

Success on the World Stage

Athletics Australia
2009–2010 Annual Report

Runners hit the road for the
2010 Perth City to Surf



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From the President



Australian athletics has had a successful year with many victories on and off the track. Our sport continues to grow with a large number of athletes benefiting from both our junior and senior programs. During the year several significant meets were held and our athletes proved yet again that they were among some of the best in the world.

Performances of significant note this year included:

1. 6th IAAF world youth championships – July, 2009 – Bressanone, Italy

The Australian team for the IAAF world youth championships held in Bressanone, Italy, from July 9-12, 2009, consisted of 22 athletes. This competition enables athletes in the Under 18 age group to benefit from competition on the international stage. Our only medalist at the championships, Amy Pejkoivic, won silver in the high jump whilst setting a new personal best of 1.85m. Claiming a total of nine top-eight finishes across the five days of competition, Australia placed 15th overall.

2. 12th IAAF world championships – August, 2009 – Berlin, Germany

2500 athletes from 202 nations congregated in Germany's capital to contest the biggest event on the 2009 international athletics calendar. Australia fielded a team of 47 athletes, one of our largest ever teams to a world championships. For 27 of the team, it was their debut at the championships. With 17 top-16 finishes, including two gold (Steve Hooker – pole vault and Dani Samuels – discus throw) and two bronze (4x400m men's relay and Mitchell Watt – long jump), it was our best result at a world championships since the commencement of the meet in 1983. Australia ranked 11th on the medal table. Our objective is to be a top-10 nation by the Moscow world championships in 2013.

3. 16th IAAF world half marathon championships – October, 2009 – Birmingham, England

Athletics Australia sent two athletes to the championships, each making their debut on the international stage. In a championships dominated by the African nations, Jeff Hunt and Cassie Fien crossed the line 43rd and 31st respectively. We look forward to following both athletes as they gain more international experience in future half marathons.

4. 13th IAAF world indoor championships – March, 2010 – Doha, Qatar

World and Olympic champion Steve Hooker led a small contingent of five athletes to the world indoors. It was Australia's best-ever performance, ranking fifth on the medal table with two gold (Steve Hooker – pole vault and Fabrice Lapierre – long jump) and one bronze (Mitchell Watt – long jump).

5. 38th IAAF world cross country championships – March, 2010 – Bydgoszcz, Poland

Australia was represented by 17 athletes at the world cross country championships. The championships, which comprised of individual and teams events, saw Australia place eighth in the women's team; 15th in the men's team; and 14th in the junior boys. Benita Willis was our best performer, placing 17th in the women's event.

6. World University Cross Country Championships – April, 2010 – Kingston, Canada

Nine athletes (four men and five women) travelled to Canada to compete in the event run by World University Sports. Liam Adams ran a stellar race to win a silver medal in the men's race, helping the team to sixth place overall. The women won silver in the teams event, with Melinda Vernon the best placed female in seventh position.

7. 24th IAAF World Race Walking Cup – May, 2010 – Chihuahua, Mexico

Jared Tallent led a team of 15 athletes in Chihuahua, Mexico in May 2010 by finishing with a bronze medal in the 50km event, the best placed Australian at the Cup. The men's team finished fifth overall. Jessica Rothwell was the best placed Australian (ninth) in the women's 20km walk. The junior boys learnt valuable lessons when two of the three competitors were disqualified, whilst the junior girls team finished an impressive sixth overall, showing an impressive depth in the walking fraternity.

Thank you to our Board Members for their skilled and considered input over the past 12 months.

The Board of Athletics Australia continues to work closely with Athletics Australia management to ensure that budgets are met and the financial stability of Athletics Australia continues to improve.

Thank you to the staff and management team at Athletics Australia, who work tirelessly to keep the wheels in motion toward our common goals.

Our new CEO, Dallas O'Brien, is settling in very well, learning the many and numerous functions of his position with skill, patience and competence.

A special thank you to our outgoing CEO, Danny Corcoran. Danny has been a great servant to Australian athletics for nearly six years.

I would like to thank all committee members for their time and expertise provided to the organisation.

Thank you to our eight Member Associations who work enormously hard and are a pleasure to work with. Your dedication to the sport of athletics does not go unnoticed and I genuinely thank you for your commitment and hard work.

I would like to sincerely thank the Australian Sports Commission for its consistent and growing support of athletics.

Also our thanks to the Australian Olympic Committee, the Australian Paralympic Committee and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association.

Thanks to our footwear and apparel sponsors, Asics and 2XU and our hotel supporter, Erdi Group.

The IAAF controlling body has been a tremendous help during the year and I would like to specifically thank the IAAF President, Lamine Diack, General Secretary Pierre Weiss and IAAF Councillor and Area Representative – Oceania, Bill Bailey for their support to me personally and to Australian athletics throughout the year.

A special thank you to all the coaches, parents, officials, volunteers and supporters who do so much to help our athletes achieve their goals.

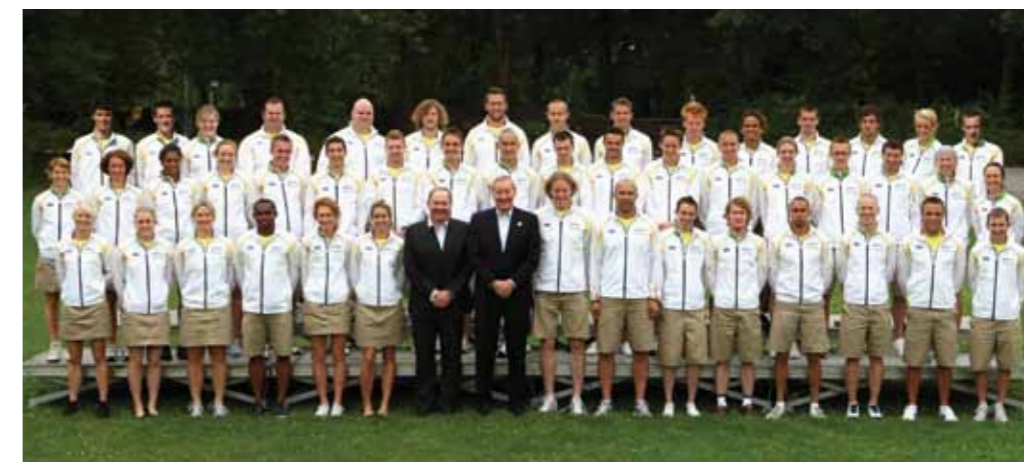
Athletics is often overlooked as the foundation sport for nearly all sports: running, jumping and throwing. We struggle, along with other Olympic sports, to keep and develop our share of talented young Australians against the financially strong, powerful and influential professional sports in Australia.

Athletics' challenge is to remain relevant in today's fast-changing world with so many options open to our young.

It is important we all work together, in a spirit of harmony, to improve the sport of athletics throughout Australia.

Finally, I wish all our athletes great success in the 2010-11 season and in their future athletics goals.

Rob H Fildes OAM
President
Athletics Australia



The inaugural Australian Flame at the 2009 IAAF world championships in Berlin (GER)

From the Chief Executive Officer

Danny Corcoran



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

In signing off as CEO after almost six years, there are many to thank and acknowledge and I would like to take the opportunity to do so in my final report.

Athletics Australia today is a very different organisation than the one we took over in 2004 and we have many people to thank for the years of hard work, which often goes unrecognised.

Firstly, I warmly thank our President, Rob Fildes OAM, and the Athletics Australia Board for their dedication and support over past years. I have said before that the sport is very fortunate to have a President and Board who work tirelessly to improve the sport and who now have a thorough understanding of the sport. It was a pleasure to work with a group of people who are passionately committed to improving the sport of athletics.

I would like to thank the Australian Sports Commission and the ASC Executive team for their support. In particular I pass on my special thanks to Greg Nance, Peter Fricker and Peter Sharpe. I would like to welcome incoming CEO Matt Miller, and wish him all the very best as he takes charge of the ASC and the many sports that depend on the support of the ASC.

Also special thanks to all our Member Associations for their commitment to athletics at a grassroots level and their support of Athletics Australia. Without the substantial support of the Member Associations our sport could not possibly function in the manner it does and host the number of events we run each year.

Thanks also to our State Institute of Sport and Academies of Sport partners who have supported our High Performance plans and who have been instrumental in their implementation through to the Berlin world championships. We recognise the invaluable support of the Australian Olympic Committee and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association and look forward to a collaborative effort in preparing the Australian athletics teams for Delhi in 2010 and London in 2012. In particular I would like to thank John Coates and Pery Crosswhite for their invaluable support and counsel.

The Sydney Running Festival is a success story in its own right and provides significant funding assistance to Athletics Australia which in turn supports our internal programs. Special thanks to SRF Managing Director Wayne Larden and his dedicated team, who have made this a special event on Australia's running calendar.

Thanks to our footwear and apparel sponsor Asics, our compression partner 2XU and television partner Network Ten/One HD. Special thanks to the Oceania Athletics Council and in particular President Geoff Gardner, Executive Director Yvonne Mullins, IAAF Australian Area representative and Athletics Australia Director Bill Bailey and my fellow Councilors on the Oceania Athletics Council. The great work that takes place in the Oceania Region often goes unnoticed, so we take the opportunity to say thank you!

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank Athletics Australia's management team and staff for their efforts in administering the sport. This small but passionate team has worked tirelessly to bring the sport together and really deserves our special thanks. The results they have achieved have been quite spectacular and I wish them all the best as they take our sport through to Delhi and London.

Now a final and special thanks to the unsung heroes – the coaches, officials and volunteers for the countless hours they donate to assist in the running of our sport. Without your support we could not run the sport as effectively as we do and in particular we thank you for assisting us in hosting the world-class athletics meetings that Athletics Australia hosts each year.

We now look forward to the 2010-11 athletics season, a new home for Athletics Australia and again watching our Australian athletes take on the world as we accept the challenges that the sport of athletics continually presents us.

Danny Corcoran

Chief Executive Officer (to May, 2010)
Athletics Australia

Steve Hooker meets fans at the 2010 IAAF Melbourne Track Classic



From the Chief Executive Officer

Dallas O'Brien



I thought it appropriate I introduce myself as the new CEO of Athletics Australia and share some of my vision and desire to continue the great work of my predecessor and the Board of Athletics Australia.

There are many challenges that confront this great sport of ours, none the least to unite all stakeholders that play an important role in the makeup of athletics in Australia. They all have a contribution to make and must feel they are part of the big picture in creating a more vibrant and successful sport.

Athletics Australia's vision is for a vibrant and successful sport of athletics in Australia, with its fundamental purpose to lead coordinated efforts to achieve this vision. The following 'five pillars' form the backbone of our strategic plan: High Performance, Leadership in the Athletics Community, Coaching, a Junior Program and Financial Capability.

Each area is as important as the others, however we must be realistic in what we can achieve depending very much on our financial capabilities. Athletics Australia has become very dependent on funding from a number of sources, primarily the Australian Sports Commission, the Commonwealth Games Association, the Australian Olympic Committee and the Australian Paralympic Committee. We have recently received confirmation that we will be receiving additional funding in the High Performance area from the ASC for the next quadrennial and are hopeful of a share of the funding dedicated to the 'new' area of 'participation' that focuses on the grassroots areas of the sport.

There has been some great work done in restructuring the makeup and focus of Athletics Australia to best use the funding support made available. However, we have been given a clear direction that 'the sport must run the sport'. It has become apparent that we need to take 'ownership' of our sport, from the 'kids to the clubs' to establish a strong and viable foundation for the future.

We need to look closely at commercial opportunities, create new opportunities and get involved in all aspects of the sport, supporting our Member Associations and their clubs, using their support base to grow numbers and develop athletes of all ages. We need to be leaders and work closely with all our stakeholders in the sport, including Little Athletics, the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association, school sport and recreational running.

At the pointy end of our sport, the restructuring of the High Performance pathways will continue to be a primary focus. The additional funding will enable us to work more closely with the Australian Institute of Sport and state institutes, and develop athlete contracts that will form the basis of support for our elite athletes in reaching their full potential and capabilities in our major championships.

I look forward to working with the Board and staff of Athletics Australia in providing good governance of the sport for 2010-11 and beyond. We are in a great position to establish a sound foundation for the future of athletics in Australia.

Dallas O'Brien

Chief Executive Office (from June, 2010)
Athletics Australia

Thousands participate
in the 2010 Sydney
Running Festival



From the Australian Sports Commission

It is an honour to serve as the new Chair of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Board at this challenging and exciting period for our national sporting system.

The ASC and national sporting organisations (NSOs) have long spoken of a shared ambition to strengthen relationships between all system partners involved in Australian sport.

Aligned with this ambition, the Australian Government is now encouraging a whole-of-sport reform agenda, aimed at establishing a more collaborative, efficient and integrated sports system.

Through new direction for sport 'Australian Sport: the Pathway to Success', the ASC will work closely with sport to achieve its main objectives; boost sports participation and strengthen sporting pathways while striving for international success.

The reform agenda seeks for the ASC to assist in providing stability and support for all sporting organisations in their pursuit of a shared, common purpose; creating a better sporting pathway for all Australians, from the grassroots up.

The ASC will implement the new direction, and this includes collaboration with all NSOs to allocate a record amount of new sports funding – committing an extra \$195 million over the next four years.

This funding is in addition to the current ongoing baseline funding for NSOs. Also, the ASC will assist sporting organisations with access to coaching and officiating programs, governance support, planning and education opportunities and assistance with becoming more inclusive – particularly in the areas of Indigenous sport, sport for people with a disability, sport for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and women's sport development programs.

This is the first time key sport partners, such as state and territory institutes and academies of sport and state and territory departments of sport and recreation, have collaborated on a Commonwealth funding decision in the interests of Australia's sporting future.

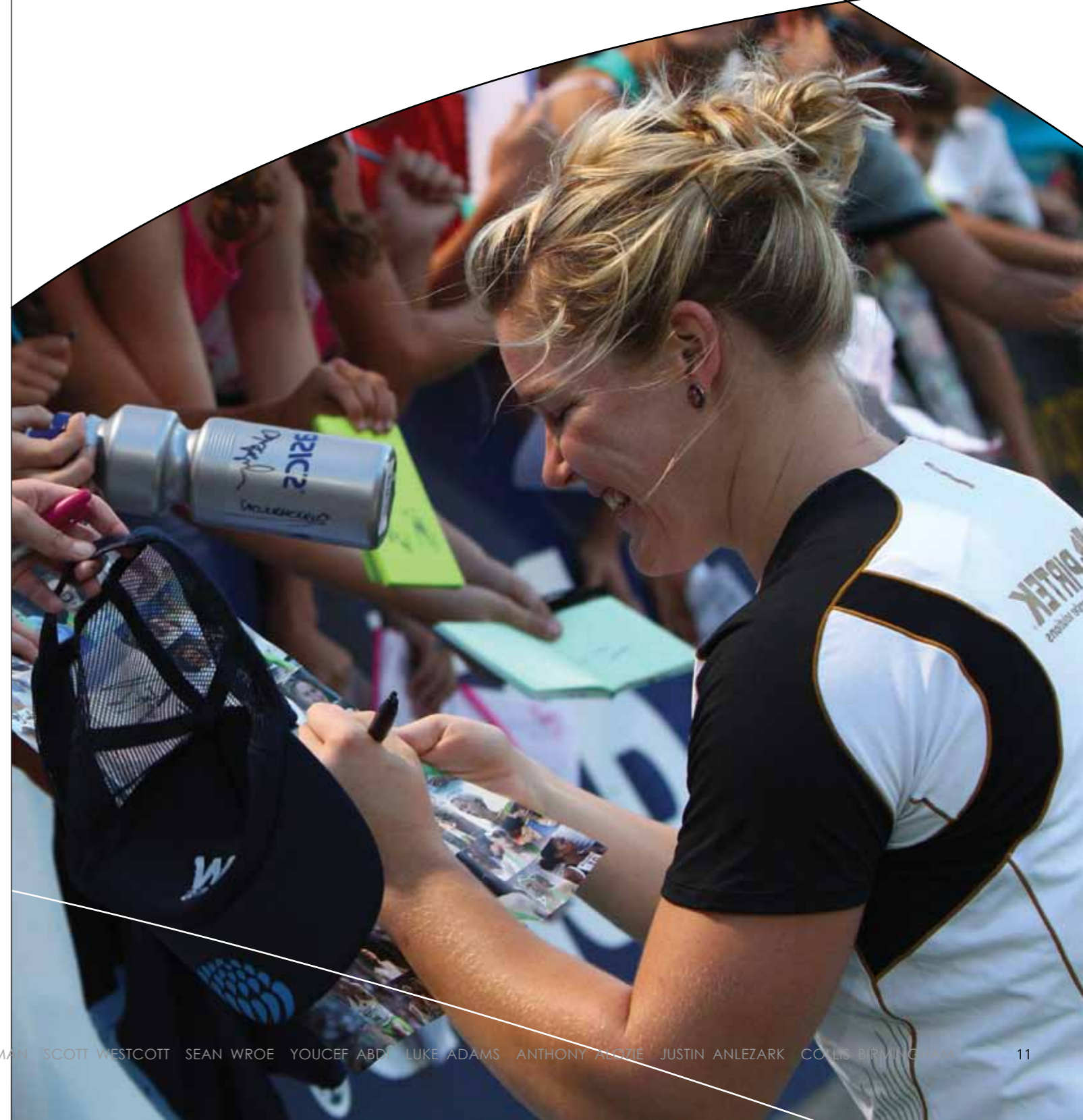
This is an exciting time for all of us involved in Australian sport. With significant new funding from the Australian Government, sports will be better positioned than ever before to lead the drive for higher participation levels and strong success on the sporting field by promoting the unique nature of their sport, creating a legacy and a lasting impression for communities across the country.

The ASC will continue to work with all NSOs, the state and territory institutes and academies of sport and state and territory departments of sport and recreation, reinvigorating access to, and participation in, sport across the community and driving Australia's continued sporting success.

The Hon. Warwick Smith AM

*Chairman
Board of the Australian Sports Commission*

*Dani Samuels signs
autographs for young
fans at the 2010
Sydney Track Classic*



High Performance

INTRODUCTION

The high performance program in 2009-10 has had a very successful year both in terms of performances at major championships and the behind-the-scenes administration of the program.

The strategy outlined in last year's Annual Report is starting to take root and is being developed to its full potential based on new investment from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and the development of a new National Talent Identification and Development plan (NTID). Ultimately this will see a unified high performance pathway and provide a seamless pathway to success.

Our athletes, coaches and administrators are becoming familiar with the new systems and protocols being developed and molded to the particular circumstances of athletics in Australia.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The year has seen Australia produce its most successful IAAF world championships indoors and outdoors (see team results). New world champions in Steve Hooker (outdoors and indoors), Dani Samuels (outdoors) and Fabrice Lapierre (indoors) were crowned.

Alongside these champions other fine performances have been registered, for example Mitchell Watt's world championships bronze medal and Australia's 4x400m relay bronze medal. These performances bring significant recognition to Australia and Australian athletics.

These performances highlight the ability of Australia's coaching fraternity to produce champions with particular mention to Alex Parnov, Denis Knowles, Gary Bourne and Ian Hatfield.

The national championships held in Perth were a great success. The new stadium will be a tremendous asset to performance in the coming years. Congratulations to all those involved in creating a great championships.

EUROPEAN SEASON 2010

The European circuit has seen the rebranding of the old Golden League into the new Diamond League. It is a credit to the standard of Australian athletics that so many Australian athletes were able to secure spots in these meets and be successful with podium finishes.

ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the high performance department is arriving at its culmination of 18 months of strategic work. The implementation stages are well under way. The final submissions to the ASC are being completed with the ASC bid process nearing its conclusion.

The addition to the previous strategic plan is an NTID plan to be signed off by the ASC. The key tenets of this plan include:

- Elite coaches to guide predictive criteria
- Identification aligned to targeted events/disciplines
- Full integration with the Australian Institute of Sport, State Institutes of Sport and State Academies of Sport (AIS/SIS/SAS) over the delivery of best practice services within NTID
- Integration of athletes with a disability into the NTID system
- Focused support for sub-elite athletes
- The program to maintain an Indigenous component
- Close partnerships with stakeholders
- NTID program imbedded in the high performance program

Finally, the overall climate in Australian sport has led to a more collaborative engagement with our high performance stakeholders. All is set for the final push toward the Olympic Games in London 2012.

TEAM RESULTS

FISU World University Games Belgrade, SRB July 1-12, 2009	Sean Wroe: <i>Gold – 400m</i> Madeleine Pape: <i>Gold – 800m</i> Tristan Thomas: <i>Gold – 400m hurdles</i> Tristan Thomas, John Burstow, Clay Watkins, Brendan Cole, Chris Troode, Sean Wroe: <i>Gold – 4x400m relay</i> Dani Samuels: <i>Gold – Discus throw</i> Kaila McKnight: <i>Silver – 1500m</i>	Best ever Australian medal result in the event's 72-year history.
IAAF world youth championships Sudtiro, ITA July 8-12, 2009	Amy Pejovic: <i>Silver – high jump</i>	Finished 15th on the placing tables with 27 points, only three points off a top-10 finish.
IAAF world championships Berlin, GER August 15-23, 2009	Steve Hooker: <i>Gold – pole vault</i> Dani Samuels: <i>Gold – discus throw</i> Mitchell Watt: <i>Bronze – long jump</i> Sean Wroe Joel Milburn, Ben Offereins, John Steffensen, Tristan Thomas: <i>Bronze – men's 4x400m relay</i>	Australia finished 10th on the medal table and 11th on the placing table with 45 points from nine top-eight finishes with a team of 45 athletes.
Chiba Ekiden Relay Chiba, JPN November 23, 2009	Once again we sent a mixed team to this event, with a seventh-place finish the final result. At the IAAF world half marathon championships in Birmingham, GBR, on October 11, 2009, a team of two athletes represented Australia.	
IAAF world indoor championships Doha, QAT March 12-14, 2010	Steve Hooker: <i>Gold – pole vault</i> Fabrice Lapierre: <i>Gold – long jump</i> Mitchell Watt: <i>Bronze – long jump</i>	Australia finished fifth on the medal table with a team of five athletes.
IAAF world cross country championships Bydgoszcz, POL March 28, 2010	We sent a team of 16 athletes, with the best-performed result the eighth place finish of the senior women's team.	
FISU World University Cross Country Championships Kingston, CAN April 11, 2010	Liam Adams: <i>Silver – men's cross country</i> Emily Donker Melinda Vernon, Eliza Stewart, Jessica Trengove, Carly Griffith: <i>Silver – women's team cross country</i>	
IAAF World Race Walking Cup Chihuahua, MEX May 15-16, 2010	Jared Tallent: <i>Bronze – 50km walk</i>	The best-placed team was the men's 50km team in fifth place.

High Performance Continued

NATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM

A more detailed account of Youth programs is provided in the Youth section of this report.

PARALYMPIC PREPARATION PROGRAM

2010 has seen the loss of Scott Goodman, the cornerstone of the program and an amazing contributor to disability sport. Athletics Australia would formally like to thank Scott for his years of service to high performance and the incredible performances achieved by the Paralympic team under his stewardship. Athletics Australia wishes Scott all the best in his future endeavours.

This has been a quiet year on the championships front with no major championships. It has been a year of preparation and taking stock for athletes and coaches.

Athletics Australia has also appointed a new Paralympic Preparation Program manager in Rohan Short. Athletics Australia would like to wish him all the best in his new role. Rohan is in the process of reviewing all aspects of the program and at the same time busy preparing for the IPC World Championships in New Zealand in January, 2011.

Athletics Australia's relationship with the Australian Paralympic Committee has matured over the last year and is mirroring the processes and protocols engaged with Athletics Australia and the Australian Sports Commission. This can only be a good thing for this section of the sport.

Eric Hollingsworth

*High Performance Manager
Athletics Australia*

Steve Hooker leaps to world championships gold in Berlin (GER) in August, 2009



High Performance Pathways Program

The High Performance Pathways Program for 2009-10 was indeed a busy one. Athletes were selected in four separate squads. Each came together for camps-based programs with involvement of personal coaches, mentors, National Youth Event Coaches, various high performance coaches and sports scientists from our valued SIS/SAS network.

NATIONAL UNDER 17 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Fifty-two vibrant young athletes bounced into the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in May. This was our fifth Under 17 squad program since its inception in 2006 and proved to be one of the best. Coaching sessions with the National Youth Event Coaches (NYEC), education sessions with sports scientists from the AIS and guest speakers Melissa Breen and Kevin Moore, both junior program graduates, made for a terrific experience for all. Personal coaches were also catered for with all enjoying their professional development opportunity.

NATIONAL UNDER 19 TALENT SQUAD

Talent squad athletes joined together on two occasions. One training camp at the AIS and the second a competition-based camp, linking in with the Briggs Athletics Classic in Hobart as part of the Australian Athletics Tour. The competition opportunity was very valuable as most athletes had not competed on the Tour before. The mentor component of both programs was enjoyable and well received. Stories of the ups and downs of international competition whilst juggling study, work and family lives were not lost on this squad. Coaching and assistance by the National Youth Event Coaches, medical screening, psychology, nutrition, recovery and international travel were all covered.

NATIONAL 21'S SQUAD

A new program this year, put in place to support and encourage those athletes coming out of the Under 20 junior age group, this program was a huge success. The squad travelled to Auckland, New Zealand, and enjoyed the challenge of competition against New Zealand's brightest young stars. The program was well led by four mentors from Athletics International in Charlene Rendina, Bruce Frayne, Maxine Corcoran and Peter Bourke. Discussions on transition from junior to senior athletics, concurrent careers, resilience and their burning desire to represent Australia assisted this squad greatly.

TARGET 2012 SQUAD

The Target 2012 squad met for a competition-based camp in Brisbane, competing at the Brisbane Track Classic. Medical screenings, information on touring Europe, individual meetings with High Performance Manager Eric Hollingsworth and a strong mentor program made this an informative and enjoyable camp. The opportunity to compete in a village-based program is never lost, even on some of our most experienced athletes.

2009 IAAF WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Twenty-two athletes were selected to compete in Bressanone, Italy in July, 2009. The team was selected based on top-eight performance standards from the previous four world youth championships. The team achieved nine top-eight and 13 top-12 performances. These results are a great start for these young athletes who will hopefully continue in the sport to become future Australian Flame members.

SPECIAL THANKS

Athletics Australia would like to thank our National Youth Event Coaches (NYEC) for all their help, support and guidance throughout the year. These coaches work tirelessly to support our developing juniors and are always available to any coach if assistance or support is needed. Thank you to Sharon Hannan (sprints and relays), Glynis Nunn-Cearns (400m), Matty Beckenham (hurdles), Nicky Frey (distance), Brent Vallance (walks), Karyne Di Marco (hammer throw), John Minns (shot put/discus throw), Lindsay Burgoyne (javelin throw), Nicole Boegman-Stewart (long/triple jump), Mark Stewart (pole vault), Sandro Bisetto (high jump) and Peter Hannan (multi events). Our Pathways medical staff in Dr Dan Bates and Dr Adam Castricum, physiotherapists Kylie Holt, Laura Bacquie, Merryn Aldridge and Ben Liddy. Our world youth championships staff of Jodi Lambert, Rosie Ditton, Nicky Frey, Sandro Bisetto, Terri Cater, Karyne Di Marco, Craig Fountain and Dr Craig Panther.

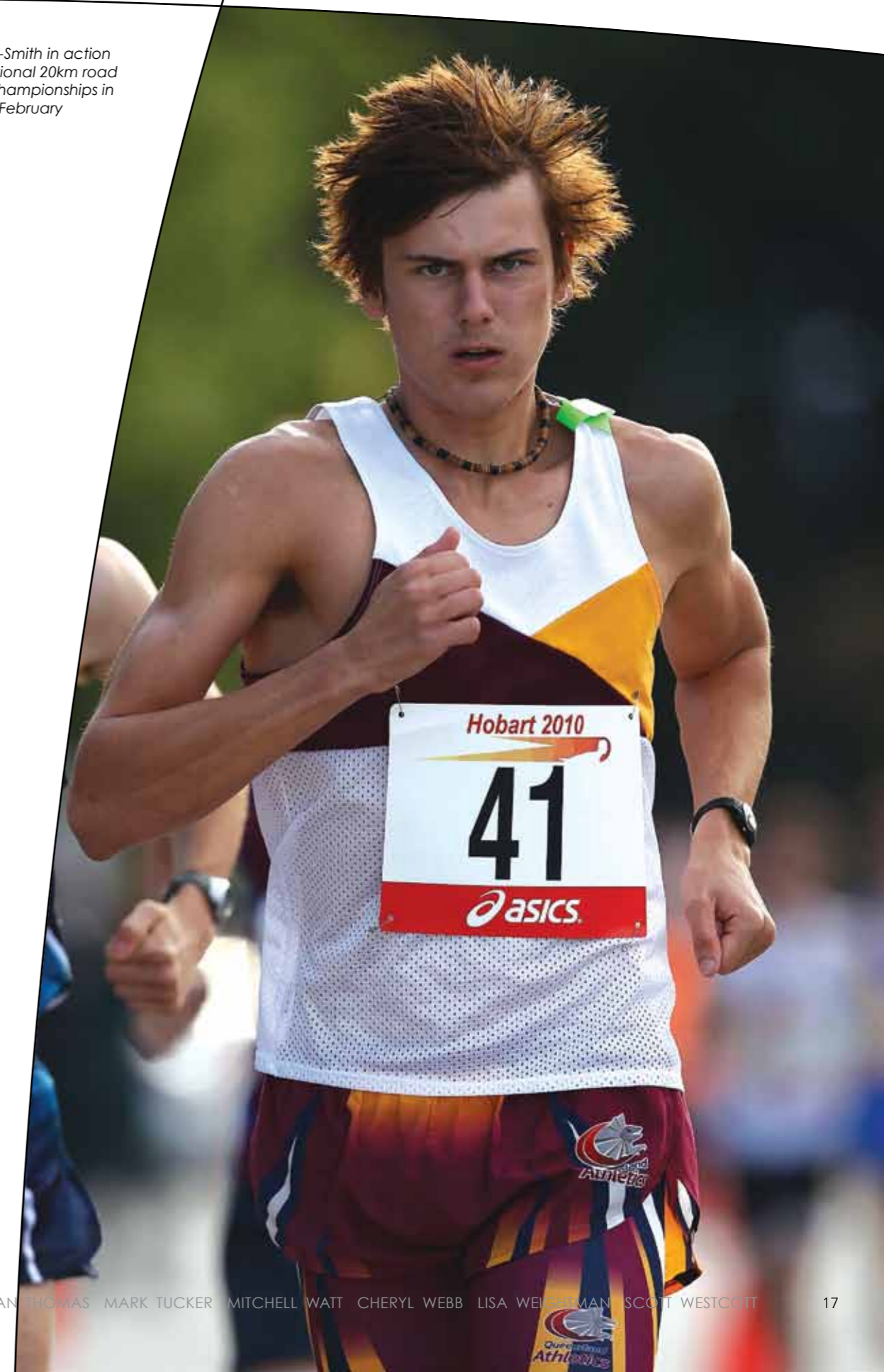
Special thanks to Athletics International for the wonderful financial support given to our Pathways programs. Also to the 30 mentors who assisted at our camps, sharing their time, their insights and their lives with us all.

Thanks again to the Commonwealth Games Association, 2XU and Asics for their terrific financial support during this year. We would struggle to fund each of our important programs without your support.

Sara Mulkearns

National Junior High Performance Manager
Athletics Australia

Dane Bird-Smith in action
at the national 20km road
walking championships in
Hobart in February



High Performance

AWD Inclusion and Paralympic Preparation Program

During the 2009-10 reporting period, Athletics Australia's commitment to the inclusion of athletes with a disability (AWDs) has been further enhanced through:

- 1) The running of the 10th combined AWD and 'able-bodied' national championships in Perth, April 16-18, 2010;
- 2) The appointment of Mark Pettifer in January 2010 as the AWD Development Coordinator to focus on the development of the competition and training pathways at interclub, regional and state level provided by Athletics Australia Member Associations;
- 3) Closer links between the Athletics Australia High Performance Manager, Eric Hollingsworth, and senior Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) staff including Jason Hellwig (CEO), Michael Hartung (Manager of Sport) and Chris Nunn (High Performance Manager);
- 4) Continued AWD coverage in all national series meets;
- 5) The maintenance of open and underage AWD records by our Athletics Australia AWD statistician Neil Fuller (Note: Over 120 open and underage AWD records have been processed over the last 12 months);
- 6) Consolidation of the Athletics Australia Paralympic Preparation Program Emerging Talent (AA-PPP ET) squad under the guidance of coordinator Brett Jones in consultation with the key staff that deliver the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) Talent Search Program. As a result of this approach over 15 'athletes' (i.e. 25 per cent of the team) have been nurtured for the 2011 IPC World Athletics Championships team in Christchurch, January 23-28, 2011;
- 7) Consolidation of 'inclusive' coach education practices and materials led by Alison O'Riordan in consultation with the ATFCA and Michael Poulton to increase the pool of competent coaches to adequately support the AA-PPP ET squad and AWDs generally.

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA AWD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Athletics Australia established an AWD Advisory Commission in 2007. In March 2009 the Athletics Australia Board appointed the following people to its AWD Advisory Commission:

- Janelle Eldridge (Chairman 2009)
- Michael Thomson (Chairman 2010)
- Sally McGrady
- David Gynther
- Louise Sauvage
- Neil Fuller
- Scott Goodman

The Commission is not a high performance or AA-PPP Advisory Commission, although there are often crossover issues. The Commission meets two times per year face-to-face and when required by conference call, however communications and discussion flows on an almost daily basis.

Mark Pettifer (AWD Development Coordinator) provides administrative support to the Commission and plays a key role in ensuring that it functions effectively.

The key roles of the Commission are to:

- Provide Athletics Australia with advice to enhance the inclusion of AWDs in the sport of athletics in Australia;
- Strengthen inclusive practices within Athletics Australia and its Member Associations for the benefit of AWDs;
- Address and drive a number of AWD-related matters that are outside the scope of the AA-PPP; and
- More evenly spread the responsibility for inclusion throughout the Athletics Australia network.

For further information regarding the role of the Commission or to raise AWD-related matters, please contact any of the Commission members or Mark Pettifer at: mark.pettifer@athletics.org.au

2009 INAS GLOBAL GAMES, LIBEREC, CZECH REPUBLIC, JULY 4-16

Australia sent a small but competitive team of seven female and five male athletes to the 2nd INAS Global Games for athletes with an intellectual disability. The team consisted mostly of younger and emerging athletes with the objective of gaining valuable experience and motivation for future teams. The team functioned well, and performed to expectation, finishing 11th on the athletics medal table.

Key performances included:

- 1) Lindsay Sutton: gold medal – men's hammer throw, 45.01m (T20 world record)
- 2) Lindsay Sutton: bronze medal – men's discus throw, 37.48m (PB)
- 3) Men's 4x100m relay team (Colin Abbey, Zackery Findlay, Andrew Matthews and Darren McFaul): fourth – 45.01 (AR)
- 4) 50 per cent of the athletes achieved a PB during the competition

Thank you to the following staff who regularly assist with AA-PPP teams and made a wonderful contribution to ensure the success of the overall 2009 Global Games team:

- Michael Thomson (team manger and Global Games coordinator)
- Brett Jones (head coach)
- Pnias Negropontis (throws coach and soft tissue therapist)
- Anula Costa (sprints, jumps and relays coach)
- Louise Mogg (chef de mission)
- Dr David Millons (medical team leader)

Without the commitment of people such as these, and of many others just like them, the AA-PPP would not be the success that it is!

Scott Goodman

Paralympic Preparation Program
Manager (to May, 2010)
Athletics Australia

Competitions

2009-10 was a very exciting year for domestic competition and one characterised by two new and very successful arrivals; the Australian Junior Championships and the Western Australian Athletics Centre.

From March 11-14, 2010, Sydney Olympic Park played host to the first edition of the Australian Junior Championships, with 1600+ athletes aged Under 14 to Under 20 converging on the New South Wales capital for four days of exciting competition. The Australian Junior Championships is a key component of the new athletics pathways project, providing a critical and direct link between school-based athletics, Little Athletics and Athletics Australia Member Association programs. We believe that future years will see this competition become one of the largest and highest-standard under-age competitions worldwide, providing a real foundation block for our sport. It is a measure of the success of this event that we will need to add an extra day to the competition schedule in 2011.

2009-10 also saw the opening of the new and much-anticipated Western Australian Athletics Centre and what a fantastic new facility it is; in my view, perhaps one of the most 'athletic performance-centric' facilities in the world. Every feature of this new track has been focused on athletic performance, with even the grandstand facing into the setting sun to allow for the best use of the famous Fremantle doctor for fast sprint times. Combined with typically ideal Perth weather conditions in the summer evenings, this facility is set to be a real bonus to the Australian domestic calendar.

Thanks to the hard work of WA Athletics and the support of the WA State Government, we saw a memorable 88th Australian Athletics Championships staged at the new Western Australian track over three days in mid-April, the first time we have staged the open championships in WA since 1988. The event was an outstanding success with great conditions, big spectator numbers and some fantastic performances, capped off on the last day by Fabrice Lapierre's wind-assisted 8.78m effort in the long jump.

For 2009-10 the domestic one-day meets were re-branded as the Australian Athletics Tour, with meets staged in Canberra, Brisbane, Hobart, Sydney and Melbourne (IAAF World Athletics Challenge). The Australian Athletics Tour is in many ways the backbone of the sport, providing opportunities for elite and sub-elite athletes alike. We again saw some great athletic performances over the series as athletes looked to qualify for the pending Delhi Commonwealth Games and IAAF world junior championships. In Melbourne the highlight was David Rudisha running the fastest 800m ever on Australian soil, the Kenyan going on to become the fastest man in history later in the season.

The Athletics Australia competitions department again supported athletes' travel to Australian Athletics Tour meets. In total \$150,000 in flights was available for athletes who met specific performance standards.

It is appropriate to recognise the outstanding efforts of Australia's athletics officials, who continue to be of world-class standard and who exhibit an invaluable dedication to the sport. Our athletes and events benefit considerably from, and indeed rely, on their continued contribution. It is these people, whose workload extends from club to state and national levels throughout the year, that we turn to in order to conduct our competitions.

On behalf of the sport of athletics, all athletes and coaches, we extend our congratulations on maintaining world-standard expertise and sincere appreciation for your ongoing contribution.

Below is a list of the competitions organised or supported by Athletics Australia over the 2009-10 athletics season.

2009	2010
Sunday 7 June	Saturday – Sunday 9-10 January
Australian 100km Championships <i>Gold Coast, Qld</i>	Australian Underage AWD Championships <i>Blacktown, NSW</i>
Sunday 7 June	Sunday 17 January
Australian Mountain Running Championships <i>Ferntree Gully, Vic</i>	World Cross Country Selection Trials <i>Brimbank Park, Vic</i>
Saturday 29 August	Saturday 30 January
Australian Cross Country Championships & Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships <i>Cambden (Nowra), NSW</i>	Australia Cup <i>AI Track, ACT</i>
Sunday 30 August	Saturday 6 February
Australian Road Walking Championships & Australian Junior Road Walking Championships <i>Parramatta Park, NSW</i>	Brisbane Athletics Classic <i>QSAC, Qld</i>
Sunday 20 September	Friday 12 February
Australian Half Marathon Championships <i>Sydney, NSW</i>	Briggs Athletics Classic <i>Hobart, Tas</i>
Sunday 11 October	Saturday – Sunday 13-14 February
Australian Marathon Championships <i>Melbourne, Vic</i>	Australian Combined Events Championships <i>Hobart, Tas</i>
Sunday 22 November	Saturday 13 February
Australian 50km Road Walking Championships <i>Fawkner Park, Vic</i>	Australian 20km Road Walking Championships (IAAF WWC Level C) <i>Hobart, Tas</i>
Sunday 29 November	Saturday 27 February
Australian Road Running Championships <i>Melbourne, Vic</i>	Sydney Track Classic <i>Sydney Olympic Park, NSW</i>
Friday – Monday 4-7 December	Thursday 4 March
Australian All Schools & Youth Athletics Championships <i>Hobart, Tas</i>	Melbourne Track Classic (IAAF tour meet) <i>Melbourne Olympic Park, Vic</i>
Thursday 10 December	Thursday – Sunday 11-14 March
Schools Knockout National Final <i>Melbourne Olympic Park, Vic</i>	Australian U14 – U20 Athletics Championships <i>Sydney Olympic Park, NSW</i>
Thursday 13 December	Friday – Saturday 9-10 April
Zatopek:10 Classic <i>Melbourne Olympic Park, Vic</i>	Australian Combined Events Selection Trials <i>Gold Coast, Qld</i>
	Friday – Saturday 16-18 April
	88th Australian Open & AWD Athletics Championships & Selection Trials <i>Perth, WA</i>

David Gynther
Competitions Manager
Athletics Australia

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With two world champions and a total of eight medallists from the 2009 IAAF world athletics championships in Berlin (GER), athletics in Australia is now developing a range of faces and ambassadors who are known to the general public and the media. With dramatic and wonderful stories of success and achievement, consolidating the team's excellent performances in Beijing (CHN) and the subsequent increase in profile, the interest in athletics and our athletes is slowly but surely increasing.

In Australia today there are few international athletes who are more recognisable than our own, outside the inimitable Usain Bolt. World champions Steve Hooker and Dani Samuels, long jumpers Mitchell Watt and Fabrice Lapierre, Sally Pearson, Jared Tallent and the 400m contingent to name just a few, continue to grow in popularity and are now the cornerstone of our domestic promotional and marketing strategies.

Further to this it is heartening to see that athletics continues to receive coverage based on excellent performances and I would like to thank each and every athlete who steps on to the track or field and performs for Australia, and in Australia, and their tireless coaches. Thank you for being willing and able to assist us to promote and publicise your sport, be it through your performances, media appearances, attending functions or clinics, in ambassadorial roles at junior events or in other ways. I am humbled to work with such dedicated, passionate and driven individuals and I am confident that with role models such as you the sport has an excellent future.

From a marketing and communications perspective the year has been challenging, exciting and rewarding, with a number of incremental wins and a lot of groundwork achieved. Adopting a champion of the sport position, which sees grassroots, state member associations and Athletics Australia aligning strategies to produce what is best for the whole of the sport now and into the future has been a key priority for the organisation. This charges the marketing team with the responsibility to support our pillars of Transition, Coaching and Leadership as well as Financial Capability, without compromising our commitment to High Performance to achieve greater support and recognition for the Athletics Australia brands within our key audiences.

THE AUSTRALIAN FLAME

For me this year, the highlight was unequivocally the launch of the Australian Flame, the new name for the Australian athletics team. This was an incredibly long and challenging process that raised a number of contentious issues but the team was finally christened in Berlin at the world championships as planned. We firmly believe the Australian Flame is a strong cultural and commercial platform that will benefit the sport for many years to come.

Why the Flame? The search for a name was extensive. We began with key qualities that we believed the name had to portray, such as Australia, patriotism, emotion, athleticism, strength, leadership, teamwork, aggression, determination, single-mindedness, success and health. We were influenced by the summer, the Athletics Australia brand and the Australian and world sporting landscape and developed a broad range of possibilities.

After extensive consultation and testing the Flame was chosen for its nature, its strength and its simplicity. The Flame is strong, hot, ambitious and brings to mind success; it is one of the strongest visuals from any Olympic Games. If there is one symbol that can unite athletics, it is the flame.

A modern take on the naming process, the singular nature of the Flame unites all members of the team under one inspirational icon. The Olympic flame is a global symbol of aspiration and inspiration and embodies the motto of higher, faster, longer and stronger.

The Flame is not just about branding the team, it is about growing the team culture, giving athletes something to aspire to, telling the athletics story to the public, creating a more visible athletics pathway, giving athletes the recognition they deserve, developing commercial opportunities and uniting the whole sport.

Most importantly, the Flame was well received by the team and garnered much support throughout the Berlin campaign. As hoped, the team took the name and began to develop their own culture and traditions around it which will strengthen their bond with the name and therefore its relevance and appeal in the wider markets.

Led by captain Steve Hooker, the team requested that they were each given a unique Flame number in a similar fashion to cricket. This was implemented in Berlin and each athlete was allocated a number randomly in a team-only ceremony on the night before competition started. This will continue at each championships for the new team members and a Flame number will, in time, identify an athlete as an elite Australian representative. Further to this it was the team's belief that the Flame should only be awarded to representatives at the highest level and it was agreed between the team and Athletics Australia management that only members of the world championships, Olympics or Commonwealth Games teams would be recognised as Flame athletes. To recognise team athletes, a Flame pendant engraved with each athlete's Flame number has been designed and produced as a lifelong memento of their membership of the team.

THE AUSTRALIAN SPARK

As an extension of the Australian Flame project, a sub-brand was created for the Australian junior athletics team to begin to develop a clear pathway to the Flame.

The objectives of this sub-brand of the Flame reflect the aims of the parent brand and to expand on the team-related work done in the Athletics Australia junior programs to create value in being part of the team.

Since the launch of the Australian Flame in August, 2009 there has been considerable interest from junior athletes to have an identity for their team. The New South Wales team at the Australian Junior Championships in March christened themselves the Blaze and, modeled on the Flame, had branded team newsletters and began the development of a real team culture. Led by Flame athletes Scott Westcott and Cheryl Webb, this indicated the value that current athletes see in this investment in team identity and culture, but also the importance of this to juniors.

During the Under 19 Talent squad camp in September, 2009 a discussion was held after a media and marketing seminar. The squad athletes were inspired and excited by the Flame and wanted a junior version. They considered this important on their journey and thought it would help to give them recognition for their achievements and help build a pathway to the Flame. After discussing many options for the team name, with the only direction from staff that it needed to relate to the Flame, they agreed on the Australian Spark and that they would be 'Igniting the Flame.'

As a pathway to international representation the junior pathway is imperative, with these squads and teams forming the core of our future senior teams. For this reason it is important that we build the team culture from the junior ranks and that athletes clearly understand the expectations placed on them as elite athletes and that they can stand together under an identity as they are nurtured along the pathway.

A huge thank you must go to the team name subcommittee who worked enthusiastically on the Flame project alongside the Athletics Australia marketing team. To John Crennan and Simon Hayman, your expertise, guidance and commitment to the project were outstanding and on behalf of Athletics Australia and the Flame, we couldn't have done it without you!

THE AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS TOUR AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS BRANDS

The impetus for the Flame project and the new Australian season brand can be largely attributed to our response to the Gemba Report, which identified a need for new consumer-driven brands. In considering our competition offerings we established that there were two core products; the one-day meets and our range of championship events, which we set about developing and branding.

In an effort to begin to tie the domestic one-day meets together in a united marketing and promotional effort, the Australian Athletics Tour brand was developed with the position statement 'the best athletics you'll see in your state'. For the 2010 season this was applied to the Australia Cup (Canberra), Brisbane Athletics Classic, Briggs Memorial Athletics Classic (Hobart), Sydney Track Classic and Melbourne Track Classic.

A championships brand was also developed and applied to the junior and open championships as well as the national walks and cross country titles. Going forward this brand will be expanded across state championships to create a visual representation of the pathway for athletics.

These brands are now the centrepiece of the domestic season and, like the Flame, are the cornerstones of property creation and commercialisation.

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AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS TOUR CROWD FIGURES

Canberra Athletics Classic	1,600
Brisbane Athletics Classic	2,100
Briggs Athletics Classic	3,200
Sydney Track Classic	6,180
Melbourne Track Classic	7,250

The inaugural Australian Athletics Tour was a clear example of alignment and congruence between Athletics Australia internal strategies and that of the state member associations. Steady crowds, media coverage consistent with the level of performance and the development of some new faces of athletics were highlights of the first edition. Standout performances from world discus champion Dani Samuels, Olympic silver medallist Sally McLellan (now Pearson), middle distance superstar Ryan Gregson and a host of others were the highlights.

Leveraging strong results from the 2009 season, most notably the all-stars clinics and fan zones, the move to Network Ten and effective collaboration with the state associations, one of the principle aims of the 2010 Australian Athletics Tour was to create a long-term sustainable series with a relevant and clear outcome that supported the performance objectives of our elite and developing athletes, that provided recognition for the athletes and created an aspirational window to showcase athletics to supporters, participants and potential partners. It is important that the highest quality athletics is accessible to as much of Australia as possible and to provide opportunities for state member associations to host these events; for this reason we increased the number of recognised Tour meets to five.

Marketing the Tour and competing in Australia's highly developed sporting arena is an ongoing challenge. Creating cost-effective channels that contribute back to grassroots athletics and support Athletics Australia and state programs was one of our key priorities, alongside introducing a wider audience to athletics through catchment groups such as schools, other sporting clubs and fun runners and more broadly, through the media. We remain committed to ensuring the end point of our marketing spend is for the long-term benefit of the sport through state member associations, clubs and direct to athletes and coaches. A huge thanks to Alex Gosman and Greg Gilbert in Canberra, Grant Cremer in Queensland, Richard Welsh in Tasmania, Greg Meagher in Sydney and Nick Honey in Victoria for their support and collaboration. We look forward to an even better season in 2011.

GO FOR 2 & 5 AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SELECTION TRIALS

Crowd – 18300 (three days)

The 2010 Australian Championships could arguably be held up as the most successful in recent history. Good performances, large crowds, strong sponsorship support from the Western Australian Government and local businesses, outstanding local media coverage and good national coverage ensured that the meet was enjoyed by athletes, spectators and other stakeholders. The success of the nationals has opened up further opportunities in Western Australia to continue working with the government and Athletics Western Australia to deliver a high-level meet in Perth annually. Wayne Loxley and his team at Athletics Western Australia did an excellent job of the on-the-ground negotiations and lead-up media and worked tirelessly for the event.

THE AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The inaugural Australian Junior Athletics Championships was a real success, with approximately 1,600 competitors making the journey to Sydney. Promotions for this meet were held at the Australian All Schools Championships, Schools Knockout Final, the Australian Primary School Championships and state junior meets. Members of the Australian Flame were on hand to raise awareness of the Flame and to encourage the young athletes to join a club and get involved in athletics. The 2XU chill zone was a hit, providing a space where athletes could watch athletics DVDs, DJ with their iPods, browse 2XU merchandise and again engage with some of the country's leading athletes. A 'name the Flame' competition was held to help raise the profiles of our national team members and visitors to the chill zone were surveyed on a range of athletics-related topics.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

Across the board the media coverage achieved by athletics in the past year has been strong. Assisted by outstanding results at the world championships, world indoor championships and throughout the Australian Athletics Tour, there have been plenty of good news stories to tell. Aiming to increase the traction of athletics in a broader range of media platforms a strong focus on PR activities in addition to the results-based editorial activities have assisted in delivering more rounded coverage.

Steve Hooker is named Male Athlete of the Year, Flame Athlete of the Year and Athletics International – International Athlete of the Year at the 2009/10 awards celebration in Perth



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We are fortunate to have such outstanding and willing media talent within our senior ranks. World champions Steve Hooker and Dani Samuels are outstanding role models and present themselves in the media as they do on the field, prepared and ready to do their best. Continued education of our athletes through junior development camps and during team tours ensures that we are developing more capable spokespeople who understand the importance of the media, which will assist in gaining further positive media attention for the sport.

Athletics Australia's media and communications is now solely handled in-house by the Communications and Marketing team and I would like to wholeheartedly thank our Communications Manager Erin Carter, who has done an outstanding job. Erin's writing is excellent and her thoughtful approach to media strategy is a great asset to Athletics Australia and the sport.

WEBSITE

With the website now in its third year and after much feedback regarding the ease of navigation, event promotion and other web features, developmental changes were undertaken. Linkable subsites for the World University Games, the world youth championships and the Australian Junior Athletics Championships were designed to create a one-stop shop for results, news, photographs and other event-specific content. For the Australian Athletics Tour and the world athletics championships, home page subsites were designed to overlay the home page so that the major event information was easily accessible. Like the linkable subsites, the home page subsites housed all the event information in one easy-to-find format. A simplification of the menu items has also been undertaken to more easily communicate Athletics Australia projects in line with the strategic plan. These changes have been well received with the site visitation increasing exponentially especially during the world championships where there was an average of 2941 unique browsers per day. The domestic season also saw huge increases in website use, with an average increase in visitation of 30% from January to April.

New media too was a strong focus for this year with links to facebook, Twitter and YouTube established and developed. We now have a fan base on facebook of more than 1,400 fans and regularly talk to this audience with live results, comments and photographs. We regularly and effectively tweet and are beginning to truly harness and trust the strength of social media.

BROADCAST

Television has again been identified as an important marketing project. Our programs must be used to access and educate a wider audience, to build new and develop existing heroes and to promote participation in grassroots athletics. With this as a focus we produced and delivered two programs in 2009-10. Working with our broadcast suppliers Jump Media and Marketing (for the IAAF Melbourne Track Classic) and Outwest Productions (for the Go for 2 & 5 Australian Athletics Championships), and with our broadcast partners Network Ten and OneHD, the meets were filmed and edited into one-hour magazine-style programs and included athletics interest and destination components. The cumulative reach of the programs was just under one million viewers, which was the strongest audience since 2007, when we broadcast four programs. A huge thank you to both Jump and Outwest for your excellent productions, and to Network Ten and OneHD for your ongoing support.

EVENTS AND HOSPITALITY

With a full hospitality program again in 2009-10, which included two excellent John Landy Lunches in Sydney and Melbourne, VIP functions at the Sydney and Melbourne Track Classics, a post meet barbecue at the Sydney Track Classic, a joint function with Athletics WA in Perth for the Australian Athletics Championships and the Athlete of the Year Awards, also in Perth, there were plenty of opportunities for friends of the sport to catch up with their athletics friends and the news in the sport.

The Landy Lunches featured addresses from world champions Dani Samuels (Sydney) and Steve Hooker (Melbourne) as meet previews and a sneak peak at some of the international talent. Thanks must go to Big Fish Your Pond, especially Melissa Dunbar, who put these events together for us and to the volunteer committees in both Melbourne and Sydney for garnering support and table sales.

We were fortunate at the Melbourne lunch at the MCG to sip on delightful wines matched to each course from Brown Brothers. A sincere thank you to Cameron Sherry and Brown Brothers for their generosity. We look forward to working with you across more events in the future.

VIP functions in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth serve as an excellent way to introduce corporates to the sport and to recognise those who contribute and support athletics. Informal functions at the stadium before the action begins allow these people to experience athletics in a comfortable and appealing environment. Recognition of our greats, such as life members and Australian Flame athletes, also took place in this forum, adding to the specialness of the occasion.

For the first time a causal barbecue was held after the Sydney Track Classic enabling athletes, coaches, officials, VIPs and friends to mix in the Novotel bar after the meet. This was created to build a link between athletes, coaches and officials and to provide an opportunity for VIPs to mix with athletes; it was enjoyed by all who attended.

The finale for the athletics season was the Athlete of the Year Awards held in Perth after the Australian Athletics Championships. Bringing together athletes, coaches, officials and the athletics family to celebrate the achievements of the year and to acknowledge those who have made a significant contribution to the sport over its history, the 2009-10 Athlete of the Year dinner was a fantastic evening with 360 guests in attendance. The inaugural Australian Flame athletes were acknowledged and received their Flame pendants and the first round of nominations for the Commonwealth Games team was announced.

PARTNERSHIPS

For this year's report I have changed the heading 'sponsorships' to partnerships because we are incredibly fortunate to work closely with a wide range of organisations and companies who support and understand the value of our sport. They are passionate and generous and I would like to thank them on behalf of Athletics Australia and the entire athletics community.

- The Australian Sports Commission – Principal Partner
- Asics
- 2XU
- OneHD
- Erdi Group
- Athletics International
- Australian Commonwealth Games Association
- Australian Olympic Committee
- Australian Paralympic Committee
- IAAF

Season partnerships

- Herald Sun
- Healthway – Go for 2 & 5
- Vivid Wireless
- The Australian Sports Commission – Principal Partner

Athletics Australia remains one of the priority sports for the Australian Government and the Australian Sports Commission throughout 2009-10 has continued to provide excellent support across a number of platforms. We have worked closely with Peter Sharpe and Janice Lo to continue to grow the recognition the Australian Sports Commission receives through their association with athletics and thank them for their support.

ASICS

A leader in its field, Asics are innovative and continue to assist the sport of athletics to develop through their outstanding uniform technology and creative branding. In 2009 we launched the new team uniform in Berlin alongside the new team brand the Australian Flame, an evolution of the 2007 uniform. The changes were universally applauded and Australia and Asics certainly stood out on the world stage. Thank you to Sam Chew and his team for their ongoing and outstanding support, we greatly appreciate their flexibility and assistance with the wide variety of requests we put forward.

2XU

A burgeoning brand in the space, Athletics Australia's compression partner 2XU provides our squads with high-quality compression garments which aid in recovery after training, performance and travel. 2XU proactively promote their products at many Athletics Australia events and recognise and promote the partnership on their packaging. I would like to thank Aiden Clarke, Brett Voss, Hayden Rydberg and the 2XU team for their great support, especially of the chill zone at the Australian Junior Championships, which was an outstanding success.

ONEHD

Again for the 2010 season our television programs were aired and promoted on Network Ten and OneHD. Thanks to the Network Ten and OneHD teams for their support of athletics, especially in the lead-up to the Commonwealth Games; this has been outstanding.

ERDI GROUP

With properties in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane led by their own Urban Hotels brand, Erdi Group provide us and our community with convenient and well-appointed accommodation when we are away from home. Thank you to Ricky Jeffs and all the team at Erdi for their interest in athletics.

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ATHLETICS INTERNATIONAL

Bringing a wealth of experience, common sense and passion, Athletics International, a group of former Australian representative athletes, works closely with our junior high performance department to support and mentor our developing athletes. This is a fantastic partnership that enables us to educate and support young athletes and provide an opportunity for former athletes to stay actively involved in their sport. Many thanks to all of the mentors and especially to Bob Lay and Maxine Corcoran, who oversee the program.

IAAF

The support of the Australian athletics season by the IAAF shows a strong commitment by the international federation to athletics in Australia and Oceania and allows us to bring in the international talent and provide significant prizemoney for the athletes. Thank you to the IAAF for this support and to Athletics Australia President Rob Fildes, who continues to present our case to the IAAF with excellent results.

OTHER PARTNERS

From the Herald Sun and SEN, who support our IAAF Melbourne Track Classic, Healthway and Vivid Wireless, who supported the Go for 2 & 5 Australian Athletics Championships and Selection Trials and the University of Tasmania, which supported the Australian All Schools Championships through to our fun run partnerships including the Sydney Running Festival, Great Australian Run, Melbourne Marathon, City to Bay in Adelaide, City to Surf in Perth and the Gold Coast Marathon, we have a wide-ranging group of partners who support us in both communicating our messages and bringing people to the sport. We will continue to expand these networks and to work on growing the athletics community to make athletics a truly vibrant offering in the sporting marketplace.

Special thanks must also go to the Australian Olympic Committee, Australian Paralympic Committee and the Commonwealth Games Association, who provide support and funding for our teams' preparations.

SPONSORSHIP

Perhaps the biggest challenge facing the organisation is the procurement of new sponsorship. After countless reviews and strategic plans, finding and building new partnerships, and competing with other sports for commercial support, there are objectives we have not been able to deliver. We are, however, proud of the small wins we have been able to achieve in this area, signing Erdi Group as an accommodation partner, re-signing Asics as our apparel partner and working with Brown Brothers for the John Landy Lunch Club.

The design of the season and collaboration with state member associations has successfully enabled us to access state-based government and commercial partnerships for individual events such as the Australian Athletics Championships, which were supported by Western Australian Government's Department of Health, utilising their Go for 2 & 5 brand, and Vivid Wireless, a Perth-based internet company who were presenting partners of the meet. The All Schools Championships in Tasmania also garnered individual support from the University of Tasmania. These partnerships and the support of state governments through their tourism and events corporations remain an important source of funding for the sport.

RUNNING AUSTRALIA

Our commitment to recreational running and our involvement in this area continues to thrive with 178,068 registered recreational running members in Australia in June, 2010. With state member associations now administering the Running Australia program, Athletics Australia is working on strategies to better engage these members of the sport by providing meaningful offerings to this market.

CONCLUSION

It has again been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the sport of athletics and its people over the last year. I appreciate the guidance and experience many of the athletics community share with me and the passion that is this sport. A huge thank you to my current team of Erin Carter, Cody Lynch and Andrew Wilson – your talent, enthusiasm and willingness to do whatever comes along is much appreciated by me and all within the athletics community.

We are aware of the challenges of marketing and promoting this sport and also of the great opportunities that exist. We look forward to greater achievements as we move toward delivering clearer and more strategic communication, building more attractive sports properties, presenting dynamic products, developing a greater understanding of the athletics audience and building a united and growing sport with happy and satisfied stakeholders.

Nicole Roache

Marketing Manager
Athletics Australia

Jared Tallent, Dani Samuels and Sally Pearson at the John Landy Lunch Club event in Sydney in February



Transition

Beginning in July 2009, the Transition program has focused on athletics participation among secondary school-age students and the development and implementation of strategies to improve the recruitment and retention of members in this age group. While new initiatives have been implemented by the competitions department to increase opportunities for under-age athletes at the national level, the junior transition strategy is also aimed at delivering improvements to grassroots participation through assistance to clubs and schools. Additionally, we are working cooperatively with Little Athletics Australia and the state and territory Member Associations to highlight initiatives such as dual-registration membership. Long-term athlete development is critical to the transition strategy, and programs must be athlete-centred and have the capacity to provide a supportive, inclusive, challenging, progressive and age-appropriate athletic training or competition experience.

The new National Junior Championships, held over four days in Sydney in March, proved highly successful with more than 1500 Australian competitors in the Under 14 to Under 20 age groups, and a further 100 athletes from New Zealand and other Oceania nations taking part. It is anticipated that this event will continue to grow in size and reputation and attract the best young track and field talent from around the country, while gradually encouraging them towards open-age competitions. For some, the chance to trial for positions in youth or junior representative teams exists, while for the majority, national events allow them to experience interstate travel, the friendships and camaraderie of a team environment, the chance to push themselves towards a new personal best and the encouragement to continue improving. Along with changes to the Australian All Schools Championships, which will now be a state-versus-state teams competition, there are terrific opportunities for well-performed young athletes to progress from their club or school meets to state and national championships.

Also having undergone change in this, its twentieth year, is the highly popular Schools Knockout competition. Adjustments were made to the team size and scoring for the intermediate and senior age groups, while the trial of a new junior category will see it introduced to the national program next year.

Schools Knockout consistently attracts the strongest school teams from the government and non-government sector in all states, with nearly 100 schools and 1700 athletes involved annually. A high degree of enjoyment is reported from the experience, while the Australian final provides an action-packed competition. The changes introduced will now allow even more schools, including those in rural and remote areas, the chance to be involved in this unique teams track and field format in the years ahead, while the potential exists for the program to evolve and grow even further with greater support.

For primary school students, the development of the Athletics Play manual for the Australian Sports Commission's Active After Schools Communities program is an important initiative. The manual was developed in conjunction with Little Athletics Australia, by a working party coordinated by the Athletics Australia National Coaching Manager Michael Poulton. Adapted from the IAAF Kids Athletics activities, the focus is on the development of the fundamental skills of running, walking, jumping and throwing through organised play and team games, and allows children to engage with athletics at a level that is appropriate for their age and competency.

The next 12 months should allow us to extend even greater support to these programs, and the state and territory Member Associations who are largely responsible for delivering them. Increased funding for participation from the Australian Sports Commission is anticipated, based on a submission targeted towards those programs that deliver an exposure to the sport, and from that, the greatest likelihood for engaging members. While the development of programs that encourage active participation in athletics among teenagers is the primary focus, it is planned that the long-term retention strategies and exposure to the variety of offerings that athletics provides, will lead to increased numbers of coaches, officials and administrators in both paid and volunteer positions.

Nick Bowden
Transition Manager
Athletics Australia

Off and racing at the inaugural Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Sydney in March



Development

In its third year the Jump Start to London program has seen a marked increase in the number of Indigenous athletes participating in track and field, with its largest ever contingent of athletes to compete at a national championships. Twenty athletes qualified and after many discussions with coaches of some of the younger athletes, we made the journey to Perth with 13 athletes set to compete at what is the toughest meet of the year. With perfect conditions predicted and a brand new track to compete on, athletes had every opportunity to do their very best.

The group came away with six medals and a further three top-eight finishes. Jacob Groth started collecting medals in the men's 100m, coming third in a very exciting race. Patrick Johnson placed fourth and Jump Start athlete Liam Gander placed eighth in his first national final. The girls once again proved that they are a force to be reckoned with, collecting four medals across the weekend. Laura Whaler was in great form following a successful Australian Athletics Tour series and came second in both the 100m and 200m, collecting B-qualifiers along the way. Shannon McCann capped off an amazing domestic season by smashing the B-qualifier in the women's 100m hurdles and taking a silver medal, unfortunately hitting the sixth hurdle which may have cost her the national title and a berth in the Commonwealth Games team. Both girls have had sensational seasons and should be very proud of their efforts. The surprise medal of the weekend came from local girl Casey Narrier, who after a disrupted training season came third in the women's high jump. Tenika Demamiel jumped for her life in the triple jump qualifying round. With a big personal best she made it through her pool and placed a very creditable eighth in the final.

Whilst the Jump Start athletes did very well it must not be forgotten that also competing were Indigenous athletes Robbie Crowther from the AIS and Benn Harradine from Victoria. After a long season of being injured, one of the best things was to see Robbie back jumping and taking the bronze medal in a fantastic competition that saw men's long jumping go to another level.

Benn Harradine probably had his best weekend for a long time. Stepping into the discus circle for the first time Benn threw a mighty 60.06m with his first throw to record a Commonwealth Games A-qualifier and place him as firm favourite for the final the following day. Benn showed his dominance of men's discus by taking the Australian title with another Commonwealth Games A-qualifying throw of 62.26m. Later at the Awards dinner Benn was named Athletics Australia Indigenous Athlete of the Year.

Not to be outdone, the junior athletes in the Jump Start to London program were also out in force at the Australian Junior Championships held in Sydney.

The Jump Start program had 25 athletes compete at this new championships and between them they secured 14 medals – five gold, three silver and six bronze. The program also had 12 athletes place in the top-eight in a variety of events.

Queensland athletes were dominant, winning seven of the 14 medals, followed closely by WA with four medals, the Northern Territory with two and South Australia with one.

Among the talented Jump Start athletes was Raheen Williams from Western Australia, who after a disappointing 110m hurdles finals where he came third, showed great strength of character and with a few words of advice from mentor Kyle Vander Kuyp, ran a blistering 400m hurdles to take out the event in a very quick time of 52.74, almost a second in front of the second placegetter.

Khaele Bowen (QLD) took out the Under 17 men's long jump in style, jumping a personal best 6.90m. Joining Raheen and Khaele on the winners' dais was Kertisha Thompson (QLD) in the Under 20 women's triple jump, Anika Gillespie (WA) in the Under 14 women's javelin and Josh "Robbo" Robinson (QLD) in the Under 15 men's 400m with a big personal best of 51.79.

Silver medallists were Dylan Risk (NT) in the Under 18 javelin, Cameron Hooker from Abergowrie College (QLD) in the Under 17 men's triple jump and Josh "Robbo" Robinson in the Under 15 200m.

Bronze medals went to Kertisha Thompson in the Under 20 women's long jump, Wasie Toolis (QLD) in the Under 17 javelin, Kyana Collard (WA) in the Under 16 400m, Dylan Risk in the Under 20 javelin, Michael Brusnahamn (SA) in the Under 18 200m and Raheen Williams in the Under 18 110m hurdles.

Eighteen of the 25 athletes had attended a camp in Canberra at the AIS five weeks prior to the junior national championships. They were taken through a variety of education sessions all designed for the athletes to have the best preparation going into the championships and to give them a mental edge.

The Jump Start to London program has discovered a whole new generation of talented Indigenous athletes. Also good to note is the increase of Indigenous athletes at events such as the Australian Junior Championships but also that more athletes are being invited to compete at major meets. The recent championships proves that Australia has a new generation of Indigenous athletes willing and able to step into the shoes of Patrick Johnson, Kyle Vander Kuyp, Cathy Freeman and Nova Peris.

Note – From July 1, the Jump Start to London program will no longer be a targeted Indigenous program, with talent identification now falling under the high performance umbrella.

The Athletics for the Outback is a wonderful participation program that continues to grow. This year saw the biggest participation numbers, with camps held in Armidale (NSW), Scotts Head (NSW) and at the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport). The biggest camp was held at the AIS with 40 athletes from the Athletics for the Outback program in November.

Athletes from six states arrived in the nation's capital on Wednesday, November 11 to compete at an Athletics ACT interclub meet. Before competing they were involved in a variety of activities that showed them how elite athletes at the AIS live and prepare for their sport. Amongst other things a tour of the AIS took place and they heard from Australia's elite Indigenous track and field stars on how they achieved at the highest level.

Joining the athletes was Kyle Vander Kuyp, a long-time mentor and advisor to the program and Benn Harradine, who had recently returned to Australia after a year in Germany and the USA, where he set a new Australian record in the discus. Other elite athletes giving their time to the youngsters were Robbie Crowther and Patrick Johnson. Our elite Indigenous athletes are very supportive of the Athletics for the Outback program and are always a hit with the interstate athletes. They stay with the athletes and provide leadership as well as friendship.

This year we had teams from South Australia, Western Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, the Northern Territory and far north Queensland. Communities such as Arnhem Land, Millingimbi and Ramangining, Broome, Fitzroy Crossing and Kununnurra, Normanton and Armidale were represented at the camp.

Other activities included visits to remote South Australia and far north Queensland.

The Athletics for the Outback program is supported by the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) and also the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). It is in its fourth year of operation and shows no signs of slowing down; in fact the program is gaining a strong reputation and will be expanding the communities to be visited in this current financial year to the Torres Strait Islands and the Northern Territory.

Students from the program have shown that through sport, life opportunities can develop. Some have taken the Level 1 coaching course, providing more knowledge in the communities, and we have had several students relocate to metropolitan areas for schooling.

Sally McGrady
Development Manager
Athletics Australia

Coach Development

The coaching pillar of the Athletics Australia strategic plan 2009-12 is realising significant progress in key project areas.

The message of mandatory accreditation for coaches continues to be promoted through the sport's vast networks and the system now requires that all Accredited Athletics Coaches are registered with Athletics Australia. This registration requirement, together with the demonstration of current coaching competence, member protection and code of conduct, will enhance the credibility of our coaches and the contribution they make to our sport.

For the first time in our history, Athletics Australia has a comprehensive database of Accredited Athletics Coaches, all of whom have met the minimum standards of coaching as required by the National Coach Accreditation Scheme. This allows us to engage with all coaches around the nation, across all areas of the sport. The formalisation of the member protection provisions and the code of conduct for all Accredited Athletics Coaches promotes best practice and gives greater confidence to all participants.

The Athletics Coach Accreditation Framework has developed significantly in 2009-10. The identification of three parallel coaching pathways, each with specific educational programs, provides greater development opportunities for coaches working with club/school, junior and performance-level athletes. The framework provides greater choice and opportunity for the coach and more relevant learning outcomes that are consistent with the environment in which the coach is working.

The entry-level program to accreditation is the new Level 1 Beginning Coach, launched in May 2010. This has been followed by the piloting of the Level 2 Club Coach and Event Group Coach and, whilst still in their development phase, early feedback has been encouraging, especially with regard to the practical assessment of a coach's skills.

In addition to the development of the framework, new resources have been produced in both DVD and booklet form. Another exciting first for the sport is the development of the DVD resource: *Run, Jump, Throw: The Fundamental Skills of Athletics – A Guide for Coaches*. This resource helps coaches understand the basic skills of the sport before they try to understand the event-specific movements.

As part of coach education, Athletics Australia has also developed a network of Endorsed Coach Education Providers, endorsed to deliver coach education programs around the country. Endorsed providers are now in all states (except the ACT and NT), and combine state Member Associations, ATFCA State Branches and private providers. All providers are required to meet strict criteria covering the delivery of quality education programs, extending the capacity to offer coach education in each state.

Coach development workshops have continued in 2009-10 in event-specific areas and with the elite junior programs for Under 17 and Under 19 athletes. Workshops have also been held in conjunction with the Member Associations, ATFCA State Branches and Institutes and Academies of Sport. These activities continue to be successful in bringing together coaches to share ideas and enhance coaching knowledge and skills.

Athletics Australia hosted the third National Throws Workshop in November 2009 at the AIS, featuring world discus champion Dani Samuels and coach Denis Knowles. In addition, Hannu Kangas (Finland) presented on javelin and conducted several clinics around the country prior to the workshop. This event has become a much-anticipated annual event for throws coaches and provides the template for other event-based national workshops.

A program called Athletics Play, developed in partnership with Little Athletics Australia and the Active After School Communities (AASC) was in its final stages of development during this reporting period. The eight-week program is designed to provide 5-12 year olds with an opportunity to develop the skills of running, jumping and throwing through a range of play and games experiences. Modelled on the IAAF Kids Athletics program, once it is completed it will provide a world-best practice model for learning the sport and will be delivered through the AASC and more broadly through the clubs, centres and by endorsed private providers.

Athletics Australia and the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association continue to work together to develop coaching and signed a Memorandum of Understanding in December 2009, demonstrating both organisations' commitment to working together.

In 2009-10 the challenge is to fully implement the accreditation program and develop the curriculum and the resources that will supplement the program. Further, relationships with the ATFCA and Little Athletics Australia need to be consolidated to ensure all coaches across the sport are recognised under one accreditation system.

I thank the state Member Associations and their staff and the ATFCA and its State Branches for the work they have all done this year to enhance the development of coaches.

Finally, on behalf of Athletics Australia, I sincerely thank the thousands of coaches around the country who continue to inspire participants of all ages to enjoy the sport of athletics.

Michael Poulton
National Coaching Manager
Athletics Australia



Pole vault coach
Alex Parnov with star
athlete Steve Hooker

Life Governors, Life Members & Merit Award Holders

HONORARY LIFE GOVERNORS

† Mr Hugh R Weir CBE	(1957)
† Miss Gwen Bull OAM	(1962)
† Miss Nellie Gould OAM BEM	(1962)
† Mrs Doris I Magee AM MBE	(1962)
† Miss Lillian M Neville OAM	(1962)
† Mrs Doris Mulcahy-Willson	(1964)
† Mr C Ronald Aitken CBE	(1965)
† Mr Arthur J Hodsdon MBE	(1965)
† Mrs Mavis M Ebzery OAM	(1967)
† Mr Leonard B Curnow OBE	(1968)
† Mr Robert E Graham OBE	(1968)
† Mr Norman G Hutton	(1968)
† Mr George Soper	(1969)
† Mr F Theo Treacy OBE	(1969)
† Mrs Maisie McQuiston BEM	(1971)
† Mrs Margaret Cahill OAM	(1972)
† Mrs Mabel E Robinson MBE	(1973)
† Mr C Herbert Gardiner QJM	(1974)
† Mr H George Carruthers MBE	(1977)
Mrs Joyce P Bonwick OAM	(1978)
† Mr Thomas C Blue AM BEM	(1980)
Mr Clive D Lee AM	(1984)
† Mrs Flo Wrighter OAM BEM	(1986)
Mr Noel J Ruddock AM	(1989)
† Mr Graeme T Briggs AM	(1990)
Mrs Stella McMinn AM	(1992)
† Mr Frederick W Napier OAM	(1992)
Mrs Brenda J Pearl OAM	(1992)
Hon Allan W McDonald QC	(1993)
† Mr George W Tempest	(1994)
Mr John D Bailey AM	(1995)
Mr Paul Jenes OAM	(1995)
Mrs Margaret L Mahony OAM	(1997)
Mr Denis P Wilson AM	(1997)
† Mrs Gwen Chester	(1998)
Ms Ronda M Jenkins OAM	(2002)
Mrs Jill Huxley	(2003)
Mr Reginald H Brandis	(2005)
Mr David A Prince OAM	(2008)
Mr Brian S Roe	(2008)

† Deceased

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

† Mr Julius L Patching AO OBE (V)	(1968)	Mr P Wayne Fletcher (T)	(2006)
Mrs Phyllis Andersson OAM (V)	(1971)	Mr Maurie Plant (V)	(2006)
Mrs Jean Harmey (N)	(1971)	Mr Christopher Wilson (T)	(2006)
Mrs Noella M Greenham OAM (S)	(1973)	Mr Peter Bowman (N)	(2007)
Mrs Pat Peters AM (S)	(1973)	Mr Patrick A Clohessy AM (Q)	(2007)
Mrs Amy Burow (V)	(1974)	Mr Ronald J Crawford OAM (N)	(2007)
Mrs Jean Gell OAM (V)	(1974)	Mrs Lynette M Foreman (W)	(2007)
Mrs Joyce Davis MBE (V)	(1975)	Mrs Patricia A Kinnane (Q)	(2007)
† Mrs Elva Schulz (Q)	(1978)	Mr Alan G Launder AM (S)	(2007)
Mrs Joan M Cross OAM (Q)	(1985)	Mr Anthony L Rice (Q)	(2007)
Mr Everard Bartholomeusz (Q)	(1986)	Ms Pam Ryan AM MBE (V)	(2007)
Miss Marion J Patterson OAM (V)	(1986)	Mr Neville Sillitoe (V)	(2007)
† Mrs Joyce M Petfield OAM (Q)	(1987)	Mr Trevor A Vincent OAM (V)	(2007)
Ms Marlene Mathews AO (N)	(1988)	Dr John F Boas OAM (V)	(2008)
Mr Robin K Hood AM (T)	(1989)	Mr Graham Boase (S)	(2008)
† Mr Peter W Lucas (N)	(1989)	Dr Robert J (Bob) Cruise (S)	(2008)
Mrs Eileen D Murphy OAM (Q)	(1990)	Mr Peter I Duras (V)	(2008)
Mr Murray R Aitken (S)	(1993)	Mr Rodney J (Rod) Gibb OAM (N)	(2008)
Dr John A Daly OAM (S)	(1993)	Mr H Fletcher McEwen OAM (S)	(2008)
Mr Laurie A Hutton (N)	(1993)	Ms Glynis L Nunn Cearnas OAM (Q)	(2008)
Mr Donald W Jowett OAM (Q)	(1993)	Mr Kenneth J (Ken) Roche AO (V)	(2008)
Mr Daryl P Cross (Q)	(1994)	† Mr Raymond (Ray) Smith (V)	(2008)
Mr Ian Galbraith (A)	(1994)	Mr Harold J (Harry) Summers (V)	(2008)
Dr Brian Hodgson (V)	(1994)	Mr John Atterton (N)	(2009)
Mrs Pamela Turney OAM (V)	(1994)	Mrs Nancy Atterton (N)	(2009)
Mr L Roy Boyd OAM (V)	(1995)	Mr William (Bill) Bailey (Q)	(2009)
Mr Peter I Hamilton (N)	(1996)	Mr Ian Boswell (S)	(2009)
Mrs Rosemary Owens OAM (N)	(1996)	Mr Richard Carter (S)	(2009)
Mr Dave B Cundy (A)	(1997)	Mr Owen Heness (A)	(2009)
Ms Lorraine Morgan AM (V)	(2002)	Mr James K (Jim) Minehane (Q)	(2009)
Mr Greg Gilbert (A)	(2003)	Mr Norman R Osborne OAM (V)	(2009)
Mr Geoffrey Martin OAM (N)	(2003)	Mr Colin Stubbings (Q)	(2009)
Ms Janelle Eldridge OAM (N)	(2004)	Mr Michael Thomson (A)	(2009)
Mr Ian RP White (N)	(2004)	Mr Raymond H Weinberg OAM (V)	(2009)
Mr David Culbert (V)	(2006)		

The Athletics Australia honours system was broadly revised in 2008. Then Life Members became Life Governors and all then living recipients of the Merit Award (who had not previously become so) were invited to become Life Members.

† Deceased

Life Governors, Life Members & Merit Award Holders Continued

RECIPIENTS OF THE MERIT AWARD OF ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA

(Elected by the Amateur Athletic Union of
Australia 1968-1978)

† Mr JB (Jim) Barlow (Q)	(1968)
† Mr EW (Bill) Barwick MBE (T)	(1968)
† Mr Reginald Clemson (V)	(1968)
† Mr TB (Tom) Dodds (S)	(1968)
† Mr HJ (Harry) Eastaughffe (Q)	(1968)
† Mr JK (Keith) Faulkner (S)	(1968)
† Mr CH (Bert) Gardiner QJM (V)	(1968)
† Mr TF (Ted) Hantke (W)	(1968)
† Mr Charles HF Morgan (S)	(1968)
† Mr AE (Alf) Robinson (V)	(1968)
† Mr FA (Fred) Rose (T)	(1968)
† Mr Victor B Sharp MBE (S)	(1968)
† Mr WC (Bill) Thompson (Q)	(1968)
† Mr FT (Theo) Treacy OBE (W)	(1968)
† Mr PS (Phil) McCavanagh (S)	(1969)
† Mr H George Carruthers MBE (N)	(1970)
† Mr RC (Dick) Corish BEM (N)	(1970)
† Mr Herbert J Lowe OBE (S)	(1970)
† Mr George B Stringer (V)	(1970)
† Mr Raymund PB White (N)	(1970)
† Mr JE (Jack) Draper (V)	(1971)
† Mr PD (Pat) Walsh (N)	(1971)
† Mr JH (Jack) Hanman (N)	(1972)
† Mr JW (Jack) Cook (Q)	(1973)
† Mr WW (Wally) Huxley (Q)	(1973)
† Mr Eric R Goodwin (Q)	(1974)
† Mr Eddie Moore (V)	(1974)
† Mr Ray C Frith OAM (N)	(1975)
Mr Noel J Ruddock AM (T)	(1975)
Mr John D Bailey AM (Q)	(1976)
† Mr Alex H McIvor (S)	(1976)
† Mr FJW (Fred) Budge (S)	(1977)
† Mr Frederick W Napier OAM (W)	(1977)
† Mr ED (Ted) Eastham (V)	(1978)
† Mr ER (Ray) Graham OAM (S)	(1978)

† Deceased

(Elected by the Australian Women's Amateur
Athletic Union 1971-1978)

† Mrs Gladys Armstrong (V)	(1971)
Mrs Joyce P Bonwick OAM (Q)	(1971)
† Mrs Doris Clarke (N)	(1971)
† Mrs Zora Fibbins OAM (N)	(1971)
† Mrs Edna Godfrey (N)	(1971)
† Miss Nellie Gould OAM BEM (N)	(1971)
† Mrs Lillian Kavanagh (S)	(1971)
† Mrs Aileen Kennedy BEM (V)	(1971)
† Mrs Yvonne Lanyon-Owen (Q)	(1971)
† Mrs Emily McBeth (V)	(1971)
Mrs Stella McMinn AM (Q)	(1971)
† Mrs Doris I Magee AM MBE (N)	(1971)
† Miss Lillian M Neville OAM (V)	(1971)
† Mrs Mabel E Robinson MBE (V)	(1971)
† Mrs Gladys Rose (V)	(1971)
† Mrs Grace Sheldon (N)	(1971)
† Mrs Dorothy Spittles (Q)	(1971)
† Mrs Doreen Stanton (V)	(1971)
† Mrs Flo Wrighter OAM BEM (N)	(1971)
† Mrs Margaret Cahill OAM (S)	(1972)
† Mrs Mavis M Ebzery OAM (T)	(1972)
† Mrs Gwen Chester (W)	(1973)
† Mrs Nea Edwards (N)	(1973)
† Mrs Martha Fraser (V)	(1973)
† Mrs Phyllis M McWillie (W)	(1973)
† Mrs Iris Bennett (V)	(1974)
† Mrs Lena Berzinski (V)	(1974)
† Mrs Doris Davis (V)	(1974)
† Mrs Nancy Keily (V)	(1974)
† Mrs Maisie McQuiston BEM (V)	(1974)
† Miss Evelyn Morris (V)	(1974)
† Mrs June Saunders (V)	(1974)
† Mrs Faye Venn (V)	(1974)
† Mrs Errol Clay (W)	(1975)
† Mrs Marjorie Fitzgibbons (N)	(1975)
† Mrs Doris (Dot) Barnes (S)	(1976)
Mrs Brenda J Pearl OAM (S)	(1976)
† Mrs Nell Davey (N)	(1977)
† Mrs Yvonne Neasbey (N)	(1977)
† Mrs Gerida Bergman (N)	(1978)
† Mrs Marion Cuthbert (N)	(1978)

(Elected by Athletics Australia 1979-2007)

† Mr Harold L Ralph OAM (N)	(1979)
† Mr CA (Froggy) Wise (T)	(1979)
† Mrs Molly Heffernan OAM (S)	(1980)
† Mr Graeme T Briggs AM (T)	(1981)
† Mr Douglas G Ferrier (V)	(1984)
† Mr J D (Jack) Forrest (Q)	(1984)
† Mr Donald F Bell OAM (V)	(1985)
† Mr Henri J Schubert MBE (V)	(1987)
† Mr George W Tempest (W)	(1990)
† Mr Frank J Day OAM (W)	(1991)
† Mr ES (Sam) Martin (Q)	(1991)
Mr Paul Jenas OAM (V)	(1992)
† Mr RW (Rick) Pannell (V)	(1992)
† Mrs Wendy M Ey BEM (S)	(1993)
† Mr AK (Scotch) Gordon OAM (S)	(1994)
† Mr Jess Jarver OAM (S)	(1994)
Mrs Margaret L Mahony OAM (V)	(1994)
Mr Denis P Wilson AM (A)	(1994)
Mrs Jill Huxley (N)	(1996)
Mr Brian S Roe (T)	(1996)
Mr Reginald H Brandis (Q)	(1998)
Ms Ronda M Jenkins OAM (V)	(1998)

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME

Ron Clarke MBE	(2000)
Betty Cuthbert AM MBE	(2000)
Herb Elliott AC MBE	(2000)
† Edwin Flack	(2000)
Marjorie Jackson Nelson AC CVO	(2000)
† Shirley Strickland AO MBE	(2000)
Raelene Boyle AM MBE	(2004)
Ralph Doubell AM	(2004)
John Landy AC CVO	(2004)
† Anthony (Nick) Winter	(2004)
Robert de Castella MBE	(2008)
Debbie Flintoff King OAM	(2008)
Pam Kilborn Ryan AM MBE	(2008)
† Decima Norman MBE	(2008)
† John Winter	(2008)
† June Maston Ferguson MBE	(2009)

† Deceased

THE EDWIN FLACK AWARD

(Awarded by Athletics Australia to an athlete
who has rendered distinguished service to
athletics)

Max Binnington (V)	(1982)
Robert de Castella MBE (V)	(1983)
Helen Searle OAM (N)	(1984)
Glynis Nunn OAM (S)	(1987)
Christine Stanton (W)	(1989)
Gary Honey (V)	(1990)
Paul Narracott (Q)	(1991)
Simon Baker (V)	(1992)
Susan Hobson (A)	(1993)
Christine Schultz (V)	(1995)
Pat Scammell (N)	(1996)
Melinda Gainsford-Taylor (N)	(2001)
Kerry Saxby Junna AM (N)	(2002)
Tim Forsyth (V)	(2003)
Catherine Freeman OAM (V)	(2004)
Stephen Moneghetti (V)	(2005)
† Kerryn McCann (N)	(2006)
Nicole Boegman (N)	(2007)
Kylie Wheeler (W)	(2008)
Jane Saville (N)	(2009)

Life Governors, Life Members & Merit Award Holders Continued

HENRI SCHUBERT MEMORIAL AWARD

(Awarded by Athletics Australia on recommendation from the ATFCA to an accredited coach who has rendered distinguished service to Australian athletics in different ways, but particularly in the field of coach education)

Norm Osborne OAM (V)	(1994)
Tom Hancock (V)	(1995)
† Jack Pross OAM (N)	(1996)
† Frank Day OAM (W)	(1997)
Tony Rice (Q)	(1998)
Pam Turney OAM (V)	(1999)
Alan Launder AM (S)	(2000)
Craig Hilliard (A)	(2001)
L Roy Boyd OAM (V)	(2002)
Tom Kelly (V)	(2003)
John Boas OAM (V)	(2004)
Max Debnam (N)	(2005)
† Max Cherry OAM (T)	(2006)
Peter Lawler (N)	(2007)
Eric Brown (Q)	(2008)
Lyn Foreman (W)	(2009)
Colin Smith (N)	(2009)

PLATINUM SERVICE AWARD

(Awarded by Athletics Australia to technical officials and club, branch and association administrators who have provided service to the sport of athletics for 40 years or more. Instituted in 2003)

† Donald Bell OAM (V)	(2003)
Peter Bethell (V)	(2003)
† Jack Biggins (V)	(2003)
Murray Bird (T)	(2003)
Geoffrey Boon (T)	(2003)
Frank Brennan (V)	(2003)
Amy Burow (V)	(2003)
† Maxwell Cherry OAM (T)	(2003)
Robert (Bob) Cruise (S)	(2003)
Joyce Davis MBE (V)	(2003)
Peter Dempsey (S)	(2003)
Phillip Donelan (N)	(2003)
† Royce Foley (V)	(2003)
Noella Greenham OAM (S)	(2003)
† Robert (Bob) Hamilton (T)	(2003)
John Harding (A)	(2003)
Vern Hough (N)	(2003)
† Kath Hoskin (V)	(2003)
Robert (Bob) Hussey (S)	(2003)
Margaret Mahony OAM (V)	(2003)
Alan Minter (V)	(2003)
Rex Morriss (T)	(2003)
† Fred Napier OAM (W)	(2003)
Des Paul OAM (S)	(2003)
John Pearce OAM (S)	(2003)
Brenda Pearl OAM (S)	(2003)
Geoff Peters (S)	(2003)
Patricia (Pat) Peters AM (S)	(2003)
John Purdie (S)	(2003)
Margaret Ruddock (T)	(2003)
Noel Ruddock AM (T)	(2003)
Basil Thompson (V)	(2003)
† Peter Waddell (A)	(2003)
Ruth Weber (S)	(2003)
Robin Whyte (A)	(2003)

† Deceased

Denis Wilson AM (A)	(2003)	Margaret Fisher (V)	(2007)
Sylvia Abbott (V)	(2004)	Graeme Nicholls (V)	(2007)
William Allamby (V)	(2004)	Frank Nott (T)	(2007)
Phyllis Andersson OAM (V)	(2004)	Jean O'Neill (V)	(2007)
Daryl Cross (Q)	(2004)	Marion Patterson OAM (V)	(2007)
Joan Cross OAM (Q)	(2004)	† Joy Soanes (V)	(2007)
Heather Doherty (Q)	(2004)	Ron Stobaus (V)	(2007)
Kevin Dynan (V)	(2004)	Don Allen (N)	(2008)
Jean Gell OAM (V)	(2004)	† Peter Lucas (N)	(2008)
JH (Bruce) Grummitt (Q)	(2004)	Geoffrey Martin OAM	(2008)
Judith Grummitt (Q)	(2004)	Ellen McGrath (N)	(2008)
Joan Hines (V)	(2004)	James (Jim) McGrath (N)	(2008)
James (Jim) Minehane (Q)	(2004)	Bette O'Neil (S)	(2008)
Brian Moore (V)	(2004)	Ron O'Neil (S)	(2008)
† Joyce Petfield OAM (Q)	(2004)	Brian Wyld (S)	(2008)
Ron Petfield (Q)	(2004)	Fay Denholm (T)	(2009)
Grant Sargent (V)	(2004)	Wayne Mason (T)	(2009)
† Ray Smith (V)	(2004)	David Phillips (T)	(2009)
Tom Stead (A)	(2004)	Margaret Dunbar (V)	(2010)
Harold Stevens OAM (V)	(2004)	Robert (Bob) Fossey (V)	(2010)
Edward (Ted) West (T)	(2004)	Geoffrey Grant (V)	(2010)
Arthur Whitchell (V)	(2004)	Alan Johnson (V)	(2010)
† Frank Woods (V)	(2004)	Donald Jowett OAM (Q)	(2010)
Ken English (A)	(2005)	Patricia Kinnane (Q)	(2010)
Wayne Fletcher (T)	(2005)	Ivan Kitt (V)	(2010)
Ken Hall (V)	(2005)	Patricia Robinson (V)	(2010)
Tony Keynes (S)	(2005)	Stuart Robley (V)	(2010)
† Frank Knight (Q)	(2005)	Brian Smith (Q)	(2010)
Dot Mills (A)	(2005)	Pauline Stevens OAM (Q)	(2010)
Geoff Moore (A)	(2005)	Cathreen Thompson (V)	(2010)
Edward (Ted) Simmons OAM (N)	(2005)		
Ian White (N)	(2005)		
Pat Agg (V)	(2006)		
Eric Arnold (N)	(2006)		
Kingsley Curtis (V)	(2006)		
Lola Downes OAM (V)	(2006)		
Jean Harmey (N)	(2006)		
Kevan Hook (W)	(2006)		
Valmai Loomes (N)	(2006)		
Allan Stewart (V)	(2006)		

† Deceased

Life Governors, Life Members & Merit Award Holders Continued

GOLD SERVICE AWARD

(Awarded by Athletics Australia to technical officials and club, branch and association administrators who have provided service to the sport of athletics for 30 years or more. Instituted in 2003)

Ellen Crane (V)	(2003)
† Edward (Ted) Crisp (S)	(2003)
† Donald (Don) Dohnt (S)	(2003)
Siegfield (Siggy) Grimm (S)	(2003)
Jill Huxley (N)	(2003)
Persephone (Sef) Lazarakis (W)	(2003)
Alan Mills (N)	(2003)
Valerie (Val) Prescott (W)	(2003)
Kathleen Rikus (N)	(2003)
Theo Rikus (N)	(2003)
Jeanette Robertson OAM (W)	(2003)
Brian Roe (T)	(2003)
Andrew Willis (T)	(2003)
Diana Barnett (V)	(2004)
Joy Bradbury (V)	(2004)
† Shirley Brasher (T)	(2004)
James (Jim) Ferrari (V)	(2004)
Ian Galbraith (A)	(2004)
Paul Jenes OAM (V)	(2004)
Lorraine Morgan AM (V)	(2004)
John Moss (V)	(2004)
Charles Nolan (V)	(2004)
Judith Phillips (T)	(2004)
Ian Rickard (V)	(2004)
Joan Ryan (V)	(2004)
Margaret Smith (Q)	(2004)
Geoff Soanes (V)	(2004)
† David (Dave) Stevens OAM (Q)	(2004)
Hazel Vaughan (V)	(2004)
Marlene Warren (V)	(2004)
Lyndall Warry (Q)	(2004)
Ian Williams (V)	(2004)
Allen Bain (Q)	(2005)
Wilma Bain (Q)	(2005)
Jo Cherry (T)	(2005)

Dora Dosser (V)	(2005)
Steven Downes (V)	(2005)
Greg Gilbert (A)	(2005)
Viliis Gravitis (N)	(2005)
Lorraine Haddrick (N)	(2005)
Stephen Hampstead (N)	(2005)
Bev Jaye (N)	(2005)
Jan Knox (N)	(2005)
Rosemary Owens OAM (N)	(2005)
Gerard Ryan (A)	(2005)
Robert (Bob) Ryan (N)	(2005)
Trish Thomas (A)	(2005)
David Carr (W)	(2006)
Margaret Devine (W)	(2006)
Brendan Ferrari (V)	(2006)
Terry Mahoney (T)	(2006)
Bryan McCarthy (A)	(2006)
Barry Saxby (N)	(2006)
Janice Saxby (N)	(2006)
Margaret Thompson (V)	(2006)
Michael Thomson (A)	(2006)
William Williams (V)	(2006)
May Burling (V)	(2007)
Patricia (Pat) Gartside (V)	(2007)
John Gomez (V)	(2007)
Ronda Jenkins OAM (V)	(2007)
Ruby Lambden (V)	(2007)
Diane (Di) Lowden (V)	(2007)
Allan Mathews (V)	(2007)
Elaine McLeod (V)	(2007)
Ron Miller (V)	(2007)
Margaret Nunn (V)	(2007)
Diane (Di) Pain (V)	(2007)
Ron Palmer (V)	(2007)
Ellen Perry (V)	(2007)
Simon Phillips (T)	(2007)
Nancy Pollard (V)	(2007)
Laurie Preston (V)	(2007)
Sandra Davison (T)	(2008)
John Hamann (S)	(2008)

† Deceased

David Hobson (A)	(2008)
Laurie Keaton (A)	(2008)
Roslyn Mitchell (N)	(2008)
Betty Moore (N)	(2008)
Mary Saunders (V)	(2008)
Irene Williams (V)	(2008)
Tony Williams (V)	(2008)
John Yarranton (V)	(2008)
Dorothy Donald (T)	(2009)
Kimba (Kim) Eyles (T)	(2009)
Jennifer Lennon (T)	(2009)
Lyn Miles (Q)	(2009)
Vern Collings (V)	(2010)
Lee Derby (W)	(2010)
Barry Dobson (Q)	(2010)
Nancy Emblin (V)	(2010)
Veronica Foard (V)	(2010)
Geoff Garnett (W)	(2010)
Harry Giles (Q)	(2010)
Ivan Harding (V)	(2010)
Brent Hundloe (Q)	(2010)
Kathy Hundloe (Q)	(2010)
Richard Lawysz (V)	(2010)
Norman Mackie (A)	(2010)
Hugh McKechnie (V)	(2010)
William (Bill) McLennan (V)	(2010)
Heather Mitchell (N)	(2010)
Pamela Noden (V)	(2010)
Barbara Rumble (V)	(2010)
Lorraine Smith (V)	(2010)
William (Bill) Toohey (V)	(2010)
Beth Vize (V)	(2010)
Geoff Warren (V)	(2010)
Bruce Wilson (W)	(2010)

† Deceased

Australian Honours List

The Australian Honours List is an official record containing over 240,000 entries of Australians who have been honoured since Federation, excluding those who have been recognised for military campaign service and with military long service awards.

The Order of Australia was created in 1975 and since then, more than 14,000 Australians have been recognised for service to their country or humanity.

This year the following members of the Australian athletics fraternity received an award in recognition of their service.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS – JANUARY 26, 2010

Phyllis Anderson OAM (VIC)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to athletics as an official and administrator.

Geoffrey Martin OAM (NSW)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to athletics and to surf lifesaving.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS – JUNE 14, 2010

Janelle Eldridge OAM (NSW)

Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for service to athletics.

Australia takes bronze in the men's 4x400m relay at the IAAF world titles in Berlin, 2009



GEORGE W TEMPEST

George Tempest is best remembered by Western Australian athletes as a track referee and if it had not been for George's employment in the army he may never have become involved with athletics at all. It was after his win at the Defence Forces athletics carnival in the mid-1940s that George was encouraged to run competitively. He joined the YMCA Club and enjoyed success in middle distance events. In 1948 he was selected for the national championships. In 1950, George began a remarkable career as an athletics official. His first international meet was at the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in 1962, with his last being the Sydney Olympics in 2000 where he served as a track umpire. He was an active contributor to the work of the Athletics Australia Officials Committee, and for many years filled the role of Officials Education Liaison Officer in WA. George was also a successful coach of middle distance athletes. During his 53 years of involvement in the sport, George received Life Membership of the Melville Athletics Club, the AAWA and Athletics Australia. In 2000 he was recipient of the Australian Sports Medal and in 2008 the ultimate recognition, Life Governorship of Athletics Australia.

ELVA SCHULZ

Elva's involvement as an official with Australian athletics granted her Life Membership of Athletics Australia in 1978, Queensland Athletics in 1965 and the Mayne Harriers Club. Initially she was an Executive Member of the Queensland Women's Athletic Association and continued her service to the sport until the amalgamation with the Men's Athletic Association in 1983. Elva was generous, giving, kind-hearted and caring, which led to her being given the title of 'House Mother' to many of the junior athletes at junior development camps conducted by the state association. These athletes went on to represent Queensland and Australia in competition. Elva was fondly remembered by all of these athletes, as she always arranged the farewell concert on the last night of camp. Always willing to help where possible, she opened up her home and billeted many athletes and coaches over the years. She was a tireless worker and earned the respect of fellow officials and athletes with the accuracy of her recording, time-keeping and overall administration. She continued her athletics work right up until the year 2000, when failing health caused her to retire, but she continued a keen interest in the sport.

SHIRLEY BRASHER

Shirley was an inspiration not only to her own generation but to all Tasmanians. Shirley took up athletics later than most, when her four children became involved. Club athletics was always the base, but she gradually added national veterans' competitions and then took on the best in the world at the International Masters Event. Shirley was a state, national and World Masters champion and record-holder on multiple occasions. As an athlete, Shirley was a quiet achiever, never wanting to seek publicity for her own performances. Shirley was always involved in athletics for schools, club, state or national events as an official or a volunteer. She was also conscientious, reliable and always on time. Shirley was bestowed with the Merit Award of Athletics Tasmania in 1984 in recognition of her dedicated service to the sport.

TED CAVANAGH

Ted was an Area Manager with Athletics SA for a number of years. He was a National Technical Official, having officiated at the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane in 1982. Ted was also involved with coaching. Ted was a Life Member of Athletics SA.

MAURIE DREW

Maurie competed for the East Melbourne Harriers and was the Victorian Triple Jump Champion twice in 1963 and 1967. He finished third twice in the national championships in 1963 and 1967. His personal best was 15.87m, where he finished in third place at the 1967 national championships. That year, he also ranked in the world's top 100. Maurie was amongst our leading triple jumpers during a period of world-class jumpers in Australia, which included the likes of Ian Tomlinson, John Baguley, Graham Boase, Phil May and Mick McGrath. Maurie was a great competitor but also a very kind and friendly person who was always willing to help.

RAY SMITH

Ray was one of the most well-known and deeply respected members of the Australian race walking community and of the Victorian Race Walking Club. He finished sixth in the 50km race walk at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne. He was the Australian 50km champion and former 50km record-holder. He was the IAAF race walk judge (1975-2001). He was an IAAF Race Walking Committee Member. A Life Member of the Coburg Harriers Athletics Club, Victorian Race Walking Club, Athletics Australia and Athletics Victoria. He held a 50-year Membership and Officiating Award with Athletics Victoria and was awarded the Merit Award for the Australian Sports Medal in 2000.

VERNA MCINTOSH

Verna represented Australia at the 1952 Olympics where she finished eighth in the long jump with 5.74m and was a member of the world record-breaking 4x100m relay team that dropped the baton at the last change whilst in the lead to finish fifth. Verna also represented Australia at the 1950 Auckland British Empire Games (Commonwealth Games) where she finished third in the 100 yards (11.1) and fifth in the 220 yards (25.3), fourth in the long jump (5.54m) and was a member of both 440 yards and 660 yards gold medal medley relay teams. She was the national long jump champion in 1952 and was also a minor medallist in the sprints and long jump between 1948 and 1952.

IAN SINFIELD

Ian represented Australia at the 1960 Rome Olympics where he finished 43rd in the marathon with a time of 2:34.16. He also competed at the 1962 Perth British Empire and Commonwealth Games in the marathon but did not finish. He won the Australian Marathon Championships in 1960 with a time of 2:25.14. Ian passed away after a long illness in Western Australia.

FRED LESTER

Served during World War II and in 1947 joined the YMCA AAC as a distance runner. For nearly 30 years he was the secretary of the Victorian Marathon Club and one of the main organisers of the annual Zatopek 10,000m race in Melbourne. Fred ran in the World University Games in Moscow in 1957 but failed to finish the marathon. He finished seventh in the 1962 Australian marathon in 2:37.12. His best recorded time was 2:34.20.

Australian Records

Australian records from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

MEN						
David Rudisha	KEN	AUS all-comers	800m	1:43.15	Melbourne	4/03/2010
Sam Baines	VIC	AUS U20	110m hurdles	13.53	Brisbane	26/06/2010
Collis Birmingham, Ryan Gregson, Mitch Kealey, Nick Bromley	AUS	national	4x1500m relay	14:46.92	Brussels (BEL)	4/09/2009
Mitchell Tysoe, Cameron Hyde, Alex Beck, Jordan Williamsz	AUS	U18	1000m sprint medley relay	1:54.49	Bressanone (ITA)	11/07/2009
Julian Wruck	QLD	AUS U20	Discus throw (1.75kg)	62.56m	Brisbane	26/06/2010
WOMEN						
Sally Pearson (McLellan)	QLD	AUS national	100m hurdles	12.50	Monaco (MON)	28/07/2009
Chloe Jamieson	ACT	AUS U16	100m hurdles	27.27	Hobart	5/12/2009
Liz Parnov	WA	AUS U20	100m hurdles	4.40m	Perth	18/04/2010
Liz Parnov	WA	AUS U18	100m hurdles	4.40m	Perth	18/04/2010
Wasie Toolis	QLD	AUS U16	Javelin throw	47.41m	Hobart	6/12/2009
INDOOR						
Ryan Foster	TAS	AUS national	800m	1:47.48	Pennsylvania (USA)	30/01/2010
Ryan Foster	TAS	AUS national	1000m	2:19.60	Pennsylvania (USA)	16/01/2010
Fabrice Lapierre	NSW	AUS national	Long jump	8.19m	Doha (QAT)	12/03/2010
David McNeill	VIC	AUS national	5000m	13:36.41	Fayetteville (USA)	12/03/2010
Colin Pocklington, Robert Pearce, John Fienieg, Stuart Paterson	AUS	national (masters race)	4x200m relay	1:51.99	Kamloops (CAN)	6/03/2010

Australian Medallists

IAAF world youth championships , Bressanone (ITA), July 8-12, 2009
Amy Pejkoic 2nd High jump
World University Games , Belgrade (SRB), July 1-12, 2009
Sean Wroe 1st 400m
Madeleine Pape 1st 800m
Tristan Thomas 1st 400m hurdles
Men's 4x400m relay 1st (John Burstow, Brendan Cole, Tristan Thomas, Chris Troode, Clay Watkins, Sean Wroe)
Dani Samuels 1st Discus throw
Kaila McKnight 2nd 1500m
IAAF world championships , Berlin (GER), August 15-23, 2009
Steve Hooker 1st Pole vault
Dani Samuels 1st Discus throw
Mitchell Watt 3rd Long jump
Men's 4x400m relay 3rd (Joel Milburn, Ben Offereins, John Steffensen, Tristan Thomas, Sean Wroe)
IAAF World Athletics Final , Thessaloniki (GRE), September 12-13, 2009
Fabrice Lapierre 1st Long jump
IAAF world indoor championships , Doha (QAT), March 12-14, 2010
Steve Hooker 1st Pole vault
Fabrice Lapierre 1st Long jump
Mitchell Watt 3rd Long jump
World University Cross Country Championships , Kingston (CAN), April 11, 2010
Liam Adams 2nd Men's cross country
Women's team 2nd (Emily Donker, Carly Griffith, Eliza Stewart, Jessica Trengove, Melinda Vernon)
IAAF World Race Walking Cup , Chihuahua (MEX), May 15-16, 2010
Jared Tallent 3rd 50km walk

Registration & Participation Figures 2009-10

		Totals 2008-09	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Totals
Athletes											
Senior	Male	4312	54	1283	204	730	141	219	1449	184	4264
	Female	2369	30	679	159	559	94	119	601	214	2455
Under 20	Male	659	18	210	2	92	38	31	218	59	668
	Female	489	13	159	5	64	18	15	161	52	487
Under 18	Male	1123	18	330	14	208	71	53	412	87	1193
	Female	881	22	261	7	172	45	34	268	84	893
Under 16	Male	1140	31	292	19	243	69	56	388	89	1187
	Female	1146	21	364	13	234	68	63	327	97	1187
Under 14	Male	850	25	265	39	221	24	74	300	73	1021
	Female	996	23	319	44	243	27	86	279	84	1105
Under 12	Male	789	-	165	164	594	3	-	-	-	926
	Female	812	-	178	179	594	2	-	-	-	953
Total	Male	8873	146	2545	442	2088	346	433	2767	493	9260
	Female	6693	109	1960	407	1866	254	317	1636	531	7080
Total athletes		15566	255	4505	849	3954	600	750	4403	1024	16340
Officials											
	Male	633	42	175	25	38	26	80	120	29	535
	Female	528	28	128	36	22	23	55	71	38	401
Total officials		1161	70	303	61	60	49	135	191	67	936
Active Life Members											
	Male	34	11	38	14	21	19	6	8	9	126
	Female	19	2	18	9	23	13	2	9	10	86
Total active life members		53	13	56	23	44	32	8	17	19	212

		Totals 2008-09	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Totals
Coaches											
Level 1	Male	591	12	181	7	191	28	19	189	36	663
	Female	461	11	169	4	217	14	6	94	22	537
Level 2	Male	730	16	205	2	202	35	13	156	49	678
	Female	361	7	87	0	130	14	2	44	32	316
Level 3	Male	80	1	18	0	8	2	1	8	7	45
	Female	21	0	3	0	6	0	0	2	2	13
Level 4	Male	222	8	76	0	49	16	10	46	10	215
	Female	72	1	19	1	15	6	2	14	5	63
Level 5	Male	71	2	16	1	14	3	1	29	2	68
	Female	14	2	3	0	2	2	0	3	5	17
Total coaches		2644	60	777	15	834	120	54	585	170	2615
Participation programs											
Schools Knockout		3512	0	297	0	360	270	459	1422	154	2962
Australian All Schools		2237 (inc. PSG)	30	360	3	404	71	84	347	81	1380
Running Australia		116,470	0	42,305	0	31,369	28,643	7,866	27,425	40,460	178,068
Total participation		122,219	30	42,962	3	32,133	28,984	8,409	29,194	40,695	182,410

Athletics ACT



2009-10 has been a successful year for Athletics ACT, with highlights including nine ACT athletes selected for the Commonwealth Games, a return to financial surplus, improved relationships with our sister athletics organisations and an increased focus on development.

The key priorities and results for Athletics ACT in 2009-10:

Re-structure of Athletics ACT into a single entity, representing and providing programs and services to all track and field members.

During the season we instituted a new competition format, which received positive feedback from members. Increased resources were placed into the development arena not only to support the next generation of athletes but also at the tertiary level. Unfortunately, results were not what were expected and the Board needs to focus further on this area. The Board recognises this is a long-term investment for results.

Develop formal agreements with ACT Cross Country, ACT Veterans and ACT Little Athletics to work together where appropriate and to combine the administration location for all four organisations.

AACT took the lead in 2009 in re-establishing relationships with our sister athletics associations. Not only did this include a series of one-on-one meetings but also the hosting of an informal athletics council for the four associations to get together and discuss common issues.

AACT has established MOUs with all three associations, defining areas of responsibility and support. AACT has also increased its liaison with the ACT Government and we again extend our appreciation of the ongoing funding support provided.

Develop a coaching structure that provides coaching services to all levels of athletes.

AACT has established a good rapport with Dennis Goodwin, President of the ACT branch of the ATFCA, who has brought a new level of energy to the coaching fraternity and is proactive in promoting the development of the coaching fraternity in the ACT and the region. The future of athletics depends very much on the coaching fraternity to develop 'promise' into performance and Canberra has a unique coaching independent structure, whereby coaches are not affiliated with clubs.

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

2010 has again resulted in a strong year of performances by ACT athletes at both senior and junior competition and nine ACT athletes have been selected for the Commonwealth Games team. Melissa Breen, Lauren Boden and Brendan Cole all won national titles during the year and Louise Ellery set a series of world records in the area of AWD throws.

There was strong representation by the ACT at junior and school-level competition as well.

A particular congratulations must go to Matt Beckenham, who achieved a number of major coaching successes during the past year including the selection to the Commonwealth Games team of Melissa, Lauren and Brendan. Matt also coached Tom Burbidge, the winner of this year's Stawell Gift.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Under a very professional and disciplined treasurer AACT returned to surplus in 2009, which provides the Executive with considerable more confidence and certainty in running the association.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Executive Committee took the decision that in accordance with the agreed strategic direction, increased resources need to be directed into development activities. As a result, the then-Executive Officer position was redrawn as an Administrative Officer position. This was so the Association could proactively provide more resources to development, to promote the sport of athletics at the secondary school and tertiary level within the region and recognise that the success of athletics in the ACT will be dependent on the continuing entry of talented youth. We are also appreciative of the relationship established with LA to work together in the transition area of juniors and to recognise their areas of coverage.

AACT was particularly lucky in engaging Wendy Pinkerton in late 2009 as our new Administrative Officer. With a background in sports administration Wendy has very effectively managed the office, provided a new focus on supporting our volunteers and established new office procedures – all in a modest but positive and proactive manner. Great job Wendy.

Greg Gilbert stepped down from the Board during the year and it would be remiss of me not to provide a tribute to his many years of assistance with event set-up and management at both the ACT and national level. Greg did a manful job in running the national Australia Cup meet in Canberra in late January.

There remain many challenges to the sport of athletics in the ACT and Australia and whilst there have been some positive steps in the right direction, there are a number of areas that are of concern, including:

- Declining numbers of participants
- Continuing competition for our potential athletes of the future from other sports
- The support provided by the club network. It would appear that having nine clubs across 300 members is too many and that most clubs are struggling to communicate with their members. The sport needs to make some decisions around whether we need to consolidate club numbers so as to reduce duplication.

AACT also welcomes the support provided by Athletics Australia of our association during the year and the awarding of Owen Heness and Michael Thomson life membership of Athletics Australia.

Alex Gosman

President
Athletics ACT

100m athlete Melissa Breen races to victory at the Briggs Athletics Classic in February



Athletics New South Wales



The 2009-10 year surpassed the gains made in the previous year in terms of athletes, their performances, clubs and in the sport in New South Wales. The plan put in place the previous year has now started to produce results.

Registrations have increased, which resulted in higher participation for both winter and summer competitions. This has occurred at all levels, from local to the more elite areas of the sport.

Athletics New South Wales' commitment to the World Masters Games also provided competition to all levels of competitors over 30 years of age who wished to participate in athletics.

Again this year the premier events included the 10km Road Race, with over 860 entries, and the Sydney Track Classic, which produced many outstanding performances. The former event was well recognised across the international running community and will provide Athletics New South Wales (ANSW) with the credentials to host more events like this in the future.

The Newcastle Track Classic was a great success thanks to the efforts of Regional Coordinator Scott Westcott, cooperation of local organising groups in the Hunter and the support received from athletes, coaches and officials. This success provides ANSW with the opportunity to further develop this style of event to bring entertaining athletics to the people of NSW. It is my aim to further develop this type of event beyond Newcastle and to ensure that we have the involvement of local clubs and organisations as part of these events. ANSW will continue to work with Athletics Australia to ensure we develop a comprehensive calendar of events that will provide athletes with as many opportunities as possible to compete at a high standard.

Our athletes continue to perform well at both a national and international level. The President's report details many of the achievements of our athletes but it would be remiss of me not to congratulate Dani Samuels on her world championships gold medal and also Fabrice Lapierre on his success at the international level over the last 12 months. A large group of NSW competitors will take part in the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi later this year. It is also encouraging to see the levels of participation increasing at both the youth and junior levels of the sport with Amy Pejkoivic winning silver at the 2009 world youth championships.

The Board has appointed a working committee to review the current competition structure and provide a report with recommendations as to how ANSW should organise competition in the future. We expect to have the report later this year with the aim of adopting the recommendations in the 2011-12 competition year.

The continued development of our sport is critical and the Board of ANSW has made this a priority. This includes building on the learning and success experienced with the regional program in the Hunter Region. Over the next 12 months, ANSW expects to increase the role of development and integrate activities into local athletic communities. It is hoped that through the support of the Federal Government, Little Athletics and Athletics Australia, ANSW will be able to deliver in this area.

Strong local clubs are the key to growing our sport as they not only produce opportunities for athletes but also provide a base for the development of coaches and officials. This, combined with getting local businesses involved, will help grow our sport at a grassroots level; critical to the long-term success of athletics.

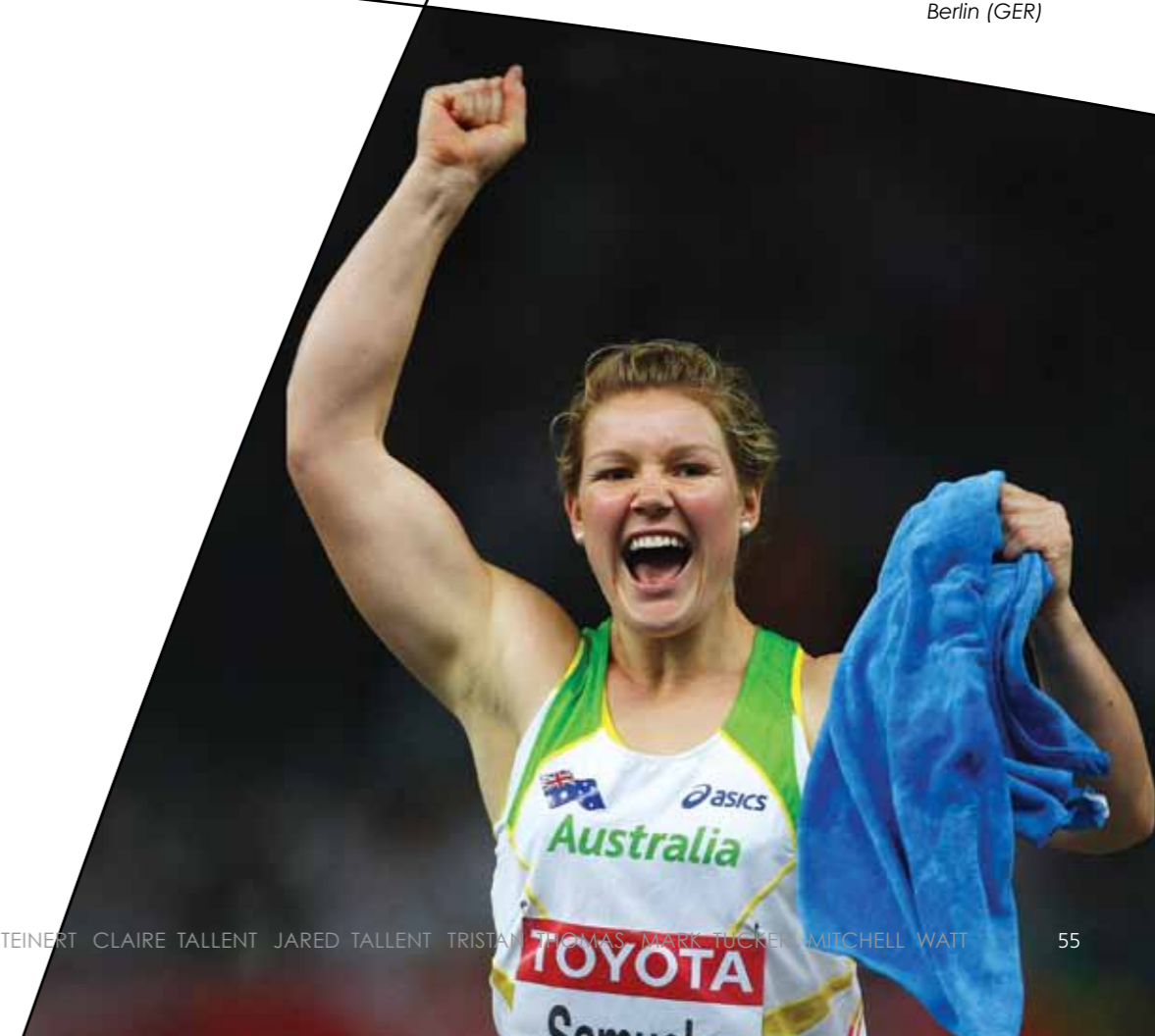
ANSW's financial position continues to remain strong and while the organisation has had several challenges during the year, including the change to the registration period which affected the receipt of fees, we are able to continue to allow new initiatives to be considered.

Athletics needs to focus on building relationships at all levels of the community and government. There is interest within the general community to be 'tapped' into so that athletics can become a more prominent sport in Australian homes. The marketing of our sport is still weak and it is the responsibility of all levels to have an active plan that will lift the profile of athletics, not only in NSW, but also in Australia.

Sincere thanks are extended to the management team at ANSW, led by CEO Greg Meagher and the Board of Directors, for what was one of the busiest and most successful years for ANSW since the 2000 Olympics. Thank you also to the officials, coaches and administrators who work behind the scenes to make the individual athletes and their clubs successful. Finally, thank you to Athletics Australia, NSW Institute of Sport, Sydney Olympic Authority and ANSW's local sponsors for their continued support and commitment.

Peter Bromley
Chairman
Athletics New South Wales

Dani Samuels becomes the youngest world discus champion in history at the 2009 IAAF world titles in Berlin (GER)



Athletics Northern Territory



Greetings from the 'Top End', Darwin, Northern Territory of Australia.

Athletics in the Top End and central Australia, Alice Springs and the Katherine regions has remained stable with a minor increase in athlete member numbers.

We have seen an increase in qualified volunteer officials as a result of conducting officials courses in Darwin, and anticipate new volunteer officials becoming available from the Katherine region. Alice Springs is being targeted to increase volunteer officials in that region.

We are continuing our endeavour to conduct coaching accreditation courses from within the Territory and for courses to be conducted in Alice Springs and Darwin, with the anticipation of Katherine candidates attending courses in Darwin. To this end, our new Office Administration Manager Mrs Donna English has been making contact with Athletics Australia for such courses to be conducted in the early part of 2011.

Mr Mick Outhred resigned as General Manager to move interstate to further his triathlon ventures after serving several years with Athletics Northern Territory. We wish him well with his future prospects in his new employment and triathlon feats.

Athletics Northern Territory has kept moving forward and after a short period of volunteers attending the office and its associated administration we were able to secure the services of our new Office Administration Manager, Mrs Donna English.

Donna has settled in very well as a novice to athletics but her prior knowledge from previous sporting interests (hockey and events administration at Freds Pass Reserve) has given her a good grounding in her move into the world of athletics.

Our major events have been out-of-stadium based this year due to track refurbishment. These included the Australia Day Fun Run, NT News City 2 Surf, 10km Road Race Series and in conjunction with Darwin Runners and Walkers Club, the ABC Half Marathon.

2010 also saw Athletics Northern Territory assist with the Rotary Pedal Power event held at the Hidden Valley Motorsports complex, home of the V8s in Darwin. Darwin Runners and Walkers Club set up the timing/chip system. Used during the day to record bike riders during a variety of Pedal Power events.

Arafura Athletics Stadium is currently a construction site as it is being fully upgraded with many thanks to the NT Government and a \$4.2m funding agreement to upgrade the facility.

The new stadium facilities will see pole vault and steeplechase events once again contested in future events at the stadium. Lighting is being fully upgraded and will include two new light towers on the outside of the bends north and south of the track. A new east/west pole vault runway is being installed to further enhance stadium capability. The refurbishment is on target for the new track surface to be down by mid-November (just before the wet season), with the infield, lighting and equipment to be fully replaced before the 2011 Arafura Games in May.

Due to construction work at the stadium it was necessary to find a temporary home to conduct the Northern Territory Championships held September 3-5, 2010.

The championships were located at the Alawa Ovals off Lakeside Drive and adjacent to Charles Darwin University, an old athletics site from years gone by.

Our special thanks to Charles Darwin University for assisting in making the area available, including the relocation of AFL goal posts and ground preparation.

We constructed a joint long jump and triple jump pit, three concrete base throws rings and had a portable AWD throws ring, all 250kg of it.

Along with the main oval, an eight-lane 400m track with a 110m eight-lane straight, we marked a training track that was 100m with a 200m curve and a javelin throw area. The circular track was based on a 70m straight so it could fit inside the Australian Rules Football and cricket arena.

As has been the case in previous years, both School Sport NT and Broome Athletics Club (Little Athletics WA) competed at the NT Championships as associate members.

Congratulations to all competitors who took part, whether a medallist or not. Thank you to the officials and volunteers who made the event possible, locals, visitors from WA and to our very own from Katherine and Alice Springs.

We trust everyone enjoyed the temporary location of the meet and the country fair setting at Alawa Ovals.

The 2011 Arafura Games will be held from May 7 to 14 inclusive. Check the Arafura Games website for regular updated information. Volunteer registrations will be detailed online for those interested in visiting Darwin at the start of our dry season. Warning: Book flights and accommodation early as it has been confirmed that at the present time, 11 countries will be attending the Games.

Sponsors: Without sponsors some athletics functions just do not happen. We acknowledge the Northern Territory Government, Sports and Recreation (NT Government), McDonalds, Athletes Foot, NT News, Coca Cola, Powerade and Southern Cross Broadcasters (NT).

John R Williams

*President
Athletics Northern Territory*

Queensland Athletics



After a year of many changes and challenges, I am delighted to report that the 2009-10 athletics year has seen further improvements in the growth of the sport of athletics in Queensland.

During the 2009-10 year Queensland Athletics has seen continued growth in membership numbers, participation rates and market penetration. Queensland Athletics also returned a solid financial surplus for the year 2009.

The 2009-10 athletics year has also been most successful for athletics in North Queensland, where Athletics North Queensland operates as an integral part of Queensland Athletics in the delivery of athletics.

Athletics North Queensland performed very strongly, with excellent growth in members and competition participants. Athletics North Queensland continued to provide a full range of competitions and opportunities for its members via its extremely dedicated Board, staff and volunteers. The ANQ season was as usual busy, with the highlights being the North Queensland Games, the Athletics North Queensland Championships and the successful Oz Squad development camp. One of the ongoing challenges for both Athletics North Queensland and Queensland Athletics is to work together to coordinate the activities of both organisations into one streamlined sport.

The year 2009-10 continued the exciting interclub Shield Meet concept and Queensland Athletics is pleased with how the competition format is continuing to be embraced. Many clubs are viewing these meets as a great way to invigorate their clubs and to build a sense of club pride.

The Shield Meets directly contributed to an increase of 24 per cent in the Brisbane Track and Field Competition participation numbers from the 2008-09 season.

Track and Field Championship numbers also increased by 6.5 per cent over 2008 entry numbers. Although the increase was not huge, it mostly came from participation in the younger age groups which is encouraging.

In the winter, Brisbane cross country participation continues to be strong. In particular, the Queensland All Schools Cross Country Championships experienced huge gains, with an increase by more than 300 participants from the 2009 championships. The entry numbers, which were well over 1600, were the biggest experienced in many years and are a good indication of how this competition is once again being embraced by the school community.

It is clear that recreational running numbers continue to increase and that the popularity of fun runs keeps on growing. The Running Australia program, launched in 2008, is continuing to expand with over 15 events signed up to the program in 2009. This saw over 30,000 Queensland runners take part in the national program, which has boosted our recreational running membership numbers substantially. It would seem that this program has huge potential for future years and this looks likely to continue to increase in the years ahead. In 2010 this program is proving to be even more successful and Queensland Athletics see recreational running as an untapped market for future membership.

Queensland Athletics was proud to continue its growth in membership. The impressive figure of 4345 total membership represents a 10-year high for Queensland; this was aided especially by the large gains achieved by Athletics North Queensland. Queensland Athletics' goal is to become the member association with the largest membership of any Australian senior athletics state sport organisation. We will be looking to break through the 5000-member mark next year and look towards a figure over 10,000 in the not-too-distant future.

Queensland Athletics continues to build strong and productive alliances with other athletics bodies within Queensland. Queensland Masters, the Queensland branch of the ATFCA and Little Athletics Queensland, as well as our national governing body, Athletics Australia, have all worked co-operatively and productively with Queensland Athletics at different times throughout the year in order to provide better products and services to our customers.

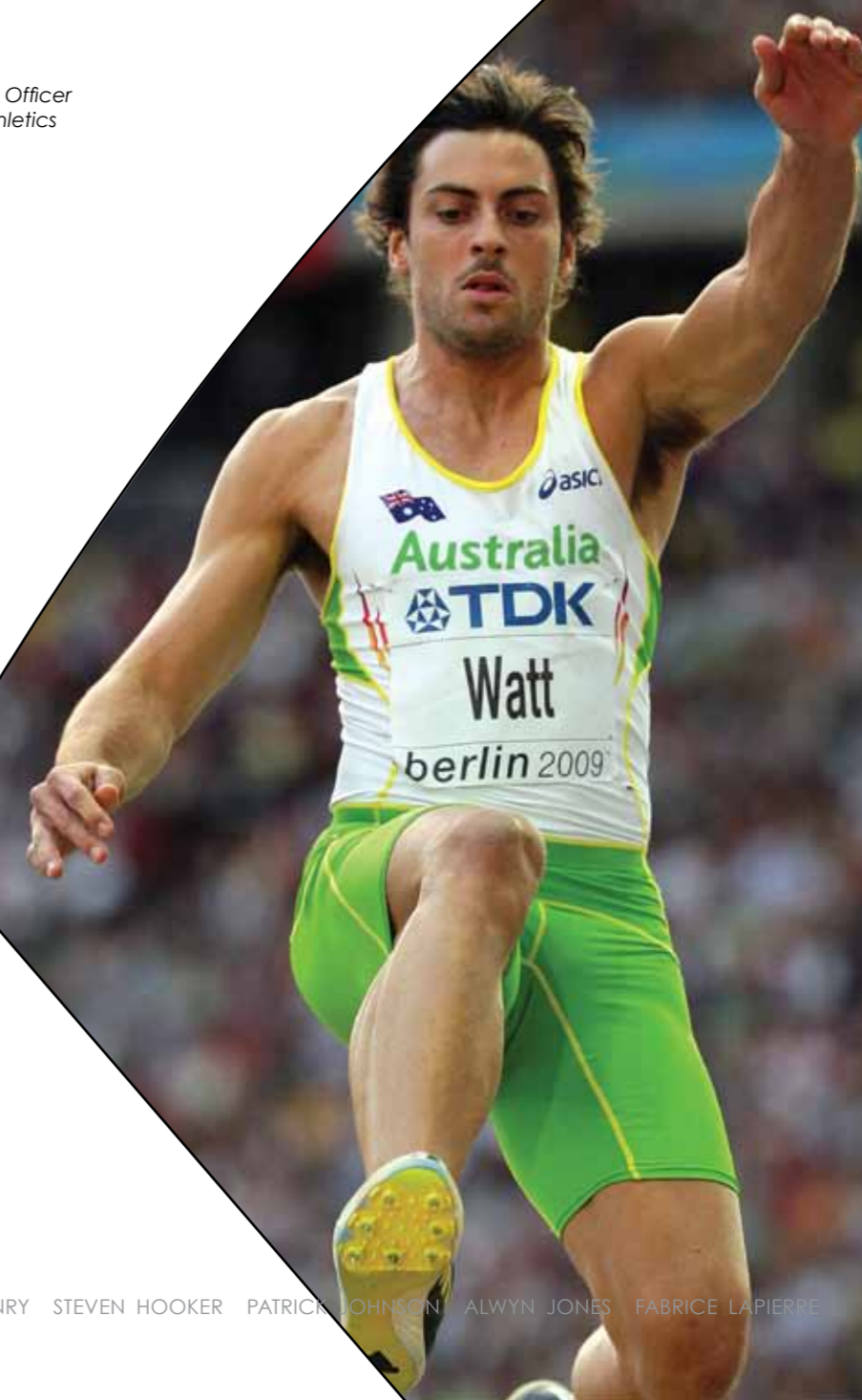
Finally, I would like to thank the Queensland Athletics and Athletics North Queensland Board members. These individuals' enthusiastic and sound advice, governance and direction have enabled the sport of athletics to move forward and achieve success in a range of areas. Thank you also to the dedicated QA and ANQ staff members, who work above and beyond the call of duty for our sport. Their remarkable efforts and skills often go unrecognised, yet are vital to the everyday success of athletics in Queensland.

I look forward to another successful year of operation and growth for athletics in Queensland in 2010-11.

Grant Cremer

Chief Executive Officer
Queensland Athletics

Mitchell Watt takes bronze at the 2009 IAAF world titles in Berlin (GER)



Athletics South Australia



It has been a good year for Athletics South Australia (ASA), with progress being made in a number of key areas. The Board and Management Team continue to seek ways to improve the administration and delivery of athletics in South Australia. The development of a new strategic plan was an important step forward. ASA's engagement of key stakeholders in the development of the new strategic plan was important. The end result is a plan that represents the thoughts and vision of the sport's chief partners. ASA now has a clear direction with which it can move forward to confront the many challenges and threats athletics faces in South Australia.

Financially, ASA is in a strong position, posting another healthy surplus of \$22,327 during the 2009-10 financial year. Graham Billett as the Finance Director, and Melinda Andrews as the Administration Officer have once again done a fantastic job in this area. Graham's diligence in overseeing the finances has led to a strong accumulation of member funds. The Board and Management Team will be looking to utilise some of the accumulated funds to responsibly invest in a number of exciting projects during the next 12 months. The Santos Stadium canteen continues to be an important asset to ASA.

During season 2009-10, ASA changed its venue hire arrangements and as a result, its membership fee structure. This resulted in an increase in the annual membership fee, but removed weekly stadium gate fees. Whilst feedback indicated that this was well received by the membership base, registrations were down slightly for the period. It is hard to know whether this was a result of an inability or reluctance to pay a lump sum or whether this was a result of the summer and winter competition structure or even the lingering impact of the Global Financial Crisis.

Summer and winter competition structures remained fairly similar to those of the previous season. The Track and Field Commission made some changes to the timetabling in response to feedback from the membership survey. This included condensing the program and resulted in events not being available every week. Overall attendance figures at weekly competition were slightly down on those of previous seasons, which was also a reflection of reduced membership numbers. It is clear that a thorough review and revamp of the track and field season will be needed in the near future for ASA competition to remain relevant.

The Adelaide Invitational Series again proved to be popular with an increase in sponsorship and attendance. The organising committee took the event to a new level by funding a limited number of athletes from interstate to attend. This significantly increased local media interest in the series and provided a welcome boost to competition for our members. Athletics in South Australia desperately craves the return of an elite-level national meet to assist its development and high performance structures and boost interest in athletics in the state.

The winter cross country, road and walks program remained fairly similar, however Athletics SA introduced two new funs runs into the winter season, which proved popular. Fitzy's 5 received a vast amount of exposure and was well supported. It is hoped this event will not only become an annual tribute to the memory of the legendary David Fitzsimons and raise funds for cancer research, but also increase ASA's financial capacity and brand exposure as it grows.

2009-10 also saw a change in the staff structure at ASA. The Board decided to make the position of Executive Director full time (up from 0.6) and the Development Officer position was reduced from a full time role to 20 hours a week. Unfortunately ASA is not in a position at present to employ both staff on a full time basis. Having a full time Executive Director will be important in order to work towards achieving this and meeting a current shortfall in paid staffing resources. ASA must continue to seek additional income to employ more paid staff and counter an over-reliance on volunteer labour. The Board and Management Team are working hard to achieve this.

Despite the recent decrease in hours afforded to development, the ASA development program is achieving good results thanks to the continuing efforts of Toby Medlin. At the new National Junior Championships in March, the South Australian team was the best performed of all states and territories per capita for medals won. The team brought home 41 medals with a team of only 77 athletes, which is a credit to all involved. Strong leadership, new team policies, a young management team and a renewed sense of pride and optimism made a significant contribution to these results.

The introduction of a new Athletics SA state uniform turned heads at the junior championships and reignited a sense of team pride. This significant investment also created a new revenue stream for ASA.

2009-10 also saw some positive steps forward for the unification of South Australian athletics with strong progress made towards the implementation of a dual registration policy with SA Little Athletics and a move towards a partnership with the SA branch of the ATFCA to collaboratively deliver coach education in South Australia. ASA is committed to continuing to pursue the development of partnerships with other athletics organisations in South Australia.

Another key project that commenced in 2009-10 was the move towards the development of a new constitution that more adequately reflects the current operations of ASA. It is anticipated that the new constitution will be implemented early in 2011.

The next 12 months promise to be very challenging for ASA. The Santos Stadium track redevelopment is scheduled to commence in September and be completed by the end of February, 2011. As Santos Stadium is the only synthetic athletics track in South Australia, ASA will be forced to move its operations to a club venue. Despite appeals from ASA, it is highly probable that a portion of the membership base will see no benefit in registering during 2010-11, resulting in a loss of revenue. Present budget estimates suggest that this, coupled with the loss of revenue through the Santos Stadium canteen, will leave a budget shortfall upwards of \$25,000 based on the 2009-10 result. In essence, the upgrade could potentially result in a loss of revenue of as much as \$50,000, highlighting the need for ASA to lobby state and local government to develop another synthetic track and field facility in Adelaide.

On a more positive note, it's an exciting time to be involved in the administration of athletics in Australia. There are some positive moves right around the country to address many key issues and challenges that confront the sport. This is accompanied by a sense of optimism and a willingness to collectively move the sport forward. At ASA, we look forward to being a part of the continued development of Australian athletics over the next 12 months.

Adam Bishop
Executive Director
Athletics South Australia

Athletics Tasmania



The 2009-10 season provided high points on many fronts for Athletics Tasmania, from Tristan Thomas' superb European season to an outstanding hosting of the UTAS Australian All Schools and Youth Athletics Championships, to the opportunity to stage our first international circuit competition.

The staging of a range of significant events was the primary activity for Association staff, volunteers and officials during the report year. Whilst taxing, the benefits have been diverse, including the opportunity for all to acquire new and develop existing individual and corporate skill bases; the enhancement of the Tasmanian athletics family's growing reputation for delivering events of high quality; increased media awareness; promotion of the sport to potential members locally and increased revenue streams.

It is not possible, or wise, for an organisation which relies heavily on such a talented and hard-working volunteer base to undertake a program such as this every year. The Board will continue to ensure that opportunities to stage events are carefully considered and only taken on board when they can provide both reward through satisfaction to the volunteers and an appropriate financial return to the sport.

The All Schools and Youth Athletics Championships was by every measure an outstanding success – due to a massive effort on behalf of so many but particularly Helen Lee, Gary Sayer, Craig Griggs and Richard Welsh. The accolades forthcoming from quarters far and wide were testament to the skill and dedication demonstrated in both planning and delivery. This standard was maintained for the 2010 edition of the Briggs Athletics Classic, the Australian Combined Events Championships and particularly the unique delivery of the IAAF Race Walk Challenge/Australian 20km Road Walks Championships on the Hobart foreshore. There is no doubt that Tasmanian athletics took best advantage of the chance to stage a leg of an IAAF event.

Athletics Tasmania's major 'domestic' events, the IGA Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country and the Cadbury Marathon Festival, grew again during 2009-10, with encouraging results, both in terms of the organisation and the return to the sport athletically and financially.

The year's financial successes, largely through surpluses from these events, have enabled the Association to expand its program delivery and inventory in the period since. A chip timing service was acquired for out-of-stadium competitions, which is used for enhancing our own events and servicing the recreational running market.

For the first time AT has also been able to take on two full-time trainees, with the assistance of the Tasmanian Government's support programs. This not only provided us with the chance to train two of the sport's significant young contributors in a workplace environment but also to increase the services we can provide to members. We acknowledge the partnership support provided by AFL Tasmania to provide office space and services for us in Launceston.

The Board continues to develop our links with the Tasmanian Athletic League, Tasmanian Masters and the Tasmanian Branch of the ATFCA, each of which now has a much closer relationship with us as the governing body. Service delivery to the school community also continues to increase in many ways. Special attention will be paid in 2010-11 to working with the TAL to consolidate carnival running in Tasmania as it faces challenges on a number of fronts. The dual registration system with Tasmanian Little Athletics continued to work well, with increased numbers of athletes in the Under 14 age group a notable feature of the year's participation figures.

We have continued to raise the issue of support for schools programs with the State Departments of Education and Sport and Recreation, but there remains no positive response to date. Sadly the reply is similar in relation to our requests for assistance towards our office re-development. On the other hand, we can report increased activity through the ASC's Active After School program. However the Tasmanian Government, through its DSR and Events Tasmania grant programs, remains a most valued partner of, and advisor to, the Association.

Sponsorship levels reached an all-time high during 2009-10, with the ongoing involvement in our programs by many ongoing and new supporters, led by IGA Supermarkets, our Principal Commercial Partner, and the one-off significant contribution by the University of Tasmania to the National All Schools and Youth Athletics Championships. The Hobart City Council's support for this event and the IAAF Walk Challenge is also particularly acknowledged.

Coach and officials education courses were again successfully staged during the report period. Our appreciation is extended once again to the ATFCA (Tasmanian branch) and Darrel Harington, in particular, for their key roles in delivering the coach education courses. Shaun Wilson (officiating) and Rosemary Coleman (walk judge) were selected to successfully participate in the IAAF Level II Diploma Courses during the year.

Our unique state performance program supported so substantially by Athletics Australia and the Tasmanian Institute of Sport began to deliver on the field 'big time' in 2009-10, with outstanding results at junior and youth levels in national championships. Europcar AT/TIS Development Squad members featured prominently on the national victory dais throughout the year.

The Board considers recognition of current and past service to the sport in Tasmania to be one of its most important responsibilities. To this end it commissioned a review of its awards system and the way in which recipients are recognised. This will be reflected through some special recognition of past contributors and the inclusion of 'honour rolls' on the Association website. The review of Tasmanian records was also completed this year.

Tasmania was well represented on international athletics tracks in 2009-10, led by Donna MacFarlane, who was selected for her second world championships, Huw Peacock, who was an impressive fifth in the hammer throw at the world youth championships and Tristan Thomas, who was World University Games champion in the 400m hurdles and a member of the bronze medal-winning 4x400m relay team at the world championships in Berlin.

Tasmanian athletics faces challenges in many respects, both ongoing and new. In particular, we must find ways to increase numbers coaching at all levels and in all disciplines, including in the traditional aspects of 'pro running'. The encouraging achievements made by our young stars must be nurtured but equally we must be cognisant of making our sport more attractive to, and rewarding for, club athletes and recreational participants. We continue to push our national body for more development programs and tools and innovative competition models that will be relevant in the Tasmanian environment.

We acknowledge the Tasmanian media for its continued willingness to provide a high level of exposure for our sport – without question the best in the country. As always recognition is made of the roles of the Central Coast, Hobart and Launceston Councils that continue to make provision for our track and field facilities, and of Macquarie Accounting, our accounting support partner.

The Tasmanian athletics family lost one of its most treasured members, Shirley Brasher, in 2009 – a champion masters athlete and an ever-willing official and volunteer. Commonwealth Games representative (1950) and ultra runner of distinction Bill Emmerton passed away at 90, in the new report year.

On behalf of the Association I record our thanks and appreciation to fellow Board members and to our tireless staff, Fiona Plummer, Richard Welsh, Peter Fortune, more recently Simon Bennett and Mark Smith and State Team Manager, Rosemary Coleman. To each and every athlete, volunteer, coach and official who was part of the Athletics Tasmania community in 2009-10 we say thank you and look forward to more of the same in the future, perhaps with a family member or friend along for the ride.

Brian Roe
President
Athletics Tasmania

Athletics Victoria



Once again I am delighted to report that Athletics Victoria has sustained its consistently high levels of growth and member service. In 2009-10 there has been further growth in membership numbers (not including recreational runners) to reach a record level of 5,118. This represents a new high for Athletics Victoria since the amalgamation of the men's and women's associations in 1982. Athletics Victoria has also, once again, returned a solid financial surplus – approximately matching that of last financial year – of \$31,888.00. This is the sixth consecutive surplus figure recorded.

Our development strategies have proven successful over the past few years and Athletics Victoria is enjoying the rewards. Not only have athlete registration numbers improved, but we also have record numbers of coaches and officials registered. The additional coach and official education programs offered have also proven very popular and we will continue to pursue these initiatives next year.

One of the reasons we aim to grow and develop the sport is so that we can have more participants involved in our competitions. This year has seen club and member competition continue to thrive. The statewide track and field club competition, AV Shield, includes over 75 meets of athletics throughout the season. This, combined with another outstanding and ever-popular 2009 XCR series (cross country and road), confirms Victoria as the dominant athletics state in Australia. Moreover, I believe these competitions are being achieved in a more efficient and innovative manner and at a consistently high standard. In this way, Athletics Victoria has continued to pursue its primary goal of producing the most desirable products for its customers.

Another strategic imperative that has been vigorously pursued this year is the continued fostering of our relationship with the Victorian Little Athletics Association. Athletics Victoria has never had a more open, cooperative and mutually beneficial understanding with the VLAA. My thanks and congratulations to the VLAA President, Gordon Major, and the VLAA CEO, Dean Paulin, for their willingness to work co-operatively with our organisation for the greater benefit of Victorian athletics. We look forward to another year of excellent cooperative outcomes with Victorian Little Athletics.

We have now concluded the final year of our three-year funding arrangement with the Victorian government as part of the 2006 Commonwealth Games legacy. I commend the Government for its support and note this funding has proven that if you invest in the business of athletics you can successfully grow the business. Clearly, our challenge now is to continue to grow without the injection of the Government's seed capital. We will continue to explore potential sources of alternative revenue and, hopefully, will be able to exploit some of the opportunities that will be present when we relocate operations from Olympic Park to the new stadium being built at Albert Park in 2011-12.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Athletics Victoria Board, especially our President, Anne Lord. Anne commits hundreds of voluntary hours to working for better outcomes for athletics and her efforts are recognised and appreciated by us all. Similarly, the countless hours given each year by the dedicated Athletics Victoria officials and coaches are vital to the ongoing operation of our sport and must be commended. To the Athletics Victoria staff, who show great dedication in working towards the constant improvement of Victorian athletics, I offer my sincere appreciation, admiration and thanks.

I am looking forward to another successful year of operation and growth for Athletics Victoria in 2010-11.

Nick Honey
President
Athletics Victoria

National 10,000m record-holder Collis Birmingham hits the track at the 2009 IAAF world championships in Berlin (GER)



Athletics Western Australia



Athletics Western Australia (AWA) reported last year on our achievement of finalising the dream and goal of a new athletics facility for WA. Following on from this, we now have the pleasure of reporting that with the support of the WA Government, WA hosted the 2009-10 Go for 2&5 Australian Athletics Championships and Commonwealth Games selection trials. WA last hosted the Australian Championships 22 years ago!

The championships were held over three days at the end of the normal athletic season in glorious weather, during April. Consistent with our goal of making athletics a more attractive spectator experience the first two days were twilight meets, which attracted great crowds. The events were exciting and of a very high standard. The last day of the competition was conducted earlier in the day and unfortunately the weather was very warm for April, but the crowd numbers were again very pleasing.

The new WA athletics facility was flooded for these three days with athletes, spectators and officials. However, it must be acknowledged that without the support of the officials, over 150 from all around Australia, the event would not have been such a success. Planning for this event began many months before and the Board of AWA wishes to publicly acknowledge the efforts of our CEO, Wayne Loxley, and the planning committee. It has been acknowledged the event was an outstanding success for all involved and from all reports the best for many a long year.

Adding to the highlight of hosting the championships was the performance of our athletes. WA athletes were great ambassadors of the sport and for WA. Outstanding performances by WA athletes are too many to mention within this report but it would be remiss not to make special mention of Jody Henry and Ben Offereins for their blockbuster efforts in winning the 400m events.

At the conclusion of the championships AWA athletes were selected to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games and Youth Olympic Games.

During 2009-10 the Board endorsed life membership upon Margaret Saunders and Anne Stingemore, which were presented during the Go for 2&5 Australian Championships.

AWA's move to night competition under lights at the new stadium has contributed to a significant increase in competition numbers during the season. Athletics competition numbers have now increased over 200 per cent since the 2007-08 season. To maintain this level of growth presents a real challenge for the future. It is rewarding to see the fulfilment of our goal of making athletics attractive and accessible to all members of the community.

During the athletics year, AWA and WA Little Athletics (WALA) continued to progress towards achieving the 'Athletic Alliance project goal'. This has resulted in the employment of Development Officers, providing a link for the athletes between the two groups. The Board recognises the need for a strong transitional link between WALA and AWA, which has also resulted in the employment of staff to co-ordinate the talent identification program.

The past athletics year has been very exciting and rewarding. This has been possible due to the support of the athletics fraternity, which has responded positively to the challenges presented by the new stadium, competition schedule and Australian championships.

Whilst AWA has achieved many goals during the past athletics year the Board and management team are actively seeking new opportunities to provide national and international athletics competitions in Perth with the WA Government and Athletics Australia.

On behalf of the Board of AWA, I wish to formally acknowledge the efforts of the AWA staff, in particular the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Wayne Loxley, whose efforts during the past year have been noteworthy in providing the WA athletics community with such a memorable year.

In concluding, the AWA Board wishes to acknowledge and recognise the support of the WA Government and the Minister for Sport, The Honourable Terry Waldron MLA, for their ongoing commitment to the sport of athletics and AWA.

The Board of AWA is confident the 2010-11 athletics year will be exciting and rewarding for all the athletics community.

Stephen Stingemore
Chairman
Athletics Western Australia

Jody Henry strides out at the Brisbane Athletics Classic in February



From the Australian Olympic Committee

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) has the exclusive responsibility for the representation of Australia at the Olympic Games.

To help achieve Australian Olympic Team objectives, the AOC provides funding (AOC Funding) to its member National Federations (NFs) and their athletes.

AOC Funding is derived from income distributions from the Australian Olympic Foundation, grants from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the licensing and sponsorship activities of the AOC and fundraising by the AOC, State Olympic Councils and their Corporate Appeal Committees.

The success of the AOC's licensing and sponsorship activities and, in turn, its ability to fully fund Australian Olympic Teams and provide funding support to its member NFs is largely due to the exclusivity it provides to its commercial partners.

AOC Funding for the 2012 Olympic Team preparation is determined in accordance with its Program and Funding Guidelines for the 2012 Olympic Games, London (Guidelines). Specifically, AOC Funding is provided through one of three programs:

- Australian Youth Olympic Festivals (AYOFs)
- AOC Funding for International Competition
- adidas Medal Incentive Funding

For the calendar year 2009, the AOC provided the following support to Athletics Australia and its athletes:

2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival	\$394,922
AOC Funding for International Competition	\$142,500
adidas Medal Incentive Funding	\$35,000

In addition, the AOC's current budgeting to send the 2012 Olympic Team to London is \$14.2 million.

The AOC's planning for the London Olympic Games is well advanced and throughout the remainder of 2010 and during 2011 and 2012 we look forward to working in close collaboration with Athletics Australia to ensure that our track and field athletes are well supported in their Olympic campaigns.

The AOC is proud to be able to support Australian athletes to realise their Olympic dreams.

Craig Phillips

*Secretary General
Australian Olympic Committee*

*Dual Olympic medallist
Jared Tallent*



From the Australian Paralympic Committee

The Australian Paralympic Committee helps Australians with disabilities participate in sport and compete at the Paralympic Games through partnerships with governments, business, sporting bodies and the community.

Australia has a proud record of success in athletics at the Paralympic Games, a record further enhanced by the performances of the 2008 Australian team at the Beijing Paralympic Games and the continued world-class performances of Australian athletes at international competitions since.

The Australian Paralympic Committee is as committed as ever to ensuring Australia's Paralympic athletes succeed on the world stage. Through our ongoing partnership with Athletics Australia and their delivery of the Paralympic Preparation Program, we remain focused on providing the support and opportunities necessary for Paralympic Games success.

The 2011 International Paralympic Committee Athletics World Championships in Christchurch will be the next major indicator of how the Paralympic Preparation Program is progressing.

The APC is responsible for preparing the Australian Paralympic summer and winter teams for the Paralympic Games, which we have done successfully since we were established in 1990. At the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games, Australia was placed in the top five countries in the world and at the 2010 Vancouver Paralympic Winter Games, Australia finished 13th on the medal tally, ahead of several traditional winter sport powerhouse nations. The four medals won by Australians in Vancouver doubled the two won at the Torino Paralympics in 2006.

Disability sport at the grassroots level is increasingly important to Australia's success at future Paralympic Games. Through our Toyota Paralympic Talent Search Program, the APC continues to identify and develop potential Paralympic athletes aiming to represent Australia at London 2012, Sochi 2014, Rio 2016 and beyond. At the 2008 Paralympics, 27 athletes identified within the APC Talent Search Program represented Australia and returned home with 14 medals.

Furthermore, 136 athletes have received national-level classification for the sport of athletics through the APC's Classification Program.

Partnerships with governments, business, national sporting organisations and disability groups are critical to the APC in delivering a successful Paralympic team to the Games.

The APC also believes participation in sport provides positive social and physical benefits to people with disabilities, and plays an important role in changing community perceptions of people with disabilities.

Our athletes are at the heart of what we do as they strive to compete at an elite level and uphold the ideals of the Paralympic movement. The APC and Athletics Australia must continue to work closely if Australia is to remain competitive on the world stage.

I am excited by the journey and challenges ahead and look forward to continuing to work closely with Athletics Australia to help deliver Australia's athletic success into the future.

Jason Hellwig

Chief Executive Officer
Australian Paralympic Committee

Three-time Paralympian
Kurt Fearnley rolls on





Athletics Australia Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

Chief Financial Officer's Report

It is with pleasure that I present to you the Chief Financial Officer's (CFO) report and the audited annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30/06/2010, this being the third CFO report that I have presented since I commenced service.

The 2009-10 financial year can be described as a challenging but successful year. An audited final reported surplus was achieved of \$126,478 (\$18,626 in 2008-09) against an approved budget surplus of \$70,000 (\$54,000 in 2008-09). The net result was a positive variance amount of \$56,478 (-\$35,374 variance in 2008-09) better than budgeted. There are a number of specific areas that contributed to this result that will be explained later, but the most pleasing aspect is that a financial surplus has again resulted for the sixth consecutive year. The preparation and analysis of monthly financial management reports and their thorough monitoring and comparison to budget ensured that the financial results and position were constantly being reviewed. This action would therefore mitigate any potential cash flow risks. Once again all departmental managers are to be commended on their own divisional financial results and in particular, their attitude and responsibility to their income and expenditure items.

This financial year we have welcomed our new auditor, Mr. Jim Sidon of Lachlan Partners (2008-09 Mr. Robert Dalton of Ernst & Young). The transition to our new audit firm has progressed very smoothly and we have had a good working relationship with their audit team. As is always the case, we welcome any suggestions from the audit firm of any changes and improvements in order that we can produce meaningful reports that are fully compliant and best practice. Following the 2008-09 Annual General Meeting it was agreed that, as is the case with all our suppliers every three years, we call for a tender of our audit services.

The shareholders at the Annual General Meeting in essence gave the approval to the Board to decide on the audit tender. In total six audit firms were invited to tender, these being:

- Two 'big-four' firms: Ernst & Young (our current auditors) and Price Waterhouse Coopers
- Two second-tier firms: Pitcher Partners and Grant Thornton, and
- Two mid-size / small firms: Whelan & Cook and Lachlan Partners

For some reason, both Ernst & Young and Grant Thornton chose not to submit a tender, therefore leaving four firms to decide upon. The Board's final tender decision was to appoint Mr. Jim Sidon of Lachlan Partners for a number of reasons, not only financial. Mr. Jim Sidon of Lachlan Partners is an experienced specialist in auditing not-for-profit organisations such as ours. In addition, being a mid-size company that we are, it was also deemed appropriate that we appoint a mid-size audit firm.

We once again this year welcome the receipt of an un-qualified audit report over our annual financial statements.

A brief financial summary of our audited financial results is as follows:

As you can see in our financial and management reporting below we separate all income and expenditure lines into their various cost centres / departments. We can therefore determine what each department contributed to the bottom line. All departments were reported on their month's results (and comparison to budget), and on their year to date results (and comparison to budget). Such monthly reporting was submitted to each department manager and to the Chief Executive Officer. Also reported was the Consolidated Profit and Loss report for the month (and comparison to budget) and year to date (and comparison to budget). Finally a Balance Sheet is also produced at each occasion. In addition, comments/explanations on any significant variations to budget were also produced. These financial and management reports were regularly submitted to the Board as well as to our main funding body, the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

The surplus was achieved following a number of factors, both favourable and unfavourable, from various departments, and will be described below.

Total revenue for the year was \$7,688,798 against a budget of \$7,280,000, therefore some \$408,798 better than budget. This income includes additional unbudgeted ASC and APC grants for various programs. However, with these additional grants come additional expenditure requirements.

Total expenditure for the year was \$7,562,320 against a budget of \$7,210,000, therefore some \$352,320 higher than budget.

The results of our departments (cost centres) have been divided into the following: Administration, Competitions, Coaching / Development, Indigenous, High Performance, NES C, Paralympic and Marketing.

CONSOLIDATED TRADING RESULTS FOR THE YEAR TO JUNE 30, 2010 (12 MONTHS / AUDITED)

	Full Year to 30/06/2010 (Budget)	Full Year to 30/06/2010 (Actual)	Variance
Revenue	\$7,280,000	\$7,688,798	\$408,798
Expenses	\$7,210,000	\$7,562,320	-\$352,320
Operating surplus/(deficit)	\$70,000	\$126,478	\$56,478

Specific departmental results are as follows:

Income

Administration	\$261,000	\$275,271	\$14,271
Competitions	\$842,000	\$539,334	-\$302,666
Coaching /Development	\$280,000	\$362,905	\$82,905
Indigenous	\$495,000	\$655,000	\$160,000
High Performance	\$3,956,000	\$4,182,452	\$226,452
N E S C	\$441,000	\$441,000	\$0
Paralympic	\$678,000	\$914,318	\$236,318
Marketing	\$327,000	\$318,517	-\$8,483
TOTAL	\$7,280,000	\$7,688,797	\$408,798

Expenses

Administration	\$1,106,000	\$1,052,650	-\$53,350
Competitions	\$1,446,000	\$1,353,775	-\$92,225
Coaching /Development	\$422,000	\$443,706	\$21,706
Indigenous	\$495,000	\$801,310	\$306,310
High Performance	\$1,771,000	\$1,956,678	\$185,678
N E S C	\$441,000	\$434,647	-\$6,353
Paralympic	\$678,000	\$744,530	-\$66,530
Marketing	\$851,000	\$775,024	-\$75,976
TOTAL	\$7,210,000	\$7,562,320	\$352,320

Surplus / (Deficit)

Administration	-\$845,000	-\$777,380	\$67,620
Competitions	-\$604,000	-\$814,441	-\$210,441
Coaching /Development	-\$142,000	-\$80,801	\$61,199
Indigenous	\$0	-\$146,310	-\$146,310
High Performance	\$2,185,000	\$2,225,774	\$40,774
N E S C	\$0	\$6,353	\$6,353
Paralympic	\$0	\$169,788	\$169,788
Marketing	-\$524,000	-\$456,507	\$67,493
TOTAL	\$70,000	\$126,478	\$56,478

Chief Financial Officer's Report

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A number of significant income and expense items include:

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Insurance income invoiced to Member Associations was \$17k higher than expected as the number of registered athletes has increased. Travel costs were \$19k higher than expected due to the unbudgeted CEO conference and CEO flights to world championships. Audit and legal costs were \$9k higher than budgeted due to the recent audit tender savings. Other expenses were \$63k less than budgeted for due to the "CEO contingency" expense not being utilised.

COMPETITIONS DEPARTMENT

The IAAF grant income was originally budgeted to be USD \$443k at an exchange rate of \$0.75c. Funding was subsequently substantially reduced by the IAAF and added to the exchange rate increases to around \$0-90c, resulted in an actual grant of around AUD \$217k being received which was some AUD \$336k below budget. Competition entry fees / grants / gate receipts from our season and Australian Championships were \$24k higher than expected. The main reason for this was the sponsorship secured by Athletics Western Australia. Prizemoney, appearance fees, international athletes and operational costs were substantially reduced following the above reduced IAAF grant funding. Savings of \$89k were achieved across the board whilst at the same time producing a successful season (Sydney and Melbourne meets plus Perth nationals).

COACHING / DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) grant income was some \$62k higher than expected with additional coaching grants received. Coaching accreditation and course development costs were some \$59k higher than expected. This was essentially as a result of the additional \$62k ASC grants received, enabling more being spent on quality accreditation course development.

INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT

Apart from the \$495k ASC grant, we were fortunate enough to secure an additional unbudgeted grant of \$160k from the Department of Housing and Ageing (DOHA). Indigenous project expenses include both the Outback Athletics project and the National Talent and Identification (NTID) project. These projects were some \$300k higher than budget although \$160k was funded from the additional DOHA grant above. This \$140k over-spend, whilst identified in early April, had some committed components that could not be later withdrawn. The previous CEO was also notified. Notwithstanding that these are vital and important projects for the Indigenous community, the department manager was made aware of this shortfall. The manager had since submitted her resignation. A thorough investigation was completed by the High Performance Manager and Chief Financial Officer with nothing untoward discovered, except a strong desire to deliver the projects in a very thorough fashion. The High Performance Manager then assumed total managerial control of this department, the final assessment being a deficit result of \$146k higher than budgeted for. A comprehensive written report and explanation was subsequently submitted to the Board President. Following on from this, further financial accountability changes have now been introduced in the form of tracking sheets. The requirement of this change is that each department's project line will be backed up by this tracking sheet which is, in effect, a mini budget for that project. This document will be updated by the department manager and accountant regularly. This will have the effect of an early warning if any project looks like exceeding its budget allocation and corrective action will be taken immediately.

HIGH PERFORMANCE DEPARTMENT

ASC grant income was \$82k more than budgeted for due to additional throws and Pathways 2 Podium grants. Australian Commonwealth Games Association (ACGA) grants received include additional unbudgeted grants of \$153k for Delhi preparations and junior squads.

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) grant income was \$40k less than expected, at \$2.5k per athlete and official; we had budgeted for 73 where only 57 were selected. Wage expenses exceeded budget by some \$34k, which was mainly due to the employment of a specialist throws coach. General High Performance project expenses resulted in being \$133k in excess of budget essentially due to the August 2009 world championships additional costs, as well as various athlete preparation unbudgeted funding. This excess over budget was well and truly covered by the additional \$235k ASC and ACGA funding above.

NESC DEPARTMENT

All other income and expenditure lines were essentially as per budget.

PARALYMPIC DEPARTMENT

We were fortunate to secure grant income from the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) that was \$236k in excess of budget, provided for various Paralympic projects. Following on from this additional \$236k grant income, Paralympic project expenses were only \$61k in excess of their original budget. In essence the additional APC grant was unspent, therefore showing this department's results to be some \$170k in surplus against a break-even budget. The department manager had attempted to seek out additional projects to undertake to utilise this additional funding but with limited success. It was the intention of the department manager to attempt to pre-pay various project expenses that related to future accounting periods. Proper accounting treatment did not allow these prepaid costs to be 'expenses' in the current financial year and nor do the Accounting Standards allow these unspent funds to be carried forward into subsequent financial years. Therefore, it was explained by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to the department manager that any unspent funds in that financial year would not equate to additional spending allowances in subsequent years. As a result of this departmental surplus and accounting restriction, the department's five-year budget plan

will be quite challenging to operate on a break-even basis in the future. The CFO will provide the department manager whatever assistance is needed in order to achieve this position.

MARKETING DEPARTMENT

Staffing expenses were \$43k above budget due to the employment of an additional staff member following the non-renewal of the media management contract. General marketing program expenses were \$136k below budget. As mentioned above, the saving in the media management contract contributed to a large amount of these savings. In addition, substantial savings were made in television production costs for this year's season meets.

SUMMARY

(Statement of financial performance)

On the whole, we had quite a successful year with a financial surplus of \$126,478 against budget of \$70,000. When we were made aware that the promised IAAF funding was to be substantially reduced, we were forced to make wholesale expenditure reductions. Some departments were more successful than others at achieving this. However, on the whole, we still delivered an excellent domestic season as well as delivering on all our important athlete/coaching programs.

The above financial result is the confirmed final audited result. We have worked hard to ensure that all our transactions fully comply with proper current accounting standards.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 2010

We are in a comfortable net equity position of \$2.126m. This position has strengthened by \$225k since June 30, 2009. This includes our cash position as at June 30, 2010 that shows a strong total cash reserve of \$1.847m. In addition to our \$1.0m fixed bank term deposit of 5.25%, we have a nominal amount of \$47k (net) in our normal trading account (at 2.5% at call). We also have a further \$800k invested in our Cash Investment account (at 3.5% at call). Our challenge will

be to operate our cash flow in the future without having to utilise our fixed term deposit. In addition, as a last resort we have access to our \$500k overdraft limit from the Commonwealth Bank. Our bank facilities with the Commonwealth Bank include the \$500,000 overdraft limit plus the company corporate credit cards monthly limit of \$200,000. These \$700,000 of lending facilities are secured by the bank with a mortgage over our business premises.

Debtor collections are being received regularly and we are not aware of any doubtful debts. Our trade creditors are also being paid within their term arrangements. Our other liabilities including taxation, staff leave entitlements and superannuation liabilities are all fully provisioned for and are being paid as they fall due. Staff superannuation payments are being remitted to the various funds on a monthly basis. Notwithstanding that the law requires only quarterly payments, we have taken the moral view that this is the staff's money, it is not our money, and therefore we should not be holding onto their money for such periods of time.

The amount of 'unearned income' of \$612k that resides on the balance sheet as a liability comprises of income received that relates to future accounting periods. The carryovers of these amounts are to satisfy the proper accounting / audit treatment. Details are listed below. Accrued expenses, also shown as a liability on the balance sheet of \$103k and predominantly relate to audit fees that will be payable soon, and athlete preparation funds yet to be paid.

Prepaid expenses of \$301k shown as an asset on our balance sheet comprise of expenses already paid for but relate to the future months and future financial years. These amounts are also detailed below. Provision for employee entitlements include fringe benefits, annual leave and long service leave are fully provided for on our balance sheet as a liability. These provisions, whilst fully accurate, conservative and accounted for, actually exceed the minimum requirements of the Australian accounting standards.

In summary, we are currently fortunate to have comfortable net equity position of \$2.126m. We own our own premises, have \$1m of investment and we were not at all exposed to the fluctuations of the world equity markets. Our cash flow continues to be positive with the only challenge we face to continue to trade without breaking into our bank fixed term deposit or using our approved \$500,000 overdraft limit. Due to the seasonal nature of our funding and our business, this is often a significant challenge.

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SPECIFIC BALANCE SHEET DETAILS

Trade debtors

As at June 30, 2010 the trade debtor balance of \$225,769 is aged as follows:

TOTAL	Jun 10 Current	May 10 30 Days	Apr 10 60 Days	Mar 10 and prior 90+ Days
\$225,769	\$79,868	\$11,043	\$42,296	\$92,563
100%	35.4%	4.9%	18.7%	41.0%

Major outstanding balances over 90 days:

- \$84,700 – ACGA (Grant junior squad)
- \$4,631 – Athletics New South Wales (Capitations)
- \$3,040 – Peter Stubbs Management (M Watt flights)

We believe that none of these debtors are uncollectable and we are therefore not recommending any write-offs.

SUNDRY DEBTORS

Sundry debtors of \$3,182 include:

- Bank interest owed on our Fixed term Deposit of \$2,182
- Alf Robinson Trust grant \$1,000

PREPAID EXPENSES

Prepayments of \$301,451 consist of the following balances:

- \$105,233 Prepaid insurance premiums
- \$194,093 Various flights for athletes (include world junior championships) already paid for but relate to future accounting periods
- \$2,125 Accommodation for Oceania competition

TRADE CREDITORS

As at June 30, 2010, the creditor balance of \$142,625 is aged as follows:

TOTAL	Jun 10 Current	May 10 30 Days	Apr 10 60 Days	Mar 10 and prior 90+ Days
\$142,625	\$103,046	\$6,214	\$29,619	\$3,746
100%	72.2%	4.4%	20.8%	2.6%

ACCRUALS AND SUNDRY CREDITORS

Accrued Expenses and Sundry Creditors at the end of June, 2010 include major balances as follows:

ACCRUED EXPENSES

- \$11,000 – Audit fee
- \$78,000 – Athlete preparation funding
- \$13,750 – Queensland Academy of Sport, fourth quarter funding
- \$70,000 – Paralympic uniforms
- \$42,476 – Member Association coaching accreditation share
- **\$215,223 TOTAL**

SUNDRY CREDITORS

- \$15,900 – Funding from the Victorian Government to assist with the establishment of the Peter Norman Foundation
- \$2,447 – Club Forty grant donations
- \$7,630 – Ron Clarke foundation donations
- **\$25,977 TOTAL**

UNEARNED INCOME

Unearned income at June 30, 2010 amounts to \$612,000 consisting of:

- ASC \$235,000 – Gemba report commercialisation funding over a two-year period of 2009-10 and 2010-11 financial years. The current financial year portion has already been taken up in the accounts. The remaining \$235,000 now relates only to the 2010-11 financial year.
- World juniors levies \$107,000 – Some levies were collected from athletes who travelled to the world juniors meet in July, 2010
- AOC International grant \$147,500 – Next financial year's grant has already been committed to and paid to us by the AOC who work on a calendar year instead of a financial year.
- ACGA grant \$122,500 – Delhi 2010 team preparation grant which will be utilised in October, 2010.

OTHER

Employee provisions comprising annual leave, long service leave and fringe benefits allowances total \$265,225. All staff entitlements are fully provisioned and up to date.

2010-11 FINANCIAL YEAR BUDGET

The 2010-11 financial year promises to be another challenging year financially. At this early stage we are predicting a small end of year surplus of \$20,000 and is based on only known/confirmed income sources.

At the time of writing we are hopeful of receiving our share of additional government funding from the ASC. Presentations have been made and we are hopeful of receiving at least \$2 million annually over the next four years in the form of:

- Additional High Performance Funding \$1.5m
- Participation Funding (unknown)
- Additional Paralympic Funding (unknown)

Directly attached to this funding comes parameters of how this new funding must be spent. These funding allocations will assist us in delivering our programs better and more comprehensively. Additional

funding may be granted on a conditional project that we already perform, which will therefore free up this existing funding for other worthwhile projects to be determined and/or contribute to our year end surplus.

SUMMARY

The Board and Chief Executive Office continue to monitor on a monthly basis our financial results, comparisons to budget, our financial position and our ongoing cash/liquidity position and requirements. Such regular and ongoing reporting ensures that any financial risks of the organisation are mitigated. This proactive financial monitoring ensures and assists in the organisation operating soundly and being prepared for future challenges.

I look forward to a challenging but successful 2010-11 not only in a financial capacity, but more importantly, one that continues to grow the sport of athletics.



Joe Brugliera FCPA

Chief Financial Officer and
Company Secretary

Athletics Australia

Directors' Report

Your directors present their report on the company for the year ending June 30, 2010.

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

R H Fildes OAM (President)
 W F Bailey
 J C Hansen
 E J McGuire AM
 M B Mahon
 M J Smellie
 N D Grace
 N R Moore
 B L Thompson

Meetings of Directors 2009-10

There were five Board Meetings held during the 2009-10 financial year.

Director attendance is as follows:

Board Member	Attended
Robin H Fildes OAM	5
William F Bailey	1
Jane C Hansen	4
Edward J McGuire AM	3
Matthew B Mahon	5
Michael J Smellie	4
Noah (David) Grace	3
Nicholas R Moore	4
Bronwyn L Thompson	5

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

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 \$126,479.00 (\$18,626.00 in 2009).

Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

No dividend has been paid or declared since the commencement of the financial year.

During the financial year the company conducted national championships in various disciplines of athletics and sent representative teams to compete in the 6th IAAF world youth championships, 12th IAAF world championships, 16th IAAF world half marathon championships, 13th IAAF world indoor championships, 38th IAAF World Cross Country Championships, World University Cross Country Championships and 24th IAAF World Race Walking Cup.

During this 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 that 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 five.



Robin (Rob) H Fildes OAM – President

QUALIFICATIONS
 Fellow Australian Institute of Management (F.A.I.M.)

EXPERIENCE
 Executive Chairman of Fildes Group
 Over 40 years' commercial experience
 Senior Vice President/ International – Young Presidents' Organisation
 Trustee of the Melbourne Olympic Park Trust
 Chairman of the Australian Masters Games
 Director – AFL Publications Board
 Order of Australia (OAM) recipient for sports administration
 Public Company Directorships held in the past three years N/A



William (Bill) F Bailey

QUALIFICATIONS
 Bachelor of Arts

EXPERIENCE
 Executive Director of the Oceania Athletic Association,
 Competition Manager Athletics, Sydney Organising Committee for Olympic Games
 Over 30 years' teaching and sports management experience
 Public Company Directorships held in the past three years N/A



Jane C Hansen

QUALIFICATIONS
 Bachelor of Economics, Masters of Business Administration

EXPERIENCE
 Investment banking in New York, London and Australia
 Former Board Member of Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust
 Former Board Member of State Sports Centres Trust
 Public Company Directorships held in the past three years N/A



Matthew B Mahon

QUALIFICATIONS
 Bachelor of Commerce

EXPERIENCE
 General Manager of Royce Communications
 More than 15 years' experience in marketing communications, corporate and financial advisory services and sport
 Public Company Directorships held in the past three years N/A



Noah (David) Grace QC

QUALIFICATIONS
 Bachelor of Economics
 Bachelor of Law (Hons)
 Masters of Laws

EXPERIENCE
 30 years' experience as a legal practitioner
 Extensive involvement with sporting organisation at all levels
 Arbitrator on the Court of Arbitration for Sport
 President of Athletics Australia tribunals
 Team advocate for the Australian Olympic Team in Athens
 Public Company Directorships held in the past three years N/A



Bronwyn L Thompson

QUALIFICATIONS
 Bachelor of Physiotherapy

EXPERIENCE
 Member of the national athletics team (long jump)
 Athletics coach
 Senior paediatric physiotherapist
 Lecturer – paediatric physiotherapy and physiotherapy and the elite athlete
 Motivational speaker
 Ambassador for Queensland Little Athletics
 Public Company Directorships held in the past three years N/A



Edward (Eddie) J McGuire AM

EXPERIENCE
 President of the Collingwood Football Club (1998 to present)
 Appointed a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia in the 2005 Queen's Birthday Honours List
 Chairman of the Trevor Barker Foundation
 Board member of the Victorian Major Events Committee
 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
 Public Company Directorships held in the past three years N/A



Michael J Smellie

QUALIFICATIONS
 Bachelor of Business (Accounting)

EXPERIENCE
 Chief Operating Officer of Sony BMG
 Chief Executive Officer of MMA Group
 Group Managing Director / Finance Director – Polygram Group
 Over 25 years' corporate experience
 Public Company Directorships held in the past three years N/A



Nicholas (Nick) R Moore

QUALIFICATIONS
 Bachelor of Arts

EXPERIENCE
 Head of Online Development for MLC & NAB Wealth
 Over 25 years' management, business consulting and technology experience
 President of Sydney University Athletics Club (1991-2000)
 Member of organising committee for the 1996 World Junior Athletics Championships
 Public Company Directorships held in the past three years N/A



Joe Brugliera – Company Secretary

QUALIFICATIONS
 Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
 Fellow member of CPA Australia Limited (FCPA)

EXPERIENCE
 Over 15 years' Accounting and senior management experience including
 Finance Manager / Business Manager – YMCA Australia
 Finance Manager, Chief Investment Officer and Fund Administrator – The Australian YMCA Superannuation Fund
 Finance and Administration Manager – Ansett Air Freight
 Finance and Administration Manager – Colorific Pty Ltd
 Credit Manager – Westpac Banking Corporation



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Athletics Australia

Auditors independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 To the Board of Directors Athletics Australia and Controlled Entities

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2010 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Lachlan Partners Audit Services Pty Ltd
Chartered Accountants

James J. Sidon

7 September 2010

Athletics Australia Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
Revenue	2	7,601,731	7,522,422	7,601,731	7,522,422
Other income	2	87,070	94,606	87,070	94,606
Competition Expenses		(1,244,710)	(1,249,641)	(1,244,710)	(1,249,641)
High Performance Expenses		(3,456,280)	(3,409,034)	(3,456,280)	(3,409,034)
Development Expenses		(1,034,802)	(1,010,122)	(1,034,802)	(1,010,122)
Marketing Expenses		(772,837)	(883,331)	(772,837)	(883,331)
Administrative costs		(1,053,693)	(1,046,274)	(1,053,693)	(1,046,274)
Income before income tax		126,479	18,626	126,479	18,626
Income for the year		126,479	18,626	126,479	18,626

Athletics Australia Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
Net income for the period	126,479	18,626	126,479	18,626
Total comprehensive income for the year	126,479	18,626	126,479	18,626
Total comprehensive income attributable to:				
Members of the parent entity	126,479	18,626	126,479	18,626
	126,479	18,626	126,479	18,626

Athletics Australia Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2010

	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	4	847,345	588,733	847,335	588,723
Trade and other receivables	5	1,228,951	1,172,948	1,228,951	1,172,948
Other assets	6	301,451	464,614	301,451	464,614
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		2,377,747	2,226,295	2,377,737	2,226,285
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Investments accounted for using the equity method		-	-	10	10
Property, plant and equipment	7	909,742	916,715	909,742	916,715
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		909,742	916,715	909,752	916,725
TOTAL ASSETS		3,287,489	3,143,010	3,287,489	3,143,010
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	8	995,349	963,103	995,349	963,103
Provisions	9	200,295	214,573	200,295	214,573
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,195,644	1,177,676	1,195,644	1,177,676
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Long-term provisions	9	64,930	64,898	64,930	64,898
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		64,930	64,898	64,930	64,898
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,260,574	1,242,574	1,260,574	1,242,574
NET ASSETS		2,026,915	1,900,436	2,026,915	1,900,436
EQUITY					
Distributable reserve		2,026,915	1,900,436	2,026,915	1,900,436
TOTAL EQUITY		2,026,915	1,900,436	2,026,915	1,900,436

Athletics Australia Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

2010	Parent	
	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2009	1,900,436	1,900,436
Profit attributable to members of the entity	126,479	126,479
Balance at 30 June 2010	2,026,915	2,026,915
2009	Parent	
	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2008	1,881,810	1,881,810
Profit attributable to members of the entity	18,626	18,626
Balance at 30 June 2009	1,900,436	1,900,436
2010	Consolidated	
	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2009	1,900,436	1,900,436
Profit attributable to members of the entity	126,479	126,479
Balance at 30 June 2010	2,026,915	2,026,915
2009	Consolidated	
	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2008	1,881,810	1,881,810
Profit attributable to members of the entity	18,626	18,626
Sub-total	18,626	18,626
Balance at 30 June 2009	1,900,436	1,900,436

Athletics Australia Cash Flow Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Receipts from customers		7,878,223	8,497,299	7,878,223	8,497,299
Payments to suppliers and employees		(7,662,985)	(8,588,067)	(7,662,985)	(8,588,067)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	15	215,238	(90,768)	215,238	(90,768)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Interest received		87,070	94,606	87,070	94,606
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(43,696)	(53,920)	(43,696)	(53,920)
Establishment of Subsidiary		-	-	(10)	-
Payment to term deposits		-	(250,000)	-	(250,000)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		43,374	(209,314)	43,364	(209,314)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Repayment of borrowings		-	(14,629)	-	(14,629)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		-	(14,629)	-	(14,629)
OTHER ACTIVITIES					
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		258,612	(314,711)	258,602	(314,711)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		588,733	903,444	588,733	903,444
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year		847,345	588,733	847,335	588,733

Athletics Australia Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

The financial report include the consolidated financial statements and notes of Athletics Australia and controlled entities (the Group) and the separate financial statements and notes of Athletics Australia as an individual parent entity (Parent), incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Athletics Australia is a company limited by guarantee.

1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are a general purpose financial report that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Act 2001.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

(b) Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of entities controlled by Athletics Australia at the end of the reporting period. A controlled entity is any entity over which Athletics Australia has the power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from the entity's activities. Control will generally exist when the parent owns, directly or indirectly through subsidiaries, more than half of the voting power of an entity. In assessing the power to govern, the existence and effect of holdings of actual and potential voting rights are also considered.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, all inter-group balances and transactions between entities in the the Group have been eliminated on consolidation. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with those adopted by the parent entity.

(c) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

When the Group applies an accounting policy retrospectively, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements, a statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period will be disclosed.

(d) Property, Plant and Equipment

PROPERTY - COST BASIS

Freehold land and buildings are measured on a cost basis.

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

DEPRECIATION

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Group commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of

either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	
Buildings	2.5 %
Plant and Equipment	10% to 33%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(e) Financial Instruments

INITIAL RECOGNITION AND MEASUREMENT

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is the equivalent to the date that the Group commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

CLASSIFICATION AND SUBSEQUENT MEASUREMENT

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at either of fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, or cost. *Fair value* represents the amount for which an asset could

be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is calculated as:

- the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition;
- less principal repayments;
- plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the *effective interest method*; and
- less any reduction for impairment.

The *effective interest method* is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

The Group does not designate any interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint venture entities as being subject to the requirements of accounting standards specifically applicable to financial instruments.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at 'fair value through profit or loss' when they are either held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management

personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss.

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Loans and receivables are included in current assets, except for those which are not expected to mature within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. (All other loans and receivables are classified as non-current assets.)

(iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the Group's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Held-to-maturity investments are included in non-current assets, except for those which are expected to mature within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. (All other investments are classified as current assets.)

If during the period the Group sold or reclassified more than an insignificant amount of the held-to-maturity investments before maturity, the entire held-to-maturity investments category would be tainted and reclassified as available-for-sale.

(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are either not suitable to be classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature, or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

Available-for-sale financial assets are included in non-current

assets, except for those which are expected to mature within 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

(v) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(vi) Net assets attributable to unitholders

Units are redeemable at the option of the unitholder and are therefore classified as financial liabilities. Redemption of units obligates the company to deliver cash to the unitholder based on the fair value of the units at the date of redemption. The liability at balance date is measured at fair value with changes recognised through profit or loss.

FAIR VALUE

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

IMPAIRMENT

At the end of each reporting period, the Group assess whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

DERECOGNITION

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability

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extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed is recognised in profit or loss.

(f) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the company would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined on the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is debited against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset.

(g) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(h) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may not satisfy vesting requirements. Those cash outflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows.

Contributions are made by the company to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(i) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(j) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Group during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(k) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the company is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(l) Revenue and Other Income

Grant revenue is recognised in the income statement when the entity obtains control of the grant, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably. The income is recognised over the periods necessary to match the grant with the related costs it is intended to compensate.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets, is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(m) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(n) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued new and amended accounting standards and interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. The Group has decided against early adoption of these standards. A discussion of those future requirements and their impact on the Group follows:

- AASB 124: Related Party Disclosures (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2011)

This standard removes the requirement for government related entities to disclose details of all transactions with the government and other government related entities and clarifies the definition of a related party to remove inconsistencies and simplify the structure of the standard. No changes are expected to materially affect the Group.

- AASB 2009-4: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project [AASB 2 and AASB 138 and AASB Interpretations 9 & 16] (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing from 1 July 2009) and AASB 2009-5: Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project [AASB 5, 8, 101, 107, 117, 118, 136 & 139] (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing from 1 January 2010).

These standards detail numerous non-urgent but necessary changes to accounting standards arising from IASB's annual improvements project. No changes are expected to materially affect the Group.

The Group does not anticipate early adoption of any of the above accounting standards.

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2 REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

Revenue from Continuing Operations

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
Sales revenue				
Athlete and team levies	140,420	210,655	140,420	210,655
Australian Commonwealth Games Association	559,500	208,250	559,500	208,250
Australian Olympic Committee	142,500	8,250	142,500	8,250
Australian Paralympic Committee	869,318	777,500	869,318	777,500
Australian Sports Commission	4,659,987	4,704,000	4,659,987	4,704,000
Domestic Competitions	222,937	211,952	222,937	211,952
Entry Fees	82,599	35,201	82,599	35,201
IAAF	220,135	458,139	220,135	458,139
Indigenous Funding	160,000	125,000	160,000	125,000
Sponsorship	66,900	55,000	66,900	55,000
Sponsorship - VEK	-	232,000	-	232,000
Other	477,435	496,475	477,435	496,475
	7,601,731	7,522,422	7,601,731	7,522,422
Other revenue				
Interest revenue	87,070	94,606	87,070	94,606
	87,070	94,606	87,070	94,606
Total Revenue	7,688,801	7,617,028	7,688,801	7,617,028

3 EXPENSES

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
Depreciation and Amortisation				
Buildings	17,908	24,346	17,908	24,346
Plant and Equipment	32,761	24,184	32,761	24,184
Total Depreciation and Amortisation	50,669	48,530	50,669	48,530
Interest paid	-	572	-	572
Bad or Doubtful Debts	1,336	1,785	1,336	1,785
Salaries	2,094,026	1,868,900	2,094,026	1,868,900
Audit Remuneration				
Auditing or reviewing the financial report	12,000	23,500	12,000	23,500
Total Audit Remuneration	12,000	23,500	12,000	23,500

4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
Cash on hand	500	500	500	500
Cash at bank	46,845	88,233	46,835	88,223
Short-term bank deposits	800,000	500,000	800,000	500,000
	847,345	588,733	847,335	588,723

5 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
CURRENT				
Trade receivables	225,769	166,914	225,769	166,914
Provision for impairment of receivables	-	-	-	-
	225,769	166,914	225,769	166,914
Other receivables	3,182	6,034	3,182	6,034
Term deposits	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total current trade and other receivables	1,228,951	1,172,948	1,228,951	1,172,948

(a) Provision for Impairment of receivables

Credit sales are on seven day terms

At balance date there was no provision for impairment of receivables.

(b) Credit risk

The Group has no significant concentration of credit risk with respect to any single counter party or group of counter parties other than those receivables specifically provided for and mentioned within Note 5. The class of assets described as Trade and Other Receivables is considered to be the main source of credit risk related to the Group.

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The following table details the Group's trade and other receivables exposed to credit risk with ageing analysis and impairment provided for thereon. Amounts are considered as 'past due' when the debt has not been settled, with the terms and conditions agreed between the Group and the customer or counter party to the transaction. Receivables that are past due are assessed for impairment by ascertaining solvency of the debtors and are provided for where there are specific circumstances indicating that the debt may not be fully repaid to the Group.

Consolidated – Past due but not impaired (days overdue)						
	Gross amount \$	Past due and impaired \$	< 30 \$	31-60 \$	61-90 \$	> 90 \$
2010						
Trade and term receivables	225,769	–	84,550	11,043	42,296	87,880
2009						
Trade and term receivables	166,914	–	113,629	6,520	14,252	32,513
Parent – Past due but not impaired (days overdue)						
	Gross amount \$	Past due and impaired \$	< 30 \$	31-60 \$	61-90 \$	> 90 \$
2010						
Trade and term receivables	225,769	–	84,550	11,043	42,296	87,880
2009						
Trade and term receivables	166,914	–	113,629	6,520	14,252	32,513

Neither the Group nor parent entity holds any financial assets with terms that have been renegotiated, but which would otherwise be past due or impaired.

6 OTHER ASSETS

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
CURRENT				
Prepayments	301,451	448,934	301,451	448,934
Accrued income	–	15,680	–	15,680
	301,451	464,614	301,451	464,614

7 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
LAND AND BUILDINGS				
Freehold land				
At cost	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000
Total land	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000
Building				
At cost	633,811	633,811	633,811	633,811
Accumulated depreciation	(141,010)	(123,102)	(141,010)	(123,102)
Total buildings	492,801	510,709	492,801	510,709
Total land and buildings	832,801	850,709	832,801	850,709
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
Furniture, fixture and fittings				
At cost	65,327	72,698	65,327	72,698
Accumulated depreciation	(46,716)	(46,797)	(46,716)	(46,797)
Total furniture, fixture and fittings	18,611	25,901	18,611	25,901
Office equipment				
At cost	23,429	16,908	23,429	16,908
Accumulated depreciation	(6,508)	(3,626)	(6,508)	(3,626)
Total office equipment	16,921	13,282	16,921	13,282
Computer equipment				
At cost	52,442	41,898	52,442	41,898
Accumulated depreciation	(18,750)	(18,026)	(18,750)	(18,026)
Total computer equipment	33,692	23,872	33,692	23,872
Computer software				
At cost	12,015	4,525	12,015	4,525
Accumulated depreciation	(4,298)	(1,574)	(4,298)	(1,574)
Total computer software	7,717	2,951	7,717	2,951
Total plant and equipment	76,941	66,006	76,941	66,006
Total property, plant and equipment	909,742	916,715	909,742	916,715

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(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amount for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

Parent							
	Land \$	Buildings \$	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings \$	Office Equipment \$	Computer Equipment \$	Computer Software \$	Total \$
Balance at the beginning of year	340,000	510,709	25,901	13,282	23,872	2,951	916,715
Additions	-	-	5,963	7,855	22,387	7,491	43,696
Depreciation expense	-	(17,908)	(13,253)	(4,216)	(12,567)	(2,725)	(50,669)
Carrying amount at the end of 30 June 2010	340,000	492,801	18,611	16,921	33,692	7,717	909,742

Consolidated							
	Land \$	Buildings \$	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings \$	Office Equipment \$	Computer Equipment \$	Computer Software \$	Total \$
Balance at the beginning of year	340,000	510,709	25,901	13,282	23,872	2,951	916,715
Additions	-	-	5,963	7,855	22,387	7,491	43,696
Depreciation expense	-	(17,908)	(13,253)	(4,216)	(12,567)	(2,725)	(50,669)
Carrying amount at the end of 30 June 2010	340,000	492,801	18,611	16,921	33,692	7,717	909,742

8 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
CURRENT				
Unsecured liabilities				
Trade payables	142,625	175,108	142,625	175,108
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	240,724	86,495	240,724	86,495
Unearned income	612,000	701,500	612,000	701,500
	995,349	963,103	995,349	963,103

9 PROVISIONS

Consolidated			
	Annual Leave \$	Long Service Leave \$	Total \$
Opening balance at 1 July 2009	180,274	99,197	279,471
Additional provisions	157,544	-	157,544
Amounts used	(160,264)	(11,526)	(171,790)
Balance at 30 June 2010	177,554	87,671	265,225

Parent			
	Annual Leave \$	Long Service Leave \$	Total \$
Opening balance at 1 July 2009	180,274	99,197	279,471
Additional provisions	157,544	-	157,544
Amounts used	(160,264)	(11,526)	(171,790)
Balance at 30 June 2010	177,554	87,671	265,225

Analysis of Total Provisions

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
Current	200,295	214,573	200,295	214,573
Non-current	64,930	64,898	64,930	64,898
	265,225	279,471	265,225	279,471

10 MEMBERS' GUARANTEE

The company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the company. At 30 June 2010 the number of members was 8 (2009: 8).

11 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Athletics Australia's financial instruments consist of deposits with banks, accounts receivable and payable.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
Financial Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents		847,345	588,733	847,345	588,733
Loans and receivables		1,228,541	1,172,948	1,228,541	1,172,948
Total Financial Assets		2,075,886	1,761,681	2,075,886	1,761,681
Financial Liabilities					
Financial liabilities at amortised cost					
- Trade and other payables		383,369	261,505	383,369	261,505
Total Financial Liabilities		383,369	261,505	383,369	261,505

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Financial Risk Management Policies

Athletics Australia's does not enter into or trade financial instruments for speculative purposes.

The company manages its exposure to key financial risks in accordance with the company's financial risk management policy set by the Board, as the objective of the policy is to support the delivery of the company's financial targets while protecting future financial security.

The primary responsibility for the identification and control of financial risks rests with the Chief Financial Officer under the authority of the Board. The Board reviews and sets policies for managing each of the risks set out below, including the investment exposure, setting of limits on reserves and future cash flow forecast projections.

Specific Financial Risk Exposures and Management

The main risks the Group is exposed to through its financial instruments are credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk consisting of interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and commodity and equity price risk.

(a) Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counter parties of contract obligations that could lead to a

financial loss to the Group.

Credit risk is managed through the Athletics Australia's policy of only dealing with credit worthy counter parties. Trade receivables consist of grants and funds arising from contractual arrangements with state and Commonwealth Governments and other organisations. Receivables are monitored and followed up on an ongoing basis to reduce any potential for bad debts. There is no significant concentration of credit risk to any single party or group. The credit risk in respect of cash and cash equivalents and term deposits is considered limited because counter parties are reputable banks with high credit ratings assigned by Standard and Poors.

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the Group might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. Athletics Australia manages risk through the following mechanisms:

- preparing forward looking cash flow analysis in relation to its operational, investing and financial activities;
- monitoring undrawn credit facilities;
- maintaining a reputable credit risk profile;

- managing credit risk related to financial assets;

- only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions; and

- comparing the maturity profile of financial liabilities with the realisation profile of financial assets.

The tables below reflect an undiscounted contractual maturity analysis for financial liabilities. Bank overdrafts have been deducted in the analysis as management does not consider that there is any material risk that the bank will terminate such facilities. The bank does however maintain the right to terminate the facilities without notice and therefore the balances of overdrafts outstanding at year end could become repayable within 12 months. Financial guarantee liabilities are treated as payable on demand since the Group has no control over the timing of any potential settlement of the liabilities.

Cash flows realised from financial assets reflect management's expectation as to the timing of realisation. Actual timing may therefore differ from that disclosed. The timing of cash flows presented in the table to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates and does not reflect management's expectations that banking facilities will be rolled forward.

Financial liability and financial asset maturity analysis

Consolidated	Within 1 Year		1 to 5 Years		Over 5 Years		Total Contractual Cash Flow	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
Financial liabilities due for payment								
Trade and other payables	383,369	261,505	-	-	-	-	383,369	261,505
Total contractual outflows	383,369	261,505	-	-	-	-	383,369	261,505
Total expected outflows	383,369	261,505	-	-	-	-	383,369	261,505
Financial assets - cash flows realisable								
Cash and cash equivalents	847,345	588,733	-	-	-	-	847,345	588,733
Trade, term and loans receivables	1,228,541	1,166,914	-	-	-	-	1,228,541	1,166,914
Total anticipated inflows	2,075,886	1,755,647	-	-	-	-	2,075,886	1,755,647
Net (outflow)/inflow on financial instruments	1,692,517	1,494,142	-	-	-	-	1,692,517	1,494,142

Parent	Within 1 Year		1 to 5 Years		Over 5 Years		Total Contractual Cash Flow	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
Financial liabilities due for payment								
Trade and other payables	383,369	261,505	-	-	-	-	383,369	261,505
Total contractual outflows	383,369	261,505	-	-	-	-	383,369	261,505
Total expected outflows	383,369	261,505	-	-	-	-	383,369	261,505
Financial assets - cash flows realisable								
Cash and cash equivalents	847,345	588,733	-	-	-	-	847,345	588,733
Trade, term and loans receivables	1,228,541	1,166,914	-	-	-	-	1,228,541	1,166,914
Total anticipated inflows	2,075,886	1,755,647	-	-	-	-	2,075,886	1,755,647
Net (outflow)/inflow on financial instruments	1,692,517	1,494,142	-	-	-	-	1,692,517	1,494,142

(c) Foreign exchange risk

Athletics Australia has no exposure to foreign exchange risk at the end of the period but is exposed during the period when awaiting the payment of outstanding grants committed from IAAF. This may result in the fair value or future cash flows of the receivable fluctuating due to movement in foreign exchange rates of currencies.

(d) Price risk

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Price risk relates to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices largely due to demand and supply factors for commodities.

Athletics Australia is not exposed to commodity price risk as none of its investment portfolio is currently exposed to equity securities.

(e) Sensitivity analysis

Interest Rate Risk Sensitivity Analysis

At 30 June 2010, the effect on profit and equity as a result of changes in the interest rate, with all other variables remaining constant would be as follows:

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
CHANGE IN PROFIT				
Increase of 100 basis points	18,473	7,460	18,473	7,460
Decrease of 50 basis points	(9,237)	(3,730)	(9,237)	(3,730)
CHANGE IN EQUITY				
Increase of 100 basis points	18,473	7,460	18,473	7,460
Decrease of 50 basis points	(9,237)	(3,730)	(9,237)	(3,730)

12 INTERESTS OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Refer to the Remuneration Report contained in the Directors' Report for details of the remuneration paid or payable to each member of the Group's key management personnel for the year ended 30 June 2010.

The totals of remuneration paid to key management personnel of the company and the Group during the year are as follows:

	2010 \$	2009 \$
Short-term employee benefits	1,049,677	864,337
Post-employment benefits	80,501	124,753
	1,130,178	989,090

13 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

No potential financial effect of contingent liabilities has been identified by management or the Board.

14 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Subsidiaries

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
Host City Marathon Ltd	-	-	-	-
Team AA Ltd	-	-	-	-
Australian Athletic Federation Ltd	-	-	-	-
These companies are limited by guarantee and were incorporated in Australia 13 July 2001.				
Athletics Australia exercises a controlling influence over these companies. On becoming a Director of Athletics Australia, that director then automatically also becomes a director of these 3 related companies.				
Australian Flame Pty Ltd	10	10	-	-
The above company was incorporated in Australia 13 May 2009				
The directors are Dallas O'Brien, Nicole Roache and Joe Brugliera.				
These four companies did not trade during the period.				

15 CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
Net income for the period	126,479	18,626	126,479	18,626
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities				
Non-cash flows in profit				
- Depreciation	50,669	48,530	50,669	48,530
- Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	16,282	-	16,282
Less amounts reclassified as investing activities				
- Interest received	(87,070)	(94,606)	(87,070)	(94,606)
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries				
- (Increase)/decrease in trade and term receivables	107,160	(169,601)	107,160	(169,601)
- Increase/(decrease) in trade payables and accruals	32,246	37,395	32,246	37,395
- Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(14,246)	52,606	(14,246)	52,606
	215,238	(90,768)	215,238	(90,768)

(b) Reconciliation of cash

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to items in the balance sheet as follows:				
Cash and cash equivalents	847,345	588,733	847,335	588,723
	847,345	588,733	847,335	588,723

16 COMPANY DETAILS

The registered office of the company is:


Athletics Australia
Suite 22, Fawkner Towers
431 St Kilda Road
Melbourne VIC 3004

Athletics Australia Directors' Declaration

The directors of the entity declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 7 to 34, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2010 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the entity.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Director 

Dated 07/09/2010



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Independent Audit report to the members of Athletics Australia

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Athletics Australia and Controlled Entities, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2010, and the income statement, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

Director's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Act 2001. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, provided to the directors of Athletics Australia on 10 September 2010, would be in the same terms if provided to the directors as at the date of this auditor's report.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of Athletics Australia and Athletics Australia and Controlled Entities is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the company and consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2010 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Lachlan Partners Audit Services Pty Ltd
Chartered Accountants

James J. Sidon

Melbourne

7 September 2010

Athletics Australia

For the Year Ended 30 June 2010

Disclaimer

The additional financial data presented on pages 38 - 40 is in accordance with the books and records of the Group which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2010. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than Athletics Australia) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.

Lachlan Partners Audit Services Pty Ltd
Chartered Accountants

James J. Sidon

Melbourne

7 September 2010

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements

Trust Funds

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2010 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL RACE WALKING FOUNDATION				
Statement of Income and Expense				
Opening Balance of Distribution Account as at 1st July	9,794	8,543	9,794	8,543
Plus Interest (net of bank charges)	696	1,251	696	12,511,251
Transfer from capital accounts				
Closing Balance of Distribution Account as at 30th June	10,490	9,794	10,490	12,519,794
Balance Sheet				
Cash At Bank	25,325	24,385	25,325	24,385
Capital and Reserves				
Capital Account	14,835	14,591	14,835	14,591
Distribution account	10,490	9,794	10,490	9,794
	25,325	24,385	25,325	24,385

Staff

Chief Executive Officer / General Secretary

Thomas 'Danny' Corcoran
(to May 2010)
Dallas O'Brien (from June 2010)

Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary

Joe Brugiiera

Accountant

Travis Nicholls (to August 2009)
Kristine Banks-Smith (from August 2009)

Personal Assistant to CEO

Mary-Lou Silveira

Receptionist

Carol Grant

National High Performance Manager

Eric Hollingsworth

National Junior High Performance Manager

Sara Mulkearns

National Distance Coordinator

Tim O'Shaughnessy

High Performance Administrators

Rosie Ditton – Youth
Nathan Sims – Teams

Transition Manager

Nick Bowden (from July 2009)

Paralympic Preparation Program Manager

Scott Goodman (to May 2010)
Rohan Short (from June 2010)

AWD Administration Coordinator

Mark Pettifer (from January 2010)

AA-PPP Sprints and Jumps Coach and Emerging Talent Coordinator

Brett Jones

Coaching Manager

Michael Poulton

Competitions Manager

David Gynther

Competitions Coordinators

Clare Burton
Lorraine Morgan

National Development Manager

Sally McGrady

National Talent Identification and Development Coordinator

Ben King (to September 2009)

Marketing Manager

Nicole Roache

Communications Manager

Erin Carter

Marketing and Projects Officer

Rebecca Healey (to October 2009)

Marketing Coordinator

Andrew Wilson (from November 2009)

Public Relations Coordinator

Cody Lynch (from November 2009)

Solicitor

Peter Fitzgerald
19th Level,
500 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Bankers

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

Auditors

Lachlan Partners
360 Collins St
Melbourne VIC 3000

National Statistician

Paul Jenes OAM

National Records Officer

Ronda Jenkins OAM

Commissions and Committees

Anti-Doping Commission

Dr Tim Barbour (*Chair*)
Dr Chris Bradshaw
Dr Peter Larkins
Simon McDonald
Dion Russell
Danny Corcoran (*to May 2010*)
Dallas O'Brien (*from June 2010*)
(*Athletics Australia contact*)

Athletics Australia / Australian Little Athletics Committee

Adam Wallish
Brian Newton
Bronwyn Thompson
Derek Fineberg
Dallas O'Brien
Jane Hansen
Nick Bowden
Nick Moore
Peter Sharpe
Rob Fildes (*Chair*)
Ross Burridge

Athletics Australia Tribunal

Ian Hill QC
Jamie Nettleton
Paul Connolly
Mark Rosenberg
The Hon. Justice Tricia Kavanagh
Danny Corcoran (*to May 2010*)
Dallas O'Brien (*from June 2010*)
(*Athletics Australia contact*)

Athletes' Commission

(*appointed September 30, 2009*)
Luke Adams
Justin Anlezark
Clinton Hill
Sarah Jamieson
Bronwyn Thompson (*Chair*)
Katrina Webb
Kylie Wheeler
Danny Corcoran (*to May 2010*)
Dallas O'Brien (*from June 2010*)
(*Athletics Australia contact*)

Athletes with a Disability Advisory Committee

Janelle Eldridge (*Chair to March 2010, remained on Committee*)
Neil Fuller
Dave Gynther
Sally McGrady
Louise Sauvage
Michael Thomson (*Chair from March 2010*)
Scott Goodman (*to April 2010*)
Mark Pettifer (*from January 2010*)
Rohan Short (*from June 2010*)
(*Athletics Australia contact*)

Coaching Advisory Committee

Glynis Nunn-Cearns
Robert Medlicott
Nick Moore (*Chair*)
Alison O'Riordan
Barbara Stephens
Lindsay Watson
Kylie Wheeler (*to September 2009*)
Sarah Jamieson (*from September 2009*)
Dianne Huxley (*to December 2009*)
Tudor Bidder (*to February 2010*)

Distance Running and Walking Advisory Committee

Jason Agosta
Dave Cundy
Anne Lord (*Chair – Distance*)
Sonia O'Sullivan
Pam Turney
Chris Wardlaw
Luke Adams
Bob Cruise
Tim Erickson (*Chair – Walks*)
Brent Vallance
David Gynther
(*Athletics Australia contact*)

Facilities and Equipment Advisory Committee

David Barfoot
Graham Dwight
Robert Mitchell (*Chair*)
Joe Stevens
Denis Wilson
David Gynther
(*Athletics Australia contact*)

International Tours Advisory Committee

Dean Barton-Smith
Carol Grant
Sarah Jamieson
David Tarbotton
Eric Hollingsworth
(*Chair and Athletics Australia contact*)

Officials Advisory Committee

Reg Brandis (*Chair*)
Janelle Eldridge
Lorraine Morgan
Brian Roe
David Gynther
(*Athletics Australia contact*)

Selection Committee

Peter Fitzgerald (*Chair*)
Melinda Gainsford-Taylor
Steve Moneghetti
Dion Russell
Eric Hollingsworth
(*Athletics Australia contact*)

SMACME Committee (Sponsorship, Marketing, Advertising, Communications, Media and Events)

Andrew McKenzie
Ben Gilbert
Dallas O'Brien
David Gynther
Erin Carter
Jason Richardson
John Connellan
John Crennan
Kate Craig
Kate Smith
Matt Mahon (*Chair*)
Nick Honey
Nicole Roache
Rob Fildes
Simon Hayman

Special Awards Committee

Anne Lord
Bill Bailey
Brian Roe
Dallas O'Brien
David Grace (*Chair*)
Marg Mahony
Paul Jenès
Reg Brandis
Rob Fildes

Track and Field Advisory Committee

Dean Barton-Smith
Peter Hamilton
Andrew Matthews
Grant McKay
Brian Roe
Khan Sharp (*Chair*)
David Gynther
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(pole vault) and Mitchell Watt (long jump)



