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National Fitness Council Rooms, Hobart, on Sunday 10th May,  
1964 at 1.30 p.m.

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<u>HON.SECRETARY-TREASURER</u>	:	Mr. N. J. Ruddock.

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Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that your council presents the Association's 53rd Annual Report. The past season has been one of pleasing progress in several directions, but there is still a great deal of room for improvement in the matter of coaching whilst registrations have decreased.

Progress has been made in dealings with the Hobart City Council regarding the proposed athletic centre and hopes are high that this will come to function in the near future. Full details will be found later in this report. An exceptionally pleasing feature of the season has been the reformation of the Northern Branch on a very sound basis. To date it would appear that Mr. G. Chaplin (President) and Mr. R. Foley (Hon. Secretary) have gathered a strong virile committee around them and are making splendid progress.

On the administrative side three council meetings have been held at Campbell Town which has enabled Northern and North Western Branches to be fully represented. In spite of the distance travelled and the time consumed there is no doubt that these meetings have been worthwhile. The views of all branches have been obtained and have often proved very beneficial.

The increased popularity of Cross Country running gives your council great pleasure. It does appear, and we earnestly hope, that this increase will snowball in the future, and that track and field athletes as well will realise the benefits to be derived from winter running and will take to the country.

One of the most pleasant happenings of the season was the appointment of your chairman as Manager of the Tokio Olympic Games Athletic team and of C. A. Wise as his Assistant and Coach. As well as being a great personal honour for them, credit is reflected upon the Association. Your council extends its congratulations to Mrs. M. Ebzery on her appointment as Manageress of the Tokio Olympic Womens Athletic team.

On the debit side for the season is the decrease in registrations of athletes. Perhaps this is not as bad as it seems as last year was really exceptional. However a drop of 45 is 9% overall. Statistics of the Branches were :

South 264 increase of 1 4% increase.  
 North 103 decrease of 4 4% decrease.  
 North West 89 decrease of 42 32% decrease.  
 456 decrease of 45.

The figures for the North West are a little disturbing but the Branch feels that there is no great need for concern at this stage.

Little, if anything has been done in the matter of coaching since the visit of Jess Jarver in October 1962. Every effort must be made during the coming season to ensure that something, no matter how small, is done in this regard. The council realise that it must take the lead to encourage the branches and clubs to try and lift the standard and quantity of coaching.

As well, there has not been any great progress made in selling amateur athletics to the public. The incoming council must recognise that there is a small, - oh so small - hard core of athletic supporters which it must endeavour to increase by all means possible. It must be realistic and recognise that when top class meetings are being organised they must be promoted vigorously to ensure the greatest possible benefit financially and in public support.

TRACK AND FIELD. The Tasmanian Schoolchildrens Championships were organised and conducted by the Southern Branch on 14th December 1963. This was five weeks later than usual, after exams had ended and was an attempt to increase entries, particularly from the High Schools in the Hobart Area. The experiment was only partly successful and there is little doubt that these events are Tasmanian Championships in name only. Your council has discussed the matter on many occasions but has been unable to reach any satisfactory conclusion. It feels strongly that the meeting should continue to be held but it seems impossible to find a date suitable to all schools throughout the state.

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Last year as usual very few children travelled long distances to compete, whilst entries were only approximately 50% of those obtained for the Southern Schoolchildrens Championships held early in October. The meeting produced some fine performances but was rather lifeless and lacked character, perhaps because of the lack of continuity in one centre.

THE TRIANGULAR CONTEST - was held in Launceston on 8th. February 1964. The programme was redrafted to place greater emphasis on the Juniors and Sub-Juniors in an attempt to provide keener and more even competition. 6 Senior, 9 Junior, 9 Sub-Junior and 5 Juvenile (Under 15) events were conducted in just under 4 hours and proved to be quite a well balanced programme. The Northern Branch running its first big meeting since being reformed did so very successfully.

The attempt to even the competition did not succeed and South once again proved its superiority with clear cut wins in all divisions.

THE TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - reverted back to a two day programme this season and were held on the Saturday and Monday of the March long week-end. Once again the East Melbourne Club sent a team to compete and added colour to the meeting. Standards were quite high, with several outstanding performances. However entries again disappointed. In the main, only athletes who appeared to have a chance of winning or gaining a place entered. Your council is firmly of the opinion that the Tasmanian Championships are the combination of the whole track and field season and the great majority of athletes should feel that they should take part even if with hope of little success.

Championships for Juvenilles were conducted for the first time - 8 events being included in the programme, and attracted good entries. It would appear that these events are here to stay.

Club competition was keen in all divisions especially in the Seniors where Eastern Suburbs was successful in regaining the Hobart Harrier Cup from Sandy Bay by a bare 2 points. The long last St. George Shield for Juniors was convincingly won by O.H.A., whilst Devon scored in the Sub-Juniors and A.Y.C in the Juvenile competition.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - A team of seven athletes was selected to represent your Association in the Australian Championships and Olympic Trials held at Olympic Park, Melbourne on 21st. and 22nd. March 1964. They were :- G. Blake, 880 yds and 1 mile, K. Green, 2 mile walk, K. Brady, 3000 metre steeplechase, N. Grey, 220 yds and 440 yds hurdles, I. Beltz, Senior and Junior High Jump, A. Ellerton, 1 mile junior, A. Fahey, 120 yds Hurdles junior.

John Cooper was appointed Manager, but unfortunately had to withdraw the day before departure, because of ill health. Bill Halley took over at very short notice and under the circumstances did a fine job.

The performances of the team were mixed to say the least : Tony Fahey finished 4th in 17 secs in the 120 yds Junior Hurdles which unfortunately he found to be at 3' 6" instead of 3'3" which he had expected. His time was well below his best over the higher height but as all his late training had been over 3'3" this was easy to understand.

Kevin Green was disqualified in the 2 mile walk for lifting. It appeared that in an attempt to hold the lead right from the start, Kevin tried to walk faster than he was able and accordingly broke the rules. In addition he tired from the early exertion and dropped right back through the field.

Greg Blake only ran 2 laps in the mile using this as a warm up for the 880 yds. In this latter event he won his heat in 1 min 53.4 secs. Greg ran an almost perfect tactical race in the final. He took the lead after a slow first lap and led into the final straight but lack of hard competition left him with insufficient strength to withstand attacks and he eventually finished fifth in 1 min 54 secs.

In the steeplechase Kevin Brady ran a fine race. He fell at the water jump 3 laps from the finish and lost some 20 yards. However he recovered and ran on strongly but from looking a place prospect he finally finished 6th in 9 min 19.8 secs to the winners 8 min 50.6. Considering Kevin had only had 2 runs over the steeplechase prior to the championships he performed very creditably.

Noel Gray although entered for the 120 yds Hurdles had not been included in the programme. In addition to this, through an unfortunate combination of circumstances he missed his heat of the 220 yds hurdles. He did not hear the dressing room attendants call and was still in the dressing room when the race was started. In the 440 yards hurdles he ran well until 60 yds from the tape. He was third but tired to finish 5th in 56 secs.

The only member of the team to gain a medal was Ian Beltz for his third placing in the Junior High Jump, clearing 6' 2" to the winners 6' 9". Although Ian had been selected for the Senior High Jump his entry was not forwarded and he was unable to compete in this event.

Tony Ellerton ran a little too fast in the early stages of the Junior Mile. He led through the first lap in 62 secs, was 4th in 2 min 7 secs at the halfway mark and then gradually dropped back to be 7th at the finish in 4 min 31.6 secs.

Once again the lack of tough competition was very evident from the team's performances. In addition the manager expressed the opinion that with very few exceptions our athletes are not nearly fit enough. He suggests that in future, a training squad be selected and if members are not prepared to train as hard as directed they not be considered for selection.

Your council extends its congratulations to Ian Beltz on being selected as "Star of Sport" in the Mercury, W. D. & H.O. Wills competition. Ian was also awarded a certificate by the English Magazine "World Sport" in competition against all young athletes throughout the Commonwealth excluding Great Britain. These are indeed two high honours for such a young lad, but a rich reward for his dedication and fanaticism.

The F. A. Rose Athlete of the Year Perpetual Trophy was awarded for the third year in succession to Greg Blake who again dominated middle distance running in the state.

ATHLETIC CENTRE - progress in this direction has been relatively slow but steady. The Hobart City Council Reserves Department has prepared plans and estimates of costs, and appears to be ready to proceed when finance becomes available. The plan envisage a "Grasstex" Olympic track with 3 Hockey Fields, changing rooms, pavilion and a car park. Your council is most gratified with this progress and has undertaken to contribute £1000 towards the project. Plans to raise this amount have been formulated and will be announced shortly. £1000, is a very small portion of the total cost but your council feels that the Association must show the City Council that it is prepared to help itself. It is up to all members to give every assistance, as this centre will give a terrific boost to athletics not only in Hobart but throughout the state.

The Tasmanian Championship results were :-

<u>Senior -</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
100 Yards	C. Bastow (E.Melb)	N. Gray (S.B.)	G. Dowl (E.S.) 10.1
220 Yards	G. Dowl (E.S.)	N. Gray (S.B.)	C. Bastow (E.M) 22.6
440 Yards	G. Blake (E.S.)	P. Eustace (N.S.)	M. French (E.S.) 49.9
880 Yards	G. Blake (E.S.)	N. Ryan (E.Melb)	R. Taylor (E.S.) 1min 5.
1 Mile	G. Blake (E.S.)	A. Turner (E.S.)	N. Ryan (E.Melb) 4" 22.
3 Miles	K. Brady (S.B.)	D. Cox (N)	T. Ellerton (NS) 14" 41.2
6 Miles	K. Brady (S.B.)	D. Clark (S.B.)	S. Marsh (NS) 31" 27
120 Yards Hurdles	N. Gray (S.B.)	R. Previst (N)	R. Deighton (N) 15.7sec
220 Yards Hurdles	N. Gray (S.B.)	T. McShane (NS)	W. Halley (E.S.) 25.0sec
440 Yards Hurdles	N. Gray (S.B.)	K. Green (Uni)	R. Bennett (S.B.) 57.6
2 Miles Walk	K. Green (Uni)	V. Newmark (P)	R. Paterson (ES) 15min
High Jump	I. Beltz (S.E.)	J. Tomlinson (E.S.)	S. Cross (Dev) 6ft.
Pole Vault	J. Marsh (N)	S. Cross (Dev)	D. Lowe (AYC) 10ft.
Long Jump	F. Note (N)	D. Wolnizer (OHA)	N. Trappes (OHA) 20ft 5½
Triple Jump	R. Morris (Uni)	G. McLean (Uni)	W. Foster (OFA) 42ft 7¼

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<u>Senior</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Discus	C.Mathieson (N)	M.Dazeley (N.S.)	P.Banach (S.B.) 116' 11"
Shot	P.Banach (S.B.)	C.Mathieson (N)	M.Dazeley (NS ) 41' 2"
Hammer	C.Mathieson (N)	W.Halley (E.S.)	P.Banach (S.B.) 109' 4"
Javelin	K.Beresford (Uni)	A. Davis (E.S.)	M.Dazeley(N.S.) 167'2"
3000m Steeplechase	K. Brady (S.B.)	A.Turner (E.S.)	L.Manson (AYC) 9min 24.2
4 x 110 Yards Relay	Northern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	A.Y.C. 45.4 secs
1 Mile Medley Relay	Eastern Suburbs	Northern Suburbs	East Melbourne 3 min 33.6
Hobart Harrier Cup	Eastern Suburbs (37) Sandy Bay (35) Northern Suburbs (20).		

<u>Junior</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
100 Yards	J. Ashcroft (CHA)	P.Rose (N)	M.Bird(SB) 10.6
220 Yards	J. Ashcroft (CHA)	M. Bird(SB)	22.6
440 Yards	J. Ashcroft (CHA)	A. Harvey(NS)	J.Phillips(SB)51.5
880 Yards	J.Phillips (S.B.)	D. Jones (N)	W. Essex (NS) 2min 3.5
1 Mile	D. Jones (N)	D. Smith(E.S.)	D.Budd(AYC) 4 min 31.6
120 Yards Hurdles	S. Green (NS)	A.Fahey(E.S.)	S.Cross(Dev) 15.9
220 Yards Hurdles	A. Fahey (E.S.)	L.Banks (AYC)	S.Green (NS) 27.1
1 Mile Walk	W.Melville(AYC)	W.Fletcher(AYC)	L.Scott(CHA) 8 min 3.6
High Jump	I.Beltz (S.B.)	J.Tomlinson(E.S.)	6 ft.
Long Jump	G.McLean(Uni)	D.Woolnizer(CHA)	A.Harvey(NS) 19ft.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Triple Jump	G.McLean (Uni)	W.Foster (CHA)	D.Wolnizer(CHA) 41'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Discus	G. Stowards (CHA)	D.Rider (E.S.)	C.Williams (CHA)107'7"
Shot	G. Stowards (CHA)	D.RIder (E.S.)	L.Scott (CHA) 40' 5"
Javelin	G. Stowards (CHA)	C.Williams (CHA)	L.Scott(CHA) 145' 8"
Hammer	D. Rider (E.S.)	C.Williams (CHA)	W.Fletcher (NS) 82' 8"
4 x 110 Yards Relay	Northern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	A.Y.C. 47.3 secs
1 Mile Medley Relay	Eastern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs 3 min 51
St.George Shield	O.H.A. (31)	Eastern Suburbs (23)	Northern Suburbs (16)

<u>Sub-Junior</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
100 Yards	I.Henderson (Dev)	F.Ireland (SB)	N.Mickleborough(SB)10.6
220 Yards	I.Henderson (Dev)	F. Ireland(SB)	N.Mickleborough(SB)23.2
440 Yards	F.Ireland (SB)	G.Farrell(CHA)	N.King (Dev) 53.5
880 Yards	G.Farrell (CHA)	G.Rundle (Dev)	T.Ellerton 2 min 2.3sec
1 Mile	T.Ellerton (NS)	R.Kimber (S.B.)	G.Rundle (Dev) 4 min33.9
High Jump	S.Cross (Dev)	P.Ellims(CHA)	R.Devenish Nears(N) 5' 4"
Long Jump	D.Wolnizer (CHA)	N.Mickleborough(SB)	R.Devenish Bears(N) 19'1"
Triple Jump	W.Foster (CHA)	R.Devenish Nears(N)	S.Green(NS) 41' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

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<u>Sub-Junior</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>5. 2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	
Shot	P.Gunton	W. Fletcher (NS)	L.Scott (OHA)	41'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
4 x 110 Yards Relay	Devon	OHA	AYC	47.5secs
1 Mile Medley Relay	Devon	Northern Suburbs	OHA	3 min 53.1 secs
	Devon (23)	OHA (17)	Sandy Bay (13)	
<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	
100 Yards	P.Skeggs (AYC)	D.Mahoney (NS)	M.Gaffney (NS)	11.0 secs
220 Yards	P.Skeggs (AYC)	M.Gaffney (NS)	D.Boscoe (AYC)	24.8 secs
440 Yards	P.Skeggs (AYC)	M.Gaffney (NS)	D.Boscoe (AYC)	57.2 secs
880 Yards	J.Brooks (NS)	P.Skeggs (AYC)	P.Schouten (N)	2 min 16.3
1 Mile	R.Ayton (Dev)	P.Risson (SB)	S.Steele (NS)	5 min 1.8
High Jump	P.Skeggs (AYC)	S.Steele (NS)		4' 7"
Long Jump	P.Skeggs (AYC)	M.Gaffney (NS)	D.Boscoe (AYC)	17' 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
4 x 110 Yards Relay	A.Y.C.	Northern Suburbs		51.9 secs
	A.Y.C. (25)	Northern Suburbs (18)	Devon (3)	

Cross Country - Outstanding feature of the season was the increased number of competitors in Championship events. Beginning with 8 starters in the 5 miles, then 12 in the 10 miles, a heart warming 17 in the 10,000 metres, the same number in the 10 mile road and down to 10 for the marathon was indeed pleasing. To see 43 runners at Droughty Point for the 10,000 metres and 5,000 metres Junior was something that older members had onyl dreamed of witnessing. Great hope is held that this trend will continue.

Once again Greg Blake was the dominating athlete winning 3 medallions in fact he was the only runner placed in more than 2 events. In the Junior division, honours were spread even more and no one gained two places. Special mention must be made of the efforts of Barry Wise and Tas Bevis in managing to compete the marathon course under trying conditions.

An innovation was a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles Juvenile Championship held in conjunction with the 10,000 metres. It proved quite successful with 9 runners starting.

#### Results:

##### 8th June 1963 - 5 Mile C.C.C. Spreyton

1. A. Turner (E.S.) 30 min 6 secs
  2. T.Nailer (N) 30 min 28 secs
  3. D.Cox (Dev) 31 min 27 secs
- 8 starters

##### 5 Mile Novice

1. K.Beattie (Dev) 30 min 59
  2. D. Smith (E.S.) 31 min 5
  3. R.Taylor (E.S.) 31 min 23
- 19 Starters

##### Teams Race: Newstead

##### Teams Race: Eastern Suburbs

##### 29th June 1963 - 4 Mile Triangular Teams Race, Launceston

1. South 13 points
  2. North 28 points
- 16 Starters

##### 20th July 1963 10 Mile C.C.C. Spreyton

1. G.Blake (E.S.) 58 min 38 secs
  2. A.Cannell (E.S.) 59 min 40 secs
  3. A. Turner (E.S.) 60 min 38 secs
- 12 starters

##### 5 Mile Junior

1. J. Reid (NS) 33 min 54
  2. R.Williams (N) 33 min 59
  3. G.Brown (NS) 36 min 9
- 9 starters

##### Teams Race : Eastern Suburbs

##### Teams Race: Northern Suburbs

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1½ Mile Juvenile

1. D. Marsh (NS) 9 mins.
2. R. Nelson (NS) 9 Mins 42 secs
3. C. Williams (N) 9 mins 57 secs

9 Starters

Teams Race: Northern Suburbs10th August 1963 10,000 Metres C.C.C. , Droughty Point5,000 Metres Junior

1. G. Blake (E.S.) 37 min 29 secs
2. J. Denholm (E.S.) 37 min 44 secs
3. A. Cannell (E.S.) 38 min 3 secs

1. J. O'Loughlin (SB) 19 min 21
2. R. Kimber (S.B.) 19 min 54
3. D. Jones (N) 19 min 58

17 Starters

Teams Race: Eastern Suburbs

26 Starters

Teams Race: Sandy Bay.7th September 1963 15 Mile Road Championship , Elderslie

1. G. Blake (E.S.) 1 Hour 21 min 5 secs
2. L. Lansell (CHA) 1 Hour 21 min 36 secs
3. B. Wise (E.S.) 1 Hour 24 min 37 secs

17 Starters, 13 completed course.

5th October, 1963 - Marathon, Cambridge

1. B. Wise (E.S.) 3 Hours 1 min
2. T. Bevis (E.S.)

10 Starters, 2 completed course.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE - Your Association was again represented by your President and Vice President, Mr. Hutton was reelected Vice President of the Union and as reported before Mr. Barwick gained selection as Manager of the Olympic Games Athletes Team with Mr. Wise Assistant Manager and Coach.

Tasmania submitted two items for the conference agenda, one asking that the Union recognise Australian Sub-Junior records was ruled out of order whilst the other asking that a revised application for reinstatement as an amateur be drafted was carried.

Most interesting of the other important decisions made at Conference were :-

1. Ten Pin Bowls was added to the list of sports in which an amateur can compete against a professional without forfeiting his status.
2. An athlete who transfers from one state to another needs 12 months residential qualification to represent that state in Australian Championships. With less than 12 months residing he must satisfy the Union by Statutory Declaration that he is a permanent resident of that state. An athlete transferring to a state without claiming to be a permanent resident, may represent the new state with the consent of his resident state.
3. A motion that in Australian Track and Field Championships metric distances be used was lost, but it would appear that it will be adopted when the metric system comes into general use throughout Australia.
4. The order of events for the Australian Track and Field Championships was altered slightly.

TASMANIAN OLYMPIC COUNCIL - Messrs. E. J. McRae (Pistol Shooting) and J. Harrison (swimming) were elected President and Secretary in what might be termed a reformation of the council. It is at present organising the raising of Tasmania's quota of £4,000 towards the Olympic Appeal. Your council has undertaken to help in any manner possible.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES - South this season the Branch can well be described as being at the cross roads. The previous year had shown an upsurge in interest in amateur athletics in the South for about the third successive year and it was decided early in the 1963/64 season that the year should be one of consolidation rather than an attempt to out reach beyond the capabilities and resources of the Branch - both financial and administrative.

Administratively the Branch was hard pushed to cope with the demands of a particularly interesting season and it now faces the problem of strengthening its administration and its organization. The Branch is, therefore, at the cross roads. To advance, it must re-organise, recoup and increase its strength for to fall back would be very easy.

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The Branch conducted a successful cross country season. The programme was largely organised by a committee from among the competitors themselves and it is to their credit that there was a marked increase in numbers and standards. The season was divided into two parts cross country and road. The introduction of a greater variety of courses proved interesting and beneficial.

The track and field season was probably the best in the New years history of the Branch. Sixteen rounds of the interclub competition were conducted as well as slightly more twilight meetings, the Southern and Hobart Schoolchildrens championships, and, on behalf of the T.A.A.A., the Tasmanian Championships and the Tasmanian Schoolchildrens Championships.

The Southern schoolchildrens championships was, and again, an immensely successful meeting. There is not doubt that this meeting has done much to foster interest in the South. By contrast, the Hobart schoolchildrens meeting was quieter and not as well supported. Nevertheless it was an enjoyable function and a fitting end to the season.

The interclub competition was very keen and produced some spectacular meetings. Eastern Suburbs (the titleholders), Northern Suburbs and Sandy Bay singled out early in the race for the premiership with the improved form of A.Y.C. Harriers adding interest to the contest. Sandy Bay dropped out of the fight towards the end of the last few rounds and Easts and North continued their struggle to eventually tie for the Commonwealth Jubilee Trophy - a great result and a very fair one.

The Branch conducted the Southern Independent Schools' Meeting and Branch officials also assisted at several other schools' meetings. Equipment was loaned and assistance given to other bodies. The Branch's finances are reasonably healthy. Receipts will total almost £1,000 and payments which include purchase of equipment of approximately £190, will be about the same, leaving a balance in hand of about £250.

North - Following the non election of officers at the 1963 Annual Meeting, the Association controlled the branch and initiated its reformation in December 1963. The Newstead Harrier Club carried out the branches functions from April to December and thanks are due to the club and Mr. Arthur Jones for the work carried out, particularly the organisation and staging of Cross Country Championships.

The Branch has made very pleasing progress since its reorganisation and with the formation of a new club, Kings' Meadow, indications are that this progress will continue.

The 4 mile triangular teams race was conducted in Launceston, most efficiently and competitors commented favourably on the refreshments supplied afterwards. As there were no northern competitors in the marathon, the N.A.A.B. waived its right to organise this event.

The Triangular Track and Field meeting was held at York Park on 8th February 1964 and proved quite successful. Although the Southern athletes dominated the meeting, their presence undoubtedly was of great assistance to northern competitors.

An immediate need in the North is equipment for field games. Despite the lack of training northern athletes won 5 of their 6 events at the Tasmanian Championships in Field Games. Congratulations must be extended to Philip Granton of Kings Meadow who broke his own State Sub-Junior Shot Putt record.

The White Cup was won for the third consecutive year by back marker Peter Rose of Newstead who now retains the cup permanently. During the season individual clubs conducted several inter club meetings but it is the aim of the branch to organise and conduct a regular roster during the coming season.

The hopes of the Northern Branch for the forthcoming year are :-

1. A good cross country season
2. The reintroduction of Inter club athletics organised by the branch
3. To obtain field games equipment

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4. More registered athletes
5. One or more new clubs.

North West - The North West Branch reported another successful season highlighted by the great promise by sub-junior and juvenile athletes. Unfortunately seniors and juniors are still weak numerically. The Darwin division experienced ground problems with its weekly competition and lack of officials made the conduct of the meetings even more difficult. Three clubs took part, the same number as in the Devon Division where Devonport High showed its strength by winning all 15 competitions. Devon also ran weekly twilight meetings with the emphasis on field games. Four inter division competitions were held with very pleasing results.

Both divisions appear to be in quite a sound position both financially and from the equipment point of view.

Coastal Championships were again held over 2 days. The organisation in regard to entries and programme was much more efficient and the meeting benefited as a result. The special carnivals at Forest, Forth and Henley were as popular as usual.

Most disappointing feature of the year was the decrease in registrations. However with a little more effort and encouragement it is felt many more athletes could be recruited.

No branch cross country events were staged during the season but the branch conducted 5 state titles. Officials and competitors praised the course from the Spreyton racecourse and the supply of afternoon tea was also greatly appreciated.

The loss of Mr. & Mrs. L. Curtis due to transfer in employment to Hobart, was a great blow. However Mr. Curtis has kept in touch with the Branch and has acted as North West delegate on your council.

Finance - Branch affiliation fees were set at £25 for the year with northern clubs being called upon for £5.0.0. To balance its budget your council raised registration fees to 5/-. As you can see from the statement of income and expenditure the object was achieved with a surplus of £5.13.7 for the season.

The actual balance of cash in bank dropped by £5.9.5 and care will have to be exercised to see that this trend does not continue in the coming year.

All in all your Association's finances are in a reasonably healthy position.

APPRECIATION - Once again appreciation must be expressed to the Press, Radio and television for assistance with publicity and also to all officials of the branches who helped to conduct Championship programmes for the Association. National Fitness Council helped with duplicating as in previous years and Mr. Plaister and the Education Department provided your council with a meeting room. To any other body or person who assisted amateur athletics during the year under review, your council offers its sincere thanks.

On behalf of the council

E. W. Barwick - President.

N. J. Ruddock - Hon. Secretary.

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR SEASON 1963/64

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
Affiliation Fees	5. 5. 0.	Subscriptions	4.10.0
Registration Fees, A.A.U.	34. 4. 0.	Registrations	107. 2.6
Printing & Stationery	5. 1. 5.	Affiliation Fees	65. 0.0
Postages	10. 4. 9.	Handbooks etc.	24.18.6
Telephone, Telegrams	9.11. 9.	Interest	13. 3.3
Annual Meeting	7. 4. 2.	Medallions	18.18.6
Handbooks etc.	30. 7. 0.	Tasmanian Team -	
Bank Charges	15. 0.	Australian Championships	224. 4.8
Rents	3. 0. 0.	Uniforms	2.14.0
Medallions	13. 8. 9.	Magazines	4,10.0
Tasmanian Team -		Certificates	11. 2.6
Australian Championships	232. 1. 8.	Donations	10.0
Magazines	3.15. 0.		
Certificates	39.10.4		
<u>Less Stock on hand</u>	<u>28. 0.0</u>		
	11. 0. 4.		
Uniforms	22.13.6		
<u>Less Stock on hand</u>	<u>12. 9.0</u>		
	10. 4. 6.		
Delegates Expenses A.A.U. Conference	10. 0. 0.		
Freight	13. 0.		
Honorarium	50. 0. 0.		
Depreciation	33.14. 0.		
Excess of Income over Expenditures	5.13. 7.		
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	£476.13.11.		£476.13.11.
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL, 1964.

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
Sundry Creditors	3.15.0.	Cash at E.S.A. Bank	13.14. 0
Accumulated Funds	482.16.8	Sundry Debtors	50. 6. 0
Plus Excess of Income	<u>5.13.7</u>	Stock on Hand	40. 9. 0
	488.10.3.	Commonwealth Loan 1976	102.16. 3
		Commonwealth Bonds	140. 0. 0
		Equipment c/f	158.14.0
		<u>Less 20% depreciation</u>	<u>31.14.0</u>
			127. 0. 0
		Typewriter	20. 0.0
		<u>Less 10% depreciation</u>	<u>2. 0.0</u>
			18. 0. 0
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	£492. 5. 3		£492. 5. 3
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I hereby certify that the above statements are a true and correct record of the Association's finances as at 30th. April, 1964 .

(Sgd.) C. A. WISE.  
Hon. Auditor