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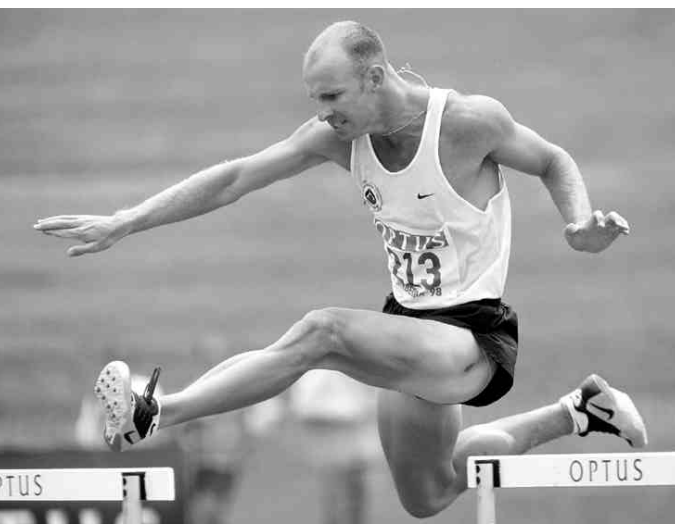
**TIS:** John Quinn (until November 1999), Position vacant pending decision on the future structure of the program

**VIS:** Efim Shuravetsky (Head Coach), Sandro Bisetto, Peter Fortune, Roy Boyd (part time)

**WAIS:** Steve Lemke (Head Coach), Lyn Foreman, Alex Parnov

# Athletics Australia's Vision

1. To bring walking, running, jumping and throwing to all Australians for enjoyment and personal development to a level that matches their desires and talents.
2. To restore Australia to its historic status as a champion track and field nation.
3. To build mutually beneficial relationships with Government, business, sporting organisations and the community.
4. To support, foster and embrace all affiliated bodies and stakeholders in Athletics.
5. To build a world class organisation that will inspire and develop personal and national pride through achieving international success.





12 November 1999

## Letter to Shareholders

My thanks to all those who work so hard to make track and field an exciting and vibrant sport. The year 2000 represents a number of exciting opportunities for our sport, with the highlight being the chance for our athletes to achieve their dreams and aspirations at the Sydney Olympic Games, as we endeavour to lift Australia into the top five in medal tallies in the world.

Off the competitive arena, the Board faces major challenges in restructuring the entire Australian Athletics organisation to a level which matches the quality, efficiency and results of the best sporting bodies. We must have world class management and systems to support our athletes, our members and all aspiring athletes in Australia, from the amateur competitive jogger to the Olympic gold winner. It is a most exciting time for our sport and it gives me a great deal of pleasure to be involved with you in Track and Field in this country.

Since the new Board took over early in 1999, we have moved the sport into a position where it can take maximum advantage of the opportunities a home Olympic Games in 2000 presents us with. There is considerable further work to be done to ensure athletics in Australia is the number one Olympic sport for all Australians and your Board is not afraid to make the hard decisions.

In the last year there has been continued excellence in high performance. Our results in the Commonwealth Games, the World Junior Championships, the World Indoor Championships and the Paralympic World Championships were world class, with our disabled athletes becoming the first Australian athletic team to top the medal tally at an international meet.

The board is committed to developing the real sport of Track and Field for all Australians, Mums, Dads, school kids, Little Athletics and Senior Athletics, and we saw in the Optus Grand Prix Series Australia's best athletes compete against international stars, including Frankie Fredericks and Colin Jackson.

Television viewership was up by 77% indicating the strong and developing following Track and Field has in this country. It gives a clue to the great potential of track and field in this country.

In junior development we have embarked on an energetic policy of providing world class programs for schools, both primary and secondary. This will continue and we see junior development and participation as the future of the sport in this country.

I must wholeheartedly thank our partners who continue to support athletics in this country, in particular our principal partner Cable and Wireless Optus, Ansett Australia, NIKE Australia, TNT, the Australian Sports Commission and a new partner this year, Mannatech. We continue to work closely with the Australian Olympic Committee and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association and thank them for their support. Our television partners, Foxsports and the Nine Network, have provided excellent coverage of the Optus Grand Prix Series and we look forward to their continued support.

Sincerely,

ANDREW FORREST  
Chairman

# National Executive Director



After a year in which such auspicious gains have been made by this sport, a report such as this is a pleasure to prepare.

There can be no doubt that over the past year the significant achievements made, such as the superb results achieved by the Track and Field section of the Australian Commonwealth Games Team in Kuala Lumpur, completely overshadow the minor disappointments the sport has experienced.

As foreshadowed in last year's report the collapse of SportsVision forced the organisation to enter negotiations with free-to-air and Pay-TV networks in an effort to sell the Broadcast rights for domestic athletics meets. The negotiations resulted in a very successful outcome. The sale of these rights to Fox Sports secured broadcasting of our meets for 3 years through to 2001 and doubled the annual rights fee paid previously to Athletics Australia.

Athletics Australia recorded a surplus of \$185,909 for the year. A substantial surplus on projects of \$513,949 more than offset the operating deficit of \$328,040. As at 30 June 1999 Athletics Australia held net assets totalling \$952,016 and is well placed to achieve its target figure of \$1 M net assets by the end of 2000.

Four meets in the Optus Grand Prix Series (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Hobart) plus the National Championships were televised by both Fox Sports and the Nine Network. Last season's Optus Grand Prix and National Championship Series attracted a total combined TV audience of 2,510,000 viewers (a 77% increase on 1998) with a

significant proportion of this total arising from excellent audiences for the National Championships shown on the Nine Network. The telecasts of the National Championship and the Sydney edition of the series achieved market share figures of 30% for the Nine Network (similar to 1998). Across the season, athletics telecasts achieved an average TV audience market share of 25.7%. These audience figures not only confirm the strong interest in the sport and its potential as a televised sport but also vindicate Fox Sports' decision to purchase the broadcast rights.

The total attendance at Grand Prix events for the year was a disappointing 22,800 (1998 - 41,884). This downturn can be largely attributed to a substantial reduction in expenditure on promotion of the Melbourne and Sydney editions of the GP series. Those who attended any of the Grand Prixes were treated to superb athletics, none more so than those who saw Frank Fredericks run so well in Sydney and Melbourne and those who witnessed the effort of Lee Troop to break Ron Clarke's long standing Australian 5000 m record. A review of the attendances has been undertaken and Athletics Australia has been considering a wide variety of strategies, including increased promotional expenditure and the provision of low-cost group booking concessions to schools, to attract larger crowds to these events.

The Sydney edition of the Optus GP Series has enjoyed IAAF Permit status for the past two years and it is noteworthy that for both years it has also been our highest IAAF point-scoring event. The Melbourne edition of the Series (the 2nd highest point score event in 1998 and 1999) has been recognised for several years as a quality event in the IAAF calendar of meetings. Clearly, now both the Melbourne and Sydney GP's can lay claim to be high quality international athletics meetings.

Compared to last year's figures there was only a small decrease in the point score in our two international meets (0.5% - Sydney; 1.5% - Melbourne) and the other meets in the series either held up very well (Zatopek, Perth, Canberra and Adelaide editions) or showed small increases (Hobart and Brisbane editions). This is particularly pleasing as there was considerably less investment made into the acquisition of international talent for the 1999 series. The corollary is that having Australian athletes making up the bulk of the fields results in no reduction in the quality of the series and it provides our home grown talent, of which there is increasing depth and quality, valuable promotional opportunities.

Entries for most national championships were slightly up on previous years, although those for road walks continue to decline. All traditional national championships were successfully staged in 1998/99. The schools competitions run under the auspices of Athletics Australia are going from strength to strength and are beginning to form a high volume stream of talented athletes.

The total number of athletes competing in the Optus Australian Open and Under 20 Championship held in Melbourne was 907, slightly lower than the 962 who competed last year. However, the number of international athletes that competed was 182, 18 more than last year, from 17 countries. Thanks to the valuable services provided by 220 officials involved, the championship proceeded smoothly in every way. The number of people who attended the championship this year was 5,684, a figure that is in line with those from previous years.

In a late but welcome decision by SOCOG, the 2000 Australian Track & Field Championships in February and the Olympic selection events for the marathon and road walks in April 2000 have been selected as the official "test events" for the 2000 Sydney Olympics. It is now most likely that Australians hoping to compete in the Olympic Games in Sydney will have the opportunity to "test" Stadium Australia during first class competition on two occasions – first, at the National Championship and again during the Olympic Selection Trials in August 2000. Naturally, the "test" opportunity will also be given to the people who have been selected by SOCOG to officiate during the Olympic Games next year. Perhaps the only disappointment that could be expressed in regard to this matter is that there is still no final resolution with SOCOG on how all responsibilities and benefits from these events will be shared. It is expected that agreement will be reached early in the next financial year.

The National Track and Field Championships for Athletes with a Disability attracted 150 participants. In addition to the championships, the integration program continued to successfully implement activities that aim to bring disabled athletes into all aspects and levels of the sport.

Surpluses were recorded on most Athletics Australia events and, in total, the surplus was similar to that recorded last year. It is worth re-iterating that the surplus derived from the events we conduct must be increased substantially, particularly at all Optus Grand Prix Meets to assist in the growth of the sport and to help capitalise on the 2000 Games flow-on effect.

A new high performance plan for the period 1998 – 2000 was developed and implemented during the first quarter of the financial year. Important milestones which have been achieved include:

- Setting challenging targets for the period to ensure that the objectives of the plan will be met,
- Implementing performance based funding for Intensive Training Centres (Institute & Academy of Sport programs),
- Appointing a Head Team Coach to lead the national team campaigns for the 1999 World Championships and the 2000 Olympic Games, and
- Early appointment of team coaches and revitalising the national event coach structure and operations.

Former Olympic marathon runner and 1998 Commonwealth Games Team Head Coach, Chris Wardlaw, who is also a senior manager in the Victorian Department of School Education, was appointed to the position of Head Team Coach in December 1998. The position will expand to a full time commitment for the final six-month period leading to the Olympic Games.

As highlighted earlier, the performance of the Australian Track and Field section at the 1998 Commonwealth Games exceeded general expectations and the challenging performance targets set by Athletics Australia. The final achievement of 34 medals (13 gold, 9 silver & 12 bronze) easily surpassed the publicly stated medal target of 26 medals. An important feature of the Games was the emergence of several athletes producing world-class performances for the first time. This campaign was an important milestone along the path to a successful Sydney Olympic Games and provided a good opportunity to develop and test some of the preparation plans and initiatives being implemented for the 1999 World Championships and the 2000 Games. It is appropriate to note our thanks to the Australian Commonwealth Games Association for sending the large team of athletes and support staff to Kuala Lumpur.

As a result of performances leading up to and during the Commonwealth Games, there has been an increase in the number of athletes receiving Direct Athlete Support (DAS) from Athletics Australia under the Australian Sports Commission's Olympic Athlete program (OAP).



**Number of Athletes in Olympic Athlete Program by Category**

	OAP 1	OAP2	OAP3	Total
May 1998	12	10	10	32
October 1998	14	12	10	36

These categories are reliable indicators of our athletes' abilities relative to the rest of the world (for example, category 1 equates to performing at a level equivalent to a top 8 placing in world class fields). The figures further support the contention that there is an overall improvement in the talent pool in Australian athletics.

An application to the Australian Olympic Committee's (AOC) Special Initiatives Fund (SIF) for funding for a number of Olympic preparation projects aimed at increasing our medal chances in 2000 was successful in gaining \$424,000 financial support. These funds will be used to support projects in pole vault, high jump, women's javelin, relays, and sport psychology, and for the provision of training equipment.

There was little change in the number of athletes and officials registered with clubs during the year (15,690) and virtually no change in the number of accredited coaches (2,594). However, there were very good levels of registration in the national series of All Schools championships (12,269) and the Schools Knockout competition (4,982), both showing growth over the previous year. There can be no doubt that school-level competition is helping strengthen the base of the sport but more success in the building of registrations at the club-level must be achieved if the sport is to continue to be successful into the next century.

In August the Board received the report on the Review of the Structure and Governance of the sport undertaken by PricewaterhouseCoopers. The Board adopted the report and its recommendations and the implementation of many of the recommendations contained in the report began immediately after adoption of the report.

One of the more significant recommendations was that of the reduction in the number of Directors to a Board of five. The Presidents of the Member Associations debated this recommendation and the wording of a Heads of Agreement for a national system of athletics following delivery of the report. Ultimately, agreement was reached in February on the process of appointing the Directors to form the new five person Board, as well as the Heads of Agreement. In March the Member Associations appointed a new Board of Directors of Athletics Australia. In a most selfless act, all Directors on the previous Board resigned to clear the way for the selection and appointment process to proceed.

Athletics Australia's Hot Tracks program has reached a secondary school penetration level of 68% (44% in 1998) and in excess of 134,000 certificates were distributed during the year (108,698 in 1998). The next major challenge facing this successful program is the production of version 2 for secondary schools and production of a version for primary schools.

Athletics Australia managed the Indigenous Sport Scholarship program (in its relationship with this sport) in partnership with the Australian Sports Commission. The specific aim of this program is to improve the level of support and development for athletes, coaches and officials from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds. Sixteen people received support through the year and the scholarship program continues to operate successfully in athletics.

Investment in competition support programmes continued throughout the year with a further \$24,000 of competition equipment purchased for Member Associations from event surpluses. This investment is in addition to purchases made from the central equipment pool. The investments made here have been largely due to the legacy of the successful negotiations with the Victorian Government 3 years ago for the staging of the National Championship in Melbourne in 1997, 1998 and 1999. This agreement has concluded and new tenders for the National Championships in 2001 and beyond will be sought in the near future.

Well known throughout the athletics fraternity is the fact that Athletics Australia has had extensive involvement in the development of Active Australia. Some of the initial benefits flowing from Active Australia include the Athletics Australia Club Awards. More than 10% of all athletics clubs submitted nominations for the 1998/99 awards and ultimately 5 clubs were awarded plaques as winners in each category and shared in the \$7,000 provided by Athletics Australia. Congratulations to all award winners who are detailed at the end of this report.

Recognising the need to provide further support for the development of the sport, during the year Athletics Australia announced the creation of the Junior Support Fund through which it will provide up to \$24,000 p.a. in scholarship support to junior athletes and development initiatives. The administration of the program is being handled in partnership with the Member Associations and it has attracted a high level of local and international interest thus far. The program will also complement the Australian Commonwealth Games Association's Junior Squad fund that provides further financial assistance to our juniors competing overseas.

For Athletics Australia to maintain its programs and fund initiatives such as the Junior Support Fund new sources of revenue must be found and revenue generation must be increased. In addition to the very successful outcome from the sale of TV rights, midway through the reporting period Athletics Australia entered into a four-year agreement with Mannatech, USA. Mannatech is now the official supplier of glyconutritional products (nutritional supplements). The company is providing us with substantial supplies of their products for distribution to team members as well as valuable financial support. It is expected that over the course of the next year a large number of our top athletes will register to be supplied with these supplements.

As the year closes we are close to completing our Y2K audit with the upgrade or replacement of all non-compliant equipment. The plan to deal with the Y2K issue has been implemented well and the actions taken to ensure all equipment is compliant have been performed in a timely fashion.

Recently, the Board resolved to advertise the chief executive's position. The process of drafting the advertisement, advertising the position, and interviewing prospective candidates for the role is to be completed in August or September 1999. While this process is being undertaken strategies outlined in the current business plan will continue to be implemented.

There is one matter of future significance that should be reported here, that being the forthcoming IAAF World Championships. This championship is this sport's benchmark event for the year and the results achieved by the Australian Team may have an impact on financial support received from funding agencies. We are expecting our targets will be reached and that no adverse effect on funding will be experienced.

The most significant challenges facing this sport over the next year do not change.

First, the high performance program must receive enormous priority. To this end, all the athletes on the "shadow" Olympic Games selection list (those who have the potential to reach qualifying standards and be selected to represent Australia in the Olympic Games next year) must be provided with all the assistance and resources that can be provided. The training and preparation of these athletes cannot be compromised in the lead up to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Second, we must strengthen and improve the base of the sport. Significant initiatives that have been outlined in this

report will help build the base of this sport. Nonetheless, increased investment must be made over the next few years to ensure the number of people participating in athletics grows substantially and the flow of talented athletes increases as a result of this growth.

Success at the pinnacle of this sport and enjoyment from participation in programs and events we conduct would not be so great if we did not receive such valuable and generous support from our supporters and sponsors. Athletics Australia thanks all of the following companies and organisations for their support: Cable & Wireless Optus, principal sponsor; Ansett Australia, official airline; Nike, uniform supplier, TNT, freight carrier; Mannatech, official supplier of nutritional supplements; the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association.

It has been a year of continued growth, improvement and success. On behalf of the Board of Athletics Australia I thank all who contributed to this successful year including the Board, each member of staff of Athletics Australia, all those working with Member Associations and athletics clubs, and all the volunteers who deserve far more acknowledgment than they receive.

#### **Martin Soust**

National Executive Director.



# Registration Figures-All States 1998/99

		NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	TOTALS
<b>SENIOR</b>	MALE	1117	1328		232	130		106	150	
	FEMALE	534	393		71	153		100	78	
<b>UNDER 20</b>	MALE	142	214		39			2	24	
	FEMALE	92	119		28			3	15	
<b>UNDER 18</b>	MALE	260	458		80			6	25	
	FEMALE	166	360		53			11	27	
<b>UNDER 16</b>	MALE	451	170		91			27	42	
	FEMALE	380	185		100			27	44	
<b>UNDER 14</b>	MALE	376	0		28			12	37	
	FEMALE	398	0		37			27	46	
<b>UNDER 12</b>	MALE	404	20		0			285		
	FEMALE	469	11		0			286		
<b>TOTAL</b>	MALE	2750	2190	1400	470		365	438	278	
	FEMALE	2039	1068	1000	289		245	454	210	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>4789</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>2400</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>1245</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>14441</b>
<b>STATE ALL SCHOOLS</b>		<b>2858</b>	<b>2432</b>	<b>2400</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>10914</b>
<b>SCHOOLS KNOCKOUT</b>		<b>292</b>	<b>1180</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>4982</b>
<b>AUST. ALL SCHOOLS**</b>										<b>1355</b>
<b>OFFICIALS</b>	MALE	246	233	90	40	42	44		24	
	FEMALE	127	170	73	41	12	48		12	
<b>TOTAL OFFICIALS</b>		<b>373</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1249</b>
<b>LIFE MEMBERS</b>	MALE		17	17	19	20	6	3	8	
	FEMALE		24	21	16	16	5	1	2	
<b>TOTAL LIFE MEMBERS</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>COACHES</b>										
LEVEL 1	MALE	435	214	409	74	64	18	6	37	1257
	FEMALE	225	119	288	28	65	14	5	19	763
LEVEL 2	MALE	78	47	61	22	10	10	1	17	246
	FEMALE	20	9	14	7	0	4	1	4	59
LEVEL 3	MALE	21	33	21	7	4	3	1	5	95
	FEMALE	4	3	0	2	5	1	0	0	15
OTHERS***	MALE	28	15	22	7	20	0	1	0	93
	FEMALE	19	1	27	0	19	0	0	0	66
<b>TOTAL COACHES</b>		<b>830</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2594</b>
<b>TOTAL REGISTRATIONS</b>										<b>35752</b>

\* Note: Athletics Victoria has U15, not U16

\*\* Note: 610 Women, 745 Men

\*\*\* Note: figures for 'others' includes coaches at the Orientation Level, or people who have not completed all accreditation procedures.

# ACT Athletics

Change in administration has been the order of the year; with our former President Brian Gleeson going overseas to work and our Executive Officer deciding to travel overseas and thus handing in his resignation. We started the year with a new President and very soon engaged a New Executive Officer.

For two years we have reported the goings on in the provision of a new all weather track for Canberra. Since the opening of the Australian Institute of Sport in 1981, ACT Athletics has made use of their all weather facility. A proposal to develop one site met a rocky resistance by a football code and the \$4 million grant did not see light of day. A second site is now under investigation but first a feasibility study will be undertaken. The construction of an all weather track and field facility will then have to get to the top of the Government's Capital Development Plan and currently that is headed by a swimming pool. The purchase of the AIS facility has been considered on a number of occasions and with proposed upgrading before the 2000 Olympics that could again become an attractive alternative.

A declining membership has been a major concern for a number of years and it is pleasing to report that we have had a meager increase of 4 this year. Whether this can be accredited to a spin-off from the Olympics or from a new club centered on Queanbeyan being registered will remain debatable. There is an expressed concern by some average level performance athletes that athletics is very much centered around the higher performance athletes. In addition to a vigorous recruitment campaign there is also a need to promote athletics as a sport for all levels.

On a positive side, the Association conducted a very successful interclub competition during both summer and winter. The year commenced with the National Track & Field Championships for Athletes with a Disability. By all reports this was again a highly successful carnival. The Association was host to a number of National Championships during the year with Cross Country and Road Walking in the winter and Track and Field during the summer. We had a successful Grand Prix meeting but it would have been more satisfying to have had a bigger crowd.

Stuart Rendell was our most successful athlete winning the hammer throw at the Commonwealth Games and registering some good performances during the Grand Prix series. Shaun Creighton had a good performance in the Houston Marathon. Other athletes whose performances during the year attracted the attention of the Association were Mizan Mehari, Patrick Johnson, Kelly Roberts and Craig Core.

ACT Athletics has continued to receive valued sponsorship from the ACT Government Bureau of Sport and Recreation, Coca Cola Amatil, Sunsmart, Optus World, and ACT Healthpact. We have also received support in kind from Coca Cola Amatil, Instant Colour Press, Baker's Delight, Belconnen Fruit Markets and The Runner's Shop. Without this valued support, the Association would struggle to support its athletes and present programs that meet the general needs of those athletes.

The Association has an adequate number of qualified officials to meet its competition needs. It is important for the development of the sport for us to develop officials in jumps and throws events to the next level. There is adequate amount of equipment for the use of the athletes with a program to upgrade that equipment that does not comply with the changed specifications defined by the IAAF. The Track and Field Coaches Association has a branch in Canberra and is active in the general coaching program as well as supporting an OzSquad camp for the higher performance athletes.

During the year we maintained favourable relationships with both the Veteran's Athletics Association and with the Little A's that we see as the best avenue for increasing our registration numbers and raising the profile of athletics in the ACT.

## Executive Director

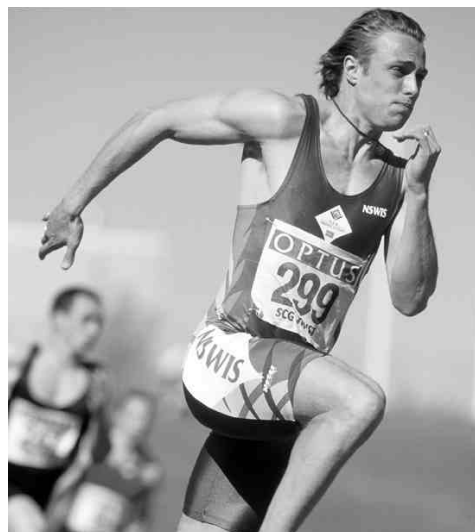
Scott Steele

## President

Owen Heness



# Athletics New South Wales



The past year has seen the athletes in NSW and the business of managing the sport in the State grow to new improved levels.

In the Commonwealth Games, 19 athletes from NSW represented Australia and were successful in winning 10 medals. Australia collected 34 medals, its best result since the 1962 Perth Games.

In the Australian Titles, NSW athletes won 15 Gold Medals, 50% more than any other state.

In the schools' competition we fielded our largest team ever of 460 athletes in the All Schools Championships. We were successful in winning just over a third of all medals. More impressively, we placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in three events and in the under 18 age group for men, we placed first in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 110m hurdles and 400m hurdles – an outstanding result. Walkers also performed well with 15 in top 4 places. The Moove Games and the Knockout competition also provided competitive results but our challenge continues to be one of keeping these people in the sport after they finish their schooling.

At the Club level, interclub continued to provide weekly competition at Homebush. Registrations for the year however were again slightly down and one of our primary objectives next year will be to provide clubs, the traditional nucleus of our organisation, the resources to increase their membership at the "grass-roots" level. Individual participation must also be encouraged whether it be at interclub or in new events developed for the general public.

From a financial perspective, we reported a profit of

approximately \$116,000 a very pleasing recovery from three years ago when we had to appoint an Administrator to assist in the restructuring of our business. The critical business decisions were to install a well qualified management team, reduce overhead costs and increase revenues.

The new management team has been in place for the past 18 months. They have achieved an enormous amount. Morale is high, the sport is running smoothly and profits are respectable. This year however, sees the end of the straight forward cost cutting steps. With our return to profitability, we have gradually restored salaries to market levels. At the end of March, the salary assistance we obtained from the Department of Sport and Recreation expired thereby imposing additional costs for us next year. We can afford to pay these increased costs but our future profitability will be impacted unless we increase revenues.

This year, revenues for both participation (registration, administration etc.) and sponsorship have remained constant. Next year, the sponsor of the Moove Games has cancelled their commitment, as the Moove brand will no longer be promoted by Dairy Farmers. We have engaged a consultant to assist us in replacing this sponsorship, but to date we have not finalized any new agreements. The concept of a major Sydney Marathon has been cancelled as last year's principal sponsor decided to cancel their agreement. Next year's focus must be on increasing revenues – by both increasing participation and gaining new sponsors.

These issues are not new and for many years each State Association and Athletics Australia have reflected on the same concerns. Very little however, has been done on a co-ordinated basis and the sport has continued to be run in a fragmented manner.

In the past year, I have actively addressed these issues by encouraging the Coopers and Lybrand review of Athletics Australia and the management of the sport. The conclusions have been well publicised and confirm many of the thoughts of people who have been involved in the sport over the past 10-20 years.

In NSW we will actively support any initiatives undertaken by Athletics Australia without losing sight of our core operations, including providing weekly competition throughout the year.

## Chief Executive Officer

John Patchett

## President

Ralph Doubell

# Northern Territory Athletics

Not surprisingly 1998/99 was yet another busy year for athletics in the Top End.

A change in Executive Director and President has made for an even busier year than usual. In December 1998 we farewelled Sam Nash from the office and more recently Brian Webb submitted in his resignation from the Board. We would like to take the opportunity to thank both Brian and Sam for their significant contribution to athletics in the Territory. We wish them the very best for their future endeavours.

The bimonthly NTA Newsletter has been distributed to clubs and athletes and is the main avenue for distribution of information to members.

NTA have recently purchased MYOB and are in the process of transferring accounts to the system. We hope this will allow us to produce simple clear financial reports and cut time expended on accounting.

A Little Athletics Standing Committee is running effectively and managing Little Athletics in the NT. A Senior Committee is the next priority. This will be running by the end of 1999 and ready to implement a new calendar for 2000.

Katherine Athletic Club excelled itself in 1999 by attaining an Athletics Australia Club Award for volunteer management. On visiting KAC it is difficult to believe it was only 1998 when the club was literally washed away in the Australia Day Flood.

A Darwin based Green Season competition was successful in 1999. It will also be held in the Katherine region in 2000. 1999 Green Season provided competition for those Darwin based athletes wishing to prepare for the 1999 competition season, Arafura Games and athletes preparing to travel south for National Championships, it provided the opportunity for competition prior to major competitions.

Current membership of 900 is an increase on 1998 figures, however there is still much improvement required. With the implementation of a Development Officer in October 1999 NTA hope to provide face to face contact with schools. The DO will also be responsible for organising coaching courses throughout the NT. The age-old problem in this isolated region is a lack of qualified coaches and opportunities for prospective coaches. With the implementation of a DO we hope to see a rise in the number of qualified coaches in the Territory and hence training opportunities for athletes.

Aside from Little Athletic Championships only four NT Athletes competed in their respective National Championships in 1999. However they achieved

commendable results. Nova Peris-Kneebone and Crystal Attenborough went on to represent Australia and Sam Rickard recently broke an Australian Blind 1500m record.

The Bayview Homes City to Surf was an outstanding success. Securing a naming rights sponsor for the event allowed sufficient funding to move the event to a larger scale. This sponsorship is envisaged to continue for 2000 allowing further increased exposure and improvements to the event.

NT Little Athletic Championships have always been a great event. A drop in numbers was seen in 1999 because of the exclusion of the Under 8 age group from the competition. Numbers in other age groups remained stable. A number of records were broken over the two days especially in the Under 14 age group.

NT Senior Championships did not have the same success however it was an increase on 1998 numbers and numerous NT veteran records were broken.

Arafura Games 1999 was again a great success. It offered international competition for developing athletes from Australian and nearby regions. The event also attracted a number of Australian elite athletes looking for pre-departure competition before heading to Europe, after the close of the Australian domestic competition. We look forward to 2001.

Darwin was also home again to members of the Australian team for a pre-departure camp for the 1999 World Athletic Championships in Seville. Darwin and the NT Athletic community were again receptive to these visitors and welcomed them with open arms. Attendance and assistance at pre-departure competition was enthusiastic.



Arafura Stadium hires have increased substantially for 1999 with a number of schools holding their first athletic carnival in a many years. This may be attributed to Pacific Schools Games, however we hope to encourage these schools to continue the good work.

NT officials are an enthusiastic bunch but often lack competition practice. Events such as Arafura Games and the 1999 Nike All Schools Athletic Championships brought many excellent officials out of the woodwork. Four of our officials have been selected to officiate at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. A mean feat for the little NT and a credit to our hard working officials.

NTA are grateful to NT Department of Sport and Recreation for its generous assistance in the 1999/2000 financial year. Our marketing director is currently investigating sponsorship opportunities for athletics in the NT to greater enable NTA to wean itself from dependence on government funding.

We look forward to an exciting future. Some prospective changes ahead include discussion to change dates of NT Schools Championships to the beginning of the competition season, encouraging non-traditional activities aimed at recreational members and send more athletes to interstate competitions in 2000 and beyond.

**President**

Brian Webb  
Bernie Trinne

**Executive Director**

Sam Nash  
Amanda Whittaker



# Queensland Athletics

As was disclosed in the published report last year and in the supplementary report delivered to the AGM, the process of change in Queensland has continued over the last 12 months. The clubs from North Queensland are once again within the fold. Although there are still significant issues, which need to be addressed with the North, the fact that they have rejoined is an encouraging fact. This repays in some small way the great amount of work that has gone into the process by members of past Boards, the current Board and the members of the North Queensland community. In addition, of course, there has been great support in the resolution of this matter by the State Department of Tourism Sport and Racing and Athletics Australia.

The regionalised structure, which was spoken about at such length in the Livingstone Report, has now been accepted and is well on the way to being in place. Of course, as a result of recent history, North Queensland is the most advanced in this regard. The other two divisions are on the way to achieving a similar administrative structure.

In the supplementary report delivered last year, I pointed out that the long awaited elections had been held with the result being that a Board was put in place which did not have one previously elected Board member on it. That was, I believe, a fairly clear signal from the members that a lot of political intrigue had pervaded Queensland Athletics in the past was not wanted nor warranted. Due to a quirk in our constitution, approximately half of the Board has to stand for re-election in May, not 6 months after the first election. All were returned. Once again it seems that the direction then being undertaken seems to have the approval of the members.

The next few years provide an opportunity to put athletics "back on the map" in Queensland. With the Olympics near, followed by the Goodwill Games, the World Veterans Championships, and the World Fireman's Games, all to be held in Queensland over the foreseeable future, together with some plans to hold other major competitions in the State. We intend to make the most of the exposure and sponsorship possibilities created.

We also are fortunate in that a number of teams competing at the Olympics have chosen Queensland to hold training camps before the games. Once again planning as to how best advantage of these opportunities has been made.

Competition over the last 12 months has varied a little from previous years. We have seen two more city synthetic tracks come on line, Nudgee College and the University of Queensland, and have tried to accommodate the use of all tracks. The interclub summer season, previously conducted by QA, was taken over by one of the southern Divisions.

In our view, however, the highlight of the period was QA sending the largest All Schools Track and Field team to Canberra. The team comprised of 340 athletes and 17 managers. Performances of noted included a World Junior qualifier in the Women's Hammer, and two national records (under 16 Men's 100m and under 20 Men's 110m Hurdles).

As has been the case over the past few years, we continued the annual exchange with the Gifu Prefecture in Japan. A team from Japan came to Brisbane for competition early in the year, and we sent a team of 21 athletes to Japan during the April Easter holidays.

For the first time in 10 years the National Cross Country Championships were held in Queensland. The course at Rivermount College, Yatala outside Brisbane, provided a challenging course and the event boasted some of the Country's biggest distance running names.

Once again this year the Schools Knockout competition leads the way in the provision from secondary school athletes to participate in a team based athletic competition. Queensland boasts the largest participant numbers in Australia.

The number of registered athletes is substantially up this year compared to last, but this figure cannot be claimed as an indication of marketing success as it for the first time in a number of years includes the Northern Queensland athletes.

In all it has been a very pleasing year. The only black spot in the year was the establishment of a rival athletic association. This association, known by a number of names including "Association of Queensland Athletics Clubs", or "State Athletic Clubs," was founded by former CEO of QA and a former director who was defeated at the elections held last year. They have deliberately gone out of their way to mirror the events QA has been conducting, and have even taken on names that QA has been using for decades such as "Queensland All Schools Championships".

The effect of all this is simply to create confusion amongst the athletes, and perhaps more importantly amongst parents of our younger athletes and the schools. It is somewhat of a concern that the founders of this association were amongst the most vocal in the period of time when for what were seen to be legitimate reasons, North Queensland sound not to support QA. The association has not given any reason why there should be support for QA. In fact one of the two persons mentioned had told me that he believes State Championships (which they purport to hold) should only be conducted by the State Association. One wonders at the real reason such associations exist. Are they simply spoilers, or is the money their motivation?

We have recently appointed CEO, the first time we have had permanent appointee for a couple of years. The State Government, in an effort to assist, seconded one of its consultants to us as acting CEO. I think that it is fair to say that this was not entirely successful.

Kerry Johnson, who many will know from her inclusion in a number of Australian teams, has a wealth of administrative experience in this area. She was appointed CEO recently and we welcome her aboard and look forward to working with her for many years to come.

I can safely say the QA is in a better position than it was 12 months ago.

**President**

John Brady

**Chief Executive Officer**

Kerry Johnson



# Athletics South Australia

The past year has certainly been an outstanding one for Athletics SA, possibly the most outstanding year in athlete performance that South Australia and our association has ever seen.

The year has seen the re-establishment of a new permanent home base for South Australian athletics at the SANTOS Stadium at Mile End. This is certainly a milestone in the history of the sport and matches the energy, enthusiasm and commitment to our sport made by the late C.R (Ronald) Aitken when he fought for the establishment of the Olympics Sports Field in 1965.

The need for a new track was presented to the South Australian Government in 1991 by our then President, David Prince. The opening of the track in 1998 therefore, was a culmination of a lot of work by a number of people who had the vision and the tenacity to continue that work for the benefit of athletics in this state.

Our new facility will be capable of serving athletics for a long time and will ensure that young people desiring to excel in the sport will have the availability and access to the finest facilities that can be provided in this state. Public and enduring thanks are made to the Government of South Australia for their foresight and support of the sport of Athletics in South Australia.

Performances on the track during the year reached a very high peak indeed. Athletics SA experienced the greatest number of senior and junior nationals medals, Australian representation and Commonwealth Games medals of any other year in our history. Worthy of course of particular mention are gold medals winners Jagan Hames and Tania Van Heer at the 17th Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur. Their performances were indeed outstanding. Congratulations also to all the other athletes, their families and their coaches for their successes during the year.

The year has also seen a strong consolidation in the administrative area with Sophie Keil being well supported by Ian Boswell, Barbara Stephens, Derek McFadden, Graham Davis our trainee, Michael Smart, and of course our volunteers Brenda Pearl, Rosmary Billet and the indefatigable Registrar, Kaye Carlin. This tight knit team has provided a great strength to the administrative stability and professional profile to the association and to the total management of the facility at Mile End.

I would like to make special mention of the untiring efforts of our officials, summer and winter throughout the year. I appreciate the time sacrifices that you make for the athletes in our sport and I am delighted that such a large number

have committed themselves and been selected as Olympic Officials for Sydney 2000. I know that you will cherish for your lifetime the fact that you have been selected to represent your country and this sport in the highest and most prestigious event on the sporting calendar of the world.

As you will see from the statement of accounts our association is just holding it's own in a very difficult financial environment. Despite the recent introduction of some administrative support from the South Australian Government, continuing support from our members, supporters and sponsors will be essential to provide the basis for our continuing success and improvement.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Board and all those who provided support for the Association and to myself during my time as President and for the confidence and ability exhibited by our sponsors in supporting our Association.

I wish the new President, the new Board and the entire membership all the best for the ensuing year and look forward to seeing the new era surpassing the great achievements of our recent years.

## Executive Officer

Sophie Keil

## President

Barry J Stanton

Tony Keynes



# Athletics Tasmania

In the last six months, Athletics Tasmania has had some major changes in Personnel, with General Manager, Pat Scammell taking up a role with the Newcastle Falcons, the Development officer Haydyn Nielson, and Administration Office Valerie Hall both moving onto other positions. On behalf of the sport, I would like to thank them for their contribution to athletics in Tasmania, and wish them well in their new careers.

This has been another good year for Athletics Tasmania. Our elite athletes of all ages have performed very well from the National All Schools through to the National Senior Titles. We continue to be highly competitive with larger states such as South Australia and Western Australia at national level and a number of the athletes continue to progress through to national senior team level.

Four Tasmanians, three based locally, were chosen for the Commonwealth Games, with Kylie Risk winning a silver medal in the women's 10,000m. Susan Andrews, though based in Perth, still considered a Tasmanian won a gold medal in the 4x400m. Mandy Giblin benefited from her first experience at this level, while Brendan Hanigan was unfortunate in being unable to compete due to injury. However, the representation of four in the team is far beyond what would be expected on a per capita basis, and highlights the strength of the sport in the state. Among our teenagers, Rachel Delphin represented Australia in the World Youth Under 18 Championships.

Our competition program has been strengthened this year by the addition of a statewide Grand Prix on the track. This has been well supported and is a very useful addition to the summer program. Again this year our National Grand Prix Meeting, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank as well as Optus, was well supported by the local public, nationally televised, and remains a key part of the Optus Grand Prix Series.

Further highs include two senior official appointments for the Sydney 2000 Olympics being awarded to Chris Wilson and Wayne Fletcher. A total of 16 Tasmanians were chosen as officials, which is a credit to the state. The Eastern suburbs Club was recognised at a National level for winning the Athletics Australia Club Award (Information category), and the Veterans Athletics Association of Tasmania have successfully secured the hosting of the 2000 Australian Veteran Athletics Championships.

We are still battling to make gains in levels of participation in the state. This task has proved a difficult one. Until we do make headway in the area we will struggle financially, however a serious effort to manage the finances

this year, accompanied by some difficult decisions has meant that we are starting to balance our budget as we need to in the long term.

## Participation

Numbers have declined, however quality has improved. There is in progress a new pilot program for schools in the North West; hopefully this will improve levels of participation in this area.

In the South the clubs have combined their expertise and have set up the Tasmanian Athletics Development Commission. The commission has developed an Introduction to Athletics program: Fun, Friends, Fitness, Athletics, "I'd like to do that". They will be presenting to schools from June through to October this year. Once tested and assessed, work will commence with the Northern clubs to implement this new program before September to ensure we target many new potential athletes.

The opportunity for growth is real as we approach the 2000 Olympics. Athletics is a unique product and the banner sport of the Olympics. Working together to market athletics, we will achieve our goal to increase registration.

## Commissions

Due to the structure of the Board of Management, progress has been made over the last year. The Track & Field commission making improvements to the State Championships program, reducing from three days to two, providing an action packed competition and more entertainment for our spectators. The Track & Field Commissions are working towards further improvements for the coming season. The Winter Commission hosted the Australian Mountain Running Championships and this proved most successful.

Commissions are essential to support the board. The Track & Field and Winter Commissions have been fine-tuned throughout the year and it is proposed to extend the number of commissions to cover development, officials and athletes.

## Optus Grand Prix & Commonwealth Bank Relays

The Optus Grand Prix once again provided high quality competition for our Tasmanian community, and with the Commonwealth Bank coming on board as our major sponsor for a second year, this enabled Tasmania to have international and Australian elite athletes grace our track.

## Facilities

The sport has been successful in obtaining funding for the track for the redevelopment of the facilities at the Domain Athletic Centre in Hobart. The funding has come from the Federal Government through the Telstra Social Bonus for

Tasmania. The Domain Athletics Centre Building Committee are progressing through to approval of plans, and are hopeful that redevelopment will commence in October.

### **Marketing and Sponsorship**

An innovative approach for securing sponsorship was developed, and the goal for Tasmania is at \$30,000. Athletics Tasmania are developing new concepts for attracting sponsorship, and these concepts will be put into action over the next two months. On behalf of Athletics Tasmania, I would like to express my thanks to our sponsors: Office of Sport & Recreation, Cadburys, Commonwealth Bank, Rosella and SportsCo for their continued sponsorship and support to our sport.

### **Elite Program**

With the departure of John Quinn as head coach, the TIS coach position is the subject for ongoing discussion, with Athletics Tasmania, Athletics Australia and TIS meeting in early June to discuss future programs and the requirements for our Tasmanian athletes.

Athletics Tasmania acknowledges and thanks John for his contribution over the years implementing the IT program.

### **Finance and Administration**

In the day to day management at the Athletics Tasmania office, we now have on staff Jacquie White. Jacquie has taken up the position as Administration Officer, which forms part of a traineeship. In accordance with the requirements of the traineeship, Jacquie works full time four days a week, and spends one day per week at college.

Jacquie is adapting very quickly to the challenging requirements of this position, and her commitment and enthusiasm has brought a breath of fresh air to the AT office.

The accounting system has now been computerised, bringing Athletics Tasmania in line with Athletics Australia accounting procedures.

### **President**

Terry Dwyer

### **General Manager**

Mary Bell



# Athletics Victoria



1998/9 was a busy but successful one for the Association. With a stable Board and staff, we were able to concentrate on developing athletics in the State of Victoria with some success.

Registrations, after steadily falling for a number of years, increased by almost 4%. It was encouraging to see Clubs registering new people and to note the return of some that had not registered in the previous year. The introduction of dual registrations for Little Athletes in their under 15 age group saw 79 athletes avail themselves of this opportunity. The trial will continue next year and be extended to include the under 14 age group as well.

A fair amount of the Board's time was spent in reviewing the PriceWaterhouseCoopers recommendations on the structure and governance of athletics in Australia. Our President, John Higham, played a significant role in ensuring the proposed changes were for the benefit of the sport. The Association supported the appointment of a new Board for Athletics Australia and applauded the appointments.

Internally, the Association spent considerable time on reviewing its membership and competition to ensure that our programs not only are attractive to our existing members and retain their interest but also serve to attract new members. A number of changes to come out of this review will be introduced in the next track and field season.

Interclub, conducted weekly at 8 venues, continues to be the cornerstone of the Association's competition program. Many athletes see interclub as the main avenue for their athletic pursuits and social activities with their team members.

State League, conducted each Thursday night during the track and field season at Olympic Park, is a vibrant competition which pits the State's top athletes against each other through a team concept. It speaks highly of the quality of the competition that interstate regularly visit Melbourne to run in the competition and are most welcome.

For many, the State Championships are the pinnacle of the track and field season. In 1998/9 the Championships were well supported and the introduction of events for "overage" athletes proved to be a success.

The Association was again pleased to conduct the Australian Championships on behalf of Athletics Australia. While the event provided some excellent performances, the lack of interstate rivalry was a disappointment.

The IAAF Grand Prix meeting in Melbourne was a show case event which attracted a good crowd and strongly promoted athletics to Victorians.

Our winter season continues to go from strength to strength with an average of over 500 athletes contesting each event at both metropolitan and country venues. Athletes competing at the one venue create a special atmosphere at winter events with a great sense of fun and goodwill between athletes and officials.

Once again, the Association conducted schools events, in both winter and summer with record numbers of entries in both seasons. There is a very strong interest in athletics amongst young people which is encouraging for the future of the sport.

The interest of young people was further fostered through our development activities. Sponsored by the Heart Foundation through Vichealth, our Eat Well Live Well development squads embraced over 250 of the best junior athletes in the State. Over 200 clinics were conducted in schools using qualified coaches and often supported by elite athletes.

Through the year, relationships were well maintained with our partners in the sport. Regular meetings took place with the Victorian Institute of Sport and the Victorian Little Athletic Association to explore ways of assisting each other through joint arrangements. The Victorian Athletic Council comprising AV, VLAA and the Victorian Athletic League met monthly and progressed some ground breaking options.

Significant support from our sponsors was again a vital factor in the Association's activities. Private sponsorship and support from Sport and Recreation Victoria and the Heart Foundation (Eat Well Live Well) enabled us to promote many of our programs. Tattersall's support provided the funding for the Tattersall's Classic Series which financed rewards to some of top athletes. Similarly in winter, many of our events were importantly enhanced by the generosity of sponsors.

Like other Associations, Athletics Victoria relies heavily on its officials and volunteers to conduct its athletics programs. As part of its aim to grow athletics in Victoria the Association's calendar gets fuller each year and with many officials needing to fulfill obligations to the parent body, 1998/9 was an exceptionally busy year for many officials. It was therefore very encouraging to see 47 of our officials rewarded for their efforts by getting appointments to the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

Financially, the Association was well on track to achieve its objective of breaking even for the year but our external auditors required some provisions to be increased which resulted in a loss being made. Nevertheless, the Association is in a sound financial position and looks forward a positive result next year.

The Association continues to attract strong interest through its website. Clubs and members are increasingly using the site for online registrations and entries. We provide a design and hosting facility for Club's own sites and have created links to external event providers.

**President**  
John Higham

**General Manager**  
Don Blyth



# AthleticA (WA)

Past, present, and future

In the past athletics in WA tended to withdraw and contract in the face of overwhelming social and economic change.

Today the Western Australian Athletics Commission (Inc) has restructured athletics in WA, with all clubs licensed to AthleticA. New management structures, divisional accounting systems have been installed. New school and community events/products together with a comprehensive recruitment and Pathway for Athletes strategy plans have been introduced. Sponsorship has close to trebled from 1997 \$59,510 to 1998 \$177,103. Traditional membership has increased by 19%.

In the future we look to position ourselves more strongly in a partnership role with Athletics Australia.

We will increasingly interact with all levels of government, the education and health systems, family, youth, mature aged, traditional weekend athletics, elite performance, primary and high school markets with appropriately tailored events, products and programs.

We will take the sport to the schools and other consumer markets.

We will promote athletics as a significant and enjoyable component of Western Australian lifestyle, as healthy living and your "sport for life".

## Finance

In last years annual report we advised some financial difficulties, in the main, left over costs from our restructuring phase.

Whilst we are not entering the financial millennium we have consolidated, have a comprehensive program of events and projects both traditional and out of stadium and are now able to present a slightly better than break even budget.

Three years ago State Government provided a substantial bail out grant to AAWA to allow it to continue to operate. We have come an important distance since that time.

We will continue to grow our revenue yielding events/products and increase total income.

## Membership

With our various product innovations we have increased the number of people with whom we are associated in the wider athletics fraternity.

We are also slowly growing our traditional weekend athletics registration numbers.

## Grand Prix

AthleticA acquired substantial sponsorship for the Perth Grand Prix event. The occasion was well conducted and promoted, up until the last ten days when a number of elite athletes one by one withdrew. The negative media reporting in the final lead up to the event, destroyed any prospect of achieving the Grand Prix otherwise full potential.

It is hoped the new, athletes selection formula for Grand Prix, in this pre Olympic year, will produce a more reliable elite athlete attendance.

## Out of Stadium

AthleticA continues to focus on events/programs that take our sport to the consumer, especially the schools.

We are developing our School Knockout Carnivals through regional competition with a WA grand final. Our out of stadium September/October now four schools coaching/competition Strive Clubs, Little Athletics Coaching Extension Clinics sponsored package, assistance to primary schools with their School Athletic Carnivals, and the UK developed Sports Hall product for primary schools currently being road tested in New Zealand and Australia by Athletics Australia.

We also have a fun run, which is slowly growing, however we find it is a very crowded market to profitably break into from ground zero.

## Facilities

Western Australia is by far the worst situated state in Australia for athletic facilities and equipment. Much of WA's equipment is 1962 Commonwealth Games vintage.

Queensland, we are led to understand, will have nine surfaced tracks by Sydney 200 Olympics.

WA has its, well passed its "used by" date, sadly tired Perry Lakes stadium.

The Education Department has recently advised it will not be extending its lease to Canning Council beyond 2003 for our only other surfaced track at Coker Park, which also is in serious need of resurfacing.

It creates an uneven uphill playing field when athletics is unable to provide the equivalent international standard sporting facilities other codes are able to offer, when vying for many of the same people, in the highly competitive sporting/entertainment market place.





For three years now AthleticA has been engaged in talks with State Government and more recently the Town of Cambridge (Perry Lakes location) regarding new athletics facilities.

The issue is currently, actively fermenting, hopefully to a positive conclusion.

### **Summary**

Today AthleticA has consolidated its position, is more financially secure, and has increased its range of events, services, activities and membership.

We have identified our next phase of development, our target markets and most of the events/products we intend to promote, to those markets.

We are increasingly endeavouring to take our sport, in different forms, to the people, rather than expecting all of them to come to our traditional venues and formats.

We look forward to the new energies and directions we are confident the new Athletics Australia structure, Board, management, will release, in partnership with the states. It is a good time for new activity with the markedly growing interest in sport due to the advent of an approaching home Olympics.

We again thank all those hard working officials, coaches, administrators and volunteers athletes and staff, with out whose support, in this labour intensive sport, we would surely fail.

Western Australia athletics is moving forward and we are increasingly optimistic about the future.

### **President**

Peter Bacich

### **Executive Director**

Chilla Porter

# Coaching Commission

This report covers the period from July 1998 to June 1999. During this period the Coaching Commission members were: Peter Bowman (Chairman), Joan Cross, Kirsteen Farrance, David Cramer, Harry Summers, Lawrie Woodman and Tony Rice. Five meetings were held during the year.

The Commission is also the Board of Management of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association. The Commission monitors and develops 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. The year under review has been another one of great activity, and significant progress in a number of areas.

The PriceWaterhouseCoopers review of athletics in Australia last year suggested that AT&FCA integrate into the AA structure. This isn't happening! Instead we are working towards the establishment of a service agreement between AA and AT&FCA which will ensure that both organisations are aligned, and working towards a common goal. Another objective is to produce a closer working relationship between the two organisations. It is planned that the progress achieved between the two organisations, particularly involving Jason Hellwig and Lawrie Woodman from AA, with Peter Bowman and Tony Rice from AT&FCA, will result in a final document early in the next reporting year. Much good work has been done to lay the foundations of the agreement, including a Statement of Understanding, and a recognition of shared objectives.

## **Under the agreement, Athletics Australia recognises that:**

1. AT&FCA is the coaching arm of Athletics Australia;
2. AT&FCA Board is the Coaching Commission of AA;
3. AT&FCA National Coaching Convenor is a member of AA's Tours Commission;
4. AT&FCA develops and delivers Coach Education programmes for athletics;
5. AT&FCA is an Associate Member of Athletics Australia.

## **In return, AT&FCA recognises that:**

1. AA is acknowledged by the IAAF and the Australian Sports Commission as the national governing body for athletics;
2. AA provides programmes and support for the development of athletics at all levels;
3. AA High Performance Manager is a member of AT&FCA Board of Management.

The body of accredited coaches throughout the nation comprises two groups. One is a stable core of experienced coaches, many with high levels of accreditation, and the other a constantly changing group at grass-roots who are involved for up to five years before dropping out, usually reflecting the sporting interests of their children. It is the role of the Athletics Clubs and Little Athletics Centres throughout the nation to identify and recruit potential coaches to coach at grass roots level, and encourage them to become accredited. It is the role of AT&FCA to educate and accredit those identified and assist them in their development, and encourage progression through the different levels of the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

It is pleasing and rewarding to record the continuation of a high level of coach registrations at 2,604, almost identical to the 2,606 in the previous reporting period. A full breakdown of these figures by state and accreditation level appears in the consolidated registration figures contained elsewhere in this report. Coach Accreditation Programmes: AT&FCA provides structure and programmes to educate and accredit identified potential and practising coaches, through the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme. The State branches of AT&FCA conduct Orientation to Coaching and Level I courses in their State, as well as enrichment programmes at state and local levels. Level II and Level III programmes are conducted through AT&FCA's national office, together with coach enrichment programmes at a national level. A total of 40 Orientation to Coaching and 31 Level I Courses were conducted throughout all States and Territories during the period – a small but significant increase on previous years. It is pleasing to see that many of these courses were held outside the capital cities.

Two National Level II Coaching Courses were held, at Albury-Wodonga in October, and Brisbane in January. As a result of these courses 42 new Level II Coaches were accredited during the year. A Level II Bridging Course was held in Townsville during June, and was well attended by coaches from throughout North Queensland. Congratulations to the following four coaches who have been awarded a pass at Level III - Senior Coach, after successfully completing all aspects of the rigorous programme of development and assessment: Di Barnes (Middle Distance); Paul Laurendet (Middle Distance); Denis Knowles (Discus); and Bryan Neighbour (Discus). Grzegorz Gojrzewski, formerly of Poland has been awarded reciprocal accreditation at Level III in recognition of his international standing and qualifications gained overseas.

1999 has been proclaimed the year of implementation of the Revised Level I Curriculum; the Revised Level I Course is made up of a number of components. A Basic Course aims



to make the practice, or 'craft', of coaching the central theme in the revised Level I Course, simplifying some aspects of coaching theory, whilst integrating other aspects into the practical sessions. The main emphasis is on the processes of coaching, giving coaches the skills they really need to function as a practising coach, as well as the capacity to grow in their coaching

role. Coaching is essentially practical in nature, involving continual decision making and good interpersonal interaction. Coaching is about applying knowledge in real life situations and not merely about 'knowing'. The rationale for the revised curriculum focuses on: (a) the practical aspects of the processes of how to coach young people; (b) participants at a course being encouraged to actively participate in all sessions to give them a feel for what the person they coach is trying to achieve; (c) paying particular attention to the needs of young people up to the age of 15 years, introducing them to all athletics events. This includes events such as pole vault and hammer, at a time when Young Athletes are at their most receptive to these new challenges during the 'skill hungry' years; (d) providing a common curriculum so that the course participants follow the same syllabus irrespective of where they live in Australia. Completion of the Basic Course will satisfy all requirements for accreditation as a Level I Coach - Young Athlete.

Coaches then have the opportunity to pursue Specialist Options in the following event groups: (a) Sprints, Hurdles and Relays; (b) Endurance Running and Walking; (c) Jumps; (d) Throws. These options emphasise coaching late adolescent and older athletes. A Pilot Course was held in Adelaide in May, 1999, and conducted by the review committee. It was attended by (i) Level I Course coordinators from each Branch, (ii) potential Course Presenters from South Australia, (iii) regular Level I Course participants doing a Level I course for the first time. Follow up Presenters Courses have been conducted at Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney, with Perth, Hobart and Canberra to follow later in 1999 National Coaching Congress:

The fourth National Coaching Congress took place from 23rd to 26th October at the University of Western Sydney - Parramatta Campus, with two themes, 'High Performance Coaching' and 'Coaching Young Athletes'. The Congress was well attended, with 128 coaches taking part in plenary sessions, options, workshops and practical demonstrations, as well as a number of social activities.

In recognition of 1998 being 'IAAF Year of Women in Athletics' many presentations emphasised the role of female coaches, and the coaching of female athletes. A keynote presentation given by Margaret Mahony (AA Board Member,

and member of IAAF Womens Committee) on 'The Role of Women in Australian Athletics' was particularly well received by delegates. Other presentations were made by some of Australia's leading Coaches, Sports Scientists, and Coach Educators on a host of relevant topics, ranging from Anne Stephens' 'An Approach to Speed and Agility Coaching' to 'Child Protection Issues' from Sgt Beth Cullen and Roy Boyd's 'Drills and Tactics for 400 Hurdles'. Papers presented have been made available for coaches unable to travel to Sydney. My thanks to those who assisted in the planning and implementation by being part of the organising committee - John Boas, Toni Dickson, Kirsteen Farrance, Peter Lawler and Darren Wensor. Other Items: We are delighted to record that two long serving coaches were recognised in the Queens Birthday Honours List announced in June. Marlene Mathews received the award of Officer of the Order of Australia (AO), and Fletcher McEwen received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) Other activities and projects included:

- Revision and reprinting of the AT&FCA Coaching Manual.
- Presentation of the Henri Schubert Memorial award to Tony Rice.
- Implementing protocols for dealing with cases of improper behaviour of coaches, and linking procedures for application and renewal of membership to written acceptance of the constitution of AT&FCA.

#### Thanks:

The Commission thanks the many coaches throughout all states and territories who have made significant contributions to the National Coaching Programme during the period.

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

**Tony Rice**  
National Coaching Convenor

#### Members

Peter Bowman (Chairman), David Cramer, Joan Cross OAM, Kirsteen Farrance, Harry Summers, Tony Rice and Lawrie Woodman

# Cross country, Road and Walks Selection Committee



I would like to extend sincere thanks to John Gilbert for his support and help during his time as a member of this committee. John did not stand for re election at the last AGM and his place was filled by Peter Waddell from the ACT. Peter is very well known in the walking circles and has been on the ACT selection committee for walks and CC for 20 years. My special thanks to Brian Roe whose support and expertise have been invaluable particularly in the last 12 months.

The past year has been a very busy one with criteria being set for the 2000 Olympic marathon and walks, the 1999 Half marathon and the 1999 World Mountain Running Championships.

By far the biggest selection was for the Commonwealth Games Team with a total of 13 athletes being selected to represent Australia in the 3 walks and 2 marathons. From these 13 athletes came 8 medals including 3 gold.

Teams were selected for the 1999 World CC Championships in Belfast in the Open Men and Women and the Junior Men. The Open Women placed 4th team, the Open Men 11th and the Junior Men 9th. Our best overall result for many years.

In the World Walking Cup the Women placed 6th team, and the Men finished 14th team in both 30k and 50k walks.

Teams were selected for the Women's Ekiden road relay races in Feb/Mar/April 99 at Yokohama, Beijing and Seoul and the men went to Chiba in Nov 98 where they finished 2nd to Japan.

Athletes have also been selected to compete in the World Mountain Running Champs, the Singapore, Hong Kong, Beijing and Bangkok Marathons, and most recently the World Half Marathon Championships.

**Pam Turney,**  
Chairperson

#### **Members**

Pam Turney (Chairman), Peter Waddell, Brian Roe, and Chris Wardlaw.

# Doping Control Commission

The report period (1.7.98 to 30.6.99) was a particularly important one for Athletics Australia regarding doping control matters.

A new service agreement was established with the Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASDA), which whilst providing greater clarity of the respective roles of the two organisations, has unfortunately enshrined the concept of user pay tests. This regrettably will lead increasingly to AA being required to consider whether to spend larger amounts of its own event and athlete development funds on doping control. The Commission and AA believes that the funding of athlete doping controls should be the responsibility of a truly independent agency such as ASDA.

The "dispute" between the AOC and the ASC regarding requirements for national federations doping policies was settled and at the end of the report period AA was finalising a doping policy which consolidates the requirements of the IAAF, ASC, AOC and AA. The AOC was providing considerable legal assistance in this regard.

Within Australia, ASDA continued to test athletes both in and out of competition, the majority of controls again, quite appropriately, being directly to non-competition situations. A total of 362 controls were made by ASDA during the report period, 239 out-of competition and 123 at events. Of these 15 out-of competition and 13 event tests were undertaken by ASDA as part of the user pays programme. The IAAF continues to contract ASDA to undertake its testing programme in Australia which ensures that our athletes when contacted for IAAF tests are familiar with the procedures and reduces duplication of testing by IAAF and ASDA.

Again, our gratitude is extended to ASDA and its staff, especially our liaison officer, Suzanne Henderson, for their support and co-operation during the year.

The Commission again emphasises that athletes using permitted asthma and other necessary medications need to be diligent in terms of ensuring that their annual registration to use same is up to date. This register is co-ordinated by Drs Chris Bradshaw and Peter Brukner for Athletics Australia.

The Commission is currently considering ways in which the administration of this programme can be simplified, especially in respect of developing junior and club athletes. For the time being, all athletes whether on the Register or not, should ensure that they declared any such medications used, when they complete the paperwork associated with any doping control for which they are selected.

No tribunals were convened during the report year although two cases, one a relatively minor matter involving an athlete with a disability arose towards the end of the report period.

**Brian Roe**  
Chairman

**Members**  
Brian Roe (Chairman), Peter Brukner and Chris Bradshaw.

# Disability Commission



Athletics Australia's role in the development of Paralympic Athletics has become increasingly recognised over the past 12 months as a successful model for other sports both in Australia, and in the international arena.

With the Disability Commissions dual roles in guiding both the developmental and elite aspects of Paralympic athletics, now well established, we have been able to make significant progress in key areas of operation.

Most significant of the successes, was the achievement of the Australian Team to finish on top of the medal table at the 1998 International Paralympic Committee World Championships in Birmingham. This was the first time that an Australian team finished number one at any World Championship event, and reflected the increasingly elite depth of athletes that we are producing.

The inclusion of several events for both ambulant and wheelchair athletes in the Optus Grand Prix season provided an opportunity for the public to develop a higher level of awareness of the talent that is emerging. An added benefit of this situation has been the increasingly positive relationships between our able bodied and Paralympic athletes.

On the management side of things, the rapid evolution of the APC into a professional organisation, coupled with the increased budget now available through the Paralympic Preparation Program, has allowed us to put in place a range of systems and services to monitor and support athletes and coaches in the lead up to the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games. This has been underpinned by the appointment of Scott Goodman on a full time basis to undertake the role of APC Athletics Coaching Coordinator. This has facilitated great progress both technically and administratively within our system.

The National Championships for Athletes with a Disability were again conducted in Canberra. This event is now

recognised internally as one of the very best national events, a status, which has largely resulted from the increased support and technical competency from our officials. Entry numbers were again up this year to in excess of 200, with overseas competitors from 5 nations also taking part. Junior entries across each of the disability groups continue to grow and provide an encouraging outlook for the future.

The evolution of all athletes involved in the Paralympic Preparation Program towards more professional levels is progressing faster than expected. Neil Fuller as Chair of the Athletes Committee has provided high quality input into our planning processes and his competency in acting as the conduit between the athletes and the commission has been quite exemplary.

Of course, the efforts of Chris Nunn as Head Coach, Scott Goodman and Jenni Banks along with the support of the Australian Paralympic Committee hold the structure together, and they continue to reflect the professionalism of the program.

Ultimately, the Commission members – Brett Jones, Greg Jones, Andrew Dawes, Chris Nunn, Scott Goodman, Marilyn Wardrop, Neil Fuller, Jeff McNeill, Dean Barton-Smith and Jenni Banks, oversee the program. The operations of the commission have now become very streamlined and all members continue to make excellent contributions.

It is also important to acknowledge the work and support of Athletics Australia staff who have substantially supported the commission's activities. In particular, Rohan Short, Matt Stevic, Rachel Clow and Brian Roe.

With the Paralympic Games now looming large, I am confident that our team will not only be successful, but also will set a new standard of performance and conduct in the Paralympic movement, which will serve as a real catalyst for promoting the participation of people with disabilities in athletics.

It is necessary for all members of the athletics family to readily accept the challenge of delivering high quality services that are accessible to people with disabilities. If we truly develop a culture of inclusion at all levels of the sport, then we will continue to be successful.

**Jason Hellwig**  
Chairman

## Members

Jason Hellwig (Chairman), Jenni Banks, Neil Fuller, Scott Goodman, Jeff McNeil, Chris Nunn, Dean Smith, Christine Tew, Sybil Turner, Marilyn Wardrop, Greg Jones, Brett Jones and Andrew Dawes.

# Distance Running Commission

This report covers the period from July 1998 to June 1999. During this period the Commission membership included Dave Cundy, Denis Wilson, Trevor Vincent, Chris Wardlaw, Susan Hobson, Dusty Lewis, Dick Telford and Pam Turney.

## Meetings

The Commission held one formal meeting, coinciding with the Zatopek in December.

## Events

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

- Australian Marathon Championship, Gold Coast, July 1998
- Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships, Canberra, August 1998
- Australian Cross Country Championships, Canberra, August 1998
- Australian Cross Country Championships, Brisbane, June 1999
- Australian Mountain Running Championships, Brisbane, June 1999.

There was no Australian Half Marathon Championship or Australian 100k Ultra Marathon Championship during the reporting period, although the DRC assisted with arrangements for the 1999 Half Marathon at Noosa on 28 August and the 1999 100k Championship at Traralgon on 3 October 1999.

Assistance from the Commission included date and venue selection, course design and measurement, and the appointment of technical delegates.

## Major Activities

Communication: Pam Turney established and produced six regular Distance Running Newsletters which replaced the Distance Update and provided timely advice of key issues to distance runners, coaches, administrators and media.

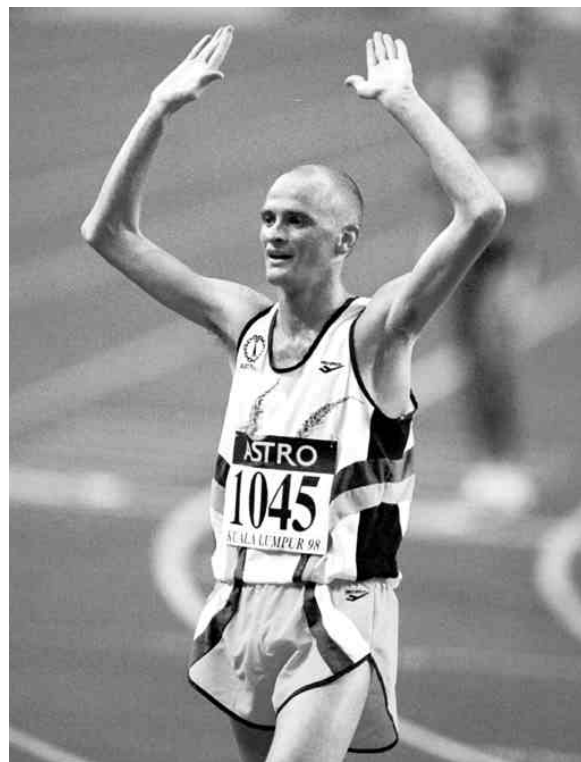
Permit system: Out-of-Stadium Event Consultant Dave Cundy worked with Commission members to improve the management of AA's permit system. Results from work throughout the year include a closer working relationship with key event managers and participants. The importance of AA's governing role in the sport and the benefits of association with AA have been key messages delivered to these personnel.

Thirteen existing or new events that had previously been unaware of the permit requirements, or had simply ignored the permit requirements because of a lack of policing, were persuaded to seek the appropriate permits and become part of the formal athletics structure. On the other hand, many events continue to ignore the requirements which leaves AA with a challenge in the forthcoming year of what action to take against these events.

The DRC is working closely with our athletes to educate them so that they can pressure event managers to 'do the right thing'

It is the DRC's aim to raise the professionalism of Australian out-of-stadium distance running races and it is through an enhanced permit system that this will be achieved. The DRC will continue to network with event managers, big and small, member Associations and athletes to achieve this aim.

**Dave Cundy**  
Chairman



# Facilities and Equipment Sub-Commission

The sub commission submitted a response to SOCOG's request for expressions of interest on the salvage of Olympic Equipment.

Further additions have been made to the central equipment pool purchase. This pool is maintained by Greg Gilbert in Canberra and used to supplement venue equipment for AA events around the country.

A limited study was carried out at Olympic Stadium. In a strong southerly there was almost nil wind at event sites within the stadium.

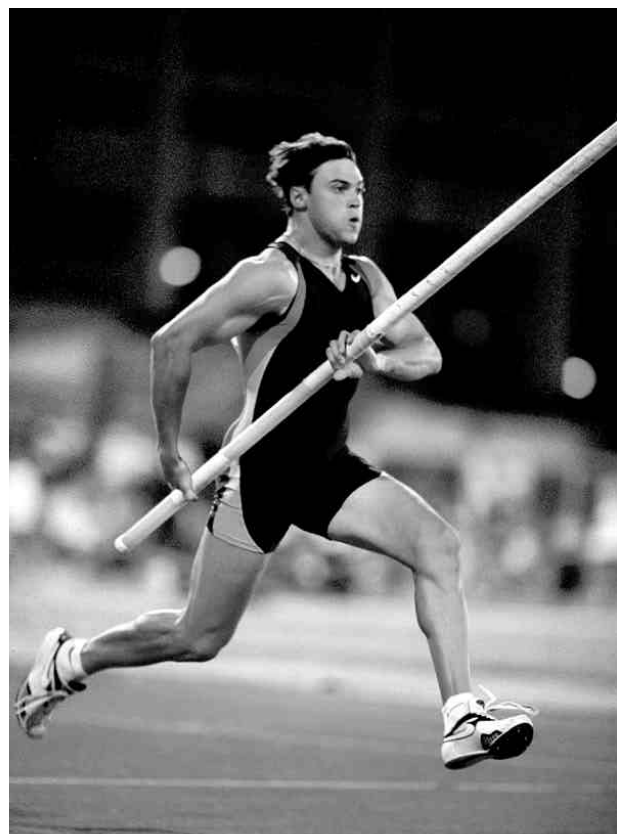
The final of the paper on track certification was submitted to the National Executive Director for adoption. This paper proposes that Australia adopts the IAAF Certification System and requires that all tracks on which Australian Championships and/or Grand Prix meetings are conducted have at least a class 3 IAAF or AA certificate.

The AOC requested a submission for value in kind equipment to be obtained at the same time as the Olympic Sports equipment purchase. The equipment was intended for elite athlete use prior to the Olympics. Unfortunately the offer of VIK from equipment suppliers as part of the tender was not forthcoming.

**Phil O'Hara**  
Chairman

## Members

Phil O'Hara (Chairman), Greg Gilbert, John Hamann and Denis Wilson.





# International Tours Commission

The Tours Commission has had, as usual, the responsibility for the planning and preparation of the international competition arrangements for Australian athletes and teams both within and outside Australia.

The 1998/99 report year has been the most important faced by the Commission to date, as it planned both for the events within the period and in preparation for the 2000 Olympic Games.

The report period saw thirteen overseas tours undertaken by Australian Teams. In addition one international competition, a throws match against Germany and New Zealand, was hosted at home (in Brisbane in March). Planning was also undertaken for four teams which travelled immediately after the start of the new report year – to the Oceania Under 18 Championships, World University Games, the World Championships and the inaugural World Youth Championships.

In the report year, the major tours were to the Commonwealth Games, the World Cup, the World Indoors, the World Cross Country and World Walking Cup, whilst for the juniors the World Junior Championships in Annecy, France was the principal focus. The Oceania Open and Under 20 Championships were eventually staged in Tonga after a short postponement due to the inability of virtually every competing country to obtain seats on aircraft. Smaller teams toured Malaysia for a pre-Commonwealth Games Meet and Reunion Island for the World Mountain Running Trophy. Four teams travelled to East Asia for the traditional ekiden fixtures in Chiba, Yokohama, Beijing and Seoul.

For the first time other than for a home or New Zealand based games or championships, most of the preparation for the Commonwealth Games was undertaken in Australia. Only relatively small numbers of athletes in contention for selection for the Games travelled overseas for competition prior to the International Selection Meet which was held in Sydney in August and from which the team was selected. Most athletes prepared either at their home base or in Brisbane prior to selection, after which most of the team went into camp in Darwin for warm weather training and acclimatisation prior to the World Cup and the Games.

The placement of the World Cup just before the Games provided some interesting preparation challenges, which perhaps surprisingly, were well met, with many athletes producing excellent results in both Johannesburg and Kuala Lumpur. Those who struggled in the World Cup seemed mainly to be those affected by the altitude at which the competition was conducted.

The Commission met throughout the year, and in addition to making recommendations to the AA Executive on team appointments, considered all team management reports, planned tours for the coming year and continued with preparations for 2000. A sub-group of the Commission, comprising the Team Manager, Head Team Coach, High Performance and Competitions Manager now meets weekly to handle both current team issues and to manage the overall plan for the Sydney Games.

The Australian Sports Commission and Australia Olympic Committee continue to make significant funding available to assist in the preparation and support of teams, including for camps within Australia, an expanding element in athlete preparation for events, as opportunities overseas decline.

AA also acknowledges the support of the Australian Commonwealth Games Association in providing funds for our best juniors to obtain valuable international competition through its Junior Squad Scheme.

Junior preparation for future years and in particular for the 1999 World Youth Championships, was again supplemented by the Juniors on Tour programme within the Optus Grand Prix Series at home.

The Commission continued its policy of ensuring that increased numbers of medical and support personnel could be included within the staff of all major teams. This has now expanded to include sports psychology and biomechanics support for some teams. Support programmes and the seeking of accreditation for personal coaches have also been a priority.

Preparation camps for the Youth Team were arranged in both Canberra and Narrabeen whilst senior athletes again had camps in both Brisbane and Darwin.

Nike continued as a valued team uniforming sponsor whilst Beiersdorf joined us to provide medical supplies for major teams.

Interest from overseas countries and individual athletes in training and competing in Australia in the lead-up period to the 2000 Olympics has increased even more. The Commission continues to work with the AA Track and Field Commission to create new international competitions in Australia including expanded international components in the domestic season, particularly the 2000 Nationals, which will also be the official Test Event for the Games.

The Optus Grand Prix Series was again a great success and its stature grows worldwide. It is now a major international competition series in its own right.



Results at most international competitions were pleasing (see Selection Committee reports and the Handbook of Records and Results), with the huge medal haul in Kuala Lumpur being above expectation. The success of the juniors in Annecy was encouraging.

The gold medal won by the junior mens 4x400m in their Championships (later acknowledged nationally when they won the Sport Australia Award for Junior Team of the Year), the three team medals won in KL and the silver won by the womens 4x400m team at the World Indoors, again exemplified Australia's great potential for success in relay events.

Acknowledgments are made of the work of all Commission Members and of all team officials - managers, coaches and medical staff who contributed to the successful tours of Australian Teams in 1998/99.

**Brian Roe**  
Secretary

**Members**  
Margaret Mahony (Chairman), Alison Inverarity, Maurie Plant, Tony Rice, Brian Roe, Martin Soust, Chris Wardlaw and Lawrie Woodman.

# Officials Sub-Commission

Once again, the Officials Sub Commission has had a busy and productive year.

The Sub Commission is responsible for (a) The Officials grading and examination system; (b) Officials education through the conduct of National courses and seminars and the dissemination of appropriate information; and (c) Assessment and appointment of all officials for National Championships and events conducted in Australia involving International athletes and appointment of Referees for Optus Grand Prix events other than Melbourne, Sydney and the Grand Prix final where the Sub Commission makes all appointments.

## Examination Papers

This year all papers for Track, Jump and Throws for levels A, B and C have been re-written to reflect changes to the IAAF rules and officiating practices in Australia. In particular the Level A papers have been made more challenging in relation to problem solving exercises in the realisation that all Level A officials have the potential to be appointed as Referees (and Chief Judges) at National Championships and Grand Prix events and must therefore have demonstrated their ability to solve whatever problems arise at this level.

It has been heartening to note that there have been a healthy pass average amongst examination candidates, indicating the effectiveness of the seminars being conducted throughout Australia.

After an unavoidable delay the new papers for Administration are now available and these will be much in demand incorporating as they do a common administration component followed by a choice of either event administration or Technical operations, making them suitable for competition administrators, managers and Technical judges.

Similarly the Outside Events papers have also been finalised and the conduct of examinations and the awarding of gradings for this category can now proceed.

## Olympic Appointments

Without doubt the most important and onerous task of the Sub-Commission during the year has been selection of the 200 National Technical Officials (NTO's) to conduct the Track & Field competition at the Sydney Olympic Games.

A large number of applications were received, including some from overseas, and each application had to be given fair and accurate assessment against the requirements of the positions to be filled. This was done extremely

thoroughly using a combination of the Sub-Commission members experience of the individual officials performance at major events together with written reports on each applicant provided by the Referees and Chief Judges.

Following its' deliberations the Sub-Commission was able to confirm the previous appointment of the 40 Referees, Chief Judges and other key officials and the unanimous (by consensus) appointment of the remaining 160 NTO's. Of the total 200 some 192 are from Australia with 6 from New Zealand and 2 from Oceania (Fiji & the Cook Islands).

The Sub-Commission believes it has chosen an outstanding group of officials who will give an excellent account of themselves at the Games and demonstrates that the level of officiating in Australia is the equal of any country in the World of Athletics.

The next major task is to plan the Olympic training programme and the procedures to be followed for each event and to then implement the plan in the events leading up to the Games.

This process is already well underway and we are confident that we are well ahead of all other Sports in this regard and on track for a successful performance in The Millennium Games.

We now also have to turn our attention to the very important Paralympic Games and the selection of some 185 NTO's and the planning of their training requirements for this World event a mere 3 weeks after the Olympics. We can report that these matters are on target and that appointments will be announced in early October 1999.

## Education Courses and Seminars

A large number of seminars and courses have been conducted throughout Australia during the past 12 months. These range from local courses conducted in each State by Member Association Officials Education Liaison Officers (OELO's), to advanced courses conducted by the Sub-Commission Chairman at National Championships or prior to Grand Prix meets and include an increasing number of courses for school teacher officials. One course for University students at a western Sydney tertiary Institution involved some 145 students.

The Sub-Commission is finalising plans for an emerging Track Referees course to address the current dearth of younger Referees and is also planning advanced courses in Technical Management and Competition Management to address perceived needs in these areas across all States.

As part of its on-going commitment to a total approach to officials education the Sub-Commission is also planning courses covering events for athletes with a disability and this important area of our Sport will also be addressed in future examination papers.

Obviously the coming year will feature a major emphasis on seminars and courses heavily weighted towards the requirements of the Olympics and the Paralympics and in this regard we are grateful for the financial assistance provided by SOCOG to supplement the increased commitment from Athletics Australia.

### **Future Activities**

During the coming year most of our attention will be directed towards the two Games however there will be no slackening in our programme of seminars and courses for the State Associations and school teachers. The Sport will continue into the new Millennium and we must be prepared to continue with the education and development of our officials.

We envisage that there will be a move to encourage officials to broaden their knowledge to cover all disciplines as is the case in Spain and this will ensure that the work of the Sub-Commission will expand to cover this requirement.

### **Reg Brandis**

Chairman

### **Members**

Reg Brandis (Chairman), Janelle Eldridge, Lorraine Morgan, Chris Wilson and Brian Roe.



# Record Officer

The season began with the Australian All Schools Championships, held last December in Canberra. These championships saw athletes competing for the first time under the new age rule. A number of people are critical of this change, but after seeing these championships and processing the results, performances were not detrimental to this change.

The conditions were extreme with temperatures in the very high 30's for the four days, but these young athletes were able to cope brilliantly with 16 boys and 12 girls bettering previous Best on Record performances.

From these championships, so many of our past champion athletes' names have now disappeared from our BOR Performance List.

The Grand Prix meets and the Australian Championships also saw a number of new Records created this season.

With thanks to Fletcher McEwan, the Under 18 Australian Records have been reviewed and adjusted in accordance with the new Rule of athletes being under the age as at 31st December. So in future all Under 18 athletes will be challenging for the coveted Australian Record in their comparable age group.

Thanks to Brian and Tina for their assistance throughout the year answering all my queries.

	Men	Women
Australian National	6	5
Australian All Comers	7	4
Under 20	3	9
Under 18	1	7
Under 16	1	9
Commonwealth	-	2
World	-	1
Indoor	4	4
	<b>22</b>	<b>41</b>

**Ronda Jenkins**  
Records Officer

# Statistician

The season's ranking lists and all-time lists have all been completed and hopefully there are no outstanding performances.

There appear to be more meetings around Australia than in the past with far more regular track and field competitions in the off-season (winter months) which certainly benefits many athletes.

The lead up to and results in the Commonwealth Games were extremely good with many athletes achieving personal bests and gaining world and Commonwealth rankings.

Results are getting to me far more quickly than in the past and there are very few venues now which are somewhat tardy with their results. I am able to produce ranking lists and result roundups more frequently.

I still ask people to please make sure wind readings are included in the results and also the place a competitor finished and also whether the race was mixed. Could people also remember to send in road and walk results please.

Could people please continue to send in amendments and also let me no if there are any errors in the results or rankings. I would like to see the rankings be as humanly accurate as possible.

I would like to thank David Tarbotton, Brian Roe and Peter Hamilton for all their assistance. I would also like to thank the staff of AA and member Associations for their support with results. Individual acknowledgments are listed in the Handbook of Records and Results.

**Paul Jenés**  
AA Statistician

# Track and Field Commission

During the 1998-99 year the Track and Field Commission continued its redevelopment of major competition in Australia. The Commission has been responsive the suggestions from Associations and clubs and is working to have a healthier track and field competition program at the national level. I am thankful of the efforts of Margaret Mahony, Richard Carter, Khan Sharp and staff liaison Brian Roe.

Of the major changes made for last season the changes to the age groups has been generally successful though has had some teething problems. The new age groups had a significant impact on the changes to competition technical specification and as a result of inconsistencies and difficulties of the younger athletes there will be more changes for the 1999-2000 season, with weights and hurdles becoming easier for the junior athletes.

The introduction of the women's steeplechase as a championship event was an outstanding success and we look forward to its introduction at the international level.

The new age groupings for the All Schools Track & Field Championships led to record fields in all but the oldest age group (which is unrepresented in some states) and make this competition easily Athletics Australia's biggest event though it could be used more by out coaches and Associations to recruit new athletes.

The first national club championship was a successful event though it was marred by poor weather and a less than committed approach by the State Associations. With a longer lead time for the 1999-2000 competition we are hopeful of an even bigger competition.

The Commission has also dealt with the more mundane roles of the Commission in setting national qualifying standards and competition schedules as well as appointing Technical and Administrative Delegates to national championships.

**Peter Hamilton**  
Chairman

#### **Members**

Peter Hamilton (Chairman), Richard Carter, Margaret Mahony, Khan Sharp and Brian Roe.



# Track and Field Selection Committee



Firstly I would like to express my thanks to Pam Turney and Brian Roe for their at time stressful work on selection matters throughout the past year. They have always been available to discuss selection issues and have been very diligent in their approach to selection criteria and team selection.

We thank Paul Jenes and David Tarbotton for their assistance to the Committee in supplying accurate and timely statistical information on athlete performances throughout Australia and overseas.

In the 1998-99 year we saw athletes compete in the major competitions of the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, the World Junior Championships in Annecy, France and World Indoor Championships in Maebashi. The Chairman also represented Australia on the Selection Committee for the Oceania World Cup Team which competed in Johannesburg.

In selecting the team for the Commonwealth Games (and the World Cup) a selection event was held at Sydney during the Australian winter. This competition proved an outstanding success despite poor weather and led to all athletes being in top form when they arrived in Kuala Lumpur.

The Commonwealth Games saw Australia the clearly the dominant track and field nation with 13 gold medals and a host for other medals and personal best performances. The World Junior Championships saw Australia continue its rich heritage in this event with three medals, from the men's 4 x 400 metres relay team (gold) Casey Vincent in the 400 metres (silver) and Paul Burgess (bronze). Both of the individuals went on to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games. The Australian Team at the World Indoor Championships also performed well and was led by the women's 4 x 400 metre relay team which was placed second.

In addition to these higher profile events, Australia was also represented at a number of minor and invitation competitions.

At the conclusion of the domestic track and field season we began development of criteria for future competitions.

The Almanac of Records and Results provides full details of Australian performances in international competition as well as domestic results and season and all-time rankings.

Selection is always a thankless task and certainly not undertaken for that reason but I encourage readers to assist in the selection process by making comments on the Selection Criteria to the Selection Committee (through Athletics Australia). The Criteria is the critical component in the process, selecting a team merely follows a well structured and comprehensive Criteria.

**Peter Hamilton**  
Chairman

## **Members**

Peter Hamilton (Chairman), Brian Roe, Pam Turney and Chris Wardlaw.





# Walking Commission

The Commission consisting of Denis Wilson (Chairman), Peter Waddell, Bob Cruise, Mark Donahoo and Dion Russell with Harry Summers and Ron Crawford as observers met on two occasions during the year at no cost to Athletics Australia.

The proposed dates and venues for Australian Championships and Trials up to and including 2000 were reviewed. The timetable of events for 2000 was compiled with due allowance for the effect of the 2000 Olympic Trials and Games.

It has been noted that there are difficulties with walk courses that are on public recreation paths or roads, as it is next to impossible to have these closed. The Commission is of the view that State Associations have to play a major role in organising and conducting Australian Road Walking Championships.

The Australian Competition Rules for Race Walking were reviewed and are included as an insert in the "IAAF Judging of Race Walking - A Practical Guide" when it is purchased from Athletics Australia.

Congratulations to Bob Cruise and Jill Huxley on being named on the IAAF Walk Judge Panel. Marion Patterson who has now retired from the IAAF Panel will continue as a Senior Judge for Australian Championships.

Continuing the trend to bring women's race distances closer to men's distances, internationally the Junior Women's walk event will be conducted over 10k. Athletes and their coaches will have to adjust their training accordingly.

Experience at Kuala Lumpur and other major championships conducted in extremely hot conditions has strengthened the Commission's resolve to continue the fight internationally to have endurance event scheduling rules accepted by the IAAF.

**Denis Wilson**  
Chairman

## **Members**

Denis Wilson (Chairman), Simon Baker, Bob Cruise, Mark Donahoo, Peter Waddell and Brian Roe.

# Obituaries

## **HENRY (GEORGE) CARRUTHERS**

George was born in the small mining town of Greta near Singleton, NSW on the 15th March 1910. He died on 7 September 1998. He was one of five children. Hector, Florence and Irene are deceased and sister Sadie is 91 years old. When George was four years old the family moved to Sydney. His father was serving his country in the First World War at the time. His schooling was completed at Sydney High School in 1925. He was in the same class as another great athletic official, Chick Hensley. George studied accountancy after leaving school and became a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1931 and a Fellow of the Society of Accountants in 1932. He has retained those memberships ever since.

George married Ivy Kathleen Clare in St Phillips Church in Sydney on the 9th March 1940. He dedicated the next 59 years to her care and well being. This was undoubtedly his greatest achievement. His main concern right to the end was to look after Ivy. The marriage produced two beautiful daughters Judith (deceased) and Kay – his girls. They in turn produced his grandchildren Melissa, David, James and Belinda. In spite of all the good things George was involved in he always found time for his children and grandchildren. There was nothing he would not do for them, they were his life. His children and grandchildren knew that he would never forget the events that were happening in their lives, whether it be a birthday, a soccer game for the boys or a netball game for the girls. If George could not get there to cheer them on he would always be first to find out how they went. Family outings and gatherings were a great joy to him. When they were young George took Judy and Kay to a range of places and sporting events – such as the Melbourne Olympics.

What about the other George? By profession he was an Accountant but he loved to know all about everything. He would be talking to me about some new technology, then in a few days I would receive in the mail a copy of a scientific journal on the subject or a series of news paper articles or a set of graphs or sketches done by George to illustrate his latest idea. He was never short of ideas and theories on how we could do things better or quicker or cheaper. If you wanted to know something you just asked George, and if he did not know he would find out.

Ron Crawford

## **R. B. P WHITE**

Ray White (born 30 March 1909) was a life member of NSW AAA who died on 5 October 1998. He became involved in athletics in the 1920s at the University of Melbourne with Newman College in Inter-Collegiate Athletics competitions. Ray competed for the University of Melbourne Athletics Club in 440 yards, 880 yards and 400 yards hurdles. In 1929 he represented Australian Universities against New Zealand University winning the 440 yards hurdles.

In 1937 he moved to Canberra where he became Honorary Secretary of Canberra AAC which at that time was part of AAA of NSW. He was to occupy official positions in athletics for over thirty years. After service in the Royal Australian Air Force he moved to Sydney to join Spruson and Ferguson, a firm of Patent Attorneys. As delegate for Canberra Athletics he became Treasurer of AAA NSW in 1949 occupying this position up to and including 1960. During this time he was on the Executive and became Chairman from 1961 to 1968. Later, he was Convenor of the NSW AAA Historical Committee which was associated with the "100 Years of the NSW AAA", the official history of the NSW Amateur Athletic Association 1887-1987. For some thirty years he acted as the conscience of NSW AAA warning of possible outcomes of decisions taken. He was a strong proponent of the concept to include additional competitors who had reached a performance standard in the Australian Championships.

The 1956 Olympic Torch Relay through Sydney saw him conducting trials of hopeful athletes who had to show that they had the ability to run a mile at the required pace. In 1982 he was joined by his son Ian and grand-daughter Janet Nixon, as officials at the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane. Ian and Janet have been named in the 40 listed key track and field officials for Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

For many years Ray worked at whatever job was available for the City to Surf, always as a volunteer. An invitation to a Sydney 2000 Olympic Torch Relay function was extended to Ray but sadly he was not there.

## **GEORGE GOLDING (DIED AUGUST 1998)**

(born 6 May 1906) George ran in the first British Empire Games in Hamilton in 1930 where he finished 3rd in the 440 yards and did not finish his heat of the 880 yards. In the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics he was 6th in the 400 metres and was a semi-finalist in the 400 metres hurdles. He won the national 440 yards hurdles in 1932 and 1934. He also won the 440 yards in 1934 and was 2nd in 1932. Unfortunately he was not selected for the 1934 Empire Games even though he was the fastest in the Commonwealth and was 5th ranked in the world. In 1934 George, a policeman, married fellow Olympian and swimming gold medallist Claire Dennis.

His best times were 47.9secs for 440 yards in Toronto in 1930 and 53.1 for 400 metres hurdles in Los Angeles 1932.

## **CHRIS COOK**

Chris Cook collapsed unconscious only 2 kilometres after the start of the 1999 open men's Australian Mountain Running Championship. Within seconds he had turned blue and half an hour of CPR from a trained race official and a nurse, followed by further attempts by ambulance paramedics, failed to revive him.

Representing the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), 40 year old Cook of Queanbeyan was running 4th in the field at the time, and, as the 1997 national champion and a former Australian representative, was one of the race favourites. On the previous Sunday he had comfortably won the 5km Terry Fox Fun Run in Canberra and told friends he was feeling good. After watching his son Daniel compete in an athletics meet at the AIS Athletics Field earlier in the week, Chris had left Canberra with wife Emily and driven north.

Perhaps because of his parental history, but more likely from his sheer zest for life and enjoyment at training with his mates, Chris trained regularly and was an outstanding athlete from his school days. In his early twenties he had become one of the top few 3,000m steeplechase runners in Australia, with a best time of around 8mins 50secs. He was also an excellent middle distance track and a cross country runner who excelled on rugged courses with fence crossings. His only frustration was the marathon which he failed to conquer as his bouncy running action was not conducive to a 42km slog on bitumen.

After the introduction of championships for mountain running in Australia

In 1992, Chris took to the new discipline with enthusiasm, winning more ACT championships than any other.

In 1997 he achieved his greatest triumph, a runaway win in the Australian championship on Mt Wellington in Tasmania. After that victory he experienced persistent lower leg injuries and turned to mountain bike riding. During the last 12 months he has competed regularly in mountain bike races and the combination of less running and more biking had appeared to make him superbly fit.

Although a resident of Queanbeyan, Chris had been a member of North Canberra Athletics Club and the ACT Cross Country Club for about 20 years, serving on the athletics club committee for some years during the 1980s. He was a prime mover of the foundation of the Australian Mountain Running Association in 1997 and was the foundation Vice President, relinquishing that job to become Treasurer in 1998. On Saturday, as well as being a competitor, he was manager of the ACT mountain running team. During the summer months he coached his son Daniel's cricket team and also took Daniel to the AIS track for a weekly race. He was delighted only a fortnight ago when Daniel finished in the top five at the NSW regional secondary schools cross country carnival at Nowra and became eligible to compete in the NSW Championships in Sydney next month.

Known as "Cookie", he was perhaps best known to his mates for the many times he helped out putting in a new drive way, laying a back garden, or doing some other major domestic home handyman task. He was a man with a keen

sense of humour, a ready laugh, and never an ill word to say about anyone. He had excellent carpentry skills and produced many fine trophies for both North Canberra Athletics Club and the Mountain Running Association. A public servant with the Customs Department, he is survived by Emily, Heide and Daniel. He will be sadly missed by many.

Extracted from the eulogy written by John Harding

#### **DORIS CARTER**

Doris Carter the 1936 Olympian passed away on July 28th at the age of 87. She was born 5th Jan. 1912 and represented Australia at the 1936 Berlin Olympics high jump where she finished 5th with 1.55m. She also finished 5th in the 1938 Commonwealth Games with 1.55m. In a period when national championships were held every 2 years and separate from the men Doris won the high jump 5 times and was 2nd once between 1930 and 1940. She also won the discus twice and placed in the 90 yards hurdles on 4 occasions. She was 1.73m tall and used the scissors technique. As a young primary school teacher she would travel 386km to Melbourne to compete. She had a personal best of 1.61m set in 1936 and was a very talented all-rounder playing both hockey and cricket. She was selected to represent Australia in hockey in 1938. She served in the WAAF during World War 2 and was briefly President of the AWAAU. She was assistant manager of the 1956 Olympic team.

#### **LEE MORRISON**

Athletics Australia's first professional Officer, A. Lee Morrison, died on 9 November 1998.

After a period of service as Secretary of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association, Mr Morrison was appointed Honorary Secretary of the Australian Athletic Union in 1975, after the retirement of the late Arthur Hodsdon.

Within a year, his hard work had convinced the AAU Board of the need for professional management and he was appointed on a salaried basis. He established Athletics' national headquarters – initially in a small section of the Sandringham Town Hall, before overseeing a move to city based offices. He also oversaw the appointment of National Executive and Coaching Directors and the rapid expansion of national programmes.

But Lee is perhaps most and best remembered for his service as the Oceania Area Group Representative and as a member of the International Amateur Athletic Federation Council from 1976 to 1984, again succeeding Arthur Hodsdon. Upon his retirement from the Council, he was awarded Honorary Life Personal Membership of the IAAF at its 1984 Congress in Los Angeles.



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**ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA**  
A.C.N.006 447 294

FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 JUNE 1999

# Director's Report

Your directors present their report on the company for the year ended 30 June 1999.

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

**J A H Forrest (President)**

**K J Roche**

**P R Kennedy**

**E S V Canty**

**R J Scrimshaw**

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 of the company for the financial year was a surplus of \$185,909 (1998: \$1,169 deficit).

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 matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

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

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

## INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

The total directors' meetings held during the financial year was: 8

<b>J Andrew Forrest Qualifications</b>	- President - B.A. Member of Institute of Mining & Metallurgy, Member of Australian Institute of Company Directors, Member of Society of Senior Executives
<b>Experience</b>	- Deputy Chairman, Managing Director and Chief Executive of Anaconda Nickel Limited
<b>Kenneth J Roche Qualifications</b>	- Fellow of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia, Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy, Chartered Professional Engineer
<b>Experience</b>	- Chairman of Roche Holdings Pty Ltd 35 years corporate experience 1964 Tokyo Olympics – 400m, 400m Hurdles 1962/66 Commonwealth Games – 400m Hurdles Dual Gold Medallist
<b>Paul R Kennedy Qualifications</b>	- B.Com., Master of Commerce (Hons)
<b>Experience</b>	- VP Marketing, Carlton & United Breweries, 20 years corporate experience
<b>Elaine S V Canty Qualifications</b>	- B.A.; LL.B.
<b>Experience</b>	- Lawyer, Broadcaster and Journalist
<b>R Scrimshaw Qualifications</b>	- Diploma of Business Studies, Member of Australian Society of Accountants
<b>Experience</b>	- Head of Technology, Operations and Property, CBA, 30 years corporate experience

**MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS**

Board Member	Meetings Held Whilst Director	Meetings Attended
Andrew Forrest	4	4
Kenneth Roche	4	3
Paul Kennedy	4	3
Elaine Canty	4	4
Russell Scrimshaw	4	1
Patricia Kinnane	2	1
Terence Dwyer	4	4
Reginald Brandis	4	4
Denis Wilson	4	4
Margaret Mahony	4	4
John Makarucha	4	4
Greg Dyer	4	1
Brian Gleeson	1	-
Ronald Crawford	4	4
Ralph Doubell	4	4
Lee Naylor	4	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;

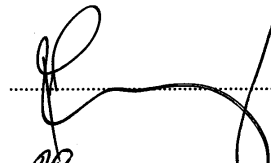
**with the exception of the following matter:**

The company has paid a premium of \$2,800 representing a group policy to insure all company directors against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the company other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the company.

No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report.

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

Director 

Director 

Dated this 29 day of 10 1999

# Profit and Loss Statement For The Year Ended 30 June 1999

	Note	1999 \$	1998 \$
Operating Surplus(Deficit) before abnormal items and income tax		185,909	(1,169)
Income tax attributable to Operating Surplus (Deficit)	1	-	-
<b>Operating Surplus(Deficit) after income tax</b>		<b>185,909</b>	<b>(1,169)</b>
Accumulated Funds at beginning of the financial year		147,809	212,587
<b>Total available for appropriation</b>		<b>333,718</b>	<b>211,418</b>
Aggregate of amounts transferred from (to) reserves	11	570,437	(63,609)
<b>Accumulated Funds at the end of the financial year</b>		<b>\$904,155</b>	<b>\$147,809</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



# Balance Sheet As At 30 June 1999

	Note	1999 \$	1998 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash	4	224,308	112,960
Receivables	5	429,755	291,622
Investments	6	418,272	617,287
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,072,335</b>	<b>1,021,869</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	7	728,986	759,553
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>728,986</b>	<b>759,553</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,801,321</b>	<b>1,781,422</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	8	795,906	909,627
Borrowings	9	-	11,825
Provisions	10	45,937	70,483
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>841,843</b>	<b>991,935</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provisions	10	7,462	23,380
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>7,462</b>	<b>23,380</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>849,305</b>	<b>1,015,315</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>\$ 952,016</b>	<b>\$ 766,107</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
Reserves	11	47,861	618,298
Accumulated Funds (Deficit)		904,155	147,809
<b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<b>\$952,016</b>	<b>\$766,107</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Statement Of Cash Flows

## For The year Ended 30 June 1999

	Note	1999 \$	1998 \$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from all sources		4,091,324	3,764,160
Payments to suppliers and employees		(4,159,143)	3,265,024
		<b>(67,819)</b>	<b>499,136</b>
Interest received		19,649	38,333
<b>Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Operating Activities</b>	<b>14(a)</b>	<b>(48,170)</b>	<b>537,469</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	291,161
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(27,672)	(687,319)
(Purchase of)/Redemptions of investments		199,015	95,962
<b>Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Investing Activities</b>		<b>171,343</b>	<b>(300,196)</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		<b>123,173</b>	<b>237,273</b>
<b>Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year</b>		<b>101,135</b>	<b>(136,138)</b>
<b>Cash at the End of the Financial Year</b>	<b>14(b)</b>	<b>\$224,308</b>	<b>\$101,135</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Notes To and Forming Part Of The Financial Statements For Year Ended 30 June 1999

## 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Corporations Law. The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Law and the following applicable Accounting Standards:

- AASB 1002: Events Occurring After Balance Date
- AASB 1010: Revaluation of Non Current Assets
- 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 1026: Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB 1031: Materiality
- AASB 1034: Information to be Disclosed in Financial Reports

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The report is also prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does 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 item 1.4 of Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, Plant and Equipment are included at cost, independent of directors' valuation. All assets, excluding freehold land are depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the company.

### 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.

## 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 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 \$592,355 recorded as projects in progress as a current liability at year end represents funds to be expended on current unfinalised projects.

	1999 \$	1998 \$
<b>2. OPERATING PROFIT</b>		
The operating profit before income tax has been determined after:		
(i) Charging as expenses:		
Auditors remuneration:		
Auditing the accounts	5,550	4,621
Other services	1,728	800
Movement in provisions:		
Depreciation of non-current assets - Property, plant and equipment	58,241	51,138
Other provisions:		
Annual Leave	(24,546)	24,559
Long Service Leave	(15,918)	18,352
Net expense from movement in provisions	17,777	94,049
(ii) Crediting as Income:		
Interest received from:		
Other persons	19,649	38,333

	1999 \$	1998 \$
<b>3. DIVIDENDS PAID OR PROPOSED</b>		
Dividends paid	Nil	Nil
Dividends proposed	Nil	Nil
Balance of Franking Account at Year End	Nil	Nil
<b>4. CASH</b>		
Cash at Bank	224,108	112,760
Petty Cash	200	200
	\$224,308	\$112,960
<b>5. RECEIVABLES</b>		
CURRENT		
Trade debtors	450,210	312,077
Provision for doubtful debts	(20,455)	(20,455)
	\$429,755	\$291,622
<b>6. INVESTMENTS</b>		
CURRENT		
Bills Receivable	268,272	114,870
At Call Account	150,000	502,417
	\$418,272	\$617,287

	1999 \$	1998 \$
<b>7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Land and buildings - at cost	631,870	631,870
Accumulated Depreciation	(23,695)	(7,898)
	<b>608,175</b>	<b>623,972</b>
Office furniture and fittings - at cost	106,847	103,103
Accumulated depreciation	(35,214)	(25,458)
	<b>71,633</b>	<b>77,645</b>
Office equipment - at cost	54,112	55,665
Accumulated depreciation	(39,583)	(34,142)
	<b>14,529</b>	<b>21,523</b>
Competition equipment - at cost	35,194	35,194
Accumulated depreciation	(24,783)	(18,042)
	<b>10,411</b>	<b>17,152</b>
Computers - at cost	147,366	129,756
Accumulated depreciation	(123,128)	(110,495)
	<b>24,238</b>	<b>19,261</b>
	<b>\$728,986</b>	<b>\$759,553</b>
<b>8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>		
CURRENT		
Sundry creditors and accruals	203,551	20,414
Prepaid income	-	51,900
Projects in progress	592,355	837,313
	<b>\$795,906</b>	<b>\$909,627</b>
<b>9. BORROWINGS</b>		
CURRENT		
Bank overdraft	\$ -	\$11,825

	1999 \$	1998 \$
<b>10. PROVISIONS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Provision for annual leave	\$45,937	\$70,483
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>		
Provision for long service leave	\$7,462	\$23,380
<b>11. RESERVES</b>		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	47,861	47,861
Projects Reserve	-	570,437
	\$47,861	\$618,298
<b>Movements during the year:</b>		
<b>Asset Revaluation Reserve</b>		
Opening balance	47,861	56,700
Amount transferred to accumulated funds on disposal of property	-	8,839
Closing Balance	\$47,861	\$47,861
<b>Project Reserve</b>		
Opening balance	570,437	497,989
Amount transferred from (to) accumulated funds	(570,437)	72,448
Closing Balance	\$ -	\$570,437

## 12. MEMBERS' 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 1999 the number of members was 8 (1998:8).

## 13. TRUST FUNDS

In addition to its normal activities Athletics Australia acts as Trustee for two foundations.

### (a) Alf Robinson Memorial Race Walking Foundation

Income from this fund is used to assist race walking athletes to obtain overseas walking competitive experience between the World Track and Field Championships, Olympic and Commonwealth Games. During the financial year the fund derived income of \$225 (1998:\$327), and the balance of the fund at 30 June 1999 is \$7,317 (1998:\$7,092).

### (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 \$4,064 (1998:\$3,627), grants totalling \$13,000 (1998: \$7,800) were made and the balance of the fund at 30 June 1999 is \$84,873 (1998:\$93,809).

	1999 \$	1998 \$
<b>14. CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
<b>(a) Reconciliation of net cash inflow from operating activities to operating surplus (deficit)</b>		
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	(48,170)	537,469
Depreciation	(58,240)	(51,138)
Loss on disposal of property	-	(8,839)
Increase (decrease) in debtors	138,133	(150,921)
Decrease (increase) in sundry creditors	(183,137)	(10,414)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid income	51,900	12,376
Decrease (increase) in projects in progress	244,958	(286,791)
Decrease (increase) in other provisions	40,465	(42,911)
Operating surplus (deficit)	\$185,909	\$(1,169)
<b>(b) Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
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	224,108	112,760
Petty Cash	200	200
Bank Overdraft	-	(11,825)
	\$224,308	\$101,135
<b>(c) Credit Stand-by Arrangement and Loan Facilities</b>		
The company has none.		

## 15. YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE

The systems critical to the company's ongoing operation and preparation of financial information (including application systems, operating systems, hardware and other devices that rely on computer technology) have been reviewed to establish the impact, if any, which the Year 2000 date change will have on the accuracy of calculations, processing and reporting. This review extends to systems external to the company, such as those of suppliers and service providers that may expose the company to the risks associated with the Year 2000 systems issue.

Plans are in place to modify systems, as required, before the impact of the Year 2000 date change creates significant errors in accounting records or adversely impacts on business operations or customer services.



# Director's Declaration

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity. 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 financial statements.


The directors of the company declare that:

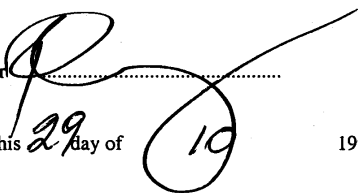
**1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 4 to 14:**

- (a) comply with accounting standards as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Corporations Law; and
- (b) give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 1999 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

**2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.**

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director ..... 

Director ..... 

Dated this 29 day of 10 1999

## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA

### Scope

We have audited the attached financial report of Athletics Australia being a special purpose financial report comprising the Directors' Declaration, Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 1999. The company's directors are responsible for the financial report and have 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 the financial report 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 report has 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 report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

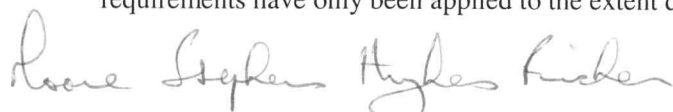
Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is 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.

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

### Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Athletics Australia is in accordance with the Corporations Law, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 1999 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements:
- (ii) complying with Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the Corporations Regulations. As the company has applied AASB 1025: Application of the Reporting Entity Concept and Other Amendments, other Accounting Standards and mandatory professional reporting requirements have only been applied to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial statements.



MOORE STEPHENS HUGHES FINCHER  
Chartered Accountants



J.C. BARBOUR

Partner

Melbourne, 29 October 1999

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**COMPILATION REPORT**

**DIRECTORS**

- GRANTHAM CHARLES BEESTON F.C.A.
- ROBIN CHARLES PENNELL 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. C.A.
- STEPHEN LESLIE ADRIAN B.EC. LL.B. M. TAX. LAW. C.A.
- STIRLING DAVID PITT B.COM. F.C.A.
- IAN KENNETH KEARNEY B.COM. C.A.
- STEVEN ANDREW ALLAN B.COM. C.A.

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 1999 ("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.

MOORE STEPHENS HUGHES FINCHER SERVICES PTY LTD

  
..... Director  
J C Barbour

Chartered Accountants  
607 Bourke Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dated: 29 October 1999

# Project Accounts Summary For The Year Ended 30 June 1999

	1999 \$	1998 \$
<b>Opening Projects-in-Progress</b>	<b>837,313</b>	<b>550,524</b>
<b>Add: Project Revenue</b>		
Australian Sports Commission	1,921,500	1,566,901
Australian Olympic Committee	349,000	160,000
IAAF – Grant	-	59,985
Levies	102,700	37,043
Optus	728,000	680,000
Optus Vision	-	45,000
SPC	-	40,000
Nike	-	100,000
Foxsport	160,000	-
Ansett	20,000	20,000
Tourism Victoria	45,000	-
Other (Federations, promoters)	67,778	-
Sundry	-	10,000
	<b>3,393,978</b>	<b>2,718,929</b>
	<b>4,231,291</b>	<b>3,269,453</b>
<b>Less: Project Expenditure</b>		
AT & FCA	60,000	70,000
Coaching	747,972	872,623
Domestic Competition (Net)	131,649	(98,236)
Head Coach	12,102	-
Direct Athlete Support	210,778	-
Sports Science	42,141	-
OAP Camps	62,755	-
Integration	15,831	7,170
International Competition	696,349	529,665
Development	34,682	169,206
International Athletes	359,476	136,932
Media/Promotions	176,044	148,111
Officiating	13,432	21,426
Prize Money	120,675	117,150
Commission	225,000	225,000
Special Initiatives Fund	123,244	-
	<b>3,032,130</b>	<b>2,199,047</b>
	<b>1,199,161</b>	<b>1,070,406</b>
Transfer to Reserves	-	72,448
<b>Closing Projects-in-Progress</b>	<b>592,355</b>	<b>837,313</b>
Net Surplus on Projects for Year		
- Normal Activities	92,857	88,197
- Other	513,949	72,448
	<b>\$606,806</b>	<b>\$160,645</b>

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

# Revenue Account For The Year Ended 30 June 1999

	1999 \$	1998 \$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Administration Fees	383,282	340,998
ASC Clearing	182,000	221,500
Sponsorship	-	6,118
Publications	-	3,781
Permit Fees	16,236	10,069
Capitation Fees	152,600	147,019
Entry Fees	48,225	41,201
Marketing Services	22,500	-
Surplus on Projects - normal activities	92,857	88,197
Tender Fees	-	21,000
Sundry Income	987	7,624
Interest Received	19,649	38,333
IAAF	-	70,000
Review - Australian Sports Commission	-	25,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>928,336</b>	<b>1,020,840</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,256,376</b>	<b>1,094,457</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit) before Surplus on Projects</b>	<b>(328,040)</b>	<b>(73,617)</b>
Surplus on Projects	513,949	72,448
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$185,909</b>	<b>\$(1,169)</b>

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**ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA**  
A.C.N.006 447 294

# Revenue Account

## For The Year Ended 30 June 1999

EXPENSES	1999 \$	1998 \$
Accountancy Fees	1,969	835
Advertising	1,045	-
Affiliation Fees	1,737	1,633
A.G.M Expenses	9,752	1,236
Athletics Review	11,844	-
Auditor's Remuneration	7,228	5,421
Bank & Govt.Charges	8,677	8,599
Board Meetings	19,390	32,186
Centenary Book	8,500	-
Consultants	19,796	14,497
Couriers	745	-
Cleaning	2,859	3,044
Competition Manager Expenses	7,219	13,622
Delegates' Expenses	2,896	2,293
Depreciation	58,241	51,138
Executive Director	20,823	23,389
Fax	4,752	-
Foreign Exchange Loss	3,827	-
Freight and Cartage	2,840	1,698
Fringe Benefits Tax	35,726	17,355
General Committee	-	6,496
General Expenses	1,909	9,288
General Meeting Expenses	5,177	-
High Performance Manager	24,773	12,088
Information Technology & Systems	3,100	-
Insurance	8,894	8,005
Legal Costs	45,215	4,678
Light and Power	7,682	6,294
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	-	8,839
Marketing	4,202	-
Medallions	11,599	5,532
Member Services	5,997	-
Officers Expenses	4,574	3,429
Outgoings	15,948	8,842
Payroll Tax	7,798	5,214
Postage	19,566	10,436
Printing and Stationery	20,701	17,118
Presidents Expenses	17,373	17,509
Publications	2,804	-
Publications,magazines,journals	668	1,582
Rates and Taxes	3,618	4,22
Repairs and Maintenance	12,563	14,977
Review - PriceWaterhouseCoopers	47,361	37,584
<b>Expenses Carried Forward:</b>	<b>503,330</b>	<b>359,080</b>

	<b>1999</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>1998</b> <b>\$</b>
<b>Expenses Brought Forward:</b>	503,330	359,080
Salaries and Wages	604,021	615,414
Selection Committee	1,471	1,039
Staff Recruitment	23,612	10,584
Staff Training	610	6,222
Statistician	3,000	3,000
Storage Rental	2,480	1,920
Subscriptions	3,553	551
Superannuation Contributions	51,206	39,344
Telephone	46,549	45,216
Travel	1,209	-
Work Cover Premiums	15,335	12,087
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,256,376</b>	<b>\$1,094,457</b>

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# RW Clarke Foundation Statement of Income and Expenses as at 30 June 1999

<b>Balance of distribution account as at 1 July 1998</b>	<b>8,809</b>
PLUS: Interest (net of bank charges) Transferred from Capital Account	4,064 4,000
LESS: Grants paid	13,000
<b>Balance as at 30 June 1999</b>	<b>\$3,873</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 30 June 1999

Capital account	81,000	Cash at Bank	84,873
Distribution account	3,873		—
	<b>\$84,873</b>		<b>\$84,873</b>

# Alf Robinson Memorial Race Walking Foundation Statement of Income and Expenses as at 30 June 1999

<b>Balance of distribution account as at 1 July 1998</b>	<b>492</b>
PLUS: Interest (net of bank charges)	225
LESS: Grant Paid	Nil
<b>Balance as at 30 June 1999</b>	<b>\$717</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 30 June 1999

Capital Account	6,600	ANZ Executors & Trustees	7,317
Distribution account	717		—
	<b>\$7,317</b>		<b>\$7,317</b>