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54th

ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - SEASON 1964-1965.

Presented to Members at the Annual General Meeting held at the
Campbell Town Hotel, Campbell Town, on Sunday 30th May 1965 at
11.30a.m.

<u>PATRON</u>	:	His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, Lieut. General Sir Charles Gairdner KCMG., KCVO., KBE., CB.
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<u>DELEGATES - TASMANIAN SPORTS COUNCIL</u>	:	Messrs. L. Spears and N. J. Ruddock.
<u>HON. RECORDERS</u>	:	Messrs. C. A. and E. C. Wise.
<u>HON. SECRETARY - TREASURER</u>	:	Mr. N. J. Ruddock.

Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that your council presents the Association's 54th Annual Report.

The past season has been an exceptional one in many ways.

Highlights were:-

- (1) Conducting the Australian Track and Field and Decathlon Championships.
- (2) Breaking of a World Record in Hobart.
- (3) Remarkable increase in the number of registered Athletes
- (4) Rapid progress by the Northern Branch.
- (5) Steady increase in the popularity of Cross Country running.

Little progress, if any, has been made in the matter of coaching or the Athletic Centre.

Reviewing the year, it has been most successful athletically but financially things have been worrying to say the least.

Athletically, a deal of progress has been made. Increased numbers must mean that, at least, one of our objects has been fulfilled. Top standard athletes have competed in Tasmania and many first class meetings have been well organised and conducted. The fact that your council has had and still has its troubles financially is important, of course, but promoting athletics must, of necessity, cost money and there is no doubt that the problem will be overcome in the next season.

The moves to form a walkers and marathon clubs have been greeted with approval by the council. This indicates that interest in these sections of our sport is at an all time high and rather suggests that the Association is at last attracting athletes to, what might be termed, the less glamorous side of athletics.

REGISTRATIONS: After a decrease of 45 in the number of registered athletes and officials last season the hopes of your council that this would only be a temporary decline proved correct. An astonishing 37.5% increase was recorded making a total of 627 by far the largest number ever registered in Tasmania. The statistics were:-

South	315	-	increase of 51	+	19%	
North	215	-	increase of 112	+	100% 108 1/2%	
North West	97	-	increase of 8	+	9%	
	<u>627</u>		increase of 171	+	37 1/2%	

A further break up reveals information which provides plenty of food for thought.

	Seniors	Juniors	Sub. Juniors	Juvenils	Officials
South	75	46	53	114	27
North	19	16	44	119	17
North W.	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>15</u>
	109	78	120	261	59

Of the Juvenils 78 were under 12 years old.

The lack of seniors in the North and North West is a real problem but the large number of schoolchildren and their enthusiasm should pay dividends in the near future. The tremendous increase in the North gives great satisfaction to your council and even though the majority of athletes are in the younger age groups the revival proves that the faith expressed last year in the re-organised committee was well founded.

The continued improvement by the Southern Branch also gives satisfaction. North West is still having difficulty in getting and keepin the older athlete but it is felt that it is also on the right track in catering for the youngsters.

COACHING: The appallingly low standard in field games throughout the state will never be raised until some real effort is made to improve the coaching of these events. Some tentative enquiries were made in regard to bringing a

Field Games coach from Victoria to coach and lecture but no finality was reached. Stewart Embling spent several weeks in the state coaching at the time of the Australian Championships. His visit was organised, most capably, by Mr. C.A. Wise, Tasmania's representative to the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee, in conjunction with your President. Mr. Embling did a great deal of excellent work, particularly with schoolchildren.

TRACK AND FIELD: All branches were able to conduct regular inter-club competition during the season, something which has been urged for a long time, and this must result in improved standards and greater keenness.

Main highlight of the year, was the breaking of the 5,000 metres world record by Ron Clarke on 16th January 1965 at North Hobart. In the same race Tony Ellerton of Northern Suburbs set a new time for the Australian Junior 5,000 metres.

Ron Clarke, Trevor Vincent, Keith Wheeler and Tony Cook were invited by the Southern Branch to compete during the ordinary inter-club meeting on a Saturday morning and all accepted the invitation except Wheeler. Under perfect conditions Clarke lowered V. Koets world record by 2 sec. to 13 min. 34.8sec and provided Tasmanians with one of their greatest sporting moments.

Later in the season W.D. and H.O. Wills sponsored a "Little Olympics" meeting at North Hobart, on Sunday 21st March. All expenses, except the printing of the programme were paid by the sponsors 9 Olympians - 6 men and 3 women to Hobart to compete. The meeting proved successful financially but athletically, due to poor support from local athletes, it was not the spectacle it could have been.

The Triangular Contest: was conducted by the North West Branch at Devonport on 23rd January 1965. The programme was the same as last year except that a 6 miles was substituted for the 3 miles and a Pole Vault senior was included. The meeting was very capably organised and conducted but was rather drawn out and suffered from a lack of officials. The absence of Southerners was particularly noticeable.

Once again the Southern Branch dominated the meeting and won all three divisions comfortably. The lack of competition is one of the drawbacks of an otherwise well worth while contest. A very disturbing feature was that neither the Monomeith or J. J. Breen Trophies were available for presentation. The holders - South - was asked to ensure that they be on the ground but was unable to do so.

THE TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: were again allocated to the Southern Branch and were held at North Hobart on 20th and 21st March 1965. The full programme of championship events including a steeplechase without the water jump was conducted. The first day was a full days programme as the T.W.A.A.A. held its titles in conjunction. A number of Northern and North Western officials augmented those from the South to run the meetings in a most efficient manner.

The standards of performance was reasonably good with competition very keen and close, although as usual the lack of technique in field events was very apparent. Entries were ample and the programme was fast moving but it still appears that the average athlete still does not bother to enter.

To obviate heavy scratchings causing unfortunate consequences, all heats were held prior to the rest of the programme and this made the meetings a better spectacle.

All in all the championships were a success and proved a fitting climax to the season. They showed that

- (1) The standard of track events, in depth at least, is higher.
- (2) The majority of field events are very weak in technique.
- (3) In spite of lack of numbers Tasmanian officials can conduct a Championship meeting in a fit and proper manner.

TASMANIAN SCHOOLCHILDREN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS: The North West Branch conducted these on 3rd April 1965 at Devonport. It was felt that this time of year might be more suitable than the usual early November or December. Entries did not prove nor disprove this. They numbered approximately 400, which is average, from 47 schools throughout the state although mainly from the North West.

The middle age groups provided the best competition, which overall was quite good, although there is a feeling that some changes in the programme, especially the relays, could prove worthwhile.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Your council was honoured by the A.A.U. asking it to organise and conduct the 1965 Australian Track and Field and Decathlon Championships. A sub-committee of E.W. Barwick, N.G. Hutton, J.W. Cooper,

G.T. Briggs, and N.J. Ruddock was set up at the beginning of the season.

An early difficulty was arranging suitable dates. This problem was overcome through the good offices of the Lord Mayor Ald. B. Osborne C.B.E. and the Hobart City Council who gave permission for the North Hobart Ground to be available on a Sunday. This allowed 20th and 21st February to be chosen for the Track and Field Championships and 22nd and 23rd February for the Decathlon.

Accommodation was arranged at the University, hostels:- Hytten Hall, Sir John Fisher and Christ Colleges, the Marine Motel and the Monaco Guest House.

The programme was printed by the Mercury Press and although costs were cut as much as possible, the charge of over £300 indicates investigations must be made into some alternative method in the future.

Practically all new equipment was obtained and this is now to be offered for sale to branches, clubs and individuals as in addition to the need for finance your council feels that it is unwise to keep good equipment stored away.

The best possible use was made of the North Hobart Oval and thanks are due to Messrs. D. Parkes, Hon. Surveyor, H. Fennell and M. Banks for their assistance in ensuring the ground left little to be desired.

Many mainland officials offered their services and these were gratefully accepted. Messrs "Judy" Patching, Jack Howlin, and George Stringer assisted with setting up and marking out the ground and this help which was well outside the scope of their normal duties was sincerely appreciative.

In spite of good publicity and advertising and the presence of world class athletes, public support was disappointing and a total of just over 3,300 people attended both days. As a result of such a small income and because of the heavy commitments for equipment etc. (65 hurdles cost £658) payments exceeded receipts by just under £1,700. Your council is relieved to be able to report that the problem of meeting this amount appears to have been settled mainly due to the immediate and spontaneous help of the Southern Branch. It seems that an amount in the vicinity of £500 will need to be carried over for several years but this is no great difficulty considering the magnitude of the original debt.

Your Association, it appears unwisely now, attempted to entertain athletes and officials in a similar manner to other states. This was appreciated by the visitors - the harbour cruise, in particular, was most successful - but as sponsors could not be obtained, it proved too costly.

The Tasmanian record book was practically rewritten, 3 Australian Open, 23 Tasmanian Open and 3 Residential records were broken whilst, Australian Open and 2 Tasmanian Open were equalled. The Richard Coombes Shield was won easily by Victorian with 12 wins from New South Wales 6, South Australia 2, Western Australia and Queensland 1 each.

The Decathlon Championship attracted 17 entries, 14 started and 13 finished the 10 events. Mainland, North and North West officials assisted greatly with the smooth conduct of this extremely lengthy and strenuous championship.

A team of 12 athletes was selected to represent your Association whilst 2 others were entered as individuals. Even though the Championships were held in Tasmania, your selectors felt that standards should not be lowered and state representation gained relatively easily. Council supported them, although it was realised that the experience obtained could have been very beneficial to some athletes.

Unfortunately 2 members of the team K. Brady and G. Stowards were unable to compete because of injuries. Mr. Geoff Boon of Launceston was appointed manager and proved a most suitable choice. Greg Blake was named as captain and as such took the oath of Amateurism on behalf of all athletes.

Most successful of the team was John Denholm who gained a Bronze medallion in the 1 mile, finishing third to A. Thomas and T. Vincent in a time of 4 min 6.8 sec as against the winners 4 min 5.9sec John also competed in the 880 yards but failed to qualify for the final, finishing 5th in 1min 52.3sec.

Greg Blake finished 2nd in his heat of the 880 yds and then ran an excellent race in the final to come fourth recording 1min 52.2sec. As usual Greg ran very well tactically and gave himself every chance of winning had he been good enough. Unfortunately illness a few weeks previously took its toll and he lacked the necessary strength at the finish.

In the high jump Ian Beltz finished 5th clearing 6ft. 4in. quite a commendable effort for a junior. Ian was again selected as a W.D. & H.O. WILLS and Mercury Star of Sport.

Noel Gray also reached the final of both the 120 yards and 220 yards hurdles. He finished 6th in the former clocking 15.0sec a Tas. Residential Record, and 5th in the latter after hitting the last hurdle when well up with the field. Tony Ellerton ran well below his best in the 3 miles and was last in a very slow 15min 34.2sec.

The other 2 seniors, Frank Nott and Tony Fahey competed in the Decathlon. Tony was 12th with 5067 points and Frank 13th with 4760 but were by no means disgraced. Tony, in fact set a Tasmanian residential record.

Most successful of the juniors was Robert Annells in the 880 yards when he finished 4th in a very classy field. His time was 1min 54.5sec., a very heartening performance considering he was giving well over a year in age to most competitors. His effort in the mile, where he competed as an individual was not nearly so good and he appeared to have been flattened by the 880 yds the previous day. Rodney Orr cleared 43ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in in the Triple Jump to be 6th whilst Stephen Green could only manage 4th place in his heat of the 440 yards in 52sec. which did not qualify him for the final.

The two individual competitors were David Jones who finished well back in the Junior Mile and Derek Marsh who ran 2nd in the 3 Mile Junior Invitation in 15 min. 40.2sec.

ATHLETIC CENTRE: With all efforts concentrated on the Australian Championships there has been very little activity in this direction. Actually there hasn't been any progress, in fact, quite the contrary. It is with regret that council has to report that the Premier turned down its application for financial assistance and the Hobart City Council was not prepared to carry on alone. It indeed reallocated monies previously voted towards the centre.

Recently there have been reports that the recent traffic survey recommends the widening of the Brooker Highway and this would require part of the land at present earmarked for the athletic and hockey grounds.

A.A.W. and other states officials, when in Hobart were all unanimous that an athletic ground is a must for Tasmania and they were not slow to mention this where it counted most.

Your council has decided that this matter will receive its main attention during the coming season.

The Tasmanian Championship results were:-

Senior	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	
100 yards	R. Bradshaw (Dar)	N. Gray (S.B.)	J. Kelly (S.B.)	10.1sec.
220yds.	R. Bradshaw "	N. Gray (S.B.)	G. Bell-chambers (Dev)	22.5sec.
440Yds.	A. Walsh(NS)	R. Bradshaw(Dar)	M. French(ES)	50.8sec.
880Yds	J. Denholm (E.S.)	G. Blake (ES)	B. Foley (Uni)	1min.54.8sec.
1 Mile	J. Denholm (ES)	R. Taylor (ES)	B. Foley (Uni)	4min.12sec.
3Miles	D. Cox (N)	A. McCreary (SB)	D. Marsh(NS)	14min.17.6
6 Miles	K. Brady (SB)	D. Thackerany (N)	A. McCreary(SB)	30min.59sec.
120yds Hurd.	N. Gray (SB)	G. Stowards (HH)	A. Dowd (OVA)	15.8sec.
220yds "	N. Gray (SB)	K. Green (uni)		25.6sec.
440yds Hurd	N. Gray (SB)			59.4sec.
3,00 metres steeple/C	J. Denholm (ES)	K. Brady (SB)	A. Ellerton(NS)	9m.6.5sec.
2 Mile Walk	W. Melville (AYC)	N. Newmark(Pres.)	P. Paterson(ES)	15min.6sec (Tas. Junior Rec)
High Jump	I. Beltz(SB)	R. Foster(NS)		6ft.4in.
Pole Vault	L. Scott (HH)	G. Stowards(HH)	F. Nott(NL)	8ft.
Long Jump	J. Kelly(SB)	G. McLean(Uni)	A. Dowd(OVA)	21ft.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Triple Jump	R. Morriss (Uni)	G. Hope (OVA)		42ft.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Discus	D. Frazer (NS)	M. Dazely (NS)	V. Feldmanis(NS)	
Shot	P. Banach (SB)	M. Dazeley (NS)	D. Frazer (NS)	40ft. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
Hammer	D. Hardy (NS)	V. Feldmanis(NS)	W. Fletcher(NS)	122ft.2in.
Javelin	K. Beresford(uni)	M. Dazeley(NS)	G. Stowards(HH)	178ft.10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
4X110yds Re. Sandy Bay				46.0sec.
1 Mile Med.R. Eastern Suburbs				3min44.8sec.

Hobart Harrier Cup - Sandy Bay.

<u>Junior</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>	
100 yards	M. Bird (SB)	J. Ashcroft(AYC)	A. Fahey (ES)	10.3sec.
220 yards	M. Bird(SB)	J. Ashcroft(AYC)	A.Fahey(ES)	22.5sec.
440 "	J. Ashcroft(AYC)	S. Green (NS)	A. Harvey(NS)	50.8sec.
880 "	A. Risby(SB)	W. Essex (NS)	T. O'Sullivan(N)	2min2.8sec.
1 Mile	A. Ellerton(NS)	M. O'Loughlin(OVA)	A. Risby(SB)	4min29.7sec.
120yds.Hurd.	A. Fahey(ES)			17min.0sec.
220yds "	A. Fahey(ES)	M. Bird (SB)	S. Green(NS)	26.0sec.
1 Mile Walk	W. Melville(AYC)	A Melville(AYC)	W. Fletcher(NS)	7min.18.2
				Tas. Record.
High Jump	I. Beltz (SB)	A. Fahey (ES)	R. Foster(NS)	6ft.6"
			(Tas. Senior & Jun. Rec	
Long Jump	A. Fahey (ES)	N. Mickleborough (SB)	I.Manning(NS)	20ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Triple Jump	A. Fahey(ES)	"	I. Manning (NS)	42ft. 7"
Discus	A. Fahey (ES)	D. Rider (ES)	W. Fletcher(NS)	112ft10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Shot	D. Rider (ES)	A. Fahey (ES)	LL. Scott (HH)	39'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Javelin	L. Scott (HH)	S. Badcock(DEV)	A. Fahey (ES)	129ft.
Hammer	D. Rider(ES)	W. Fletcher(NS)	A. Fahey(ES)	92ft.2"
4X110 Yds Re.A.Y.C.		Northern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	45.3sec.
1 Mile Med.R.A.Y.C.				4min.2.5sec.

St. George Shield - Eastern Suburbs.

<u>Sub. Junior</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>	
100 yards	P. Skeggs(AYC)	A. Patmore(AYC)	M. Gaffney(NS)	10.9sec.
220 yards	P. Skeggs(AYC)	A. Patmore(AYC)	G. Rundle (DEV)	23.7sec.
440 "	G. Rundle (DEV)	A. Patmore(AYC)	D. Boscoe(AYC)	52.3sec.
880 "	S. Barwick(NS)	G. Rundle(DEV)	D. Marsh (NS)	2min. 4sec.
1Mile	S. Barwick(NS)	D. Marsh(NS)	J. Brooks(NS)	4min.37.8sec.
High Jump	R. Foster(NS)	R. Nelson(NS)	L. Leedham(NS)	
			D. Boscoe(AYC)	5'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Long Jump	A. Nicholson(AYC)	P. Skeggs(AYC)	I. Manning(NS)	19ft.5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Triple Jump	I. Manning (NS)	M. Gaffney(NS)	A. Nicholson(AYC)	40'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Shot	A. Van Asch (NL)	D. Marsh(NS)	M. French(NL)	42'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
				Tas. Record.
4X110ydsRe. A.Y.C.		Northern Suburbs	Nth. Launceston	47.7sec.
1 Mile Med.R. Northern Suburbs		Nth Launceston	A.Y.C.	4min.2.5sec

Club Championship Northern Suburbs.

<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>	
100yards	M. Lyons(SB)	W. Mason(AYC)	P.Hammond(SB)	10.8sec.
220yds	M. Lyons(SB)	W. Mason(AYC)	M. Griffiths(DEV)	24.2sec.
440yds	M. Lyons(SB)	M. Griffiths(DEV)	W. Mason(AYC)	55.3sec.
880yds	B. Nelson(NS)	E. Harvey(NS)	R. Flack(NS)	2min10.3sec
1 Mile	B. Nelson(NS)	E. Harvey(NS)	S. Barley(N)	4min.52.8se
High Jump	R. Foster(NS)	B. Nelson(NS)		5'6"
Long Jump	B. Nelson(NS)	B. Chapman(AYC)	R. Flack(NS)	17ft7"
4X110 yds				
Relay	A.Y.C.	Northern Suburbs		50.1sec.

Club Championship - Northern Suburbs.

CROSS COUNTRY: Last season's increase in competitors in Championship events continued with 8 in the Marathon being the smallest number of starters. Although the 1964 record of 43 runners at one meeting was not matched, 41 athletes attended for the 10miles, 5miles Junior and 3 Miles Juvenile at Droughty Point. A visit by a team from Malvern Harriers of Melbourne added great interest to the 15 mile a 7 mile Junior Road Championships held at Longford. As a result there were 37 starters for the 2 races with the visitors winning both teams events.

Kevin Brady of Sandy Bay dominated competition early in the season winning both the 5 miles and 10,000 metres and up until the 10mile was unbeaten for the season. However he was unfortunate to break down during the 10 mile and did not compete again.

Following Kevin's injury Greg Blake took over until Michael McKenner from Darwin came into his own over the longer distances. He won both Road Championships the 15 miles and Marathon. This athlete was the most consistent for the season with 2 firsts 1 second and 1 third.

In junior events Tony Ellerton (N.S.) won all the Championships with Michael O'Loughlin and Derek Marsh battling out the minor placings.

RESULTS:-

5 Miles C.C.C. Launceston 30th May 1964 5 Miles Novice.

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|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. K. Brady (S.B.) | 26min. 40sec. | 1. A. Ellerton (N.S.) | 28min. 50sec. |
| 2. G. Blake (E.S.) | 27 min. 30sec. | 2. R. Taylor (E.S.) | 29 min. 12sec. |
| 3. A. Turner (E.S.) | 28 Min. 8sec. | 3. D. Marsh (N.S.) | 29min. 14 sec. |

10 Starters

16 starters

Team's race : Sandy Bay

Teams Race: Eastern Suburbs

4 Mile Triangular

Bellerive 27th June 1964

1. South 10 points
2. North 33 points

10,000 Metres C.C.C. Devonport 18th July 1964

5,000 Metres Junior C.C.C.

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| 1. K. Brady (S.B.) | 33 min. 38 sec. | 1. A. Ellerton (N.S.) | 17 min. |
| 2. G. Blake (E.S.) | 35 min. 44 sec. | 2. M. O'Loughlin (S.B.) | 17min 15 sec. |
| 3. M. McKenner (Dar.) | 36min. 47 sec. | 3. D. Marsh (N.S.) | 17min. 37sec. |

11 Starters

17 starters

Teams Race: Eastern Suburbs

Teams Race: Northern Suburbs.

3 Mile Juvenile C.C.C.

1. P. Ribbon (S.B.) 20min. 14 sec.
2. M. Stevens (N.S.) 20min. 44 sec.
3. C. Moyle (Friends) 21min. 24 sec.

13 Starters

Teams Race: Northern Suburbs.

15 Mile Road Championship Longford 29th August 1964 7 Mile Junior Road Champ/S

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|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. M. McKenner (Devon) | 90min. 4.6sec. | 1. A. Ellerton (N.S.) | 36min. 36sec. |
| 2. W. Allan (Malvern) | 91min. 17sec. | 2. D. Marsh (N.S.) | 37min. 7sec. |
| 3. M. Mcainsh (Malvern) | 92min. 54 sec. | 3. M. O'Loughlin (S.B.) | 38min. 52.2sec. |

15 starters

22 starters

Teams Race: Malvern

Teams Race: Malvern.

Marathon

Devonport 26th September 1964

1. M. McKenna (Darwin) 2hours 57min. 54sec.
2. J. Jones (Newstead) 3hours 2 mins. 25sec.
3. D. Clark (Sandy Bay) 3hours 11 mins. 9sec.

8 starters 5 finished.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE: Your Association was again represented by your President and Vice President at the Conference held in Hobart on 18th and 19th February 1965.

Mr. Hutton was again elected Vice President of the Union and further honours were bestowed upon him when he was awarded Life Membership of the A.A.U.

It was reported to Conference that for the first time registrations would tip 10,000 during this season

Forty eight motions were submitted to Conference of which nine were withdrawn, 10 were lost and 29 approved.

Tasmania submitted 3 items but 1 regarding amateur status was withdrawn as it had been approved previously. The first dealt with the appointment of team managers or other officials and was passed. It required voting to be by exhaustive ballot. The second, which was also agreed to, altered the name of the Jury of Appeal to Technical Committee and made provision for a true Jury of Appeal.

Perhaps the most far reaching decision made by Conference was that, in future, all Australian Championships Senior and Junior will be run over metric distances.

Your President's report as Manager of the Tokio Olympic Games Athletic team was tabled, discussed and many of his recommendations were approved.

TASMANIAN OLYMPIC COUNCIL: Meetings of the T.O.C. have been rather spasmodic during the year and it is your delegates views that proceedings should be conducted in a more orderly manner.

TASMANIAN SPORTS COUNCIL: Your Association again affiliated with this body which has done a deal of excellent work to promote and assist sport in the state.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES:

North The Northern Branch's Annual Report last season ended by hoping that 1964/65 would see

1. A good Cross Country season.
2. The reintroduction of Inter-Club Athletics.
2. The obtaining of some field games equipment.
4. More registered Athletes.
5. If possible, one or more new clubs to give the sport a much needed boost in the North."

It is with pleasure that it can be reported that all these 5 hopes eventuated and therefore athletics did receive a great boost.

Though achieving all objects the features of the season were the terrific increase in registrations and the rapid success of the new club, North Launceston. A 109% increase in anything is certainly out of the ordinary but to achieve it in membership is quite exceptional. North Launceston has achieved success quickly mainly because of sound, enthusiastic and hard working administration.

North was represented in all state Cross Country titles but found the competition far too strong. Best performance was by young David Jones in finishing second in the gruelling Marathon. Highlights of the season was the visit of a team from Malvern Harriers who thoroughly enjoyed their visit. As an expression of their gratitude for the hospitality etc. extended they donated a fine trophy for permanent competition in a 4 mile handicap to be conducted over the Longford circuit.

The reintroduction of inter-club athletics saw the eclipse of the once powerful Newstead (the oldest club in Tasmania) by North Launceston which was particularly strong in field games. Chief success by Northern Athletes in state championships was by Frank Nott who won the Decathlon and Arie Van Asch who set a state record in winning the Sub Junior Shot.

The Northern Championships were conducted over two days. The first, at Exeter was well attended but rain marred the second and necessitated the abandonment of pole vaults and high jumps.

National Fitness Council kindly provided field games equipment on permanent loan and this has been of great assistance.

Financially the Branch is in quite a sound position. The old debt to the Association was paid off and there is now a healthy list of assets.

It is with regret that we report that the Hon. Secretary Mr. R. Foley has had to resign because of ill health. Mr. Foley worked hard for athletics in the North over the past 2 years and we wish him a speedy recovery.

North West The North West Branch reported an "average" or "as usual" season. There hasn't been a great deal of progress but neither has there been any significant decline.

Three very successful state Cross Country Championships were conducted at Devonport during the season - 5,000 metres Junior, 10000 metres and the Marathon. M. McKenna performed well throughout the season winning 2 titles.

The track season commenced on a bright note but interest gradually waned with smaller fields being the order after Christmas. Darwin in particular looked like having a record season with the sole use of the Cocee ground and record fields but the shortage of officials placed too much work on few shoulders and perhaps this helped to cause the attendance of athletes to fall off.

Four teams competed in the Devon competition with Devonport High proving too strong overall to win clearly from Devon Green. Latrobe High, competing for the first time, performed very creditably. Inter division competition could not be sustained because of transport difficulties, but four were held during the season.

Bad weather caused many scratchings from the Coastal Championships. The few athletes who competed in the State T and F. Championships acquitted themselves very well winning 3 titles and gaining 6 placings. Roger Bradshaw annexed the senior sprint double and G. Rundle won the sub-junior 440 yards.

Valuable experience was gained by the 10 Coasters who officiated at the Australian Championships. However the scarcity of officials in the Branch is a great problem that could perhaps be overcome to some extent by recruiting parents to assist.

The Branch, once again, finished the season with a small credit balance so it is reasonably sound on the financial side.

It would appear that a really big effort must be made during the coming season to obtain more senior and junior athletes as well as officials.

Your council wishes to express appreciation of the work of the retiring Hon. Secretary Mr. Stan Cross who has done much on behalf of amateur athletics on the North West Coast. Fortunately his services will be retained as he has taken over as Vice President.

South The Southern Branch has had an outstanding year. Two new clubs Hobart Harriers and Old Virgiliens were formed but O.H.A. disbanded. Hobart Harriers, unlike O.V.A., lacked numbers but both clubs performed reasonably well for their first season. Registrations were a record topping the 300 mark and were spread fairly evenly over all age groups.

Cross Country continued to progress and the hard working sub-committee conducted a variety of events over many interesting courses, which certainly stimulated the interest of competitors. One Championship day and the Triangular contest were efficiently run on behalf of the Association.

Again the inter-club track season was a great success. It was quite amazing the number of events conducted to cater for the abundance of athletes. There was never any surplus of officials but there must be a continuing effort to recruit more. Another must is some type of trolley or trailer for storing and transporting equipment. The time and effort consuming job of carting gear on and off the ground has been a problem every Saturday.

An innovation was a fixed admission charge to the ground which certainly helped to swell the coffers. Northern Suburbs won the inter-club premiership for the first time and proved what a young club can achieve if well organised and administrated.

Perhaps the branch's greatest achievement for the season was the meet-conducted at which Ron Clarke broke the 5,000 metres world record and Tony Ellerton broke his own Australian Junior time for the same distance. Following the support given this type of meeting by the public and its lack of interest in the big Championship type it would appear that many more of the smallest programmes could be presented.

Financially the branch has had a most successful season. It has purchased quite a deal of equipment and is now in a sound position in this regard. Your Council is very happy with the manner in which the Southern Branch offered immediate and continuing financial assistance to it to help alleviate the Association's serious position.

FINANCE: In an attempt to impose a more equitable distribution of charges on the Branches, affiliation fees were reduced to £10 and registrations increased to 6/- per athlete and official. Apart from Australian Championship finances the ordinary receipts and payments just about balanced each other as per the budget.

However a loss of approximately £1,700 on the Australian Championships rather upset your Association's finances. Of this amount £1,057 was for equipment, which, of course, is retained as a depreciated asset. In order to attempt to meet commitments investments have been or will be realised and as much of the equipment as possible will be sold. In addition the Southern Branch has already donated £200 and has undertaken to contribute at least £500 over the next three or four years. A further government grant of £250 has been promised from next years budget and the W.D. & H.O. Wills "Little Olympics" meeting realised a satisfactory profit of £127. Our only sundry creditor is the Melbourne Sports Depot for equipment and it would appear that your incoming committee will have to come to some arrangement with M.S.D. or borrow sufficient funds to meet this account.

APPRECIATION: Once again appreciation must be expressed to many people and organisations for assistance during the year. As always Press Radio and Television have helped greatly with publicity. All branches and their officials have co-operated exceptionally well and have conducted Championship meetings in a most fitting manner. Special mention must be made of those who performed so carefully on and off the field at the Australian Championships.

The National Fitness Council again helped out with duplicating whilst Mr. Plaister and the Education Department provided your council with a meeting room. To all these and any other body or person who has assisted amateur athletics during the year under review sincere thanks are offered.

On behalf of the Council,

E. W. Barwick
N. J. Ruddock

President.
Hon. Secretary.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR SEASON 1964/65

<u>Expenditure</u>	£. s. d.	<u>Income</u>	
Affiliation Fees	7. 7. 0	Subscriptions	3. 0. 0.
Registration Fees	41. 3. 6.	Registrations	169.19. 6.
Printing & Stationery	17. 5. 6	Affiliation Fees	30. 0. 0.
Postages	11. 6. 1	Handbooks etc.	22. 6. 3.
Telephone & Telegrams	10.15. 0.	Interest	12. 0. 0.
Annual Meeting	4. 3. 6	Medallions, Certificates	24.12. 0.
Handbooks, etc.	29. 6. 1	Magazines	8.16. 0.
Rents	3. 0. 0.	Little Olympic	
T.I.S.S.A. Shield	7.10. 0.	Less Expenses	127. 1. 0.
Repairs	3.10. 0.	Aust. Champ. Income	775. 8. 8.
Medallions, Certificates	26. 7.10.	Aust. Champ. Donations	481. 1. 0.
Cheque Book	15. 0.	Excess of Expenditure over	
Aust. Champ. Expenses	1,409. 1. 3.	Income	211. 8. 7
Magazines	12. 5. 6.		
Uniforms	13. 3. 3.		
Loss on sale of Consols	4. 2. 6.		
Portion of N.A.A.B.			
Bill Written off	25.16. 0.		
Depreciation	238.15. 0.		
	£1,865.13. 0.		£1,865.13. 0.
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 15th MAY 1965

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
Sundry Creditors	1,045. 8. 1.	Cash at E.S. & A. Bank	137.10. 4.
Accumulated Funds		Sundry Debtors	29.15. 9.
488.10. 3		Stock on Hand	51. 4. 2.
Less excess of		Commonwealth Bonds	140. 0. 0.
Expenditure	<u>211. 8. 7</u>	Equipment C/F. £127. 0. 0.	
	277. 1. 8.	Additions	<u>£1,057.14. 6.</u>
			1,184.14. 6
		Less 20%	
		Depreciation	<u>236.19. 0.</u> 947.15. 6.
		Typewriter	18. 0. 0.
		Less 10% Dep.	<u>1.16. 0.</u> 16. 4. 0.
	£1,322. 9. 9.		£1,322. 9. 9.
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I hereby certify that the above statements are a true and correct record of the Association's financial position as at 15th May 1965.

Signed- C. A. WISE. Hon. Auditor.

AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS 1965

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£. s. d.	<u>INCOME</u>	£. s. d.
Ground Rental	40.15. 8	Gate Takings Less Expenses	633. 4. 8
Repairs Equipment	76. 3. 3	Programmes Less Expenses	92. 4. 0.
Freight Equipment	64.16. 5	Television Fee	50. 0. 0
Postages, Telephone, Telegrams	16.10. 8	Excess of Expenditure over Income	351. 4. 9
Public Address	50. 0. 0.		
Printing and Stationery	44. 1. 3		
Advertising	58. 7. 5		
Entertainment	150. 0. 0.		
Numbers for Athletes	27. 6. 0.		
Medallions, Certificates and Engraving	82.16. 8		
Programmes	302.12. 6		
Pluvius Insurance	20.15. 0.		
Starting Blanks	12.16.10.		
Transport - Athletes	90. 0. 0		
A.A.U. Conference Expenses	36.14. 0.		
Depreciation on Equipment 5% on 1057.14. 6.	52.17. 9		
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Audited and found correct.

Signed: C. A. Wise,

Auditor.