

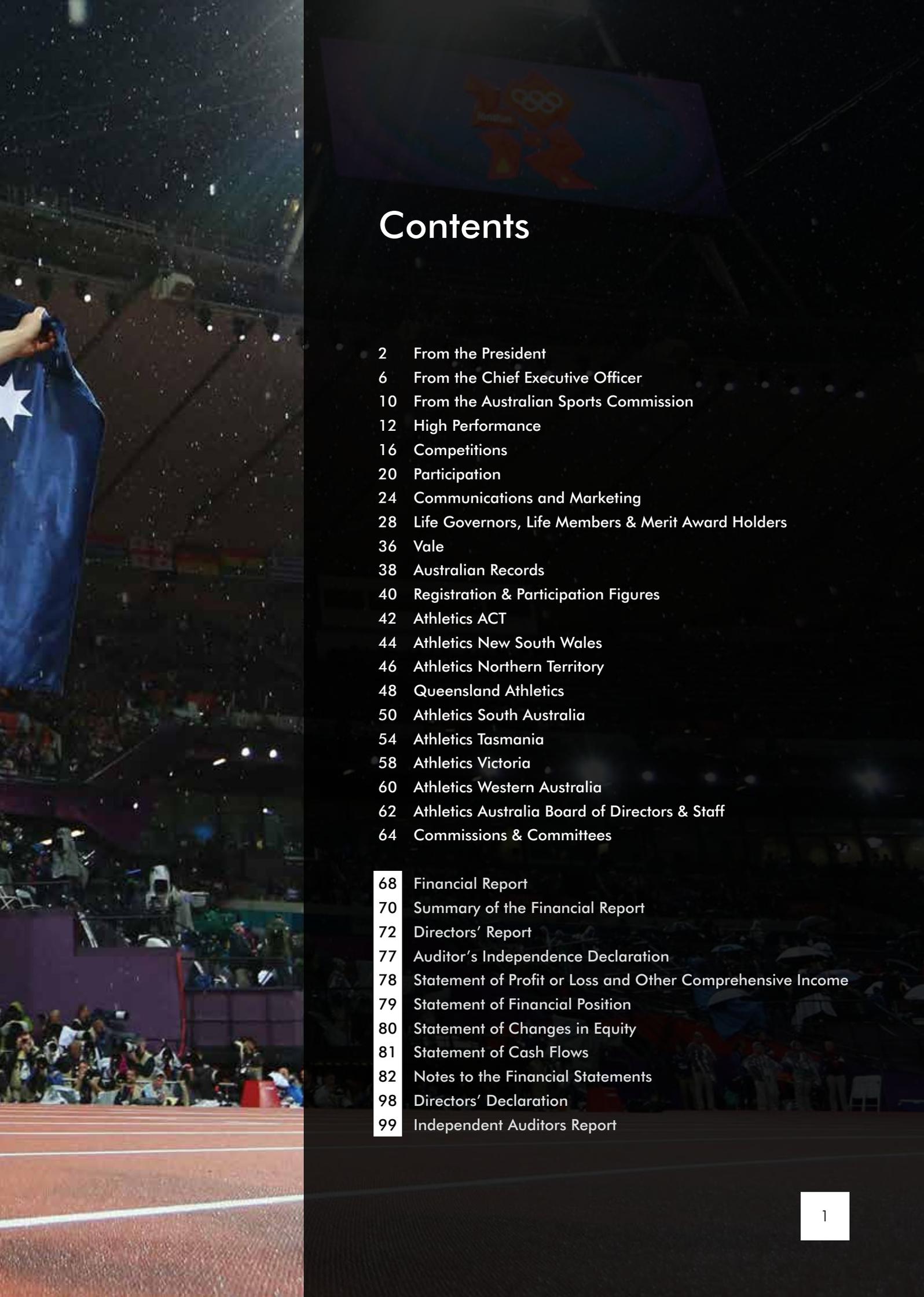


# ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13



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# From the President



This year has once again provided me with great confidence in the ability of our sport to succeed on the track and in the field. The administration of our sport continues to improve and I am pleased to reflect on our many successes throughout 2012/13.

The highlight of this year was the outstanding 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games where so many talented young Australian athletes shone and it was great to witness their achievements as President of Athletics Australia.

Performances of significant note during the year on the world stage included:

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## **2012 IAAF World Junior Championships** *Barcelona, Spain, 10-15 July*

The Australian Spark were extraordinary, with the team achieving 14 top-eight performances to rank 8th on the placing table with 60 points. The five-medal haul equalled the number won in Santiago, Chile in 2000 and is the best performance since Sydney, Australia, hosted the event in 1996. Congratulations to medallists Liz Parnov (silver - pole vault), Jake Stein (silver - decathlon), Nick Hough (silver - 110m hurdles), Damien Birkinhead (bronze - shot put) and Steven Solomon (bronze - 400m), as well as the 13 athletes who achieved a personal best.

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## **2012 Olympic Games** *London, Great Britain, 27 July-12 August*

The London Olympic Games were a wonderful showcase of world sport, and I was very excited to watch the performances of the whole Australian Olympic Team. Congratulations to Olympic champion Sally Pearson on her inspiring performance in winning gold in the 100m hurdles, as well as her fellow medallists Mitchell Watt (silver - long jump) and Jared Tallent (silver - 50km walk). Steven Solomon (400m) and the men's 4x100m relay team also delivered fantastic top-eight performances.

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## **2012 Paralympic Games** *London, Great Britain, 29 August-9 September*

The 43-strong athletics section of the Australian Paralympic Team delivered 27 medals to the overall Australian tally, with gold medal winning performances by Kelly Cartwright (long jump), Evan O'Hanlon (100m, 200m), Todd Hodgetts (shot put) and Richard Colman (800m) a highlight. The athletics team is the most successful for Australia in Paralympic history and the strong performances in London have set the tone for this tradition to continue.

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## **2012 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships** *Kavarna, Bulgaria, 6 October*

Australia fielded a team of four at the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships, with Liam Adams and Lara Tamsett the best placed male and female Australian competitors in 23rd and 14th respectively. Harry Summers finished one spot behind Adams in the men's race.

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## **2013 IAAF World Cross Country Championships** *Bydgoszcz, Poland, 24 March*

Freezing conditions and a very muddy course did not deter Collis Birmingham from finishing an

extraordinary 8th in the men's 12km race, with his performance launching a very strong season for the two-time national champion. Birmingham's strong result assisted in delivering 7th place overall for the Australian men's team of five. The Australian team also included nine juniors, with Michaela Quinn the best placed (25th) in the girl's 6km race and Morgan McDonald the first Australian past the post (33rd) in the boy's 8km race.

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**Oceania Athletics Championships**  
*Papeete, Tahiti,*  
*3-5 June*

An Australian team of 43 was selected to compete at the Oceania Athletics Championships and what a very strong result they delivered. The green and gold medal tally was 12 gold, seven silver and three bronze (total of 22) and I congratulate all on their achievements.

**I extend sincere thanks to my fellow Directors of the Board of Athletics Australia.**

Firstly, thank you to my two Vice Presidents, David Grace and Nick Moore for their much-appreciated advice, counsel and support. To Matt Mahon, Peter Bromley, Anne Lord and Melissa Babbage, thank you all for your most valued contributions and considerations to the many aspects of leading athletics in Australia.

The Athletics Australia Board of Directors has continued its strategic responsibilities to athletics and worked in close association with the executive management and staff of Athletics Australia.

A special thank you to Eddie McGuire who recently retired from the Board of Directors after eight years of distinguished service and a warm welcome to Nathan Deakes as the Athletes' Commission representative.

The Board of Directors is an excellent group of multi skilled individuals, all with a passion for athletics. They perform their duties on a voluntary and honorary basis. We are very fortunate indeed to have such an enthusiastic and competent Board of Directors at Athletics Australia.

A special acknowledgement to our Chief Executive

Officer, Dallas O'Brien, on what has been another very busy and constructive year. Dallas and his excellent administration team continue to ensure that athletics is very well run throughout our country.

Thank you to all our Commission and Committee members for their time and expertise provided to Athletics Australia.

A special thanks to our Chairman of Selectors, Dion Russell, and his fellow Selectors for their devoted and detailed work on team selections in what has been a difficult year.

To our eight Member Associations, representing the six states and two territories across our vast country, I extend my most sincere thank you for your contribution to the success of track and field in Australia. Your unwavering attention to the detail of executing our shared agenda for the sport is something to be commended and I couldn't be more impressed by the direction in which we are heading.

I would like to sincerely acknowledge the Australian Sports Commission for your increasing counsel, support and understanding of athletics. Together with the Australian Olympic Committee, the Australian Paralympic Committee and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, the Australian Sports Commission provides absolutely vital financial assistance to the high performance goals we so earnestly seek to achieve in Australian track and field athletics.

A special thank you to the Chairman of the Australian Sports Commission, John Wylie AM, for his intense interest in the future of Australian athletics both at senior and little athletics levels. Thank you also to their Chief Executive, Simon Hollingsworth, and his very competent team.

Thank you also to the outgoing Federal Minister for Sport, The Hon. Kate Lundy MP, for her enthusiastic and keen understanding of Australian athletics throughout her tenure in the role, and I wholeheartedly welcome the new Federal Minister for Sport and Minister for Health, The Hon. Peter Dutton MP, to his new role. We look forward to working alongside you and your Coalition Government in the years to come.

Thank you to the State Institute and State Academies of Sport throughout Australia that play a key role in the development of so many Australian athletes and coaches.

Athletics Australia and Little Athletics Australia continue to work more closely together in the interests of improving Australian track and field. The joint venture between our two bodies continues to be successful, including the ongoing introduction of a more seamless transition from little athletics to club athletics particularly through dual membership.

The relationship between our two current autonomous organisations throughout Australia has never been better. It has been a pleasure to work with the President of Little Athletics Australia, Dereck Fineberg, and the recently appointed Chief Executive Officer, Martin Stillman, along with their Board of Directors, on the many considerations surrounding the possibility of our sport being merged.

The Australian Government, through the Australian Sports Commission, has been strongly encouraging and has taken leadership over an initiative to merge since early 2013 through a Steering Committee chaired by John Wylie. These discussions continue, and I am grateful to so many involved for recognising the importance of our outstanding sport becoming ONE.

Our sport has welcomed the introduction of Australia's Winning Edge Program and the Australian Institute of Sport's new initiatives being led by Director, Matt Favier.

At the other end of the life cycle, Australian Masters Athletics has had another excellent year. We thank Steve Lance, President and his dedicated Board of Directors.

The growth of the number of athletes with disabilities entering our sport is very heartening. The para-athletics programs offer many young Australian men and women the chance to enjoy sport, regularly giving much hope to the athletes and their families. The aspiration and dignity of these athletes should never be underestimated.

The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) has once again been terrific in providing guidance and funding this past year. I would like to specifically thank IAAF President, Lamine Diack, and the General Secretary, Essar Gabriel, for their interest and support of Australian athletics.

Our thanks also extend to the Oceania Athletics Association, specifically Geoff Gardner, the President, and Yvonne Mullins, the Executive Director. Their continuing dedication to the sport of track and field in our region is outstanding and our relationship with them as the representative of the IAAF in our area continues to strengthen with the upcoming introduction of IAAF Coaching Courses and IAAF Kids Athletics to Australia with their support.

The IAAF celebrated its Centenary in Barcelona, Spain, last November and I had the privilege of attending. It was truly outstanding to see our own Betty Cuthbert inducted as part of the first group to the International Athletics Hall of Fame and I extend my sincere thanks to Qantas, the Australian Olympic Committee, David Prince and my colleagues at Athletics Australia for ensuring that Betty was able to travel to the event in comfort.

Betty is an icon of our sport both domestically and around the world and her recognition in this manner is a testament to her influence in the development of women's sport on the global stage across so many years.

Excitingly for athletics, Sally Pearson was also in attendance to share the occasion as the reigning IAAF Female Athlete of the Year, and I was proud to see her pass the baton in 2012 to another very deserving winner in Allyson Felix.

The spectre of drugs continues in athletics as it does in all sport. The IAAF has strict policies and is doing a good job but simply cannot cover every athlete in every part of the world. Athletics Australia continues to work closely with ASADA and we hope and trust that Australian athletes and their coaches continue to maximise our athletes' ability without the use of performance enhancing drugs.

Another area of international concern in sport is illegal betting. Global betting on sport is enormous and we must be vigilant that it does not become an issue that affects our great sport.

For their encouragement and financial backing across 2012 and 2013, I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to our commercial partners: Be the Influence, Qantas, Asics, 2XU, the Art Series Hotel Group and Flight Centre Group Travel.

The unwavering support Destination New South Wales, the Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Eventscorp Western Australia, the Victorian Government, the Australian Olympic Committee, the Australian Paralympic Committee, the Australian Commonwealth Games Association and Athletics International is also abundantly appreciated.

Ours is very much a coach driven sport and we thank coaches at all levels for their dedication, skill and patience with our athletes.

Our officials too, play an integral role and we encourage younger men and women to consider a career in this rewarding aspect of our sport.

I would also like to acknowledge the thousands of athletes, coaches, volunteers and officials, both elite and recreational, of our fantastic sport. Together with your families and fans of athletics, you are the lifeblood of our sport.

In addition to this 2012/13 report, I would like to mention various pieces of news that have occurred since 30 June 2013 through to the Annual General Meeting of Athletics Australia on 28 November 2013.

In September, Tokyo was awarded the rights to host the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We congratulate Japan and wish them a most wonderful and successful Games.

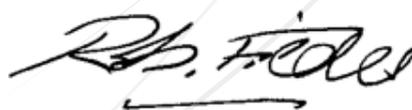
It is great news for Australian athletes that the 2020 Games will be hosted in our time zone and it will create many lead up events in Asia. This will be very good for Australian athletics and Australian sport in general following on from the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in Queensland.

The IAAF World Youth Championships in Donetsk, the IPC Athletics World Championships in Lyon and the IAAF World Championships in Moscow have all been successful and I congratulate the more than 100 athletes and staff that took part. You have set the tone for a strong Olympic and Paralympic cycle and I look forward to watching you succeed in the years to come.

We are very much looking forward to the upcoming National Athletics Series, incorporating the Australian Athletics Tour, and the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow where we expect to have a strong and enthusiastic team.

The 2013 Annual General Meeting is my last official duty as President of Athletics Australia. I have served on the Board of Directors for nine years, including eight years as President and Chairman. It has been a most interesting, challenging and rewarding journey and I thank all those who have contributed so much during my Presidency.

I wish you all great success and continue to ask that as an athletics community we work together, in a positive spirit of harmony, to improve the sport of track and field throughout Australia.



**Robin H Fildes OAM**  
President  
*Athletics Australia*

# From the Chief Executive Officer



The Financial Year of 2012/13 has been one of significant change for Athletics Australia. It was a year that saw the introduction of our new 2013-16 Strategic Plan, the launch of the Australian Sports Commission's (ASC) Australia's Winning Edge (AWE) and a restructured High Performance department; all of which form a strong basis for the direction of the sport through to the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond.

Aligned with these three key initiatives, we have been heavily involved in the potential merge with Little Athletics Australia (LAA) and the introduction of the National Digital platform. Both of these major initiatives are critical to the future of athletics in Australia.

The ASC has had a major shift in the way they do business and the expectations they have for how we conduct our business. They have released a set of 'Mandatory Governance Principles', which outline the structure they expect sports to adhere to. Athletics is in a relatively healthy position but this change presents a great opportunity to assess what we do can improve in key areas. I am pleased to report that one of the outcomes to date has been the introduction of a number of new committees including a 'Governance' and an 'Audit & Risk' Committee.

The bottom line is we need to manage the sport in the most efficient and effective way, to provide the best possible opportunities for our current and future athletes, coaches, officials and administrators. As our Strategic Plan states, we must lead athletics to be a strong, vibrant and growing sport. It is our role to foster and encourage participation and promote excellence in performance.

Our stakeholders and our relationship with each one is a key factor on how we do business. I would like to thank all our stakeholders, in particular the ASC, the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, the Australian Olympic Committee and the Australian Paralympic Committee.

I would also like to thank our Member Associations (MA's) for their support and input in a whole range of areas, in particular the National Digital platform and the proposed merge with LAA. The MA's form the grass roots of our sport and are critical in attracting new athletes and providing our existing athletes the best possible competitions and conditions to participate.

Our recently introduced new High Performance Structure has enabled us to align ourselves with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and align our plans with the AWE. It has also seen the development of, and more recently the introduction of, a National Athlete Support Structure (NASS) where we have been able to significantly increase the number of athletes we support financially across the country. The introduction of a new High Performance Director and a 'Head Coach' position will lead to far greater provision for, and accountability from our elite athletes and coaches.

This change in structure has already begun to reap rewards internationally in 2013, with strong major championship performances in the wake of our success at the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games. We were very pleased with the performances of our teams at the IAAF World Youth Championships, the IPC Athletics World Championships and the IAAF World Championships, and believe we now have the

basis of some very good Australian performances in the years to come beginning with the 2014 Commonwealth Games and 2014 IAAF World Junior Championships in this upcoming Financial Year.

Our Competitions Department has delivered a strong 2013 National Athletics Series, including our main Qantas Australian Athletics Tour events the IAAF Melbourne World Challenge, Sydney Track Classic and the Go for 2&5 Perth Track Classic and the Qantas Australian Athletics Championships in Sydney. All were televised on the Nine Network and Fox Sports. The department also did a great job in presenting 13 other Australian Championships including the Australian Junior Athletics Championships.

Our Communications and Marketing Department were kept extremely busy this year, covering our National Athletics Series as well as being a major part of our management at international championships in both 2012, and more recently in 2013. We maintained moderate media coverage of our sport in a very challenging environment dominated by the more widely supported national codes. Social media coverage was an area we focused on that returned some very encouraging results.

Levels of sponsorship remained solid with Qantas, the Australian National Prevention Health Agency (Be The Influence) and Asics being our major supporters in what is a very competitive industry. We will continue to work hard in this to give our sport the best possible exposure.

Our Participation Department continued to develop, with a particular focus on the critical area of Coaching Development. We have made some great inroads in the development of the Athletics Coach Accreditation Framework, delivering courses with our MA's and private providers across the nation. It is pleasing to report we now have over 4,000 Accredited Athletics Coaches across the nation. We are also pleased to report a recent agreement with the IAAF to align with their coaching curriculum, and also the positive work being done with LAA in an attempt to align their 'Introduction to

Coaching' curriculum with our Accredited Coach Accreditation Framework.

It is also pleasing to report that all our MA's have signed onto our National Participation Plan and receive financial support to assist them in delivering the outcomes of increased membership and providing healthy clubs. The inclusion of a Para-athletics Development Officer into the department has also enabled us to work with the MA's in delivering para-athletics from the grass roots up.

As well as the core business of membership, the department also drives the Recreational Running Program 'iRun', as well as the indigenous program 'Athletics for the Outback'. Both these areas are also very challenging but we are determined to continue to make inroads.

A major area of 'new' business over the last 12 months, has been the introduction of an Integrity Unit. This unit combines policy making, case management, education and welfare of athletes in very sensitive areas of anti-doping, illicit drugs, event fixing (gambling) and a whole myriad of issues connected with these.

Last but certainly not least, is our Finance and Administration Department. I am pleased to report that we have had a small restructure with the appointment of a new Business Manager, who oversees not only the finances of the organisation, but also the functioning of the business. We have also appointed an Office Manager to oversee the functioning of the office, including processes and procedures. Human Resources is becoming a more and more critical area, especially considering the engagement of coaches and the like in and around the SIS/SAS network of Institutes and Academies.

I am pleased to report a healthy surplus for the 2012/13 financial year, with this outlined in our Financial Reports.

As explained this also includes the recognition of our investment property on St Kilda Road, Melbourne. We have been able to identify a number of areas we can save costs and become

more efficient in every department of the organisation. We will continue to explore ways to become more commercially independent, including the introduction of the National Digital Platform, and we will work with the MA's on paths the sport has to take to improve. With the extra accountability measures implemented by the ASC, the area of financial management is critical for the future of our organisation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Athletics Australia President Rob Fildes OAM for the support and mentoring he has provided in the time I have been at Athletics Australia.

Rob has achieved much in developing a stable and viable organisation, and it is now our opportunity to take the sport to a new level of performance into the future. We have a strong Board of Directors with a good mix of skills and range of experience, who are also a great support for me and the Athletics Australia Executive Management and their teams.

Finally, I thank the Athletics Australia Executive Management and their hardworking team of staff and volunteers. There has been significant change over the last year across the organisation and I firmly believe we now have the structure and the personnel to deliver some strong results over this next 12 months and beyond.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dallas O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Dallas O'Brien**  
Chief Executive Officer  
*Athletics Australia*



# From the Australian Sports Commission



The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) is committed to ensuring Australian athletes excel in the international sporting arena, and increasing Australians' participation in sport.

These two clear objectives are mutually reinforcing - international success inspires Australians to participate in sport and greater participation helps nurture our future champions. Sport inspires individuals, unites communities and encourages active lifestyles.

Success at the international level has become even more challenging for Australian athletes. Traditional competitors keep getting better, and rising countries are becoming forces to be reckoned with. Our tenth placing in the medal table at the London Olympic Games continued a downward trend over the past three games.

Through Australia's Winning Edge 2012-2022, our game plan to move Australian sport from world class to world best, we are changing the role of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and the delivery of the high performance program, improving the financial performance and position of national sporting organisations (NSOs) and strengthening the governance structures and standards of NSOs.

We have initiated a fundamental reform process to improve Australian sport, by linking high performance sports funding more closely with performance; ensuring the AIS is the world's best high performance sports institute; modernising governance structures in a number of sports; investing to improve coaching, leadership skills, talent identification and innovation in Australian

sport; and reinforcing public confidence in the integrity of sport. These reforms will create lasting change and improvement.

In 2013-14, the Australian Government, through the ASC, is investing almost \$120 million in national sporting organisations for high performance programs and to promote grassroots participation in sport.

Our partner sports can expect a much sharper focus by the ASC in future on best practice governance and administration, intellectual property ownership, athlete management and support structures and general accountabilities by the sports. Equally, the ASC is committed to changing to meet the needs of contemporary sport.

Importantly, the ASC is focused on promoting grassroots participation in sport throughout Australia and to continue a suite of successful national programs such as the Active After-school Communities program. Increased community sport participation has a profound long term dividend, and remains a vital objective of the ASC.

The ASC looks forward to working in collaboration with the sport sector to encourage more people into sport and to drive Australia's continued international sporting success.

**John Wylie AM**

Chair

*Board of the Australian Sports Commission*



# High Performance

2012/13 has been a year of structural change for the High Performance department at Athletics Australia.

The Australian Institute of Sport's new 'Australian Winning Edge' (AWE) strategy has necessitated a significant shift in our strategic focus as we seek to align our program with the AWE strategies which are clearly defined as:

## **Investing for success:**

Investment is targeted to achieve the greatest chance of meeting the AWE goals of 5th Nation at the Olympic and Paralympic Games, 1st Nation at the Commonwealth Games and to have 20 World Champions every year.

## **Planning to perform:**

Planning and review processes are contemporary and provide for elevated accountability across the sector.

## **The right support:**

High performance athletes have the right support at the right time along their pathway to international success.

## **Good governance and capability:**

High performance sports and sector partners have the structure, workforce and leadership capacity to develop successful programs to achieve competitive results and to spend taxpayer funding effectively.

## **Evidence-based decisions:**

High performance sports and sector partners have a valid and robust evidence base on which to develop winning high performance programs.

We welcome this shift in focus from the AIS but at the same time there has been a necessary period of adjustment as we transition to a new structure in pursuit of these outcomes.

Part of this restructure has been the creation of the new position of High Performance Director, which I was very happy to accept in February 2013. Eric Hollingsworth subsequently has been freed up to focus squarely on his new role as Head Coach of our High Performance program. This has already paid dividends and allowed for a far greater level

of communication and engagement with both our athletes and coaches than was possible under the previous structure.

It has also allowed me in my role as High Performance Director position to focus on strategy, contracts, selection policy and funding as well as managing athletics' partnerships with the Australian Institute of Sport and the state institute system.

Part of our revamped funding system will be the newly created National Athlete Support Structure. The NASS will see Athletics Australia directly support a far larger pool of athletes and para-athletes than ever before. In total, 62 able-bodied athletes and 42 para-athletes will be offered NASS membership for the 12 months starting on 1 October 2013.

The level of support offered to each NASS athlete, and whether they are offered a financial contract, will be determined by their level within the program, with five levels ranging from 'World Class' down to 'Potential'.

The NASS has been developed in close consultation with the AIS and the network of State Institutes of Sport and State Academies of Sport (SIS/SAS) to ensure that we have a transparent and objective system to select which athletes are supported. NASS athletes must show consistent improvement year-on-year to maintain or increase their program levels.

Our program for the selected NASS athletes will be delivered by AA staff and our partners in the AIS and SIS/SAS network. A key aspect of making this work on the ground will be the Athlete Personal Advisor (APA) that we will assign to each athlete. The APA's job is to ensure a tailored approach to help each athlete and their coach achieve our joint aims.

We are confident that the NASS will help our athletes to make a real contribution to the Australian Winning Edge targets.

Given the results of Australian athletes at both the London Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012 (which are detailed below along with other

major international championships) we have every reason to be optimistic that those targets are realistic.

Importantly, the quality of our underage athletes coming through continues to be strong, as evidenced by some excellent performances at the 14th IAAF World Junior Championships in Barcelona, Spain. Our junior athletes are the foundation of our future success of the sport and the depth and quality of our underage athletes continues to be strong.

To develop some of our talented youngsters, in May 2013 Athletics Australia again ran a four-day Under 17 Development squad camp at the AIS. For the first time the camp was fully integrated with para-athletes, which was welcomed by all involved. Personal coaches were encouraged to attend and were fully engaged in the program at the camp, ensuring the benefits lasted long after the athletes went home.

In addition, the Under 21 squad travelled to Taiwan to compete in the Taiwan National Championships in May and 14 of our rising young stars also headed to the Bauhaus Junioren Gala meet in Mannheim, Germany from 29 -

30 June to get invaluable experience of quality international competition which should hold them in good stead in the future.

Shortly after taking up my role at Athletics Australia I took the opportunity to travel around Australia to all of our major centres to meet coaches and athletes and answer questions about the new strategic direction of the sport in Australia. These meetings, which were open to anyone in the athletics family, were invaluable in allowing Athletics Australia to gain local insights from those who are at "the coalface" of our sport. One thing became clear during the course of these meetings, and that is that the passion and dedication of our athletes and coaches is unwavering.

I'd like to thank the staff of the High Performance department for their own dedication and support during 2012/13 and I look forward to working with them to continue to improve athletics in Australian in the coming year.

**Simon Nathan**  
High Performance Director



# High Performance

## 2012 Team Results

2012 Olympic Games  
London, Great Britain  
3-12 August 2012

Overall Team Rank: 13 (27pts)  
Team Size: 52 athletes

### Medallists

Sally Pearson (QLD)	Gold, 100m Hurdles
Jared Tallent (VIC)	Silver, 50km Walk
Mitchell Watt (QLD)	Silver, Long Jump

2012 Paralympic Games  
London, Great Britain  
29 August - 9 September 2012

Overall Team Rank: 5 (282pts)  
Team Size: 43 athletes

### Medallists

Evan O'Hanlon (ACT)	Gold, 100m (T38)
	Gold, 200m (T38)
Kelly Cartwright (VIC)	Gold, Long Jump (T42/44)
	Silver, 100m (T42)
Richard Colman (VIC)	Gold, 800m (T53)
	Bronze, 400m (T53)
Todd Hodgetts (TAS)	Gold, Shot Put (F20)
Angela Ballard (NSW)	Silver, 200m (T53)
	Silver, 400m (T53)
	Bronze, 100m (T53)
Kurt Fearnley (NSW)	Silver, 5,000m (T54)
	Bronze, Marathon (T54)
Brad Scott (WA)	Silver, 1500m (T37)
	Bronze, 800m (T37)
Rheed McCracken (QLD)	Silver, 100m (T34)
	Bronze, 200m (T34)
Carlee Beattie (QLD)	Silver, Long Jump (F46)
Louise Ellery (ACT)	Silver, Shot Put (F32/33/34)
Scott Reardon (ACT)	Silver, 100m (T42)
Georgia Beikhoff (NSW)	Bronze, Javelin Throw (F37/38)
Christine Dawes (NSW)	Bronze, 5,000m (T54)
Madeleine Hodan (VIC)	Bronze, Javelin Throw (F46)
Rosemary Little (NSW)	Bronze, 100m (T34)
Simon Patmore (QLD)	Bronze, 200m (T46)
Katherine Proudfoot (NSW)	Bronze, Discus Throw - (F35/36)
Russell Short (VIC)	Bronze, Shot Put (F11/12)

14th IAAF World Junior  
Championships  
Barcelona, Spain  
10-15 July 2012

Overall Team Rank: 8 (60pts)  
Team Size: 51 athletes

#### Medallists

Jake Stein (NSW)	Silver, Decathlon
Nicholas Hough (NSW)	Silver, 110m Hurdles
Liz Parnov (WA)	Silver, Pole Vault
Damien Birkinhead (VIC)	Bronze, Shot Put
Steven Solomon (NSW)	Bronze, 400m

IAAF World Half Marathon  
Championships  
Kavana, Bulgaria  
6 October 2012

Team Size: 4 athletes

#### Men

Liam Adams (Vic)	23rd, 1:04:08
Clinton Perrett (Vic)	24th, 1:04:13
Harry Summers (NSW)	51st, 1:07:31
TEAM	10th, 3:15:52

#### Female

Lara Tamsett (NSW)	14th, 1:12:58
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40th IAAF World Cross Country  
Championships  
Bydgoszcz, Poland  
24 March 2013

Team Size: 4 athletes

**Open Men's Team (12km):** 7th, 116pts  
Highest Placed Athlete: Collis Birmingham (Vic) -  
8th 33:18

**Open Women's Team (8km):** 15th, 344pts  
Highest Placed Athlete: Tasmin McMahon (SA) -  
78th 27:06

#### Junior Men:

Highest Placed Athlete: Morgan McDonald (NSW) -  
33rd 23:21

#### Junior Women:

Highest Placed Athlete: Michaela Quinn (NSW) -  
25th 19:39

# Competitions

Historically, post-Olympic and Paralympic domestic seasons are comparatively quiet, with athletes taking an extended break, recovering from injuries and/or contemplating their sporting future. To some extent this was the case during 2013, yet the National Athletics Series and other championship events held continued to provide a solid platform for a range of new athletes to shine and stake their claim for selection to the one of the IAAF World Youth Championships, the IAAF World Championships or the IPC Athletics World Championships.

I extend a sincere thank you to all athletes and coaches that supported the Australian athletics season by competing this year, and I look forward to once again welcoming you all back to the competition arena as we look ahead to the 2014 Commonwealth Games next year.

I also thank Athletics Australia's competition staff of Michelle James, Lorraine Morgan and Caitlin Christie, as well as our hard-working Member Associations for their dedication to the execution of great events. Additionally, what we do would not be possible without the hundreds of officials and volunteers who dedicate hours of their time to ensuring that Australian athletes have the best possible opportunities to excel at their chosen discipline, and I commend them for their ongoing support and guidance.

## **National Athletics Series, incorporating the Qantas Australian Athletics Tour**

During the summer Australian season, Athletics Australia and our Member Associations delivered six Australian Championships and eight one-day meetings that formed the National Athletics Series.

The flagship events were the Qantas Australian Athletics Tour meets in Perth, Sydney and Melbourne (incorporating the first round of the IAAF World Challenge). These meets presented opportunities to showcase our sport to in-stadium spectators and via delayed broadcast on the Nine Network & Fox Sports.

This season Athletics Australia made a concerted effort to implement new fan engagement activities at these events to provide added entertainment

for attendees, and I am pleased to report that post-event research suggests that this was very well received. These undertakings incorporated innovative event presentation techniques, a 'Fan Zone' for families that featured rides, games and live music, and a trackside bar for attendees aged over 18.

The Qantas Australian Athletics Tour was supported by a series of events in Brisbane, Newcastle, Adelaide and Hobart, providing further competition opportunities for Australian athletes and providing an opportunity for meet directors to showcase the sport in regional/local markets.

I am proud to report that across the course of the National Athletics Series that Athletics Australia was able to support athletes with over \$150,000 worth of travel support and the opportunity to win a share of \$350,000 in prize money, as well as a more comprehensive athlete liaison process.

## **Qantas Australian Athletics Championships and Australian Junior Athletics Championships**

The Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre played host to the 91st Australian Athletics Championships in April. This competition remains the focal point of the season, and in 2013 it incorporated the Selection Trial for the IAAF World Championships and provided a key qualification opportunity for IPC Athletics World Championships.

Held across four days, and incorporating all Australian championship events except the 10,000m and out-of-stadium road races, more than 800 of Australia's best able-bodied and para-athletes participated.

One of the exciting new initiatives of the season was the delivery of the Australian Junior Championships in conjunction with the Go for 2&5 Perth Track Classic. This model proved very successful, allowing our junior stars to share the track with Australia and the world's best athletes, as well as boosting crowd numbers for the Perth leg of the Qantas Australian Athletics Tour. The Athletics Australia Competitions Department

will continue to work closely with its colleagues in Athletics Australia Junior High Performance to ensure that opportunities like this continue to be presented, and we are excited to see this new tradition continue in 2014 when the Sydney Track Classic is held in the middle of Australia's pinnacle junior championship.

Additionally, the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in 2013 were held outside of Sydney for the first time due to a substantial financial contribution from Eventscorp Western Australia.

Despite initial concern from some within the athletics community that this decision would reduce participation figures, almost 1700 athletes, more than ever, competed across the six-day timetable. The size of the competition and unique conditions in Perth resulted in an innovative timetable featuring morning and evening sessions to avoid the heat of the day and featured a short sharp compact program alongside the Go for 2&5 Perth Track Classic on the Saturday evening.

#### **Athletics Australia and the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)**

Athletics Australia's relationship with the IAAF continues to strengthen, providing an opportunity to deliver both the Qantas Melbourne World Challenge and Australian & Oceania 20km Race Walking Championships as part of the global IAAF World Challenge and IAAF World Race Walking Challenge respectively.

Such support provides opportunities to better reward athletes through prize money and funding, and ensures the sustained growth of the sport in the wider Oceania region. We thank the IAAF for their continued support, and their ongoing recognition of the need to host world-class events in our region.

#### **Out-Of-Stadium Events**

Athletics Australia also conducted and supported a range of competitions out-of-stadium.

The Australian Cross Country Championships, delivered in collaboration with School Sport Australia, is the ideal model with one succinct pathway to National Championships regardless of school and/or Member Association affiliation. This competition was conducted in Adelaide alongside the Australian Winter Race-Walking Championships.

Athletics Australia also forged strong relationships with the organisers of the Blackmore's Sydney Running Festival and Medibank Melbourne Marathon, which hosted the Australian Half Marathon and Marathon Championships respectively.

#### **Australian Athletics Officials**

The 2018 Commonwealth Games will be a great opportunity for Australian athletics and provides a considerable opportunity to strengthen the number of knowledgeable and experienced officials we have in the Australian Athletics Officials network.

A number of exciting strategies have been introduced to assist in developing this area, including the establishment of a new officiating advisory panel featuring representatives from all areas of Australia. This panel meets regularly to discuss the welfare, education and development of competition officials, as well operational arrangements such as positional appointments for National Athletics Series events.

In partnership with Little Athletics Australia, Athletics Australia is in the process of finalising a joint education officiating scheme. This joint venture will modernise the education pathway; consolidate our position in sport as leaders in officiating, support our current volunteers and ensure a seamless transition for new and aspiring officials as we head towards upcoming major events for the sport.

**Andrew Matthews**  
Competitions Manager

Below is a list of the competitions organised or supported by Athletics Australia over the 2012-2013 athletics season

2012		
<b>Saturday 25 August</b>	Australian Cross Country Championships & Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships	Adelaide, SA
<b>Sunday 26 August</b>	Australian Winter Road Walking Championships	Adelaide, SA
<b>Sunday 16 September</b>	Australian Half Marathon Championships	Sydney, NSW
<b>Sunday 14 October</b>	Australian Marathon Championships	Melbourne, VIC
<b>Saturday-Sunday 10-11 November</b>	Australian Junior AWD Championships	Canberra, ACT
<b>Friday- Sunday 30-2 December</b>	Australian All Schools Athletics Championships	Hobart, TAS
<b>Monday 3 December</b>	Australian Schools Knockout Final	Launceston, TAS
<b>Saturday 8 December</b>	Zatopek:10 Classic (incorporating Australian 10,000m Championships)	Melbourne, VIC
<b>Sunday 9 December</b>	Australian 50km Road Walking Championships	Melbourne, VIC
2013		
<b>Friday- Saturday 18-19 January</b>	Australian Olympic Youth Festival	Sydney, NSW
<b>Sunday 20th January</b>	World Cross Country Trial	Canberra, ACT
<b>Saturday 2 February</b>	Hunter Track Classic	Newcastle, NSW
<b>Saturday 16 February</b>	Adelaide Track Classic	Adelaide, SA
<b>Saturday-Sunday 16-17 February</b>	Australian Junior Combined Event Championships	Adelaide, SA
<b>Saturday 23 February</b>	Briggs Athletics Classic	Hobart, TAS
<b>Sunday 24 February</b>	Australian 20km Road Walking Championships (incorporating IAAF Race-Walking Challenge & Oceania Championships)	Hobart, TAS
<b>Saturday 9 March</b>	Sydney Track Classic	Sydney, NSW
<b>Tuesday-Sunday 12-17 March</b>	Australian Junior Athletics Championships	Perth, WA
<b>Saturday 16 March</b>	Perth Track Classic	Perth, WA
<b>Saturday 23 March</b>	Queensland Track Classic	Brisbane, QLD
<b>Saturday 6 April</b>	IAAF Melbourne World Challenge (incorporating the IAAF World Challenge )	Melbourne VIC
<b>Thursday-Sunday 11-14 April</b>	91st Australian Athletics Championships & World Championship Selection Trials	Sydney, NSW
<b>Sunday 2 June</b>	Australian Mountain Running Championships	Canberra, ACT
<b>Sunday 9 June</b>	Australian 100km Championships	Gold Coast, QLD
<b>Sunday 16 June</b>	Australian 10km Road Running Championships	Launceston, TAS



# Participation

In accordance with Athletics Australia's Strategic Plan and to ensure alignment with guidelines issued by the Australian Sports Commission for National Sporting Organisations, Athletics Australia instituted a Participation Department shortly prior to the 2012/13 Financial Year. The Participation Department has since then assumed responsibility for a number of programs, working closely with Member Associations to achieve sustainable growth in the number of people participating in the various initiatives offered by the sport of track and field.

The 2012/13 Participation Plan was focused on five core pillars - Club Capability, Junior Pathway, the Athletics Australia and Little Athletics Australia Joint Venture, Recreational Running and Targeted Groups.

These strategic priorities were underpinned by a focus on increasing participation in, and increasing membership of, the sport through a range of programs and services offered by Member Associations, Little Athletics state associations, recreational running events and national competitions.

The sport's 294 clubs continue to provide the entry point for the vast majority of members. Strengthening the links between clubs, Little Athletics Centres, schools and associated participation events is vital in providing a pathway for increased participation in club athletics and Athletics Australia and its Member Associations remains focused on continually developing each club's capabilities to support members of all ages and abilities.

Formal membership with Athletics Australia's eight Member Associations has increased significantly from the 2011/12 period, with the sport engaging more than 24,000 people on a regular basis. In large part, this increase stemmed from the new membership products offered and the increased number of dual registered athletes in the sport.

In addition, more than 250,000 Australians of all ages were exposed to the sport through recreational running events and through the competition pathways offered by school sport. The potential for growth in this category of

participation is enormous, and projects already underway in the 2013/14 period will capture and engage increased numbers in the coming 12 months.

The Participation Department has also made important contributions to the Digital Strategy Project and proposed 'One Sport' merger dialogue with Little Athletics Australia in 2012/13, with a keen awareness of the potential impact a successful outcome will have on our capability to engage new and existing participants.

## **Athletics for the Outback**

Supported by a three-year agreement with the Office for Sport as part of the Federal Department for Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport, the Athletics for the Outback program was conducted in 2012/13 and focused on engaging indigenous communities in regional and remote areas.

Program camps included athletics activities for children and adolescents and coach education for community members to provide skills and resources as a legacy of the program visit. Program initiatives were conducted in Queensland, New South Wales and the Northern Territory, and in 2013/14 the program will include these states along with Western Australia and South Australia.

## **The Illicit Drugs in Sport Education Program**

The Illicit Drugs in Sport Education Program is supported by the Office for Sport as part of the Federal Department for Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport, and is designed to provide clear messages about the use and impact of illicit drugs in sport through activities delivered by Athletics Australia and Member Associations.

In 2012/13 the program provided education and awareness-raising activities for junior-age athletes at competitions and camps coordinated by the Athletics Australia Junior High Performance Department.

## Coaching

Coaches are critical to the success of the athletics, especially at club, school and centre level, and the efforts of the Athletics Australia Coaching Department during the 2012/13 period revolved around coach education and increased engagement of accredited coaches.

There are 4,171 accredited coaches in the sport, a 32% increase from the previous reporting period, and much of this success is attributed to the concerted effort from internal staff, Member Associations and Endorsed Coach Education Providers to deliver education programs and to raise awareness of the benefits of accreditation.

The Athletics Coach Accreditation Framework was revised and the curricula for the Level 1 Community Athletics Coach and Level 2 Intermediate Club Coach have been finalised and registered with the National Coach Accreditation Scheme to provide recognition for each coach's formal education. The Level 2 Advanced Event Group Coach program has been finalised and in 2013/14 will be offered with the new Level 3 education curriculum developed in partnership with the IAAF.

Importantly, the Level 1 Community Athletics Coach program has been delivered in numerous locations in conjunction with the Australian Sports Commission's Active After-Schools Community (AASC) leaders to allow participants to acquire the appropriate qualifications to become program facilitators with the AASC in their local community.

The Accreditation Framework now includes programs for Recreational Running coaches and in partnership with Fitness Australia, provides continuing professional development opportunities to personal trainers.

Significant work was conducted with Little Athletics Australia to develop a single, comprehensive education framework for all coaches in the sport. This dialogue yielded important insight and in conjunction with the Australian Sports Commission, new and refined learning opportunities continue to be developed. This is an exciting step forward to the sport and it will benefit

Accredited Athletics Coaches across the country for years to come.

The Athletics Australia Coaching Department also delivered a Coaching Conference at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships, with Athletics Australia's dedicated National Junior Coaches delivering a series of theoretical and practical workshops for coaches. This was followed by a High Performance and Medical Information Session as part of the Qantas Australian Athletics Championships, at which the High Performance Director Simon Nathan and Chief Medical Officer Adam Castricum presented on pertinent issues in the sport.

I congratulate National Coaching Development Manager Jill Taylor, and her team of Lynne Evans and Kylie Italiano on a job very well done. I am proud of the steps you are making to improve the coaching environment for Accredited Athletics Coaches and am confident that the programming you have designed for coach education will deliver excellent professional development outcomes for coaches of all levels in the years to come.

## Recreational Running

The iRun program, delivered in partnership with IMG Sports Technology Group, focused on engaging with the enormous interest in recreational running and in 2012/13 included more than 70 recreational running events registered with the program across the country.

These events provided an opportunity for more than 150,000 recreational runners to participate in events of varying distances, and these participants continue to be engaged by communications from the national and state associations to promote future events, relevant training information and activities and programs offered by the sport.

The program also oversaw the delivery of Australian championships events for the three road running distances - 10 kilometres (B&E Launceston: 10), Half Marathon (Blackmores Sydney Running Festival Half Marathon) and Marathon (Medibank Melbourne Marathon).

### **Athletics Australia and Little Athletics Australia Joint Venture**

The second year of the Joint Venture between Athletics Australia and Little Athletics Australia continued the important collaboration between member associations in Victoria and New South Wales, and provided additional funding to other states to develop initiatives that targeted outcomes aligned with the Joint Venture's strategic priorities of Recruitment, Retention and Transition.

The number of Little Athletes increased to record levels in 2012/13 with an overall improvement in registration figures by 21.47%, as did the number of dual registered athletes across the country.

### **Para-athletics**

The development of increased participation opportunities for para-athletes remained an important focus for Athletics Australia. New information and resources were provided to the athletics community and a National Inclusion Policy was developed, and is supported by new curriculum content for coach and official education.

A new agreement was also reached with the Australian Paralympic Committee to ensure that the process of athlete classification is administered

by the sport, and in 2013/14 the Member Associations of Athletics Australia will deliver classification sessions across the country. The new reporting period will also see the inclusion of para-athletes in the Australian Junior Athletics Championships.

I welcome Amy Hibbert to the role of Para-Athletics Development Officer with Athletics Australia, and look forward to working alongside her in continuing to improve the integration of para-athletics to the broader athletics framework in 2013/14.

In closing, the 2013/14 year will include revisions to Athletics Australia's Participation Plan, with a clear focus on membership strategies and workforce development initiatives.

Changes to the Australian Sports Commission's requirements of all sports will bring additional scrutiny of participation programs and outcomes and increasing collaboration with Member Associations, Little Athletics and additional organisations within the athletics community will ensure the continued success enjoyed during the last twelve months.

**Tim Klar**  
Participation Manager



# Communications and Marketing

I joined Athletics Australia in early 2013, and I was fortunate in that the vast majority of the plans and preparations for the National Athletics Series, incorporating the Qantas Australian Athletics Tour, had already been put in place by my predecessor, Zarah Al-Kudcy and her capable Communications and Marketing team.

I thank Zarah for her outstanding efforts during her time with Athletics Australia and commend Andrew Wilson (Marketing Executive), Cody Lynch (Media & PR Executive) and Matthew Donker (Graphic Design Executive) for their support in executing these plans alongside me since my tenure began.

The addition of a Graphic Design Executive to the team has been welcome and greatly increased our capacity to generate high quality graphic design work internally rather than relying on an external agency. It has also allowed us to provide increased assistance to our Member Associations in producing consistent brand imagery across the sport of athletics nationally.

## **Qantas Australian Athletics Tour & Qantas Australian Athletics Championships**

Athletics Australia enjoyed a successful domestic season that saw strong attendances and broadcast audiences for both the Qantas Australian Athletics Championships and Qantas Australian Athletics Tour meets.

The events were supported locally by an Athletics Australia media spend that included print and online advertising with Fairfax newspapers and websites, television commercials on the Nine Network, as well as outdoor advertising and some targeted radio support.

Each Qantas Australian Athletics Tour meet was provided with extensive PR support in the form of pre-event athlete and coach media interviews, a dedicated media opportunity aimed at attracting print and TV coverage and multiple media releases previewing and promoting the meet and the athletes competing.

The three-meet series was broadcast on both the Nine Network and Fox Sports nationally as a one-

hour highlights package, with production provided by Jam TV.

The Qantas Australian Athletics Tour kicked off on 9 March 2013 with the Sydney Track Classic. A crowd of 3,400 fans attended the event, with an additional 1,182 tuning in to the live stream and 219,904 watching the event on either Channel Nine or Fox Sports.

The Go For 2&5 Perth Track Classic was staged on 16 March and attracted an in-stadium crowd of 4,800 fans, as well as a live stream audience of 1,223 and television audience of 182,523.

The Qantas Australian Athletics Tour closed with the Qantas Melbourne World Challenge on 6 April, with the event doubling as Round 1 of the IAAF World Challenge. A crowd of 3,267 attended the meet, while 350,013 fans watched it on TV and a further 1,296 tuned in to the live stream.

During the course of the Qantas Australian Athletics Tour, one of the popular new innovations was the interactive 'Fan Zone'.

Aimed at increasing fan engagement at the event, the Fan Zone allowed attendees to get a first hand look at just how impressive the feats of some of our Australian Flame athletes are. Amongst other activities, they were able to see the height of Steve Hooker's Australian record pole vault, test themselves with a speed gun against the best time of Sally Pearson or see attempt to jump as far Mitchell Watt's Oceania and Australian long jump record.

The 2012/13 domestic season closed with the Qantas Australian Athletics Championships in Sydney over the course of four days from 11-14 April.

The event attracted an in-stadium crowd of 3,267, while 350,013 fans tuned into the broadcast coverage on Nine and Foxtel and a further 1,296 people followed the live stream.

In all, a total audience of over 1.1 million people was achieved for the combined in-stadium attendance, TV and online broadcasts of the three

Qantas Australian Athletics Tour meets and the Qantas Australian Athletics Championships.

### **National Athletics Series**

Whilst the four meets which comprised the remainder of the National Athletics Series - the Hunter Track Classic, the Adelaide Track Classic, the Briggs Athletics Classic and the Queensland Track Classic - did not receive the same level of above the line marketing support as the Qantas Australian Athletics Tour meets, they did receive significant support in terms of PR and promotion from the Communications and Marketing department.

Numerous media releases and web stories were produced promoting the meets, and staff provided significant operational support at each event as well as assistance with producing marketing collateral. It is our expectation that the offering to these events by the Communications and Marketing Department will increase in the 2013/14 season and we look forward to further growing these developing events.

### **John Landy Lunch**

The 2013 John Landy Lunch was hosted on 5 April and once again incorporated the Athletics Australia Hall of Fame inductions for the year. The event was held at Zinc in Melbourne's Federation Square and attracted a crowd of 327 guests.

Former Channel Ten presenter Ian Cohen acted as host and Noel Freeman, Dmitri Markov and Kerry Saxby-Junna were the honoured with entry into the Athletics Australia Hall of Fame.

A successful media opportunity was also held around the event that generated significant coverage of the event as well as the Qantas Melbourne World Challenge, including a live cross to Fox Sports News.

### **Athlete of the Year Awards**

The move of the Athlete of the Year Awards to an end of year slot on the calendar proved to be popular, with 229 people attending the event at the Crown Palladium Room in Melbourne on

6 December. Mitchell Watt and Sally Pearson were named the Male and Female Athletes of the Year respectively while Kelly Cartwright and Evan O'Hanlon took out the Female and Male Para-Athletes of the Year. Matt Shirvington did an excellent job as the event host.

### **2012 London Olympic Games & Paralympic Games**

Of course 2012 was an Olympic and Paralympic year and London saw athletics step squarely into the mainstream media spotlight. The Communications and Marketing team worked hard to capitalise on the added profile this exposure offered for our sport and did an excellent job of maximising media coverage around the on-track heroics of all our athletes and para-athletes.

The Olympic Games saw unprecedented TV coverage in Australia on both the Nine Network and Foxtel. This extensive coverage ensured that Sally Pearson's gold medal was seen by a huge national audience, and is widely regarded as the single defining moment of Australian triumph at the Games.

In the lead up to the Olympic Games, Communications and Marketing staff successfully held a media day at the Australian Flame's team training camp in Tonbridge, England. The media day ensured that there were numerous feature stories on our athletes banked up by all major media outlets for use before during and after the Games and contributed to the strong media coverage athletics received.

The 2012 London Paralympic Games also received excellent media support through its official TV and radio broadcaster the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

For the first time, Athletics Australia sent a media officer to the Paralympic Games and we thank the Australian Paralympic Committee for their support in making this possible. Assisting in ensuring that our Paralympians enjoyed strong coverage of their heroics in the mainstream media, this undertaking also proved vital in introducing para-athletes to the broader athletics community through the

Athletics Australia website and social media channels.

### **2012 IAAF World Junior Championships**

As part of Athletics Australia's strategy of assisting our junior athletes to transition to the senior ranks, an Australian Spark Media Officer travelled with the team to the IAAF World Junior Championships in Barcelona, Spain from 10 – 15 July.

Apart from ensuring that we maximised media coverage from the event and building relationships with our future stars, the Media Officer was also able to present a vital media training session to athletes. The session provided valuable insights into what athletes should expect in terms of media exposure at an international level, as well as guidance on a range of topics including the dos and don'ts of social media and how athletes can present the best possible image of themselves to journalists.

### **Online**

2013 has seen us place a stronger emphasis on communications through non-traditional on-line channels, particularly through social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

The hard work done in this area has seen immediate dividends, with strong growth in both channels. The number of 'fans' we have on the Australian Athletics Tour Facebook page increased from 4,188 on 28 January to 5,268 as of 7 June (an overall growth of 1,080 or 25.8% in less than five months) and Weekly Total Reach (or the number of unique individuals who have seen our content) for the period 16 – 22 April grew to a record high of 60,061.

The number of people following AthsAust on Twitter also grew in the same period (28 January to 7 June) from 6,058 to 7,366 (an increase of 1,308 or 21.6%). While those highs have all since been surpassed, we will continue to work hard in this area as it is one in which we can compete with far larger sporting organisations on a more level playing field than in traditional media outlets.

The Athletics Australia website reached new levels of popularity during the course of Olympic and Paralympic Games in London. During the month of August 2012, a record number of 72,894 unique visitors logged on to athletics.com.au. A renewed focus on improving the variety of content available for visitors on the website should also hopefully pay further dividends in terms of visitation in the coming months.

### **Sponsorship**

Athletics Australia was once again fortunate to have a strong group of partners for 2012/13. Qantas led the way as our official airline and naming rights partner of the Australian Athletics Tour. Asics also returned as our official footwear and apparel partner, whilst we were also grateful for the support of 2XU (official compression garment partner), Flight Centre Group Travel (official travel agent), Europcar (official car rental partner), Eurosport (presenting partner of the John Landy Lunch and Athlete of the Year), and the Art Series Hotel Group.

Athletics Australia also welcomed the Australian National Preventive Health Agency as a new Major Partner in 2013, and we are grateful for their support. Their message around tackling binge drinking is one that fits perfectly with Athletics Australia's own focus around our athletes maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Athletics Australia also benefitted from the backing of event-based partners Eventscorp Western Australia (supporting partner Perth Track Classic), Go for 2&5 (naming rights partner Perth Track Classic), Destination NSW (strategic partner Sydney Track Classic), Sydney Olympic Park Authority (supporting partner Sydney Track Classic) and the Victorian Department of Sport and Recreation (supporting partner Qantas Melbourne World Challenge). Their assistance was vital in Athletics Australia maintaining a truly national calendar of high quality events.

Thanks must also go to the Australian Olympic Committee, the Australian Commonwealth Games Association and the Australian Paralympic Committee for their fantastic support of Australian athletics.

Of course no discussion of Athletics Australia's partners would be complete without mention of the Australian Sports Commission who are once again our Principal Partner. We have continued to work closely with the ASC's staff and we are thankful for their on-going support.

**Marc Howard**

Communications and Marketing Manager

# Life Governors, Life Members & Merit Award Holders

## Honorary Life Governors

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† Mr Thomas C Blue AM BEM	(1980)	Mr Geoffrey Martin OAM	(2012)
Mr Clive D Lee AM	(1984)		

† Deceased

## Honorary Life Members

†	Mr Julius L Patching AO OBE (V)	(1968)	Mr Trevor A Vincent OAM (V)	(2007)
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	Mrs Jean Harmey (N)	(1971)	Mr Graham Boase (S)	(2008)
	Mrs Noella M Greenham OAM (S)	(1973)	Dr RJ (Bob) Cruise (S)	(2008)
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†	Mrs Joyce Davis MBE (V)	(1975)	Ms Glynis L Nunn Cearnis OAM (Q)	(2008)
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†	Mr Robin K Hood AM (T)	(1989)	Mr Ian Boswell (S)	(2009)
†	Mr Peter W Lucas (N)	(1989)	Mr Richard Carter (S)	(2009)
†	Mrs Eileen D Murphy OAM (Q)	(1990)	Mr Owen Heness (A)	(2009)
	Mr Murray R Aitken (S)	(1993)	Mr JK (Jim) Minehane (Q)	(2009)
	Dr John A Daly OAM (S)	(1993)	Mr NR (Norm) Osborne OAM (V)	(2009)
	Mr Laurie A Hutton (N)	(1993)	Mr Colin Stubbings (Q)	(2009)
†	Mr Donald W Jowett OAM (Q)	(1993)	Mr Michael Thomson (A)	(2009)
	Mr Daryl P Cross (Q)	(1994)	Mr RH (Ray) Weinberg OAM (V)	(2009)
	Mr Ian Galbraith (A)	(1994)	Mr A (Sandro) Bisetto (V)	(2010)
	Dr Brian Hodgson (V)	(1994)	Ms JM (Jackie) Byrnes OAM (N)	(2010)
	Mr Peter I Hamilton (N)	(1996)	Mr RR (Ron) Carter (V)	(2010)
	Mrs Rosemary Owens OAM (N)	(1996)	Ms Judy Joy Davies (V)	(2010)
	Mr Dave B Cundy (A)	(1997)	Mr Max Debnam (N)	(2010)
	Ms Lorraine Morgan AM (V)	(2002)	Mr John Hamann OAM (S)	(2010)
†	Mr Greg Gilbert (A)	(2003)	Ms PE (Penny) Gillies (N)	(2010)
	Ms Janelle Eldridge OAM (N)	(2004)	Mr GDE (Dusty) Lewis (Q)	(2010)
	Mr Ian RP White (N)	(2004)	Mr Barry Stanton OAM (S)	(2010)
	Mr David Culbert (V)	(2006)	Mr David Tarbotton (N)	(2010)
	Mr PW (Wayne) Fletcher OAM (T)	(2006)	Mr Christopher Wardlaw PSM (V)	(2010)
	Mr Maurie Plant (V)	(2006)	Mr Peter Fortune (V)	(2011)
	Mr Christopher Wilson (T)	(2006)	Mr Brent Kirkbride (N)	(2011)
	Mr Peter Bowman (N)	(2007)	Ms Diane (Di) Lowden (V)	(2011)
	Mr PA (Pat) Clohessy AM (Q)	(2007)	Mrs Betty R Moore (N)	(2011)
	Mr RJ (Ron) Crawford OAM (N)	(2007)	Mr PV (Phil) O'Hara (N)	(2011)
	Mrs Lynette M Foreman (W)	(2007)	Mr Efim Shuravetsky (V)	(2011)
	Mrs PA (Trish) Kinnane (Q)	(2007)	Ms Carol A Grant (V)	(2012)
	Mr Alan G Launder AM (S)	(2007)	Mr Craig M Hilliard (A)	(2012)
	Mr AL (Tony) Rice (Q)	(2007)	Mr Granton McKay (V)	(2012)
	Ms Pam Ryan AM MBE (V)	(2007)	Mr PK (Khan) Sharp (V)	(2012)
	Mr Neville Sillitoe (V)	(2007)	Mr Stephen Stingemore (W)	(2012)

† Deceased

*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.*

## 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 Mclvor (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

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

† Deceased

### Athletics Australia Hall of Fame

Ron Clarke AO MBE	(2000)	† June Maston Ferguson MBE	(2009)
Betty Cuthbert AM MBE	(2000)	Glynis Nunn-Cearns OAM	(2009)
Herb Elliott AC MBE	(2000)	† Stan Rowley	(2009)
† Edwin Flack	(2000)	Michele Mason Brown	(2010)
Marjorie Jackson Nelson AC CVO	(2000)	Marlene Mathews AO	(2010)
† Shirley Strickland AO MBE	(2000)	† Jack Metcalfe	(2010)
Raelene Boyle AM MBE	(2004)	† Peter Norman	(2010)
Ralph Doubell AM	(2004)	Dave Power	(2010)
John Landy AC CVO	(2004)	† Henri Schubert	(2010)
† Anthony (Nick) Winter	(2004)	Judy Amoore Pollock	(2011)
Robert de Castella MBE	(2008)	† Percy Cerutti MBE	(2011)
Debbie Flintoff King OAM	(2008)	Brenda Jones Carr	(2011)
Pam Kilborn Ryan AM MBE	(2008)	Rick Mitchell	(2011)
† Decima Norman MBE	(2008)	Charles (Chilla) Porter	(2011)
† John Winter	(2008)	Noel Freeman	(2012)
Catherine Freeman OAM	(2009)	Dmitri Markov	(2012)
Maureen Caird	(2009)	Kerry Saxby-Junna AM	(2012)

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### The Edwin Flack Award

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

Max Binnington (V)	(1982)	Dean Barton Smith AM (S)	(1998)
Robert de Castella MBE (V)	(1983)	David Culbert (V)	(1999)
Helen Searle OAM (N)	(1984)	Emma George (W)	(2000)
Ray Boyd (V)	(1985)	Melinda Gainsford-Taylor (N)	(2001)
Denise Boyd (Q)	(1986)	Kerry Saxby Junna AM (N)	(2002)
Glynis Nunn OAM (S)	(1987)	Tim Forsyth (V)	(2003)
Rick Mitchell (V)	(1988)	Catherine Freeman OAM (V)	(2004)
Christine Stanton (W)	(1989)	Stephen Moneghetti (V)	(2005)
Gary Honey (V)	(1990)	† Kerryn McCann (N)	(2006)
Paul Narracott (Q)	(1991)	Nicole Boegman (N)	(2007)
Simon Baker (V)	(1992)	Kylie Wheeler (W)	(2008)
Susan Hobson (A)	(1993)	Jane Saville (N)	(2009)
Kerry Johnson (Q)	(1994)	Stuart Gyngell (N)	(2010)
Christine Schultz (V)	(1995)	Kyle van der Kuyp (V)	(2011)
Pat Scammell (N)	(1996)	Bronwyn Thompson (Q)	(2012)
Sean Carlin (S)	(1997)	Tamsyn Lewis (V)	(2013)

† Deceased

### 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)	John Boas OAM (V)	(2004)
Tom Hancock (V)	(1995)	Max Debnam (N)	(2005)
† Jack Pross OAM (N)	(1996)	† Max Cherry OAM (T)	(2006)
† Frank Day OAM (W)	(1997)	Peter Lawler OAM (N)	(2007)
Tony Rice (Q)	(1998)	Eric Brown (Q)	(2008)
Pam Turney OAM (V)	(1999)	Lyn Foreman (W)	(2009)
Alan Launder AM (S)	(2000)	Colin Smith (N)	(2009)
Craig Hilliard (A)	(2001)	† Bryan Neighbour (V)	(2010)
L Roy Boyd OAM (V)	(2002)	Barbara Stephens (S)	(2011)
Tom Kelly (V)	(2003)	Gus Puopolo OAM (V)	(2012)

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### Platinum Service Award

(Awarded by Athletics Australia to technical official 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)	Judith Grummitt (Q)	(2004)
Peter Bethell (V)	(2003)	Joan Hines (V)	(2004)
† Jack Biggins (V)	(2003)	James (Jim) Minehane (Q)	(2004)
Murray Bird (T)	(2003)	Brian Moore (V)	(2004)
Geoffrey Boon (T)	(2003)	† Joyce Petfield OAM (Q)	(2004)
Frank Brennan (V)	(2003)	Ron Petfield (Q)	(2004)
Amy Burow (V)	(2003)	Grant Sargent (V)	(2004)
† Maxwell Cherry OAM (T)	(2003)	† Ray Smith (V)	(2004)
Robert (Bob) Cruise (S)	(2003)	Tom Stead (A)	(2004)
Joyce Davis MBE (V)	(2003)	† Harold Stevens OAM (V)	(2004)
Peter Dempsey (S)	(2003)	Edward (Ted) West (T)	(2004)
Phillip Donelan (N)	(2003)	Arthur Whitchell (V)	(2004)
† Royce Foley (V)	(2003)	† Frank Woods (V)	(2004)
Noella Greenham OAM (S)	(2003)	Ken English (A)	(2005)
† Robert (Bob) Hamilton (T)	(2003)	Wayne Fletcher OAM (T)	(2005)
John Harding (A)	(2003)	Ken Hall (V)	(2005)
Vern Hough (N)	(2003)	Tony Keynes (S)	(2005)
† Kath Hoskin (V)	(2003)	† Frank Knight (Q)	(2005)
Robert (Bob) Hussey (S)	(2003)	† Dot Mills OAM (A)	(2005)
Margaret Mahony OAM (V)	(2003)	Geoff Moore (A)	(2005)
Alan Minter (V)	(2003)	Edward (Ted) Simmons OAM (N)	(2005)
Rex Morriss (T)	(2003)	Ian White (N)	(2005)
† Fred Napier OAM (W)	(2003)	Pat Agg (V)	(2006)
Des Paul OAM (S)	(2003)	† Eric Arnold (N)	(2006)
John Pearce OAM (S)	(2003)	† Kingsley Curtis (V)	(2006)
Brenda Pearl OAM (S)	(2003)	Lola Downes OAM (V)	(2006)
Geoff Peters (S)	(2003)	Jean Harmey (N)	(2006)
Patricia (Pat) Peters AM (S)	(2003)	† Kevan Hook (W)	(2006)
John Purdie (S)	(2003)	Valmai Loomes (N)	(2006)
Margaret Ruddock (T)	(2003)	Jeanette Robertson OAM (W)	(2006)
Noel Ruddock AM (T)	(2003)	Allan Stewart (V)	(2006)
† Basil Thompson (V)	(2003)	† Margaret Fisher (V)	(2007)
† Peter Waddell (A)	(2003)	Graeme Nicholls (V)	(2007)
Ruth Weber (S)	(2003)	Frank Nott (T)	(2007)
Robin Whyte (A)	(2003)	Jean O'Neill (V)	(2007)
Denis Wilson AM (A)	(2003)	Marion Patterson OAM (V)	(2007)
Sylvia Abbott (V)	(2004)	† Joy Soanes (V)	(2007)
William Allamby (V)	(2004)	Ron Stobaus (V)	(2007)
Phyllis Andersson OAM (V)	(2004)	Don Allen (N)	(2008)
Daryl Cross (Q)	(2004)	† Peter Lucas (N)	(2008)
Joan Cross OAM (Q)	(2004)	Geoffrey Martin OAM	(2008)
Heather Doherty (Q)	(2004)	Ellen McGrath (N)	(2008)
Kevin Dynan (V)	(2004)	James (Jim) McGrath (N)	(2008)
Jean Gell OAM (V)	(2004)	Bette O'Neil (S)	(2008)
JH (Bruce) Grummitt (Q)	(2004)	Ron O'Neil (S)	(2008)

† Deceased

### Platinum Service Award (continued)

Brian Wyld (S)	(2008)	Brian Smith (Q)	(2010)
Fay Denholm (T)	(2009)	Pauline Stevens OAM (Q)	(2010)
Wayne Mason OAM (T)	(2009)	Cathreen Thompson (M)	(2010)
David Phillips (T)	(2009)	Lorraine Morgan AM (V)	(2011)
Margaret Dunbar (M)	(2010)	Paul Jenès OAM (M)	(2011)
Robert (Bob) Fossey (M)	(2010)	John Moss (M)	(2011)
Geoffrey Grant (M)	(2010)	Jill Huxley (N)	(2012)
Alan Johnson (M)	(2010)	Persephone (Sef) Lazarakis (W)	(2012)
† Donald Jowett OAM (Q)	(2010)	Siegfield (Siggy) Grimm (S)	(2012)
Patricia Kinnane (Q)	(2010)	† Greg Gilbert (A)	(2013)
Ivan Kitt (M)	(2010)	Geoff Soanes (M)	(2013)
Patricia Robinson (M)	(2010)	Anthony (Tony) Vecellio (N)	(2013)
Stuart Robley (M)	(2010)		

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### Gold Service Award

(Awarded by Athletics Australia to technical official 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 (M)	(2003)	Steven Downes (M)	(2005)
† Edward (Ted) Crisp (S)	(2003)	Vilis Gravitis (N)	(2005)
† Donald (Don) Dohnt (S)	(2003)	Lorraine Haddrick (N)	(2005)
Alan Mills (N)	(2003)	Stephen Hampstead (N)	(2005)
Valerie (Val) Prescott (W)	(2003)	Bev Jaye (N)	(2005)
Kathleen Rikus (N)	(2003)	Jan Knox (N)	(2005)
Theo Rikus (N)	(2003)	Rosemary Owens OAM (N)	(2005)
Brian Roe (T)	(2003)	Gerard Ryan (A)	(2005)
Andrew Willis (T)	(2003)	Robert (Bob) Ryan (N)	(2005)
Diana Barnett (M)	(2004)	Trish Thomas (A)	(2005)
Joy Bradbury (M)	(2004)	David Carr (W)	(2006)
† Shirley Brasher (T)	(2004)	Margaret Devine (W)	(2006)
James (Jim) Ferrari (M)	(2004)	Brendan Ferrari (M)	(2006)
Ian Galbraith (A)	(2004)	Terry Mahoney (T)	(2006)
Charles Nolan (M)	(2004)	Bryan McCarthy (A)	(2006)
Judith Phillips (T)	(2004)	Barry Saxby (N)	(2006)
Ian Rickard (M)	(2004)	Janice Saxby (N)	(2006)
Joan Ryan (M)	(2004)	Margaret Thompson (M)	(2006)
Margaret Smith (Q)	(2004)	Michael Thomson (A)	(2006)
† David (Dave) Stevens OAM (Q)	(2004)	William Williams (M)	(2006)
Hazel Vaughan (M)	(2004)	May Burling (M)	(2007)
Marlene Warren (M)	(2004)	Patricia (Pat) Gartside (W)	(2007)
Lyndall Warry (Q)	(2004)	John Gomez (M)	(2007)
Ian Williams (M)	(2004)	Ronda Jenkins OAM (M)	(2007)
Allen Bain (Q)	(2005)	Ruby Lambden (M)	(2007)
Wilma Bain (Q)	(2005)	Diane (Di) Lowden (M)	(2007)
Jo Cherry (T)	(2005)	Allan Mathews (M)	(2007)
Dora Dosser (M)	(2005)	Elaine McLeod (M)	(2007)

Ron Miller (V)	(2007)	Anne Meadows (V)	(2010)
Margaret Nunn (V)	(2007)	Heather Mitchell (N)	(2010)
Diane (Di) Pain (V)	(2007)	Pamela Noden (V)	(2010)
Ron Palmer (V)	(2007)	Catherine Phillips (T)	(2010)
Ellen Perry (V)	(2007)	Barbara Rumble (V)	(2010)
Simon Phillips (T)	(2007)	Lorraine Smith (V)	(2010)
Nancy Pollard (V)	(2007)	William (Bill) Toohey (V)	(2010)
Laurie Preston (V)	(2007)	Beth Vize (V)	(2010)
Sandra Davison (T)	(2008)	Geoff Warren (V)	(2010)
John Hamann OAM (S)	(2008)	Bruce Wilson (W)	(2010)
David Hobson (A)	(2008)	Kevin Alomes (T)	(2011)
Laurie Keaton (A)	(2008)	Jim Claxton (T)	(2011)
Roslyn Mitchell (N)	(2008)	Jeffrey Hawkins (V)	(2011)
Betty Moore (N)	(2008)	Michael Pace (T)	(2011)
Mary Saunders (V)	(2008)	Cheryl Wilson OAM (T)	(2011)
Irene Williams (V)	(2008)	Chris Wilson (T)	(2011)
Tony Williams (V)	(2008)	Robert (Bob) Chalmers (W)	(2012)
John Yarranton (V)	(2008)	Vern Curnow (V)	(2012)
Dorothy Donald (T)	(2009)	Doreen Giannini (V)	(2012)
Kimba (Kim) Eyles (T)	(2009)	Jackie Halberg (W)	(2012)
Jennifer Lennon (T)	(2009)	Terry Jones (W)	(2012)
Lyn Miles (Q)	(2009)	Leoni Nankervis (T)	(2012)
Vern Collings (V)	(2010)	Les Nankervis (T)	(2012)
Lee Derby (W)	(2010)	Lloyd Nicholls (V)	(2012)
Barry Dobson (Q)	(2010)	Max O'Toole OAM (T)	(2012)
Nancy Emblin (V)	(2010)	Jenny Stevenson (T)	(2012)
Veronica Foard (V)	(2010)	Michael Stevenson (T)	(2012)
Geoff Garnett OAM (W)	(2010)	Kevin Wigmore (V)	(2012)
Harry Giles (Q)	(2010)	Denis Brazil (Q)	(2013)
Ivan Harding (V)	(2010)	Lesley Brandis (Q)	(2013)
Brian Harrington (V)	(2010)	Graham Dwight (N)	(2013)
Brent Hundloe (Q)	(2010)	Jan Dwight (N)	(2013)
Kathy Hundloe (Q)	(2010)	Janelle Eldridge OAM (N)	(2013)
Richard Lawysz (V)	(2010)	Ross Forster (N)	(2013)
Norman Mackie (A)	(2010)	Fay Larkins (Q)	(2013)
Colleen McEwen (S)	(2010)	Terry Larkins (Q)	(2013)
Fletcher McEwen OAM (S)	(2010)	Fred O'Connor (N)	(2013)
Hugh McKechnie (V)	(2010)	Donald Stapleton (Q)	(2013)
William (Bill) McLennan (V)	(2010)	Frank Stephens (Q)	(2013)

† Deceased

## DURING 2011-12 REPORT YEAR

**Anna Casey (QLD)** National Technical Official

## DURING 2012-13 REPORT YEAR

**Donald Bonham (TAS)** Commonwealth Games Representative

**Carmen (de Vlieger) Campton (NSW)** Commonwealth Games Representative

**Jim Carver (NSW)** Past President of ANSW

**John Cheffers (VIC)** Coach and former AIS Director

**Mervyn Davies (NSW)** ANSW SerVICe Merit Award Holder

**Joyce Davis MBE (VIC)** AA Life Member

**Greg Gilbert (ACT)** AA Life Member

**John Gray (TAS)** AT Merit Award Holder

**Robin Hood AM (TAS)** AA Life Member and National Technical Official

**Gil James (SA)** Coach

**Chris Perry (VIC)** Commonwealth Games Representative and Stawell Gift champion

**Bob Talay (NSW)** National Representative

**John Treloar AM (NSW)** Olympic Finalist and ANSW Life Member

**Eric Wilson (NSW)** IAAF Race Walk Judge and ANSW SerVICe Merit Award Holder

**Max Wilkinson (NSW)** ANSW Life Member

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**Daniel Berry (NSW)** National Representative

**Alan Bishop (ACT)** Coach and National Technical Official

**Garry Briggs (QLD)** National Representative and National Champion

**Basil Dickinson (NSW)** Olympian and Dual Commonwealth Games Medallist

**Peter Eustace (TAS)** AT Merit Award Holder

**Margaret Fisher (VIC)** National Technical Official

**Robert (Bob) Harris (WA)** AWA Life Member

**Dorothy (Dot) Mills OAM (ACT)** ACT Life Member and National Technical Official

**Bryan Neighbour (VIC)** Coach and Henri Schubert Memorial Award Recipient

**Glenn Stojanovic (NSW)** National Representative and National Champion

**Albie Thomas OAM (NSW)** Triple Olympian, Dual Commonwealth Games Medallist

**Pamela Turney OAM (VIC)** AA Life Governor, National Selector and Team Manager

## **CHRIS PERRY**

Athletics Australia is deeply saddened to announce the passing of Christopher 'Chris' Perry.

The winner of the Stawell Gift in 1982 off a handicap of seven metres and in a time of 12.19, Perry is also well known for his hard fought battle to compete alongside 'amateur' athletes as a 'professional runner'.

His efforts were rewarded in 1986 when he was selected to compete in the 100m at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh (SCO), he placed 15th overall, and the men's 4x100m relay.

Domestically, Perry won two Australian championship medal in the men's 100m. His first came in 1986 when he won silver in 10.69 (w: -2.9), before one year later again crossing second in the final in a time of 10.36 (w: +1.8).

## **GREG GILBERT**

It is with great sadness that Athletics Australia and the ACT Athletics family announce the passing of Athletics Australia Official Greg Gilbert.

Greg held many positions with the South Canberra Tuggeranong club and ACT Athletics over the many years of his involvement with athletics in the ACT.

For many years he was the backbone of ACT athletic track field preparation and equipment maintenance. Almost single handedly he ensured that all equipment and implements were in good order for all athletic competitions at the AIS Athletic Field.

He still found time to officiate at field events, particularly AWD competitions.

Very early in his athletics officiating career he was a Technical Assistant for the World Cup in Athletics Canberra 1985. From that beginning he progressed to being Assistant Technical Manager for the 1996 World Junior Championships and the 2000 Olympic Games Sydney.

## **JOHN TRELOAR**

Athletics Australia is saddened to hear of the passing of John Treloar.

A fantastic character within track and field circles on and off the arena, John is perhaps best known for his sixth place in the men's 100m final at the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki (FIN).

John first competed for Australia at the 1948 Olympic Games in London (GBR), advancing to the semi-final in the 100m and 200m and joining his 4x100m relay teammates to clock 41.50 seconds.

Two years later at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland (NZL), John became the Empire Champion for the 100 yards, 220 yards and the 4x100 yards relay. He clocked 9.70 in the 100 yards, and 21.50 in the 220 yards.

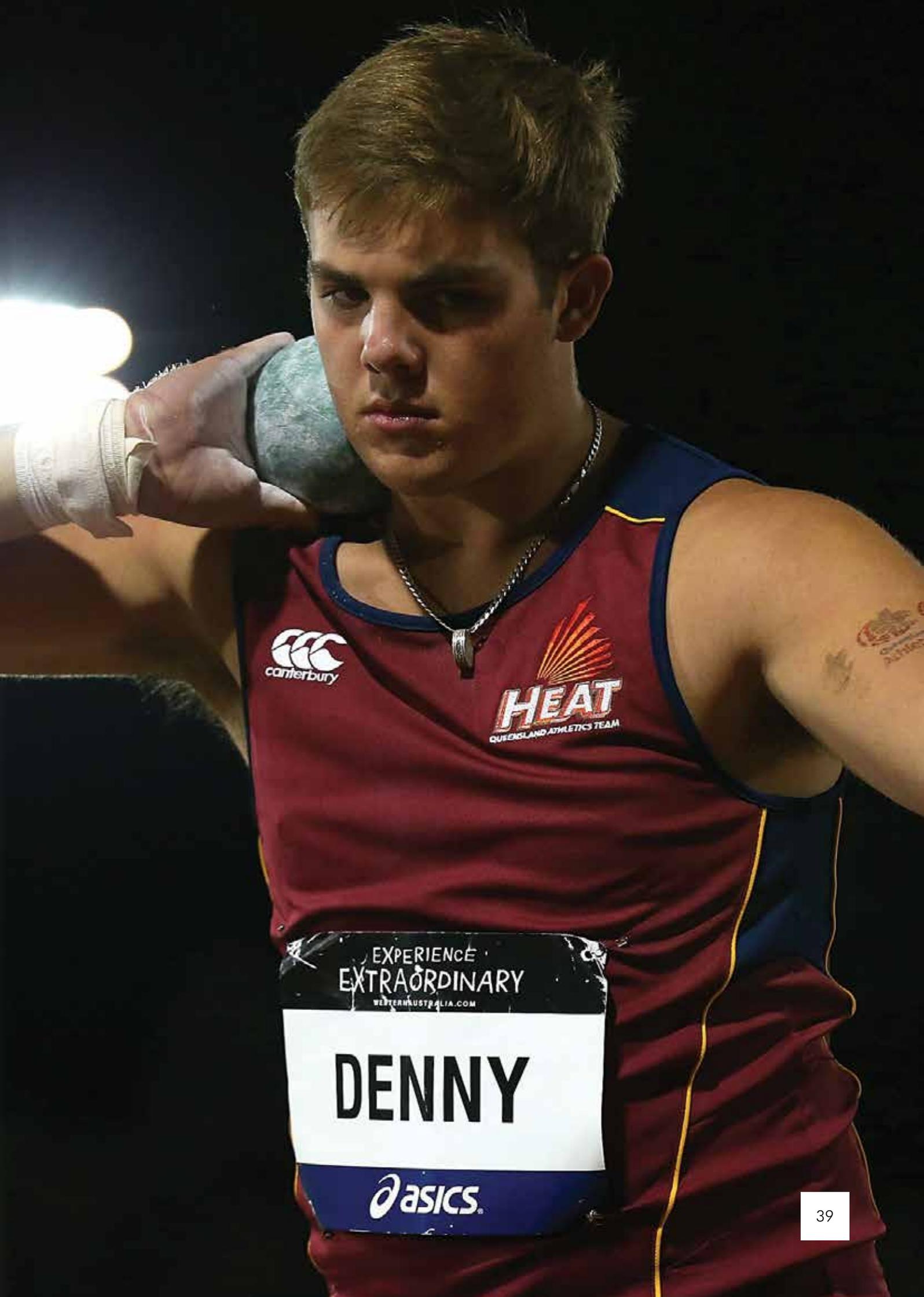
Domestically, John won six national titles across 100 and 220 yards, as well as three silver medals in events of the same distance.

Once retired, John turned his attention to athletics administration. He is a former president of Athletics NSW and has since been inducted as a life member of the organisation.

He was chair of the local organising committee charged with marking the centenary of Athletics NSW and was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his services to athletics and the Olympic movement.

# Australian Records

Men						
<b>Damien Birkinhead</b>	VIC	U20	Shot Put (6kg)	20.53m	Germany	23/06/12
		U20	Shot Put (7.26kg)	18.64m	Germany	30/06/12
		U20	Shot Put (6kg)	20.60m	Barcelona	11/07/12
		U20	Shot Put (6kg)	21.03m	Barcelona	11/07/12
		U20	Shot Put (6kg)	21.14m	Barcelona	11/07/12
		U20	Shot Put (7.26kg)	19.23m	Geelong	27/10/12
<b>Luke Cann</b>	VIC	U20	Javelin (800g)	76.58m	Brisbane	23/03/13
<b>Matthew Denny</b>	QLD	U18	Hammer (5kg)	74.64m	Hobart	1/12/12
		U18	Hammer (5kg)	75.48m	Sydney	19/01/13
		U18	Hammer (5kg)	79.26m	Sydney	19/01/13
		U18	Hammer (5kg)	81.44m	Brisbane	09/06/13
<b>Benn Harradine</b>	VIC	Aust National	Discus (2kg)	68.20m	Townsville	10/05/13
<b>Nicholas Hough</b>	NSW	U20	110m Hurdles	13.27	Barcelona	12/07/12
		U20	110m Hurdles	13.38	Barcelona	12/07/12
<b>Ned Weatherly</b>	VIC	U16	Hammer (4kg)	73.71m	Albert Park	10/02/13
		U16	Hammer (4kg)	73.96m	Perth	15/03/13
<b>National Team</b>		U20	4x100m Relay	39.34	Barcelona	13/07/12
		Aust National	4x100m Relay	EQ 38.17	London	10/08/12
<b>State Team</b>	NSW	Aust State Team	4x100m Relay	39.06	Taiwan	27/05/13
Women						
<b>Alexandra Hulley</b>	NSW	U16 & U18	Hammer (3kg)	57.14m	Sydney	11/10/12
		U16 & U18	Hammer (3kg)	57.53m	Sydney	11/10/12
		U16 & U18	Hammer (3kg)	64.27m	Sydney	11/10/12
<b>Jemima Montag</b>	VIC	U16 & U18	5000m Road Walk	24.23	Albert Park	19/05/12
<b>Grace Robinson</b>	NSW	U16	Shot Put (3kg)	15.45m	Sydney	10/02/13
		U16	Shot Put (3kg)	15.46m	Sydney	10/02/13
		U16	Shot Put (3kg)	16.05m	Sydney	10/02/13
<b>Taylah Sengul</b>	NSW	U18	Shot Put (3kg)	17.18m	Hobart	02/12/12



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# Registration & Participation Figures

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	TOTAL
Senior	76	3,733	557	2,413	367	374	2,214	490	10,224
Under 20	55	386	10	249	83	37	380	152	1,352
Under 18	46	753	24	685	158	85	642	277	2,670
Under 16	54	825	36	895	111	119	777	269	3,086
Under 14	93	806	385	2,554	41	143	684	111	4,817
<b>Total</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>6,503</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>6,796</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>4,697</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>22,149</b>
Officials	73	411	58	437	133	141	614	80	1,947
Coaches	88	1,103	77	1,338	214	124	1,018	343	4,305
Running Australia	60	58,574	1,398	72,365	35,350	6,612	51,036	29,956	255,351
<b>Total Registrations</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>60,088</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>74,140</b>	<b>35,697</b>	<b>6,877</b>	<b>52,668</b>	<b>30,379</b>	<b>261,603</b>
Life Members	16	61	0	35	64	12	122	80	390





## Athletics ACT

Athletics ACT (AACT) enjoyed a small but significant increase in financial registrations in 2012/2013 with dual registrations receiving the biggest growth. A factor of this growth could be due to the exciting International and local athlete performances at the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

AACT were proud to have four athletes competing at the 2012 Olympic Games and a further five at the Paralympic Games just weeks later. Katherine Proudfoot's bronze medal in the F35/36 discus throw for athletes with cerebral palsy was a highlight.

The Board of Directors drafted and approved a Strategic Plan for 2013-2016, with our four key priorities being Leadership, Participation, Development, Competitions and Promotions & Partnerships.

### Leadership

At the Annual General Meeting of AACT in May, Alex Gosman stepped down as President after four years in the role. Alex's strong leadership left AACT in a strong position both financially and operationally.

Neil Boden was elected as the new President. Neil has worked continuously in volunteer sports administration for 35 years, including support for most athletics bodies in the ACT. Neil steps up to the President role after nine years serving as a member of the Board of Directors.

In his first 6 months, Neil has already made improvements in club communication and implemented role and responsibilities for members of the Board of Directors against the 5 key result areas of our Strategic Plan.

AACT continues to support the various school athletics carnivals by providing equipment along with official and mentor support.

For the second season, clubs have been given a checklist of what they need to service to be eligible to receive a partial refund of their affiliation fees. This includes reporting on volunteer and officials participation and serving on AACT Committees and Commissions.

### Participation

Under the strong and effective leadership of our Selection Panel and Team Management, our ACT teams continue to see increased participation and success with medals and personal best performances.

The ACT took a large team of 65 athletes to the 2012 All Schools Championships in Hobart, with many members having their first national athletics competition experience at the event. There was a record haul of medals at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Perth as well, with 21 medals won.

AACT introduced a new athlete recognition program in 2012/2013 called the Emerging Athlete Scholarship Program. Talented athletes up to 20 years of age were encouraged to apply for a financial scholarship if they had a national top-three title or similar. The program has continued into the 2013/14 season.

### Development

Officials training courses were held by Athletics ACT in conjunction with our winter season meets for our own members as well as those from ACT Little Athletics Association (ACTLAA) and the ACT Veterans Club (ACTVAC).

Increased grant support from Athletics Australia has been appreciated and has enabled us to expand our participation and development activities.

A key priority for AACT for a number of years has been to recruit a Development Officer to work in partnership with ACTLAA with key focus areas being to work with secondary schools, universities and other sporting codes and the transition of Little Athletics to seniors. Alex van der Meer has recently been employed in this role and has already organised the first coaching course in Canberra for a number of years, completed a database of ACT coaches on where and when they train and promoted AACT coaches and competitions at school carnivals.

The ACT has a vibrant para-athletics community who are keen participants in the activities of AACT and are fully integrated into the sport. AACT secured a grant to fund coaching initiative of the AWD club in Canberra to increase the skills of its members and attract new participants.

### **Competitions**

The Competitions committee, officials and volunteers ran a successful summer series in 2012/2013 allowing for athletes to achieve personal bests, records and qualifying standards.

The Winter High Noon T&F Meets were again jointly staged by AACT, ACTLA and the ACTVAC. Participation numbers in the meets continue to be strong and it remains an important platform for transitional athletes to move up to senior competitions.

AACT also hosted the Australian Junior AWD Championships in November 2012 and would like to see other national level events hosted in Canberra in the coming years.

### **Promotions and Partnerships**

Due mainly to our ACT Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls, athletics in the ACT received substantial media attention in the months leading up to and including the Olympics and Paralympics in London.

AACT appreciates the opportunity for ongoing co-operation with our sister athletic associations and considers these relationships to have evolved to a very communicative and professional level. AACT continues to assist in the quality delivery and support of other sporting organisations events in Canberra, including the YMCA of Canberra Runners and the ACT Race Walking Club events. AACT played a major role in supporting the National events held by both ACTLA and the ACTVAC in March and April.

AACT has engaged with Athletics Australia and the Member Associations on important national issues relating to the Joint Venture with Little Athletics Australia, the national digital strategy and most recently the potential merger with Little Athletics.

AACT has maintained regular contact and strong relationships with the ACT Government during the year through the Sport and Recreation office. AACT has had an active contribution to the development of the a new track and field facility and will continue to do so to ensure that the track is to IAAF standard and has the appropriate standard of facilities.

Looking to the 2013/2014 season, AACT wishes to further implement priorities of the 2013-2016 strategic plan, introduce new competition initiatives for transitional athletes and have a renewed focus on development plans.

**Alex Gosman**  
President  
*Athletics ACT*



## Athletics New South Wales

It has been another exciting year for Athletics New South Wales (ANSW). We have taken great strides in growing the sport and I am pleased to report that registrations have grown from 5,000 to 6,500 and are expected to hit 7,000 by the end of the full season.

Many of these new registrations are community athletes, who are tasting our sport for the first time, and it is now our task to form a stronger relationship with these individuals so that they can experience athletics in other ways. I hope that we can continue to grow this membership over the coming years and see these people get involved in track and field on a regular basis.

ANSW continues to work closely with Little Athletics NSW and we believe that this relationship can only grow stronger. We share development resources, work together on major events and continue to grow dual athlete participation.

Our showpiece events of the Sydney Track Classic and Hunter Track Classic were again highlights of the athletics calendar. Both events had to deal with unexpected problems with uncertain weather in the Hunter and the loss of 'big names' in Sydney, but they were both outstanding evenings of athletic entertainment.

Another great success was the Fernleigh 15 held in Newcastle late last year. This icon course will become the state 15-kilometre championship and will grow from a first year 800 participants to something even bigger in the years to come. The NSW All Schools also continues to just gets bigger and bigger with more than 800 athletes competing over the three days. Quite obviously there is a broad appeal to high school age athletes; we just need to unlock the path to keeping those talented juniors in athletics once they leave school.

The past year saw some tremendous performances by NSW athletes both domestically and overseas. The Olympic Games saw 12 athletes from our state represent the country at the highest level. We also saw 16 of our juniors mixing it with the best at the IAAF World Junior Championships in Barcelona, and a further seven athletes competing at the Paralympic Games.

Looking forward, the Board of Directors of ANSW has developed a new Strategic Plan that reflects that of Athletics Australia. The cornerstones of this strategy will be to broaden participation, ensure high performance outcomes and address the need for more officials.

We have already invested in the sport by supplementing our staffing with a new Development Officer. We have engaged marketing resources to raise the profile of the sport and our events. I hope that in the coming year we can also do more to support clubs and to attract and retain officials in a coordinated and targeted manner. The budget is limited but resources need to be ploughed back into the sport to reinforce the keystone areas of clubs, officials and participation.

No doubt it will continue to be difficult to attract government funding and sponsorship. We will need to show these stakeholders that athletics is a vibrant sport that is growing and engages people of all ages, abilities and genders. We have a unique sport that forms the basis for all other sports and that message must continue to be articulated.

That being said, we are grateful to our loyal sponsors including Kings Track & Field, Buffalo Sports, Sydney Olympic Park Authority and Destination NSW. With your support our sport has grown and remains financially viable.

In the past year we saw the passing of some outstanding representatives of athletics in this state. John Treloar AM was one of the greatest NSW athletes of all time. John stands as the only Australian to have competed in an Olympic 100 metre final. He was a pioneer in the sport. Also from that era, Peter Mullins a great all round athlete having represented Australia in the decathlon at the London Olympics of 1948. Both of these men are part of the rich history of athletics in this state.

I must acknowledge the contribution to the Board of Directors of ANSW from Gordon Windeyer and Mark Rosenberg who stepped down at the last Annual General meeting. Gordon was a founding shareholder when the association was incorporated in the mid 1990s. His contribution has been significant and he continues to assist the Constitution Working Group. I must especially acknowledge the work Gordon did to update the company's constitution last year. Mark during

his time on the board provided a genuine insight to the governance of the company and the sport, which has helped to improve it and how it operates.

Finally, I must thank the people who ensure the sport in NSW continues to succeed. Greg Meagher and the team at the ANSW headquarters do a lot with a small team of keen staff and their work is appreciated.

The officials, coaches and volunteers who give their time freely week after week make our events possible, from clubs competition through to Australian Championships. Please keep doing what you are doing – and thank you.

**Sean Scanlon**

President

*Athletics New South Wales*



## Athletics Northern Territory

It's been a significant year of change and growth for Athletics NT.

Our annual income almost doubled, from \$202,061 in 2012, to \$385,937 for the year ending 30 June 2013. This was a result of significant growth of our events, new sponsorship, increased membership and more grant income.

As a result, we've been able to increase our staffing from one to six and increased our output accordingly.

A number of successful events were conducted during the year. These included the start of our Territory Track Time concept along with a huge number competing in our NT Powerade City2Surf plus a good roll out for the Alice Springs Running and Walking Clubs Running Festival in Alice Springs.

Being the 40th anniversary, we did a big push of the NT Powerade City2Surf. The results of the event exceeded all our expectations, tripling last year's numbers to have more than 2100 participants. A number of factors resulted in the success of the event and we hope it continues to grow and be a major development and financial benefit to the sport in the NT.

We will continue to develop our competition structure in 2014. Our competitions are not only to be a road map for those heading to national level but also to enable locals to compete in a friendly atmosphere at a level that they choose. We will be hosting the "Out Games" during 2014 and have plans to host the Australian Masters Athletics Championships by 2017

We updated our Strategic Plan and have aligned it with Athletics Australia, before producing a Development Plan that set out to achieve some

ambitious goals.

The key pillars of our Strategic Plan are Governance, Development, Facilities and Competition.

On matters for the Board of Directors, the constitution is in need of an overhaul. While it is only five years old it is dated and its review needs to be undertaken as a matter of urgency to bring it into line with current legislation. During the constitutional review we will likely require a number of General Meetings of members. While undertaking the review the current financial year may also need review, a calendar year may be more appropriate given that most clubs are active during the dry season.

Nationally we were pleased to now officially align with the Australian Masters Association. For the first time, athletes wore the Athletics NT uniform at the Australian Masters Championships in Canberra which was a significant step in this growing demographic.

Through the work of our Development Managers we were well represented at a number of national events, including a team of 23 at the Australian All School Championships in Hobart, plus a great team bronze medal at the Australian Half Marathon Championships in Sydney. Coaching courses were also held frequently in various locations throughout the year.

Our athletes performed well at major competitions, with individual highlights including Lope Goidubu winning the 100m and 200m doubles at both the Australian All School Championships and the Australian Junior Athletics Championships. Lisa Wolski was selected to run the 100m at the Brisbane Track Classic was a highlight of her top season, along with Emma

Kraft gaining selection to represent Australia at the World Mt Running Championships in Poland.

A key area that needed and still needs attention in the NT is Officials. Development of this now lies with the Events and Marketing Coordinator, with recent officials courses and incentives slowly increasing our talent pool of qualified officials. This will continue to be a key focus for us, as officials are so important to our sport and the 2018 Commonwealth Games a great incentive.

Our partnerships with key stakeholders such as Athletics Australia, Northern Territory Government and the NTIS each grew stronger. As significant funding contributors, Athletics Australia and the NT Government both increased their funding to us, for which we are grateful.

Thanks to the Athletics Australia Participation funding, we were able to employ an Alice Springs Athletics Coordinator and more recently, Australian 100m record holder Patrick Johnson joined our team to deliver the Athletics for the Outback program.

We also significantly acknowledge the NT Government who have been tremendous supporters of Athletics NT and have confirmed we

are a tier one sport in the Territory.

Sponsors were also keen to join our new growth and direction, with Powerade signing a three-year deal as naming rights of the City2Surf. McDonalds became a major partner, along with ConocoPhillips, Bendigo Bank, GoWild, Mizuno, Garmin, Be the Influence, Amart, Channel 9, Territory FM 104.1 and Double Tree by Hilton.

Our board has undergone some changes recently and we thank long term serving members Ian Fullarton and Peter Saville. Both will remain very active, as presidents of their respective clubs.

Having spent a significant amount of time in 2012/2013 focusing on Governance and Strategy, we can now shift our attention to the most important aspect of our sport - our members and their performances.

**Kevin Mulvahl**  
President  
*Athletics Northern Territory*

**Richard Welsh**  
Executive Director  
*Athletics Northern Territory*



## Queensland Athletics

The Financial Year of 2012/13 was a year of great promise, sound progress and sensational international results for Queensland Athletics (QA)

The highlight of course was the great results of Queensland athletes at the London Olympic and Paralympic Games. Sally Pearson's gold medal in the 100 hurdles was of course the stand out, with silver medals won by Mitchell Watt (long jump), Carlee Beatie (F46 long jump), Rheed McCracken (T34 100m) and bronze medals by McCracken (T34 200m), Simon Patmore (T46 200m), and Matthew Cameron (T54 4x400m relay).

Congratulations to all athletes, coaches, parents and supporters involved, we may be an individual sport, but it takes a team to have success. Thanks also to the Queensland Academy of Sport for the support, direction and guidance provided.

With a new governance structure and Board of Management in place - a structure that sees the Board elected by the members and critically recognises the whole of our vast state - it was a very exciting for me to return home and again be involved in athletics in Queensland.

The year got off to a promising start with the Brisbane Track Classic and increased numbers in the South Queensland shield competitions.

One of the key projects for the new Queensland Athletics Board of Directors was to carry on with the work of late 2011 and examine the optimum governance and operational structure for our state. The structure decided upon sees the Queensland Athletics Board of Directors responsible for strategic direction, governance and policy, whole of state issues and relationships with Athletics Australia and other national bodies.

Operationally Athletics North Queensland is responsible for delivery in the North Queensland region and the new South Queensland Committee structure is responsible for operational delivery in the South Queensland Region.

Changes to the constitution to recognise this structure and clarify the membership process for the north Queensland region were put to the membership at our recent 2013 Annual General meeting and were passed unanimously.

### Registrations

Athlete registrations in Queensland begin on 1 October 2013, and with the year continuing at the time of submission I am pleased to report an increase across the reporting period. We proudly have almost 8000 registered members, which is an increase from 5050 in 2012.

### Financials

2012 was a very sound year financially for Queensland Athletics Ltd, revenue grew by \$82,497 taking total revenue to \$910,628. Profit was \$96,257 taking total equity to \$604,576.

The increase in revenue is due to improvements in a number of areas including the acquisition of grants, revenues from competitions and state teams.

The profit is larger than budgeted and is the result of a deliberate pullback on spending in the lead up to the September State Budget and increased revenues that were secured late in the 2012 financial cycle.

I would note that, in the current political climate where funding for government programs is at risk

across the board, it is prudent and good practice for Queensland Athletics to have, build and maintain healthy reserves.

### **Competition**

Queensland Athletics hosted the Queensland Track Classic in March held in conjunction with the Queensland Little Athletics State Championship and the event attracted one of the biggest spectator crowds in recent memory.

A new competition structure was introduced in in 2013 and this saw good increases in competition numbers; some club competition had 40% increases in competition entries.

2013 also saw the introduction of online entries for all club events and this has been very well

received. The result is that all QA club event now run exactly to time, making the experience for athletes and coaches much more satisfactory.

### **Officials**

Queensland has two representatives on the new Athletics Australia Officials Committee, Trish Kinnane and Catherine Welsh, with Trish being elected to Chair. It is great to see Trish and Catherine being recognised in this way and a good result for Queensland to be so well represented.

**David Gynther**  
Chief Executive  
*Queensland Athletics*



## Athletics South Australia

The Financial Year of 2012/13 was a period of challenges, changes, investment, and continued growth for Athletics SA.

During the year, the Association continued its successful strategy of building its resources in order to establish a strong base to grow membership and participation over the next four years. With the assistance of a grant from the South Australian Government, this led to the creation of a new traineeship position within the Athletics SA office. The full time role, which commenced in March 2013, was focussed on assisting the current team in general administration, digital communications and events.

The year also saw a change in leadership with Tony Keynes retiring as President of Athletics SA after more than a decade in the role. Tony's contribution to Athletics SA during this time and over many years in various other roles such as athlete, coach, Club President, and committee member has been outstanding. After the December 2012 Annual General Meeting, Tony's long standing deputy, Joe Stevens, assumed the role of President and has brought new ideas and his own style of leadership to Athletics SA.

There were also a number of changes in personnel on the Board of Directors around this time. Unfortunately this coincided with a turbulent period within the Athletics SA office with some staff turnover in key roles. The latter half of 2013 has seen stability returned to the office, with some internal restructuring and a dedicated team with renewed enthusiasm and fresh ideas now in place.

The 2012/13 period was highlighted by a number of encouraging performances by Athletics SA members on the global stage. Jessica Trengove (marathon), Claire Tallent (20km walk), and Henry

Frayne (long jump, triple jump) competed at the London Olympic Games, whilst Gabriel Cole (T46 100m), Nathan Arkeley (T54 marathon, 5000m and 4x400m [bronze medal]), and Michael Roger (T46 800m) represented Australia at the London Paralympic Games. Tanya Holliday was unlucky to miss out on a spot in the Olympic team after posting an A-Qualifier in the 20km walk after the selection cut off.

Tara Palm and Tasmin McMahon continued South Australia's strong distance running heritage with selection in the Australian team for the IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Poland. Meanwhile, Blake Steele, Claire Tallent and Kristie Gosnik represented Australia at the IAAF Race Walking World Cup in Russia. At a junior level, Margaret Gayen, Blake Steele, and Tessa Potezny represented Australia at the IAAF World Junior Championships in Barcelona.

On the local front, the track and field season saw a fairly similar mix of competitions to previous years. Whilst participation was sound, it was widely acknowledged that the calendar, timetables, and competition schedule are in need of an overhaul. A major effort was made during the 2013 offseason to review all components of track and field competition. Thanks to the efforts of the Track and Field Advisory Panel, a number of important changes have been made to the 2013/14 athletics season which we are confident will elicit greater participation and membership.

Overall membership in 2012/13 increased by 5%, showing positive signs for Athletics SA's future membership growth plans. The most encouraging growth came from Athletics SA's revamped dual registration offer to Little Athletics SA members. This category experienced growth in excess of 100% and there are strong indicators that similar growth will be achieved in 2013/14 as the

offering gains further traction in the local market. Importantly, the dual registration structure provides a direct link for Little Athletics SA members in to an Athletics SA club, which will assist retention in the longer term.

The development of club capacity and capability is an ongoing focus for Athletics SA. With the support of participating funding from Athletics Australia, for the first time Athletics SA was able to dedicate a resource to work closely with clubs to assist them in important areas such as compliance. Athletics SA has been working to ensure that all clubs complete the Office for Recreation and Sport's Star Club program by the end of 2014. The focus has been on improving governance at club level and in particular, seeking the alignment of policies, and constitutions between clubs and the Association. Along with continuing endeavours to increase the number of coaches and officials, these efforts are aligned with supporting the ability of clubs to handle the increase in membership and participation outlined in Athletics SA's strategic plan.

In the latter part of the 2012/13 period, Athletics SA introduced a new tiered development structure that focused on improving the pathway and linkages with Athletics Australia's high performance squads and teams. This coincided with the continued rollout of the Target Talent Program in South Australia, which is starting to elicit some encouraging results. The new structure is in its infancy but has generally been received positively by athletes, parents, and coaches.

A key to Athletics SA's revenue growth in recent years has been its strong push in to the recreational running and walking market. The Association continued to grow and improve its portfolio of out of stadium events, resulting in participation growth in key events such as Fitzy's 5, the introduction of new events including a trail series, and the return of the Copper Coast Fun Run. Having a dedicated competition and events manager will see continued improvements in the administration and management of events, which will assist in continued revenue growth in this key market.

Sponsorship remains a key part of Athletics SA's revenue base, with sponsorship continuing to increase in 2012/13. The delivery of athletics in South Australia would not be possible without the support of our ever-growing list of partners and sponsors. Thanks must go to the Office for Recreation and Sport, be active, Crowne Plaza Adelaide, Adelaide Airport, the City-Bay Fun Run Trust, Adam Internet, Vilis, the City of Charles Sturt, Streets, Events South Australia, the City of West Torrens, Viv Sports, the City of Burnside, be the Influence, the City of Onkaparinga, the District Council of the Copper Coast, and Athletics Australia.

Facilities are a major issue and barrier to growth that Athletics SA continues to pursue with local and state government departments. We are optimistic that a new athletics facility may be built in Adelaide's northern suburbs in the near future and perhaps even a third facility south of Adelaide in subsequent years.

It would be remiss not to acknowledge the tireless work of the office staff, along with all the coaches, officials, club committees, advisory panels, and the Board that give their time so freely. These individuals and groups are the essence of our sport and without their selfless commitment, Athletics SA simply could not continue to provide opportunities for South Australians to participate in athletics.

Despite rapid growth over the past four years, Athletics SA still faces a number of challenges, including addressing its current heavy reliance on revenue streams that have a potential finite lifespan such as grants, sponsorship and income from our food and beverage operation. Increasing membership and participation in events is a key focus of the recently released Athletics SA Strategic Plan for the 2013 to 2016 and will be important in ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Association. The recent agreement with SA Masters Athletics which will see all of their members affiliate with Athletics SA in 2013/14 will be an important step in this pursuit of growth.

Finally, on a sombre note, Athletics SA wishes to acknowledge the recent and sudden passing of Little Athletics SA Executive Officer Pam Sard. Pam's passion and commitment to the establishment and development of Little Athletics in South Australia has had a profound impact on the lives of so many young South Australians. Pam has left a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

**Adam Bishop**

Executive Director

*Athletics South Australia*





## Athletics Tasmania

For Athletics Tasmania (AT), the Financial Year of 2012/13 was a year of action and delivery.

In its 111th year, we enjoyed a 12% increase in formal registrations, became a half-million-dollar business, built new offices, a national standard hammer throwing centre and embarked on Australia's most ambitious redevelopment of a regional athletic centre. Performances were strong from grassroots to the international level at which 17 Tasmanians represented their country led by Todd Hodgetts - Paralympic gold medallist.

We report as we did last year against the nine objectives in our Strategic Plan 2011-2014 expanding on these and other achievements and outlining the challenges we continue to face in remaining relevant and becoming more appealing to existing and potential constituencies.

1

### **Re-establishing athletics as an activity of choice for Tasmanians**

The significant increase in formal registration numbers during 2012/13 was especially pleasing as it also reflected increases in each regional area and through the age groups – most particularly in masters numbers which we trust results from the success of the expanded TMA/AT partnership, now in its third year. AT continues to drive inter-school athletic activity at both primary and secondary level within its limited available resources to do so, continuing to support and service inter school carnivals as well as delivering out own schools cross country, track and field and SKO competitions around the state.

We believe that AT and its members provide a welcoming environment for migrants and refugees and are delighted to report the four young Tasmanians from these communities won nine national championship medals between them

during the past year. The Cadbury Marathon Festival and the All Schools Cross Country, the two primary engagements by AT with the broader athletics community once again had significant growth, as did the similar events conducted by clubs and branches. It remains unfortunate that participation numbers in this now significant inventory of events are not “credited” to the sport by the various government agencies, which assess and evaluate these matters.

Our media and communication strategy continues to achieve excellent recognition in print, radio and television and a broad social media program which is engaged by an extensive cross section of the Tasmanian athletics family. Support for our activities and programs from the media and our close working relationship with it continues to be the envy of other athletics bodies around the country. We do not under-estimate the value of this great support and will work respectfully to grow it even further. Positive exposure of our athletes at all levels and of our sport continues to be extensive as a result.

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### **Developing athletes', coaches', officials', administrators' and volunteers' level of skill, knowledge and competence in athletics**

Three general officials' and two race walk judging education courses were conducted but only a single coaching course was delivered, mostly due to insufficient numbers. It remains our aim to unashamedly target those in the late teens and early 20s to become qualified coaches and officials, prior to taking on other commitments in their lives - to “capture” a new generation to revitalise and maintain the sport. AT has agreed with Little Athletics Tasmania (LAT), with the assistance of the National Joint Venture, to deliver through a casual participation officers program specific skill acquisition programs in LA centres

and schools. This will concentrate on shot put and high jump in the first year of operation.

3

### **Motivating and recognising coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers at all levels of athletics who provide quality environments**

The club development plan process continues. Service given to the sport continues to be recognised through AT's awards system and beyond - led during this report year by Wayne Fletcher's receipt of the Medal of the Order of Australia. We resolved to initiate an Athletics Tasmania Hall of Fame to acknowledge national representatives and champions at open level.

4

### **Providing quality competition and participation opportunities at all levels**

With the assistance of the branches and hard-working LOCs, AT successfully hosted five national championships and events during this report year – Mountain Running, All Schools Track and Field, SKO National Final, IAAF Race Walk Challenge/Oceania and Australian 20km Walks and the Briggs Athletics Classic. Once again the feedback from participants and other visitors was most positive. Our records and rankings program are well established and working efficiently.

The State All Schools T&F was successfully trialled in a different format – without a championships component but with non-registered school athletes able to compete in a statewide interclub format providing better competitive environments within many events. Interclub and carnival participation was up and AT will work with the TAL to capitalise on this, especially through under age events. AT continues to work closely with recreational running operators in Tasmania to assist in quality delivery of and support for their events. Both the national and state 10km road championships were very successfully delivered in co-operation with Events South at the Launceston Ten.

5

### **Capitalising on the high quality of facility development for athletics in each of Tasmania's three regions**

Significant works were completed or begun at all three major venues in 2012/13. The relaying of the Penguin Track, new support buildings,

training lights and the extension of the covered seating area have been made possible by the Central Coast Council, the Federal Government and Phil Clayton's leadership. When complete it will be a model for all regional athletics facilities around Australia and the focus of a very exciting sports hub at the Dial. With the assistance of the State Government we delivered a national standard hammer throwing facility at St Leonards – increasing participation opportunities and safety controls. DSR also made available a grant for extended storage facilities at the Domain in turn allowing greater opportunities for strength and conditioning training.

The Association's new offices at the Domain - the Noel Ruddock Administration Centre, were completed and officially opened in February 2013. The opening by Michelle O'Byrne MP at the Briggs Classic coincided with a widely attended celebration of Noel's 60 plus year involvement in athletics.

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### **Building relationships with kindred bodies, the general community, government at all levels, education system, business community and media**

AT maintained regular contact and strong relationships with government whilst commercial sponsorship levels increased. Our significant partnerships with IGA, Cadbury and Macquarie Accounting were retained. Continuing and new sponsors/suppliers supported the ever-growing Cadbury Marathon, which celebrated its 30th edition in 2013 whilst we welcomed "Be the Influence", as a sponsor of our state track and field championships.

AT has engaged with LAT more extensively in 2012/13. Whilst the proposed national merger provided the catalyst for even more discussions, both bodies have stated intentions to work more closely, particularly in terms of the potential for jointly engaged participation and development officers. Tasmania's partnership between the state and masters bodies was chosen as the national template for a closer relationship in each other state and at national level. We are proud that together with TMA we are able to provide leadership in this way and remain keen to grow the relationship even further.

We have enthusiastically embraced the University of Tasmania's Northern Health Initiative and the possibilities it may offer for a tertiary sports school in Tasmania and the community generally.

7

**Achieving a quality level of governance of the sport and maintain close working relationships with AA and other stakeholders**

The important new and ongoing issues of the merge with Little Aths, progress on the Joint Venture the national digital strategy review, relationship with AMA, officials and coach education, the national calendar and selection criteria necessitated more regular and direct contact with AA and other Member Associations for many years.

8

**Ensuring AT is financially secure and able to provide ongoing support for quality programmes**

AT recorded a turnover in excess of \$0.5million dollars and a useful surplus in 2012/13 enabling investment in equipment and programs. The chip-timing service and the hiring out of the DAC Function rooms provide opportunities for AT to maximise "external" income. Increased grant support from AA has been appreciated, enabling expansion of our participation and development activities. AT continues to believe that more ready-to-go schools programs, should be a national collective priority. Insurances for AT and its members remain covered by the national insurance program. AT has begun its review of welfare policies and codes of conduct in line with AA's respective reviews of each.

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**Identifying, developing and retaining talented athletes, particularly first-choice athletes**

That 17 Tasmanians represented Australia in 2012/13 is a significant achievement not only for them, their coaches and support teams but for AT and its partnership with the TIS. Todd Hodgetts'

gold medal success at the London Paralympics has rightfully been acknowledged and admired.

The decision five years ago made by AT and TIS to "begin again" in terms of talent ID and pathways, through Team ATIS and broadened scholarship eligibility is now bearing fruit. In addition to team selections, membership of national squads increases. Our accessible venues, increasing support facilities and coaching expertise provide an excellent training environment for all athletes as they progress. AT firmly rejects the notion that re-location is necessary for ongoing success.

Hammerfest was once again the centrepiece of our performance education program – staged in Launceston in January to coincide with the opening of the new facility. The great commitment to this project by Evan Peacock is much respected. AT awaits the outcome of the new National Performance Plan and in particular Tasmania's ongoing involvement in the National Throws Program, to which we and the TIS remain fully committed.

In closing, on behalf of the Association I record our thanks and appreciation to fellow Board members, Association officers and team officials and to our dedicated staff during the 2012/13 year - Fiona Plummer, Peter Fortune and Simon Bennett as well as our State Team General Manager, Rosemary Coleman and Events and Media Contractor, Richard Welsh. This brings to an end my ten-year tenure as President of a fine century-old institution that is succeeding in remaining relevant in fundamentally different world - full of challenges not present at any time in the previous 110 years of the Association's existence.

**Brian Roe**  
President  
*Athletics Tasmania*





## Athletics Victoria

The Financial Year of 2012/13 has been a significant one for Athletics Victoria with the final stage of the move to Lakeside Stadium completed. The formal opening of the Cathy Freeman Room in Athletics House at the Zatopek:10 last year marked the completion of the move from Olympic Park.

The building now contains the offices of Athletics Australia, Athletics Victoria, Little Athletics Australia, Little Athletics Victoria and the Victorian Athletics League. The Freeman Room provides a flexible function space that will deliver Athletics Victoria an additional revenue stream and has already hosted many events. The formal and informal benefits flowing from having all these organisations in one location are already being felt and will only increase as athletics, with the encouragement of the Australian Sports Commission, pursues a 'one sport' strategy.

The cooperation between Athletics Victoria and Little Athletics Victoria has deepened with the sharing of office space allowing further efficiencies to be gained, including four joint staff members. The 'one sport' strategy continues apace with the launch of the Victorian Officials project, unifying all athletics officials in Victoria under one educational and accreditation system.

The 2012/13 athletics season saw growth in both summer and winter participation at Athletics Victoria events. There has been steady growth in total membership, continuing the pleasing trend of the last few years. Continued growth in dual registration with Little Athletics Victoria and for coaches is two of the welcome signs for the strength of Athletics Victoria. This year the total reported membership figure reached 4697 which is a 10% increase from the previous year.

The XCR12 season also saw increased numbers at

many events and culminated with more than 1000 athletes racing the Tan Relays. The popularity of AV Shield continued to rise, with record numbers across all metro regions. Much work is to be done to ensure that the popularity of AV Shield, and the crowds that come with it, does not hinder the ability of our members to participate in track and field.

At the elite level, Victorians performed admirably with Jared Tallent's silver medal in the 50km Walk and Kelly Cartwright's gold medal and world record in the Long Jump the highlights amongst Victoria's Olympic and Paralympic representatives at the London Games. Victoria has continued to send strong teams to Australian Championships with strong medal hauls a feature of the 2012-13 season.

I acknowledge and thank the Victorian Minister for Sport, Hugh Delahunty, and his department, Sport and Recreation Victoria, for their ongoing support and guidance.

Many thanks must go to those who animate our great sport: the athletes, the *raison d'être* of our work, the coaches and officials who dedicate so much of their time, the volunteers who provide the support necessary to keep the sport going. The Athletics Victoria staff devotes boundless time and energy to delivering events and services for the sport and deserves many thanks after another big year for the organisation.

Athletics Victoria owes enormous gratitude to Nick Honey for the 10 years as the organisation's Chief Executive Officer. There has been significant change in the sport, and the sporting landscape, over his tenure and his insight, drive and guidance have played a large role in positioning Victoria as the preeminent state in Australian athletics.

Many thanks to the Athletics Victoria Board of Directors, led by Dr Ian Jones, for their steady hand during the transitions over the last year and their guidance and wisdom in moving the organisation forward.

I close by welcoming incoming CEO Glenn Turnor who commenced his tenure with Athletics Victoria in April, and since his commencement date has flourished in the role.

Athletics Victoria has great prospects for the 2013/14 athletics season and beyond and is in a strong position to grow our great sport.

**Ian Jones**  
President  
*Athletics Victoria*



## Athletics Western Australia

The Financial Year of 2012/13 has proved very successful for Athletics WA (AWA). The grass roots of the sport has continued to grow and with this growth comes all the associated benefits of greater financial security, improved competition and scope to provide stronger leadership and management.

The leadership and management skills of the Chief Executive Officer Wayne Loxley cannot be understated in the growth and development of our sport. Acknowledgement must also be noted of the support Wayne received from his team and all the volunteer officials who can also lay claim to current success of athletics.

AWA's registrations continue to grow and, although not as significant as the year after AWA's move to the WA Athletic Stadium, still equate to a 10% growth. This increase of registrations and weekly competitors augurs well for the future of our sport.

Five Western Australians, Steve Hooker, Alana Boyd, Liz Parnov, Kim Mickle and Ben Offereins, were selected and competed at the London Olympic Games but unfortunately were unable to obtain a podium finish. Fortunately, Liz was able to produce success by winning a silver medal at the 2012 IAAF World Junior Championship in the pole. Also selected for this Australian Spark team was Brooke Pires-Parenzee and Ella Solin, while Madison de Rozario and Brad Scott competed at the 2012 London Paralympic Games.

AWA hosted the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in March 2013, the first outside of Sydney, and this event proved to be the biggest national junior championship ever held in Australia. This event was combined with the Go for 2&5 Perth Track Classic and highlighted a great evening of athletics. Supporting this event was a field of approximately 175 volunteers from

around Australia who contributed to the success of the week of national and international athletics in Western Australia.

The Board of Directors of AWA acknowledges the support of the State Government through 'Eventscorp' in enabling this event to be held in WA. Accompanying the junior athletes at the Championships were many families who had the opportunity to appreciate and enjoy an extraordinary State.

Following this week of athletics, AWA hosted the Bankwest Gallipoli Fun Run at Kings Park in April 2013. This event is now becoming a major attraction on the community fun run calendar and again highlights the leadership and management of the AWA team. Special mention must be made of the team at Bankwest whose creativity and generosity to the West Australian community has enabled the growth and success of this event.

During the year, AWA and Western Australia Little Athletics have continued to work together under the banner of the Community Athletics Council of WA. It is now fair to state that this model has been discussed and considered for national implementation. The Council has been recognised on a state basis, which has enabled a number of joint developmental and transitional programs to be implemented for the betterment of the sport. Results to date have been promising and provide great encouragement for the future of the Council.

This has been a very busy and productive season and I must thank the members of the Board of Directors for their personal contributions and commitment. Together they have now achieved a balance and mix of independent professional skills enabling sound governance, which must be the envy of other sports.

AWA now faces the very pleasing challenge of coping with the ever-increasing growth of the sport in the forthcoming year.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Directors of AWA, staff, officials and athletes I wish to express our appreciation to the Government of Western Australia, the Minister for Sport the Hon. Mr Terry Waldron and the Department of Sport and Recreation for their ongoing support for creating many funding opportunities enabling the growth and promotion of athletics.

**David Van der Walt**

President

*Athletics Western Australia*

# Athletics Australia Board of Directors & Staff

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### President

Rob Fildes OAM

### Vice President

David Grace QC

Nicholas (Nick) Moore

### Directors

Matthew Mahon

Peter Bromley

Eddie McGuire AM

Anne Lord

Melissa Babbage

Nathan Deakes (from April 2013)

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### Chief Executive Officer

Dallas O'Brien

### Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

Brianna Klinberg (to September 2012)

Rebecca Culley (from September 2012)

## HIGH PERFORMANCE

### High Performance Director

Simon Nathan (from March 2013)

### Head Coach

Eric Hollingsworth

### Operations Manager

Nathan Sims

### Paralympic Program Manager

Andrew Faichney

### Para-Athletics Junior High Performance Coordinator

Scott Witham (from February 2013)

### National Junior High Performance Manager

Sara Mulkearns

### High Performance Administrator - Junior Programs

Kylie Williams

### Coach Coordinator - Junior Programs

Nicky Frey

### High Performance Administration Coordinator

Carol Grant

## PARTICIPATION

### Participation Manager

Tim Klar (from August 2012)

### Coaching Development Manager

Jill Taylor

### Coach Accreditation Administrator

Lynne Evans

### Coach Education Administrator

Kylie Italiano (from November 2012)

### Participations Programs Coordinator

Esther Burridge (from February 2013)

### Para-Athletics Development Coordinator

Scott Witham (to February 2013)

Amy Hibbert (from April 2013)

### Little Athletics Australia & Athletics Australia Joint Venture Coordinator

Melissa Chisholm

## COMPETITION

### Competition Manager

Andrew Matthews

### Event Manager

Michelle James (from November 2012)

### Officials Administrator

Lorraine Morgan

### Events Assistant

Caitlin Christie (from January to April 2013)

## COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

### Communications & Marketing Manager

Marc Howard (from January 2013)

**Marketing Executive**

Andrew Wilson

**Media & PR Executive**

Cody Lynch

**Graphic Designer**

Matthew Donker (from November 2012)

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION****Chief Financial Officer**

Joe Bruglierra (to May 2013)

Rob Ewart (from May 2013)

**Accountant**

Daneesha Fonseka

**Reception**

Melissa Broekhoff

# Commissions & Committees

## Commissions & Committees to December 2012

### **Athlete's Commission**

Lisa Weightman  
Luke Adams  
Justin Anlezark  
Madeleine Hogan  
Tamsyn Manour  
Kylie Wheeler

### **Athletes with a Disability Advisory Committee**

Michael Thomson (Chair)  
Janelle Aldridge  
Neil Fuller  
Louise Sauvage  
*Athletics Australia representatives:*  
Scott Witham  
Andrew Faichney

### **Coaching Advisory Committee**

Nick Moore (Chair)  
Glynis Nunn-Cearns  
Robert Medicott  
Ashley Sinnot  
Barbara Stephens  
Lindsay Watson  
Adam Wallish  
Vasily Grishcenkov  
Adam Bishop  
Peter Hannan  
Darrel Harrington  
*Athletics Australia representatives:*  
Michael Poulton

### **Distance Running & Walking Advisory Committee**

#### **Distance Running Committee**

Anne Lord (Chair)  
Jason Agosta  
Dave Cundy  
Sonia O'Sullivan  
Pam Turney  
Chris Wardlaw

#### **Walks Running Committee**

Tim Erickson (Chair)  
Luke Adams  
Bob Cruise  
Brent Vallance  
*Athletics Australia representatives:*  
Tim O'Shaughnessy

### **Facilities & Equipment Advisory Committee**

Robert Mitchell (Chair)  
David Barfoot  
Graham Dwight  
Joe Stevens  
Denis Wilson  
David Gynther  
*Athletics Australia representatives:*  
Andrew Matthews

### **International Tours Advisory Committee**

Dean Barton-Smith  
Carol Grant  
Donna MacFarlane  
David Tarbotton  
*Athletics Australia representatives:*  
Eric Hollingsworth

### **Officials Advisory Committee**

Janelle Eldridge  
Lorraine Morgan  
Brian Roe  
David Gynther  
*Athletics Australia representatives:*  
Andrew Matthews

### **Selection Committee**

Dion Russell (Chair)  
Melinda Gainsford-Taylor  
Steve Moneghetti  
Peter Fitzgerald

### **Track & Field Advisory Committee**

Khan Sharp (Chair)  
Dean Barton-Smith  
Peter Hamilton  
Grant McKay  
Brian Roe  
David Gynther  
*Athletics Australia representatives:*  
Andrew Matthews

## Commissions & Committees from January 2013

### Athletics Australia Board Committees

#### Selection Committee (as described in By-Law 4)

Dion Russell (Chair)  
Melinda Gainsford-Taylor  
Shaun Creighton

#### High Performance Committee

Dallas O'Brien (Chair)  
Jackie Fairweather (ASC)  
Simon Nathan  
Eric Hollingsworth  
Andrew Faichney  
Nathan Sims  
Matt Mahon  
David Grace

### Athletics Australia General Committees

#### Athletes Commission

Nathan Deakes (Chair)  
Caitlin Pincott  
Kylie Wheeler  
Steve Hooker  
Steve Cain  
Tristan Thomas  
Alana Boyd  
Matt Lynch  
Richard Nicholson  
Madeleine Hogan

#### Coaching Advisory Committee

Nick Moore (Chair)  
Adam Bishop  
Ash Synnott (ASC)  
Darrel Harrington  
Glynis Nunn-Cearns (ATFCA)  
Lindsay Watson  
Martin Stillman (LAA)  
Peter Hannan  
Robert Medicott  
Vasily Grischenkov  
*Athletics Australia representatives:*  
Jill Taylor  
Lynne Evans  
Tim Klar

### Facilities & Equipment Advisory Committee

Robert Mitchell (Chair)  
Kevin Davis  
Peter C Higgins  
Joe Stevens  
George Proimos  
Graham Dwight  
Denis Wilson  
Greg Gilbert  
David Barfoot  
*Athletics Australia representative:*  
Andrew Matthews

### Officials Advisory Committee

Trish Kinnane (Chair)  
Ian Colquhoun (ACT)  
Kim Owns (NSW)  
Olivia Birkett (NT)  
Peter Grant (SA)  
John Coleman (VIC)  
Steve Stingemore (WA)  
*Athletics Australia representatives:*  
Andrew Matthews  
Lorraine Morgan

### Track & Field Advisory Committee

Khan Sharp (Chair)  
Brian Roe  
Peter Hamilton  
Guy Cassarchis  
Fiona Brown  
Steve Cain  
*Athletics Australia representative:*  
Andrew Matthews

### Distance Running & Walking Advisory Committee

#### Distance Running Committee

Chris Wardlaw (Chair)  
Anne Lord  
Jason Agosta  
Dave Cundy  
Richard Welsh  
Tim Crosbie  
Pam Turney  
Tim O'Shaughnessy  
*Athletics Australia representative:*  
Nathan Sims

**Walks Committee**

Tim Erickson (Chair)

Simon Baker

Megan Szirom

Cheryl Webb

Claire Tallent

Phil Reading

*Athletics Australia representative:*

Nathan Sims

**International Tours Advisory Committee**

Simon Nathan (Chair)

David Tarbotton

Susan Hobson

Kathryn Periac

Dean Barton-Smith

*Athletics Australia representative:*

Simon Nathan (Chair)

**Special Awards Committee (as described in  
By-Law 11)**

David Grace (Chair)

Rob Fildes OAM

Paul Jenès OAM

Anne Lord

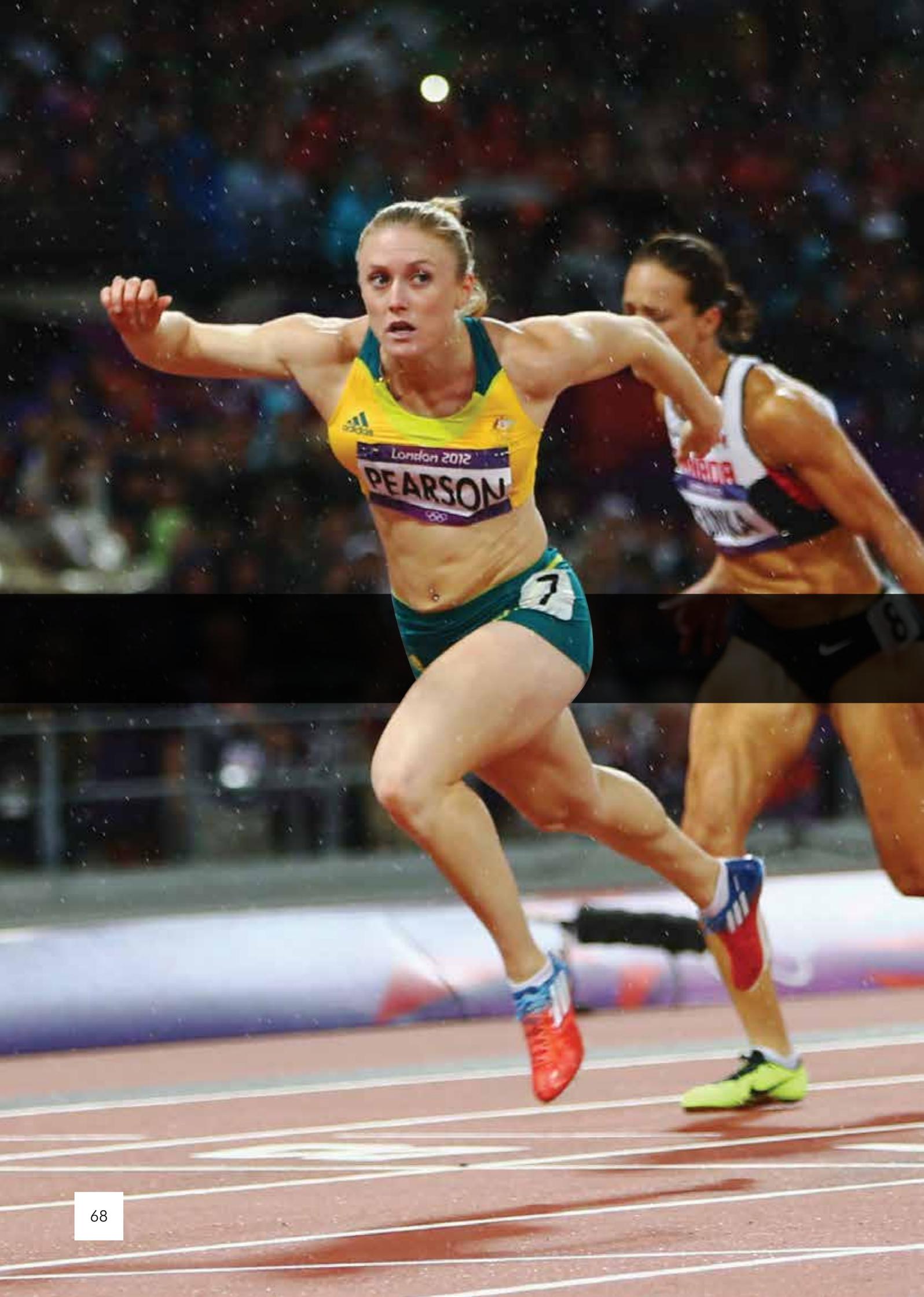
Brian Roe

Margaret Mahoney OAM

*Athletics Australia representative:*

Rebecca Culley







# Athletics Australia Financial Report

For the year ending 30 June 2013

# Summary of the Financial Report

## In brief

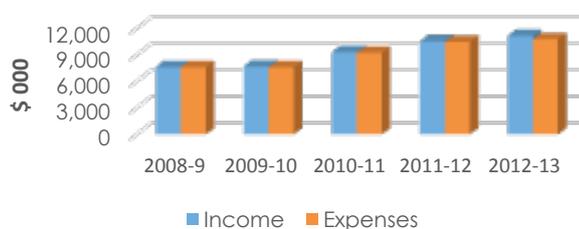
The information in the below table relates to the 'Financial Statements' contained in the Annual Financial Report.

	2012-13 (\$000)	2011-12 (\$000)	Movement (\$000)
Surplus	367.5	84.9	282.6
Net Assets	2,550.8	2,183.3	367.5
Cash	2,366.0	3,534.5	(1,168.5)
Borrowings	-	-	-

## Net result

Athletics Australia achieved a surplus of \$367,484 in 2012-13. As illustrated in the Statement of Profit and Loss on page 78, the surplus is due mainly an increase of \$259,145 in the valuation of the investment property in St Kilda Road Melbourne arising from an independent valuation undertaken as at the 30 June 2013.

Income and expenses: five-year trend

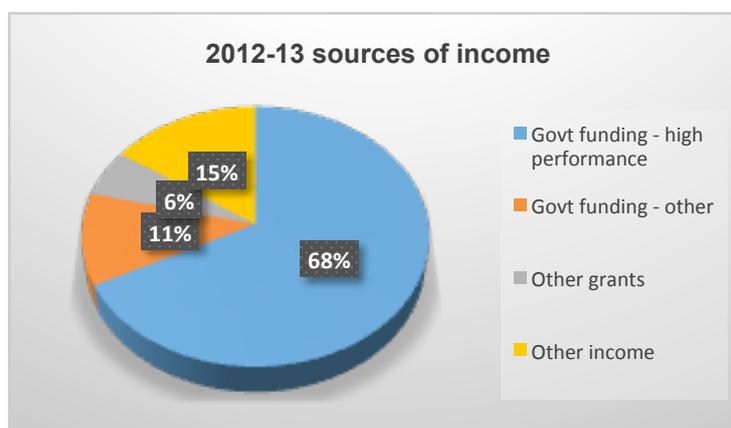


Sustaining an operating surplus is a critical financial strategy. Net assets now exceeds \$2.5 million and underpins the organisations financial viability moving into the future and provides capacity to address new and emerging issues.

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Income	7,617.0	7,688.8	9,288.3	10,532.3	11,136.4
Expenses	7,598.4	7,562.3	9,216.8	10,447.4	10,768.9
<b>Net result</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>126.5</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>367.5</b>

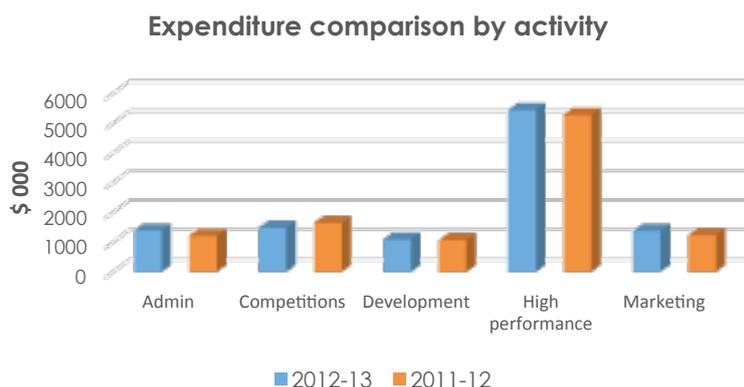
## Income

Total revenue for the 2012-13 year was \$11.14 million, an increase of \$0.60 million from the previous year. A breakdown of the major sources is shown on the graph, which highlights Athletics Australia's reliance on funding from the Australian Sports Commission to fund high performance and the business activities. This amounted to \$7.21 million or 68% of total income.



## Expenses

Total expenditure for the 2012-13 year was \$10.77 million, an increase of \$0.32 million from the previous year. A breakdown of expenditure by activity is shown below. The graph highlights that 74% of total expenditure relates to high performance, development and competitions with 26% to administration and marketing activities.



## Financial Position

Our financial position is demonstrated by net assets which has increased in 2012-13 by \$0.37 million to \$2.55 million. This movement is due to the current year surplus which included a \$0.26 million increase in the valuation of the investment property.

Net assets at 30 June 2013 include \$1.27 million in non-current assets (investment property \$1.05 million and other fixed assets \$0.22 million) and cash/term deposits held of \$1.28 million.

## Cash Flow

Athletics Australia's cash flow and liquidity remained healthy during the 2012-13 year. A target cash reserve of \$1 million was maintained and exceeded during the year. The organisation has no borrowings.

Capital expenditure totaled \$0.14 million for the year which was largely due to the relocation and set up of our new offices at Albert Park.

## Rob Ewart

Business Manager

# Directors' Report

30 June 2013

The directors of Athletics Australia present their report together with the financial statements of the consolidated entity, being Athletics Australia ("the Company") and its controlled entities ("the Group") for the year ended 30 June 2013.

## General information

### Information about the directors

The names and particulars of the directors of the Company during or since the end of the financial year are:

<b>Robin Heath Fildes OAM</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	Fellow Australian Institute of Management (F.A.I.M).
<b>Experience</b>	Chairman of Fildes Group of companies. Over 45 years' commercial experience. Senior Vice President - International, Young President's Organisation 1988-1990. Trustee of Melbourne Olympic Park Trust 1995-2001. Chairman of the Australian Masters Games 1995. Director - AFL Publications Board 1982-1996. Order of Australia (OAM) recipient for sports administration 1997.
<b>Edward Joseph McGuire AM</b>	<b>Resigned 4 September 2013</b>
<b>Experience</b>	President of the Collingwood Football Club (1998 to present). Appointed a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (2005). Board member of the Victorian Major Events Company. Australian Sports Medal (2001) for services to Australian Rules Football. Centenary Medal (2000) for services to media and Australian Rules Football. Television host and sports commentator.
<b>Noah David Grace QC</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	Bachelor of Economics. Bachelor of Law (Hons) and Masters of Law.
<b>Experience</b>	Lawyer in private practice with a specialty in a number of areas of law including sports law. Has had extensive involvement with sporting organisations as a competitive athlete, a consultant and in administration. Has also acted as an advocate for many sportspersons appearing before sporting tribunals. Has been an Arbitrator on the Court of Arbitration for Sport since 2000 and was a member of that Court's Division established for the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne and the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver Canada. 2001-2006 President of the Athletics Australia Tribunals. 2004 Team Advocate for the Australian Olympic Team at the Athens Olympic Games. Since 2004 he has been General Counsel for the West Coast Eagles Football Club in the AFL.

# Directors' Report

30 June 2013

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## Peter John Bromley

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**Qualifications** Bachelor of Business (Marketing), Certificate IV Financial Services.  
**Experience** Former Chairman of Athletics NSW. General Manager Sales, RP Data.

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## Matthew Bryan Mahon

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**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.

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## Nicholas Robert Moore **Vice President**

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**Qualifications** Bachelor of Arts.  
**Experience** Head of Program Management Office, BT Financial Group.  
Over 25 years' management, consulting and technology experience.  
President of Sydney University Athletics Club (1991-2000).  
Organising committee - 1996 World Junior Athletics Championships.  
Technical official - Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

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## Melissa Anne Babbage

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**Qualifications** Master of Commerce. Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy).  
Graduate AICD.  
**Experience** Highly experienced financial services professional with a 19 year  
Investment Banking career in both International and Domestic  
Financial Markets.  
Board of Trustees, Q Super Ltd.  
Non-Executive Director, Swiss Re Aust Ltd and Swiss Re Life & Health  
Aust Ltd.  
Non-Executive Director, St Vincents Health Australia Ltd.

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## Nathan Douglas Deakes **Appointed 3 April 2013**

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**Qualifications** Bachelor of Commerce (Banking & Finance), Bachelor of Laws  
(Hons) and Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice.  
**Experience** Previously one of Australia's most accomplished race walkers,  
winning a bronze medal at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games at the  
20km distance, as well as World Championship Gold over 50km in  
2007 at Osaka.  
A four-time Commonwealth Games gold medal winner, winning the  
20km and 50km double at both Manchester 2002 and Melbourne  
2006. Winner of the bronze medal over 20km at the 1998  
Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur.  
Winner of 10 national walking titles and hold numerous national  
records. Broke the 50km walk world record on 2 December 2006 at  
the Australian 50 km Road Walking Championships in Geelong.  
Chairperson Athletics Australia Athletes Commission.

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# Directors' Report

30 June 2013

## Anne Robyn Lord

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<b>Qualifications</b>	Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy), Certificate of Hydrotherapy and Graduate Member Australian Institute of Company Directors (2006). Life Member Athletics Victoria.
<b>Experience</b>	Founder and Manager - The Gully Physiotherapy Clinic. Former President of Athletics Victoria. Team Manager and physiotherapist to the Australian Track and Field Cross Country teams from 1992 to 2002 including physiotherapist to 1994 and 1998 Commonwealth Games Teams, 1999 World Championship team and 2000 Olympic Games team. Former Chairperson of Australian Distance/out of Stadium Running Commission. Chairperson of Oceania Cross Country and Road Committee.

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

### Principal activities

The principal activity of the entities within the Group during the financial year was the organisation of athletics.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### Short term objectives

The Group's short term objectives are:

- Provide leadership and work with the Member Associations in providing a strong participation plan that will enhance work already being undertaken in the states;
- Recruitment and retention of members; and
- Provide necessary infrastructure to Member Associations.

### Long term objectives

The Group's long term objectives are to:

- Develop a culture of success within the athletics community;
- Increase participation in athletics by delivering vibrant, best practice participation programs that support the athlete and coaching across the sport;
- Provide a stable and unified pathway for Australian high performance athletes and coaches involving talent identification, development, and elite performance leading to national and international success;
- Provide competitions that enhance participation and performance opportunities for the development of athletes, coaches and officials at all levels of the sport; and
- Provide a stable and viable organisation through effective business practices and sound financial management to increase the commercial value of the sport.

# Directors' Report

30 June 2013

## Strategy for achieving the objectives

To achieve these objectives, the Group has adopted the following strategies:

- Work effectively with Member Associations, utilise Running Australia and iRun programs to recruit more recreational runners, and conduct events around the country;
- Develop the Athletics Australia Coaching Framework;
- Continue to refine the National Marketing Strategy; and
- Quality use of social media to improve communication.

## Operating results and review of operations for the year

The surplus of the Group amounted to \$367,484 which included a \$259,145 increase in the valuation of the Company's investment property (2012: \$84,924).

## Changes in state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of entities in the Group during the year.

## Events after the reporting date

On 28 June 2013, a Memorandum of Understanding was established between Athletics Australia (AA), Little Athletics Australia (LAA) and the Australian Sports Commission with the view to evaluate a proposed merger between AA and LAA. Subsequently, a heads of agreement is scheduled to be signed by end of October 2013 by AA and LAA which would entitle the merged entity to receive \$2,000,000 from the Australian Sports Commission.

Other than the above, no matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

## Future developments and results

The Group will continue with its normal activities of conducting national championships and organising various teams to compete in the World Championships and other international events.

## Environmental issues

The Group's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulations under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory of Australia.

# Directors' Report

30 June 2013

## Meetings of directors

During the financial year, 7 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

Director	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Robin Heath Fildes OAM	7	6
Noah David Grace QC	7	7
Peter John Bromley	7	7
Matthew Bryan Mahon	7	7
Nicholas Robert Moore	7	7
Anne Robyn Lord	7	7
Melissa Anne Babbage	7	7
Nathan Douglas Deakes	3	3
Edward Joseph McGuire AM	7	3

## Indemnification of officers and auditors

The Company has paid premiums to insure each of the directors of Athletics Australia and those of member states and clubs against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending legal proceedings arising from their conduct while acting in their capacity as director, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Company. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of liability and the amount of the premium.

The Company has not otherwise, during or since the end of the financial year, except to the extent permitted by law, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of the Company or of any related body corporate against a liability incurred as such an officer or auditor.

## Auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, for the year ended 30 June 2013 has been received and can be found on page 6 of the financial report.

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

Director  .....

Secretary  .....

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013



## Athletics Australia

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

As the lead auditor of Athletics Australia, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2013, 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 Nielson Partners Pty Limited**

**Anthony Rose**  
Director

11 October 2013

# Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue and other income	2	11,136,373	10,532,299
High performance expenses		(5,436,845)	(5,286,832)
Competition expenses		(1,478,452)	(1,645,883)
Development expenses		(1,089,293)	(1,062,174)
Administrative expenses		(1,389,274)	(1,217,748)
Marketing expenses		(1,375,025)	(1,234,738)
<b>Surplus before income tax</b>		<b>367,484</b>	<b>84,924</b>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>367,484</b>	<b>84,924</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		-	-
Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss when specific conditions are met		-	-
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>367,484</b>	<b>84,924</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	2,366,031	3,534,455
Trade and other receivables	4	1,849,547	470,962
Other assets	8	952,697	452,621
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>5,168,275</b>	<b>4,458,038</b>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	217,616	930,159
Investment property	6	1,050,000	-
Intangible assets	7	2,598	1,898
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,270,214</b>	<b>932,057</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>6,438,489</b>	<b>5,390,095</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	3,608,296	2,883,150
Employee benefits	10	200,143	217,835
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,808,439</b>	<b>3,100,985</b>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	10	79,204	105,748
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>79,204</b>	<b>105,748</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,887,643</b>	<b>3,206,733</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>2,550,846</b>	<b>2,183,362</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained earnings		2,550,846	2,183,362
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>2,550,846</b>	<b>2,183,362</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
<b>2013</b>		
Balance at 1 July 2012	2,183,362	2,183,362
Profit for the year	367,484	367,484
<b>Balance at 30 June 2013</b>	<b>2,550,846</b>	<b>2,550,846</b>
<b>2012</b>		
Balance at 1 July 2011	2,098,438	2,098,438
Profit for the year	84,924	84,924
<b>Balance at 30 June 2012</b>	<b>2,183,362</b>	<b>2,183,362</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Receipts from customers		9,394,055	10,037,646
Payments to suppliers and employees		(10,572,158)	(9,409,177)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	16(b)	(1,178,103)	628,469
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Payment for intangible asset		(2,935)	(943)
Interest received		147,249	203,153
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(134,635)	(65,097)
Net cash provided by investing activities		9,679	137,113
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net increase /(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		(1,168,424)	765,582
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		3,534,455	2,768,873
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3	2,366,031	3,534,455

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

The financial report includes the consolidated financial statements and notes of Athletics Australia and controlled entities (the Group). Athletics Australia is the Group's ultimate parent company. Athletics Australia is a public company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### (a) (i) Statement of Compliance

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the requirements of Corporations Act 2001.

Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

### (ii) Basis of Preparation

The consolidated 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 its activities. Control will generally exist when the parent owns, directly or indirectly through subsidiaries, more than half 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 group have been eliminated on consolidation.

Appropriate adjustments have been made to a controlled entity's financial statements where the accounting policies used by those entities were different from those adopted in the consolidated financial statements.

### (c) Comparative Amounts

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### (d) Property, Plant and Equipment

#### Property – cost basis

Freehold land and buildings are measured using the cost model.

#### 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 expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposals. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amount.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment, except for freehold land is depreciated on a straight line basis over the assets useful life from the date that management determine that the asset is available for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

<b>Fixed asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation rate</b>
Competition Equipment	2.5 to 10%
Building	2.5%
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	10 to 40%

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

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### (e) 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.

### (f) Investment property

Investment properties are properties held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation. Investment properties are measured initially at its cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of investment properties are included in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

An investment property is derecognised upon disposal or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits are expected from the disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the property (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the period in which the property is derecognised.

### (g) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially using trade date accounting, i.e. on the date that the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### (g) Financial instruments (continued)

#### *Financial Assets*

Financial assets are divided into the following categories which are described in detail below:

- loans and receivables;
- financial assets at fair value through profit or loss;
- available for sale financial assets; and
- held to maturity investments.

Financial assets are assigned to the different categories on initial recognition, depending on the characteristics of the instrument and its purpose. A financial instrument's category is relevant to the way it is measured and whether any resulting income and expenses are recognised in profit or loss or in other comprehensive income.

All income and expenses relating to financial assets are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the 'finance income' or 'finance costs' line item respectively.

#### **Loans and receivables**

Loans and receivables are non derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise principally through the provision of goods and services to customers but also incorporate other types of contractual monetary assets.

After initial recognition these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Any change in their value is recognised in profit or loss.

The Company's trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments.

Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is considered immaterial.

Significant receivables are considered for impairment on an individual asset basis when they are past due at the reporting date or when objective evidence is received that a specific counterparty will default.

The amount of the impairment is the difference between the net carrying amount and the present value of the future expected cash flows associated with the impaired receivable.

For trade receivables, impairment provisions are recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in profit or loss. When confirmation has been received that the amount is not collectable, the gross carrying value of the asset is written off against the associated impairment provision.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### (g) Financial instruments (continued)

Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in profit or loss.

In some circumstances, the Company renegotiates repayment terms with customers which may lead to changes in the timing of the payments, the Company does not necessarily consider the balance to be impaired, however assessment is made on a case by case basis.

#### **Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss**

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets:

- acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near future
- designated by the entity to be carried at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition or
- which are derivatives not qualifying for hedge accounting.

Assets included within this category are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in finance income or expenses in profit or loss.

#### **Held-to-maturity investments**

Held-to-maturity investments are non derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity. Investments are classified as held-to-maturity if it is the intention of the Company's management to hold them until maturity.

Held-to-maturity investments are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with revenue recognised on an effective yield basis. In addition, if there is objective evidence that the investment has been impaired, the financial asset is measured at the present value of estimated cash flows. Any changes to the carrying amount of the investment are recognised in profit or loss.

#### **Available-for-sale financial assets**

Available-for-sale financial assets are non derivative financial assets that do not qualify for inclusion in any of the other categories of financial assets.

Purchases and sales of available-for-sale investments are recognised on settlement date.

All other available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value, with subsequent changes in value recognised in other comprehensive income.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### (g) Financial instruments (continued)

Gains and losses arising from financial instruments classified as available for sale are only recognised in profit or loss when they are sold or when the investment is impaired.

In the case of impairment or sale, any gain or loss previously recognised in equity is transferred to the profit or loss.

Losses recognised in prior period consolidated income statements resulting from the impairment of debt securities are reversed through the income statement, if the subsequent increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in profit or loss.

#### *Financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual agreements of the instrument. All interest related charges and, if applicable, changes in an instrument's fair value that are reported in profit or loss are included in the income statement line items "finance costs" or "finance income".

The Company's financial liabilities include borrowings, trade and other payables, which are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

#### *Impairment of financial assets*

At the end of the reporting period the Company assesses whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

#### **Financial assets at amortised cost**

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on financial assets carried at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial assets original effective interest rate.

Impairment on loans and receivables is reduced through the use of an allowance accounts, all other impairment losses on financial assets at amortised cost are taken directly to the asset.

### (h) Intangible Assets

#### **Software**

Software is recorded at cost. Software has a finite life and is carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. It has an estimated useful life of between one and three years. It is assessed annually for impairment.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### (h) Intangible Assets (continued)

#### Amortisation

Amortisation is based on the cost of an asset less its residual value.

Amortisation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets, other than goodwill, from the date that they are available for use.

Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

### (i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Bank overdrafts also form part of cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows and are presented within current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

### (j) 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 cash flows.

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

### (k) Income Tax

The Company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### (l) Revenue and other income

Grant and contributions are recognised in the income statement when the entity obtains control of the asset, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the asset will flow to the entity and the amount of the asset 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.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

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

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

Revenue recognition relating to the provision of services is determined with reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the end of the reporting period and where the outcome of the contract can be estimated reliably. Stage of completion is determined with reference to the services performed to date as a percentage of total anticipated services to be performed. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent that related expenditure is recoverable.

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

### (m) Interest in Joint Operation

The Group's shares of the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of jointly controlled operations have been included in the appropriate items of the financial statements.

### (n) Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Group.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### (o) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

### (p) Foreign currency transactions and balances

#### Functional and presentation currency

The functional currency of each of the Group's entities is measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which that entity operates. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the parent entity's functional and presentation currency.

#### Transaction and balances

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the spot rate on the date of the transaction.

At the end of the reporting period:

- Foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate;
- Non monetary items that are measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction; and
- Non monetary items that are measured at fair value are translated using the rate at the date when fair value was determined.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items or on translating monetary items at rates different from those at which they were translated on initial recognition or in prior reporting periods are recognised through profit or loss, except where they relate to an item of other comprehensive income or whether they are deferred in equity as qualifying hedges.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### (q) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

#### (i) The Group as lessor

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### (ii) The Group as lessee

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term, except where another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed. Contingent rentals arising under operating leases are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis, except where another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 2. Revenue and Other Income

### Revenue from continuing operations

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue		
- Grants, contributions and other income	10,062,783	9,666,877
- Entry fees	136,735	81,665
- Sponsorship	412,045	580,604
	<b>10,611,563</b>	<b>10,329,146</b>
Other revenue		
- Rental Income (investment property)	118,416	-
- Interest revenue	147,249	203,153
- Revaluation increment (investment property)	259,145	-
<b>Total other revenue</b>	<b>524,810</b>	<b>203,153</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>11,136,373</b>	<b>10,532,299</b>

## 3. Cash and cash equivalents

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Cash at bank and in hand	666,031	934,455
Short term bank deposits	1,700,000	2,600,000
	<b>2,366,031</b>	<b>3,534,455</b>

## 4. Trade and other receivables

	2013 \$	2012 \$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	1,806,603	470,095
Short term bank deposits	42,944	867
<b>Total current trade and other receivables</b>	<b>1,849,547</b>	<b>470,962</b>

There are no impairment allowances at 30 June 2013 (2012: \$ Nil).

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 5. Property, plant and equipment

	2013 \$	2012 \$
LAND AND BUILDINGS		
Freehold land - at cost	-	340,000
Total	-	340,000
A Buildings -at cost	-	633,811
Accumulated depreciation	-	(176,971)
Total	-	456,840
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Competition equipment -at cost	75,632	75,632
Accumulated depreciation	(14,613)	(7,050)
Total	61,019	68,582
Furniture, fixtures and fittings -at cost	240,743	130,579
Accumulated depreciation	(84,146)	(65,842)
Total	156,597	64,737
Total plant and equipment	217,616	133,319
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>217,616</b>	<b>930,159</b>

### (a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

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

	Land	Building	Competition equipment	Furniture, fixture and fittings	Total
<b>1 July 2012</b>	340,000	456,840	68,582	64,737	<b>930,159</b>
Additions	-	-	-	134,634	<b>134,634</b>
Depreciation expense	-	(5,985)	(7,563)	(42,774)	<b>(56,322)</b>
Transfers	(340,000)	(450,855)	-	-	<b>(790,855)</b>
<b>30 June 2013</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,019</b>	<b>156,597</b>	<b>217,616</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 6. Investment Property

	2013 \$	2012 \$
(a) Land and Building at fair value	1,050,000	-
(b) Movement		
Balance at 1 July	-	-
Transferred from property and plant	1,050,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,050,000</b>	<b>-</b>

The fair value of the Groups investment property at 30 June 2013 has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out on 9 September 2013 by Charter Keck Cramer, independent valuers not related to the group.

## 7. Intangible Assets

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Computer software - cost	5,706	10,260
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(3,108)	(8,362)
<b>Total Intangibles</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>1,898</b>

## 8. Other Assets

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Prepayments	952,697	452,621

## 9. Trade and other payables

	2013 \$	2012 \$
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities		
Trade payables	831,790	404,439
Accrued expense	538,895	570,352
Unearned Income	2,184,778	1,903,187
Other payables	52,833	5,172
	<b>3,608,296</b>	<b>2,883,150</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 10. Employee Benefits

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Current	200,143	217,835
Non-current	79,204	105,748
	<b>279,347</b>	<b>323,583</b>

## 11. Capital Commitments

The Group did not have any capital commitments at 30 June 2013 (2012: \$Nil).

## 12. Key Management Personnel Disclosures

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Company and the Group were:

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Short term employee benefits	975,804	975,093
Post - employee benefits	63,266	73,429
	<b>1,039,070</b>	<b>1,048,522</b>

## 13. Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2013 (2012: \$ Nil).

## 14. 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 outstanding and obligations of the company. At 30 June 2013 the number of members was 8 (2012: 8).

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

## 15. Controlled Entities

Name	Country of Incorporation	Percentage Owned (%) 2013	Percentage Owned (%) 2012
<b>Subsidiaries of parent entity:</b>			
Australian Flame Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
Australian Road Running Series Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
Host City Marathon Ltd	Australia	100	100
Team AA Ltd	Australia	100	100
Australian Athletic Federation Ltd	Australia	100	100

All subsidiary companies have been dormant during the year. Therefore, the results of the Group are same as the results of Athletics Australia.

## 16. Cash Flow Information

	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>(a) Reconciliation of cash</b>		
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	2,366,031	3,534,455
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,366,031</b>	<b>3,534,455</b>

### (b) Reconciliation of result for the year to cash flows from operating activities

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

Profit for the year	367,484	84,924
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
- interest income	(147,249)	(203,153)
Non cash flows in profit:		
- depreciation	58,558	45,528
- revaluation in investment property	(259,145)	-
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(1,378,585)	(291,500)
- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	(500,076)	(20,634)
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other payables	725,146	990,500
- (increase)/decrease in employee benefits	(44,236)	22,804
Cash flow from operations	<b>(1,178,103)</b>	<b>628,469</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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## 17. Related Party Transactions

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

Transaction with related parties:

During the year ended 30 June 2013, Athletics Australia has paid McGuire Media/Jam TV for the production and broadcast of 2013 Athletics Series. The total amount paid was \$425,889 (2012: \$441,375) and \$50,000 was accrued for at year-end.

## 18. Credit standby arrangement and loan facilities

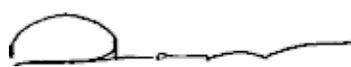
The Company has a bank overdraft facility amounting to \$500,000 (2012: \$500,000). This may be terminated at any time at the option of the bank.

## Directors' Declaration

The directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 78 to 97, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
  - a. comply with Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and
  - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2013 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company and consolidated group.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Director  Secretary 

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013



## **Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Athletics Australia and controlled entities**

### **Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Athletics Australia and controlled entities (the Group), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the Company and consolidated group.

#### *Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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 report.

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



## **Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Athletics Australia and controlled entities**

### *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*, which has been given to the directors of Athletics Australia, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

### *Opinion*

In our opinion the financial report of Athletics Australia and controlled entities is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's and the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2013 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

**Lachlan Nielson Partners Pty Limited**

**Anthony Rose**  
**Director**

**11 October 2013**



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