited and it was pleasing to see officials of the S.A.A.A.A. and the S.A.W.A.A.A. as well as visiting officials attend this enjoyable evening.

On Saturday at the N.S.L. Hall, Kensington, an informal buffet tea for officials was held after competition. This was organised by the S.A. Amateur Athletic Officials Club.

A Finale Dinner held at the Findon Hotel concluded the Championships. We were fortunate that the President of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia, Mr. C.N. Mitken, the Patroness of the S.A.W.A.A.A., Mrs. G. Bolton, and the Manageress of the touring American Team, Miss Juner Bellew were able to join the Official Party at this function. Interstate visitors and athletes brought the total to 300.

Facilities at the Findon Hotel enabled all who attended the dinner to enjoy a relaxing evening and was appreciated by both competitors and officials after the strenuous week of competition.

### Union Conference

The Union Conference was held at the Sportsmen's Association Clubrooms on Greenhill Road, Parkside.

Through the generosity of the Sportsmen's Association we were spared the expense of hiring suitable rooms and everything possible was done to help us.

### Competition

Record entries were received and the ideal condition of the track added to the atmosphere of the Championships.

One world, 2 open Australian, 8 junior Australian, 24 open S.A., 18 S.A. junior, 2 S.A. residential open and 1 S.A. junior residential records were broken in the 4 days of competition.

We were honored by the appearance of three athletes from the U.S.A., Nancy Denson, Pat Von Wolvelaere and Barbara Freidrichs. These charming athletes accompanied by Miss Bellew won the hearts of everyone with their graciousness and sportsmanship.

We are grateful to W.D. & H.O. Mills (Aust) Ltd., for their sponsorship in bringing the American Team to our Championships.

### Results

By courtesy of Rank Xerox, all result sheets for the duration of the Championships were copied and distributed to Union Officials,

Team Managers and the Press and Television. This method was comprehensive and more practicable than previous methods.

Margaret Cahill  
Honorary Secretary - S.A.W.A.A.A.

AUSTRALIAN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

RESULTS

Open Championships

- Pentathlon: P. Kilborn (Vic) 4643 pts; D. Pease (NSW) 4354 pts;  
J. Riley (SA) 4267 pts; L. Liscombe (Qld) 4131 pts;  
J. Arnold (SA) 4043 pts.
- 100 Metres: D. Burge (SA) 11.3s; P. Kilborn (Vic) 11.5s; J. Bennett  
(WA) 11.6s; D. Dunham (NSW) 11.6s; J. Lamy (NSW) 11.6s;  
M. Hoffman (Qld) 11.7s.
- 200 Metres: D. Burgo (SA) 23.0s; J. Bennett (WA) 23.2s; J. Lamy  
(NSW) 23.3s; R. Boyle (Vic) 23.4s; D. Dunham (NSW) 23.7s;  
E. Frawley (Tas) 24.1s;
- 400 Metres: S. Brown (NSW) 54.1s; J. Bennett (WA) 54.4s; K. Holland  
(WA) 54.7s; C. Peasley (NSW) 54.8s; D. Vilmanis (SA) 55.6s;  
J. Byrnes (NSW) 56.4s;
- 800 Metres: S. Brown (NSW) 2m10.9s; J. Byrnes (NSW) 2m12.4s;  
D. Carr (Vic) 2m13.4s; J. Hart (SA) 2m14.2s; J. Jordan (WA)  
2m15.0s; E. Stanford (NSW) 2m16.9s;
- 1500 Metres: D. Carr (Vic) 4m33.3s; C. McIntosh (Qld) 4m36.3s;  
J. Jordan (WA) 4m39.0s; J. Orr (Vic) 4m42.7s; E. Stanford  
(NSW) 4m58.7s; M. Carlon (SA) 5m0.1s;
- 1500 Metres Walk: D. Tonke (NSW) 7m23.2s; E. McFarlane (SA) 7m29.2s;  
L. Stafford (Vic) 7m30.6s; D. Jeacle (Vic) 7m32.7s;  
R. Whitehorn (NSW) 7m36.5s; H. Littlejohn (Vic) 7m37.0s;
- 400 Metres Relay: Victoria 46.2s; Western Australia 46.2s;  
New South Wales 46.5s; South Australia 46.8s;  
Queensland 47.2s; Tasmania 48.5s;
- 80 Metres Hurdles: P. Kilborn (Vic) 10.5s; M. Caird (NSW) 10.6s;  
D. Pease (NSW) 10.8s; L. Staples (NSW) 10.9s; P. Sommerville  
(Vic) 10.9s; L. Thompson (NSW) 11.2s;
- 100 Metres Hurdles: P. Kilborn (Vic) 13.4s; M. Caird (NSW) 13.8s;  
P. Sommerville (Vic) 14.3s; P. McCallum (NSW) 14.4s;  
L. Oakley (Vic) 14.7s; J. Arnold (SA) 15.2s;
- High Jump: C. Wright (NSW) 5'4"; J. Arnold (SA) 5'3"; J. Hatch  
(WA) 5'3"; D. Barnes (WA) 5'3"; S. Farwell (NSW) 5'3";  
A. Ohu (Qld) 5'1 1/2";

- Long Jump: L. Liscombe (Qld) 20' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; P. Kilborn (Vic) 19' 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " ;  
 E. Hindle (WA) 18' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; C. Young (SA) 18' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " ; E. Vlahov (WA)  
 18' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; D. Pease (NSW) 17' 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " ;
- Discus Throw: J. Roberts (Vic) 167' 2" ; J. Adams (NSW) 161' 3" ;  
 S. Culley (NSW) 155' 5" ; A. Karner (Vic) 144' 3" ; S. Field  
 (Qld) 143' 2" ;
- Javelin Throw: B. Friedrich (USA) 170' 5" ; N. Urbancic (Vic) 166' 4" ;  
 A. Docson (SA) 165' 3" ; M. Thomas (NSW) 157' 10" ; C. Thompson  
 (NSW) 155' 3" ; P. Rivers (Vic) 138' 10" ;
- Shot Put: J. Roberts (Vic) 49' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; J. Adams (NSW) 47' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; A. Karner  
 (Vic) 45' 6" ; J. Riley (SA) 40' 9" ; R. Williams (NSW) 40' 5" ;  
 J. Pringle (Qld) 37' 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " ;

The Doris Mulcahy Shield for Open Point Score - VICTORIA.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Under 18 Years)

- Pentathlon: P. McCallum (NSW) 4259 pts; M. Wilson (WA) 4045 pts;  
 L. Hancock (Vic) 4027 pts; P. Smith (NSW) 3862 pts; J. Hatch  
 (WA) 3813 pts; R. Everson (NSW) 3665 pts.
- 100 Metres: R. Boyle (Vic) 11.5s; M. Caird (NSW) 11.7s; A. Ross-  
 Edwards (NSW) 11.8s; R. Owens (SA) 11.8s; D. Robertson (Qld)  
 11.8s; P. McCallum (NSW) 12.0s;
- 200 Metres: R. Boyle (Vic) 23.5s; N. Benson (USA) 24.2s; C. Malakar  
 (Vic) 24.2s; A. Ross-Edwards (NSW) 24.3s; R. Owens (SA) 24.6s;  
 D. Robertson (Qld) 24.9s;
- 400 Metres: C. Peasley (NSW) 55.5s; C. Malakar (Vic) 58.0s;  
 J. Barraclough (NSW) 59.1s; L. Petherbridge (NSW) 59.8s;  
 H. Dalziel (NSW) 60.5s; G. Lowien (NSW) 65.0s;
- 800 Metres: J. Barraclough (NSW) 2m17.2s; H. Dalziel (NSW) 2m18.4s;  
 J. Orr (Vic) 2m20.1s; T. Bell (NSW) 2m22.5s; G. Quinn (Tas)  
 2m22.5s;
- 800 Metres Walk: A. Cooke (NSW) 3m48.8s; K. Pitman (Vic) 3m39.5s;  
 G. Cook (SA) 3m54.3s; R. Whitehorn (NSW) 3m57.3s; J. Barnett  
 (SA) 3m57.6s; J. Peebles (NSW) 4m02.8s;
- 400 Metres Relay: Victoria 46.7s; New South Wales 46.7s; South  
 Australia 48.2s; Western Australia 48.2s; Queensland 49.2s;
- 80 Metres Hurdles: M. Caird (NSW) 10.6s; P. McCallum (NSW) 11.0s;  
 M. Bickham (Vic) 11.6s; G. Lowien (NSW) 11.8s; K. Bencraft (Vic)  
 11.9s; C. Hancock (WA) 11.9s;
- High Jump: B. Barnes (WA) 5' 4" ; J. Hatch (WA) 5' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; M. Hagen (NSW)  
 5' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; S. Farwell (NSW) 5' 2" ; W. Jobling (Vic) 5' 2" ;  
 E. Nixon (Qld) 5' 1" ;

Long Jump: M. Caird (NSW) 18' 6"; Z. Fleming (SA) 18' 5"; M. Wilson (SA) 18' 2"; A. Berry (SA) 18' 1"; K. Csardas (NSW) 18' 0"; P. McCallum (NSW) 18' 0";

Discus Throw: A. Karner (Vic) 145' 10"; S. Culley (NSW) 142' 11"; C. Schultz (Vic) 130' 7"; M. Curry (Vic) 128' 9"; D. White (NSW) 117' 9"; J. Blumer (Qld) 114' 7";

Javelin Throw: G. Thompson (NSW) 149' 5"; P. Rivers (Vic) 140' 6"; J. Hajduczyk (NSW) 143' 8"; D. White (NSW) 141' 0"; C. Schultz (Vic) 127' 4"; M. Best (SA) 90' 0";

Shot Put: A. Karner (Vic) 45' 1½"; C. Schultz (Vic) 37' 7"; J. Pringle (Qld) 36' 2½"; R. Sloan (NSW) 35' 9"; J. Hajduczyk (NSW) 34' 10½"; L. Hancock (Vic) 34' 9½";

The Doris Magee Shield for Junior Point Score - NEW SOUTH WALES.

#### AUSTRALIAN CROSS COUNTRY AND ROAD WALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

New South Wales had the privilege of conducting on behalf of the Australian Women's Union the 1968 Australian Cross Country and Road Walking Championships. The Championships were held in the picturesque Centennial Park, Sydney, on Saturday 17th August, 1968.

The Vice Patron of the New South Wales Association, Mrs. Vernon Treatt conducted the Opening Ceremony.

In the Cross-Country events four States participated, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales, and we were fortunate in having perfect sunny weather with a slight breeze. The course was a testing one of variation, slight upgrades, steep even upgrades, and steep upgrades of a four feet high rock ledges, through lightly timbered areas, to finish on a slight downgrade which levelled off on to a fifty five metre straight to the finish.

The Road Walk was conducted on an adjacent section of the Centennial Park, with the finish, in line with that of the Cross Country courses. Three States, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales were represented. All events, Cross Country and the Road Walk had larger fields than any previous years.

Teams and Managers and Officials were tendered a Civic Reception in the Sydney Town Hall by the Chief Commissioner of Sydney the Hon. Vernon Treatt & Mrs. Treatt, on Friday 16th August, 1968.

After competition on the Saturday, visitors and competitors were entertained at a Buffet Tea followed by ten pin bowling at the Rushcutter's Bay Bowl.

Sunday was a very pleasant day with cars and busses taking visitors for a Picnic Bar-be-cue at Warragamba Dam.

Congratulations are extended to South Australia on their success in winning the Open 3000 metre Team event, and to Mrs. Brenda Carr in winning the Joan Berette Memorial Shield,



New South Wales expresses appreciation for the co-operation extended by all team managers during the Championships and to Interstate Walking Judges, Mrs. Y. Lanyon Owen, Queensland, Miss B. Newman, Victoria and Queensland President, Mrs. E. McMinn for her attendance.

Zora Fibbins,  
Honorary Secretary  
N.S.W.W.A.A.A.

RESULTS 1968 AUSTRALIAN CROSS-COUNTRY AND AUSTRALIAN ROAD WALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN - 3000 METRES ROAD WALK

A. Cook (NSW) 15m51.2; L. Stafford (Vic) 16m9.0; K. Whitehorn (NSW) 16m17.4; H. Littlejohn (Vic) 16m47.2; G. Cook (SA) 16m51.0; B. Day (Ind. NSW) 16m52.0; G. Ironside (NSW) 17m5.0;

Lillian Neville Shield - New South Wales.

14 YEARS & UNDER - 800 METRES:

H. Jamieson (NSW) 2m31.8; S. Dehan (NSW) 2m32.5; J. Sweetman (NSW) 2m35.3; C. Reeves (NSW) 2m38.5; L. Reade (Ind. NSW) 2m40.0; G. Finger (Qld) 2m43.0; D. Hale (Qld) 2m35.5;

Stella McMinn Shield - N.S.W. 6 pts, Queensland 18 pts,  
Victoria 21 pts.

JUNIOR 1500 METRES

J. Orr (Vic) 5m12.7; C. McIntosh (Qld) 5m17.0; L. Mills (NSW) 5m21.7; H. Dalziel (NSW) 5m26.9; J. Patterson (NSW) 5m30.0; T. Bell (NSW) 5m31; C. Jones (Qld) 5m48;

Nell Gould Shield - N.S.W. 12 pts; Victoria 16 pts;  
Queensland 17 pts; South Australia 33 pts.

OPEN 9000 METRES CROSS-COUNTRY

D. Carr (Vic) 11m39.2; J. Hart (SA) 11m40.8; S. Cooper (NSW) 11m45.8; D. Stanford (NSW) 12m6.4; I. Schnieder (Vic) 12m13.0; R. Thompson (SA) 12m39.0; M. Carlon (SA) 12m50.0;

Mirror Newspaper Shield - South Australia 10 pts,  
N.S.W. 11 points.

Joan Beretta Memorial Shield - Mrs. Brenda Carr (Victoria)

AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

The following applications have been endorsed by the Records Committee & will be confirmed as new Australian Records at the 1969 Conference:

JUNIOR:

200 Metres	Raelene Boyle	Olympic Sports Field	9. 3.68
23.5s	Victoria	Adelaide	
200 Metres	Raelene Boyle	Olympic Sports Field	10. 3.68
23.5s	Victoria	Adelaide	
400 Metres	Cheryl Peasley	Olympic Sports Field	9. 9.68
54.8s	N.S.W.	Adelaide	

80 Metres Hurdles 10.6s -equal	Maureen Caird N.S.W.	Olympic Sports Field Adelaide	9. 3.68
4x100 Metres Relay 46.7s	Victoria (L. Hancock, M. O'Connor, R. Boyle, G. Malakar)	Olympic Sports Field	9. 3.68
4x100 Metres Relay 46.7s	N.S.W. (D. Dallinger, P. McCallum, A. Ross Edwards M. Caird)	Olympic Sports Field	9. 3.68

OPEN:

1500 Metres 4m33.3s	Brenda Carr Victoria	Olympic Sports Field Adelaide	9. 3.68
Javelin 18610" (56.69m)	Barbara Friedrich U.S.A.	Exhibition Grounds Brisbane	13. 3.68
100 Metres Hurdles 13.4s	Pamela Kilborn Victoria	Olympic Sports Field Adelaide.	9. 3.68

G. Bull

Hon. RecorderOLYMPIC GAMES - MEXICO CITY 1968

A.W.A.A.U. appointments - Headquarters:

Assistant Manager - Women

Office Assistants

Mrs. Shirley de la Hunt (WA)

Mrs. Beth Holden (Vic)

Mrs. Mabel Robinson (Vic)

Team Personnel and Results:

Dennett, Joyce (W.A.)	400 Metres - Heat 1; 6th	56.5s
Boyle, Raelene (Vic)	100 Metres - Final 4th	11.4s,
	200 Metres - Final 2nd	22.7s,
Brown, Sandra (NSW)	400 Metres - Heat 3; 6th	54.4s
Durge, Dianne (SA)	100 Metres - Final 6th	11.4s
	200 Metres - 2nd Semi-final 7th	23.6s
Caird, Maureen (NSW)	80 Metres Hurdles - Final 1st	10.3s,
	Olympic record; equal world record	
Kilborn, Pamela (Vic)	80 Metres Hurdles - Final, 2nd	10.4s;
	100 Metres - 1st Heat 6th	11.4s
Lamy, Jennifer (NSW)	200 Metres - Final 3rd	22.8s
Roberts, Jean (Vic)	Discus - 15th	151' 9";
Australia	400 Metres Relay (J. Lamy, J. Bennett, R. Boyle, & D. Durge) - Final 5th,	43.4s (equal 3rd place time)

REPORT ON MEETING OF WOMEN'S COMMISSION - I.A.A.F. HELD IN MEXICO CITY, 8th OCTOBER, 1968, at 9am.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Pain (G.D.) In Chair; Delegates from France (male), Netherlands (male), Australia (M. Robinson), Great Britain (M. Hartman), Russia (female), Czechoslovakia (D. Zatopek), Sweden (male), East Germany (male), U.S.A. (J. Bellow).

The President, Madame Romanova, was not present and had previously announced her retirement. In accordance with I.A.A.F. rules, the Secretary (Mr. D. Pain) was required to take the chair.

MINUTES: Taken as read and confirmed. No business arising.

**AGENDA:** Item 4 - Proposal by Great Britain to introduce a 5000 metres cross-country distance for women. After discussion the proposal was amended to allow the inclusion of 2000 metres for Juniors.

Mr. Pain pointed out that the present rule states that the rule reads "the distance for women should be, etc."

The resolution, as under, was adopted:-  
"For Women's events, the distance shall be between 2000 & 5000 metres."

Item 5 - Commission Members' Reports on practicing 100 and 200 metres hurdles in competition and Rules Amendments.

Points made by delegates:- 80 metres is a sufficient test of athletic prowess. Germany is in favour of longer distance but wish to maintain present height, as new height would require a new technique. France after experimenting with 100m is in favour of distance but prefer a height of 83cm (2'8½"). Russia favoured 100m height 2'9", space between hurdles 8½ metres. Prefer height of 200 metres to be 2'6". U.S.A. has problem in procuring hurdles of 2'9" height. It was pointed out that manufacturers would quickly follow suit if new height were adopted.

At this stage it was resolved that the distance of 100 metres be adopted.

Further discussion on height with the following points made:- In Europe girls develop more rapidly than in other places but the increase in height would be a disadvantage to the Asians. Czechoslovakia believes we should develop speed of competitors and is in favour of increase to 100 metres which means increasing space between hurdles. If we increase height too much we would not be achieving the development of speed. In favour of distance but retaining height as at present. Netherlands have tall girls and consider the present height does not make a race. France is in favour of increasing height but not to 86cm as suggested by one delegate. Prefers 83cm, but 76cm rather than 86cm. Vote for retention of present height - Czech. and E. Germany. Vote for 84cm (2'9") - all other delegates.

200 Metres Hurdles: G.D., U.S.A. and Australia felt the distance between hurdles should be decreased to enable girls to take 7 strides. U.S.A. and Germany in favour of 2'6" height but U.S.A. suggested distance of 16m between hurdles, 28m start and finish. Germany suggested experiments should be carried out and discussed in 2 years time when event could still be included in the Olympic Games. G.D. have experimented with proposed distances as suggested at Budapest. Their main concern was to include the event. Voting in favour of proposed distances - 16m 19m 13m.

Item 6 - Discussion of Scoring Tables for Women's Pentathlon proposed by Czechoslovakia.

Australia had the only copy which was handed to the Chairman, in view of which and due to the importance of the matter, it was felt that discussion would be futile. The Chairman pointed out that points

scoring was a delicate matter that should be handled by mathematical experts and suggested a "working party" be appointed and entrusted with the task of making a very thorough task of the problem and submit a report to a later meeting. Czechoslovakia and Sweden agreed to collaborate bearing in mind that the 100 and 200m hurdles should be added to the table.

Item 7 - Report of U.S. representative on publication of women's "Track & Field" Magazine. U.S. presented copies and a number of other publications.

Item 8 - Proposal of Australia to alter the 800 metres Relay Rules.

Information contained in letter written by Mr. P.S. Walsh was read to the meeting. This matter appeared to be premature, some members not being able to fully understand the problem. Netherlands appeared to think the present rule quite adequate. The Chairman expressed the opinion that there would be too great a distance between runners if run in lanes for full distance.

Voting - 1 in favour, 2 against. Others did not vote.

Item 9 - Commission's proposal to include 100 and 200m hurdles, 1500m run and 800m relay into the women's programme of IX European Championships (1969) and XX Olympic Games.

The Chairman stated that the people who decide whether the Olympic programme should be enlarged are the I.O.C. but he has never known them to turn down any proposal.

The majority voted in favour of adding the 100m hurdles and 1500m run to the European Championships.

Item 10. - Commission's recommendations to the Congress on nominating the Chairman of the I.A.A.F. Women's Commission. The Chairman pointed out that it was not within the province of the Congress to nominate a Chairman. This was done by the I.A.A.F. Congress.

Item 12 - Proposal by Holland to alter the 3 x 400 metres and 3 x 800 metres relays to 4 x 400m and 4 x 800m, was approved.

GENERAL : Women's Walks. The request for acceptance of records in walks by women, was not approved. Voting - 1 in favour (Australia). 5 against. Others abstained.

Femininity tests. The Chairman brought up the matter of the test of eligibility for women to compete in competitive events. He was against the physical examination but the present test is not embarrassing to any. What will happen in future is that after the first test she will be given a certificate which will avoid the necessity for further tests. The Chairman's personal opinion is that the entry of women into competition should be tested at the commencement of their career.

Women's International Cross-Country Union suggested by Great Britain. The Chairman stated there would be no objection as long as the rules of International Competition are carried out.

M. Robinson

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

New South Wales has maintained the progress shown in previous years, with overall performances showing improvement in all sections, and increases in registrations to the Union and in particular in the underage sections.

Interclub competitions in the metropolitan areas were consolidated on the five grounds as used in the previous season. The Sydney Sports Ground was the pivot of graded competition, with athletes from eleven and over, twenty-four clubs, in nine grades, with seventy six teams competing.

Four Outergrounds were used, all within a radius of fifteen miles, from the Sports Ground, where competition was conducted on an interclub basis, in age groups, from nine years to fourteen years. Central Zone - Forty four teams, Chatswood Northern Zone - Twenty Teams, Western Zone Fairfield - Thirty Teams, and Epping Zone - Twenty two teams. Overall registrations now number 2,488.

1968 also saw the foundation of the "Little Athletics" conducted on Saturday mornings by the Randwick Dotany Club Ltd., and the rapid growth to over six hundred children within months has proven the demand and interest in our sport, and will surely provide our athletes in future years.

Registered officials within New South Wales numbered two hundred and eighty seven, with many male officials assisting on all metropolitan and country grounds.

Within the Country Branches thirty eight clubs affiliated and six new clubs are in the process of affiliating, and record entries in the Country Championships were received.

With the continued support of the Shell Company Grant, the 1967 successful Promotional and Coaching Tour, was again undertaken in 1968, this time to the northern areas of the State. In the August-September school vacation, Administration officers, three technical officials, five track and field coaches and twenty athletes, between the ages of thirteen years and seventeen years, travelled by touring bus, 1400 miles in sixteen days. Ten centres were visited and at each, coaching clinics in all events were conducted, also a competition section, in which the touring team competed with the country athletes and schoolchildren. Approximately 1500 attended the coaching clinics and competition in the ten centres, and the foundations were laid for six new clubs to affiliate.

The Trans-Tasman R.H. North Cup was contested in New Zealand by New South Wales, Victoria and New Zealand. This Tri-angular match was the second held, the first in Victoria and N.S.W. in 1967, and on this occasion 1969 for the first time in New Zealand.

This match consists of two competition sections, with each team restricted to five athletes, to contest the Olympic programme of events other than the Pentathlon. Victoria and New South Wales under the one Manager, arrived in New Zealand on 21st January, 1969 and the first match was held in the North Island at Hamilton. Points after the first match were Victoria 38, New South Wales 30 and New Zealand 34. The second section of the match was on the South Island at Christchurch on 25th January 1969. New South Wales won the match with 86½ points, Victoria 77 and New Zealand 71½.

New South Wales compliments South Australia on a very successful 1968 Australian Championships; Victoria on winning the Doris Mulcahy Shield; also to Mrs. S. de la Hunty and all athletes in the Mexico Olympic Team and we express our pride on the performances of all medal winners.

Australian athletes have much to strive for in these 1969 Championships and we congratulate Mrs. J. Davis on her election as Assistant Manager-Women to the Pacific Conference Games in Tokyo, and also best wishes to her team. To those who have yet to be selected for the U.S.A. - U.S.S.R. - Commonwealth Match go our best wishes.

To our host State for these Championships, Queensland, New South Wales expresses appreciation for their kind hospitality and for the arrangements made on our behalf. Best wishes for a successful Championships.

Zora Fibbins  
Honorary Secretary  
N.S.W.W.A.A.A.

#### QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The most important event for the Q.W.A.A.A. this season is naturally the conducting of the Australian Women's Track and Field Games Championships in Brisbane on March 12th, 13th, 15th and 16th at Lang Park.

The next of importance was the State Schoolgirls Championships of 1968 at Downey Park. A total of 800 entries were received including 40 Relay Teams. A number of new age groups were introduced and this proved most effective, giving better competition in all age groups. Interest and attendance of the parents was most gratifying, but even with the huge entries received, it is very difficult to encourage these youngsters into a Club, as most are lost to other School sports on their curriculum. Competitors came from as far north as Cabinda and quite a few Country competitors went home with State Titles.

A new look was given our Interclub competition this season, for with the lowering of the age groupings, our Sub Junior group have shown great enthusiasm for the longer events. This was a great encouragement to these athletes, who form the greater part of our organisation.

We are now able to grade each competitor in all events, making competition more even in all grades. This has proved quite successful for its first season.

North Queensland Championships, now recognised as being conducted by a Club in its own area, were held at Mt. Isa, under the supervision of the Copper City Club, who carried them out with efficiency.

Although two old Country Clubs did not affiliate this season, two new Clubs have taken their place. One at Toowoomba and one at Hervey Bay, and it is hoped that two new Metropolitan Clubs will affiliate next season.

Congratulations to the Australian Womens Team who went to Mexico City, and who, as usual, performed extremely well.

We are indeed proud to be conducting the Australian Titles in our City in 1969, and we sincerely hope that each and everyone will enjoy their stay in Brisbane and we wish all athletes many successes and many new found acquaintances whilst here.

Joyce Donwick  
Hon. Secretary - Q.W.A.A.A.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

It is with pleasure that I submit the 1968-69 report of the South Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Association.

Our ranks have increased over the past season, but our numerical strength is in our sub-junior ranks. Thirteen metropolitan clubs participate in Inter-Club competition and we have three country clubs and another three in the Northern Territory. Unfortunately we do not have a very close liason with our Northern Territory Clubs as their season is in our winter season. School clubs are still very strong in this state but if an interested teacher leaves for another school we notice that the interest of the athletes is inclined to waver until another teacher can be encouraged to take an interest in the club.

The Schoolgirls Championships were conducted for the first time at the beginning of the season. Fewer entries were received but the standard was higher and we gained several affiliations from the successful athletes.

South Australia has shown more interest in Cross-Country running and by more competitors competing each season we hope to hold our place in the Australian Cross Country Championships.

We were very proud of our team in the 1968 Titles and as this is the first time South Australia has won the teams event, we hope to increase our strength over the success gained.

The Inter-Club meetings were again conducted in conjunction with the S.A.A.A.A. and we had a strong following in the sub-junior and junior ranks.

The retirement of Mrs. Dianne Durge has robbed us of a fine athlete and a truly fine sportswoman and we are proud to report that Di, although lost to the competitive side of athletics, is showing as much interest in officiating and helping our young athletes as she did in competing. Our senior ranks will be further weakened with several of our top athletes migrating overseas later this year.

The L.C. Mills Cup against Victoria was the most interesting match on record. Victoria emerged as the winners after a tight battle and the last event, the relay could have turned the score in South Australia's favour. Unfortunately this was not to be and South Australia went down by 4 points.

We will conclude our season with the South Australian Championships and the Inter-Club finals and look forward to a successful winter season.

We wish Queensland every success for the 1969 Australian Track and Field Championships and to the successful Title holders we offer our congratulations.

Margaret Cahill  
Hon. Secretary  
S.A.W.A.A.A.

#### TASMANIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

It is very pleasing to report that two new Clubs have been formed during the season.

Although our membership is lacking in senior girls, our juveniles and sub-juniors continue to grow in numbers particularly in the northern part of the island.

Throughout the State there is a greater demand for Women to train as officials, and it is hoped that during the coming season there will be an increase in numbers both by parents and ex-athletes.

We are indebted to the Marathon Club of Tasmania for organising and conducting Cross Country races for our girls. Competition in the South was very keen and the meetings were well attended by our girls.



We were able to take advantage of our "Daylight Saving Time" by conducting several Twilight Meetings. These were held in conjunction with our Men's Association, and proved to be very popular.

Our Association was very happy to welcome interstate athletes to compete at our inter-club competition.

Our sincere thanks to New South Wales and Victoria for granting our girls the privilege of competing at their inter-club competition. Our girls were most grateful to the kindness extended to them both by the officials and athletes.

To Queensland we send our best wishes for a very successful and happy Australian Championship meeting.

Mavis Ebzery  
Hon. Secretary  
T.W.A.A.A.

#### VICTORIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

This report will indicate a fruitful year for the Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association.

The acquisition of two grounds has enabled the Association to provide a fuller programme of events at each ground during the Inter-Club season.

Our membership is now 1,705, which includes both Metropolitan and Country. The continual growth of the Association is evident by these numbers, and, we do not register girls under 12 years. However, "Little Athletics" has really exploded in Victoria for girls and boys under 12 years - the present registration is 15,000 - with regular competition every Saturday morning conducted at 10 centres.

The Cross Country season was most successful. 'Pack runs' were introduced and these acted as a summer preparation for many girls who did not wish to enter the established Cross Country events. The newcomers found as much pleasure in the happy atmosphere and the bracing winter wind; so much so that they transferred to the competitive events. Thus, our Cross Country membership was the best ever.

Road walking is also another winter attraction. It is due to the competition and coaching received by the walkers during this period that walking has improved in our State.

In extending congratulations to the N.S.W.W.A.A.A. on the success of their teams at the Cross Country and Road Walking Championships, we add our approbation for the conduct of same and appreciation for the warm hospitality extended to our team.

The 1960 Schoolgirls Championships were an unqualified success; the excellent results compensated our Officials for a long, tiring day.

Inter-Club 1968-69 is conducted at Royal Park West and Sandringham grounds. Competitive strength at each ground is - Royal Park West - 36 Senior, 66 Junior teams; Sandringham - 24 Senior, 54 Junior teams.

With competition firmly established at both grounds and the transit of girls from "Little Athletics" when they become 12 years, it is obvious that the aforementioned teams will be further increased in the near future.

We recently sent a team to New Zealand to contest the Trans-Tasman Cup; a tri-angular match with New South Wales and New Zealand. Congratulations to N.S.W. on winning the Cup.

Our Annual Sub-junior match with South Australia for the L.C. Mills Cup was held at Adelaide on January 25th, 1969. We were fortunate to just 'get-in' after an excellent series of competition. South Australia lived up to their reputation for warm hospitality and we record our thanks to the kind folks who billeted our girls.

The only 'flaw' in a very happy season was the wash out of our Country Championships which will now be conducted after the conclusion of the Inter-Club season.

In November this year the V.W.A.A.A. will have achieved 40 years of women's athletics in Victoria. The birthday celebration will be a dinner at the 'Hotel Australia' on November 8th. It would be grand to have some of our Inter-State friends present and help make this 'Ruby' a real 'gem of a night'.

This brief report would not be complete without our warmest congratulations and 'well done' to the Women's team at Mexico.

We extend to Queensland our very best wishes for a happy and successful Australian Championship meeting.

Maisie McQuiston  
Honorary Secretary,  
V.W.A.A.A.

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The W.A.W.A.A.A. report for the 1968-69 Season shows a slight increase in the town registrations, and a bigger increase in the country. Of the total registrations, however, it is found that the biggest percentage is still in the Sub-Junior group, the senior percentage being only 18.00.

In 1967 the W.A. Coaching Co-ordinating Committee discussed commencing 'Little Athletics' in W.A. and in February 1968 a trial 7 weeks competition was conducted and an Association was formed to continue the competition. Several school-based clubs were formed.

In the February season 300 children turned 7 to under 13 took part and at least 100 of these were girls.

In the 1968-69 season it was decided to conduct 7 weeks of competition commencing November 2nd and then recess until February. In November registrations climbed to 1,000 with close to 400 of these being girls. Fifteen Clubs were registered and approximately 100 Officials assisted, drawn from parents of the competitors. Steps have been taken to form a group in the Eastern Goldfields Association, and Carnarvon intends to commence a competition in February and a further centre should be opened in the Melville District in October. Later it is hoped to see further centres in Geraldton and Albany.

The Little Athletics Association has now been affiliated with this Association.

During the weekend 14th and 15th December 1968 a group of sixteen athletes - men and women - and eight officials travelled to Kalgoorlie. Two coaching clinics were conducted and on the Saturday night a Carnival was held with athletes coming from as far as Esperance and Southern Cross. It was a most successful weekend and it is hoped to conduct further clinics in Geraldton and Albany - finance permitting - in the not far distant future.

The South-West Athletic Championships are being held on Monday 27th January 1969 at the Hands Oval, Dunbury. Entries are very good and a successful day is assured.

A twilight meeting was held on the Perry Lakes Warm-up Track on Wednesday 15th January and a further one is scheduled for Wednesday 12th February. The athletes enjoy these meetings and some very good performances have been recorded.

We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the medal winners at the 1968 Mexico Olympic Games. With the Commonwealth Match in Los Angeles in July and the Pacific Games later in the year, excellent performances should be forthcoming from the Australian Championships in Brisbane.

At the 1968 Annual General Meeting of the Association, Life-Membership was conferred on Mrs. Shirley De la Hunty.

To our Officials and Office Bearers throughout the year a warm tribute to their faithful and devoted service. Without them the Association could not function.

Our Season will close with the State Titles on 29th and 30th March 1969.

Our compliments to South Australia for a wonderful Championship meeting in March 1960 and to Queensland-our Host State for 1969 - very best wishes for a happy and successful Australian Championship.

Gwen Dull  
Honorary Secretary  
W.A.A.A.A.A.

#### APPRECIATION

The sincere thanks of the Union is once again recorded to our Hon. Auditor, Mr. H.G. Carruthers, F.A.S.A., for his continued interest and invaluable help.

Our thanks also to our Hon. Legal Advisor, Mr. David McKenzie, L.L.D., and our congratulations on his appointment as Assistant General Manager to the Australian team which represented at the 1960 Olympic Games at Mexico City.

To the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer of the A.A.U. of Australia, Mr. A. Hodsdon, M.C.E., and the officers of his Union we record our appreciation for the continued co-operation and excellent liaison between the two Australian Unions.

It is with gratitude we express our appreciation to W.D. & H.O. Wills (Australia) Ltd. who sponsored the tour of three U.S.A. athletes, Misses, N. Benson, D. Friedrich and P. van Wolvelaire and their manager Miss June Bellew.

The participation of the American athletes was a highlight of the Australian Championships, and their appearance at the three subsequent meets proved an incentive to Australian athletes and gave a badly needed boost to public interest.

#### CONCLUSION

It is difficult, in just a few pages, to show the extent of activity which embraces the rapidly growing membership of our six Constituent Associations whose affiliated clubs are spread over such a wide area of this Continent.

However, we are confident that the Executive of this Union and of State Associations has approached the task of administering all spheres of activity with enthusiasm and a keen appreciation of our particular needs.

Our best wishes are extended to the Queensland W.A.A.A., our host for the 1969 Australian Women's Track and Field Championships.

To the members of the two teams to be selected to represent Australia this year and the two Managers we extend our best wishes for a very happy and successful tour.

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

Doris I. Midgee

Honorary Secretary.

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BALANCE SHEET as at 10th FEBRUARY, 1969

LIABILITIES

International Teams Fund  
Futurlon Press  
QWAAA Affiliation In advance  
Accumulated Funds

6093.82  
45.50  
10.00  
1519.92

ASSETS

Investments - Alliance Holdings  
Medallion Dies  
Badges  
Constitutions  
Typewriter  
Commonwealth Bank  
Trading Bank  
Savings Bank

5000.00  
70.00  
9.50  
17.98  
30.00  
  
2541.76  
\$7669.24  
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1447.94  
1093.82

\$7669.24  
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INTERNATIONAL TEAMS FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance as at 9/2/68  
Levies  
Bank Interest  
Interest on Investment

5245.52  
474.70  
159.28  
214.32  
\$6093.82  
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PAYMENTS

Investment - Alliance Holdings  
Balance at Bank

5000.00  
1093.82  
\$6093.82  
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H.G. Carruthers, F.A.S.A.  
Honorary Auditor

N. Gould  
Honorary Treasurer

Date: 21/2/1969

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Period 9th February 1968 to 10th February 1969.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Balance as at 9/2/68		1491.90
<u>Affiliations:</u>		
1967/68	Q'ld Cal. 3.70	
	NSW 10.00	
	Vic 10.00	
	S.A. 10.00	
	Tas 10.00	
	W.A. 10.00	
1968/69	Qld 10.00	63.70
<u>Levies:</u>		
1967/68	Vic. Cal 10.00	
1968/69	NSW 309.00	
	Q'ld 44.00	
	S.A. 93.00	
	Tas. 35.00	
	Vic 315.60	
	W.A. 62.00	949.40
<u>Handbooks etc.</u>		
	Pentathlon Scorers 2.22	
	Record Forms 2.00	
	IAAF Handbooks 2.50	
	Almanacs 50.00	
	Constitutions 68.50	125.22
Dadges		1.00
Profit 1968 Australian Championships		23.24
Cables		2.15
Bank Interest		39.03
		<u>\$2696.52</u>
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<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
<u>A.A.U. of A.</u>		
Affil. AOF/IAAF/ABECGA/PCG	106.65	
Record Plaque	6.75	
Cables	<u>18.26</u>	131.66
Transfer of Levy (50%)		474.70
Travelling Expenses-Conference		201.60
<u>Conference Expenses</u>		
Stenographer	24.56	
Minutes	38.27	
Annual Reports	<u>33.60</u>	96.43
Printing & Stationery		127.84
Trunk Calls & Telegrams		132.77
Postages & Petty Cash		45.32
Union Flag		23.63
Flowers		4.00
Life Members Badge		10.63
Balance as Bank		1447.94
		<u>\$2696.52</u>
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