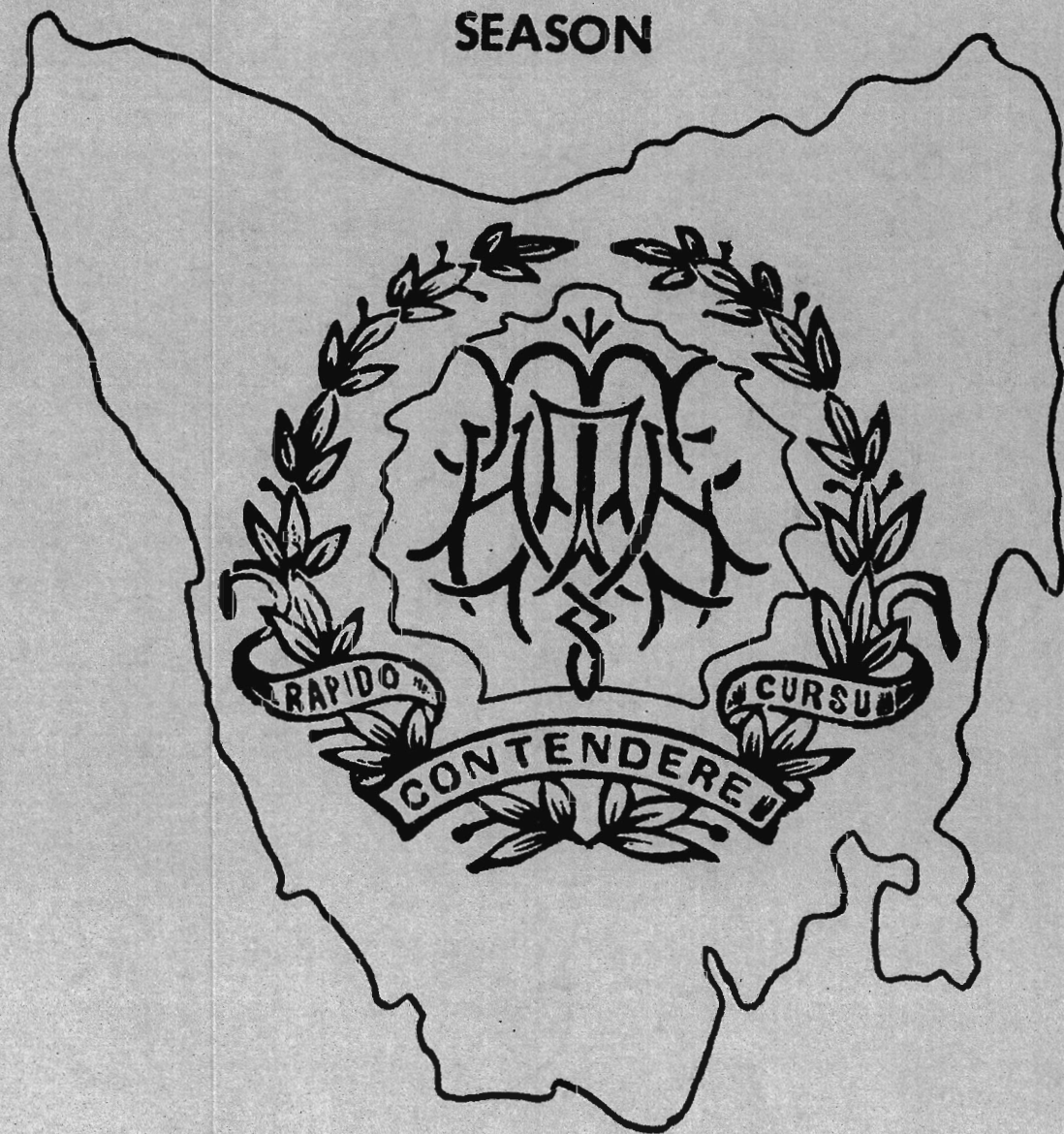


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TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Gentlemen,

In submitting this, the 63rd Annual Report of the Association, your council has pleasure in reporting another successful season with some outstanding highlights and quite a few changes. The year started with a new President and a new Deputy President and four new council members. After a "reign" of over twenty years as President, during which athletics in Tasmania showed unprecedented advancement, Bill Barwick decided "to call it a day" even though his fondest dream of an athletic centre with an all weather track seemed so close. Graeme Briggs stepped up from Deputy President to take the top position with Robin Hood now his deputy. Three long serving members of council Bill Denholm, 'Snowy' Nelson and Don Hickman did not seek re-election so that there was quite a new look, with youth, cross country and road strongly represented.

For the first time for many years, Tasmania was represented at the Australian 10,000 metres Cross Country Championships. Teams were entered in both the Open and Junior events with the Under 19 performing exceptionally well. At the start of the track season Randal Markey won the Commonwealth Games 1500 metres trial and earned him selection in the Australian team. In Christchurch he made the final of the 1500 metres and eventually topped off the season by becoming only the third Tasmanian to win an Australian Championship.

Great progress has been made, as far as the proposed Athletic Centre in Hobart is concerned. The Hobart City Council Parks & Recreation Committee under the able Chairmanship of Ald. Doug Plaister has done a considerable amount of work, with the site being almost completely levelled and ready to be fenced. A Commonwealth Government Grant of \$62,000 was obtained, representatives of the 3 M's Company, manufacturers of "Tartan" tracks have met the committee and expressed the view that the site is one of the best they have ever seen.

Registrations have increased again, only slightly but the target of 900 must be a distinct possibility in the next year or two. The 3 branches have progressed admirably both athletically and financially but it would appear that the work load of some of their most capable administrators has had its effect and South and North are without Secretaries at the moment. The formation of a new club in Launceston, the Tamar Athletic Club, has given a tremendous boost to the Northern Branch whilst the growth of Darwin and reformation of North West Branch provides hope for a resurgence along the coast.

REGISTRATIONS

Due to a most gratifying increase in Northern Branch numbers there was a record number of registrations for the season - 838 - 18 up on 1972/73. The increase in the North was 71 to a total of 248, the highest figure ever - by 25. The Southern and North Western Branch numbers dropped, however, by 18 and 35 respectively, whilst there was a pleasing increase of 5 in the number of officials. It is to be hoped that both South and North West can overcome this setback and set new figures with 850 or even 900 as the overall goal for 1974/75.

Sandy Bay again recorded the largest club membership with 124 registrations. Other club numbers were Newstead 115, Northern Suburbs 97, Devon 78, O.V.A. 75, Darwin 69, Eastern Suburbs 68, Tamar 54, North Launceston 49, A.Y.C. 24, Exeter 14.

Other statistics were:-

South	432	a decrease of 18	or	4.0%	on 1972/73
North	248	an increase of 71	or	20.1%	on 1972/73
North West	<u>158</u>	a decrease of <u>35</u>	or	<u>22.15%</u>	on 1972/73
	838	an increase of 18	or	2.2%	on 1972/73

	<u>South</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>North West</u>	<u>Total</u>
Seniors	69(-6)	32(+10)	7(-3)	108(+1)
Juniors	20(-9)	15(+6)	8(+2)	43(-1)
Sub-Juniors	71(+22)	24 -	20(-1)	115(+21)
Juveniles	27(-19)	26(+11)	9(-9)	62(-17)
Under 14	50(+19)	22(+6)	15(-4)	87(+21)
Under 13	46(-15)	24(+7)	10(-10)	80(-18)
Under 12	106(-11)	89(+26)	78(-9)	273(+6)
Officials	43(+1)	16(+5)	11(-1)	70(+5)
	<u>432(-18)</u>	<u>248(+71)</u>	<u>158(-35)</u>	<u>838(+18)</u>

TRACK AND FIELD

North v South

The annual North v South contest was held, as usual, at White City, Launceston on 15th December, 1973. The North v South Senior, North v South v North West Under Age and the Tasmanian Women's Association triangular competition were all conducted at the meeting.

The weather started fine and humid with a fast hard track but rain later in the day made conditions most unpleasant for competitors and officials alike.

Competitions was the closest it has ever been in the senior division with North getting to within 12 points of the South. Unfortunately this meeting does not find favour with many southern athletes and officials but it would be a pity to scrap it without some adequate replacement. A special sub committee has been set up to investigate the matter, and it is hoped, find a satisfactory solution.

Final points were	<u>Seniors</u>	1. South 325 points
		2. North 313 points
	<u>Under Age</u>	1. South 157½ points
	(White City Cup)	2. North 125½ points
		3. North West 88 points

Decathlon

Championships for open Junior and Sub Junior were conducted by the Northern Amateur Athletic Branch at White City on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd February, 1974.

Ten competitors from five clubs began the event in fine weather on a firm track with two failing to finish. Ian Murray (N.S.) retained his title with a Tasmanian Residential record score of 6199 points. D. Singline (N.) third overall was first in the Junior division with N. Clark (N.L.) winning the sub-Junior section comfortable with a reasonable points score. Unfortunately P. Johnston (O.V.A.) fractured an ankle during the Pole Vault, the third last event when in third place overall.

<u>Results</u>	1. I. Murray (N.S.) 6199 points	<u>Junior</u>	1. D. Singline (N.) 4528 points
	2. A. VanAsch (N.L.) 4983 "		2. J. Bolzonells (N.L.) 4314 "
	3. D. Singline (N.) 4528 "		3. B. Roe (N.L.) 3568 "
	<u>Sub-Junior</u>	1. N. Clark (N.L.) 4141 points	
		2. G. Clark (N.L.) 3029 "	

Pentathlon

There were only eight entries, 1 senior, 1 junior and 6 sub-juniors for the three championships conducted at North Hobart on Sunday 17th February, 1974. A handsome trophy donated by Mr. D. Murray was won by Ian Murray (N.S.) with a score of 3080 points. K. Smith (N.S.) was the only Junior - he scored 2183 points. The sub junior contest was quite keen with P. Thompson (S.B.) winning, scoring 2152 points, second was his brother G. Thompson (S.B.) 2080 points with T. West (N.S.) 1637 points third. It was disappointing to have only eight entries but it is hoped there will be a build up on future years.

Tasmanian Interclub Premiership

As an innovation for this season the fifth State Club Premiership was held over two days, 9th February in Launceston and 2nd March in Hobart.

The first day, at White City, began in light rain which, fortunately, cleared and fine weather prevailed for most of the programme. Fast times, good performances and finishes, treated spectators to an interesting day.

The programme was well supported by Northern Suburbs, Sandy Bay, Tamar, North Launceston and Newstead clubs, but only a few competitors from other clubs. With the knowledge gained, along with more support from northern officials, this could become the main meeting in the North.

The second day, held at North Hobart, proved somewhat of an anti climax. Perhaps it was the nature of the events on the programme, but as a spectacle, it was rather uninteresting.

Tamar club proved the surprise packet, gaining third place behind Northern Suburbs and Sandy Bay.

<u>RESULTS:</u>	1. Northern Suburbs	95½ pts.	Eq. 5. Newstead	54½ pts.
	2. Sandy Bay	87	Eastern Suburbs	54½
	3. Tamar	82	7. O.V.A.	36½
	4. North Launceston	56	8. A.Y.C.	13
			9. Darwin	6
			10. Devon	3

This type of meeting, as a change from Branch interclubs, if supported fully by all clubs could and should be extremely worthwhile, especially for the better athletes, providing them with tougher competition.

Sub-Junior Correspondence Match

Mr. Clive Roper was appointed manager of the team early in December and immediately formed an initial training group of 45 boys from whom the final squad of 25 was named on 28th December. An additional 11 boys were asked to compete by invitation.

Training proved almost impossible due to the lateness of selection, lack of correct field game equipment and the fact that the boys came from all over the state. The lads from the North and North West were further handicapped by not having any competition after December 15th.

The weather on the 12th and 13th January was almost perfect for athletics and many of the athletes were able to record personal bests. There were no really outstanding performances but in most events there was better depth than in past years. A Edward's Javelin throw of 50.11 m. gave him third place for Australia - an excellent effort for a 14 year old. D. Dykes finished fourth in the same event with 49.6 m. whilst N. Jones was fifth in the 200 m. in 23.2 sec., the same place as D. Smith in the 1500 m. with 4 min. 8.4 sec. P. Johnston recorded two fifths, in the 110 m. Hurdles in 15.9 sec. and 3.12 m. in the Pole Vault.

Overall Tasmania again finished fourth with 19,118 points, 681 less than in 1973.

Final Points were:-	1. Victoria	21,776	4. Tasmania	19,118
	2. N.S.W.	21,250	5. South Aust.	17,815
	3. Western Aust.	20,210	6. Queensland	17,582

Thanks are extended to Mr. Don Murray for taking an official team photo. Mr. Roper's recommendations following the meeting have been discussed by your council and implemented where considered desirable. I would like to thank Mr. Roper for his efforts as manager of the team. It is indeed fortunate to have such a person to take over and follow the equally fine efforts of the previous manager Mr. R. Hood. With it being fairly certain that Mr. Roper's services will be made use of again next year, when there is the possibility of a match against South and West Australia in Adelaide, Tasmanian can look forward to another well organised and managed teams.

Congratulations must be extended to all members of the sub-junior team. All gave of their best and were worthy representatives of their state.

Tasmanian Championships

As has been the custom, the Southern Branch was again responsible for the programming, timetabling and conducting the Tasmanian Track and Field Championships at the North Hobart Oval over the two days 16th and 17th March, 1974.

It rained very heavily for almost 24 hours on the Thursday before the championships and the track was still damp on the first day. However, beautiful sunny conditions with only a mild, fluky wind on both days dried out the track which was fast and good on the second day. In fact, after the rain and the sun the track looked better on the Sunday than it had for the whole of the season.

Entries were again a record and it was necessary to have heats for some 800 and 1500 metres events. The timetable was fairly tight but it was a credit to all concerned that both days sport ran to the timetable. Fewer scratchings this year resulted in keener competition and the second day was one of the best ever seen in a Tasmanian Championship.

The senior events were most interesting and reflected greater depth than in previous years. This meant, of course, that race tactics were important and the manner in which our senior athletes approached their task augurs well for the sport.

It is interesting to record that for the first time ever a qualifying standard was imposed for senior athletes - it was necessary that athletes attain at least the S.A.A.B. C grade minimum standard, before being eligible to compete. The athletes reacted well and although a few entries were lost because of the restriction the overall standard was good.

Junior entries were very disappointing. This seems to be an Australian wide trend and officials will have to work hard to encourage more juniors to stay in the sport and compete in the Championships.

Sub junior and underage events were excellent. Indeed the sub-junior track racing really stole the show - with large fields and fierce competition being the highlights.

It is interesting to record the state-wide spread of Championship first places. In all nine Clubs shared in the 79 first places with S.A.A.B. Clubs providing 46 Champions, N.A.A.B. 17 and North West Branch 16. The leading individual club was Sandy Bay with 23 winners, Northern Suburb 15, Devon 11 and Northern Launceston fourth with 9.

In the relays Sandy Bay scored 6 wins, Northern Suburbs 3, OVA and Eastern Suburbs 1. For the first time in many years Sandy Bay did not win the 4 x 100 metres relay - this was won by Northern Suburbs.

Probably the main highlights of the Championships was the appearance of the Commonwealth Games sprint gold medallist Graeme Haskell who competed as a guest of the Branch. Graeme sprinted brilliantly winning the 200 metres event in 21.3 seconds then equalling the state allcomers record of 10.5 seconds in an invitation 100 metres event.

Another outstanding event was the great tactical battle between Randal Markey, Russell Morgan and Stan Bailey in the 800 metres Championship. Morgan hit the front with about 180 metres to go but Markey rounded him again in the straight to win with Bailey overtaking Morgan to gain second place. Markey completed the double with a fine win in the 1500 m. Ian Murray won four field games titles - High jump, Javelin, shot and Discus. His brother Gavin completed the jumping for distance double breaking the residential Triple Jump record in doing so.

In the under age groups, two athletes stood out, one in track and one in field. R. Polden of Devon won the 100 m., 200 m., 400 m. and 800 m. Under 12 in a most impressive manner and he looks to have quite a future, whilst Warren Smith, Sandy Bay, completed a remarkable feat in winning four field events - Under 13 Long Jump, Under 14 Long and Triple Jump and Under 15 Triple Jump. In the latter event he was only 2 feet short of the Under 15 state record.

The Hobart Harrier Cup was again won by Northern Suburbs, very clearly by 17 points from its old rival Sandy Bay. However the Bay won the Junior competition just as clearly, it also won the sub-Junior, Juvenile and Under 14 group. Northern Suburbs added the Under 13 and Under 11 to its senior win whilst Devon became the only other club to win a Division with a pleasing victory Under 12. Sandy Bay repeated its win overall increasing the margin from 2 to 31 points. After the two strongest clubs, there was only 12 points between the next six, with North Launceston climbing from last to third and O.V.A. dropping from third to seventh.

RESULTS

<u>SENIORS</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	P. Blackaby (ES)	G. McGee (SB)	L. McConnon (NS)	10.6 sec.
200 "	G. Haskell (B.Hill)	L. McConnon(NS)	P. Blackaby (ES)	21.3 secs.
400 "	R. Morgan (Devon)	G. McGee (SB)	S. Bailey (Tamar)	48.7 sec.
800 "	R. Markey (SB)	S. Bailey (Tamar)	R. Morgan (Devon)	1min.50.4 sec.
1500 "	R. Markey (SB)	D. Chettle (SB)	W. Essex(NS)	3min.47.5 sec.
5000 "	D. Chettle (SB)	A. McCreary (SB)	A. Cannell (ES)	14min.52.4 sec.
10000 "	D. Chettle (SB)	B. Baxter (NL)	M. Bell (Tamar)	31min.44.0 sec.
3000m. steeple	H. Hermanns(N)	P. Saunders (Tamar)	D. Brasher (N)	12min.21.0 sec.
3000m. walk	T. Killworth (N)	E. Wolfhagen (SB)		15min.57 sec.
110m. Hurdles	I. Manning (NS)	N. Mickleborough(SB)	I. Murray (NS)	15.7sec.
400m. "	N.Mickleborough(SB)	I. Manning (NS)	A. Willis(Tamar)	54.5 sec.
Discus	I. Murray (NS)	P. Davey (AYC)	D. Hardy(NS)	37.24m./122'2"
Hammer	D. Hardy (NS)	I. Murray (NS)	P. Davey(AYC)	40.70m./133'6½"
Javelin	I Murray (NS)	G. Murray (NS)	P. Davey (AYC)	54.10m./177'6"
Shot Putt	I. Murray (NS)	P. Davey (AYC)	G. Murray (NS)	11.87m./38'11¼"
Pole Vault	G. Stowards (ES)	P. Podolak (ES)	I. Murray (NS)	3.505m./11'6"
High Jump	I. Murray (NS)	C. Cartledge (OVA)	P. Sheehan(Devon) P. Millwood (ES)	1.725m./5'8"
Long Jump	G. Murray (NS)	I. Murray (NS)	I. Manning (NS)	6.90m./22'7¾"
Triple Jump	G. Murray (NS)	I. Murray (NS)	I. Manning (NS)	14.79m./48'6¼"
400m. Relay	Northern Suburbs	O.V.A.	Tamar	43.4 sec.
1600m. Relay	Sandy Bay	Tamar		3min.30.3 sec.

Club Championship	1. Northern Suburbs	48
	2. Sandy Bay	31
	3. Eastern Suburbs	11½

JUNIORS (UNDER 19)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	S. Goodall (SB)	D. Singline (N)	C. Cartledge (OVA)	11.5 sec.
200 "	S. Hood (SB)	S. Goodall (SB)	P. Keogh (NS)	22.9 sec.
400 "	D. Conley (OVA)	S. Goodall (SB)	K. Reid (Tamar)	51.1 sec.
800 "	D. Conley (OVA)	L. Twinning(Darwin)	R. Smart (SB)	1min.58.3 sec.
1500 "	L. Twinning(Darwin)	J. Bender (SB)	R. Smart (SB)	3min.57.5 sec.
5000 "	M. Bell (Tamar)	W. Ling (SB)	S. Richards(ES)	16min.7.6 sec.
1500m.steeple	D. Prosser (N)	P. Saunders(Tamar)	B. Bennett (N)	4min.36.1 sec.
3000m. walk	T. Killworth (N)			16min. 9 sec.
110m. Hurdles	D. Singline (N)	P. Keogh (NS)	A. Hughes (OVA)	16.0 sec.
400m. Hurdles	N. Clark (NL)	P. Littlejohn(SB)	W. Boucher (NS)	60.9 sec.
Discus	P. Thompson (SB)	J. Bolzonello (NL)	G. Thompson (SB)	33.275m./109'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Hammer	G. Thompson (SB)	K. Smith (NS)	P. Thompson (SB)	32.22m./105'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Javelin	D. Singline (N)	J. Bolzonello (NL)		47.80m./156'10"
Shot Putt	P. Thompson (SB)	G. Maher (Tamar)	G. Thompson (SB)	
Pole Vault	P. Podolak (ES)	K. Smith (NS)		3.05m./10'
High Jump	J. Bolzonello (NL)	C. Cartledge (OVA)	P. Podolak (ES)	1.865m./6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Long Jump	D. Singline (N)	P. Podolak (ES)	J. Bolzonello (NL)	6.40m./21'
Triple Jump	A. West (NS)	J. Bolzonello (NL)	C. Cartledge (OVA)	13.40m./43'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
400m. Relay	Sandy Bay	O.V.A.	Tamar	46.2 sec.
1600m. Relay	Sandy Bay			3min.42 sec.

Club Championship	1. Sandy Bay	36 points
	2. Newstead	18 points
	3. O.V.A. & North Launceston	13 points

SUB-JUNIOR (UNDER 17)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	G. French (Devon)	N. Taylor (NS)	R. Salt (Tamar)	11.5 sec.
200 "	G. French (Devon)	A. Parks (SB)	G. Blanton (O.V.A.)	23.5 sec.
400 "	G. French (Devon)	L. Keating (SB)	C. Bell (SB)	52.4 sec.
800 "	L. Keating (SB)	R. Robinson (OVA)	C. Bell (SB)	2 min.2.2 sec.
1500 "	D. Prosser (N)	C. Beard (ES)	C. Anderson (ES)	4min.10.3 sec.
110m.Hurdles	N. Clark (NL)	A. Hughes (OVA)	P. Littlejohn (SB)	15.6 sec.
Javelin	A. Edwards (SB)	P. Robinson (Tamar)	P. Thompson (SB)	51.61m./169'4"
Shot Putt	P. Thompson (SB)	N. Clark (NL)	A. West (NS)	12.21m./40'¾"
High Jump	G. Thompson (SB)			1.445m./4'9"
Pole Vault	P. Schwann (NL)			2.46m./8'1"
Long Jump	P. Holmes (OVA)	N. Taylor (NS)	A. West (NS)	5.905m./19'4½"
Triple Jump	A. West (NS)	J. Churchill (NS)	P. Holmes (OVA)	13.215m./43'4¼"
400m. Relay	O.V.A.	Northern Suburbs	Devon	46.6 sec.
1600m. Relay	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	Tamar	3min.35.8 sec.

Club Championship	1.	Sandy Bay	23 points
	2.	Northern Suburbs	15 points
	3.	O.V.A.	12 points

JUVENILE (UNDER 15)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	M. Schulze (Devon)	J. Spencer (ES)	M. Williams (SB)	12.0 sec.
200 "	M. Schulze (Devon)	G. Clark (NL)	J. Spencer (ES)	24.3 sec.
400 "	G. Clark (NL)	J. Spencer (ES)	L. McCulloch (Tamar)	54.0 sec.
800 "	G. Clark (NL)	G. Murfett (SB)	N. Jessup (Tamar)	2min.7.8 sec.
1500 "	G. Murfett (SB)	N. Jessup (Tamar)	S. Eldridge (N)	4min.29.4 sec.
High Jump	A. Clements (Devon)	G. Clark (NL)	J. Churchill (NS)	1.575m./5'2"
Long Jump	L. McCulloch (Tamar)	J. Churchill (NS)	P. Beveridge (Tamar)	5.405m./17'8¾"
Triple Jump	W. Smith (SB)	J. Churchill (NS)	L. McCulloch (Tamar)	12.155m./39'10½"
400m. Relay	Sandy Bay	Tamar	Devon	50.3 sec.

Club Championship	1.	Sandy Bay	12 points
	2.	Tamar	11 points
	3.	} Devon } North Launceston	10 points

JUVENILE (UNDER 14)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	P. Fox (SB)	R. Grant (N)	J. Burgess (Darwin)	12.3 sec.
200 "	J. Burgess(Darwin)	P. Fox (SB)	G. Cayzer (ES)	26.1 sec.
400 "	G. Cayzer (ES)	G. Clark (OVA)	S. Morley (ES)	59.0 sec.
800 "	T. Moore (SB)	A. Murfet (SB)	A. Mellor (ES)	2min.19.9 sec.
1500 "	T. Moore (SB)	A. Murfet (SB)	B. Drew (SB)	4min.45.1 sec.
High Jump	J. Burgess(Darwin)	M. Sullivan(OVA)	M. Churchill (NS)	1.525m./5'
Long Jump	W. Smith (SB)	R. Grant (N)	M. Churchill (NS)	5.35m./17'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Triple Jump	W. Smith (SB)	M. Churchill (NS)	J. Burgess(Darwin)	12.345m./40'6"
400m. Relay	Sandy Bay	O.V.A.	Eastern Suburbs	51.9 sec.

Club Championship	1.	Sandy Bay	25 points
	2.	Darwin	8 points
	3.	Eastern Suburbs	7 points

JUVENILE (UNDER 13)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Distance</u>
100 metres	C. Frost (NS)	G. Demicz (NL)	P. Hammond (Tamar)	13.4 sec.
200 "	G. Hill (NS)	C. Parker (N)	G. Demicz (NL)	28.0 sec.
400 "	J. Hardstaff (NL)	S. Moore (Devon)	C. Hey (NS)	64.5 sec.
800 "	C. Hey (NS)	S. Moore (Devon)	R. Dureau (SB)	2min.24.9 sec.
1500 "	C. Hey (NS)	M. Peters (N)	R. Dureau (SB)	4min.53.2 sec.
High Jump	A. Lutwyche (NL)			1.345m./4'5"
Long Jump	W. Smith (SB)	A. Lutwyche (NL)	J. Hardstaff (NL)	5.15m./16'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
400m. Relay	Northern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	North Launceston	54.4 sec.

Club Championship	1.	Northern Suburbs	16 points
	2.	North Launceston	13 points
	3.	Sandy Bay	7 points

Australian Championships

The selectors recommendations for a team of 8 senior and 10 juniors to represent Tasmania at the Australian Championships held in Melbourne from the 28th - 31st March, 1974 was approved by your Council. However, two juniors, Peter Johnston and Stuart Hood withdrew from the team before it departed.

Mr. Don Murray was Manager with Mr. C. Roper, Assistant Manager/Coach both appointments being made in the previous December to allow plenty of time for preliminary arrangements and it certainly proved most satisfactory in this regard.

The Team was:-

SENIORS

Stan Bailey (Tamar Club) (Team Captain)	400 Metres, 800 Metres.
Paul Blackaby (Eastern Suburbs Club)	100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres Relay.
David Chettle (Sandy Bay Club)	5,000 Metres, 10,000 Metres.
Randal Markey (Sandy Bay Club)	800 Metres, 1500 Metres.
Leigh McConnon (Northern Suburbs Club)	100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres Relay.
Russell Morgan (Devon Club)	400 Metres, 800 Metres.
Gavin Murray (Northern Suburbs Club)	Triple Jump
Ian Murray (Northern Suburbs Club)	Decathlon

JUNIORS

John Bender (Sandy Bay Club)	1500 Metres Junior
Jimmi Bolzonello (North L'ton Club)	Long Jump Junior, High Jump Junior
Chris Cartledge (O.V.A. Club)	Long Jump Junior, High Jump Junior
David Conley (O.V. & A. Club)	800 Metres Junior
Gerard McGee (Sandy Bay Club)	100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres Junior 400 Metres Relay.
Peter Podolak (Eastern Suburbs Club)	Pole Vault Junior
Dale Prosser (Newstead Club)	1500 Metres Steeplechase Junior
Roger Smart (Sandy Bay Club)	800 Metres, 1500 Metres Junior

Mr. Murray arranged for a special walking out uniform of State blazer, fawn slacks, fawn suede desert boots, gold shirt and state tie - green with a rose coloured lion rampart with the initials T.A.A.A. under the lion. He also obtained sponsorship from Coca Cola Bottlers Pty. Ltd., for T. Shirts, equipment bags, and correspondence zipper cases. With donations of supplied from several pharmacies and a case from Fitzgeralds a most adequate first aid kit was established.

To assist with finance a 400 Club raffle was conducted with T.A.A. sponsoring the printing of the tickets. A function was held at the Globe Hotel at which the prizes were drawn. Only 285 tickets were sold so that the profit was a disappointing \$420 which allowed only a \$21 distribution to 20 members of the party.

The team with the exception of Stan Bailey who went earlier, travelled to Melbourne on Thursday 27th March and stayed at the Belvedere Motel/Hotel, Richmond.

Performances were exceedingly good and although only four medals were won in comparison to nine in Sydney in 1973, this didn't really indicate any falling away in standard. The highlight, of course, was the winning of the Australian 1500 m Championship by Randal Markey - only the third title ever won by a Tasmanian. The first was in 1908 when A. Clemes won the 1 Mile and the second David Lean's 440 yds Hurdles in 1954. It was indeed a proud moment for all those Tasmanian's present to see the State flag at the masthead during the victory ceremony. Randal's win was full of merit - the time was the second best ever recorded in an Australian Championship and was a Victorian record - and it climaxed a wonderful year for him.

Gerard McGee followed up his two medallions in Sydney last year, with three more, a silver for the 400 metres Junior and bronze for the 100 metres and 200 metres Junior.

The team, as a whole competed with confidence, the more experienced showing the value of having had this experience in top competition for which there is no substitute. The new "Chevron" track did not seem to cause any great difficulties in adjustment although two of the junior jumpers experienced some problems with their run ups, but as to whether this was caused by the surface is debatable.

Don Murray and Clive Roper formed a most capable team, organising, managing, coaching and in all ways assisting the team and appreciation must be expressed to them for the manner in which they carried out their duties so efficiently.

Individual performances were:-

- 400 metres Relay: Gerard McGee, Leigh McConnon, Stan Bailey and Paul Blackaby finished 6th but were placed 5th following a disqualification. Time 42.5 secs.
- Ian Murray: Decathlon. 6249 points finished 8th. Dropped 59 points and 5 places on 1973 but still it was a good performance as the competition was much stronger with 3 overseas athletes taking part.
- Paul Blackaby: 100 metres. 2nd in heat 10.9 sec. 6th in semi final 11.0 sec.
200 metres. 2nd in heat 21.8 sec. 8th in final 21.1 sec.
(same as 6th) Paul showed the benefit of experience and was right in all his races until the last 20 or 30 metres.
- Leigh McConnon: 100 metres. 4th in heat 11.1 sec. 200 metres 6th in heat 21.7 sec. Quite a good effort for a first up sprinter and he must benefit.
- David Chettle: 10,000 metres., withdrew after approximately 14 laps due to too fast a pace early. 5000 metres. Ran a much better race - no official placing time 14 minutes 40 seconds.
- Gavin Murray: Triple Jump. 6th 14.96m./49ft. 1½in.
Another good performance as this was Gavin's first year as a senior.
- Russell Morgan: 400 metres. 2nd in heat 49.1 sec. 7th in final also 49.1 sec.
800 metres. 4th in heat 1 min. 50.3 secs.
Considerable improvement on last year. Gave his best - first year as senior.
- Randal Markey: 1500 metres. 1st in 3 min. 40.6 sec. Vic. Record. A great performance especially as Randal had been a senior for only 2 months.
- Stan Bailey: 400 metres. 4th in heat 49.5 secs.
800 metres. 4th in heat 1 min. 51.9 secs.
These performances were a little down on Stan's best at home.
- John Bender: 1500 metres Junior. 6th 3 min. 53.7 secs.
Easily a personal best and less than 4 sec., behind winner.
- Jimmi Bolzonello: High Jump Junior. 11th 1.8m/5ft 11in.
Long Jump Junior. 10th 6.51m/21ft 4½ in.
- Chris Cartledge: High Jump Junior. 10th 1.8m/5ft. 11 ins.
Long Jump Junior. 3 No Jumps
- David Conley: 800 metres Junior. 5th in heat 1 min. 53.3 secs.
Personal best - unfortunately struck hard heat. Time would have won both other heats.
- Peter Podolak: Pole Vault Junior. Didn't clear opening height of 10ft. 9 in.
Lack of experience in not having bar positioned correctly was responsible.
- Gerard McGee: 100 metres Junior. 2nd in heat 10.6 sec. 3rd in final in same time. 200 metres Junior. 2nd in heat 22.1 sec. 3rd in final 21.6 sec. 400 metres Junior. 1st in heat 49.0 sec. 2nd in final 48.0 sec. These results of 1 silver and 2 bronze medals speak for themselves.
- Dale Prosser: 1500 metres stepplechase Junior. No official placing 4 min. 26.0 sec. Dale ran up to standard but his technique over the hurdles needs improving.

Roger Smart: 800 metres Junior. 2nd in heat 1 min.55.3 sec. 6th in final 1min.55.5
1500 metres Junior. no official placing 4 min.4 sec.
Roger did well to qualify for 800 metres final.

Coaches Association

This body no longer functions but with moves to form an Australian body and Clive Roper being active in this, it is to be hoped that it could be rejuvenated.

Athletic Centre

Reference has been made in the annual report for many years to the possibility of the establishment of an athletics centre on the Hobart Domain. The officers of the Association have been meeting spasmodically for over ten years with the Reserves, or Parks and Recreation (as it is now known) Committee of the Hobart City Council. The association established a special committee under the chairmanship of Mr. C.A. Risby to raise funds towards the centre. That committee set as the first target a sum of \$10,000 to be raised by the members of the Southern Branch. That target was achieved last year following a splendid effort by all concerned. In the meantime, the Hobart City Council had commenced work on a site on the Domain after years of delays and it seemed at this time last year that at long last the dream was starting to become a reality. During this year, the Australian Government accepted a submission (supported by the Association) by the City Council for a grant from the Department of Tourism and Recreation and details of a grant of \$62,000 were announced. The Council was quick to act and a delegation from the Association met the Parks and Recreation Committee for the second time during the season. In short, the Council is planning an 8 lane track with complete facilities for competition and, at the early stages, adequate facilities outside the fence, a synthetic track, a completion date which will be in accord with our wishes to hold the 1976 national championships here and has established a joint committee with the Association to plan the development of the centre. We are grateful indeed to the officers of the City Council, to the chairman, A.d. D.R. Plaister and the members of the Park and Recreation Committee for their vision and approach to this long-felt need. There is no doubt that the centre will be one of the finest in Australia (and probably the world from a scenic point of view) when it is completed because the Association and the Council are working in the closest co-operation and complete harmony. Mr. Risby is making preliminary plans for a large scale fund raising effort as soon as it is appropriate to do so.

Athlete of the Year Awards

With all the branches submitting nominations it was a little easier for the council to make its awards for this season

Congratulations are extended to the following winners

F.A. Rose Trophy	-	Athlete of the Year	-	Randal Markey (SB)
J.W. Cooper Trophy	-	Junior athlete of the Year	-	Gerard McGee (SB)
N.J. Ruddock Trophy	-	Sub-Junior Athlete of the Year	-	Dale Prosser (N)
G.J. Briggs Trophy	-	Juvenile Athlete of the Year	-	Geordi Clark (NL)

The performances of Randal Markey throughout the year both in Track and to a lesser extent Cross Country left no doubt as to his being Tasmanian Athlete of the Year. Winning a Commonwealth Games Trial, an Australian track title and reaching a final at the Commonwealth Games as well as representing the state in the Australian 10,000 metres Junior Cross Country Championships are credentials which very few Tasmanians have.

Three medallions at Australian Junior Championships by Gerard McGee left little doubt as to who should be the Junior award winner. A total of five Australian medallions is a proud record for any junior and it will probably be a long while before equalled by a Tasmanian.

In the Sub Junior Division Dale Prosser gained representation as a Junior in both Track and Cross Country and this versatility outside his age group earned him the 1973/74 award from a very strong field.

There were several worthy contenders in the Juvenile section also. Geordi Clark, with two first and one second in the State Championships in good times just tipped the scales in his favour from M. Schulze (Devon) and W. Smith (SB).

The Sportsmens Association of Australia - Tasmanian Division awarded a Star of Sport for 1973 to Randal Markey.

Australian Representation.

Tasmania had a great year in this regard, three, two athletes and one official earned and received the honour of representing Australia. Kent Rayner, 10,000 metres and Graeme Briggs, Manager, were in the team to Toronto for the II Pacific Conference Games in July, 1973 and Randal Markey with a great trial in Sydney in October was selected for the 1500 metres in the Christchurch Commonwealth Games in January, February, 1974.

Your President, Graeme Briggs, managed the team to Canada in his usual efficient manner which evoked congratulations and thanks from team members and union officials alike. Lacking international experience, Kent Rayner performed as well as could be expected. He had two races, finishing 7th in the 10000 metres at the Games in Toronto running 30min.11 sec. as against the winners 29min.21 sec. In a satellite meeting at Saskatoon he finished 6th in a 3000 metres race in 8min.23 sec. (1st 8min.0.2 sec.)

Mention must again be made of Randal Markey's magnificent performances to be selected for Christchurch and then to reach the 1500 metres final there. He qualified by finishing fourth on his heat in a personal best time and although he wasn't able to repeat the effort in the final it must be remembered that the final was the greatest 1500 metres race ever seen and it was certainly an honour to have taken part in it.

CROSS COUNTRY AND ROAD

All Cross Country events were well supported during the winter season but road numbers were disappointed. No athlete was able to dominate the season as has been the case previously, with victories being well spread around. Highlight of the season was the performance of the Junior team at the Australian 10,000 metres Cross Country Championships. It finished second to South Australia and Neil Gale was second in the event, only 3 seconds behind the winner.

NORTH v SOUTH

RELBIA

5TH MAY, 1973

As usual this event was conducted over the two mile circuit at Relbia. Thirty athletes started in the combined senior and junior race with Ian Kerrison(N) winning the senior event in a fairly slow time whilst David Smith (S) fourth overall won the Junior event. North had a narrow victory in the senior teams race for the Geoff Chaplin Trophy and also won the Viney Roney Trophy for Juvenile teams - South not being able to field a team. David Brusher won the event in a very close finish.

Results

Senior

Juvenile

1. North 37 points
2. South 41 points

1. North

4 Mile Individual

4 Mile Junior

1. I. Kerrison(N) 24 min. 14 sec.
2. A. Risby (S) 24 min. 23 sec.
3. J. James (N) 24 min. 40 sec.

1. D. Smith (S) 25 min.00 sec.
2. S. Richards (S) 25 min. 47 sec.
3. D. Prosser (N) 26 min. 18 sec.

2 mile Juvenile

1. D. Brusher (N) 14 min. 3 sec.
2. R. Moore (N) 14 min. 45 sec.
3. A. Knight (S) 14 min. 5 sec.

10,000 METRES

RISDON BROOKE DAM

2ND JUNE, 1973

Conditions were fine but cold for the forty starters in the combined senior and junior title, all but two of whom completed the course. Alan McCreary won the senior event, however Neil Gale in winning the junior race had the fastest time of 34 min. 55 sec. a very creditable effort indeed. Newstead again won the teams race.

<u>Results</u>	<u>10,000 metres C.C.C.</u>	<u>10,000 metres Junior C.C.C.</u>
	1. A. McCreary (SB) 35 min.52.0 sec.	1. N. Gale (NS) 34 min. 55 sec.
	2. J. James (N) 36 min.30 sec.	2. D. Smith OVA) 37 min. 16 sec.
	3. G. Ford (N) 36 min.34 sec.	3. R. Markey (SB) 37 min. 52 sec.
	24 starters	16 starters
		<u>3,000 metres Juvenile C.C.C.</u>
Teams Race	1. Newstead 24	1. L. Keating (SB) 10 min. 26.2 sec.
	2. Sandy Bay 30	2. D. Brasher (N) 11 min. 30 sec.
	3. Eastern Suburbs 67	3. S. Eldridge (N) 11 min. 42 sec.
		10 starters
	Teams Race	Newstead 16 points.

MOUNTAIN RELAY

MT. WELLINGTON

14TH JULY, 1973

The weather was ideal for the five teams, although heavy mist at the top of the mountain was a little hazardous. The scratching of two teams and non appearance of another detracted from the event and it is to be hoped a little more promotion will attract more entries in the future.

Of the five teams, three were from Sandy Bay, one from Darwin and one was a composite which, of course, could not qualify for a placing. The entry of Darwin was particularly pleasing.

Sandy Bay No. 1 won the event in very good time - the third best on record. Kent Rayner, having his first run after returning from the Pacific Conference Games, was the outstanding runner breaking five stage records and running the fastest mile in 3 min.43 sec.

<u>Result.</u>	1. Sandy Bay No. 1	K. Rayner, D. Chettle, E. Wolfhagen, W. Ling 2 hours 6 min. 14 sec.
	2. Sandy Bay No. 2	R. Smith, L. Keating, S. Rose, C. Bell 2 hours 21 min. 56 sec.
	3. Darwin	L. Twinning, P. Buck, L. Young, R. Stokes 2 hours 24 min. 30 sec.

MARATHON

RELBIA

11TH AUGUST, 1973

Pleasant weather prevailed for the Marathon over an out and home course from Relbia along sealed roads. No feeding stations were set up, but cars were allocated to look after competitors. Of the eight starters only four completed this very tough event. Noel Jago (SB) ran strongly to win the Championship. Stephen Richards (ES) convincingly won the Junior 1/2 Marathon from a field of seven, five of whom finished. A thrilling finish highlighted the 3 mile Juvenile with Richard Moore (N) defeating team mate David Brasher by 2 sec.

<u>Results</u>	<u>Marathon</u>	<u>Junior 1/2 Marathon</u>
	1. N. Jago (SB) 2 hours 37 min. 45 sec.	1. S. Richards (ES) 1 hr. 18 min. 59.4 sec.
	2. I. Stocks (N) 2 hrs. 41 min. 20 sec.	2. P. Brasher (N) 1 hr. 23 min. 2 sec. 2 sec.
	3. L. Linsell (ES) 2 hrs.42 min. 7 sec.	3. R. Lee (N) 2 hr. 25 min. 20 sec.
	8 starters 4 D.N.F.	7 starters 2 D.N.F.
E. Goss Shield	South	

3 Mile Juvenile

1. R. Moore (N) 17 min. 47 sec.
2. D. Brasher (N) 17 min. 49 sec.
3. G. Murfett (SB) 18 min. 8 sec.

Australian 10,000 Metres Cross Country Championships

Six seniors and five juniors were selected to represent Tasmania in the Championships held at Bundoora, Victoria on 7th July. The course was rather flat and very fast, with the weather cold. The senior team of D. Chettle, J. Denholm, and A. Risby (S) G. Ford, J. James and I. Kerrison (N) disappointed with a rather poor performance. John Denholm finished 18th in 32 min. 34 sec. and was the best performer. Anthony Risby although only 36th also did quite well. Ian Kerrison 42nd, John James 43rd, David Chettle 45th and Glen Ford 46th in a field of 49 finishes were outclassed. In the teams event Tasmania finished last with 78 points.

The Juniors, however, covered themselves with glory. Neil Gale led at the half way mark and only just failed to win the gold medal finishing second in 32 min. 32 sec. (fastest of any Tasmanian). Randal Markey also ran well to finish seventh, 1 minute behind Neil, David Smith finished 23rd and Stephen Richards 35th. Dale Prosser withdrew about half way with an injured ankle when running 32nd. Gaining second place in the teams event and defeating Victoria was a great effort and gives hope of even better things to come.

Frank Hill as manager of the team is to be thanked for and congratulated on his efforts.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE

Your delegates to the A.A.U. Conference held at the President Motor Inn Melbourne on 27th and 28th March, 1974 were your President and Hon. Secretary. All states were represented by two delegates. All officers of the Union were present with only one state secretary, the Victorian, not being present.

All states were fully represented, all officers of the Union were present, with only one state Secretary, the Victorian, not being present. The Agenda was, as usual, a very full one, comprising 37 items, with 35 Notices of Motion. Conference commenced at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday 27th March and closed at 4.55 p.m. the following day, sitting for some 15 hours.

Main items of interest to Tasmania were:-

Victorian Athletes. The I.A.A.F. had ruled that veterans are subject to all its rules. Veterans Clubs are considering forming a National controlling body.

Registration Cards & Numbers. Ansett have covered cost of registration cards, but were not interested in doing same for numbers. It was suggested to delegates that states should negotiate with individual sponsors.

G.T. Briggs booklet "Organisation & Conduct of Athletic Meetings". The Technical Committee is to O.K. it for technical correctness and the Ass. Sec. to investigate the possibility of obtaining sponsorship for its publication so as to allow it to become a recommended A.A.U. publication.

Hon. Secretary Treasurer. Mr. Hodson indicated he would not seek re-election in 1975. A Sub Committee, with Mr. Briggs as convenor, was set up to investigate A.A.U. administration, to meet within 3 months and make positive recommendations.

Registrations. A decrease of 10% overall - Queensland and Tasmania were the only states to increase. Interclub and other types of competition are to be discussed by next Secretaries Conference with a paper to be placed before next Conference.

Government Assistance to Sport. State Sec.'s are to forward any suggestions on future submissions to the A.A.U. within 2 months. A full discussion took place on facilities. The President suggested \$1n. be set aside for synthetic tracks.

Amateur Status. Basketball was added to sports in Law 116 (a). In Law 115 the move to change the age from Under 12 to Under 13 was lost. A recommendation will be made to the I.A.A.F. to allow clubs to accept money prizes in a sponsored sanctioned event. The application for reinstatement fee was raised from \$6 to \$10.

Competition Rules. There was no report from Tasmanian Sub Committee on Junior & Sub Junior Scoring Tables. Numbers may be worn on leg of shorts. It is Recommended that Tas. submit to next Sec's. Conference a better time table of events for Australian Championships. Report of Officials Committee on proposals to grade officials was approved. Specifications for Under Age hurdles were amended as proposed by South Australia. Under Age field game implements specifications were also approved and altered as submitted by South Australia.

Coaching. Rothmans is not to assist with sponsoring a National Coach but convened a meeting in Sydney on 11th March at which a Committee of Coaching was formed and appeared to have excellent potential.

Australian Championships

<u>1974 Venue & Dates.</u>	10,00m C.C.C.	Perth	27th July
	20 Kilo Road Walk	Brisbane	24th Aug.
	Marathon	Adelaide	14th Sept.
<u>1975 Venues & Dates.</u>	Track & Field	Adelaide	21st, 22nd, 23rd March
	10,00m C.C.C.	Adelaide	13th Sept.
	Marathon	Melbourne	To be advised
	50 Kilo Road Walk	Perth	16th Aug.
	20 Kilo Road Walk		
	(Olympic Trial)	Melbourne	To be advised
<u>1976 Venues.</u>	Track & Field	Hobart	
	10,000m C.C.C.	Hobart	
	Marathon	Sydney	
	20 Kilo Road Walk	Sydney	

Trials for 111 Pacific Conference Games 1977 to be held in Canberra as close as possible to time of Games.

It was agreed to approach the A.W.A.A.U. with a view to conducting a combined National T. & F. Championship in the financial basis of 50/50 sharing of profits.

The motion to reduce the Junior Cross Country Championship to 5,000 metres was lost, but the one to add a 10 Kilometre Road Walk Junior Championship was Carried.

The Qualification period for Track & Field Championships now commences on 1st September and closes on the day entries close.

The Cross Country Championship must now be held between 15th August & 15th September and the Marathon Championship between 15th July and 15th August. Moves to alter the number of additional competitors in Marathon & Cross Country Championships, and the venue of Marathons in Games Selection years, were unsuccessful. Tasmania's submission to establish a Sub Committee to examine the feasibility of changing the format of Australian T. & F. Championships from state to individual was approved and the Sub Committee members appointed were G.T. Briggs, Convenor, N.J. Ruddock, L. Morrison (Vic.) and R. Durie (N.S.W.) is to report back to next Conference. It is anticipated something will be ready for Sept. Sec's. Conference.

International Tours Fund (R.W. Clarke). A very fine report on the purpose of the fund and procedure to be adopted in applying and allocation subsidies was made. No International tours to or from abroad are envisaged for 1974/75. However, Pacific countries are interested in touring and with assistance from both Australian and touring country's Government this type of visit could be a possibility for Tasmania. Pacific Conference Games. Mr. Briggs report on P.C.G., Toronto, was well received. A long discussion on 3rd P.C.G., Canberra 1977, was held - representatives from Canberra attended - an Organising Committee was set up.

Olympic Games. A.O.F. Delegates reported that there had not been a meeting during the year. Dates of Montreal Games 17th July - 1st August. Athletics 23rd-31st July (ex 27th).

British C/wth. Games. No full meeting of A.B.C.G.A. has been held. Report of Manager to Christchurch was not available as yet. Tas. submission to support the notion to have state representation on A.B.C.G.A. was carried.

Finance. Registration dues were increased from 35c. to 50c., an amendment of 40c. being lost.

Report by Constitution & Rules Committee. Athletes being investigated can't be suspended pending investigation - they can't even be stopped competing in another event on same day. In Run for Fun events, if it is a race, non amateurs must start separately. These events should, preferably not be competitions, and not have prizes.

Union Honours. Mr. Bert Gardner was elected a Life Member and Messrs. E. Goodwin (Q) and E. Moore (Vic) received Merit Awards. Your delegates feel Tasmania should consider nominating for Merit Award next year.

Programme Format. As submitted by G.T. Briggs was tabled, discussed and referred back to states to be brought back to next Sec's. & A.A.U. Conference.

It is recommended, Tas. submit to Sec's. Conference, for adoption by Union, the definition of schoolboy.

Election of Officials. All officials and delegates were re-elected. In regard to Standing Committees, Tas. retains the Scoring Tables & Standards Committee (Messrs. R.K. Hood, R. Morriss & N.J. Ruddock) and C.A. Wise was nominated as Tas. representative on the Walking Committee. Mr. P. Jenes (V) was re-elected to the Selection Committee.

CONFERENCE OF STATE SECRETARIES.

The fifth meeting of State Secretaries was held at the New South Wales Masonic Club, Sydney on 26th October, 1973. Because of other commitments your Secretary was unable to attend and Tasmania was represented by the President who was in Sydney for the Pacific Conference Games Trials.

Items of interest discussed were:-

Accreditation Form. It wasn't possible to have a standard form and in any case it was felt that a standard form was not desirable for an athlete travelling overseas. State secretaries were authorised to approve, but not disapprove, accreditations on behalf of the Union for athletes proceeding overseas, subject to a copy being sent to the Union.

Record Application Forms. The new revised form to be printed and circulated.

Victorian Athletes. A general discussion was held on this subject, their clubs and where and how they could fit into normal inter club competition.

Amateur Status for Children. The definition of a schoolboy was discussed and Tasmania is to submit to the Union a motion on the matter.

Government Assistance. The Bloomfield Report was discussed. A list of priorities regarding assistance had been forwarded to the Department of Recreation and Tourism and enquiries were to be made on assistance for state teams to Australian Championships.

Australian Championships. Combined Championships were discussed and in general favoured. A standardised programme in regard to size and format was regarded as being desirable and Mr. Briggs offered to prepare a paper on the subject. The dates for winter Championships were considered especially the possibility of revising the period for the 10,000 metres C.C.C. and the Marathon. Tasmania's suggestion of individual Track & Field Championships instead of state representation received favourable consideration and it was agreed that appropriate notions should be framed for submission to the A.A.U. It was agreed that there should be a plea for a little decorum and dignity on the part of athletes at official functions.

Date of State Championships, A suggestion of a circuit of state championships to enable athletes to compete at each venue was discussed and considered desirable. It was agreed that states should endeavour to avoid a clash of Championship dates.

A.A.U. Secretary Treasurer. The heavy load which the Secretary Treasurer of the Union is obliged to carry was recognised and the delegation of many of these duties was considered desirable. The Union should consider ways and means of changing this.

Publications. The Union was asked to investigate ways and means of publishing G.T. Briggs booklet "Organisation and Conduct of Athletic Meeting" and listing it as a Union publication.

Next Meeting. Is to be held in Melbourne on 26th and 27th September, 1974.

FINANCE.

The season showed an excess of payments over receipts of \$2.81 as against a balanced budget. This close proximity of actual to budget came about more by

good luck than by good management. Registrations were higher and so receipts exceeded budget by \$70 and payments were \$22 over. Receipts and payments from publications were both greater than anticipated whilst some expenses, such as printing, stationery and postages were higher but others were lower. An unanticipated expense of a travel subsidy to Australian Championship team officials and A.A.U. Conference delegates amounting to \$160 was incurred. Council decided that these four shall be considered apart from team members and a subsidy which eventually was fixed at \$40 each should be met out of general funds and similar payments should be budgeted for in the future. A donation of \$25 to the Australian British Commonwealth Games Appeal was another unanticipated expense.

The No. 2 Account, which is used for items other than considered the normal ones in running athletics, was used for the Track & Field team raffle, for the raising of funds to meet the levy to finance the Australian team to the Pacific Conference Games and other contra items so that there was little change in the balance during the year.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

North West. The branch was reformed at a meeting in Burnie during September when a committee of four together with a President and Secretary/Treasurer was elected.

Registrations decreased by 35 from last years all time record. Small losses were shown in most age groups with the inevitable transfer to professional ranks accounting for most in the older groups.

Track Season.

Owing to distance between Eastern and Western ends of branch it was left to each club to arrange their Saturday competitions, with exception of one combined meet at Burnie on Feb. 2nd. Attendances were good until the long school holiday break, when numbers fell away rather sharply for several weeks. The first major meeting of the year for the branch was athletics at the Burnie Xmas Pageant, when some 100 events for Men & Women were timentabled for completion in three hours and with good team work the last event was only a few minutes late in starting.

An invitation was forwarded to all clubs in State to take part for portion of a Government Grant to be used for the purchase of equipment; positions to be decided on a points scoring system. Tamar, North L'ton, Newstead, Darwin, & Devon fielded teams for the events, which were conducted for under 10 yrs. to senior athletes. After a day of very good and keen competition clubs finished in following order:-

N.L'ton 350 Newstead 266 Devon 263 Tamar 208 Darwin 191

Interclub Premiership Meeting.

The Branch was only represented by several Darwin athletes in L'ton and two Devon on second day in Hobart.

North-South Meet.

Owing to several top athletes not being available the Coasts performance was down on previous years, however Russell Morgan, M. Burr, L. Twining, M. Jones, R. Jones, A. Clements, M. Schulze, D. Viney, S. Mocre, A. Viney and N. Carey competed well to win or fill places in various events.

State Titles.

Thirteen Devon and four Darwin members made the trip to Hobart and returned with the following placings 1sts. 17 2nds. 4 3rds. 5½
Most successful were R. Polden, G. French, J. Burgess, M. Schulze, A. Viney, L. Twining, R. Morgan and A. Clements, N. Carey.

Coastal Championships.

The sub Junior was the most even group in these titles, 9 different athletes being successful in the 16 titles decided.

The track and field events were spread over three mornings, and after good competition following were main winners in Track & Field sections of their divisions.

<u>Senior</u>	R. Morgan	<u>Field</u>	N. Lane
<u>Junior</u>	L. Twining	"	P. Anderson
<u>Sub Junior</u>	G. French, M. Burr P. Johnson, L. Taylor	"	R. Jones
<u>Juvenile</u>	M. Schulze, J. Horne	"	A. Clenents
<u>Under 14 yrs.</u>	J. Burgess, C. Purton	"	R. Brown
<u>Under 13 yrs.</u>	S. Moore	"	P. Button
<u>Under 12 yrs.</u>	R. Polden	"	A. Viney
<u>Under 11 yrs.</u>	N. Carey	"	D. Griffiths

Special Carnivals

At the Forth, Henley on Mersey and Apex Regatta Carnivals handicap events were held, and once again proved very popular and were well supported by Coastal and Launceston clubs.

Cross Country.

Once again this section of athletics proved disappointing with only small fields in the weekly events. Darwin Club fielded a team in the mountain relay, but in other State events, very few members represented the branch or Clubs.

Social Activities.

Both Clubs organised end of season events, at which trophies were presented to the Champions of age groups. Darwin's took the form of a social, and the main trophy winners were:-

Athlete of the Year L. Twining

Advocate best track at Titles (Coastal) L. Twining.

Most Points scored A. Viney

Special Merit P. Button

Devon held a picnic luncheon, after the Coastal Pentathlons, which were held on the final day. Approximately two hundred athletes, officials, and supporters attended.

Trophy winners were:-

Most Outstanding. R. Morgan

Runners Up Most Outstanding G. French, M. Schulze

Most Improved M. Billing

Coastal Titles Field Events A. Clenents

Pentathlon Handicap Trophy R. Polden

Distance Runners Handicap Trophy L. Taylor

Club Dinners

One was held at Latrobe with over 70 present and one at Burnie with an attendance of over 30. At both dinners the executive of the other club attended, and the combining of Men & Womens Club officials and supporters on such occasions gives a chance for views on changes which could be tried to help the sport to be discussed.

South

Committee and sub committee's have worked exceptionally well and this reflects in the spirit which exists in the sport between both friends and rivals. Some changes have been proposed for next season but, at this stage, the branch is well established and stable. Unfortunately this hasn't been the same in all clubs but improvement in this regard seems to be in sight.

A cordial relationship has continued with the Women's Association and assistance with the conduct of their meetings is given willingly. A debt of gratitude is owed to the Hobart City Council and the staff of the Reserves Department for the preparation of North Hobart.

Attendances were spasmodic during the Cross Country season, ranging from ten to fifty starters but the standard has probably reached its highest ever and competition was extremely keen. Neil Gale was the most outstanding athlete winning almost every event in which he started whilst David Smith was probably the most improved runner. Eight southern athletes were chosen to represent the state in the Australian Cross Country Championships with Frank Hill, a member of the Cross Country Sub Committee, acting as Manager.

In an endeavour to stimulate the teams competition, the method of scoring for the Winter Premiership Trophy was altered and proved most successful with the closest result for several seasons. Sandy Bay won the trophy for the sixth season in a row after a keen tussle with O.V.A. and Eastern Suburbs. For the first time medallions were awarded to all placegetters in Senior, Junior and Juvenile events, previously they had gone to seniors only.

The number of Juvenile athletes competing in Cross Country has dropped to an alarming level and only one athlete was available for selection in the Southern team for the North versus South Teams Race. Perhaps a separate competition for Juveniles is the answer but the current cross country sub-committee feel that we would not be able to conduct this without further substantial support from the Clubs and all others concerned.

At the close of the season the individual athletes were asked to submit any suggestions or grievances to the committee for consideration when compiling the 1974 programme. Many were received and several suggested alterations were included in the new programme. However, several concerned the method of compiling the handicaps and it is the feeling of the sub-committee that an independent panel should be formed to compile the handicaps each week, if the handicap competition is to continue.

The thanks of the Cross Country Sub-committee go to all those kind persons who helped officiate during the season with a particular thank you to Mr. A. Upton who assisted consistently throughout the season.

The track season, as usual, commenced with the South Schoolchildrens Championships. They were held at the Friends' School Oval on 13th October in excellent weather. In all 800 children from seventy different schools, including Queenstown, made for over 1400 even entries and a 250 event programme. For once, there was an abundance of officials, making for a more pleasant even though still an exhausting day.

As is usual, excellent co-operation was received from the Headmaster and Board of the Friends' School. All the facilities were made available, the ground and track were in good condition and the setting was as delightful as ever. The groundsmen went out of their way to see that everything was in first class shape.

Once again, sponsorship was received from the Shell Oil Company of Australia and their donation of \$100 greatly assisted in offsetting the expenses involved in running the Championships. Shell have been great supporters for many years and the branch is greatly indebted to it.

Mr. Robin Hood did a power of work in the organisation of, preparation for, and cleaning up after the Championships. Without the sterling effort each year by this man, the Championships could not run as smoothly as they do.

In all 22 records were broken in these Championships. In the girls events 8 track and 2 field game records were broken and the boys broke 10 track and 2 field games records.

Branch officials assisted with the conduct of the following school sports meetings - Southern Catholic Primary Schools, Southern Tasmanian Independent Junior Schools and the Girls & Boys Independent Schools, which were combined to make an excellent programme and the 12th Inter High School.

For the second time, the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club invited athletes from the Branch to perform at a greyhound racing meeting which was held at the T.C.A. Ground on Monday 25th February.

The evening was an outstanding success which was mainly attributable to two things (1) the manner in which Mr. Peter Wright promoted the evening and (11) the very big effort made by the athletes. The Club provided excellent publicity through the press, radio and television and a very large crowd attended. There is no doubt that the greyhound patrons were enthusiastic about the performance of the athletes and gave vocal support particularly to the 1500 metre runners.

The Club issued complimentary tickets to all competitors, officials and wives, provided supper for the whole complement and trophy to the winners of the events plus the two athletes who competed against the greyhound. The Bookmakers Association also were kind enough to donate good trophies to the 2nd and 3rd place-getters in each race.

In addition the H.G.R.C. allowed two raffle nights and even donated the prize for one night. The raffles were a real bonus and greatly assisted Branch funds.

The athletes did not let the Branch down. The 100 metres handicap was won by Gerrard McGee, off 2 yards, in a blanket finish. The 1500 metres was an excellent event with all two dozen competitors, finishing within approx. 30 yards of each other. The 1500 was won by David Chettle from backmarker Randal Markey (a fantastic run) and Chris Bell. Leigh McConnon and Paul Blackaby raced against the greyhound - unfortunately all did not go well and the boys won easily. Next year it might have to be the dog's turn!

The Interclub Committee had the responsibility for the programming, time-tabling and conducting of the Interclub Premiership meeting, school childrens Championships, Southern Independent Schools Championships, Southern Independent Girls Championships, Tasmanian Track and Field Championships and the Tasmanian Womens Association Track and Field Championships together with various other Saturday and sometimes Sunday special programmes. The manner in which all the seasons meetings were run and conducted, reflects great credit on the capabilities of officials and the great amount of time and energy given to the improvement of the sport by a hard working Interclub Committee.

For many years, the Branch Interclub Committee has been embarrassed by the insufficient number of officials available to conduct the various premiership rounds and other meetings. Prior to the commencement of the season under review the Branch Committee approved a new rule which made it an obligation for each Club to supply one official for each ten athletes registered by the Branch with a maximum stipulated requirement of eight officials and a minimum stipulated requirement of three officials. The rule carried the rider that should a Club default in other than extraordinary circumstances then the Committee must automatically disqualify the Club from any points gained on the particular day of competition. It is pleasing to report that the new rule brought the desired result - all the Clubs co-operated wonderfully and once again it was possible to fully manage and enjoy the sport with a full compliment of officials available every week.

New timetables were prepared which unfortunately restricted events for the Under 11 to Under 14 groups but more events just can't be fitted in the time available.

Once again Northern Suburbs proved the top team in the competition and easily won its eleventh successive Interclub Premiership - surely a record in any sport. This great club have very few champions but everyone from the club captain Ian Murray down to the smallest of the under 11 lads gives everything for the club. Northern Suburbs athletes have great team loyalty and dedication and a fine committee backing them up and until the other clubs can develop this same spirit it is unlikely that the champions will be dethroned. Sandy Bay challenged early in the season but as usual their effort was not sustained. Eastern Suburbs, very capably administered off the field, were the big improvers and look the most likely to toss Northern Suburbs in the next couple of years. OVA Club had a disappointing season and AYC Club lacked the depth to be serious challengers.

Only one Saturday was lost because of bad weather but the dry weather in the middle of the season made the groundsmen's job difficult. However, the efforts of Geoff Essen and Frank Webster are greatly appreciated.

It was decided by the Interclub Committee not to hold twilight meetings during the season as it would seem that this type of meeting is not favoured by athletes. This committee consisting of one delegate from each club plus a chairman worked very successfully and with all members taking the wide view of matters it did a first class job.

The first City to Casino run for fun, held on July 22nd, 1973 was a big success, and the promoters are looking forward to even larger fields and more financial assistance in future years.

The success of the event was due to three factors:

- (1) A very strong willed committee's promotion of the event headed by Frank Hill.
- (2) Help from Companies with finance notably Risby Bros. Ansett, Shell and the Casino.
- (3) The smooth running of the event from the start to the finishing process with approximately 230 people completing the course.

Although it was a success there were problems, and these will have to be looked at closely in future years. Promoting an event of this nature requires publicity in every possible way, radio, T.V., press and even bill boarding, but of course to do this, finance is essential. However, for a first attempt it was a great effort and undoubtedly will be even better next year.

North

With the formation of the new Tamar club, four clubs were affiliated with the Branch. It was disappointing that Georgetown were unable to find enough interested people to conduct their affairs, leaving them no option but to go into recess. Georgetown first affiliated with the Branch in 1968. The other affiliated clubs were North Launceston & Districts, Newstead Harriers, and Exeter.

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 were consistent throughout the year and up on the previous season.

White City remained the headquarters of the Branch for the track season. With the ground not being used for soccer during the winter, regular mowing provided an improved surface, particularly in the early part of the season. The tracks were reasonably fast for most interclub meetings; despite the usual criticism from some quarters, about the conditions, some of the state's top athletes recorded their best performances there. It is hoped to do a certain amount of top dressing and seed sowing during the autumn in an effort to make a further improvement to the surface for next track season.

Relbia was again the headquarters for Branch, Newstead and State cross country events. Appreciation is extended to the Newstead Harriers Club for its assistance in conducting all of these events and the use of its facilities. The Newstead club was the only active club during the cross country season, with an invitation being extended to the members of other clubs to compete.

With the formation of the Tamar club, several new athletes were introduced to the sport, most of whom performed very creditably. Next season should see the recruiting officers of city clubs keenly chasing prospective members at the various school sports meetings; it is hoped also that athletes, parents and officials will be gained from the Little Athletics movement as the athletes reach twelve years of age - the age limit for that association.

As 1973/74 was a record registration year for the Northern Branch, the Committee has the responsibility to maintain active administration policies, to allow the current interest in the sport to continue.

Eleven interclub meetings for track and field were conducted during the season with none having to be cancelled because of bad weather. There was an increase in attendances at interclub by athletes which is very encouraging but unfortunately the same could not always be said about officials. Something positive will have to be done to increase the number of personnel officiating at interclub and state meetings to relieve pressure and to allow for greater efficiency.

North Launceston gained a double win in the interclub competition winning the Mansell Shield (A.B.C.D. Grade, City Clubs) and the Premiership title for which the branch will make a pennant available. Newstead retained the R.K. Moore Cup for the Under Age division and were second for the overall premiership. Tamar did particularly well in its first year, gaining second place in the Mansell Shield competition as well as being well up in the premiership. The Chaplin Shield for country club competition was retained by Exeter as it was the only club competing. It is hoped that opposition may eventuate in the near future.

The possibility of district athletic club must be worth considering. The Riverside area would seem to be ideal for a club and this would mean a club in each of the main suburb areas.

Financially the past season has also been most successful, a record amount of money was handled and there is a healthy bank balance to start the coming season. In addition an account has been opened to assist branch members who gain state selection.

A.J. Hodson, Esq., M.B.E.

There would be very few members of the Association who can remember when the secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia was not Arthur Hodson. He has been secretary since 1947 and secretary-treasurer since 1948 and announced recently that he will retire from office on 31 July, 1974. He will be sadly missed from administration of Australian athletics and in Tasmania will miss his meticulous attention to detail, his strict code of ethics so far as amateurism is concerned, the enormous amount of work which he did but above all his co-operation and recognition of us as a small State but nevertheless an equalling ranking member with the other associations. He is a leading international figure and his contribution world-wide has been enormous. We acknowledge that contribution in this report, we congratulate him on a job well done and we wish him well in his retirement from office.

APPRECIATION

This year has seen the retirement of many administrators of the sport and although it is regretted that they have found it necessary to give up their respective offices and not seek re-election, appreciation of their efforts on behalf of athletics must be expressed. Without such assistance from many people it would be impossible to carry on and as this time and help is given voluntarily it is appreciated even more.

As mentioned on the 1972/73 Annual Report, President Bill Barwick and council members Bill Denholm, Don Hickman, and Snowy Nelson decided not to seek re-election and their experience has undoubtedly been missed. At the end of the season, Don Murray, a council member and Hon. Secretary of the Southern Branch resigned and in the North, the Branch's President, Geoff Boon and Hon. Secretary, David Howard did not seek election. Both branches will suffer from these losses and at the moment replacements have not been found for Don and David. As far as the council is concerned all three have contributed a great deal and it is most unfortunate that their services have been lost to the sport. It is to be hoped that this may only be temporary.

To all others who have assisted during the year, as members of council, committees, sub committees, as officials whether for the Branches and/or clubs, to Press, Radio and Television who have given wide coverage and ready assistance with publicity much more than is the case in other states, sincere appreciation is expressed.

On behalf of the council

N.J. RUDDOCK
HON. SECRETARY.

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1972

Balance Brought Forward

\$23.54

<u>1972/73</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
28	Subscriptions	28	28.00
420	Registrations	463	533.95
60	Affiliations	60	60.00
103	Publications	100	127.60
4	Interest	4	5.48
63	Medallions, Certificates	70	59.14
265	Levies	165	165.00
371	Uniforms		297.80
4	Reinstatement Fee		6.00
<u>400</u>	Legacy	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>1718</u>		<u>890</u>	<u>1282.97</u>

	<u>Payments</u>		
26	Printing and stationery	50	87.98
16	Affiliations	20	20.00
194	Registrations	175	197.75
102	Publications	130	159.24
36	Postages	40	51.12
72	Telephone, Telegrams	75	62.96
480	State Uniforms		278.04
34	Presentations and Engraving	50	22.80
117	Secretaries Conference	125	88.59
17	Wreaths		5.00
6	Reinstatement Fee		6.00
	Cheque Book		3.00
	Donation A.B.C.G.A.		25.00
	Rent		1.50
	Ties		16.80
66	Certificates	75	
400	Investment Legacy		
	Travelling subsidy Aust. T.&F. Champ.		160.00
100	Honoraum	100	100.00
<u>3</u>	Sundries	<u>50</u>	<u> </u>
<u>1669</u>		<u>890</u>	<u>1285.78</u>

Excess of Payments over receipts 2.81

Balance A.N.Z. Bank Carried Forward \$20.73

Certified Correct.

C. BLANTON.

Honorary Auditor.

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Statement of Receipts & Payments for year ended 30th June, 1974.

NO.2 ACCOUNT

Balance 1st July, 1973 A.N.Z. Bank b/f			1369.99
<u>Receipts</u>			
Interest F. A. Rose Bequest	15.79		
General	<u>38.93</u>	54.72	
Starting Blocks		16.00	
Pacific Conference Games Fund		705.00	
Air Fares General		1727.70	
State Teams			
1973 Track & Field Team		60.00	
1974 Track & Field Team			
Raffle		813.00	
Team Members		2325.41	
Donation		<u>5.00</u>	5706.83
<u>Less Payments</u>			
Bank Charges		1.50	
Pacific Conference Games Fund		600.00	
Air Fares General		1727.70	
State Teams			
1973 Track & Field Team		911.15	
1974 Track & Field Team			
Raffle		809.67	
Uniforms		611.80	
Fares Accommodation		<u>1781.20</u>	<u>6443.02</u>
Excess of Payments over Receipts			<u>736.19</u>
Balance 30th June, 1974 A.N.Z. Bank c/f			<u>\$633.80</u>

Certified Correct.

C. Blanton,
HONORARY AUDITOR.