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Front Cover: Rohan Robinson had a stella Optus Grand Prix Series, breaking his Australian record on three occasions, including his sub 49 second effort at the NEC Classic. Photo: Stuart Milligan, Sporting Pics.



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Corporate Directory

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT	David Prince
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JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT	Brian Gleeson
MARKETING	Greg Dyer
STATE DEVELOPMENT	Reg Brandis
COMMUNICATIONS	Prof. Terry Dwyer
ATHLETES COMMISSION	Shaun Creighton

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Messrs. Prince, Dwyer, Mrs Mahony.

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Neil King
BUSINESS MANAGER	Geoff Rowe
COMPETITIONS MANAGER	Brian Roe
DEVELOPMENT MANAGER	Matt Favier
MEDIA & PROMOTIONS MANAGER	David Culbert
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DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	James McEniry (to Feb, 1996) Lisa Grigg (from May, '96)
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	Jason Hellwig
MEDIA LIAISON OFFICER	Damian Booth
COMPETITIONS OFFICER	Samantha Llewellyn
ACCOUNTANT	Felicity Anstee
INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER	Maurie Plant
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	Tina Folmer
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HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHES			
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	Roy Boyd		Peter Taylor
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COMMISSIONS

Track and Field Commission

Chairman:	Margaret Mahony (Board)
Members:	Peter Hamilton (ACT) Wally Foreman (WA) Keith Connor (NSW)
Staff Liaison:	Competitions Manager (Brian Roe)

Officials Sub-Commission

Chairman:	Reg Brandis (Board)
Members:	Chris Wilson (TAS) Lorraine Morgan (VIC)
Staff Liaison:	Competitions Manager (Brian Roe)

Facilities and Equipment Sub-Commission

Chairman:	Ian Galbraith (ACT)
Members:	Phil O'Hara (NSW) Denis Wilson (ACT)
Staff Liaison:	Competitions Manager (Brian Roe)

Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Chairman:	Dave Cundy (ACT)
Members:	Susan Hobson (Athlete - ACT) Trevor Vincent (VIC) Denis Wilson (Board) Dusty Lewis (QLD) Chris Wardlaw (VIC) Dick Telford (HP Coach - ACT)
Staff Liaison:	Competitions Officer (Sam Llewellyn)

Walking Commission

Chairman:	Denis Wilson (Board)
Members:	Harry Summers (Vic) Peter Waddell (ACT) Kerry Saxby-Junna (Athlete - ACT)
Ex Officio:	Mark Donahoo (AFRWC) Simon Baker (AIS)
Staff Liaison:	Competitions Manager (Brian Roe)

Doping Control Commission

Chairman:	Brian Roe (Competitions Manager)
Member:	Brian Sando
Staff Liaison:	Competitions Manager (Brian Roe)



National Development & Administration Commission

Chairman: Barry Stanton (Board)
 Members: Reg Brandis (Board)
 Neil King (AA)
 Sharon Russell (AV)
 Malcolm Harrison (ANSW)
 George Harvey (QA)
 Vacant (ASA)
 Neil Cole (AAWA)
 Kevin Oakey (AT)
 Greg Gilbert (ACTA)
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 Staff Liaison: Business Manager (Geoff Rowe)

Coaching Commission

Chairman: Marlene Mathews (ATFCA)
 Members: Harry Summers (VIC)
 Tony Rice (ATFCA)
 Mike Edwards (VIC)
 Joan Cross (QLD)
 David Cramer (ALA)
 High Performance Manager (Peter Bowman)
 Staff Liaison: National Executive Director (Neil King)

International Tours & Competitions Commission

Chairman: Peter Bowman (High Performance Manager)
 Members: Phil King (Head Coach)
 Margaret Mahony (Team Manager)
 Brian Roe (Chairman of Selectors)
 Shaun Creighton (Athlete -ACT)
 Tony Rice (ATFCA)
 Maurie Plant (Vic)
 Neil King (National Executive Director)
 Staff Liaison: Competitions Manager (Brian Roe)

Athletes Commission

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 Simon Doyle John Minns
 Shaun Creighton Sean Carlin
 Steve Moneghetti Gail Luke
 Simon Hollingsworth Tim Forsyth
 Adam Steinhardt Peter Winter
 Staff Liaison: National Executive Director (Neil King)

Marketing and Media Commission

Chairman: Greg Dyer (Board)
 Members: David Prince (Board)
 Neil King (National Executive Director)
 Peter Raper & Steve Marsden (SMAM)
 David Culbert (Media & Promo. Manager)

Disability Commission

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 Members: Sam Rickard (Athlete - ACT)
 Chris Nunn (AIS)
 Scott Goodman (AUSRAPID)
 Jeffrey Slatter (Special Olympics)
 Jenny Banks (APF)
 Kathy Lee (Wheelchair Sports)
 Michael DeSanto (Wheelchair Sports)
 Christine Tew (Transplant Sports)
 Lyndal Warry (Cerebral Palsy)
 Dean Smith (Deaf Sports)
 Jeff McNeill (Blind Sports)

Steering Committee:

Jason Hellwig (Athletics Australia)
 Jenny Banks (APF)
 Chris Nunn (NSOD'S)
 Kathy Lee (APF Head Coach)

COMMITTEES

Track and Field Selection

Chairman: Brian Roe
 Members: Peter Hamilton
 Pam Turney
 Ex Officio: Head Coach (Phil King)

Cross Country, Road Running and Walking Selection

Chairman: Brian Roe
 Members: John Gilbert
 Pam Turney
 Ex Officio: Head Coach (Phil King)

National Officers

National Statistician: Paul Jenes
 Assistant (Juniors): David Tarbotton
 Records Officer: Ronda Jenkins
 Constitution Officer: Geoffrey Culbert

Board Finance Committee

John Makarucha
 Neil King
 Geoff Rowe



President's Report

Athletics Australia has enjoyed many wonderful moments during the financial year 1995-96.

Steady growth has occurred, with the Board and the administrators involved in various projects. During the report period the 1995 World Track and Field Championships, our most successful Optus Grand Prix Series to date, and the planning and preparation for the 1996 Olympic Track & Field Team, and the 1996 IAAF World Junior Championships in Athletics, occupied the majority of the organisations time and resources.

During August, 1995, the Australian team competed at the World Track & Field Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden, delivering a most pleasing result in the men's 4x100m relay (silver medal) - Paul Henderson (NSW), Tim Jackson (NSW), Steve Brimacombe (VIC), Damien Marsh (QLD). The women's 4x400m relay team won bronze - Lee Naylor (VIC), Renee Poetschka (WA), Melinda Gainsford (NSW) and Cathy Freeman (VIC). Extremely promising results were achieved by Cathy Freeman, Joanna Stone (QLD), Melinda Gainsford, Jane Jamieson (NSW), Kerry Saxby-Junna (NSW), Damien Marsh, Kyle Vander Kuyp (VIC), Steve Brimacombe, Nick A'Hern (NSW), Tim Forsyth (VIC), Steve Moneghetti (VIC) and Renee Poetschka.

We also witnessed two Australian athletes break world records during the Optus Grand Prix Series. To Emma George and Kerry Saxby-Junna, and their coaches, we give our congratulations.

At the IAAF 1995 Congress, Australians were elected to several key IAAF committees, namely, The Hon. Robert J. Ellicott (Arbitration Panel), Margaret Mahony (Women's Committee), Denis Wilson (Technical Committee), Robert Cruise (Walking Committee). Congratulations to these hard working officials, our thanks are extended to them for their contribution to our sport at both the domestic and international level.

Athletics Australia continued to develop its officials' program during the year, with major talent identification and retraining evident. Thanks to Board Member, Reg Brandis, for organising this important segment of athletics. Future presentation and results by our officials at Grand Prix, Nationals and IAAF events will enable Athletics Australia to support the year 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney more than adequately.

Head Coach Phil King settled into his new role with heavy emphasis on planning and preparation. This message was conveyed to all high performance and personal coaches, as well as to the senior and junior elite squads. Several 'camps' were held in Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane and Townsville, to present coaches and athletes with the opportunity to maximise their end results. These 'camps', together with the visiting international coaches, dovetailed well into the Olympic Athlete Program (OAP), managed by Peter Bowman at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra and directed by Phil King. The progress of our High Performance Coaches, in delivering results, will always attract much attention and needs constant upgrading if we are to deliver on the 'road to Sydney'. The contribution by the Australian Track & Field Coaches Association continues to service our sport with qualified coaches in a most professional manner.

We are naturally indebted to the Australian Sports Commission for their financial support across many areas.

Major sponsor Optus Communications supported Athletics Australia greatly throughout the year with financial and marketing input. A marketing plan was developed by Sports Marketing & Management, after consultation with Athletics Australia's main stake holders.

Optus management have co-ordinated with Athletics Australia in a most encouraging manner to ensure both parties achieve success and meet the set strategies of the sponsorship. Thanks to Optus on behalf of our athletes, administrators, media and followers.

Attracting sponsorship has not been as successful as the Athletics Australia Board had envisaged during 1995-96. Although, pleasingly, SPC joined the Athletics Australia program targeting our junior activities. To the other Athletics Australia sponsors, Optus Vision, Ansett, NEC, Comet and Gatorade, special thanks are extended for their support of athletics.



New Development initiatives were introduced by Athletics Australia in consultation and cooperation with the Member Associations. The work initiated by the Development Section and all the State Development Officers, has been more than encouraging and extremely well received where the Member Associations had the resources and the energy to carry the projects to the target market (eg schools, clubs, community groups). The revised National Development Plan for Athletics will be ready for operation by January 1997. The Board maintains that school and junior development has been lacking, and has therefore endorsed the excellent projects presented for our national survival.

The financial results to June 1996, were not totally satisfactory. The direct revenue stream continues to remain a problem, with the Board and the Administration debating the number of projects that Athletics Australia can finance, given that the 'Project Account' averaged approximately \$1 million dollars throughout 1995-96. Expenditure has been controlled, but at an enormous strain on the administrators, who have managed the operations under extreme pressures. The current 'Administration Review' resulted from the strain and pressure experienced by the Athletics Australia staff. Brian Gleeson has been appointed to conduct this review and we await his recommendations. Accumulated funds concern the Board, especially given the financial status of several Member Associations. I thank the members of the Finance Committee for their responsible advice presented at all times to the Directors.

Progress on Athletics Australia's two major projects in 1996, the Olympic Team preparation and the conduct of the world Junior Championships are both proceeding well. These events are of significant importance for many reasons.

The planning and preparation for the Olympic Track & Field Team was undertaken by the Competitions Department, headed by Brian Roe, along with Team Manager, Margaret Mahony, and Head Coach, Phil King. Selection prior to departure was clear cut and our sport is to be congratulated for the selection procedures and clear policies.

To date progress on the organisation of the IAAF World Junior Championships is according to plan, however, this would not be possible without the skill and enormous efforts of the Local Organising Committee lead by Phil O'Hara. Athletics Australia thanks the IAAF, the Australian Sports Commission, SOCOG and the NSW Government, for their financial contribution. The management has already been highly praised, and Athletics Australia expresses its sincere appreciation to the numerous staff and volunteers, who will deliver the 'best ever' World Junior Championships.

The Australian Junior Team preparation has been just as well planned as their senior counterparts. We wish our athletes, coaches and management every success, and memories they can cherish always.

In conclusion, I express the Board's appreciation to the Athletics Australia administration, for their unbelievable energy and contribution, way and beyond the call of duty, throughout the year. My thanks are passed onto the Directors for their continued responsible approach to all projects, and their encouragement and cooperation with many difficult issues addressed by Athletics Australia. It would be my hope in the short term that Athletics Australia establish a mutually agreed formula for our Member Associations and Clubs, to grow and take full advantage of the next two Olympiads. As we celebrate the centenary of athletics across Australia in 1997, we should thank and acknowledge our athletes (especially the champions), officials and administrators, at all levels, for presenting Athletics Australia and its Member Associations with the profile today and the opportunities for tomorrow.

DAVID PRINCE
PRESIDENT



National Executive Director's Report

As we approach the climax of our 1996 Olympics preparation, it may be time to reflect on our achievements over the past four years.

In the opinion of the IAAF and some of the world's best athletes and their coaches and managers, Athletics Australia has constructed one of the world's best domestic competition programs, which caters for all of our athletes.

From the emerging talented junior, who is provided with a lane at our Optus Grand Prix events, through to our world ranked athletes, who are funded to all events and can compete for extensive prize money and a share of the gate, our competition programs and the resulting performances, can only be regarded as an outstanding success.

A major decision was made in 1993 to fund the program costs of television to ensure that our sport was presented in the lounge rooms of our potential participants.

That decision has also had a significant impact on our sport and raised the profile of our athletes.

Our results in Barcelona in 1992 were outwardly disappointing, however, those in the know were aware of the emerging group of young and talented athletes, who will lead us up to the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000.

There is no doubt that an imposed artificial selection criteria resulted in an acrimonious selection process for Barcelona.

There was also a lopsided approach to funding support, which saw athletes being funded by geography rather than ability.

There is an old saying that there are three things to be done when a mistake is made:

Admit
Rectify
Don't Repeat

As a result of Barcelona, we admitted that we had a poor selection criteria and a centralised elite funding program, which was not controlled by Athletics Australia.

And so we developed a predominantly 'black and white' selection criteria, which has been generally accepted by the athletes and coaches.

We now have a funding program which is based on objective performances and world rankings.

As we seem to have rectified our problems associated with selection and funding, we hope that our problems in those areas won't be repeated.

The tremendous boost of funding for our elite athletes through the Olympic Athlete Program (OAP) has meant that our athletes have the security of being able to prepare without the same handicaps of their fore bearers; I just hope that the increased funding does not allow some athletes and coaches to lose their hunger.

Just as our athletes have been challenged to improve their performances on the track, so has our administration been challenged to respond to the strong marketing and promotional pushes of other new emerging sports, as well as those established traditional Australian sports.

All sports seem to have major problems holding the interest of the younger teenagers, and ours is no exception. It is time for our clubs to be bold, innovative and to present an attractive option, not only to talented young athletes, but just kids in general.

Administration & Head Office

The quality of any organisation is based on the ability and commitment of its people.

Although I may be accused of being biased, I believe that it would be difficult to find a more able or committed staff.

Although not necessarily the most desirable of work practices, there are so often times when our staff members are prepared to work 14-16 hour days for up to 10-12 days on end, and the reasons are simple, pride in what they are doing and because a project must be completed.

The administration of Athletics Australia is modelled on a modern corporate structure with interdepartmental management responsibilities. In line with modern business practices, our organisation works to produce effective and efficient administrative support for each of the departments, whilst allowing a certain independence to help create an incentive for better performance and success.



Geoff Rowe has created the 'engine room' to Athletics Australia's administration, and is extremely well supported by our outstanding accountant, Felicity Anstee, with the professional support from Karen Clifford and Jan Tyrrell. My personal thanks to my assistant, Tina Folmer, who helps keep us all on our toes, whilst creating such a pleasant working environment.

Competitions Department

Athletics Australia has one of the most structured competition programs of any country in the world. From the emerging talented juniors, through to the developing 'espoirs' and onto the world ranked athletes, there is a competition program tailored to suit.

The IAAF has recognised the tremendous success of the competition program and has asked Athletics Australia to prepare a key note address to their next major forum on regional development.

This has not come about by luck, but by the innovative management of Brian Roe, Competitions Manager, and colleagues Samantha Llewellyn, Competitions Officer, and Maurie Plant, IAAF/International Liaison.

The 1996 domestic season was a great success competitively, resulting in 65 athletes being selected for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and the expectation of outstanding performances by our junior Australian team at the Sydney World Junior Championships.

Head Coach

Following the implementation of the OAP, Athletics Australia sought the appointment of a Head Coach with proven international experience and the ability to guide our athletes and coaches to success in Atlanta and beyond.

Phil King has applied the same meticulous approach to the preparation by our coaches and athletes, as to his own preparation of Debbie Flintoff-King during the 1980's. Phil's demand for excellence has not been without pain, but will certainly lead to a more disciplined approach than by some others in the past.

Phil's appointment made an immediate impact and I believe he will help produce the results we desire.

High Performance Manager

To facilitate the progress developed by our Head Coach, our High Performance Manager, Peter Bowman, and his team at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, have developed a close working relationship with the management at the Australian Sports

Commission and the State Institutes and Academies, as well as our full time and part time coaches.

The program incorporates appropriate sports science and sports medicine support. Combined, these programs have played an integral part in the rise in the number of world rankings.

Development Department

Of the many priorities for the development of athletics in Australia, two areas have been allocated the majority of our time and resources:

The improvement of elite performances.

The increase in participation at grass roots level.

Our international performances have been on a steady rise, however, our participation levels still remain a concern. Matt Favier and his staff of James McEniry and Jason Hellwig in the Development Department, have left no stone unturned in an effort to provide our State Associations and clubs with programs and resources to increase participation numbers. Our State Associations have also constantly focused on club rationalisation and a more attractive inter club competition.

Media & Promotions Department

Although the future of our sport will be dependent on the 'base of the pyramid', I have no doubt that the numbers at our grass roots will be most effected by our ability to promote our sport to potential youngsters.

We must show that we have a vibrant, exciting and attractive sport, and the most profound effect on the future of our sport will not be made by the club administrators, but by the success of our promotional plans.

David Culbert's Media Department has committed itself above and beyond the call of duty. David and Damian Booth adopt a 'must be done' attitude when it comes to the need to promote the sport and especially the Optus Grand Prix Series. When we read articles espousing the success of the sport at major events like the NEC Classic and Optus Grand Prix Final, it is really pointing to the success of David's promotional ability and commitment.

Sponsorships

Optus Communication

Optus Communication is one of the most progressive and innovative companies in Australia. Their introduction into the telecommunications market has



provided Australians with a market leader which is prepared to thrive on competition. Optus' business attitude has rubbed off on Athletics Australia and we could not be more delighted in the sponsorship arrangement.

Optus is a sponsor which is prepared to not only promote its sponsorship, but be prepared to participate in the events being sponsored. Athletics Australia truly boasts the ideal sponsor in Optus. Optus is committed to service and efficiency.

We have an outstanding working relationship with the Optus personnel and we appreciate their constructive advice, hands on support and their desire for success.

NEC

I am sure that everyone is now aware of the humble beginnings of the NEC Classic nine years ago. Who could have imagined the 'NEC' moving to IAAF Grand Prix II status, with newspaper headlines espousing such comparisons to the AFL Grand Final and the Melbourne Cup.

We continue to attract some of the world's best athletes to compete at the 'NEC', however, more often than not, our own athletes are as much the main draw card, as well as the outstanding performers.

Each year crowd numbers have increased significantly. Geoff Reynolds of NEC has been the driver of innovative promotional campaigns and deserves credit for the event's continued success.

Australian Sports Commission

The Australian Sports Commission's funding of traditional 'amateur' sports has had a major impact on the development, promotion and success of sports like athletics in Australia.

It is with their vigorous input into Athletics Australia's programs, and in particular the Olympic Athlete Program, that we expect to reap the benefits of improved performances in Atlanta and outstanding results in Sydney 2000.

I would like to thank personally, Jim Ferguson and Geoff Strang for their advice, and the close working relationship of Sue Baker-Finch and Carrie Steffan during the year. I look forward to developing the same

constructive and positive relationship with Jenny Roberts and Kevin Thompson in the near future.

Sports Institutes

Over the past 12 months, the directors and coaches of all Institutes of Sport throughout Australia, have worked closely to provide the best possible support program for our Australian athletes. We continue to consult, review and improve. Again, my sincere thanks to all Institute directors and coaches for their support.

The Future

Athletics Australia is facing a challenging and exciting future in the lead up to the Sydney Olympic Games. Our domestic events have been televised on a regular basis on both ABC TV (free to air) and Optus Vision (Pay TV).

We will be hosting the World Junior Championships in Sydney in 1996 and will provide our elite junior athletes with an opportunity to nominate themselves as potential stars for Sydney 2000. We have been provisionally allocated the International Grand Prix Final in 1999. These are all fantastic opportunities to promote and develop athletics in Australia.

I have always considered myself as being extremely lucky to have a job which plays an important part in the development of my previous sport.

Over the next few years, Athletics Australia will be travelling through one of the most exiting periods in our sport's history. It will be a time when we can set up our sport for the next century.

We have a tremendous group of people working at Athletics Australia and our State Associations and whilst we create a wonderful working environment, we maintain an incredible workload both in output and quality.

The environment at Athletics Australia is created by great staff and I personally thank them, the President, David Prince and the Board of Athletics Australia, for their support and guidance at all times.

NEIL KING
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.



Business Manager's Report

The demands of our sport seem to increase every day. The more resources we devote to an area and the more sophisticated we become in providing those resources the more we seem to be asked to provide. We have become far better in our planning and heading into the forthcoming year, we are looking to our strategic direction to 2001 and beyond.

The stability in our staffing this year has been notable in further increasing our teamwork. Most staff are now capable of slipping across to another area and providing a high level of assistance. This will be further enhanced by additional staff training and will lead to a well rounded staffing unit. The only change to our permanent staffing structure saw James McEniry leave full time employment to add to his qualifications to move into teaching. Lisa Grigg who had worked with Queensland Athletics fills the Development Officer position on a temporary basis.

Matt Favier and Jason Hellwig in the Development department, along with James then Lisa, continued the preparation of resources for use in participation and development programs. Notable among these is the "Hot Tracks" Schools Resource which was developed with the wonderful support of new major sponsor SPC.

The Competitions department with Brian Roe and Samantha Llewellyn handled the competitive season with all the skill and experience we have now come to expect. As we draw towards the end of the year they are engrossed in the mammoth task of arranging itineraries for the Olympic team athletes and support staff as well as numerous personal coaches, families and friends. This activity has placed a huge strain on the operations of the section and is unlikely to be repeated in future.

The Media department expanded their operations further this year with media launches for all Optus Grand Prix meets. These functions capture the imagination of the media and clearly increase the profile of each event. It was not without a great deal of hard work from David Culbert and Damian Booth. The follow-up after each meet in having results available on the facsimile services and the Internet reflects well on the media gurus and on the assistance provided by Peter Hamilton, and Statisticians Paul Jenes and David Tarbotton. The media guides provided by the Media department again proved to be amongst the best in all sports.

The Administration department continued to provide a high level of service to the other departments and the sport generally. Karen Clifford's efforts with the Grass Roots Incentive Program proved frustrating but Karen's efforts were commendable. Jan Tyrrell took all the worries of the new records system away from the rest of us and made it work. Tina Folmer produced the best yet edition of the Almanac and continued providing assistance to the National Executive Director, Neil King. Felicity Anstee took a lot more of the burden of financial management from myself as well as enhancing the level of financial reports. Felicity's knowledge in the computing area again proved invaluable.

The disappointing aspect of this year was that the Executive Directors May retreat was cancelled, primarily due to there being only four Executive Directors/General Managers in Member Associations. This forum had proven invaluable in developing the working relationships between the day to day operations of the respective offices. It is hoped that later in the year and next May we can get back to a stronger position.

The difficult position that many of the Member Associations find themselves in is of concern to the National Office. We need to develop systems whereby assistance can be provided to Member Associations, particularly in the administration and finance areas, without detracting from the autonomy and uniqueness of the member associations operations. Unfortunately, the initiative for this assistance needs to come from the member associations and there appears to be some reluctance to ask. I would welcome discussion.

With the World Junior Championships now upon us, the normal operations of the office have been somewhat disrupted with Matt Favier and Samantha Llewellyn relocating temporarily to Sydney, soon to be joined by Brian, Felicity, Tina, Damian and myself. On top of Olympic preparations and end of year financials the office is a buzz of activity.

In conclusion I thank the members of the Board for their support and the Executive Directors/General Managers and staff from the Member Associations for their support and assistance. Again I thank my staff for their continued excellence and consul over the year.

GEOFF ROWE
BUSINESS MANAGER



Media and Promotions Manager's Report



Exhilarating, exhausting, frustrating, yet also encouraging - that was the best way to describe the past year as athletics in Australia continued to progress.

The major emphasis in 1995/96 was on the development of the Optus Grand Prix Series. The Optus Series serves many Athletics Australia goals, providing a platform to;

- * Enhance the image of athletics
- * Ensure the widest possible public exposure of athletics in all forms of media,
- * Assist Member Associations to further the sport.

The Optus Grand Prix Series. The Optus Series began pre-Christmas with media and promotional efforts providing a focus on athletics throughout November and December. The Optus Series attracted over 40,000 spectators and athlete performances were outstanding resulting in two World, three Commonwealth and 11 Australian records and our largest ever team selected for an overseas Olympic Games.

Initiatives included; the successful introduction of grand prix arrangements with Member Associations providing funds for future Grand Prix events; an extensive review of the series based on the findings of a market research study, and successful consumer promotion providing significant exposure for Gatorade, the Optus Grand Prix Series and Athletics Australia.

TV Rights. The bold decision to fund ABC television since 1993 was rewarded with the announcement of a four year arrangement with Optus Vision, a deal providing an income stream for Athletics Australia.

Internet. Athletics Australia joined the information age in a project funded by the Australian Sports Commission and driven by Peter Hamilton. AA's home page allows "surfers" access to information about AA and Member Associations. E-mail access enables press releases and results to be posted for access world-wide.

Communication. Whilst we can communicate with 'surfers' around the globe, we are still unable to effectively communicate with our membership and are no closer to the goal of a national magazine. Not only does this limit effective communication, it severely restricts the

development of licensing and merchandising programs that would benefit our members.

Atlanta Newsletter. To improve communication with potential Olympic team members, Damian Booth, in conjunction with Phil King and Margaret Mahony instigated the "Next Step" newsletter. This enabled all athletes and coaches to keep up to date with selection and preparation for Atlanta.

Special Occasions. Successful launches for the World Junior Championships, Optus Vision coverage of Athletics, and launches/ press conferences for each Optus Grand Prix were conducted. Media lunches in Melbourne, hosted by Crown Casino, and Sydney, hosted by Sydney Harbour Casino, were welcome innovations.

Media Services. A strategy designed to educate the media on the importance of top 16 and top 8 placings rather than just medals was implemented. The coverage of the performances in Atlanta will provide the necessary feedback on the success of this strategy. AA's media guides continued to be popular, as were the media awards. Congratulations to Stephen Howell of the Sunday Age who won the major award.

Grass Roots Incentive Program (GRIP). The failure of the Optus GRIP was a major disappointment. Many Member Associations were unwilling to involve themselves fully and this affected the success of the program. The GRIP provided an excellent test of Athletics' current structure to achieve success in projects relying on State Associations and, more particularly, clubs. Proof of the pudding was certainly in the eating!

Olympic Games. Media skills briefings were presented to athletes at the preparation camp in Canberra and Damian Booth attended the pre-departure camp/competitions in Townsville to co-ordinate media activities. Media Manager David Culbert was appointed to the Australian Olympic Team and will travel to Atlanta with the AOC media staff. Damian Booth was selected to attend the US Olympic Committee's International Youth Camp and will work as a volunteer in the media operation at the Olympic Stadium during the track and field.

World Juniors. Rippa, the frillnecked lizard, was developed as the mascot of the IAAF World Junior Championships in Sydney. A launch (or perhaps release) was conducted at Taronga Park Zoo.

**DAVID CULBERT
MEDIA AND PROMOTIONS MANAGER**



National Development Manager's Report

The 1995-1996 year proved to be filled with challenge and change.

The highlight was the announcement that SPC joined Athletics Australia as the principle sponsor of the Junior Development Program. Importantly, this provided the opportunity to implement important initiatives, the most significant being the SPC Hot Tracks Athletics Program.

An important step towards the future was taken with the conduct of the development planning workshop. Member Associations and other key agencies provided enthusiasm and creativity to establish the basis of the 1996 - 2001 Development Plan. This plan continues to evolve however many of the goals, strategies and processes identified have been incorporated.

1995 Oz Squad Camps National Oz Squad Camps, organised by Head Junior Coach Russell Parsons in conjunction with Member Associations, saw over 350 of our top juniors participate. The Oz Squad was extremely popular, particularly in regional Australia, reinforcing the need for Athletics Australia to strengthen links with athletic communities outside the metropolitan areas.

Elite Junior Squad In the elite junior area, attention focused on the preparation of our athletes for the World Junior Championships. A camp following the 1995 Australian All Schools was held and athletes who attended this camp formed the basis of the team touring New Zealand in January. This provided athletes and team management with important feedback in their preparations.

Junior athletes participated in the Optus Grand Prix and were selected to attend pre-Olympic camps with the senior track and field squad. These opportunities were well received by athletes and should continue.

Integration Program The provision of small grants to Member Associations enabled Athletics Australia to support grass roots involvement for athletes with a disability. Feedback has been encouraging and it is hoped that this program will continue once funding from the Australian Sports Commission for this area is clarified.

The National Track and Field Championships for Athletes with a Disability were successfully conducted in Sydney. This event was a nominated selection event for the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta and saw many

outstanding results including World and Australian records. Our thanks to Athletics New South Wales for their support in the conduct of the Championship.

It was disappointing that a number of 'other' National Championships for athletes with disabilities are appearing and it is hoped that Athletics Australia can continue to work with the relevant bodies for the best interests of the participating athletes.

School Program The 1995 National Schools Knockout Final was successfully held in Sydney following the Australian All Schools Championships. A record number of schools participated nationally and Member Associations are congratulated for their support of this increasingly popular school athletics competition.

Athletics Australia launched it's long awaited school resource package, the SPC HOT TRACKS ATHLETICS PROGRAM. This package represents an exciting opportunity for athletics in Australia as it looks to support the teaching of athletics in schools.

Club Survey A national survey of affiliated athletics clubs was conducted with information and feedback assisting Athletics Australia, Member Associations and Clubs to strengthen our system.

Schools Officer Program This new program aims to provide opportunities for clubs to link up with local schools as efficiently as possible. A pilot for the program was conducted in Sydney and proved successful. Funding to Member Associations was available for clubs involved in the program.

While there are still many challenges ahead as we stabilise the many elements that make up athletics, all in all it has been an encouraging year. The programs that have been developed along with recent planning should enable Athletics Australia to take another step forward as we reset our goals following the Atlanta Olympic Games and World Junior Championships.

Finally, we were saddened by the resignation of James McEniry. After four years with Athletics Australia, James will be missed for his dedication and enthusiasm and we wish him well in the future. My thanks go to my staff, Jason Hellwig and recently Lisa Grigg for their efforts during the year in review.

MATT FAVIER
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



High Performance Manager's Report

The Olympic Athlete Program (OAP) has been in operation for two years. It would have been naive for Athletics Australia (AA) and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) to think that we would not have had teething problems in introducing such a complex sports management program. Therefore, the most significant aspect in 1995-1996 was the ironing out of problem areas and to build a much stronger link between the Commission's OAP Section and the OAP coaches and their athletes.

Program Funding

After a great deal of consideration and experiment by the AA/AIS scholarship committee, a fair and challenging selection criteria has been developed. Athletes are well educated on this criteria which was also published in the 1996 Athletics Australia athlete handbook. Seventy-four athletes in five performance categories were being paid a total of \$42,000 per month as at 30 June 1996. Eighty-seven OAP athletes received sports medicine and science.

Thirty five personal coaches received OAP funding as a reimbursement of coaching expenses to an amount related to their athlete's status. Besides financial assistance to attend OAP training camps, congresses and overseas competition travel, OAP coaches received grants amounting to \$77,500. There were eleven full time and two part time coaches employed through the AIS

Intensive Training Centre program with two full time, seven part time and four scholarship coaches engaged under the OAP scheme. Six international coaches were also engaged for short periods.

With more time to plan this year by the Head Coach, Junior Coaching Coordinator and National Sports Science Coordinator, we had a well structured and scientific based schedule of OAP training camps.

Seventy-nine training camps were held around Australia attended by numerous athletes and their coaches involving in many cases high performance international coaches and athletes.

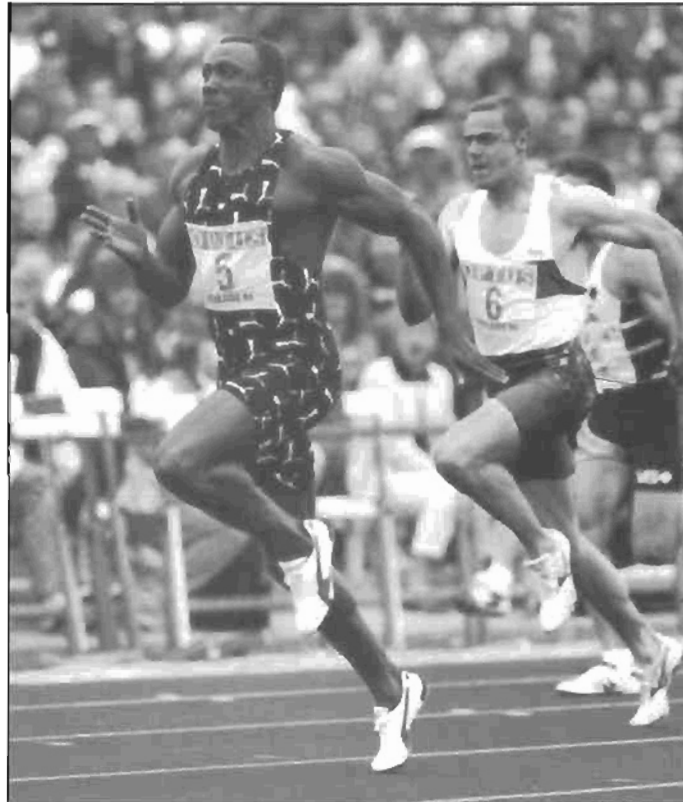
Academies and Institutes

The OAP program is serviced by the state sport institutes/academies and the Australian Institute of Sport. These intensive training centres (AIS/ITC) are designed to assist all high performance junior and senior athletes by providing professional coaching, equipment, competition travel, training

venues etc. They are managed by the AA full time professional coaches.

The 1995-96 budget for OAP was \$1.8m and AIS/ITC combining Federal and State funding was approximately \$2m.

PETER BOWMAN
HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER



Olympic and World champion Linford Christie with Tim Jackson competing at the Optus Grand Prix in Adelaide. Jackson was just one of the many athletes and coaches who benefitted from OAP funding during 1995/96. Photo: Duane Hart, Sporting Images



Member Association Reports



ACT Athletics

President: Brian Gleeson
Executive Director: Greg Gilbert

ACT Athletics has had a successful 1995-96 season, with positive feedback on our competition structure, solid performances from our representative athletes, maintenance of similar levels in our participation rates and a strong level of development activities.

The highlights of the season included:

- A well patronised and successfully conducted Interclub competition and twilight series.
- Consistent performances of ACT Athletes at National Championships, especially the juniors who again brought home a large number of medals.
- Strong support from the ACT Academy of Sport in the second year of the scholarship program.
- Ongoing development of strategies for the new all-weather track.
- The successful conduct of a number of development activities including the Oz Squad, Talent Search and education sessions.
- Close cooperation with and excellent support from the Australian Sports Commission, Australian Institute of Sport and the ACT Bureau of Sport, Recreation and Racing.
- The successful conduct of the 1995 Optus Australian Mountain Running Championships.
- The selection of Simon Baker, Shaun Creighton, Lisa Ondieki and Susan Hobson in the 1996 Olympic Team.
- The selection of Lisa Llorens, Sharon Rackham, John Eden, Mike Dowling and Frances Stanley in the 1996 Paralympic Team.

ACT Athletics has been able to maintain stability in its management team during the season, thus ensuring an effective operational focus on the administration aspects of our work plan.

Sponsorship Support

During the year we have been fortunate to maintain valued sponsorship from The Australian Institute of Sport, The ACT Academy of Sport, the Australian Day Sports Council, Coca-Cola, the Commonwealth Bank, the ACT Health Promotion Fund and the Bureau of Sport, Recreation and Racing. Without these sponsors, ACT athletics would not be able to successfully conduct its activities.

ACT Athletics continues to prioritise junior development activities and the results have been reflected in a consistent return of performances at National Championships. The support from the ACT Academy of Sport, The Australian Track & Field Coaches Association ACT Branch and Coca-Cola enhances these results.

The active work of the ACT Athletics Council has ensured that a cohesive and coordinated approach is taken to the strategic development of athletics in the ACT. A number of initiatives (the new track, competition dates, the Australia Day Carnival, facilities development and grant arrangements) have been managed effectively through the Council's consultative forum.

Challenges and Opportunities

The season ahead will present a number of new challenges and opportunities. The continued support of the Clubs, coaches, officials, athletes, sponsors and parents remain an essential ingredient in the ability of ACT Athletics to achieve its planned goals. The installation of a new all-weather track should continue to be a high priority to ensure that all these athletes are serviced adequately. ACT Athletics will continue to work in partnership with the ACT Government, the Australian Sports Commission and other sports to achieve this goal by the end of 1997/98.



Athletics New South Wales

President: **Ralph Doubell**
Executive Director: **Mal Harrison**

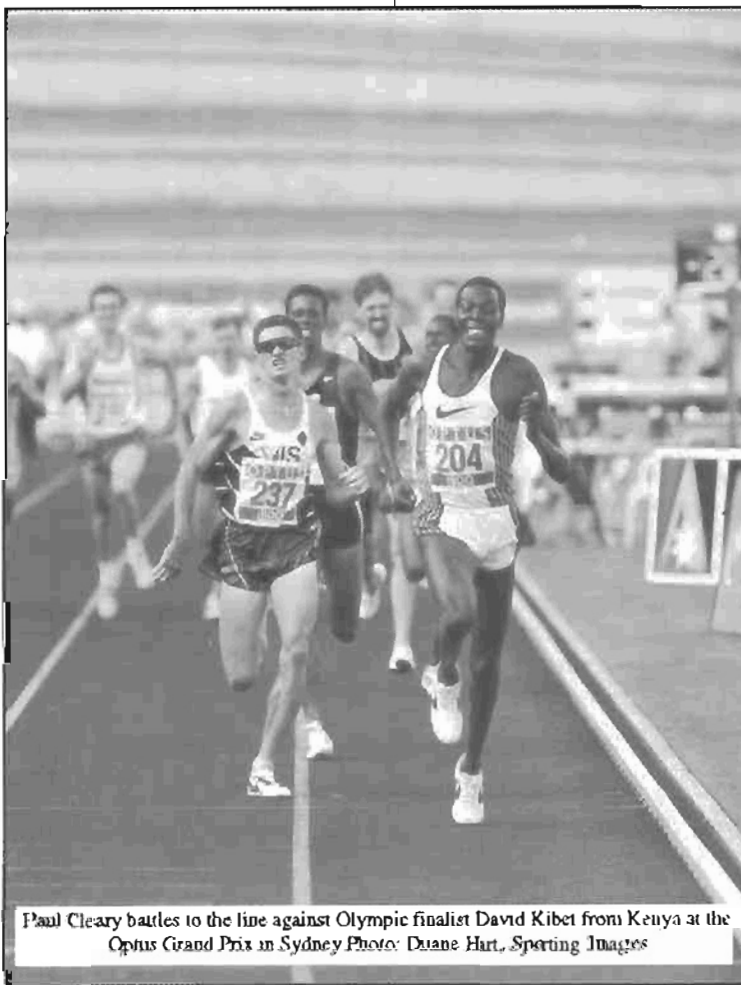
Once again it has been a difficult year for Athletics New South Wales, with the organisation preoccupied with unsettling and, at times, unexpected challenges which diverted attention and resources from our fundamental objectives.

Athletics NSW Limited

On 16 January 1996, Athletics NSW Limited began operations as a company limited by guarantee. While the new organisational structure had been considered by clubs during 1995 and approved in August 1995, ANSW was unable to introduce the new format until early January 1996.

Staffing of ANSW offices has remained relatively stable. Jennine Greentree left in October 1995 and was eventually replaced in January 1996 by Peter O'Keeffe. Peter's accountancy qualifications have been in great demand, with many hours spent analysing the financial position of ANSW. The result is the most detailed picture of our financial "health" for over a year. The figures highlight how fragile ANSW finances are, but it also provides some comfort that careful budget management will see an improvement in our balance sheet.

The relationship between Athletics NSW and Athletics Australia remains cordial with excellent rapport between staff. AA competition staff spent a great deal of time working out of the ANSW office during the 1995-96 summer, with 4 Australian Championship events conducted in Sydney. It was not unusual to have 12 people vying for PC's, telephone lines and desk space in the week leading up to these events!



Paul Cleary battles to the line against Olympic finalist David Kibet from Kenya at the Optus Grand Prix in Sydney. Photo: Duane Hart, Sporting Images

In development areas, there have been a number of AA pilot programs which have been tested in NSW. The 1996 World Junior Championships in Sydney will see a regular presence of AA staff and further consolidate our operational links.

Track and Field Calendar

The 1995-96 track and field competition calendar has been one of the heaviest for some years. Commencing with the Moove Games in late September, ANSW proceeded to conduct the Inter-District program, the new Club Challenge, various State Championships, the Australian All Schools, Australian Open and Under 20, Optus Grand Prix and Australian Multi-Disability Championships.

Needless to say, ANSW staff and competition officials were extremely busy. It is pleasing to report that throughout the domestic season, entries were again at, or near, record levels.



Facility Development

Our sport relies on first class facilities if it is to grow. The SIAC complex operated well with few problems. It is, however, an expensive resource and our future competition schedules must inevitably match its use with our budgeting needs. On this point, the continued use of Sydney Athletics Field (E.S. Marks) remains in the balance. While it is heavily used for training, it was poorly supported for ANSW competitions last season and remains a major challenge for ANSW to manage its use. ANSW is looking to change the booking procedures and modify management of the ground to secure long term use by local athletes and clubs. The new surface at Narrabeen means we will look at greater utilisation of that facility this season.

Outside the metropolitan area, ANSW has had regular discussions with local government on the development of synthetic track facilities. We are optimistic that at least one new track will be operational in NSW by 2000 with three or four new tracks possible.

In the past year, ANSW has moved to extend coaching programs, through the generous assistance of the Australian Sports Commission and Athletics Australia. Peter Lawler (Wollongong), Rudolf Sopko (Narrabeen) and Michael Kmelenko (E.S.Marks) now contribute their coaching expertise to help athletics in this vital area.

The relationships with Little Athletics continued to improve over the past year. A joint liaison committee meets bi-monthly, there is regular contact between development staff, common marketing initiatives were introduced, a number of LA events were included in the Sydney Grand Prix meet and there are plans for a number of combined programs in the 1996/97 competition. Throughout the State, both organisations are realising the benefits of working together to secure access to grounds, improve media opportunities and retain membership.

Sydney Marathon

The 1995 Sydney Marathon saw a significant increase in entries and an overall improvement in management and presentation. However the event was a major worry for ANSW, taking up an extraordinary amount of staff time. The event promoter, the Japanese based Apex Inc., experienced a series of financial crises in 1995 following the Osaka earthquakes which impacted on the financial security of the event. After prolonged discussions, ANSW was able to secure most of the monies owing but only after a great deal of worry and haggling.

Congratulations to Frank Bates and his staff for their resilience in the face of numerous obstacles.

Registration

I am pleased to report a further modest increase in registration numbers. There are still some worrying gaps in our registration base but with the Atlanta Olympics and World Junior Championships bound to stimulate interest, one can see the prospect of ANSW registrations returning to or exceeding 7000 in the 1996-97 season. Once again the veteran category accounted for a significant percentage of active athletes. ANSW continues to look at ways to improve integration of veterans into its mainstream programs.

While the sponsorship dollar is as hard as ever to attract, ANSW is encouraged by the continued support of its major sponsors. Grateful acknowledgment to the NSW Dept. of Sport and Recreation for its assistance as well as our key supporters in the non-government area. One sponsor who did not renew with ANSW was Saucony, who concluded their uniform sponsorship after a number of years. ANSW thank Saucony for their generous support in recent years.

Rural NSW remains a great contributor to athletics. The regional academy programs continue to advance track and field, with new squads established in the Riverina and Northern Inland areas in the past year. Only the Illawarra remains without a regional academy track and field program. The Branches continue to function as administrative units for ANSW. The success of the new Central Coast Branch in its first season was encouraging, there are good prospects for a revival of the Mid North Coast Branch while the future operation of the Blue Mountains Branch is still to be determined.

In summary, the past year has been financially difficult for ANSW. It has taken a number of months to put the appropriate financial controls into position. We are now better placed to benefit from the interest in athletics which accompanies an Olympic Games as well as capitalise on the World Junior Championships in Sydney. There will be a number of people working on World Juniors who will be keen to continue their athletics involvement through to 2000. The new NSW Institute of Sport is about to commence with high expectations that athletics will be one of the major sports. The 1997 domestic season will provide ANSW with an opportunity to focus on domestic excellence, in particular the Optus Grand Prix event.



Northern Territory Athletics

President: Brian Webb
General Manager: Vacant

The 1995/96 year has been a watershed year for Northern Territory Athletics. Finances have been brought back on track and substantial debt cleared. A new Board was elected in May and all positions filled. The Board is energetic with all being hard workers and committed to athletics, so good things are expected for the next year. The Board is also in the process of appointing a new Secretary/Manager.

A highly successful Litchfield Gift was conducted in May with the Gift being won by Stawell Gift champion Steven Hutton. The Northern Territory Championships were also held in May with the largest number of entries for a number of years.

A number of NTA officials traveled to Sydney for the Optus Australian Championships. It is pleasing to see the NTA officials gaining recognition for the high standard at which they perform.

The AT&FCA (NT Branch) continues to provide support to athletes in the NT, although it would be good to have more coaches outside of Darwin. The Board is currently addressing the situation with members in Katherine and Alice Springs.

A very successful Oz Squad Camp was held last year with Loren Seagrave.

NT Athletics had an input to the development of the national training course Certificate IV in Recreation (Sports Coaching and Sports Administration). This was through the person being a representative of TAFE institutions in the NT. Two NTA members have been on the Assessment Committee for the NTU Accredited Certificate III in Coaching.

The NT Government Department of Sport and Recreation has recently established the NT Institute of Sport and a National Heat Acclimatisation Centre on the first floor of the Marrara Stadium Complex. NTA will form close links with the NTIS, utilising the proximity of the facilities.

A highly successful University Games was held in Darwin with NTA providing most of the officials. Some technical difficulties were faced with some equipment but these have been sorted out. Major highlights from the Games included Emma George's Commonwealth pole vault record and Rod Mapstone's 10.49 which qualified him for the Olympic Games.

The Australian Paralympic Team used our Marrara track and facilities for heat acclimatisation training prior to going to Atlanta and were overwhelmed by the support and assistance given by NT Athletics Board and Officials, the NT Government and the people of Darwin.



OPTUS

GRAND PRIX ATHLETICS





Queensland Athletics

President: Paul O'Brien
Exec. Director: Peter Scott
 George Harvey

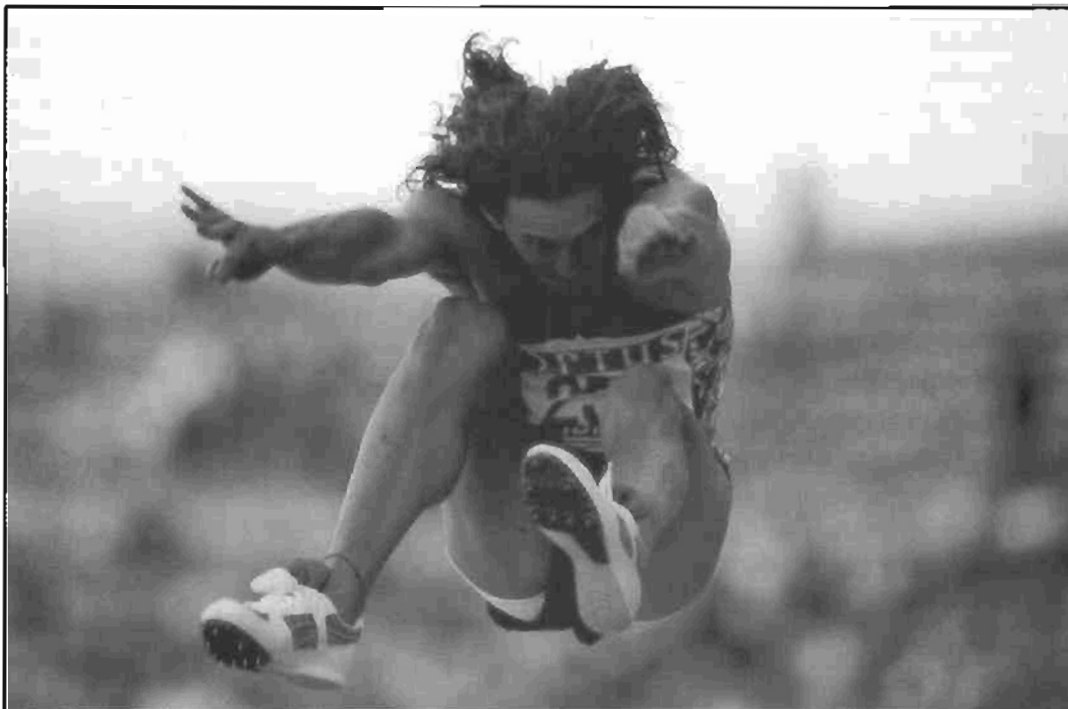
Funding for stage 1 came from the State Government (\$1.2m) and the Brisbane City Council (\$0.5m) and again these two organisations have granted a further \$1.25 million (State Government \$0.95m and Brisbane City Council \$0.3m) for stage 2 works. These will include the provision of a roof on the grandstand, the provision of extra long/triple and pole vault runways, completion of the second "D" and provision of a warm-up track, so that the facility is at an appropriate level to host full international and Australian championship meets.

This second stage work is well into the design stage and completion is targeted for February - March 1997, in time for the Under Age Nationals and the Grand Prix Final.

The year's high point undoubtedly was the hosting of the 1996 Grand Prix Final. The approach taken to the management of this event - a cooperative joint venture involving the Brisbane City Council, Athletics Australia and Queensland Athletics, was quite innovative and demonstrably very successful, and we look forward to a similar venture next year. This was the first major trial of the new venue under lights, and the overall effect was very good and the impact on television was outstanding.

The most significant aspect of the past year has undoubtedly been the move towards the establishment of a "permanent" home for the sport in Queensland, which is under the management and control of the sport itself. Whilst the removal of the athletics track from within the main stadium at QEII was originally viewed with dismay, the ultimate benefits to the sport in controlling the redeveloped complex on the old "warm up" track will more than compensate.

The first stage of this redevelopment process has been completed at a cost of \$1.7 million and anyone who witnessed the Grand Prix Final would have seen what that provided. The track itself is unique in Australia, and perhaps the world, in having ten complete lanes; a feature, incidentally, provided to assist the local girls GPS organisation, which has ten member schools. The previous track at QEII had been built with nine lanes, primarily to accommodate the boys GPS schools, so I guess equity has finally caught up.



Jai Taurima was the crowd favourite at the Optus Grand Prix Final in Brisbane. Competing under lights 'Jumping Jai' didn't disappoint his army of supporters by leaping 8.01m, his second best ever distance. Photo: Duane Hart, Sporting Images.

At a more mundane level, we have undertaken a review of our staffing and operational levels and provisions, and have significantly cut back field operatives at this point, whilst the administrative and operational requirements of rebuilding our finances and operating the new State Athletics Centre on a full time basis, are sorted out. Capital expenditures associated with the State Athletics Centre, combined with other factors, had taken us to a precarious financial position, but these problems are now being vigorously addressed.

A new General Manager was appointed in May 1996, followed closely by an Operations Manager, whilst the Development Officer staff was reduced to one, and we are holding off re-appointing a Coaching Director, pending a strategic review of the functions of that position.

Considerable work is being undertaken by the Board, staff and club representatives, to revitalise the association, and good progress is being made in this respect.

New strategic development plans and financial budgets have been drawn up, with a heavy emphasis on the responsibility and accountability aspects of the provision/achievement of the designated milestones contained in the plans. The matching of these physical accountabilities to specified financial accountabilities via a restructured and revised budget and budgeting process, is a major priority.

Also high on our priority list has been an emphasis on rebuilding relationships with all those organisations and groups inside the sport or peripheral/incidental to the running of an athletics organisation. The Board and the staff are committed to this goal and considerable progress has been made with cordial relations now re-established with most of these parties. This will be an ongoing thrust and will play a significant part in the rejuvenation of the sport of athletics in Queensland over the next few years.



Two of the young stars of the Optus Grand Prix Series in 1996 were in action in the final. Queensland's Sharon Cripps and Victorian Lauren Herwit battled for the Optus Grand Prix cash with West Australian Jodi Lambert. Photo: Duane Hart, Sporting Images.



Athletics SA

President: Barry Stanton
General Manager: Les Rauert

Athletics South Australia

The 1995/96 year brought a lot of joy and success on the field for Athletics SA members.

Highlights included a women's team win in the Australian Half Marathon Championships; a successful GIO Australia City Mile; solid support in junior events such as the Coca Cola Games; an exciting Optus Grand Prix; the first ever South Australian 4x100m relay win at the senior nationals; the selection of Sean Carlin, Simon Arkell and Jagan Hames, in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic team; and the selection of five athletes for the 1996 IAAF World Junior Championships.

1996 Optus Grand Prix

Once again the Optus Grand Prix on Australia Day proved a bit with athletes and spectators alike. Attendance exceeded the 6,000 mark, with the appearance of British athletes Linford Christie and Colin Jackson certainly boosting the event's profile, both in the media and the wider community. With the attendance of Emma George (world women's pole vault record holder), Melinda Gainsford, and the surprise arrival of Cathy Freeman, the depth of talent impressed all and ensured the day was a knockout success.

GIO Australia City Mile

The GIO Australia City Mile was conducted for its third consecutive year, proving once again its value to the South Australian athletics calendar. This year the event consisted of seven races, including the Rollerblade Mile, Celebrity Mile, and for the first time, a Wheelchair Challenge featuring world champion wheelie, Paul Wiggins from Tasmania.

The winner of the elite women's race was Natalie Harvey from Victoria, and Paul Ceary, the sensational junior, also from Victoria, was the victor of the elite men's event.

Australian Road Walking Championships

For the third year in succession, Adelaide played host to the Australian Long Walks Championships. This year witnessed a change of venue from Victoria Park Racecourse to Rundle Reserve in Salisbury.

South Australia had a very successful day with Liam Murphy leading the home charge winning the gold in the under 18 men's 8km.

The other major excitement for Athletics SA has been the progression of the development, planning and design of the new Mile End Athletics Facility. At the time of writing, remediation processes at the site have begun and the primary consultant, Hassell Pty. Ltd., is preparing detailed documentation for the tendering processes.

On the administrative side of the organisation, there have been changes to the office structure with the resignations of the General Manager, Les Rauert, and Development Officer, Sean Carlin. Since their departure, the association has been solidly supported by Sophie Keil and Barbara Stephens, who have shouldered the main burden of the load. They have been assisted by a team of willing volunteers who have shown enormous commitment to athletics in South Australia.

In February, the Board decided to split the Development Officer position into two, providing an administration and organisation position and a Schools Officer. Derek McFadden and Marius Ghita were appointed to these positions respectively. They have successfully maintained the Foundation SA Junior Development Programs that Sean had so capably established.

The Para-Athletics project at Athletics SA concluded this financial year with some positive results achieved by the co-ordinator Eric Russell and a group of dedicated coaches. Some of the successful projects included a four day live-in camp for students with a disability, a special schools program introducing athletics to disabled children, and a proposed integration kit to be prepared by SPARC to include other disabled sports, as well as athletics.

Athletics SA is going into a phase of redevelopment that will include the acquisition of a new facility and the exciting preparation for the next four years of state, national and international competition. We look forward to a planned strategy, involving vigorous club recruitment and school contact programs; exciting, entertaining and enjoyable programs in summer and winter; increased numbers of participants and spectators; and a much improved profile of the sport.



Athletics Tasmania

President: Prof. Terry Dwyer
General Manager: Kevin Oakey

The 1995/96 year was most productive, with a number of initiatives put in place to ensure the continued development of the sport. The adoption of a Strategic Plan by the members has provided a blue print for the direction of the sport towards 2000 and beyond.

Administration

Improvements have been made in computer software upgrades including, for the first time, the computerisation of registrations. This has allowed for more accurate assessments of membership numbers.

Commissions for track & field, winter and development gave the three regions representation and involvement in all aspects of competition and programs. Although an athletes commission was not established, an athletes advisory panel was formed to provide responses on various issues to the Board. The latter continued to function most effectively under the new structure implemented in 1994.

Facility upgrades

Government and Council funding was secured to upgrade facilities at all three venues. Track resurfacing will occur at the Domain and St. Leonard's Athletic Centres during 1996/97 and seating upgrades are to be made at Penguin. A fundraising appeal committee was established by the Southern Athletic Branch to raise \$1 million for building developments at the Domain Athletic Centre. This should ensure the viability of the Hobart Grand Prix and provide a major boost to athletics in the state.

Sponsors & marketing

A major step forward was taken in securing Tascall Optus as the major sponsor of the track and field season. This provided a considerable cash injection, allowing greater rewards to be offered to athletes and improved marketing of events. Sponsorship for the Junior Development Program was also secured, with Coca Cola agreeing to a three year package. With the retention of Cadbury, Talays, Trident and Ansett as major sponsors for Athletics Tasmania, there are now few remaining areas for which sponsorship needs to be found.

Registrations

Registrations increased in the south, remained stable in the north but suffered a 35% drop in the north west. A number of steps have been taken to address this situation, including negotiation for dual registration with the Professional Cross Country Club. Dual registration agreements were successfully negotiated with the Tasmanian Athletic League and the Veteran Athletic Association.

Competitions

The Optus Grand Prix and Trident Relays were once again the highlight of the track and field season, with the greatest ever line up of national and international stars. Kerry Saxby-Junna celebrated the 10th anniversary of the meet with a world record in the 5km walk. Rohan Robinson was another to farewell the old track in style, setting an Australian record of 48.96 in the 400m hurdles. The State Track & Field Championships ran smoothly, despite poor fields in some events. The Cadbury Tasmanian Marathon Championship has been restored to its former status under the guidance of race director Hayden Neilsen. This has seen a turnaround in both the number and quality of entrants. Tasmania also successfully hosted the Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships in 1995, with the event conducted at Symmons Plains in the north of the State.

Performances

Kylie Risk led Tasmania's representation in international competition, with fine performances in the World Cross Country and Mountain Running Championships. Louise Fairfax joined Kylie for the Mountain Running in Scotland, while Brendan Hanigan and Simon Hollingsworth gained selection in the 1995 World Track & Field Championships. Carmen Miller had an exceptional season, setting a host of Tasmanian and Australian records, while an unprecedented 15 medals were won by Tasmanians in the Underage Nationals.

While the 1996/97 season will be disrupted by track resurfacing, there is no doubt that this necessary upgrade will provide a huge boost to athletics in Tasmania in the future.



Athletics Victoria

President: Kevin Dynan
Executive Director: Sharon Russell

After implementing some structural changes in '94/95, the '95/96 season was one of stabilisation of the competitions. The Victorian Grand Prix was again conducted but this time over two rounds and a final instead of three rounds. Unfortunately a sponsor could not be found however the Board of Athletics Victoria decided to underwrite the event to ensure its survival.

The Cup Competition was expanded to include a junior teams event after many requests from the many juniors wanting to become involved. The country clubs were also committed to the event which was extremely pleasing as there are limited opportunities for country and metropolitan clubs to compete against each other.

State League competition saw the first world record for 30 years when Emma George broke the pole vault record. With interest sparked by Cathy Freeman, Kyle Vander-Kuyp, Tim Forsyth and Margaret Crowley competing on a regular basis for their clubs, the competition is in a strong position.

In all, seven track and field championships were conducted by Athletics Victoria. In the Open, U20 and Underage competitions a call room was implemented which proved successful from both an aesthetic, athlete and management point of view.

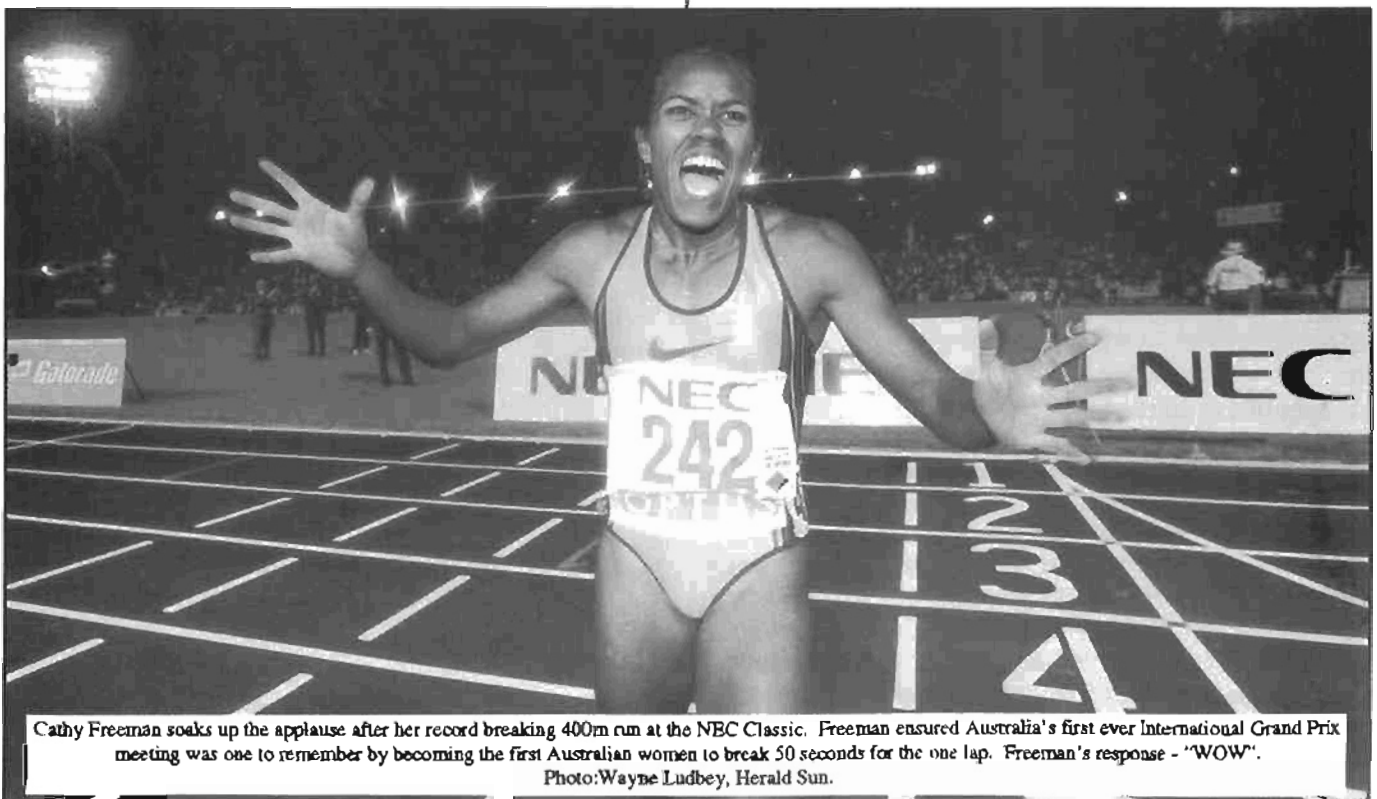
Optus Zatopek

The traditional Zatopek was back in favour with Melbourne sports fans. After a couple of lean years crowd wise, they flocked to see some of Australia's best athletes attempt their assault on qualifying for the Olympics. The 10,000m events also doubled as the Australian Championships and selection trials for the Olympics.

Many excellent performances were witnessed at the meet. Both the 10,000m events were of the highest standard with five athletes under 28 minutes in the men's event and another five under 33 minutes for the women.

NEC International Track & Field Classic

The 1996 NEC Classic was awarded IAAF Grand Prix II status for the first time. This meant that Australian athletes were able to earn points towards other events on the IAAF Grand Prix circuit without having to leave Australia.



Cathy Freeman soaks up the applause after her record breaking 400m run at the NEC Classic. Freeman ensured Australia's first ever International Grand Prix meeting was one to remember by becoming the first Australian woman to break 50 seconds for the one lap. Freeman's response - "WOW".

Photo: Wayne Ludbey, Herald Sun.



Many outstanding performances were achieved on the night. Much discussion has centered on the highlight of the evening: Was it Cathy Freeman's awesome sub 50 second effort in the 400m, Rohan Robinson's third consecutive Australian 400m hurdles record, Paul Cleary beating the Kenyans including the great Moses Kiptanui, Kate Anderson smashing the Australian 5000m record or was it Kiptanui who backed up after being beaten in the 1500m to make a one act affair of the 5000m.

The night was clearly the best night of athletics Australia has seen. With over 16,000 spectators watching some of Australia's and the world's best track & field stars, they did not leave Olympic Park disappointed. Thanks must go to NEC for their generous sponsorship of the event.

Olympic Dream

Athletics Victoria this year assumed the responsibility for the track series at the Olympic Dream. This year entries for the 1500m series increased even though special Open men's and women's 5000m events were staged.

Brendan Hanigan scored back to back victories in the men's 1500m whilst Margaret Crowley scored her second win in three years in the women's event. Paul Cleary kick started his season with a comfortable victory in the U20 men's race.

As well as the popular Ten Titan Challenge - won by Emma George, a men's and women's 5000m was added to the programme. The men's event drew competitors from around the world with three Kenyans competing. Joseph Kimani was the winner and set an Australian All Comers record in the process. The Titan series saw an increase in the number of competitors with many excellent performances being achieved.

Winter

The season was both enjoyable and successful with all Victorian Championships maintaining an excellent standard of competition, including a few warm up races for our Olympians. This season saw the introduction of "freebies" after the races with Gatorade supplying drink and fresh fruit being available to all competitors. This benefit was well received by all athletes and Athletics Victoria is now investigating other possibilities for post event giveaways.

Australian Cross Country Championships

Athletics Victoria conducted the Australian Cross Country Championships at Ravenswood near Bendigo as part of Athletics Australia's commitment to taking Championships to regional Australia. The course was challenging for all the athletes and the weather was perfect. Athletics Bendigo and Belvoir Park Golf Club are to be congratulated for their outstanding efforts.

Board Of Management

The Board in 1995/96 further developed its plan to provide greater benefits to the members of Athletics Victoria. This was evidenced by the introduction of the Australian Runner and Athlete magazine as a feature of membership.

The introduction of the magazine was intended to address a number of areas including:

- improve communication to members
- raise the profile of the sport of athletics
- provide tangible benefits to members

Members at first rejected the cost of the introduction of the magazine, prompting the Board to negotiate with Athletics Australia to share a contribution to subsidise the increase, thus reducing the cost to members in the first year.

The Board also joined forces with Athletics Australia in discussions with the Minister for Sport and representatives of Olympic Park Management with regard to the re-development of the Olympic Park precinct. We have maintained our stance on the necessity of a centrally located, international standard track & field facility.

The development of the Associations' strategic plan has also continued. A consultant was engaged to canvas the views of all portfolio committees, country centres and associated parties with a view to improving communication and effectiveness between our operational groups.

The administrative staff experienced two changes throughout the year. Erna Miller resigned from her position as registrar and was replaced by Shirley Orr and Frances Cardamone resigned after 8 years from the position of receptionist/word processor with Julian Dwyer being her replacement. Following the resignations the office positions were reviewed.



Athletic Association of Western Australia

President: Joan Hancy
Executive Director: Neil Cole

The twelve month period now under review was a time which athletics in the West believed would be a "season of change", when well planned initiatives would be achieved for the advancement of our sport.

A new look track and field season offered a number of innovative competition features, some of which were supported by our membership, whilst others were not so well patronised. These programs also placed an extra work load on our Officials, which combined with a summer of very high temperatures, was to prove that Perry Lakes Stadium on the weekends was not always an inviting prospect.

The Athletics West three year development program, which has been jointly formulated included a focus on:

- Developing the attractiveness of athletics for all clients.
- Increasing the financial strength of the sport.
- Improving recruitment and retention in athletics.
- Enhancing the provision of facilities and equipment.
- Developing coordination between all stakeholders.

Also planned was the formation of three Commissions: Development, Track and Field, and Cross Country and Road Racing, plus thirteen Regional Development Councils (8 metropolitan and 5 country).

For a number of reasons beyond our control this ambitious schedule was not fully achieved; however, bearing in mind the limitations on human resources at our disposal, that which was attempted is commendable.

The 1995/96 financial and competition year promised much, particularly with the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and World Junior Championships being held in Sydney. However, the financial budget was severely damaged when:

- A projected increase in registered members did not eventuate.
- Two major athletic events held in December and January returned a less than acceptable financial result.
- The ongoing industrial relations dispute with teachers was not resolved.

These factors contributed to a financial situation from which recovery has not been able to be achieved.

Throughout this difficult period, the efforts of our office staff have been of the highest order, continuing the delivery of a timely and quality service. The production and circulation of the popular newsletter 'Aths Chat', however, was reluctantly discontinued for the time being.

All members of the Board of Management have supported the Association throughout the year over and above the expectations of their portfolios. Particularly bearing in mind that a twelve month period has concluded with four positions on the Board of Management remaining vacant.

AAWA was suspended as a Member Association of Athletics Australia on March 1, 1996 owing to not being in a position at that time to meet the requirements of affiliation. A subsequent financial management strategy resulted in reinstatement of Membership of Athletics Australia.

The 1995-96 year concluded with Club Presidents being informed on April 1, 1996, that the Association office would be operated on a volunteer basis whilst an immediate and urgent review of the existing organisational structure of Athletics in Western Australia was undertaken by a Government appointed review group. The Board of Management was unanimous in arriving at this decision which it believed to be in the best interests of the future of athletics in Western Australia.



ANALYSIS OF REGISTRATIONS ALL STATES 1995/96

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	S.A.	TAS	N.T.	A.C.T.	TOTAL
SENIOR	1380	1566	417	156	269	155	85	196	4228
MALE	637	409	301	65	78	88	26	78	1883
FEMALE	228	231	83	50	58	22	3	27	706
UNDER 20	510	650	200	73	88	41	3	36	1608
MALE	325	419	146	43	46	43	5	5	1048
FEMALE	573	218	267	49	98	73	6	53	1387
UNDER 18*	489	0	216	7	26	58	6	43	825
MALE	485	14	408	0	0	14	6	8	803
FEMALE	423	439	2	0	0	16	0	10	858
TOTAL	3261	3593	1099	335	581	371	93	366	9574
COACHES/TOTAL	2098	1107	1104	200	246	246	40	203	4844
MALE	610	329	400	63	60	671	139	595	1838
FEMALE	251	229	119	51	63	49	21	20	803
OFFICIALS	162	143	105	25	35	50	24	11	550
MALE	403	377	224	88	86	91	45	31	1353
LIFE MEMBERS	23	24	17	20	16	5	0	7	112
MALE	19	18	17	17	12	5	0	2	80
FEMALE	42	42	34	33	32	10	0	9	202
COACHES LEVEL 1	219	166	248	11	37	18	4	2	1252
LEVEL B	45	49	46	10	16	1	1	12	228
LEVEL B1	13	1	19	1	6	4	1	7	92
TOTAL COACHES	277	102	313	167	59	31	6	85	1612
TOTAL OFFICIALS	277	277	400	77	195	61	8	82	1812

TOTAL ALL ATHLETES, LIFE MEMBERS, OFFICIALS AND COACHES 18,683

* Note Athletics Victoria has U17s not U18



Standing Committees and Commission Reports

Track and Field Commission

The past twelve months has seen the continued development of track and field in Australia. Whilst the Commission itself does not have formalised meetings, it has acted as a consultative group in conjunction with the Competitions Manager, Brian Roe, and this, in turn, has proved to be an excellent avenue for progress and communication.

The 1995 World Championships in Athletics in Gothenburg, Sweden were a wonderful showcase for athletics. The Australian team of some 46 athletes performed very well, with the women's 4x400m and men's 4x100m relay teams gaining medals. Seven athletes attained world top 8 standard. Following Gothenburg, the selection criteria for the 1996 Olympic Games was tightened with the selection standard period being reduced by six months. By the end of June 1996, 62 athletes had attained the necessary standard for Olympic selection.

Despite unfavourable weather conditions in Sydney, Athletics NSW once again presented a well organised Open and U20 Championships. The standard of competition at the Underage Championships in Melbourne was extremely high and augured well for quality Australian results at the IAAF World Junior Championships in Sydney later in 1996.

The Optus Grand Prix Series demonstrates the high level of competition and presentation of athletics in Australia, with the NEC Classic in Melbourne having achieved IAAF Grand Prix II status in 1996. Another excellent series was held, with all Member Associations ensuring the success of the Series. Athletics Queensland hosted an excellent Optus Grand Prix Final at their new venue in Brisbane. The Olympic Team was announced at an Optus breakfast on the following day and this proved to be an outstanding success.

The successful implementation of the officials training programmes throughout all States has seen the continued progress of officiating standards. However, the pool of available officials needs to be increased and should be one of the aims of the states in the coming months.

The planning for the IAAF World Junior Championships in Sydney is well in hand and despite limited availability of funds, should provide an excellent opportunity to trial some initial systems for the Sydney Olympics.

The success of Australian Track & Field program is due to the co-operation and planning from Member Associations, Sports Institutes, Meet Directors and Officials, together with funding from the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Olympic Committee. The vital links in this scenario rest with the Competition and Media Departments which are ably coordinated through Brian Roe, David Culbert and staff.

**MARGARET MAHONY, CHAIRMAN
TRACK AND FIELD COMMISSION**

Selection Committees

The report year was a busy one for both Selection Committees. The outstanding commitment made by Pam Turney who serves on both committees, Peter Hamilton (Track and Field), John Gilbert (Road, Cross Country and Walks) and Head Coach, Phil King, has ensured that selection has proceeded efficiently and to a large degree, without controversy. Thanks are also extended to the support crew - statisticians, Paul Jenes and his assistant on junior results and rankings, David Tarbotton, without whose tireless work in providing us with essential information, our task would be so much more difficult.

On criteria, the year not only saw the development and finalisation of the 1996 Olympic Games and World Junior Championships selection policies but also those for the 1997 World Indoors, World Walking Cup and World Championships. This is part of the long term plan to produce criteria as far in advance of the selection process as possible to aid the athletes' preparation. Criteria were set for a number of other teams including World Cross Country, World Mountain Running and the Oceania Championships.

Development of the Olympic Criteria and the subsequent approval of the team was very much simpler than has been the case in the past. The Australia Olympic Committee is to be congratulated for adopting an approach of approving the criteria and team submitted by each national federation provided that the rules set down by the relevant international federation were followed and basic AOC requirements concerning contracts and anti-doping were observed. The eventual Olympic Track and Field Team selected was Australia's largest ever to travel overseas.



The performances and rankings of Australian athletes continued to improve throughout the report period, with some very significant results on the international scene. The highlights were the relay medals won by our men's 4x100m team (silver) and women's 4x400m team (bronze) and Cathy Freeman's fourth placing at 400 metres at the Gothenburg World Track and Field Championships and Australia's best ever team placing, fourth in the women's event at the World Cross Country Championships in Cape Town.

The Gothenburg medals were "the icing on the cake" for the National Relays Programme, led by Keith Connor, and demonstrated that relays can produce outstanding results even when the majority of the team members are not highly ranked as individuals. It must be a great focus in future planning. Apart from Freeman, there also came outstanding individual performances from Kyle Vander Kuyp and Joanna Stone who made significant international career breakthroughs to both finish fifth, and proven performers Tim Forsyth and Steve Moneghetti who finished eighth. In sprints four Australians (Melinda Gainsford, Renee Poetschka, Damien Marsh and Steve Brimacombe) all narrowly missed their respective finals with Marsh gaining some revenge by later winning a high class men's 100 metres held in conjunction with the IAAF Grand Prix Final in Monte Carlo.

Jane Jamieson showed her outstanding potential by following up her 14th place in the Gothenburg heptathlon with a gold medal at the World University Games in Fukuoka. Athletics Australia was pleased to have been fully involved in the development of the criteria and selection of the team for this event with the Australian Universities Sports Federation.

The Australian men's team secured its third victory in the prestigious Chiba Ekiden in November, with Rod de Highden, Julian Paynter and Ray Boyd all recording the second fastest times on their respective legs in an excellent all round team effort.

In Cross Country, the women's team result in Cape Town was by far our best in recent years. Individually the 16th placings to Steve Moneghetti and Kate Anderson reflected excellent preparation and performance, with Anderson's effort being supported by three other top 30 placings in the women's race. Julian Paynter's 25th was also noteworthy. Other good performances in cross country were Kylie Risk's international debut second in Fukuoka and Natalie Harvey's bronze at the World University Championships.

We "experimented" by conducting the Olympic Marathon selection trials overseas in 1996, in conjunction with the organisers of the Osaka Ladies and Beppu Mens

Marathons. The results were encouraging with five athletes qualifying across the two events. In 1995, only one athlete was selected for the World Half Marathon Championships.

Australian Junior Teams were selected to tour Europe in June/July 1995 and New Zealand in January 1996. For the first time an Elite Development Tour for older athletes was also chosen, touring Europe in July 1995. Results achieved on all three tours were encouraging with the overall experience seeming to be most beneficial to those in each of the teams. Our Juniors dominated the British and Irish Junior Championships during the European Tour.

Athletes were also selected for a number of road races and marathons, the Japanese Junior Track and Field Championships, and a highly successful Road Walks Tour of Europe in April/May 1996 which was highlighted by Kerry Saxby-Junna's fine win at Eisenhuettenstadt.

As always, a full set of Australian international performances and ranking lists appear in the Almanac of Records and Results (1995/6 edition). Special acknowledgment should again be made of the efforts of Paul Jenes and Tina Folmer in compiling it. David Tarbotton also produced a "Junior Almanac".

BRIAN ROE, CHAIRMAN SELECTION COMMITTEES

International Tours and Competitions Commission

The Tours Commission again had the responsibility for the planning and preparation of the international competition arrangements for Australian athletes and teams.

During the report period, ten overseas tours were undertaken by Australian Teams. In addition to the major tours to the World Track and Field and World Cross Country Championships, large teams also embarked on tours to Europe and to New Zealand (juniors), and to Germany and Great Britain (road walks).

Smaller teams attended the Japanese Junior Championships, the Chiba Ekiden, World Half Marathon and the World Mountain Running Trophy. AA endorsed AURA teams competing in ultra running events overseas.

The Commission, as has become customary, held its major meeting for the year in October at which it considered the reports of all Team Managers and



considered revised policies on personal coaches and extended the scope of medical support to be offered on major teams. It also resolved to recommend to the Executive that AA use the junior tour of New Zealand and the World Junior Championships in Sydney to give experience to additional team management and coaching personnel than we would normally be able to support on an overseas tour.

Ways of increasing financial support to a number of unfunded or partly funded teams were again considered and implemented. Levies for partly funded teams were able to be reduced further.

On the "minus side", little progress was made in the area of a new national team uniform sponsorship and team by team "one-off" arrangements had to be made. Acknowledgment is made of the assistance given by Saucony/SP Agencies and their manufacturers in this regard.

The importance and value of pre-departure tests for both senior and junior teams was confirmed and publication of the senior standards included within the Grand Prix Handbook.

The Commission considered the reduced number of competition opportunities now available for senior athletes in Europe and the likely continuation of this trend in the future, especially in the light of the increasing numbers of athletes making Australian Teams. Consequently the Commission resolved to increase the number of pre-departure competition opportunities available in Australia in the "winter" months immediately before the major Championships or Games of each year. In future only those athletes highly ranked on world lists and guaranteed of a viable competition programme in Europe will be authorised and supported to travel. All other athletes will be provided with competition opportunities in Australia, often in association with team pre-departure camps.

Recently retired athletes were again encouraged to consider involvement in team management and a number have accepted the challenge. Again, contrary to trends in other sports, most of our major teams during the period were managed by women. The Commission has attempted to encourage an increased number of male applicants in the management area and females in the coaching area for teams.

Aspiring team officials and coaches without previous or recent international experience will be encouraged to make themselves available for State/Territory Teams. It is often difficult for Commission members to assess team management, coaching or medical support potential without having seen the aspirants in action.

An Elite Development Tour was organised by the Commission for a small group of elite young athletes to Europe in July of 1995. The results were very encouraging, with a number of those touring later achieving, or pressing hard for, Olympic selection. 1996 tours for potential Olympic Team members were organised to New Zealand in January and Canada in May, with the usual programme for athletes in Europe set up from June onwards to the Games.

A large number of Australians again made the Track and Field News Top Ten Rankings for 1995, including hammer thrower, Debbie Sosimenko who was in the forefront of the call for the introduction of new events for women. She was later joined as a world leader in another of these events, midway through the report period by Emma George who broke the pole vault world record on five occasions during that time. The Commission was delighted with the news emanating from the 1995 IAAF Congress that both events will be fully introduced within the IAAF World Series and Commonwealth Games by 1999. The ITC will push hard for Olympic Games inclusion for 2000.

Following the successful bid to stage the 1996 World Junior Championships in Sydney, an Organising Committee was established to conduct same. To enhance the preparation of the Australian Team a series of "mini-internationals" were arranged for the lead-up period to the Championships, using amongst other venues, the redeveloped athletics facilities at Narrabeen and Wollongong. AA will also bid to host the 1999 IAAF Grand Prix Final in Sydney to celebrate the opening of the Olympic Stadium and possibly also the 1999 World Walking Cup.

Acknowledgment is made of the hard work and commitment of fellow Commission Members - Peter Bowman (Chairman), Margaret Mahony, Phil King, Tony Rice, Maurie Plant and the athlete representative which rotated between Simon Baker and Shaun Creighton. Maurie's additional but related role in arranging the overseas track and field schedule for the majority of our athletes often goes "unsung" and it is appropriate for recognition to be made in this report.

**BRIAN ROE, SECRETARY
INTERNATIONAL TOURS COMMISSION**

* The Track and Field Commission, Selection Committee and International Tours Commission Reports also serve as the Report of the Competitions Manager. As Competition Manager I would like to thank Sam Llewellyn for her outstanding dedication and achievements in her role of Competitions Officer.



Officials Sub Commission

The Officials Sub Commission consisting of Reg Brandis (Chairman), Chris Wilson and Lorraine Morgan, assisted by staff liaison Brian Roe has had an extremely active 12 months.

The Sub Commission is responsible for (1) the officials grading and examination system, (2) officials education through the conduct of national courses and seminars and the dissemination of appropriate information, and (3) the appointment of all officials for National Championships and international meets conducted in Australia.

Examination and gradings

Examination papers are available for track, jumps and throws at 3 levels, A, B and C and for administration at B and C levels. Papers and examinations are also available for course measurement. New papers are now available for walks A, B and C and these papers now incorporate the Oceania walks gradings thus providing an added benefit to our walk judges. The next major task in this is the production of the outside events papers and it is proposed that these papers will be available early in the new year.

At present some "gremlins" exist in our recording and grading card issuing system which will be resolved in the immediate future. The Sub Commission also intends to address some concerns about the diligence in conducting practical tests in some states.

Education courses and seminars

Seminars have been conducted regularly by the Officials Commission and further seminars have been conducted by Officials Education Liaison Officers. Special mention in this regard must be made of Di Pain, Ray McDonald and Jim Minehane.

A series of highly successful seminars in track, jumps and throws were conducted throughout Australia. Further seminars are planned and it is proposed to formalise a school teachers officials register as a matter of priority.

The Oceania Regional Development Centre, in conjunction with Athletics Australia, conducted an IAAF TOECS Level 1 Lecturers Course involving course presenters from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands which has resulted in a number of Australians now being qualified to conduct IAAF officials courses throughout the Oceania Region.

Assessments and appointments

Perhaps the most important role of the Commission in the past 12 months was the selection of the officials for the 6th IAAF World Junior Championships in Athletics in Sydney in August, 1996.

During the previous 12 months, officials throughout Australia were assessed by the Commission during national championships, Grand Prix's and other major events. Apart from officiating knowledge, officials were assessed on their people skills, team work, initiative and a number of other factors.

In its final selection the Sub Commission was assisted by World Junior Championships Competition Director, Brian Roe and Competition Manager, Peter Hamilton. Some tough decisions were required and the overall officiating performance at the World Junior Championships will determine our success in this regard.

In selecting officials for the All Schools and Underage Nationals the Sub Commission has adopted a policy of appointing talented young officials to key positions in order to assess their ability in these roles. Generally this policy has been successful and will continue.

Future activities

The Sub Commission must now focus on the 2000 Olympics and beyond. The normal education programme must continue but will need to be further enhanced, particularly in the areas of Competition Management, Technical organisation, Umpiring and Athletes Control (call room, post event, athlete services), together with an advanced course for referees and chief officials.

A further pressing need is the recruitment of officials and continuing work in the schools system is imperative. One important problem facing the Sub Commission is the need for a national approach to officiating with consistency of rulings. A national registration may be the answer.

In conclusion, I express my sincere appreciation for the efforts of all Officials Education Liaison Officers in all areas, my fellow members Chris Wilson and Lorraine Morgan and Athletics Australia staffers Brian Roe and Samantha Llewellyn and of course to all our Australian officials.

REG BRANDIS
CHAIRMAN



Distance Running Commission

During the period in review the Commission membership remained unchanged - Dave Cundy, Denis Wilson, Trevor Vincent, Chris Wardlaw, Susan Hobson, Dusty Lewis, Dick Telford and Sam Llewellyn (staff liaison).

Meetings

The Commission held two formal meetings during the period - at Bendigo in September and Melbourne in December.

Events

The Commission assisted with arrangements for five Australian Championships during the period:

- Australian Marathon Championships, Gold Coast, July 1995
- Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships, Symmons Plains, August 1995
- Australian Cross Country Championships, Bendigo, September 1995
- Australian Mountain Running Championships, Canberra, May 1996
- Australian Half Marathon Championships, Lake Macquarie, June 1996

Assistance from the Commission included the tender process, date and venue selection, course design and measurement, and the appointment of technical delegates. The Commission continues to be concerned at the low participation rate by state teams in some championships and will pursue strategies to increase participation.

Major activities

Falls Creek Camp:

The Commission played an important role in the upgrading of the annual summer camp at Falls Creek to a recognised Athletics Australia endorsed and funded camp. Commission members were very active in the organisation of this camp.

Performance:

Strategies developed for improved performance had an impact with a larger representation of distance runners at the Olympics and a best-yet fourth placed performance by our women at the World Cross Country Championships in Cape Town. Distance runners at Atlanta were generally well prepared for the hot, humid conditions, reinforcing the success of lead-up strategies.

Olympic Dream:

The Commission was pleased with the successful introduction by the Olympic Dream organiser of elite 5000m track races for men and women in lieu of the elite sections of the 10k road race. This was an earlier initiative of the Commission.

IAAF rule change:

The Commission was pleased to see the timing of the men's marathon at the Atlanta Olympics moved to a cooler part of the day (7am start). The Commission continues to lobby for a rule change to provide for endurance events at major summer championships to always be held in the coolest part of the day.

New championship:

Following a recommendation by the Commission, the Board endorsed the AURA organised 100k race at Shepparton to be the official Australian Championship. The inaugural championship will be held in September 1996.

Resolution of disputes:

The Commission provided advice on such matters as event clashes and permit disputes. In particular the Commission helped resolve a conflict over dates and elite athlete invitations between the Australian Marathon Championships and the Sydney Marathon.

Communication:

Commission members produced and circulated copies of 'Distance Update' to keep distance runners informed.

Liaison with New Zealand:

The Commission worked closely with the NZ Cross Country and Road Running Commission to develop initiatives of mutual benefit to Australasian distance runners. In particular, Commission members benefited from a close association with Oceania's representative on the IAAF Cross Country and Road Running Commission, Alan Stevens.

Housekeeping:

The Commission continued to oversee such matters as the course measurement scheme, road race rankings and permit system.

**DAVE CUNDY, CHAIRMAN
DISTANCE RUNNING COMMISSION**



Coaching Commission

The commission is also the board of management of the Australian Track & Field Coaches Association (AT&FCA) and as such continues to monitor and develop the coach accreditation and coach education schemes conducted by AT&FCA. Elite athlete development is conducted by the high performance coaches based around the nation.

Our very grateful thanks are expressed to the Australian Sports Commission for their significant grant to coach education each year. The increases after the closure of the Rothmans Foundation in 1994, with its consequent loss of very healthy financial support, have been of great assistance in ensuring growth in the numbers of active accredited coaches, and allowed the range of activities conducted to be broadened.

Coach Accreditation Programs

New coaches enter our sport from a variety of sources. Some are former athletes who want to continue their involvement, some are physical education/human movement graduates who want to use their skills and competencies in athletics. The largest group is of interested parents or friends of young athletes. Inevitably it is the role of athletics clubs and little athletics centres to recruit potential coaches and encourage them to become accredited. The role of AT&FCA is to provide a structure and programs to educate and accredit those identified.

A total of 46 Orientation to Coaching and 29 Level 1 Courses were conducted throughout all states and territories, being a significant increase on previous years.

Two National Level II Courses were held, in Canberra (October) and Melbourne (April). A total of 52 coaches completed requirements for accreditation. In addition, a coach from the former Yugoslavia, Nenad Peiskar, now resident in Western Australia, was awarded reciprocal accreditation in jumps.

Three coaches successfully completed the rigorous demands of their Level III Development & Assessment Program during the year - Martin Lynch (NSW) in sprints; James Toussis (QLD) in shot put; and Simon Baker (ACT) in race walking. Additionally, Tudor Bidder (WA) completed work in high jump to add to the accreditation he already holds in sprints and hurdles.

The accreditation updating program, initiated by the Australian Coaching Council as part of the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme, reached the completion of its first four year period for Level II and Level I coaches. As with any new scheme, some administrative

and procedural problems have been uncovered, and will be rectified during the next twelve months.

Considerable interest has been shown in country and isolated areas, for a Correspondence Course to be initiated at Level 1. Such a scheme is expensive to set up, but it is envisaged that the benefits to isolated areas will make the time, energy and cost of such a course worthwhile.

Teachers Certificate Programs

Considerable interest continues to be shown in the Teachers Certificate Course, both the college syllabus model and the in-service training model. During the year, eight in-service courses were conducted in four states. Three universities conducted the college course strand as part of their teacher training program.

National Coaching Congress

The first National Coaching Congress took place from 28th September to 2nd October, at AIS Canberra, on the theme of "High Performance Coaching". More than 120 coaches took part in the Congress, which included plenary sessions, elective options, workshops and practical demonstrations, as well as a number of social activities.

We were pleased to welcome Klaus Bartonietz (GER) and Loren Seagrave (USA) as keynote speakers. Klaus provided much biomechanical feedback from the 1995 World Championships, as well as a detailed analysis of the throwing events. Loren, well known in Australia for his "Speed Dynamics" video series, passed on a wealth of information in a wide variety of areas, including speed development, programming and nutrition. In addition, he passed on a great deal of information about his home town, Atlanta, which was of great value to the preparation of the 1996 Australia Olympic team.

Other keynote speakers were Bill Sweetnam from Australian Swimming, and Kelvin Giles and Roy Boyd who made outstanding contributions about coach/athlete relationships at the international level. Esa Peltola, Dr. Dick Telford and Dr. Louise Bourke each provided information on their own specialist fields of sports science. Details of funding and the operation of the Olympic Athlete Program, and selection of Olympic and World Junior teams, were provided by Phil King, Brian Roe and Russell Parsons.

We are grateful to the Australian Sports Commission and Queensland Department of Sport for their support of coach education projects throughout the year.

TONY RICE
NATIONAL COACHING CONVENOR



Disability Commission

The Disability Commission is made up of members representing a range of National Sporting Organisations for the Disabled (NSOD), national coaches of athletes with disabilities and Athletics Australia's Development Section.

The primary focus is to facilitate Athletics Australia's Integration Program. This program aims to provide resources, opportunities and most importantly, a culture of integration in athletics at all levels.

During 1995/96 the commission provided guidance to a range of activities including:

- Conduct of the National Track and Field Championships for Athletes with a Disability
- Production of the Handbook of Records and Results
- Provision of funds to Member Associations for projects that develop integration opportunities at the state, regional and club level
- Production of an athletics coaching video
- Administration assistance for the National Wheelchair Grand Prix

It is pleasing to report that all of these projects were undertaken successfully. The National Track and Field Championships for Athletes with a Disability are regarded as the major competition for athletes and Athletics New South Wales must be acknowledged for their support of the event in 1996.

Most importantly, the commission has played an active role in ensuring that these activities are developed even further over the next 12 months. Significant changes currently being planned include the provision of competition opportunities for junior athletes in the National Track and Field Championships for Athletes with a Disability, the conduct of talent identification camps around Australia in conjunction with the Australian Paralympic Federation and Australian Sports Commission, and a continuation of grant opportunities for Member Associations under more outcome focused guidelines.

The support of the National Sporting Organisations for the Disabled to this program is acknowledged, as is the support of the Australian Sports Commission, and most importantly, the members of the Commission; Chris Nunn, Kathy Lee, Jenni Banks, Dean Smith, Mike De Santo, Sam Rickard, Scott Goodman, Lyndal Wary, Christine Tew and Jeff McNeil.

JASON HELLWIG
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
CHAIRMAN - DISABILITY COMMISSION

Walking Commission

The Commission consisting of Denis Wilson (Chairman), Kerry Saxby-Junna, Harry Summers and Peter Waddell with Simon Baker and Mark Donahoe as observers, met on two occasions during the year.

The Competition Manual and Rules and Judging Procedures appears to be well received but there has been some difficulty in ensuring that these documents reach all interested persons. The Commission agreed that in the next edition of the "Rules and Judging Procedures" it would add "In road races, depending on the size of the course lap, there should normally be a minimum of six and a maximum of nine judges, including the Chief Judge" together with the new Rule 191.

Developments at the international level on improving walk judging standards, better communication of judge cautions and warnings, and an education and certification system to parallel that of other technical officials (Oceania has already taken some steps in this direction) are being closely monitored by the Commission.

The Commission records that it wishes to be able to comment on the proposed walk course to be used for the Sydney Olympic Games.

The dates proposed for the 1997 Australian Championships and Trials were adopted by the Board.

The Commission supports the continued program by Athletics Australia to ensure that a proposed IAAF Rule change is adopted at the 1997 IAAF Congress so that endurance events are conducted during the coolest part of daylight hours when the conditions at the venue are generally hot.

We support the nomination of additional Australian Race Walking Judges to the International Walking Panel.

DENIS WILSON, CHAIRMAN
WALKING COMMISSION



Doping Control Commission

The report period was generally quiet in terms of doping control matters.

There was a move within IAAF circles to reduce the period of ineligibility from four to two years on the basis that it was becoming increasingly difficult for athletic federations in civil law countries (mainly within central Europe) to resist the intrusion of the national courts into doping matters, often to quash or reduce the bans imposed. This move was convincingly rejected by the majority of IAAF Member Federations who believed, firstly, in the importance of the stricter penalties and, secondly, that other steps could be taken by the IAAF and these countries to overcome the problems which they were experiencing.

Within Australia, the Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASDA), continued to actively test athletes both in and out of competition, with the majority of controls again, quite appropriately, being directly to non-competition situations. A total of 344 controls were made by ASDA during the report period, 213 out-of competition and 131 at events. Of these 38 out-of competition and 18 event tests were undertaken by ASDA as part of the IAAF's worldwide testing programme.

It is fortunate that the IAAF now contracts ASDA to undertake its testing in Australia because it ensures that our athletes when contacted for IAAF tests are familiar with the procedures and so that there is always some "control" over duplicate testing by IAAF and ASDA.

The Commission wishes to emphasise that athletes using permitted asthma medications need to be diligent in ensuring that their registration to use same is up to date. This register is co-ordinated by Dr Peter Brukner for Athletics Australia. During the report period, one Australian athlete who tested "positive" for one such preparation in an IAAF meet test overseas was appropriately protected by their usage being approved and recorded on the "AA Register".

The question is how far down the "performance pyramid" should AA go in terms of the register. Whilst it would be administratively impossible to record all users of restricted asthma preparations on our register, we must take all possible steps to protect those in legitimate need and who wish to participate in our sport. There is always a possibility that a club or developing athlete will be selected for a competition control. In such a case, it is essential (as it is for athletes who have registered their usage with AA), that the athlete records his/her usage on the doping control form at the time the test is taken. If any question subsequently arises, hopefully doctors records etc will also be available to validate the use.

Apart from the Capobianco Case which arose at the very end of the report period and was not considered formally until the 1996/97 year, the only new cases involved athletes refusing tests who had "retired" from the sport at the time of the request for testing. This continues to be a problem, especially for those athletes on the out of competition list for Australian Athletic Confederation ("professional" athletics) competitions. However, where it appears that an athlete has genuinely retired, AA has adopted a policy of accepting this as a valid reason for "refusal" on the basis that the athlete acknowledges that he/she cannot seek to register or participate for at least four years. This, in effect, complies with AA's bylaw on doping control and retirement, without subjecting the athlete to the embarrassment of a hearing.

No tribunals were convened during the report year.

Again, our gratitude is extended to ASDA for its support and co-operation during the year. Although outside ASDA's direct control, concern is, however, expressed at government funding restrictions which have given rise to an expectation that national federations such as AA must now contribute to the cost of testing, especially given the high price per control (now at \$440). It is hoped that this situation will be addressed as, given the limited funds of federations, it could lead to a situation where there is less inclination or capacity to support extensive testing programmes.

**BRIAN ROE, CHAIRMAN
DOPING CONTROL COMMISSION**

Athletes Commission

With the Atlanta Olympic Games the focus for most athletes, one of the aims of the Athletes Commission was to work with Athletics Australia to bring the best possible result for athletes at these Games.

Selection Criteria

As such, an initial issue for the Athletes Commission was to give input into the selection criteria for the Olympic Games. The 1992 Olympic Games brought selection issues to close scrutiny. A result was athletes asking for a more precise selection criteria. Athletics Australia responded with what was essentially a fair and equitable policy for 1996. Selection criteria is an important issue in that it not only determines who is in a team, but also affects more intangible factors such as team morale and incentives to those just missing selection.



Code of Conduct

An Athletics Australia initiative to improve team preparations prior to and in a championship village was the establishment of Codes of Conduct. To this end, the Athletes Commission developed an Athletes Code of Conduct which outlined the expected behaviour and obligations of athletes representing Australia. Along with the Athletes Code of Conduct is a document outlining Athletes Expectations of Team Management and Coaches. It is anticipated that these documents (which include disciplinary procedures for breach of the agreement) will lead to greater professionalism and mutual respect amongst athletes and amongst athletes and officials whilst in a team environment. This will assist all in preparing for best ever results in major championships.

A document being prepared by the Athletes Commission which is associated with the Code of Conduct is an Athletes Contract or Agreement between all OAP funded athletes and Athletics Australia. This document is in draft format and should be implemented in the next 12 months.

Australian athletes have improved every year on an overall world scale based on top 8 and top 16 results at Championships. A large part of this improvement can be attributed to OAP support of athletes and coaches. Athletics Australia is to be congratulated on the system which has been in place over the past four years. As the momentum towards Sydney 2000 continues, Australia's athletes look forward to taking on the challenge of achieving dreams in front of our home crowd. With the continued support from Athletics Australia we hope we can all share in a great team result in four years time which would place the sport in great shape going into the new millennium.

A new Athletes Commission is currently being elected and looks forward to working with Athletics Australia in meeting the challenges and opportunities of the next four years.

**SHAUN CREIGHTON, CHAIRMAN
ATHLETES COMMISSION**

Marketing and Media Commission

The reports of the National Executive Director and Media and Promotions Manager cover the areas of the Marketing and Media Commission.

Statisticians Report

The 1995/96 seasons rankings showed the continued improvement in many events nationally.

The new events for women over the past few years such as pole vault and hammer throw have shown rapid improvement especially at the top end where both leaders, Emma George and Debbie Sosimenko, were No. 1 and No. 3 in the world in 1995.

The Handbook of Records and Results has been available for the past few months with rankings going 50 deep in many events and the all-time lists are being extended beyond 30 deep.

Ranking lists continue to be available monthly during the season and whenever requested prior to a major event such as a Grand Prix or nationals.

Hopefully the Internet system will be utilised this season for quicker access to results and rankings.

The round up of results has increased in numbers as competitions increase, especially now that many athletes also compete overseas during the winter.

Australian results continue to get good coverage overseas in the major magazines I send them to however I would like to see better use made of them at home, similar to how Athletics NSW uses them in their regular publication.

I would like to thank David Tarbotton and John Marshall for their great assistance throughout the year and their final checking of lists.

I wish to also thank the staff of Athletics Australia for their complete cooperation in ensuring results find their way to me and in disseminating all the rankings and results I produce.

Thank you also to the Member Associations and to the regular correspondents who are acknowledged in the Handbook.

**PAUL JENES
AA STATISTICIAN**



Facilities and Equipment Sub-Commission

The major project of the Sub Commission was the support provided to Athletics Australia's Development Section in the production of the national facilities resource. This resource is designed to assist clubs, local councils and other bodies to design, construct and manage track and field facilities. The resource will be available to all clubs and will play a major role in improving the availability of facilities throughout all regions of Australia.

There was a request regarding the Sub Commission's attitude to moving the steeplechase water jump to the inside of the running track. As most water jumps in Australia are located outside the running track it was felt that this was the preferred location. This leaves the high jump surface clear of obstructions and allows the complete area inside the running track to be used by other sports.

A paper regarding adjustable steeplechase hurdles was received and discussed by the members and a report was forwarded to Athletics Australia. Another item referred for comment was the dimensions of the 700g javelin, this was discussed at length and our recommendations were forwarded to the office.

IAAF technical interpretations and other matters received from the Competitions Manager were discussed and forwarded to the relevant officials.

IAN GALBRAITH
CHAIRMAN

Records Committee

The standard of Australian athletes must be improving, judging by the number of records broken during the past season. Maybe because it is an Olympic year and also because Australia is hosting the World Junior Championships, whatever the reason it certainly is a great achievement by our athletes and it is keeping me in a job which I enjoy doing.

The introduction of the women's pole vault was a contributing factor to these figures and Emma George has been a great ambassador in this event.

Thanks to the staff at Athletics Australia for their assistance and friendship.

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Australian National	14	13
Australian All Comers	3	10
Under 20	2	8
Under 18	6	5
Under 16	2	5
Commonwealth		10
World		9
	27	60

RONDA JENKINS
RECORDS OFFICER

Obituaries

PETER MacMICHAEL

I, along with so many members of the athletics family, had the pleasure to know Peter MacMichael for the twenty years he was involved in track and field. During that time he has contributed in every way to the sport as an official, administrator and coach.

Many visitors to club competition in Launceston would comment with amazement at the professional way in which every meet, no matter how small, was run. As announcer and meet manager, Peter treated the local competitors in the same way as he did the great international athletes in 1985 when he was appointed as one of the announcing panel for the World Athletics Cup in Canberra.

When Launceston finally got its athletic track in the early 80's, Peter was a significant contributor, being almost totally responsible for the planning and installation of the communications and public address systems. His simple but effective design is still the envy of many other athletic venues.



From his first involvement in club athletics, Peter made a substantial contribution to his club, North Launceston, to the Northern Branch and to State Athletics. When Athletics Tasmania was short of a Board Member when it re-structured in 1989, Peter, although heavily committed already in the sport, volunteered to serve as the Board Member for Championships Competition, overseeing most of the major events in the State.

Peter was honoured with Life Membership of North Launceston Athletic Club and the Merit Award of Athletics Tasmania.

But it is perhaps as a coach that he will leave his greatest mark in athletics. Peter never took the easy option as a coach. He coached lots of athletes, no matter how good or bad they were, Peter was prepared to give them his support and advise. Whilst other coaches might have looked after one or two athletes, Peter's coaching career was as a coach of everyone and every event. And whilst Carmen Miller's name now stands alongside the Australian junior triple jump record, next to numerous gold and other medal positions in State and National Championships and in the Australian Team which contested the World Junior Track & Field Championships, so much a part of that success belongs as it does with so many other athletes, with their coach.

It is impossible to ignore the contribution which Peter MacMichael made to athletics. Both Peter and his athletes certainly achieved what many believe is impossible - you can do it from Tasmania!

We will sincerely miss one of sports most unassuming but notable contributors.

Brian Roe, Athletics Australia.

CHARLES AITKEN

A former managing director of the South Australian Brewing Co who helped launch the Olympic Games for Melbourne in 1956, Mr Charles Ronald Aitken, died aged 88. Mr Aitken, who liked to be known as Ron, transformed amateur athletics in Adelaide. With the late Mr George Bolton, a former Burnside mayor, he turned Kensington Oval into Olympic Sports Field - the home for athletics in South Australia.

Perth-born Mr Aitken joined the Victorian athletics club, East Melbourne Harriers, in 1923 and competed in many road and track events until early 1940, when he joined the Australian Imperial Force. After the war he again became keenly interested in amateur sport.

In 1947, he persuaded Melbourne's Lord Mayor, Sir Raymond Connelly, to approach the International Olympic Committee with Melbourne's application for the 1956 Games. He fondly recalled the Games opening day as his proudest hour in athletics.

Mr Aitken was an original member of the Olympic Organising Committee and after going to South Australia in 1950, he was elected chairman of the SA Olympic Council.

Dismayed by Adelaide's poor inter-club athletics facilities in the West Parklands, he pushed for Kensington Oval to be converted for athletics and soccer. Mr Aitken was president of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia from 1957-78 and the SA Amateur Athletic Association, 1953-78, and a chairman of the Commonwealth Games Association of SA. He was founding president of the SA Amateur Basketball Association after guiding the merger of two rival bodies.

Mr Aitken came from Carlton and United Breweries Ltd in Melbourne to be general manager at the SA Brewing Co and became managing director in 1967. He was awarded a CBE in 1970 and retired in 1972.

Mr Aitken died at home in Kensington Park near his beloved Olympic Sports Field, with his wife Margaret by his side. He is survived by his widow, two sons from his first marriage and six grandchildren.

Adelaide Advertiser, 19th September 1995



Honorary Life Members & Merit Award Recipients

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Elected by A.A.U. of A.

* Hugh R Weir CBE	(1957)
* C Ronald Aitken CBE	(1965)
* Arthur J Hodsdon MBE	(1965)
* Norman G Hutton	(1968)
* Leonard B Curnow OBE	(1968)
* Robert E Graham OBE	(1968)
* F Theo Treacy OBE	(1969)
* George Soper	(1969)
* C Herbert Gardiner QJM	(1974)

Elected by A.W.A.A.U.

Miss Gwen Bull OAM	(1962)
* Miss Nell Gould OAM BEM	(1962)
Mrs Doris Magee AM MBE	(1962)
Miss Lillian Neville OAM	(1962)
* Mrs Mavis Ebzery OAM	(1967)
Mrs Maisie McQuiston BEM	(1971)
* Mrs Margaret Cahill OAM	(1972)
Mrs Mabel Robinson MBE	(1973)
Mrs Joyce Bonwick OAM	(1978)
H George Carruthers MBE	(1977)

Elected by Amalgamated Union

* Thomas C Blue AM BEM	(1980)
Clive D Lee AM	(1984)
Mrs Flo Wrighter OAM BEM	(1986)
Noel J Ruddock AM	(1989)
Graeme T Briggs AM JP	(1990)
Mrs Brenda Pearl OAM	(1992)
Mrs Stella McMinn AM JP	(1992)
Fred W Napier OAM	(1992)
Justice Allan W McDonald QC	(1993)
George Tempest	(1994)
John D. Bailey AM	(1995)
Paul Jenés	(1995)

RECIPIENTS OF THE MERIT AWARD OF THE UNION

Elected by the A.A.U. of A. 1968-1978

JD Bailey AM	Q	1976
JD Barlow	Q	1968
EW Barwick	T	1968
* FJW Budge	S	1977
HG Carruthers MBE	N	1970
* R Clemson	V	1968
* JW Cook	Q	1973
* RC Corish BEM	N	1970
* TB Dodds	S	1968
* JE Draper	V	1971
* H Eastaughffe	Q	1968
ED Eastham	V	1978

* JK Faulkner	S	1968
RC Frith OAM	N	1975
* CH Gardiner QJM	V	1968
E Goodwin	Q	1974
* ER Graham	S	1978
* JH Hanman	N	1972
TF Hantke	W	1968
* WW Huxley	Q	1973
* HJ Lowe	S	1970
* PS McCavanagh	S	1969
* AH McIvor	S	1976
* E Moore	V	1974

* CHF Morgan	S	1968
FW Napier OAM	W	1977
JL Patching AO OBE	V	1968
* AE Robinson	V	1968
* FA Rose	T	1968
NJ Ruddock AM	T	1975
* VB Sharp MBE	S	1968
* GB Stringer	V	1970
* WC Thompson	Q	1968
* FT Treacy OBE	W	1968
* PD Walsh	N	1971
RPB White	N	1970

Elected by the A.W.A.A.U. 1971-1978

Mrs P Andersson	V	1971
* Mrs E Armstrong	V	1971
Mrs D Barnes	S	1976
Mrs I Bennett	V	1974
Mrs G Bergman	N	1978
* Mrs L Berzinski	V	1974
Mrs J Bonwick OAM	Q	1971
Mrs A Burow	V	1974
* Mrs M Cahill OAM	S	1972
* Mrs L Cavanagh	S	1971
Mrs G Chester	W	1973
Mrs D Clarke	N	1971
Mrs E Clay	W	1975
Mrs M Cuthbert	N	1978
Mrs D Davis	V	1974
Mrs J Davis MBE	V	1975
Mrs N Davey	N	1977

* Mrs M Ebzery OAM	T	1972
* Mrs N Edwards	N	1973
Mrs Z Fibbins AM	N	1971
Mrs M Fitzgibbons	N	1975
Mrs M Fraser	V	1973
Mrs J Gell	V	1974
Mrs E Godfrey	N	1971
* Miss N Gould OAM BEM	N	1971
Mrs N Greenham	S	1973
Mrs J Harmey	N	1971
* Mrs A Kennedy BEM	V	1971
* Mrs N Keily	V	1974
* Mrs Y Lanyon-Owen	Q	1971
Mrs E McBeth	V	1971
Mrs S McMinn AM JP	Q	1971
Mrs M McQuiston BEM	V	1974
* Mrs P McWillie	W	1973

Mrs D Magee AM MBE	N	1971
* Miss E Morris	V	1974
Miss L Neville OAM	V	1971
* Mrs Y Neasbey	N	1977
Mrs BJ Pearl OAM	S	1976
Mrs P Peters AM	S	1973
Mrs M Robinson MBE	V	1971
Mrs G Rose	V	1971
Mrs J Saunders	V	1974
Mrs E Schulz	Q	1978
Mrs G Sheldon	N	1971
* Mrs D Spittles	Q	1971
Mrs D Stanton	V	1971
Mrs F Venn	V	1974
Mrs F Wrighter OAM BEM	N	1971



Elected by Athletics Australia 1979 -

* MR	Aitken	S	1993	I	Galbraith	A	1994	Mrs E	Murphy	Q	1990
E	Bartholomeusz	Q	1986	Mrs M	Heffernan OAM	S	1980	* RW	Pannell	V	1992
DF	Bell OAM	V	1985	Dr B	Hodgson	V	1994	Miss MJ	Patterson	V	1986
GT	Briggs AM JP	T	1981	RK	Hood AM	T	1989	Mrs J	Petfield	Q	1987
LR	Boyd	V	1995	LA	Hutton	N	1993	HL	Ralph OAM	N	1979
DP	Cross	Q	1994	J	Jarver	S	1994	* HI	Schubert MBE	V	1987
Mrs JM	Cross OAM	Q	1985	P	Jenes	V	1992	GW	Tempest	W	1990
Dr JA	Daly OAM	S	1993	DW	Jowett	Q	1993	Mrs P	Turney	V	1994
F	Day OAM	W	1991	PW	Lucas	N	1989	DP	Wilson	A	1994
Mrs WMEy	BEM	S	1993	Mrs ML	Mahony OAM	V	1994	* CA	Wise	T	1979
DG	Ferrier	V	1984	* ES	Martin	Q	1991				
* JD	Forrest	Q	1984	Ms M	Mathews AM	N	1988				

* Deceased.

In addition to the 1995/96 Athletics Australia Annual Report, the 45th issue of Athletics Australia Handbook of Records and Results provides a historical record of athlete performances, Australian Team results, Australian Championships results, records and rankings. The Handbook of Records and Results is available from Athletics Australia.



ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA

A.C.N. 006 447 294

DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

The directors in office at the date of this report are -

D A Prince (Chairman)
R H Brandis
D P Wilson
M L Mahony
B J Stanton
J Makarucha
G Dyer
S Creighton
T Dwyer
B Gleeson

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 that activity occurred during the year.

The operating result, before abnormals, of the company for the financial year was a deficit of \$67,482 (1995 : \$70,027 surplus). The operating result of the company for the financial year was a surplus of \$224,735.

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 representative teams to compete in various World Championships.

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

No matter or circumstance has arisen since the end of the financial year that has 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 subsequent financial years.

The company will continue with its normal activities of conducting National Championships and organising various teams to compete in World Championships and other international events.

Information on Directors

The total directors' meetings held during the financial year was: 6

David A Prince	- President
Qualification	- Diploma Physical Education (Sydney)
Experience	- Appointed President 1991 - Board Member since 1988.

Directors' Meetings Attended - 6
Directors' Meetings Held Whilst Director- 6



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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

Information on Directors

Reginald H Brandis - Director of State Development
Qualification -
Experience - Sports Administrator
- Board Member since 1988.

Director's Meetings Attended - 4
Directors' Meetings Held Whilst Director- 6

Denis P Wilson - Director of Distance Running, Cross Country, Walking
Qualifications - Bachelor of Engineering (Hons); M.Eng - Concrete Structuring
Experience - Board Member since 1985

Director's Meetings Attended - 6
Directors' Meetings Held Whilst Director- 6

Margaret L Mahony - Director of Track and Field
Qualification - T.P.T.C. membership
Experience - Departmental Secretary in private industry.
- Board Member since 1985

Director's Meetings Attended - 6
Directors' Meetings Held Whilst Director- 6

Barry J Stanton - Director of High Performance
Qualification - Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Education;
Diploma Physical Education
Experience - Board Member since 1993

Director's Meetings Attended - 6
Directors' Meetings Held Whilst Director- 6

John Makarucha - Director of Finance
Qualification - Institute of Chartered Accountants; Diploma of Commerce
Experience - 12 years Chartered Accounting, 15 years in private industry
- Board Member since 1992

Director's Meetings Attended - 5
Directors' Meetings Held Whilst Director- 6



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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

Information on Directors

Greg Dyer - Director of Marketing
 Qualification - Institute of Chartered Accountants, BEC, LLB
 Experience - 16 years Chartered Accounting
 - Board Member since 1994

Director's Meetings Attended - 4
 Directors' Meetings Held Whilst Director- 6

Shaun Creighton - Athletes Commission Representative
 Qualification - Master of Applied Science
 Experience - Australian National representative since 1990
 - Board Member since 1994

Director's Meetings Attended - 5
 Directors' Meetings Held Whilst Director - 6

Terence Dwyer - Director of Communications
 Qualification - Fellow of Australian Faculty of Public Health Medicine
 Experience - Meet Director Hobart Grand Prix since 1986. Member AA
 Medical Commission, Chairman Australian Fitness Accreditation
 Council.
 - Board Member since 1994

Director's Meetings Attended - 5
 Directors' Meetings Held Whilst Director - 6

Brian J Gleeson - Director of Junior Development
 Qualifications - Bachelor of Arts; Accounting FINA, FICS;
 Experience - Consultant
 - Board Member since 1995

Director's Meetings Attended - 3
 Directors' Meetings Held Whilst Director- 3

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

- indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability incurred as an officer, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability incurred as an officer for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings.



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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

No options to shares in the company have been granted during the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the end of the financial year.

No director has received or become entitled to receive, during or since the end of the financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the company, controlled entity or a related body corporate with the director, a firm of which the director is a member or an entity in which the director has a substantial financial interest. This statement excludes a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the company's accounts, prepared in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Corporations Regulations, or the fixed salary of a full time employee of the company, controlled entity or related body corporate.

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

Director

Handwritten signature of J. Walsh in black ink.

Director

Handwritten signature of P. Cahoon in black ink.

Dated this

7th day of October

1996



ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA
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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

	Note	1996 \$	1995 \$
Operating Surplus(Deficit) before abnormal items and income tax	2	(67,482)	70,027
Abnormal items before income tax	3	<u>292,217</u>	—
Operating Surplus before income tax		224,735	70,037
Income tax attributable to operating surplus	1	—	—
Operating Surplus(deficit) after income tax		224,735	70,027
Accumulated Funds at beginning of the financial year		<u>200,960</u>	<u>130,933</u>
Total available for appropriation		424,695	200,960
Aggregate of amounts transferred to reserves	10	<u>307,217</u>	—
Accumulated Funds at the end of the financial year		\$ <u>118,478</u>	\$ <u>200,960</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 1996

	Note	1996 \$	1995 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	4	44,859	73,355
Receivables	5	229,525	461,489
Investments	6	<u>770,401</u>	<u>757,073</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>1,044,785</u>	<u>1,291,917</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	<u>404,414</u>	<u>377,793</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>404,414</u>	<u>377,793</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,449,199</u>	<u>1,669,710</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and borrowings	8	964,457	1,422,394
Provisions	9	<u>44,703</u>	<u>37,750</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>1,009,160</u>	<u>1,460,144</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	9	<u>14,344</u>	<u>8,606</u>
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>14,344</u>	<u>8,606</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>1,023,504</u>	<u>1,468,750</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>\$ 425,695</u>	<u>\$ 200,960</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Reserves	10	307,217	-
Accumulated Funds		<u>118,478</u>	<u>200,960</u>
Total Accumulated Funds		<u>\$425,695</u>	<u>\$200,960</u>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.



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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

	Note	1996 \$	1995 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from all sources		4,358,462	3,461,981
Payments to suppliers and employees		<u>4,234,443</u>	<u>3,390,389</u>
		124,019	71,592
Interest received		<u>77,756</u>	<u>59,530</u>
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Operating Activities	15(a)	<u>201,775</u>	<u>131,122</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(83,763)	(29,822)
(Purchase of)/Redemptions of investments		<u>(13,328)</u>	<u>(258,754)</u>
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Investing Activities		<u>(97,091)</u>	<u>(288,576)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		104,684	(157,454)
Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year		<u>(108,579)</u>	<u>48,875</u>
Cash at the End of the Financial Year	15(b)	\$ <u>(3,895)</u>	\$ <u>(108,579)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.



ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA
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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the accounts preparation requirements of the Corporations Law. The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity as defined in Statement of Accounting Concepts 1 "Definition of the Reporting Entity", and therefore there is no requirement to apply Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) in preparation and presentation of these statements.

The statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Law, including the disclosure requirements of Schedule 5 of the Corporations Regulations, and the following accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views):

AASB 1002: Events Occurring After Balance Date
AASB 1018: Profit and Loss Accounts
AASB 1021: Depreciation of Non-Current Assets
AASB 1025: Application of the Reporting Entity Concept and Other Amendments
AASB 1031: Materiality

No other accounting standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) have been intentionally applied.

The statements are prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historical cost and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which have been consistent with prior periods unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these statements:

Income Tax

The company is exempt from income tax under the provisions of Section 23(g)(iii) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (as amended).

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, Plant and Equipment are included at cost, independent or directors' valuation. All assets, excluding freehold land are depreciated over their useful lives.

Employee Entitlements

The amounts expected to be paid to employees for their pro-rata entitlement to long service and annual leave are accrued annually at current pay rates having regard to experience of employee departures and period of service.



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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996**

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Foreign Currency Transactions

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

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

Project Accounting

All receipts in relation to specific athletic projects are recorded as revenue and all costs are expensed. The amount of \$765,236 recorded as projects in progress as a current liability at year end represents funds to be expended on current unfinalised projects.

2. OPERATING PROFIT	1996	1995
	\$	\$
a. Included in the operating profit are the following items of operating revenue:		
Project revenue	3,245,298	2,742,249
Other revenue		
Interest from -		
Other persons or corporations	77,756	59,530
Other	<u>784,643</u>	<u>660,202</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>\$4,071,697</u>	<u>\$3,461,981</u>
b. The operating profit before income tax is arrived at after charging the following items:		
Auditor's remuneration		
Auditing the accounts	4,373	4,388
Other services	700	700
Depreciation		
Plant and equipment	57,142	48,922
Foreign currency exchange loss	1,098	-
Provision for annual leave	6,953	30,848
Provision for long service leave	5,738	-
Provision for doubtful debts	18,000	-



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3.	ABNORMAL ITEMS	1996 \$	1995 \$
	Surplus arising from reassessment of basis for carrying forward projects in progress (no income tax expense applicable)	<u>292,217</u>	<u>—</u>
4.	CASH		
	Cash at Bank	44,659	73,155
	Petty Cash	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
		<u>\$44,859</u>	<u>\$73,355</u>
5.	RECEIVABLES		
	CURRENT		
	Trade debtors	246,351	457,062
	Provision for doubtful debts	(20,455)	(2,455)
	Other debtors and prepayments	<u>3,629</u>	<u>6,882</u>
		<u>\$229,525</u>	<u>\$461,489</u>
6.	INVESTMENTS		
	CURRENT		
	Bills Receivable	103,031	757,073
	At Call Account	<u>667,370</u>	<u>—</u>
		<u>\$770,401</u>	<u>\$757,073</u>



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7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Land and buildings - at cost	274,141	273,034
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(23,905)</u>	<u>(16,997)</u>
	<u>250,236</u>	<u>256,037</u>
Motor Vehicle - at cost	30,000	30,000
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(24,000)</u>	<u>(18,000)</u>
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Office furniture and fittings - at cost	54,685	39,822
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(13,273)</u>	<u>(8,072)</u>
	<u>41,412</u>	<u>31,750</u>
Office equipment - at cost	48,016	39,451
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(18,553)</u>	<u>(11,772)</u>
	<u>29,463</u>	<u>27,679</u>
Competition equipment - at cost	35,194	8,343
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,318)</u>	<u>(1,396)</u>
	<u>30,876</u>	<u>6,947</u>
Computers - at cost	115,379	83,004
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(68,952)</u>	<u>(39,624)</u>
	<u>46,427</u>	<u>43,380</u>
	\$404,414	\$377,793
 8. CREDITORS AND BORROWINGS		
CURRENT		
Bank overdraft	48,754	181,934
Sundry creditors	31,000	31,000
Prepaid income	119,467	46,666
Projects in progress	<u>765,236</u>	<u>1,162,794</u>
	<u>\$964,457</u>	<u>\$1,422,394</u>



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9.	PROVISIONS	1996	1995
		\$	\$
	CURRENT		
	Provision for annual leave	\$44,703	\$37,750
	NON-CURRENT		
	Provision for long service leave	\$14,344	\$8,606
10.	RESERVES		
	Projects	\$307,217	\$ -
	Amounts transferred from accumulated funds	\$307,217	\$ -

11. **MEMBER'S GUARANTEE**

The company is limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Articles of Association state that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$50 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 30 June 1996 the number of members was 8 (1995 : 8).

12. **TRUST FUNDS**

In addition to its normal activities Athletics Australia acts as Trustee for two foundations and for monies received on behalf of athletes.

(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 \$564 (1995 : \$521), grants totalling \$0 (1995 : \$0) were made and the balance of the fund at 30 June 1996 is \$8,885 (1995 : \$8321).

(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 \$2,926 (1995 : \$2,656), grants totalling \$0 (1995 : \$0) were made and the balance of the fund at 30 June 1996 is \$100,604 (1995 : \$97,677).



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12. TRUST FUNDS (Continued)**(c) Athletes Trust Account**

From time to time Athletics Australia receives money in respect of certain athletes as permitted under the Rules of the Constitution of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. These monies are kept separate from the company funds and are deposited to a separate trust account. These funds can be applied to the provision of assistance to the athlete in compliance with the Rules of the Constitution of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. The total funds held on behalf of athletes at 30 June 1996 was \$7,338 (1995 : \$7,297).

13. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

Income received, or due and receivable by directors of Athletics Australia from the company and related entities

1996	1995
\$	\$
<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

Number of directors of Athletics Australia whose remuneration were within the following bands:-

0 - 9,999	9	9
10,000 - 10,999	1	1

14. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The company operates as an organiser of athletics in Australia.



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15. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Reconciliation of net cash inflow from operating activities to operating surplus

Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	201,775	131,122
Depreciation	(57,142)	(48,922)
Doubtful debts	(18,000)	-
Increase (decrease) in debtors	(213,964)	203,626
Decrease (increase) in sundry creditors	-	4,500
Decrease (increase) in prepaid income	(72,801)	-
Decrease (increase) in projects in progress	397,558	(209,451)
Decrease (increase) in other provisions	<u>(12,691)</u>	<u>(10,848)</u>
Operating surplus	<u>\$224,735</u>	<u>\$ 70,027</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Cash

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	44,659	73,155
Petty Cash	200	200
Bank Overdrafts	<u>(48,754)</u>	<u>(181,934)</u>
	<u>\$(3,895)</u>	<u>\$(108,579)</u>



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STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and therefore there is no requirement to apply Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) in the preparation of these financial statements. The directors have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the accounts.

In the opinion of the directors of the company:

1. (a) The accompanying Profit and Loss Account is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the result of the company for the financial year ended 30 June 1996; and
- (b) The accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of that financial year.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the directors by:

Director

Director

Dated this

7th

day of

October

1996



Graeme Charles Houston F.C.A.
 Robin Charles Passell B. Com. (Hons.) F.C.A.
 John Charles Barbour F.C.A.
 Kevin William Neville B. Com. F.C.A.
 Marco S. Carlei B. Bus. A.C.A.
 Stephen Leslie Adlam B. Ec. U.B. A.C.A.
 Stirling David Pitt B. Com. A.C.A.
 Ian Kenneth Keermy B. Com. A.C.A.

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
 TO THE MEMBERS OF
 ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA**

Scope

We have audited the financial statements, being a special purpose financial report comprising the Statement by Directors, Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and notes to and forming part of the financial statements of Athletics Australia for the year ended 30 June 1996. The company's directors are responsible for the financial statements and determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Corporations Law and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the company. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting requirements under the Corporations Law. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views).

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

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Athletics Australia for the year ended 30 June 1996 are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements of the matters required by Divisions 4, 4A and 4B of Part 3.6 of the Corporations Law to be dealt with in the financial statements;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Law; and
- (c) in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. As the company has applied AASB 1025: Application of the Reporting Entity Concept and Other Amendments, other Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements have only been applied to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Hughes Fincher

HUGHES FINCHER
Chartered Accountants

J.C. Barbour
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Partner
Melbourne,

8th October 1996

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COMPILATION REPORT

On the basis of the information provided by the Directors of Athletics Australia we have compiled, in accordance with APS 9 "Statement of Compilation of Financial Reports" the special purpose financial report as at 30 June 1996 ("the Accounts") comprising Project Accounts Summary and Itemised List of Income and Expenses.

The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial report has been prepared is set out in Note 1. The extent to which Accounting Standards and UIG Consensus Views have or have not been adopted in the preparation of the special purpose financial report is set out in Note 1.

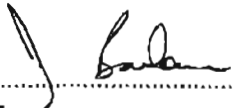
The Directors are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Company's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the Directors and Members for the purposes of meeting their requirements under the Articles of Association.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information which the Directors provided into a financial report. Our procedures do not include verification or validation of procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

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

The special purpose financial report was prepared for the benefit of the Company for the Directors and Members and the purpose identified above. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial report.

HUGHES FINCHER SERVICES PTY LTD


..... Director
J C Barbour

Chartered Accountants
607 Bourke Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dated: 8th October 1996



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PROJECT ACCOUNTS SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Opening Projects-in-Progress	1,162,794	953,343
Add: Project Revenue		
Australian Sport Commission	1,565,000	1,337,275
Australian Sport Commission - Camps	216,000	243,215
Australian Olympic Committee	160,000	160,000
IAAF - Grant	73,498	103,000
Levies	100,807	162,625
NEC	81,500	60,000
Optus	662,000	640,000
Optus Vision	180,000	-
SPC	65,000	-
Gatorade	40,000	-
Other (federations, promoters)	83,843	25,000
Sundry	17,650	11,134
	<u>3,245,298</u>	<u>2,742,249</u>
	4,408,092	3,695,592
Less: Project Expenditure		
AT & FCA	70,000	70,000
Camps	227,406	284,296
Coaching	602,274	271,026
Domestic Competition	118,089	132,557
Head Coach	98,133	89,412
Integration	19,951	37,915
International Competition	982,570	1,056,865
Development	195,925	-
International Athletes	201,308	-
Media/Promotions	42,019	-
World Juniors	107,365	-
Masters Sports Project	-	4,250
North Australia Commission	-	6,000
Officiating	26,799	20,450
Prize Money	112,029	111,399
SMAM Commission	237,000	181,000
Television	170,000	150,000
	<u>3,210,868</u>	<u>2,415,170</u>
	1,197,224	1,280,422
Closing Projects-in-Progress	<u>869,356</u>	<u>1,162,794</u>
Net Surplus on Projects for Year	<u>\$ 327,868</u>	<u>\$ 117,628</u>
Net Surplus on Projects for Year		
- normal activities	35,651	117,628
- abnormal item	<u>292,217</u>	-
	<u>\$327,868</u>	<u>\$117,268</u>

These notes are to be read in conjunction with the
attached compilation report of Hughes Fincher Services Pty Ltd.



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REVENUE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Administration Fees	174,820	173,973
ASC Clearing	248,000	251,025
Sponsorship	12,934	7,264
Publications	1,273	4,010
Permit Fees	18,476	13,080
Capitation Fees	140,000	140,000
Grants	-	1,500
Entry Fees	45,675	41,260
Surplus on Projects - normal activities	35,651	117,626
Tender Fees	20,300	16,000
Sundry Income	8,477	12,090
Interest Received	77,756	59,530
IAAF	<u>78,688</u>	-
Total Income	<u>\$862,050</u>	<u>\$837,358</u>

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REVENUE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

EXPENSES	1996	1995
	\$	\$
Accountancy Fees	832	1,030
Affiliation Fees	1,276	1,785
Advertising (Staff)	390	4,566
A.G.M Expenses	1,855	5,108
AA News	4,374	8,214
Auditor's Remuneration	5,073	5,088
Bad and Doubtful Debts	18,190	-
Bank & Govt. Charges	7,807	5,113
Board Meetings	25,379	20,144
Consultants	-	5,660
Cleaning	2,817	2,794
Competition Manager Expenses	10,883	8,513
Depreciation	57,142	48,922
Delegates Expenses	-	214
Foreign Exchange Loss	1,098	-
Freight and Cartage	2,843	2,538
General Committee	2,012	5,080
General Expenses	4,347	2,464
General Manager Expenses	20,156	14,628
Insurance	4,231	2,796
Legal Costs	1,000	1,358
Light and Power	4,617	5,251
Medallions	6,910	6,258
Media Liaison Officer Expenses	6,676	5,265
National Development Expenses	9,848	8,364
Officers Expenses	3,305	1,227
Postage	16,639	11,414
Printing and Stationery	21,463	21,771
Presidents Expenses	9,249	10,083
Presidents Remuneration	10,000	10,000
Promotional Expenses	-	1,102
Provision for Annual Leave	6,953	30,848
Provision for Long Service Leave	5,738	-
Provision for Redundancy Pay	-	(1,000)
Provision for Sick Leave	-	(10,000)
Publications, magazines, journals	644	6,610
Rates and Taxes	3,620	3,963
Repairs and Maintenance	17,165	12,491
Salaries and Wages	522,953	414,667
Selection Committee	839	1,067
Staff Training	5,947	2,915
Statistician	3,500	3,000
Subscriptions	797	844
Superannuation Contributions	33,623	27,436
Task Force - Expenses	674	1,264
Telephone	56,135	41,163
Work Cover Premiums	<u>10,532</u>	<u>5,313</u>
Total Expenses	<u>929,532</u>	<u>767,331</u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Abnormals	<u>\$(67,482)</u>	<u>\$ 70,027</u>

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R W CLARKE FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
AS AT 30 JUNE 1996

Balance of distribution account as at 1 July 1995	14,677.48
PLUS: Interest (net of bank charges)	<u>2,926.34</u>
Balance as at 30 June 1996	<u>\$17,603.82</u>

R W CLARKE FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 1996

Capital account	83,000.00		
		Commonwealth Savings Bank	5,321.38
		ANZ Term Deposit - A/c 9848 01723	84,097.52
Distribution account	17,603.82	ANZ Term Deposit - A/c 9843 12962	10,584.92
		Debtors	<u>600.00</u>
	<u>\$100,603.82</u>		<u>\$100,603.82</u>

ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL RACE WALKING FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
AS AT 30 JUNE 1996

Balance of distribution account as at 1 July 1995	1,121.22
PLUS: Interest (net of bank charges)	<u>564.22</u>
Balance as at 30 June 1996	<u>\$1,685.44</u>

ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL RACE WALKING FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 1996

Sundry Creditors	600.00		
Capital Account	6,600.00	ANZ Executors & Trustees	8,859.53
Distribution account	<u>1,685.44</u>	Commonwealth Savings Bank	<u>25.91</u>
	<u>\$8,885.44</u>		<u>\$8,885.44</u>



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