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TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Members,

It is with much pleasure that this 67th Annual Report is submitted, for 1977/78 has been a good, if not a vintage year. The first full year of use of the Domain Athletic Centre has seen a climb in the overall standard of athletics especially in the jumping events. However, with track athletes still learning how to use the synthetic surface correctly there has not been the same improvement in this area nor have the number of competitors increased as was expected.

The year was highlighted by the biggest international meeting ever conducted by your Association - the Pacific Conference Games Meeting in December when over 60 internationals provided a tremendous exhibition. Three gold medals in the Australian Track & Field Championships was another great performance with Steven Knott setting an Australian Junior Long Jump record and putting himself well in the running for Commonwealth Games Selection. Four track teams, one cross-country and one road team represented your Association resulting in the largest number of athletes gaining state selection ever in one season.

Council has met 10 times so far for the year, 1 at Campbell Town, 3 at Launceston, and 6 at Hobart. Attendances were:- G.T. Briggs 7, R.K. Hood 9, C.A. Wise 8, G. Boon 2, E. Goss 6, F. Hill 6, D. Howard 8, F. Nott 10, S. Willis 10, D. Hickman 6, A. Gilbertson 10, W. Prosser 3, M. O'Loughlin 9, G. Appleyard 2, N.J. Ruddock 10.

REGISTRATIONS

The North Western Branch showed the only major alteration from last year with a pleasing increase of 32 but it is rather disturbing to see that from Under 14 up there was a loss of 22 on the Coast. North and South stayed virtually the same with an expected increase in the South because of the Domain Athletic Centre Track not forthcoming. The sub junior with a decline of 32 and 22 new registrations showed an overall loss of 54 from last year. This wastage is particularly worrying in this age group the feeding ground for the top class competition. The turnover of athletes seems to be very high - 280 of last years 764 did not register again.

	South	320	-4	or 12.3%	On 1976/77
	North	191	+3	or 1.59%	On 1976/77
	North West	284	+32	or 12.69%	On 1976/77
		795	+31	or 4.06%	On 1976/77

	<u>South</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>North-West</u>	<u>Total</u>
Seniors	93 +6 9 New	32 +1 5 New	11 -1 2 New	136 +6 16 New
Under 19	29 -5 7 New	19 -2	7 -3 1 New	55 -10 8 New
Under 17	41 -2 9 New	36 -10 7 New	26 -10 6 New	103 -32 22 New
Under 15	23 -2 7 New	24 +5 9 New	17 -4 7 New	64 -1 23 New
Under 14	28 +5 12 New	26 +11 14 New	19 -4 11 New	73 +12 37 New
Under 13	26 -3 15 New	24 18 New	21 +11 10 New	71 +8 43 New
Under 12	52 +4 35 New	11 -3 9 New	140 +26 89 New	203 +27 133 New
Officials	28 -7 7 New	19 +11 4 New	43 +17 18 New	90 +21 29 New
	320 -4 101 New	191 +3 66 New	284 +32 144 New	795 +31 311 New



DECATHLON (contd.)

Results

Senior	1. I. Murray (NS)	6329 points	
	2. A. Willis (T)	3548 points	
	3. G. Stowards (ES)	DNF	
Junior	1. S. Knott (ES)	5851 points	Tas. Record
	2. K. Young (O.V.A.)	4292 points	
	3. P. Beveridge (T)	3282 points	
Sub Junior	1. M. Mol (T)	5195 points	Tas. Record
	2. J. Jendrick (SB)	3015 points	

TASMANIAN INTERCLUB PREMIERSHIP

Hobart

2nd February, 1978

For the first time since its inauguration this competition was not won by Northern Suburbs or North Launceston. A well organised and managed Sandy Bay team completely dominated the competition and won the E.W. Barwick Shield. It won 7 of the 9 grades & finished second in the other two.

There are still problems in grading in the field games because of the differing implements used by the Northern and Southern Branches for underage and lower grade athletes. It is hoped that this will be overcome before the next competition.

Results

1.	Sandy Bay	54
2.	North Launceston	26
3.	Tamar	25½
4.	Eastern Suburbs	22
5.	Northern Suburbs	19
6.	O.V.A.	15½
7.	Newstead	11½
8.	Burnie	3
9.	Riverside	2½

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Melbourne

14th, 15th December, 1977

Andrew Willis was again appointed manager of the team which was selected on the 27th November after selection trials in most events. A total of 29 athletes were named in the original selection with S. Wilson being added for the Under 19 3,000 metres walk - 9 under 19, 13 under 17, 7 under 15. At a managers meeting prior to the competition Andrew Willis had a number of members included in other events giving them the chance of additional competition.

The overall standard of the Championships was the highest yet, with many Victorian and some Australian records being broken. As a result, although the Tasmanian's performed well up to expectations, only 7 medals were won compared with 8 last year and 13 the year before - nearly half the team had personal bests.

Paul Schwamm was the only gold medal winner in the Under 17 Pole Vault and finished 2nd in the Under 19 event, giving him a total of 2 gold and 4 silver in three years of competition. Several impressive performances came from the Under 15 group with most setting personal bests. Craig Martin and Tim Rundle in particular made auspicious debuts in Australian Championships.

There are still problems in selecting the team and getting members to the competition in top form with both coming in the exam period, but with the growing status of the meeting it is hoped that our top young athletes will set themselves more than has been the case in the past.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS CHAMPIONSHIPS (contd.)

Placegetters were:

Under 19	Paul Schwamm	2nd Pole Vault	3.80 m.
	Simon Phillips	3 rd 800 metres	1min 54.1 sec.
Under 17	Paul Schwamm	1st Pole Vault	4.00 m.
	Phillip Clarke	3rd Pole Vault	3.48 m.
Under 15	Tim Rundle	2nd 100 metres	11.6 sec.
		2nd 200 metres	23.3 sec.
	Craig Martin	3rd 1500 metres	4min 11.2 sec.

SHELL/CHARLES HANSEN NATIONAL UNDER 17 MEETING      Sydney      14th, 15th January, 1978

After many years of attempting to have the annual Shell East Coast Under 17 meeting between Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland enlarged to include all states, the aim was at last achieved this year. The inaugural **National Under 17** meeting sponsored by the Shell Co. and incorporating the name of **Charles Hansen**, a strong supporter of the meeting when the **company** manager, was held at Hensley Field, Sydney with the state represented by a full squad of 17 athletes.

The sponsors provided full air fares for the team and its manager and hosted a function in Sydney for all competitors plus a farewell gathering at Wrest Point for the Tasmanian team before it left. This help provided by the Shell Company and the assistance given by the State Manager, Mr. C. Baker-Finch is greatly appreciated and provides great encouragement to sub-junior athletes to improve their performances.

A squad was named late in December based on performances in interclub, the North v South Match and the Australian Schoolboy Championships and the final team was announced on 31st December, with all competing at the Domain on 7th January.

Frank Nott again was named as manager of the team and performed his duties in a most capable manner as was to be expected.

At the function at the Casino on 13th January where parents and the media were invited to attend, Mr. Baker-Finch presented team members with their air tickets and wished them well.

The weather on both days of the competition was extremely hot - in the middle and high 30° and this undoubtedly effected performances. However, overall the team effort was a little disappointing considering the State's showing in the previous years against Western Australia and South Australia and in the correspondence match. Only three individual placings were gained - all thirds - by Phillip Parsons in the 100 metres in 10.9 sec., Garry Hennessy in the 400 metres in 51.7 sec. and Chris Hey in the 1500 metres in 4 min. 13.9 sec. However, the two relay teams finished second - the 4 x 100 metres team of Scott Bennett, Paul Clark, Brett Allender and Phillip Parsons recorded 43.9 sec. - a Tasmanian best and in the unofficial 4 x 400 metres event 3 min. 31.8 sec.

From being 5th only one point behind Victoria at the end of the first day the effort was not maintained and in the finish the team finished in 6th place.

Final Points were:	1.	New South Wales & Western Australia	85 points
	3.	Queensland	76 points
	4.	Victoria	72 points
	5.	South Australia	44 points
	6.	Tasmania	40 points

VICTORIA v SOUTH AUSTRALIA v TASMANIA

Melbourne

7th January, 1978

A limited programme with teams limited to fifteen was organised for this season. However, only 11 athletes were selected and they performed quite creditably. Chris Williams was appointed manager and he reported that had a second competitor been available for the 400 m. Hurdles, High Jump and Triple Jump the team would have finished second to a very accomplished Victorian team. As it was South Australia relegated Tasmania to third place by the slender margin of 1 point.

Best performances were by -

Kent Rayner	1st	5000 metres	14 min. 00.5 sec.
Steven Knott	1st	Long Jump	7.34 m.
	2nd	High Jump	2.05 m.
Peter Brasher	3rd	800 metres	1 min. 51.5 sec.
Gavin Murray	3rd	Triple Jump	14.37 m.
Leigh Twiney	3rd	1500 Metres	3 min. 58.9 sec.
	2nd	4x100 metres	
		Relay	4.21 sec.

TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Domain

4th, 5th, 6th March, 1978

For the first time the Tasmanian Track & Field Championships were held over three days allowing athletes to enter in additional events to such an extent that 717 entries were received from 210 individuals. From a total registration for the state of 705 athletes this is indeed a high ratio competing in the top standard events of the year. The breakdown of entries is very interesting. 13 clubs entered 74 relay teams, 151 senior entries, 120 junior, 132 sub junior 103 Under 15, 62 Under 14, 57 Under 13, 59 Under 12 and 33 Under 11.

With exceptionally good weather and 50 officials available for a reasonably leisurely programme the result was an excellent athletic meeting.

All clubs shared in the 108 titles decided with Sandy Bay being the only club to score in every age group. Sandy Bay won 25 titles, Eastern Suburbs 19, North Launceston 16, Tamar 13, Northern Suburbs 11, Devon 7, Ulverstone 6, Newstead 3, Burnie 3, Riverside 2, O.V.A. 2, with 1 title going to Canberra. The branch totals evened up a little on last year with South 57, down from 71, North 34 against 26 and North West up to 16 from 8.

Steven Knott improved on his last years performance to win 9 gold medals - 3 senior and 6 junior - and 1 silver, a most remarkable performance. Ian Murray won 5 senior titles whilst in the sub juniors Rod McCafferty and Michael Mol each won 3 events. The Under 15 group was evenly distributed with R. Hand, J. O'Loughlin, C. Martin, I. Rigby and S. Foster winning 2 gold medals each. Under 14 was the same G. Newstead, G. Bissett and M. Connolly winning doubles whilst Under 13 N. MacIntosh made it a treble as did A. Hodgman Under 12.

Northern Suburbs continued its domination of the Senior Competition and comfortably retained the Hobart Harrier Club Cup by 12 points - 44 to Sandy Bay 32, but as last year overall grades Sandy Bay were the leaders from North Launceston.

As is expected at these meetings the officials performed in a most efficient manner and ensured that the competition ran smoothly and the athletes were always given every opportunity to perform to the full extent of their ability.

RESULTS

Seniors

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	P. Young(NL)	S. Knott(ES)	N. Mickleborough(SB)	10.7sec.
200 metres	P. Blackaby(ES)	N. Mickleborough(SB)	D. Conley(OVA)	21.3sec.
400 metres	P. Blackaby(ES)	N. Mickleborough(SB)	S. Bailey(Dev.)	47.6sec.
800 metres	S. Bailey(Dev.)	D. Conley(OVA)	P. Brasher(SB)	1 m. 52.3sec.
1500 metres	P. Brasher(SB)	K. Rayner(SB)	S. Patchett(N)	3 m 52.4sec.
5000 metres	K. Rayner(SB)	S. Patchett(N)	R. Pickup(N)	14m 14.2sec.
10,000metres	K. Rayner(SB)	H. Nielson(NS)	P. Kaufman(OVA)	30m 10.0sec.
3000 m S/c	R. Pickup(N)	S. Patchett(N)	H. Nielson(NS)	9m 24.2sec.
3000 m walk	K. Green (Can.)	W. Fletcher(NS)	S. Wilson(T)	14m 0.0sec.
110m hurdles	I. Murray(NS)	I. Manning (NS)	C. Johnson(SB)	15.9 sec.
400m hurdles	N. Mickleborough(SB)	G. Clark(NL)	I. Manning(NS)	53.3 sec.
Discus	P. Davey(NS)	D. Huxley(SB)	I. Murray(NS)	40.08 m
Hammer	D. Huxley(SB)	I. Murray(NS)	P. Davey(NS)	44.46 m
Javelin	I. Murray(NS)	G. Murray(NS)	S. Foster(Ulv.)	56.84 m
Shot Put	I. Murray(NS)	P. Davey(NS)	D. Huxley(SB)	12.96 m
Pole Vault	S. Knott(ES)	G. Stowards(ES)	R. Schwamm(NL)	4.00 m
High Jump	S. Knott(ES)	T. Gill(OVA)	I. Murray(NS)	1.95 m
Long Jump	S. Knott(ES)	G. Murray(NS)	I. Murray(NS)	7.09 m
Triple Jump	G. Murray(NS)	H. Malcolm(NS)	G. Appleyard(SB)	14.59 m
400 m relay	Eastern Suburbs	North Launceston	Sandy Bay	43.1 sec.
1600m relay	Sandy Bay	North Launceston	Eastern Suburbs	3m 21.3sec.
Pentathlon	I. Murray(NS)	A. Willis(T)	K. Smith(NS)	3158pts.Rec.
Decathlon	I. Murray(NS)	A. Willis(T)		6329pts.

Club Championship	1. Northern Suburbs	44
	2. Sandy Bay	32
	3. Eastern Suburbs	23

JUNIORS (Under 19)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	P. Young(NL)	S. Knott(ES)	P. Parsons(Dev.)	10.9 sec.
200 metres	P. Young(NL)	P. Presnell (Bur.)	S. Morley(ES)	22.2 sec.
400 metres	G. Clarke(NL)	P. Beveridge(T)	M. Bucher(OVA)	49.0 sec.
800 metres	T. McCormack(SB)	S. Phillips(N)	M. Bucher (OVA)	1m 54.5sec.
1500 metres	S. Phillips(N)	T. McCormack(SB)	S. Halley(Dev.)	4m 1.1sec.
5000 metres	R. Foley(NS)	L. Webb(ES)	L. Whitton(NS)	15m 28.9sec.
2000 m S/c	R. Dornauf(N)	S. Eldridge(N)	B. Drew(SB)	6m 12.0sec.
3000 m walk	S. Wilson(T)	G. Wilson(T)		16m 47sec.
110m hurdles	P. Presnell(B)	C. Johnson(SB)	S. Knott(ES)	15.6 sec.
400m hurdles	G. Clark(NL)	B. Alexander(NL)	M. Djakic(NL)	55.8 sec.
Discus	R. King(T)	R. McCafferty(T)	S. Foster(Ulv.)	34.70 m
Hammer	M. Djakic(NL)	P. Robinson(T)	G. Clark(NL)	32.02 m
Javelin	R. McCafferty(T)	R. King(T)	M. Mol(T)	51.6 m
Shot Put	R. King (T)	R. McCafferty(T)	P. Robinson(T)	12.04 m
Pole Vault	S. Knott(ES)	P. Schwamm(NL)	P. Clarke(R'side)	3.60 m
High Jump	S. Knott(ES)	M. Mol(T)	K. Young(OVA)	1.85 m
Long Jump	S. Knott(ES)	P. Young(NL)	W. Skirving(NL)	7.04 m
Triple Jump	S. Knott(ES)	S. Howard(R'side)	J. Hardstaff(NL)	13.28 m
400m relay	North Launceston	Eastern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	44.3 sec.
1600m relay	Tamar	Eastern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	3m 26.0sec.
Pentathlon	S. Knott(ES)	P. Robinson(T)	G. Cayzer(ES)	2825 pts.
Decathlon	S. Knott(ES)	K. Young (OVA)	P. Beveridge(T)	5851pts.Rec.

Club Championship	1. Tamar	33
	2. ( Eastern Suburbs	29
	( North Launceston	29



SUB JUNIOR (Under 17)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	P. Parsons(Dev.)	B. Allender(SB)	M. Mol(T)	11.1 sec.
200 metres	P. Parsons (Dev.)	P. Gore(B)	B. Allender(SB)	22.4 sec.
400 metres	G. Hennessey(NL)	B. Alexander(NL)	P. Gore(B)	50.3 sec.
800 metres	C. Hey(SB)	T. Wing(B)	P. Crack(N)	1m 56.8sec.
1500metres	C. Hey(SB)	R. Dornauf(N)	L. Whitton(NS)	4m 4 sec.
110m hurdles	B. Alexander(NL)	M. Djakic(NL)	M. Mol(T)	16.2 sec.
1500m walk	S. Wilson(T)	G. Wilson(T)		8m 1.6sec.
Discus	R. McCafferty(T)	M. Mol(T)	Q. King(T)	34.58 m
Hammer	P. Clarke(R'side)	M. Djakic(NL)	M. Mol(T)	37.98 m
Javelin	R. McCafferty(T)	M. Mol(T)	D. Coombe(T)	52.98 m
Shot Put	R. McCafferty(T)	M. Mol(T)	C. Docherty(B)	13.06 m
High Jump	M. Mol(T)	M. Djakic(NL)	P. Clarke(R'side)	1.75 m
Pole Vault	P. Clarke(R'side)	M. Mol(T)	M. Djakic(NL)	3.05 m
Long Jump	B. Alexander(NL)	M. Mol(T)	J. Hardstaff(NL)	6.17 m
Triple Jump	B. Alexander(NL)	J. Hardstaff(NL)	M. Mol(T)	13.23 m
400m relay	North Launceston	Sandy Bay	Burnie	45.3sec.
1600m relay	North Launceston	Sandy Bay	Tamar	3m 28.1sec.
Pentathlon	M. Mol(T)	R. McCafferty(T)	D. Coombe(T)	2625 points
Decathlon	M. Mol(T)	S. Jendrick(SB)		3015 points

Club Championship		
	1. Tamar	43
	2. North Launceston	30
	3. Sandy Bay	15

JUVENILE (Under 15)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	R. Hand(SB)	J. O'Loughlin(OVA)	A. Claudio(NL)	11.7 sec.
200 metres	J. O'Loughlin(OVA)	A. Claudio(NL)	G. Buckingham(NL)	23.5 sec.
400 metres	J.O'Loughlin(OVA)	A. Claudio(NL)	C. Martin(ES)	52.6 sec.
800 metres	C. Martin(ES)	A. Davies(SB)	D. Drew(SB)	2m 2.3sec.
1500 metres	C. Martin(ES)	B. Pickett(N)	D. Drew(SB)	4m 15.0sec.
90 m hurdles	I. Rigby(SB)	G. Tudor(T)	E. Williams(ES)	13.5sec.
Discus	S. Foster(Ulv.)	D. Coombe(T)	G. Hearps (Ulv.)	40.14 m
Javelin	S. Foster(Ulv.)	D. Coombe(T)	E. Djakic(NL)	43.52 m
Shot Put	G. Hearps(Ulv.)	D. Coombe(T)	S. Foster(Ulv.)	12.26 m
High Jump	R. Hand(SB)	E. McShane(OVA)	A. Davies(SB)	1.70 m
Long Jump	I. Rigby(SB)	R. Hand(SB)	G. Buckingham(NL)	5.92 m
Triple Jump	I. Rigby(SB)	A. Davies(SB)	G. Buckingham(NL)	11.79 m
400m relay	Sandy Bay	North Launceston	Eastern Suburbs	48.4 sec.
1600m relay	Sandy Bay	North Launceston	Eastern Suburbs	3m 46.1sec.

Club Championship		
	1. Sandy Bay	30
	2. North Launceston	13
	3. Ulverstone	11

JUVENILE (Under 14)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	G. Newstead(ES)	J. McGee(N)	G. Hardy (Dev.)	12.3 sec.
200 metres	G. Newstead(ES)	J. McGee(N)	G. Hardy(Dev.)	24.9sec.
400 metres	G. Hardy(Dev.)	I. Lindsay(NS)	G. Bissett(SB)	57.5 sec.
800 metres	G. Bissett(SB)	S. Patmore(OVA)	C. Eldridge(ES)	
1500 metres	G. Bissett(SB)	C. Eldridge(ES)	C. Boatwright(N)	4m 27.4 sec.
High Jump	G. Tudor(T)	F. Montes(SB)	M. Stephens(SB)	1.50 m
Long Jump	M. Connelly(NL)	G. Tudor(T)	D. Smedley(NL)	5.26 m
Triple Jump	M. Connelly(NL)	G. Tudor(T)	S. Narkowitz(SB)	10.76 m
400m relay	Eastern Suburbs	North Launceston	Sandy Bay	52.7 sec.
Club Championship				
		1. ( Eastern Suburbs	12	
		( Sandy Bay	12	
		3. North Launceston	9	

JUVENILE (Under 13)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	R. Scott(NS)	M. Chapman(ES)	J. Howard(NL)	13.8sec.
200 metres	R. Scott(NS)	J. Hogan (NL)	M. Chapman(ES)	27.8sec.
400 metres	N. MacKintosh(Dev.)	M. Buckingham(NL)	R. Scott(NS)	62.3sec.
800 metres	N. MacKintosh(Dev.)	M. Buckingham(NL)	R. Hearps(Ulv.)	2m 21.2sec.
1500 metres	N. MacKintosh(Dev.)	P. Hearps(Ulv.)	R. Hearps(Ulv.)	4m 45.0sec.
High Jump	P. Hearps(Ulv.)	(J. Howard(NL) (R. Hearps(Ulv.))		1.51 m
Long Jump	M. Buckingham(NL)	R. Scott(NS)	P. Hearps(Ulv.)	4.89 m
400m relay	Sandy Bay	North Launceston	Eastern Suburbs	56.7 sec.
Club Championship				
		1. North Launceston	13½	
		2. Ulverstone	9½	
		3.( Devon	9	
		( Northern Suburbs	9	

JUVENILE(Under 12)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	A. Hodgman(SB)	D. Ashcroft(ES)	W. Calloway(Ulv.)	13.5sec.
200 metres	D. Ashcroft(ES)	A. Hodgman(SB)	J. Morrison(SB)	27.8sec.
400 metres	A. Hodgman(SB)	D. Ashcroft(ES)	J. Morrison(SB)	
800 metres	A. Hodgman(SB)	A. Sakell(SB)	J. Morrison(SB)	2m 27.1sec.
1500metres	J. Morrison(SB)	A. Voss(ES)	W. Calloway(Ulv.)	5m 8.8sec.
High Jump	W. Calloway(Ulv.)	J. Morrison(SB)	(R. Gatehouse(NS) (M. Bloom(Ulv.))	1.30 m
Long Jump	W. Calloway(Ulv.)	J. Morrison(SB)	S. Clutterbuck(NS)	4.35 m
400m relay	Sandy Bay	Eastern Suburbs		57.7sec.
Club Championship				
		1. Sandy Bay	26	
		2. Eastern Suburbs	11	
		3. Ulverstone	8½	

JUVENILE (Under 11)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Performance</u>
100 metres	T. Potter(B)	C. Yates(Ulv.)	R. Pilkington(SB)	14.5sec.
200 metres	T. Potter(B)	G. Scott(ES)	R. Pilkington(SB)	29.3sec.
Long Jump	R. Hurd(NS)	C. Wilson(ES)	R. Lindsay(NS)	4.19 m
High Jump	R. Pilkington(SB)	R. Hurd(NS)	C. Yates(Ulv.)	1.70 m
4x100m relay	Eastern Suburbs	Sandy Bay		61.7sec.
Club Championship		1.( Eastern Suburbs ( Sandy Bay	7 7	
		3.(Burnie ( Northern Suburbs	6 6	

TOTAL POINTS

	<u>Sen.</u>	<u>Jun.</u>	<u>Sub Jun.</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sandy Bay	32	10	15	30	12	3	26	7	135
North Launceston	10	29	30	13	9	13½			104½
Eastern Suburbs	23	29		10	12	4	11	7	96
Tamar	5	33	43	8	7				96
Northern Suburbs	44	4	1		2	9	1½	6	67½
Ulverstone	1	1		11		9½	8½	3	34
Newstead	9	10	3	2	5				29
Devon	4	2	6		5	9			26
O.V.A.	6	5		10	2				23
Burnie		5	7					6	18
Riverside		3	7						10

PACIFIC CONFERENCE GAMES MEETING

Domain

7th December, 1977

Following the 3rd Pacific Conference Games in Canberra on 3rd and 4th December, competitors and team officials were split into 3 parties to compete in satellite meetings in each state capital. Party B consisting of 12 officials and 62 athletes from all 5 competing countries arrived in Hobart on Monday 5th December and were housed at Hytten Hall.

A twilight meeting was arranged for the Wednesday commencing at 5.30 p.m. and finishing around 8.00 p.m. Sponsorship was obtained from T.V.T. Channel 6 which arranged a direct telecast of two of the international events and videotaped the remainder. In addition events were sold to 6 other sponsors. Independent Roofing Services Pty. Ltd., D.R. Goldsmith and R. Omond, Tasmanian Breweries Pty. Ltd., Coca Cola Bottlers Ltd., The Mercury and the Commonwealth Bank. The support of these is greatly appreciated as together with a Tasmanian Government Grant of \$700 the rather hefty cost of promoting the meeting - nearly \$4,000 - was almost met. A loss of \$342 was more than offset by the great boost athletics received from such a meeting - easily the biggest international competition ever conducted in the State.

Ten events for the visitors were programmed with an attempt to break the four minute mile as the highlight. A rather cool evening ruled this out unfortunately however, performances were very good and the visiting athletes were extremely co-operative and provided a feast of good athletics with several Tasmanian records being broken. The programme was extended to include a 4 x 100 metres relay for mixed teams in more ways than one - men, women, sprinters, jumpers, throwers and different countries. The success of the meeting would indicate that a top class twilight meeting should be a regular feature of the track and field season.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brisbane

16th-19th March, 1978

The selectors named a team of 23 to compete in the Combined Men & Womens Championships at the new centre at Mt. Gravatt in Brisbane. - 10 seniors and 13 juniors. Two seniors and three juniors withdrew so that the Manager Col Mickleborough and Assistant Manager/Coach Max Cherry took 18 competitors to Queensland on the 14th March - rather more than had been anticipated early in the season. Nine were from the South, 7 North and 2 North West.

The team was -

Seniors	Paul Blackaby (Eastern Suburbs)	100 m, 200 m, Relay
	Stuart Hood (Sandy Bay)	100 m, 200 m, Relay
	Neil Mickleborough (Sandy Bay)	400 m, 400 m hurdles
	Stan Bailey (Devon) Captain	800 m, 1500 m
	Peter Brasher (Sandy Bay)	800 m, 1500 m
	Randal Markey (Sandy Bay)	800 m, 1500 m
	Kent Rayner (Sandy Bay)	5000 m, 10,000 m
	Richard Pickup (Newstead)	3000 m steeplechase
	David Huxley (Sandy Bay)	Hammer Throw
	Ian Murray (Northern Suburbs)	Decathlon, Javelin, Discus
	Steven Knott (Eastern Suburbs)	Long Jump, Pole Vault, High Jump

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (contd.)

Juniors	Philip Parsons (Devon)	100 m, 200 m, Relay
	Peter Young (North Launceston)	100 m, 200 m, Relay
	Peter Beveridge (Tamar)	400 m, Relay
	Geordie Clark (North Launceston)	400 m, 400 m hurdles, Relay
	Tim McCormack (Sandy Bay)	800 m, 1500 m
	Simon Phillips (Newstead)	800 m, 1500 m
	Russel Foley (Northern Suburbs)	5000 m
	Steven Knott (Eastern Suburbs)	Long Jump, Pole Vault, High Jump, Relay
	Paul Schwamm (North Launceston)	Pole Vault
	Phillip Clarke (Riverside)	Pole Vault
	Philip Robinson (Tamar)	4 x 400 m Relay
	Garry Hennessey (North Launceston)	4 x 400 m Relay
	Scott Morley (Eastern Suburbs)	4 x 400 m Relay

Stuart Hood, Randal Markey, Phillip Clarke, Scott Morley and Philip Robinson withdrew before the team travelled.

The team's liaison officer Derek Jones was a tremendous help to the team. He provided a tent for shelter, which proved extremely beneficial in view of the torrential rain on the first two days, and nothing was too much trouble for him.

Performances overall were top class with some members outstanding - 3 gold medals, one silver and one bronze in this standard of competition was a great effort.

Steven Knott excelled in winning the states third Australian Championship since the war - the long jump setting an Australian Junior record of 7.60 metres in the process. For a junior to win a senior title is a most uncommon occurrence. Steven also won the Junior Long Jump, was second in the Junior Pole Vault, 6th in the Senior Pole Vault and one height off a place in the Junior High Jump.

Another great performance was by Geordie Clark in the 400 metres hurdles junior. He won in a Queensland record time of 53.9sec., and also made the final of the 400 metres Junior. The bronze medal was won by Kent Rayner in the 5000 metres and his time of 13 min. 57.4 sec. was only 2 seconds outside his personal best. Ian Murray's effort of finishing fourth in the Decathlon was also extremely good considering the decathletes had the worst of the weather conditions.

Unfortunately the Junior 4 x 400 metres relay team which was considered to be a medal prospect dropped the baton on the second leg.

Performances were:-

100 metres	8th SEMI FINAL	10.8secs.)	P. Blackaby
200 metres	8th FINAL	21.9 " )	
400 metres	7th HEAT	50.1 "	N. Mickleborough
400 metres	Hurdles 4th HEAT	53.0 "	" "
800 metres	6th HEAT	1m 54.9 "	P. Brasher
1500 metres	9th FINAL	4m 0.3 "	" "
800 metres	7th FINAL	1m 51.6 "	S. Bailey
5000 metres	3rd FINAL	13m 57.4 " )	K. Rayner
10,000 metres	8th FINAL	30m 0.4 " )	
3000 metres	S/CHASE 10th	9m 50.9 "	R. Pickup
4 x 100	RELAY 6th	42.0 "	
DECATHLON	4th	6371 points	I. Murray
HAMMER THROW	7th	45.98 metres	D. Huxley
POLE VAULT	6th	4.00 metres	S. Knott
LONG JUMP	1st	7.60 metres	S. Knott (PERSONAL BEST)

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (contd.)

JUNIOR EVENTS

100 metres	6th FINAL	11.2 secs.	P. Young
	6th HEAT	11.5 secs.	P. Parsons
200 metres	5th HEAT	22.5 secs.	P. Young
	4th HEAT	22.6 secs.	P. Parsons
400 metres	5th FINAL	49.5 secs.	G. Clark
	7th HEAT	51.1 secs.	P. Beveridge
400m hurdles	1st FINAL	53.9 secs.	G. Clark
800 metres	7th FINAL	1m 57.5 secs.	T. McCormack
	5th HEAT	1m 58.5 secs.	S. Phillips
1500 metres	7th FINAL	3m 58.2 secs.	S. Phillips (Personal Best)
	8th FINAL	3m 58.5 secs.	T. McCormack (Personal Best)
5000 metres	9th FINAL	15m 58.0 secs.	R. Foley
4x400 metres	6th RELAY	<u>DROPPED BATON</u>	
LONG JUMP	1st	7.66 metres	(WIND ASSISTED) S. Knott
POLE VAULT	2nd	4.00 metres	S. Knott
POLE VAULT	9th	3.50 metres	P. Schwamm

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Unfortunately the awards for the past season have not been finalised at this stage.

TRACK & FIELD AND COACHES ASSOCIATION

The Tasmanian Association has worked consistently during the past season with Ken Box as President and Jenni Arthur as Secretary. Eighteen new members joined during the year - 16 men and 2 women and as a result of coaching courses there are now 3 senior coaches, 6 Grade II and 26 Grade I coaches in the state.

Two Grade I courses were held over three days - one in Hobart and one in Penguin - and they attracted 8 and 10 participants respectively. Each culminated in a written and practical test. Two school camps were supported by the Association - one at either end of the island.

CROSS COUNTRY AND ROAD

The winter season was highlighted by the magnificent organisation and conduct of the Australian Marathon Championship at Cressy on 6th August, 1977. The Northern Branch organising committee headed by Ian Stocks, performed an extremely difficult task with tremendous enthusiasm and ability and the praise for the results have echoed throughout Australia, setting a standard that all other states will be striving to emulate.

Kent Rayner completely dominated the local competition winning all titles, he was virtually unbeatable but unfortunately didn't show his true form in the two Australian Championships. Although he only competed on a few occasions Neil Gale covered himself in glory by finishing third in the Australian Marathon in a top class time.

As Kent Rayner dominated the seniors so did junior Lindsay Webb in his age group, winning the ½ marathon, teams race and 8000 metres championship.

MOUNTAIN RELAY

Mt. Wellington

23rd April, 1977

Five teams entered, one more than last year but still rather a disappointing field. All teams were from the South - three from Sandy Bay and one each from Northern Suburbs and O.V.A.

Sandy Bay No. 1 won the title comfortably in a reasonable time with the overall standard up quite a deal on last year.

Results -

1. Sandy Bay No. 1 - D. Smith, F. Kesseling, F. Williams, P. Upchurch 2hrs.5m30s.
2. Northern Suburbs - J. McLean, W. Essex, G. Hawthorne, E. Westbury 2hrs.14m25s.
3. O.V.A. - A. Bennett, F. Hill, G. Cronley, R. Robinson 2hrs. 17m08s.

MARATHON

Cressy

14th May, 1977

A field of 17 starters was the best field for many years. The fact that 7 finished the course was also the best for some time. It was rather disappointing that although 12 started there were only 4 who finished in the Junior half-marathon.

Results -

Marathon

1. Kent Rayner (SB) 2 hours 30 min. 34 sec.
2. Richard Pickup (SB) 2 " 43 " 38 "
3. Greg Hawthorne (NS) 2 " 44 " 48 "

17 starters - 7 finished

A. Goss Shield - South

Junior Half-Marathon

1. Lindsay Webb (ES) 1 hour 20 min. 47 sec.
2. Alan Thompson (NL) 1 " 25 " 55 "
3. Klaus Geier (N) 1 " 26 " 03 "

12 starters - 4 finished

BRANCH TEAMS RACE

Penguin

18th June, 1977

In the senior 12,000 metres race South again defeated North quite convincingly. It was pleasing to see two Devon runners filling 3rd and 5th places. The Junior 8000 metres was a little closer but again South was too strong even though it only fielded 3 runners. North West was successful in the Sub Junior 8000 metres from North, with a disappointing Southern representation of 1. Again in the Juvenile 4000 metres South could not field a team with North reversing the sub junior result.

Results -

12,000 metres

1. Kent Rayner (South) 42 min. 13 sec.
2. David Smith (South) 44 min. 31 sec.
3. Leigh Taylor (North) 45 min. 04 sec.

23 starters (10 individuals)

- Teams Race
1. South 13 points
  2. North 23 points

BRANCH TEAMS RACE (contd.)

8000 metres Junior

- 1. Lindsay Webb (South) 29 min. 08 sec.
- 2. Paul Upchurch (South) 29 min. 58 sec.
- 3. Simon Phillips (North) 31 min. 10 sec.

9 starters (1 individual)

- Teams race 1. South 8 points
- 2. North 13 points

8000 metres Sub Junior

- 1. Alan Thompson (North) 33 min. 21 sec.
- 2. Tony Wing (North West) 33 min. 42 sec.
- 3. Graeme Elphinston (North West) 34 min. 12 sec.

11 starters (2 individuals)

- Teams Race 1. North West 9 points
- 2. North 12 points

4000 metres Juvenile

- 1. Klaus Geier (North) 15 min. 44.6 sec.
- 2. Tim Barrett (North) 16 min. 23 sec.
- 3. Barry Pickett (North) 16 min. 34 sec.

21 starters (11 individuals)

- Teams Race 1. North 6 points
- 2. North West 15 points

12,000 METRES C.C.C.

Brighton

23rd July, 1977

The weather was quite good with reasonable fields performing to a high standard. Kent Rayner and Lindsay Webb set course record times for the senior and junior events. For the first time a veterans 12,000 metres and Juvenile 4000 metres event was conducted. Results show a big improvement in Cross Country standards in the state.

Results -

12,000 metres

- 1. Kent Rayner (SB) 36 min. 36 sec.
- 2. Mark Harding (NS) 38 min. 00 sec.
- 3. Alan Bennett (OVA) 40 min. 12 sec.

22 starters

- Teams Race 1. Sandy Bay 16 points
- 2. O.V.A. 20 points

8000 metres Junior

- 1. Lindsay Webb (ES) 26 min. 26 sec.
- 2. Simon Phillips (N) 27 min. 30 sec.
- 3. Philip Williams (SB) 28 min. 46 sec.

7 starters

- Teams Race 1. Newstead 6 points

12,000 metres Veterans

- 1. R. Beadell (SB) 44 min. 12 sec.
- 2. R. Robinson (N) 47 min. 10 sec.
- 3. K. Hewlett (ES) 47 min. 34 sec.

5 starters



8000 Sub Junior

- 1. Russell Foley (NS) 27 min. 16 sec.
- 2. Terry Moore (SB) 28 min. 16 sec.
- 3. Alan Thompson (NL) 28 min. 52 sec.

7 starters

4000 metres Juvenile

- 1. Leon Whitton (NS) 13 min. 46 sec.
- 2. Klaus Geier (N) 14 min. 09 sec.
- 3. Tim Barrett (N) 14 min. 20 sec.

14 starters

20 km. Road Walk

There were 3 starters in very cold weather.

- 1. Eric Wade (ES) 1 hr. 56 min. 45 sec.
- 2. David Moore (Ind.) 1 hr. 58 min. 22 sec.
- 3. Wayne Fletcher (NS) 1 hrs. 9 min. 04 sec.

AUSTRALIAN MARATHON

Cressy

6th August, 1977

An extremely efficient committee started work in organizing the Australian Marathon Championship over a year before the scheduled date. Several courses were considered with a flat fast course at Cressy being finally selected. Through the co-operation of the Police Force the roads were closed and with good markings, feeding stations and excellent organisation the only thing to mar an outstanding event was the weather.

A dinner at the Kings Meadow Hotel following the race when medallions and a large number of trophies completed a great day. Many letters of appreciation were received from other states.

Following the state Marathon a squad of five was named for the state team - Kent Rayner, Neil Gale, Richard Pickup, Greg Hawthorn and Eddie Westburgh with Frank Hill as Manager.

A very large field of 52 runners started of whom 47 finished with 19 bettering 2 hrs. 30 min. a great standard. Victorians dominated the race with three of the first four to finish, Tasmania's Neil Gale being the one to split them. His time of 2 hours 22 min. 41 sec. was the best time by a Tasmanian in Tasmania. Richard Pickup and Greg Hawthorne both broke 2 hours 40 min. whilst Kent Rayner was with the leaders for 16 miles and still a place possibility at 22 miles but faded to finish 22nd.

Results -

- 1. R. Wallace (Vic.) 2 hours 20 min. 11.1 sec.
- 2. G. Sofianos (Vic.) 2 hours 20 min. 34.8 sec.
- 3. N. Gale (T) 2 hours 22 min. 40.9 sec.

Teams Race

- 1. Victoria 7 points
- 2. New South Wales 22 points
- 3. Western Australia 29 points
- 4. Tasmania 31 points
- 5. Queensland 38 points
- 6. South Australia 44 points

AUSTRALIAN MARATHON (contd.)

Tasmania's Performances

Neil Gale	3rd	2 hrs. 22 min. 41 sec.
Kent Rayner	22nd	2 hrs. 32 min. 01 sec.
Richard Pickup	30th	2 hrs. 36 min. 01 sec.
Greg Hawthorne	37th	2 hrs. 39 min. 30 sec.
Eddie Westburgh	46th	2 hrs. 53 min. 38 sec.

AUSTRALIAN 12,000 METRES C.C.C.

Brisbane

20th August, 1977

Six seniors and three juniors were selected to represent Tasmania. They were:- Seniors - Kent Rayner, Mike Harding, Leigh Taylor, Alan Bennett, Gerard Cronley and Paul Upchurch Juniors - Lindsay Webb, Simon Phillips and Russell Foley, however Russell withdraw before the team left on the preceding Thursday. Frank Hill was again appointed team manager.

The races were held in warm conditions with high humidity. The two juniors ran well up to expectations but suffered through the heat. The seniors had even more problems with the weather all finished in a very distressed condition and suffered from dehydration. Rayner and Harding in particular performed well below their best. Victoria easily won the teams race with ex Tasmanian David Chettle the individual winner.

Results -

1. Victoria	15 points
2. New South Wales	35 points
3. Queensland	35 points
4. Tasmania	61 points
5. South Australia	64 points

Juniors -

1. Queensland	13 points
2. Victoria	15 points
3. New South Wales	20 points
4. South Australia	30 points

Tasmanian performances were -

Kent Rayner	11th	37 min. 41 sec.
Mike Harding	30th	40 min. 04 sec.
Alan Bennett	35th	40 min. 34 sec.
Leigh Taylor	38th	40 min. 56 sec.
Gerard Cronley	50th	42 min. 57 sec.
Paul Upchurch	53rd	44 min. 30 sec.
Lindsay Webb	8th	25 min. 27 sec.
Simon Phillips	20th	27 min. 15 sec.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE

All states were fully represented and all officers of the Union were present as well as 2 Life Members. As usual the Agenda was lengthy and Conference sat for its full three days.

Two matters overshadowed all others - the first was the retirement of Ron Aitken as President of the Union, the second was the decision of the Australian Womens Union to accept the offer of the A.A.U. to amalgamate.

As he indicated at the 1977 Conference, Ron Aitken did not seek re-election. Alan McDonald (Vic.) was unopposed for the position of President.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE (contd.)

Conference discussed the desirability and possibility of amalgamation with the womens union and it was agreed to ask it to receive a men's delegation to discuss the terms of the unifying. Following lengthy negotiations, it was announced at a cocktail party held following the conclusion of both conferences that the A.W.A.A.U. had accepted the A.A.U.'s offer which broadly was:- Each state to be represented at Congress (Conferences) by 2 men and 1 women (first Congress June 1978). The Union to have 3 Vice Presidents - one to be a woman. For 2 years the A.A.A.A. Board be elected at Congress and to comprise 3 men and 3 women and a Chairman who shall have a casting vote only. Subsequently the Board to comprise at least 2 men and at least 2 women. For 2 years from June 1978 the selection committee to comprise equal number of men and women and for 2 years from March 1979 delegates to A.C.G.A. and A.O.F. to be one man and one woman.

Life Members and Merit Award holders of the A.W.A.A.U. to be recognised as holders of the similar A.A.U. award.

This, indeed, was a tremendous step forward which can only result in the improvement of athletics in Australia.

Other matters of interest were:-

Graeme Briggs was elected as a delegate to the Oceania Group Congress and to the Aust. Commonwealth Games Association but was replaced as Chairman of Selectors by Alex McIvor of South Australia. Your secretary was elected a delegate to the Australian Olympic Federation and Tas. retained the Scoring Tables and Standards Sub Committees.

Stopwatches

The Technical Committee is to be asked to investigate the need to check watches after record performances and also to advise regarding the use of digital watches.

World Cross Country Championship

The I.A.A.F. is to be advised that Australia would be interested in conducting the 1983 race.

It was agreed to accept New Zealand's proposal to conduct a Cross Country match, but not at the time suggested - April, 1978.

Australian Championships

1978 Venues and Dates

C.C.C.	N.S.W.	2nd Sept.	Hawkesbury
Marathon	Queensland	6th Aug. 8.00 a.m.	33 miles North Brisbane
Schools	South Aust.	20th, 21st Dec.	Adelaide
Walk	Victoria	16th July	Bendigo
C/wlth Games Trials	Queensland	3rd, 4th June	Mt. Gravatt

1979 Venues and Dates

Track & Field	W. Australia	22nd-25th Mar.
Schools	"	15th, 16th December
Marathon	"	to be advised
Walks	"	" " "
Cross Country	"	" " "
Sub Junior	South Aust.	20th, 21st Jan.

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE (contd.)

1980 Venues

Track & Field	New South Wales	
Cross Country	Victoria	
Marathon	South Australia	
Walks	South Australia	
Schools	Tasmania	17th, 18th December
Sub Junior	Victoria	19th, 20th January

It was recommended that Cross Country and Marathon Championships should be over a course of 3 and 4 laps respectively.

Union Administration

A Federal Government Grant was available from 1st July 1978 for a National Coaching Director and National Executive Director.

Aust. v New Zealand T. & F. Match

N.S.W. could not obtain sponsorship so the match fell through.

Notices of Motion

An athlete is now permitted to be used for advertising but the A.A.U. must negotiate the contract and receive the payment.

A person may now be reinstated as a non competing amateur after standing out for one year.

The motion to increase the age of a junior to Under 20 was not passed nor was the move to have a Schoolboys Cross Country Championship.

A 2000 metres Steeplechase Under 19 was added to the Aust. Schoolboys Championships.

The Australian 50km and 20 km Road walk Championships have been changed from August to July.

CONFERENCE OF STATE SECRETARIES

The ninth Annual Conference was held in Melbourne on 17th and 18th September with all states represented. Mr. L. Wilson represented Western Australia replacing Theo Tracey who had resigned after 30 years.

New South Wales submitted a number of suggested alterations to the I.A.A.F. Handbook which were referred to the Union's Technical Committee.

Shell East Coast Sub-Junior Meet The possibility of this becoming an all states meeting was discussed and strongly supported. A list of rules and regulations plus an order of events was to apply should the Shell Co. agree to allow all states to compete.

Fun Runs Information on organisation, sponsorship and division of profits was supplied by all states.

World Cross Country Championships Tasmania's suggestion that Australia should apply to conduct this event was supported. It was also agreed to approach New Zealand with a view to conducting regular cross country matches between the two countries.

Victoria submitted the idea of conducting an Australian Schoolboys Cross Country Championship.

## CONFERENCE OF STATE SECRETARIES (contd.)

Fund Raising Reports on fund raising activities were submitted by all states and a useful general discussion followed.

Registration Numbers It was reported that it had not been possible to obtain a national sponsor for 1978/79. The Women's Union, however, had been successful. States were left to make their own arrangements.

National League - Inter Club An enthusiastic discussion on the possible introduction of some form of competition between State Club Teams was held. It was agreed that this might have more possibilities than interstate teams and that at this stage a match between the N.S.W. and Victoria premier club should be investigated.

It was agreed that meetings of Association Secretaries should continue even if two Union Conferences were held annually.

## DOMAIN ATHLETIC CENTRE

Negotiations for the assumption of control of the Domain Athletic Centre by a joint board of management of the T.A.A.A. and the Tasmanian Soccer Association have been proceeding slowly during the year. It had been hoped that a faster rate of progress could have been achieved. A Board of Management has been constituted formally. The Board consists of four nominees of the Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association, one of them shall be Chairman, three nominees of the Tasmanian Soccer Association and one each from the Hobart City Council and the Tasmanian Government. The Board has met on a few occasions during the year and has endeavoured to resolve some differences of opinion with the Council as to how the management of the Centre should evolve. It is hoped that more positive progress will be made during the forthcoming season.

## BRANCH ACTIVITIES

### North

The Branch in its promotion of athletics in Northern Tasmania has continued to interest athletes against many difficulties.

It is true to say that the Season has again been a frustrating one. For some reason the attendance of athletes and officials has been down. The lack of experienced officials poses a real problem and the only solution is for greater Club participation in the Inter-club competition.

However:- We are happy to report that we have had a very successful season with many highlights in

- A Cross Country
- B Track and Field.

## N.A.A.B. CROSS COUNTRY SEASON

The 26 week cross-country season proved highly successful.

The N.A.A.B. was directly responsible for seven of the meetings, the remainder being conducted by affiliated clubs or the T.A.A.A.

50 athletes competed in the day of the Malvern Handicap (25/6/'77), 31 entering in the senior event and 19 in under-age events.

For the first time, an average of six girls registered with the Women's Association competed each Saturday, running in conjunction with the Under 13 boys.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES - North (contd.)

Two regular competitors gained state cross-country selection in Leigh Taylor (Devon) in the senior team, and Simon Phillips (Newstead) in the junior team.

The undoubted highlight of the season was the conducting at Cressy of the Australian Marathon Championship on August 6th. A special N.A.A.B. committee had met monthly for two years planning the race, finally contested by 57 athletes. Subsequent reports indicated that the race was at least as well organised as any previous Australian marathon.

We would express our thanks to Mr. Ian Stocks who has carried the major responsibility for organising the cross country programme, whose zeal and enthusiasm has made the Cross Country Season so successful.

Also our thanks to the handicappers and officials who weekly give of their time.

AUSTRALIAN MARATHON:

This year it was our privilege on behalf of the Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association to conduct the Australian Marathon which was held on Saturday, 6th August, 1977.

All states of Australia were represented and all were impressed with the course and the arrangements made, which was only marred by the unco-operative weather conditions.

The concluding functions, the Dinner at the Kings Meadows Hotel on the Saturday night and the barbecue and Social Run on the Sunday prior to their departure for home were greatly appreciated.

We would express our sincere thanks to Mr. Ian Stocks, convenor and his hard working committee for a very successful event which has brought praise for what can be done in the North.

TRACK SEASON:

Committees:

This year the Branch has continued the Committee system of operation which has proved most successful.

Track & Field:	Mr. F.R. Nott
Cross Country:	Mr. A.W. Gilbertson
Equipment:	Mr. W. Prosser
Finance:	Mr. D. Howard
Social:	Mr. G.L. Boon
Records:	Mrs. J. Tudor
Clearance:	Mr. T.G. Chaplin
Grading:	Mr. C. Spencer

Each Club appointed representatives to the various committees with the Branch appointing the Convenors.

To those who have served on the committees, we express our gratitude as we know much time and thought has gone into this administrative development.

TRACK & FIELD

1. The 1977/78 Season has been a successful one for the N.A.A.B. and this Sub Committee has functioned effectively. At times however not all Clubs have been represented and it is to be hoped that this can be rectified next season.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES - North (contd.)

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC TITLES:

This meeting was held at Launceston Grammar on Sunday, 9th October and once again with record entries and blessed with a fine day, success was assured.

The nett proceeds were close to \$300 and with additional girls events and provision for Technical College students to compete the 1978 Titles participation should be greater.

INTER CLUB COMPETITION

Ten rounds were conducted during the Season with the first three meetings held at Launceston Grammar.

One meeting (4th Feb.) was washed out and this was then most successfully held at Grammar mid week.

The surface at Churchill Park continues to improve and the appointment of Mr. Ern Gibson as groundsman for the complex is welcome news.

RESULTS

Mansell Shield (Seniors)

North Launceston	3853 pts.
Newstead	2918
Tamar	2452½
Riverside	412½

Moore Cup (Under 15)

North Launceston	980½ pts.
Tamar	771½
Newstead	594½
Riverside	50
Exeter	38

INTER CLUB PREMIERS: (Aggregate)

North Launceston	4833½ pts.
Newstead	3512
Tamar	3264
Riverside	462½
Exeter	38

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Athlete of the Year.

Senior:

Garry Hennessy (NL)

Junior (Under 15)

Graham Tudor (T)

TOP POINTS SCORER:

SENIOR

1. Michael Mol (T) 595
2. Garry Hennessy (NL) 463½
3. Brooke Alexander (NL) 456

JUNIOR:

1. Dale Coombe (T) 301
2. Graham Tudor (T) 281½
3. Barry Pickett(N) 236

NORTH v SOUTH:

This meeting held in Hobart for the first time lacked atmosphere and the fields in many events were disappointing.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES - North (contd.)

BURNIE PAGEANT: 10th December - West Park

This event again attracted the Northern clubs and Newstead should be congratulated on their fine showing in winning the competition for the first time.

However the meeting did not appeal to many because of the long delays due to dydling events and small fields.

RESULTS:

1. Newstead	687 pts.	2. Devon	637 pts.
3. North Launceston	481 pts.	4. Burnie	429 pts.
5. Tamar	368 pts.	6. Ulverstone	316 pts.

N.A.A.B. TITLES: 17th December - Churchill Park

PENTATHLONS:

Senior:	No entries	
Junior:	G. Clark (NL)	2162 pts.
Sub Junior:	M. Djakic (NL)	1714 pts.
Juvenile:	B. Pickett (N)	1862 pts.
Under 14:	C. Cooper (N)	1158 pts.
Under 13:	M. Buckingham (NL)	902 pts.
Under 12:	D. Young (NL)	606 pts.

VICTORIAN TITLES:

Only one Northern athlete contested the Victorian titles last Season. Geordie Clark was successful in the Junior 400 metres Hurdles in 53.5 seconds and recorded an outstanding 48.9 seconds in the 400 metres final.

N.A.A.B. TROPHY NIGHT:

This year Trophy night was held on the evening of the last day of Interclub, namely Saturday, 25th February, 1978, at St. George's Hall, Invermay. This proved to be the success we had hoped it would be.

The Athlete of the Year awards were again conducted on similar lines to previous years. The Senior award going to G. Hennessy (NL) and the Junior award to G. Tudor (T).

Our thanks to Mrs. J. Lutwyche for the success of this activity.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

SENIOR:

1975	G. Clark (NL)
1976	G. Clark (NL)
1977	M. Scott (R)
1978	G. Hennessy (NL)

JUNIOR:

1975	P. Young (NL)
1976	M. Fisher (R)
1977	A. Claudio (NL)
1978	G. Tudor (T)

TOP POINTS SCORERS:

SENIOR:

1975	A. Van Asch (NL)	1106
1976	G. Clark (NL)	594
1977	M. Scott (R)	374
1978	M. Mol (T)	595

JUNIOR:

1975	M. Scott (R)	451
1976	M. Mol (T)	396
1977	D. Preece (T)	273½
1978	D. Coombe (T)	301



BRANCH ACTIVITIES - North (Contd.)

GRADING COMMITTEE:

During the past season the Grading Committee met on several occasions. Prior to the season commencing gradings were overhauled and the standards for some events were raised also standards for under age hurdles were introduced.

It would seem desirable to raise some standards before the beginning of next season particularly in throwing events.

A feature of the past season was the number of upgradings and the ease with which standards were broken, on many occasions athletes set a mark that could have raised them several grades. This was particularly noticeable in the throwing events.

A noteworthy feature was the juniors working their way up the grades even to A grade.

D grade was by far and above the most popular grade to get out of, on one Saturday there were 27 upgradings from this grade alone.

Total upgradings for the Season were 365.

Only one athlete was downgraded during the season.

NORTHERN RECORDS:

The season saw 14 Northern records broken. Field games showed out slightly in front with eight to six. Paul Schwamm (NL) breaking 3 records with one vault of 4.02 m. Rodney McCafferty (T) went on his record breaking way with the javelin, breaking Under 15 and Sub Junior records, also A. Morosini with the javelin in the under 13. Michael Mol (T) in the Juvenile Shot Put set two records. Geordie Clark (NL) broke the Senior and Junior 400 m hurdles and Graham Tudor (T) set a new under 14 90 m hurdles figure, then two weeks later broke it again. North Launceston set relay records in Sub Junior and Junior 4 x 400 metres.

North West

This year sees the completion of 27 years of athletics, which started in a small way in the Burnie area late in 1951. During that time standards have improved greatly on the coast. The results of State Championships show a big increase in firsts against past years.

Last season two disappointing features of the years activities were loss of members and lack of interest shown in Branch Meetings. However, both these problems have been overcome to some extent.

Registrations

These showed an overall increase, but additions were in Under 12 years - an increase of 20. It was disappointing to see both the Burnie/Wynyard and Ulverstone Clubs drop members from older ranks. Officials registered jumped from 26 to 43, however a lot of these only acted at own club meetings. The Burnie/Wynyard Club built up in under 12 years, but as mentioned lost numbers many in U/15, sub junior and seniors.

Inter-Club

Including the four days taken up with Coastal Championships, clubs met on six occasions during the track season. With so many young members it is impossible to transport all to various centres, however this coming season it is hoped to hold more combined meetings even if only for those 11 years and older, perhaps with some Sunday Meetings.

The Shield this year was won by Devon after a close contest with Ulverstone. Devon finished on top on 3 days and second on other occasions, with Ulverstone's record being 3 firsts, two seconds and one third.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES - North West (contd.)

Burnie Pageant

The weather was a lot kinder this year than last with quite a good days sport being witnessed. Although all coastal clubs were present, only one Northern women's club was present. Newstead won mens section by 50 points from Devon after being close all day.

Cross Country

The seasons competition was best for many years, with the three clubs combining eight times during winter, besides the day of State Teams Events. Although members did not win any Titles many performed creditably. The highlight was selection of Leigh Taylor in Tasmanian Senior Team for National Cross Country Titles in Brisbane. Coastal members in M. Fitzmaurice, T. Wing, and L. Fitzmaurice, won and filled second position in U/13 yrs. U/17 yrs and open handicaps at Tamar Clubs across Batman Day.

Coastal Championships

Events were conducted at Devonport on two days with one each at Cooee & Ulverstone. This year entries showed an increase of over 30%, and four solid days competition were held with fair fields in most events of which 120 were conducted. During the four days of Titles, men equalled one and broke 16 coastal records, while women equalled two and set 12 new records, as a result of the venefit of stronger competition.

Club Break Down of Results

<u>Club</u>	<u>Firsts</u>	<u>Seconds</u>	<u>Thirds</u>	<u>Entries Individual</u>
Burnie/Wynyard	36	18	16	29
Devon	38	50	29	54
Ulverstone	46	33	34	30

Coastal Records

Last year 30 records were broken and three equalled, continuing the upward trend with records being broken on two or three occasions. All told 15 athletes set new figures. Those with the highest number were A. Clements five, T. Wing four, Shane Foster three, G. Hardy five and N. Mackintosh four. All clubs featured, Devon having eight, Ulverstone four, and Burnie/W-nyard three.

Triangular Meet

Coastal clubs had 11 members in the combined Northern Team to score points for North - Namely:- S. Bailey, St. Foster, M. Hall, A. Clements, M. Billing, P. Gore, P. Parsons, T. Wing, S. Halley, Si. Foster, P. Presnell

The N.W. Coast's Under 15 yrs. team had representation from the three clubs, and after a cut throat competition all day by three branches, coast finally managed to win the White City Cup by a mere five points, this is first win after trying for many years. Some twenty one members figured in scoring points and while many scored in two or three events the two outstanding were G. Hardy who won 100 and 400 metres in Under 13 yrs. group, while N. Mackintosh won 800 & 1500 metres in same group and went up a year in 400 metres to help boost points near end of programme.

State Championships

The three clubs were only represented by small teams, but could be quite happy with their results. Listed below is number from each club making trip & placings gained.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Firsts</u>	<u>Seconds</u>	<u>Thirds</u>
Burnie/Wynyard	7	3	3	3
Devon	9	7	0	5
Ulverstone	13	6	3½	10

BRANCH ACTIVITIES - North West (contd.)

The following coastal members represented the State in various Contests during the year. L. Taylor (Devon) in cross country, P. Presnell (B/Wynyard) in the Australian School Boys Championships, and also the Shell sponsored Sub Junior Match. The only one to fill a place was P. Parsons (Devon) who in finishing third in Sydney recording his personal best time for 100 metres. S. Bailey who Captained the team, and P. Parsons were selected to compete in the Australian Track and Field Titles in Brisbane, however, although S. Bailey made final of 800 metres both found other competitors too strong and neither could manage a place. Stan also was in team for match against Victoria and South Australia in early January.

Main Trophy Winners

	<u>B/Wynyard</u>	<u>Devon</u>	<u>Ulverstone</u>
Athlete of Year	T. Wing	S. Bailey	Shane Foster
R. Groom Trophy	L-Ann Lavell	A. Macrow	Wayne Sheehan
Advocate Track			
Coastal Titles	T. Wing		
J. Treanor Field			
Coastal Titles		A.Clements	
Pentathlon Handicap		G. Hardy	
Distance Road Hdcp.			R. Hearps
D. Baldock Handicap			
Distance Track		D. Perry	
G. Girdlestone(Most Improved)		P. Parsons	

All trophies were presented at end of season barbecues or luncheons.

SOUTH

The first complete year on a synthetic track saw new standards reached in practically all areas of the sport. Times, heights and distances all received a battering at the hands of athletes who had an enormous advantage over their predecessors who not only had to battle opponents, but the poor surface as well. The new crop of athletes responded to a first class surface and produced some excellent results.

This is the first season where every scheduled meeting was held. It meant that athletes and supporters could quite safely plan their activities and be assured that a meeting would in fact, be held, irrespective of weather conditions.

When the Tasman Bridge re-opened in October, Eastern Shore supporters of athletics were again placed on the same footing as those on the Western bank.

This revamped arterial link saw a constancy in attendance figures and a surety of officials which gave the Branch added confidence to plan programmes.

The highlight of the season was the Satellite meeting on December 7th where 65 athletes from New Zealand, Canada, Japan, the U.S.A. and Australia competed at a twilight meeting. This was well promoted, satisfactorily sponsored, well attended but bitterly cold. Nevertheless, it was a wonderful spinoff from the Pacific Conference Games held the previous week in Canberra.

The course of an athletic season could well be described as a series of highs and lows and the season past was no exception. The highs were the school meetings, the already mentioned Satellite event, the two State Championships - mens and womens - and the performances of our team at the National titles.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES - South (contd.)

For many years athletic buffs have planned and worked hard for a track of international standards. It was realised that users would have to pay for this privilege. However, it was never envisaged that athletes and spectators would be asked to pay such huge amounts that one Club was forced to cancel its Club championships because of the exorbitant rate set by the Centre's owners. This Branch has tried to project the image of athletics as a family sport. It is very difficult to do so if the Branch is continually forced to support itself by charging its participants and supporters high entrance fees each week to normal inter-club meetings. This issue will have to be resolved around the conference table.

It is pleasing to report that the differences of opinion within the Branch which prevailed last season did not continue this year. Branch members worked very hard to ensure that a harmonious relationship existed around the table. The sport was the better for this.

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON

Again, the hard working cross country committee organised a well run series of 31 events which athletes supported enthusiastically.

The highlights of the season would have to be the staging of the National Marathon Championship at Cressy on 6th August. The N.A.A.B. ran this event with absolute precision and Ian Stocks and his helpers deserved all the praise which was heaped on them by local and visiting athletes, officials and journalists.

The S.A.A.B. was very well represented in this event by Neil Gale, Kent Rayner, Richard Pickup, Greg Hawthorn and Eddie Westburgh. Gale ran a fine race, finishing third in 2 hrs. 22 minutes and 41 seconds which is a new Tasmanian residential best on record.

In local events, Sandy Bay won the winter premiership for the 10th year in succession from Northern Suburbs. Final points -

Sandy Bay	66
Northern Suburbs	56
O.V.A.	48
Eastern Suburbs	30

CITY TO CASINO

The Fifth Annual City to Casino was conducted on May 22nd 1977. With post entries in excess of 800, it was a very large field which faced the starter. However, overcast conditions and light rain frightened a few people away. Some 665 people finished the event on the day.

Plenty of competition was provided for our local athletes, by some visiting athletes from Victoria. The event was won in a new course record time by Chris Wardlaw, one of our visitors. Wardlaw won it in the previous year as well.

The most pleasing aspect of the event was that all people who finished completed the course in the required two hours limit.

As reported in the local press this event was the biggest public participation event in Tasmania. The Organisers therefore look forward to an even bigger event for the 1978 run.

Winner Chris Wardlaw - Time 29 min. 35 sec.

SOUTHERN ALL SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Conducted for the first time on the new track, it was still found necessary to conduct these events over 2 days - October 1st and 8th.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES - South (contd.)

Southern All School Championships (Contd.)

Entries were again very heavy and the standard continues to rise as evidenced by the number of records broken.

The Shell Co. were once more very generous sponsors of this event and their assistance is most gratefully acknowledged. An innovation this year, was the presentation of Shell Merit Medallions to the 10 most meritorious performances over the two days competition. The recipients and the organisers were delighted with these.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS SPORTS

Both the Southern and State Independent Schools' Sports, with both boys and girls competing at each were held at the Centre.

Again this Branch supplied the bulk of officials and in consequence, events were well conducted and adherence to the timetable was first class.

The boys' state winner was St. Patricks College, who because of a very keen sportsmaster, active parents and accomplished athletes, proved too strong in the relays and came away as comfortable, first time winners of this event.

Sacred Heart (Hobart) continued their dominance of girls athletics and were a class above their nearest rivals.

16TH INTER HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

This was the final Schools event for the year on the new track and was a magnificent spectacle of colourful uniforms, a large number of enthusiastic spectators and a very well organised all day programme.

Alan McCreary must take great credit for this event. To our many officials who always manage to appear, despite the mid week schedule, your contribution was also excellent.

NORTH v SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR MEETING

This meeting was held on November 26th at the Domain and although some minor problems did arise, the day was successful.

One fact which did cause some comment by the N.W.A.A.B. was a shortage of officials which was apparent to us but to a certain extent was overcome as the programme developed.

The South won the Senior Cup 330 points to 310 - this trophy includes seniors, juniors and sub juniors. The distribution of points at each level is interesting

	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
Seniors	74	170
Juniors	106	89
Sub Juniors	130	71
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	310	330

The White City Cup for Juveniles (U15, U14, U13, U12) was extremely close all day and we congratulate the N.W.A.A.B. on their fine win, scoring 138 against the South 133 and the N.A.A.B. 127.

	<u>North</u>	<u>North West</u>	<u>South</u>
U15	32	34	53
U14	44	34	31
U13	46	52	18
U12	5	18	31
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	127	138	133

## BRANCH ACTIVITIES - South (cotnd.)

### SATELITE MEETING

Following the Pacific Conference Games meeting in Canberra on December 3rd and 4th, a group of 65 athletes and officials from Japan Canada, New Zealand, U.S.A. and Australia competed at a twilight meeting on the Domain on Wednesday December 7th.

Financially supported by the State Government and receiving considerable private enterprise sponsorship and extensive live T.V. coverage from Channel 6, the 10 event programme was extremely successful with a number of records being broken.

Despite a very cool evening, performances were still very good and the visiting athletes were extremely co-operative in all respects. A sub 4 minute mile attempt, although ultimately unsuccessful, was telecast live and created a great deal of interest within the community.

One of the highlights of the programme (but not from a purist's point of view) was the final event. This was a combined nations and combined mens' and womens' 4x100metres relay. It was rather amusing to see Gael Mulhall (Aust. and Commonwealth shot putt and discus record holder) attempting to pass the baton to Harada, the Japanese mens' 100 metres champion! A good fun finish to a happy meeting.

### STATE INTERCLUB

Confusion still occurs in this competition because of the differing use of implements for each grade and age group by the Northern and Southern Branches. It is understood that moves will be made by the T.A.A.A. to enforce uniformity at this State level of competition. It is needed because in some instances, in say C grade, a northern athlete, while still a sub-junior, can use a 10 lb. shot and in direct competition to him, our athletes because of S.A.A.B. rules must use a 12 lb. shot irrespective of whether they are sub-juniors, juniors or seniors. This type of unfair advantage is not conducive to cementing close relationships with our Northern competitors.

### INTERCLUB

It will be recalled that the result of the 1977 interclub premiership had not been determined by the time of the Annual Meeting last year. The T.A.A.A. sub-committee, appointed to review a protest, handed down its verdict in June. Sandy Bay club was awarded the title.

Despite the rather traumatic effect that these protests had on interclub athletes, it is very pleasing to report that any question of a carry over of these effects into the new season was soon dispelled.

Harmonious relationships existed between Clubs and between athletes and officials and in consequence, this past season was a happy one despite a lack of numbers when filling committee positions.

Sandy Bay started the season off in sparkling form and continued because of the 12 premiership rounds, they won 11 and finished second in the other one - a very consistent performance.

A number of past annual reports have been perused very closely to assist in the compilation and format of this report. In each of them, it can be seen that each year, a number of interclub competition days were lost because of inclement weather. What a delight it is to report that Not one day of competition of any sort was lost because of the rain. The synthetic surface of this wonderful track allows us to compete in all weather - we might get wet, but there is no danger to our athletes.

Final interclub points were:- Sandy Bay 71; Northern Suburbs 50;  
Eastern Suburbs 49 and O.V.A. 31.

## FINANCE

The past season has been quite reasonable financially. A small excess of receipts over payments which is what is aimed at and this after having to cover a loss of nearly \$400 on the Handbook and \$337 on the Pacific Conference Games Meeting.

The Southern Branch completed payment on equipment purchased for the Australian Track & Field Championships, an amount of \$2,273 and a healthy profit of \$1,583.25 was received from the A.A.U. on those championships. This offset the payment of rent for the Domain Athletic Centre.

It was decided that a donation of \$200.00 from the Southern Tasmanian Catholic Schools Sports Association should be invested and used to help furnish an association office or meeting room, hopefully at the Athletic Centre.

Most other items stayed fairly close to budget although registrations did not increase as had been anticipated.

The No. 2 Account showed a healthy excess of receipts especially as nearly \$450 was still owing when the books were closed. With the advertising agreement with Trans Australia Airlines re-negotiated quite a large amount will be received in the new season.

## APPRECIATION

The Tasmanian Government through the Division of Recreation of the Education Department was very generous again during the past season, making a grant of \$580 to assist with the expenses of staging the 1977 Australian Marathon Championship and \$700 towards the Pacific Conference Games Twilight Meeting. The sponsorship received from the Commonwealth Bank, Coca Cola, Tas. Breweries, Independent Roofing, David Goldsmith and Robin Omond and especially T.V.T. Channel 6 for the P.C.G. Meeting was greatly appreciated. The work of the Northern Branch sub committee in organising the Australian Marathon has already been mentioned.

The Association has been very fortunate in the managers appointed to State teams and all have performed their duties exceptionally well.

As always all sections of the media have been most generous in the publicity given to the sport and appreciation is expressed to all those who have assisted in this regard.

To all others who have assisted during the year in whatever capacity the T.A.A.A. extends its thanks.

On behalf of the council.

N.J. RUDDOCK  
HON. SECRETARY

RANKINGS

TASMANIAN PERFORMANCES ONLY

100 Metres

1.	10.6 sec.	S. Hood	SB
2.	10.7 "	P. Young	NL (J)
3.	10.8 "	S. Knott	ES (J)
		N. Mickleborough	SB
5.	10.9 "	P. Blackaby	ES
6.	11.0 "	R. Fay	SB
		P. Parsons	Dev. (S-J)
		L. Thorpe	ES
9.	11.2 "	G. Clark	NL (J)
		B. Allender	SB (S-J)
		S. Morley	ES (S-J)
		P. Presnell	B/W (J)

1500 Metres

1.	3m51.9s.	P. Brasher	SB
2.	3m52.4s.	L. Twining	NS
3.	3m52.5s.	K. Rayner	SB
4.	3m54.0s.	S. Patchett	New.
5.	3m57.7s.	S. Bailey	Dev.
6.	3m58.8s.	P. Kaufman	OVA
7.	4m01.1s.	S. Phillips	New. (J)
8.	4m02.9s.	T. McCormack	SB (J)
9.	4m03.2s.	R. Pickup	New.
10.	4m03.3s.	W. Essex	NS

5,000 Metres

1.	14m14.2s.	K. Rayner	SB
2.	14m56.2s.	S. Patchett	New.
3.	15m04.0s.	R. Pickup	New.
4.	15m06.0s.	G. Cronley	OVA
5.	15m09.0s.	P. Brasher	SB
6.	15m09.2s.	H. Nielsen	NS
7.	15m09.3s.	R. Foley	NS (J)
8.	15m10.5s.	M. Harding	NS
9.	15m29.7s.	P. Kaufman	OVA
10.	15m30.0s.	L. Webb	ES
		L. Twining	NS

200 Metres

1.	21.3 sec.	P. Blackaby	ES
2.	21.9 "	N. Mickleborough	SB
3.	22.0 "	L. Thorpe	ES
4.	22.1 "	S. Hood	SB
5.	22.2 "	P. Young	NL (J)
6.	22.4 "	P. Parsons	Dev. (S-J)
7.	22.5 "	P. Presnell	B/W (J)
		P. Gore	B/W (S-J)
9.	22.6 "	D. Conley	OVA
10.	22.7 "	B. Allender	SB (S-J)
		P. Beveridge	T (J)

10,000 Metres

1.	29m25.4s.	K. Rayner	SB
2.	31m18.4s.	P. Brasher	SB
3.	31m22.0s.	L. Twining	NS
4.	31m23.0s.	G. Cronley	OVA
5.	31m25.9s.	M. Harding	NS
6.	31m36.0s.	L. Webb	ES
7.	31m40.0s.	H. Nielson	NS
8.	31m40.8s.	C. Anderson	ES
9.	31m53.4s.	R. Pickup	New.
10.	32m13.8s.	P. Kaufman	OVA

400 Metres

1.	47.6 sec.	P. Blackaby	ES
2.	48.6 "	N. Mickleborough	SB
3.	48.9 "	S. Bailey	Dev.
4.	49.0 "	G. Clark	NL (J)
5.	49.8 "	P. Beveridge	T (J)
6.	50.0 "	M. Bucher	OVA (J)
		D. Conley	OVA
8.	50.1 "	P. Brasher	SB
		G. Cayzer	ES (J)
10.	50.2 "	G. Hennessy	NL (S-J)

110 Metres Hurdles

1.	15.8 sec.	I. Murray	NS
2.	1.59 "	I. Manning	NS
3.	16.2 "	C. Johnston	SB (J)
4.	18.1 "	G. Stowards	ES
5.	18.2 "	S. Knott	ES (J)
6.	19.3 "	M. Mol	T (S-J)
7.	19.4 "	K. Smith	NS
8.	20.8 "	K. Young	OVA
9.	21.0 "	R. Howell	T
10.	21.5 "	A. Willis	T

800 Metres

1.	1m51.6s.	P. Brasher	SB
2.	1m52.3s.	S. Bailey	Dev.
3.	1m52.9s.	L. Twining	NS
		D. Conley	OVA
5.	1m54.4s.	W. Essex	NS
6.	1m54.5s.	T. McCormack	SB (J)
7.	1m54.9s.	S. Phillips	New. (J)
8.	1m55.6s.	R. Robinson	OVA
9.	1m56.5s.	R. Markey	SB
10.	1m56.8s.	C. Hey	SB (S-J)



TASMANIAN RANKINGS (contd.)

400 Metres Hurdles

1.	53.3 sec.	N. Mickleborough	SB
2.	54.8 "	G. Clark	NL (J)
3.	56.7 "	I. Manning	NS
4.	58.1 "	G. Hennessy	NL (S-J)
5.	58.2 "	B. Alexander	NL (S-J)
6.	59.2 "	D. Preece	T (S-J)
7.	59.5 "	M. Djakic	NL (S-J)
8.	60.2 "	W. Essex	NS
9.	61.8 "	B. Bennett	New.
10.	63.1 "	P. McCormack	New.

Triple Jump

1.	14.69 m.	G. Murray	NS
2.	14.30 m.	I. Manning	NS
3.	14.16 m.	H. Malcolm	NS
4.	14.08 m.	I. Murray	NS
5.	14.07 m.	G. Appleyard	SB
6.	13.46 m.	W. Smith	SB (S-J)
7.	13.28 m.	S. Knott	ES (J)
8.	13.23 m.	B. Alexander	NL (S-J)
9.	13.10 m.	J. Hardstaff	NL (S-J)
10.	12.82 m.	C. Birchall	New. (J)

3,000 Metres Steeplechase

1.*	9m24.3s.	R. Pickup	New.
2.*	9m29.7s.	S. Patchett	New.
3.	9m33.8s.	P. Kaufman	OVA
4.*	9m35.3s.	H. Nielsen	NS
5.	10m09.4s.	W. Essex	NS
6.	10m44.7s.	A. Bennett	OVA
7.	11m19.0s.	R. Beadell	SB
8.	12m55.0s.	R. Hall	B/W

\* Distance 20 metres short

3,000 Metres Walk

1.	14m00.0s.	K. Green	SB
2.	14m05.8s.	W. Melville	SB
3.	15m04.5s.	E. Wade	ES
4.	15m23.9s.	D. Moore	Ind.
5.	16m00.0s.	R. Paterson	ES
6.	16m01.6s.	W. Fletcher	NS
7.	16m31.0s.	S. Wilson	T (S-J)
8.	17m19.4s.	G. Wilson	T (Juv)
9.	17m27.8s.	S. Brasher	New.

Long Jump

1.	7.47 m.	S. Knott	ES (J)
2.	6.95 m.	I. Murray	NS
3.	6.83 m.	G. Murray	NS
4.	6.67 m.	I. Manning	NS
5.	6.53 m.	P. Podolak	ES
6.	6.48 m.	P. Young	NL (J)
7.	6.17 m.	B. Alexander	NL (S-J)
8.	6.14 m.	T. West	NS
9.	6.12 m.	W. Skirving	NL (J)
10.	6.09 m.	W. Noel	ES

High Jump

1.	2.09 m.	S. Knott	ES (J)
2.	1.95 m.	T. Gill	OVA
3.	1.85 m.	I. Murray	NS
4.	1.80 m.	M. Mol	T (S-J)
		G. Ward	ES (J)
		A. Clements	Dev. (J)
7.	1.78 m.	W. Smith	SB (S-J)
8.	1.76 m.	R. Corongu	SB
9.	1.75 m.	K. Young	OVA
10.	1.72 m.	C. Birchall	New. (J)
		R. Hand	SB (Juv)
		P. Podolak	ES
		I. Manning	NS

Pole Vault

1.	4.25 m.	S. Knott	ES (J)
2.	4.02 m.	P. Schwamm	NL (S-J)
3.	3.60 m.	G. Stowards	ES
4.	3.47 m.	P. Clarke	Riv. (S-J)
		P. Podolak	ES
6.	3.30 m.	I. Murray	NS
7.	3.12 m.	J. Conroy	SB
8.	2.95 m.	K. Smith	NS
9.	2.90 m.	M. Mol	T (S-J)
		K. Young	OVA

Discus

1.	42.99 m.	I. Murray	NS
2.	41.20 m.	P. Davey	NS
3.	38.92 m.	D. Huxley	SB
4.	31.06 m.	Stephen Foster	Ulv.
5.	30.32 m.	G. Murray	NS
6.	29.62 m.	M. Mol	T (S-J)
7.	27.36 m.	F. Nott	NL
8.	21.58 m.	B. Roe	Riv.
9.	20.20 m.	J. Lyons	NL

TASMANIAN RANKINGS (contd.)

Shot Put - 16 lbs.

1.	12.98 m.	I. Murray	NS
2.	12.44 m.	P. Davey	NS
3.	11.58 m.	D. Huxley	SB
4.	11.42 m.	G. Murray	NS
5.	10.63 m.	G. Stowards	ES
6.	10.12 m.	A. Clements	Dev. (J)
		T. West	NS
8.	9.91 m.	F. Nott	NL
9.	9.80 m.	Stephen Foster	Ulv.
10.	9.60 m.	M. Mol	T (S-J)

Javelin - 800 gm.

1.	57.23 m.	G. Murray	NS
2.	57.08 m.	I. Murray	NS
3.	56.75 m.	A. Edwards	SB
4.	55.84 m.	Stephen Foster	Ulv.
5.	53.26 m.	A. Clements	Dev. (J)
6.	51.72 m.	D. Cole	Dev.
7.	51.60 m.	R. McCafferty	T (S-J)
8.	50.86 m.	G. Stowards	ES
9.	46.52 m.	M. Mol	T (S-J)
10.	46.06 m.	R. King	T (J)

Hammer - 16 lbs.

1.	48.04 m.	D. Huxley	SB
2.	40.34 m.	I. Murray	NS
3.	37.32 m.	P. Davey	NS
4.	30.16 m.	J. Lyons	NL
5.	29.94 m.	G. Murray	NS
6.	23.12 m.	M. Djakic	NL (S-J)
7.	20.00 m.	F. Nott	NL

Decathlon

1.	6329 pts.	I. Murray	NS
2.	5851 "	S. Knott	ES (J)
3.	5195 "	M. Mol	T (S-J)
4.	4292 "	K. Young	OVA (J)
5.	3548 "	A. Willis	T
6.	3282 "	P. Beveridge	T (J)
7.	3015 "	S. Jendrick	SB (S-J)

Compared on the decathlon tables the best performances in each event ranked as follows, with last years placings and points in brackets.

1.	10,000 metres	984 points	(2nd 969)
2.	5,000 metres	946 points	(3rd 948)
3.	High Jump	934 points	(12th 840)
4.	200 metres	922 points	(9th 865)
5.	400 metres	918 points	(10th 861)
6.	Long Jump	915 points	(4th 933)
7.	100 metres	905 points	(8th 879)
8.	800 metres	904 points	(5th 910)
9.	400 metres Hurdles	903 points	(7th 906)
10.	1500 metres	888 points	(1st 984)
11.	Pole Vault	871 points	(13th 801)
12.	Triple Jump	849 points	(11th 850)
13.	3000 m. steeple	818 points	(14th 780)
14.	Hammer	775 points	(18th 691)
15.	110 metres hurdles	767 points	(16th 757)
16.	Discus	743 points	(15th 766)
17.	Javelin	727 points	(17th 747)
18.	Shot Put	663 points	(19th 671)
	Average	857	(845)

9 events improved and an equal number did not. The 3000 metres has not been included this year. 984 points for the 10,000 metres equals the highest score ever. 9 events with scores over 900 has not been achieved before.

Track events averaged	895	up from	888
Field events averaged	810	up from	787

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1978.

Balance B/F. 1,222.30

RECEIPTS

		<u>Budget</u>	
1976/77			
60	Affiliations	60	60.00
765	Registrations	840	781.70
72	Publications		306.50
67	Interest	20	11.31
289	Medallions, Certificates	290	258.80
880	Levies	1,665	1,665.00
46	Registration Cards		58.00
	Handbook - Adv.	540.00	
	Sales	<u>364.50</u>	904.50
871	T. Shirts		132.50
90	Uniforms		44.50
5	Donations		250.00
	Tas. Govt. Grant - Aust. Marathon		580.00
	Equipment - S.A.A.B.		2,273.00
	A.A.U. - Profit Aust. Champs.		1,583.25
2,305	Aust. T. & F. Championships		
	P.C.G. Meeting : Sponsorship	1,747.00	
	Gate Takings	921.00	
	Tas. Govt. Grant	<u>700.00</u>	3,368.00
	Raffle		58.20
	Refund AAAA Bd. Meeting Expenses		10.61
127	Administration Fee - Adv. A/c.		40.51
	Duplicating		5.00
12,374	Sundries		
249	Contras		<u>459.46</u>
<u>18,100</u>		<u>2,875</u>	12,850.84

PAYMENTS

20	Affiliation Fees	20	70.00
71	Printing & Stationery	75	103.43
382	Registrations	390	384.80
36	Publications	50	269.35
85	Postages	90	117.00
114	Telephone	120	160.59
135	Medallions, Engraving, Cert.	490	574.23
161	Secretaries Conf. Expenses	160	179.24
355	AAAA. Bd. Meeting Expenses		95.41
40	Travel Subsidy - Managers, Delegates.	120	200.00
	Uniforms	1,000	975.95
10,123	Equipment		150.00
	Wreath		10.00
	Tas. Govt. Grant - N.A.A.B.		580.00
820	Aust. T. & F. Champ. Expenses		132.48
	Assembly Costs Aust. Team		31.75
	Rent Domain Athletic Centre		2,600.00
	Handbooks		1,300.00
	P.C.G. Meeting Expenses		3,705.00
	Domain Athletic Centre Board		100.00
8	Cheque Book		5.92
	Insurance		150.00
	Repairs Typewriter		19.51
50	Office Assistance	50	50.00
200	Honorarium	200	200.00
	Transfer Investment - Donation		200.00
	Contingencies	50	
4,161	Sundries		
249	Contras		<u>459.46</u>
<u>17,010</u>		<u>2,815</u>	12,824.18
1,090	Excess of Receipts over Payments		<u>26.66</u>
	Balance C/wth. Bank C/F.		<u>\$1,248.96</u>

N.J. Ruddock Hon. Treasurer.

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

C.A. Blanton Hon. Auditor.

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1978.

NO. 2 ACCOUNT

Balance B/F. \$1,403.27

RECEIPTS :

Interest	27.87	
Advertising	405.17	
Air Fares - General	4,004.02	
State Teams	<u>11,414.00</u>	15,418.02
Accommodation - State Teams	292.50	
Uniforms	37.50	
Globe Hotel Sports Fund	2,326.00	
Sundries	4.28	
Contras	<u>65.00</u>	18,576.34

PAYMENTS :

Cheque Book	4.00	
Administration Exps.-Advertising	40.51	
Air Fares - General	3,690.49	
State Teams	<u>11,690.83</u>	15,381.32
Accommodation - State Teams	292.50	
Entertainment - P.C.G.Meeting	32.00	
Transfer to Investment A/c.	2,326.00	
Hire of Bus - State Team	60.00	
Contras	<u>65.00</u>	18,201.33

Excess of Receipts over Payments 375.01

Balance Commonwealth Bank C/F. \$1,778.28

N. J. Ruddock Hon. Treasurer.

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C. A. Blanton Hon. Auditor.