

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION.

SIXTH BIENNIAL REPORT

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AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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BIENNIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Presented to delegates of affiliated Associations at the Seventh Biennial Conference of the Union, held at Adelaide, South Australia on Thursday, 5th January, 1950.

Ladies:

Your Executive has much pleasure in presenting its Sixth Biennial Report and Balance Sheet for your consideration.

This has been the Union's most successful period since its inception, and the greatly increased numerical strength in all states is indeed most satisfactory. In addition, the athletic standard was the highest in the history of the Union.

It was evidenced by the inclusion of five women athletes in the 1948 Australian Olympic Team, and their subsequent success in London. The efforts to include a Relay Team were not wasted, and further proved that our general standard was equal to any in the world. Having travelled so far and selected from a small population, the representatives of the Union did indeed justify their selection.

This was the first occasion that Australian women athletes were represented by more than one competitor.

The visit of Mrs Blankers-Koen crowned all past achievements, being the first time that an overseas competitor holding current Olympic titles either male or female had competed in this country. This outstanding athlete was the current holder of four Olympic gold medals, and the holder of as many world records.

By her outstanding achievements at the London Games, and to some lesser degree, the fact that she was the mother of two children, she caught the imagination of the sporting world. She maintained that popularity both on and off the athletic field during her stay in Australia and proved herself both a champion and a sportswoman, even though after her accident she competed under difficulties.

The close competition given to Mrs. Blankers-Koen again justifies our claim to having standards at least equal to any country in the world.

AFFILIATIONS.

It is with pleasure that the Queensland Women's Amateur Athletic Association is welcomed back into the Union, and that state is indeed to be congratulated on the splendid progress that has been made in the past twelve months.

Negotiations have begun with a view to forming a women's A.A.A. in Tasmania once more, and considerable interest has been shown in both Hobart and Launceston.

The following Associations are affiliated with the Union:-

NEW SOUTH WALES	SOUTH AUSTRALIA
QUEENSLAND	VICTORIA
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	

CONFERENCE.

The Sixth Biennial Conference of the Union was held at the Y.W.C.A., Sydney, New South Wales on Thursday, 22nd January, 1948, with the President, Mrs. M. Chambers, M.B.E. taking the Chair.

The following delegates were present:-

N.S.W.	Mrs. E. Magee
South Australia	Mrs. C. Kavanagh
Victoria	Miss L. Neville
West Australia	Miss G. Bull

The Hon. Treasurer, Miss N. Gould was also present.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Sixth Biennial Australian Track & Field Championships were held at the Sydney University Oval on 23rd, 24th and 26th January, 1948. These were the first post-war Australian Championships since 1940.

Large entries were received and teams representing Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and N.S.W. competed.

The N.S.W. Team was successful in winning the Doris Mulcahy Shield, which has been held by Victoria since 1937.

Records were established in nearly every event, and the Championships were used as a basis for selection of the Olympic Women's Athletic representatives.

The Union extends congratulations to all Championship winners on their very fine performance - the results are as follows:-

<u>100 YARDS:</u>	1st J. King, N.S.W.; 2nd S.Strickland, West Aust;
	3rd B. McKinnon, N.S.W. - 11 seconds.
<u>220 YARDS:</u>	1st J. King, N.S.W.; 2nd S.Strickland, West Aust;
	3rd B. McKinnon, N.S.W. - 24.9 seconds.
<u>440 YARDS:</u>	1st S. McConnachie, Vic; 2nd Y. Grandemange, N.S.W.;
	3rd B. Woods, Victoria, 59 seconds.

880 YARDS: 1st K. Mears, Vic; 2nd Y. Grandemange, N.S.W.,
3rd D. Evans, West Australia, 2 min. 23.8 seconds.

90 YARDS HURDLES: 1st S. Strickland, West Aust., 2nd M. Rogers, Vic;
3rd W. Collins, Vic. 11.6 seconds.

880 YARDS WALK: 1st J. Hutchison, Vic; 2nd J. Gullan, West Aust;
3rd D. Ross, N.S.W. 3 min. 57 seconds.

440 YARDS RELAY: 1st N.S.W., 2nd Victoria; 3rd West Australia,
48.4 seconds.

BROAD JUMP: 1st J. Canty, N.S.W.; 2nd V. Johnstone, West Aust.,
3rd M. Brown, Victoria, 18'5".

HIGH JUMP: 1st C. Stewart, N.S.W.; 2nd L. Bryant, N.S.W.,
3rd K. Mears, Vic. 4'11".

JAVELIN: 1st C. MacGibbon, Vic; 2nd J. Bradburn, N.S.W.;
3rd J. Gullan, West Aust. 129'8½".

DISCUS: 1st C. MacGibbon, Vic; 2nd J. Morrison, Vic;
3rd J. Bradburn, N.S.W., 110'11".

SHOT: 1st P. Lucas, N.S.W.; 2nd J. Morrison, Vic.;
3rd C. MacGibbon, Vic; 31'6½".

<u>FINAL POINTS:</u>	1sts.	2nds.	3rds.
N.S.W.	6	4	4
Victoria	5	4	4
West. Australia	1	4	4
South "	-		

400 METRES RELAY: Australian Team (J. King, S. Strickland, B. McKinnon,
& J. Maston), 48 seconds. v The Rest.

AUSTRALIAN RECORDS.

The following applications for recognition as Australian Records have been granted at the 1948 Conference of the Union, and since:-

Broad Jump (Confirmed)	Decima Norman	West. Aust.	Sydney 1938	19'0¼"
100 yards	J. King	N.S.W.	Sydney 1948	11 secs.
	B. McKinnon	N.S.W.	Sydney 1948	11 secs.
	S. Strickland	West. Aust.	Perth 1948	11 secs.
220 yards	B. McKinnon	N.S.W.	Sydney 1947	25.1 secs.
	J. King	N.S.W.	Sydney 1948	24.9 secs.
440 yards	J. Maston	N.S.W.	Sydney 1948	58 secs.
880 yards	B. Judge	West. Aust.	Perth 1947	2m.24.2secs.
	K. Mears	Victoria	Sydney 1948	2m.23.8secs.
90 yards hurdles	S. Strickland	West. Aust.	Sydney 1948	11.6 secs.
80 metres hurdles	F. Blankers-Koen	Netherlands	Sydney 1949	11.3 secs.
440 yards relay	B. McKinnon, J. Maston J. Coleman, M. Jackson	N.S.W.	Sydney 1948	48.4 secs.
Javelin	C. MacGibbon	Victoria	Melbourne 1947	135'1½"

Shot:	P. Lucas	N.S.W.	Sydney 1948	33'3½"
	F. Blankers-Koen	Netherlands	Sydney 1949	34'10"

Executive extends congratulations to these competitors on their fine performance.

OLYMPIC GAMES - LONDON 1948.

Personnel of Team - Athletes: Canty, Judith
King, Joyce
McKinnon, Betty
Maston, June
Strickland, Shirley.

Swimmers: Davies, Judy Joy
Lyons, Nancy
McQuade, Marjory
Spencer, Denise

Chaperon: Magee, Doris (Mrs.)

Date of Embarkation: from Mascot, N.S.W. by Constellation on 24th June, 1948.

Travelling: From personal observation I feel that plane travelling to the venue of international competitions is essential and has proved successful, obviating long periods in the tropics increase in weight and lack of proper training facilities which mar travel by ship.

On this occasion, the team, after two to three days rest were able to resume their training from where discontinued in Australia less than a week previously.

Accommodation: The women were lodged for periods of about two weeks at three different quarters. These frequent moves were unfortunate.

Illnesses: Most members of the Team became infected with colds during the plane trip. Judy Canty and June Maston each spent a day in bed, and Joyce King developed septic tonsillitis approximately two weeks prior to the commencement of the Games, necessitating nearly a week's absence from training.

Transport: Transport facilities, when eventually provided officially by the Olympic authorities were most satisfactory, reliable and available whenever required.

The Australian women's team were congratulated by the Transport authorities for being the most punctual of any Team attending the Games.

Training: Athletic grounds and cinder tracks provided at Southall were very satisfactory; the staff were co-operative and equipment good. Hot showers were provided, and a training roster

prevented the ground from ever becoming over-crowded. The competition and help provided by the Women's Amateur Athletic Association was invaluable.

The training of the swimmers was attended, Mr. Forbes Carlile, the Hon. Coach being most co-operative.

Conduct: The esprit-de-corps and conduct of the team was exemplary and the members, both athletes and swimmers co-operated willingly on all occasions, showing a deep appreciation of the responsibilities required by them in regard to training and deportment.

Uniform: The Team uniforms were admired and commented upon in several English, Scottish and U.S.A. newspapers.

Chaperon: It would appear that this title has been generally superseded by that of "Women's Sectional Manager" by other countries, and the position of Chaperon carries no status whatsoever.

It is suggested, therefore, that where the duties carried out by future Chaperons in charge of the women's section of the team, either with both athletes and swimmers or independently, include the additional duties of supervision of transport, attendance at training, coaching, arrangement of meals, attention to health, social arrangements and the various other duties pertaining to the smooth running and ultimate success of the team, that the title of Chaperon be not used, and a title more in keeping with the duties and responsibilities be adopted. The title selected be such that the Australian official will have at least equal status with that of those officials of other nations performing similar duties.

In conclusion:

I should like to express my appreciation of the co-operation, interest and assistance given at all times to the women's section of the Team by the General Manager, Mr. Edgar Tanner.

Mr. Jackson, as assistant to Mr. Tanner was also sympathetic and untiring in his help.

Details of the various competitions in which the Team participated follow.

Doris I. Magee,
Hon. Chaperon.

RESULTS OF WOMEN'S EVENTS.

London A.A.C.

Motspur Park

10th July, 1948.

100 METRES: 1st S. Strickland, 2nd J. King, 3rd J. Maston, 12.3 secs.

BROAD JUMP: 1st J. Maston (17'1") 2nd J. Canty (16'9")

400 METRES RELAY: 1st Bedford Junior Men: 2nd Australia (S. Strickland, J. Maston, B. McKinnon and J. King.)

Motspur Park. 17th July, 1948.

100 YARDS: 1st S. Strickland, 11.3 seconds.
220 YARDS: 2nd S. Strickland, 3rd B. McKinnon.
BROAD JUMP: 1st J. Canty (16'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")

Tooting Bec. W.A.A.C. 19th July, 1949.

100 YARDS: 2nd S. Strickland.
100 YARDS (SPECIAL): 1st J. Canty, 12 seconds.
220 YARDS: 2nd J. King.
220 YARDS (SPECIAL): 1st B. McKinnon, 25.6 seconds.
BROAD JUMP: 2nd J. Canty (15'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")
440 YARDS RELAY: 1st Australia (S. Strickland, J. Maston,
B. McKinnon, J. King) 49.8 seconds.

Polytechnic Meeting Chiswick 22nd July, 1948.

100 YARDS: 1st S. Strickland, 11.1 seconds.
220 YARDS: 1st S. Strickland, 25.8 seconds.
80 METRES HURDLES: 1st S. Strickland, 11.6 seconds.
BROAD JUMP: 1st J. Maston (16'11") and J. Canty (16'8")
440 YARDS RELAY: 1st Australia (S. Strickland, J. Maston,
B. McKinnon, J. King) time 50.3 seconds.

Enfield W.A.A.C. Enfield 24th July, 1948.

100 YARDS INVITATION: 1st S. Strickland, 2nd D. Robb (South Africa),
3rd J. Maston, 11.8 seconds.

Olympic Games. Wembley.

100 METRES: Heat 1. 3rd B. McKinnon
2. 1st S. Strickland 12.4 seconds
3. 4th J. King
Semi Final 1. 2nd S. Strickland
Final 3rd S. Strickland

200 METRES. Heat 3. 1st J. King 25.9 seconds
4. 2nd S. Strickland
5. 1st B. McKinnon 25.9 seconds

Semi Final 1. 6th J. King
2. 1st S. Strickland 24.9 seconds
6th B. McKinnon
Final 4th S. Strickland

80 METRES HURDLES: Heat 3. 2nd S. Strickland
Semi 2. 1st S. Strickland 11.7 seconds
Final 3rd S. Strickland

BROAD JUMP: Final 7th J. Canty 17'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
J. Maston (eliminated in preliminary round).

400 METRES RELAY: Heat 1. 2nd Australia (S. Strickland, J. Maston, B. McKinnon, J. King).
Final. 2nd Australia 47.6 seconds.

British Empire v U.S.A. White City 12th August, 1948.

80 METRES HURDLES: 1st. S. Strickland 11.3 seconds.

Belfast. Royal Ulster Constabulary. 14th August, 1948.

100 YARDS HANDICAP: Race 1. 1st S. Strickland (scr.) 11.6 seconds
2. 1st J. Canty (3 yds.)
2nd J. King (scr.) 11.8 seconds.

220 YARDS HANDICAP: Race 1. 1st S. Strickland (scr.) 26 seconds.
2nd J. King (scr.)
2. 3rd B. McKinnon (scr.)

Amsterdam International Meeting 15th August, 1948.

80 METRES HURDLES: 1st S. Strickland 11.8 seconds
100 METRES 1st S. Strickland 12.4 seconds

CONGRATULATIONS.

It is with pleasure that we congratulate the hard-working Victorian W.A.A.A. Secretary on her appointment as Women's Athletic Sectional Manager to the British Empire Games 1950.

It is gratifying to know that our representatives will be under the care of an experienced official. In addition, by her years of voluntary work in the cause of amateur athletics, she is the better able to assimilate knowledge whilst overseas, all of which must be for the greater good of the sport in Australia.

DONATIONS:

We wish to sincerely thank our President, Mrs. K. Beazley for her donation to Union funds.

APPRECIATION.

We desire, on behalf of the Union, to express appreciation and sincere thanks to the A.A.U. of A. for their co-operation and assistance; to Mr. G. Carruthers, our Hon. Auditor for his valued

work, and to the members of the Executive for the manner in which they have carried out their duties.

On behalf of the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union.

DORIS I. MAGEE,
Hon. Secretary.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

To look back over the last two years of organized women's athletics in Australia is to derive a great deal of satisfaction.

The Australian representation at the Olympic Games acquitted itself highly satisfactorily. In this connection the record of Miss Shirley Strickland is one of which we may well be proud.

At home in Australia a great stimulus was given to women's athletics because of the enterprise of the New South Wales Association. I refer to their bold and imaginative action in bringing to Australia Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen the outstanding woman athlete of the world. This undoubtedly aroused great public interest in women's athletics and was an incentive to girls to train to join Athletic Clubs and to become conscious of standards of athletic attainment.

Continued progress like that of the last two years will undoubtedly establish women's athletics more firmly in the public esteem than it has ever been before.

BETTY BEAZLEY,
President.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD 1ST DECEMBER 1947 TO

30TH NOVEMBER, 1949.

RECEIPTS.

PAYMENTS

Balance as at 1st Dec. 1947	114.11. 2	<u>Honorariums:</u> D. Magee 25/-/-	
<u>Affiliations:</u>		N. Gould 10/-/-	35. 0. 0
New South Wales £5/6/-		Room Hire - Conference	5. 0
Victoria 6/6/-		<u>Printings:</u>	
Sth. Australia 6/6/-		Report & Agenda 1/5/-	
West. Australia 6/6/-		Letterheads 1/-/5	2. 5. 5
Queensland 3/3/-	28. 7. 0	Secty's Petty Cash	5. 0. 0
Profit Olympic Carnival	5. 0. 0	Olympic Team Expenses	30. 0. 0
A.A.U. of A. - refund for N.S.W.W.A.A.A.	56. 0. 6	N.S.W.W.A.A.A.- adjust- ment of account	
		A.A.U. of A.	56. 0. 6
		Balance at 30th Nov. '49	
		At Bank 72/4/9	
		On Hand 3/3/-	75. 7. 9
	<u>£203.18. 8</u>		<u>£203.18. 8</u>

LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Accumulated Funds	95. 1. 6	N.S.W.W.A.A.A.-Profit	
		Aust. Championships	5.13. 9
		Medallion Dies	6. 0. 0
		Typewriter at cost	8. 0. 0
		Cash at Bank	72. 4. 9
		Cash on Hand	3. 3. 0
	<u>£95. 1. 6</u>		<u>£95. 1. 6</u>

N. GOULD Honorary Treasurer
G. CARRUTHERS, A.I.C.A. Honorary Auditor

6th December, 1949.