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Draft Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting of Australian Athletics held on 23 October 2026 at 10.00am at Athletics House, Catherine Freeman Room, Ground floor, 31 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park VIC 3206.

Ordinary Business

1. **Welcome, apologies and obituaries**

   Jane Flemming, Chair of Australian Athletics, welcomed Members, Directors, Life Governors, Life Members, Australian Athletics staff and invited guests to the Annual General Meeting. The Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country:

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

   The Chair introduced the directors of the Company, confirmed a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

   The Chair requested the Company Secretary to note apologies to the meeting, as recorded below.

Apologies	Position
Ben Sellenger	Director
Brenda Pearl OAM	Life Governor
David Prince OAM	Life Governor
Denis Wilson AM	Life Governor
Rob Fildes OAM	Life Governor
Ian Boswell OAM	Life Governor
Paul Jenes OAM	Life Governor
Anne Lord OAM	Life Member
Betty Moore	Life Member
Christopher Wilson	Life Member
Craig Hilliard	Life Member
Darryl Cross	Life Member
Dave Cundy	Life Member
David Culbert	Life Member
David Tarbotton	Life Member
Denise Boyd	Life Member
Diane Lowden	Life Member
Dion Russell	Life Member
Gerard Ryan	Life Member
Glynis Nunn OAM	Life Member
Heather Mitchell	Life Member
Helen Lee	Life Member
Ian Jones	Life Member
Janelle Eldridge OAM	Life Member

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Joan Cross	Life Member
Ken Roche AO	Life Member
Kirstine Farrance	Life Member
Laurie Keaton	Life Member
Neil Boden	Life Member
Nick Moore	Life Member
Peter Bromley	Life Member
Peter Reynolds	Life Member
Richard Lawysz	Life Member
Rob Blackadder	Life Member
Susan Hobson	Life Member
Tony Keynes OAM	Life Member
Tony Rice	Life Member
Wayne Fletcher OAM	Life Member
William Bailey	Life Member
Zoë Eastwood-Bryson	Life Member

Other Apologies

Wayne Larden	CEO, Pont3
Gerard Corradini	Director, ACT Academy of Sport
Cameron Murray	Paralympics Australia, CEO
Steve Baldas	SALAA CEO
Grant Mizens OAM PLY	President Paralympics Australia
Grant Cosgrove	Senior Governance Advisor, Australian Sports Commission
Evelyn Halls OAM	AA, Ethics and Integrity Committee Member
Alison Campbell	AA, High Performance Committee Member
John Clark	President, Australian Masters Athletics

Present	**Position**

Company Directors

Jane Flemming	President & Chair Athletics Australia
Brian Miller	Vice President, Athletics Australia
Megan Dwyer	Vice President, Athletics Australia
Jeff Cook	Director, Athletics Australia
Teresa Dyson	Director, Athletics Australia
Steve Moneghetti	Director, Athletics Australia
Tim Lyons	Director, Athletics Australia
Sherrie Boulter	Director, Athletics Australia

Members, Delegates

Clare Burton	President, Athletics Victoria
George Pappas	Director, Athletics West
Damon Thomas	Board Member, Athletics Tasmania
Matthew Whittbread	President, Athletics New South Wales
Yvonne Mullins AM	President, Athletics Qld
James Lennane	President, Capital Athletics

Members, Executives

Leanne Chin	Executive Officer, Athletics Northern Territory
Matthew Duck	CEO, Athletics Victoria
Glen Taylor	CEO Athletics Tasmania & Little Athletics Tasmania
Chris Giles	CEO, NSW Athletics
Tyson Beattie	CEO, Athletics West
Shane Fuller	CEO, Athletics South Australia
David Gynther	CEO, Aths QLD
Christopher Davis	CEO, LAQ

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Adam Horner	CEO, Capital Athletics

Associate Member Delegates

Amanda Robertson	President LATas
Ross Pallentine	President LAQ
Costa Zakis	Co-Chair, NSW Athletics
Helen Strachan	SALAA Director
Jane Sternagel	SALAA Director
Julie Bicknell	President, Little Athletics Victoria

Life Governors and Life Members

Peter Hamilton	Life Governor
Brian Roe OAM	Life Governor
Lorraine Morgan	Life Member
David Grace AM QC	Life Member
Peter Duras AM	Life Member
Mark Stewart	Life Member
Jeanette Robertson OAM	Life Member
Christopher Wardlaw PSM	Life Governor

Invited Guests

Vanessa Low	Incoming Director, Athletics Australia
Matthew Cowdrey	Head of Para Sport System and Partnerships
Hannah Hollingworth	Grant Thornton Pty Ltd
James Frankfort	Grant Thornton Pty Ltd
Joseph Yeung	President, Little Athletics Australia

AA Staff

Simon Hollingsworth	Chief Executive Officer
Melanie Plumb	Company Secretary
Adam Bishop	Executive, Athletics Australia
Andrew Faichney	Executive, Athletics Australia
Karen Murphy	Executive, Athletics Australia
Briar Sefo	Executive, Athletics Australia
Chris Brophy	Executive, Athletics Australia
Louise Thiele	Executive, Athletics Australia
Myles Foreman	Executive, Athletics Australia
Nathan Sims	Staff, Athletics Australia
Brook Davies	Staff, Athletics Australia
Lindsey Mersey	Staff, Athletics Australia
Melanie Purkiss	Staff, Athletics Australia
Linda Gusbeth	Staff, Athletics Australia
Luke Denehy	Staff, Athletics Australia
Jemma Caon	Staff, Athletics Australia
Steve Caddy	Staff, Athletics Australia
Bianca Ratje	Staff, Athletics Australia
Shane Bertrand	Staff, Athletics Australia
Maggie Trewin	Staff, Athletics Australia

The President invited AA Life Governor, Brian Roe OAM, to read out the names of members of the athletics family who had passed away since the last AGM (Appendix One). A minute's silence was observed in recognition of their service to the sport.

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General meeting

The Chair tabled the minutes of the 41st AGM of Athletics Australia held on 24 October 2025. No questions or corrections were raised, and the minutes were adopted as a true and correct record of the 2025 AGM.

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3. President's Report

The President's Report on the affairs of the Company was tabled for the reporting year.

The Chair reflected on a significant year for Australian Athletics, identifying the unification of Little Athletics Australia (LAA) and Athletics Australia in April as the year's major achievement. She noted that unification aligned with the renewed brand and the ambition to connect the sport across the whole participation and performance pathway. The Chair acknowledged the vision and collaboration of Members and thanked the Steering Committee, Myles Foreman, Simon Hollingsworth and LAA President Joseph Yeung for their contributions. She noted the positive response from both the athletics community and the wider sporting sector.

The Chair acknowledged Australian athletes' achievements in international competition, including the performances of James Turner and Vanessa Low, the emerging athletes in the Commonwealth Games team, the para team competing in Delhi 2025, and successes at the World Cross Country Championships and the 2026 World Athletics Relays. She also recognised Cameron Myers' achievements in the 1500m and the contribution of his support team, highlighting the importance of a high-performance system that supports athletes wherever they train.

The Chair highlighted the strength of the Summer Series, growing free-to-air coverage and strong broadcast audiences. She acknowledged the performances of emerging athletes, including Gout Gout, and recognised Bruce McAvaney's receipt of a President's Award from World Athletics.

The Chair recognised the Sydney Marathon's achievement of major marathon status and its contribution to the legacy of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. She acknowledged the Pont3 team for its work in delivering the event.

Turning to financial performance, the Chair noted that the organisation had delivered a surplus and reaffirmed the Board's focus on long-term financial sustainability.

The Chair thanked major partners Chemist Warehouse, Coles, Rio Tinto and Puma, together with the Australian Sports Commission, Australian Institute of Sport and State Institutes of Sport. She also acknowledged World Athletics, World Para Athletics, Oceania Athletics, the Australian Olympic Committee and Commonwealth Games Australia for their support.

The Chair expressed appreciation to Members for their contributions and collaboration, and to coaches, volunteers, parents and officials for their commitment to the sport. She acknowledged the leadership of the senior leadership team and the substantial time, experience and energy contributed by the volunteer Board.

In closing, the Chair expressed pride in Australian Athletics and confidence in the sport's future, thanking the athletics community for its continued support.

4. CEO's Report

The CEO, Simon Hollingsworth, presented his report, reflecting on a year of international success, increased participation and organisational change. He identified the unification of LAA and Athletics Australia as the most significant achievement off the track and acknowledged the work of those who had contributed over many years. He welcomed the opportunity for Member Associations to come together to celebrate the sport and emphasised the need to convert the year's progress into sustained growth.

The CEO reported that LAA staff had been integrated into the Australian Athletics team, LAA nominees were being incorporated into AA committees and operational integration was progressing. He noted opportunities for further collaboration across the sport.

The CEO highlighted the success of the Australian junior championships and the positive feedback received. He reaffirmed high performance as a key organisational focus, noting that sustained international success required investment in systems and innovation. He cited the use of artificial intelligence simulation in relays, the logistical support provided to large teams competing in Tokyo and Delhi, and proactive athlete wellbeing support as examples of the system being developed.

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The CEO reported that the Summer Series continued to grow, supported by prime-time television coverage of the Maurie Plant Meet and National Championships. He acknowledged Member Associations, clubs and volunteers for their contributions and noted the development of the Australian Participation Plan in collaboration with Member Associations and the wider sector.

The CEO described the year's financial result as a positive step towards financial stability, with increased revenue supported by high-performance funding and commercial growth. Australian Athletics was the second-highest funded sport in the AIS system. He noted additional expenditure associated with unification, events and broadcasting, and the importance of maintaining a sustainable cost base in a challenging economic environment. Equity was reported at $1.8m, with long-term sustainability remaining a Board priority.

The CEO acknowledged AA staff contribution through a significant year of major events and unification, noting strong staff engagement results and the ongoing focus on inclusivity.

In closing, the CEO thanked the Board and expressed particular appreciation to the Chair for her energy and commitment. He reflected that those involved were stewards of the sport and thanked the broader athletics community for its contribution.

5. Financial Statements and Reports

The Chair noted that the Corporations Act 2001 requires financial statements, Directors Report, Directors Declaration and Auditors Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 to be tabled.

The reports were included in the online 2025–26 Annual Report.

No questions were received on the reports.

6. Appointment of Australian Athletics Directors

The Chair noted that the proposed resolutions for the appointment of directors had been set out in the Notice of Meeting. Members were asked to ratify the appointments of Sherrie Boulter, Teresa Dyson and Vanessa Low as directors of the Company, in accordance with the Constitution and on the terms set out in the Notice of Meeting.

The Chair confirmed that Members had signed a document passing the resolutions unanimously (under clause 25 of the Constitution) and congratulated Sherrie Boulter, Teresa Dyson and Vanessa Low for their appointments to the Athletics Australia Board.

7. Appointment of Auditor

The Chair confirmed that, under clause 60 of the Constitution, all voting Members had signed a resolution unanimously agreeing to the reappointment of Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd as auditor of the Company for the 2026–27 financial year. The Chair acknowledged the auditors.

8. Special Awards

The Chair invited Brian Roe OAM to announce the special award recipients.

Under clause 25 of the Athletics Australia Constitution, Members unanimously agreed by written resolution to confer Honorary Life Membership under clause 7.7 on Fiona Brown (WA/NT), Shaun Creighton (ACT), Caroline Jackman (SA) and Brian Smith (QLD). The recipients had been nominated by the Special Awards Committee and their candidacies approved by the Board. Brian Roe announced the recipients and read the full citations for each.

Brian Roe also acknowledged Kate Colahan, the recipient of the 2026 Peter Norman Humanitarian Award, who had been honoured posthumously by Australian Athletics earlier in October.

The Chair congratulated the award recipients and thanked them for their contributions to athletics.

9. Other Business

The Chair acknowledged former President David Grace for his attendance at the meeting.

Jeanette Robertson, Life Member, noted the number of apologies and requested that Australian Athletics investigate streaming future AGMs online. The Chair agreed to explore the proposal.

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The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11.02am.

Signed as a true and correct record.

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Chair/President Date

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Appendix One

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025-2026

OBITUARIES

DURING 2025 – 2026 REPORT YEAR

Don Baird (Vic) – Olympian (1976), Commonwealth Champion in Pole Vault (1974)

Nola Bradford (Vic) – Club Administrator

May Burling (Vic) – AA Platinum Pin, National Technical Official, AV Merit Award

Les Burgess (Vic) – Club Administrator, National Technical Official

Amy Burow AM (Vic) – AA Life Member, AV Life Member

Richard (Rick) Carter - AA Life Member, National Team Manager

Christine Christie (Vic) – World Athletics Silver Referee

Kate Colahan (Qld) – Coach, Champion - Athletics for the Outback

Tommy Connolly (Qld) – Athlete, Athletics Social Media Man

Lee Derby (WA) – National Team Official, Coach

AW (Bill) De Gruchy (WA) – Commonwealth Games Gold (4x110yds Relay)

George Dyer Snr (Vic) – Technical Official, Club Administrator

Kate Faulkner (Vic) – Athlete

JR (Ross) Filshie (Vic) - Commonwealth Games Bronze (Pole Vault), National Champion

Ken Hall (Vic) – Twice National 1500m Champion, Club Administrator, Coach

Neil Hinton (NSW) – National Technical Official, ANSW Life Member

Nicholas (Nick) Hum (Vic) – Paralympian (2016, 2020, 2024), Bronze Medal – Long Jump (2020)

Gary Hooper MBE (NSW) – Paralympic Champion

Ronda Jenkins OAM (Vic) – AA Life Governor, AA Platinum Pin, National Records Officer

Laura Johnson (NSW) – World U20 Representative (2000 and 2002), National U20 Champion

James (Bob) Joyce (Vic) – Olympian (1956 110m Hurdles)

Alf Lazer – Athlete, University Sport Administrator

Rosemary Longstaff (Bell) (ACT) – World Cross Country Representative, National Champion

WE (Bill) Mather-Brown (WA) - Paralympic Silver Medal (Slalom A)1968

Peter McDonald (Tas) – AA Gold Pin, Coach

Hazel McDonnell (Qld) – National Technical Official, Oceania Merit Award

Bill McLennan (Vic) – National Technical Official, AV Life Member

Janine Mladlin (NSW) – National Technical Official

Kerry O'Brien (SA) – Olympian (1968 and 1972), World Record Holder 3000m Steeplechase

Evan Parsons (NSW) – Technical Official, Club Administrator

Peter Phillips (Qld) – World University Games Representative, National Champion

Jim Poulter (Vic) – Athlete

Geoffrey Rowe (Vic) – National Team Manager, AA Business Manager

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El (Ted) Simmons OAM (NSW) – AA Life Member

Julian Shuravetsky (Vic) - Coach

Geoff Soanes (Vic) – National Technical Official

Elaine Speers (Tas) – AT Merit Award

Kathy (Edwards) Stanton – AA Board Member, National Team Official, ASA Executive Officer

NB (Bruce) Stanton – Athletics West Life Member, Technical Official, Club Administrator

Jemma Stapleton (Vic) – Stawell Gift Finalist

Mike Stevenson (Tas) – AT Merit Award, World Masters Champion

Robyn Stokes (SA) – National Medallist (100m Hurdles)

Luigina (Lou) (Torso) Taylor (NSW) – Commonwealth Games Representative, National Team Official

Paul Webster (Vic) – AV Treasurer and Board Member

Robyn Woodhouse (NSW) – Olympian, Commonwealth Champion (High Jump)

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Peter Barnes (NSW) - National Technical Official

PA (Pat) Clohessy AM (Qld) – AA Life Governor, Master Coach, Athlete

John Chittick (Vic) – Olympian (1956 and 1960), six times National Champion

Penny Gillies OAM (NSW) – AA Life Member, Olympian, Coach

Persephone (Sef) Lazarakis (WA) – Timekeeper, AA Platinum Pin, AWA Life Member

Shirley Orr (Vic) – AV Staff Member, Club Administrator

Diane (De) Pain (Vic) - National Technical Official, Officials Educator, Club Administrator

Lachlan Tighe (Vic) – Executive Director Athletics Victoria (1996-97)

Natasha Ward (NSW) - Athlete

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