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TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Gentlemen,

Once again your Council has great pleasure in submitting this the 61st Annual Report of the Association, covering a year of many successes; a deal of consolidation, some disappointments but plenty of hope for the future.

The successes include the first Australian Gold Medal for 19 years by Howard Malcolm in the Junior Triple Jump, an Australian sub junior record and probably a world best. Many medals in the Victorian Championships, scoring most points in the Track events in the Sub Junior Correspondence match, third place in the individual and teams event in the 10,000 metres Junior Cross Country Championship. The conduct of the Australian Marathon Championship and the appointment of the Honorary Secretary as Manager of the Australian section of the Rest of the World Team which competed against the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. in Berbeley, California.

Main disappointment was the large drop in the total number of registrations, with decreases in all three branches. Little activity took place in the coaches association, however, there has been some progress in the efforts to obtain an athletic centre and this gives high **hopes for big things next season.**

All in all the 1971/72 season has produced much more on the credit side than on the debit.

REGISTRATIONS

Following the record number of registrations in 1970/71 it was never anticipated that there would be the large decline this season. It was realised that it wouldn't be easy to retain all athletes, but most clubs were confident that they could. However, the drop of 148 or 18% is enough to cause alarm and earnest consideration will have to be given to the matter by the Association, by Branches and by Clubs. The total, 668 is the lowest number for 5 years. Main decline was in the Southern Branch with 118 and this number was spread over all age groups with one club dropping over 50 members.

Although the North West Branch were 20 less than last year, the number of over 12 athletes is the largest ever on the Coast. Bad weather which caused cancellation and curtailment of programmes early in the season had some bearing undoubtedly. The enthusiasm of the schoolboys following school sports and schoolchildrens championships was dampened by the weather and clubs were unable to coax them into competing Sandy Bay Harrier Club with 104, members had the largest membership for the year.

Statistics for the season were:-

South	359	a decrease of 118 or 24.74% on 1971/72
North	155	a decrease of 10 or 6.06% on 1971/72
North West	154	a decrease of 20 or 11.49% on 1971/72
Total	668	a decrease of 148 or 18.14 % on 1971/72

	<u>South</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>North West</u>	<u>Total</u>
Seniors	62 (-13)	29 (+3)	6 (+3)	97 (-7)
Juniors	32 (-9)	6 (-10)	8	46 (-13)
Sub Juniors	45 (-30)	23 (-15)	12 (-10)	80 (-25)
Juveniles	45 (-4)	13	12 (+7)	70 (+3)
Under 14	29 (-21)	12	13 (+3)	54 (-18)
Under 13	28 (-24)	16 (+6)	19 (+4)	63 (-14)
Under 12	78 (-10)	47 (-21)	76 (-25)	201 (-56)
Officials	40 (-7)	9 (-3)	8 (-2)	57 (-12)
	<u>359 (-118)</u>	<u>155 (-10)</u>	<u>154 (-20)</u>	<u>668 (-148)</u>

TRACK & FIELDNorth v South

Following problems regarding the date for this event, it was eventually held on 26th February. In spite of a clash with the Victorian Championships, resulting in teams being weakened because of athletes competing in Melbourne, the meeting was a great success athletically and financially and was well organised and conducted.

The official results were:-

<u>Senior</u>	South	358	<u>Under Age</u>	South	144
	North	266		North West	122 $\frac{1}{2}$
				North	96 $\frac{1}{2}$

It would be a great pity if this, probably the biggest Track and Field meeting held in the North, was again penalised by conducting it on a day which clashes with the Victorian Championships or any other big event.

Decathlon

Once again the Northern Branch was allocated the conduct of this championship and it was held at White City on 22nd and 23rd January, 1972. As usual entries were limited there being only 7 starters of whom 6 finished. Competition was extremely keen and the result was not certain until the last event. Although he finished only second, Ian Murray broke the Tasmanian Junior record by 122 points.

Results:

1.	I. Manning	(N.S.)	5419 points
2.	I. Murray	(N.S.)	5261 points
3.	A. Van Asch	(N.L.)	5058 points

TASMANIAN INTER CLUB PREMIERSHIP

The third State Club Premiership meeting was held at North Hobart on 12th February in conjunction with the first day of the Women's Championships. Again it proved to be a most successful meeting. Using the Southern Branch's scoring and grading system a first class day of athletics resulted with close, keen competition between the states' eleven clubs.

Northern Suburbs retained its title of Premier Club in Tasmania which it has held since the inauguration of the meeting. Sandy Bay was second, Newstead third and North Launceston fourth.

SUB JUNIOR CORRESPONDENCE MATCH

Under the very able management of Mr. Robin Hood, a Tasmanian squad was selected very early in the season. It trained under his direction and the final team performed with great distinction, especially in the Track events.

Following the end of the school carnivals at the end of October, Mr. Hood contacted 53 boys from whom the final team of 22 was named and they trained regularly receiving coaching assistance where possible. Your Association gave its approval for the team to compete in green singlets with a gold T on the chest. Yellow T shirts were also available for purchase and proved very popular.

Blessed with reasonable weather conditions and a top class track, some excellent performances were recorded in the 9 track and field games events which made up the programme. Unfortunately there is no table for walks which can be incorporated so only 16 events were scored. In the track section, Tasmania scored 10,666, 449 more than New South Wales and 480 more than Victoria. Tasmania led in the 200 and 1500 metres, were second in the 100, 400, 800 metres and 4 x 100 metres relay. However, the field games were not so strong and the team finished fourth with 8,751 points to Victorias 11,575 and New South Wales 10,802 and Western Australia 9,677. Overall Tasmania finished fourth the final points being:-

1.	Victoria	21,761	4.	Tasmania	19,417
2.	New South Wales	21,019	5.	South Australia	18,251
3.	Western Australia	19,673	6.	Queensland	16,996

Individually, Randal Markey, had easily the best times in the 800 and 1500 metres, Gerard McGee was equal first in the 200 metres, second in the 100 and 400 metres, John Bender was second in the 1500 metres whilst the 4 x 400 metres Relay team the Tasmanian Sub Junior record. Best of the field games was by David Bindoff fifth in the Pole Vault.

Your Council would like to put on record its appreciation and thanks for the efforts of Mr. Hood on behalf of and for the team. He did everything within his power to assist the boys and especially managed to establish first class team spirit. Congratulations must also be extended to all members of the team. Each gave of his best, was conscientious in his preparation and appeared proud to represent his State.

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

With official permission from your Council, a number of athletes competed in the Victorian Championships over the weekends of 19th, 20th and 26th, 27th February. Messrs. Max Cherry and Robin Hood were in charge of 14 and 15 athletes respectively over the 2 weekends all of whom performed very well and gained great experience, even if not successful in winning medallions or qualifying for finals. Last year, in the inaugural trip, it was felt that the group had been outstandingly successful, winning 6 medallions. However, success breeds success and this season the total medallions won was 13 - 3 gold, 3 silver and 7 bronze with quite a few more athletes reaching finals. The successful athletes were Randal Markey, 1st, 800 metres Junior, 3rd, 1500 metres Junior; Howard Malcolm, 2nd Triple Jump Junior; Gavin Murray, 3rd Long Jump Junior; Alan Bennett, 3rd, 1500 metres Steeplechase Junior; Kent Rayner 3rd, 1500 Metres; Gerard McGee, 1st 200 metres and 3rd 100 metres Sub Junior; Michael Turner, 2nd 800 metres Sub Junior; Stuart Hood, 2nd 100 metres Sub Junior; Mark Stott, 2nd 400 metres Sub Junior; John Bender, 3rd 800 metres and 1500 metres Sub Junior.

Again the Glenhuntly Club in Melbourne kindly arranged billets which was greatly appreciated. It would appear that this type of trip has become an annual event from which our athletes, especially the younger ones, can gain a tremendous amount of experience which should be of inestimable value in the future.

Although it did not occur in the Victorian Championships, perhaps it is appropriate here, to mention the performance of Randal Markey at Olympic Park, Melbourne on 29th January, 1972 when he set an Australian 800 metres Sub Junior record of 1min. 50.8 sec. Randal recorded 1min 51.9 sec. on 22nd January at North Hobart which was 1 second faster than the existing record but because of the rise and fall in the North Hobart track there was little hope of the record being ratified, so he decided to make a weekend visit to Melbourne to attempt to break the record where it would be recognised before he turned 17. Competing in an "A" Grade event he finished fourth or fifth behind some of Australia's top class middle distance runners.

Although no official world records are kept for Under Age performers, a search has not been able to find a better performance ~~over 800 metres~~ by a 16 year old anywhere in the World. No more need be said.

TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Southern Branch again conducted the State Championships most efficiently on 11th, 12th March at the North Hobart Oval. Weather conditions were reasonably good whilst the tracks were first class and well prepared.

Although performances weren't always as high as is expected at Championships, competition was keener and closer than for many years. Fields for the most part were large and shared plenty of depth. Singling out individual performances is not always desirable but mention should be made of Murray Bird's 10.6 sec. 100 metres to equal his own Tasmanian Residential Record, of Howard Malcolm, who increased the Junior Triple Jump record to 47ft 5in. Gerard McGee broke the Sub Junior 200 metres with a time of 21.9 sec, and Russell Morgan ran a great tactical race to win the 800 metres Junior Championship.

Northern Suburbs, comfortably retained the Hobart Harriers Cup, for the premier club in senior events, with 43 points to Sandy Bay's 27. Although the Bay won 7 events to 6 it could not equal Northern Suburbs overall strength which gained many minor placings. In all grades combined, the difference between these two, the strongest clubs in the state was only 5 points, again in Northern Suburbs favour with Newstead away back third and Devon fourth quite a good performance indeed.

The 3000 metres Steeplechase was held in conjunction with the North v South meeting at White City, Launceston on 26th February. Again entries were very poor, the Junior event being cancelled because of insufficient entries.

The 100 metres was held on Sunday 13th February the day after the State Inter Club meeting.

Your Council is appreciative of the work done by the Southern Branch in organising and conducting the Championships. They are continually growing in size and the organising sub-committee did a great job. Again members from all branches combined to form a most efficient and competent band of officials.

RESULTS

Seniors

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time,</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	M. Bird (SB)	D.J. Morgan (Dev)	R. Gillow (SB)	10.6sec
200 metres	M. Bird (SB)	D.J. Morgan (Dev)	W. Mason (AYC)	21.6sec
400 metres	M. Bird (SB)	S. Bailey (N)	D. Harrington (ES)	48.8sec
800 metres	J. Denholm (ES)	B. Dooley (N)	S. Bailey (N)	1m 51.2sec
1500 metres	J. Denholm (ES)	K. Rayner (SB)	B. Dooley (N)	3m 50.5sec
5000 metres	K. Rayner (SB)	N. Gale (NS)	D. Cox (N)	14m 39.6sec
10000 metres	K. Rayner (SB)	D. Cox (N)	A. McCreary (SB)	30m 31.2sec
3000m Steeple	B. Baxter (NL)	F. Hill (AYC)	D. Jones (Vic)	9m 36.8sec
3000m Walk	R. Foster (NS)	P. Kerrison (N)	T. Branigan (SB)	14m 16.2sec
110m Hurdles	I. Manning (NS)	I. Murray (NS)	J. Fletcher (NS)	16.2sec
400m Hurdles	W. Essex (NS)	D. Harrington (ES)	I. Manning (NS)	54.3sec
Discus	A. Evans (N)	D. Hardy (NS)	I. Murray (NS)	134Ft 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Hammer	D. Hardy (NS)	I. Murray (NS)	A. Evans (N)	141ft 7in
Javelin	M. Mannion (N)	G. Stowards (ES)	I. Murray (N)	195ft 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Shot Putt	A. Evans (N)	I. Murray (NS)	G. Stowards (ES)	48ft 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in
Pole Vault	G. Stowards (ES)	G. Fielding (AYC)	I. Manning (NS)	10ft
High Jump	G. Fielding (AYC)	I. Manning (NS)		5ft 11in
Long Jump	I. Manning (NS)	G. Murray (NS)	H. Malcolm (NS)	21ft 9in
Triple Jump	I. Manning (NS)	H. Malcolm (NS)	R. Morriss (SB)	47ft 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
400m Relay	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	Devon	43.3sec
1600m Relay	Sandy Bay	Newstead	Northern Suburbs	3m 23.2sec
Club Championship		1. Northern Suburbs	43 points	
		2. Sandy Bay	27 points	
		3. Newstead	23 points	

Juniors (Under 19)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time,</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	L. McConnon (NS)	M. Gregg (OVA)	D. Cook (Dar)	11.4sec
200 metres	L. McConnon (NS)	M. Gregg (OVA)	D. Cook (Dar)	22.4sec
400 metres	R. Morgan (Dev)	C. Lawton (NS)	P. LeFevre (NS)	49.5sec
800 metres	R. Morgan (Dev)	R. Markey (SB)	G. Colles (OVA)	1m 52.7sec
1500 metres	A. Bennett (SB)	K. Whitfield (ES)		4m 6.6sec
5000 metres	A. Bennett (SB)	G. Ford (N)	A. Jeffrey (SB)	15m 21.4sec
3000m Walk	P. Kerrison (N)	A. Hoawood (NS)	P. Virth (NS)	15m 9.8sec
110m Hurdles	D. Cook (Dar)			19.9sec
400m Hurdles	D. Cook (Dar)	K. Stanley (N)		63.1sec
Discus	M. House (NS)	D. Bindoff (NS)	P. LeFevre (NS)	109ft 3in
Hammer	D. Bindoff (NS)			109ft 4in
Javelin	I. Benson (SB)	S. Hood (SB)	M. Lampard (SB)	150ft 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Shot Putt	G. Murray (NS)	M. Lampard (SB)	P. LeFevre (NS)	38ft 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ in
Pole Vault	D. Bindoff (NS)	K. Smith (NS)	P. Schwamm (NL)	7ft 3in
High Jump	P. Millwood (NL)	D. Cook (Dar)	K. Smith (NS)	5ft 6in
Long Jump	H. Malcolm (NS)	G. Appleyard (SB)	M. Lampard (SB)	21ft 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Triple Jump	H. Malcolm (NS)	G. Murray (NS)	G. Appleyard (SB)	47ft 5in
400m Relay	Eastern Suburbs	Sandy Bay		48.9sec
1600m Relay	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs		3m 51.2sec
Club Championship		1. Northern Suburbs	41 points	
		2. Sandy Bay	26 points	
		3. Darwin	10 points	

Sub Junior (Under 17)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time,</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	S. Hood (SB)	G. McGee (SB)	M. Stott (AYC)	11.1sec
200 metres	G. McGee (SB)	S. Hood (SB)	S. Goodall (SB)	21.9sec
400 metres	G. McGee (SB)	B. Neal (Vic)	M. Stott (AYC)	49.6sec
800 metres	B. Neal (Vic)	M. Turner (OVA)	J. Bender (SB)	1m 56.5sec
1500 metres	J. Bender (SB)	D. Smith (OVA)	D. Stokes (ES)	4m 6.9sec
110m Hurdles	K. Woolley (NS)			23.0sec
Javelin	W. Benson (SB)	D. Singline (N)	S. Hood (SB)	157ft 6in
Shot Putt	I. Shadbolt (ES)	S. Hood (SB)	G. Robertson (Dev)	35ft
High Jump	K. Smith (NS)	S. Davidson (Dev)	K. Woolley (NS)	5ft 1in
Long Jump	C. Norris (ES)	M. House (NS)	P. Keogh (NS)	18ft 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in
Triple Jump	W. Benson (SB)	P. Keogh (NS)	G. McGee (SB)	41ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
400m Relay	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs		44.3sec
1600m Relay	O.V.A.	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	3m 40.4sec
Club Championship		1. Sandy Bay	33 points	
		2. Northern Suburbs	15 points	
		3. O.V.A.	7 points	
		Eastern Suburbs		

Juvenile (Under 15)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time,</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	G. French (Dev)	P. Coleman (SB)	C. Bell (SB)	12.1sec
200 metres	G. French (Dev)	C. Bell (SB)	P. Coleman (SB)	24.3sec
400 metres	G. French (Dev)	C. Bell (SB)	R. Robinson (OVA)	55.8sec
800 metres	D. Prosser (N)	M. Higginson (Dev)	C. Bell (SB)	2m 7.3sec
1500 metres	D. Prosser (N)	C. Beard (ES)	W. Ling (SB)	4m 17.7sec
High Jump	B. Roberts- Thompson (NL)	N. Benson (SB)	P. Leonardi (GT)	5ft
Long Jump	K. Shreeve (OVA)	B. Roberts- Thompson (NL)	P. Mackey (SB)	17ft 7in
Triple Jump	B. Roberts- Thompson (NL)	D. Bindoff (NS)	N. Benson (SB)	38ft 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
400m Relay	Sandy Bay	O.V.A.	Devon	50.0sec
Club Championship		1. Sandy Bay	17 points	
		2. Devon	12 points	
		3. North Launceston	8 points	

Under 14

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time,</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	M. Tuttle (NS)	S. Rodman (AYC)	G. Blanton (OVA)	12.2sec
200 metres	M. Tuttle (NS)	S. Rodman (AYC)	G. Blanton (OVA)	24.7sec
400 metres	M. Tuttle (NS)	R. Smith (SB)	S. Rodman (AYC)	56.3sec
800 metres	R. Smith (SB)	J. Reid (N)	M. Bucher (OVA)	2m 11.8sec
1500 metres	R. Smith (SB)	S. McNally (NS)	P. French (Dev)	4m 31.8sec
High Jump	S. Knott (AYC)	C. Little (Dev)	P. Littlejohn (SB)	4ft 9in
Long Jump	G. Dowling (ES)	P. Littlejohn (SB)	A. West (NS)	15ft 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Triple Jump	A. West (NS)	J. Churchill (NS)	C. Little (Dev)	34ft 3in
400m Relay	Eastern Suburbs	Newstead	Devon	52.8sec
Club Championship		1. Northern Suburbs	17 points	
		2. Sandy Bay	11 points	
		3. A.Y.C.	8 points	

Under 13

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time,</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	M. Shaw (Dev)	J. Spencer (ES)	R. Millington (SB)	13.2sec
200 metres	M. Shaw (Dev)	J. Spencer (ES)	G. Jackson (AYC)	26.8sec
400 metres	G. Jackson (AYC)	G. Andrews (OVA)	S. Howard (N)	63.3sec
800 metres	S. Knott (AYC)	P. Fatmore (NL)	N. Gilmore (Dev)	2m 26.9sec
1500 metres	N. Gilmore (Dev)	C. Bird (AYC)	A. Knight (SB)	4m 56.9sec
High Jump	S. Knott (AYC)	J. Churchill (NS)	B. Nicholls (AYC)	4ft 10in
Long Jump	J. Churchill (NS)	S. Howard (N)	G. Jackson (AYC)	15ft 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in
400m Relay	Devon	North Launceston	A.Y.C.	55.9sec
Club Championship	1. A.Y.C.		15 points	
	2. Devon		13 points	
	3. Northern Suburbs		5 points	

Under 12

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time,</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	R. Grant (N)	S. Whiley (Dev)	C. Tilyard (N)	14.4sec
200 metres	R. Grant (N)	M. Harmer (OVA)	M. Churchill (NS)	28.7sec
400 metres	M. Harmer (OVA)	P. Higgs (GT)	G. Schmall (AYC)	63.9sec
800 metres	G. Schmall (AYC)	T. Moore (SB)	P. Higgs (GT)	2m 30.2sec
1500 metres	D. Brasher (N)	T. Moore (SB)	P. Vervaart (SB)	5m 6.8sec
High Jump	M. Churchill (NS)	P. Schwamm (NL)	D. Brasher (N)	4ft 3in
Long Jump	M. Churchill (NS)	R. Grant (N)	P. Higgs (GT)	14ft 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
400m Relay	Newstead	Devon	A.Y.C.	59.0sec
Club Championship	1. Newstead		16 points	
	2. Northern Suburbs		7 points	
	3. O.V.A.)		5 points	
	A.Y.C.)			
		Sandy Bay)		

Under 11

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time,</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	M. Tilyard (N)	P. Button (Dar)	G. O'Brien (Dev)	13.6sec
200 metres	M. Tilyard (N)	P. Button (Dar)	G. O'Brien (Dev)	28.8sec
Long Jump	A. Harmer (OVA)	W. Smith (SB)	G. O'Brien (Dev)	13ft 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
400m Relay	North Launceston	Sandy Bay	O.V.A.	61.2sec
Club Championship	1. Newstead		6 points	
	2. O.V.A.)		4 points	
	Darwin)			
		Sandy Bay)		

Total Points

	<u>Sen.</u>	<u>Jun.</u>	<u>Sub Jun.</u>	<u>Juv.</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U11</u>	
Northern Suburbs	43	41	15	2	17	5	7	-	130
Sandy Bay	27	26	33	17	11	2	5	4	125
Newstead	23	7	2	6	4	3	16	6	67
Devon	5	6	3	12	4	13	4	3	50
Eastern Suburbs	15	5	7	2	6	4	-	-	39
A.Y.C.	8	-	2	-	8	15	5	-	38
O.V.A.	-	5	7	6	3	2	5	4	32
North Launceston	3	4	-	8	-	4	2	3	24
Darwin	-	10	-	-	1	-	-	4	15
George Town	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	5
Glenroy	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The selectors named a team of 8 seniors and 9 juniors to represent Tasmania in the Australian Championships conducted by the Western Australian A.A.P. from 22nd - 26th March, 1972. Three seniors withdrew prior to departure so that a party of 14 under the management of Mr. C.A. Blanton competed in Perth in what was a magnificent series. For the first time men's and women's championships were combined and most successfully so and it is a great pity that this type of meeting will not be continued.

Those athletes selected were:-

Seniors Stan Bailey (N) 800 metres
 Murray Bird (SB) 100, 200 & 400 metres
 Don Cox (N) 5000, 1000 metres
 John Denholm (ES) (Captain) 800, 1500 & 5000 metres
 Brendan Dooley (N) 300 metres
 Nye Evans (N) Shot Putt
 Ron Foster (NS) 3000 metres Walk
 Kent Rayner (SB) 10000 metres

Juniors Alan Bennett (SB) 1500 metres Steeplechase
 John Bender (SB) 800 & 1500 metres
 Stuart Flood (SB) 100 & 400 metres
 Philip Kerrison (N) 3000 metres Walk
 Gerard McGee (SB) 100, 200 & 400 metres
 Howard Malcolm (NS) Long Jump, Triple Jump
 Randal Markey (SB) 800, 1500 metres
 Russell Maryar (Dev) 400, 800 metres
 Gavin Murray (NS) Long Jump, Triple Jump

Congratulations and thanks must be extended to Tony Blanton on again carrying out his duties as manager in an extremely capable manner. To Messrs. C.A. Wise, C. Goss and M. Cherry go thanks also, for assistance given to the manager whilst in Perth.

To raise finance a raffle was organised and the profits from this were credited to those who sold tickets in proportion to the number sold. It was unfortunate that some athletes could not take full advantage of the raffle because of lack of time. The raising of money to meet the expenses of sending a team away is always a great problem and there seems to be no other solution than to make it the responsibility of the selected athletes. This is regrettable but no other method tried has been at all successful.

With the exception of Ron Foster, all members of the team left Hobart on Sunday morning, 19th March and after spending the afternoon at an International meeting at Olympic Park arrived in Perth at 10.30 p.m.

Performances were well up to standard, especially by Juniors with the first gold medal for 19 years being won by Howard Malcolm in the Junior Triple Jump. In addition 2 bronze medallions were won by Juniors, not as many as in Brisbane last year but the overall standard and competition was higher because of the Championships being Olympic Finals. All members should be congratulated on their efforts as they worthily represented their State and were, by no means, disgraced.

Individual performances were:-

- John Denholm - 3rd in 1500 metres heat in 3min 57.9sec and fourth in final in 3min 49.8sec in a slowly run race which did not suit him. Scratched from 800 metres. In the 5000 metres, which was also run at a muddling pace he finished 5th in 14min 38.2sec.
- Stan Bailey - 5th in heat of 800 metres in 1min 52.2sec and was included in final, as fourth Australian, where he finished 9th.
- Brendan Dooley - 5th in heat in 1min 54.4sec and didn't qualify for final.
- Murray Bird - 11.5sec in 100 metres heat finishing 6th. In 200 metres heat was 5th in 21.6sec. Ran 48.8sec to be 3rd in 400 metres heat and was 6th in final in the same time.

- Ron Foster - 8th in 3000 metres walk. Seemed to be effected by heat and performed below best Hobart form.
- Gerard McGee - Tied for 3rd in 400 metres Junior heat in 48.8sec. Scratched from final because of ankle injury, 4th in 200 metres Junior heat in 22.6sec.
- Stuart Hood - Won 100 metres Junior heat in 11.4sec and finished 5th in final in an official but unkind 11.8sec. 4th in 400 metres Junior heat in 49.0sec.
- Randal Markey - 3rd in 800 metres Junior in 1min 54.2sec, a time much slower than his best. Randal appeared to be unable to adjust to the large field of 10 and early slow pace and tactically ran poorly. In the 1500 metres Junior he finished 4th in 4min 3.8 sec again a lot slower than his best. Also competed in a heat of the Senior 800 metres but was unplaced.
- Russell Morgan - 3rd in 400 metres Junior heat in 48.8sec dead heating with Gerard McGee, 5th in final in 48.9sec, but only after a protest had been entered as he was omitted from the first list of results. 6th in 800 metres Junior in 1min 56.3sec running a disappointing tactical race.
- John Bender - Timed at 4min 9.4sec in the 1500 metres Junior finishing down the line after having maintained contact until the final sprint.
- Howard Malcolm - 1st in the Triple Jump Junior with a final leap of 49 feet. Began with a no jump and then improved with every trial to add 12 inches to his previous best in the last. His distance of 49feet is over 18 inches better than his personal best. This was the first Australian title won by a Tasmanian since David Lean in 1953 and the first Junior Gold Medal ever won by the State. In the Junior Long Jump cleared only 20ft 10in and failed to qualify for the last three jumps.
- Gavin Murray - 3rd with 47ft 6in in the Triple Jump Junior in spite of injuring an ankle in an early trial. Jumped 22feet in the Long Jump Junior to qualify for the final round but could not improve and finished 7th.
- Philip Kerrison - Walked very well to finish 4th in the 3000 metres Walk Junior in 14min 10sec.
- Alan Bennett - A fast start in the 1500 metres Steeplechase Junior unsettled him and his handling of the hurdles, especially the Water Jump, left much to be desired. Finished 6th in 4min 32.4sec.

Summing up the performances of the team, the manager, in his report, stated that no excuses could be made for the Seniors. They were just not good enough to do any better. In the Juniors, however, there was only one real failure but even though the runners can run and run well they have a lot to learn in how to run a race against experienced and equally talented opposition. They must toughen themselves mentally and physically in order to withstand the stresses of first class competition and must learn to use their initiative.

It would appear that the great need of Tasmanian track athletes is still and will be for a long while tough competitions especially in big fields and for field games athletes more expert coaching.

COACHES ASSOCIATIONS

Unfortunately this association has not been at all active over the past season. Following Peter Eustace's coaching course last year it was hoped that other coaches would show some initiative but this has not come to be. Tasmanian coaches have shown that given the talent and the opportunities they can produce top class athletes but there are far too few of them.

ATHLETICS CENTRE

The goal of \$10,000 to be raised by Southern Clubs is in sight and should be achieved by the start of next track season. The Southern Branch already has approximately \$7,000 in hand and plans to raise the balance are well advanced. Once the Clubs and athletes have done their bit then the wider appeal will take over and it is hoped things will really start to move.

It is pleasing to report that a deal of work appears to be being done at the sight of the track. Bulldozers are levelling the area and apparently sewerage and water pipes have been extended from the T.C.A.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR AWARD

This season the selection of the athlete of the year awards were not quite as difficult as has been the case in previous years. Congratulations are extended to the following winners:-

F.A. Rose Trophy for Athlete of the Year	John Denholm (ES)
J.W. Cooper Trophy for Junior Athlete of the Year	Howard Malcolm (MS)
N.J. Ruddock Trophy for Sub Junior Athlete of the Year	Randal Markey (SB)
G.T. Briggs Trophy for Juvenile Athlete of the Year	Mark Stott (AYC)
Sportsmens Association Star of Sports Award 1971	John Denholm (ES)

John Denholm's selection in the Australian team which competed in New Zealand in February and his close fourth in the Australian 1500 metres Championship clinched his award of the F.A. Rose Trophy for the fourth year in succession. Howard Malcolm's victory in Perth in the Junior Triple Jump ensured his selection for the Junior Award. Similarly Randal Markey, probably the fastest 16 year old 800 metres runner in the World, could not be overlooked for the Juvenile Trophy. The competition was closer in the Juvenile division, however, Mark Stott, following consistent high class performances over distances up to 800 metres, ran a Tasmanian Juvenile 400 metres record of 51.8sec to win him the Award in this division.

CROSS COUNTRY AND ROAD

State Championships were again limited to 2 Cross Country and 2 Road events and a Northern Branch Road Walk was used as a test race for state selection. It is planned to conduct a Tasmanian Road Walk Championship this coming season and if there is sufficient support it should become a regular event. Entries in the 2 Senior Cross Country races were average with 18 starters in each whilst a pleasing field of 12 started in the Marathon.

Kent Rayner of Sandy Bay was the outstanding runner with Don Cox little behind him. Alan Bennett dominated the Junior races and figured prominently in some Senior events. The three Juvenile races had different winners so honours were distributed in this grade.

4 Mile North v South Relbia 8th May, 1971

The course was 2 circuits of 2 miles which was in tip top condition. Even so Kent Rayner's performance which was the best time on record over it was a fine one. North won the Senior and Junior event and South the Juvenile, each being by a margin of 8 points.

		<u>Juvenile 2 Miles</u>	
1.	North 37 points	1.	South 39 points
2.	South 45 points	2.	North 43 points

Individual

1.	K. Rayner (S)	23m 13s	1.	M. Stockman (S)	13m 6s
2.	A. Bennett (S)	23m 56.7s	2.	S. Richards (S)	13m 24s
3.	D. Cox (N)	24m 4.7s	3.	D. Prosser (N)	13m 33s
18 starters			17 starters		

10,000 Metres Relbia 24th July, 1971

The Australian Championship course was used and following heavy rain it was slow. Yellow paint was used for marking the course but unfortunately no flags were used.

Junior

1. D. Cox (N)	37m 3.2s	1. A. Bennett (SB)	37m 36.8s
2. B. Baxter (NL)	37m 56.5s	2. G. Ford (N)	39m 25s
3. K. Rayner (SB)	38m 25s	3. K. Whitfield (ES)	42m 24.6s
18 starters		5 starters	

Teams Race

1. Newstead	16 points	No Teams Race
2. Sandy Bay	32 points	

3000 Metres Juvenile

This event was declared a no race due to several athletes taking a wrong turning. It was decided to re run it on 28th August, 1971.

1. L. Taylor (Dev)	12m 17.4s
2. G. Robertson (Dev)	12m 44.2s
3. P. Brasher (N)	13m 25s
7 starters	

Mountain Relay 3rd July, 1971

For the first time since its inception, it was necessary to shorten the course because of snow blocking the last couple of miles of the road. The turn was made approximately 2½ miles from the pinnacle as this was the closest motor vehicles could get to turn.

1. Newstead - D. Cox, G. Ford, J. Scott, I. Kerrison	1h 40m 24.2s
2. Sandy Bay - K. Rayner, M. Sporri, G. Cruise, C. Roper	1h 43m 20.6s
3. Sandy Bay No.2 - N. Jago, M. Stockman, M. Bird, C. Keep	1h 55m 15s

MarathonHobart14th August, 1971

This event was conducted over the Australian Championship course starting and finishing at the Showgrounds. Weather conditions were cool and showery and heavy traffic hampered competitors.

Junior ½ Marathon

1. K. Rayner (SB)	2h 42m 10.8s	1. A. Bennett (SB)	1h 12m 22s
2. F. Hill (AYC)	2h 46m 54s	2. G. Ford (N)	1h 14m 33s
3. D. Cox (N)	2h 54m 4s	3. K. Whitfield (ES)	1h 28m 57s
12 starters			

3 Mile Juvenile

1. D. Prosser (N)	16m 7.4s
2. S. Richards (ES)	16m 12.2s
3. W. Ling (SB)	16m 24.9s

20 Kilometre Road Walk TrialLongford28th August, 1971

The Northern Championship event was used as a trial to select Tasmanian representatives for the Australian Championship.

1. W. Ford (N)	1h 53m 9.4s
2. P. Kerrison (N)	1h 54m 16.6s
3. T. Branigan (SB)	1h 56m 48.6s
7 starters	

AUSTRALIAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

For the first time for many years, your Association was represented in the 10000 metres C.C.C. The events for Seniors and Juniors were held in Sydney on 21st August, 1971 and four Juniors Alan Bennett, Neil Gale, Glen Ford and Ken Whitfield were selected, but Alan Gale was unable to compete. Clive Roper was appointed manager and was entered as an individual competitor in the Senior event.

The Juniors performed particularly well finishing third in the teams event with 24 points to New South Wales 6 and Victoria 20. Alan Bennett ran a very creditable third in 36min 1sec over a very hard course and could well have finished second but for a very slow start which left him last after the first ½ mile. Glen Ford went a little too hard early but finished twelfth in 37min 10sec whilst Ken Whitfield who competed under difficulties with a twisted ankle and a touch of bronchitis was 23rd in 40min 8sec.

Clive Roper was able to compare Tasmanian and Australian standards following his run to finish 23rd in 42min 44sec and felt our best runners would not be outclassed.

AUSTRALIAN 20 KILOMETRES ROADWALK CHAMPIONSHIP

For probably the first time since the War, Tasmania was represented by competitors in an Australian Road Walking Championship. The event was held in Melbourne on 18th September, 1971 and Bill Ford, Philip Kerrison and Tim Branigan were selected following the test race.

Rain fell throughout the race and conditions were most unpleasant. P. Kerrison withdrew at 16 Kilos suffering from exhaustion and T. Branigan at the same point after a heavy fall on the wet road surface. Bill Ford tailed the field most of the way and finished 16th in 116min 40sec. The overall performance was disappointing, however, it was a start and efforts must now be made to encourage and promote road walking in the State.

AUSTRALIAN MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP

Your Association was honoured by being allocated the Australian Marathon Championship which was an Olympic Trial. The course chosen was the same as used for the previous Australian Championship and for most marathons conducted in Southern Tasmania in recent years, from the Showground along the Brooker and Lyall Highways and return.

Entries were received from all States. 28 being official representatives and 25 additional competitors. Of these 44 runners started and 35 completed the course.

The weather was fine with little wind at the start but towards the finish a southerly breeze opposed competitors. Most appeared very happy with the conditions although they thought the course was a hard one, especially a section which had been resurfaced with a rough cast bitumen.

Kent Rayner, Frank Hill, Don Cox and Ian Kerrison were selected to compete in the Tasmanian team and G. Taylor and A. Short were entered as individual competitors, however, A. Short did not start. All team members finished the course with Don Cox doing best being 20th in 2hours 37min 7sec. Frank Hill was 24th in a time of 2hours 43min 5sec, Kent Rayner 32nd in 2hours 58min 5sec, Ian Kerrison 35th in 3hours 1min 31sec and G. Taylor 33rd in 2hours 58min 17sec. Tasmania finished fourth in the teams race with 33 points behind Victoria 10, New South Wales 17 and South Australia 18 points.

In a great race between Derek Clayton and John Farrington the former was successful by 66sec in 2hours 11min 8.8sec a World Class time.

A pleasant dinner was held after the event at which medallions and trophies were presented.

Due to the efforts of your President, donations totalling \$395 were obtained to offset expenses. This enabled the event to be conducted on a scale considered essential for an Australian Championship and also allowed adequate entertainment to be provided.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Your delegates to the A.A.U. Conference, which was held in Perth on 20th and 21st March, 1972 were the President and Honorary Secretary. As usual there was a lengthy agenda of 36 items which was completed comfortably in 5 sessions.

The President of the Union expressed gratitude at having Bill Barwick present after his illness and also stated that he felt having all state Secretaries present was of great benefit to the Conference.

Main items of interest discussed were:-

Registrations

Victoria and Western Australia reported expected increases, but it appeared that there would be an overall decrease. Victoria also reported an increase in officials, with an excellent sports officials committee. Grading of officials had caused a great deal of interest by creating a spirit of competition. The social side had also started to be emphasised with pleasing results.

Material Assistance to Athletes

State must keep records of all assistance provided and forward a copy of this to the Union each year. As strict a supervision as possible must be kept. All branches and clubs to be notified that any athlete receiving equipment, such as shoes, bags etc., must report same to the Association or risk possible forfeiture of status.

Selection Committee

A move to have the three members of the Selection Committee elected every second year was defeated, but it was agreed that any new selector elected would not assume office until the 1st July in the year elected.

Records

A lap score sheet must accompany an application for record for a 1500 metres event. There was a certain amount of criticism of the present application for record form and it was decided it be referred to the Secretaries Conference. Mr. M. Aitken, of South Australia, tabled a draft form for Decathlon and Pentathlon applications. The Chairman ruled that a sub junior record could be claimed if a Junior or Senior implement had been used.

Announcer

It was agreed that, in local competitions only, the announcer, in addition to his other duties, be allowed to give a commentary of events, but without giving assistance to any competitor.

Australian Championships

1972 Venues and Dates -	20 Kilometre Road Walk	Perth	9th September
	Marathon	Sydney	16th September

1973 Venues and Dates

Track and Field	Sydney	23rd - 25th March
10000 metres C.C.C.	Victoria	
Marathon	Western Australia	
50 Kilometre Road Walk	Queensland	26th May
20 Kilometre Road Walk	C/wth. Games Trial -	Canberra

1974 Venue

Track and Field	Victoria
Marathon	South Australia
20 Kilometre Road Walk	Queensland

Pacific Conference Games

Toronto, 27th, 28th June, 1973. Delegates to advise next meeting that there was little chance of Australia ever being the host, so we feel we should not accept Toronto's hospitality. Graham Briggs was named as Manager of the team, with Jack Pross Coach. It would be the Manager's responsibility to raise finance to assemble and clothe the team, the estimated amount required was \$20,000.

Olympic Games

Officials for 1972 would be, Manager, A.H. McIvor (S.A.), Coach, Ken Steward (N.S.W.), Assistant Coach, J. Schubert (Vic.).

British Commonwealth Games

The standard Time Table, as submitted by Tasmania last year, had to be submitted to the Technical Committee. The recommendations of the 1971 Team Manager (Graham Briggs) were to be passed on to the Olympic Games Team Manager for his assistance. Christchurch Games from 24th January - 1st February, 1974. Trials would probably be held in Melbourne in November, 1973. Team Officials to be nominated by 30th June, 1973 and to be appointed by 1st September.

Finance

Reinstatement Fees were increased from \$4.00 to \$6.00 and an increase of registration fees by 5c to 35c was approved. The Secretary, with permission, reduced his increase from 10c to 5c, which proved a very crafty psychological move, as there was little opposition.

Officials Committee

It was agreed to appoint an officials committee of six, one from each state, to recommend a system of grading officials, to set examination standards and conduct, when possible, National Seminars.

Competition Badge and Costume

Tasmania's notices of motions were passed. We have been requested to continue investigation into exact type and material of singlet and shorts to be used.

Five Star Award

The A.A.U. Technical Committee recommended that this be adopted in entirety.

Timing

There was quite a lengthy discussion on timing, timekeeping and stop watches. Mr. J. Mannan said the Hueur large 1/10 second split hand watch was the best. He undertook to communicate with each state on various aspects of timing and of testing watches, etc.

Elections

All major office bearers were re-elected. Tasmanian nominations, although not elected, polled quite well it is believed. Tasmania was asked to accept the Standards & Scoring Sub Committee, which had previously been supplied by South Australia. Your delegates agreed and nominated Messrs. R. Hood, R. Morriss and D. Hickman. These gentlemen will have to notify their acceptance.

CONFERENCE OF STATE SECRETARIES

The third meeting of State Secretaries was held in Melbourne on 2nd and 3rd October, 1971 most successfully. Items of interest to Tasmania were:-

Fixture Booklet

The Assistant Secretary, after investigation, found it not possible to produce an Australian Track and Field Fixture Booklet, but it could be possible for winter season.

Delegates Expenses to Annual Conference

Discussion took place on the possibility of pooling expenses of delegates with all states paying the same amount as for the Secretaries Conference. No conclusion was reached.

Shell Sub Junior Match

There was a very lengthy discussion on this matter. It appeared Shell would not include the other states at present. The Correspondence Match would continue however.

Registration Cards

The demerits were discussed and it was redrafted incorporating suggested improvements for next season. It was felt it should be attempts to get the Women's Association to use the form, if they are not already doing so.

Exchange of Programmes

States were asked to endeavour to have provisional winter fixture lists available on 1st February each year and summer fixtures on 1st August. Queensland advised that it obtained 2000 handbooks each year printed for nothing by a printer who sold advertising to cover costs and profit.

Pentathlon & Decathlon Record Form

Tasmania suggested a special form to cover these events. The Chairman thought it would be far too complex for the few times it would be needed. It was agreed that Tasmania look at the whole question and submit a Notice of Motion to Conference.

Competition Costume

It was recommended that Tasmania submit a proper submission to next Conference.

Australian T. & F. Championship Programme

Tasmania suggested that this could be made more attractive to the public. A worthwhile discussion followed with several excellent suggested improvements.

Annual Conference - Agenda Items

It was suggested that if proposed items for Conference were first submitted to Secretaries Conference much time would be saved. States were also asked to circulate reasons for submitting items.

Cost of Teams to Australian Championships

Western Australia raised the question of high cost of travel from Perth and suggested the possibility of a percentage of profits from Australian T. & F. Championships being placed into a pool from which allocations could be made to states travelling great distances.

Interchange of Association Results

It was resolved that, as far as is practicable, Associations exchange results on a regular basis at least those of senior competition.

Mini Marathon

A great deal of information, including the showing of a film, was given to Conference on the "Sun" Newspaper sponsored City to Surf Race. West and South Australia already have sponsors keen to organise a similar event. \$4,000 was raised from entry fees and sponsorship and donated to Spastic Centre. Gave a great deal of publicity and goodwill to amateur athletics. All states were urged to try and organise a similar type event.

Promotion & Development of Athletics

A beneficial discussion took place, including the Five Star Award. It was agreed that this item should figure prominently on next year's Agenda.

Officials

Victoria submitted the following points it was using to try and overcome the shortage of officials:-

- (a) Women to be given full status and rights
- (b) Key position officials be encouraged to allow other officials to act in their place on certain occasions
- (c) Regular meeting to ensure social intermingling and discussions.

Coaching, Facilities and Equipment

The Chairman suggested these subjects be fully discussed at the 1972 Conference to be held on 30th September and 1st October, 1972.

FINANCE

The season under review shared an excess of payments over receipts of \$178.09 which left your Association with an overdraft of \$25.07. The budget, accepted at the beginning of the season aimed at balancing receipts and payments but, in the main, three things upset this. Registrations were not as high as expected, the share of the Secretaries Conference expenses were greater and above all there were more state representatives than anticipated and uniforms for them cost \$125 more than budget.

It was felt that there would be a reasonably small team to the Track & Field Championships and perhaps a couple in the Marathon. In fact there were 14 in the Track & Field team, 4 in the Marathon, 3 in the 10000 metres Cross Country and 3 in the 20 Kilo Road Walk, a total of 24. As well it was agreed to subsidise the purchase of uniforms for the Sub Junior team to the extent of \$20.75. However, to offset this to a certain extent 2 unsold singlets and 1 T shirt are on hand.

The No.2 Account was used for the Raffle and unfortunately this has not been finalised as yet. It would appear however that there will not be any marked change in the balance from last year.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

North West

The Darwin Club which reformed eighteen months ago decided to re-affiliate at the end of November. However, Devon officials decided to carry on as previously to end of track season so as to let Darwin become settled. The main office bearers of both club meet on two occasions during the year to arrange programmes effecting both clubs.

Total registrations from the two Clubs did not quite reach last years record mainly owing to a drop of approximately 40, under 12 years in Devon Club.

A modified form of grading was carried out in sprint and field events for older age groups with fair measure of success. On several occasions handicap events were conducted to give top liners harder competition in sprints and middle distance events.

Cross Country was revived last season with competitors mainly coming from the 12 to 16 year group. During the State Championships Leigh Taylor won the Under 15 years 3000 metres and was also first home in the two miles North-South teams race.

Devon were represented by 23 and Darwin by 5 athletes at the State Track Championships and met with an amount of success mainly from Juniors down to Under 11 year groups.

Most successful were Junior R. Morgan and D. Cock, Juvenile G. French, Under 13 N. Shaw and N. Gilmore.

During the North-South meeting D. Morgan Senior, R. Morgan Junior, R. Taylor, D. Press Sub Junior, M. Jones and M. Higginson all scored well for North.

In the Under Age Contest N.W. Coast finished $21\frac{1}{2}$ points behind South, but would have picked up many more points if full team had been present. Best performances for Coast were: M. Burr, P. French, M. Shaw, N. Gilmour, R. Jones, M. O'Brien, S. Whiley and P. Button.

Coastal Titles were held over three Saturday mornings at Penquin, Devonport and Cooco when good keen competition was witnessed by good crowds on all three days.

Best meeting for the year finance wise was the Examiner Schoolchildrens Championships which were again held early November at East Devonport and although heavy overnight rain made conditions difficult for high jumps, many good performances were recorded and a pleasing feature was the attendance of approximately twelve athletes from Queensland High School.

Main high lights of the season were the general improvement of performances as shown by the breaking of some twenty Coastal records during track season and the effort made by Russell Morgan to qualify for state selection.

The harmonious and close liaison between men and women bodies in both clubs, has allowed all meetings to run very smoothly. During the year Darwin conducted several fund raising functions successfully and finished the season with a social when trophies and certificates won at Coastal Championships were presented.

Most successful being Senior N. Charles, Junior D. Cock, Under 14 C. Little and Under 11 years A. Viney.

Devon Club concluded the season with combined dinner for mens and womens clubs at which Mr. D. Cross a foundation and life member of the Branch made presentations of life membership badges to Mr. M. Evans and Mrs. M.J. Goss for the work they had performed for Amateur Athletics on its Coast over many years.

More than 200 people were in attendance at Forth Hall for the Social and Trophy night of combined Devon Clubs when the Patron presented the trophies.

The Devon Club met all financial commitments to the T.A.A.A. during the season, to allow Darwin to become established and will probably continue to assist again during the coming year.

North

With the continued improvement in the North, the organisation tends to become more complex and could easily get out of hand unless the challenge is accepted. The branch and affiliated clubs must ensure that they are efficient, organising bodies in which all members are willing to play a part so that the burden of responsibility does not fall too heavily on just a few.

Achievements especially during the Winter were good, with five state blazers being won - one in the 10000 metres Junior team, two in the 20 Kilo Road Walk and two in the Marathon. The track season saw a record number of Northern records broken but the standard at state level was slightly lower with only four medallions and 40 certificates being won at the Championships.

Scottsdale Club did not re affiliate but it is hoped it will make a come back next season.

April saw the start of a cross country season at Relbia, 6 meetings were conducted by the Branch finishing at the end of July. A new introduction was the Northern Schoolboys championships, not too successful but at least a start was made and it needs to be improved upon by the introduction of school teams competition. If this is to be carried out successfully it must include all schools as the northern high schools have a very successful cross country competition running.

It was noted that a great deal more interest had been shown in the 10000 metres cross country and the marathon, this being due to athletes being able to gain state selection in the events. It is evident that five meetings in the cross country and road season stand out namely, North v South; 10000 metres championship; Mountain Relay; Marathon championship and Road Walk championship and it will be in the interests of Tasmanian athletes to give these events every possible support in the future.

Lack of co-operation from northern schools gave a poor response to the schoolchildrens championships although financially they were a success. The whole meeting needs to be revised and it could be an advantage to run the championships along the lines of the high schools championships in which each school nominates a team.

White City

Once again the White City centre created a problem for the start of the track season, as has been the case for the past three years and there is still nothing definite as to the relief of the situation. Due to the lack of co-operation by the soccer association, who hold the main lease on the centre, the oval was handed over later than in previous years and in very bad conditions. The expense of putting the situation in order fell on the Branch as in the past. It took two weeks to be any where near starting the season due to lack of maintenance of the oval in the winter months. The Greyhound Committee kindly gave the centre rent free on condition the equivalent amount was spent on improvements. This did relieve the situation somewhat, but it still left the Branch with the burden of organising the repairs and the upkeep of the centre. In many ways it would be far better to pay a higher rent and be relieved of this position as it is beginning to impede the sports progress. Unless some definite action is taken, the Branch will find itself in an uncompromising position in the very near future. White City still has the most promise of any centre in the North but the position of athletics at the centre must be clarified definitely, long before the start of next track season.

A strenuous track season was experienced by northern athletes and officials this year, due mainly to the renewed interest by clubs in the interclub shields, two of which changed hands, namely the Mansell and Chaplin Shields. It was pleasing to see the Exeter Club attending Saturday interclub meetings, and their efforts were well rewarded with their win over George Town for the Chaplin Shield. In the Mansell Shield competition Newstead and North Launceston clubs had a battle all through the season, Newstead gained the advantage in the first two rounds with North gaining a large number of points around the Christmas break. Newstead came back in force for the last few meetings and regained their advantage with a clear win over North. In the Premiership Cup North Launceston had a runaway victory over the other clubs. In the overall Premiership, for which no trophy is available, Newstead came out on top with a very small win of $3\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Of the 12 interclub meetings scheduled, 3 had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, one being re scheduled later in the season. Two meetings stood out, the North v South trials and the North v South. Both were held in the afternoon and gate takings for the two were greater than for the rest of the season combined. This would suggest that consideration should be given to the possibility of conducting interclub meetings in the afternoon.

North v South

The date for this meeting caused a great deal of controversy due to the clash with the Victorian titles in Melbourne. A special meeting of the Northern Branch had to be called, to gain a majority decision on the fixture, from which it was decided to go ahead with the original date of 26th February. Although several top athletes were away in Melbourne the meeting proved to be a great success, most of the events were keenly contested. No state records in the mens division were broken but several Northern records were bettered and the State selection standard was broken in the Junior 800 metres by R. Morgan of the Devon Club. It was pleasing to see Womens events being conducted at this meeting once again which gave additional interest to the meeting, in all, 84 events were conducted. A very large crowd was in attendance, in fact the largest seen at White City, gatetakings reaching an all time record.

Veterans or masters events are becoming increasingly popular in most other countries throughout the world now and several mainland states have begun to include events for these athletes who would otherwise leave the sport when reaching a certain age. It would be of interest to include these events in the Northern Tasmania programmes as there are now several athletes in this category. Australia will be sending a team to visit U.S.A., England and Germany in June of this year, all competitors have been issued with an official Australian blazer and congratulations are extended to Bill Ford of the Newstead Club on his inclusion in the team and he is wished every success in his venture. It is pleasing to see Northern Tasmania being represented overseas.

South

The Southern Branch reports a satisfactory, if not spectacular year. No single facet of activities stands out for special mention but it is felt that continued progress has been made.

There was an improvement in the **cross** country season, the main feature of which was the promising administrative potential shown by the sub committee responsible. The members of this sub committee were in fact competing athletes and their development in both aspects can only benefit the Sport.

The track season opened as usual with the Southern Schoolchildren's Championships at the Friends' Oval in October. The **meeting**, despite the postponement after two hours due to bad weather, provided a fitting opening.

The interclub premierships competition, once again, won by a strong Northern Suburbs team - was marked by a new points system. This system, which was more in keeping with international rules, evoked spirited discussion around the committee table but appeared to be satisfactory. A great deal of attention was given to the organisation and conduct of the weekly premierships meetings with satisfying results. These meetings now play a major part in Hobart's Summer **sporting** calendar.

Despite a lack of numbers, our officials developed a pleasing esprit de corps which contributed remarkably to the success of track and field meetings.

The committee met regularly and transacted a great deal of business effectively and amicably. The system of appointing sub committees for various purposes - such as interclub, finance, equipment and so on - again proved effective and involved a wide spread of interested people.

The Branch reports in summary that the past season has been very satisfactory, more progress continues to be made and that it looks forward with confidence to 1972/73.

APPRECIATION

To all those who have assisted the Association during the season in anyway, appreciation is extended ~~as~~ for quite a few years past, Press, Radio and Television have given the sport a good coverage. Publicity which, mainly through the efforts of your Deputy President, Mr. G. Briggs, has been of tremendous assistance.

The Branches through their Committees, Officials and Clubs have carried out their allocated duties to the satisfaction of your Council. Tasmanian Championships have been organised and conducted well and a deal of good work in promotion athletics has been carried out. Special mention must be made of the work of the retiring President of the Northern Branch and Vice President of the Association Mr. Reg Moore who has decided to relinquish his connection with the sport. Reg has been one of the mainstays in Launceston for many years and has done a tremendous amount of work especially in connection with the White City centre and in the equipment sphere. It is unfortunate, that he has not found it possible to continue his efforts but what he has contributed has been greatly appreciated.

The National Fitness Council has assisted with typing and duplicating and the Globe Hotel has provided a room for council meetings.

To all others who have assisted at all during the past season sincere thanks are offered.

On behalf of the Council

E.W. Barwick
PRESIDENT.

N.J. Ruddock
HONORARY SECRETARY.

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st May, 1972

Balance b/f \$153.02

RECEIPTS

<u>1970/71</u>		<u>Budget</u>	
22.00	Subscriptions	22	30.00
386.40	Registrations	368	329.40
70.00	Affiliations	70	60.00
22.80	Publications		165.75
3.98	Interest	4	4.04
70.03	Medallions, Certificates	70	64.53
135.00	Levies	240	240.00
<u>8.00</u>	Sundries		
<u>718.21</u>		<u>774</u>	<u>893.72</u>

EXPENDITURE

39.36	Printing and Stationery	40	37.15
15.60	Affiliations	16	20.00
167.70	Registrations	158	140.10
10.32	Annual Meeting	12	15.84
38.80	Publications	20 Net	197.58
23.62	Postages	25	28.25
47.49	Telephone, Telegrams	50	45.95
44.25	State Uniforms	75	199.75
	Levy - A.A.U.	42	42.00
24.00	Presentations	20	15.08
	Cheque Book		2.50
93.08	Secretaries Conference	100	123.83
10.00	Wreath		5.00
	Medallions and Engraving	90	98.78
100.00	Honorarium	100	100.00
50.00	Donation		
<u>15.35</u>	Sundries	<u>25</u>	<u>1071.81</u>
<u>679.57</u>		<u>773</u>	

Excess of Expenditure over Income

178.09

Balance c/f A.N.Z. Bank

325.07 o/d

I certify that the above statement is a true and correct record.

M. Yeates,
HONORARY AUDITOR.