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ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - SEASON 1965-1966.

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Campbell Town Hotel, Campbell Town, on Sunday 15th May, 1966 at
11.30a.m.

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<u>HON. SECRETARY - TREASURER</u>	:	Mr. N. J. Ruddock.

Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that your Council presents the 55th Annual Report of the Association, covering a year of outstanding progress in several directions, but also one which has produced its problems. Once again, the year has shown quite remarkable progress athletically, especially in the South and North. This was reflected in the size of the Track and Field team sent to the Australian Championships in Perth and by the number of records established by Tasmanians - 28 open and 39 Residential - during the season.

Although your Council is still working on an overdraft, the strengthening of the financial position of the Southern and Northern Branches has allowed it to be substantially reduced to a point where it appears that it will be repaid by the end of next season.

The Marathon Club appears to be well established and making reasonable progress in promoting distance running, however the move to form a Walker's Club has not come to fruition as yet.

The position of the proposed Athletic Centre has been changed to the mutual satisfaction of the Association and City Council. It is hoped to be able to report substantial progress in the near future.

Two of the problems facing your Association are the decrease in registrations figures and the decline of the North Western Branch.

REGISTRATIONS:

A big disappointment of the year was the large decrease in the number of registered athletes, offsetting the substantial increase of the previous season. However the improvement in all standards suggests that only the really enthusiastic and the gifted athlete stayed with the sport. Perhaps Clubs will realize that they must continually strive for increased membership. The larger the pyramid at the bottom, the higher it can grow.

The statistics were:-

South	223	registrations	including	21	under	12	- decrease	92	- 29%	on last season
North	192	"	"	41	"	"	decrease	23	- 11%	" " "
North West	45	"	"				decrease	52	- 54%	" " "
	<u>460</u>	"	"	62	"	"	decrease	167	27%	" " "

The ability of the Northern Branch to hold its large increase of 1964/65 is very pleasing, as it is common to find a reaction set in after a spectacular increase. The Southern decrease is worrying officials of the Branch and it is felt that the problem will be tackled in their usual efficient manner.

The North West decline is causing far more concern as is the whole position of this Branch. The Devon division is functioning reasonably well but Darwin, centred on Burnie, went into recess early in the track season, due to lack of officials and administrators. This is most unfortunate as there seems to be some athletes interested in competing in the area, especially in the schools.

Because its constitution states that there must be two divisions at least the North West Branch will go into recess for 1966-67.

Your Council is greatly perturbed and it is certain that the incoming committee will have to give the matter a great deal of consideration.

COACHING:

The only concrete effort was by the North in sponsoring a visit by Mr. Stuart Ebling of Melbourne, which was most successful, fully achieving what it set out to do. Further moves are afoot to obtain visits by coaches during the coming season. However it is felt that the standard of local coaching has improved with Mr. C.A. Wise leading the way.

TRACK AND FIELD:

The results in both North and South were quite spectacular with a tremendous improvement in standards. North continued with regular interclub competition and it now seems firmly established in that centre with pleasing improvements in performances as a result.

The Southern Branch invited a team of Victorian Schoolboys to compete against a Tasmanian team early in the season. The meeting was quite a success in spite of the dominance of the visitors.

Disappointment of the year was the inability of Ron Clarke to appear at the Triangular Contest in Launceston. This last minute withdrawal naturally effected the financial result and also caused bad publicity for the sport in the North.

THE TRIANGULAR CONTEST:

This was conducted by the Northern Branch in Launceston on 18th December, 1965. The programme was a North versus South competition for the seniors but three cornered in the other divisions.

Apart from the non appearance of Ron Clarke causing a much smaller attendance than anticipated the meeting was one of the best, if not the best conducted since its inauguration. The ground was in first class condition, it had been well prepared and all necessary equipment and facilities were available. There were ample officials who performed their duties most capably. The competition was extremely keen and much closer than usual. South again won all divisions but had to fight hard to defeat North. It appears that at last its days of domination are over.

TASMANIAN SCHOOLCHILDREN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Following a conference of Branches, your Council agreed to a recommendation suggesting that the Tasmanian Schoolchildren's Championships be not conducted but that encouragement be given to the Branches to organise Branch Championships.

THE TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

These were again conducted in Hobart over the March long weekend - 5th and 7th March. As previously the T.S.C.A. held its titles in conjunction with the first day. With its large number of entries the first days programme was too large and the second day a comparatively small affair. Officials were few and far between on the Saturday but there was no such problem on Monday. The lead of the A.A.U. of Australia was followed and all events were conducted over metric distances, for the first time ever.

Mention must be made of the fine condition of the North Hobart ground. It was without doubt the best track that athletes have had the pleasure of competing on in Tasmania. Performances fully support this contention and congratulations must be extended to the City Council and officers of the Reserve Dept., especially Ray Smith the genial curator.

A large number of Northern athletes plus fewer from the Coast competed gaining their fair share of success.

As has been apparent over recent years, the average athlete does not bother to enter. Perhaps he could be enticed back if there was more emphasis placed on the Club Championship competition. There was no interest at all in this contest this year. A new points system has been suggested, already to give an incentive to all to compete.

An obvious weakness was having to conduct the Hammer and Discus Throws on the Domain so as a concrete throwing surface could be used. This will have to be improved upon in the future.

A very pleasing feature was the increased public support, even if only relatively small, although the number present on both days was the largest for many years.

Just as pleasing and of equal importance at least was the high standard, of performances overall. At last it appears that Tasmanian standards have begun to catch those of the mainland.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

A team of 18 athletes was selected to represent your Association in the Australian Championships, which were Commonwealth Games Trials, held at Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth on 26th and 27th March, 1966. Only 14 of the 18 accepted selection and competed - it was still the largest number to represent the state on the mainland. The team was - from the South:- J. Denholm (Capt.) 800 metres and 1500 metres; M. Bird 100, 200 and 400 metres; W. Melville 3000 metres walk; I. Beltz High Jump; A. Fahey Decathlon; R. Annells 400 and 800 metres Junior; R. Foster High Jump Junior; S. Green 200 and 400 metres junior; S. Barwick 400 Metres Junior; N. Mickleborough 100 and 200 metres Junior; A. Risby 800 and 1500 metres Junior; A. Ellerton 1500 metres Junior - From the North:- F. Nott (Vice-Captain) Decathlon; D. Dox 5000 and 10,000 metres.

Mr. Col. Mickleborough was appointed Manager and performed his onerous duties very effectively.

The overall effort of the team was exceptionally good, in spite of extremely hot weather. That such a large team could perform so consistently well should give great pleasure to members.

The outstanding performance was by team captain John Denholm who won a Bronze Medallion in the 1500 Metres - finishing second Australian as Jim Grelle of the U.S.A. won the event, clocking 3 min 46.1 sec equal to a 4 min 3 or 4 sec mile. John was third in his 800 metres heat in 1 min 50.6 sec., his second best time, however he could only manage 6th in the final recording 1 min 51.9 sec.

Murray Bird did not qualify for the final of the 100 or 400 metres but with a disqualification was second in a heat of the 200 metres in 21.8 sec. He ran the same time to finish 6th in the final. Wayne Melville was 5th in the walk in 14 min 25.4 sec equal to approx. 14 min 50 sec for 2 miles. Ian Beltz cleared 6 ft. 6 inches to finish 4th in the High Jump. In the Decathlon, Tony Fahey was also fourth with the splendid total of 6,200 points - 1,133 more than he scored in Hobart last year - truly a remarkable improvement. Frank Nott finished ninth in the same event but did not perform as well as he had anticipated. Don Cox ran quite well to be 5th in the 10,000 metres recording 31 min 40.7 sec but had to withdraw from the 5000 metres before the finish, because of the heat. The 4 X 400 metres relay team of M. Bird, S. Green, S. Barwick and J. Denholm clocked 3 min 26.4 sec to finish 5th and last.

In the Junior events Bob Annells reached the final of the 800 metres and finished 4th in 1 min 54 sec., but in the 400 metres, 50.9 sec was not good enough to get him to the final. Tony Risby didn't qualify for the 800 metres final his time of 1 min 59.9 sec was disappointing but he should profit from his experience. In the 1500 metres he was 7th - no time being recorded. Tony Ellerton ran extremely well to be 4th in the same event - the 1500 metres in 3 min 55.8 sec - approx. a 4 min 12 mile - easily his best time. A very pleasing fact was the confidence with which he ran and the good tactics used.

Neil Mickleborough's times of 11.1 sec and 23 secs for the 100 and 200 metres were well up to his best but did not get him into the finals. The same can be said of Steve Green in the 200 metres - no time and 400 metres - 50.2 sec. Stan Barwick injured his knee accidentally and was unable to compete on the second day - he ran in the relay on Saturday. Ron Foster, still only 16 years old, jumped 6ft. to gain 4th place in the Junior High Jump.

Summarising Tasmania obtained the following:-

In Senior Finals - third 1, fourth 2, fifth 3, sixth 1 and ninth 1;
In Junior Finals - Fourth 3 and seventh 1.

The benefit of the stronger competition in Tasmania was clearly shown but experience against top class athletes is now required and the more opportunities provided the better of course. The team was probably the fittest to represent your State and certainly, last year's criticism in this direction could not be levelled again. It appears that most members of the team have been stimulated by the trip and fired with enthusiasm to improve their performances.

A revolutionary change in the financing of the team was agreed to this season. With the finance of all bodies in such a poor state it was decided that the raising of money through them would be extremely difficult. So with some diffidence it was agreed that team members be named as early as possible with additions being added whenever necessary and all members be required to raise their own finances. The Association, Branches and Clubs all assisted in organising fund raising schemes. The arrangement proved most satisfactory as athletes selected worked exceptionally hard and the greater part of all expenses was raised. For such a large team this was a remarkable and very pleasing effort.

GENERAL:

Congratulations are extended to John Denholm on being awarded the "F.A. Rose Athlete of the Year" Trophy and also on being selected a "Star of Sport" in the "Mercury", W.D. & H.O. Wills Competition.

Ian Beltz who last year was awarded a certificate by the English Magazine "World Sport", went one better and was one of only six Commonwealth athletes to be awarded a plaque, for his jump of 6ft. 7 in. last October.

ATHLETIC CENTRE:

Last year it was reported that the recommended widening of the Brooker Highway would take part of the land earmarked for the centre at Cornelian Bay. This was confirmed by the City Council and a new site on the Domain just to the north of the T.C.A. Ground was recommended and after thorough investigation was approved by Council. The lay out of the track in regard to prevailing winds has been looked into and agreed upon. It is now hoped that there will be some action on the proposed centre in the near future.

The Tasmanian Championship results were:-

<u>SENIOR</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	
100 Metres	M. Bird (SB)	H. Eley (N)	R. Ayling (ES)	10.6 TOR
200 Metres	M. Bird (SB)	H. Eley (N)	N. Charles (D)	21.4 TOR
400 "	M. Bird (SB)	R. Ayling (ES)	A. Walsh (ES)	48.3 TOR
800 "	J. Denholm (ES)	G. Blake (ES)	W. Essex (ES)	1m.49 TOR
1500 "	J. Denholm (ES)	G. Blake (ES)	D. Rowberry AYC	3m.49.2TOR
5,000 "	D. Cox (N)	D. Thackeray (N)		14m 47
10,000 "	D. Cox (N)	D. Thackeray (N)		31m 22.2
110 " Hurdles	A. Fahey (ES)	G. Stowards (HH)		15.9 sec.
200 " "	A. Fahey (ES)	R. Marsh (NS)	W. Essex (ES)	25 sec.
400 " "	W. Essex (ES)	G. Blake (ES)	J. Reid (ES)	56.8 sec.
5,000 " Steeplechase	T. Moller (N)	D. Rowberry AYC	K. Beattie (D)	10min 31.2
3,000 " Walk	W. Melville (AYC)	T. Brannigan (N)		14min48.4
High Jump	I. Beltz (Uni.)	R. Foster (ES)	I. Flockhart (ES)	6'6"
Pole Vault	I. Frazer (NL)	A. Fahey (ES)	A. Van Asch (NL)	9'9"
Long Jump	I. Flockhart (ES)	R. Morriss (Uni.)	A. Wolnizer (Uni.)	20'10"
Triple Jump	R. Crocker (Uni.)	R. Morriss (Uni.)	G. McLean (Uni.)	44'5½"
Discus	A. Evans (N)	D. Hardy (NS)	A. Fahey (ES)	130'2"
Shot	A. Evans (N)	D. Rider (ES)	M. Dazeley (ES)	46'7½"TRR
Hammer	D. Hardy (NS)	T. Halley (ES)	A. Evans (N)	140'4"TRR
Javelin	M. Dazeley (NS)	G. Stowards (HH)	A. Fahey (ES)	179'5½"
4 X 100 Metres Relay	Sandy Bay			43.4 TOR
4 X 400 " "	Sandy Bay	Eastern Suburbs	Northern Suburbs	3m20.8 (TOR)
Hobart Harrier Cup :	1st Eastern Suburbs	33 points.		
	2nd Narstead	26 points.		
	3rd Northern Suburbs	24 points.		

TOR : Tasmanian Open Record.
TRR : Tasmanian Residential Record.

<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	
100 Metres	P. Mickleborough (SB)	G. Cartledge (NL)	A. Patmore (SB)	11.2
200 "	N. Mickleborough (SB)	G. Cartledge (NL)	S. Green (NS)	22.2
400 "	R. Annells (SB)	S. Green (NS)	S. Darwick (NS)	49.5
800 "	R. Annells (SB)	A. Risby (SB)	M. Turner (NL)	1m52.5
1,500 "	A. Ellerton (NS)	A. Risby (SB)	J. Reid (NS)	3m58.6
110 " Hurdles	P. Cox (AYC)	S. Badcock (D)	18.0 sec.	TOR
200 " "	N. Mickleborough (SB)	S. Green (NS)	L. Green (F)	25.8
1500 " Walk	W. Melville (A.Y.C.)	A. Melville (AYC)	J. Jordan (NL)	6m57.8
High Jump	R. Foster (NS)	S. Cross (D)	R. Devenish-Meares	5'10"
Long Jump	R. Devenish-Meares NL	D. Wolnizer (Uni.)	I. Manning NS	20'7"
Triple Jump	R. Devenish-Meares NL	I. Manning (NS.)	A. Wolnizer (Uni.)	44'10"
Discus	W. Fletcher (NS)	S. Dale (AYC)	103'10"	TRR
Shot	A. Van Asch (NL)	W. Fletcher (NS)	36'6"	
Javelin	S. Badcock (D)	A. Van Asch (NL)	K. Smith	130'3"
Hammer	W. Fletcher (NS)	S. Dale (AYC)	79'0"	
4 X 110 Metres Relay	Sandy Bay	A.Y.C.	49.2 sec.	
4 X 440 " "	Northern Suburbs	A.Y.C.	3m.37 sec.	
St. George Shield	1st Northern Suburbs	29 points.		
	2nd Sandy Bay	25 points.		
	3rd North Launceston and A.Y.C.	18 points.		

<u>SUB JUNIOR</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	
100 Metres	P. Skeggs (AYC)	M. Gaffney (NS)	D. Boscoe (AYC)	11.4
200 "	P. Skeggs (AYC)	D. Boscoe (AYC)	G. Taylor (NS)	23.1
400 "	P. Skeggs (AYC)	G. Taylor (NS)	C. Hickman (SB)	51.8
800 "	J. Brooks (NS)	R. Wallace (F)	D. Quarrell (F)	2m2.6
1500 "	R. Wallace (F)	P. Ribbon (SB)	J. Brooks (NS)	4m17.2
High Jump	R. Foster (NS)	C. O'Byren (NL)	K. Smith (F)	5'11"
Long Jump	K. Smith (N)	R. Thomas (ES)	18'6"	
Shot	R. Smith (N)	I. Frazer (NL)	G. Reit (HH)	35'4 1/2"
Triple Jump	P. Cox (AYC)	K. Smith (N)	C. O'Byrne (NL)	39'6"
4 X 100 Metres relay	A.Y.C.	Devon	47 sec.	
4 X 400 " "	A.Y.C.	Northern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	3m34.7
Club Championship:	1st A.Y.C.	25 points.		
	2nd Northern Suburbs	15 points.		
	3rd Newstead	14 points.		

<u>JUVENILE</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	
100 "	P. Hammond (SB)	G. Cobern (HH)	C. Hurst (AYC)	12.0
200 "	G. Hurst (AYC)	G. Cobern (HH)	P. Hammond (SB)	24.5
400 "	B. Lane (NS)	G. Hurst (AYC)	G. Evans (D)	55.7
800 "	S. Challis (NL)	G. Evans (D)	J. Woolley (AYC)	2m11.5
1500 "	I. Woolley (AYC)	P. Ford (F)	S. Barrett (B)	4m36.4
High Jump	T. Szyoz (NL)	D. Cox (AYC)	I. Murray (AYC)	5ft.
Long Jump	P. Cox (AYC)	T. Szyoz (NL)	G. Cobern (HH)	19ft.
4 x 100 metres relay	A.Y.C.	Northern Suburbs		51.2
Club Championship:	1st A.Y.C.	21 points.		
	2nd North Launceston	7 points.		
	3rd Northern Suburbs	6 points.		

Total points over all Divisions:

Northern Suburbs	74
A.Y.C.	71
Sandy Bay	53
Newstead	44
North Launceston	36
Eastern Suburbs	33
Devon	14
University	12
Hobart	10
Exeter	2

CROSS COUNTRY:

Performances varied during the Cross Country Season although the number of competitors was fairly consistent. No athlete dominated, Mike McKenna of Darwin was the most successful amongst the Senior closely followed by Don Cox of Newstead. Wayne Melville (A.Y.C.) performed best of the Juniors with two wins and one second whilst Derek Marsh, Northern Suburbs was placed in every Junior Championship.

Interest in the South was not as great as in previous seasons but there seemed to be an increase in the North. The establishment of Headquarters at Relbia by Newstead Club and the Northern Branch was a terrific step forward. Being in a good area for Cross Country it is ideally situated and should help to give this phase of the sport a big kick along.

Mike McKenna was selected to represent the State in the Australian 10,000 metres Cross Country Championship held in Perth in August. He found the course very hard but performed reasonably well.

Championship results were:-

Seven Mile Beach 24th May, 1965.

5 Miles Cross Country Championship

1. G. Blake (E.S.) 27 min. 11 sec.
2. M. McKenna (Darwin) 27 min. 20 sec.
3. D. Thackeray (N) 27 " 31 "

18 starters

Team's Race: Newstead

5 Miles Novice

1. W. Melville (A.Y.C.) 28 min. 38 sec.
2. D. Marsh (N.S.) 28 " 50 "
3. B. Baldwin (N.S.) 30 " 53 "

16 starters

Team's Race: Northern Suburbs.

4 Miles Triangular

- 1st : South
- 2nd : North

Relbia 31st July, 1965.

10,000 Metres C.C. Championship

1. M. McKenna (Darwin) 36 min. 6.8 sec.
2. D. Cox (N) 37 " 3.0 "
3. B. Baldwin (N.S.) 38 " 30.0 "

12 starters

Team's Race: Newstead

5,000 Metres Junior C.C. Championship

1. W. Melville (A.Y.C.) 17 min. 31.0 sec
2. D. Marsh (N.S.) 17 " 35.2 "
3. D. Dowsing (E.S.) 18 " 44.4 "

9 starters

Relbia 10th July, 1965.

10 Miles C.C. Championship

1. M. McKenna (Darwin) 58 min. 14.1 sec.
2. D. Thackeray (N) 58 " 41.3 sec.
3. D. Cox (N) 60 " 44.0 "

13 starters

Team's Race: Newstead

5 Miles C.C. Championship, Junior.

1. A. Ellerton (N.S.) 29 min. 7.2 sec
2. D. Marsh (N.S.) 29 " 40.0 "
3. W. Melville (A.Y.C.) 30 " 42.0 "

12 starters

Team's Race: Northern Suburbs

3 Mile Juvenile Cross Country Championship

1. B. Nelsen (N.S.) 18 min. 59 sec.
2. P. Ford (N) 19 " 1.0 sec.
3. S. Bailey (N) 19 " 27.8 sec.

9 starters

Devonport 25th April, '65

15 Mile Road Championship

1. D. Cox (N) 81 min. 22.5 sec.
2. M. McKenna (Darwin) 82 " 32.8 "
3. T. Nailer (N) 91 " 25.5 sec.

10 starters

Marathon, Cambridge, October.

1. R. Faulkes (N.S.W.)
2. L. Penny (Darwin)
3. T. Nailer (Newstead)

7 Mile Junior Road Championship

1. D. Marsh (N.S.) 42 min. 12.0 sec
2. R. Marsh (N.S.) 43 " 10.5 "
3. C. Roper (S.B.) 46 " 52.5 "

3 starters

Only 3 completed the Course.

ROAD WALKING:

Wayne Melville (A.Y.C.) represented Tasmania in the Australian 20 kilometres Road Walking Championship in Sydney on 19th June 1965 and Kevin Green (Uri) competed as an individual. Melville finished 12th taking 107 min 27 sec. as against the winner, R. Gardiner's 97 min 2 secs, which was most satisfactory for a Junior whilst Green retired during the event.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC CONFERENCE:

It was most unfortunate that your Association was not represented at the Conference held in Perth on 24th and 25th March. Your President, Mr. Barwick, and Mr. Hutton were appointed delegates but were unable to make the trip. No other suitable person was available and it was not considered reasonable to ask any member of the team to divide his attention by attending the Conference, even though it was realised that it would have been most desirable for your State to exercise its voting rights in the important matters of electing officers and team officials for the Jamician Games.

Unfortunately Mr. Hutton was defeated for the position of Vice President of the Union. Tasmania submitted two items to Conference. One for the payment of expenses of the Vice President to attend Conference and the other to set up a select Committee to foster and encourage amateur athletics in various ways. Both motions were lost.

AFFILIATIONS:

Your Association again affiliated with the Tasmanian Olympic Council and Tasmanian Sports Council and has been active in the affairs of both bodies. A Branch of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games Association has been formed recently with Mr. Hutton as its inaugural President.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES:

South.

Athletically and financially the Branch experienced its greatest ever year. Admittedly the number of registered athletes was only 75% of the previous record season but this was more than compensated by the brilliant depth in most events. Who can remember forecasting the time when the seven finalists in the "A" Grade 440 yards all would break 51.5 sec. ? It happened this season.

The season commenced in its usual spectacular fashion with the conducting of the Southern Schoolchildren's Championships on the Friends Oval and this was quickly followed by the Tasmania versus Victoria Schoolboy match at North Hobart. This was a step in the right direction by the Branch and the next will be encouraged in future years.

Interclub athletics commenced on the 6th November, and the 1964-65 Premiers Northern Suburbs opened their account with a win and from then on were never headed. This makes it three in a row and it will be interesting to see if the other clubs can peg them back.

Eastern Suburbs were very strong early in the season and at one stage failed by only half a point to topple Norths. But it was a re-organised Sandy Bay that stopped Norths run of eight successive victories. Never-the-less Northern Suburbs went on to win thirteen out of the fifteen interclubs conducted, from Easts and Sandy Bay.

Of the other teams A.Y.C. Harriers has the most potential as on numerous occasions they gained third position at Interclub. University once again disappointed and they still haven't been able to increase on their sound core of a dozen or so athletes, and until they do will stay right out of Premiership calculations.

Old Vigilians started off their second season at brisk pace and for the first five interclubs were a force to be reckoned with. But unfortunately an athletic Club cannot be functionable without capable administrators, and after December they fell by the wayside. On the other hand Hobart Harriers seemed

to have the administration but no athletes and they seem certain to have to withdraw their affiliation this season.

Premiership Points: N.S. 102, E.S. 88, S.B. 72, A.Y.C. 64, Uni. 47, O.V.A. 26, H.H. 18.

The highlight of the Southern Season was undoubtedly the Tasmanian Championships. They were conducted in ideal conditions and performances were extremely high.

If asked to select the most outstanding athlete it would be difficult to choose between Murray Bird (Sandy Bay) and John Denholm (Eastern Suburbs) who both dominated their particular events.

The Branch commenced the season some \$1600 in arrears - \$1200 owing to the T.A.A.A. and \$400 worth of debts from the previous season. It gained terrific support from all clubs and at the conclusion of the season only \$600 is still owing to the Tasmanian Association.

North West.

It is rather a sorry picture that has to be presented in regard to the North West Branch. After only two track meetings the Darwin Division went into recess because of lack of officials and has not been able to get reorganised.

Devon Division conducted a most successful school competition over a six week period with four schools taking part - Latrobe High being the winning school. It appears that this scheme can be expanded most effectively. In the Coastal Championships Latrobe High defeated Devon Green for both the R.G. Marshall and Max Maddox Shields.

Although only one State title was won by a North West athlete - S. Badcock, several other athletes gained places and the efforts of the younger group was most encouraging.

A small number of athletes competed during the Cross Country season with M. McKenna and K. Beattie were the outstanding competitors.

Four special Carnivals were supported or organised - at Forth, Henley, Spreyton and Forest and all were quite successful although support for Forest was disappointing.

North.

Highlight of the season for Northern athletes was their success in the Track and Field Championships. From 3 titles in 1964 and 2 in 1965 to 14 in 1966 was most gratifying considering the overall improvement in Tasmanian standards.

The decrease in registrations was mainly due to the non-reaffiliation of the King Meadow Club, but there was a healthy increase in the number of Senior and Junior athletes.

As in Track and Field, the North gained success in Cross Country Championships through Don Cox and Peter Ford Newstead Club provided the greater proportion of competitors and were very successful winning 3 team championships. It is hoped that the other Clubs can operate more fully next season. Newstead provided another highlight - establishing Club headquarters at Relbia by leasing the Relbia hall, the first club in Tasmania to have its own premises. It also showed its initiative by taking a Cross Country team to Melbourne to compete in the Malvern 7 miles Cross Country Championship.

The Inter club competition was much stronger and more even with North Launceston just winning the overall contest. It is hoped that Exeter can build up to be on an equal basis with the others. The Northern Schoolchildren's Championships were introduced and proved quite a success in spite of lack of support from the high schools over 190 athletes from 24 schools competed in 90 events. Another innovation, conducting Northern Championship events at a twilight meeting proved a relative failure but it is felt that the State Decathlon Championship was well conducted and attracted a particularly large number of young Northern athletes.

The Financial position has remained fairly static. Some items of equipment have been purchased and assistance was given to raising funds for State representatives. Due to the non-appearance of Ron Clarke at the Triangular meeting only \$100, half the Branch's levy was raised.

FINANCE:

Following on the heavy loss caused by the 1965 Australian Championships an overdraft was arranged with the E.S. & A. Bank to enable all commitments to be met. This overdraft was for a period of 2 years and it does appear, at this stage, that this will be accomplished. With the receipt of the balance of the Government donation towards the conduct of the Australian Championships, the sale of Commonwealth Bonds, and the payment of \$600 by the Southern Branch the overdraft has been reduced to just over \$630. The Southern Branch has undertaken to contribute another \$600 next season. With careful budgeting by your incoming Committees it seems fairly certain that your Association will be able to honour its undertaking to the Bank.

In return for its contribution of \$1200 the Southern Branch will take over and be responsible for all equipment. It, in fact, uses nearly all this equipment now, so your council feels that it will be of benefit to all if the Branch becomes the owner as well.

The very large representation in Australian Championships was not envisaged at budget time, so the cost of supplying uniforms is much higher than expected. The other large items of interest are:

- (i) the income and expenses for Australian Championships teams with which contra each other for the reason explained earlier in this report, and
- (ii) the Ron Clarke Foundation Appeal. Tasmania's contribution to this appeal was set at £500 which amount was equally divided between the 3 Branches, the T.W.A.A.A. and your Association. The Southern Branch and Association joined forces with the Sportsmen's Association of Australia - Tasmania Division to conduct a dinner, which was attended by Ron Clarke. It was a most successful function and raised approximately £140. Donations from members made this amount up to the £200 required. The T.W.A.A.A. met its quota but the North and North West Branches were only able to contribute £50 each. Although only £400, \$800, was forwarded to the Union, indications were that Tasmania had done better than other States.

All in all, finances are not the healthiest but the resolving of the difficulty appears to be in sight.

OBITUARY:

It is with deep regret that the passing of a life member - M.L. "Sonny" Round is reported. "Sonny" Round was Honorary Secretary of the Association prior to the war, for a period exceeding 10 years and held that position in 1936 when the Australian Track and Field Championships were held in Hobart. The success of this meeting was in no small way due to his excellent organising capabilities.

It was as a distance runner that he took an active part in the sport, not of any great distinction, but one of the large number of average runners who keep the sport going. He was always keen and enthusiastic and was a particularly fine sportsman.

Pressure of business eventually caused his retirement from office and he then turned to bowls. He became a member of the Derwent Club where he won a "B" Grade title. Amongst older members the name of "Sonny" Round will always be remembered and revered.

APPRECIATION: Once again appreciation must be extended to the Press, Radio and Television for assistance with publicity and also to all Branch officials who helped to conduct State Championship events. National Fitness Council again assisted with duplicating and Mr. D. Plaister and the Education Dept. provided your Council with a meeting room. To any other person or body who assisted amateur athletics during the past season your Council offers its sincere thanks.

On behalf of the Council.

E.W. Barwick - President.

N.J. Ruddock - Hon. Secretary.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR SEASON 1965/66

<u>Expenditure</u>	\$ c	<u>Income</u>	\$ c
Affiliation Fees	14 70	Subscriptions	4 00
Registration Fees	71 40	Registrations	241 62
Printing and Stationery	39 90	Affiliation Fees	70 00
Postages	21 23	Interest	14 12
Telephone Telegrams	25 00	Aust. Championship Income	2231 10
Annual Report	8 85	R.W. Clarke Foundation	803 76
Rents	6 00	Advertising	14 00
Wreaths	8 40	Tas. Government - Balance	
Uniforms - Aust. Champs. Team	59 52	Donation 1965 Aust. Champs.	500 00
Interest on Overdraft	36 78	Proceeds Raffle	21 60
R.W. Clarke Foundation	846 37	Excess of Expenditure over Income	131 82
Australian Championship expenses:			
1964/65	73 28		
1965/66	2231 10		
Handbooks, Almanacs etc., written off	4 48		
Honorarium 1964/65 and 1965/65	200 00		
Depreciation	385 01		
	<u>\$ 4032 02</u>		<u>\$ 4032 02</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL 1966

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
Bank Overdraft	631 18	Sundry Debtors	1 80
Southern Branch:		Stock in Hand	95 50
Advance Payment - Equipment	600 00	Equipment B/F	1895 55
Accumulated Funds	554 16	Additions	<u>24 98</u>
Less Excess of Expenditures over Income	<u>131 82</u> 422 34	1920	53
		Sales	<u>11 70</u>
		1908	83
		Less 20% Depreciation	
		tion	<u>381 77</u> 1527 06
		Typewriter	32 40
		Less 10% Depreciation	
		tion	<u>3 24</u> 29 16
	<u>\$ 1653 52</u>		<u>\$ 1653 52</u>

I hereby certify that the above statements are a true and correct record of the Association's financial position as 30th April, 1966.

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