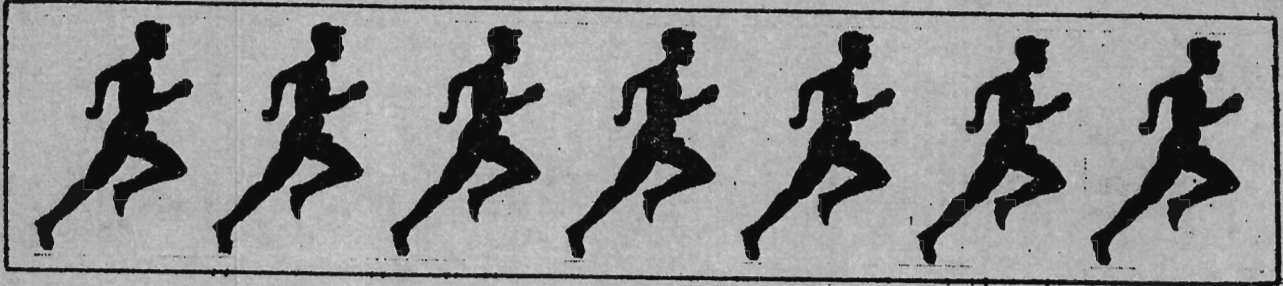


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<u>PATRON</u>	:	His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, Sir Edric Bastyan, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., K.B.E., C.B.
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TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Gentlemen,

Once again your council has pleasure in submitting this, the 62nd Annual Report of the Association. It covers an eventful year, in which there has been continued progress towards our many goals. There have been many successes by our members on and off the ground, many problems in administration, some solved satisfactorily, others perhaps not. We have lost a life member and your President has indicated that he will not seek re-election.

Highlights of the season have been the successes at the Australian and Victorian Track and Field Championships, Kent Rayner named in the Australian team to compete in the Pacific Conference Games to be held in Toronto, Canada in July, which team is to be managed by your Dep. President, Graeme Briggs, Kent and Randall Markey named in the Commonwealth Games Training Squad, the record number of registrations for the year and phase one of the Athletic Centre Appeal completed.

It is with a deep sense of loss that the death of Fred Rose is reported. Fred was made a Life Member of your Association before the last War and gave a life time of service to athletics. An official and administrator for over 60 years, he was one of the grand old men of the sport who contributed a tremendous amount when there were very few contributing at all. It was only over the last few years that Fred Rose gave up officiating actively, but he maintained his interest right to the end, even to the extent of leaving the Association a legacy of \$400 and of course, he donated a handsome trophy for our Athlete of the Year.

REGISTRATIONS

Following the large decline in registrations in 1971/72 it was most gratifying to see clubs build up membership again, to a record 820 or 4 more than the previous best in 1970/71. The Southern Branch increased by nearly 100, North improved by 22 and North West set a record of 193, 39 up on last year and 19 more than the previous best year - 200 is the goal for next season. The reforming of the Darwin division has been a great boost.

Sandy Bay was again the largest club with a most impressive membership of 125, an increase of 19 on last year.

Can 1973/74 see 900 reached?

Statistics for the season were:-

South	450	an increase of 91	or 25.34%	on 1971/72
North	177	an increase of 22	or 14.19%	on 1971/72
North West	<u>193</u>	an increase of <u>39</u>	or <u>24.67%</u>	on 1971/72
Total	820	an increase of 152	or 22.76%	on 1971/72

	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>NORTH WEST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Seniors	75 (+13)	22 (-7)	10 (+4)	107 (+10)
Juniors	29 (-3)	9 (+3)	6 (-2)	44 (-2)
Sub-Juniors	49 (+4)	24 (+1)	21 (+9)	94 (+14)
Juveniles	46 (+1)	15 (+2)	18 (+6)	79 (+9)
Under 14	31 (+2)	16 (+4)	19 (+6)	66 (+12)
Under 13	61 (+33)	17 (+1)	20 (+1)	98 (+35)
Under 12	117 (+39)	63 (+16)	87 (+11)	267 (+66)
Officials	<u>42 (+2)</u>	<u>11 (+2)</u>	<u>12 (+4)</u>	<u>65 (+8)</u>
	450 (+91)	177 (+22)	193 (+39)	820 (+152)

TRACK AND FIELD

North v South

This event, the highlight of the track and field calendar in Launceston, was held on the 16th December, 1972 at White City. Fine weather, the track in the best condition ever for this Carnival and womens events supplementing the programme made this the largest and best meeting of the season. The big disappointment, however, was the lack of officials, but those who did act, performed their tasks admirably.

TRACK AND FIELD (Cont.)North v South

Sub-Juniors stole the limelight in the track events, with many fine performances coming from all age groups. South, as expected, had too much depth in the Senior competition winning comfortably but in the Under Age for the White City Cup, North had a clear win, which augers well for the future if these lads retain their interest in the sport. It was a great result considering North finished a poor third last year.

The official results were:-

<u>Seniors</u>	1.	South	363 points
	2.	North	217 points
<u>Under Age</u> (White City) Cup	1.	North	161 points
	2.	South	127 points
	3.	North West	62 points

Decathlon

The Northern Branch conducted this Championship on 3rd and 4th February, 1973 at White City. As has been the case for the past few years North Launceston athletes made up the majority of the 8 starters. Six completed the arduous 10 events putting up some fine performances. Ian Murray (N.S.), the only Southern competitor, won the event and the Roy Jelley Perpetual Cup with Jimmi Bolzonello, a junior, second and veteran Frank Nott, third. Ian's points score was one of the best for some years and as a consequence he gained state selection and a placing in the Australian Championship.

Results

1.	I. Murray	(N.S.)	5854 points
2.	J. Bolzonello	(N.L.)	4564 points
3.	F. Nott	(N.L.)	4429 points

TASMANIAN INTERCLUB PREMIERSHIP

The fourth state Club Premiership was held at North Hobart on the 10th February in conjunction with the womens state championships. Using the Southern Branch scoring system and with all athletes graded in all events according to ability, a most successful meeting resulted. It is unfortunate that travel and transport problems prevent the North and North Western clubs from fielding their strongest teams but it is still a most worthwhile meeting.

Northern Suburbs retained its title, with Sandy Bay again runner up.

Results

1.	Northern Suburbs	95 points
2.	Sandy Bay	88½ points
3.	North Launceston	77 points
4.	Newstead	66½ points
5.	Eastern Suburbs	54½ points
6.	O.V.A.	39 points
7.	A.Y.C.	27 points
8.	Devon	21½ points
9.	Exeter	10 points

SUB JUNIOR CORRESPONDENCE MATCH

Mr. Robin Hood was re-appointed manager of the Tasmanian team early in the season and immediately after the State Independent Schools and Inter High Sports he contacted an initial group of 39 boys and asked them to form a training squad. The final squad was not named by the selectors until 31st December which was a little too late perhaps. There were 22 competitors in the team and 7 additional athletes who took part by invitation.

Training proved difficult but Graeme Stowards, David Hardy and David Howard in Launceston, were of great assistance in this regard. Gerard McGee was appointed Captain and Stuart Hood Vice Captain of the team and both contributed by their example and encouragement to fellow team members.

SUB JUNIOR CORRESPONDENCE MATCH (Cont.)

The original date of 13th January was wet which necessitated the postponement of all events for one week. The following Saturday 20th January was one of the hottest of the summer and the Sunday was very windy. The ground was in excellent condition and undoubtedly helped to provide the many top class performances registered. Again field games were the weakness of the team. In track, 11 of 12 competitors scored over 700 points but only 2 field games competitors reached this figure, and so although, the track points were second highest to Victoria, the field events were only fifth. Overall Tasmania finished fourth to the three Eastern States who actually competed against each other at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

Stuart Hood's 10,9 sec. in the 100 metres and Gerard McGee's 22.0 sec. in the 200 metres were the best performances recorded in these events, whilst Gerards 49.6 sec. 400 metres was second best. The outstanding field performance was by David Bindoff who added 23ft. to his previous best Hammer Throw with 152' 1" which was third best throw. Unfortunately the 4 x 100 metres relay team dropped the baton at the last change when running well enough to break 43.0 sec. Final points were:-

1. Victoria	23,099	4. Tasmania	19,797
2. N.S.W.	21,376	5. West Australia	19,291
3. Queensland	20,212	6. South Australia	18,070

Thanks are extended to Mr. Don Murray who took an official team photo.

Mr. Hood submitted recommendations to assist in improving Tasmania's performances. These have been discussed by your council and will be implemented where possible.

Your council would again like to thank Mr. Hood for his untiring efforts as manager of the team. Special mention should be made of the team spirit which he managed to engender and it is to be hoped that he may reconsider his decision not to seek the position next year. Congratulations must also be extended to all members of the team. Each gave of his best and certainly appeared to appreciate the opportunity to represent his State.

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

As has happened for the past two or three years a strong contingent of athletes from Tasmania competed in the Victorian Championships. This season these events were conducted in conjunction with the Victorian Women's Championships and were spread over three weekends which certainly curtailed the number of Tasmanian Athletes able to compete. Even so a great deal of success was achieved with 11 medals being won - 3 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze. In addition 3 fourths, one sixth and one seventh were obtained. The medal winners were:-

Gold:	R. Markey 1500 metres Junior
	N. Gale 5000 metres Junior
	C. Cartledge Long Jump Sub-Junior
Silver:	G. McGee 400 metres Junior
	S. Hood 200 metres Junior and Sub Junior
	D. Smith 3000 metres Sub Junior
Bronze:	S. Hood 100 metres Sub Junior
	G. McGee 200 metres Junior and Sub Junior
	G. Skeggs Triple Jump Sub Junior

Once again most of the organisation was done by Max Cherry and Robin Hood Glenhantly Club provided billets for those requiring them. The experience gained by athletes, especially the younger ones, on this type of trip must be of inestimable value to them in the future and every encouragement will continue to be given to them.

TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The State Championships were conducted again, most efficiently, by the Southern Branch, at North Hobart on 17th and 18th March, 1973. Weather conditions were far from good, with a blustery wind on the Saturday and a wet track with rain on the Sunday. In spite of this there were some outstanding performances.

TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Cont.)

Paul Blackaby in winning the 100 metres Championship in 10.5 sec. set a Tasmanian Residential and equalled the Allcomers Record. Randal Markey won the 1500 metres Championship in 3 min 49.4 sec. which set a Tasmanian Junior Allcomers Record. Ian Murray won 4 four individual Open titles in addition to the Decathlon and was second in two others whilst Howard Malcolm won four Junior titles.

In the 10000 metres Championship held earlier on the 11th February Kent Rayner cut 12.2 sec. off the old Allcomers record with a time of 29 min 41.2 sec. The steeplechases were also held earlier in conjunction with the North v South but again attracted very poor entries. Until there are steeplechase courses it appears that this event will continue to suffer.

Mention should be made of the injury to Murray Bird during the Championships. Murray who has won the sprint treble since becoming a senior in 1966 had leg trouble all season and it was extremely disappointing to see this great athlete suffer such a severe injury as a snapped achilles whilst attempting to retain a title, on which he has had a mortgage for so long.

For the third year in succession, Northern Suburbs won the Hobart Harrier Clubs' Cup for the premier club in senior events. This year the margin of 22 points was 6 more than last year and the largest for 5 years. Norths great strength is in Field Games where it gained 30 of its 47 points whereas runners up Sandy Bay scored all but 3 of its 22 points in track events.

The competition in Junior events ended in a tie between the same two clubs, each scoring a 35 points. It was pleasing to see O.V.A. win the Sub Junior Club Championship by 5 points whilst Newstead dominated the Under 14 division.

As last year, the overall difference between the two strongest clubs, Northern Suburbs and Sandy Bay was very small, only 2 points. However, for one of the few times in recent years, Sandy Bay was able to defeat its arch rival, coming out on top by 138 points to 136. O.V.A. climbed from seventh with 32 points in 1972 to third with 69 points this year.

RESULTSSeniors

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	P. Blackaby (ES)	D. Morgan (Dev)	L. McConnon (NS)	10.5 secs.
200 metres	D. Morgan (Dev)	P. Blackaby (ES)	G. McGee (SB)	21.7 secs.
400 metres	S. Bailey (N)	M. Portwin (AYC)	R. Morgan (Dev)	49.1 secs.
800 metres	S. Bailey (N)	R. Morgan (Dev)	I. Kerrison (N)	1min 52.4secs.
1500 metres	R. Markey (SB)	K. Rayner (SB)	A. Risby (SB)	3min 49.4secs.
5000 metres	K. Rayner (SB)	M. Little (Dev)	A. Risby (SB)	14min 35.6secs.
10000 metres	K. Rayner (SB)	M. Little (Dev)	G. Ford (N)	29min 41.2secs.
3000m Steeple	G. Ford (N)	F. Hill (AYC)	B. Baxter (NL)	10min 2.8secs.
3000m Walk	R. Foster (NS)	E. Wolfhagen (SB)	R. Green (Ind)	14min 1.2secs.
110m Hurdles	I. Manning (NS)	J. Hasker (Vic)	I. Murray (NS)	15.8 secs.
400m Hurdles	I. Manning (NS)	P. Fletcher (NS)	N. Charles (Dar)	59.1 secs.
Discus	A. Evans (N)	I. Murray (NS)	D. Hardy (NS)	41.68m/136ft 9in
Hammer	D. Hardy (NS)	I. Murray (NS)	W. Halley (ES)	45.19m/148ft 3in
Javelin	I. Murray (NS)	G. Stowards (ES)	G. Murray (NS)	51.00m/167ft 7in
Shot Putt	I. Murray (NS)	D. Hardy (NS)		11.95m/39ft 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in
Pole Vault	J. Conroy (SB)	G. Stowards (ES)	I. Murray (NS)	3.35m/11ft
High Jump	P. Millwood (NL)			1.62m/5ft 4in
Long Jump	I. Murray (NS)	H. Malcolm (NS)	G. Murray (NS)	7.12m/23ft 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Triple Jump	I. Murray (NS)	I. Manning (NS)	H. Malcolm (NS)	14.36m/47ft 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
400m Relay	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	43.6 secs.
1600m Relay	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	Newstead	3min 31.4secs.
<u>Club Championship</u>				
		1. Northern Suburbs		47 points
		2. Sandy Bay		25 points
		3. Newstead		16 points

Juniors (Under 19)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	G. McGee (SB)	L. McGee (SB)	H. Schiebel (OVA)	11.0 secs.
200 metres	G. McGee (SB)	S. Goodall (SB)	A. Willis (N)	22.2 secs.
400 metres	G. Colles (OVA)	S. Goodall (SB)	A. Willis (N)	52.4 secs.
800 metres	J. Bender (SB)	G. Colles (OVA)	N. Gale (NS)	1min 57.7secs.
1500 metres	J. Bender (SB)			4min 7.7secs.
5000 metres	D. Smith (OVA)	M. Bell (N)	C. Young (Dev)	15min 51.6secs.
3000m Walk	E. Wolfhagen (SB)			15min 31.8secs.
110m Hurdles	K. Smith (NS)			23.8 secs.
400m Hurdles	A. Willis (N)			65.1 secs.
Discus	H. Malcolm (NS)	G. Thompson (SB)	M. Higginson (D)	26.82m/88ft
Hammer	H. Malcolm (NS)	K. Smith (NS)	G. Thompson (SB)	46m/150ft 11in
Javelin	G. Murray (NS)	S. Gay (SB)	J. Zito (SB)	45.90m/150ft 7in
Shot Putt	G. Murray (NS)	P. Thompson (SB)	J. Zito (SB)	12.46m/40ft 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Pole Vault	K. Smith (NS)	P. Schwann (NL)		2.51m/8ft 3in
High Jump	K. Smith (NS)			1.52m/5ft
Long Jump	H. Malcolm (NS)	P. Podalak (ES)	L. McGee (SB)	6.42m/21ft 11in
Triple Jump	H. Malcolm (NS)	G. Murray (NS)	P. Podolak (ES)	14.01m/45ft 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
400m Relay	Northern Suburbs	O.V.A.	Sandy Bay	46.8 secs.
1600m Relay	Sandy Bay	O.V.A.	Newstead	3min 33.4secs.
<u>Club Championship</u>				
		1. Northern Suburbs and Sandy Bay		35 points
		3. O.V.A.		13 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)	C. Cartledge (OVA)	P. Biro (OVA)	11.2 secs.
200 metres	S. Hood (SB)	P. Keogh (NS)	C. Bell (SB)	22.6 secs.
400 metres	D. Conley (OVA)	K. Woolley (NS)	K. Reid (N)	52.9 secs.
800 metres	D. Conley (OVA)	R. Smart (SB)	D. Smith (OVA)	2min 00.5secs.
1500 metres	L. Twinning (Dar)	R. Smart (SB)	D. Smith (OVA)	4min 09.0secs.
110m Hurdles	P. Keogh (NS)	P. Thompson (SB)	A. Hughes (OVA)	18.5 secs.
Javelin	S. Hood (SB)	S. Gay (SB)	D. Bishop (Dev)	43.41m/142ft 5"
Shot Putt	M. Stott (AYC)	S. Hood (SB)	P. Thompson (SB)	12.45m/40ft 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
High Jump	P. Johnson (OVA)	C. Cartledge (OVA)	W. Salter (NS)	1.57m/5ft 2in
Long Jump	C. Cartledge (OVA)	P. Holmes (OVA)	G. Skeggs (AYC)	6.26m/20ft 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in
Triple Jump	G. Skeggs (AYC)	C. Cartledge (OVA)	P. Keogh (NS)	12.70m/41ft 8in
400m Relay	O.V.A.	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	47.2 secs.
1600m Relay	O.V.A.	Sandy Bay	Newstead	3min 43.5 secs.
<u>Club Championship</u>				
	1.	O.V.A.	30 points	
	2.	Sandy Bay	25 points	
	3.	Northern Suburbs	10 points	

Juvenile (Under 15)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	M. Burr (Dev)	M. Tuttle (NS)	J. August (OVA)	11.8 secs.
200 metres	M. Burr (Dev)	M. Tuttle (NS)	G. Blanton (OVA)	24.6 secs.
400 metres	M. Tuttle (NS)	L. Keating (SB)	L. Smith (SB)	55.1 secs.
800 metres	R. Smith (SB)	C. Anderson (ES)	S. Rose (SB)	2min 7.9 secs.
1500 metres	R. Smith (SB)	L. Keating (SB)	C. Anderson (ES)	4min 28.6secs.
High Jump	S. Knott (AYC)	M. Bucher (OVA)	A. Jabour (NS)	1.52m/5ft
Long Jump	L. Keating (SB)	A. West (NS)	J. Pavic (NS)	5.60m/18ft 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Triple Jump	A. West (NS)	L. Keating (SB)	J. Pavic (NS)	12.02m/39ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
400m Relay	Northern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	O.V.A.	50.6 secs.
<u>Club Championship</u>				
	1.	Sandy Bay	19 points	
	2.	Northern Suburbs	18 points	
	3.	Devon	6 points	

Juvenile (Under 14)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	M. Schultz (Dev)	L. McCulloch (N)	T. Gilbertson (N)	12.5 secs.
200 metres	L. McCulloch (N)	T. Gilbertson (N)	J. Spencer (ES)	26.2 secs.
400 metres	L. McCulloch (N)	S. Crawn (Dar)	P. White (SB)	57.4 sec.
800 metres	S. Knott (AYC)	N. Jessup (N)	A. Murfett (SB)	2min 17.8 secs.
1500 metres	N. Jessup (N)	M. Gilmour (Dev)	G. Murfett (SB)	4min 52.0 secs.
High Jump	S. Knott (AYC)	B. Nichols (AYC)	W. Boucher (NS)	1.65m/5ft 5in
Long Jump	S. Howard (N)	J. Churchill (NS)	P. Patmore (NL)	5.24m/17ft 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Triple Jump	J. Churchill (NS)	S. Howard (N)	P. Clarke (OVA)	10.74m/35ft 3in
400m Relay	Newstead	Devon	Sandy Bay	53.3 secs.
<u>Club Championship</u>				
	1.	Newstead	24 points	
	2.	A.Y.C.	8 points	
	3.	Devon	7 points	

Juvenile (Under 13)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	S. Morley (ES)	R. Grant (N)	M. Jacobson (NL)	13.2 secs.
200 metres	S. Morley (ES)	R. Grant (N)	M. Jacobson (NL)	28.5 secs.
400 metres	M. Harmer (OVA)	J. Higgs (N)	M. Garland (OVA)	61.9 secs.
800 metres	T. Moore (SB)	A. Murfett (SB)	M. Warmsley (N)	2min 24.5 secs.
1500 metres	T. Moore (SB)	A. Murfett (SB)	M. Garland (OVA)	4min 46.8 secs.
High Jump	S. Lamont (NS)	M. Churchill (NS)	P. Schwamm (NL)	1.37m/4ft 6in
Long Jump	M. Churchill (NS)	C. Turner (NS)	P. Clark (OVA)	4.65m/15ft 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
400m Relay	O.V.A.	Northern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	56.9 secs.
<u>Club Championship</u>				
	1.	Northern Suburbs	12 points	
	2.	Sandy Bay	11 points	
	3.	O.V.A.	9 points	

Juvenile Under 12

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	M. Tilyard (N)	W. Smith (SB)	P. Button (Dar)	13.3 secs.
200 metres	W. Smith (SB)	M. Tilyard (N)	P. Button (Dar)	28.0 secs.
400 metres	W. Smith (SB)	S. Moore (Dev)	M. Kilby (N)	64.7 secs.
800 metres	S. Moore (Dev)	R. Dureau (SB)	P. Thomas (OVA)	2min 26.4 secs.
1500 metres	S. Moore (Dev)	R. Dureau (SB)	P. Thomas (OVA)	5min 20.1 secs.
High Jump	W. McIntie (NL)	A. Harmer (OVA)	P. Thomas (OVA)	/4ft 3in
Long Jump	W. Smith (SB)	A. Harmer (OVA)	J. Garland (OVA)	4.66m/15ft 3½"
400m Relay	O.V.A.	North Launceston	Northern Suburbs	57.0 secs.
<u>Club Championship</u>		1. Sandy Bay	15 points	
		2. O.V.A.	11 points	
		3. Devon	8 points	

Juvenile Under 11

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	A. Viney (Dar)	B. Mackey (NS)	R. Anderson (N)	14.4 secs.
200 metres	A. Viney (Dar)	R. Anderson (N)	B. Mackey (NS)	30.0 secs.
Long Jump	A. Viney (Dar)	D. Vervaart (SB)	M. Rashleigh (NS)	4.24m/13ft 11"
400m Relay	Northern Suburbs	Sandy Bay		60.5 secs.
<u>Club Championship</u>		1. O.V.A.	9 points	
		2. Northern Suburbs	7 points	
		3. Sandy Bay	4 points	

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>	
Sandy Bay	25	35	25	19	4	11	15	4	138
Northern Suburbs	47	35	10	18	6	12	1	7	136
O.V.A.	-	13	30	5	1	9	11	-	69
Newstead	15	8	2	-	24	7	6	3	65
Devon	11	1	1	6	7	-	8	-	34
Eastern Suburbs	12	3	-	3	1	6	-	-	25
A.Y.C.	4	-	7	3	8	-	-	-	22
Darwin	1	1	3	-	2	-	2	9	18
North Launceston	4	2	-	-	1	3	5	-	15

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The selectors named a team of 9 seniors and 8 juniors originally, to represent Tasmania at the Australian Championships held in Sydney from 23rd to 25th March, 1973. Later another junior Shane Young was added to the team, but because of a move to Melbourne to live he withdrew from the team.

Mr. C.A. Blanton was again appointed manager and after some delay Mr. D.G. Murray was named as Assistant manager.

The athletes selected were:-

<u>Seniors</u>	S. Bailey (N)	800 metres
	P. Blackaby (ES)	100 metres, 200 metres
	J. Denholm (ES)	1500 metres
	R. Foster (NS)	3000 metres Walk
	M. Little (Devon)	5000 metres, 10,000 metres
	I. Manning (NS)	Long Jump, Triple Jump
	R. Morgan (Devon)	400 metres, 800 metres
	I. Murray (NS)	Decathlon
	K. Rayner	5,000 metres, 10,000 metres
<u>Juniors</u>	J. Bender (SB)	1,500 metres
	C. Cartledge (OVA)	Long Jump
	N. Gale (NS)	1,500 metres
	S. Hood (SB)	100 metres, 200 metres
	R. McGee (SB)	100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres
	H. Malcolm (NS)	Long Jump, Triple Jump
	R. Markey (SB)	800 metres, 1,500 metres
	G. Murray (NS)	Long Jump, Triple Jump, Javelin

John Denholm was named Captain and it was decided to enter a 4 x 100 metres Relay team.

A car raffle was again organised to raise finance, with the profits being credited to those athletes who sold tickets. However, it was not as successful as last year. Only 297 tickets were sold showing a profit of around \$700. It was hoped that it would be possible to meet the cost of the competition costumes and training T shirts out of profits but this was not possible and eventually the branches had to be levied to meet this rather large amount.

The team with the exception of Kent Rayner travelled to Sydney on Wednesday 21st March and all stayed at the Randwick Motor Hotel which was only $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the E.S. Marks Field.

Performances overall were very good indeed. This is borne out by the fact that for the first time Tasmania finished third in the competition for the C.R. Aitken Cup where points are given for the first six placegetters in senior events and a calculation made by taking the number of senior registered athletes in the State in proportion to the total number throughout Australia.

A magnificent total of nine medallions were won - 2 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze - two by seniors and seven by juniors, the best ever performance by a Tasmanian team. Mention must be made of the effort of Randal Markey in winning two gold medals for the 800 metres and 1500 metres Junior Championships. Indeed he was most unlucky not to be awarded the trophy for the best Junior performance at the meeting.

Following Kent Rayners magnificent second in the 10000 metres he was selected in the Australian team to compete in the Pacific Conference Games to be held in Toronto in July. Kent thoroughly deserves this great honour for through his dedication to training and his ability to learn and adapt, his performances have improved over the past few years and will continue to do so. Your council extended its congratulations and best wishes at a recent function to both Kent and the Manager of the team Graeme Briggs.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Cont.)

At last Tasmania is undoubtedly a force in Australian athletics and it is very heartening to see our athletes competing with great confidence and assurance in this top class standard without any signs of being overawed. This has resulted from the opportunity and encouragement given, especially to youngsters to gain hard competition wherever possible. As well the efforts of our coaches have been, in no small way, responsible for the continuing uplift in standard.

The big need is still repeated hard competition, allied with experience on all weather tracks and it is up to your council to continue to seek ways and means of providing this.

Appreciation must be expressed to Tony Blanton and Don Murray for the exceptionally capable manner in which they carried out their respective duties and also to Max Cherry who willingly gave coaching assistance to all members of the team.

Individual performances were:-

- Paul Blackaby - 5th in heat of 100 metres in 11.4 secs., also 5th in heat of 200 metres in 22.1 secs.
- Russell Morgan - 4th in 400 metres heat in 51.9 secs. and 6th in 800 metres heat in time of 1min. 54.2 secs.
- Stan Bailey - gained 3rd place in heat in 1min 57 secs., to make final but finished last in final.
- John Denholm - for the first time since 1965 John failed to reach the final of the 1500 metres. Running well below his best he finished 6th in his heat in 3min 51.1 secs., 3rd in 800 metres heat in 1min 53.7 secs., and 6th in final.
- Kent Rayner - 11th in 5000 metres in 14min 32 secs. A magnificent 2nd in 10000 metres in 29min 40.2 secs., only .6 secs. behind B. Layh.
- Max Little - 12th in 5000 metres in 14min 40 secs. A disappointing 5th in 10000 metres in 30min 9 secs.
- Ron Foster - 9th in 3000 metres walk in a rather slow 13min 55 secs.
- Ian Murray - A terrific sustained effort gained Ian 3rd place in the Decathlon with 6308 points over 300 points more than his previous best. In a field of 8 Ian's individual places were 100 metres 7th, Long Jump 2nd, Shot 1st, High Jump 5th, 400 metres 3rd, Hurdles 5th, Discus 3rd, Pole Vault 5th, Javelin 2nd and 1500 metres 3rd.
- Ian Manning - was unable to adjust to tartan run up and with a best distance of only 42ft 3in failed to qualify for second round of triple jump. 21ft. in Long Jump also failed to qualify for second runs.
- Stuart Hood - aggravated a ham string injury in heat of 100 metres and tore it completely in relay so did not compete in junior 100 and 200 metres
- Gerard McGee - 1st in heat of 100 metres Junior in 11.1 secs. and 3rd in final in 11.2 secs. 1st in heat of 200 metres Junior in 22.3 secs. and 2nd in final in 21.9 secs. A great double by Gerard. Did not compete in 400 metres Junior.
- Randal Markey - Won heat of 300 metres Junior effortlessly in 1min 53 secs. and dominated final to win in 1min 51.3 secs. a few South Wales record and only .7 secs. outside Bob Annells Australian record. The 1500 metres Junior was a straight out final and Randal completely dominated to win by 10 secs. in a N.S.W. Junior record of 3min 45.8 secs., again only 1 sec. outside the Australian record.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Cont.)

- Neil Gale - an excellent performance in the 1500 metres Junior to take second place in 3min 55.8 secs. and give Tasmania 1st and 2nd. A personal best time.
- John Bender - 3rd in heat of 800 metres Junior in 1min 57.4 secs. didn't qualify for final. In 1500 metres Junior weakened slightly at finish when looking a place getter to final 5th in 3min 57.7 secs. a personal best.
- Howard Malcolm - 2nd in Triple Jump Junior with a leap of 49ft 1in. This was in his first attempt and he fouled his next five. Injured his ankle in Long Jump Senior and had to withdraw from Junior Long Jump.
- Gavin Murray - like Howard Malcolm and Ian Murray was unable to adjust to the tartan run up and only managed two fair jumps and a best of 48ft 7in, which gave him 3rd place. 21ft 2in in Long Jump Junior, 46ft 10in in Senior Triple Jump and 167ft 10in in Javelin Junior all fouled to qualify for second round.
- Chris Cartledge - fouled his three trials and thus failed to qualify for second three.

The 4 x 100 metres Relay team of P. Blackaby, G. McGee, I. Murray and S. Hood did not complete the course when Stuart Hood broke down on the last leg.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Your Association, through the Southern Branch was happy to assist the T.W.A.A.A. in organising and conducting the Australian Women's Championships. These were held on the North Hobart Ground from 1st - 5th March, 1973. Congratulations are extended to the Women's Association on the success of the meeting and also the success achieved by the Tasmanian girls.

COACHES ASSOCIATION

This body no longer appears to be active which is indeed unfortunate, especially as the Australian Union has had earnest and long discussion on means of improving coaches and coaching. It is to be hoped that should there be any development in the National sphere Tasmanian coaches will be able to organise themselves so as to be able to use it to advantage. On the brighter side Max Cherry, one of Tasmania's if not Australia's foremost coaches, did participate very actively in a coaches seminar conducted in Sydney at the time of Australian Track and Field Championships.

ATHLETICS CENTRE

It is very pleasing to report that the Southern Branch has advised that it has in hand the \$10,000 it undertook to raise as Phase One of the fund raising for the Domain Athletic Centre. Your Association now will proceed to Phase Two, the raising of the balance of the \$42,000 promised to the Hobart City Council.

The Council has continued to carry out preparatory work on the Domain site, mainly cutting, filling and the laying of pipes.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR AWARDS

In an endeavour to ensure that all possible contenders were considered, the Association amended its Constitution to allow branches to submit nominations.

Rather unfortunately none took advantage of this procedure, so it was left to the executive to submit its recommendations to the council, which then made the following awards, to whom congratulations are extended.

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| F.A. Rose Trophy - Athlete of the Year | - Kent Rayner (SB) |
| J.W. Cooper Trophy - Junior Athlete of the Year | - Randal Markey (SB) |
| N.J. Ruddock Trophy - Sub Junior Athlete of the Year | - Stuart Hood (SB) |
| G.T. Briggs Trophy - Juvenile Athlete of the Year | - (Rex Smith (SB)
(Michael Burr (Dev)) |

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR AWARDS (Cont.)

Kent Rayner's performances throughout the season - a Tasmanian 10000 metres Allcomers record, second in the Australian 10000 metres championship, selection in the Australian team for the Pacific Conference Games and the Commonwealth Games Training Squad gained him the top award - the F.A. Rose Perpetual Trophy.

A group of talented juniors contended for the J.W. Cooper Trophy but convincing victories in the Australian 800 and 1500 metres Junior Championship, the Victorian 1500 metres Junior and the Tasmanian 1500 metres Championships, the first two setting New South Wales Junior records and the last a Tasmanian Junior Allcomers record clinched the award for Randal Markey. This was confirmed by his inclusion in the Commonwealth Games Training Squad.

Stuart Hood was the outstanding athlete in the Sub Junior division. His performances in Open competition in Tasmania and in Junior and Sub Junior in Victoria were top class. Unfortunately injury prevented him from showing his ability in the Australian Championships.

The Juvenile award was much more difficult to decide especially as these athletes do not get the same publicity or opportunities to impress. It was found impossible to separate two athletes, so a joint award was made, to Rex Smith a middle distance runner from Sandy Bay and Michael Burr, a sprinter from Devon.

The Sportsmans Association of Australia - Tasmania Division Star of Sport Award for 1972 was awarded to John Denholm. This was the fifth time John has received this award in 1965, 1966, 1969, 1970 and now 1972.

CROSS COUNTRY AND ROAD

Two Cross Country, two Road and one Road Walking Championships were held during the Winter season. Entries in the Cross Country events were exceptionally good, as were the number of teams in the Mountain Relay. However, fields in the Marathon and the Road Walk were very disappointing.

Max Little of Devon dominated the season winning all three individual titles in very fast times. His contests with Kent Rayner were a feature of the racing. In the Juniors, Alan Bennett easily won both Cross Country races with Randal Markey performing well in the road races whilst Dale Prosser won all Juvenile events despite strong competition from M. James and P. Brasher.

4 Mile North v SouthRelbia6th May, 1972

Conditions were ideal and the course was in tip top condition for the first of the Cross Country Championships incorporating the 4 mile senior and junior and 2 mile juvenile championships and the North v South Teams races. As usual the main events were conducted over the 2 mile circuit at Relbia with an excellent field of 33 competitors taking part. Max Little in winning, bettered Kent Rayners 1971 best time on record by 64 secs., whilst Alan Bennett, who finished second overall, also beat the previous best time - an excellent effort by a Junior. Dale Prosser convincingly won the 2 mile Juvenile.

North had good wins in the teams races, retaining the G. Chaplin Trophy for the 4 mile event by 10 points and winning the V. Roney Trophy for the Juvenile race from South.

Result

North	35 points	Juvenile	North	37 points
South	45 points		South	45 points
	33 starters			14 starters

Individual - 4 Mile

1. M. Little (Dev)	22min 9.2sec.
2. K. Rayner (SB)	22min 17.0 sec.
3. D. Cox (N)	23min 29.0 secs.

4 Mile Junior

1. A. Bennett (SB)	23min 10.4sec.
2. G. Ford (N)	24min 8.0 sec.
3. R. Markey (SB)	24min 55.0 sec

2 Mile Juvenile

1. D. Prosser (N)	12min 11.4 sec.
2. M. James (SB)	12min 40.0 sec.
3. W. Ling (SB)	12min 46.0 sec.

CROSS COUNTRY AND ROAD (Cont.)10000 metresRelbia3rd June, 1972

The same standard course as has been used in past years was again used. Showery conditions prevailed during the competition, causing conditions to be very slippery for the runners. Max Little again turned in an outstanding performance in winning the Championship considering the State of the course and Kent Rayner was little behind him. Alan Bennett had only one competitor in the Junior event but finished third overall, another creditably effort.

Result10000 metres CCC

1. M. Little (Dev) 34min 43.8sec.
 2. K. Rayner (SB) 34min 56.0sec.
 3. I. Kerrison (N) 36min 46.0sec.
- 23 starters

10000 metres Junior CCC

1. A. Bennett (SB) 36min 43.6sec.
2. T. Kilworth (N) 46min 55.0sec.

2 starters

Teams Race

1. Newstead 18 points
2. Sandy Bay 35 points

No Teams Race

3000 metres Juvenile CCC

1. D. Prosser (N) 11min 15.8sec.
 2. M. James (SB) 12min 6.8sec.
 3. P. Brasher (N) 12min 27.4sec.
- 7 starters

Teams Race

1. Newstead 15 points

Mountain Relay17th June, 1972

Weather conditions were ideal for the Mt. Wellington Relay with nine teams taking part, four from Sandy Bay, two from Newstead, Eastern Suburbs, Darwin for the first time and a composite team. The Sandy Bay No.1 team won the event in a best on record time, beating the previous best by some five minutes. Altogether nine of the stage records were broken, 3 each by Kent Rayner and Randal Markey whilst Roger Carter ran the fastest mile, the 22nd stage, in 3min 41sec.

Result

1. Sandy Bay No.1 - K. Rayner, A. McCreary, R. Markey, R. Carter
2 hours 1 minute 25 seconds.
2. Newstead No.1 - I. Kerrison, G. Ford, T. Nailer, D. Cox
2 hours 4 minutes 23.4 seconds.
3. Newstead No.2 - G. Taylor, I. Stocks, A. Fisher, B. Kerrison
2 hours 14 minutes 53.0 seconds.

MarathonHobart12th August, 1972

Unfortunately weather conditions marred a well conducted event, run over the Australian Championship course. There were only 8 starters of whom 4 finished, one from each branch and one Independent, so the Eric Goss Shield was not won. Max Little's winning time bettered the previous best time on record by a Tasmanian by nearly 2 minutes. Randal Markey won the Junior $\frac{1}{2}$ Marathon convincingly from a field of 8, all of whom completed the course.

Result - Marathon

1. M. Little (Dev) 2hrs. 29min 40sec.
2. N. Jago (Ind) 2hrs. 42min 56sec.
3. J. James (N) 2hrs. 56min 12sec.

8 starters

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

1. R. Markey (SB) 1hr. 10min 39.3sec.
2. J. Bender (SB) 1hr. 18min 2sec.
3. S. Richards (ES) 1hr. 20min 28.5sec.

8 starters

20 Kilometre Road WalkLaunceston5th August, 1972

This event was disappointing in that there were only 3 starters of whom 2 finished. Ron Foster walked particularly well and broke the selection standard. He was chosen to compete in the Australian Championship but did not choose to make the trip.

Result

1. R. Foster (NS) 1 hour 45 minutes 7.6 seconds
2. W. Ford (N) 1 hour 57 minutes 33.5 seconds

3 starters

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE

Your delegates to the A.A.U. Conference held at the N.S.W. Masonic Club, Sydney on 23rd and 24th March, 1973 again, were your President and Honorary Secretary. All States were represented by 2 delegates with only Victoria not having its Secretary as a delegate. The Agenda comprised 36 items with only 27 notices of motion for consideration, the smallest number for many years. This lack of pressure to complete the Agenda enabled the Chairman to conduct the meeting with slightly less formality and far more time was spent discussing ways of promoting athletics and the future of the sport.

Main items of interest discussed were:-

Indemnity re Injury or Sickness

It was reported that the suggestion of including an indemnity clause in respect of injuries or sickness sustained whilst competing on the registration card had been investigated, and legal opinion was that it would not serve any useful purpose.

Five Star Award Scheme

New standards from South Australia were tabled, but there seemed little chance, at this stage, of introduction nationally. States were encouraged to try and institute their own scheme, similar to South Australia's.

Registrations

Were up over 600. Tasmania has only 80 less than Western Australia.

Amateur Status

Tasmania's submission that Law 116(1) be amended by substituting the word "fees" for "expenses" was carried. The rule now reads "An athlete does not cease to be an amateur under the Laws of the Union by (1) receiving fees for acting as an official at any of the athletic games listed in Law 116(a)".

The problem of money prizes being offered to clubs for athletic events was discussed.

The time of waiting before an application for reinstatement as a non competing amateur was reduced from 5 to 3 years.

Competition Rules

The Scoring Tables and Standards Committee of R. Hood, D. Hickman and R. Morriss was asked to develop Pentathlon and Decathlon tables for Juniors and Sub Juniors.

The Union is to re-submit to I.A.A.F. motion to alter allowable track tolerances. Electrical Timing will be necessary for World Records fairly soon.

States were requested to conduct Pentathlons to ascertain popularity.

The new rules, as passed by I.A.A.F. meeting at Munich, to take effect from 1st May, 1973.

Coaching

It was agreed that the A.A.U., as a matter of policy, should seek to appoint a National Coach.

Australian Records

There are now 2 separate application forms, 1 for Track events and 1 for Field events. Perhaps the T.A.A.A. could consider a similar move.

Australian Championships1973 Venues and Dates

50 Kilometre Road Walk	Brisbane	11th August
10,000 metres C.C.C.	Bunduora Melbourne	7th July
Marathon	Perth	8th September
B.C.G. 20 Mile Walk Selection Trial	Canberra	22nd September
B.C.G. Selection Trials	Sydney	as late as possible on Randwick Botany Tartan Track

1974 Venues and Dates

Track and Field	Melbourne	29th-31st March
	Hopefully combined Men and Women.	
Marathon	Adelaide	14th September
20 Kilo Road Walk	Brisbane	date to be advised by 30th June, 1973

It was agreed to hold 10,000 Metres C.C.C. annually, so West Australia was allocated 1974 event.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE (Cont.)

Australian Championships (Cont.)

1975 Venues

Track and Field	Hobart	subject to Track
10,000 metres C.C.C.	South Australia	
Marathon	Victoria	
50 Kilo Walk	West Australia	

Victory Ceremonies

The submission by Tasmania to delete fanfares and the raising of the winners state flag was lost, but the submission of the Secretaries Conference to have all medallions presented as soon as possible after the event, with a fanfare and flag raising for Open Championship events, was passed and proved quite a success when carried out.

Winter Championships

It was agreed that all 10,000 metres C.C.C. of Australia should be held between 15th July and 15th August, 20 Kilo and 50 Kilo Road Walks be held in the month of August, all Marathons between 15th August and 15th September, whilst additional competitors in 10,000 metres and Marathons are limited to 14 per state.

Pacific Conference Games

An amended budget was tabled with Tasmania's levy altered to \$600.

Olympic Games

The reports of athletics team officials was tabled and discussed. Main discussion resulted from the special meeting held on 20th March to discuss the preparation of athletes for international competition. This followed a similar meeting organised by the V.A.A.A. This meeting submitted 13 recommendations to Conference, all of which were agreed to, although some were amended in some ways. Main points of interest at this stage are (1) the idea of states arranging their Championships to form a circuit of combined Championships (2) the appointment of a sub committee to submit to and negotiate with Rothmans National Sports Foundation to employ a full time National Coach (3) a deputation, including athlete, to the Prime Minister to point out the imperative need for a large appropriation of funds to bring Australia closer to world standards (4) Australian selectors authorised to nominate promising young athletes to go overseas subsidised from the Ron Clarke Foundation. This fund has not worked successfully as only two States, South Australia and Queensland, met their allotted target. Tasmania, is some \$400 short.

Ministries of Sport

Queensland, Victoria and West Australia gave verbal reports showing encouraging signs of assistance from Ministries of Sport.

Registration Numbers

It was suggested that an attempt be made to get an Australian wide sponsor to pay a reasonable amount well over actual cost of numbers.

General

Only metric measurements should be used after 1st May, 1973. Tasmania's motion regarding an Australian National Anthem was carried but the motion seeking to delete the word "Coach" from the rule regarding the Appointment of Team Officials was withdrawn when pointed out it did not accomplish what was desired.

Election of Officials

All officials were re-elected, with Alan McDonald of Victoria becoming senior Vice President. All Standing Committees were re-appointed. Graeme Briggs was elected to the Selection Committee for a further 3 years, with P. Jeness of Victoria replacing Bert Gardner, who resigned for 1 year only. Graeme was appointed Convenor, or virtually Chairman, as from 1st June, 1973.

CONFERENCE OF STATE SECRETARIES

The fourth meeting of State Secretaries was held at the Chevron Hotel, Melbourne on 30th September and 1st October, 1972. It was a most successful conference with a long and varied agenda. Items of main interest discussed were:-

Combined Track and Field Championships

Even though the 1972 Championships in Perth had proved most successful the Women's Union wished to continue with its current roster. Western Australia was probably the only State that could adequately handle a combined championship meeting but it was agreed that the Victorian A.A.A. and the Union should approach their counterparts informally, to see if it would be possible to combine for 1974.

Coaching

There was a lengthy discussion on the problems and difficulties of coaching. The possibility of obtaining sponsorship was considered as well as a full time national coach and it was agreed to approach Rothman's National Sports Foundation in regard to this.

Facilities and Equipment

Tracks, track materials, electric timing and the possible benefits of Ministries of Sport were fully discussed and amplified.

Record Application Form

An amended Australian Record Application form was drafted entailing separate forms for track events and field events.

City to Surf Race

New South Wales reported on the improvement in this event. Over 2600 starters with less than 60 failing to finish. Police permission has been refused to Western Australia for a similar event.

Veteran Athletes

There was discussion on holding Australian Championships for veterans. It was felt that the States could benefit from the movement and the matter was referred to the Union to give some guidance.

East Coast Sub Junior Meeting

Tasmania's application to compete in Melbourne at its own cost did not receive support from the Shell Co. in Victoria but Mr. C.D. Lee undertook to approach Mr. C.T. Hansen informally, in Sydney.

Winter Season Events

Agreed to attempt to standardise winter season dates.

Registration Numbers

It was agreed to seek national sponsorship for athletes registration numbers.

Championship Medallions

Western Australia and Tasmania advised that they did not present medallions for State Championships. It was agreed that it would be desirable for all States to have medallions and of a similar design but bearing their own State emblem. However, it seemed quite impracticable at present.

Metric Measurement

It was resolved that it be a recommendation to the Union that metric results only be published in the future.

Australian Schoolboys Championships

Victoria advised that these had been abandoned because of the lack of a sponsor.

Car Rallies

The Chairman ruled that, as there were no rules covering these events, registered athletes were entitled to take part in car rallies.

Future Conferences

All States except Queensland felt that the conferences were of real benefit and should be continued.

FINANCE

The budget for the season under review, set out to finish the season with a small surplus, instead of the overdraft brought forward and this aim was accomplished. However, as indicated in the attached financial statement the estimate of receipts and payments was approximately \$1000 out. This was caused by three items. Registrations increased considerably over the previous season and therefore the fees received and paid increased. The late Fred Rose, a Life Member of the Association, bequeathed an amount of \$400 to the Association. No directions came with the bequest, however, your council has decided to invest the money with the Hobart Building Society until the Athletic Centre is completed and the money can be used to suitably commemorate the services of Fred Rose to Amateur Athletics.

The third item to cause deviation from the budget was state competition costumes. It was decided by council to delete this item from the budget and rely on team fund raising to meet the cost. However, this decision had to be changed at the last moment and council paid for them and then levied the branches in proportion to members in the team. In addition there was quite a surplus of Sub Junior team singlets and training T shirts which council now has in stock to be used next season.

The No.2 Account was used for the Car Raffle and financing the Track and Field team. With the receipts from a raffle held at a Greyhound Racing Club meeting at the T.C.A. Ground there is little change in the balance carried forward.

BRANCH ACTIVITIESNorth

Four clubs were affiliated with the Branch, namely, Exeter, North Launceston and Districts, Georgetown, and Newstead Harriers. During the track season all clubs competed at Interclub meetings as well as conducting their own club nights and training sessions. Attendances at these meetings remained consistent throughout the year.

White City remained the headquarters for the track season, although far from ideal, it still seems to be the only venue available to meet requirements. The committee is negotiating with the Launceston Greyhound Racing Club to secure a longer term lease than the year by year basis that exists at the moment. It looks likely that the ground will be available for the N.A.A.B. for the full year, this should allow the Branch to improve the surface of the oval before the commencement of the next track season.

The Branch is indebted to the Newstead Harrier Club for making available its Relbia headquarters and facilities to permit State and Branch Cross Country events to be conducted.

The Newstead club was the only active club during the cross country and road season, with an invitation being extended to members of other clubs to compete.

The season commenced in April and a full programme was conducted. The North v South Teams Race and Individual Championship and the State 10000 metres C.C.C. were conducted at Relbia by the Branch and the Tasmanian 20 kilometres Road Walking Championship was also organised by the N.A.A.B.

Track Season

The Northern Schoolchildrens championships were held at St. Patricks College on 7th October, 1972. Of thirty nine schools circularised, replies were received from twenty nine. Three hundred and ninety three competitors submitted 805 entries (a record - the previous best being 480 entries in 1970). Competitors comprised 158 girls and 235 boys with entries being 246 and 559 respectively. Relay teams totalled 29.

Full marks go to St. Patricks for its track preparation, very little work was necessary by the Branch. The track was firm and in good condition for so early in the season, although a little uneven in places. The only disappointment being the run up for the jumping events, which was perhaps the reason for the mediocre performances.

The weather was 'fine' but overcast with a very lazy, southerly wind toward afternoon. It was hard to manage the 168 events to timetable, but full credit to the officials for an exacting job well done, the last field event concluded on schedule and the last track event only ten minutes behind listed starting time.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES (Cont.)Track Season (Cont.)

There were some very fast times for so early in the season, with 28 records set and 4 equalled.

Perhaps a better distribution of duties for officials and allocation of personnel on hand at future meetings of this type would be beneficial. All the same it was a very successful meeting. The increase in entries was no doubt brought about by the changed date to one prior to Independent and High School sports and 1972 Olympic Games interest.

Interclub

The 1972/73 season saw some very interesting and even interclub contests. The two city clubs, North Launceston and Newstead H.C. had several hard tussles to gain points towards the Mansell Shield competition (A,B,C,D, Grades). North Launceston regained the Shield from Newstead, the previous season winners.

Exeter and Georgetown clubs, although with fewer numbers, did particularly well in most of the events in which they were represented. Exeter defeated Georgetown to retain the Chaplin Shield (for country clubs, all grades) in a close contest.

The Junior Premiership Cup, which was donated some years ago by Mr. R.K. Moore for under age grades interclub competition, will now be known as the R.K. Moore Junior Premiership Cup. It was unanimously agreed by the Branch Committee that in some small way this would honour Mr. Moore for all the work he had put into amateur athletics, both in the North and at state level, in the eight years association with the Branch as a committeeman and former President.

Some promising new recruits in the under age section assisted the Newstead Club to win the R.K. Moore Cup from last years victors, North Launceston. Exeter took out third placing with Georgetown fourth.

The honour of Interclub Premiers (most points overall) went to the North Launceston and Districts A.A.C. followed by Newstead Harrier Club, Exeter A.A.C. and Georgetown A.A.C. in that order. There is no trophy for this at present, but the matter is under review by the Committee.

ResultsMANSELL SHIELDCity Clubs A,B,C,D Grades

North Launceston	5077 points
Newstead H.C.	4147 points

CHAPLIN SHIELDCountry Clubs All Grades

Exeter	695 points
Georgetown	654 points

INTERCLUB PREMIERS

North Launceston	7264½ points
Newstead	6485½ points
Exeter	695 points
Georgetown	654 points

R.K. MOORE CUP (UNDER AGE)

Newstead H.C.	2338½ points
North Launceston	2187½ points
Exeter	244 points
Georgetown	79½ points

Although competition was keen between all clubs, harmony and sportsmanship prevailed throughout the season with members of opposing clubs giving encouragement and applause to their rivals for good performances.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES (Cont.)

Interclub (Cont.)

As on previous occasions, the Northern selection trials and the North v South were two of the most successful meetings held during the year both from the competition and financial angle.

During the season athletes and officials were asked to vote on whether interclub meetings should take place in the mornings or afternoons. The result being an almost two to one vote in favour for morning meetings.

The Branch committee decided to review the situation for the 1973/74 season with the possibility of some afternoon meetings.

Unfortunately, the North had only two athletes chosen in the State Team this year. Stan Bailey (N) again being selected for the senior 400 and 800 metres events. He achieved a place in the 800 final, and was right up with the field, just behind the placegetters. The other Northern member was Shane Young (NL) who, although still only a sub-junior, was selected for junior events. Shane moved to Melbourne to take up employment a week before the championships, and therefore could not compete.

The financial assistance necessary for Stan Bailey was made available by profits from T.A.A.A. car raffle, Newstead Harrier Club, Newstead Club Womens committee, and the N.A.A.B.

This year the Branch committee decided to open a No.2 Bank account in which monies can be put aside to assist athletes chosen in future state teams. The account will operate from the start of the 1973/74 year, it may well be that the new committee decides that the balance should be allowed to accumulate for a certain period before withdrawals are made.

Australian Veterans Team

Last years annual report mentioned that Bill Ford (N.H.C.) had been selected in the Australian Veterans Team for an overseas tour, competing in U.S.A., England and Germany.

It is pleasing to report that the tour was very successful and enlightening. Trips of this nature will eventually have a bearing on more of the older athletes staying in the sport in the veteran ranks in Tasmania.

Improvements to White City

This is an important matter, which will have to be tackled gradually, mainly because of the financial position. Now that the Soccer people are not using the ground, it should, as soon as possible be top-dressed and re-sown.

This past season the burden of marking the ground each week was eased by adding weed killer to the limil for track lines early in the season whereby only touching up was necessary now and then during the year.

The mowing of White City was regularly and capably done by Mr. T. Nicklason, and if he can maintain this service it should also help to improve the surface.

More Involvement

It is hoped that more people can be induced to involve themselves a little more by taking an active position with the Branch. For example, publicity officer; if one or two people handle this position, then that eases the burden on a person who is perhaps already handling another position.

The need for more clubs in Launceston and surrounding districts has been apparent for years. It is of interest at this stage that an enquiry regarding procedures for formation of a new club has recently been received, and any action will be handled by the new committee.

North West

Although the branch has not been reformed, to allow the Darwin officials another year to become established, a most satisfactory year can be reported.

Coastal registrations almost reached 200 because of Darwins doubling its numbers whilst Devon held its previous total.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES (Cont.)

North West (Cont.)

Saturday competition was arranged by each club because of the large distances between centres. However, one combined meeting was held at Penguin.

All the top athletes over 14 helped to make up the Northern team with D. Morgan, M. Little and R. Morgan gaining good wins in their respective events. However, the junior did not perform as well as in previous years which was quite a disappointment. This was caused by half a dozen members not making the trip.

The coast was represented by 16 Devon and 8 Darwin athletes who gained a total of 10 firsts, 9 seconds and 6 thirds. It was the first time many of the athletes had been to the titles and they will undoubtedly gain valuable experience from the two days in Hobart. Best performers were:-

D. Morgan - Senior	Leigh Twinning - Sub Junior
M. Burr - Juvenile	M. Schulze - Under 14
S. Moore - Under 12	A. Viney - Under 11

Four special carnivals were held, a Christmas pageant at Burnie conducted by Darwin in age groups, and the usual Forth, Henley and Apple Festival Carnivals which are always run on handicap basis and once again proved very popular. The Newstead and North Launceston clubs patronised the Henley meeting which was greatly appreciated.

Max Little proved himself the best Cross Country runner in the State setting the fastest time by a Tasmanian for the Marathon. Darwin club sent a young team to compete in the Mountain Relay which showed great determination to finish the event. Several cross country events were conducted in the Burnie area whilst they were held every week in Devonport from May to September.

The coastal track and field titles were held over 3 days, 2 at Burnie and 1 at Devonport, when 7 Coastal records were set.

Top performers were:-

Senior	: D. Morgan, G. Wilson,
Junior	: T. Freeman, N. Lane
Sub Junior	: L. Twinning, G. French, M. Higgenson
Juvenile	: M. Burr, R. Jones, P. French
Under 14	: S. Cram, M. Schulze, G. Hall, M. O'Brien
Under 13	: P. Muller, R. Trott, J. Crowden
Under 12	: P. Button, S. Moore, G. O'Brien

Both the Devon and Darwin clubs held successful end of season socials, when trophies were awarded in all age groups. Main Devon winners were:-

Most Outstanding	: D. Morgan
Runner Up	: R. Morgan
Most Improved	: M. Schulze

Whilst Darwin's Athlete of the Year was:- Andrew Viney. The Devon Annual Dinner was probably the best yet held with 67 members and supporters present. During the evening Mr. G. Boon, President of the Northern Branch presented Life Membership badges to Stan Cross, Eric Goss, Malcolm Evans and Mrs. Mavis Goss.

Athletics should advance on the coast during the coming season with reformation of the branch and the election of officers early in the year. This should ensure smoother running of events within both clubs and with many promising young athletes. The standard cannot help but improve with dedication from both officials and competitors.

South

In summary, the Southern Branch has had a successful, albeit perhaps not spectacular season. Standards have been high, in fact they have never been higher and the steady rise which has been evident for the past four or five years climaxed with the successes in the Victorian and Australian Championships, and finally with the selection of Kent Rayner in the Pacific Conference Games team.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES (Cont.)

South (Cont.)

After 19 years, the Southern Branch has grown into a body of Australian stature and will now face problems in administration. There were some problems during the season under review. These, happily, were not problems of interclub rivalry - although this was strong on the arena - but rather that the Branch Committee found itself faced with the conduct of a sport embracing members of top ranking national - and, indeed, international class, through the levels of State Champions and near champions, lower grades and under age grades down to Under 11 lads. This is obviously a complex arrangement and that the Branch was able to cope is a tribute to the enthusiasm and national thinking of committeemen and club delegates alike. There is little doubt that, on the whole, Southern clubs are prepared to work for the common good rather than argue over petty matters.

This feeling was demonstrated amply when, towards the end of the season, the amount of \$10,000 set by the fund raising committee for the proposed athletic centre on the Domain as a target to be raised by the Club and their members, was reached. Those who have been associated with this venture can feel very proud that they have made a real and lasting contribution to the development of the sport.

The Cross Country committee conducted the winter season on an enthusiastic note, with the result that keen and enjoyable competition was available weekly for those who wished to take advantage of it.

On the Track and on the Field, greater numbers, closer competition and higher standards posed problems. The Southern Schoolchildren's Championships opened the season on a record note, in all respects Northern Suburbs won their tenth successive premiership - a remarkable achievement - but they had to fight hard early to shake off a persistent Sandy Bay.

The outgoing committee has set its successors some hard tasks during the winter months and it has been pleasing to note that constructive suggestions have been forthcoming from several quarters for re-styling of the interclub competition.

This attitude confirms the healthy state of the affairs of the Southern Amateur Athletic Branch.

APPRECIATION

To all who have assisted the Association during the season appreciation is extended.

As usual Press, Radio and Television have given a wide coverage and readily assisted with publicity which is essential to the success of any sport.

To the Branches, their Committees, Officials and Clubs grateful thanks must be extended for conducting Tasmanian Championships on behalf of the Association and helping to carry out the principle aim of promoting athletics throughout the State. All have readily accepted their responsibilities in this regard.

Mention should also be made of the work of your Council's Sub-Committees, Delegates etc. All have been untiring in their efforts on your behalf. Special thanks must be offered to Mr. Don Hickman who has indicated that, after many years of active service, he will be retiring from Athletics.

On behalf of the Council

E.W. Barwich,

PRESIDENT.

N.J. Ruddock,

HONORARY SECRETARY.

ADDENDUM

This report marks the retirement from the office of President by Mr. E.W. Barwick.

He will not be seeking re-election at the Annual Meeting and he thus ends an active contribution which has extended over the last 50 years as a competitor, official and administrator.

Bill reached the peak of his competitive career when he was one of a select few in the Australian team at the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

He returned to the Olympic arena twice - first to Melbourne in 1956 as an official and then to Tokyo in 1964 as the athletics sectional team Manager.

He dominated the local (and Australian) middle-distance scene forty years ago and he has shown the same dedication and zeal in his role as Tasmanias President for so many years, and as a delegate to and executive member of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia.

Bill Barwick has reached the peak in athletics, first as a competitor and then as an official. His contribution in both spheres has been immense and the sport in Tasmania - and Australia - owes a tremendous amount to men like him. We shall miss him in his active role but we hope that retirement from the office of President will not mean that he will relinquish his interest in the sport - but then we feel that after such a life long interest he will never sever all connections.

I hope that I may be pardoned for adding a personal note for Bill's wisdom, experience and guidance have been invaluable in my athletic career and I owe him a debt I shall be hard pressed to repay.

G.T. Briggs,
DEPUTY PRESIDENT.

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Statement of Receipts & Payments for year ended 31st May, 1973

Balance c/f \$25.07o/d

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
<u>1971/72</u>		
30 Subscriptions	30	28.00
329 Registrations	300	420.40
60 Affiliations	60	60.00
166 Publications		103.05
4 Interest	2	3.92
65 Medallions, Certificates	70	62.54
240 Levies	265	265.00
Uniforms		370.80
Reinstatement Fee		4.00
Legacy		400.00
894	727	1717.71

<u>Payments</u>		
53 Printing and Stationery	56	26.00
20 Affiliations	20	16.00
140 Registrations	116	193.55
198 Publications	30 Net	101.81
28 Postages	30	35.65
46 Telephone, Telegrams	50	72.39
200 State Uniforms		479.90
Trophies and Engraving	45	33.55
Certificates	85	66.24
124 Secretaries Conference	125	117.07
5 Wreaths		17.57
Reinstatement Fee		6.00
Investment of Legacy		400.00
15 Presentations		
99 Medallions and Engraving		
42 Levy A.A.U.		
100 Honorarium	100	100.00
2 Sundries	45	3.37
1072	702	1669.10

Excess of Receipts over Payments 48.61
 Balance c/f A.N.Z. Bank \$23.54

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

C.A. Blanton,
HONORARY AUDITOR.