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Bringing home the silver medal - Australia's 4 x 400m Mens Relay team (from left) John Steffensen, Clinton Hill, Patrick Dwyer & Mark Ormrod celebrate after finishing behind the United States

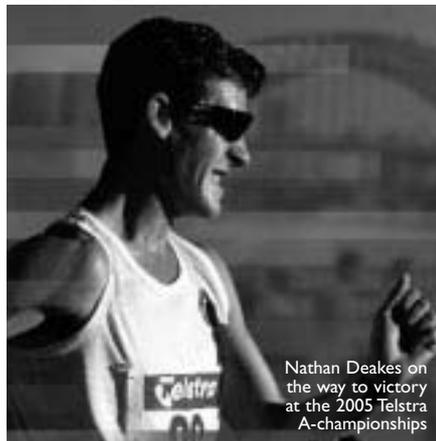


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pain barrier at the 2005
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Josh Ross, John Steffensen & some of the international stars of the 2005 Telstra A-series check out the MCG - home of the 2006 Commonwealth Games



Chairman's Message

What an interesting year this has been with so many changes in our sport and some great performances from our athletes.

Our walkers were undoubtedly the stars of our Olympic Games athletics team, achieving a bronze medal in the men's and women's 20km races. Nathan Deakes became Australia's second ever Olympic medallist in the 20km walk beating a quality field to bring home the bronze. After Jane Saville's disappointing disqualification in our home Olympics in 2000, she certainly did Australia proud in her courageous performance to achieve a bronze medal in her 20km race, and what an outstanding effort from our 4 x 400m relay team to bring home the silver medal.

During the year we have been well represented at the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the World Junior Championships, the World Cross Country Championships and many other smaller events. Our outstanding success at the World Juniors gives us a great base of talented young athletes to develop with the possibility of producing some world champions in the future.

The highlight of our domestic season was the Melbourne Telstra A-series (GP II meet) where we had some wonderful international stars competing against our athletes, which assisted them greatly in their preparation for the Helsinki World Championships. For this successful event we are extremely grateful to the Victorian Government for their support.

Our Telstra Australian Championships, incorporating the World Championships Selection Trials, were held in Sydney and there were many outstanding performances particularly from our talented juniors who won nine senior titles. Following these championships was the Telstra Athlete of the Year dinner, which proved once again to be a great success, with the evening being enjoyed by all who attended.

Throughout the year there have been many significant changes following the release of the AA/ASC Review. Danny Corcoran was appointed CEO following the resignation of Simon Allatson and immediately embarked on a program to analyse the AA/ASC Review and initiate its implementation. Max Binnington was appointed to the newly created position of National Performance Director

and together with Athletics Australia staff and representatives of the member associations developed a strategy for the development of the sport. Athletics Australia was further strengthened when Rob Fildes and Eddie McGuire accepted our invitation to join the Board and with their experience and expertise will make a significant contribution to our sport.

We now have a clear vision of the issues that confront our sport and we have a thorough understanding of what we must do to enable athletics in Australia to grow with strength.

Through the efforts of Rob Fildes, committees have been formed to cover areas such as sponsorship, branding, advertising, communication, marketing, media and events. Many industry experts have joined these committees and volunteered their time to support Athletics Australia in its transition. We appreciate their efforts and their dedication to our sport.

Under the leadership of Danny Corcoran, a strategic plan has been developed and is in the process of being implemented. This plan has been extensively reviewed by the member associations and has been discussed with the Australian Sports Commission. We believe that it will produce significant results and benefits for our sport over the next ten years.

It is pleasing to report that during the year discussions, including a joint Board meeting, have been held with Australian Little Athletics with the objective of working together for the benefit of our sport. Also, an excellent relationship exists with the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association, the Australian Sports Commission, the State Institutes and Academies of Sports, without whose support we could not function effectively.

Athletics Australia is dependent on the support it receives from its sponsors. On behalf of Athletics Australia, I would like to thank the Australian Sports Commission for its continued support both financially and administratively and their confidence in our ability to deliver the necessary changes in our sport. Likewise we thank our major sponsor Telstra who have been a wonderful supporter of

Athletics Australia for many years and continue to support us.

My thanks, on behalf of Athletics Australia, also extends to New Balance, IGA, Accor, Musashi, Pitcher Partners and Qantas, all strong supporters of our sport and of course the Federal Government via the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, the Australian Paralympic Committee and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association for their continued involvement and funding.

During the year Simon Allatson (CEO) and Andrew Forrest (Chairman) resigned. I would like to thank them for their efforts over many years in bringing about the initial changes to our sport that it desperately needed.

Athletics Australia is dependent for its existence on the many coaches, officials and volunteers who devote so much time to the sport they love. I thank you for your contribution and support, without which we could not function.

Throughout the year our staff have overcome many challenges and changes and through their dedication and efforts Athletics Australia is now poised to advance, from a solid base of planning, with confidence into the future. I thank you for your good work and support. I would also like to thank my fellow Board members for their support and guidance during this year of change.

It has been a difficult year for our member associations particularly as Athletics Australia has not been able to give them the same level of financial support as in the past. I thank you for your understanding and support and hope that with the implementation of our plans for the future that Athletics Australia will restore its financial position enabling it to increase its financial assistance to its members.

Although Athletics Australia has significant challenges ahead, it also has some wonderful opportunities. We have outstanding talent in Australia as demonstrated at the World Juniors and at our National Championships. The Commonwealth Games in Melbourne will give us a great opportu-



Chairman's Message continued...

nity to give many athletes international competition in their own country in front of an Australian crowd. These Games should give us a springboard to assist us in our development programs for athletes, coaches and officials.

Athletics in Australia is dependent on us all to make it a success, not just a few. Ask yourself what can I do to assist our sport. If we all do this and act upon it our sport will derive enormous benefits and will grow from strength to strength.



K.J. Roche AO
Chairman



Summary: A Year In Review

2004-05 was a year of positive results for athletics in Australia, both on and off the track. Australian athletes featured on the international circuit, winning medals at major open and junior level events and achieving competition milestones. On the business side, it was a year of significant change and the release of the AA/ASC Review marked a new direction for the sport in Australia and provided significant focus and direction.

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

Olympic Games (August 2004)

Highlights included:

- Geelong's Nathan Deakes became Australia's second ever Olympic medallist for the Men's 20km walk, after claiming the bronze medal. Deakes beat home a quality field, including 2003 World 20km walk champion and world record holder Jefferson Perez from Ecuador, the Australian crossing the line in 1 hr 20 min 02 sec;
- Walker Jane Saville avenged her disqualification from the 20km walk at the Sydney Olympics, by winning a bronze medal at the Athens Olympics;
- Australia's men's 4 x 400 team of John Steffensen, Mark Ormrod, Patrick Dwyer and Clinton Hill claimed the silver medal behind USA, clocking the second fastest time ever by an Australian 4 x 400m team. The silver medal was the first for Australia's men on the track since 1980 and it's the second ever men's relay medal (4 x 100m or 4 x 400m);
- Australia's men's 4 x 100m relay team recorded the nation's highest ever placing at an Olympic Games in this event, finishing in sixth place. The team of Adam Basil, Paul Di Bella, Patrick Johnson and Josh Ross ran a swift time of 38.56sec in Australia's first appearance in the sprint relay final since the 1956 Melbourne Olympics;
- Toowoomba's Justin Anlezark became the first Australian ever to achieve a top eight performance in the men's shot put at an Olympic Games. The Australian record holder and Commonwealth Champion finished seventh. For 44 years Australia has waited to be represented in the final (top 12) of the men's shot put;

- Geelong's Craig Mottram was the first Australian to place top eight in the 5000m since 1968;
- Commonwealth champion long jumper Bronwyn Thompson leapt 6.96m for fourth place - the best ever result by an Australian female long jumper at either a World Championships or Olympic Games; and
- Jana Pittman showed great determination to place fifth in the final of the 400m hurdles in Athens, just two weeks after she had knee surgery.

Paralympic Games (September 2004)

Highlights included:

- Kurt Fearnley won dual gold in the marathon and the 5000m wheelchair events;
- Tim Sullivan left Athens with an impressive collection of medals, claiming gold in the 100m, 200m, 400m and 4 x 100m relay;
- Sydney's Amy Winters claimed gold medals in the 100m and 200m sprints. The win in the 200m was her third consecutive 200m Paralympic Games victory;
- Adelaide's Katrina Webb took gold in the 400m, setting a Paralympic record time;
- Hamish MacDonald picked up a silver medal in the shot put, breaking the world record in the process;
- Louise Sauvage was forced to settle for silver in the final of the 800m wheelchair race; and
- Australia's 4 x 100m team including Tim Sullivan, Benjamin Hall, Darren Thrupp and Paul Benz won gold.

World Junior Championships (July 2004)

The Australian World Junior team recorded its second best result at a World Junior Championships in the last eight years, placing sixth on the IAAF points table (top-8 places), winning three bronze medals and achieving a total of 15 top eight places. Highlights included bronze medals

from Annabel Thomson (NSW) in the javelin, John Thornell (NSW) in the long jump and Queensland's Sally McLellan in the 100m. Sally also placed fourth in the 100m hurdles final. Also fourth were Queenslanders Christopher Noffke in the long jump, Joshua Robinson in the javelin and Jacinta Boyd in the long jump.

World Cross Country Championships (March 2005)

Australia was again represented at the World Cross Country Championships in 2005, where Benita Johnson was aiming to defend her world title. Benita concluded her title defense with seventh place, but led the Australian women's short & long course teams who were terrific, placing 7th & 8th place overall respectively.

Commonwealth Youth Games (November/December 2004)

Thirty Australian athletes won 26 medals and easily lead the medal tally. Dani Samuels was the star individual winning two gold in the shot and discus.

Australian Youth Olympic Festival (January 2005)

Over 120 Australian athletes formed four teams in a six-way competition against China and New Zealand. Thirty Australian competitors from the AYOF went on to compete at the IAAF World Youth Championships.

Telstra A-series: (January - March 2005)

Highlights included:

- A taste of the 2006 Commonwealth Games is what fans witnessed at the 2005 Telstra A-series with hot battles on the track as Australia took on Commonwealth, World and Olympic champions from Commonwealth nations including Great Britain, Jamaica, Kenya, Cayman Islands, Tanzania and New Zealand. The Telstra A-series saw the return of some big name Australians - in particular World Cross Country champion Benita Johnson, Olympic 5000m finalist Craig Mottram and World 400m hurdles champion Jana Pittman;
- The Telstra A-series served as a platform for Australia's top athletes to clinch their qualifiers for the World Championships; and

Summary: A Year In Review continued...

- Again the Telstra A-series saw new talent emerging. The Telstra A-championships saw Australia's emerging young athletes show up their older counterparts, winning an array of open national titles. Youngsters to take out open national titles were 16-year-old Katherine Katsanevakis (800m), 16-year-old Lauren Boden (400mH), 17-year-old Dani Samuels (discus), 18-year-old Ben Offereins (400m), 17-year-old Chris Noffke (long jump), 19-year-old Katrina Miroshnichenko (pole vault), 16-year-old Sophia Begg (high jump), 18-year-old Sally McLellan (100m and 100mH).

Other competition highlights in 2004-05 included:

- Perth pole vaulter Paul Burgess became the 11th man in history to clear six metres outdoors, at a low key interclub meet in Perth on Saturday 26 February. Only thirteen vaulters have achieved the magical barrier in either an indoor or outdoor competition;
- Victoria's Craig Mottram smashed his own Australian 5000m record at a London Grand Prix meet (30th July), to become the first Australian to break the 13-minute barrier; in an unforgettable battle against the great Haile Gebrselassie.
- John Thornell broke his own Australian junior (under 20) record at a meet in Germany (2nd August 2004), leaping 7.99m;
- Athens Olympian, Josh Ross, wrote himself into Australian athletics immortality with a stunning win in the 2005 Australia Post Stawell Gift, to become only the second man ever to win from scratch and just the third to win the coveted race twice;
- Australian steeplechaser Victoria Mitchell and long jumper Fabrice Lapierre put in impressive performances at the US National Collegiate championships (June 2005), claiming top honours;
- In the lead up to the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne next year, Athletics Australia and the Australian Commonwealth Games

Association provided support for Games hopefuls through international tours and camps. In 2004-05, athletes toured China, where they were the first non-Chinese athletes ever invited to compete in the Chinese National Grand Prix series. Also a handful of throwers and distance athletes headed to the US, where the major highlights from this tour were some very impressive results in the men's discus, with three Australian athletes throwing over 61m. In addition, numerous athletes received assistance for individual tours.

Organisational highlights included:

- Release of the AA/ASC Review in October 2004 provided a platform for the future direction of the sport and AA's financial operations;
- Athletics Australia appointed a new CEO, Danny Corcoran, in August 2004;
- Welcomed the admission of Robin 'Rob' Fildes, OAM and Eddie McGuire, AM to the Board of Athletics Australia;
- Long standing Board member Ken Roche AO appointed as Chairman of the Board following the retirement of previous Chairman, Andrew Forrest;
- Release of a restructured high performance plan (24 June 2005) aimed to effect a change in culture throughout athletics in this country, as recommended by last year's AA/ASC Review. A new strategic plan has been developed identifying priorities critical to the development of athletics as a vibrant and successful sport in Australia, with the aim of being a top 10 nation by 2012. A major part of the new high performance strategy was the establishment of a range of event-focused National High Performance Centres around the country and the creation of a specific program to identify and nurture athletes;
- Recorded a significant turnaround in financial performance;
- Reinvigorated domestic series with a TV partner (SBS) and international athletes;
- Successfully conducted the Telstra A-championships in Sydney, which served as the World Championship selection trials for 2005. Highlights included the emergence of new talent, with young athletes showing up their older counterparts, winning a variety of open national titles;

- Conducted the fourth year of the Telstra A-series, with meets held in Perth, Canberra, Melbourne and Adelaide. With the assistance of M2006 and the Victorian Government, Athletics Australia brought international athletes to compete in the series;
- Continued involvement with Melbourne 2006 for the organisation of the athletics competition at the 2006 Commonwealth Games;
- Several of Australia's most famous indigenous track and field athletes, including Catherine Freeman and Kyle Vander Kuyp, took athletics to the outback as part of Athletics Australia's indigenous development program. Run in conjunction with the ATFCA, the program delivers a basic coaching and talent identification course for potential coaches and an athletics program for indigenous children of the region;
- Athletics Australia and IGA (Independent Grocers of Australia) joined forces in a bid to find the track and field stars of the future with the new IGA STAR program, available to all secondary schools across the country. Delivered in a CD-Rom format, the IGA STAR program is a one-stop resource for teachers and was prepared in conjunction with some of Australia's best coaches and athletes, including Jana Pittman, Justin Anlezark, Jane Saville, Nathan Deakes, Peter Fortune, Roy Boyd, Bruce Scriven and Ernie Shankelton;
- Conducted the fourth Lest We Forget Run as part of the sport's national tribute to the ANZAC spirit and traditions. Runs were held in 20 locations across Australia and Malaysia and AA was pleased to continue its support to the RSL with this event;
- The continuance of the Running Australia initiative, with organisers of the strong belief that the national body maintains a relationship with this area of the sport;
- Continued support from major sponsor Telstra, whose partnership with Athletics Australia provides broad support to athletics in Australia, from grassroots youth development to the elite of the Telstra Australian Athletics Team. Part of this support is Telstra's commitment to ensuring that people from across Australia get the chance to see their athletic heroes compete at the highest level in the Telstra A-series. Telstra has also been instrumental in assisting over 40 athletics clubs from around Australia to purchase much needed athletics equipment in 2004-05 via the Telstra Assistance Fund.



Message from Principal Sponsor

Principal sponsor



Mens 100m final at the 2005 Telstra A-championships



Young fans enjoying the Telstra A-zone



Telstra Consumer & Marketing General Manager - Sponsorships, Lisa Ronson & Telstra AWD Athlete of the Year, Amy Winters

As Principal Sponsor of Athletics Australia, Telstra is very pleased to be entering into its fifth year supporting Australian athletes in their pursuit to be the world's best.

As proud sponsor of both Athletics Australia and partner of Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, we extend our very best wishes to every Australian athlete from kids to elite.

Telstra is committed to supporting Athletics Australia's goal to identify and develop a new generation of champions, through our grass roots program, the Telstra Athletics Assistance Fund.

David Moffatt
Group Managing Director
Telstra Consumer and Marketing

The Telstra Athletics Assistance Fund, launched this year, provides local athletic clubs across Australia with essential equipment. This program encourages younger people to play a greater part in their community, mix with peers, get involved in athletics and maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.



Telstra A-series Perth

This year, Telstra contributed \$220,000 to some 41 registered clubs around Australia. Further details on this annual funding program can be found at www.telstraassistancefund.telstra.com.

The 2005 Telstra A-series will be remembered for the outstanding performances from newcomers such as Katherine Katsanevakis, Lauren Boden and Chris Noffke.

In 2006 the Telstra A-series promises to be one of the most important preparation activities for athletes vying for selection in the Commonwealth Games Team.

Chairman & CEO's Report



Sunset at the 2005 Telstra A-championships



Danny Corcoran,
Athletics Australia CEO



Sally McLellan wins bronze at the
2004 World Junior Championships



Skilled Burnie Ten, Tasmania



Max Binnington,
Athletics Australia
National Performance
Director

It is with pleasure that we present the report on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff into the affairs of Athletics Australia for 2004-05.

2004-05 was a year of dramatic transformations for athletics in Australia and saw significant changes across many levels of the sport. The release of the Athletics Australia (AA)/Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Review marked a new direction for Australian track and field and provided a clear direction for the sport to move forward.

With a new CEO, National Performance Director, Chairman and two new Board Directors, Athletics Australia has laid the foundation to rebuild the sport in coming years.

A new Strategic Plan, encompassing the recommendations from the AA/ASC Review has been finalised and the release of a new high performance strategy has seen a new structure begin to

take shape. The new structure, based in the various State Institutes of Sport, incorporates the establishment of event-focused National High Performance Centres along with the creation of a specific program designed to identify and nurture our elite junior athletes. AA is aiming to be a top 10 Track and Field Nation at the London Olympics in 2012.

Athletics Australia, in developing this strategy has taken a longer-term view towards improving the sport and one of the main challenges facing the organisation is to significantly increase the resources available to ultimately be in a position to provide career pathways for our athletes and coaches.

High Performance

International Competitions

During the past year, Australian athletes have participated in a number of major international competitions.

The major championship was the Olympic Games, where Australia won three medals and placed 15th on the top-8 points table. The medals were won by the men's 4 x 400m relay team (Clinton Hill, Patrick Dwyer, Mark Ormrod and John Steffensen), with bronze medals going to Nathan Deakes and Jane Saville in their respective 20km walk events. Australia also claimed another five top-8 places.

Bronwyn Thompson	Qld	4th	Long Jump
Jana Pittman	VIC	5th	400m Hurdles
Australia	AUS	6th	Men 4x100m Relay
Justin Anlezark	Qld	7th	Shot Put
Craig Mottram	VIC	8th	5000m

Just prior to the Olympics, Australia sent a team of 44 athletes to Grosseto, Italy for the World Junior Championships. The team first competed in a match against Great Britain in Manchester with GBR winning the men's match and AUS the women's. Overall GBR claimed the victory 83 to 81 points. At the World Junior Championships, Australia placed sixth among 189 countries and won three medals.

John Thornell	NSW	Bronze	Long Jump
Sally McLellan	Qld	Bronze	100m
Annabel Thomson	NSW	Bronze	Javelin

In December 2004, Bendigo hosted the Commonwealth Youth (U19) Games. Australia selected 30 athletes and topped the medal tally with 26 medals (10 gold, 10 silver and 6 bronze). Great Britain placed second with 26 medals (9 gold).

Australia's leading performers were:

Dani Samuels	NSW	Gold	Shot Put
		Gold	Discus
Tristan Thomas	TAS	Gold	400m
		Gold	Medley Relay
Brandan Galic	ACT	Gold	100m
		Gold	Medley Relay

Chairman & CEO's Report continued...

In December 2004, an Australian team competed in the Oceania Championships held in Townsville. Events were conducted for under 18 and seniors, with Australia winning 63 medals (21 gold, 22 silver and 20 bronze).

The third under 18 Australian Youth Olympic Festival (AYOF) was held in Sydney in January 2005. Six teams competed, four from Australia and a team each from both New Zealand and China. This event provided an opportunity for 120 Australian athletes to travel to Sydney and participate in a five-day competition, development and educational program. The AYOF provides 30 athletes to the 34-strong World Youth team.

In March 2005, 16 athletes contested the World Cross Country Championships in St Etienne/St Galmier, France. In unseasonably warm conditions, Australia's leading results were:

Benita Johnson	VIC	7th	Long Course XC
Sarah Jamieson	VIC	15th	Short Course XC
Madeline Heiner	NSW	16th	U20 XC
Anna Thompson	NSW	16th	Long Course XC
Anna Thompson	NSW	19th	Short Course XC
Craig Mottram	VIC	22nd	Long Course XC
Australia	AUS	7th	Women Team Short Course XC
Australia	AUS	8th	Women Team Long Course XC
Australia	AUS	16th	Men Team Long Course XC

In addition, Australia sent teams to two Ekidens. In November 2004, a men's and women's team travelled to Chiba, Japan, placing 11th and 6th respectively. In April 2005, a men's team placed 4th in Beijing, China. Later in October, Magnus Michelsson was Australia's sole representative at the World Half Marathon Championships in Delhi, where he placed 38th.

In 2000, the IAAF introduced rankings, which were merit-based. At the end of 2004, the following Australian athletes were ranked:

Jane Saville	NSW	1st	20km Walk
Jana Pittman	VIC	5th	400m Hurdles
Bronwyn Thompson	QLD	5th	Long Jump
Nathan Deakes	VIC	6th	20km Walk & 50km Walk
Justin Anlezark	QLD	13th	Shot Put
Clinton Hill	NSW	14th	400m
Dmitri Markov	SA	14th	Pole Vault
Andrew Murphy	NSW	16th	Triple Jump
Kylie Wheeler	WA	17th	Heptathlon
Benita Johnson	VIC	17th	5000m/10000m
Craig Mottram	VIC	17th	5000m/10000m
Paul Burgess	WA	18th	Pole Vault
Will Hamlyn-Harris	NSW	18th	Javelin
Stuart Rendell	ACT	19th	Hammer

Three Australian open records were broken during the reporting period. Craig Mottram lowered the 5000m record, and Mark Fountain (mile) and Shawn Forrest (5000m) both broke indoor records.

Key Components of the Athletics Australia High Performance Program

In response to the Review, the position of National Performance Director was advertised and in January 2005, Max Binnington was appointed to this position. During 2005, the high performance plan was developed; involving a review and development of new relationships with the elite sports programs at the Australian Institute of Sport and State Institutes and Academies of Sport. Appointment of National Event Coaches for Distance and Sprints will take place in the second half of 2005. The High Performance plan will be implemented with a review process that will hopefully lead to long-term development of elite athletes and coaches and a responsible infrastructure.

Direct Athlete Support

Direct Athlete Support (DAS) was funded by the Australian Commonwealth Games Association/Australian Sports Commission to athletes who placed top-3 among Commonwealth athletes in the benchmark event (Athens Olympics) and have the potential to medal at the 2006 Commonwealth Games. In April 2005, 50 athletes received DAS payments of \$10,000 each. A second DAS payment is due to be paid in November 2005.

Chairman & CEO's Report continued...

Paralympic Preparation Program

Athletics Australia (AA) had the responsibility for the preparation of the 2004 Athens Paralympic Athletics Team as the result of a partnership established in 2001 with the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC). This reporting period incorporated the culmination of this process, which witnessed the team in Athens finishing second on the athletics medal table behind China.

In an environment where more countries are now investing significantly more resources than Australia into their programs, our second placing on the athletics medal table was a magnificent effort. It also represented our best ever away Games result and achieved our goal of a Top 3 Nation.

Overall, 18 athletes out of a team of 42 (i.e. excluding Tim Mathews due to injury) medalled in individual events and 5 more medalled in relay events (i.e. 23 out of 42 medalled). With one exception, every Athletics Australia - Paralympic Preparation Program (AA-PPP) squad member made the top 8 or better in their preferred event/s. Out of the 111 individual events contested by Australian athletes, 46 personal bests (PBs) and 25 seasons bests (SB's) were achieved. Approximately 35 of the 42 athletes achieved at least one SB in an individual event during the meet.

This result was achieved under an injury cloud and controversy surrounding the allocation of medals based on a point-score system for some field events. We had three athletes break world records for their class that were beaten by athletes who did not break the world record in their respective class.

We also had injury/illness preparation clouds over key athletes: Louise Sauvage, Russell Short, John Lindsay, Rod Farr and Tim Mathews. Louise and Russell competed splendidly, medalling and recording PB's during the Games. Rod and John competed well under duress. Unfortunately Tim broke down during his first event at the Games and this injury cost us dearly in the amputee relays and Tim's individual 100m, which we believe he could have won.

Standout individual performances included:

- Kurt Fearnley taking the mantle as the best men's wheelchair racer in the world with his breakthrough victories in the 5000m and the Marathon as well as unlucky fourth places in the 800m and 1500m. He also picked up a silver medal in the 4 x 100m wheelchair relay;
- Tim Sullivan's individual victories in the T38 100m, 200m and 400m plus gold in the 4 x 100m CP relay;
- Amy Winters victories in the T46 100m & 200m;
- Katrina Webb's victory in the T38 400m;
- Richard Colman breaking through for his first gold medal at a major international event (gold in the T53 800m);
- The "CP boys" (Darren Thrupp, Paul Benz, Tim Sullivan & Ben Hall) blasting the world record in the 4 x 100m CP relay;
- Roy Daniell's second placing in very hot conditions in the T13 marathon;
- Neil Fuller's second placing in the T44 400m and outstanding performances in the undermanned Amputee relays following the loss of Tim Mathews. This team managed silver in the 4 x 400 and bronze in the 4 x 100m (they were only 0.13 of a second from gold);
- Heath Francis' swag of medals and PBs in the T46 100m, 200m, 400m and fantastic contribution to the undermanned Amputee relays;
- Don Elgin's bronze medal in the P44 pentathlon with the assistance of pain-killers and his heroic efforts along with Stephen Wilson to the undermanned Amputee relays; and
- The "Wheelchair lads" (Kurt Fearnley, Richard Nicholson, Geoff Trappett and Richard Colman) blasting the old world record on their way to silver in the 4 x 100m Wheelchair relay.



Russell Short on his way to bronze in the shot put at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens



Tim Mathews wins bronze at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens



Chairman & CEO's Report continued...

Support staff

The continued support and efforts of a large number of volunteer coaches, therapists, administrators, parents and carers is critical to the ongoing functioning of the AA-PPP. It would be remiss not to acknowledge the particular efforts of:

- Wheelchair Track & Road Coaches: Andrew Dawes (Coordinator), Paul Angel, Louise Sauvage and Greg Jones;
- Throws Coaches: Alison O'Riordan (Coordinator), Gary Lees and John Eden;
- Sprints & Jumps Coaches: Brett Jones (Coordinator), Richard Bednall & Iryna Dvoskina;
- Physiotherapists: Luke Vladich and Rowena Toppenberg;
- Massage Therapists: Kieran Cusack & Phil Power;
- Managers: Louise Mogg, Andrew Faichney and Michael Thomson;
- AA AWD Representative & AWD Statistician: Neil Fuller;
- Distance Coordinator: Robbie Bolton; and
- ALL of the athletes!

Thanks also to the staff at the AIS Track & Field program who provide considerable support to the AA Paralympic Program Manager position which is based with them, in particular: Tudor Bidder, Kathryn Periac and Iryna Dvoskina. Thanks also to the APC staff for their ongoing support: Jason Hellwig, Tony Naar, Natalie Jenkins, Kelly Smith and Darren Peters.

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Domestic Training & Competition

This reporting period has seen further solidification of the AA-APC partnership through:

- 1) The inclusion of the selection of AWD athletes in the AA selection process for the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games;
- 2) The ongoing support to AA-PPP squad members to attend training camps and access targeted competitions as part of both the qualifying process and the final preparation for Melbourne;
- 3) The running of the fourth combined AWD and "able-bodied" National Championships;
- 4) Continued AWD events coverage in the Telstra A-series; and
- 5) The implementation of an Athens pre-departure camp in Townsville in August 2004.

The domestic season was relatively quiet among our "established" squad with many athletes taking a substantial break post-Athens. However, at the time of writing we are gearing up for a squad of 23 athletes to compete at the 2005 European Open Athletics Championships, Helsinki (17 - 28 August 2005). A number of other established athletes will compete at the North Queensland Championships in late September. These competitions will provide opportunities for the established athletes to set the foundation for their preparations for next year's IPC World Athletics Championships in Assen (2 - 9 September 2005).

Retirements

The post-Athens period has seen the retirement of some of our "greats" including Paralympic Champions: **Louise Sauvage, Bruce Wallrodt and John Lindsay.**

Various tributes have been implemented or are planned for these guys and we wish them all the best in retirement.

The Future

A major AA-PPP focus for the 2005-06 period will be to identify and establish an AA-PPP Emerging Talent Squad. Brett Jones is coordinating this approach. The approach aligns with the APC's Talent Search initiatives, but also provides some athletics-specific targeting and identification.

There will be six AWD events at the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games including: Women's T54 800m, Women's T38 100m, Women's F54-58 Seated Shotput, Men's T12 100m, Men's T46 200m and Men's F55/56 Seated Discus. With significant support from the Australian Commonwealth Games Association (ACGA), the AA-PPP has put a program in place to assist the athletes preparing for these events. Those athletes who have the opportunity to compete at this significant event are working hard to represent Australia and themselves to the best of their ability.

Another significant forthcoming event is the 2005 INAS-FID World Athletics Championships, which are being held in Canberra (26 September - 1 October 2005). The Championships will be an important stepping-stone in the re-establishment of events for athletes with an intellectual disability on the Paralympic Games program. With 22 athletes and 9 staff, Australia will have its biggest ever team to contest these Championships. As the host nation we want to perform well at this event. The AA-PPP has been assisting with preparation, selection and outfitting of the team in consultation with AUSRAPID. Head Coach for the team is the mercurial John Bell. A number of Paralympic Coaches and Paralympians are involved with the team. All the best to John, the athletes and all involved!

Our program goal for 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games is to have our best ever away Games performance. This means that we must finish in the Top 2 Nations. In an environment where more countries are now investing greater resources than Australia, this is a difficult but attainable challenge. In particular, it will be very difficult to finish in front of the might of host country China, but we will be doing everything in our power to bridge the gap that they established on the rest of the world in Athens in 2004.

We look forward to another year of progress ahead.

Scott Goodman

AA Paralympic Program Manager & 2006 Assen IPC World Championships Head Coach



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Marketing & Media

Coverage among both metropolitan and regional media of the Telstra Australian Athletics Team was strong throughout the 2004 Olympic Games campaign and flowed through to the promotion of the 2005 Telstra A-series. Bronze medal performances by walkers Nathan Deakes and Jane Saville and outstanding performances by the likes of Bronwyn Thompson, Jana Pittman, Craig Mottram and our relay teams, to name a few, created a high level of excitement and positive stories throughout the Australian media.

Particularly exciting was the number of junior athletes who excelled both domestically and internationally in the past year and who will no doubt feature prominently in the media in years to come. The Australian World Junior Championships Team recorded its second best result at the meet in the last ten years, placing sixth on the IAAF points table (top-8 places), winning three bronze medals and achieving a total of 15 top-eight places. Add to this the fact eight athletes under the age of 18 won their open events at the Telstra A-championships in Sydney, and the exciting depth of talent we have is sure to help raise the profile of athletics leading into and beyond the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Telstra A-series Marketing

'Where will you be when legends are made?' was the integrated marketing campaign used to promote the 2005 Telstra A-series with the assistance of Telstra and Athletics Australia's member associations. The campaign was designed to showcase the next crop of champions, following in the footsteps of some of Australia's most famous athletes.

The 'Legends' campaign was supported by a mentoring program to assist our current athletes form friendships with some of the legends of the sport to seek advice and knowledge from their predecessors in the hope that they will develop long lasting bonds and further excel in their chosen discipline.

Advertising space and airtime was purchased throughout metropolitan media in every city that hosted a Telstra A-series event in 2005, focusing on key match ups to look out for at the respective meets. The inclusion of some of the Commonwealth's leading names including Michael Blackwood (JAM), Marlon Devonish (ENG) and Sandie Williams (JAM) also added a strong Commonwealth flavour to the meets in Melbourne and Adelaide ahead of the Commonwealth Games.

Telstra again conducted strong on-ground activity, including the Telstra A-zone at selected meets featuring computer games, activities and prize packs for the kids and the perennial favourite athlete autograph sessions.

Telstra's annual consumer promotion in conjunction with Athletics Australia centred around winning a jet fighter flight alongside top gun hurdler, Jana Pittman. The competition gave people the option to either SMS or enter the competition online via a dedicated website with the competition registering an overwhelming 280,000 entries, making it one of the most successful online sports-related competitions Telstra has run in recent times.

The New Balance bus and retail outlet was onsite at the Telstra A-championships and featured not only the latest range of footwear and apparel but also gave athletes and spectators the opportunity to have their foot fitted for the right shoe using the latest in computer technology.

Athletics Australia teamed up with the organising committee for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games to offer all Telstra A-series spectators the chance to win a major prize for two of flights, accommodation and tickets to the athletics finals and the closing ceremony of the 2006 Commonwealth Games by filling in an entry form. The competition was a huge success with the major prize drawn at the conclusion of the season while additional prizes of tickets to various nights of the athletics at the Commonwealth Games were drawn at the Telstra A-series meets in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney.

Athletics Australia was delighted to sign up host broadcaster SBS Television for the 2005 domestic season. SBS aired four one-hour highlights packages from the Telstra A-series, reaffirming its place as the

home of athletics by also broadcasting the IAAF Golden League series and the 2005 World Athletics Championships held in Helsinki later in the year. Each of these programs was re-broadcast on Fox Sports during June and July. Athletics Australia will seek to build a long-term partnership with SBS to grow viewer numbers and create opportunities for promotion of the sport and its commercial partners.

Attendance & Media Coverage (Telstra A-series & Telstra A-championships combined - 2004 figures in brackets)

Cumulative audience (spectators)	21,500	(28,200)
National press articles	465	(437)
National TV news items	486	(512)
SBS Television Event Coverage	256,000	(N/A)
(Cumulative audience – 5 metro markets)		

Media accreditation numbers:

Print	91	(93)
Radio	44	(41)
TV	106	(95)
Photographers	51	(33)
Other	27	(22)
Total	319	(284)

Injuries and the traditional post Olympic hangover period, experienced by many sports, saw a lot of athletes bypass the Telstra A-series in favour of an extended rest. This affected total spectator attendance in 2005, however media coverage of the season increased with more accredited media providing similar or increased coverage of athletics across most mediums. The hype of the battle between Jana Pittman and Tamsyn Lewis, which didn't end up coming to fruition, generated large interest in the Melbourne media and once again proved the importance of genuine contests to the longer term growth of attendance and media interest.

Crowd numbers were similar to the previous year across all of the Telstra A-series meets, with the exception of Melbourne which recorded a strong increase, however a downturn in spectators at the Telstra A-championships, which peaked at over 14,000 in 2004, due to the event doubling as the Telstra Olympic Team Selection Trials, was largely responsible for the decrease in the cumulative audience.



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Publications and www.athletics.org.au

Athletics Australia delivered a range of high quality publications for the sport in 2004-05 including media and team guides for a variety of national and international meets, the Telstra A-series program and a selection of competition programs.

A-news, the official electronic newsletter of Athletics Australia, was revamped and made more user-friendly towards the end of 2004, with subscription figures doubling to 10,000 on the back of the re-development and athletics fans who opted to receive the newsletter when entering the Jana Pittman Jet Fighter competition.

In 2004-05 the Athletics Australia official website, www.athletics.org.au continued to grow substantially as the primary mass market communication tool for the organisation with almost 1.5 million unique visitor sessions registered in 2004. This represents a significant 16 per cent increase on visitor numbers from 2003.

Jane Saville receives her bronze medal at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens



Hospitality

Athletics Australia ran a full hospitality program with commercial partners, stakeholders and athlete legends attending events in Perth, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney.

The Telstra Athlete of the Year dinner was held for the second consecutive year at the Accor property, The Wentworth Sydney. Approximately 300 guests attended the gala evening presented by Telstra.

The 2005 overall winners on the night were:

Telstra Overall Athlete of the Year – Female AWD: Amy Winters

Telstra Overall Athlete of the Year - Male AWD: Kurt Fearnley

Telstra Overall Athlete of the Year – Female: Benita Johnson

Telstra Overall Athlete of the Year – Male: Nathan Deakes

Best Individual Track Performance in the Telstra A-series – Male: Josh Ross

Best Individual Track Performance in the Telstra A-series – Male AWD: Richard Colman

Best Individual Track Performance in the Telstra A-series – Female: Sarah Jamieson

Best Individual Track Performance in the Telstra A-series – Female AWD: Katrina Webb

Best Individual Field Performance in the Telstra A-series – Male: Paul Burgess

Best Individual Field Performance in the Telstra A-series – Male AWD: Hamish McDonald

Best Individual Field Performance in the Telstra A-series – Female: Kylie Wheeler

Best Individual Field Performance in the Telstra A-series – Female AWD: Louise Ellery

Best Individual Out of Stadium Performance Domestic or International – Male/AWD: Nathan Deakes

Best Individual Out of Stadium Performance Domestic or International – Female/AWD: Benita Johnson

Volunteer of the Year Award: Michael Thomson

Coach of the Year: Gary Bourne

Athletes' Athlete of the Year: Nathan Deakes

Telstra People's Choice Award: Karyne Di Marco

Athletics Australia Media Award: Len Johnson (The Age)

New Balance Junior Athlete of the Year: Chris Noffke

Steve Moneghetti Emerging Athlete of the Year: Josh Ross

International Athlete of the Year: Benita Johnson

Edwin Flack Award: Steve Moneghetti

Commercial Partnerships

Telstra continued its long affiliation as Athletics Australia's Principal Partner in 2004-05. Telstra's investment in athletics is critical to the growth of the sport and the relationship between both organisations continues to strengthen with joint objectives and opportunities moving forward.

Athletics Australia also continued its strong partnerships with New Balance, IGA, Accor, Qantas and Pitcher Partners. An exciting new relationship was sealed with sports supplement company Musashi who will provide water and energy drinks for selected Athletics Australia events for the next two years.



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We continue to partner with the Australian Sports Commission, Australian Olympic Committee, Australian Paralympic Committee and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association and thank these organisations for their continued commitment to athletics.

Competitions

Responding to some of the extensive feedback from the Athletics Australia Review of competition structures, 2004-05 saw some fundamental changes to the domestic athletics season.

The IGA Australian All Schools Athletics Championships, held in December 2004, was combined with the Australian Youth Athletics Championships, which had previously been staged in March, thus providing a single national championships for all athletes aged between 13 and 17 years. Additionally, new age groups were conducted for U17 and U15 combined with the existing age groups of U14, U16, U18 and U20 to now give a more progressive pathway for developing young athletes. The new innovations were an outstanding success with the 2004 IGA All Schools & Youth Athletics Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park hosting over 1600 athletes. The standard of competition at this event is as good as any in the world.

For the 2004-05 season, Athletics Australia also introduced the Australian U23 Championships, and these were staged in conjunction with the Australian U20 Championships in April in Brisbane with over 700 athletes attending.

The Telstra Athletics Championships were staged on the first weekend of March 2005 at Sydney Olympic Park. It was gratifying to see the Sydney public come out and support our athletes, with a total of 8,000 spectators over the three days of competition. The public was rewarded with great competition and some very good individual performances, from both old hands and new comers alike.

Telstra A-series meets in 2005 were staged in Perth, Canberra, Melbourne and Adelaide. Melbourne saw a number of international athletes competing and this resulted in some great athletics and increased spectator numbers compared to 2004.

Mention must be made of not only the athletes, but the tireless dedication of the many officials and volunteers who worked hard to ensure each event was an outstanding success.

The full list of competitions and championships conducted during the reporting period were as follows:

2004

- Australian 100km Road Championships (Runaway Bay, QLD)
- Telstra Australian Cross Country Championships (Canberra, ACT)
- IGA Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships (Canberra, ACT)
- Telstra Australian Road Walking Championships (Canberra, ACT)
- IGA Australian Junior Road Walking Championships (Canberra, ACT)
- Telstra Australian Half Marathon Championships (Sydney, NSW)
- Telstra Australian Marathon Championships (Sydney, NSW)
- Telstra Zatopek Classic (Melbourne, VIC)
- IGA Australian All Schools & Youth Athletics Championships (Sydney, NSW)
- IGA Schools Knockout National Final (Sydney, NSW)



Telstra A-series Adelaide

2005

- IGA Australian U18 & U16 Combined Events Championships (Canberra, ACT)
- Telstra A-series (Perth, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide)
- Australian Olympic Youth Festival (Sydney, NSW)
- Telstra Australian Club Championships (Canberra, ACT)
- Telstra Australian Club Relay Championships (Canberra, ACT)
- Telstra Australian Open & U20 Combined Events Championships (Sydney, NSW)
- Telstra Australian Open Athletics Championships (Sydney, NSW)
- Telstra Australian Open 20km Road Walking Championships (Sydney, NSW)
- Telstra Australian U20 & U23 Athletics Championships (Brisbane, QLD)
- IGA Australian U18 State Match (Brisbane, QLD)
- Telstra Australian Men's 50km Road Walking Championship (Albert Park, VIC)
- Telstra Australian Men's U20 10km Road Walking Championship (Canberra, ACT)
- Telstra Australian Mountain Running Championships (Canberra, ACT)



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Development

Development saw some significant changes over the reporting period, with changes to projects, priorities and funding levels. Athletics Australia (AA) is refocussing its development objectives to target, in particular; schools and secondary school age athletes and developing a productive and lasting indigenous program. Given the available resources, good progress was made in all the new project areas.

Schools

The IGA STAR resource was launched in November 2004. The resource was produced in conjunction with some of the country's best coaches and athletes and is aimed at secondary school teachers who may have never taught athletics before or who want a greater understanding of the sport. Approximately 2,700 complimentary copies of the CD-Rom based program were sent to every secondary school in Australia. The reputation of the program is continuing to grow with many other educational institutions expressing interest in obtaining the CD-Rom.

The IGA STAR resource covers all disciplines of the sport including pole vault, hammer throw and walks. Each event is covered in detail with all the necessary instruction needed, together with sequential photographs of event drills, sample training programs, lesson plans and a self assessment certificate allowing coaches and students to chart their progress. Topics such as how to mark out an athletic track and run an athletics carnival are also addressed in the program.

AA will continue to develop this very valuable resource for schools.

IGA Schools Knockout

The IGA Schools Knockout competition held its largest national final at Sydney Olympic Park in December 2004 with 46 teams from 33 schools competing in the Cup and Plate divisions. A team from Katherine, NT travelled to Sydney to compete making this the first time representation has come from every state.

Over 6,000 students participated in the state and national series. All member association development staff provided an excellent support base for the program and it is due to their promotion of the event that participation numbers remain so high.

For the first time Queensland held a north and south state final and Victoria a division 1 and 2 final. This program started as a development program 15 years ago and its popularity grows stronger each year due to the format of a short, sharp program that fits in with the school calendar. Prize money of up to \$4,000 is paid to the first three placegetters in the national cup competition and a travel allowance is given to each school that travels interstate for the national finals. AA will continue to promote, support and develop this exciting schools program.

Team Athletics

Athletics Australia took the decision not to proceed with IGA Team Athletics as a national program. Although it is a wonderful junior skill development tool, ongoing problems have proved just too difficult to resolve. Certain state member associations will still provide programs involving the equipment, especially in the Active After School community program, which is an initiative of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). The Team Athletics manual is still being used as a valuable coaching resource for primary schools.

Club Development

Club Development has had a big boost with the Telstra Athletics Assistance Fund being available to clubs in 2004. Approximately \$200,000 in total funds were available with clubs being allowed to apply for a maximum of \$5,000 each to purchase equipment such as hurdles, high jump mats and starting blocks.

This generous program from Telstra gave 41 clubs across Australia a much-needed boost to the development of their club and competition struc-

tures. The Telstra Athletics Assistance Fund will be rolled out again in 2005 and we would sincerely like to thank Telstra for their ongoing support of this wonderful program.

Project CONNECT

2004-05 saw the end of funding for the athlete with a disability (AWD) inclusion program.

AA was awarded bronze level status for this program and is currently working towards attaining the silver level. A points scoring system was devised, which venues can use to allow AWD to score points for their club.

The IGA STAR resource contains a section on how to be inclusive in school athletics programs and a classification training and support system specific to the sport is being devised by the ASC to increase the number of classifiers across the country.

At the 2005 National Athletic Forum, development staff from six states took part in a Project CONNECT workshop on the importance of integrating athletes with a disability into their club system. Member associations will be encouraged to host 'Opening Doors' workshops for their clubs.

Indigenous

The 'Athletics for the Outback' program was launched with Catherine Freeman and Kyle Vander Kuyp having large roles as ambassadors for the project.

The focus of the program will be to provide education in the form of accredited coaches, equipment and opportunities for young indigenous athletes to gain exposure and experience in the sport.

Four areas were visited within the national program, Newman and Kalgoorlie in Western Australia and Normanton and Slade Point in North Queensland. During these visits, 42 coaches went



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through the Australian Track and Field Coaches Level I course providing these areas with a vital injection of coaching knowledge.

The visits included a donation of traditional equipment used to run athletics clinics and competitions by AA with funding provided by the Department of Communications, Information Technology & the Arts.

Kyle Vander Kuyp visited Newman and was very popular with the local children. One group travelled from Marble Bar (three hours north of Newman) to meet and spend time with Kyle. Catherine Freeman returned to her hometown of Slade Point and gave advice and support to a large group attending the coaching component at the local oval named in her honour. A fun day with event coaching was conducted and attended by approximately 500 children.

In the near future this program will also incorporate talent identification of young indigenous athletes who will be encouraged to progress with their athletics.

Member association development staff provide a link to the remote and regional areas and continue to develop relationships with communities by providing support, education and clinics with follow up visits and contact through existing programs.

Out of Stadium (Running Australia)

The Running Australia network has continued to expand, with a 16 per cent increase in the number of registered events, as well as an 11 per cent increase in overall participation across these events.

Running Australia sanctioned events have continued to improve their risk management practices and thus continue to benefit by receiving insurance coverage through Athletics Australia.

During 2004-05, 1,400 people joined the Running Australia Card / membership program. The membership allows participants to capitalise on the

network of events. Benefits for cardholders include:

- personal accident insurance in sanctioned events;
- discounted entry fees; and
- exclusive product offers from sponsors.

As always, one of the major highlights of the year was the Blackmores Sydney Marathon, Blackmores Sydney Half Marathon and the Sunday Telegraph 10km Bridge Run, which were held on Sunday 12th September 2004. Although the event did not see an increase in participants, the fact that the event now finishes at the world famous Sydney Opera House suggests the future for the event is extremely bright.

Finance

Despite some early warnings, the 2004-05 financial year heralded a return to profitability. While the organisation will continue to budget for profits, the surpluses will be returned as further funding to the sport when an acceptable level of reserves are built up over future years. It is a pleasure to report that the profit of \$302,292 was up from the budgeted result of \$180,314 for the same period.

As a result of proactively reducing expenditure in the face of reduced income, both revenue and expenses were below budget.

During the financial year, the organisation experienced a number of changes in the management group. Faced with these changes, declining revenues and the demands to send teams to major international competitions, the management and Board were able to identify various areas where savings could be made without adversely affecting the sport.

Unfortunately, our member associations will bear the brunt of the reduced funding in 2005-06, coupled with a reduction in the state institute/academy (the SIS/SAS network) funding in association with the staged implementation of the new high performance program. These measures

ensure the continuity of the organisation as a National Sporting Organisation of some stability and foresight.

During the year, the government announced the launch of the after school activity program, which conflicted with Athletics Australia's (AA) Targeted Sports participation program. This has meant that participation growth was not achieved and a forfeit of \$200,000 in associated funding. This also had a negative impact on the schools program as schools came to grips with what the new program would offer.

In order to lift the quantity of international athletes in the Melbourne Telstra A-series meet, AA organised a number of these athletes to attend. The costs for this were unbudgeted and the Victorian Government and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association were secured to assist. The costs directly related to the inclusion of the international athletes were in excess of \$235,000.

Many of the savings that allowed Athletics Australia to record a profit in the face of two successive losses came from various program savings in the high performance division of the organisation. Reduced activity in domestic camps, payments to the SIS/SAS network, direct athlete assistance and significant savings in international competition costs contributed strongly to the profit for 2004-05.

The major focus of high performance is to provide Australian athletes with the opportunity to compete in the best competitions available. During the year, Athletics Australia sent teams to Athens (GRE) for the Olympics, Grosseto (ITA) for the World Junior Championships and St Galmier (FRA) for the World Cross Country Championships. In addition, athletes were sent to various other locations around the world to compete in events designed to increase Australia's competitiveness on the world athletics stage.

It became apparent during the season that our sponsors required significantly greater exposure than they had during the previous season. As a result, Athletics Australia entered into a single year agreement with SBS to provide free-to-air coverage of the Telstra A-series. This was again an unbudgeted expense that was necessary to retain and secure new sponsors.

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Athletics Australia continues to have a most open and successful relationship with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), our single largest source of income. During the financial year the ASC supported the organisation through the early cash shortages and continued to assist with program support confirming their commitment to ongoing support for the sport.

The forecast cash flows reflect the timing of international competitions that typically have to be paid well in advance of the actual competition. These periods are typified by a large demand for cash and whilst the cash is forecast to remain within overdraft limits, doing so requires the support of the ASC.

During the year, the Audit Committee met a number of times with the objective of monitoring the performance of the organisation against the budget and forecast. The feedback from these meetings proved invaluable and enabled the Board to be proactive in addressing issues as and when they appeared.

Summary

Athletics in Australia has ultimately endured a dramatic year, but also enjoyed outstanding progress and success in 2004-05. With Australian athletes being represented on the medal dais at the Olympics, Paralympics and World Junior Championships, combined with the significant changes made to the administration of the organisation, the future certainly looks brighter for future success at the international level.

Looking towards Melbourne 2006, Osaka, Beijing and beyond, Athletics Australia will continue to implement the recommendations from the AA/ASC Review, which is encompassed in the organisation's Strategic Plan. The principal objectives of the plan going forward are to unite the sport with a common vision, achieve financial stability and perform at a consistently high level on the international stage.

Priority projects to be focused upon over the next four-year period will cover the specific areas of high performance, grass roots development and partici-

pation, financial stability and revenue growth combined with improving the marketability of the brand of Athletics Australia.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Athletics Australia, we thank the athletes and coaches, the numerous volunteers, sponsors and administrators who give countless hours of their time to keep the sport alive. I would also like to sincerely thank the Australian Sports Commission, their staff and in particular ASC CEO, Mark Peters, for his assistance and advice throughout the year. Without the support of the Sports Commission we would not be able to support our sport in the manner in which we currently are able to do. This year has seen positive steps toward recreating the culture of athletics in this country and it is the continued support and common vision of all involved in athletics in Australia that will ultimately take the sport forward to the next level of success. Our goal is to not just simply see the sport of athletics survive but indeed thrive at a time when the health of our young people depends on the provision of healthy leisure time pursuits provided by organisations such as Athletics Australia and its member associations.

Danny Corcoran
Chief Executive Officer



Chris Rawlinson and Jana Pittman at the Melbourne Telstra A-series



(from left): Nathan Deakes, Petrina Price, Tamsyn Lewis, Jane Saville, Haley McGregor, John Thornell & Clinton Hill at the 2005 Telstra A-series launch

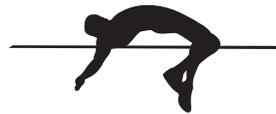


Matt Shirvington, Kyle vander Kuyp & John Steffensen

Australian Honours List & OAA Merit Award 2005

The Australian Honours List is an official record, containing over 224,000 entries, of all Australians who have been honoured since Federation through to the present day, with the exception of military campaign service and military long service awards.

The Order of Australia was created in 1975 and since then over 14,000 Australians have been recognised for their service to Australia or to humanity. This year the following members of the Australian athletics fraternity received an award within the Order of Australia (OAM), for service worthy of particular recognition.



NAME	STATE	AWARD	CITATION
Mr Donald Winston JOWETT	QLD	OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia)	For service to sport, particularly athletics, as an administrator, technical official and coach, and to the community through church and welfare organisations.
Edward Joseph McGUIRE	VIC	AM (Member in the Order of Australia)	For service to the community, particularly through support for health care and welfare organisations, and to broadcasting.

No Oceania Merit awards for Australia in 2005.



Message from Sponsor - Australian Sports Commission



Kerrie Taurima heads for the long jump pit at the 2005 Telstra A-championships

The Australian Government is a strong supporter of Australian sport. The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) is the government body that develops, manages and invests in sport at all levels in Australia.

The ASC funds and works closely with a range of national sporting organisations, state and local governments, schools and community bodies to ensure sport is well run and accessible so that everyone can participate and enjoy the benefits. It also works with these organisations, and through the Australian Institute of Sport and state and territory institutes and academies, to develop elite sporting excellence.

The ASC also works to uphold the integrity of sport through many innovative programs ranging from the promotion of ethical sporting practices on and off the field to the enforcement of Australia's commitment to keeping sport free of performance-enhancing drugs.



AIS athlete Patrick Johnson wins his heat in Sydney

During 2004-05, the Australian Government, through the ASC, supported Athletics Australia through funding of approximately \$3.8 million for the development of the sport and the continued enhancement and support at the grass-root and elite levels, including through the athletics program at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Early in 2004 Athletics Australia invited the Australian Sports Commission to undertake a joint wide-ranging review of its high performance programs, corporate governance and financial and management systems, and to develop strategies to deal with the acknowledged problems within the sport. The ASC and AA worked closely together throughout the review process, culminating in a report and recommendations being released in October 2004.

The Executive Overview of the report said, in part..."AA needs to ensure the successful implementation of this Report's recommendations through an appropriate process of communication, garnering support and securing buy-in from stakeholders to re-create a culture. This will require the appointment of key people, including a member or members of the AA Board and AA's CEO, prepared to be responsible and accountable for working inclusively with stakeholders on implementing the recommendations."

Amongst the changes enacted in response to the report's 128 recommendations, the ASC notes AA's improved financial management, revised high performance leadership, structure and operations, and much improved relations with the Little Athletics movement. While there is still much to be done, the ASC wishes to congratulate AA on its progress to date, and particularly wishes to recognise AA's consistent commitment to good communication links with its members, as well as with the Commission and other key stakeholders. This commitment has improved relations and helped to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the many organisations on whom AA relies for the delivery of its programs.

The ASC looks forward to a continued winning partnership with Athletics Australia.



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Australian Sports Commission



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The medal from nowhere

Four young men shocked even themselves when they put a last-minute silver lining on Australia's clouded track campaign at the Athens Olympics.

Len Johnson reports.

Patrick Dwyer was so happy that he forgot to vomit. "It's the first time in seven years of running 400 metres that I've been able to walk around (after) and not be sick," Dwyer said.

Mark Ormrod was scarcely less surprised. "I don't think it registered," he said. "I was watching it but I couldn't believe it."

What moved Dwyer to such a state that he forgot his post-400 metres ritual and threw Ormrod into disbelief was a surprise — make that shock — silver medal to an unrated Australian team in the 4 x 400 metres relay, the last event on the last night of track and field at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

John Steffensen, Ormrod, Dwyer and Clinton Hill took off Australia's third athletics medal of the Games, and the first on the track after Nathan Deakes and Jane Saville got bronze medals in the 20-kilometre road walks.

The United States, not unexpectedly for a nation that swept the individual medals, was a world apart. Otis Harris, Derrick Brew, Jeremy Wariner and Darold Williamson crossed the line in two minutes 55.91 seconds and had time to take off their spikes and put on their track suits before the next team finished.

In the race between the rest of the world, Australia was a stunning winner. The silver medal was secured with a blazing anchor leg from national champion Hill, who took the team up from fifth at the last change to second. Steffensen ran first leg, Ormrod second and Dwyer gave the baton to Hill for the last.

"I can't express how happy I am with the team performance," said Hill. "I'm going to enjoy this long into the night. Not too many (drinks), though, because I want to remember this. I'm not going to forget this fast."

Hill's individual campaign was derailed by an untimely bout of root canal dental sur-

gery only four days before the 400 metres heats. He is still on antibiotics, but is believed to be feeling no pain.

Hill and Dwyer said the team had an expectation of taking a medal. After Jamaica, the bronze medallist in last year's world championships, was disqualified in the heats, the Australians thought a medal was possible.

"We always thought when we made the final we were an outside medal chance," Dwyer said.

Hill took further confidence from the anchor-leg runners. "I

looked at the guys on the last leg and I was second-fastest," he said.

Hill also told his teammates that if they got the baton to him in a good position, he would do the rest. It was not false bravado. He swept past Nigeria, Japan and Britain down the back straight and hung on up the front, checking the big screen in the last 20 metres but seeing no one.

Like the other three runners, he ended up with a silver medal hanging from his neck. How did it feel?

"Pretty surreal, actually. But

it's real, it's heavy and it's mine."

The ebullient Steffensen said he felt subdued and not sure what to do after the race.

"I tried to carry on out there, but I didn't know what to do. I'll bite the medal," he said as he headed out to the presentation.

Ormrod backed himself to go on a private training trip this year before joining the Australian team in Italy.

"How big a heart do you need to run this?" he said. "And we've got it and that's what got us a medal."

Statistically, it was the first time since Seoul in 1988 that an Olympic men's 4 x 400 medal had been won in a time of more than three minutes. It was also the first men's relay medal for Australia since Leon Gregory, David Lean, Graham Gipson and present International Olympic Committee member Kevan Gosper took the silver at Melbourne in 1956.

Coach Keith Connor described the Australian effort as "out of this world", adding: "It just shows what a bit of self-belief can do."

Connor said relay coach Cliff Mallett had worked hard at changing some of the training sessions of Ormrod during the Italian camp and that small details such as running in traffic and changing of the baton had been practised and

reinforced. But he said the crucial element was that the four members of the team took responsibility for the order of the line-up. On the eve of the race, they changed Hill to be the last runner, and switched Ormrod from first to second.

"We call Ormrod the hunter-gatherer because he can hunt and move around, we felt he was a good chaser and we also felt Clinton could put in a really good last leg if he was chasing," Connor said.

Continuing the trend of shock, but this time for the gold medal, Britain's team of much-maligned sprinters pipped the US for the men's 4 x 100 metres gold medal, 38.07 to 38.08.

Mark Lewis-Francis just held off Maurice Greene on the anchor leg. In two big embarrassments this year, no British sprinter reached the final at the big Crystal Palace meeting that featured the world's fastest and no one got out of the semi-finals here.

Australia's Adam Basil, Paul di Bella, Patrick Johnson and Joshua Ross finished sixth in 38.56, a hesitation between Johnson and Ross at the final change perhaps costing one or two places, but not a medal.

After dropping the baton in the 4 x 100 heats, the US women took one relay gold medal, winning the 4 x 400 ahead of Russia and Jamaica.

with Jacquelin Magnay



Hill rejoices as he grabs second place.

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Burgess leaps onto the roll of honour

THE SIX-METRE CLUB

	Year	Best
Sergey Bubka (Ukr)	1995	6.15*
Rodion Gataullin (Rus)	1989	6.02*
Okkert Brits (S Af)	1995	6.03
Igor Trandenkov (Rus)	1996	6.01
Maksim Tarasov (Rus)	1997	6.05
Tim Lobinger (Ger)	1997	6.00
Jeff Hartwig (US)	1998	6.03
Dmitri Markov (Aus)	1998	6.05
Jean Galfione (Fra)	1999	6.00*
Danny Ecker (Ger)	2001	6.00*
Toby Stevenson (US)	2004	6.00
Tim Mack (US)	2004	6.01
PAUL BURGESS (Aus)	2005	6.00

* Indoors

Dates denote first clearance at six metres; figures are best-ever height (Bubka's has cleared six metres or higher 44 times).



By **LEN JOHNSON**

PAUL Burgess achieved an exalted feat in humble surroundings when he joined pole vaulting's exclusive six-metre club at the weekend.

Burgess became only the 11th man to clear the height outdoors, soaring over at the first attempt in a Perth interclub meeting on Saturday.

Two others have done it indoors, and Sergey Bubka remains peerless, having jumped six metres or higher no fewer than 44 times and holding the world indoor and outdoor records at 6.15 metres and 6.14 respectively.

That Burgess should join Bubka's club at a meeting in the run-down Perry Lakes stadium built to host the 1962 British Empire — that's one measure of its age — and Commonwealth Games seems surprising at first glance.

Yet one thing Perth and Perry Lakes does have is an excellent

pole vault facility, headed by Alex Parnov, the former Soviet coach whose decision to live in Australia along with his two star pupils, Dmitri Markov and Viktor Chistiakov, sparked a surge in Australian vaulting. The combination has already brought a world championship — to Markov in 2001 — and several world records to Emma George, who moved there to be coached by Parnov.

Perth usually offers predictable and favourable conditions. Jumpers abhor erratic winds, but Perth's blows with reassuring constancy, and will almost certainly be the same velocity all along the runway.

On Saturday, however, Burgess described the wind as, unusually, all over the place.

So, too, was Burgess' mind, at least until easy clearances at 5.70 and 5.85 prompted him to think that something bigger was on. He and Parnov had decided on the competition as a chance to

smooth out a few technical glitches, and after making 5.85, Burgess realised six metres might be there for the taking. "I thought, 'Wow, that felt good,'" he said.

For that reason, Burgess went to six metres without having time to think about the magnitude of the feat he was attempting; reality hit Burgess later.

"It's huge. I couldn't comprehend it when I got over. I still can't quite grasp what it means," Burgess said.

Yet he knows that all those jumps have come in Perth. Away from home, he has looked fallible, and was beaten in Melbourne by Steve Hooker, who cleared 5.75.

Still, 5.80 was his best height outside Perth and Burgess is sure there was plenty more to come. "Now 5.80 doesn't seem like such a big deal," Burgess said.

If he can carry that form everywhere he goes, Paul Burgess will reap some rich rewards.



Len Johnson was the overall winner of the 2004-05 Athletics Australia Media award.

Mottram on the run after success

Craig Mottram is hard at work as he strives to take his career to the next level on the international scene, **Len Johnson** reports.

CRAIG Mottram's goals for the next 15 months are specific and general at the same time. Specifically, Australia's best male track distance runner since Ron Clarke just wants to continue his climb up the international ranks. Generally, that improvement can be measured broadly.

Times, such as his sub-13 minutes for 5000 metres last year, are good. Wins are better. Big wins are best and what he craves most.

"I won the World Cup 3000 metres in 2002, but I haven't really won anything since then. A few road races and some smaller European track meetings — but I haven't won anything significant.

"That sort of eats away at you after a bit of time. You're putting in a lot of hard work; you go to all these races, you're running 13:03, 12:55, but you're not winning them. So now what we've got to focus on is how to win them."

Mottram made great strides in 2004. He broke the Australian record for 5000 metres three times, culminating in 12:55.76, a stride behind Haile Gebrselassie in London. He finished eighth in the Olympic final, the highest finish by an Australian male in an Olympic or world championship track distance final since Clarke's day.

Yet he finished the year strangely unfulfilled. Not quite high enough in the Olympic final, not quite fast enough on the track. In a way, he says, the sub-13 in his last race before Athens came with less-than-perfect timing.

"I feel if I had had another paced race like the one in London, I think that the opportunity to run quicker again would have been there," he said.

The Olympics got in the way and then Mottram missed the big post-Olympic meetings after damaging a nerve in a knee when he dashed it against a footpath bollard while trying to get to the finish of the Olympic marathon.

"I ran 55 seconds for the last lap in London. I think that shows that maybe if I'd run a little bit quicker in the third and fourth kilometres, I might have run 58 or 59 for the last lap, but I might have run 12:50."

So, although Mottram is running hard, running fast, is it fair to say he has not yet caught up with his own ambitions? "Sure," he says.

Mottram is training at Falls Creek, logging up to 160 kilometres a week as he builds his endurance for a serious tilt at the 12-kilometre long race at next month's world cross-country championships in St Galmier, France.

Mottram refers to "Paris", but if his geographic focus is way out — St Galmier is near Lyons, some 480 kilometres south-east of the

I won the World Cup 3000 metres in 2002, but I haven't really won anything since then. CRAIG MOTTRAM

French capital — his athletic focus is crystal clear.

He wants to win a medal, and if that means driving his way through unseasonal snow drifts at Falls Creek, then that's what he will do to get there.

In a nice irony, Mottram returned to Australia to flounder around in the snow precisely because he was figuratively floun-

MOTTRAM'S TARGETS

FEBRUARY 17
5000 metres Melbourne, A-series

MARCH 5
5000 metres Australian championships, Sydney

MARCH 20
12km world cross-country championships, St Galmier, France

dering around in Europe on a racing tour that went wrong.

Originally, Mottram was to run the same series of races as Benita Johnson. He won the first, a New Year's Eve 10-kilometre event in Madrid against world marathon record-holder Paul Tergat, but finished with a slight tear in his right calf muscle.

He ran two more cross-country races with mediocre results, then, in consultation with his coach Nic Bideau, decided that nursing his calf from race to race without doing any worthwhile training in between was not what they had in mind.

Back home, a scan confirmed the minor tear. After five days off to let the muscle mend, Mottram was at Falls Creek. He arrived just in time to experience a rare summer dump of snow, the alpine consequences of Victoria's big wet on February 3.

"We had to abandon one run when we found ourselves waist-deep in snow," Mottram says. Even along the more sheltered aqueducts, the snow was shin deep. Across the grassy plain at the back of Mount Nelse, he fell three times in the soft snow.

"It was definitely not something you expect to happen up here, in summer, in February," Mottram said.

A little adverse weather is not enough to shake Mottram's belief that Falls is the best place to prepare. "The reason I came here is that it's the best place I know I can get fit. I wouldn't be up here if I didn't think I could get as fit as I've ever been before."

Mottram builds his fitness around his long runs and hones it with sessions such as repetition kilometres along the aqueducts at Langfords Gap, or the demanding 16-kilometre loop along the aqueduct, cross-country to Fitzgerald's Hut and then again across the snow plain to the Omeo Road, or nine kilometres to the end of the aqueduct and then back in 30 minutes or less surging each 10 minutes at a progressively higher tempo.

Mottram sees the world cross-country as a stepping stone to where he wants to go at the world championships this year and next year's Commonwealth Games.

Apart from the Sydney Olympic year and 2003, when he was injured, Mottram has run the world cross-country each year since he made his debut in the junior race in 1999. In 2001 and 2002, he ran the short race; last year, he ran the short race and the long race, finishing 14th in the latter; this year, it will be the long race only and he is shooting higher. "I definitely think I can medal," he said.

Mottram measures himself against teammate Johnson, who won the women's long-course title in Brussels last year after making significant improvement internationally in 2003.

"I'm in a pretty similar position to where Benita was. I had a good year in 2004 and got better over the year.

"I'm a year behind her but, hopefully, I can continue to improve and get a few wins."

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Message from Sponsor - New Balance

Final of the mens 100m at the Telstra A-series in Canberra



2005 marks the fifth year of New Balances' partnership with Athletics Australia.

The partnership has enhanced running product sales and consumer perception of New Balance's credentials as a leading manufacturer of high performance sporting products.

Over the summer months, the New Balance bus travelled to many of the Telstra A-series meets around Australia. At the National Track & Field Championships in March this year New Balance also used the Event Unit featuring foot-strike analysis for athletes within the event marquee. The purpose of Event Units is to enhance attendee's "event experience" plus showcase our latest range of training and competition shoes / apparel, while demonstrating the brand's unique ability to 'fit' feet of various widths.

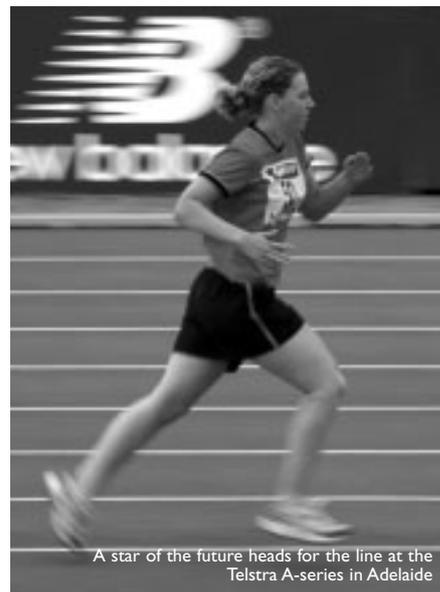
Over the past year New Balance has supplied team uniforms to Australian athletes competing in World Championships at senior and junior events respectively. Utilising the latest in high performance fabrics, New Balance has ensured a distinctive green and gold identity has been maintained.



(from left) Kylie Bent, Michelle Cutmore, Sally McLellan, Jacinta Boyd & Rebecca Negus - Australian U20 4 x 100m record holders

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A star of the future heads for the line at the Telstra A-series in Adelaide

Stephen Roach
National Marketing Manager
New Balance Australia



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REGISTRATION FIGURES

All States 2003-2004 to 2004-2005

		Totals 03/04	ACT 04/05	NSW 04/05	NT 04/05	QLD 04/05	SA 04/05	TAS 04/05	VIC 04/05	WA 04/05	Totals 04/05
Senior	Male	4,236	126	1,130	156	952	229	167	1,203	34	3,997
	Female	2,421	61	577	167	704	124	84	447	79	2,243
Under 20	Male	617	18	182	5	127	64	36	153	18	603
	Female	468	20	116	3	120	41	13	80	22	415
Under 18	Male	1,003	35	329	17	245	79	68	267	55	1,095
	Female	872	27	282	17	242	62	53	178	32	893
Under 16	Male	1,036	39	384	25	278	53	77	309	45	1,210
	Female	1,012	45	351	25	278	67	79	264	33	1,142
Under 14	Male	772	25	200	37	208	19	79	163	18	749
	Female	856	27	216	58	246	24	77	181	7	836
Under 12	Male	795	0	145	144	415	0	0	0	0	704
	Female	730	0	139	179	471	0	0	0	0	789
Total	Male	8,459	243	2,370	384	2,225	444	427	2,095	173	8,361
	Female	6,359	180	1,681	449	2,061	318	306	1,150	170	6,315
Total Athletes		14,818	423	4,051	833	4,286	762	733	3,245	343	14,676
State All Schools		5,896	94	1,361	250	2,527	534	1,856	1,042	450	8,114
Schools Knockout		5,598	195	1,050	125	890	530	498	1,580	350	5,218
Australian All Schools		1,382	69	505	13	437	136	65	281	112	1,618
Officials	Male	648	31	205	18	105	43	35	196	24	657
	Female	519	16	122	24	169	35	33	147	31	577
Total Officials		1,167	47	327	42	274	78	68	343	55	1,234
Life Members	Male	132	5	24	9	24	52	8	17	21	160
	Female	109	1	15	8	25	34	3	16	18	120
Total Life Members		241	6	39	17	49	86	11	33	39	280
Coaches											
Level 1	Male	1,010	32	306	12	381	68	33	201	50	1,083
	Female	588	15	142	16	315	22	12	83	39	644
Level 2	Male	260	14	87	0	72	22	11	60	11	277
	Female	75	2	23	1	21	6	3	17	5	78
Level 3	Male	82	2	21	1	20	7	2	34	2	89
	Female	14	3	4	0	1	2	0	3	5	18
Others	Male	60	1	15	1	10	2	0	25	2	56
	Female	57	1	15	2	17	1	1	7	4	48
Total Coaches		2,146	70	613	33	837	130	62	430	118	2,293
Out of Stadium (RA)		125,359	2,767	15,303	640	25,482	15,430	7,492	47,011	24,586	138,711
Total Registrations		156,607	3,671	23,249	1,953	34,782	17,686	10,785	53,965	26,053	172,144

Member Associations' Reports

Australian Capital Territory Athletics

World records, national titles, national team representation, national awards and a 50th birthday celebration highlighted the ACT athletics year.

The year started with two athletes, Zoe Buckman and Brandan Galic representing Australia at the World Junior Championships in Italy.

While the athletics world focussed on the Olympic Games in August, the Canberra community were busy preparing to host the Australian Schools Cross Country Championships, Telstra Australian Cross Country Championships, and the Telstra Australian Road Walking Championships. ACT athletes, Claire Woods (Open 10km), Jillian Hosking (U18 8km), Ashley Colquhoun (U20 20km) and Brendon Reading (U18 5km) figured prominently in the road walks winning four of the national titles on offer.

September saw Martin Dent take out the Australian Half Marathon Championships while the ACT men's and women's team took out the Teams Championships. The Marathon Championships were conducted on the same day with the ACT women again winning the team's title. A number of ACT athletes did us proud at the Paralympics with Hamish MacDonald setting yet another world record in the F34 shot put.

October saw the focus return to the track and in November, Brandan Galic did us proud again winning the Commonwealth Youth Games 100m title.

December saw a large number of young athletes perform at the IGA Australian All Schools & Youth Championships in Sydney with great success. A strong coaching community and a good development program continued to show its benefit.

It wasn't too long into the new year before ACT hosted yet another national title with the Australian Under 18 & 16 combined events titles held in the National Capital. This was the first of a jointly held state Championships between NSW, VIC and the ACT, with QLD coming on board at the last

minute. The success of the event was due largely to the number of athletes who took part. This weekend was yet another joint event between the ACT Athletics Association and the ACT Veterans.

Another very successful Telstra A-series followed soon after along with the National Club Relay and Club Championships.

February saw the focus move interstate with the Telstra A-series in Melbourne and Adelaide. ACT athletes registered outstanding performances at both events.

The National Track and Field Championships held in Sydney in February provided an excellent opportunity for ACT athletes to shine. While Stuart Rendell won his ninth consecutive national hammer throw title, several athletes began their unbeaten run. Brendan Cole and Lauren Boden won their respective 400m hurdles events for their coach Matt Beckenham, while Louise Ellery won the seated shot put with a world record throw of 5.54m.

ACT athletes were in the thick of things at the annual Telstra Athlete of the Year Awards. Louise Ellery and Hamish MacDonald won the Male and Female Outstanding Performances at the National Championships awards respectively, Nathan Deakes was voted Most Outstanding Male Athlete for the Year and Michael Thomson won the Telstra Volunteer of the Year award.

The ACT Championships followed in March with a large number of interstate athletes chasing good conditions in the National Capital. The good association with ACT Veterans continued with the jointly run championships.

The ACT Athletics Association turned 50 in April. The event was marked with a gala dinner, which included some of the association's inaugural members. It was an excellent night with many stories told and much history on display.

The ACT has a long history of working with athletes with a disability (AWD) and is a leader in integrating AWD athletes into its programs. It was a great honour that Hamish MacDonald was announced as the ACT's Most Outstanding Athlete for the 2004-2005 season.

Lauren Boden –
national 400m
hurdles champion



After leading the Association over the past seven years, Owen Heness decided it was time to step down and hand over the reins. I was very honoured to be elected as the Association's President for the next two years.

This report has focussed largely on competition and the success of our athletes and the association's success in conducting major events. It amazes me how our members continue to step up each year to not only conduct our weekly competitions, but the major events in Canberra and interstate.

In his report from last year, Owen Heness, finished with the following sentence: "It's been a good year for athletics." I am pleased to echo the comments of our former President. 2004-2005 has been yet another good year for the athletics community in the ACT. I look forward to continuing successes in the years ahead.

Michael Thomson
President

Member Associations' Reports continued...

Athletics New South Wales

Some of the challenges besetting Athletics NSW over the last five years particularly on the financial side have been arrested and the organisation now enjoys a financial stability that will make it possible to give serious consideration to a number of initiatives that previously were well beyond our capabilities.

Highlights of the year included:

- Securing The Australian Institute of Mathematics to a five-year naming rights sponsorship of the NSW Secondary All Schools Athletics Championships;
- The Board adopting the implementation of a Model Club Policy ('Clubs on Track') over the next several years;
- The signing of a Service Level agreement with NSW Institute of Sport for the establishment of a Track & Field Emerging Athlete Program that identifies and develops talented emerging athletes aged 13 to 19 years;
- Improved direct communication with our members through the establishment of a revamped website (www.nswathletics.org.au) and introduction of 'eATHLETE Information Service';
- Expansion of the Athletics NSW Advisory Panel structure. Advisory panels assist with the formulation of policy and provide direction for all aspects of competition and development as well as facilitating open communication with our membership;
- Board adoption and implementation of Athletics NSW Development Plan (2004-2007); and
- Active involvement in the Indigenous Sports Program (ISP).

With two years of the new summer competition structure behind us, an analysis revealed an appre-



IGA Australian Interstate Youth (U18) Match champions - NSW

able increase in participation. However, there is still work to be done to ensure continuation of athlete friendly and sustainable competitions.

A major focus for Athletics NSW is in the area of junior athlete development, as it is critical that we create "future stars" for the international scene. Whilst we are only a minor player in the Australian sporting culture, it is well documented that success on the athletic track transfers directly to increased numbers on the ground. The recently formed 'Emerging Athlete Program' with NSWIS has all the ingredients to encourage our junior athletes to continue in our sport and progress to elite level. It is an exciting initiative and a first step to similar ventures.

Unfortunately, the decline in registration numbers has continued and remains our most urgent chal-

lenge. School participant numbers are at a premium and we must strive to offer programs to these groups which are attractive and entertaining in order to convert them to senior athletics.

The report commissioned jointly by Athletics Australia and the Australian Sports Commission into the operations of Athletics Australia was released in October 2004. 'Re-creating a Culture for Athletics in Australia' will play a major role in the planning processes for Athletics NSW.

John Patchett
Chairman



Member Associations' Reports continued...

Northern Territory Athletics

My first order of business is to thank the current Board of management for the work they have put into the association throughout the year as without their behind the scenes efforts we would not be able to successfully operate the organisation.

We have had a change in direction within our office organisation and we are currently working through a trial period to test the viability of our restructure. Cherry Harvey has taken on the role of Manager (both administration and development) and Melissa Curry has been employed on a part time basis as our administration assistant. This arrangement is proving to be a workable option and will most likely continue next year.

We experienced a heavier than usual event schedule this year, with the dry season hosting a very successful Arafura Games. Those involved had the opportunity to be part of an excellent competition. Valuable knowledge and experience was gained from our visiting officials, who we also thank for their professionalism. Additionally, the flow on effect has been an increase in the number of qualified officials.

The inter-club was well represented, as was the Litchfield Gift and Rural Half Mile. Well done to the competitors. Other events of note were the Australia Day Fun Run (an estimated +3000 runners). The TIO City to Surf saw another excellent field with a new winner in Ryan Cox of South Australia, who took the title from Steve Blake after a 20-odd year rein - a record that will stand for a long time to come. Both of the half marathons (Arafura and ABC Darwin) were well attended and featured competitors from overseas, interstate and the NT.

The link with School Sport NT and their 2005 Pacific School Games selection is developing with them attending the 2005 NT Athletics Championships. This will boost our numbers and test our ability to organise a large competition.

Catherine Freeman goes for a run as part of the Athletics for the Outback program



The year has also seen the largest number of development squad athletes qualify for, and attend the 2004 IGA Australian All Schools & Youth Championships, and we are currently experiencing an improvement in our 14 to 20-year-old retention rate. This is in part due to the improving quality and availability of coaches, and the strengthening development programs.

The Northern Territory Athletics constitution rewrite is complete and is waiting approval at the 2005 AGM. Along with the changes to the IAAF rules, we will be looking at our By-Laws to ensure our junior athletes are competing in the appropriate events, to ensure a smooth transition to senior competition.

In closing, I wish to thank the volunteers at all levels, as there can be no competition without them.

Ian Fullarton
President

Queensland Athletics

2004-05 was an extremely significant year for Queensland Athletics (QA) and more importantly, for athletics in Queensland. The members of Queensland Athletics, Queensland Little Athletics and Queensland Masters Athletics voted overwhelmingly for their Boards to investigate unification and negotiate towards that end. There remains much work to do, however, the actions undertaken in the last twelve months leave Queensland on the threshold of being able to take a huge leap forward in the administration and operation of athletics in Queensland.

Throughout the process QA and the unification partners have received excellent support from the Queensland Government, through the Office of Sport and Recreation. The Australian Sports Commission has also given excellent support and guidance and it is clear they will continue to play a crucial role in the unification process.

The association has enjoyed a period of stability over the past twelve months, with the large advances made in finance and membership over the past three years being consolidated. QA's membership for 2004-05 came in at 4,286, which was a decrease of 26 members on the previous year. This marks the association's first decrease since

Member Associations' Reports continued...

2001, and although it is only a slight decrease, there is a clear aim to increase membership in 2005-06. Of the membership there were 2,225 male members (52%) and 2,061 female members (48%).

There were a number of highlights for QA over the period including:

- Rebel Sport Super Series Track & Field participation increased by 134 over the course of the series;
- 540 athletes attended QA development camps in 2004. Clinics were held in Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Gympie, Bundaberg, Townsville and Cairns. This was an increase of approximately 100 on 2003;
- 254 athletes were involved in Queensland Athletics development squads (122 athletes in the North Queensland squads and 132 in the South Queensland squads);
- The Schools Knockout Competition was very successful with over 48 Queensland schools participating in this national competition;
- The Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series continued its extraordinary growth;
- 135 coaches received accreditation through QA and Queensland continues to lead the country in Level 1 registered coaches; and
- QA ran approximately 15 officials courses throughout the state in 2004.

The hosting of the 2004 Oceania Championships in Townsville was also a major highlight and in many ways the championships were the best ever held and feedback from athletes, coaches and officials was extremely positive. Special thanks are due to the Board of Athletics North Queensland, the Townsville and Thuringowa Councils and to Yvonne Mullins who worked tirelessly to ensure the event was a success.

Although greater representation in the 2004 Olympic Team was a target, all athletes selected put in strong performances in their respective events.

The charge was led once again by Bronwyn Thompson and Justin Anlezark who made finals in their events and competed at their best. Congratulations also to steeplechaser, Peter Nowill, who ran a personal best at the Games and to Paul DiBella who ran well in the highly successful 4 x 100m men's relay team.

Congratulations must go to Sally McLellan for her bronze medal winning performance in the 100m at the 2004 World Junior Championships in Grosseto, Italy.

Currently the Queensland Academy of Sport program remains on the basis of individual scholarships rather than a full service program. The Board and management would like to see this changed in the near future and are hopeful the new national high performance program will allow this to take place. Thanks are due to former Head Coach, Steve Lemke who left the program in December 2004 and returned to the United States. Steve's efforts during his time at the QAS were greatly appreciated by many athletes and QA. Special mention is also due to Brett Jones and the results that he achieved with the Queensland AWD squad.

In completing this report I would like to thank all of the volunteer officials, club administrators and coaches who work so tirelessly for our sport and ask for nothing in return. I would like to thank our Commissions, the Board of Athletics North Queensland, the QA CEO and staff, the Queensland Government (acting through the Office of Sport and Recreation, Education Queensland, the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and QSSSSA), Athletics Australia and my colleagues on the QA Board.

Doug Carlson
President

Athletics South Australia

This year has seen changes initiated at Athletics South Australia (ASA), including the appointment of a new Executive Officer. The previous Executive Officer, Lisa Attenborough needs to be congratulated for her dedication to Athletics SA during her tenure in the position.

Outcomes from the Athletics Australia/Australian Sports Commission Review are being implemented. The recommendations from this review will see changes for the benefit of the sport in South Australia.

We are working with SA Little Athletics and the SA Athletic League (professional runners) as a means to benefit everyone associated with athletics. ASA and the SA Sports Institute have worked together to coordinate and implement a state program that complements the national high performance program.

We have offered our current and potential members a variety of competitions, both on the track and out of stadium. Many clubs have demonstrated pro active measures to further improve their position, with all showing an active interest in the direction of the competition for next season.

Two competitions that have generated a lot of interest from potential members were our World Athletics Day event with over 450 students competing and the Schools Cross Country Championships in which over 300 students participated.

We have had a very fruitful year in delivering the national development program in conjunction with our own projects and events. A strong component of this is the indigenous program, which focused on training coaches and was well received.

The schools and talent aspect of the program has seen over a thousand secondary school students participate in athletics during winter and summer. It is hoped that many of these will become registered members over the next twelve months.

Member Associations' Reports continued...

As a result of the development program, we have been able to send larger teams to the various national championships. These teams and the athletes involved have performed well, returning with numerous medals and personal best records.

SA has enjoyed success at the elite level in both junior and senior ranks. We have also had representation at both World and World Youth Championships. Athletes have also been selected for the disability teams.

Michael Verwey
Executive Officer

Athletics Tasmania

As was the case for Athletics Tasmania (AT) last year, 2004-05 was a period significantly affected by the difficulties experienced by Athletics Australia (AA). However, it is anticipated that the implementation of the Federal Government sponsored review of athletics, and the changes made in administration, will lead to a long period of growth and activity.

There were major ramifications for the sport at all levels, most notably the cutback in programs. We are pleased to receive the news that the AT/TIS (Tasmanian Institute of Sport) athletics program can be resumed.

The AT Board has determined that for the immediate future AT's key areas of concentration will be sponsorship, revenue generating activities and the presentation of major events, which can return a net financial benefit to the sport and fund new programs and development activities.

We have completed the process of resuming full responsibility for the management of the DAC function centre. Modifications have made it fully operational as a catering venue.

AT has recorded a continuing improvement in interest in state championship competition, with encouraging results and entry levels in the State All Schools and State Track and Field Championships

in particular. Both numbers and quality of performance are on the increase. The All Schools Cross Country Championships continues to receive strong support from schools and athletes.

Whilst the AT Board was disappointed with the decision of the Tasmanian Little Athletics Association (TLAA) to increase its oldest age group by two years, we were pleased to note the willingness of TLAA to work with AT on transition and other issues. It appears that there was a reasonably high level of joint registration by those athletes, which will hopefully result in better retention rates in the transition for little athletes to senior ranks. We will continue to work with TLAA for the benefit of the sport.

The Tasmanian Athletic League (TAL) has expressed a desire to discuss further ways in which AT and the TAL might be able to co-operate in more joint ventures, including in the administration of the sport.

Tasmanian athletes enjoyed good success at national level, particularly at the various new national events – with the North West Club winning both sprint titles at the Australian Club Relay Championships; a committed Tasmanian under 18 team taking the bronze medal in the National Youth Teams Challenge and a healthy medal return at the Australian Under 23 Championships. North Launceston's men's squad took bronze at the Australian Clubs Championships and then two golds in the relays.

Good results also came at the traditional championships, highlighted by Tristan Thomas's four golds at the Australian All Schools & Youth Championships. In a brilliant season he also won the Commonwealth Youth Games 400m.

This report acknowledges in particular the substantial contributions made to AT during 2004-05 by

Officials - the lifeblood of athletics



the Tasmanian Government, the Commonwealth Bank, Cadbury and Athletics Australia and its principal sponsor, Telstra.

In particular, we recognise the support for competition equipment totalling more than \$10,000, provided to our three branches by Telstra. This is a very substantial and effective contribution to grass-roots athletics.

The contribution made by every coach working within the sport in Tasmania is acknowledged. AT regards the work and commitment of coaches as vital to the sport's future growth and success.

AT acknowledges the dedicated work performed and commitment displayed by our professional staff – Fiona Plummer and Gordon Jablonski.

Our extraordinary team of volunteers ensure that the sport continues to tick over on a daily basis. To those who have served in any capacity - a special extension of thanks. It is the desire of the AT Board to identify more ways in which we can assist our volunteer base to more easily make their contributions to the sport. This will be a major priority over the next 12 months.

The clubs, and the administrators, officials and coaches who run and support them, are the lifeblood of our sport. We have to assist them to grow and be more effective. They are the coalface – the first port of call or contact for new or existing athletes. Our task must be to make the clubs



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strong. We encourage all members and stakeholders in the sport to make this the major priority for the sport as a whole over the next year.

The 2006 Commonwealth Games will provide us with significant public exposure for our sport. We must be ready to leverage it.

Brian Roe
President

Athletics Victoria

The past athletics year was characterised by significant change and the presentation of a number of challenges for Athletics Victoria (AV). First, due to the resurfacing of its athletics track, Olympic Park was unavailable for much of the year. This meant that AV was forced to find alternative venues for our championships and other meets by way of various suburban venues. In spite of the absence of familiar infrastructure and supports these meets were conducted with considerable success. All those who participated in these events – athletes, officials, coaches and spectators – must be congratulated for their invaluable contributions.

The AV administration office also experienced an overhaul during the year with the complete renovation of our offices during October, November and early December. During this time, AV administration was temporarily relocated to alternative rooms in the Olympic Park Grandstand, where it continued to operate effectively.

There were many athletic highlights over the past year. AV's staging of the athletics component of the international Deaflympics in January was very successful and highlighted the professional manner with which AV delivers such events. The feedback from the organising committees and international athletics bodies was overwhelmingly positive and is a credit to our hardworking administrators and officials. There were also a number of AV Winter Championships that exposed our many 'out of stadium' competitors to a variety of extreme weather conditions - the Coburg 16km event was perhaps the most arduous and memorable. The 2004 AV Mega Mile Fun Run was another out-

standing success, with a healthy increase in participants compared to last year and fantastic support provided by the local council and traders – most notably Nunawading Toyota who, once again, donated a car as the event's major prize.

The AV summer season saw a number of changes to the competition format. The metropolitan three way regional system replaced the traditional four venues and was, on the whole, well supported. All metropolitan regions participated in graded style competition and this format also became more accepted and supported as the season progressed.

From a financial perspective, the association has performed well over the last twelve months. A number of cost cutting strategies and operating efficiencies have proven to be effective and a healthy surplus has been achieved for the athletics financial year. The association's net asset base has also increased by approximately 42 per cent.

The upcoming season promises to be very exciting. The Commonwealth Games will, no doubt, quickly become the primary focus after the New Year. However, the highlight of the year for AV may well be the staging of our state championships on the MCG in February on the freshly laid Games athletics track! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for many AV members and clubs – both in terms of participation and recruiting opportunities.



Katherine Katsanevakis powers her way to third in the 800m at the Telstra A-series in Canberra

In an effort to make our products more attractive to our current and potential consumers, AV will continue to trial various competition formats throughout the forthcoming summer season – including more PB meets and special events. AV will also continue to maintain and build the close working relationships we have developed with our national body – Athletics Australia – as well as the Victorian Institute of Sport, the Victorian Athletic League and the Victorian Little Athletics Association.

Nick Honey
General Manager



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**AthleticA
(Western Australia)**

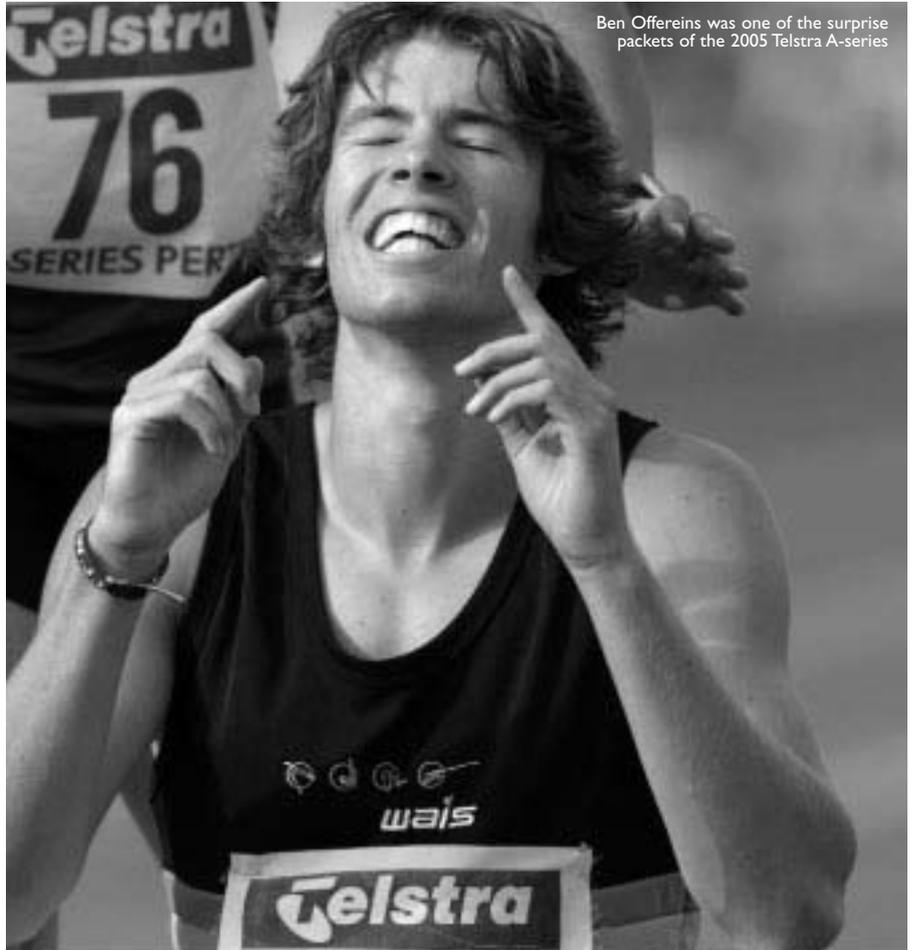
The administration of athletics at a state level has never been more stable with the sport in Western Australia recording its third successive profit. This is the result of efficient management and a commercial approach to a number of projects.

It has always been an aim of the Western Australian Athletics Commission to produce a surplus that would provide a buffer to overcome any short-term financial difficulty. Furthermore, being a 'not for profit' organisation, this surplus can be invested in the development of the sport.

This stability is achieved at a time when the national body operates in financial crisis, reducing staff and the financial support provided to member associations. The Western Australian Athletics Commission is confident however that Athletics Australia's new management team led by Chief Executive Officer, Danny Corcoran, can lead the sport out of crisis and benefit from the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in March 2006.

Unification of the sport continues to be a major focus in Western Australia and the growth of the Athletics Federation reflects success in this area. The agreement to a joint development plan between AthleticA and Western Australian Little Athletics is also another very positive step.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their commitment and generous contribution to the governance of the sport. The Board operates in a harmonious manner, always maintaining a holistic outlook to issues. The Board can operate in this manner because we have confidence in the administration team led by Chief Executive, Wayne Loxley. I would like to congratulate Wayne, Kylie Wheeler and Jessica Stingemore for their untiring efforts. I would also like to thank Matt Jones, who has taken up a position with Athletics Victoria, for his contribution to the development of our sport.



Ben Offereins was one of the surprise packets of the 2005 Telstra A-series

Finally, to the outstanding efforts of all officials, coaches and athletes, I congratulate you and wish you all a successful season in 2005-2006.

Peter Bacich
Chairman



Institutes & Academies of Sport Reports

ACT Academy of Sport

The ACT Academy of Sport (ACTAS) Track and Field Program supported 16 athletes and their coaches in 2004-05 (including 6 elite athletes with a disability). In a post Olympic year the program was primarily in a rebuilding phase.

The standout performance was from 17-year-old Lauren Boden who won the 400m Hurdles Senior National Championships and went on to win a silver medal at the 2005 World Youth Championships at Marrakech, Morocco.

Richard Nicholson, Wade McMahon, Greg Hibberd and Louise Ellery continued to perform at a high level in various national and international competitions.

Following the national review of Australian athletics, it was resolved that the ACTAS athletics program would be maintained albeit at a lesser level of funding support. Ms Kathryn Periac has been appointed as the ACT State Performance Coordinator. Kathryn replaces Iryna Dvoskina who has been appointed to a full time coaching position at the AIS. We thank Iryna for her contribution over the past two years.

The ACTAS program supports athletes and their coaches through the provision of services (including sports medicine, sport science, nutrition, sport psychology, strength and conditioning and athlete career and education) and competition assistance. We look forward to the 2005-06 program making full use of these resources.

The ACTAS athletics program will continue to be run in partnership with Athletics Australia (AA), AIS and ACT Athletics and ACTAS looks forward to making a meaningful contribution to the AA high performance plan over the next three years.

Australian Institute of Sport

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Athletics Program forms a central and pivotal position within the Athletics Australia (AA) high performance plans. As a part of the planning process, the AIS athletics residential scholarship program focuses on a set selection of event groups, which have been mutually agreed upon after consultation with AA:

- Long, Triple and High Jump
- 400m and 400m Hurdles
- Walks
- Athletes with a Disability

The AIS program caters for three types of athlete. The elite athlete currently competing in Australian senior teams at championship level, the developing athlete who has left school and may be studying further education at the excellent local colleges and universities in Canberra (18-23) and the program also lends support to leading Australian athletes who achieve a top 8 position at a World Championships or Olympic Games on a visiting athlete basis, ie whilst they are in Canberra.

The AIS is particularly designed to assist athletes from country or regional areas of Australia, to enable these talented athletes to continue with their sport and study in Canberra, whilst being given free board and lodging at the AIS as well as accessing the world-class facilities and services available there.

By the end of 2006 the AIS scholarship athletes will be able to access a new state of the art indoor training facility in Canberra. This 120+m long 6 lane wide indoor hall, contains full sprinting, hurdling and jumping facilities and is the first of its type in the Southern Hemisphere, thus allowing specific training all year around at the AIS. Combined with the sport science and medicine blocks, recovery suites with spa and whirlpool therapy, this facility has the capacity to make a huge difference to those that utilise it.



Tim Parravicini in flight at the Telstra A-championships

The AIS has the capacity to offer 30 athlete residential scholarships, 6 of which are dedicated to athletes with a disability. This year the program has assisted 23 athletes, 7 elite and 16 in the developing category (18-23). From this group all 6 AWD athletes were selected for the 2004 Paralympic Games, where they won a total of 12 medals. Likewise 5 able-bodied athletes attended the Athens Olympic Games where Nathan Deakes won a bronze medal in the 20km walk.

During the 2005 domestic season all AIS scholarship athletes in the developing section, 18-23, won national titles at the National U20 & U23 Championships in April at QEII Stadium, Nathan, Qld.

The growing links with the ACTAS program and the local community in the sport are a testament to the work of AIS staff and, in particular, Iryna Dvoskina who jointly worked with AIS disability athletes and managed the ACTAS program. It is hoped this working relationship will be further enhanced in the near future, both with the senior part of the sport and the ACT Little Athletics body.



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NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS)

The NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) Track and Field Program had another successful year, with 13 athletes competing at the Olympic Games in Athens in 2004. This included two athletes from the silver medal winning 4 x 400m relay team including Clinton Hill and Patrick Dwyer, and Bronze medallist Jane Saville (20km walk). NSWIS athletes



Lachlan Chisholm wins the 1500m at the 2005 Telstra A-championships

The focus areas of the NSWIS program for 2004-05 were senior elite and elite athlete development and coach excellence and development. The NSWIS program included 46 scholarship holders and a further 16 associate scholarship holders.

NSWIS athletes were well represented at target competitions, including the Olympic Games (senior elite), World Junior Championships (elite development), national championships and the domestic Telstra A-series. A total of 26 athletes were represented in the national teams at the two targeted

Athletes selected in the Olympic Team included: Patrick Dwyer (4 x 400m), Bronwyn Eagles (hammer throw), David Geddes (4 x 400m), William Hamlyn-Harris (javelin), Clinton Hill (400m/4 x 400m), Kerryn McCann (marathon), Adam Miller (200m), Andrew Murphy (triple jump), Petrina Price (high jump), Josh Ross (100m/4 x 100m), Debbie Sosimenko (hammer throw) and Jane and Natalie Saville (20km walk).

The program partnered with Athletics NSW to develop an Emerging Athlete Program (EAP), which aimed to support high school athletes and their coaches who have achieved a level of performance, which equates to a top 3 national rank for their age group. During the reporting period, 160 athletes were part of the squad and participated in a variety of activities and services, including a team building camp, regular communication and technical assistance (where required). Their coaches were also able to join the EAP network to provide technical development, and an emerging athlete coordinator was appointed to administer this program.

Continuing initiatives for the reporting period included the NSWIS Coach Development program, which aimed to promote coaching excellence and development, and the NSWIS Distance Emerging Athlete program, which provided additional support for developing distance athletes.

The high performance program structure was adapted to maximise the support to the 35 home coaches through the appointment of a part-time strength & conditioning coordinator and continuation of the program coordinator. The NSWIS also maintained its key high performance training centres at Sydney Olympic Park (Homebush) and Narrabeen.

The NSWIS continued to nurture NSW elite athletes and coaches during 2004-05 by supporting them within their home network where possible.



Josh Ross receives the Steve Moneghetti Emerging Athlete of the Year award from the marathon legend

also performed well at the World Junior Championships, winning two Bronze medals – Annabel Thompson (javelin) and John Thornell (long jump).

international events (over 30% of the teams). Three individual athletes and two relay athletes won medals at these events, while 20 athletes medalled at the open national championships and ten medalled at the junior national championships.

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Stephen Wilson won two medals in the relay events at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens



Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS)

The Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) Athletics program operated on three levels before undergoing a restructure in January 2005. The first level consisted of Queensland members of the Australian athletics team, whilst the second focused on emerging athletes expected to reach national team level within two years. The third level involved younger, developing athletes who demonstrated potential to reach national team level in two to four years time.

A report released by the Australian Sports Commission in October 2004 recommended significant changes to the structure, coaching and governance of athletics in Australia. In response to this report, the QAS refocused its athletics program with a view to continue to support Queensland's elite athletes, both able-bodied and athletes with a disability, through Individual Scholarships.

2004 HIGHLIGHTS

Athens Olympic Games

- Justin Anlezark - 7th in shot put and was the first Australian male to reach an Olympic final in that event since 1960
- Bronwyn Thompson - 4th in long jump
- Paul Di Bella - 6th in 4 x 100m relay
- Peter Nowill competed in the steeplechase

World Junior Championships

- Sally McLellan - 3rd in 100 metres in a personal best time of 11.40 seconds, the third fastest time for a junior in Australian history and the first Australian runner to win a medal at this event at the World Junior Championships.
- Jacinta Boyd - 4th in the long jump; 5th in the 4 x 100m relay
- Chris Noffke - 4th in the long jump
- Simon Wardhaugh - 5th in the hammer throw
- Joshua Robinson - 4th in the javelin

Athens Paralympic Games

- Darren Thrupp - 1st 4 x 100m relay (T35-T38) (World Record); 3rd in long jump (F36-38); 3rd 100m (T37)
- Geoff Trappett - 2nd 4 x 100m relay (T53/54)
- Stephen Wilson - 2nd 4 x 400m relay (T42-T46); 3rd 4 x 100m relay (T42-T46)

2005 HIGHLIGHTS

Osaka Grand Prix

- Peter Nowill - 4th steeplechase and achieved an 'A' qualifier

Chinese National Grand Prix Series

- Fiona Cullen - 2nd in the 100m hurdles
- Katrina Miroshnichenko - 3rd in the pole vault



Long jumper Chris Noffke was one of the big improvers during the season

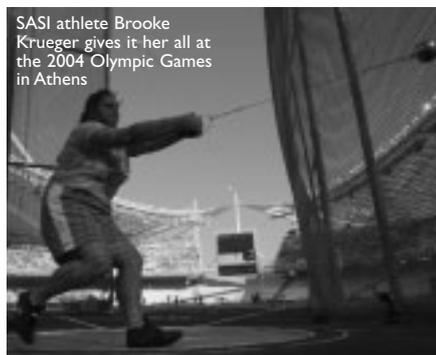


Tasmanian Institute Of Sport (TIS)

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South Australian Sports Institute (SASI)

As a result of the AA review of its high performance operations, SASI athletics has remained as a development hub until it can increase its numbers in senior Australian teams. These changes had already been implemented within SASI and therefore presented SASI with few operational changes. The Head Coach position was terminated and a new Program Manager/Development Coordinator was appointed. SASI maintained a part-time jumps coach in Vasily Grishchenkov. In consultation with Scott Goodman, SASI has also integrated athletes with a disability (AWD) into the full SASI Athletics program.



SASI athlete Brooke Krueger gives it her all at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens

Over the past 18 months SASI developed a closer working relationship with Athletics South Australia (ASA), especially in the junior development area. SASI has worked closely with ASA managing the junior development programs. This year SASI supported the excellent work done by Rick Wilson (ASA's Development Officer), providing assistance with specialist coaching skills, identification and selection especially for the All Schools State Team, Underage State Teams and Development Days. SASI also provided support and assistance with coordination of the junior program.

Key initiatives over recent years have included the development program run through the winter months. Another has been the successful winter conditioning program, which gathers athletes from various disciplines to work together during their general conditioning phase. Both these two initiatives have resulted in an increased number of medals and participation especially in the underage teams over the last three years.

Last season saw two SASI athletes selected to the 2004 Olympic Games: Brooke Krueger in the hammer throw, and Mark Ormrod in the 4 x 400m relay where Mark was a member of the silver medal team.

SASI had one athlete selected in the 2005 World Championship team - Dmitri Markov who finished tenth in the final in Helsinki.

The AWD athletes performed very well at last year's Paralympic Games. Katrina Webb won a gold medal in the 400m and placed fourth in the javelin. Neil Fuller won 2 silvers and a bronze, Paul Benz and Ben Hall won gold in the 4 x 100m relay, Malcolm Bennett was a finalist in the 800m and 1500m events and Rod Farr was a finalist in the throws.

Neil Fuller also announced his retirement from international athletics. SASI wish him all the best and congratulate him on his incredibly successful career.

We also saw Wendy Young (pole vault) relocate to VIS to be coached by Mark Stewart and Ben Hall (AWD) relocate to the AIS in Canberra.

In the junior ranks, SASI had one athlete selected for the World Junior Team. Alwyn Jones contested the triple jump and finished a credible fifth, with a new Australian junior triple jump record of 16.30 metres.

In the youth ranks, SASI had two athletes qualify and one athlete selected for the World Youth Team - Tanya Holliday in the 5000m Walk.

In 2004-05 the Tasmanian Institute of Sport (TIS) Athletics Program continued to assist the elite developing athletes and their coaches within the state to reach the High Performance TIS scholarship standards. The athletics program is funded by the TIS, Athletics Australia and is supported by Athletics Tasmania. While the focus of the program remains largely developmental, Tasmanian athletes must still aim to achieve the same standards as all other State Institutes/State Academies across the country.

The scholarship period commenced with eight athletes on board, however, two youth athletes joined the program in early 2005 after meeting the qualifying standards. Out of the ten squad members, two attained World Youth qualifying standards, five athletes competed internationally (two overseas) and two relocated interstate. Seven of the TIS scholarship holders competed nationally at the Telstra A-series meets and National Championships, and all set personal best performances throughout the season. Athletics Tasmania also recognised these outstanding performances with TIS athletes being named as Athlete of the Year in the Open, Under 20 and Under 18 age groups, and a TIS network coach was named as Coach of the Year.

A TIS coaching development grant enabled a young up-and-coming Tasmanian coach, Adrian Finch, to experience and understand the high performance program, as well as the developmental side of athletics. Adrian assisted the TIS Athletics Program Manager in the implementation of youth development squads for Athletics Tasmania and also attended the Under 18 interstate match as a team coach for Tasmania. Having the opportunity to attend the Australian Track and Field Coaches Annual Congress on the Gold Coast, Adrian was able to implement new ideas and draw on his network to successfully run two athletic development clinics in the north and south of the state. The clinics were supported by local and interstate coaches as well as TIS consultants and staff.

In April 2005, the TIS saw the departure of Nicole Boegman, NTC Athletics Program Manager, as she relocated to Sydney to take up a position with NSWIS. Athletes on scholarship will continue to be supported through the TIS until an appointment has been made to this position.



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Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS)

The Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) Track and Field program is focussed on developing and supporting athletes to perform successfully in the international arena. The program also strives to increase national representation through the delivery of high performance support to Victoria's elite and emerging athletes.

In an Olympic year the coaches and staff have worked closely with the VIS infrastructure and Athletics Australia and Athletics Victoria to ensure the athletes have had the best possible preparation and support for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The program also continued its promotion of talent identification and the elite athlete pathway.

The Athens Olympic Games dominated the competition program with senior athletes aiming for selection and then peak performance at the Games. The team for Athens comprised 12 VIS athletes – once again nearly 30 per cent of the entire Australian Team. The highlights of the Games were the top 8 performances by Jana Pittman, Craig Mottram and Adam Basil. VIS Paralympians produced some exceptional results with outstanding performances from Tim Sullivan who won four gold medals and set three world records. The younger scholarship holders competed at the World Junior Championships in Grosseto, Italy with Ronnie Buckley and Sean Wroe.

With the World Championships and World Youth Championships being held later in the year, athletes aimed to achieve national team qualification throughout the domestic season. Standout performances from Craig Mottram (5000m), Steve Hooker (Pole vault), Lauren Hewitt (100m), Sarah Jamieson (1500m), Benita Johnson (10000m) and Jana Pittman (400m hurdles) ensured they all qualified for the World Championships in Helsinki, Finland, while Katherine Katsanevakis (800m) and new scholarship holders Mim Hill (200m) and Jess Gulli (100) all qualified for the World Youth Championships.



Jana Pittman overcame the odds to finish fifth in the 400m hurdles at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games



Adam Basil focuses at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games

HIGHLIGHTS

Olympic Games 2004, Athens, Greece

Adam Basil	4 x 100m Relay	6th Final
Nick Harrison	Marathon	45th
Lee Troop	Marathon	28th
Casey Vincent	400m	4th Heat
Craig Mottram	5000m	8th Final
Steve Hooker	Pole vault	28th Qualifying
Lauren Hewitt	200m	4th Heat
Tamsyn Lewis	800m	5th Heat
Benita Johnson	10,000m	24th
Jana Pittman	400m Hurdles	5th Final
Sarah Jamieson	1500m	11th Heat
Haley McGregor	10000m	25th

Paralympic Games 2004, Athens, Greece

Kieran Ault Connell	Javelin	Silver Medal
Richard Colman	800m, 4x100m Relay	Gold, Silver
Russell Short	Shot Put	Bronze
Tim Sullivan	100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100m Relay	Gold WR, Gold WR, Gold, Gold WR
Jodi Willis Roberts	Shot Put	Bronze Medal

IAAF World Junior Championships, 2004, Grosseto, Italy

Ronnie Buckley	Discus	7th Final
Raffael Laurins	Shot Put	14th Qualifying
Sean Wroe	400m, 4 x 400m Relay	6th Final, 7th Final
Calista Lyon	Discus	9th Final
Katherine Katsanevakis	800m	6th Heat



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Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS)

An impressive Olympic contingent of seven athletes and Paul Burgess' spectacular month of vaulting in January/February were the highlights of the WAIS track and field year.

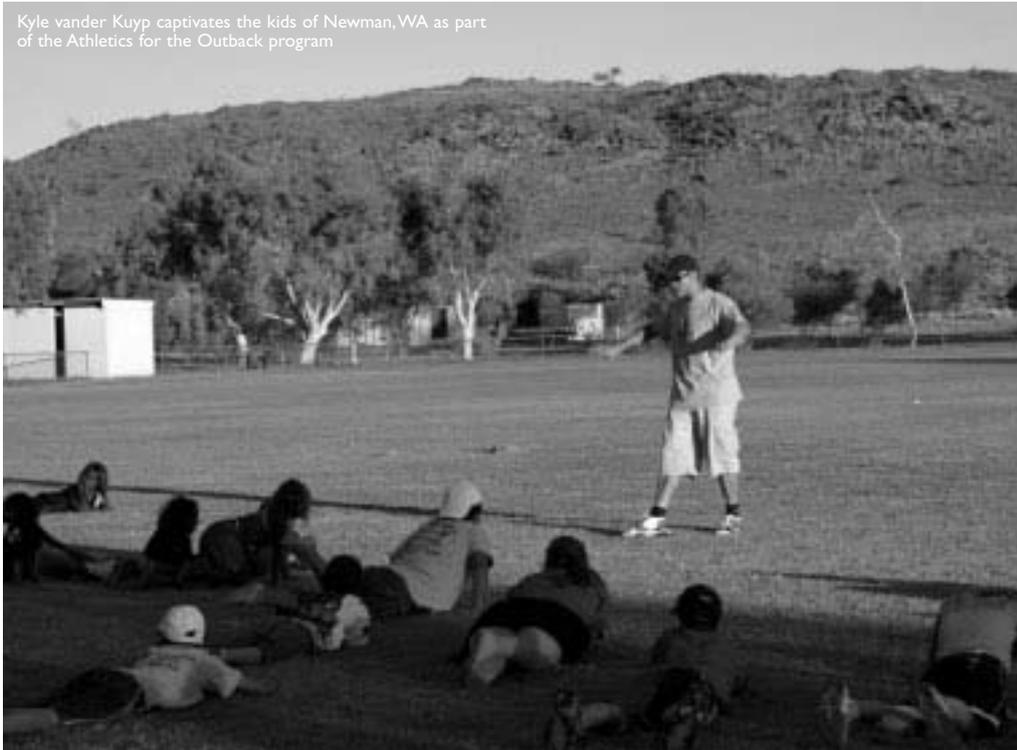
WAIS was represented in Athens by John Steffensen (4 x 400m relay), Andrew McManus (4 x 100m relay), Kylie Wheeler (heptathlon), Oliver Dzuibak (javelin) and Burgess, Dmitri Markov and Kym Howe (pole vault). Steffensen demonstrated that he is a 400m runner of international potential by making a strong contribution to the men's silver medal in the 4 x 400m relay. He became WA's first Olympic athletics' medallist since Herb Elliott in 1960.

Burgess' 11th placing in Athens gave little indication of the form that he was to produce during the Australian summer. With renewed enthusiasm for the sport and a more committed approach, he improved his personal best from 5.77m to 6m in just over four weeks. During this period a clearance of 5.91m was the highest ever in Australia (it would have won the gold medal at the 2000 Olympics) and he became just the 11th man in history to clear six metres.

Wheeler continued to make solid progress in the heptathlon. She improved her personal best points total to 6296, which places her fourth on the Australian all-time list. Her sound competitive temperament secured her Olympic selection at the 11th hour with an outstanding win in the IAAF event at Ratingen in Germany in July, 2004. This was a title she was to successfully defend twelve months later.

Six senior titles equalled WA's best-ever result at a National Championships. In addition to Burgess and Wheeler, four developing athletes - Ben Offereins (400m), Dzuibak (javelin), Erik Surjan (decathlon) and Kim Mickle (javelin) - all won an Open title which is a very positive sign for the WA pro-

Kyle vander Kuyp captivates the kids of Newman, WA as part of the Athletics for the Outback program



gramme. Mickle's performance, after missing two years with elbow reconstructions, was outstanding.

Burgess and Wheeler were named Best Male and Female Field Event Athletes at the completion of the Telstra A-series.

Offereins, Ellen Pettitt (high jump), Pippa Hendon and Aleisha Anderson (3000m steeplechase) all represented Australia at the World Junior Championships in Italy.

Burgess, Steffensen and Wheeler earned selection in Australia's team for the 2005 World Championships and Wally Meekin (long jump), Megan Wheatley (heptathlon), Vicky Parnov and Miranda Tiong (pole vault) were selected in the World Youth Team.

The continuing success of the pole vault centre of excellence programme is a clear indication of the best way forward for the WA programme.

The loss of two of WAIS's full-time coaches, Grant Ward and Aaron Holt, however was a serious setback for the programme during the year. Both were making important contributions.

This year the WAIS programme has again identified athletes of international potential in a range of events and it has again demonstrated its ability to develop this potential to international senior standards.

Commission & Committee Reports

Anti-Doping Commission

Broadly, the Terms of Reference of the Anti-Doping Commission (ADC) include the development and expansion of existing anti doping policies and guidelines, ensuring the proper application of Athletics Australia (AA) Anti-Doping By-Laws and IAAF procedures where applicable and having an educational role in informing members of the athletic community as to developments of anti-doping issues. The Terms of Reference have been defined and updated in 2005 as part of the revised AA By-Laws.

Mr Dion Russell stood aside as Chairman this year and was replaced by Dr Tim Barbour. All ADC members thank Dion for his work as Chair and look forward to his continuing input into anti-doping matters. Welcomed onto the ADC this year has been Mr Simon McDonald, a legal practitioner and someone who has already provided valuable interpretation of anti-doping policy. Remaining as commission members are Dr Peter Larkins and Dr Chris Bradshaw (via email).

Specifically the ADC has been active in the following areas:

- Provided input to the Australian Sports Commission's discussion paper on the roles and responsibilities of the now newly formed Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority;
- Provided input to the Australian Olympic Committee's proposal to WADA in regard to altering the status of glucocorticosteroids in the Prohibited List.
- Provided interpretation of AA Anti-Doping By-Laws to the CEO in regard to a potential breach of those By-Laws;
- Defining and developing the Anti-Doping By-Laws in reference to the issue of athlete retirement and the implication this has on their status on the Out-Of-Competition testing list;
- Continuing to refine Anti-Doping By-Laws as to the Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) process for use of prohibited medications (specifically Beta-2 agonists and glucocorticosteroids);

- Provided information to the ASC as to the process and workload involved in the administration of the TUE process; and
- Continuing to inform and educate members as to changes in the WADA Anti-Doping Code, of their obligations under this code and of other anti-doping issues as they arise (such as the pros and cons of caffeine use).

Means of communication continues to be primarily via email and a meeting was conducted in the AA offices on 20 July, 2005.

The commission will continue to work with AA to ensure all appropriate provisions of the AA Anti-Doping By-Laws and IAAF rules and procedures are applied and enforced where applicable.

Athletes' Commission

Throughout the year the Athletes' Commission (AC) has continued to play an important role in representing athletes' views. This role has been particularly important in light of the 2004 Athletics Australia (AA)/Australian Sports Commission Review and the actions that are now being taken to address the challenges identified in the Review.

As Chair of the AC, I have continued to attend AA Board meetings in an ex officio capacity. I have found the Board to be extremely receptive to my input, and I would like to thank them for the opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction of the organisation in this important time for the sport.

In accordance with its Charter, the current members of the AC stepped down in early 2005 to make way for a new commission (each AC is elected for a period of four years to coincide with the Olympic cycle). Thanks are extended to all outgoing AC members who have contributed much over the past four years. We are currently working with AA to improve the selection process of the AC to ensure that it is representative of athletes across all states and territories.

Ultimately, the AC's effectiveness depends on the extent to which the wider athletes' community chooses to use the AC. While significant progress has been made, and the AC now enjoys a good working relationship with AA management, we would like to see greater involvement from athletes. The next AC should endeavour to strengthen communication links with athletes so as to ensure greater engagement.

Simon Hollingsworth
Chair

Coaching Commission / Australian Track & Field Coaches Association

The Board of Management of the Australian Track & Field Coaches Association (ATFCA), also known as the Coaching Commission, is responsible for the education, development, support and advocacy of coaches. At the commencement of 2005, the composition of the commission changed with the inclusion of Kevin Prendergast and Nic Bideau.

For the period of this report the members were: Peter Bowman (Chairman), Joan Cross, Marjorie McNamara, Tudor Bidder, Glynis Nunn-Cearns, Harry Summers, John Weeks and Keith Connor. Max Binnington commenced work as the National Performance Director early in 2005 and assumed a position on the ATFCA Board in March replacing Keith Connor. Four meetings were held during the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. Of the four meetings all were present. The first meeting of the newly formed Coaching Commission was held in March - Nic Bideau was the only absentee.

As the commission has now taken on a new format and agenda the function of the body has changed, making this the last report from the previous body.

The ATFCA has continued to undertake its roles with professionalism and enthusiasm, and is proud to highlight the following successes:

- 24 coaches successfully achieved their Level II accreditation from the course conducted at Runaway Bay. A number of coaches who had to

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- complete their Level II from previous years have also achieved their level. Both Service providers and Branch/MA deliverers of courses have successfully delivered coach education and development programs;
- SA held one Bridging Course with five participants, one Basic Level I with nine participants and one Specific Level I with 13 participants. The Bridging course was introduced to assist coaches' transition from Level I to Level II;
 - NSW Little Athletics successfully conducted nine Orientation Courses, educating 212 new coaches in basic track and field principles. The NSW branch conducted five basic Level I courses, which attracted 109 new coaches and a further 43 coaches undertaking a Level I Specialist course;
 - VIC conducted two Basic Level I courses with 40 participants while the Specialist Level I course helped 14 more coaches to update their education;
 - WA conducted four Level O courses with a total of 56 coaches attending, five Level I Basic courses with a total of 51 coaches and one Specialist Level I course with a further two coaches extending their education;
 - QLD conducted eight Basic Level I courses across the state with a total of 145 participants. Two Specialist Level I courses were held with 30 coaches being accredited further in their event area. In addition ten TCAP courses have been held in this time in conjunction with Education Queensland and Sport and Recreation Queensland with a total of 129 teachers being updated with their disciplines;
 - One Level II Coaching Athletes with a Disability course was conducted in conjunction with other Level II courses at Runaway Bay in late 2004. This included five participants;
 - Reciprocal accreditation recognising qualifications attained overseas have been awarded to four foreign coaches who are now resident in Australia;
 - The nine coach education panels including sprints and relays, hurdles, distance running, race walking, jumps, throws, combined events, coaching children and coaching athletes with a disability have continued with 38 coaches involved. This was reassessed in October and coaches were appointed in the various areas;
 - Four coaches were taken into the Level III accreditation area and are presently undertaking their course studies. Three coaches from the previous year completed and were successfully given their Level III accreditation;
 - The Henri Schubert Memorial Award was awarded to John Boas in 2004 with nominations being called on for 2005;
 - The National Office appointed another assessor for the Level I Basic Course by Correspondence, which eliminated the waiting list. We currently have coaches doing the course;
 - The ATFCA newsletter has continued to be produced on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December and distributed direct to all members of the association. With new discussion areas being introduced it is the most efficient communication with our members;
 - Modern Athlete & Coach has also continued to be produced on a quarterly basis. With the ill health of Jess Jarver, he will not be continuing on with his contribution in 2006;
 - The Oceania Athletics Coaching Council Association continues to grow with Tony Rice continuing as OACA President and Fletcher McEwen (in his capacity as IAAF Regional Development Director) as Secretary/Treasurer; Cliff Mallett is a Council Member;
 - A strong relationship continues with Human Kinetics Australia providing competitive prices and 'special offers' for the benefit of our members on publications. Other publications have been sourced from around the world;
 - The National Office has maintained and continued to develop the range and content of resources available to member coaches and other interested parties. Other special offers of clothing have also been introduced for members with more member offers in negotiation for the future;
 - Coaching Information Centres were conducted at the major Australian Athletics Championships along with major Little Athletic Championships;
 - A review of the entire Coach Accreditation Scheme was commenced with the 3 tier system changing to a 5 tier system. This is currently still being rewritten and will be submitted to the Australian Sports Commission for acceptance; and
 - ATFCA was successful in attaining a grant from the Australian Sports Commission to conduct a Women's Forum to research "Clearer Pathways for women coaches to High Performance Coaching". This will be conducted later in the year and all information will be passed onto AA and branches.

Distance Running Commission

The Distance Running Commission (DRC) (Out of Stadium Committee) continued to play a more active role in working with Athletics Australia (AA) on matters relating to distance events. Communication was mainly via email endeavouring to get feedback from as many distance sources as possible.

Over the past twelve months, four 'Distance News Australia' newsletters were published and distributed to the distance community via email.

This achievement was thanks to our editor, June Petrie who has worked tirelessly on the DRC putting together a range of information to produce a terrific newsletter; June has also done a great job on the minutes of our meetings. Unfortunately June has taken a year's leave of absence (travelling around Australia). June's contribution will be greatly missed and we look forward to her return.

Working closely with AA was highlighted this year by a very successful meeting of AA and DRC on



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22 June, 2005, where selection criteria for the Commonwealth Games marathon and 10000m track events were discussed and resolved with both parties satisfied with the outcome. We look forward to many more productive meetings of this kind.

Liaison with Alan Stevens (Oceania representative on the IAAF Cross Country and Road Committee) continues. At this stage their committee has supported the return to one event at the World Cross Country Championships, a 12km for men, 6 to run, 4 to score and an 8km for women, 6 to run, 4 to score.

The World Half Marathon Championships has also changed and is now a World Road Running Championship (distance, between 10km and half marathon, to be nominated by host city).

The DRC is looking forward to working closely with the soon to be appointed National Distance Coach/Coordinator.

This year an agreement was made with AA to get winter calendars confirmed and published as early as possible. With this in mind the first calendar meeting with DRC will be held this year at the time of the Zatopek meet.

Anne Lord
Chairperson

Facilities & Equipment Committee

The committee met on 15th January, 2005 in Canberra at no cost to Athletics Australia (AA).

The committee's terms of reference, which are now on the AA website, were confirmed. A number of technical papers have also been updated and added to www.athletics.org.au. Technical liaison persons have been co-opted in each association to assist the committee in disseminating and obtaining local information.

AA has adopted compulsory certification of major stadia in Australia to IAAF measurement standards as recommended by the committee.

The committee has recommended that AA continue funding of its pool of implements/equipment for national competition.

It is essential that AA provide its committees and commissions with timely responses and guidance otherwise the system will ossify as it has in the past.

Under the committee's guidance, the AA list of national athletics facilities from the early 1990's and individual detailed data sheets for each synthetic surfaced track are being updated by associations and in some instances by individuals.

Members of the committee have been advising on implement and equipment requirements for the 2006 Commonwealth Games, monitoring problems with Mondo throwing cages in Melbourne and Brisbane, advising on new throwing cages for Homebush and checking the OzRing cage at Bankstown for which the firm received an IAAF Product Certificate. The Bankstown discus cage was increased in height above the IAAF Rule minimum to ensure that no wayward discus could go over the top of the cage sides. The next edition of the IAAF Manual will also address this issue.

Hammer handles are being tested at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra as part of the IAAF Certification procedures.

Denis Wilson
Chairman

High Performance Commission

The High Performance Commission membership was revamped in late 2004 with the new membership being: Nic Bideau, Craig Hilliard, Maurie Plant, Rob Fildes (Board representative). Athletics Australia (AA) National Performance Director; Max Binnington is the commission staff contact. Simon Hollingsworth was initially a member and participant in meetings, but has since resigned his position as he has moved overseas for an extended period. Tudor Bidder, AIS High Performance Manager for Track and Field, has been an invited

attendee and Danny Corcoran, AA CEO, has made presentations to the commission.

In the past six months the Commission has provided comments and suggestions in relation to the AA strategic plan with particular reference to the high performance plan. Individually, away from meetings, the Commission members have provided the high performance team with advice and assistance. As the High Performance Centres and National Event Coordinator positions become more active, the role of the commission members will become increasingly important.

International Tours Commission

This commission provides expert advice to Athletics Australia (AA) in relation to touring team staff appointments and the knowledge and experience of the members has been valuable in the identification of training camp facilities and procedures with tours to the many varied locations across the globe. The staffing includes team management, team coaches and team medical staff.

The membership is Peter Bowman, Carol Grant, Brent Kirkbride, Margaret Mahony, Maurie Plant and the staff contact is Max Binnington.

Teams covered by the commission in the past six months included the World Cross Country Championships, World Youth Championships, World Championships, as well as development touring groups and Ekiden team management. The assistance of the commission members in all aspects of the touring team preparation is very valuable and a key part of the success of touring teams.



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Officials Commission

The Officials Commission comprises Reg Brandis (Chairman), Janelle Eldridge, Lorraine Morgan, Yvonne Mullins, Helen Roberts, Brian Roe and Chris Wilson.

The Athletics Australia (AA) Officials Commission provides advice to the AA Board on matters relating to the recruitment, development and education of technical officials, officials welfare and the appointment of officials to national and international events held in Australia.

Over the past twelve months the selection sub-committee of the Officials Commission has appointed officials to all AA national events and to two international events. The first of these Internationals was the Oceania Championships in Townsville, which provided an ideal opportunity to appoint a mix of experienced Australian, New Zealand and Island officials with enthusiastic local officials. This proved a valuable experience for all concerned and hopefully whetted the appetites of some local officials to become more involved at the higher levels.

The appointments process for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games was a more complex affair with a large number of applicants for a lesser number of positions with the inevitability of worthy applicants having to be disappointed. The selection sub-committee met on two occasions, firstly to select the key officials and then a full weekend to appoint the bulk of the technical officials. On both occasions the sub-committee gave full consideration to each applicant's claims and the final appointments were based purely on merit having regard to the roles to be performed and the requirements of the Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

While there has been some progress in recruiting new and younger officials, with some member associations more active in this regard than others, the fact remains that our officials' group is an ageing one and it is likely that M2006 will see a number of retirements, thus increasing the demands on those who remain and highlighting the pressing need to enhance recruitment activities and to reduce cost and time imposts.

Some aspects of officiating which merit further consideration include investigating ways to conduct events with fewer officials including increased use of technology, concentrating on shorter competitions to reduce the time officials are required and their cost of attending, consideration of incentives for such things as achieving higher gradings and enhanced pathways of opportunity.

On behalf of the commission, I extend our sincere thanks to all officials who have supported our sport with their dedication and effort during the past year.

Reg Brandis
Chairman

Out of Stadium Participation Committee

The Out of Stadium Participation Committee held one meeting during the reporting period on 18 January 2005. The major discussions and outcomes from this meeting were as follows:

- The committee endorses the continuation of Running Australia (RA);
- The committee recognises the need for RA to provide a commercial return to Athletics Australia (AA) and endorses the need for activity delivery to be provided on a commercial 'pay for service' basis, where possible, to ensure the continuation of RA;
- Identify areas in which AA can generate revenue from RA (but not at the expense of event organisers);
- RA events to be packaged so that AA can attract a major/umbrella sponsor with benefits to the event, AA and the participants. This sponsor must be outside all existing event sponsors; and
- Organisers agree to an uncapped participation levy invoiced at 50 cents per participant.

Records Officer Report

The more Australian records that are broken, the happier the sport of athletics is, especially considering the very high standard of times and distances that have been set by Australia's best athletes over the years.

There are currently some delays being experienced in forwarding record application forms by some of the states and this does make it difficult. If states could be aware of any potential Australian record and have forms available at all of their meets so as they can be signed and sent without delay this would be appreciated.

My thanks again to everyone who has helped with information this past year.

Ronda Jenkins

Selection Committee

During this reporting period the personnel of the two committees changed with the retirement of the committees at the end of 2004.

The Track and Field Committee of David Culbert, Glynis Nunn-Cearns, Pam Turney, Mike Hillardt and Keith Connor was replaced by the new committee of David Culbert, Glynis Nunn-Cearns, Mike Hillardt and Max Binnington. Simon Hollingsworth was also appointed, but chose not to accept the appointment. In April, David Culbert resigned from the committee. The two vacancies were filled in June by Dion Russell and Peter Brukner.

The Selection Committee for Road Walking, Road Running, Relays and Cross Country, changed from Pam Turney, Keith Connor, John Andrews and Simon Baker to Pam Turney, Max Binnington, Bob Cruise and Gerard Ryan.

Athletics Australia would like to thank the time and effort given by the current and retiring committee members.

Major teams selected included the 2004 Olympic Games Team and 2005 World Championships Team. Over a dozen selection criteria were also prepared, including the 2006 Commonwealth Games selection policy, which was in a new format.

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Statistician's Report

The 2004 annual ranking list is published on Athletics Australia's (AA) website. It will also appear in the Annual Handbook of Records and Results when published.

The 2005 rankings list is also on AA's website and is regularly updated. Each member association receives a copy of each updated list on a regular basis. I have also continued to do a regular round up of results from both home and abroad by Australian athletes.

The results of all national championships are now on the historic section of the AA website. In most cases heats and qualifying rounds are included where known. There is still missing data and hopefully through research and family archives further information will come to light. I am currently working on the Australian Marathon Championships and those results are now almost complete and are also in the historic section. Cross country and road events are next along with profiles of past famous Australian athletes. Work still continues on deeper all-time lists and ranking lists of earlier years not published before.

The results of domestic competition are available on each member association's website but are still in varying formats. This area still needs improving as some results still go unreported.

I would like to thank David Tarbotton, Fletcher McEwen, Peter Hamilton and Graham Thomas for their help with results and the historic project. I would also like to thank all member associations and AA staff for their help and support. All other people who kindly supply and submit results are acknowledged in the rankings and handbook of records and results.

Paul Jenes

Track & Field Commission

The Track and Field Commission was instrumental in some key changes to the competition structure for the 2004-05 season, including the introduction of new age groups into the Australian All Schools Championships, Australian U23 Championships, Australian Relay Championships, Australian U18 State Match & Australian Combined Events Challenge.

All of these changes were designed to address participation levels in our sport, particularly in the critical 15 to 22 year age groups.

While it will be several years before the full impact of these key changes are felt, the early signs are promising with 1600+ athletes attending the Australian All Schools & Youth Championships and over 600 athletes participating in the U23 & U20 Championships. The U18 State match was also keenly contested.

It is only with the support of our many officials and volunteers that it is possible to deliver such a diverse competition structure and I would like to thank all those that contributed to the 2004-05 season. We now look forward to the coming season and the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, which will be a very busy one that will see many of our world-class volunteers and officials in action.

Tribunals

The tribunals of Athletics Australia are established pursuant to clause 5 of the By-Laws and comprise the Appeals Tribunal, Doping Control Tribunal and the Selection Appeals Tribunal. The Doping Control Tribunal considers all alleged breaches of the Anti-Doping By-Law and the Selection Appeals Tribunal considers all appeals regarding the selection or non-selection of an athlete by a Selection Committee. The By-Laws set out the procedures and composition of each tribunal.

Since the establishment of the tribunals in 2001, the only tribunal to have been convened has been the Selection Appeals Tribunal which has convened on six occasions. During the 2004-05 financial year a number of tribunals were convened in relation to selection appeals concerning the 2004 Australian Olympic Team. No such appeals were successful.

David Grace QC

In Remembrance

The athletics family regrets the loss of the following members of our sport during the year and pays tribute to all of them:

Donald F. Bell OAM

Don was a member of Sandringham Athletic Club for almost 70 years. He became involved in the club's administration early on and from 1944 he commenced officiating and also served a period of time as Club President in the 1950's. Don was recognised in 1942 with a Life Membership (the club's ninth) of the Sandringham Athletics Club, which was founded in 1930. Don will be forever remembered at Sandringham through the Don Bell Trophy.

When his competing career ended, Don continued with officiating and administration duties. In 1995 when Athletics Australia initiated its national officials education and grading scheme, Don was acknowledged with "A" levels in administration, track, jumps and throws. His greatest achievement as an official was without a doubt his appointment as Controller of Officials for the 1956 Olympic Games at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Don held a wide range of appointments at many other major national and international events over the years and was awarded Life Membership of the Victorian Amateur Athletics Association (now Athletics Victoria). In 1985 Don received the Merit Award of Athletics Australia, a rare honour. In 1988, Athletics Victoria recognised 50 years of membership with their 50 Year Membership plaque. On Australia Day 1990, Don was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) at the age of 70, "For service to amateur athletics and to the community". Don was awarded a host of other local, state and national accolades over the years for his services to athletics and will be sorely missed.

A. Trevor Billingham BEM

The passing of Trevor Billingham ends a present day link with an exciting period of growth in the track and field athletics movement; not only in Geelong, but subsequently throughout Victoria and nationally, Australia wide.

Trevor was an athlete himself with the Geelong Guild Club prior to transferring to the Lara Club in the early 1960's. His own athletic abilities (a 4:08 mile), particularly in middle distance and distance events, inspired many more athletes over the years through Trevor's coaching and encouragement and assisted in passing on his coaching techniques to many other coaches.

In the early 1960's Trevor became involved in the administration of athletics in the Geelong region.

With the completion of the construction of Landy Field in mid 1962, the first meeting of senior Geelong clubs was held at Landy Field in October. On 10 December 1962, the Geelong Regional Centre of the VAAA (Men's Association) was founded. Trevor was the Geelong Centre's first Secretary.

Athletics in Geelong was now poised to take off. Whilst Ballarat (1895), Bendigo (1936) and Latrobe Valley (1955) had all formed regional centres, Geelong had long held to its successful "Guild" club competing in Melbourne. Trevor helped to lead that take off, not only in senior athletics, but also in the years ahead; in guiding, nurturing and organising what would eventually become known as the "Little Athletics" movement. In seniors it was not always a smooth journey, but hard work and persistence eventually paid dividends.

Trevor remained as Secretary until 1968, then assuming the Presidency until 1969. It was during this period as Secretary and conducting "senior" athletics at the fledgling Landy Field on Saturday afternoons, that Trevor made his now famous decision to uphold the rules and deny a group of young children the opportunity to compete in the sport he himself gave up football to pursue, the sport of athletics.

During the period from 1964 – 1966 Trevor, along with others, including his wife, set about establishing a junior Saturday morning competition for children at Landy Field in Geelong. In 1965-66 Trevor became the founding Secretary of the Geelong Little Athletic Centre. His work here saw him travel the state in the promotion of the "Little Athletics" movement and subsequently the establishment of the Victorian Little Athletic Association.

His work in athletics extended to state level, where as early as 1963, Trevor, along with founding Geelong Centre President Rudi Hochreiter and (later Dr) Frank Larkins (later President of VAAA) became three of the five member VAAA Country Committee. In 1965 at age 29, Trevor became a Vice President of the VAAA. Trevor's visionary skills saw him become a member of the VAAA "Future

of Athletics in Victoria" committee in 1966. Trevor was a State Team Manager in 1967.

Trevor Billingham became Secretary of the VAAA in 1974 and held the position for a year. With the recent deaths during the early 1990's of Rick Pannell and Lee Morrison and of Mabel Robinson in 2000, Trevor was the last surviving Secretary of the VAAA 90 year history.

Trevor was recognised at various intervals throughout his athletic career. In 1975 he was awarded a BEM. Further recognition came with Life Membership of the Corio Little Athletics Centre and with both the Lara and Corio Athletic Clubs. Most recently, the Geelong Little Athletic Centre (which was borne from Trevor's vision and work with young athletes from the "Saturday morning" competitions) elected Trevor a Life Member.

One of Trevor's last appearances at athletics was at the Corio Athletic Stadium in October 2004, when the official opening of the new track and pavilion was held. Again on that evening, as had been the case for the previous 44 years, Trevor's loving and loyal wife, Christine, was never far away. As early as 1966, Christine was a member of the Geelong (senior) Women's Centre executive. During their careers, Trevor (teaching) and Christine (canteen manager) were ever present members of the Corio Technical School community; instilling learning, sport/fitness, manners and responsibility into young members of the community.

Trevor and Christine's children were also involved at various times in their parents' sport.

Trevor was admired and respected by many who came within close personal contact with him, whether by coaching or administering athletics. His vision and foresight into athletics was well advanced for its time and the legacy he leaves will be fondly remembered by his friends and by the entire "Little Athletics" movement.

June (Maston) Ferguson

June Ferguson was born on 11th March 1928 in Sydney. She ran for the Western Suburbs Amateur Athletics Club and competed in the 1948 London Olympics where she won a silver medal in the 4 x 100m relay team. She also competed in the long jump where she jumped 5.06m but did not qualify for the final. However her greatest fame came in coaching which she did for more than 30 years. Her most famous pupil was four-time Olympic gold medallist Betty Cuthbert. Other great athletes coached by June amongst many were Penny Gillies, Maureen Caird and Sandra Brown. She was a teacher, lecturer in education, coach, media commentator and journalist. She was married to Jack Ferguson, a 1948 Olympic water polo player. June's



best 100 yards time was 11.1 in Sydney in 1949. Jong passed away on 3rd December 2004 after a long battle with Motor Neuron Disease and will be missed by all who knew her:

Don MacMillan

Don represented Australia at the 1952 and 1956 Olympic Games, plus the 1950 and 1954 Commonwealth Games. He held many Australian records, including 800m, 880yds and one mile.

A member of the Geelong Guild Club, where John Landy also ran, Don earned himself several national titles throughout his career, winning the 880 yards title in 1950, 1952 and 1955, plus the Australian one mile title in 1950, 1951, 1952 & 1955.

Les Perry

Les Perry, who died recently at the age of 82, was literally a larger-than-life character:

Diminutive, nondescript in appearance (apart from a ready smile) and with a seemingly modest set of achievements, Les Perry was nonetheless a giant of Australian distance running.

Indeed, John Landy, who counts Perry as one of his greatest influences and supporters, reckons he can accurately be described as the father of Australian distance running.

Les Perry did not start running seriously until after his war service in the army. He competed in the 1950 Empire Games in Auckland and the 1952 and 1956 Olympic Games (running the marathon in the 1956 Olympics and also finishing third in the Australian Championships that year).

In terms of titles, he won the Australian 3miles four times in a row from 1949-50 and the national cross-country title once.

Compared to today, when athletes have a major championships to race every year, it seems a modest list of achievements, but Perry's influence extended far beyond what he did on the track.

Les Perry's breakthrough performance was finishing sixth in the 1952 Olympic 5000 metres final. Three more Australians have finished one place higher since - Albie Thomas in 1956, Dave Power in 1960 and Ron Clarke in 1968 - but it ranks with any performance by an Australian in an Olympic 5000 metres final.

Until Craig Mottram's bronze medal in Helsinki this year, it surpassed any world championships performance at the distance too. As influential as that performance was in showing Australians that they could mix it with the world's best - as people like Percy Cerrutty contended - it was the contacts Les Perry made in Helsinki that were as important.

Perry was one of the handful of Australians to fall under the spell of Emil Zatopek, the Czech master runner who won the 5000, 10,000 metres and marathon in Helsinki. Indeed, such was the bond forged between them that Perry brought home Zatopek's Olympic singlet - probably the most photographed object in the sporting world in 1952, John Landy reckons. The singlet remained with the Williamstown Athletics Club - Perry's club - for 30 years until the Czechs, with a belated eye to history, asked if they could have it back.

It probably speaks much for Les Perry's broader view of things that he readily gave the singlet back. It was an attitude that Perry had already and that was reinforced by his friendship with Zatopek.

John Landy, who ran in Helsinki, broke four minutes for the mile in 1954, and took a bronze medal in the 1500 in Melbourne in 1956, reckons that Perry and Zatopek shared similar characteristics.

Now the governor of Victoria, John Landy says both were imbued with a generosity of spirit. They were totally open about what they did. There were no secrets. If you could do it better than them, good luck to you.

Perry was one of those who sought out Zatopek in Helsinki. The eastern bloc athletes stayed in a separate village then, but Landy recalls Zatopek training at the Elaintarha track (the one used as the warm-up track for the world championships), "like the Pied Piper of Hamelin", with runners trailing in his wake.

Perry brought the Zatopek influence back to Australia. It gelled with Cerrutty's "no gain without pain" approach to hard training, too. Like Landy, Perry had worked with Percy but preferred to strike out independently.

Back in Australia, Perry, with Cerrutty and others, helped set up the Victorian Marathon Club, which fought for and won better conditions for distance runners and events and founded the annual Emil Zatopek 10,000 metres race.

Les Perry also was a co-founder of Ringwood Athletics Club when he lived in the area in the 1960s. Perhaps his greatest service to Australian athletics was to take Ron Clarke out for a training run when the former world junior mile record holder moved into the area at around that time.

Clarke recalls how Perry and the local mayor - Bob Horman - had to wait for him at the top of every hill. "You've got some work to do if you want to get fit," Perry told Clarke. When Clarke did, he won an Olympic bronze medal, broke over 20 world records and re-defined track distance running.

Through Les Perry, it is possible to trace a line linking Zatopek to Craig Mottram. It is a wonderful legacy, as is his support and advice to so many athletes over the years from club level to Olympian.

Les Perry is survived by his wife, Audrey, and three children, Bronwyn, Richard and Melinda.

By **Len Johnson** - The Age

Florence (Flo) Wrighter OAM BEM

Like her colleague - the late Doris Magee, Flo was a fearless campaigner for the rights of women in athletics. However she was very much an achiever in her own right, without the need to rely on any modern day 'affirmative action' policies.

She was recognised for her contribution to the sport both through the Imperial and Australian Honours systems, and by the sport, becoming a Life Member of both Athletics Australia and Athletics New South Wales. Flo was Vice President of ANSW, during which time she played a critical role in ensuring the workable and effective amalgamation of the state mens and womens association.

At national level, she was a key member of the Board and Executive Committee of Athletics Australia for a lengthy period, as well as serving as a national selector. But it is perhaps as a technical official that Flo Wrighter will be most remembered. She was largely responsible for the development of the original national officials accreditation programme, which was subsequently transformed into the current day AA Officials Education Scheme.

Flo was a highly qualified and successful official - her career highlighted by service as the track referee at the highly successful 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane and as a meeting manager for the 1985 World Cup in Canberra.

On the lighter side, Flo was often keen to stick with existing standards, and drew national media notoriety by 'banning' the womens two piece competition uniform when it first appeared on the scene. It was an example of a very rare occasion when Flo did not win a battle she embarked upon.

By contrast she was always ready to consider sound reform and was one of those who pushed hardest to end the distinction between amateur and professional athletics in Australia in the mid 1980's.

Flo Wrighter had not enjoyed good health in recent years and had not actively been involved in athletics during that time. However, her outstanding contribution to our sport should be fully recognised and long remembered.



Lest We Forget

The fourth annual Lest We Forget (LWF) Run was held on Sunday 24 April 2005.

An estimated 6000 people in 20 locations as far reaching as Sandakan and Kota Kinabalu in Malaysia, ran, jogged or walked in the name of remembrance and charity. Participants covered an 8km (5 mile) course - the same distance the ANZACS were required to capture when landing at Gallipoli.

Created as a joint initiative by the Returned & Services League (RSL) and Athletics Australia (AA), the national event raises funds for the RSL and is intended to remember relatives, pioneers or members of the Armed Forces who served in various conflicts throughout history.

The LWF Run relies on the support of volunteers, local councils and the RSL to coordinate this unique event. AA in particular commends the race directors that again worked tirelessly to produce such a high calibre collective event.

Again participants set off simultaneously as the start was broadcast live nationally, on ABC radio's 'Australia All Over' program. This year Ian "Macca" McNamara and his team broadcast live from New Zealand.

This year, due to a lack of human resources at AA, we were unable to support the smaller registered locations as we have done in the past. This meant AA needed to reduce and centralise locations for 2005 in order to more effectively leverage media and ensure event quality. The smaller locations were still encouraged to stage the event within their own resources.

Runners prepare for the 2005 Lest We Forget Run in Melbourne



Looking to the future, it is likely AA will need to further reduce office resources dedicated to this event, however we believe by centralising locations and following the franchise model utilised by AthleticA (Athletics Western Australia) in 2005, the LWF brand may be able to continue into the future.

AA is very proud of the fact that over the past four years, the LWF foundation has donated significant funds from the proceeds of the LWF Run to the RSL for welfare related charities and activities.

Australian Records

From 1st July 04 to 31st June 05

LIST OF AUSTRALIAN RECORDS BROKEN DURING SEASON 2004-05

Men							
Adam Rutter	NSW	U20	10km Road Walk	40.54	Sydney	26/06/04	
Alwyn Jones	SA	U20	Triple Jump	16.30	Manchester UK	3/7/04	
Craig Mottram	VIC	Aust National	5000 metres	12.55.76	London UK	30/7/04	
John Thornell	NSW	U20	Long Jump	7.99	Leverkusen GER	1/8/04	
Matei Tzvetanov	WA	U16	Pole Vault	4.85	Sydney	9/12/04	
Christopher Watson	QLD	U16	200m Hurdles	24.58	Sydney	9/12/04	
Emanuele Fuamatu	NSW	U16	Shot Put	20.05	Sydney	10/12/04	
Benjamin Mumby	QLD	U18	110m Hurdles	13.48	Sydney	10/12/04	
Paul Burgess	WA	Aust All Comers	Pole Vault	5.91	Perth	15/1/05	
Christopher Noffke	QLD	U18	Long Jump	7.80	Canberra	5/2/05	
Paul Burgess	WA	Aust All Comers	Pole Vault	5.95	Perth	11/2/05	
Paul Burgess	WA	Aust All Comers	Pole Vault	6.00	Perth	26/02/05	
Christopher Noffke	QLD	U18	Long Jump	Eq 7.80	Sydney	5/3/05	
Adam Rutter	NSW	U20	20km Road Walk	1.24.46	Sydney	06/03/05	
NSW	Team	U18	1000 Sprint Medley Relay	2.01.06	Brisbane	09/04/05	
Women							
U20 Aust	Team	U20	4x100 Relay	44.94	Manchester UK	3/7/04	
Annabel Thomson	NSW	U18	Javelin	53.88	Follonica ITA	7/7/04	
Annabel Thomson	NSW	U18	Javelin	54.54	Grosseto ITA	13/7/04	
Annabel Thomson	NSW	U18 & U20	Javelin	56.01	Grosseto ITA	15/7/04	
U20 Aust	Team	U20	4x100 Relay	44.86	Grosseto ITA	17/7/04	
Dani Samuels	NSW	U18	Discus	55.07	Canberra	5/2/05	
Vicky Parnov	WA	U16	Pole Vault	4.00	Perth	11/2/05	
NSW	Team	U18	1000 Sprint Medley Relay	2.16.77	Brisbane	09/04/05	
INDOOR							
Men							
Mark Fountain	VIC	Aust	One Mile	3.54.77	Boston USA	29/1/05	
Shawn Forrest	VIC	Aust	5000 metres	13.57.49	Arkansas USA	25/2/05	

Australian Rankings

This list is derived from the IAAF World Rankings, which is based on merit rather than individual performances. List is as at 31st December 2004.

WORLD TOP 50 RANKED AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES IN 2004		
1st	Jane Saville	20km Walk
5th	Nathan Deakes	20 & 50km Walk
5th	Jana Pittman	400m Hurdles
5th	Bronwyn Thompson	Long Jump
13th	Justin Anzelark	Shot Put
14th	Dmitri Markov	Pole Vault
16th	Andrew Murphy	Triple Jump
18th	Paul Burgess	Pole Vault
15th	Clinton Hill	400m
17th	Craig Mottram	5000m/10000m
18th	Kylie Wheeler	Heptathlon
18th	William Hamlyn-Harris	Javelin Throw
19th	Benita Willis-Johnson	5000m/10000m
20th	Stuart Rendell	Hammer Throw
22nd	Petrina Price	High Jump
24th	Lauren Hewitt	200m
26th	Bronwyn Eagles	Hammer Throw
30th	Kerrie Perkins-Taurima	Long Jump
32nd	Kym Howe	Pole Vault
34th	Oliver Dziubak	Javelin Throw
35th	Peter Nowill	3000m Steeplechase
36th	Casey Vincent	400m
41st	Sarah Jamieson	1500m
41st	Nicole Mladenis	Triple Jump
42nd	Patrick Dwyer	400m
43rd	Tatiana Grigorieva	Pole Vault
43rd	Karyne Perkins-Di Marco	Hammer Throw
44th	Scott Martin	Discus Throw
44th	Matthew McEwen	Decathlon
44th	Georgie Clarke	1500m
45th	Youcef Abdi	1500m
45th	Steven Hooker	Pole Vault
45th	Debbie Pickersgill	Discus Throw
49th	Cheryl Webb	20km Walk
50th	Brooke Krueger	Hammer Throw



Athletics International

Athletics International (AI), a group of former and current elite athletes, continues to promote and support the sport of athletics. AI has hundreds of members across Australia and overseas. AI runs social functions to commemorate important athletic milestone events and to foster friendships formed through athletics to continue, and encourages junior, emerging and high achieving athletes through a range of grants and awards.

In 2004-05, AI held a major function for over 350 guests in Melbourne to commemorate the sub four minute mile '50 years on' with special guests, including John Landy, John Walker (NZ), Simon Doyle and many other Australians who have broken four minutes for the mile. AI also organised members' social reunions during the Zatopek meeting, national championships and the Telstra A-series in Melbourne.

Benita Johnson was named AI's Australian International Athlete of the Year for 2004 at Athletics Australia's Telstra Awards Dinner at the 2005 national championships. Josh Ross was awarded the Athletics International/Athletics Australia Steve Moneghetti Emerging Athlete of the Year for 2004-05 at the same function.

AI, through the AI Trust, continued to support junior and emerging athletes. Ceremonies were held around Australia to award 36 grants totalling \$27,000. While recipients were concentrated in Queensland (11) and Victoria (11), athletes in other states and territories also benefited (NSW (9), WA (4) and ACT (1)). Since 1968, the AI Trust has allocated approximately \$180,000 in grants and other projects such as the Landy/Clarke sportsmanship statue.



Benita Johnson receives the International Athlete of the Year award from Athletics International Secretary John Murray

AA supports and works closely with AI in a number of areas. AA advertises the AI grants application process and AI membership eligibility criteria on its website. AA also provides a gold pass to all AI members that entitles them to admission to national championships and the Telstra A-series. AA also provides AI with administrative assistance in distributing the AI newsletter.

Trust for Young Australians

The Trust for Young Australians program awards scholarships to emerging young athletes to help them develop their talents and maintain their involvement in the sport. In 2004-05 the scholarships consisted of a \$500 grant to assist the recipients with their travel and competition costs and also included a New Balance clothing kit comprising T-shirts, shoes, shorts and socks.

The grants were awarded to eleven worthy recipients with at least two athletes using the funds to assist in their travel expenses to Morocco for the 2005 World Youth Championships.

Unfortunately the grants will discontinue in 2005-06, however Athletics Australia would like to take this opportunity to thank the Trust for Young Australians, in particular Dr Helen Sykes for this wonderful initiative that has allowed many young athletes to continue with their athletics.



Trust for Young
Australians recipient
Wally Meekin in action
at the 2005 World
Youth Championships

Ron Clarke Foundation

A total of 54 applications were received for grants from the Ron Clarke Foundation for the year ending 30 April 2005. This figure is near to the same number of applicants in 2004. The applications included many from regional centres and a large number from athletes who were selected in the World Youth Team.

We were fortunate to have Ron Clarke present as part of the panel to decide the successful applicants. Other panel members were Trevor Vincent, Len Johnson and David Gynther.

All panel members received a summary of applications prior to the selection meeting held on 14 June and all applicants were duly considered on their merits and the selection criteria.

Fifteen grants of \$500 totalling \$7,500 were awarded to the following successful applicants:

Liam Adams	VIC
Hannah Alderton	VIC
Tracey Barnett	QLD
Breanne Clement	VIC
Kelly Emery	VIC
Simon Field	VIC
Jeffrey Hunt	NSW
Mitchell Kealey	QLD
Emma Rilen	NSW
Brenton Rowe	VIC
Adam Slezak	NSW
Nick Toohey	QLD
Amilia Wallace	QLD
Dean Wood	NSW
Andrew Yong	QLD

Nick Toohey competes for Australia at the 2005 World Youth Championships



Life Members

The following individuals have been recognised for their significant contributions to the sport of athletics in Australia and are Life Members of Athletics Australia:

NAME	YEAR ELECTED
C Ronald Aitken CBE *	1965
John Bailey AM	1995
Thomas C Blue AM BEM *	1980
Joyce Bonwick OAM	1978
Graeme Briggs AM JP *	1990
Gwen Bull OAM *	1962
Margaret Cahill OAM *	1972
H George Carruthers MBE *	1977
Gwen Chester *	1998
Leonard Cumow OBE *	1968
Mavis Ebzery OAM *	1967
C Herbert Gardiner QJM *	1974
Nell Gould OAM BEM *	1962
Robert Graham OBE *	1968
Arthur Hodsdon MBE *	1965
Norman Hutton *	1968
Jill Huxley	2003
Paul Jenes	1995
Ronda M Jenkins	2002

NAME	YEAR ELECTED
Clive Lee AM	1984
Doris Magee AM MBE *	1962
Margaret Mahony OAM	1997
Allen McDonald QC	1993
Stella McMinn AM JP	1992
Maisey McQuiston BEM *	1971
Fred Napier OAM	1992
Lillian Neville OAM *	1962
Brenda Pearl OAM	1992
Mabel E Robinson MBE *	1973
Noel Ruddock AM	1989
George Soper *	1969
George Tempest	1994
F Theo Treacy OBE *	1968
Hugh R Weir CBE *	1957
Doris M Wilson *	1964
Denis Wilson AM	1997
Flo Wrighter OAM BEM *	1986

* Indicates member is deceased.

Directors' Biographies Athletics Australia – Board of Directors



Ken Roche AO - Chairman was a dual Commonwealth Games 440y hurdles champion in Perth in 1962 and Kingston in 1966. He was also a semi finalist at the Olympic Games in Tokyo. In business, Ken is the Chairman of Roche Holdings.



Herb Elliott AC MBE – Deputy Chairman is an Australian sporting icon who burst onto the international athletic scene in 1958 when he became the youngest athlete to break the four minute mile. In 1960 at the Rome Olympic Games, Herb ensured his place as an Australian hero by winning the gold medal in the 1500m and breaking his own world record in a time of 3:35.6. When he retired from athletics, Herb had accrued an amazing 44 consecutive victories in world class competition for distances over the mile.

Herb is a former President of Puma North America and Director of Athlete and Corporate Relations with the Australian Olympic Committee. He is the Chairman of the Telstra Foundation Limited and on the Board of Ansell Limited, South Pacific Tyres and Fortescue Metals Group Limited. Herb is also the Chairman of the Steering Committee for the Athletics Australia and Australian Sports Commission Review into Athletics.



Bill Bailey is the Oceania Area Representative on the International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF) Council. He was the foundation Executive Director of the Oceania Athletic Association (OAA) and was Athletics Competition Manager for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Bill is currently Chairman of the IAAF Regional Development Centre in Adelaide and of the IAAF High Performance Training Centre in Auckland. He was an IAAF Technical Delegate for the Athens Olympic Games in 2004 and will also be a Technical Delegate for the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006 and the World Junior Championships in Beijing in 2006.



Robin 'Rob' Fildes OAM has a wealth of business experience and a history in athletics dating back over 30 years to his days as a club athlete at Sandringham. In 1964-71 Rob was an international standard decathlon champion and ranked in the world's top 15, he also played for Collingwood from 1961-63.

Rob's sporting administration experience includes a Trustee of Melbourne Olympic Parks Trust (1995-2001), Chairman of Australian Masters Games (1995) and Director of AFL Publications Board (1982-95). In 1998, Rob received an OAM for sports administration.



Jane Hansen's professional experience includes working in investment banking in London, New York and Australia, was previously on the Board of MCC and the State Sport Centres Trust (which covers MSAC and Royal Park, Hockey and Netball centre). Jane's educational background includes an undergraduate degree in economics and a master's degree in business administration from Columbia University, New York.



Paul Kennedy is the CEO of Biogreen Ltd an unlisted public company specialising in BioAg products, he also runs his own Strategy & Marketing Consultancy. He has over 20 years experience with sales and marketing roles in Australia, Asia and the USA. He has worked with numerous packaged goods companies such as Pepsi Cola, Carlton and United Breweries & S.C. Johnson and was a Board member and President of the Australian Association of National Advertisers from '96 to '01.



Eddie McGuire AM is one of Australia's leading sport and television personalities who has hosted numerous shows including the six-time Logie winning program, The Footy Show, plus Who wants to be a Millionaire, the World Cricket Tsunami Appeal Match, the 45th, 46th and 47th Annual TV Week Logie Awards, co-hosted Australia Unites - Reach Out to Asia Telecast & co-presented the 1998 Commonwealth Games from Kuala Lumpur. He will also be hosting the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in March 2006.

Eddie has written two best selling books, is head of his own production company, McGuire Media, has been a sports journalist for Eyewitness News, written a column for Australia's largest selling newspaper - The Herald Sun, has had huge success in radio shows such as the top rating D Generation, The Richard Stubbs Breakfast show and The Grill Team and was responsible for bringing AFL coverage to FM radio. Eddie is President of the Collingwood Football Club (AFL) and has a long history of working with many charities. Eddie and his wife, Carla, have two sons, Joseph and Alexander.



Russell Scrimshaw is a Director of three listed companies including Fortescue Metals Group Ltd, MobileSoft Ltd and Chairman of Fusia Ltd. He was previously a Group Executive with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia where he had responsibility for Technology, Operations and Procurement. Prior to the CBA, he was the Director of Marketing for Optus Communications. At Optus he led the development and implementation of the Optus Brand, distribution and products. He has also had an extensive career in the IT industry with IBM and Amdahl. Throughout his career, Russell has held executive leadership and directorship roles with emphasis on marketing, strategic planning and general management in Australia, Asia and the USA. He is a CPA Associate member.

Athletics Australia Directory

Directors

Ken Roche AO (Chairman)
Herb Elliott AC MBE (Deputy Chairman)
Bill Bailey (IAAF Council Member)
Robin 'Rob' Fildes OAM
Jane Hansen
Paul Kennedy
Eddie McGuire AM
Russell Scrimshaw
Simon Hollingsworth

Staff

Chief Executive Officer

Simon Allatson (to September 2004)
Danny Corcoran (from September 2004)

Chief Financial Officer

Stephen Crook

Senior Bookkeeper

Shiranthi Sivarajah

Personal Assistant to CEO

Janet Chitts

Receptionist

Gillian Heydon

Head Coach

Keith Connor (to December 2004)

National Performance Director

Max Binnington (from January 2005)

High Performance Manager

Tudor Bidder (to March 2005)

Paralympic Program Manager

Scott Goodman

AA-PPP Sprints & Jumps Coach and Emerging Talent Coordinator

Brett Jones (from January 2005)

AA-PPP Throws Coach and Coach Education Coordinator

Alison O'Riordon (from April 2005)

High Performance Administrator

David Tarbotton
Rohan Robinson (from June 2005)

Competitions/HP Coordinator

Carol Grant

Competitions and Development Director

David Gynther

National Development Manager

Sally McGrady

Assistant Competitions Manager

Craig Furber (to October 2004)
Cameron Yorke (November 2004 – March 2005)

Community Participation Manager

Robert Richard (to January 2005)
Ben Nancarrow (from February 2005)

Development Officers

Rohan Robinson (to May 2005)
Ben Nancarrow (from July 2004 to January 2005)

Competitions Coordinator

Tina Folmer

Marketing Director

Helen Soulsby (to March 2005)

Marketing Personal Assistant

Jan Tyrrell

Media Manager

Katie Hodge

Communications & Publications Officer

Brad van Wely

Solicitors

The Law Office of Simon Rofe
Suite 3101, Level 31, Australia Square
264 George Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Bankers

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Business Banking Centre
Level 1, 2-4 Pascoe Vale Road
Moonee Ponds VIC 3039

Auditors

Ernst & Young
120 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

National Statistician

Paul Jenes

National Records Officer

Ronda Jenkins

Commissions and Committees

Anti-Doping Commission

Dr Tim Barbour (Chair)
Dr Chris Bradshaw
Dr Peter Larkins
Mr Simon McDonald
Mr Dion Russell
Mr Danny Corcoran (AA Management Contact)

Athletes' Commission

Mr Simon Hollingsworth (Chair)
Ms Susan Andrews
Mr Simon Baker
Mr Daniel Batman
Mr Nathan Deakes
Ms Susan Hobson
Ms Jackie Fairweather (nee Gallagher)
Mr Neil Fuller
Dr Lee Naylor
Ms Alison Lever
Ms Sonia Brito

Athletics Australia Directory continued...

Athletics Australia Tribunal

Mr David Grace QC (Chair)
Mr Paul Connolly
Mr Shaun Creighton
Justice Henry Jolson QC (Doping only)
Justice Tricia Kavanagh
Mr Jamie Nettleton
Mr Mark Rosenberg
Mr Danny Corcoran (AA Management Contact)

Coaching Commission

Mr Peter Bowman (Chair)
Mr Nic Bideau
Ms Joan Cross OAM
Ms Marjorie McNamara
Ms Glynis Nunn-Cearns
Mr Kevin Prendergast
Mr Harry Summers
Mr John Weeks
Mr Max Binnington (AA Management Contact)

Facilities and Equipment Committee

Mr Denis Wilson (Chair)
Mr Rob Blackadder
Mr Graham Dwight
Mr Greg Gilbert
Mr Bob Mitchell
Mr Anton van Bavel
Mr David Gynther (AA Management Contact)

High Performance Commission

Mr Max Binnington (Chair)
Mr Nic Bideau
Mr Rob Fildes OAM
Mr Craig Hilliard
Mr Maurie Plant

International Tours Commission (New)

Mr Max Binnington (Chair)
Mr Peter Bowman
Mrs Carol Grant
Mr Brent Kirkbride
Mrs Margaret Mahony
Mr Maurie Plant

Officials Commission

Mr Reg Brandis (Chair)
Ms Janelle Eldridge
Ms Lorraine Morgan
Ms Yvonne Mullins
Ms Helen Roberts
Mr Brian Roe
Mr Chris Wilson
Mr David Gynther (AA Management Contact)

Distance Running Commission (Out of Stadium Committee)

Ms Anne Lord (Chair)
Mr Dave Cundy
Mr Daniel Green
Mr Ken Green
Ms Susan Hobson
Mr Joe Murphy
Mrs June Petrie
Mrs Pam Turney
Mr Trevor Vincent
Mr David Gynther (AA Management Contact)

Selection Committee – Road Walking, Road Running, Relays and Cross Country

Mr Max Binnington (Chair)
Mr Bob Cruise
Mr Gerard Ryan
Mrs Pam Turney

Selection Committee – Track and Field

Mr Max Binnington (Chair)
Dr Peter Brukner
Mr Michael Hillardt
Ms Glynis Nunn-Cearns
Mr Dion Russell

Track and Field Commission

Mr Khan Sharp (Chair)
Mr Greg Bowman
Mr Grant Cremer
Mr Daryl Cross
Mr Peter Hamilton
Mr Grant McKay
Mr Brian Roe
Mr David Gynther (AA Management Contact)

Walking Committee (New)

Mr Bob Cruise (Chair)
Mr Tim Erickson
Mr Wayne Fletcher
Ms Jane Saville
Mr Dave Smith
Mr Harry Summers
Mr David Gynther (AA Management Contact)

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Directors' Report

Your Directors present their report on the company for the year ended 30 June 2005.

The names of Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

J A H Forrest – resigned 31 August 2004

K J Roche (Chairman)

H J Elliott (Deputy Chairman)

W F Bailey

R H Fildes – appointed 1 February 2005

J C Hansen

P R Kennedy

E J McGuire – appointed 9 March 2005

R J Scrimshaw

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

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 the activity occurred during the year.

The net profit of the company for the financial year was \$366,222 (2004: \$124,876 loss).

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 a representative team to compete in the World Indoor Championships, World Cross Country Championships, World Walking Cup, World Junior Championships and Olympic Games.

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 the 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.

Directors

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

J Andrew Forrest

QUALIFICATIONS	Bachelor of Arts Member of Institute of Mining & Metallurgy Member of Australian Institute of Company Directors Member of Society of Senior Executives
EXPERIENCE	Chairman of Fortescue Metal Group Ltd Deputy Chairman, Managing Director and Chief Executive of Anaconda Nickel Limited
PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORSHIPS HELD IN THE PAST 3 YEARS	Fortescue Metals Group Ltd Siberia Mining Corporation Ltd Hibernia Mining Corporation Ltd

Herbert J Elliott – Deputy Chairman

QUALIFICATIONS	Master of Science
EXPERIENCE	Managing Director of Puma, Australia CEO of Puma, North America Director of Pacific Dunlop Director of Sydney Olympic Park Authority Director of Richmond Football Club
PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORSHIPS HELD IN THE PAST 3 YEARS	Fortescue Metals Group Ltd Ansell Ltd

Robin H Fildes

QUALIFICATIONS	Fellow Australian Institute of Management (F.A.I.M.)
EXPERIENCE	Executive Chairman of Fildes Group Over 40 years commercial experience Trustee of the Melbourne Olympic Park Trust (1995 – 2001) Chairman of the Australian Masters Games (1995) Director – AFL Publications Board (1982 – 1995) O.A.M. recipient (1998) for sports administration

Kenneth J Roche – Chairman

QUALIFICATIONS	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
EXPERIENCE	Chairman of Roche Holdings Pty Ltd Over 35 years corporate experience 1964 Tokyo Olympics – 400m, 400m hurdles 1962/66 Commonwealth Games – 400m hurdles dual gold medallist
PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORSHIPS HELD IN THE PAST 3 YEARS	Downer EDI Ltd

William (Bill) F Bailey

QUALIFICATIONS	Bachelor of Arts
EXPERIENCE	Executive Director of the Oceania Amateur Athletic Association, Competition Manager Athletics, Sydney Organising Committee for Olympic Games Over 30 years teaching and sports management experience

Jane C Hansen

QUALIFICATIONS	Bachelor of Economics, Masters of Business Administration
EXPERIENCE	Investment banking in New York, London and Australia Board Member of Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust Board Member of State Sports Centres Trust

NOTE: Public Company Directorship held in the past 3 years is not applicable unless otherwise mentioned.

Directors continued...

Paul R Kennedy

QUALIFICATIONS	Bachelor of Commerce, Master of Commerce (Hons)
EXPERIENCE	CEO of Biogreen Ltd VP Marketing, Carlton & United Breweries Over 20 years corporate experience

Russell J Scrimshaw

QUALIFICATIONS	Diploma of Business Studies
EXPERIENCE	Member of Australian Society of Accountants Head - Technology, Operations and Property, CBA Over 30 years corporate experience
PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORSHIPS HELD IN THE PAST 3 YEARS	Fortescue Metals Group Quadtel Ltd Fusia Ltd Mobilesoft Ltd

Company Secretary

Stephen J Crook

QUALIFICATIONS	Bachelor of Business
EXPERIENCE	Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia Registered Tax Agent Over 15 years accounting experience, 7 in senior management roles Financial Controller – AAV Ltd Group Financial Controller – ISIS Communications Limited Financial Controller – Comcopy Pty Ltd / ISIS Broadcast Media Pty Ltd

Edward (Eddie) J McGuire

EXPERIENCE	President of the Collingwood Football Club (1998 to present) Chairman of the Trevor Barker Foundation Australian Sports Medal (2000) for services to Australian Rules Football Centenary Medal (2000) for services to media and Australian Rules Football Television host and sports commentator
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Meetings of Directors

Board Member	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended
J Andrew Forrest	2	0
Kenneth J Roche	8	8
Hebert J Elliott	8	6
William F Bailey	8	3
Robin H Fildes	3	3
Jane C Hansen	8	7
Paul R Kennedy	8	7
Edward J McGuire	3	2
Russell J Scrimshaw	8	8
Simon Hollingsworth – Athlete Commission Representative (non voting)	8	7

Indemnification and Insurance of Directors and Officers

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 \$1,695 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.

No person has applied for Leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Auditor Independence

The Directors received the following declaration from the auditor of Athletics Australia Ltd.

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Athletics Australia Ltd

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Athletics Australia Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2005, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code of professional conduct.

Ernst & Young

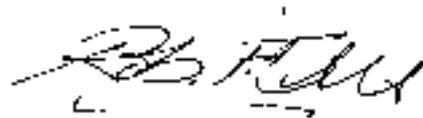
AJ. Pititto

Partner
Melbourne
20th October 2005

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



Director _____



Director _____

Date: 20th October 2005

 **ERNST & YOUNG**

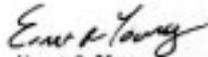
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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Athletics Australia Ltd

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Athletics Australia Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2005, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code of professional conduct.


Ernst & Young



A.J. Pititto
Partner
Melbourne
20 October 2005

Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Athletics Australia, we state that:

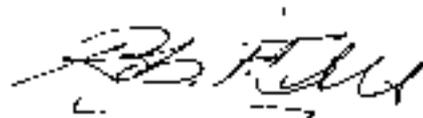
In the opinion of the directors:

- (a) The financial statements and notes of the company and of the consolidated entity are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) Giving a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2005, and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) Complying with Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board



Director _____



Director _____

Date: 20th October 2005

Financial Performance

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of financial performance.

	NOTE	COMPANY & CONSOLIDATED 2005 \$	COMPANY & CONSOLIDATED 2004 \$
REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Revenue from operating activities	3	7,585,073	8,568,722
Revenue outside operating activities	3	5,986	(17,510)
		<hr/> 7,591,059	<hr/> 8,551,212
Competition expenses		(912,679)	(743,669)
High performance expenses		(3,101,593)	(3,782,425)
Development expenses		(1,341,018)	(1,594,926)
Marketing and media expenses		(743,346)	(1,011,591)
Administration expenses		(1,126,201)	(1,543,477)
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities before income tax expense		366,222	(124,876)
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities		-	-
Net profit/(loss)		<hr/> 366,222	<hr/> (124,876)

Financial Performance

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2005

	NOTE	COMPANY & CONSOLIDATED 2005 \$	COMPANY & CONSOLIDATED 2004 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	23 (b)	486,830	500
Receivables	5	409,112	919,098
Inventories	6	-	107,617
Other	7	483,460	355,365
Total Current Assets		1,379,402	1,382,580
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	1,054,802	1,252,784
Total Non-Current Assets		1,054,802	1,252,784
Total Assets		2,434,204	2,635,364
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank overdraft - interest bearing	23 b	-	522,931
Payables	9	1,199,510	1,451,286
Interest bearing liabilities	15 (b)	115,743	124,537
Provisions	10	331,309	86,851
Total Current Liabilities		1,646,562	2,185,605
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Interest bearing liabilities	15 (b)	-	27,063
Provisions	10	8,224	9,500
Total Non-Current Liabilities		8,224	36,563
Total Liabilities		1,654,786	2,222,168
Net Assets		779,418	413,196
EQUITY			
Reserves	11	518,780	518,780
Retained profits	12	260,638	(105,584)
Total Equity		779,418	413,196

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of financial performance.

Financial Performance

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

	NOTE	COMPANY & CONSOLIDATED 2005 \$	COMPANY & CONSOLIDATED 2004 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from all sources		8,088,129	9,493,477
Payments to suppliers and employees		(7,034,374)	(9,652,941)
Interest received		5,986	5,190
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	23 (a)	1,059,741	(144,274)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from disposal of asset		24,467	
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(39,090)	(67,384)
Net cash Inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		(14,623)	(67,384)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from / (repayment of) finance contracts		(35,857)	4,194
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		(35,857)	4,194
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		1,009,261	(207,464)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		(522,431)	(314,967)
Cash at the end of the financial year	23 (b)	486,830	(522,431)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of financial performance.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2005

NOTE 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Athletics Australia is a company limited by guarantee that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The registered office of Athletics Australia is located at Suite 22 Fawcner Towers, 431 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, Victoria 3004.

The principal activity during the year was the organisation of athletics.

The entity employed 20 employees as at 30 June 2005 (2004: 21 employees)

NOTE 2. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

This financial report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, which includes applicable Accounting Standards. Other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) have also been complied with.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, except for certain assets, which are at valuation.

Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements are those of the consolidated entity, comprising Athletics Australia and all entities that Athletics Australia controlled from time to time during the year and at balance date.

Information from the financial statements of the subsidiaries is included from the date Athletics Australia obtains control until such time as control ceases and consolidated financial statements reflect results for that part of the reporting period Athletics Australia has control.

The financial statements of subsidiaries are prepared for the same period as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies.

All intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated in full.

As the subsidiaries have not operated since incorporation company and consolidated financial statements are identical.

Accounting policies

Accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year. Where expenses have been reallocated between departments or within expense lines, the comparatives for the previous year have been reallocated also to assist comparability between the years.

Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks, and money market investments readily convertible to cash within two working days, net of outstanding bank overdrafts, call deposits with banks or financial institutions.

Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less any provision for doubtful debts. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off as incurred.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Costs incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition for finished goods represent cost of material and other incidental costs.

Other Assets

Other assets comprise the following:

- (i) Expenditure that has been spent in the current year but relates to overseas team representation at World Championships in the following year has been treated as a deferred cost.
- (ii) Prepaid expenditure

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2005

Going Concern

The directors have considered all available information for a period of 12 months from the date of the report and consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

The Impact of Adopting Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

The company is currently:

- evaluating the key differences in accounting policies;
- identifying the changes to the company's financial reporting systems; and
- commencing the evaluation of the financial impact arising from key differences in accounting policies that are expected to arise from the adoption of Australian equivalents of International Financial Reporting Standards.

The financial impact on the results of Athletics Australia in 2005/06 under AIFRS is expected to be minimal as the major area of impact for the company is on the valuation of assets:

- Land and Buildings - the valuation of the company's main asset (Suites 22 and 23, Fawcner Towers 431 StKilda Road, Melbourne) has a current book value of \$948,812. Testing for impairment, the most recent valuation (Fitzroys - May 2004) provided a value of \$985,000 indicating that the asset is not impaired.
- Intangible assets and inventories - impairment testing of both intangible assets and inventories will have no impact due to both asset types being written off at 30 June 2005

Recoverable Amount

Non-Current assets are written down to their recoverable amount when the carrying amount of the asset is greater than the assets' recoverable amount. Where a group of assets working together supports the generation of net cash inflows relevant to the determination of recoverable amount, the net cash inflows are estimated for the relevant group of assets and the recoverable amount test is applied to the carrying amount of that group of assets.

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Property, Plant and Equipment

Property is valued at independent valuation and plant and equipment is included at cost. All assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the company.

Major depreciation periods are :	2005	2004
Freehold buildings	40 years	40 years
Plant & equipment	3 to 10 years	3 to 10 years
Infrastructure	3 years	3 years

Leases

Leases are classified at their inception as either operating or finance leases based on the economic substance of the agreement so as to reflect the risks and benefits incidental to ownership.

Operating leases

The minimum lease payments of operating leases, where the lessor effectively retains substantially all of the risks and benefits of ownership of the leased item, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis.

Finance leases

Leases which effectively transfer substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased item to the company are capitalised at the present value of the minimum lease payments and disclosed as plant and equipment under lease. A lease liability of equal value is also recognised.

Capitalised lease assets are depreciated over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the assets and the lease term. Minimum lease payments are allocated between interest expense and reduction of the lease liability with the interest expense calculated using the interest rate implicit in the lease and charged directly to the statement of financial position.

Trade and other payables

Liabilities for trade creditors and other amounts are carried at cost which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the company.

Unearned Revenue

The amount of \$473,455 recorded as a current liability "unearned income" at balance date comprises funding grants of \$181,000 that have not been acquitted at balance date, \$92,455 for team levies for the World Youth Championships that will be recognised as revenue in July 2005 (refer to Note 9) and \$200,000 funding for web development costs to be incurred to 31 December 2005.

Interest bearing liabilities

Finance lease liability is determined in accordance with the requirements of AASB 1008 "Leases".

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Sale of Goods

Control of the goods has passed to the buyer.

Grants

Grants are recognised on an accruals basis in order that they are brought to account in the accounting period to which they relate.

Interest

Control of a right to receive consideration for the provision of, or investment in, assets has been attained.

Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for employee entitlement benefits accumulated as a result of employees rendering services up to the reporting date. These benefits include wages and salaries, annual leave, and long service leave.

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave, and any other employee entitlements expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are

expected to be paid when the liability is settled. All other employee entitlement liabilities are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. In determining the present value of future cash outflows, the interest rates attaching to government guaranteed securities which have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related liability are used.

Employee entitlements expenses and revenues arising in respect of the following categories:

- wages and salaries, non-monetary benefits, annual leave, long service leave, sick leave and other leave entitlements; and
- other types of employee entitlements;

are charged against profits on a net basis in their respective categories.

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.

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.

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NOTE 3. REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

Revenue from operating activities

Athlete and team levies	97,572	13,727
Indigenous Funding - IMIA / ATSI	100,000	100,000
Australian Commonwealth Games Association	220,500	456,000
Australian Olympic Committee	167,659	161,136
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Capitations	150,000	150,000
Domestic Competitions	115,159	129,818
Entry Fees - championships	70,849	69,213
IAAF	32,243	33,415
Merchandising	21,830	31,070
Other	239,590	117,666
Running Australia	28,862	55,881
Sponsorship	3,192,172	3,742,718
Equipment sales	11,636	12,597
Total revenues from operating activities	7,585,073	8,568,722

Revenue from Outside Operating Activities

Interest received other persons	5,986	5,190
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	-	(22,700)
Total revenue from outside the operating activities	5,986	(17,510)
Total revenues from ordinary activities	7,591,059	8,551,212

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NOTE 4. EXPENSES AND LOSSES/(GAINS)
Expenses
Depreciation of non - current assets

Buildings	25,000	26,188
Plant and equipment	137,963	99,354
	<u>162,963</u>	<u>125,542</u>

Amortisation of non - current assets

Leased assets	6,903	21,532
Infrastructure	42,739	76,032
	<u>49,642</u>	<u>97,564</u>

Total depreciation and amortisation expenses
212,605 **223,106**
Borrowing costs expensed

Interest paid to unrelated persons	43,145	27,373
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Other expense items

Inventory writedown	116,926	-
Operating lease rentals	-	27,599
Increase in provision for doubtful debts	67,404	-
Bad Debts written off or provided for	14,321	328,992

NOTE 5. RECEIVABLES (CURRENT)

Trade debtors	481,618	901,905
Provision for doubtful debts	(87,500)	(20,096)
Other debtors	14,994	37,289
Accrued grant income	-	-
Total current receivables	<u>409,112</u>	<u>919,098</u>

Terms and conditions relating to the above financial instruments. Credit sales are on seven (7) day terms.

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NOTE 6. INVENTORIES (CURRENT)

Finished goods	-	107,617
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NOTE 7. OTHER ASSETS

Prepayments	141,292	134,362
Deferred costs	342,168	221,003
	483,460	355,365

NOTE 8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Land and buildings

At Independent Valuation		
Opening balance	1,000,000	1,000,000
Revaluation	-	-
Closing balance	1,000,000	1,000,000

Accumulated Depreciation		
Opening balance	26,188	-
Depreciation	25,000	26,188
Revaluation	-	-
Closing balance	51,188	26,188
Net book value	948,812	973,812

The valuation of land and buildings was based on the estimated market value. The valuation was performed by J M Trevethick A.A.Pl. Certified Practicing Valuer Australian Valuation Office and dated 30 June 2003. A subsequent valuation by Fitzroys dated 6 May 2004 supported the valuation.

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NOTE 8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

Plant and equipment		
Cost		
Opening balance	758,507	691,120
Additions	39,090	67,387
Disposals	(24,467)	-
Closing balance	773,130	758,507
Accumulated depreciation		
Opening balance	529,177	429,823
Depreciation for the year	137,963	99,354
Closing balance	667,140	529,177
Net book value	105,990	229,330
Plant and equipment under lease		
Cost		
Opening balance	87,612	87,612
Additions	-	-
Closing balance	87,612	87,612
Accumulated amortisation		
Opening balance	80,709	59,177
Amortisation for the year	6,903	21,532
Closing balance	87,612	80,709
Net book value	-	6,903
Communication Infrastructure		
Cost		
Opening balance	289,623	289,623
Additions	-	-
Closing balance	289,623	289,623
Accumulated amortisation		
Opening balance	246,884	170,852
Amortisation for the year	42,739	76,032
Closing balance	289,623	246,884
Net book value	-	42,739
Total property, plant and equipment, net	1,054,802	1,252,784

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NOTE 9. PAYABLES (CURRENT)

Trade creditors and accruals	726,055	1,014,286
Unearned revenue (refer Note 2)	473,455	437,000
	<u>1,199,510</u>	<u>1,451,286</u>

Terms and conditions relating to the above financial instruments. Trade liabilities are normally settled on 30 to 60 day terms

NOTE 10. OTHER PROVISIONS

Current		
Provision for annual leave	81,309	86,851
Provision for adverse legal finding	250,000	-
	<u>331,309</u>	<u>86,851</u>
Non-current		
Provision for long service leave	8,224	9,500

The company has provided for an adverse finding in the dispute with the IAAF regarding the application of 'exceptional circumstances' in an athlete appeal. The provision is based upon an estimate from Athletics Australia's legal advisors.

NOTE 11. RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve		
Opening balance	518,780	518,780
Revaluation of land and buildings	-	-
Closing balance	<u>518,780</u>	<u>518,780</u>

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements in the value of non-current assets.

NOTE 12. RETAINED PROFITS / (ACCUMULATED LOSSES)

Retained profits / (Accumulated losses) at the beginning of the year	(105,584)	19,292
Net profit /(loss)	366,222	(124,876)
Retained profits / (Accumulated losses) at the end of the year	<u>260,638</u>	<u>(105,584)</u>

NOTE 13. 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 \$20 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 30 June 2005 the number of members was 8 (2004: 8).

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NOTE 14. 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 WorldTrack and Field Championships, Olympic and Commonwealth Games. During the financial year the fund derived income of \$962 (2004: \$834), and the balance of the fund at 30 June 2005 is \$21,544 (2004: \$20,582).

(b) R W Clarke Foundation

Income from this fund is used to assist athletes to obtain overseas competitive experience between the WorldTrack and Field Championships, Olympic and Commonwealth Games. During the financial year the fund derived income of \$1,823 (2004: \$1,969), grants totalling \$7,500 (2004: \$7,750) were made and the balance of the fund at 30 June 2005 is \$35,724 (2004: \$41,401).

NOTE 15. COMMITMENTS

(a) Capital commitments

- -

(b) Finance lease expenditure contracted for is payable as follows:

Not later than one year	115,743	127,147
Later than one year but not later than two years	-	7,965
Later than two years but not later than five years	-	23,504
Later than five years	-	-
	115,743	158,615
Future finance charges	-	7,015
	115,743	151,600
Reconciled to:		
Current liability	115,743	124,537
Non-current liability	-	27,063
	115,743	151,600

Terms and conditions relating to the above financial instruments.

Finance arrangements had a term of 10 months at inception of the agreement. This relates to the financing of Athletics Australia's insurance. The average discount rate implicit in the lease is 7.86% (2004: 8.89%).

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NOTE 16. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS

The aggregate employee entitlement liability is comprised of :

Accrued wages and salaries and on costs			
Provisions (Current)	10	81,309	86,851
Provisions (Non Current)	10	8,224	9,500
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		89,533	96,351

NOTE 17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Contingent liabilities

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NOTE 18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no subsequent events for the year ending 30 June 2005.

NOTE 19. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Amounts received or due and payable by Ernst & Young for:

- an audit of the financial report of the entity and any other entity in the consolidated entity.		16,500	16,500
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NOTE 20. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

Income paid or payable, or otherwise made available, in respect of the financial year,
 to all directors of Athletics Australia, directly or indirectly, from the entity or any related party:

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No.

No.

The number of directors of Athletics Australia whose income
 (including superannuation contributions) falls within the following bands is:

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9

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NOTE 21. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Directors

J A H Forrest	Resigned 31 August 2004
K J Roche	
H J Elliott	
W F Bailey	
R H Fildes	Appointed 1 February 2005
J C Hansen	
P R Kennedy	
E J McGuire	Appointed 9 March 2005
R J Scrimshaw	

There were no related party transactions during the year.

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NOTE 22. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

NOTE 22 (A) INTEREST RATE RISK

The company's exposure to interest rate risks and the effective interest rates of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial Assets

Floating interest rate

Cash	486,830	500
	486,830	500

Non interest bearing

Trade and other receivables	409,112	919,098
	409,112	919,098

Total carrying amount per financial statements

Cash	486,830	500
Trade and other receivables	409,112	919,098
Total financial assets	895,942	919,598

Weighted average effective interest rate

Cash	2.05%	0.50%
Trade and other receivables	N/A	N/A

Financial Liabilities

Floating interest rate

Overdraft	-	522,931
	-	522,931

Non interest bearing

Trade creditors	1,199,510	1,451,286
	1,199,510	1,451,286

Fixed interest rate - one year or less

Finance lease liability	115,743	124,537
	115,743	124,537

Fixed interest rate - over one to five years

Finance lease liability	-	27,063
	-	27,063

Total carrying amount per financial statements

Overdraft	-	522,931
Trade creditors	1,199,510	1,451,286
Finance lease liability	115,743	151,600
Total financial liabilities	1,315,253	2,125,817

Weighted average effective interest rate

Trade creditors	N/A	N/A
Overdraft	10.95%	10.70%
Finance lease liability	7.86%	8.89%

NOTE 22 (B) NET FAIR VALUES

All financial assets and liabilities have been recognised at the balance date at their net fair values.

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NOTE 23. NOTES TO STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of net profit/(loss) after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities:

Net profit/(loss)	366,222	(124,876)
Depreciation	212,605	223,106
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors and prepayments	503,056	440,855
(Increase) / Decrease in deferred expenses	(121,165)	337,901
(Increase) / Decrease in accrued grants income	-	496,600
(Increase) / Decrease in inventories	107,617	104,647
(Decrease) / Increase in sundry creditors	(288,231)	(1,277,250)
(Decrease) / Increase in unearned income	36,455	(335,500)
(Decrease) / Increase in provisions	243,182	(9,757)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	1,059,741	(144,274)

(b) Reconciliation of cash assets

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:

Bank overdraft	-	(522,931)
Cash at bank	486,330	-
Petty cash	500	500
	486,830	(522,431)

(c) Credit Stand-by Arrangement and Loan Facilities

The company has an on going overdraft facility of \$685,000.

NOTE 24. CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Cost of Investments

Host City Marathon Ltd incorporated in Australia 13 July 2001.	-	-
Team AA Ltd incorporated in Australia 13 July 2001	-	-

These companies are limited by guarantee.

Athletics Australia exercises a controlling influence over these companies as on becoming a member of the Board of Athletics Australia a person is deemed to have been admitted to the membership of the Company and likewise is deemed to be appointed to be a Director.

During the year these companies did not trade.



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Independent audit report to members of Athletics Australia Limited

Scope

The financial report and directors' responsibility

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the directors' declaration for Athletics Australia Limited (the company) and the consolidated entity, for the year ended 30 June 2005. The consolidated entity comprises both the company and the entities it controlled during that year.

The directors of the company are responsible for preparing a financial report that gives a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the company and the consolidated entity, and that complies with Accounting Standards in Australia, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the company. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including compliance with Accounting Standards in Australia, and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's and the consolidated entity's financial position, and of their performance as represented by the results of their operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

We performed procedures to assess whether the substance of business transactions was accurately reflected in the financial report. These and our other procedures did not include consideration or judgement of the appropriateness or reasonableness of the business plans or strategies adopted by the directors and management of the company.

Independence

We are independent of the company and the consolidated entity and have met the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the *Corporations Act 2001*. We have given to the directors of the company a written Auditor's Independence Declaration [a copy of which is included in the Directors' Report.]

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Athletics Australia Limited is in accordance with:

- (a) the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of Athletics Australia Limited and the consolidated entity at 30 June 2005 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards in Australia and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
- (b) other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia.

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Partner
Melbourne
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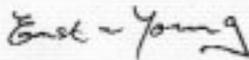
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DISCLAIMER ON ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The additional financial information, being the attached Detailed Statement of Financial Performance, has been compiled by the management of Athletics Australia Limited.

No audit or review has been performed by us 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 Athletics Australia Limited may suffer arising from any negligence on our part. No person should rely on the additional financial information without having an audit or review conducted.



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Entry Fees - championships	70,849	69,213
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	-	(22,700)
IAAF	32,243	33,415
Interest received	5,986	5,190
Merchandising	21,830	31,070
Other	239,590	117,666
Running Australia	28,862	55,881
Sponsorship	2,697,500	3,303,933
Sponsorship - VIK	494,672	438,785
Equipment sales	11,636	12,597
Total revenue	7,591,059	8,551,212

**Notes to the Financial Statements for
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Competition Expenses

Competition equipment	22,498	503
Competition expenses	10,514	28,883
Domestic competition	318,405	357,543
International athletes	236,882	8,219
Officiating	49,136	26,516
Prize money	44,940	60,923
Staffing costs	170,806	198,814
Travel	7,389	40,268
VIK	52,109	22,000
Total competition expenses	912,679	743,669

High Performance Expenses

Athlete funding	171,589	434,234
Camps	-	60,619
Coaches	35,228	76,158
Inter divisional expense recovery	99,997	167,000
International competition	583,777	790,078
Juniors/Espoirs development	88,692	21,217
Other high performance expenses	284,179	61,695
Paralympic program	478,844	393,913
Selection and athlete commission costs	-	-
Sport science & medicine	43,042	57,723
Staffing costs	320,756	460,670
State Institute programs	746,921	1,032,498
Travel	12,488	94,890
VIK	236,080	131,730
Total high performance expenses	3,101,593	3,782,425

Development Expenses

AA Federation support funding	9,091	10,000
AT&FCA subsidy	73,000	70,000
Club and school development activities	16,116	36,458
Junior body funding - ALA	-	15,000
Member management services	36,970	36,125
Indigenous sport	100,000	106,406
Inter divisional expense recovery	-	(50,000)
Member Association financial support	367,415	435,731
National insurance program	265,050	294,541
Out of stadium	96,872	138,728
Project Connect	6,431	-
Staffing costs	165,729	215,537
Team Athletics and School projects / events	176,723	179,958
Travel	1,739	26,387
VIK	25,882	80,055
Total development expenses	1,341,018	1,594,926

**Notes to the Financial Statements for
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Marketing Expenses

Athlete of the Year event	34,050	141,109
Domestic Season Marketing	61,859	128,700
Media and PR	47,599	49,423
Other expenses	12,792	22
Publications and collateral	85,395	50,237
Sponsorship management	52,978	55,204
Staffing costs	207,657	233,297
Television coverage	150,000	130,000
Travel	4,935	18,599
VIK	86,081	205,000
Total marketing expenses	743,346	1,011,591

Administration Expenses

Affiliation fees	401	268
Audit Fees	23,970	16,500
Bad and doubtful debts	81,725	328,992
Bank charges and credit card commissions	6,358	18,585
Board costs	8,262	34,639
Consultants	-	11,345
Couriers, freight and cartage	1,102	4,687
Depreciation	212,605	223,106
Inter divisional expense recovery	(99,997)	(117,000)
Interest Paid	43,145	27,373
Legal expenses	31,844	74,805
Meeting expenses	8,343	17,468
Office expenses	53,314	36,886
Outgoings	18,256	11,999
Postage	12,728	13,819
Printing and stationery	17,425	14,565
Professional fees	7,275	73,545
Publications and subscriptions	5,943	13,072
Rates and taxes	25,122	27,251
Recruitment and training	6,964	32,758
Staffing costs	522,906	448,540
Storage	1,101	9,659
Telephone, fax and Internet	96,422	148,373
Travel	683	29,710
Work Cover	40,304	42,532
Total administration expenses	1,126,201	1,543,477
Net profit /(loss)	366,222	(124,876)

**Notes to the Financial Statements for
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R W CLARKE FOUNDATION

Statement of Income and Expenses as at 30 June 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Balance of distribution account as at 1 July 2004	(11,599)	(5,818)
Plus, Interest (net of bank charges) Transfer from capital account	1,823	1,969
Less, Grants paid	(7,500)	(7,750)
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Balance as at 30 June 2005	(17,276)	(11,599)

R W CLARKE FOUNDATION

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank	35,724	41,401
Capital and Reserves		
Capital account	53,000	53,000
Distribution account	(17,276)	(11,599)
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	35,724	41,401

ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL RACE WALKING FOUNDATION

Statement of Income and Expenses as at 30 June 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Balance of distribution account as at 1 July 2004	3,982	3,148
Plus, Interest (net of bank charges)	962	834
Less, Grants paid	-	-
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Balance as at 30 June 2005	4,944	3,982

ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL RACE WALKING FOUNDATION

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank	21,544	20,582
Capital and Reserves		
Capital account	16,600	16,600
Distribution account	4,944	3,982
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	21,544	20,582

A photograph of Australian javelin thrower Annabel Thompson in the middle of her throw. She is wearing a white singlet with green and yellow accents, featuring the word 'AUSTRALIA' at the top and a bib with 'GROSSETO' and the number '37'. Her shorts are teal with the 'NB' logo. She is holding a wooden javelin with a silver tip, and her right arm is extended upwards. The background is a blurred stadium with spectators and flags.

**Australia's
Annabel Thompson
releases the javelin
on her way to
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