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Gentlemen,

Once again it is with pleasure that your Council presents the Annual Report of the Association - the 57th. Apart from the usual activities, items covered include the organisation and conduct of the Australian 10,000 metres Cross Country Championship in Launceston last August, and the formation of a Coaches Association.

### Registrations

It is extremely gratifying to be able to report that, for the first time, registrations have topped the 650 mark and almost reached 700. The exact figure of 687 is an increase of 60 over the record season of 1964-1965. All branches showed improvement the greatest number being by the South but the most pleasing that by the North West, where the century was passed for only the second time.

Statistics for the season were:-

South	361,	including 59	Under 12,	Increase of 126	or 53.6%	on 1966/67
North	219,	" 75	" 12,	" " 14	or 6.8%	on "
North West	107,	" 61	" 12,	" " 44	or 69.8%	on "
TOTAL	687	" 195	" 12,	" " 184	or 36.5%	on "

The figures for South and North are the highest ever. In 1964/65 South registered 315 and North 215. North West's best season was 1962/63 with 131. In 1948 the total registrations for the whole State were 133. So we have increased over five fold in just 20 years. The large number of Under 12 athletics is also very encouraging and every endeavour must be made to ensure that they continue to compete and enjoy their athletics.

### Track and Field

Another successful season can be reported. South and North continued on their merry way whilst the North West, although still having problems with lack of officials, achieved reasonably satisfactory results.

### North v South Contest

This was again conducted by the Northern Branch on 16th December. For the first time, White City, the North's new home was used and it proved a success. Although the ground is still rough in patches and the circular track is shorter than 400 metre, standards were quite high. The Northern Branch is to be congratulated on the work it has done to the track and the manner in which it organised and conducted a most interesting and enjoyable contest.

The results were:-	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Sub Junior</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
South	31	33	37	16	117
North	28	22	16	21	87

with South winning 21 events to 14.

### Tasmanian Championships

As usual, these were conducted in Hobart on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March but because the dates were unsuitable the T.W.A.A.A. did not run its titles in conjunction.

Two Victorian athletes Garry Eddy and David Metherall accepted invitations to compete on the second day and their appearances in the 200, 400 and 800 metres were the highlights of the Championships.

Adverse weather on the Saturday was followed by perfect conditions on the Sunday and with the North Hobart ground in excellent condition, overall performances were extremely good. Praise must again be given to the Carator Mr. Ray Smith and the officers of the Reserves' Department of the Hobart City Council.

Fields were larger than in the past few years which is most heartening. However, the entry from the North and North West was very limited. Club interest seemed to be completely lacking. Perhaps if the clubs could rejuvenate the old keenness shown in the top club competition entries would further increase and something extra would be added to the Championship meeting.

Public support was well up to average, which was gratifying considering the absence of the women.

The Results were:-

<u>Senior</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	
100 metres	M. Bird (SB)	R. Gillon (SB)	P. Skeggs (A.Y.C.)	10.8 sec
200 "	G. Eddy (Vic)	M. Bird (SB)	R. Gillon (SB)	21.3 sec
400 "	G. Eddy (Vic)	M. Bird (SB)	D. Metherall (Vic)	48.2 sec
800 "	R. Annelly (SB)	D. Metherall (Vic)	J. Denholm (ES)	1 min. 51.4 sec
1500 "	J. Denholm (ES)	R. Annells (SB)	D. Cox (N)	3 min. 51.7 sec
5000 "	D. Cox (N)	M. McKenna (D)	M. Little (D)	14 min. 35.6 equa
10000 "	M. McKenna (D)	M. Little (D)	A. McCreary (SB)	21 min. 60 <sup>TRR</sup> sec
110 metres hurdles	N. Mickleborough (SB)	I. Flockhart (ES)		16.0 sec
200 "	N. Mickleborough (SB)	R. Marsh (NS)	W. Essex (NS)	25.1 sec
400 "	N. Mickleborough (SB)	F. Nott (N.L.)	W. Essex (NS)	55.1 sec
3000 metres walk	W. Melville (A.Y.C.)	T. Branigan (SB)	C. Ockenden (SB)	13 min. 43.8 sec
Long Jump	I. Manning (NS)	F. Nott (N.L.)	R. Gebka (OVA)	20 ft 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Triple Jump	S. Heyes (SB)	I. Manning (NS)	R. Morris (Uni)	46 ft 9 in
High Jump	I. Beltz (Uni)	R. Foster (NS)	I. Flockhart (ES)	6 ft 5 in
Pole Vault	P. Putnam (N.L.)	I. Flockhart (ES)	S. Parkinson (OVA)	9 ft
Shot Putt	N. Evans (N)	D. Rider (ES)	G. Chadwick (A.Y.C.)	40 ft 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in
Javelin	M. Spott (SB)	R. Drummond (SB)	G. Chadwick (A.Y.C.)	156 ft 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Discus	D. Hardy (NS)	W. Fletcher (NS)	W. Halley (ES)	115 ft 1 in
Hammer	D. Hardy (NS)	W. Halley (ES)	W. Fletcher (NS)	130 ft
3000 metres Steeplechase	M. Little (D)	M. McKenna (D)	T. Nailer (N)	9 min 20.2 sec
4 x 100 metre Relay	Sandy Bay	North Launceston	Eastern Suburbs	43.2 TRR
4 x 400 "	Sandy Bay	Eastern Suburbs		3 min 23.8 sec
Club Championship		1. Sandy Bay	52	
		2. Eastern Suburbs	21	
		3. Northern Suburbs	20	

<u>Junior</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	
100 metres	P. Skeggs (A.Y.C.)	B. Blackaby (ES)	R. Thomas (NL)	11.1 sec
200 "	C. Hickman (SB)	P. Skeggs (A.Y.C.)	B. Blackaby (ES)	22.9 sec
400 "	P. Skeggs (A.Y.C.)	C. Hickman (SB)	B. Blackaby (ES)	50.5 sec
800 "	G. Bentley (ES)	K. Rayner (SB)	S. Bailey (N)	1 min. 57.3 sec
1500 "	K. Rayner (SB)	J. Brooks (NS)	G. Bentley (ES)	4 min. 2.8 sec
110 metres Hurdles	P. Cox (A.Y.C.)	S. Heyes (SB)		
200 "	G. Fielding (A.Y.C.)	H. Gebka (OVA)	P. Downie (SB)	29.5 sec
3000 metres Walk	R. Sargent (A.Y.C.)	C. Ockenden (SB)	R. Jones (SB)	14 min. 6 sec
Long Jump	R. Thomas (NL)	H. Gebka (OVA)	M. Gaffney (NS)	20 ft 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in

<u>Junior</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	
Triple Jump	S. Heyes (SB)	G. Fielding (A.Y.C.)	H. Gebka (OVA)	45ft 9in
High Jump	R. Foster (NS)	G. Fielding (A.Y.C.)		5ft 2in
Shot Putt	K. Erman (SB)			
Javelin	B. Drummond (SB)	G. Cox (D)	J. Parkinson (OVA)	149ft 4½in
Discus	I. Murray (A.Y.C.)	G. Fielding (A.Y.C.)	G. Cox (D)	87ft 10in
Hammer	J. Parkinson (OVA)	I. Murray (A.Y.C.)		75ft 7in
4 x 110 metres Relay	A.Y.C.	OVA	Northern Suburbs	46.6 sec
4 x 400 "	A.Y.C.	Northern Suburbs	OVA	3min. 44.4 sec.

## Club Championship

1.	A.Y.C.	38
2.	Sandy Bay	25
3.	OVA	14

Sub - Junior

100 metres	S. Lidster (NL)	P. Hammond (SB)	D. Keeling (NL)	11.3 sec
200 "	C. Hines (NS)	P. Cox (A.Y.C.)	S. Lidster (NL)	23.0 sec
400 "	C. Hines (NS)	S. Lidster (NL)	E. O'Brien (NS)	50.6 sec
800 "	G. Webb (NS)	M. Treanor (D)	S. Lidster (NL)	2 min 38
1500 "	S. Webb (NS)	G. Webb (NS)	D. Harries (NS)	4 min 13.5
Long Jump	P. Cox (A.Y.C.)	K. Rogers (NS)	Y. Siejka (NS)	19ft 9½in
Triple Jump	P. Cox (A.Y.C.)	K. Rogers (NS)	I. Murray (A.Y.C.)	42ft 2½in
High Jump	P. Cox (A.Y.C.)	R. Kadziolka (OVA)	Y. Siejka (NS)	5ft 2in
Shot Putt	P. Cox (A.Y.C.)	E. Cox (D)	I. Murray (A.Y.C.)	39ft 5¼in
4 x 110 metres Relay	Northern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	A.Y.C.	46.8 sec
4 x 400 "	Northern Suburbs	A.Y.C.		3min 40.4

## Club Championship

1.	Northern Suburbs	32
2.	A.Y.C.	21
3.	North Launceston	9

Juvenile

100 metres	D. Wickham (NL)	S. Delaney (SB)	R. Bevis (ES)	11.9 sec
200 "	D. Wickham (NL)	T. Beattie (IND)	R. Bevis (ES)	24.1 sec
400 "	D. Wickham (NL)	L. Fulton (NL)	N. Elliott (OVA)	55.7 sec
800 "	G. Brown (NS)	J. Barwick (NS)	R. Brill (NL)	2min 8.2 TOR
1500 "	G. Brown (NS)	R. Brill (NS)	M. Hickman (SB)	
Long Jump	N. Elliott (OVA)	F. Lewincamp (NS)	G. Murray (A.Y.C.)	17ft 10in
High Jump	M. Mears (NL)	R. Bevis (ES)	D. Scanlin (A.Y.C.)	4ft 10in
4 x 100 metre Relay	Sandy Bay	Eastern Suburbs	A.Y.C.	52.1 sec

Club Championship	1. North Launceston	15
	2. Northern Suburbs	12
	3. Sandy Bay	8

<u>Total Points</u>	Sandy Bay	90
	Northern Suburbs	75
	A. Y. C.	69
	North Launceston	38
	Eastern Suburbs	36
	O. V. A.	20
	Devon	19
	Newstead	10
	University	4

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#### Decathlon and Junior Pentathlon Championships

Both events were again conducted by the Northern Branch on 10th and 11th February at White City. Entries were better than last year but were still disappointing - 6 in the Decathlon all from the North and 8 in the Pentathlon with 1 from the South, 3 from the North West and 4 from the North.

Results were:-

<u>Decathlon</u>			<u>Pentathlon</u>		
1st	F. Nott (NL)	5057 points	1st	S. Heyes (SB)	2557 points Tas. Junior Record
2nd	A. Van Asch (NL)	4797 points	2nd	S. Lidster (NL)	2244 points Tas. Sub. Junior Record
3rd	B. Baxter (NL)	4023 points	3rd	J. Jordon (NL)	2221 points

#### Australian Championship

A team of 13 was named to represent your Association in the Australian Championships conducted by the A.A.A. of New South Wales at the E.S. Marks Field Sydney on 23rd and 24th March 1968.

These selected were from the South - J. Denholm (Captain) 800 and 1500 metres, N. Bird 100, 200 and 400 metres, R. Gillan 100 and 200 metres, R. Annells 800 and 1500 metres, J. Beltz High Jump, N. Mickleborough 200 and 400 metres Hurdles, W. Melville 3000 metres walk, R. Sergeant 3000 metres walk Senior and Junior, P. Skeggs 100 metres Junior, S. Heyes Triple Jump Junior. From the North D. Cox (Vice Captain) 1500, 5000 and 10000 metres, from the North West N. McKenna 10000 metres M. Little 10000 metres and 1500 metres Steeplechase Junior. The manager was Mr. C. Nicleborough of Hobart with Mr. W. Ford of Launceston as his assistant.

In spite of your Council's ruling that all members of the team must travel together to Sydney, due to various reasons this was not adhered to and provided many problems for the manager. Accommodation arrangements in Sydney were not as advised by New South Wales. The Motel stated that bookings had not been made in spite of a deposit having been paid. Mr. Mickleborough had to find alternative accommodation himself - without any help from the organisers.

Performances could be said to be up to expectations as can be seen from the following results.

100 metres	N. Bird	10.8 (4th)	R. Gillow 11.0 (5th)	Neither qualified for final.
200 "	No results available			
400 "	N. Bird	48.4 sec	3rd in Heat	51.2 sec 6th in Final.
800 "	R. Annells	1min 50.8 sec (3rd)	W. Denholm 1min 51.2 (4th)	Neither qualified.
1500 "	J. Denholm	3min 50.7 sec	5th in Final.	
5000 "	D. Cox	8th	No time available.	
10000 "	N. McKenna	7th	N. Little 9th	D. Cox retired. No times available.
3000 " Walk	W. Melville	7th	No time available.	
200 " Hurdles	N. Mickleborough	fell in heats - weights on hurdles were incorrectly placed.		
High Jump	J. Beltz	6ft 2in	7th.	
4 x 100 metres Relay	Tasmania	43.8	5th	
100 metres Junior	P. Skeggs	11.1	4th.	
3000 " Walk	R. Sergeant	14min 16.3sec	2nd	
3000 " Steeplechase	N. Little	4min 30.9sec	5th	
Triple Jump	S. Heyes	46ft 8in	3rd	

Congratulations must be extended to Rex Sergeant and Stephen Heyes on winning a silver and a **bronze medallion** respectively. It was also pleasing to learn that neither of the walkers had received a warning and were considered to have walked well technically.

Several members of the team took the opportunity to compete at Olympic Park, Melbourne, on the Wednesday preceding the Championships and benefited greatly from the competition. As always your representatives obviously suffered from the lack of consistently strong competition but were by no means disgraced. Bob Annells was most unlucky not to qualify for the final of the 800 metres again suffering from a bad draw whilst Murray Bird found the task of running two hard 400 metres within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours a little too much.

#### Coaches Association

It is with great pleasure that your Council can at last report that a Tasmanian Coaches Association has been formed. It has made slow but sound progress with Jim Manson as Chairman and Chris Smallbore as Secretary. Monthly meetings have been held with the aim of increasing the membership, the enthusiasm and the knowledge of all coaches. Attempts to obtain copies of constitutions from similar bodies in other States, on which to base its aim, have been unsuccessful so far.

#### Athletics Centre

Progress has been very disappointing, with the Hobart City Council deferring a decision to commence building because of the cost. At the moment a stalemate appears to have developed, at least, until after the Council elections. Your sub committee has, with the assistance of several sympathetic aldermen, done everything possible to achieve its aim but so far with little success. Even so it is essential that the idea of showing the City Council that we are prepared to help ourselves must continue to be emphasised whenever possible.

Cross Country

Feature of the season was the Australian 10000 metres Cross Country Championship conducted by the Northern Branch at Relbra on 17th June, 1967. All States were represented by teams with a total of 35 starters, all except one finishing. The course was a true Cross Country and was extremely well marked with red and white flags and yellow paint. The race was uneventful with L. Tuoguid of New South Wales winning in 31min 22.6 sec. A. Benson (Vic) was 2nd and D. Clayton (Vic) 3rd. Victoria won the teams race from New South Wales and South Australia.

The organising committee arranged for several trophies to be donated which was presented at a Social function at night.

Heary congratulations must be extended to the Northern Branch on the excellent organisation and conduct of the event. All visitors were sincere in their praise for a job well done.

Mike McKenna and Max Little of Devon completely dominated all state cross country championships winning all the senior and junior titles respectively. Fields were down or little on last season the largest being 33 and the smallest 16. Newstead was the strongest and most successful club with the South having a regretablely small representation.

Championship results were:-

4 mile Triangular - Bellerive 13th May, 1967.

1st	South	13
2nd	North West	37
3rd	North	37

Relbra 3rd June, 1967.

10000 metres CC Championship

- M. McKenna (Dev) 34min 54.6 sec
- T. Nailer (N) 35min 6.4 sec
- D. Marsh (NS) 35min 36.8 sec

19 starters

Team's Race Devon

5000 metres CC Championship

- M. Little (Dev) 17min 53.2 sec
- J. Brooks (NS) 18min 25.2 sec
- P. Ford (N) 19 min 57.7 sec

13 starters

Team's Race Newstead

East Devonport 1st July, 19675 Miles CC Championship

- H. McKenna (Dev) 28min 12.3 sec
- D. Marsh (NS) 29 min 13.1 sec
- T. Nailer (N) 29 min 20.5 sec

6 starters

Team's Race Newstead

5 Mile Novice CC Championship

- M. Shorri (SB) 29 min 22 sec
- A. McCreary (SB) 30 min 39 sec
- P. Boer (N) 31 min 22 sec

16 starters

Team's Race Newstead



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Droughty Point 22nd July, 1967

10 Mile CC Championship

1. M. McKenna (Dev) 60min 56sec
2. T. Nailor (N) 61min 4sec
3. N. Sporri (SB) 64min 23sec

14 starters

5 Mile Junior CC Champ.

1. M. Little (Dev) 28min 51sec
2. I. Woolley (AYC) 29min 13sec
3. D. Harries (NS) 32min 14sec

11 starters

3 Mile Juvenile CC Champ

1. G. Shephard (Dev)  
18 min 10 sec
2. R. Wright (ES) 19min  
8sec
3. R. Buckley (AYC)  
19min 52 sec

8 starters

Team's Race Newstead

Team's Race Northern Suburbs

Marathon

1. M. McKenna (Dev) 2 hours 31 min 30.4 sec
2. T. Nailor (N) 2 hours 47 min 57 sec
3. R. Taylor (ES) 2 hours 48 min 56 sec

9 starters

Team's Race South

$\frac{1}{2}$  Marathon Junior

1. M. Little (Dev) 1 hour 10 min 39.6 sec
2. J. Brooks (NS) 1 hour 18 min 38.8 sec
3. S. Bailey (N) 1 hour 22 min 7.4 sec

7 starters

Exeter 23rd September, 1967

15 Mile Road Championship

1. M. McKenna (Dev) 1 hour 24 min 20 sec
2. L. Penney (Dev) 1hour 29 min 17.4 sec
3. T. Nailor (N) 1 hour 29 min 43.8 sec

12 starters

Team's Race Newstead

1 Mile Junior Road Championship

1. M. Little (Dev) 38 min 15.6 sec
2. R. Foon (N) 40 min 44 sec
3. B. Ling (D) 42 min 35 sec

7 starters

2 Mile Juvenile Road Championship

1. L. Fulton (NL) 11 min 21.0 sec
2. G. Ford (N) 11 min 25.0 sec
3. S. Roach (Ex) 11 min 49.0 sec

5 starters

Amateur Athletic Union Conference

Your Association was represented by the President and Hon. Secretary at the Annual A.A.U. Conference held in Sydney on 20th and 21st March prior to the Australian Track and Field Championships.

Conference sat for approximately 18 hours during the two days and most delegates felt that this was too long for continuous concentration and it is possible that next year it will be spread over three days.

The Agenda included 36 items with 53 Notices of Motion. The most important matters were:-

- (i) Citation of qualifications in support of a nomination should be limited to 200 words.
- (ii) The Victorian Sound Triggered Electronic Flash for timekeeping was approved for use in Australia but records could not be claimed of used. It is to be recommended to the I.A.A.F. for adoption.
- (iii) A recommendation to be made to include a 15000 metres Cross Country in the Olympic Games.
- (iv) The age at which an athlete could forfeit his amateur status was set at 12.
- (v) The matter of advertising by athletes was referred to the rules committee. The President ruled that an athlete could take a bag with a business name on it onto an athletic ground.
- (vi) Where states issued registration cards these would be sufficient accreditation to another state.
- (vii) States were asked to give their opinions on reciprocity tours of teams of up to 40 men and women between Australia and New Zealand. A letter undertook to send such a team to Australia paying all expenses to arrival if Australia would agree to do the same later.
- (viii) States were asked if they were interested in applying for the 1973 Pacific Conference Games.
- (ix) J. Hawlen (NSW) was elected Athletic Manager for the Mexico Olympic Games and R. Weinberg (Vic) Co-ordinator of Athletic Training.
- (x) A Tasmanian Sub Committee was appointed to draft a new time table for the Commonwealth Games Athletics.
- (xi) Sub Junior Hurdle heights were reduced to 3ft, Sub Junior Discus to be the same as the Junior. 200 metres hurdles deleted from Australian Championships and 400 metres hurdles Junior included.
- (xii) Life membership of Union restricted to persons who had rendered distinguished service direct to Union.
- (xiii) Mr. T. Branegan Tasmanian representative on walking on commission.
- (xiv) Messrs. W. Burwick and F. A. Rose were granted next Award.

Your President was again nominated for Vice President but was not successful. However it is pleasing to note that Tasmania is being given more consideration in Union matters.

Branch Activities

North - The past season has given much experience both in Cross Country and Track, which will be used to advantage in the future. The staging of the Australian 10000 meters Cross Country Championship was something of which the Branch can be justly proud. It was the largest Cross Country event ever conducted in the North and reflects great credit on the organising sub committee for the efficient manner in which it carried out its duties.

The Launceston show Marathon was conducted for the second time but it did not attract many entries from other States, possibly because of the date. The event was conducted very smoothly and with the use of special radio equipment a continuous broadcast of the race was possible. A scoreboard at the Show grounds assisted in keeping spectators informed of the progress. All in all however it was not the success anticipated after last year.

The usual Cross Country and Road events were conducted including 5 states titles.

The affiliation of two new clubs, Scotch College and Scottsdale was a great boost to the track season which opened at the new headquarters White City. A last minute decision by the Northern womens Club to compete on Saturday mornings with the men caused a few problems but these were overcome without difficulty. This seasons programmes, smaller and more compact were a big improvement. However, adding the long distance events and some field games mid week on Newstead and North Launceston club nights was jeopardised by too few officials and although it had its advantages another solution will be necessary. With longer numbers competing and the grading system working well, standards have improved and most Northern as well as 2 state records have been broken.

The Marsell shield was won by North Launceston from Newstead, Scottsdale, Exeter and Scotch College.

The North v South contest was the best meeting of the season after overcoming problems with the track and changing facilities. Although a combined North - North-West team overcame South lack of depth prevented a win for the Northerners. Next season it is hoped to see a change in this meeting.

It was decided to run Northern Championships through the season. Most events drew only small fields and performances were poor compared with the interclub. In the Tasmanian Championships the athletes again showed little interest. The 25 who did attend gave a very good account of themselves taking 14 titles.

With the sub committee going into recess coaching was very slack. This sub committee must be reformed in the coming season to help lift standards, perhaps the clubs can assist in this matter.

A successful approach was made to the Launceston Greyhound Racing Club for the use of White City resulting in a 1 year lease which enabled the N.A.A.B. to conduct athletic events on Saturday mornings and one Sunday and Newstead and North Launceston to have meetings on Tuesday and Thursday nights respectively.

The change has given a great lift to athletics in the North especially financially as the gate takings give a regular source of income. This enabled equipment to be built up. Terrific publicity was obtained especially on television.

The condition of the track was very bad at first but a few working bees improved it considerably. Two concrete circles have been installed, one at each end of the oval as well as a permanent long jump pit. Whilst Steeplechase hurdles have been constructed. There is still much to be done, but ambitious plans have been drawn up and it is hoped to carry them to fruition in the near future. The Greyhound Club has been so impressed with what has been achieved that it intends to construct a new grandstand with proper changing and toilet facilities.

Financially the Branch has had a great season due mainly to White City, although most of the income has been spent on equipment for the track. So much so that assets now total \$1300.

It is with regret that the retirement of Mr. T.G. Chaplin from the Branch has to be reported.

Geoff has been the key figure in the Revival of athletics in the North and now that the sport is on a sound footing he has decided to withdraw, but happily will still retain an interest in the sport.

South - The Southern Branch is pleased to report that it has fully met its commitments to the Association in that it has continued to promote and advance the sport. The past season has not been as spectacular in some respects, as others of recent years as no one aspect can be claimed to have been the most notable. However, registrations have been a record and the revised registratic procedures, whereby clubs become responsible to the Branch for the completion of formalities by all who compete in their colours, has proved successful.

The cross-country season, catered for a small but enthusiastic band of stalwarts, without being marked by any spectacular acheivement. The Branch met its obligations in the conduct of State events but felt it played second fiddle in this season to its colleagues in the North in that the Northern Branch's conduct of the Australian 10,000 meters title warranted the sincerest congratulations.

The track season was one of the most vigorous yet held and the interclub premiership competition developed into a great round of meetings culminating in a thrilling final round won convincingly by the titleholders, Northern Suburbs. A shortage of officials presented its problems but dedication of purpose enabled the series to proceed rather smoothly.

Full advantage was taken of the introduction of daylight saving and several twilight meetings were held. Some were special meetings, others interclub rounds and all proved worthwhile.

Finances are sound and a trust fund has been established to provide a basis for the efforts required when the athletics centre in Hobart becomes an established reality.

The annual contest against athletes from Melbourne became a Tasmanian v Victoria Junior and Sub Junior match this year. As usual Victoria selected a very strong team which overwhelmed the state team by two wins to nil. In spite of the drubbing received their isn't any doubt that our athletes profit from the competition and so the meetings are well worthwhile.

The Southern Branch of the Association has continued to flourish and its activities have played a prominent part in the sporting life of the community and of the Tasmanian A.L.A.

North West - The Devon Division with small band of loyal officials was once again responsible for keeping amateur athletics alive on the coast.

The track season commenced with the usual school competition lasting eight weeks, during which interest was maintained and many new faces appeared right up to the last week. After a very successful competition, St. Brendans College, taking part for the first time, won the Shield from Latrobe High.

#### Coastal Titles

During February and March the Coastal Titles were held over five days. Senior, Junior and Sub Juniors attracted small fields but in lower age sprints heats were necessary. Most successful athletes were M. McKenna, M. Little, (R. Wallace Newstead by invitation) M. Treanor, L. Marshall and G. Cox. In the Juvenile and younger groups competition was very keen and many of the winners gave promise of developing into above average athletes.

North and South - The Coast had L. Penny, D. Treagust, M. Little, G. Cox, M. Treanor, R. Wescombe and S. Horton in the northern team and of these M. Little and G. Cox were most successful.

Junior Pentathlon

In this State Title M. Greanor and G. Cox both Sub Juniors turned in quite creditable performances finishing in 4th and 6th positions respectively.

State Championship

Eight athletes made the trip to Hobart for these Titles with Mike McKenna and Max Little recording wins while G. Cox and M. Treanor filled minor places.

Cross Country

Mike McKenna and Max Little made a clean sweep of all State Titles winning all senior and junior events. In the Marathon at Devonport Mike easily broke the state record under shocking conditions returning just over 2½ hours for the distance. Both were selected to represent the state in Track and Cross Country teams.

Registrations

These once again showed a considerable gain over all with an increase from 13 to 62 in under 12 years and a decrease of 4 in older group.

From the keenness shown by the younger athletes in various schools it should not be long before the numbers in over 12 groups show some improvement.

Finance

Although the season has been difficult the branch has once again managed to finish the year with a small credit.

In spite of a levy of \$75 from the branches, the associations overdraft in its No. 1 account is still \$73.84 at the end of the season. Expenses unforeseen and not budgeted for have meant an excess of expenditure of \$3.64 for the season. However, an amount of \$36 paid as a deposit on accommodation for the Australian Track and Field Team has not been recouped. Your council and the A.A.A. of New South Wales are attempting to obtain repayment. There is a considerable amount of stock of uniforms and medallions still on hand.

A Number 2 account has been established for all extraordinary receipts and payments. Income for the season from a raffle and evenings at the Carlyle Hotel was \$418.27 with payments for the expense of the delegates to the A.A.U. Conference amounting to \$186.20.

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 Department 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 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 10TH MAY 1968

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Subscriptions	12.00	Affiliations	12.00
Registrations	295.20	Registration Fees	98.40
Affiliations	70.00	Annual Meeting	5.21
Publications	24.20	Printing & Stationery	20.62
Medallions	39.20	Publications	56.80
Australian Championship Fares	1052.50	Postages	24.86
Uniforms	115.05	Telephone, Telegrams	42.95
Levies	75.00	Uniforms	88.02
Donation Decathlon Trophy	1.80	Australian Championship Fares	1052.50
Badges	5.65	" "	Accommodation 36.00
Raffles and Social	418.27	" "	(Managers
Contra	5.00	" "	(Expenses 20.00
		" "	(Delegates
			(Expenses 186.20
		Interest	5.27
		Medallions A.A.U.	23.36
		Tasmania	47.65
		Engraving	9.20
		Wreaths	6.00
		Decathlon Trophy	26.80
		Presentations	13.70
		Cheque Books	3.75
		Fine A.A.U.	2.00
		Honorarium	100.00
		Contra	5.00
		Excess of Income of over	
		Expenditure	227.18
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I certify that the above statement is a true and correct record of the Association's financial position.

M. Yates

HON. AUDITOR.