

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

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56th

ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - SEASON

1966 - 1967.

Presented to Members at the Annual General Meeting held
at the Campbell Town Hotel, Campbell Town, on Sunday
21st May, 1967 at 10.30 a.m.

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- PATRON : His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania,
Lieutenant General Sir Charles Gairdner
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TREASURER : Mr. W. J. Ruddock.

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Gentlemen,

Once again your Council presents with pleasure the Annual Report of the Association, this time the 56th. It covers a year in which as usual, many diversified activities have been organised and conducted by the Association and its branches. Some have been very successful, others not as beneficial as might have been hoped.

Some attention has been paid to coaching. There has been plenty of consideration given to the Athletic Centre although little concrete progress can be reported. The three branches have made progress and it is pleasing to see signs of revival on the North-West coast. Council was not able to report complete the elimination of its overdraft as predicted last year but the day is not far distant before it will be out of the red once again.

Two great blows were suffered mid season when Norman Hutton and Charles Briggs both died very suddenly.

All these matters will be elaborated on later in the report.

Registrations.

It appears as though last season's decline in registrations has been arrested by all branches much to the gratification of your Council and I am sure to the branches themselves. The strength of the Association is in its branches and they in turn are only as strong as the individual clubs. While the clubs are capably administered there will be plenty of competitors and every member must realise that should clubs falter the whole athletic structure in the state is jeopardised. So, continued encouragement must be given to the clubs starting right from the very top, - to increase their number of registered athletes.

Statistics for the season were:-

					on 65/66.
South	235	registrations	an increase of 12	- 5.4%	"
North	205	registrations	an increase of 13	- 6.3%	"
	(including 78	under 12)			
North West	63	registrations	an increase of 18	-28.6%	"
	(including 13	under 12)		-- -----	
Total	<u>503</u>	<u>91</u> under 12.		43	8.0% "

To climb back over 500 for only the second time ever is very pleasing especially as all branches assisted. With plenty of emphasis being placed on schoolchildren it is understandable that many of our athletes are in the younger age groups. It is to be hoped that the majority of these will carry through to strengthen the seniors in the future.

Coaching.

Due to an allocation of \$200 from the Rothman's Sports Foundation it was possible for your Council to arrange another visit by outstanding Victorian coach Mr. Stuart Enbling. The visit was over a period of two weeks and took in Hobart, Devonport, Exeter and Launceston, and results proved most satisfactory.

Approximately 370 athletes attended the various sessions and over 2000 photographs were taken. Mr. Embling reported the visit to be most rewarding, and the enthusiasm of the athletes in their search for knowledge was It is anticipated that another coach will be invited next season, . . . possibly a field games expert this time. Your Council is indeed grateful to Mr. Embling for the work he did and also to Rothman's Sports Foundation, without whom, the visit would not have been possible.

Track and Field.

All branches reported a successful season with quite strong inter-club competition in Hobart and Launceston. Some idea of the high standard may be gauged from the fact that over 50 Tasmanian Residential records were broken during the season.

An innovation was the introduction of twilight meetings by the Southern Branch with Victorian athletes being invited to compete. Substantial public interest was aroused and it would appear that this type of meeting could become part of the programme. Even one inter club programme was conducted under lights most successfully and this certainly opens up great possibilities.

North and South Contest.

Conducted by the Northern Branch once again on 10th December, 1966 at York Park, this programme was a straight out competition between South and North, North-west combined in all divisions. Victorian athletes Alan Crawley (100 metres and Long Jump), and Ron Carlton (Javelin and Long Jump) competed by invitation. Results were much closer than in previous years and although South was successful in three out of the four divisions, the Senior and Sub-Junior were extremely close. The last event of the day the 4x100 metres Relay decided the Senior contest with South winning 32 to North 30. In the Sub Junior South with 27 points only had 4 points to spare and although the Junior was a comfortable win for South 34 to 19, North had a success in the Juveniles 21 to 14. Total points were South 107 North 93.

Unfortunately the meeting proved a financial failure but the N.A.A.B. is confident that this can be overcome in the future.

Tasmanian Championships.

These were conducted in Hobart as usual on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th March and this innovation seemed to be the best arrangement yet made. The T.W.A.A.A. as usual held its titles in conjunction but on both days this year.

Once again the North Hobart ground was in excellent condition and terrific performances resulted. There seems to be some justification for the claim that this track is the fastest in Australia. It is certainly a credit to the Hobart City Council, the Officers of the Reserve Department and the co-operative curator Mr. Ray Smith.

The Northern and North Western branches were not as well represented as would have been liked. It is to be hoped that the thought of strong competition does not deter them from entering. Fields were rather small but of high quality and it is pleasing to report that scratchings were relatively light.

As last year there was no interest in the club competition conducted in conjunction with the Championships. In fact the points

were not even compiled until this report was written. With the decline in club enthusiasm has appeared a lack of interest in relays and there has been a suggestion to delete these from this meeting.

It is very pleasant to be able to report that the Shot Discus and Hammer Throw were conducted on concrete throwing circles in the oval and for this the City Council is to be thanked.

Public support was very good on both days and it was gratifying to the organisers to see such an appreciative audience present.

The Tasmanian Championship Results were:

SENIOR	1st	2nd	3rd.
100 metres	M. Bird (SB)	P. Skoggs (AYC)	N. Mickleborough (SB) 10.8
200 "	M. Bird (SB)	B. Smith (ES)	N. Mickleborough (SB) 21.6
400 "	M. Bird (SB)	R. Annells (SB)	A. Walsh (N) 47.6 TRR
800 "	R. Annells (SB)	A. Risby (SB)	R. Taylor (ES) 1min 48.8 TRR
1500 "	A. Risby (SB)	R. Taylor (ES)	F. Boer (N) 3min 58.1
5000 "	M. McKenna (Dar)	D. Cox (N)	D. Marsh (NS) 15m. 18.4
10000 "	M. McKenna (Dar)	M. Little (Dev)	D. Cox (N) 30m. 32.2 TRR
110 metres Hurdles	I. Flockhart (ES)	N. Mickleborough (SB)	16.1 sec
200 metres Hurdles	N. Mickleborough (SB)	W. Fletcher (NS)	25.5 sec
400 metres Hurdles	N. Mickleborough (SB)	W. Essex (NS)	A. Alexander (S'Ham) 55.5
3000 " S/Chase	M. Little (Dev)	T. Nailor (N)	S. Bailey (N) 9min 45.1 sec
3000 " Walk	W. Melville (AYC)	G. Nicholls (B'rt)	T. Brannigan (SB) 13.25
High Jump	I. Beltz (Uni)	I. Flockhart (ES)	R. Foster (NS) 6ft 2"
Pole Vault	I. Flockhart (ES)	G. Stowards (ES)	A. VanAsch (NL) 10ft 8"
Long Jump	I. Flockhart (ES)	I. Manning (ES)	G. McLeon (Uni) 20ft 7 1/4"
Triple Jump	I. Manning (ES)	R. Morriss (Uni)	I. Flockhart (ES) 44ft 7 1/4"
Discus	A. Evans (N)	D. Hardy (NS)	V. Feldmanus (NS) 140' 6"
Shot	A. Evans (N)	G. Stowards (ES)	V. Feldmanus (NS) 49' 1 TRR
Hammer	D. Hardy (NS)	W. Halley (ES)	A. Evans (N) 134' 9 1/2"
Javelin	A. Fahey (ES)	M. Sport (SB)	G. Stowards (ES) 177' 1"

4 x 100 metre Relay Sandy Bay Northern Suburbs A.Y.C. 43.8 sec

4 x 400 metre Relay Sandy Bay A.Y.C. 3min 26.2 sec

Hobart Harrier Cup : 1st Sandy Bay 42 points
 2nd Eastern Suburbs 27 points
 3rd Northern Suburbs 21 points

<u>JUNIOR</u>	1st	2nd	3rd.
100 metres	P.Skeggs (AYC)	B.Smith (ES)	A.Patmore(SB) 11
200 "	P.Skeggs (AYC)	S.Patmore(SB)	R.Thomas(Ext) 22.
400 "	A.Patmore (SB)	B.Smith (ES)	P.Skeggs(AYC) 50.
800 "	G.Bently (ES)	J.Brooks (NS)	M.Little(Dar) 2.0
1500 "	G.Bently (ES)	J.Brooks(NS)	M.Little(Dar) 4.8
110m Hurdles	P.Cox (AYC)	I.Murray(AYC)	
200m "	P.Skeggs(AYC)	I.Murray(AYC)	G.Adams(AYC) 27.5

1500m Wall	G.Nicholls(Blirt)	C.Ockenden(SB)	6m.41.2sec
High Jump	R.Foster (NS)	A.Bond (AYC)	G.Chadwick(AYC) 5'
Long Jump	I.Manning (NS)	R.Thomas(Ext)	M.Gaffney(NS) 19'
Triple Jump	I.Manning (NS)	M.Gaffney(NS)	C.Speckman(NS) 42'3"
Discus	A.Van Asch(NL)	K.Smith (N)	R.Matkowski(OVA) 10'
Shot Putt	A.Van Asch (NL)	K.Nichols(ES)	36'2"
Javelin	K.Smith (N)	D.Mosh(NS)	A.VanAsch(NL)
4x100 m relay	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	46.1sec
4x400 m relay	A.Y.C.	Northern Suburbs	3m.42.5sec

Club Championship

1. A.Y.C. 26
2. Northern Suburb 25
3. Eastern Suburbs 14

SUB JUNIOR

100 metres	C.Hickman (SB)	G.Lynch (SB)	P.Hannaford(SB) 11.
200 "	C.Hickman (SB)	G.Lynch (SB)	S.Hilster(NL) 22.8
400 "	B.Lane (NS)	B.Blackby(ES)	S.Hilster(NL) 52.3
800 "	B.Nelson (NS)	R.Wallace(N)	S.Bailey(N) 2m.5.5
1500 "	B.Nelson (NS)	R.Wallace(N)	S.Bailey(N) 4m17.9
High Jump	R.Foster (NS)	K.Smith (N)	5'9"
Long Jump	K.Smith (N)	K.Rogers(N)	K.Turner(Ex) 19'
Shot Putt	R.Matkowski(OVA)	P.Cox (AYC)	K.Smith(N) 41'4 1/2"
Triple Jump	P.Cox (AYC)	K.Smith(N)	K.Rogers(NS) 42'0 1/4"
4x100m relay	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	AYC 46.1sec
4x400m relay	Northern Suburbs	Newstead	3m 40.6sec

Club Championship

1. Northern Suburbs 23
2. Newstead 17
3. Sandy Bay 16

JUVENILE

100 metres	P.Cox(AYC)	D.Parkinson(OVA)	P.Skeggs(AYC) 12.
200 "	P.Cox(AYC)	D.Parkinson(OVA)	I.Hosking(AYC) 23.
400 metres	P.Cox(AYC)	M.Elliott (OVA)	ditto 56.12
800 "	A.Painter(NL)	S.Barrett(Ext)	A.Verrer(SE) 2m9.1
1500 "	A.Painter(NL)	A.Verrer(SE)	J.Ward(OVA) 4m28.1
High Jump	P.Cox (AYC)	I.Murray(AYC)	G.Adams(AYC) 5ft
Long Jump	P.Cox (AYC)	D.Rainbow(NS)	I.Murray(AYC) 19'1"
4x100m relay	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	AYC 46.1sec

Club Championship

- A.Y.C. 23.
Sandy Bay 8.
O.V.A. 7.

Total Points - all Divisions

Sandy Bay 79, Northern Suburbs 74, A.Y.C. 64,
Eastern Suburbs 43, Newstead 37, North L'Ton 16,
O.V.A. 12, Devon 7, Uni, 6, Darwin 6, Exeter 6.

Decathlon & Junior Pentathlon Championship

Both these events were organised and conducted by the Northern Branch at York Park on 11th & 12th February. There was a disappointing entry of only 3 athletes for the Decathlon all from North Launceston. Despite this the events were closely contested with Frank Nott 4952 points defeating Graeme Nott 4776 points and Brian Baxter,

Twelve competitors entered the Junior Pentathlon held for the first time. It proved to be a great success with only 28 points separating the first three placegetters. Arie Van Asch (Northern Launceston) with 2392 points defeated Stephen Badcock (North West) 2372 points and Kevin Smith (Newstead) 2364 points. The most disappointing fact was the non appearance of any Southern athlete for these Championships. The closeness to the Australian Championship was a valid reason for the members of the State team but there seems no excuse for anyone else.

Australian Championships.

A team of 16 was selected to represent your Association in the Australian Championships held at the Olympic Sports Field Adelaide on 25th and 26th February 1967. All accepted selection except I. Beltz who had not fully recovered from injury. The team was - from the South J. Denholm (Capt.,) 800 & 1500 metres; M. Bird 100, 200 and 400 metres; R. Annells 400 and 800 metres; A. Risby 800 and 1500 metres; N. Mickleborough 200 metres hurdles; W. Meville 3000 metres walk; I. Manning Triple jump, junior and senior; A. Patmore and B. Smith 100, 200 and 400 metres Junior; P. Skeggs 100 and 200 metres Junior; J. Brooks 1500 metres Junior; A. Fahey and I. Flockhart Decathlon. From the North D. Cox 5000 and 10000 metres; A. Evans Shot Putt and Discus.

Mr. E. Goss of Devonport was appointed Manager.

To assist with finances the offer of the South Australian AAA to arrange a billet for any member of the team requiring one was accepted, but it was generally felt that the experiment was not a success.

Overall performances of the team was most disappointing and it was suggested that members did not adjust well to the rubberised bitumen track.

Ian Manning was the only member to gain a medal for 3rd place in the Junior Triple Jump.

Tasmania was represented in Opening Ceremony by J. Denholm, N. Mickleborough and T. Patmore, then over the next four days all our athletes competed in events for which they had been selected except B. Annells who scratched from 400 metres and I. Manning who was forced by an injury to scratch from Senior Triple Jump on the Sunday.

Best results obtained were third by I. Manning in Junior Triple Jump, 4th D. Cox 10000 metres, 4th 4x100 metre Relay and 4th N. Evans Shot and 6th Discus, while disqualification of W. Melville in Walk cost a certain medal.

Although sprinters were hampered on both days by a head wind, they were all down on their top performances of the season.

Besides these mentioned, the only others to reach their previous best were J. Denholm and A. Risby in 1,500 metre and M. Bird in 400 metres.

It appears that our athletes still have a way to go in technique and conditioning and in the overall approach to topclass competition.

Congratulations must be extended to the South Australian Association on the manner in which it organised and conducted the Championships. Members of the team were most impressed with the terri set up at the Olympic Sports Field at Kensington. Tasmania must obtain a similar athletic centre and then it is certain performances will improve as they have in South Australia.

Although the hopes expressed after the 1966 Championships in Perth were not fulfilled the Adelaide trip was not entirely a failure in that the majority of members were only competing at their first or second top class meeting and all feel they have benefited greatly from the experience. Your Council is ever optimistic and looks forward confidently to future Championships.

Athletic Centre

As stated above this centre is an absolute must for Tasmania and the sub-committee conducting negotiations with the Hobart City Council is confident that there will be some concrete action in the near future. A large amount of money has been allocated out of this year's Council funds.

The^{sub} Committee is very definite that the Association must help itself by raising a substantial sum and feels certain that it can be done.

Cross Country

Don Cox (N) won all Cross Country Championship, finished first in the 4 mile Triangular Team's Race and was first Tasmanian to finish in the marathon. He completely dominated the season and was never closely pressed in any event.

The Junior titles were shared, although Ivan Woolley (AYC) found good form later in the season to win two events.

Interest was fairly consistent throughout but fields were never large. The best being at the 10000 metres and 5000 metres Junior when 34 runners started. The Northern Branch, with Newstead club continued to dominate this side of the sport.

Mention must be made of the very successful Marathon Championship organised by the North and run in conjunction with the Launceston show. A field of 23 started including 10 Victorians, 5 from New South Wales and the balance Tasmanians. The event excited great interest and the result was so good that a Marathon will be run at the same time every year.

Championship Results were: -

TURNERS BEACH 14th MAY, 1966

5 Miles C.C.Championship

1. D.Cox (N) 28m 32.6 sec.
2. W.Melville(AYC) 30m 14.
3. K.Beattie(Darwin) 30m 19.

11 starters

Team's Race Newstead

5 Miles Novice C.C.Championship

1. D.Jones (N) 30m 10.4sec.
2. D.Rawberry(AYC) 30m 37sec
3. M.Little(Darwin)31m 43sec.

15 starters

Team's Race Darwin

RELBIA 4th JUNE, 1966

4 Mile Triangular

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|-----|------------|----|--------|
| 1st | North | 16 | points |
| 2nd | South | 20 | points |
| 3rd | North West | 45 | points |

EAST DEVONPORT 2nd JULY, 1966

10 Miles C.C.Championships

1. D.Cox (N) 61m.50.3sec.
2. M.McKenna (Dar)63m.00 sec
3. T.Nailer(N) 65. 08 "

12 starters

Team's Race Newstead

5 Miles Jnr.C.C.Championships

1. M.Little(Darwin) 32.53 sec
2. S.Bailey(N) 34. 2 "
3. P.Armstrong(NL) 34. 5 "

8 starters

3 Miles Juvenile C.C.Championship

1. G.Shepherd (Darwin) 19m 47.8sec
2. G.Ford (N) 19m. 51 "
3. J.Schilder (Darwin) 19m. 53 "

8 starters

Team's Race Darwin.

DRAUGHTY POINT 30th JULY,1966

10,000 Metres C.C.Championship

1. D. Cox (N) 36m 48.8 sec
2. R.Taylor (ES)38m 5.6 "
3. W.Melville(AYC) 38m 33.6 sec

17 starters

Team's Race Eastern Suburbs

5000 Metres Jnr.C.C.Championship

1. J.Woolley (AYC) 19m 1.2sec
2. A.Risby (SB) 19m 44.7"
3. D.Marsh (NS) 20m 00 "

17 starters

Team's Race Newstead.

CAMBRIDGE 27th AUGUST,1966

15 Mile Road Championship

1. D. Cox (N) 1hr.21m.23sec.
2. D.Thackeray (N) 1hr.23m.32 sec
3. L.Linsell (ES) 1hr.27m.26 "

7 Mile Jnr.Road Championship

1. J.Woolley (AYC) 40m. 10 sec
2. R.Foom (N) 42m. 57 "
3. J.Brooks(NS) 44m 1 "

LAUNCESTON 8th OCTOBER,1966

Marathon.

1. P.Bruce (Old Xavierians-Vic) 2hrs. 40min 53.2 secs.
 2. R.Cribble(St.George- N.S.W.) 2hrs. 46min 43.3 secs.
 3. C.Eaton (Oakleigh-Vic) 2hrs. 47min 53.2 secs.
- Best Tasmanian D.Cox (N) 5th.

23 starters

15 finished.

Team's Race	1 Richmond (Vic)	22 points
	2 St. George (NSW)	27 points

Amateur Athletic Union Conference.

Your Association was represented by the President and Hon. Secretary at the Annual A.A.U. Conference held in Adelaide just prior to the Track and Field Championship. Mr. Barwick was nominated for the position of Vice-President and Delegate to the Australian Olympic Federation and the British Commonwealth Games Association, but was not successful in being elected to any position.

Conference sat for approximately 15 hours considering an Agenda of 32 items with 50 Notices of Motion: Most interesting of the decisions were:-

- i) For local meetings only, 2 numbers need not be worn
- ii) All club officials excepting Life Members must be registered
- iii) Only one class of Junior & Sub Junior Australian record will be recognised
- iv) Junior Australian Field Championships to be held annually instead of bi-annually.
- v) A Junior 10000 metres C.C. to be conducted - teams of 5 with 3 to count.
- vi) States may enter any number of competitors for Australian Championship.
- vii) A.A.U. Life Membership may be conferred on any person who has rendered distinguished service as an officer of the Union or of its Constituent Assns for at least two years.
- viii) A Merit Award may be conferred for distinguished service to the sport for at least 20 years.
- ix) Tasmania was awarded the 1968 Australian Marathon Championship
- x) W.D. & H.O. Wills will continue to sponsor the Australian Track and Field Championships.

It was very disappointing that no Tasmanian was appointed to any official position or any sub-committee. We are the only one without any representation. Tasmania meets all its obligations to the Union in businesslike style and deserves a much better result, Union wise, we should continue to nominate for all positions. Tasmania delegates debate and vote completely with an all Australian outlook.

Affiliations.

Your Association again affiliated with the Tasmanian Olympic Council, Tasmania British Empire and Commonwealth Games Association, and Tasmanian Sports Council and has been quite active in their affairs.

Branch Activities

N o r t h

Another successful Season was experienced with Northern athletes taking the major share of State titles in the Cross Country and Road Season, winning the Decathlon and Junior Pentathlon titles and eight titles at the Track & Field Championship. Two athletes from Launceston were also selected in the state-team for the Australian Track & Field Championship.

An analysis of figures shows that registration of athletes 12 years and over dropped from 133 - 105 whilst there was a corresponding rise in the under 12 group. Exeter Club has increased

considerably but the sharp drop in North Launceston is a little disturbing.

Highlight of the Cross Country Season was the staging of the first Launceston Show Marathon, incorporating the 1967 Tasmanian Marathon Championship. It was an unqualified success with excellent support being received from Victoria and New South Wales. This is certain to become an annual event and plans are already being made for the 2nd Launceston Show Marathon.

Don Cox won every state and Northern Cross Country and Road titles and was the first Tasmanian to finish in the Marathon. North won the Triangular Teams Race and the Newstead Club won 3 State Teams events. In addition Newstead also won the Mountain Relay in Hobart thus establishing itself as the top club in Tasmania in this sphere.

In the Track Season the inter-club competition was close with North Launceston defeating Newstead by only 6 points - 830 - 824. Exeter found it hard to compete with the City clubs but performed quite creditably. The grading system closely followed that used in Hobart and was a great success but will need some modifications for the coming season.

The Northern Schoolchildrens Championships were held at the Grammar School Oval on 18th October, 1966 and were a big improvement on the previous years meeting. The number of competing schools increased from 24 to 31, the number of athletes from 190 to 320 and the number of events from 90 to 124. The main difficulty with this meeting is finding a suitable date for all schools. It is hoped that in the future the winners of events in Northern, Southern and North Western Championships could meet to decide the Tasmanian Champion. However, at this stage it appears to be a long way in the future.

South faced a combined North - North Western team for the Triangular Meeting, which resulted in keen and close competition in all age groups. The Senior was decided by the last event of the day - the 4 x 100 metres relay.

The State Decathlon and Junior Pentathlon were conducted most successfully but it was very disappointing to have no entries from Hobart. The Junior Pentathlon conducted for the first time attracted 12 starters and certainly warranted its introduction.

It is pleasing to report that a coaching sub-committee has been formed to devise the best method of forming coaching classes and a group of coaches and it is hoped to implement a coaching scheme next season.

The financial position has remained fairly static once again. Unfortunately the North v. South meeting sustained quite a loss and profits from the inter club meetings had to be used to make this good.

An approach has been made to the Launceston Greyhound Racing Club in an endeavour to obtain the use of the White City Stadium as Headquarters for next track season. If the approach is successful (and it appears quite likely) then considerable gain could result from the move from York Park. Facilities at White City make it admirable for athletic headquarters, although much work will have to be undertaken by the Branch and Clubs probably in conjunction with the Northern Soccer Association.

N o r t h W e s t

The Devon Division was once again responsible for keeping amateur athletics alive on the coast. The track season again started with a schools competition lasting 8 weeks during which all competitors were encouraged to continue on with athletics. Latrobe High were successful in winning the Shield after a good contest.

During February, Coastal Titles were held over three days with Mike McKenna being outstanding in the Senior distances. N.Little and S.Badcock were best of the Juniors. N.Pearce, N.Griffiths G.Evans and G.Cox did well in the Sub Junior as did N.Treanor Juvenile and P.Connell Sub Juvenile.

Fourteen North Western athletes were included in the Northern team for the North, South contest and the majority of them did very well. Only M.McKenna and N.Little competed in the state championships but they starred. McKenna broke the State Residential 10000 metres record and also won the 5000 metres. Little, a junior ran a creditable second in the 10000 metres and won the 3000metres Steeplechase while finishing third in the 800 and 1500 metres Junior events.

In Cross Country two successful State Championships were conducted, the 5 miles Senior Novice at Turner's Beach and the 10 mile and 5 mile Junior at Devonport. The North West took out the teams event in the 5 mile Novice and was represented with limited success in most other events.

Registrations showed a considerable increase, mainly in the younger age group and with the fresh interest shown should see a further improvement next year.

The Branch and Devon Division have managed to pay their way during the season and finish with a small credit balance.

S o u t h

The Southern Branch is able to report a most successful year. The Cross Country season was highlighted by the Mt.Wellington relay which was featured on National Television throughout Australia and whilst this race was by no means the most important held during the winter months it did a lot to foster the image of the sport.

The track and field season, however, dominated the year's activities for the Branch. It can be fairly described as the most exciting yet experience. The schools' season in October featured healthy competition of a very high standard and there is little doubt that the Branch's studied encouragement of this facet of the sport has done much towards the development over the last few years.

The open season got underway in November and opened on a bright note. Two innovations proved highly successful - the Victoria v Tasmania under age competition on December 17th and regular twilight meetings in the latter half of the season. The interstate meeting was a magnificent programme with the visitors narrow winners 5 wins to 4 and perhaps demonstrated to local athletes that they should not be over-awed by interstate competition. Further proof of this was supplied in the twilight meetings which followed after Christmas.

Four were held - three of them featuring Victorian athletes and public interest was intense. The locals enjoyed more than their share of success and continual promotion of these meetings is a must.

Northern Suburbs won the Southern premiership after the closest struggle yet. They owe their success to team work and club spirit.

The co-operation of the clubs enabled the Branch to conduct its finances satisfactorily and with the debt to the T.A.A.A. now wiped clean the Branch is able to devote its energies to raising funds for the establishment of an athletic centre in Hobart.

In summary, the Branch can report that its status in Hobart is at its highest, that it is jealous of this position and is able to consolidate its standing.

Obituary

It is sad to report the sudden death of Mr. N.G. Hutton. Mr. Hutton devoted his life to amateur athletics. His Life Membership of your Association and of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia is sufficient to indicate the contribution he made and the respect in which he was held. Of all his good qualities perhaps his fairness and high principle were the greatest. He is a big loss to Australian Amateur Athletes.

Your Association is pleased to report that Mrs. Hutton has agreed to the perpetuation of her late husband's name by allowing the Tasmanian 400 metres Championship to be named, the 'N.G. Hutton Memorial Race'.

Also during the year Mr. C.G. Briggs, father of our Mr. G.T. Briggs died suddenly. Mr. Briggs was a former T.A.A.A. Committee man and was a devotee of men's hockey as well. The Council and the Branches were fully represented at both funerals and condolences from a wide amateur athletic field were extended.

FINANCE:

As instructed by the last Annual General Meeting the financial statement presented is a statement of Receipts and Payments only with no adjustments made. It is most gratifying to be able to report that the associations overdraft is only \$70.20 now due, in the main, to the support given by the Southern Branch. As promised it contributed another \$600 during the past year. In consideration of this and the previous year payment all the association equipment is now owned by the Branch. This is as it should be as the state body does not, of itself, conduct any meetings. It allots them to the various branches.

If the amount for the sale of equipment and the donation for a Decathlon Trophy is not taken into consideration - these being extraordinary receipts it will be seen that payments exceed receipts by \$85 the budget allowed for \$70. To offset this there is a small stock of state uniforms and medallions on hand.

Every effort must be made to finally pay off the overdraft in the coming season and to adopt a budget that at least breaks even.

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. Flaister 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. A. Barwick - President.
N. J. Rudlock - Hon. Secretary.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 30th April 1967

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Subscriptions	24.00	Affiliation & Registration Fees	94.50
Registration Fees	252.00	Annual Meeting Expenses	7.81
Affiliation Fees	60.00	Publications	11.97
Publications	16.80	Postages	19.94
Medallions	48.25	Telegrams, Telephone	21.10
Australian Championship- Fares	820.80	Printing & Stationery	46.26
Decathlon Trophy	25.00	Interest on Overdraft	30.95
Sale of Equipment	620.00	Australian Championship Fares	820.80
Sale of Uniforms	4.05	Donation BEOG Assoc.	10.00
Rothmans Sport Foundation	200.00	Cheque Book	2.50
Refund Overdraft Interest SAIB	30.95	Rent	6.00
Contras	48.00	Medallions	39.18
		Wreaths	4.20
		State Uniforms	83.31
		Expenses Visit Enabling	217.65
		Presentations	24.50
		Honorarium	100.00
		Contras	48.00
		Excess of Receipts over Payments	560.98
	<u>2149.85</u>		<u>2149.85</u>

Balance B.S.A. Bank

270.20 Overdrawn

I hereby certify that the above statement is a true and correct
 mind of the Association's financial position as at 30th April
 1967.

Signed (A. Wise Hon. Auditor)