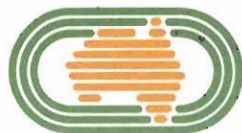


Australian Athletic Union



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO THE

3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

ADMINISTRATION

The Union has had salaried staff for over eight years now and the past year has seen a settling down of personnel. No changeover in staff was experienced in the last 12 months which helps to bring a note of stability to the sport.

The workload in the office continues to increase particularly in the area of national team administration. The period 1986/87 saw five teams with over 160 athletes representing their country. The problems involved with travel arrangements with these teams never ceases. This is not for the want of trying on our part, but because the teams and the destinations are so varied something different happens with each group. In addition to teams, more than ten invitations were received from overseas federations for Australian athletes to participate in competition. These invitations were mainly for road races and involved 18 people.

General enquiries in the Union office still run at a very high level when in a large number of cases such enquiries can be answered by Member Associations. From the type of enquiries received it appears that people are a little lazy and are not prepared to research the question from the I.A.A.F. handbook or our own constitution. It would help the office greatly if Member Associations would make every effort to refer to the two "bibles" mentioned above and also institute a system to have information forwarded in memos and circulars readily available.

The past 12 months bought a turnover of \$1.7 million. This is an increase on \$½ million on the previous 12 months. These figures do not include the funds that are processed through the athletes trust accounts, which if added would probably bring the total turnover to the \$2 million mark. It is said by some that the turnover of an organisation indicates the activity of that organisation!

Although we had serious problems in the middle of last year regarding our cash flow, by good management of funds we were eventually able to generate over \$22,000 in interest for the period. The receipt of interest has now become one of the major items in our budget calculations.

Our honorary staff continue to give the Union endless hours of work for the love of the sport. To Miss Lil Neville, Mr. Henri Schubert and Mr. Bert Gardiner, I say thank you.

SPONSORS

Unlike a number of sports, we continue to be lucky in securing and maintaining our sponsors.

Last year was the final year in the AUSTRALIAN SUGAR INDUSTRY sponsorship. Our thanks are extended to Mr. Eric White, Mr. Tony Thirwell and Mr. John Payne for the assistance and support of the Junior Development programme and the sponsorship of the Union.

A new agreement was concluded with AUSTRALIAN AIRLINES for a further three years and our association with ADIDAS continues to grow stronger each year.

Mars Confectionery are still happy with their involvement in the 5 Star Award. The coming twelve months will see a change in the administration of the scheme with the Union taking a more prominent role in co-ordinating the award.

The situation in relation to the marathon sponsorship with News Ltd. continued to provide a number of problems. As a consequence, News Ltd. has concluded their sponsorship arrangement with the Union.

COMPETITION

As mentioned above the number of teams and athletes representing Australia is growing each year. The coming twelve months is just as busy with at least seven teams being selected.

Although a number of people like to criticise Australian athletes for not doing well, our athletes still maintained a very high profile in the past twelve months.

The Commonwealth Games saw the best performance by an Australian athletic team at any Commonwealth Games and many personal best performances. Congratulations are extended to all athletes on their performance at the Commonwealth Games, particularly those that were successful. I would especially mention the performance by Stephen Moneghetti and Simon Baker and also that of Lisa Martin as the first winner of the Womens Marathon at the Games.

The I.A.A.F. introduced a World Championships for Juniors in 1986 and Australia had a team of 41 athletes in Athens. The lead in competition in Europe prior to the Championships took the form of intercountry competition. This is the first time that we have been able to undertake competition of this nature to any great degree. The World Championship team was supplemented by a number of other athletes to ensure full representation in the matches. Many personal bests were recorded and as a result ten athletes were added to the junior team to compete in Athens.

COMPETITION (Cont'd)

The junior athletes were most successful at their first outing in major International competition bringing home a gold, silver and bronze. This was an outstanding achievement for those concerned:

Miles Murphy	1st 400 Metres
Steve McBain	2nd 100 Metres
Werner Reiterer	3rd Discus

as over 1,200 athletes from 140 countries took part.

Our walkers continued to lead the world in their events. Kerry Saxby and David Smith both broke world records last year and the performances by the rest of the walking fraternity indicates Australia will be a force to reckon with in this event for some years to come.

On the domestic scene, the A.A.U. was unable to find a sponsor to support the International series we have been conducting over the last eight years. This competition was missed by athletes and every endeavour will be made to ensure that this competition will be held again this season.

Western Australia had a very successful two meet series in January attracting a number of top overseas athletes and large public attendance for the two competitions. The Association is to be congratulated on their initiative and is encouraged to pursue this series for the benefit of the athletes and the sport in Australia and the West.

The Union in conjunction with the West Australia Association and the West Australia Development Corporation made a bid to stage the 1991 World Track and Field Championships. Unfortunately, the bid was not successful.

The Bid for the 1988 World 15km Road Racing Championships for Women was successful and that event will be held in Adelaide in 20th March next. In conjunction with this World Championship, the Union in conjunction with the South Australian Government will be staging "Womens Week". This project is aimed at highlighting activities for women and has been accepted by the Bicentenary Authority as an endorsed event.

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

The Union has again enjoyed a fruitful relationship with the Australian Sports Commission and its officers. I would like to thank Phil Trenordan for all his help over the past twelve months. As a coach and ex-athlete administrator, Phil is well aware of our problems and is most sympathetic to our needs.

Thanks is extended to Mr. Greg Hartung and all Sports Commission personnel for their support.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Mr. Ron Harvey took up his position as Executive Director of the Institute at the beginning of the year and since that time we have had the pleasure of Mr. Harvey's company at the Australian Championships and met with him on two occasions regarding athletics at the Institute.

Fletcher McEwen's paper on athletics and the Institute has been accepted by the Board of the Institute and it is hoped that we may be able to commence implementing the plans set down in this paper as soon as possible.

CONCLUSION

Thanks is extended to our sponsors and the media for their continued assistance and support.

I would like to thank the staff for their continued support over the year. As mentioned earlier we have settled down re staffing which helps greatly in providing stability and building up knowledge in relation to the organisation of the sport.

The coming year will provide more excitement for athletics with the World Championships in early September, the preparation for the 1988 Olympic Games, the staging of the 1988 World 15km Road Running Championships for Women and the start of the Bicentenary celebrations.

Rick Pannell,
General Manager

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ANALYSIS OF REGISTRATIONS

	<u>MEN</u>		<u>WOMEN</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
Athletes						
Senior	5071	5008	1147	1200	6199	6208
Under 20	975	844	465	312	1440	1156
Under 18	4452	4225	3251	3101	7703	7326
Under 12	1369	1333	1127	1123	2496	2456
Officials and Life Members					1262	1646
	<u>11867</u>	<u>11410</u>	<u>5990</u>	<u>5736</u>	<u>19100</u>	<u>18792</u>

PARTICIPATION IN PERMIT MEETS

<u>Total</u> permits issued July 1986/June 1987	394
Number of above events which advised entry numbers:	23
<u>Total</u> number of participants as advised:	68,886

QUEENSLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION LIMITED



President:	Mr. John Bailey	
General Manager:	Mr. Reg Brandis	
Athletes:	Male	1778
	Female	1220
Officials and Life Members		366
Coaches		148

The 1986/87 Athletic Year was a difficult one financially and administratively for the Q.A.A. and included its share of controversy. Happily the recent Annual General Meeting voiced an overwhelming vote of confidence in the Board of Directors and the administration and with sponsorship guaranteed for 1987/88 already in excess of \$50,000 the financial viability of the Association is assured.

Queensland views with great concern the continuing fall in registrations Nationally which has seen as 23% drop over the past six years. Of greater concern is the lack of evidence that any positive measures are being taken to reverse the trend. Whilst the fall in registrations in Queensland during this period has been only 6.8%, nevertheless the Q.A.A. is implementing urgent measures to increase registrations and we urge the A.A.U. and State Associations to do likewise. To continue to ignore this reduction in registrations is to guarantee a catastrophic future for the Sport. During the year four new country clubs, Mt. Morgan, Burdekin, Emerald and Bowen were affiliated and further new country clubs are expected to form in the Dalby, Tara and Sunshine Coast areas.

A major advance during the year was the successful combining of the All Schools Track and Field Championships with the Queensland State Secondary Schools Sports Association Championships to form one major Schools Championships with administration and entries handled by the Schools body and the competition run by the Q.A.A. This has now had further benefits for the Q.A.A. with officials courses being conducted for teachers with a view to recruiting officials for the Australian All Schools in Brisbane in December and in-service coaching courses for teachers being conducted by the State Director of Coaching. The potential for recruitment of officials, coaches and athletes is unlimited.

Five Queenslanders, John Atkinson, Kerry Johnson, Ken Gordon, Simon Shirley and Sharon Jaklofsky-Smith were selected for the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games and a further seven for the inaugural World Junior Championships in Greece. Queensland is now also producing some top class road and cross country runners, no doubt aided by the high quality sponsored events now being conducted in the State. Queensland has a wealth of junior talent and the major thrust of the Q.A.A.'s future coaching plan will be to develop these exciting juniors to realise their full potential. The first step was a fully funded tour by 23 juniors under the direction of Garry Brown to compete at meetings in Sydney and Canberra and spend time at the A.I.S.

QUEENSLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION LTD. (Cont'd)

Country athletics continues to provide some 61% of the State's registrations and the fact that six members of the National teams for Edinburgh and Greece came from country areas underlines the talent available outside the Brisbane region. To identify and foster this talent the Q.A.A. conducted a City-Country Under 16 Challenge, won by the country team, and this event will now be held annually. In addition to regular visits by Q.A.A. coaching staff to country areas, the Association is presently considering a proposal from the General Manager to employ part-time Coaching Co-ordinators in regional areas in order to enhance and promote coaching services.

A significant development during the year was the incorporation of the Association under the Companies (Queensland) Code as a Company Limited by guarantee. Whilst this placed further work on our hard-working staff the future benefits to Queensland athletics are obvious.

During the year the Q.A.A. subsidised all members of State teams for 50% of their travel expenses to National Championships and provided additional subsidies of up to 100% of travel and accommodation costs based on performance. Whilst this involved the Q.A.A. in considerable expenditure the Association believes that it should assist its members with the ever-increasing costs associated with attaining success and this subsidy will be maintained in 1987/88.

No report on Queensland Athletics would be complete without recording the sterling efforts of Jack Forrest and his Committee in the area of recruiting and training officials. Queensland leads the Nation in this regard.

Major proposals for 1987/88 include development of a five year plan, appointment of Country Coaching Co-ordinators, a major recruitment drive for members, increased schools development activities, a major effort to increase the involvement of females and non-registered athletes in the sport and the conduct of community events and high profile track meetings. Whilst these projects are ambitious, the Q.A.A. is confident that it has the expertise, resources and willingness to ensure they come to fruition.

VICTORIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INC.



President:	Mr. Stan Guilfoyle
Executive Director:	Mr. Gregor Mason
Athletes:	Male 3902
	Female 1325
Officials & Life Members	429

The 1986/87 winter season got off to a good start at Sandown Racecourse in May. The Victorian Road Relay Championships were held at Sandown Racecourse, together with an opening and registration day. The road relays were very well attended with over 1000 entries. The winter season proved to be very popular and was a good indication of how popular distance running is becoming.

Due to lack of sponsorship, the Victorian Marathon could not be held in August, however, we were fortunate enough to be able to combine it with the Budget Melbourne Marathon in October.

The summer track and field season commenced on the 18th October. Competition was held at the five Metropolitan venues. Competition was held at Olympic Park nearly every week, as venues used it on a rotational basis throughout the season. State League (for women) and men's A grade were held five times throughout the season as Twilight meetings on a Tuesday night. Seven P.B. meetings were held during the season. Once again, these proved to be extremely successful, with athletes qualifying for Victorian and World Championships.

The Australian Men's 10K and Women's 3K Championships were held in February with some fine performances and keen competition. Climatic conditions were ideal.

The Victorian Championships were held over three successive weekends in February. Entries were on par with previous years in the junior and under 20 age groups. However, the open age group was down due to the fact that qualifying standards were set. Overall, the Championships were a great success and many good performances were seen.

The Victorian All Schools Track Relays and Track and Field Championships were held in late October/early November at Olympic Park. It was well attended with over 800 entries from all over Victoria.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



President:	Mr. Paul Druitt
Executive Director:	Mr. Alan Marshall
Athletes:	Male 377
	Female 185
Officials & Life Members	98
Coaches	63

The year has been one of many staff changes in the Association Office. Following the resignation of Alan Marshall as Executive Director, Brian Roe acted in the position for a short while. Then, after more than four months of the position being vacant, Tony Rice was appointed. Likewise there has been a succession of Administration Officers. It is hoped that the present staff will stabilise the Association, and that Tony Rice will spearhead the development of athletics in Western Australia by taking a more organised and definite role with the dual task of Executive Director and Coaching Co-ordinator.

The highlights of the year were the Quit International Track and Field Classic and Swan Premium Challenge held in January. These International athletic meets attracted the largest crowds to attend Perry Lakes Stadium since the Commonwealth Games held at Perth in 1962. West Australians enjoyed seeing the International athletes perform including sprinters Ben Johnson, Allan Wells and Angella Issajenko; pole vaulters Joe Dial and Larry Jesse; javelin throwers Klaus Tafelmeier and Tom Petranoff and milers Steve Cram and David Sharpe. The special sponsorship by the Western Australian Government Department of Health for this meet was very much appreciated.

Building on the success of the Quit meet, this Association has developed proposals for an Australian Grand Prix Circuit. The ultimate result will be five capital city track and field meets with 20 overseas athletes competing.

Perth's bid for the 1991 World Athletic Championships was close to being successful. This was due to the support given by the A.A.U. and in particular the efforts of Wally Foreman, Chairman of the Bid Committee; Michael Aitken, Executive Director of the Western Australian Sports Federation and executives of the Western Australian Development Corporation and Department of Tourism.

An Executive Organising Committee was formed in February 1987, to commence looking at the various planning aspects for the conduct at Perry Lakes Stadium of the 1988 Australian Under 20 and Open Track and Field Championships. This Committee is meeting regularly, with the main initial thrust on the establishment of a budget and the presentation of a timetable of events.

In January 1987, a Working Committee was formed with members of A.A.W.A. and W.A.L.A.A. to effectively co-ordinate and integrate competition for the overlapping age groups. It is anticipated that greater liaison between the two Associations will result and we will see more little athletes staying in our sport for their senior years.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Cont'd)

The formation of an Officials Club during the year was a step in the right direction and will surely be of greater prominence in the years ahead.

During the year the West Australian Branch of the Australian Track and Field Coaches' Association was granted recognition as the coaching arm of A.A.W.A. - a move which will be of benefit to both Associations in arranging coaching and development programmes.

The State Government Insurance Commission continues to be our major sponsor, whilst the Government Department for Sport and Recreation and the Swan Brewery also provide a great deal of financial assistance. We are also grateful to associate sponsors Australian Airlines, Mars Confectionary of Australia, Adidas and Budget Rent-a-Car. We are also appreciative of the support given by Western Australian Institute of Sport and Western Australian Sports Federation.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



President: Mr. Ken English
Executive Director: Mr. Bill Bailey
Athletes: Male 466
 Female 120
Officials & Life Members: 33

NEW SOUTH WALES AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Centenary 1887-1987



President: Mr. Raymond Durie
Executive Director: Mr. Clive D. Lee
Athletes: Male 3467
 Female 2159
Officials & Life Members: 521

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA



President: Mr. G.T. Briggs
Executive Director: Mr. N.J. Ruddock
Hon Secretary: Mrs. M. Ebzery OAM
Athletes: Male 671
 Female 439
Officials & Life Members 98

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



President: Mr. David Prince
Executive Director: Ms. Kathy Edwards
Athletes: Male 749
 Female 288
Officials & Life Members 101
Coaches 70



AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS ATHLETIC CLUBS

President: Heather Doherty (Qld)
Secretary: M.E. (Peg) Smith (Vic)

Entries received from many Olympians including Al Oerter and Ester Rot to compete in the VII World Veterans' Games is an indication of the standard of competition to be expected in Melbourne 28th November - 6th December. Al Oerter M50 is expecting to throw the discus further than in Melbourne in 1956 when he won the Gold.

The promotion of the Games during the last twelve months has resulted in up to a 30% increase in membership of State Clubs. This is expected to be event greater for 1987-88 as the Games draw closer. The initial entries for the Games indicated that there will be well in excess of 3000 competitors.

The National Championships in Sydney drew a record number of entries for the four days of competition. One of the most popular events was the introduction of the hammer for women as a championship event. There were 37 entries. A great number considering that there are only 25 women entered in the 10km.

The World Veterans' Games have been a catalyst and brought the AAU and the AAVAC together. An example of how two organisatins can benefit with shared experiences and knowledge. A continuing close working relationship will benefit all concerned with encouraging the growth of athletics throughout Australia in the future.



AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

SYDNEY OFFICE

REPORT BY COMPETITION MANAGER

The past 12 months has been a period of change and tremendous growth for the Sydney office of the A.A.U. A move to new accommodation, disruption to the Marathon, a major new event, the development of proposals to conduct other events and formulation of the Winter Development Strategy together made for a full and challenging year.

Due to internal expansion within the News Limited building, new premises had to be found. Space was unavailable in Sports House with the NSWAAA, so suitable leasehold premises were found at 24 Clarke Street, Crows Nest. The move was completed by the 17th November, 1986. Establishment costs were kept to a minimum, thanks to a generous offer by News Limited for us to take with us all the office furniture that we had used for the previous four years.

Having settled in to our new home, the 1987 Marathon was foremost in our mind. Just prior to Christmas 1986, Bob Ansett's Budget organisation reneged on it's three year commitment to Channel Ten to be the Marathon's major sponsor. This, coupled with major upheavals within Network Ten's management caused by the change of ownership early in 1987, were severe body blows to the Marathon.

Whilst the Marathon funding was guaranteed by News Limited (the A.A.U.'s event sponsor) the promotion of the event was funded by the sale of Channel Ten's sponsorship packages. Network Ten had little interest in the Marathon until their internal problems were resolved. Their disinterest extended so far as to not even make contact with long time sponsors the Commonwealth Bank, who had in previous discussions with the Race Director, declared their intention to be associated with the event in 1987. Unfortunately, a major supporter of the Marathon was lost.

In spite of a rush of late entries, due to promotion by makeshift sponsors Westfield, the event never recovered from these two body blows. Entries plummeted to their lowest ever figure since the event went "public".

We intend to secure our own sponsors for 1988. Negotiations are proceeding with a Television Network to broadcast the event, and their reaction so far is very encouraging. Sponsorship packages will now be designed with the Network in mind and proposals made to a variety of sponsors.

The inaugural Manufacturers Hanover Corporate Challenge was staged in Sydney on Wednesday, March 11, 1987. This event was a huge success with almost 1,800 corporate runners turning out on a balmy evening in Sydney's Domain.

The Bank was so delighted with the event that they asked us to submit budgets to stage the event in Sydney and Melbourne in 1988. Unfortunately, due to financial constraints at an International level, Melbourne was deferred for next year, but the staging of the Sydney race has been confirmed.

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION, SYDNEY OFFICE
REPORT BY COMPETITIONS MANAGER (Cont'd)

Proposals have been prepared recently for the staging of three other events by the Sydney office.

1. The Sydney Greek Marathon

Sydney's Greek community plan to stage a Marathon in conjunction with their DEMETRIA celebrations in October/November each year. Our participation as event organiser is assured. Proposals are currently before sponsors and answers are expected shortly on whether the event will be conducted in 1987.

2. Womens Only 10K Road Race

The Australian Bicentennial Authority is offering to provide grants to fund specific womens activities in 1988.

Our proposal for the staging of the Womens Only 10K Road Race in Sydney's western suburbs has been submitted to the A.B.A. for their consideration.

3. The Rich River Marathon

We have been approached by the Rich River Golf Club from Echuca to take part in a feasibility study for the staging of an annual International standard marathon by the Club. Their financial support of the event seems to be quite strong, so prospects are good. The feasibility study is proceeding.

The role of the Sydney office has continued to develop over the past 12 months. The substantial increase in the number of enquiries and applicants under our event permitting system is very encouraging. The Winter Development Strategy submitted to the Board in January 1987, points to the need for a fun runner registration option for the A.A.U. Revisions to the event permitting system in line with recommendations in the development strategy are now in place. Developments in other areas are proceeding.

The UNISYS computer system for the Sydney office has now been installed as part of the A.A.U.'s National sponsorship agreement. Miss Carolyn Talbot has recently completed an intensive three day course with UNISYS to enable us to maximise the benefits of this generous sponsorship.

Canon are generously supporting us in a new contra sponsorship deal. They have provided a medium capacity photocopier at no charge, other than routine running costs, in return for endorsements on a range of printed material distributed from this office.

We look forward to a challenging year ahead and in particular the opportunity to make an even greater contribution to the A.A.U. finances through our event organising activities.

Jeff Lambert
Competitions Manager

REPORT OF THE COACHING CO-ORDINATOR

Coach Development

There has been a wide variety of coach education activities during the year. The formal level II and III course examinations have been completed with 20 level II and 5 level III coaches being awarded their certificates.

The Coaching Co-ordinating Committee is in the process of reviewing the syllabi for the formal courses with a view to introducing the amended syllabi as soon as possible. The level 0 and Level III rewrites have been completed, the level I course is under extensive discussion with a new outline syllabus in the final stages of preparation and the level II course modification will be trialed in next January before final adoption. In each case the modifications have been aimed at making the courses much more practically centered. Increased emphasis has been placed on the actual process of coaching with a much more integrated treatment of theory and practice. In particular, the level I course has been modified with the aim of making its graduates far more effective coaches in the short term after graduating.

These modifications should make what is already accepted as one of the model schemes in the Nation even more effective in preparing coaches for their work.

Elite Coaches Seminar

Several members of the panel of National Event Coaches attended the Elite Coaches Seminar conducted in Canberra on 5th-7th December, by the Australian Sports Commission. The conference had three keynote lecturers, two of which were from overseas, and was open to the best coaches in all sports. It was encouraging to note that the athletic coaches were in the forefront of experience and knowledge.

Bridging Courses

Three bridging courses have been held, the first in Perth on the 16th and 17th of May, the second in Melbourne on the 12th-14th June and the third in Brisbane on 25th-26th July. They have been extremely well received and have provided extension and enrichment for coaches in attendance and the opportunity to lessen the gap between Level I and II requirements. The courses are funded by The Rothman's Foundation through the A.T. & F.C.A. and are conducted by a mixture of local and interstate experts.

It is envisaged that when the new Level I syllabus is adopted that the need for these bridging courses will disappear. At this time it is planned to continue with similar courses on a local basis which are purely for enrichment of coaches.

REPORT OF THE COACHING CO-ORDINATOR (Cont'd)

Throws Conference

Jimmy Pedemonte, now National throwing coach of Italy and a recognised World ranking authority on training theory, acted as keynote speaker at the Throws Conference held in Canberra on 7th-9th November. The conference was attended by members from each State and was very instructional to local coaches. Jimmy Pedemonte also conducted clinics in Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth en route back to Perth.

Oceania Courses

Australian coaches have been active in Oceania both as instructors and as course members. Ten Australian sprint/hurdle and endurance coaches attended the New Zealand Centenary Coaching Conference in early March. The coaches chosen to attend were drawn selected with a view to providing opportunity for International exposure to a new batch of individuals. Merv Kemp also lectured at this course and received excellent reviews from the organisers.

Ten Australian, nine New Zealand and one Fijian coach attended the N.S.W. Centenary multiple event coaching conference in April. The keynote lecturer was Andy Higgins from Canada. Andy was an excellent choice as he presented a very practical view of the events. We were fortunate to have him stand in at the last moment as two original lecturers had to withdraw on short notice. The course was well received although the timing and late finalization of budget and final arrangements resulted in the attendance being lower than originally planned.

Three Australian coaches, Les Hudson, Phil Newton and Roger Green attended to Colgate Junior Development Camp in Goroka where they coached athletes and instructed indigenous coaches. Excellent reports have been received from the PNG head coach Tom Brandt.

Norm Osborne and I lectured at an Oceania Level II Coaches Course in Suva which was attended by over 50 Island Coaches. It was interesting to note that one non-attender from those enrolled was Col. Sitiveni Rabuka, perhaps the events of the days immediately after the course provide an explanation! Dick Quax and Sam Johnson from New Zealand also lectured in what was a happy and successful course.

Jack Pross and Roy Boyd have just returned from Indonesia where they have conducted coaches training courses on behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs. Jack will continue on to Malaysia at the request of the local Federation for similar courses.

Max Debnam and Mick A'Hern will be lecturing at an I.A.A.F. course in Vanuatu in the near future.

In addition to these National and International activities, locally based courses have also been conducted. Of particular note is the outstanding programme of courses being organised in N.S.W. where an enormously successful throwing events weekend was held. The three Australian coaches who attended the European Coaches Convention in Aix-les-Bains in January, all attended and passed on their experiences from that course.

REPORT OF THE COACHING CO-ORDINATOR (Cont'd)

Coaching Administration

A new constitution was adopted by the A.T. & F.C.A. at their Annual Meeting which re-introduced a bi-annual meeting of state delegates. These meetings were agreed to on condition that the cost of these meetings be met by the individual branches to ensure that the additional educational courses introduced when the original board meetings were suspended could be maintained.

The following delegates were elected to the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee at the A.G.M.

President:	Jess Jarver
Vice-President:	John Boas
States Delegate:	Colin Smith

A meeting of the Throws Event Group coaches was arranged by Merv Kemp and held at Sydney Airport with the assistance of A.T. & F.C.A. financial support. The meeting was a valuable opportunity for the event coaches to discuss development in their area. In particular a complete review of implement specifications was completed at this meeting (see separate submission).

This meeting unanimously supported the addition of an U/15 hammer throw to the Australian Schools Championship Programme. I would add the U/15 pole vault to their recommendation as there is no acceptable reason to exclude these events, on the contrary there are strong developmental reasons for their inclusion.

Manfred Lewandowski has been appointed National Event Coach for sprints filling the vacancy left by the resignation of June Ferguson.

The Australian Institute of Sport

The Review Committee of the A.I.S. chaired by John Landy completed its report and it was duly presented to the A.I.S. Board in late February. They have adopted the report and are now seeking formal endorsement by the A.A.U. This report has been circulated to board members. The principle of regionalization is now well established and should be phased in whenever suitable opportunities arise.

The overall relations with the A.I.S. are now working on a very harmonious level. There has been regular consultation between us on all major decisions and serious note is being taken of our suggestions.

With the resignation of Tony Rice, the position of Chief Coach has been replaced by that of an administrator. That position has been filled by Peter Bowman and a jumps coach position has been advertised. I have been included on the Appointment Committee which has begun interviews, but as yet, no suitable candidate has been unearthed. Alternative arrangements are being investigated on both a long and short term basis.

Fletcher McEwen,
Coaching Co-ordinator

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

COACHING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1986/87 delegates were Jess Jarver, Fletcher McEwen, Marlene Mathews, Tony Rice, John Boas, Dale Horrobin, Jackie Byrnes and Rick Pannell. Five meetings were held during the year and funded in the main by the Australian Athletic Union.

At the 1987 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association, Jackie Byrnes was replaced by Colin Smith, and following Tony Rice's resignation from the Australian Institute of Sport, Merv Kemp was appointed as the Institutes representative in the interim.

There has been a wide variety of coach education activities during the last twelve months.

The National Level II and III courses conducted in Canberra during January, when 20 Level II and 5 Level III coaches were successful in gaining their accreditation, are our major financial projects.

The Coaching Co-ordinating Committee is in the process of reviewing the syllabi for all formal courses.

Other activities included:

- (i) National Coaching Conference, Canberra, October 1986
- (ii) National Coaching Conferences in "Jumps" and "Throws" event groups
- (iii) Oceania Multi Events Course, March 1987
- (iv) Bridging courses - Western Australia, May 1987
- Victoria, June 1987
- Queensland, July 1987.

In line with current policy the Committee continues to make recommendations to the Australian Athletic Union Executive, for coaches appointed to National teams.

In conclusion, I believe that the coaching programme is working successfully although our National strategy in some areas is hamstrung through lack of funding. Our sincere thanks are extended to the Rothmans Foundation and the Australian Institute of Sport for their continued support of our programmes.

Our thanks must also go to the band of dedicated coaches who do a remarkable job supporting our programmes, working with extremely limited budgets and man hours to carry out their coaching duties.

Marlene Mathews,
Convenor.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

Work has been completed on the 1986/87 Almanac and should be available in the near future.

Problems still arise from the lack of a centralized registration system. It is still very difficult and time consuming to get dates of birth; therefore junior lists are very difficult to compile.

There are still problems in getting results from some Associations, in particular A.C.T., and to a certain extent Hobart venue. As I am still without a computer the lists have to be compiled manually and if results do not come in on time (sometimes I have to wait three months) it compounds my work load and ranking lists are incomplete.

All I require are performances better than the bottom performance in each event in the preceding year's Almanac with the same information, e.g. performance, full name, year of birth, place in race, wind reading (if applicable), venue and date. Also note any mixed races for women. If there is nobody available to do the above, then please send a copy of your results. I am happy to take out the relevant information.

I have tried to keep each Association up to date with ranking lists and I have also supplied a ranking list just prior to the Nationals. A regular roundup of results are always submitted to the A.A.U. office and the A.A.U. News and occasionally some of it is printed.

Each year I do a Commonwealth ranking list which has been published overseas and also in the A.A.U. News. In 1986 a Commonwealth all-time list I had worked on with other statisticians home and abroad was completed and published by NUTS a British Statisticians Association. Copies are still available.

I would like to thank all those people and organizations who assisted me by sending results throughout the season and are credited in the Almanac.

Paul Jenes
Statistician

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

1987 was a quiet year for the Australian Technical Committee. The Union Administration having referred only a few subjects to the Committee for study and recommendations, however, the Members of the Committee had a number of discussions by phone and at the National Championships in Sydney during March 1987. The three appointed members held a meeting where discussions were held on a number of subjects.

The specifications for the 4K hammer which was referred to all Member Associations during 1983-84 for trial and comment back to the Union within two years was discussed and has been recommended for adoption as no request for any alteration has been received.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont'd)

The proposed amendments to the I.A.A.F. Rules received firstly through Mr. Denis Wilson, Oceania I.A.A.F. Technical Representative in May 1987 and secondly the A.A.U. late June, has been studied and recommendations forwarded.

Reference Memo 1.16 dated 1/4/1987 - Duties of Technical Delegates to Australian Championships.

A copy of this schedule of duties prepared by the A.A.U. office and circulated much earlier to affiliated bodies was referred to the Technical Committee in March and the points set out were discussed at a meeting of members at Sydney Athletic Field in late March and our recommended amendments were forwarded to the Union.

Reference Memo 14.0 dated 3/6/1987 and I.A.A.F. letter dated 26/5/1987 - Re Merv Kemp's letter dated 1/5/1987.

The I.A.A.F. ruling has been noted.

Ray Frith, OAM
Convenor

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Technical officials theory examinations were held in November 1986 and May 1987; all State Associations having candidates. As is the usual practice, the theory papers are marked by A.A.U. Committee members from two different State Associations and then those who passed the theory examination are told the answers to the questions that they incorrectly answered.

It is most gratifying to the Committee that there is such an interest by the officials to become "graded". The A.A.U. officials badges have now been received and all State Associations have been notified. I feel that the badges will be a good incentive to officials - they can now be identified as a "gradedofficial".

Listed below are the number of graded officials in each State, most of whom are graded in more than one event. In addition to those graded, i.e. those who have passed both a theory and a practical examination, there are a great number who have passed a theory examination but have not as yet completed a practical examination.

Australian Capital Territory	37 graded officials.
New South Wales	171
Queensland	279
South Australia	73
Tasmania	31
Victoria	157
Western Australia	<u>83</u>

TOTAL 831 graded officials

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont'd)

All members of the A.A.U. Officials Committee have been most conscientious and it has been my pleasure to work with them.

Flo Wrighter
Convenor

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Constitution/Investigating Committee had several matters referred to it during the past year.

The investigation of Wayne Barber continued, which necessitated a very thorough investigation. A recommendation was sent to the A.A.U. Board that Wayne Barber be disqualified from competing.

The Incorporation Memorandum and Articles of the Queensland Association were checked and after several alterations were made, it was recommended to the Board that this be approved.

The matter of athletes who had entered Australian Championships without having attained the qualifying standard was referred to the Committee. It was recommended to the Board that no action be taken and that all correspondence on the matter be referred to the next Board Meeting.

The Committee have before it at the present time the Notices of Motion for the Annual Congress, which will necessitate alterations in several places.

Flo Wrighter,
Convenor

RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1986/87 season must foresee a very heartening future for athletics with the quality and standard of athletes as seen by the number of records processed during the past 12 months.

A total of 77 records were bettered:

Women:	U/16	10
	U/18	2
	U/20	2
	National	7
	Open	5
	Commonwealth	5
	World	2

RECORDS COMMITTEE (Cont'd)

Men:	U/16	10
	U/18	4
	U/20	19
	National	7
	Open	3
		<u>43</u>

Also at the Australian Schools Track and Field Championships in Sydney, 12 performers bettered the previous best on records.

Women:	U/15	4
	U/17	2
	U/19	3
		<u>9</u>
Men:	U/17	3

Ronda Jenkins,
Convenor.

SELECTION COMMITTEE - TRACK AND FIELD

The Selection Committee were involved in three major selections during the season:

- World Cup Walk, New York
- World Championships, Rome
- Junior touring team to North America.

Difficulties are still arising with selecting junior teams due to the different ages used by the A.A.U. as to the I.A.A.F. The Committee once again urges the A.A.U. to follow the same rules as does the I.A.A.F.

I wish to thank Dale Horrobin for his work on the eligibility and availability of the juniors.

The Committee became aware during the season that policy changes had been made by the Board relating to Selections. These changes had not been officially notified to the Committee. The Committee only became aware of them when they were verbally told by the National Coaching Director.

The Selection Committee requests the Board to pass on any policy changes to selection, or any decision relating to selections, in writing as soon as it is practically possible. The Committee further requests that they be asked for an input when decisions are to be made, e.g. changes to the relay team for the 1986 Commonwealth team.

SELECTION COMMITTEE - TRACK AND FIELD (Cont'd)

The Committee further requests the Board to resolve the situation of have two Selection Committees. Is distance running an elite sport that they require a separate Committee? There are two sets of selection criteria for major teams which are often different. Why should there be a different criteria for the marathon as to the road walks? Why is there continual efforts to take the walks from one Committee and give it to another Committee who doesn't want it (road)? The current Committee is quite capable of handling the walks. A resolution to this problem would be appreciated.

I wish to thank my co-selectors and the National Coaching Director for their work.

Paul Jenés
Chairman.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

During the past year the Women's Committee have made the following recommendations to the Australian Athletic Union:

1. The triple jump be an official Australian Championship event.
2. The hammer throw become an official Australian Championship event as from 1988.
3. The pole vault be included as an invitational event at the 1988 Australian Championships, with the view to it becoming a Championship event in 1989.
4. Plans be undertaken for the introduction of steeple chase for women.
5. All future National relay carnivals include identical events for women.
6. The Australian Athletic Confederation be requested to include women's events in all of their carnivals.
7. Responded to the I.A.A.F. questionnaire.
8. Support the Women's Sport Conference for March 1988.
9. Prepared submission for Women's Commission to the Australian Athletic Board for inclusion in Athletics Towards 2000.

Wendy Ey on behalf
of Joan Cross and
Margaret Mahony

REPORT FROM THE DISTANCE RUNNING COMMISSION

The Distance Running Commission met on 6th June 1987 to consider the resolutions of a survey of Australian leading distance runners and overseas team travel. The Commission also considered a number of other distance running issues and a series of recommendations went from the Commission to the A.A.U. Board. However, the Board offered a number of recommendations and also asked the Commission to further investigate several issues for a report to the October Board Meeting. However, the Commission at its next meeting will also consider sponsorship possibilities for our distance running teams. This would probably require the co-operation of prospective team members to give a potential sponsorship exposure. It might involve personal appearances, endorsement or wearing certain approved advertising.

The Commission has advised the distance runner group of the results of the survey and the action the Commission is taking on behalf of the Board.

Denis Wilson,
Chairman.