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mission: to encourage, improve, promote and manage
athletics in victoria.

we will:

- .encourage participation in athletics by all people
- .provide for the development of athletes at all levels of ability from beginners to elite
- .increase the profile and awareness of athletics within the community
- .provide for the development of coaches, officials, administrators and other volunteers in athletics
- .provide financial viability

From the President

ANNE LORD, PRESIDENT, ATHLETICS VICTORIA

It's been another bumper year with record numbers of registered members in both winter and summer and another solid financial performance.

We tend to measure success at Athletics Victoria by registration numbers and financial figures. These are indeed extremely important indicators, and ones which are tangible and easily quantifiable.

Just as important, however, has been the marked improvement in communication and cooperation at all levels. By breaking down that feeling of "them against us" – between clubs, the AV office and Board – we can continue to develop a culture of working together. We all have an important role to play.

Athletics Victoria has frequently been subject to criticism, and often rightly so, but instead of that negativity being so entrenched that it hinders the progression and development of our sport, as it sometimes has in the past, recent criticisms have been constructive and welcomed.

The response to the recent email survey sent to athletes and coaches illustrates this. There were a few negative comments but most of these were accompanied by realistic, constructive suggestions and ideas.

Hopefully, with the great people we have involved in our Association we can continue to build on the past years' successes. We have some terrific programs running at the moment. A consistent approach is essential to growing and strengthening our sport.

Competition

Our Competition Co-ordinator, Michelle James, has been on a huge learning curve over the past twelve months and has done a great job.

Summer

Another successful summer season was completed with overwhelming endorsement of the Shield competition. There were some issues with progressive scoring and results, which are so important in what is, essentially, a team competition. These difficulties arise from the complex system of scoring in the competition. The summer committee and AV office have identified these problems and the Board has fully endorsed the financial and IT support required to remedy this. Board member Russell Clowes, along with Tudor Holton, Craig Mahony, David Armstrong and Ian Upton, have established a working group to ensure these problems do not recur.

Premier League was very poorly supported and has been dropped for next year with specialist meetings and PB meets scheduled to fill that void.

After six long years, Craig Mahony will be finishing in his role as Summer Committee Manager. He will continue to serve on the Committee, focusing on the IT/scoring systems. Craig's knowledge in this particular area is invaluable.

I firmly believe that we would not have the strong club competition that we enjoy now if it had not been for Craig Mahony. Craig has been well supported by the regulars on the summer committee.



He has worked tirelessly, above and beyond the call of duty, both during summer and winter. His efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much Craig.

Marian O'Shaughnessy will assume the role as Summer Committee Chair and we welcome Marian. Hardly a newcomer to the sport, Marian competed in the seventies and eighties as a 400m/400m hurdles specialist running interclub regularly and competing for Victoria and Australia. Marian's children are involved in athletics and her husband Tim is the National Distance High Performance Co-ordinator. Her mother is our very own Margaret Fisher, long time official and AV Life Member.

Winter

Winter participation continues to grow with record entries in every event so far this year.

Special thanks to the Winter Committee and officials who get to the venue well before the start of competition to set up, stand in the cold waiting for competitors to finish and then are still there trying to process results and pack up after everyone else has gone home, usually still managing a smile!

Clubs

Part of the reason for the continued rise in registrations has been the formation of four new clubs over the past twelve months. Thanks to our Club Development Manager, Tim Crosbie, and the locals behind each of these clubs for all their work in developing them.

I offer a special welcome to South Coast, Ruyton, Croydon and South West Athletics Clubs.

Awards/Honours

Sincere congratulations to the following members who received awards over the past year:

Pam Ryan – AM

Marg Dunbar – Glen Eira citizen of the year

Trevor Vincent – OAM

Roy Boyd – OAM

Pam Turney – OAM

Also, congratulations to those who received awards from AV:

Danny McGrady and Helen Reiniets
– Official of the Year

David Armstrong
as Club Administrator of the Year

Western Athletics, named AV Club of the Year.

From the President

ANNE LORD, PRESIDENT, ATHLETICS VICTORIA

Olympic Park

The single biggest issue for AV this year has been the relocation of athletics away from Olympic Park. Last year, talks with government centred on what would be the best option for athletics. Stay at Olympic Park with increasingly adverse conditions, or move elsewhere. While we did not have a choice in the end, both AV and the Minister for Sport and his department are working together to ensure the best outcome for our sport. We have the potential at Albert Park to establish The State Athletic Centre, develop new revenue streams, have some control over the venue and really grow the sport. It is hoped that Athletics Australia and Victorian Little Athletics will join us as tenants in the new venue.

It has been frustrating from the Board's point of view that we have been unable to fight the good fight but I do believe the move will provide a better outcome for Victorian athletics in the long run.

I would like to thank Brett Moore, whose time over the past six months has been taken up with the Albert Park negotiations and government meetings. Without Brett's human resources and negotiating skills, we would not be in the strong position that we currently occupy.

I would sincerely like to thank my fellow Board members. We have worked well together, each person bringing different skills and experience to the Board.

Russell Clowes, mentioned earlier, is a first year Board member, and summer committee representative. An ex-athlete returning to the sport, he brings his experiences and his considerable organisational/business skills to the table. Brett Moore, as mentioned previously, has worked very hard in difficult circumstances to try and ensure AV gets the best outcome in the relocation from Olympic Park. Lisa Hasker (championships and marketing) continues to provide marketing and promotional insight. Eric Sigmont, as Treasurer, has presided over what has been another successful year financially, and Pat Scammell continues to work closely with Matt Griffin to promote country regional development.

Two Board members have sadly finished their tenure on the AV Board:

- Max Binnington – Board member 2001 to 2008, President 2003 to 2005.
- Ian Rickard Board member 2000 to 2008, Vice President 2005 to 2008

Particular thanks to these two who have continued to work hard behind the scenes and been especially active in monitoring performance at all levels across the sport. Their continuous contribution and constructive feedback has been greatly appreciated.

Once again special thanks to the AV office staff, Nick, Jade, Tudor, Tim, Matt, Don, Michelle, Sharon, Paul and Toby, who all work so hard to try to please everyone!

Special thanks to Toby who has stepped in to the receptionist role this year and has been such an asset.

Thanks to all our officials, administrators, coaches and athletes who remain passionate about athletics.

Thanks also to our sponsors, and in particular, Neil Ryan from Runners World, the Victorian Government for their development funding, the Melbourne Citrus Committee and Two Horns energy drinks.

The Olympic Games this year give us an opportunity to use the increased public awareness of our sport as a springboard for further recruiting and promotion. The whole world tunes in to the magic and drama of our spectacular sport at this time. I hope you enjoy it and I look forward to a successful forthcoming year.

Anne Lord

PRESIDENT

Past Presidents

Victorian Amateur Athletic Association

1891 - 1897	Hon Robert W	BEST MLA *
1897 - 1897	Mr Walter T	COLDHAM *
1897 - 1901	Mr Montague	COHEN *
1901 - 1905	Mr Lawrence A	ADAMSON *
1905 - 1918	Sir John	MADDEN *
1918 - 1943	Sir William H	IRVINE *
1943 - 1957	Sir John G	LATHAM *
1957 - 1970	Sir Wilfred K	HUGHES *
1970 - 1976	Sir Edgar S	TANNER *
1976 - 1978	Hon Justice Allan W	McDONALD
1978 - 1982	Sir Murray V	McINERNEY *

Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association

1929 - 1935	Miss Louise C	MILLS *
1935 - 1937	Mrs Doris M	MULCAHY *
1937 - 1938	Mrs Flora	HYAMS *
1938 - 1945	Miss Louise C	MILLS *
1945 - 1948	Miss Doris J	CARTER *
1948 - 1952	Mrs Doris IL	DAVIS *
1952 - 1961	Mrs Mabel E	ROBINSON *
1961 - 1962	Mrs Lena	BERZINSKI *
1962 - 1965	Mrs Aileen VE	KENNEDY *
1965 - 1976	Mrs Joyce I	DAVIS
1976 - 1982	Mrs Margaret L	MAHONY

Victorian Athletic Association Inc.

1982 - 1983	Dr Frank P	LARKINS
1983 - 1984	Mr Gary A	COZENS
1984 - 1989	Mr Stan M L	GUILFOYLE
1989 - 1992	Dr Brian	HODGSON

Athletics Victoria Inc.

1992 - 1994	Dr Brian	HODGSON
1994 - 1995	Mr Greg D	LEWIS
1995 - 1997	Mr Kevin L	DYNAN
1997 - 2002	Mr John K	HIGHAM
2002 - 2005	Mr Max C	BINNINGTON
2005 -	Ms Anne R	LORD

*Deceased

Office Bearers & Staff

ATHLETICS VICTORIA, 2007–08

Board of Directors

President Anne Lord
Vice President Ian Rickard
Vice President Lisa Hasker
Treasurer Eric Sigmont

Board Members

Max Binnington
Russell Clowes
Brett Moore
Pat Scammell

Sub Committee Managers

Championships & Special Meets

Khan Sharp

Coaching Harry Summers

Constitution Scott Chesterman

Country Pat Scammell

Officials Richard Lawysz

Records Officer Ronda Jenkins

Selection Ronda Jenkins

Statistician Paul Jenes

Summer Craig Mahony

Technical Ian Morehouse

Tracks Kevin Dynan

Winter Tim Crosbie

Staff

CEO Nick Honey

Programs Manager Jade Borella

Club Development Manager Tim Crosbie

Development Officer Matt Griffin

Competitions Coordinator Michelle James

Systems Coordinator Tudor Holton

Accounts Manager Sharon Russell

Communications Officer Paul Jenes

Officials Development Officer Don Blyth

Administration Officer Toby Borella

Coaching Services

Mark Ladbroke

Steve Cain



Honour Roll

ATHLETICS VICTORIA

Life Members

1896	PARKINSON	Basil J *	1976	FERRIER	Douglas G *
1901	COHEN	Montague *		GELL	Jean I
1904	BARRETT	Albert O *	1977	BUROW	Amy EB
1906	TRAVIS	Herbert A *		DAVIS	Joyce I MBE
1909	BRIGGS	Walter E *	1979	DAVIS	Doris IL *
1912	CROLL	Robert H *		McDONALD	Allan W Hon Mr Justice
1914	ADAMSON	Lawrence A CMG MA *	1980	LEACH	William J *
1915	SERLE	E Hamilton OBE *	1981	BEOVICH	Beverley L *
	SHAPPERE	Philip *		CHUGG	Jack W *
1920	STILLWELL	J Alexander *		MAHONY	Margaret L OAM
1926	SMITH	Harry D *	1982	BELL	Donald F OAM *
1928	ABBOTT	Harry A *		DYNAN	Kevin L
	LANGFORD	George E *	1983	DAVIS	Robert L *
1935	WEIR	Hugh R CBE *		TUNALEY	William S *
1938	RYAN	William M *	1984	GALBRAITH	Alec C *
1939	SCHOBER	Albert V *	1985	BIGGINS	Jack McD *
1944	AKERS	Phyllis M *		DOWNES	Lola C OAM
	MILLS	Louise C *		STANTON	Horace J ISM *
	WILLSON	Doris M*	1986	COLDREY	Fred H *
1945	NEVILLE	Lilian M OAM *		FIELD	Ralph W *
	PAINTER	Wilfred E *		GRIERSON	William R *
1948	ROBINSON	Mabel E MBE *		KNOTT	George CH *
	O'DRISCOLL	Jack X QC OBE *		LONNQUIST	Arthur H *
1949	KENNEDY	Aileen VE BEM *		McBETH	Emily T *
	PIZZEY	F H "Bill" *		PATTERSON	Marion J OAM
	GRANT	C William H *		STANTON	Doreen F *
1951	AITKEN	C Ronald CBE *		TURNER	Dick A *
	CURNOW	Leonard B OBE *		WOOD	WJP "Bill" *
1953	GARDINER	C Herbert G QJM *	1988	GRAF	Fred JG *
1954	KIELY	Nance *		NICHOLLS	Stanley L OAM *
1957	BENNETT	Iris I *		ROBLEY	Stuart E
	MAYER	Sidney M *		SCHUBERT	Henri J MBE *
	MORRIS	Evelyn LF *		SHILSTON	Mark W *
1958	DUNCAN	F May *	1991	GRANT	Irene M *
	DAVIES	Owen E *		HODGSON	Brian
1961	CLEMSON	Reginald *	1992	KENNY	Raymond M *
1963	JAMIESON	Alexander A *	1993	HINES	Joan L
1964	McQUISTON	Maisie BEM *		ROBERTS	Phyl M *
1967	PATCHING	Julius L AO OBE	1994	SAUNDERS	Margaret L *
	STRINGER	George B *	1995	ABBOTT	Sylvia M
1968	MEARS	Kitt F *		DUNBAR	Margaret E
	CAMPBELL	A Hugh *		FRASER	Martha *
1969	ROBINSON	Alfred E *		THOMPSON	Margaret A
1970	ANDERSSON	Phyllis M H		WATT	Eileen M
1972	MOORE	Edward *	1996	AGG	Patricia J
1973	DUNN	Crystal	1997	GUILFOYLE	Stanley ML AM
1974	EASTHAM	Edward D *	1998	CURNOW	Vern W
1975	EMBLING	Stewart A *		HOCHREITER	Rudi J *
				JENKINS	Ronda M
				WOODS	E Frank *

1999	NOLAN	Charles R
	SMITH	Raymond C
	STEVENS	Harold M OAM
2000	JENES	Paul
2001	CARMODY	Joseph *
	COLLINGS	Vern F
	SILLITOE	Neville J
2002	BRADBURY	B Joy
2003	MC LELLAN	Amy C C
2005	FISHER	Margaret M
2007	WHITCHELL	Athur

1995	VODDEN	Nancie A *
1996	WARREN	E Geoff
1998	GRANT	Geoff F
	HALL	Lew R *
	MILLER	Ron A
	MINTER	Allan J
	SMITH	J Gordon
	SMITH	Laura A *
	WILLIAMS	Tony J
1999	FISHER	Margaret M
	KITT	Ivan T
	LAWYSZ	Richard B
2000	BLUNDY	Merv A
	DAVIDSON	John G
	HANCOCK	Tom B
	MORGAN	Lorraine M AM

2001	LUCARDIE	Ron T
	MCKECHNIE	Hugh L
	TOOHEY	Bill J
	VINCENT	Trevor A
	WOODBIDGE	Russell H
2002	MONEGHETTI	Stephen J
	PRESTON	Laurence G
	RICKARD	Ian
	UPTON	Ian
2003	HALL	Ken R
	MC DONALD	Ray
	MOORE	Brian
	PUOPOLO	A 'Gus' J
2004	ANDERSON	Peter K
	GARDINER	Robert C
	MAJOR	Geoff W
	WILLIAMS	Irene
2006	LAMB DEN	Ruby
	WHITCHELL	Arthur
2007	BARRETT	Peter
	GARTSIDE	Patricia
	NODEN	Pamela

Merit Award

1960	BURT	Maisie S *
1962	MEARS	Kitt F *
1969	VENN	Fay N *
1970	McBETH	Emily T *
	ROSE	Gladys I *
	STANTON	Doreen F *
1972	HOLMAN	Keith
1974	PATTERSON	Marion J OAM
1978	STEPHENSON	Harry F *
1980	SAUNDERS	George E MBE *
1983	NICHOLLS	Stanley L OAM *
1984	DUNN	Jack B *
	FRASER	Martha *
	FRASER	William C*
	WOOD	WJP 'Bill' *
1986	ABBOTT	Sylvia M
1987	COX	Sydney J *
	HENRY	Laurie F *
1988	KITT	W David *
	WALSH	Jim F*
1989	KENNY	Raymond M *
	SAUNDERS	Margaret L *
1990	DONALD	Wyn V
	DUNBAR	Margaret E
1991	FOLEY	Royce P *
	ROBERTS	Phyl M *
1992	AGG	Patricia J
	VAUGHAN	Hazel G
1994	BETHELL	Peter S
	BOURKE	Russell J
	BRADBURY	B Joy
	HOCHREITER	Rudi J *
	LETHBRIDGE	RA 'Tony' OAM
	WATT	Eileen M
	WOODS	E Frank *

Distinguished Service

1989	DAVIES	Judy J
1994	GUILFOYLE	Stanley ML AM
2002	CHESTERMAN	Scott
2002	HIGHAM	John K

Track & Field

CRAIG MAHONY, SUB COMMITTEE MANAGER, SUMMER COMPETITION

I would like to thank the members of the Summer Competition Sub Committee for their work during the year. The volunteer committee members were Pam Noden, Ian Upton, Rob Craigie, Rod Griffin, Adrian Patti and David Armstrong. Additionally, I would like to thank the AV office staff for their assistance and work. I would also like to thank the officials for the time and effort they put in during Shield Competition and the Championships.

Shield Competition

Competitor numbers were again impressive this season. North West and Ballarat region had good increases in numbers.

Average participation levels, including invitations, were as follows:

Region	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Min	Max
Ballarat	134	115	143	114	162
Bendigo		92	91	68	109
East	508	532	528	446	610
Geelong		145	125	93	175
NorthWest	351	360	402	362	445
SouthEast	327	401	411*	264*	526

* Abandoned competition

These numbers represent the athletes that competed at the region and include athletes who competed there from other regions and other invitations as recorded in the databases. The numbers are not entirely accurate as Premier League athletes are counted at the venue at which they competed and are also included in their home region's results.

For those interested in statistics, the table on page 12 shows the total number of athletes in each event as recorded in the regional databases. This does not include round 12 which, in most regions, was a Final in which not all athletes could compete. These figures highlight some of our strengths. Additionally I believe they also show up some of our weaknesses and indicate where more development could be occurring.

Shield Competition – Regional Winning Teams

	Ballarat	Bendigo	East	Geelong	North West	South East
Women						
U14	YCW	Eaglehawk	Athletics Nunawading	Geelong Guild	Keilor St Bernards	Glenhuntly
U16	Eureka	Eaglehawk	Athletics Nunawading	Deakin	Western Athletics	Knox
U18		Eaglehawk	Box Hill	Geelong Guild	Keilor St Bernards	Athletics Waverley
U20		Sth Bendigo	Doncaster	Geelong Guild	Keilor St Bernards	Knox
Div 1	Eureka		St Stephens Hawthorn		Athletics Essendon	Athletics Waverley
Div 2	Eureka	Bendigo YMCA	St Stephens Hawthorn	Deakin	Coburg Harriers	Athletics Waverley
35+				Athletics Chilwell		
Men						
U14	YCW	Eaglehawk	Ringwood	Geelong Guild	Preston	Malvern Harriers
U16	Eureka	Bendigo YMCA	Box Hill	Athletics Chilwell	Western Athletics	Frankston
U18		St Bendigo	St Kevins	Geelong Guild	Preston	Knox
U20		Bendigo YMCA	Doncaster	Athletics Chilwell		Knox
Div 1	Ballarat Harriers		Box Hill		Athletics Essendon	Athletics Waverley
Div 2	YCW	Bendigo YMCA	Box Hill/ St Stephens Hawthorn	Athletics Chilwell	Western Athletics	Athletics Waverley
Div 3	YCW		St Stephens Hawthorn		Preston	Athletics Waverley
Div 4		Bendigo YMCA	St Stephens Hawthorn		Athletics Essendon	Athletics Waverley
40+	Wendoree			Geelong Guild		
50+				Bellarine		
60+				Bellarine		

Shield Final

The Shield Final was again held at Doncaster. The top two teams from each Metropolitan Region and the top team from each Country Region were eligible. However, not many Country region teams attended. Additionally, the VLAA State Championships were held the same weekend which affected the junior competition.

The points score in several age groups/division was close. In the end the Shield Final winners were:

	Women	Men
U14	Keilor St Bernards	Preston
U16	Knox	Box Hill
U18	Athletics Waverley	St Kevins
U20	Keilor St Bernards	Knox
Div 1	Athletics Essendon	Box Hill
Div 2	St Stephens Hawthorn	St Stephens Hawthorn
Div 3		Athletics Waverley
Div 4		Wendoree

Overall I believe the season to have been very successful. My interpretation of the survey results is that the vast majority of the athletes are happy with the current competition.

Premier League

This year was the second Premier League competition conducted. It was necessary that it stand on it's own two feet this year if it was to continue.

Unfortunately, one round was washed out this year. Furthermore, entries were still very low in most events, except for the last round. In the women's events at Ballarat only one event had enough entries to go ahead! Possibly, athletes felt the Shield Competition at their home region provided sufficient competition.

The AV office had to spend a lot of time trying to get even half full fields in some events.

Thanks to the office team's work in getting athletes into events and trying to make the Premier league successful.

Due to the lack of support, Premier League will not run next season. It is expected that some PB competitions during the 'Championship' part of the season will fill the competition needs of athletes leading up to the National Championships. Clubs are urged to tender for these.

Craig Mahony

SUB COMMITTEE MANAGER,
SUMMER COMPETITION

Track&Field

CRAIG MAHONY, SUB COMMITTEE MANAGER, SUMMER COMPETITION

Shield Competition – Athletes in Each Event (Total and by Region)

Event	Total	Ballarat	Bendigo	East	Geelong	NorthWest	SouthEast
F100	2152	138	97	498	277	505	637
F100H	233	19	4	73	15	68	54
F100R	198	14	11	53	17	72	31
F1500	752	70	41	207	29	179	226
F200	1839	130	95	483	147	445	539
F2000S	100	36	14	1	5	30	14
F200H	73	3	3	11	10	20	26
F200R	238	23	4	66	14	82	49
F3000	372	54	10	86	21	120	81
F3000S	31			15	1	14	1
F400	1154	89	61	277	64	306	357
F400H	74	4	2	16	16	12	24
F400R	123	12		38	2	49	22
F5000	74	12		23	2	19	18
F800	1188	105	68	294	52	341	328
F80H	94	4	6	24	4	29	27
F90H	151	8	8	30	4	30	71
FDT	930	73	87	192	137	217	224
FHJ	600	53	18	138	29	186	176
FHT	346	27	36	63	43	118	59
FJT	1070	77	74	202	127	327	263
FLJ	760	68	69	170	37	182	234
FPV	207	5		65	33	85	19
FSP	1084	100	73	171	128	338	274
FTJ	671	60	29	144	71	209	158
FW	324	16	71	40	47	66	84
M100	3098	254	154	921	381	658	730
M100H	97	1	7	42	4	15	28
M100R	288	22	8	105	17	88	48
M110H	360	26	9	144	13	80	88
M1500	1932	167	150	547	96	439	533
M200	2696	218	161	839	208	592	678
M2000S	151	51	11	21	4	22	42
M200H	65	4	2	11	12	15	21
M200R	337	39	8	123	10	89	68
M20W	6		5				1
M3000	1217	146	70	313	62	316	310
M3000S	115	30		42		24	19
M300H	5				5		
M400	2009	172	150	490	162	394	641
M400H	150	16	3	48	15	20	48
M400R	284	28		112	4	88	52
M5000	454	87		132	24	84	127
M800	2446	204	153	805	103	523	658
M80H	1					1	
M90H	67	4	5	23	6	11	18
MDT	1306	134	85	350	109	294	334
MHJ	1130	64	30	379	113	286	258
MHT	737	97	26	210	28	224	152
MJT	1515	142	114	428	134	352	345
MLJ	1015	104	59	311	98	211	232
MPV	349	23	18	89	88	71	60
MSP	1480	157	87	380	129	389	338
MTJ	747	77	34	193	51	231	161
MW	494	78	53	140	42	93	88



Cross Country & Road Racing

TIM CROSBIE, SUB COMMITTEE MANAGER, WINTER COMPETITION

After the substantial growth experienced in 2006, the 2007 Winter Series can be viewed as one of consolidation. Overall participation rose by approximately 4% which yet again represents a record number of participants and underlies a general trend of growth experienced broadly in distance racing events across the country.

Despite the growth rate being more modest than 2006, it must be remembered that the base from which we were building was much higher.

The rise in female participation yet again represents the majority of the growth, with the figures for open age males remaining relatively stagnant, as they did in 2006.

With the combination of the All Schools Cross Country and the Victorian Cross Country Championship, junior participation figures are slightly skewed. However, at a number of key events such as the Cross Country Relays, Yarra Bend and Tan Relays, there were very positive signs of strong junior growth. The perennial problem of trying to squeeze events in amongst additional schools competition and school holidays will continue to be a source of fluctuating numbers for juniors.

Venues

One new venue was used in 2007, with the running of the 5k & 15k road races at La Trobe University. Despite clashing with Mothers Day, participation rates were surprisingly high and although acknowledged as a tough course, the feedback was generally positive. The one glaring issue we faced with La Trobe was the lack of toilet facilities, which will be addressed in 2008.

Jells Park played host to the first round of 2007, and underlying its popularity as a venue and course, it attracted the biggest crowd of the series for the Cross Country relays. The Tan Relays were the next largest event based on participation, followed by the Sandown 10k and Sandown Road Relays with all four of these events, plus Bundoora, attracting over 800 competitors. In 2006 only two events, the Cross Country & Road Relays, exceeded 800 participants.

As mentioned earlier, the combination of the All Schools and Victorian Cross Country Championship reduces our statistical figures given that in 2006 many of our juniors competed in both events. However, from an event management perspective, the combined championships were seen as a great success. Once more Bundoora proved to be a superb venue to host Cross Country racing.

Yarra Bend proved to be a problematical venue, our dealings with Parks Victoria proving very frustrating and resulting in many last minute changes to our scheduled running of the event. Unfortunately, despite its proud history as a cross country venue, Yarra Bend simply does not have the infrastructure, nor the support of local authorities for it to remain a viable AV venue.

The Coliban relay was reinvented as an Ekiden in 2007, with the introduction of the traditional Tasuki sashes and some major course changes. Our ultimate aim is to increase runner safety, so further changes may be made in 2008 to achieve this aim. Although participation fell this year, the Coliban Ekiden is seen as an important regular event on the Winter Series calendar and will continue to be fully supported by the Winter Committee.

Grading & Divisional Winners

The traditional 10mile Cross Country moved to Geelong and proved to be an outstanding success. The undulating terrain at Eastern Park provided runners with good racing conditions, whilst for spectators the multi lap format and accessibility to various parts of the course made for good viewing as the races unfolded.

In summary, despite various constraints placed upon us in respect to dates and venue selection, the 2007 series proceeded with few major issues and continued the growth patterns of recent years.

Sponsorship

2007 saw the introduction of SKINS as a major sponsor for the Winter series. SKINS have embarked on a 3 year deal to support the Sandown Classic 10k. This sponsorship went towards providing prize money to the first 5 placegetters in each event, together with product for the leading placegetters in all events, including junior and masters divisions.

A portion of the SKINS sponsorship was also allocated to providing travel assistance to 5 interstate athletes to compete at Sandown. Combined with the generous support of the Clarion on Canterbury, who provided accommodation, our interstate guests were well supported. This was reflected in some excellent performances, including a number of substantial PB's.

Our objective with Sandown is to continue selling the event as the fastest 10k race in Australia. This message is starting to take hold, with the number of self subsidised interstate athletes competing, combined with local "Invitation" athletes jumping substantially in 2007.

Two Horns sports drink and the Citrus Fruit Committee were also strong supporters of the Winter series with the provision of their product to athletes at a number of key events.

Neil Ryan through Runners World, continued his strong support of the Under 20 competition with his generous donations to placegetters. The Winter Committee are very appreciative of Neil's ongoing contribution to the development of athletics in our state.

The introduction of the broad based principle of two up, two down promotion/relegation continues to invigorate the graded competition. In many divisions, the level of interest in ladder positions at both ends of the table remained strong until the final round.

A very late decision to introduce a Women's Division 4 proved very successful as the level of competition and numbers of competing teams exceeded all expectations.

Congratulations must go to our Division 1 winners – the Geelong Region in the men's competition and Knox Athletics in the women's. After a close tussle with Glenhuntly in the early part of the season, the Geelong men stormed away to record a comfortable victory. The Knox women had no such worries, dominating the entire season and rarely being defeated.

Despite having their 10 year reign as Division 1 champions come to an end, Glenhuntly were once again a force to be reckoned with and didn't let Geelong have it their own way.

Underlying their strength, and contribution to the competition, Glenhuntly also finished well up in the Men's Division 2 competition and second in Women's Division 1.

Athletics Essendon have finally made their way back into Division 1 with a strong victory in Division 2 Men. Athletics Waverley will join Essendon in the top division, a direct result of their gradual rebuild over recent years. The Collingwood Harriers will boast a Division 1 Women's team in 2008 after proving too good for the opposition in Division 2.

The introduction of the Bendigo Regional team produced immediate results with victory in Men's Division 3, whilst another one of our regional teams, Wendouree celebrated wins in both Divisions 4 & 7. The Collingwood Harriers took out Men's Division 5 and Western Athletics had a comfortable win in Division 6.

The strong Knox team added the Women's Division 3 flag to their list of honours, whilst the Richmond Harriers can lay claim to being the first ever Women's Division 4 premiers.

In Junior Divisions, the very strong band of emerging athletes from Athletics Essendon dominated most age groups, whilst at the other end of the scale the senior men from APS United claimed a narrow victory over Keilor St Bernards in the Men's Over 40 competition. This result not being determined until the final leg of the Tan Relay.

Cross Country & Road Racing

TIM CROSBIE, SUB COMMITTEE MANAGER, WINTER COMPETITION

Summary

The Athletics Victoria Winter series continues to be the pre-eminent competition of its type in Australia. Not content to rest purely on this reputation, the Winter Committee are conscious that constant change and renewal, be it major or minor is required to keep the series fresh and vibrant.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful band of regular AV Officials who make our events happen. Their expertise and dedication to our sport often goes unrecognised, yet their contribution is immeasurable.

I'd also like to thank the hard working crew who make up the Winter Committee. As our competition adapts and grows, this committee becomes pivotal in recognising trends to continually provide a relevant series of events for athletes at all levels.

The staff at Athletics Victoria also play an important role in ensuring a professional level of event management at all winter events. Special mention must be made of Michelle James who slipped into the Competitions role mid season and provided a seamless transition from the ever reliable Jade Borella.

Finally I'd like to thank the Winter Team Managers for their continued support and advice and all the competing athletes who make the competition what it is.... the best in Australia.

Tim Crosbie

SUB COMMITTEE MANAGER,
WINTER COMPETITION



Officials

RICHARD LAWYSZ, SUB COMMITTEE MANAGER, OFFICIALS

The number of officials prepared to take formal qualifications to further their development has been pleasing, which in turn, opens up opportunities for those willing to test their skills and take on the responsibilities of more senior positions.

Major Championships conducted during the season:

- 13-14 October, 10-11 November
Victorian Allschools
- 2 Dec Ron Clarke Classic, Geelong
- 13 Dec Zatopek Meet
- 12-13 Jan Victorian Multis
- 25-27 Jan Victorian Country Championships, Albury
- 23-44 Feb Victorian Youth Championships
- 8-10 Feb Victorian Open Championships
- 16 February Shield Final
- 8-9 March Victorian Masters
- 8 March Peter Norman Classic, and
- Premier League on various dates and venues

There was also a full season of Shield competition at various venues in Melbourne and also country Victoria, many combined with the various national championships around the country.

We highlight the same issues each season:

- Withdrawals after initial advice of being available.
- Actual advice of appointments could have been earlier so as to avoid disappointment of not being appointed and thus sourcing replacements, but in several instances, these were influenced by late alterations to the timetables.
- Endeavouring to meet requests for specific appointments to assist with qualifications (practical component).

This year, every official who made themselves available was appointed. Unfortunately, some officials were not appointed simply because the sub committee was not advised of their availability. We can only appoint those we know about and publish the appointments accordingly. Again my apologies.

I need to raise the issue of retirements. All of us, I repeat all of us, love this sport. That is why we contribute so much of ourselves to it. But, like all things, we need to take stock of our limitations. The mind is willing, but the body may not be able to keep up.

We all have to seriously consider, are we an asset or a liability to the sport.

We should all re-evaluate our own personal circumstances and be brave enough, yes brave, to admit to those limitations and volunteer to put our hand up or take on a role in some other capacity.

Our mentoring programme would be an ideal vehicle for some officials "easing" out of the sport.

Athletics Victoria, which has a duty of care to all its members, will review making appointments

to Victoria championships from those who have nominated.

According to the registration records for 2007-08, 293 were registered (including dual categories) as officials, yet for the major meets such as Allschools or Victorian Championships, we struggled to get 70-80 officials. Why such a poor attendance rate?

What measures can we implement to encourage these "others" to share the experience?

This highlights the challenge to nurture and mentor those who wish to step to a higher level of officiating.

Thanks to Don Blyth and Michelle James for their assistance in the office and I thank my sub committee, Ronda Jenkins, Danny Mc Grady, Diane Lowden, Lorraine Morgan, Lynda Gusbeth, Ian Sinclair, Simon Ware. I also thank the AV staff Nick Honey and Jade Borella for their support and contribution within their own areas of expertise and also overall for the improvement in the structure and recognition of officiating expertise. Also, Brian Moore for his continued assistance with selections for the start area officials and Diane Lowden for co-ordinating the walks judges panels.

The Athletics Victoria officials sub committee endeavors to be more encompassing of all aspects of officiating, namely, education/development, recruitment, mentoring and social.

Officials' Seminars were conducted in Bendigo (25 Aug 07), Walks seminar (22 Sep 07), Geelong (4 Nov 07), Leongatha (18 Nov 07) and Doncaster (25 Nov 07) together with the annual AV seminar which was conducted at Collingwood (21 Oct 07).

The Doncaster seminar was primarily aimed at assisting Little Athletics officials, even allowing for some minor differences in interpretation of applying the rules in a couple of instances, and several did make themselves available to officiate at the Victorian Championships.

Also level B seminars for track(13 Nov 07), jumps(20 Nov 07) and throws(27 Nov 07) as a lead up to the exams which were conducted on 18 Dec 07.

Candidates sitting exams:

- Level C papers jumps(11), throws(11), track(13)
- Level B papers jumps(3), throws(7), track(3), admin/technical(1)
- Also 4 candidates sat level A papers (jumps(2), throws(1), track(1))

The challenge is to increase our pool of appropriately qualified officials by giving them the exposure of differing roles and accepting the challenge of additional responsibility.

There is no substitute for actually doing the job and by "mentoring" our junior officials (by experience not age) we MUST provide a succession plan and incentives to continue.

There seems to be an ever increasing call upon officials' services to do so at schools meets and other AV events during so called normal working hours which puts even further pressure to provided appropriately qualified officials.

The Administrators/Officials luncheon on 20th April, 2008 was again a success and we again thank Jade, Michelle, Don and Toby for their work behind the scenes to make it so.

Recognised at the officials dinner were Officials of the Year, Helen Rieniets and Danny McGrady, and Rookie Official of the Year, Christine Dell, all most worthy recipients.

Our word for the season was LEGACY. What legacy have we left or created for our sport?

- L LEARNING
- E EDUCATION
- G GENERATION Y
- A ATTITUDE
- C CO-OPERATION
- Y YOU & ME

With regret, we record the passing of Sophie Soltys, who officiated over many seasons and was more than willing to give of her time to the sport even under some personal sacrifice.

Richard Lawysz

SUB COMMITTEE MANAGER, OFFICIALS

Team Selection

RONDA JENKINS, SELECTION OFFICER

The Selection committee of Ronda Jenkins, Mark Donahoo, Jodie Howitt, Mark Trezise and Peter Anderson (Bwk) is a very committed committee and very dedicated to athletics and the selection of teams and awards.

This selection committee is extremely conscientious and a lot of time, effort and thought goes into every selection; be it selection of a team, a Laurel Wreath Number or a trophy or award. The process is the same with all five members contributing to the eventual selection.

As Selection Officer I am fortunate to have this dedicated team who enjoy the research and the ranking of all performances which enables them to choose the worthy recipient.

Ronda Jenkins

SELECTION OFFICER



Records

RONDA JENKINS, SELECTION OFFICER

The Victorian and Australian Championships saw some exceptional performances, (mostly from the girls) and we can only hope the standard of competition will continue and encourage more Victorian Records.

Numbers of new records set in 2007–08

	State Men	State Women	Country Men	Country Women
Open	4	1		8
U20		2	2	6
U19		2	1	4
U18	1	2	1	
U17		8		3
U16	1	4		1
U15	3	6	3	3
U14		4	1	1
U13	1 Equal	1		

Thanks to the AV Office Staff and the venues for their help, and also to my Assistant, Jodie Howitt.

Ronda Jenkins

RECORDS OFFICER

Victorian Records

BROKEN IN 2007–08

Men

Daniel	Bailey	Octathlon	State U18	5708 pts	12/7/07
Jarrod	Bannister	Javelin	State Open	83.70	10/3/07
Jed	Bews	Pole Vault	Country U15	3.65	6/12/07
Jed	Bews	Pole Vault	Country U15	3.80	23/2/08
Damien	Birkinhead	Shot Put	State & Country U15	19.29	26/1/08
Nathan	Blair	90m Hurdles	State U13=	15.53	24/2/03
Ryan	Buttner	High Jump	Country U14	1.82	9/12/07
Matthew	Gibney	1500 mts	Country U20	3.45.76	13/12/07
Scott	Grant	Combined Event	Country U18	6523 pts	15-16/12/07
Scott	Martin	Shot Put	State Open	20.52	21/7/07
Scott	Martin	Shot Put	State Open	20.63	12/1/08
Scott	Martin	Shot Put	State Open	21.26	21/2/08
Christopher	McCurley	110m Hurdles	Country U19 U20	15.90	25/1/08
Sebastian	Purcell	100m Hurdles	State U15	13.67	7/12/07
Sebastian	Purcell	100m Hurdles	State U15	13.63	9/12/07
Alex	Rowe	800 mts	State U16	1.50.63	15/3/08

Women

Robyn	Byrne	2000m Hurdles	Country U14	32.77	26/1/08
Danielle	Byrnes	Hammer	Country U15	39.38	6/12/07
Danielle	Byrnes	Hammer	Country U15	40.34	6/12/07
Danielle	Byrnes	Shot Put	Country U15	12.59	9/12/07
Samantha	Carberry	2000m Steeple	State U17 U18	6.38.68	14/07/07
Monique	Cilione	Javelin	State U13	40.85	3/11/07
Monique	Cilione	Javelin	State U14	42.40	8/12/07
Monique	Cilione	Javelin	State U14	44.64	8/12/07
Monique	Cilione	Javelin	State U14	46.55	8/12/07
Natalie	Debuljuh	Hammer	Country Open U20	52.30	27/10/07
Natalie	Debuljuh	Hammer	Country Open U20	53.04	26/1/08
Natalie	Debuljuh	Hammer	Country Open U20	54.24	10/2/08
Natalie	Debuljuh	Hammer	Country Open U20 U19	52.07	26/09/07
Regan	Lamble	5000m Walk	State U16 U17	24.31.32	13/10/07
Bianca	Maurer	Javelin	State & Country U17	47.65	2/3/07
Bianca	Maurer	Javelin	State & Country U17	48.64	10/3/07
Bianca	Maurer	Javelin	State & Country U17	48.81	15/07/07
Kathryn	Mitchell	Javelin	Country Open	58.77	29/2/08
Kathryn	Mitchell	Javelin	Country Open	58.36	29/2/08
Kathryn	Mitchell	Javelin	Country Open	58.07	29/2/08
Kimberley	Mulhall	Discus	State U17	51.67	17/11/07
Alexandra	Pocklington	Pole Vault	State U15	3.40	6/12/07
Alexandra	Pocklington	Pole Vault	State U15	3.40	9/2/08
Alexandra	Pocklington	Pole Vault	State U15	3.45	23/2/08
Alexandra	Pocklington	Pole Vault	State U14	3.10	18/08/07
Jessica	Rothwell	5000m Walk	State & Country U19 U20	22.08.76	9/2/08
Jessica	Rothwell	10000m Walk	State U19 U20 & Country Open	46.15.17	14/3/08
Margaret	Satupai	Shot Put	State U16	14.47	22/1/08
Kate	Sly	3000, Steeple	Country U19	10.36.74	10/2/08
Denise	Snyder	High Jump	Country U16	Eq 1.78	7/12/07
Brooke	Stratton	Long Jump	State U15	5.90	8/12/07
Brooke	Stratton	Triple Jump	State U15 U16	12.16	9/12/07
Brooke	Stratton	Triple Jump	State U15		10.11.07
Kellie	Wapshot	5000m Walk	State Open	21.46.70	9/2/08
Vic State Team		4 x 200 Relay	State U16 U17	1.40.70	9/12/07



Statistics

PAUL JENES, STATISTICIAN

The State Ranking lists continue to be updated on a weekly basis on the AV Website. Also on the website are the National rankings so members can see where Victorian athletes are ranked. Again a reminder that the ranking lists are done on a calendar year basis (Jan – Dec).

The Weekly Wrap continues and we do encourage members to let us know anything of significance which may be added to the Wrap. Tim Crosbie has been doing a great job on the layout and the pictures and sending it to all members.

The historic statistics project is continuing. Progress is slow as there are so many missing results. I would like to thank Marion Patterson for her tremendous work on this project and her great contribution. If members do have material from the past we would greatly appreciate a copy so we can build on what we have.

I hope to also include older State rankings on the website and this will be worked on in the coming season.

I would like to thank the staff of AV for their support and all the venue recorders. I would also like to thank Ronda Jenkins, David Tarbotton, Tim Erickson, Mark Stewart and Fletcher McEwen. Also a big thanks to Athletics Australia and the member Associations.

Paul Jenes

STATISTICIAN



Tracks

KEVIN DYNAN, TRACKS OFFICER

The only new track built this year is the Mondo track at Warrnambool, which was formally opened by the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser on 20 September. The track is adjacent to Brauer College.

The track has 18 lanes on the circuit with 2 extra lanes on the front straight and has facilities for all track and field events. The pavilion is suitable and it is intended to provide floodlighting.

The track at Croydon has been upgraded to polyurethane and the Collingwood track and the Aberfeldie tracks have been resurfaced.

The track at Moe was inspected and found to be in an appalling condition. A detailed estimate of cost has been provided by WM Loud (Aust) Pty Ltd.

There is a proposal for a track at Melton.

It is understood that the rubberised-bitumen track at Oakleigh has been rejuvenated in the same material and has not been well received by local athletes. The Track Officer was not consulted.

Kevin Dynan

TRACKS OFFICER

From the Chief Executive

NICK HONEY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ATHLETICS VICTORIA

I am happy to report that the 2007-08 athletics year another success on all fronts for Athletics Victoria. Once again, the organization was faced with the challenge of maintaining the level of growth it has been enjoying in recent years. According to any measures - membership numbers, membership satisfaction, competition participation rates, financial results, Victorian elite level representatives, brand recognition, etc. - it can be said that Athletics Victoria has performed strongly.

The 2007 Winter season saw participation numbers continue to grow. The Winter Series has now truly established itself as just that. It is an exciting, challenging and varied series of races that offers something for all standards and age groups. Strategically, the Winter competition is viewed as a fantastic entry point into organized athletics for prospective new members. The fact that one can compete in an Athletics Victoria Winter event on an invitational basis, while remaining relatively anonymous in the large number of competitors, has proven to be an attractive 'try and buy' option for many who are new to club athletics. The Athletics Victoria staff and Winter Sub Committee have actively marketed our product to the thousands of Victorian social athletes who regularly compete in the many commercial Fun Runs. This promotional campaign has encouraged many fun runners to give Athletics Victoria competition a go. Congratulations to Tim Crosbie and the Winter Sub Committee, as well as the Athletics Victoria office staff, for conducting and managing another successful Winter season that is, far and away, the most successful cross country and road racing competition in Australia.

As has often been the case in recent times, the 2007-08 Summer Track and Field season was crammed into a busy calendar. The early Easter break this season allowed little flexibility in scheduling the many rounds of the Shield competition and the various Championships. Nevertheless, a full quota of Athletics Victoria and Athletics Australia competition was conducted and included a few special meets, including the National Series meets; the Ron Clarke Classic in Geelong, promoted by Lee Troop; The Peter Norman Classic promoted by Athletics Essendon; and the Zatopek 10. This year saw Athletics Victoria manage and promote the Zatopek 10 for the first time in many years. We look forward to fostering this meet in the coming years and re-establishing it as one of the best known athletics brands in Australia.

A significant component of the labour and expertise needed to run such a successful season comes from the many dedicated volunteers who offer their time, skill and passion to athletics. Thanks to Craig Mahony and the members of the Summer Competition Sub Committee and to Khan Sharp and the Championships and Special Events Sub Committee. Their fantastic efforts are greatly appreciated.

This year, Athletics Victoria was able to continue its growth in membership thanks to a combination of factors: the extra resources provided via the State Government funded "Moving Athletics Forward" program; the increase in sponsorship and the reinvestment of last year's surplus into development programs; and the strong improvement of member services offered by many of our clubs. The final total membership figure for 07-08 year was 4709.



This represents a growth rate of over nine percent! Praise must go to the hard working administrators of the clubs for facilitating and accommodating this fantastic increase in membership.

The Association once again performed well from a financial standpoint. A surplus of over \$114,000.00 will be recorded from the 07-08 financial year. Athletics Victoria's net asset base continues to grow and now sits at over half a million dollars. This offers Athletics Victoria some level of financial security for future. It also enables planning and budgeting to be skewed toward growth strategies instead of survival strategies. I offer my thanks to the retired Athletics Victoria treasurer, Gordon Proudfoot, for his attentive financial guidance during his term as treasurer.

We are also greatly indebted to our sponsors and supporters who show great faith in our sport. Neil Ryan from Runners World has continued his long association as naming rights sponsor of our athlete bibs. Thanks also to our other great supporters, The Melbourne Citrus Committee, representing all of Victoria's citrus growers, SKINS compression garments, Sportstime, and of course, the State Government for their sport development funding.

Athletics Victoria continues to nurture strong and productive relationships with other athletics bodies. Namely, the Masters (Victorian Masters Association), the Pros (Victorian Athletic League), the Victorian Little Athletics Association and our national governing body, Athletics Australia. We have worked well with all these organizations throughout the year and have run many combined competitions and promotions with great success.

The popular Athletics Victoria annual 'Volunteer and Club Administrator Award' function was held again this year. Congratulations to the award winners: Danny McGrady and Helen Rienets, who won the Official of the Year awards; Christine Dell as best new Official; David Armstrong who won the Club administrator of the Year; and Western Athletics, who won the Athletics Victoria Club of the Year award. My gratitude is also extended to all the volunteer officials and administrators, who are indispensable for the excellent delivery of our sport.

This year also saw the announcement that athletics would be leaving its historical and spiritual home, Olympic Park. The State Government has decided to turn the Melbourne and Olympic Park precinct into a professional sporting hub and that the sport of athletics would be better suited to a proposed "Olympic Sports Precinct" that will be established at Albert

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NICK HONEY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ATHLETICS VICTORIA

Park. Consequently, Athletics Victoria will move to a new track and administration facility that will be built over the next two years at the old South Melbourne Football ground, known as the Lakeside Oval or Bob Jane Stadium. Ultimately, the sport has little say in such a decision, but Athletics Victoria will endeavor to take advantage of the many opportunities that will arise from such a move. Through negotiation with the Government, we will look to establish long term, commercial deals that will benefit the sport well into the future. Olympic Park will never be replaced and it will be a sad day when it is finally demolished, but we are determined to make the most of the situation for the good of our sport.

Finally, I would like to thank the Athletics Victoria Board, and, in particular, the President, Anne Lord, for their guidance and support they have given me and the Athletics Victoria staff during the year. Thanks also to the office staff members whose talents and dedication facilitate the successful delivery and development of our great sport.

I look forward to another successful year for Athletics Victoria in 2008-09 and hope that we can capitalise on the interest generated in athletics by the Beijing Olympic Games and continue to grow and prosper.

Nick Honey

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Programs

JADE BORELLA, PROGRAM MANAGER

In 2007 Athletics Victoria developed a unique and exciting program aimed at “Moving Athletics Forward” in the Victorian Secondary School system. The program is supported by the State Government and the “Go For Your Life” campaign. Along with coaching services provider, Trakstart, Athletics Victoria made available a number of different athletics services to educate schools about athletics and provide them with a clear pathway to involvement in the popular Schools Knockout Competition. The services were offered free to government schools and at a heavily subsidized rate to non government schools, to ensure access for all.

Moving Athletics Forward programs:

- ATHS 2 GO (Teacher Education Course)
- Athletic Team Training Sessions/Regional Training Sessions
- Reach for the Stars
- Schools Knockout Competition

The programs are designed to:

- Ensure athletics is a focus at schools
- Build school/team morale
- Educate staff and students
- Promote healthy, fun extra curricular activities
- Provide local, State and National competition
- Appeal to all levels of experience and ability

The first half of the year was primarily spent raising awareness and generating interest in the Moving Athletics Forward (MAF) program. Much time was spent compiling a state wide schools database and targeted mail-outs and follow up phone calls happened region by region. It was imperative that every school was contacted to:

- secure the correct athletic contact person at each school
- provide information about the MAF program and its benefits
- directly encourage school involvement

ATHS 2 GO (Teacher Education Course)

Either as a refresher or an introduction to the sport of athletics, Athletics Victoria offered teachers a 3 hour informative and practical course. The ATHS 2 GO courses were held at local athletics tracks to ensure they were relevant and valuable for teachers. A perfect professional learning session, as expert coaches were in attendance to provide ongoing athletic knowledge and pass on specific tips for preparing students for the Schools Knockout Competition and other school athletics meets. Each participant also received an ATHS 2 GO laminated teacher resource and accompanying instructional DVD.

Although we initially struggled to raise awareness of the course, more than 120 teachers completed 1 of the 12 courses conducted in 2007/08. Being able to present the ATHS 2 GO course at the ACHPER conference in November provided good exposure for the initiative, with 44 teachers

completing the course. An additional 4 courses were held in metropolitan Melbourne. 8 courses were also conducted in the following regional areas: Ballarat, Bendigo, Charlton, Geelong, Hamilton, Wangaratta and Wodonga. Participation increased with each course held and the feedback received has been extremely positive.

An exciting pilot project carried out with ACHPER saw a group of students from Wangaratta Secondary College complete the AHS 2 GO course as part of their school curriculum (Community Links program). They then took what they learnt from the course and coached local primary schools in the Wangaratta region.

Reach for the Stars (Introduction Session)

The Reach for the Stars program was initiated as part of the MAF program. It provided a great opportunity for schools to unearth students' hidden athletic abilities. The sessions were designed to offer students an enjoyable athletic experience, with high energy and fun activities aimed to inspire them to be part of their school's athletics program.

We had intended to have at least 10 government schools involved, however the uptake was only 3 schools. As there was such a disappointing response from the schools it is unlikely that this program will continue.

Athletic Team Training & Regional Clinics

The Athletic Team Training allowed schools to gain access to expert coaching sessions. These 1 hour sessions were tailored to suit schools individual requirements. 127 Team Training sessions were conducted at over 50 schools from May 2007 – April 2008.

There was also a strong emphasis on coaching throughout regional Victoria. Sessions were held in Ballarat, Colac, Euroa, Gippsland, Hamilton, Hastings, Loddon, Mildura, Numurkah, Warragul and Western Victoria. A holiday clinic was also conducted in Echuca, with 4 local schools taking part.

One highlight was getting Worowa Aboriginal College (in Healesville) involved in the Athletic Team Training Sessions. Worowa's students had only very basic athletics knowledge and the school had very little in terms of infrastructure to conduct athletics sessions at their school.

It was definitely a challenge for the coaches. However in a great step forward for some of these students the school decided to take part in one of the metropolitan rounds of the Schools Knockout competition. For many it was their first athletics competition and all improved from the initial training sessions.

Schools Knockout

Schools Knockout competition provided schools throughout Victoria with the challenge of a unique track and field competition that promoted team spirit and increased participation. 8 rounds of Schools Knockout were conducted (4 regional, 4 metropolitan), culminating with the Victorian and Australian finals. Over 150 teams from 60 schools participated. We had 25 new schools to the program, 12 of these government schools and 8 progressed to the Victorian Final.

A range of new initiatives were added:

- Show bags & giveaways – every participant received an Athletics Victoria show bag which was very popular with the athletes.
- Offered free coaching clinics (Athletic Team Training sessions) for schools in the lead up to their SKO round.
- Offered free AHS 2 GO coaching course (structured around SKO events) for teachers. A resource and DVD was provided to all participants.
- Coaches were present at every SKO round to assist teachers/team managers. This initiative worked extremely well for new schools and schools that had utilised earlier Athletic Team Training sessions.
- DJ played music at all SKO rounds which was very popular with the athletes.
- Suitable officials were appointed. The best officials available were handpicked and all officials were friendly and encouraging to the athletes.

Every school that utilized a component of the MAF program was encouraged to enter at least one team in the Schools Knockout competition. There was a definite push toward involvement from regional areas (where we conducted regional sessions). We were also able to fund appropriate schools to send teams to the Knockout competition. Transport, entry fees and replacement teacher costs were subsidized for government schools.

Programs

JADE BORELLA, PROGRAM MANAGER

Athletics Victoria has worked extremely hard, along with our coaching services provider Trakstart, covering all corners of the state to promote the MAF initiative. It is quite clear that the regional areas are in need of assistance and we will continue to deliver our program to as many schools as possible. The delivery of the ATHS 2 GO course, being both informative and practical, is exactly what teachers want and need and with further promotion we should be able to train many more teachers. Our Schools Knockout figures have been steadily increasing and with further promotion of the MAF initiative the number of schools involved will also increase.

Thank you to all involved in the MAF programs, in particular the staff from Trakstart: Naomi Symington, Chris Symington and Peter Van Miltenburg and all of their coaches who have worked tirelessly over the last 12 months promoting athletics in Victoria.

Jade Borella

PROGRAM MANAGER



Development

MATT GRIFFIN, DON BLYTH & TIM CROSBIE

Coaches

The past twelve months have seen continued growth in both the number of registered coaches with Athletics Victoria and qualified coaches via the ATFCA accreditation courses. Clubs have been encouraged to begin putting a coaching structure in place and Athletics Victoria has been able to assist by funding coaches recommended by their club to undertake the Level 1 and 2 course as well as provide a level of support to coaches furthering their education at levels 3, 4 and 5.

Coach Education

The relationship between Athletics Victoria and our coaching arm, the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association (ATFCA), continued to strengthen and become more productive over the 2007/08 period. The ATFCA conducted 3 Level 1 and 2 Level 2 coach accreditation courses in Victoria with record attendance numbers. 119 Level 1 coaches entered the system and 69 coaches upgraded their accreditation to Level 2. This year also saw the first accreditation course held outside the metropolitan region for a number of years with a Level 1 course being conducted in Bendigo. Due to the success of this, next year sees courses being held in Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong. Special acknowledgment goes to ATFCA Course Coordinator Bryan Neighbour for his efforts in continually improving the Level 1 and 2 courses and supporting Athletics Victoria in our bid to provide ongoing coach education.

Athletics Victoria once again assisted the Victorian Branch of the ATFCA in promotion of the courses to the wider community, as well as the preparation of the course folders that each participant receives. With the growing course numbers over the past twelve months it is safe to say that this promotion is proving very effective.

To promote ongoing coach education a number of forums and workshops for all Athletics Victoria registered coaches were provided. These sessions were designed to go a step further than the Level 1 coaching course and provide an environment of knowledge sharing among Victorian coaches. The topics covered in 2007/08 were a Periodisation lecture in Geelong by Nev Down. A presentation followed by an open floor Coaches Forum led by Vasily Grishchenkov on the topic "What Makes a Good Coach". A Sports Psychology presentation by Anthony Klarica on the topic "How to Prepare for Major Competition" and finally Gayle Anderson gave a presentation on the athlete and coach development pathway established in the Cook Islands. These sessions were well attended with an average of 22 coaches across the years sessions.

Coach Services

This year, Athletics Victoria had the services of Mark Ladbrook and Vasily Grishchenkov as our Coaching Services Officers. The role was a part time position which provided assistance with coach and athlete development and getting out to as many school and regional meets as possible to find potential athletes to be passed on to our coaches. They also attended regional holiday clinics in Bendigo, Geelong and Sale.

Mark and Vasily built up a strong rapport with many athletes and coaches in the state and helped the continually evolving communication between Athletics Victoria and our coaches.

Coaches in Schools Program

The coaches in schools program continues to be utilised by many schools in the metropolitan area. This year 14 school groups called on the skills and knowledge of Athletics Victoria's ATFCA accredited coaches to prepare training schedules and sessions for their athletics team. The partnerships that are formed between Athletics Victoria and the school sports coordinators are valuable as channels for us to promote our summer and winter, schools and individual competitions. The financial reward passed onto the coaches is done so in appreciation of the very valuable and professional approach they take into their service of the sport.

Athlete Development

The athlete development pathway and support structure continues to become clearer with a greater emphasis on education and incremental and achievable steps for talented athletes from U14 to U23. There is also a range of athlete clinics for enthusiastic athletes who may not have reached the squad standards but want to better themselves. Numbers have been up on previous years in both the AVIS Development Squad and the Future Squad and this has been mirrored in the number of athletes who qualified and competed at the 2007 Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships. Victoria sent over 300 athletes in the U14 to U18 age categories compared with just over 270 in 2006. A thank you must go to Nick Bowden, Leana Tilley, Clare Burton, Mark Trezise, Steve Cain and Michelle James for the fantastic job they did managing this team.

AVIS-07 Development Squad

The AVIS-07 squad saw excellent participation numbers with 96 athletes selected for the duration of the program. The athletes, aged between 12 and 19, came from all track and field disciplines and were selected on the basis of achieving performance standards similar to those required to compete at the National Championships. All athletes received a t-shirt and shorts from squad sponsor Thunderstruck as recognition for their inclusion to the squad.

Five squad days were conducted between May and September led by head coaches Mark Ladbrook and Vasily Grishchenkov. The idea behind the sessions was to promote long term athlete development and educate athletes on the importance of preparing for the future. Parents and coaches were also invited to attend the sessions to foster an open and sharing relationship between like minded coaches as well as recognise the role they play in the development of junior athletes.

The program included practical and theory sessions on long term athlete development, strength development and movement and technique. There were also two days set aside for athletes from the same event groups to work and train together. Thanks must go to Bryan Neighbour and Steve Cain for assisting in the coaching of the squad.

Future Squad

The Future Squad program continued to build on the success of 2007. The squad caters for athletes in the U20 and U23 age brackets who are achieving a high level of performance. Athletes wanting to apply for the squad must be an Athletics Victoria member, Australian citizen residing in Victoria, eligible for selection to the Australian National team and abide by the Athletics Victoria Athlete Agreement. There are two methods by which athletes may be selected to the AV Future Squad program; 1- via right of performance measured against the objective criteria and 2- via selector's discretion.

Future Squad athletes receive a level of funding assistance to aide attending and competing in National Championships and National Series events. This funding is available towards the cost of Flights, Accommodation, Event Entry Fee and Ground Transport. A level of funding for massage and rehabilitation is also set aside. Other benefits include Olympic Park training access pass, Athletics Victoria membership for athlete and coach, entry into Victorian State Championships, and an allowance for the development of the athlete's personal coach. There is also an International team selection bonus toward the levy payable. All funding is to be approved by AV Future Squad program coordinator.

Development

MATT GRIFFIN, DON BLYTH & TIM CROSBIE

The 2007 squad saw 7 athletes capture National titles, four represent Australia and one, Jeff Riseley graduate to the VIS. Jeff also went on to compete in Osaka at the IAAF World Athletics Championships. Currently the 2008 squad has seen 10 athletes selected to represent Australia at U20 and Open level and 11 win National titles.

The 2008 squad has also participated in a testing day at Ladbroke's Fitness gym with testing and assessment conducted by Mark Ladbroke.

The 2008 squad is as follows:

Liam Adams
Mel Adams
Matthew Bayley
Matthew Blair
Sam Crowther
Melissa Duncan
Henry Frayne
Matthew Gibney
Jess Gulli
Chris Hamer
Craig Huffer
Scott Mace
Daniel Martin
Bianca Maurer
Kim Mulhall
Meggan O'Riley
Andrew Peska
Jess Rothwell
Dale Stevenson

Special thanks goes to Bill Gibbins for generously sponsoring the squad and to Derek Clayton for his involvement in promoting the initiative. Thank you also to Skins for supplying a full set of Skins to each athlete in the squad.

Athlete Development Clinics

A number of athlete clinics were conducted over the past year to provide fun and education to young enthusiastic athletes. These clinics included a pre season training session held by Mark Ladbroke and Vasily Grishchenkov at Eastern Beach in Geelong, a development training day in Sale with Mark Ladbroke and Denis Huffer, a sprints, hurdles, jumps and throws clinic at Colac run by Anula Costa and a Javelin clinic at Aberfeldie conducted by Gary Calvert. A special clinic with World and Olympic 400m champion, Jeremy Wariner, was held in conjunction with Adidas followed by a Q&A session with Jeremy and a select group of our best up and coming 400m athletes and coaches. These sessions were well attended with at least 20 athletes per clinic.

Indigenous Development Program

The funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria was this year put towards building a link between the newly formed Croydon Athletic Club and nearby Worowa Aboriginal College. The funding was to provide travel, coaching and equipment for the students who would be integrated into the coaching structure at Croydon. After some initial success and a slowly increasing number of students attending training the program was unfortunately ended due to the closure of the school. The remainder of the budget has been put towards Talent Identification and athlete clinics scheduled for regional centres around the state.

With support from the Australian Sports Commission funding which is directed through Athletics Australia, four athlete scholarships have been awarded to athletes nominated by Athletics Australia which include membership with Athletics Victoria for the 2007/2008 season.

Matt Griffin

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Officials

The main elements of my work with officials during the year were:

- Recruitment
- Education
- Development
- Recognition

Recruitment

To increase the number of officials to meet the ever increasing demand for officials for our Officials in Schools Program, school meets and our winter and summer programs, attention was focussed on volunteers from the Commonwealth Games, Little Athletics officials and retired and competing athletes, including Masters.

Some success was achieved but the process of recruiting must and will continue.

Education

Richard Lawysz did an outstanding effort in conducting a series of education courses including a special seminar for Little Athletics officials. Richard gave unstintingly of his time and covered considerable distances to accommodate the requests from country areas for courses.

Development

Significant attention was given to encouraging officials to obtain a qualification or upgrade their qualifications. Richard Lawysz sets out the numbers in his report.

To provide officials with added experience, a system of rotation of appointments was undertaken for major events. The officials were encouraged by this system and responded well to the challenges.

A formal mentoring program was introduced and official mentors appointed across all regions to provide a source of encouragement for all officials.

Recognition

To recognize the efforts of our officials, several major steps were taken. These included :

- providing each registered official with new polo tops, head gear and drink bottles, free of charge
- providing registered officials with a copy of the new IAAF competition rules, free of charge
- providing registered officials with a new name badge, free of charge
- providing education courses, free of charge
- enhancing the Officials Rewards Program to embrace all aspects of competition, together with points for self development (including doing exams). 17 officials were rewarded with prizes under the program
- reimbursing officials and Clubs for officials registration fees
- conducting an officials and volunteers presentation function, free of charge

The above recognition was made possible by the generous support of the Athletics Trust of Victoria and the Victorian Government

I thank all the officials for their willingness to offer their services and for providing significant amounts of their time on a voluntary basis over the year.

Volunteers

The efforts of our registered officials are significantly supported by club helpers at both winter and summer events and I thank the Clubs for their willingness to provide helpers to assist with the conduct of competition.

Don Blyth

OFFICIALS & VOLUNTEERS
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Development

MATT GRIFFIN, DON BLYTH & TIM CROSBIE

Club Development

2007/08 yet again witnessed strong growth in AV membership. The following table outlines the growth trend in competing members over the past 5 years:

	Open	U20	U18	U16	U14	Total
2003–04	1754	257	427	631	377	3457
2004–05	1654	233	443	572	347	3246
2005–06	1805	239	534	659	331	3568
2006–07	1781	279	582	656	368	3663
2007–08	1924	329	601	669	452	3976

The growth rate in 2007/08 competing members over 2006/07 was a very healthy 8.5%

The introduction of the Youth Athlete membership category, combined with greater publicity of the Dual Athlete scheme for Little Athletics members resulted in increased junior membership levels. This was particularly evident in the Under 14 category, with Dual Athletes representing a significant proportion of these members.

Membership figures were also bolstered by the formation of four new clubs in 2007/08. Ruyton AC, Croydon AC, South Coast Athletics & South West Athletics all sprung to life within a relatively short time frame from July to October 2007.

Each of the new clubs formed to fill a gap in the existing structure of Victorian athletics. For the two regional clubs, this focussed heavily on providing a transition for Little Athletics members in their area to senior level athletics.

As part of the ongoing development of clubs across the state, numerous club and regional centre visits have been initiated by AV staff to address particular needs and to work cooperatively in mapping out development plans. From these meetings a number of key initiatives have already begun to bear fruit in terms of increased membership/participation and better service delivery to members.

Tim Crosbie

CLUB DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



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Competition

MICHELLE JAMES, COMPETITION COORDINATOR

School Series

The 2007 school series began extremely well with an increase of over 30% in both the cross country and road relay events.

The combination of the All Schools Cross Country and AV Cross Country Championships established a successful competition. It provided a great opportunity for the AV clubs to link with schools and also to promote to a large number of unregistered athletes. Unfortunately there were some minor issues within the scoring program, which delayed some of the presentations.

Despite the increased promotions of all events, we had a slight decrease in the entries for the All Schools Track & Field Championships, in particular the U12, U13 & U20 age groups.

Winter School Series

- All Schools Cross Country Relay Championships – 33% increase in team participation and 10 new schools.
- All Schools Road Relay Championships – 37% increase in team participation with 8 new schools.
- All Schools Cross Country Championships – 23% increase in male athlete participation, however 17% decrease in female athlete participation; a 6% increase overall.
- All Schools Road Walking Championship – 9% increase in athlete participation.

Summer School Series

- All Schools Track Relay Championships – 12% increase in team participation.
- All Schools Track & Field Championships U12-U16 – 8% decrease in athlete participation and a 2% increase in the number of entries.
- All Schools Track & Field Championship U17-U20 – 11% decrease in athlete participation and a further 2% decrease in the number of entries.

Winter Series

The 2007 Winter Series was extremely successful. There was a slight increase in participation, reinforcing the significant boost in 2006, in particular the women's divisions.

Congratulations to all individual champions; also the Geelong Region and Knox Athletics for taking out the Division 1 men's and women's premierships respectively.

Overall the majority of events ran exceptionally well; our relay events continue to be well supported with 3 out of 4 events exceeding 800 competitors. The SKINS Sandown Classic is proving to be a highly regarded event with over 100 invitation entries taken on the day. The introduction of the Ekiden sash to the Coliban Relays saw some minor teething issues that will be easily fixed in 2008, while adding another element of fun to the highly spirited team event.

Thank you to all of the clubs who assisted AV in the set-up and dismantling of courses and venues throughout the series, your time and effort is much appreciated

Summer Series

Shield Competition

2007/2008 Shield Competition saw an overall increase in participation, the Ballarat and North West regions the most prominent in growth. It was great to have a truly statewide competition, with all regions aligned and supportive of the 3 program timetable.

Due to the tight scheduling of events; the 2007/08 Shield Competition ran with 12 rounds plus the Shield Final. Regions were given the choice between 11 rounds and a region final or 12 rounds with top of the table prevailing. All regions, except South East, chose to conduct region finals.

Our athlete survey provided us with positive feedback on all aspects of the shield competition, with the results indicating that the vast majority of the athletes were content with the way the competition is currently conducted.

Premier League

Although poorly supported by some athletes, coaches and clubs, those that took advantage of the extra level of competition, gained personal bests, national qualifiers and bonus Shield points for their clubs.

The initiative to reduce water consumption by scheduling the shield steeplechase events during Premier League competition was greatly supported by athletes, additionally assisting in shortening the weekend program length for metropolitan regions.

It was great to see a number of highly competitive South Australian athletes make the journey to Ballarat for round 5 despite the poor weather conditions. Round 6 was by far our most successful round with over 300 applicants filling more than 90% of events. The level of competition was exceptional finding many top athletes left on emergency lists. In an attempt to cater for as many athletes as possible in their lead up to championships, extra events were scheduled and event entry limits were increased where possible.

Victorian Country Championship

449 athletes made the trip to Albury for the 2008 Victorian Country Championships, just 11 short of matching the record number achieved in Bendigo in 2007. However a 17% increase in event entries saw a rise in the average number of events per athlete. We welcomed back the Australian Defence Force who had over 15 athletes take up the opportunity to compete in over 18 events.

The Albury Local Organising Committee, with the assistance of the Australian Defence Force, provided a well equipped and resourceful venue with a great atmosphere. Our officials were spoilt with a 2 course sit down meal for lunch each day, plus individual cake and fruit platters for morning and afternoon tea!

It was fabulous to see the Australia Day spirit build within the country clubs as they cheered home each and every athlete! Congratulations to Eaglehawk who pipped Wodonga by a mere 13 points to take out the overall premiers, additionally claiming the women's division, while Wodonga won the men's.

Victorian Multi & U23 Championship

Over 65 athletes participated in the 2008 Victorian Multi Event Championships with many of the underage athletes attempting a multi event for the first time. It was a positive sign to see newly established club South Coast Athletics so supportive with an impressive number of athletes competing.

The 2008 Victorian U23 Track & Field Championships, held at Doncaster, had just under a third of our eligible members take part, a slight increase on 2007.

Victorian Overage/Masters Championship

2007/08 Overage Championships were combined with the Victorian Masters Championships for the first time and were held at Olympic Park. Despite having a couple of minor set backs with presentations, the overall championships were a resounding success.

Athlete feedback confirmed the popularity of the combined championship, with the majority extremely grateful for the opportunity to compete at Victoria's premier athletics track, Olympic Park.

AV was extremely pleased with the outcome of this joint venture with VMA. Although VMA numbers were on par with previous years, we believe that among other small improvements, moving the meet from the long weekend will see an increase in athlete participation in 2009.

Competition

MICHELLE JAMES, COMPETITION COORDINATOR

Victorian Open, Youth & U20 Track & Field Championships

The 2007/08 Youth Championships saw an overall increase in the number of athletes by 13% and event entries by 25%, a direct result of better promotion of the event by AV and affiliated clubs. AV also worked closely with the Victorian Little Athletics Association and invited their Junior Development squad as part of the "Mind the Gap" initiative. More than 60 athletes took up the invitation and were treated to a range of guest speakers, expert coaching and photo opportunities with Victoria's elite athletes.

The addition of the track relays split over the track & field championship events continues to prove successful as 2007 numbers were matched; while also providing and a great team atmosphere, especially during a number of nail biting finishes in the junior age divisions.

The Open and U/20 divisions increased by 5%. A welcomed contributor was the participation of three newly established clubs, South Coast Athletics, Croydon Athletic Club and South West Athletics. Additionally it was great to see 5 athletes travel from the AIS contribute to the massive 56% increase in the AWD event entries.

Zatopek:10

The Zatopek:10 has been the feature distance race on the Australian athletics calendar since 1961, so AV was thrilled to be given the opportunity to conduct the 2007 Zatopek:10. In addition to the elite athletes, we had the Victorian Little Athletics Association, Victorian Athletic League, Victorian Milers Club, AV clubs and schools involved in the meet.

Congratulations to the men's and women's Australian 10000m Champions – Collis Birmingham (Eureka AC) and Melinda Vernon (NSW).

I would like to thank all of our dedicated volunteers and officials for their hard work throughout the season. A special thank you must go to Alan and Yvonne Glover, Marg Dunbar, Richard Lawysz and Ronda Jenkins as their invaluable assistance is very much appreciated.

Thank you to all members of the Winter, Summer and Championship Committees as these devoted working groups continually strive to improve the quality of our competition offered to all athletes.

Finally a big thank you to all of the AV office staff who have thoroughly supported me during my first year as Competition Coordinator; in particular Jade Borella and Tim Crosbie – their on going support and guidance is highly valued.

Michelle James

COMPETITION COORDINATOR



Winter Awards

ATHLETICS VICTORIA

Victorian Winter Championships

George Saunders Trophy

Champion Female Winter Athlete
Lisa Jane Weightman (KNA)

Lola Downes Trophy

Women Open Champion Athlete
Lisa Jane Weightman (KNA)

Athletics Victoria Trophy

Champion Male Winter Athlete
Lee Troop (GER)

Stewart Fraser Trophy

Women U20 Champion Athlete
Hayley Tomlinson (BOH)

Joan Beretta Trophy

Women U18 Champion Athlete
Carly Griffith (KNA)

George Thomas

Memorial Trophy

Men U18 Champion Athlete
Luke Hennessy (GHY)

Joyce Davis Trophy

Women U16 Champion Athlete
Bronte Gange (DON)

Joe Carmody Trophy

Men U16 Champion Athlete
Ryan Geard (ATE)

Frank Chapman Trophy

Women U14 Champion Athlete
Erin Rayner (ATE)

Bendigo Building Society Trophy

Men U14 Champion Athlete
Keeden Mickelborough (ATE)

Lavinia Petrie Award

Women 40+ Champion Athlete
Sandra Prosenica (ATE)

Neil Ryan Award

Men 40+ Champion Athlete
James Atkinson (AWA)

Margaret Dunbar Award

Women 45+ Champion Athlete
Stacey Van Dueren (COB)

Chris Wardlaw

Men 45+ Champion Athlete
Michael McIntyre (KSB)

Colleen Stephens Award

Women 50+ Champion Athlete
Anne Ziogos (RIC)

Trevor Vincent Award

Men 50+ Champion Athlete
Peter Gaffney (KSB)

Peter Battrick Award

Men 55+ Champion Athlete
Anthony Bird (COL)

Ian Upton Award

Men 60+ Champion Athlete
Gabriel Carmona (SME)

Lillian Neville Trophy

Cross Country Teams Champions
Knox Athletics

Eddie Moore Trophy

Male 16K CC Championship
Mark Tucker (GER)

Jack Biggins Trophy

Male 15K Road Championship
Magnus Michelsson (COL)

AV Trophy

Female 15K Road Championship
Sarah Lofts (KNA)

Phyllis Andersson Trophy

Women U16 Road Relay Team
Athletics Essendon

Mark Shilston Trophy

Male 12K CC Championship
David McNeill (DON)

Harrison Jones Trophies

Female Open Handicap Winner
Julie Braakhuis (RWD)

Female U20 Handicap Winner
Katie Duncan (KNA)

Female U16 Handicap Winner
Jaimie Vernon (ATE)

Marion Patterson Trophy

Female Marathon Championship
Karen Natoli (KNA)

J.C. Draper Memorial Trophy

Male 10K Road Championship
David McNeill (DON)

S.C. Reeve Perpetual Trophy

Male 8K CC Championship
Lee Troop (GER)

Ron Clarke Trophy

Male Road Relay Championship
Geelong Region

Ron Clarke Trophy

Female Road Relay Championship
Knox Athletics

Walk Trophies**Avis Redman**

U16 Most Improved Girl
Ayla Collins (MAL)

Norm Goble

Most Points in Mens AV Championships
Andre Jamieson (OSC)

Betty Newman

Womens Walking Team Competition
Eaglehawk AC

Tom Daintry

Best U14 First Year Walker
Amy Burren (MAL)

Winter School Trophies**Joan Beretta Shield**

Female School CC Total Points
Ruyton Girls School

Geoff Walker Trophy

Male School CC Total Points
Marcellin College

Robbie Morgan Morris Shield

Co-educational School CC Total Points
Ballarat Grammar

La Trobe University Trophy

Girls U18 School CC Team Champions
Carey Grammar

La Trobe University Trophy

Boys U18 School CC Team Champions
Trinity Grammar

Summer Awards

ATHLETICS VICTORIA

Victorian Track & Field Championships

Sir Frank Beaurepaire Trophy

Female Open Outstanding
Championship Athlete
Kelly Wapshott (KNA)

John Park Memorial Cup

Male Open Outstanding Championship Athlete
Scott Martin (RWD)

H.H Hunter Shield

Male Open Club Championship Aggregate
Athletics Essendon

Standard Newspapers Shield

Female Club Championship Aggregate
Glenhuntly AC

Female Youth Athlete of the Championship

Claire Cuttler (GHY)

Male Youth Athlete of the Championship

Kurt D'Laselle (DIV)

Female Op/U20 Athlete of the Championship

Kimberley Mulhall (GHY)

Male Op/U20 Athlete of the Championship

Sean Wroe (GHY)

Phyllis Cantwell Shield

Female Open Club Championship Aggregate
Ringwood AC

VAA U20 Championship

Female U20 Club Championship Aggregate
Box Hill AC

Mabel Robinson Shield

Female U18 Club Championship Aggregate
Deakin AC & Glenhuntly AC

Mabel Moad Shield

Female Under 16/14 Club
Championship Aggregate
Knox Athletics

Phyllis Akers Cup

Female U18 Outstanding Championship Athlete
Danielle Byrnes (DKN)

Ex Athletes Trophy

Female U18 Outstanding Championship Performance
Claire Cuttler (GHY)

Sir Raymond Connelly Trophy

Female U16 Outstanding Championship Athlete
Maggie-May Quinlan (ATE)

Lady Connelly Trophy

Female Open Nontitle Aggregate
Kaila McNight (KNA) & Margaret Satupai (GHY)

Emily Crockett Memorial Trophy

Female Open 100m Champion
Lauren Hewitt (RWD)

Hector Hogan Trophy

Male Open 100m Champion
Aaron Rouge – Serret (EMH)

W H Brown Memorial Trophy

Male Open 1500m Champion
Matthew Gibney (BDR)

Frank P Brown Memorial Trophy & Rob Fildes Trophy

Male Open Decathlon Champion
Aaron Page (ATE)

H B Selby

Female Open Heptathlon Champion
Theodora Spathis (BOH)

Aileen Kennedy Memorial Trophy

Female U18 Multi Event Champion
Natalie Laurie (ANW)

Aileen Kennedy Memorial Trophy

Female U16 Multi Event Champion
Megan Ryan (SCA)

VAA Relay Shield

Male Club Championship Aggregate
Doncaster AC

Doris Carter Trophy

Female Open 4x100m Championship
Sandringham AC

Maisie McQuiston Trophy

Female U18 4x100m Championship
Diamond Valley AC

Lillian Neville Trophy

Female U16 4x100m Championship
Glenhuntly AC

Jess Reing Trophy

Female U14 4x100m Championship
Eaglehawk AC

L.C. Mills Trophy

Female Open 4x400m Championship
Glenhuntly AC

Evelyn Morris Trophy

Female U18 4x400m Championship
Knox Athletics

Doris Mulcahy Cup

Female U16 4x400m Championship
Glenhuntly AC

Pat McDonnell Trophy

Female U14 4x400m Championship
Doncaster AC

George Knott Trophy

5000m Track Walk Championship
Christopher Erickson (ATE)

**Country Track & Field
Championships****Margaret Saunders Country Cup**

Country Club Championship Aggregate
Eaglehawk AC

VWAAA Ex Athletes Cup

Female Country Club Championship Aggregate
Eaglehawk AC

David Kitt Memorial Trophy

Male Country Club Championship Aggregate
Wodonga AC

Joyce Lockyer Memorial Shield

Overall Performance/Encouragem't Field Events
Zachariah Nelson (YLN)

Australia Day Awards

Female Athlete of the Meet
Natalie Debeljuh (COR)

Male Athlete of the Meet
Pavlo Milenevskyy (ACW)

Stuart Hunter Memorial Shield

Most Outstanding Athlete Under 16
Damian Birkenhead (COR)

**Victorian School
Track & Field Trophies****Maisie McQuiston Foundation Trophy**

Female Most Outstanding Championship
Brooke Stratton (KNA)

Elmar E. Rhan Memorial Trophy

Male Best Championship Performance
Daniel Martin (ATE)

Relay Shield

Female School Relay Championship Aggregate
Caulfield Grammar

Relay Shield

Male School Relay Championship Aggregate
Melbourne Grammar

Membership Statistics

ATHLETICS VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP BY CLUB

Metropolitan Clubs	Open Male						Total Male	Open Female						Total Female	Athletes					Total
	U20	U18	U16	U14				U20	U18	U16	U14				Athletes	Coaches	Officials	Associates		
Athletics Essendon	66	12	12	10	10	110	27	6	13	13	13	71	181	7	17	9	213			
Athletics Nunawading	17	2	5	3	4	31	2	0	3	10	9	24	55	5	6	0	63			
Athletics Waverley	46	4	10	5	2	67	21	0	8	5	2	36	103	6	6	10	120			
Box Hill AC	61	14	10	20	4	109	30	8	17	10	6	71	180	12	5	1	193			
Brunswick AC	11	0	0	2	0	13	7	0	0	2	5	14	27	1	14	2	41			
Coburg Harriers	41	1	4	6	2	54	16	1	1	6	4	28	82	2	3	0	85			
Collingwood Harriers	49	0	8	6	3	66	15	5	1	1	4	26	92	3	21	0	109			
Croydon AC	4	0	1	1	2	8	2	1	1	7	5	16	24	1	1	9	34			
De La Salle Old Collegians AC	6	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	2	0	9			
Diamond Valley AC	56	7	15	12	3	93	14	6	8	12	5	45	138	8	4	0	141			
Doncaster AC	30	11	16	16	5	78	9	7	13	12	10	51	129	6	10	1	143			
East Melbourne Harriers	3	4	11	14	10	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	3	1	1	44			
Frankston AC	11	6	17	16	4	54	5	7	14	18	6	50	104	5	2	5	115			
Glenhuntly AC	86	5	10	14	3	118	35	11	9	15	12	82	200	9	13	5	223			
Haileybury AC	8	0	0	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	3	11	3	1	0	12			
Independent	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	31	0	40			
Ivanhoe Harriers	14	4	5	6	1	30	3	0	2	2	1	8	38	5	4	3	47			
Keilor St Bernards AC	34	5	11	6	5	61	11	9	9	18	25	72	133	7	6	2	140			
Knox AC	41	16	17	23	6	103	24	14	16	18	8	80	183	7	13	2	200			
Maccabi AC	3	1	3	3	2	12	1	0	0	0	0	1	13	3	4	0	17			
Malvern Harriers AC	30	1	5	8	12	56	13	1	0	4	8	26	82	1	2	8	92			
Melbourne University AC	42	4	1	1	1	49	32	2	2	2	2	40	89	4	5	1	97			
Mentone AC	31	1	2	5	2	41	10	1	5	2	2	20	61	3	0	0	63			
Mornington Peninsula AC	17	2	1	4	5	29	1	0	1	5	3	10	39	3	2	2	43			
Oakleigh AC	19	0	0	0	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	2	1	22			
Old Melburnians AC	13	4	22	14	0	53	2	0	2	2	1	7	60	3	1	0	61			
Old Paradians Meadowglen AC	5	1	2	0	4	12	3	1	1	1	0	6	18	1	2	5	23			
Old Scotch Collegians AC	28	3	4	5	0	40	3	0	0	0	0	3	43	1	0	1	45			
Old Xaverians AC	11	0	5	13	2	31	6	0	0	0	0	6	38	3	0	0	41			
Preston AC	14	6	9	7	6	42	7	2	3	8	4	24	66	2	5	1	71			
Richmond Harriers	29	2	2	2	2	37	16	1	1	1	0	19	56	0	3	2	61			
Ringwood AC	41	6	11	10	12	80	24	2	6	6	4	42	122	8	9	5	138			
Ruyton AC	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	9	1	16	17	0	0	2	19			
Sandringham AC	42	4	5	10	8	69	24	2	11	14	6	57	126	13	7	3	144			
South Melbourne AC	10	0	0	0	0	10	3	1	0	0	0	4	14	1	0	2	17			
St Kevins AC	28	5	14	6	2	55	1	0	0	0	0	1	56	2	0	1	57			
St Stephens Hawthorn AC	23	9	5	7	10	54	8	7	10	2	2	29	83	5	4	1	91			
Victorian Masters Athletics	9	0	0	0	0	9	3	0	0	0	0	3	12	0	1	1	13			
Western Athletics	25	5	16	15	12	73	13	3	10	13	12	51	124	5	3	6	135			
Williamstown AC	17	1	4	6	7	35	4	5	2	7	2	20	55	3	3	2	62			

Country Clubs	Open Male						Total Male	Open Female						Total Female	Athletes					Total
	U20	U18	U16	U14				U20	U18	U16	U14				Athletes	Coaches	Officials	Associates		
Athletics Chilwell	5	12	8	3		55	10	6	8	3		28	83	3	7	1	91			
Ballarat Harriers	2	1	5	1		47	13	0	1	1		16	63	0	2	30	89			
Ballarat YCW Harriers AC	7	6	7	10		67	12	2	4	9	6	33	100	1	6	15	121			
Bellarine Athletics T & F Club	0	1	4	1		19	5	1	2	1	1	10	29	1	7	1	35			
Bendigo University	1	0	0	0		4	2	0	0	0	0	2	6	1	1	9	15			
Bendigo YMCA Harriers	2	7	5	3		47	10	0	3	1	3	17	64	3	3	4	69			
Corio AC	0	5	3	0		15	1	2	2	5	2	12	27	1	4	0	31			
Deakin AC	2	2	2	0		28	9	4	8	7	7	35	63	7	8	3	77			
Eaglehawk YMCA AC	3	5	3	5		36	8	3	6	7	15	39	76	2	6	0	80			
Eureka AC	3	5	3	5		37	18	4	7	7	6	42	79	2	6	1	86			
Geelong Guild AC	2	12	7	4		38	12	4	6	4	2	28	66	3	14	2	81			
Portland Runners Club	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9			
South Bendigo AC	2	6	2	6		37	8	3	1	5	3	20	57	5	5	2	65			
Stawell & Ararat Cross-Country Club	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10			
Warnambool AC	0	0	1	0		2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	9	12			
Wendouree AC	3	5	7	4		51	8	1	5	1	8	23	74	1	7	3	81			
Unattached																				
Border T & F Club	7	1	1	2		17	2	1	1	0	2	6	24	1	1	1	25			
Gippsland AC	2	6	5	3		21	4	1	1	3	2	11	32	2	5	1	38			
Northern Comets	3	3	7	3		15	0	0	4	8	3	15	30	0	0	3	33			
South Coast Athletics	0	2	5	5		13	7	0	4	7	8	26	39	4	2	4	46			
South West Athletics	0	0	3	2		6	0	0	1	6	1	8	14	0	0	1	15			
Traralgon Harriers AC	1	1	2	1		33	18	0	4	0	1	23	56	1	0	104	161			
Wangaratta Harriers	0	0	0	0		1	1	0	2	0	0	3	4	0	0	6	10			
Wellington AC	3	1	0	1		6	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	2	0	0	8			
Wodonga AC	3	8	3	2		32	11	1	2	4	4	22	54	1	1	2	55			
Specialist Group																				
A.T.F.C.A	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
APS Old Collegians AAA	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Ballarat Walkers Club	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4			
Beaufort AC	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	4			
Bendigo AC	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Bendigo Walkers Club	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Geelong Cross Country Club	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9			
Geelong Walkers Club	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Knox Road Runners INC	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15			
Stawell Athletic Club	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15			
Trakstart Pty Ltd	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	1	12			
Victorian Athletic League	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			
Victorian Cross Country League	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	10			
Victorian Milers Club	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Victorian Race Walking Club	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1			
Woody Yaloak	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	5			
Total	198	354	359	213		2490	557	131	247	309	240	1483	3976	213	301	378	4709			

Victorian Institute of Sport

STATE PERFORMANCE COORDINATOR, DEREK BOOTHROYD

The primary aim of the VIS track and field program is to provide the highest levels of support to Victoria's elite track and field athletes, to improve performances at major international athletics events including Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games, International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Championships and International Paralympic Committee (IPC) World Championships.

The program is recognised as the high performance service provider for Victorian athletes under the Athletics Australia High Performance Plan for 2005–2009.

VIS track and field athletes work with individual coaches at training venues across the state. The VIS State Performance Coordinator, together with specialist staff, provides support to athletes and coaches via the delivery of a coordinated service program (sports medicine, sport science, physical preparation, ACE) and competition support program, for each athlete.

The program year commenced with 11 VIS athletes finalising their preparations for the IAAF World Championships that was held in Osaka, Japan from 24th August to 2nd September 2007. Athletes then returned to Australia in order to work towards Olympic or Paralympic selection.

As at June 23rd 2008, 12 VIS athletes have been selected to the Olympic Nomination Team to represent Australia at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. 8 VIS athletes have been nominated to the APC for inclusion in the Australia Team to compete at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games.

Maximising the opportunities for athletes to perform that the 2007 IAAF World Championships and the 2008 Olympic/ Paralympic Games was the central focus of the 2007/08 VIS Track and Field program.

Results & Highlights

August 2007

12 VIS athletes are selected to the final team to represent Australia at the IAAF World Championships in Osaka Japan

Men – Duane Cousins, Scott Martin, Craig Mottram, Jeffrey Riseley, Aaron Rouge-Serret, Tim Williams, Sean Wroe, Mark Fountain

Women – Jana Rawlinson, Sarah Jamieson, Benita Johnson, Victoria Mitchell

Sean Wroe won the 2008 World University Games 400m Championship and reached the semi final at the IAAF World Championships in a personal best time.

Jana Rawlinson captured her second World Championship in the 400m hurdles.

September 2007

Jana Rawlinson won a silver medal in the 400m Hurdles and Sarah Jamieson a bronze medal in the 1500m at the World Athletics Final in Stuttgart, Germany.

Lee Troop finished sixth at the Berlin Marathon in an Olympic A Qualifying time.

December 2007

Jana Rawlinson was named 2007 Athletics Australia Female Athlete of the Year.

February 2007

Scott Martin broke the Australian Shot Put record in a personal best throw at the World Athletics Tour meet at Olympic Park.

March 2008

Brydee Moore captured 2 National titles in the seated Javelin and seated Discus competition at the 2008 National Championships.

Benn Harradine successfully defended his National Discus Championship.

Kathryn Mitchell won the National Javelin Championship.

May 2008

Benn Harradine broke the Australia Discus record twice in 2 weeks at meets in the USA

June 2008

10 VIS Athletes were selected to the Track and Field nomination Team to compete at the Beijing Olympic Games.

Men – Craig Mottram, Collis Birmingham*, Benn Harradine*, Scott Martin*, Sean Wroe*, Lee Troop.

Women – Sarah Jamieson, Jana Rawlinson, Madeleine Pape*, Benita Johnson.

[*denotes Olympic debutant].

8 VIS Athletes were selected to the Track and Field Team to compete at the Beijing Paralympic Games.

Men – Tim Sullivan, Russell Short, Chris Mullins*, Ian Speed*, Richard Coleman.

Women – Lisa McIntosh, Jodi Willis-Roberts, Brydee Moore*.

[*denotes Paralympic debutant].

State Performance Coordinator

Derek Boothroyd

Network Coaches

Phil Badman, John Eden, Robbie Bolton, Alex Gusbeth, Mandi Cole, Steve Gaffney, Dave Bullock, Nic Bideau, Chris Rawlinson, Steve Moneghetti, Bruce Scriven, Gus Puopolo, Eric Hollingsworth, Rod Griffin, Simon Baker, Simon Lewin, Osei Owusu-Afryie, Steve Brimacombe, Terry McGrath, Adam Larcom, Neville Sillito, Ray Treacy.

Athlete Service Providers

Peter Brown – Athlete Career & Education

Dr Peter Harcourt – Medical Services

Bernadette Sierakowski – Athlete Career & Education

Dr Tim Barbour – Medical Services

Lisa Sutherland – Nutrition

Denise Jennings – Physical Preparation

Michael Crooks – Physical Preparation

Andrew Lambart – Physiotherapy

Danielle Stefano – Sport Science

Training Venues

Olympic Park

VIS Physical Preparation Facility, Olympic Park

Various Athletics Centres across Victoria

Sponsors

2XU Performance Apparel

Re-Creation Health Clubs

Athletes

Aaron Rouge-Serret, Adrian Mott, Anna Thompson, Benn Harradine, Benita Johnson, Brydee Moore, , Chris Mullins, Collis Birmingham, Craig Mottram, Don Elgin, Duane Cousins, Georgie Clarke, Haley Field, Ian Speed, Jana Rawlinson, Jeffrey Riseley, Jodi Willis-Roberts, Katherine Katsanevakis, Kathryn Mitchell, Lee Troop, Lisa McIntosh, Madeleine Pape, Mark Fountain, Nic Larionow, Paul Hoffman, Richard Coleman, Russell Short, Sarah Jamieson, Scott Martin, Sean Wroe, Tim Matthews, Tim Sullivan, Tim Williams, Victoria Mitchell.

Financial support for the National Training Centre program is provided by the Australian Sports Commission through the National Sporting Organisation.

Financial Report

ATHLETICS VICTORIA, 2007–08

Statement by Board of Management

In the opinion of the Board the attached financial report

- 1 Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Athletics Victorias Inc. as at 31 March 2008 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Athletics Victoria Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the board and is signed for and on behalf of the board by:



Anne Lord

PRESIDENT



Eric Sigmont

TREASURER

Date: 3rd June 2008

Statement of Financial Position as at 31st March 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Membership Funds			
ACCUMULATED RESERVES	2	567,843	453,545
Represented by:			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	3	300	300
A.N.Z. Bank	3	8,905	6,439
Other Financial Assets	4	1,146,118	1,195,285
Receivables		60,181	26,118
Inventories		71,125	14,659
Payments in Advance		43,039	18,180
Deposits Paid		700	639
		1,330,368	1,261,620
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipment	5	99,263	65,696
TOTAL ASSETS		1,429,631	1,327,316
Deduct			
LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS			
Projects in Progress	6	74,310	37,649
Sundry Creditors		121,586	123,937
GST		827	489
Advance Grants – SRV	7	18,036	10,000
Advance Grants – Moving Athletics Forward	7	543,844	597,971
Advance Grants – Vichealth		0	20,798
Advance Grants - AA		3,939	17,000
Provision for Annual Leave		42,422	30,683
Provision for Long Service Leave		17,132	9,459
Provision for future depreciation		33,441	13,494
Provision for Audit fees		3,000	3,000
Provision for Obsolescence		0	8,967
Advance Deposits		3,251	323
TOTAL LIABILITIES		861,788	873,770
NET ASSETS		567,843	453,545

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Statement of Financial Performance for year ended 31st MARCH 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Income			
Athlete Registrations		317,550	312,628
Club Affiliation/Claims/Transfers		21,856	21,091
Investment Interest		79,594	27,528
Management/Administration Fees		5,014	3,393
Athletics Australia – Development Grant		1,000	0
Athletics Australia – Telephone Subsidy		5,855	7,434
Athletics Australia – Memorandum of Understanding		6,547	3,563
Merchandising		68,366	43,578
Sponsorship		12,500	42,955
Sundry		4,440	4,246
VAL Rent		5,300	5,040
SUB TOTAL		528,022	471,456
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES (Gross Operating Surplus)			
VicHealth Program		12,474	75,028
Government Grants	7	60,024	61,330
Schools Competitions		9,246	4,443
Officials/Coaches		17,377	26,705
General Development		2,010	(574)
SUB TOTAL		101,131	166,932
COMPETITION ACTIVITIES (Gross Operating Surplus)			
Winter Events		24,037	32,747
Summer Events		(35,997)	(35,304)
Championships		18,897	10,624
Schools Events		32,911	24,115
State Teams		5,225	26,282
Sundries		(5,823)	(5,014)
Special Meets		8,262	1,183
SUB TOTAL		47,512	54,633
COMMONWEALTH GAMES SURPLUS			
Staff – Coaches & Officials		0	(21,988)
Coaching & Officials Courses		0	(3,257)
		0	(25,245)
INCOME		676,665	667,776
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		562,368	572,746
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		114,297	95,030

Statement of Financial Performance for year ended 31st MARCH 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Expenditure		
Advertising	692	1,171
Affiliation Expenses	614	614
Audit fees	3,350	3,200
Awards & Gifts	1,802	5,382
Bank/Government charges	5,117	4,223
Board expenses	3,492	1,034
Capitation	3,667	3,563
Committee Expenses	321	641
Computer Expenses	11,548	11,425
Courier Expenses	280	259
Depreciation	23,081	29,172
Insurances	25,404	23,107
Lease Payments – Equipment	5,395	9,669
Maintenance – Equipment & Furniture	3,301	2,024
Meetings	1,163	1,321
Merchandising	61,999	33,873
Office Rent	23,811	22,253
Photocopier and Fax Expenses	6,153	10,056
Postage	8,690	8,000
Printing & Stationery	24,222	14,782
Salaries	303,615	337,352
Staff/Office Amenities	3,269	2,007
Staff Training	120	1,757
Sundry	4,822	7,477
Superannuation	25,031	29,614
Telephone	8,682	7,432
Training Passes	0	240
Travel	2,727	1,098
TOTAL	562,368	572,746

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Statement of Cash Flows for year ended 31st MARCH 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		1,279,043	1,317,705
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,263,845)	(489,100)
Interest received		79,594	27,528
GST paid		(84,844)	(87,099)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	8	9,948	769,034
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Advances (to)/from short term deposits		49,167	(752,247)
Proceeds from sale of investments		0	0
Acquisition of F/A		(56,649)	(36,270)
NET CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(7,482)	(788,517)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		2,466	(19,483)
Add opening cash brought forward		6,739	26,222
CLOSING CASH CARRIED FORWARD		9,205	6,739

Notes to the Financial Statements

for year ended 31st MARCH 2008

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria).

The financial report covers Athletics Victoria Inc. as an individual entity. Athletics Victoria Inc. is an association incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

The financial report of Athletics Victoria Inc as an individual entity complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) in their entirety.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

Accounting Policies

(a) Fixed Assets

The assets have been recorded at cost and the policy of the Board is to annually reassess the market value of the fixed assets and depreciate accordingly, to show the lower of cost or net realisable value.

(b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax by virtue of Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(c) Revenue

The surplus/deficit from projects completed during the year transferred to the income and expenditure statement represents the net of revenues (including revenue received by way of grants to some projects) and expenses of those projects.

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2 Membership Funds

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Accumulated Surplus as at 1st April 2007	453,546	358,516
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	114,297	95,030
Balance as at 31st March 2008	<u>567,843</u>	<u>453,546</u>

3 Cash at Bank & On Hand

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	300	300
A.N.Z.Bank	8,905	6,439
Balance as at 31st March 2008	<u>9,205</u>	<u>6,739</u>

4 Investments

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
ANZ V2 Plus	5,000	260,000
Bendigo Building Society (IOOF)	0	332,173
ANZ Bank Commercial Bills	1,141,118	603,112
Balance as at 31st March 2008	<u>1,146,118</u>	<u>1,195,285</u>

5 Fixed Assets

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Office Equipment & Furniture at cost	208,640	138,877
Less accumulated depreciation	(109,377)	(73,181)
Total written down value at 31st March 2008	<u>99,263</u>	<u>65,696</u>

6 Projects in Progress

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Schools Knock Out	1,691	600
Development Squad	1,136	1,273
AV Future Squad	62,663	35,776
Officials Rewards Scheme	8,820	0
Balance unexpended at 31st March 2008	<u>74,310</u>	<u>37,649</u>

Projects in progress represents unexpended funds from projects which are expected to be spent in the future.

AV Future Squad has been funded by sponsorship and has seen \$17,852 distributed to Future Squad athletes and \$46,171 expended on the employment of Coaches.

7 State Government Grants

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Advance Grants at 1/4/07	607,971	33,218
Sport Development Scheme *	10,000	10,000
Automated Timing Project	20,000	0
Moving Athletics Forward	300,000	600,000
Business Improvement Program *	0	10,000
Greater Shepparton Project	0	7,000
05/06 Grant	0	18,500
Victalent	1,000	2,000
	<u>331,000</u>	<u>647,500</u>
total	938,971	680,718
less expenses	317,067	4,029
less Provision for Future Depreciation	0	7,388
less Advance Grants – SRV MAF at 31/3/08	543,844	597,971
less Advance Grants – SRV at 31/3/08	18,036	10,000
	<u>878,947</u>	<u>619,388</u>
	<u>60,024</u>	<u>61,330</u>

The reported surplus of \$60,024 is offset by expenses of salaries, administration and program running costs, hence the program has made a nil net contribution to the Statement of Financial Performance of the Association.

A “Moving Athletics Forward” grant of \$1,200,000 has been allocated by the Department for Victorian

Communities from 2007 to 2009. The first two instalments totalling \$900,000 have been received. \$356,156 has been expended to 31/3/08.

The four programs supported by this grant are: Development Officer Support, Schools Knockout, Mind the Gap and Officials and Coach Recruitment.

8 Statement of Cash Flows

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
(a) Reconciliation of cash		
Cash on hand	300	300
Bank Account	8,905	6,439
Closing Cash Balance	<u>9,205</u>	<u>6,739</u>
(b) Reconciliation of the operating profit after Tax to the net cash flows from operations		
Operating profit after tax	114,297	95,030
Depreciation of non-current assets	23,081	29,172
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Trade and other receivables	(34,063)	18,097
Inventory	(56,465)	6,287
Prepayments and deposits	(24,920)	(6,735)
Advance Grants	(79,950)	539,569
Trade and other creditors	48,218	82,857
Employee entitlements	19,412	5,818
Goods and services tax payable	338	(1,061)
Net cash flow from (used in) operating activities	<u>9,948</u>	<u>769,034</u>

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Athletics Victoria Inc.

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Athletics Victoria Inc. (the Association) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31st March 2008 and the income statement and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act (Vic). This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks

of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion-

the financial report of Athletics Victoria Inc. is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act (Vic), including –

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31st March 2008 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Auditing Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act (Vic).



Name of Firm: E. F. McPhail & Partners

Name of Partner: Wayne C. Durdin

Address: 38 Ellingworth Parade, Box Hill, Victoria, 3128

Dated this 28th day of June 2008



Athletics Victoria gratefully acknowledge the following sponsors for their continued support over the 2007–08 year





Join a Club!

Joining an athletics club offers many benefits. These may include access to coaching, group training, sporting facilities, insurance, social activities and the opportunity to compete in winter and summer club competition. But the biggest benefit of joining a club is that you get to experience that support and camaraderie that comes from training and competing with your fellow club members.

All clubs are different – it is worthwhile investigating a couple of clubs before making your final choice.