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TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Members,

In reporting for the 66th time your council looks back on a most eventful year in which there was a tremendous amount of activity, some frustration a great deal of success and the fulfilment of a dream and an ambition which stretch back nearly 50 years. All this and more will be fully reported upon in the following pages. But as well as look back, the future must be considered and although it looks rosy at present, there is still a lot of work to be done to consolidate on what has already been accomplished.

The highlight of the season was without doubt the opening of the Domain Athletic Centre and its use from 8th January onwards. Other events which could be classified as highlights in normal years were the victory of Kent Rayner in the Australian 1200 metres Cross Country Championship, the performances of the Tasmanian teams in the Senior & Junior races and the successful organisation of these Championships by the Cross Country Sub Committee; Kent Rayner and David Chettle being selected to represent Australia in the I.A.A.F. Cross Country Championship in Dusseldorf in March; the organisation and conduct of the Australian Track & Field Championships; the selection of Randal Markey to compete for Australia against New Zealand in April; your President, Graeme Briggs, being named as General Manager of the Oceania Team to compete in the World Championships in Germany in September.

Unfortunately registrations did not maintain at last years high level all branches showing a decrease, in the case of North by a rather alarming 82, as well as the number of officials dropping considerably.

Council met twelve times during the year with 2 meetings in Launceston, 2 at Campbell Town and the rest in Hobart. Attendances were G.T. Briggs 9, R.K. Hood 12, C.A. Wise 7, G. Boon 4, E. Goss 2, A. Upton 7, P. Morley 6, F. Hill 10, D. Howard 10, A. Willis 12, F. Nott 9, M. Cherry 5, M. O'Loughlin 12, A. Gilbertson 9, T.G. Chaplin 3, W. Eldridge 1, W. Prosser 1, P. Crombie 1, B. Westerbeek 1, N.J. Ruddock 12.

REGISTRATIONS

All three branches showed a decrease in athletes registered with South down 7, North West 6 and North 82, a total of 95, which is rather disturbing as it was felt that the opening of the Domain Athletic Centre in Hobart would see an upsurge in interest. Perhaps a great deal still depends on the individual club and whether it is well administered and looks for new members as well as retaining old ones. The following statistics prove interesting with the senior group being the only one showing an increase.

South	324	-	7	or	2.11%	on 1975/76
North	188	-	82	or	30.37%	on 1975/76
North West	252	-	6	or	2.33%	on 1975/76
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	764		95		11.06%	on 1975/76

	<u>South</u>			<u>North</u>			<u>North West</u>			<u>Total</u>		
Seniors	87	+14	9 New	31	- 7	6 New	12	- 2	4 New	130	+ 5	19 New
Under 19	34	- 8	4 New	21	- 7	5 New	10	- 1	4 New	65	-16	13 New
Under 17	43	- 7	8 New	56	-11	20 New	36	+10	12 New	135	- 8	37 New
Under 15	25	- 4	13 New	19	- 9	8 New	21	- 5	12 New	65	-18	33 New
Under 14	23	- 1	6 New	15	-18	4 New	23	+ 7	9 New	61	-12	19 New
Under 13	29		17 New	24	+ 2	9 New	10	- 7	5 New	63	- 5	31 New
Under 12	48	- 1	27 New	14	-18	10 New	114	+ 4	57 New	176	-15	94 New
Officials	35			8	-14		26	-12		69	-26	
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	324	- 7	84 New	188	-82	62 New	252	- 6	103New	764	-95	249New

Club totals show Sandy Bay again the largest with possibly a record for a Tasmanian club. Only competing athletes are included in the figures.

South	Sandy Bay	126	+15	35	or	27.77% New Members
	Northern Suburbs	85	+ 8	31	or	36.47% New Members
	Eastern Suburbs	48	-26	10	or	20.83% New Members
	O.V.A.	29	- 4	8	or	27.59% New Members
	Independent	1				
North	Newstead	76	-29	25	or	32.89% New Members
	Nth.Launceston	56	-15	20	or	35.71% New Members
	Tamar	30	-11	10	or	33.33% New Members
	Riverside	18	- 8	7	or	38.89% New Members
	Exeter	-	- 5			
North West Devon	Ulverstone	94	- 7	44	or	46.81% New Members
	Devon	84	+18	40	or	47.61% New Members
	Burnie	48	- 5	19	or	39.58% New Members
		<u>695</u>	<u>-69</u>	<u>249</u>	or	35.83% New Members

The fact that only three clubs increased membership despite recruiting well over one third on an average, indicates that old members are not being retained.

TRACK AND FIELD

North v South

This meeting was originally listed to be held in Launceston as is the usual case on 4th December, was changed to Hobart to be held on the All Weather Track but when this was unavailable reverted to the North and was eventually held at Churchill Park. However, no official competition as such was conducted. Invitation events were organised with competitors from the three branches taking part. Conditions were very windy with the track in quite good condition and some fine performances were recorded in front of a disappointingly small number of spectators.

PENTATHLON

This title was revived after lapsing last year and was conducted on 6th February. Entries were reasonably good with 5 seniors, 6 juniors and 8 sub-juniors competing. Performances overall were very good. Ian Murray won the senior event convincingly and was within 74 points of his State Record. The Juniors championship was a close contest, Stephen Foster of Ulverstone eventually winning by 84 points and was only 11 points behind Steve Heyes record. However, in the sub Junior, William Oakford set new state figures record by 119 points.

Results

Senior	1.	I. Murray (NS)	2983 points
	2.	J. Bolzonello (NL)	2577 points
	3.	P. Thompson (SB)	2394 points
Junior	1.	S. Foster (Ulv.)	2546 points
	2.	S. Knott (ES)	2450 points
	3.	T. West (NS)	2416 points
Sub Junior	1.	W. Oakford (SB)	2642 points Tas. Record
	2.	N. Scott (R'side)	2321 points
	3.	M. Mol (Tas.)	2195 points

DECATHLON

Thirteen athletes entered for the State Decathlon titles held at the Domain Athletic Centre on 12th and 13th February and state records were set in all three divisions.

Four seniors entered and all completed the arduous ten events with Ian Murray adding 488 points to his official Tas. record, an excellent performance as he was never pressed at any stage. Steven Knott caused a little confusion by entering in both the senior and junior events but this was eventually sorted out and he competed against the juniors but used senior implements in the Shot, Discus and Javelin. From discussion at the A.A.U. Conference it was indicated that all athletes no matter what their ages had to compete with senior implements which clarifies the position in regard to junior and sub junior records. Steven easily defeated his four competitors and added 445 points to Ian Murray's record.

In the sub junior Warren Smith (SB) in a field of four won quite easily and set an inaugural state record using sub junior implements.

Results

Senior	1.	I Murray (NS)	6687 points	Tas. Record
	2.	J. Bolzonello (NL)	5313 points	
	3.	K. Smith (NS)	4847 points	
Junior	1.	S. Knott (ES)	5633 points	Tas. Record
	2.	R. Pullen (ES)	4651 points	
	3.	P. Littlejohn (SB)	4454 points	
Sub Junior	1.	W. Smith (SB)	4748 points	Tas. Record
	2.	M. Mol (Tam.)	4231 points	(sub junior
	3.	K. Young (OVA)	4153 points	implements)

TASMANIAN INTERCLUB PREMIERSHIP

Although scheduled to be conducted over two days, the first in Launceston and the second in Hobart, council decided to hold the State Interclub Premiership as a one day affair in Hobart on 22nd January. Conditions were good and good competition resulted with nine clubs taking part.

The two strong southern clubs Northern Suburbs and Sandy Bay dominated the contest for the E.W. Barwick Shield with the former eventually winning by ½ point.

Results were:-	1.	Northern Suburbs	45½
	2.	Sandy Bay	45
	3.	North Launceston	25
	4.	Eastern Suburbs	21½
	5.	O.V.A.	19
	6.	Tamar	16
	7.	Newstead	13
	8.	Riverside	3

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Promoted again by the Victorian A.A.A. these Championships were held at Olympic Park on 15th and 16th December, 1976. Andrew Willis was appointed manager again and the team was selected on 1st December. A total of 24 athletes were named in the team, 6 under 19, 11 under 17, and 7 under 16 - 2 of the under 17 competed under 19 as well and 1 under 16 went up an age for one event. There were no alterations to the selected team.

With the inclusion of athletes from New South Wales, the A.C.T. and New Zealand, competition was stronger and medals much harder to win. Although only 8 medals were won compared with 13 last year - 2 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze - performances overall were well up to standard, with many personal best efforts. Congratulations are extended to all members of the team and also to the manager for his excellent work under rather difficult circumstances.

Placegetters were:-

Under 19	Paul Schwamm 1st Pole Vault 3.50 m.
	Patrick Kaufmann 3rd 3000 metres 8 min. 36.4 sec.
Under 17	Paul Schwamm 2nd Pole Vault 3.60 metres
	Rodney Pullen 2nd High Jump 1.90 metres
	William Oakford 2nd Javelin 54.34 metres
	Peter Young 3rd 100 metres 11.1 sec.
Under 16	Warren Smith 1st Triple Jump 13.31 metres
	Warren Smith 3rd Long Jump 6.42 metres

SUB JUNIOR MATCH

It was Tasmania's turn to host the South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania Sub Junior competition this year and the match was held on 8th and 9th January, 1977. The chevron track on the Domain was made available by the Hobart City Council and this was the first competition at the centre. However, throwing events had to be conducted on the Soccer ground as the infield and other facilities were incomplete.

Mr. Frank Nott was again named as manager and his early appointment certainly assisted with selection of the team, as the main basis was the Under 17 events in the Schoolboys Championships. Due to some uncertainty as to the availability of the track and the possibility of holding the meeting the announcement of the team was delayed until 23rd December. Of the 18 members selected only Peter Presnell from Burnie was unavailable and his place in the Hurdles was taken by fellow team member Chris Birchall.

Accommodation for the two visiting teams was obtained at Hytten Hall and proved quite satisfactory.

The weather on both days of the competition was warm and sunny with a late sea breeze which did not materially effect performances. Of the 17 events Western Australia won 9, Tasmania 5 and South Australia 3 - with the final points W.A. 156, Tas. 112, S.A. 83. Compared with last year Western Australia were much stronger winning one more event and scoring 14 points more. Tasmania performed a little better with the same number of winners and 2 points more. South Australia was quite a deal weaker down one first and 24 points. As far as the correspondence match with all States was concerned both Western Australia and Tasmania improved considerably recording their best points score since the competition started in 1971. Tasmania topped 20,000 points for the first time and finished fourth defeating Queensland by 165 points. It was a very strong team performance with Peter Young completing a fine sprint double, the 100 metres in 11.2 sec. and the 200 metres in 22.4 sec. Peter Beveridge won the 400 metres in 51.4. Warren

SUB JUNIOR MATCH (Contd.)

Smith the Triple Jump with 13.29 metres and Paul Schwamm Pole Vaulted 3.65 metres but in attempting 3.80 m. fell heavily into the vaulting box and had to be taken to hospital. In the correspondence match Paul Schwamm was Tasmania's best performer coming second with William Oakford and Warren Smith being fourth in the Javelin and Triple Jump respectively.

On the Decathlon points scale the highest scoring event was the Hurdles with 1547 - admittedly the hurdles were only 3 feet high, then followed the 200 metres, 100 metres and 800 metres with all track events higher than the best field event, the Triple Jump. However, 6 of the field events showed improvement on 1976.

Points in the correspondence match were

1. Victoria	22956	4. Tasmania	20236
2. New South Wales	22312	5. Queensland	20071
3. Western Australia	21633	6. South Australia	18140

VICTORIA v SOUTH AUSTRALIA v TASMANIA

Tasmania was invited to join the annual Victoria and South Australia match at the Secretaries Conference in September 1976 and readily accepted. South Australia fixed the meeting at 30th and 31st January and originally it was decided to allow Tasmania to select the events. However, it was later changed to have a full scale match between Victoria and South Australia, with a separate competition between the three states over the events in which Tasmania was represented.

A team of 14 was named on 9th January, three athletes withdrew early and one replacement was named and subsequently 3 men withdrew, 2 because of injuries, leaving only 9 who finally made it to Adelaide.

No nominations were received for the position of manager - the Hon. Secretary's offer to act was accepted subsequently.

With the withdrawal of so many team members the triangular match was not very successful but those athletes who did compete performed well and gained materially from the experience. The meeting could possibly have been better if held on one day only as it was rather slow moving and lacked atmosphere.

Best performances were by Randal Markey who finished second in both the 800 metres and 1500 metres, Kent Rayner was third in the 5000 metres and Stan Bailey third in the 800 metres. Mention must be made of Ian Murray's effort in competing in five events. Final points were South Australia 129, Victoria 117, Tasmania 45.

Although Tasmania's initial effort was poor to say the least, the idea is a good one and could provide a great deal to the state. Those who took part were quite enthusiastic and with more publicity early next season to give other athletes an incentive to make the team, it will fill a valuable function in the athletic calendar.

TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Southern Branch again conducted the Tasmanian Championships on behalf of your Association. They were held on 5th and 6th March 1977 at the Domain Athletic Centre with the throwing events at the soccer grounds

With a record 782 entries the Championships proved an excellent try out for the Australian Championships the following week and everything certainly worked out exceptionally well.

TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Contd.)

The weather was excellent and with the first class competitive surface high standard competition resulted and the meeting was one of the best conducted in the state for many years. All 11 clubs shared in the 107 titles decided, Sandy Bay led with 32 from Northern Suburbs 20, Eastern Suburbs 16, North Launceston 14, Tamar 10 Branchwise South took 71 gold, North 26, and North West 8 with 2 going to New South Wales.

Six records were established. Randal Markey broke John Denholm's eight year old 1500 metres time by 1.2 sec. and the two hurdlers from Sydney set new allcomers times in the hurdles. Warren Parr 14.0 sec. for the 110 metres and Gary Cox 51.4 sec. in the 400 metres. The other three records were in the three grades of the Decathlon.

There were many other outstanding performances, Ian Murray (NS) won four senior titles whilst Stephen Knott (ES) equalled last year's effort with seven titles three senior and four junior. Geordie Clark (NL) and Laurie Thorp (ES) each won three junior events whilst Warren Smith (SB) took six sub junior gold medals a grand effort. Multiple titles were the order in under 15 ranks, B. Allender (SB) and M. Mol (T) three, G. Butters (SB) and A. Viney (B) two each A. Claudio (NL) took the sprint treble in under 14, T. Stokes (SB) did the same in under 13 whilst R. Scott (NS) added the Long Jump to the 100m., 200m. and 400m under 12.

Northern Suburbs continued its domination of the senior competition for the Hobart Harrier Club winning by a comfortable 14 points. However, over all grades Sandy Bay reversed the position.

Congratulations must be extended to the very capable and highly efficient manner in which officials conducted the championships. It was a very successful warm up for the Nationals and gave all concerned a lot of confidence for the big three days to follow.

RESULTS

Seniors

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	P. Blackaby (ES)	G. McGee (SB)	P. Cusick (ES)	10.7 sec.
200 metres	G. McGee (SB)	P. Thompson (SB))	A. Bond (ES)	23.2 sec.
400 metres	J. Sheppard(ES)	S. Bailey (T)	D. Conley (OVA)	49.0 sec.
800 metres	R. Markey (SB)	S. Bailey (T)	D. Conley (OVA)	1m 51.9 sec.
1500 metres	R. Markey (SB)	N. Gale (NS)	A. Risby (SB)	3m 41.8 Rec.
5000 metres	N. Gale (NS)	D. Smith (SB)	A. Risby (SB)	14m 31.2 s.
10,000 metres	K. Rayner (SB)	A. Risby (SB)	L. Webb (ES)	30m 27.6 s.
3000 m S/c	H. Nielsen (NS)	R. Pickup (SB)	R. Thompson (SB)	9m 46 sec.
3000m walk	W. Fletcher (NS)			16m 05.6 sec
110m hurdles	W. Parr (NSW)	I. Manning (NS)	I. Murray (NS)	14.0 Rec.
400m hurdles	G. Cox (NSW)	N. Mickleborough (SB)	I. Manning (NS)	51.4 sec.Rec
Discus	P. Davey (NS)	I. Murray (NS)	D. Hardy (NS)	38.76 m.
Hammer	D. Hardy (NS)	D. Huxley (SB)	I. Murray (NS)	41.22 m.
Javelin	I. Murray (NS)	G. Murray (NS)	S. Foster (Ul.v.)	58.54 m.
Shot Put	I. Murray (NS)	P. Davey (NS)	D. Huxley (SB)	12.51 m.
Pole Vault	S. Knott (ES)	I. Murray (NS)	J. Conroy (SB)	3,80 m.
High Jump	S. Knott (ES)	R. Pullen (ES)	T. Gill (OVA)	1.98 m.
Long Jump	S. Knott (ES)	G. Murray (NS)	I. Murray (NS)	6.88 m.
Triple Jump	G. Murray (NS)	I. Murray (NS)	H. Malcolm (NS)	14.58 m.
400m relay	Sandy Bay	Eastern Suburbs	Tamar	43.4 sec.
1600m relay	Tamar	Sandy Bay	O.V.A.	3m 20.6 sec.
Decathlon	I. Murray (NS)	J. Bolzonello (NL)	K. Smith (NS)	6687pts.Rec.

Club Championship	1.	2.	3.
	Northern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	Eastern Suburbs
	50	36	22

Juniors (Under 19)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	L. Thorp (ES)	S. Knott (ES)	J. Pavic (NS)	11.2 sec.
200 metres	L. Thorp (ES)	G. Clark (NL)	P. Robinson (T)	22.7 sec.
400 metres	L. Thorp (ES)	P. Robinson (T)	P. Beveridge (T)	50.0 sec.
800 metres	S. Phillips (N)	P. Upchurch (SB)	M. Bucher (OVA)	1m 55.3 sec.
1500 metres	P. Upchurch (SB)	S. Phillips (N)	F. Kesseling (SB)	3m 58.7 sec.
5000 metres	L. Webb (ES)	F. Kesseling (SB)	R. Foley (NS)	16m01.8 sec.
2000m steeple	P. Upchurch (SB)	F. Kesseling (SB)	B. Drew (SB)	6m 22.6 sec.
3000m walk	S. Wilson (T)			17m 43.4 s.
110 m hurdles	G. Clark (NL)	C. Johnson (SB)	P. Littlejohn (SB)	16.4 sec.
400m hurdles	G. Clark (NL)	L. Hoodless (OVA)	P. Littlejohn (SB)	57.3 sec.
Discus	A. West (NS)	S. Pitchford (NS)	W. Smith (SB)	39.10 m.
Hammer	G. Clark (NL)	P. Roberts- Thompson (NL)	S. Pitchford (NS)	30.82 m.
Javelin	P. Robinson (T)	D. Rush (SB)	A. West (NS)	49.38 m.
Shot Put	P. Roberts- Thompson (NL)	A. West (NS)	S. Pitchford (NS)	12.39 m.
Pole Vault	S. Knott (ES)	P. Clark (R'side)		3.35 m.
High Jump	S. Knott (ES)	R. Pullen (ES)	T. Gill (OVA)	1.96 m.
Long Jump	S. Knott (ES)	R. Pullen (ES)	A. West (NS)	6.62 m.
Triple Jump	A. West (NS)	R. Pullen (ES)	R. Young (OVA)	13.29 m.
400m relay	North Launceston	Eastern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	44.9 sec.
1600m relay	North Launceston	Sandy Bay	O.V.A.	3m 35.0 sec.
Decathlon	S. Knott (ES)	R. Pullen (ES)	P. Littlejohn (SB)	5633pts.Rec.

Club Championship	1.	2.	3.
	Eastern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	North Launceston
	36	25	22

Sub Junior (Under 17)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	P. Young (NL)	P. Fox (SB)	S. Bennett (NL)	11.4 sec.
200 metres	P. Young (NL)	P. Fox (SB)	S. Bennett (NL)	22.7 sec.
400 metres	G. Hennessey (NL)	G. Cayzer (ES)	B. Alexander (NL)	51.3 sec.
800 metres	G. Cayzer (ES)	C. Hey (SB)	B. Drew (SB)	2m 00.8 sec.
1500 metres	C. Hey (SB)	T. Moore (SB)	B. Drew (SB)	4m 07.5 sec.
1500m walk	S. Wilson (T)	G. Wilson (T)		8m 23.7 sec.
110m hurdles	L. Hoodless (OVA)	P. Presnell (B)	C. Birchall(N)	15.9 sec.
Discus	D. Oakford (ES)	W. Smith (SB)	M. Scott (R'side)	33.94 m.
Hammer	W. Smith (SB)	P. Clark (R'side)	D. Oakford (ES)	33.38 m.
Javelin	D. Rush (SB)	R. McCafferty (T)	D. Oakford (ES)	45.22 m.
Shot Put	W. Smith (SB)	D. Oakford (ES)	S. Foster (Ulv.)	12.75 m.
High Jump	W. Smith (SB)	C. Birchall (N)	K. Young (OVA)	1.86 m.
Pole Vault	P. Schwamm (NL)	P. Clark (R'side)	K. Young (OVA)	3.60 m.
Long Jump	W. Smith (SB)	C. Birchall (N)	M. Scott (R'side)	6.08 m.
Triple Jump	W. Smith (SB)	M. Churchill (NS)	R. Chandler (SB)	14.04 m.
400m relay	North Launceston	Sandy Bay	Eastern Suburbs	
1600m relay	Sandy Bay	North Launceston	Eastern Suburbs	3m 35.2 sec.
Decathlon	W. Smith (SB)	M. Mol	K. Young (OVA)	4748pts Rec.
Club Championship		1. Sandy Bay	39	
		2. North Launceston	20	
		3. Eastern Suburbs	13	

Juvenile (Undef 15)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	B. Allender (SB)	A. Viney (B)	M. Mol (T)	11.4 sec.
200 metres	B. Allender (SB)	M. Mol (T)	A. Viney (B)	24.2 sec.
400 metres	B. Allender (SB)	M. Mol (T)	M. Stoward (T)	
800 metres	G. Butters (SB)	L. Whitton (NS)	C. Brown (B)	2m 09.3 sec.
1500 metres	G. Butters (SB)	L. Whitton	C. Brown (B)	4m 29.8 sec.
100m hurdles	M. Mol (T)	D. Preece (T)	I. Champ (NL)	15.6 sec.
Discus	D. Douce (Dev.)	R. McCafferty (T)	D. Preece (T)	34.34 m.
Javelin	E. McCafferty (T)	P. Wilkie (T)	D. Preece (T)	40.44 m.
Shot Put	M. Mol (T)	R. McCafferty (T)	G. Hearps (Ulv.)	12.33 m.
High Jump	M. Mol (T)	I. Champ (NL)	D. Preece (T)	1.58 m.
Long Jump	A. Viney (B)	I. Champ (NL)	P. Nylander (R'side)	5.55 m.
Triple Jump	A. Viney (B)	I. Champ (NL)	R. McCafferty (T)	11.78 m.
400m relay	Tamar	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	51.0 sec.
1600m relay	Tamar	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	3m 46.4 sec.
Club Championship		1. Tamar	36	
		2. Sandy Bay	19	
		3. Burnie	11	

Juvenile (Under 14)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 Metres	A. Claudio (NL)	J. O'Loughlin (OVA)	R. Hand (SB)	12.8 sec.
200 metres	A. Claudio (NL)	J. O'Loughlin (OVA)	R. Hand (SB)	25.0 sec.
400 metres	A. Claudio (NL)	J. O'Loughlin (OVA)	I. Rigby (SB)	56.1 sec.
800 metres	D. Drew (SB)	B. Pickett (N)	A. Davies (SB)	2m 10.9sec.
1500 metres	D. Drew (SB)	B. Pickett (N)	P. Wood (OVA)	4m 37.0sec.
High Jump	R. Hand (SB)	G. Hearps (Ulv.)	G. Smedley (NL)	1.47 m.
Long Jump	I. Rigby (SB)	D. Coombe (NL)	L. Pearce (Dev.)	5.15 m.
Triple Jump	S. Hilder (R'side)	D. Coombe (NL)	G. Hearps (Ulv.)	10.32 m.
400m relay	Sandy Bay	North Launceston	Northern Suburbs	52.0 sec.
Club Championship		1. Sandy Bay	19	
		2. North Launceston	16	
		3. O.V.A.	7	

Juvenile (Under 13)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	T. Stokes (SB)	I. Lindsay (NS)	T. Brown (ES)	13.3 sec.
200 metres	T. Stokes (SB)	I. Lindsay (NS)	T. Brown (ES)	28.4 sec.
400 metres	T. Stokes (SB)	I. Lindsay (NS)	G. Tudor (T)	62.4 sec.
800 metres	C. Eldridge (ES)	G. Bissett (SB)	D. Lord (NS)	2m 28.7 sec.
1500 metres	G. Bissett (SB)	C. Eldridge (ES)	G. Tudor (T)	4m 53.2 sec.
High Jump	D. Lord (NS)	G. Egan (SB)	T. Montes (SB)	1.44 m.
Long Jump	D. Lord (NS)	G. Egan (SB)	G. Tudor (T)	4.37 m.
400m relay	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	56.6 sec.
Club Championship		1. Sandy Bay	22	
		2. Northern Suburbs	15	
		3. Eastern Suburbs	8	

Juvenile (Under 12)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	R. Scott (NS)	J. Howard (NL)	J. Horder (N)	14.1 sec.
200 metres	R. Scott (NS)	J. Horder (N)	S. Cooper (T)	29.3 sec.
400 metres	R. Scott (NS)	P. Hearps (Ulv.)	R. Hearps (Ulv.)	67.4 sec.
800 metres	P. Hearps (Ulv.)	S. Cooper (T)	R. Hearps (Ulv.)	2m 26.7 sec.
1500 metres	R. Hearps (Ulv.)	P. Hearps (Ulv.)	D. Cranfield (NS)	5m 03.3 sec.
High Jump	R. Hearps (Ulv.)	P. Hearps (Ulv.)	A. Baker (SB)	1.34 m.
Long Jump	R. Scott (NS)	J. Horder (N)	A. Baker (SB)	4.28 m.
400m relay	Northern Suburbs	Sandy Bay		59.0 sec.
Club Championship		1. Ulverstone	17	
		2. Northern Suburbs	16	
		3. Sandy Bay	4	

Juvenile (Under 11)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	A. Hand (OVA)	W. Callaway (Ulv.)	A. Hodgman (SB)	14.8 sec.
200 metres	W. Callaway (Ulv.)	R. Gatehouse (NS)	A. Glover (NS)	30.5 sec.
Long Jump	A. Hand (OVA)	B. Glover (NS)	W. Callaway (Ulv.)	4.26 m.
400m relay	Northern Suburbs	Sandy Bay		60.9 sec.

<u>Club Championship</u>		
	1. Northern Suburbs	8
	2. Ulverstone	6
	3. O.V.A.	6

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>	<u>Total</u>
Sandy Bay	36	25	42	19	19	22	4	3	170
Northern Suburbs	50	16	2	6	1	15	16	8	114
Eastern Suburbs	22	36	14			8			80
Tamar	8	10	9	36		3	3		69
North Launceston	2	22	20	7	16		2		69
Ulverstone	1		1	1	3		17	6	29
O.V.A.	4	6	6		7			6	29
Newstead		5	5		4		5		19
Burnie			2	11					13
Riverside		2	6	1	3				12
Devon				3	1				4

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

An organising committee of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Messrs. A. Upton, P. Morley, M. Cherry, B. Gunn and the Hon. Secretary was set up during the winter to start preliminary planning with the emphasis at this stage being on equipment. Mr. R. Hood was given the unenviable task of compiling a list of requirements and costing same which he did most efficiently and continued on to make the purchases deemed necessary and ensure that all items were available on time with certificates as to correctness of weight, length etc. Purchase of this equipment which totalled over \$10,000, was made possible only by a most generous grant from the Tasmanian Government through Mr. Neil Batt, Minister for Recreation of \$8,000. Your council is extremely appreciative of this generosity without it the Championships would have suffered considerably and the Athletic Centre would not now be stocked with top standard equipment.

With states arranging their own accommodation and a decision not to provide any entertainment the committee then had to appoint officials and in conjunction with the A.A.U. Hon. Secretary timetable the programme. Mr. A. Upton was initially responsible for organising officials with appointments being authorised by the committee. The initial decision to appoint Tasmanians as chief officials was followed through and proved to be a very good one.

All states were asked to nominate officials who would be willing to assist and approximately 45 names were submitted all of whom were appointed with 40 actually taking part.

The Hon. Secretary made the preliminary arrangements in regard to timetable, including a twilight type meeting on the first day which was then adopted with some slight alterations after entries were received by the A.A.U.

In spite of a wet opening on Friday 11th March the weather gradually improved to be fair although very windy on the Saturday to ideal on Sunday.

Competition was, in spite of what some of the experts said, excellent and of a very high standard. Apart from a few hassles because of scratchings and the Hammer Throws having to be held on the soccer ground the meeting ran smoothly, officials were top class, results were available very speedily both through the Public Address and in printed form for Press, Managers etc.

All in all it was a most pleasing Championship meeting with congratulations on the conduct and the venue being extended from far and near by the knowledgeable and the laymen.

As for Tasmanian performances at the Championships they were well up to standard, in fact perhaps a little above the normal.

Mr. D. Murray was appointed manager with the coach Mr. M. Cherry being named by the Coaches Association.

The team was announced in two sections 15 on 14th February and a further 13 on the 21st February 28 altogether made up of 11 seniors and 17 juniors and it was as follows:-

Stan Bailey (Tamar)	800 metres, 4 x 400 metres relay
Paul Blackaby (ES)	100 metres, 200 metres
David Conley (OVA)	4 x 400 metres relay
Neil Gale (NS)	5000 metres, 10,000 metres
Howard Malcolm (NS)	Triple Jump
Ian Manning (NS)	400 metres hurdles
Randal Markey (SB)	800 metres, 1500 metres
Neil Mickleborough (SB)	400 metres, 400 m hurdles, 4 x 400 m relay
Ian Murray (NS)	Triple Jump Decathlon
John Sheppard (ES)	400 metres, 4 x 400 metres relay
David Smith (SB)	5000 metres, 10,000 metres

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Contd.)

Juniors

Peter Beveridge (T)	4 x 400 metres relay
Geordie Clark (NL)	400 metres, 400 m hurdles 4 x 400 m relay
Barry Drew (SB)	2000 metres steeplechase
Andrew Edwards (SB)	Javelin
Patrick Fox (SB)	4 x 400 metres relay
Tim Gill (OVA)	High Jump
Patrick Kaufman (OVA)	1500 metres
Steven Knott (ES)	Long Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault
Joe Pavic (NS)	4 x 100 metres relay
Simon Phillips (N)	800 metres
Rodney Pullen (ES)	High Jump
Philip Robinson (T)	400 metres, 4 x 400 metres relay
Paul Schwamm (NL)	Pole Vault
Warren Smith (SB)	Triple Jump
Laurie Thorpe (ES)	4 x 100 metres relay 4 x 400 m relay
Paul Upchurch (SB)	200 metres steeplechase, 800 metres
Peter Young (NL)	100 metres, 200 metres, 4 x 100 metres relay

With the Coaches Association organising a visit by Victorian Coach Fred Graf the week before the Championships the training of a great number of the team was assisted considerably.

Don Murray arranged for special T shirts to be printed for those in the team as well as for sale to the general public. No fund raising was organised basically because team members were up for very little expense but also because with all the other matters no one was available to do the organisation.

Performances were extremely good, with 2 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals being won. All members of the team gave consistently high standard efforts and recorded many personal best results.

Individual performances were:-

Seniors

Stan Bailey	800 metres	5th in heat	1m. 52.2 sec.
Paul Blackaby	100 metres	5th in heat	10.8 sec.
		6th in sem.fin.	11.0 sec.
	200 metres	6th in heat	22.2 sec.
	did not compete in semi final		
Neil Gale	5000 metres	6th	14m. 26.4 s.(winner 13m 54.2)
	10,000 metres	3rd	29m.38.8 S.(winner 29m 16.4)
Steven Knott	Long Jump	10th	6.84 metres(winner 7.44m)
Howard Malcolm	Triple Jump		14.38 metres(winner15.95m)
Ian Manning	400 m hurdles	6th in heat	57.0 sec.
Randal Markey	800 metres	scratched	
	1500 metres	2nd in heat	3m 54.5 sec.
		2nd in final	3m 46.5 sec.(winner 3m45 s)
Neil Mickleborough	400 metres	3rd in heat	50.2 sec.
	400 m hurdles	6th in heat	56.2 sec.
Ian Murray	Triple Jump		13.99m(winner 15.95 m)
	Decathlon	4th	6450 points (winner 7043 Pts)
John Sheppard	400 metres	5th in heat	49.5 sec.
David Smith	5000 metres	11th	
	10,000 metres	scratched	
	4 x 400m relay	5th	3m17.8 sec.(winner 3m6.7s.)

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS (Contd.)

Outstanding performances during the second half of the track season in Pole Vault, High Jump and Long Jump including an Australian Junior Record, a gold and a silver medal in the Australian Junior Championships, three senior, four junior Tasmanian titles and two Tasmanian records earned Steven Knott the Junior Award. Steven broke a Tasmanian residential record in the Long Jump which had stood for 45 years with his first competition at the Athletic Centre and then improved to break a 19 year old Australian Junior record a couple of weeks later. He broke the State Junior Decathlon record in winning the title and then took the senior and junior titles in Pole Vault, High and Long Jump and won the Australian Junior Pole Vault, was second in the Long Jump and fifth in the High Jump.

The sub Junior award has certainly caused difficulties as for the third year in a row joint winners were named. Warren Smith broke the Tasmanian sub Junior Triple Jump and Decathlon records and won the sub Junior Hammer, Shot, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump and Decathlon titles. He represented the state in the Australian Schoolboys Championships, the sub Junior Match and the Australian Championships, gaining a first and third in the schoolboys, a first in the sub Junior and second in the Australian Championships at Junior level.

Paul Schwamm, whilst certainly not as versatile as Warren, has dominated in the Pole Vault his speciality. He represented Tasmania in the same competitions as Warren as well as being selected for the South Australia, Victoria match but had to withdraw because of injury. In the Australian Schoolboys Championships Paul won the under 19 Pole Vault and was second in the under 17, he also won the sub Junior match against South Australia and Western Australia, breaking a bone in his wrist in the process, won the State sub Junior Pole Vault title and then finished 4th in the Australian Junior Pole Vault.

In the Juvenile section (under 15) Brett Allender was the outstanding nomination. His Performances included reaching the final of the 100 metres and 200 metres in the Australian Schoolboys Under 16 Championships, finishing third in the 200 metres in the sub Junior match, two years out of his age group. He won the treble 100m, 200m and 400 metres Juvenile Tasmanian titles and was named in the state squad for the Junior 4 x 100 metres relay team.

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATION

Tasmania had another very good year as far as Australian representation was concerned. Kent Rayner, as a result of his victory in the Australian 12,000 metres Cross Country Championship was selected in the Australian team to compete in the International Cross Country Championship at Dusseldorf in Germany in March, 1977. Although he was troubled by injury and did not run as well as could have been expected the team finished sixth in the teams competition.

As a result of his fine second in the 1500 metres Australian Championship Randall Markey earned selection in the Australian team which competed against New Zealand the following weekend. In the 1500 metres in Auckland Randal again finished second, this time to John Walker N.Z., defeating Ken Hall the winner in Hobart. These performances gained him selection in an Australian team to compete in France in the Jacques Couer Relays in June, 1977.

Congratulations are extended to Kent & Randal on well deserved honours. In addition it is very pleasing to report that your President, Graeme Briggs, has done it again, in being appointed Manager of the Oceania Team to the First World Athletic Championships to be held in Dusseldorf, Germany in September. This is another indication of his administrative skill and ability and the high regard in which he is held throughout athletic circles in Australia and New Zealand.

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATION (Contd.)

Whilst recording Australian representation, mention must be made of and congratulations extended to Penny Gray for her selection to compete against New Zealand following her Australian 800 metres and 1500 metres win and as a result of her victory over 800 metres in Auckland, her inclusion in the Oceania team for the World Championships. This was and is a great achievement - possibly the best ever by a Tasmanian woman athlete.

THE DOMAIN ATHLETIC CENTRE

Probably the most significant single event in the history of the Association occurred on 8th January, 1977 when the Domain Athletic Centre was used for the first time. Thus what had been a dream for many years became a reality. The centre was not opened officially by the Lord Mayor until the first day of the State Championships but the Association had the pleasure of the company of Ald. Plaister on 8th January, 1977.

The Centre was financed by grants by the Hobart City Council, the Australian and Tasmanian governments and athletes and constructed by the Hobart City Council.

It is an understatement to say that the Council officers and the contractors did an almost perfect job. The Domain Athletic Centre must rank as one of the finest athletic tracks in the world.

There was some unwarranted criticism of the Council early in the Season by some people who felt that the facilities at the Centre should have been made available earlier. But the facts were plain - yet not understood - that the Centre could not have been used before 8th January, 1977 and even then with some discomfort to all concerned.

It is a pity that there was this criticism because it led to a division within ranks and the scars from that division appear likely to remain for some time.

The Centre was opened officially by the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Ald. D.R. Plaister on 5th March, 1977 in the presence of the President of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia, Mr. C. Ronald Aitken. It was fitting that the Centre should have been opened by Ald. Plaister as he had played a major part in the establishment of the Centre.

Negotiations are proceeding with the City Council whereby the maintenance and control of the Centre will be the responsibility of the Association. This will involve an annual commitment of about \$20,000, the present plans are that the Centre would be administered by a board of management on which athletics and soccer would be represented, together with officers of the Council and State government. This should be an eminently suitable arrangement.

COACHES ASSOCIATION

The Tasmanian Track & Field Coaches Association has advanced tremendously during the past twelve months. Under President Ken Box and Secretary Jenny Arthur the body has been very active bringing three coaches to Tasmania in October for a coaching camp held at Bellerive. The coaches were Marlene Matthews Willard (NSW), Colin Smith (NSW) and Alan Launder (SA), the emphasis being placed on field games with the two men coaching in these events, Alan Launder toured the State after the camp.

Prior to the Australian Track & Field Championships Victorian coach Fred Graf spent a week in Hobart and his expertise aided many of the younger athletes especially in the jumping areas.

COACHES ASSOCIATION (Contd.)

The Annual General Meeting and a Seminar was conducted at Rosny College over the Championship weekend.

Tasmania now has over 30 coaches, qualified in various grades with three, Max Cherry, Ken Box and Albert Johnson senior coaches on Australian level.

CROSS COUNTRY AND ROAD

The Cross Country season was dominated by the Australian Championships which were held on 11th September at Brighton and was extremely successful. The success of Kent Rayner in winning the senior event and the team in finishing second was a wonderful effort.

In the domestic season Kent Rayner and Neil Gale dominated the Cross Country races whilst Richard Pickup had a successful road season. Of the juniors Peter Brasher had a slight edge over Frank Kesseling.

MOUNTAIN RELAY

MT. WELLINGTON

8TH MAY, 1976

Only four teams competed, once again all from the South and one was a composite team which although actually finishing second was not eligible to be placed. Sandy Bay won the Championship very easily in a fairly slow time considering the fine conditions, however, there was a close contest for second place with Eastern Suburbs eventually triumphing.

Results

1. Sandy Bay - K. Rayner, R. Thompson, P. Upchurch, F. Kesseling, 2hrs. 8min. 3.8sec.
2. Eastern Suburbs - L. Webb, J. Longdon, A. Podolack, M. Dart, 2hrs. 23min. 14.8sec.
3. Sandy Bay No. 2 - R. Beadell, G. Fennell, G. Appleyard, C. Roper, 2hrs.25min.16sec.

MARATHON

LONGFORD

12TH JUNE, 1976

There was a pleasing increase in entries on last year to five, four of whom finished, with twelve starters in the Junior Half Marathon. A senior half marathon conducted as an additional event attracted 14 starters of whom 11 finished. Conditions were fine and the Northern Branch conducted the events very efficiently.

Results

Marathon

1. Richard Pickup (SB) 2 hrs. 45 min. 39 sec.
2. Greg Hawthorn (NS) 2 hrs. 47 min. 54 sec.
3. Tony Short (N) 3 hrs. 8 min. 23 sec.

5 starters - 4 finished

E. Goss Shield - South

Junior Half Marathon

1. Peter Brasher (N) 1 hr. 14 min. 08 sec.
2. Billa Cox (N) 1 hr. 16 min. 41 sec.
3. Lindsay Webb (ES) 1 hr. 16 min. 55 sec.

12 starters - 8 finished

MARATHON (Contd.)

NORTH v SOUTH 12000 METRES

BRIGHTON

10TH JULY, 1976

South again convincingly won the North v South teams race filling the first three places; however, North reversed the results in the Junior and Juvenile competition. Strong winds hampered competitors although conditions were fine and dry. It was pleasing to have a North West team compete in the Juvenile race.

Results 12000 Metres

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|------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1. | Kent Rayner (South) | 41 min. 01 sec. | |
| 2. | Neil Gale (South) | 41 min. 33 sec. | 21 starters(9 individuals) |
| 3. | Richard Pickup (South) | 42 min. .3sec. | |
| Teams Race | | | |
| | 1. South | 11 points | |
| | 2. North | 25 points | |

8000 Metres Junior

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|------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Peter Brasher (North) | 28 min. 31.9 sec. | 13 starters (3 individuals) |
| 2. | Frank Kesseling (South) | 28 min. 46.5 sec. | |
| 3. | Billa Cox (North) | 29 min. 0.6 sec. | |
| Teams Race | | | |
| | 1. North | 9 points | |
| | 2. South | 12 points | |

4000 Metres Juvenile

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|------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. | Gary Lynch (North) | 14 min. 42.6 sec. | 12 starters (1 individual) |
| 2. | Chris Hey (South) | 15 min. 0.3 sec. | |
| 3. | T. Barrett (North) | 15 min. 10 sec. | |
| Teams Race | | | |
| | 1. North | 8 points | |
| | 2. South | 17 points | |
| | 3. N-West | 20 points | |

12000 METRES

BRIGHTON

14th AUGUST, 1976

The weather was good and the track fast, with very good fields contesting the three races which were treated as selection trials for the Tasmanian team to compete in the Australian Championships the following month. Entries totalled 46 and good competition resulted.

Neil Gale in winning the senior event cut nearly 2 minutes off the previous best time for the course while Peter Brasher bettered his own Junior time by 70 sec. and Philip Crack also bettered the Juvenile time.

Results 12000 Metres

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|------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. | Neil Gale (NS) | 39 min. 10 sec. | 20 starters |
| 2. | Paul Boer (N) | 40 min. 41 sec. | |
| 3. | Anthony Risby (SB) | 41 min. 09 sec. | |
| Teams Race | | | |
| | 1. Sandy Bay | 15 points | |
| | 2. Newstead | 21 points | |

8000 Metres Junior

- | | | | |
|------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. | Peter Brasher (N) | 27 min. 21 sec. | 14 starters |
| 2. | Frank Kesseling (SB) | 27 min. 46 sec. | |
| 3. | Laurie Webb (ES) | 27 min. 51 sec. | |
| Teams Race | | | |
| | 1. Newstead | | |

4000 Metres Juvenile

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|----|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. | Philip Crack (N) | 14 min. 29 sec. | 12 starters |
| 2. | Sergio Montes (SB) | 14 min. 40 sec. | |
| 3. | Graeme Elphinstone (B) | 15 min. 00 sec. | |

AUSTRALIAN 12000 METRES CHAMPIONSHIP

Tasmania was privileged to be granted the organisation and conduct of the Championship and the task was passed to the Southern Branch's Cross Country Sub Committee which under the direction of Frank Hill and Mike O'Loughlin a accomplished the task most successfully.

First choice of course was Risdon Brook Dam but this was changed to the Brighton Racecourse which proved most suitable. It was a 4000 metre circuit, reasonably flat, but excellent from spectators point of view in that runners could be seen all the time.

Sponsorship was obtained from Coca Cola Bottlers (Australia) Ltd. to the extent of \$600 whilst the Tasmanian Government underwrote organisational expenses which eventually totalled \$230.

For the first time the senior championship was run over 12000 metres and the juniors changed to 8000 metres. Entries were excellent, a total of 145 - 78 seniors and 67 juniors and all states were represented. A strong cross-wind with intermittent rain marred the races but competition was keen in both events. Apart from the weather all other facets of the meeting were most successful, although the A.B.C. after indicating there would be a direct telecast were unable to film the races.

Welcome refreshments were provided to competitors and officials after the meeting and a most enjoyable dinner was held at the Beach House Hotel on the Saturday night at which medallions and trophies were presented and the preliminary selection of team members for the I.A.A.F. C.C.C. was announced.

The organising committee and in particular Frank Hill and Mike O'Loughlin deserve high praise and congratulations on their efforts.

The Tasmanian team performed magnificently in the senior event but the juniors were a little disappointing. The team was Kent Rayner, David Chettle, Neil Gale, Gary Bentley, Anthony Risby and Paul Boer. Juniors Peter Brasher, Frank Kesseling, Dale Prosser, Lindsay Webb and Paul Upchurch. Manager Frank Hill. Mike Harding and Craig Anderson were original selections but had to withdraw because of injuries and were replaced by Gary Bentley and Paul Upchurch whilst Richard Pickup, David Smith, Greg Hawthorn, Russell Foley and Bill Cox ran as additional competitors.

Kent Rayner ran a magnificent race to win the senior event sprinting away from Jim Langford (WA) in the last 200 metres. He was well backed up by David Chettle who finished 7th, Tony Bentley 15th and Neil Gale 16th to win a silver medal in the team's race for Tasmania. Tony Risby finished 38th and Paul Boer 46th and the additional competitors Richard Pickup 54th, David Smith 57th and Greg Hawthorn 60th. Kent's time of 36 min. 33 was 2 min. 37 sec. faster than Neil Gale's previous best time for the course, with Neil himself improving by almost 1 min. The team results were 1. Victoria 21, 2. Tasmania 30 3. New South Wales 56, 4. Western Australia 59, 5. South Australia 64, 6th Queensland 70.

The junior event produced a tie on points between New South Wales and Victoria both losing 12 with the former winning in the count back.

These two teams together with Queensland dominated the race filling the first 14 positions. Peter Brasher was the best Tasmanian finishing 20th improving his own time by 7 sec., then followed Paul Puchurch 24th, Lindsay Webb 26th, Frank Kesseling 29th and Dale Prosser 31st. Of the two additional competitors, Russell Foley was 28th and Bill Cox 32nd. The team was rather outclassed although the competition was very tough. Results 1. New South Wales 12, 2. Victoria 12, 3. Queensland 21, 4. Western Australia 39, 5. South Australia 43, 6. Tasmania 44.

AUSTRALIAN MARATHON & 20 KILO ROAD WALK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Richard Pickup was the only Tasmanian to compete in the marathon, held at St. Marys just outside Sydney on 31st July. He had finished 12th in 2 hours 42 min.

The 20 Km Road Walk Championship was held the same day as the marathon and Tasmania was represented by Eric Wade and junior David Moore. Both performed reasonably well considering their lack of experience in such events. Eric's time was 1 hour 55 min. and David's 2 hours 1 min.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE

All states were fully represented at the 1977 Conference of the A.A.U. of Australia, the first held in Hobart for 12 years, and each state secretary was a delegate. Three days were allocated for the Conference which could have placed some delegates under difficulty as far as leave from employment was concerned. An attempt has been made to alleviate this, as will be reported later.

The President opened the Conference with an address in which he commented upon difficulties encountered with the Olympic Team selection, the Pacific Conference Games organisation, and the meeting of the Executives of the Union and the A.W.A.A.U.

Main items of interest discussed were:-

Registrations. A slight increase was recorded and it was decided to investigate the possibility of registrations being recorded over a calendar year.

Reports from Standing Committees. Australian records will cease to be recognised for all imperial distances except the 100 yards & 1 mile run. All elections to be conducted by secret exhaustive ballot in future. The Technical Committee felt that Under 19 Decathlon athletes should use the same implements and scoring tables as seniors and an amendment to include this in Constitution rules is to be drafted. The Scoring Tables & Standards Committee has to submit a standard for the 2000 metres Steeplechase Junior Record. Each state has been asked to send a representative to an officials committee meeting at the time of the next Conference, at no expense to the Union. On a selection committee recommendation it was resolved that if the A.O.F. is to continue its justification committee, it be asked to instruct the controlling bodies not to announce details of nominations beforehand. A report by a Special Committee of the V.A.A.A.A. was discussed at great length - details are available in Conference Minutes.

Reports from Special Committees. Promotion. Approved in principle the idea of an interstate teams competition. The Union & Victorian Secretaries are to negotiate with a marketing consultant to find the best way it could be stages and sponsored. Each state to investigate ways and means of financing the proposal and to report back to Union Sec. as soon as possible. The recommendations in the report were referred back to the Sub Committee to draft motions for next Conference. It was agreed to continue to participate in I.A.A.F. Cross Country Teams Championship every 2 years, subject to funds being available.

Championship Venues & Dates

<u>1977</u>	Cross Country	Brisbane	27th August
	Marathon	Longford	6th August
	50Km & 10Km Road Walks	South Australia	6th August
	Pacific Conference Games Trials	Canberra	29th, 30th October
<u>1978</u>	Track & Field	Brisbane (Combined)	16th - 19th March
	Cross Country	N.S. Wales(Combined)	2nd September
	Marathon	Queensland	To be advised
	20Km Road Walk	Melbourne	" " "
	Australian Schoolboys	South Australia	
<u>1979</u>	Track & Field	Perth	
	Cross Country	Perth	
	Marathon & Road Walks	Perth	
	Australian Schoolboys	Perth	

The scoring system submitted by Ken Taggart for the Junior Track & Field Teams competition was adopted.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE (Contd.)

Notices of Motion

Tasmania's motion to increase Merit Awards from two to three a year was lost. A Standing Committee to be known as the Aust. Amateur Athletics Advisory Board, consisting of one member nominated by each Affiliated Association of the A.A.U. & the A.W.A.A.U., was set up to formulate policy for the development of Amateur Athletics in Australia and to meet within 3 months and, at least, annually thereafter.

The Selection Committee of three, as at present, was abolished and replaced by one member from each state, to commence in 1978.

A Special Committee of C.D. Lee, R.W. Pannell and G.T. Briggs, was appointed to re-investigate the administrative structure of the Union.

It was agreed to hold the Annual Conference as usual and to add a half yearly Conference, to be held in September, commencing 1978. Details of business for each Conference to be decided by asking states for suggestions.

The Track & Field Championships to be held on 3rd or 4th week-end in March. 12 months notice to be given if not able to comply.

Western Australia withdrew its notice of motion to increase junior age to Under 20.

Tasmania's motion to amend Rule 204 regarding entries for Australian Championships to allow heat draws to be made 1 hour before starting of event was carried, and its motion to introduce a Junior Decathlon was also carried and this will be conducted in conjunction with the senior event.

The Union has recognised Australian Schoolboy Track & Field Championships in Under 19, 17, 15 age groups, to be held annually with each Association to be allowed 1 representative per event.

Pacific Conference Games. Mr. John Marshall, Chairman of the Organising Committee, reported on developments. The estimated cost was \$330,000 and the Organising Committee was confident of raising the amount.

New Zealand Match. Mr. Barry Myers, Secretary of the New Zealand Association, attended Conference to discuss the Australia v New Zealand match. Teams would number 47. The main sponsors had indicated they were interested in sponsoring such a meeting for a four year period. The 1978 date suggested were 1st & 2nd April.

Advertising The Chairman ruled there was nothing in the I.A.A.F. Rules to prohibit advertising on the arena at Australian Championships.

Merit Award. F.W. Budge (SA) and F.W. Napier (WA) were successful in the ballot for Merit Awards.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE (Contd.)

Election of Officers.

<u>President:</u>	C.R. Aitken (SA)
<u>Vice Presidents:</u>	T.C. Blue (Q) & R.M. Durie (NSW)
<u>Hon. Treasurer:</u>	E.J. Sumner (Vic.)
<u>Delegates, I.A.A.F. :</u>	F.P. Larkins (Vic), C.D. Lee (NSW)
<u>Oceania Congress:</u>	J.W. Chugg (Vic), C.D. Lee (NSW)
<u>A.O.F. :</u>	C.D. Lee (NSW), A.L. Morrison (Vic)
<u>A.C.G.A. :</u>	G.T. Briggs (Tas), R.W. Pannell (Vic)
<u>Executive Committee:</u>	G.T. Briggs (Tas. member)
<u>Scoring Tables & Standards</u>	
<u>Committee:</u>	N.J. Ruddock (Convenor), R.K. Hood, R. Morriss
<u>Walking Committee:</u>	C.A. Wise (Tas. member)
<u>Officials Committee:</u>	G.T. Briggs (Tas. member)
<u>Statisticians Committee:</u>	A. Upton (Tas. member)
<u>Selection Committee:</u>	P.J. May (WA) elected to replace P. Jones (Vic.) to sit until new six man committee takes over in 1978.

CONFERENCE OF STATE SECRETARIES

The eighth Annual Conference was held in Melbourne on 18th and 19th September, 1976 with all states being represented. As usual the more relaxed and informal discussions produced much that was worthwhile and of benefit to all states as well as the Union. As will be seen from matters dealt with, many are first dealt with by the secretaries before being taken to the Union Conference.

Promotion

There was a lengthy general discussion on this subject. New South Wales advised that it had advertised for a promoter to be appointed on a commission basis. Victoria was also moving to obtain a professional promoter for at least some projects. It was agreed that a special meeting should be organised if possible to discuss the future promotion and publicity of athletics at the time of the 1977 T & F Championships. Unfortunately this did not prove possible.

Australian Track & Field Championships

The change to non state competition was discussed with the inclusion of state v state meetings and the matter of sponsorship was to be investigated. Tasmania's recommendation that heats should be drawn on the day of competition met with strong support and it was agreed the matter should be submitted to the Union. Following general approval Tasmania's suggestion of the inclusion of a Junior Pentathlon and Junior 4 x 400 metres relay was to be submitted to the Union. Fixed dates were supported.

Pacific Conference Games & Satellite Meetings

A variety of information was given by New South Wales concerning the Games and the following satellite meetings as well as selection trials.

Australian Schoolboys Championships

Western Australia suggested that as these were now to be a permanent fixture appropriate rules should be formulated.

Reports were given on the recent I.A.A.F. Congress and the Oceania Group Congress, including decisions regarding the Oceania Team for the World Championships. All states were interested in obtaining registration numbers for next season sponsored by Coca Cola and it was agreed that the Union should be asked to increase the number of Merit Awards given each year to three.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

NORTH

Track Seasons

The Northern Schoolchildrens titles were again planned in two sections, with the Secondary schools meeting being held on Sunday 10th October at Launceston Grammar. Entries were pleasing and the meeting proved most successful - attendance, performances and financial receipts were all very good. Unfortunately the Primary school section was postponed because of weather conditions and because of available dates being unsuitable the meeting had to be cancelled finally.

The Interclub Competition was conducted over twelve rounds at Churchill Park with results as follows.

<u>Mansell Shield - Seniors</u>		<u>Moore Premiership Cup - Under 15</u>	
1. North Launceston	3759	1. North Launceston	1392½
2. Newstead	2216½	2. Tamar	991½
3. Tamar	1903½	3. Newstead	927
4. Riverside	990	4. Riverside	390

<u>Interclub Premiership - Aggregate</u>	
1. North Launceston	5151½
2. Newstead	3143½
3. Tamar	2894½
4. Riverside	1280

The Launceston City Council and in particular Mr. Goodman, Superintendent of Reserves, have been of great assistance during the season and this has been truly appreciated.

Unfortunately the track season has been a frustrating one, the attendances of both athletes and officials has been down. The lack of experienced officials has posed a real problem with greater club participation in the Interclub competition appearing to be the only solution.

Registrations for the season were down with Exeter not registering any members at all.

Main meeting held in Launceston apart from interclub was the North versus South conducted at Churchill Park on 4th December. It was run as a non points scoring meeting and consequently attendances were not all that were desired. Nevertheless there were many fine performances aided by the quite good condition of the track.

As far as the usual trophy events were concerned these also suffered from smaller entries but were quite successful.

During the season many Northern athletes acquitted themselves very well at the Victorian Championships, the Australian Schoolboys Championships, the Sub Junior match against South Australia and finally the Australian Championships. Seven athletes from the North were selected in the Tasmanian team for the Australian titles and twelve officials helped in their conduct.

The Branch's Annual Trophy Night was held at the Anzac Hostel on Friday 25th March with Mr. Harry Holgate M.H.A. being the guest speaker. Athlete of the Year awards were conducted along the same lines as last season with the senior award being won by Michael Scott and the Junior by Anthony Claudio.

NORTH BRANCH ACTIVITIES (Contd.)

In an endeavour to share the work load the Branch adopted a Committee system of operations, with each club being asked to appoint a representative to the various committees - Cross Country, Track & Field, Equipment, Finance, Grading and Social - thus giving them direct participation in Branch activities.

Each committee has shown what can be done, although the future alone will prove whether the system is really effective. Gratitude is expressed to all who have served, as considerable time and thought has gone into this administrative development.

Cross Country & Road Season

The majority of races were well attended and the season was extremely successful. Even though Cross Country is largely a Newstead Club project it was good to see both athletes and officials from other clubs assisting and the co-operation between the Branch and clubs is greatly appreciated.

Highlight of the year, of course, was the Australian Championships in which Paul Boer competed as a member of the state team, whilst Peter Brasher performing best of the states juniors and Dale Prosser was a member of the junior team.

The future of Cross Country looks bright as the younger age groups are quite strong and they should build up the standard.

SOUTH

There is no doubt that the greatest milestone in the history of this Branch and indeed the whole State system of Athletics, was the commissioning into use of the new Athletic Centre on the Domain.

However, a number of important steps to this ultimate goal had to be taken in the early part of the season.

Until the new Chevron Track was first used, the Inter Club Competition took place at the nearby Soccer grounds. Originally scheduled for 8 meetings before Christmas, this ground, because of lack of early preparation and an unseasonably wet spell, saw 3 meetings only.

This was a very poor start to the season and was the most apparent cause of a drop in registrations. This concerned the Branch Committee and must be closely examined by the incoming Committee if the standard of athletics in the South is to continue to improve.

Hobart people are still plagued by transportation problems because of the necessity to travel by the Bailey Bridge. It is hoped that the re-opening of the Tasman Bridge in October will alleviate the problems faced by these people and it is expected that registrations and officials will be greater.

Supporters of our sport in the South are aware that a number of differing view points were expressed concerning the new track and caused some disturbing ripples on the surface of what should be a fairly calm sport.

Both on the track and at Committee level, attention to the development of the sport was diverted on a number of occasions because of differences of opinion. It is a common feature of most organisations to have differing viewpoints amongst members but when this becomes detrimental to the sport, then stock must be taken.

SOUTH BRANCH ACTIVITIES (Contd.)

The first meeting on the new track took place on January 8th when the Branch most successfully staged the Sub-junior match between Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania.

Other big meetings to follow were the State Women's titles, Tasmanian Championships and the climax undoubtedly was the staging of the National Men's Track and Field Championship. All of these meetings earned high praise from those fortunate enough to view them.

The Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Doug Plaister is a firm friend of this Branch and he and his professional officers deserve high praise for their efforts to obtain for Hobart, the finest track and environs in Australia. The long wait was worthwhile. It is now up to the athletic administrators to make the most of these facilities.

The State Government and in particular, Mr. Neil Batt, Minister for Recreation, were most generous to us. A substantial establishment grant for equipment - \$8,000 - enabled the new centre to be equipped with first class equipment.

The T.W.A.A.A. again worked in close co-operation and the regular inter-club meetings were run harmoniously with the ladies from that Association. It is hoped that in the very near future they may see their way clear to form, with the Branch, a joint Association for the betterment of the sport.

It has often been said of the officials of the Branch, that they could run an athletics meeting as well as, if not better, than other States. The proof of being the best came at the National Titles. The T.A.A.A. received numerous letters of congratulations on the conduct of these titles and it is interesting to note that all Chief Officials were S.A.A.B. members.

Congratulations are extended to three representatives from the Branch.

Kent Rayner and David Chettle were in a national cross country team of 8 and Randall Markey wore his country's colours in New Zealand.

Also, Graham Briggs was selected as General Manager of the Oceania team to compete in the World Cup in Dusseldorf in June.

The coming season (and years) will bring a great deal of hard work and hopefully, a great leap forward in athletics in the South.

Cross Country

The highlight of the 1976 Cross Country Season was without doubt the great success of the Australian Cross Country Championships which were held at Brighton Racecourse.

Kent Rayner ran a magnificent race in the open event to win the individual Championship and pave the way for second placing for Tasmania in the teams event. Kent was ably assisted in the teams race by David Chettle (6th), Gary Bentley (11th), and Neil Gale (12th). The remaining two members of the team Anthony Risby and Paul Boer also turned in excellent performances.

The junior team also ran well but failed to gain any major positions in the event. S.A.A.B. members of the junior team were:- Paul Upchurch, Lindsay Webb and Frank Kesseling.

The S.A.A.B. competition was most successful with over 80 individual athletes competing on a regular basis throughout the season. However, the largest field during the season was 41 which was at the 3,200 metre event at Sandy Bay.

Cross Country (Contd.)

The winter premiership competitin was won by Sandy Bay making it the ninth season in a row that that Club has taken the title.

Final premiership points were:-

Sandy Bay	81
Northern Suburbs	67
Eastern Suburbs	59
O.V.A.	27

THE FOURTH ANNUAL CITY TO CASINO RUN FOR FUN

This event was conducted on 23rd May and with some 600 post entries it seems assured that this event has made a great impact on the general public.

This years event was once again sponsored by Coca Cola Bottlers and the Mercury Newspaper. Three other companies also continued their support and without these sponsors this event could not take place.

Ansett Airlines of Australia provided air travel for Derek Clayton and Chris Wardlaw from Victoria to take part.

Risby Forest Industries once again presented the winner with their magnificent trophy and a replica.

Wrest Point Casino Hotel presented all winners with medallions specially struck for the occasion.

The event eventually saw some 490 starters, with 487 finishers. The winner was "fly in", Chris Wardlaw in a course record of 29 minutes and 49.8 second.

In future years the organisers will have to look at the time involved in trying to give all the results on the day. With the number of competitors increasing the task is beginning to become too great.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

N.A.A.B. official, Andrew Willis, managed a team to these Titles, held in Melbourne on December 15th and 16th, in which 15 southerners were included gaining 1 first, 2 seconds, 2 thirds and 5 fourths.

SUB-JUNIOR MATCH

As mentioned earlier, this match was the first meeting held at the new Athletic Centre.

Frank Nott did a very good job as manager and was delighted with second place, behind the strong Western Australia contingent.

Southern Athletes who competed were:- B. Allender, G. Cayzer, B. Drew, C. Hey, S. Morley, W. Smith (Vice Capt.), W. Oakford.

INTERCLUB REPORT

Once again, interclub rounds were badly upset because of wet weather in November and early December and because of an obvious lack of forethought and actual physical preparation of the Domain Soccer grounds for which the Branch applied to use as early as mid-August.

Performances were hampered by the poor surface and many winners were non points scorers in the early rounds.

However, Sandy Bay, who had recruited very strongly, won the first two rounds when the other clubs were still organising their athletes.

Northern Suburbs started to apply the pressure just prior to Christmas and when 20 of Sandy Bays' athletes were away on a trip to New Zealand, drew level with the Bay and set the seal for a great premierships race.

Eastern Suburbs were always a threat but lacked depth to be a real challenger to the two bigger clubs.

O.V.A. re-organised their administration mid season. They performed better in the latter rounds but they also lacked depth and numbers to match it with Sandy Bay and Northern Suburbs.

The rules of interclub are clearly defined in our Handbook. One of these applies to the provision of officials by each Club for competition.

It was most unfortunate that, prior to Christmas, both O.V.A. and Eastern Suburbs were guilty of a breach of this rule and were consequently disqualified from scoring points on each of two occasions.

This left Sandy Bay and Northern Suburbs out on their own in the race for premierships honours.

It therefore came as a shock that Sandy Bay were deemed also to have contravened the officials rule and having won that particular round, lost 6 premierships points. There were 4 rounds to go so there was little hope of them picking these points up again. They moved within 2 points of their close rivals but there were not enough rounds left.

Sandy Bay protested to the Branch over the decision but were not rewarded. The Club took the matter further and appealed to the T.A.A.A. The case has not yet been heard, so the Premiership is still in doubt.

The North and South competition was not held this season because of poor competitive conditions in both Hobart and Launceston.

The State Interclub premierships was held on one day at the new Centre and Northern Suburbs won this event by $\frac{1}{2}$ point from Sandy Bay. Last years' winners, North Launceston were relegated to 4th place.

STATE TITLES

The Branch once more was requested to conduct these Championships on behalf of the T.A.A.A.

Held on Saturday and Sunday, March 5th and 6th in ideal conditions at the new Centre, the titles attracted record entries of 782. This was extremely pleasing considering the poor season which led up to these.

Used as a preview of the National Titles a week later, officials, athletes and equipment were all put to the test and came through with an enhanced reputation.

AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

Mention has already been made of the success these titles were.

It is interesting to note, however, that all chief officials were S.A.A.B. members.

Don Murray was the manager of the State team and it was pleasing to note that the Tasmanian Branch of the Track and Field Coaches Association provided coaches for the team members and this coaching was brought to light when our team members performed well over all. Thanks must go to these men who gave their time for the team members.

23 S.A.A.B. athletes were selected for the State team.

Congratulations are extended to Rodney Pullen on his High Jump gold medal; Steven Knott for the Pole Vault gold and the Long Jump silver, Warren Smith a silver in the triple and Neil Gale a bronze in the 10,000 metres.

The junior 1,600 relay squad did well to earn a bronze.

AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

3 National Records were broken on the new Track. Steven Knott, on January 8th, the first day the track was opened and in the first event decided leapt a magnificent 7.54 to break a 12 year-standing record.

In the Australian titles, John Higham of Victoria ran 1.46.0 in the 800 and Warwick Sawall (Vic.) walked to a new national walk in the 3,000 metres of 12.05.4.

Finance

Because of the very large increase in the cost of hiring the Athletic Centre admission fees were increased by approximately one third, even so gate receipts jumped tremendously. Together with increased registration fees receipts were nearly \$2,000 more whilst payments were much lighter with very little equipment being purchased and a substantial surplus has been carried forward. However, the Association will be looking to the branch to contribute a substantial amount around \$2,000, before handing over to it some \$10,000 worth of equipment purchased for the Australian Championships.

NORTH WEST

The Branch reported two disappointing features of the years activities. Firstly the large drop in registrations from the Burnie Club, which fell from 103 to 56. A loss was noted in all ages except sub junior, and a slight increase in U/15 yrs. Such a large decrease is of concern to the Branch especially when numbers have fallen away so much from U/14 yrs. down, as it is from these members that Clubs expect to build in succeeding years.

The other disappointment was the lack of interest shown at Branch meetings, except for a dedicated few from each Club. It would appear that the majority are only interested in their own clubs, and it is left to the same few to carry the Branch workload.

Registrations

Over all these were down 40 on last year, with Devon showing a gain of 18 and Ulverstone at loss of 11.

Inter Club

Owing to the late start at Burnie and ground trouble at Ulverstone, the days held during November at Devonport were not over well attended by other Clubs. The same could be said of days at Heybridge, and Penguin. The former because of rough ground and the Christmas Holidays, Ulverstone attended well at Penguin and ran out easy winners of the Penguin Sports Club Shield. However, the Ulverstone and Burnie Clubs, which undertook marking out of ground, and programme commitments respectively had a lot of work for one days sport.

Burnie Pageant

This day was once again organised by Burnie Club, with most of clubs taking part helping out with officials on the field. A good days competition was enjoyed by all taking part but the cold blustery conditions, did not help performances. North Launceston once again showed too much depth for other Clubs and finished with the most points.

Triangulars

These did not eventuate as a points competition, but several older athletes made the trip to Launceston.

State Inter Club Premiership

Coastal Clubs did not attend, feeling that to have to travel to Hobart, and stay overnight is rather expensive, when they do not have the depth in the older age groups to have any chance in the competition.

State Titles

Stephen Foster of Ulverstone made the trip to Hobart for the Junior Pentathlon, and in winning the titled failed by only 12 points to break the State record. All Clubs were represented at the Track and Field Championships, and although most athletes performed up to their top, in many cases this was not sufficient to place them in the first three. However, as usual all Clubs met with a measure of success.

Cross Country

Burnie and Devon held events through out the season, and met on three occasions for a combined meeting. At State Titles meetings the Burnie Club fielded a team in Juvenile 4000 metre teams race, whilst both Clubs were represented in the individual Championships, with G. Elphinstone of Burnie being the only one able to finish in a place.

NORTH WEST BRANCH (Contd.)

Coastal Championships

Including the Pentathlons which were held at Devonport in six age groups, and produced three Coastal Records, U/15 yrs, Sub Junior, and Junior, some 134 Coastal Championships were held over four days, Club breakdown of placings were as follows.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Firsts</u>	<u>Seconds</u>	<u>Thirds</u>
Devon	64	51½	43
Ulverstone	50	42½	25
Burnie	20	14	6

Coastal Records

During the year 30 Coastal records were broken and three equalled. Those to do best were, David Douce who set new figures on six occasions, A. Clements 3, S. Febey 3, all of Devon, N. Smith Burnie 3 events, R. Hearps Ulverstone and G. Anderson Ulverstone 2 events each.

Break up of Clubs were Devon 19 and two equalled, Ulverstone 7, Burnie 4, 1 equalled. From number of records broken over last two seasons it proves that standard is improving on Coast, but the main trouble is the limited number in older age groups, and limited opportunities for tough competition.

Social Activities

All Clubs organised some form of activity to close the track season, and present club awards and Championship Certificates.

Below are the winners of Coastal Perpetual Trophies won at Coastal Titles or Special Handicap Events.

M. Maddocks Shield	Coastal Inter-Club	Devon	
Penguin Sports Club	Inter club at Penguin Carnival	Ulverstone	
Advocate Trophy	Track Performances		
	Coastal Titles	David Douce	Devon
J. Treanor Trophy	Field Events		
	Coastal Titles	David Douce	Devon
Devon Club Trophy	Pentathlon Handicap	Shane Foster	Ulverstone
" " "	Distance Runners		
	Handicap Road	M. Fitzmaurice	Devon
D. Baldock	Distance Runners		
	Handicap Track	L. Taylor	Devon
G. Girdlestone	Most Improved for		
Memorial Cup	Year Devon Club Only	G. Whiley	Devon
Patrons Trophy	Devon Athlete of Year	David Douce	Devon
Clubs Trophy	Runner Up Athlete of Year	Leigh Taylor	Devon

FINANCE

Usually the Association handles a reasonably small amount of money, just sufficient to administer the sport - leaving fund raising etc. to the branches and clubs. However, during the past season over \$18,000 was received and \$17,000 paid. Of the receipts \$15,500 was extraordinary income - \$8000 Tas. Government grant for equipment which was spent plus over \$2000 more - \$3000 for the Tasmanian representatives in the Australian Cross Country Team of which \$1500 was a state government grant and \$1500 raised by appeal, \$1220 was rent from the Southern Branch to be paid to the Hobart City Council and \$2305 takings from the Australian Championships.

Although the excess of receipts over payments of \$1089.70 would appear to be an excellent result, sundry creditors of \$2600 for rent and \$104 profit on Australian Championships owing to the Union will well and truly offset this. It is hoped the Southern Branch will see its way clear to meet the difference between equipment purchased and the Tasmanian Government Grant an amount of just over \$2000. An administration fee of \$500 for the Australian Championships and a portion of the profits will be received during the coming year.

Registrations were slightly down on budget expectations but most other items were reasonably close. One exception was T shirts purchased for sale to commemorate the opening of the Domain Centre and the Australian Championships which showed a loss of approx. \$80, although it is hoped that the 30 odd still on hand may be sold later in the year. A special conference of the Union held to start to get joint administration of men's and women's athletics and the expenses of the Annual Conference in Hobart were also unanticipated.

The No. 2 account is still quite healthy although the agreement with Trans Australia Airlines for advertising rates ended in December. An excess of receipts of \$934 was very pleasing especially as nearly \$250 was owing when the books were closed.

APPRECIATION

The Tasmanian Government and in particular, Mr. Neil Batt, Minister for Education & Recreation were very generous during the past year making grants of \$1500 on a dollar for dollar basis towards the cost of sending the Australian Cross Country Team to the I.A.A.F. Championships and \$8000 to help purchase equipment for the Athletic Centre and the Australian Track & Field Championships.

It would appear that because of changes in employment Alf Upton will not be standing for re-election to the council. Alf has been a tower of strength to the Association and the southern branch and his services will be greatly missed. Chief Timekeeper at the Australian Championships, Laurie McGee has been transferred back to Launceston and he will be hard to replace.

Excellent publicity has been received from Press, Radio and Television and appreciation is expressed to all the Associations friends who have assisted in this regard.

To all others who have assisted during the year in whatever capacity the thanks of the T.A.A.A. is extended.

On behalf of the council

N.J. RUDDOCK
HON. SECRETARY

RANKINGS

TASMANIAN PERFORMANCES ONLY

100 Metres

1.	10.7 sec.	P. Blackaby	E.S.
2.	10.9 "	N. Mickleborough	S.B.
3.	11.0 "	G. McGee	S.B.
	11.0 "	P. Young	N.L.
5.	11.1 "	L. Thorpe	E.S.
	11.1 "	G. Clark	N.L.
7.	11.2 "	S. Hood	S.B.
	11.2 "	P. Cusick	S.B.
9.	11.3 "	P. Fox	S.B.
	11.3 "	J. Pavic	N.S.

1500 Metres

1.	3m41.8s.	R. Markey	S.B.
2.	3m50.8s.	N. Gale	N.S.
3.	3m53.6s.	K. Rayner	S.B.
4.	3m56.0s.	A. Risby	S.B.
5.	3m57.2s.	D. Smith	S.B.
6.	3m58.7s.	P. Upchurch	S.B.
7.	3m59.9s.	P. Kaufman	O.V.A.
8.	4m00.3s.	S. Bailey	T.
9.	4m5.2s.	P. Brasher	N.
10.	4m7.0 s.	F. Kesseling	S.B.

200 Metres

1.	21.8 sec.	P. Blackaby	E.S.
2.	22.0 "	N. Mickleborough	S.B.
3.	22.2 "	L. Thorpe	E.S.
4.	22.4 "	P. Young	N.L.
5.	22.5 "	G. Clark	N.L.
6.	22.6 "	D. Conley	O.V.A.
7.	22.7 "	S. Hood	S.B.
8.	23.1 "	W. Staples	S.B.
	23.1 "	J. Pavic	N.S.
	23.1 "	G. McGee	S.B.

3000 Metres

1.	8m22.4s.	R. Markey	S.B.
2.	8m27.8s.	N. Gale	N.S.
3.	8m35.4s.	K. Rayner	S.B.
4.	8m39.0s.	A. Risby	S.B.
5.	9m00.0s.	L. Webb	E.S.
6.	9m00.2s.	M. Harding	N.S.
7.	9m11.0s.	G. Cronley	O.V.A.
8.	9m12.0s.	F. Kesseling	S.B.
9.	9m19.7s.	S. Bailey	T.
10.	9m23.4s.	D. Lehner	N.

400 Metres

1.	48.8 sec.	N. Mickleborough	S.B.
2.	49.0 "	J. Sheppard	E.S.
	49.0 "	D. Conley	O.V.A.
4.	50.0 "	S. Bailey	T.
	50.0 "	L. Thorpe	E.S.
	50.0 "	G. Clark	N.L.
7.	51.0 "	I. Manning	N.S.
8.	51.2 "	G. Cayzer	E.S.
	51.2 "	M. Bucher	O.V.A.
10.	51.6 "	P. Brasher	N.

5000 Metres

1.	14m13.4s.	K. Rayner	S.B.
2.	14m23.0s.	N. Gale	N.S.
3.	14m33.0s.	D. Smith	S.B.
4.	14m46.0s.	A. Risby	S.B.
5.	15m20.4s.	L. Webb	E.S.
6.	15m47.6s.	H. Nielsen	N.S.
7.	16m01.0s.	G. Cronley	O.V.A.
8.	16m10.2s.	R. Thompson	S.B.
9.	16m12.8s.	F. Kesseling	S.B.
10.	16m23.0s.	K. Whitfield	S.B.

800 Metres

1.	1m51.3s.	R. Markey	S.B.
2.	1m52.2s.	S. Bailey	T.
3.	1m53.7s.	D. Conley	O.V.A.
4.	1m55.2s.	N. Gale	N.S.
5.	1m55.4s.	P. Upchurch	S.B.
6.	1m56.3s.	S. Phillips	N.
7.	1m57.4s.	I. Manning	N.S.
8.	1m57.7s.	M. Bucher	O.V.A.
9.	1m58.8s.	D. Smith	S.B.
10.	1m59.0s.	P. Brasher	N.

10,000 Metres

1.	29m38.8s.	N. Gale	N.S.
2.	29m56.0s.	K. Rayner	S.B.
3.	30m29.2s.	A. Risby	S.B.
4.	31m38.0s.	D. Smith	S.B.
5.	32m38.0s.	H. Nielsen	N.S.
6.	32m41.2s.	L. Taylor	Dev.
7.	32m52.0s.	L. Webb	E.S.

TASMANIAN RANKINGS(Contd.)

110 Metres Hurdles

1.	15.9 sec.	I. Manning	N.S.
2.	16.0 "	I. Murray	N.S.
3.	16.8 "	D. Singline	N.
4.	17.1 "	A. Hughes	O.V.A.
5.	17.3 "	J. Bolzonello	N.L.
6.	18.0 "	S. Knott	E.S.

Pole Vault

1.	3.98 m.	S. Knott	E.S.
2.	3.70 m.	I. Murray	N.S.
3.	3.60 m.	P. Schwamm	N.L.
4.	3.35 m.	J. Browning	E.S.
	3.35 m.	J. Conroy	S.B.
	3.35 m.	P. Podolak	E.S.
7.	3.20 m.	K. Smith	N.S.
8.	3.15 m.	P. Millwood	E.S.
9.	3.11 m.	P. Clarke	R'side
10.	3.05 m.	G. Stowards	Ind.

400 Metres Hurdles

1.	53.2 sec.	N. Mickleborough	S.B.
2.	54.9 "	I. Manning	N.S.
3.	55.6 "	G. Clark	N.L.
4.	58.1 "	D. Harrington	S.B.
5.	60.0 "	L. Hoodless	O.V.A.
	60.0 "	D. Conley	O.V.A.
7.	62.3 "	J. Bolzonello	N.L.
8.	62.7 "	B. Alexander	N.L.
9.	63.1 "	B. Bennett	N.
10.	64.2 "	G. Hennessy	N.L.

High Jump

1.	1.98 m.	S. Knott	E.S.
	1.98 m.	R. Pullen	E.S.
3.	1.92 m.	T. Gill	C.V.A.
4.	1.86 m.	J. Bolzonello	N.L.
	1.86 m.	W. Smith	N.S.
	1.86 m.	I. Murray	N.S.
7.	1.80 m.	C. Birchall	N.
8.	1.78 m.	N. Smith	Burnie
9.	1.77 m.	R. Corongiu	S.B.
	1.77 m.	A. Clements	Dev.

1500 Metres Steeplechase

1.	4m44.1s.	G. Hawthorne	N.S.
2.	4m44.9s.	R. Thompson	S.B.

2000 Metres Steeplechase

1.	6m20.6s.	P. Upchurch	S.B.
2.	6m23.2s.	B. Drew	S.B.

3000 Metres Steeplechase

1.	9m46.0s.	H. Nielsen	N.S.
2.	10m05.6s.	L. Webb	E.S.
3.	10m43.0s.	G. Hawthorne	N.S.

1500 Metres Walk

1.	6m50.8s.	E. Wade	E.S.
2.	7m40.9s.	W. Fletcher	N.S.
3.	8m09.5s.	W. Vaessen	R'side
4.	8m27.7s.	B. Cox	N.

3000 Metres Walk

1.	15m04.0s.	E. Wade	E.S.
2.	15m41.0s.	D. Moore	S.B.
3.	15m57.0s.	W. Fletcher	N.S.
4.	17m27.8s.	B. Cox	N.
5.	17m27.9s.	W. Vaessen	R'side
6.	17m32.0s.	S. Wilson	T.

Long Jump

1.	7.56 m.	S. Knott	E.S.
2.	7.21 m.	I. Murray	N.S.
3.	7.08 m.	G. Murray	N.S.
4.	6.68 m.	H. Malcolm	N.S.
5.	6.47 m.	J. Bolzonello	N.L.
6.	6.45 m.	G. Appleyard	S.B.
7.	6.35 m.	I. Manning	N.S.
8.	6.32 m.	R. Pullen	E.S.
9.	6.26 m.	P. Podolak	E.S.
10.	6.15 m.	W. Smith	S.B.

Triple Jump

1.	14.70 m.	I. Murray	N.S.
2.	14.61 m.	H. Malcolm	N.S.
3.	14.58 m.	G. Murray	N.S.
4.	14.20 m.	W. Smith	S.B.
	14.20 m.	I. Manning	N.S.
6.	13.61 m.	G. Appleyard	S.B.
7.	13.54 m.	L. McDermott	Burnie
	13.54 m.	J. Bolzonello	N.L.
9.	13.29 m.	T. West	N.S.
10.	13.19 m.	W. Oakford	S.B.
	13.19 m.	M. Churchill	N.S.

TASMANIAN RANKINGS (contd.)

Shot Putt - 16 lbs.

1.	13.10 m.	I. Murray	N.S.
2.	11.89 m.	G. Murray	N.S.
	11.89 m.	P. Davey	N.S.
4.	11.34 m.	D. Huxley	S.B.
5.	10.56 m.	T. West	N.S.
6.	10.52 m.	D. Hardy	N.S.

Hammer - 16 lbs.

1.	42.28 m.	D. Hardy	N.S.
2.	40.56 m.	D. Huxley	S.B.
3.	37.02 m	I Murray	N.S.
4.	31.10 m.	W. Smith	S.B.
5.	30.86 m.	P. Davey	N.S.

Discus - 2 Kg.

1.	44.17 m.	I. Murray	N.S.
2.	40.00 m.	P. Davey	N.S.
3.	36.42 m.	D. Hardy	N.S.
4.	34.00 m.	G. Murray	N.S.
5.	32.55 m.	J. Bolzonello	N.L.
6.	32.48 m.	S. Pitchford	N.S.
7.	31.45m.	T. West	N.S.

4 x 100 Metres Relay

1.	43.4 sec.	Sandy Bay
2.	43.5 "	Eastern Suburbs
3.	46.2 "	North Launceston
4.	47.8 "	Northern Suburbs

Javelin - 800 gm.

1.	58.82 m.	A. Edwards	S.B.
2.	58.54 m.	I. Murray	N.S.
3.	57.34 m.	G. Murray	N.S.
4.	53.50 m.	W. Oakford	S.B.
5.	52.12 m.	S. Foster	Ulv.
6.	48.24 m.	A. Clements	Dev.
7.	46.20 m.	G. Stowards	Ind.
8.	44.84 m.	J. Bolzonello	N.L.
9.	44.57 m.	D. Singline	N.
10.	43.80 m.	G. Maher	T.

4 x 200 Metres Relay

1.	1m33.1s.	Sandy Bay
2.	1m35.0s.	Eastern Suburbs
3.	1m39.5s.	Northern Suburbs

4 x 400 Metres Relay

1.	3m20.6s.	Tamar
2.	3m24.0s.	Sandy Bay
3.	3m30.2s.	O.V.A.
4.	3m30.5s.	Eastern Suburbs
5.	3m35.0s.	North Launceston

4 x 800 Metres Relay

1.	8m7.4s.	Sandy Bay
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Compared on the decathlon tables the best performances in each event ranked as follows, with last years placings and points in brackets.

1.	1500 metres	984 points	(9th 894)
2.	10,000 metres	969 points	(4th 940)
3.	5000 metres	948 points	(2nd 943)
4.	Long Jump	933 points	(13th 767)
5.	800 metres	910 points	(1st 951)
6.	3000 metres	909 points	(5th 923)
7.	400 metres hurdles	906 points	(3rd 941)
8.	100 metres	879 points	(6th 905)
9.	200 metres	865 points	(8th 899)
10.	400 metres	861 points	(7th 903)
11.	Triple Jump	850 points	(10th 882)
12.	High Jump	840 points	(11th 804)
13.	Pole Vault	801 points	(15th 736)
14.	3000m. steeple	780 points	(no performances)
15.	Discus	766 points	(16th 736)
16.	110m hurdles	757 points	(12th 777)
17.	Javelin	747 points	(14th 758)
18.	Hammer	691 points	(18th 646)
19.	Shot Putt	671 points	(17th 663)
	Average	845	(837)

10 events improved 9 were poorer. 984 points for the 1500 metres is the best ever and the 651 points for the shot is the highest last score.

Track events average dropped from 908 to 888
Field events average increased from 749 to 787

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1977.

Balance B/F.

132. 60

<u>1975/76</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
764	Registrations	803	765.35
60	Affiliations	60	60.00
111	Publications		72.00
11	Interest	10	67.06
223	Medallions, Certificates	225	288.69
470	Levies	880	880.00
54	Registration Cards		46.00
107	Administration Fee - Adv. A/c	150	127.14
19	Olympic Games Appeal Commission		10.10
	Donation		5.00
	A.A.U. Ties		84.00
	Uniforms		6.00
	T shirts		871.00
	Australian Govt.-Cross Country Subsidy		15.90
	Tasmanian Govt. -Grant Equipment		8,000.00
	I.A.A.F. Cross Country Team Appeal -		
	Tasmanian Government Grant		1,500.00
	Fund Raising		1,500.00
	Southern A.A. Branch - Rent		1,220.00
	Australian Championships -		
	Gate Takings & Programmes		2,305.00
	Sale of Photo Finishes		27.50
	Contras		249.00
<u>1,819</u>		<u>2,128</u>	<u>18,099.74</u>

Payments

68	Printing & Stationery	70	71.08
20	Affiliations	20	20.00
334	Registrations	403	382.20
159	Publications	50	36.15
75	Postages	80	84.70
120	Telephone	125	114.26
358	Medallions, Engraving, Certificates	240	134.62
140	Secretaries' Conference Expenses	140	160.90
	A.A.U. Conference Expenses		354.97
69	Registration Cards		81.14
200	Travel Subsidy - Managers, Delegates	100	40.00
5	Subscription		6.00
	Australian Championship Expenses		820.19
	Equipment		10,123.13
	I.A.A.F. Cross Country Team Appeal		3,000.00
	T. Shirts		948.30
	Typewriter & Desk		125.40
	Cheque Books		8.00
50	Secretarial Assistance	50	50.00
200	Honorarium	200	200.00
	Contingencies	50	
	Promotions & Administration	600	
	Contras		249.00
<u>1,798</u>		<u>2,128</u>	<u>17,010.04</u>
21	Excess of Receipts over Payments		<u>1,089.70</u>

Balance A.N.Z. Bank C/F.

\$1,222.30

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N.J. Ruddock
Hon. Treasurer

I have examined the books of the T.A.A.A. and in my opinion the above statement shows a true position according to the books & information available to me.

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1977

NO. 2 ACCOUNT

Balance B/F. 469.08

Receipts

Interest	47.60	
Advertising	1,271.37	
Aust. Government Team Subsidy	630.00	
Air Fares - General	2,617.40	
State Teams - Fares	2,194.55	
- Uniforms	351.00	
Cabaret	18.50	
I.A.A.F. Cross Country Team Fund Raising	1,816.15	
	8,946.57	

Payments

Cheque Book	4.00	
Aust. Government Team Subsidy	630.00	
Presentations	67.40	
State Interclub Shield	62.50	
Administration Expenses - Advertising	127.14	
Air Fares - General	2,151.80	
State Teams - Fares	2,430.04	
- Accommodation	30.00	
- Uniforms	359.50	
I.A.A.F. Cross Country Team - Donation	200.00	
- Fund Raising	1,950.00	
	8,012.38	

Excess of Receipts over Payments 934.19

Balance A.N.Z. Bank C/F. \$ 1403.27
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N.J. Ruddock
Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the books of the T.A.A.A. No. 2 A/c. and in my opinion the above statements shows a true position according to the books and information available to me.

C.A. Blanton
Hon. Auditor.