



Athletics ACT

**Annual Report
2009/2010**



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Neil Boden

Paul Torley

Hannah Flannery – Media and Publicity Officer

Administration Officer

Wendy Pinkerton

Development Officer

Debra Moran

Life Members

Mr Daryl Cross

Mrs Joan Cross

Mr Malcolm JA Davies

Mr Ewan Drummond

Mr Ken English

Mr Ian Galbraith

Mr Jack Gallagher

Mr John Harding

Mr Dave Hobson

Dr Eugene Magassy*

Mrs Dot Mills

Mr Denis Wilson AM

Service Merit Award Holders

Mr Alan Bishop

Mr David Cundy

Mr Malcolm JA Davies

Mrs Carol Dawes

Mr Greg Gilbert

Mr John Gilbert

Mr Laurie Keaton

Mrs Dot Mills

Mr John Muir

Mr Peter Waddell*

** Deceased***Affiliated Members**

Australian National University

Bega Athletics Club

Cooma Athletic Club

Goulburn Mulwaree Athletic Club

Junior Talent Squad

North Canberra Gungahlin Athletic Club

Queanbeyan Athletic Club

South Canberra-Tuggeranong Athletic Club

Weston Creek Athletic Club

Woden Harriers Athletic Club

2009 Annual General Meeting Minutes

2:30pm, Sunday 31 May 2009
 ACT Sports House
 100 Maitland St Hackett

Meeting commenced at 2:40pm

1. Welcome

Denis Wilson AM (Patron/Life Member/Tech Comm/WC), Ken English (Life Member/NSWAL), Greg Gilbert (Service Merit Member/Board/SCT), Andrea Ilakovac (Finance Director/QBN), Neil Boden (Board/NCG), Gerard Ryan (T&F Comp Comm/WH President), Tom Stead (T&F Select Comm/COO), Kathy Southgate (T&F Select Comm/NCG), Ian Colquhoun (Officials Comm/SCT), Chris Timpson (Tech Comm/JTS), Alex Gosman (Awards Comm/NCG President), Julien Wicks (WC President), Bronwyn Parsons (NCG), Matt Beckenham (QBN), Owen Heness (NCG), Alan Bishop (SCT), Paul Torley (WC), Bev Breen (WH), Kerry Boden (NCG), Bryan McCarthy (WH), Michelle D'Ambrosio (EO)

2. Apologies

Joan Cross (Life Member), Daryl Cross (Life Member), Mal Davies (Life Member), Jenny Price (JTS President), Mick Morris (Registrar/Statistician/AACT), Vince Craig (WC), Scotty Imhoff (Media & Publicity Officer/WC), Marnie McPherson (Officials Comm/QBN), Peter Boden (WH), Miriam McCarthy (WH)

3. Confirmation of 2008 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Neil Boden proposed Minutes be accepted. Second: Bronwyn Parsons. Carried

4. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

ACTION POINT: Mick Morris said that the wording of the 2 seasons; In and Ex Stadia needed to be looked at as it caused confusion in the community. The new Board will agree to the terminology of these seasons and whether it should revert back to Track & Field' (T&F) and Cross Country & Road Running (CC&RR).

Completed: The Board made a decision that the terms Track & Field (T&F) and Cross Country & Road Running (CC&RR) will replace In and Ex Stadia.

ACTION POINT: In Stadia Competition Committee to consider reintroducing the rule for an athlete to provide their own lap scorer.

Completed

ACTION POINT: Greg Gilbert to find out his budget for 2008/09 and to look at the purchase of portable speakers.

Completed: AIS speakers were tested and worked well throughout the season

ACTION POINT: Awards Committee 2008/09 to update the awards selection process and awards policy.

Completed: Neil Boden and Alex Gosman reviewed and amended the policy.

ACTION POINT: Constitution Committee to look at inserting the payments to officials in the By-Laws.

Completed: Ian Colquhoun mentioned that the wording needs to be amended.

ACTION POINT: Incoming Board will need to assess the best option to handle the increased workload and bank fees for individual grants added to association which has been passed on from the ACT Government.

Completed: The Sport and Recreation individual travel grants have ceased and therefore this reduced the workload for grant acquittals considerably.

ACTION POINT: EO to remove Michael Thomson, Mick Morris and Michael Daly as signatories on AACT bank account.

Completed

ACTION POINT: *Constitution Committee to look at the terms of the Board of Directors that they do not expire at the same time.*

Ongoing: Incoming Board to review.

ACTION POINT: *The new Board to consider a way of ensuring the Competition Committees have full representation from all the clubs. For other AACT committees of 3 people; a rep from 3 different clubs is preferred.*

Ongoing: Incoming Board to review and action.

ACTION POINT: *The new Board to review and if necessary update existing policy for ACT Team travel.*

Ongoing: Michelle updated the Team Management Duties document November 2008. Incoming Board to review Team Travel Policy.

ACTION POINT: *Michelle to work on the Online Registration system and ensure it is available for members to register through the AACT website within the next month.*

Completed

5. Reports

5.1 Board of Management

Report tabled. Moved: Neil Boden. Seconded: Alex Gosman. Motion: Carried.

- Neil highlighted a frustrating year with many committee vacancies, particularly the Competition Committees which each club needs to provide a rep for. Board tried to work with Club Presidents through meetings to ensure the association and events were supported and to increase membership numbers. Clubs need to develop a link with Little Athletics Centres and create a pathway into AACT. Great performances by our athletes on all stages. Clubs are contributing financially to athletes for travel to events.
- Greg mentioned the lack of communication from Clubs to their members.
- Ian Colquhoun noted that he attended SCT AGM and said there is no requirement to help as a volunteer, coach, official. This needs to be placed on the Club websites.

5.2 Executive Officer

Report tabled. Moved: Neil Boden. Seconded: Gerard Ryan. Motion: Carried.

- Clubs Online registration system was activated August 2008. With new categories introduced the system had to be updated once more.
- Training sessions were initiated at the AIS but didn't take off as we would have hoped.
- Website was well viewed and received positive comments.
- Development is still a concern with no DO or plan. We as a sport must provide this essential service.
- Professional Development sessions for school sport teachers was well received and brought in extra revenue. Thank you to Les Bottles and Matt Beckenham for conducting these courses in a professional manner.
- The service of booking officials and equipment provided \$11,720.00 in revenue. Thank you to all the officials and Greg.
- Successful grant of \$10,300.00 to reimburse our officials and club volunteers is a small thank you for the big part they play in our organisation.

5.3 Media and Publicity Officer

Report tabled. Moved: Neil Boden. Seconded: Denis Wilson. Motion: Carried.

- Neil spoke to Scotty Imhoff's report. Scotty did a great job in his role and well as Chair for the Aus Cross Country Trials for a second year and was commended by AA.

5.4 Cross Country & Road Running Selection Committee

Report tabled. Moved: Neil Boden. Seconded: Julien Wicks. Motion: Carried.

5.5 Track & Field Competition Committee

Report tabled. Moved: Neil Boden. Seconded: Bryan McCarthy. Motion: Carried.

- Changes were made to the program, walks moved to Thursday night, Interclub ran smoothly.
- PSG was very long and tiring for officials.
- T&F Championships break away from being combined with ACT Veterans was a plus, no downside.
- Thank you to Michelle, Greg, Linda and Jane.
- Had no club input or assistance which is very exhausting for the few of us.
- Greg was approached to for us to conduct 2 major meets; NSWAL Pro-Am Meet and GP event. 2011 Paralympic event in Christchurch, hold some qualifying events here. AIS preferred date for GP is February 2010 to give athletes a break. All School event will be phased out, U14 to U20 Championships brought back. PSG, total T&F competitors 3,500, largest ever, there was no recruitment from this event for members.
- Ian Colquhoun mentioned that Local Organising Committee (LOC) for events is filled by the same people. Suggested that the all events should be organised by the respective Competition Committee.

5.6 Track & Field Selection Committee

Report tabled. Moved: Neil Boden. Seconded: Bronwyn Parsons. Motion: Carried.

- Kathy Southgate spoke to report.
- PSG a lot of outstanding performances.
- U18 Teams Match not many nominations, juniors from regional NSW have now gone to ANSW.
- U20 age group needs to be put back in All Schools.
- Neil gave a huge thank you to Kathy Southgate, Deon Norval and Alan Bishop for organising and managing the team.
- Chris Timpson stated that AWD's broke Australian records and collected 6 gold medals and we are the strongest state for producing talent.

5.7 Officials Committee

Report tabled. Moved: Neil Boden. Seconded: Chris Timpson. Motion: Carried.

- Ian Colquhoun spoke to report.
- Volunteer officials at school carnivals was a money raiser for AACT.
- There was only 1 of the 18 new officials that registered as a result of club initiation.
- Increase to 61 officials.
- AA Service Pins were awarded to 9 officials.
- Thank you to Kevin Chamberlain and Peter Boden and mentors Peter Boden and Bronwyn Parsons.
- Came in under budget.
- Personal comments – 8 years on committee and was a great privilege to work with AACT. Will continue as AA rep for Education. Still disappointed that we don't get enough club representation on committees and at our competition events.
- Wish the incoming committee all the best.

5.8 Technical Committee and Equipment Officer

Report tabled. Moved: Neil Boden. Seconded: Dennis Wilson. Motion: Carried.

- EDM is being used effectively.
- Denis Wilson is a liaison officer for the IAAF.
- AACT doing well of school carnivals, we provide and assist them immensely.

5.9 AACT Website and Meet Presentation

Report tabled. Moved: Neil Boden. Seconded: Chris Timpson. Motion: Carried.

- Neil spoke to Pat's report.

6. Financial Report and Statement of Accounts

Report tabled. Moved: Neil Boden. Seconded: Alex Gosman. Motion: Carried.

- Registration revenue is down. Monies from some clubs have still not been paid to AACT. Membership base slightly increased.
- The outstanding money owed by AA has been received and recorded.
- ACT Sports House rent has increased.
- We sustained a substantial loss this year. There was talk of not having a paid EO position to save some costs. Andrea said we couldn't pick up all these duties that the EO actions.
- There is a need for change within the organisation with the view that this will improve our current financial situation.
- Clubs mainly see themselves as a registration point for members. Alex Gosman posed the question, are clubs viable? While he does send out information or requests for assistance, there is very little reply from members. Matt Beckenham said that we are hearing the same thing again regarding going back to the clubs to ask them to change and provide more services. This has been reviewed and talked about every year but still no changes have taken place.
- Neil Boden mentioned that the Development Committee was set up to pick up the Development Officer (DO) role. Matt mentioned that until we provide a product we don't have a service. We are still only servicing the elite athlete.
- Owen Heness interjected and asked that a special general meeting be held to discuss these issues as they shouldn't be part of the AGM.

7. Election of Office Bearers

7.1 President – 2 years

Only nominee Alex Gosman gave a brief on his style of management which is to talk to people before making decisions such as the rationalisation of the clubs. Happy to meet with people.

Alex Gosman nominated by Neil Boden. Seconded by Bronwyn Parsons. Neil Boden declared Alex elected President for a 2 year term.

7.2 General Board of Directors (4) elected – 2 years

Paul Torley nominated by Neil Boden. Seconded by Julien Wicks. Neil Boden declared Paul elected Board Director for a 2 year term.

7.3 General Board of Directors (2) appointed – 1 year

Hannah Flannery would like to take up the role of Media & Marketing Director.

Action Point: At the initial meeting of the new Board of Directors, Hannah Flannery will be voted in as Media & Marketing Director for a 1 year term.

7.4 Track & Field Competition Committee Chair – 1 year

Gerard Ryan nominated by Paul Torley. Seconded by Ian Colquhoun. Neil Boden declared Gerard elected for 1 year term.

7.4.1 1 representative from each AACT club to form the committee

ANU

BEG

COO – Tom Stead

GM

JTS

NCG

QBN – Dennis Goodwin

SCT

WC

WH

Action Point: Clubs that have did not fill their rep position need to contact Gerard Ryan with the name and contact details of their club rep.

7.5 Track & Field Selection Committee

- 7.5.1 Kathy Southgate nominated by Alex Gosman. Seconded by Gerard Ryan. Neil Boden declared Kathy elected for 1 year term.
- 7.5.2 Tom Stead nominated by Bronwyn Parsons. Seconded by Alan Bishop. Neil Boden declared Tom elected for 1 year term.
- 7.5.3 Paul Torley nominated by Julien Wicks. Seconded by Greg Gilbert. Neil Boden declared Paul elected for 1 year term.

7.6 Cross Country & Road Running Competition Committee Chair

VACANT position, no nominees.

- 7.6.1 1 representative from each AACT club to form the committee.

ANU
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COO
GM
JTS
NCG
QBN
SCT
WC
WH

Action Point: *Clubs that have did not fill their rep position need to contact Michelle D'Ambrosio with the name and contact details of their club rep.*

7.7 Cross Country & Road Running Selection Committee

- 7.7.1 Ian Boyd nominated by Christine Pauling. Seconded by David Hobson. Neil Boden declared Ian elected for 1 year term.
- 7.7.2 Scott Imhoff nominated by Julien Wicks. Seconded by Christine Pauling. Neil Boden declared Scott elected for 1 year term.
- 7.7.3 Christine Pauling nominated by Julien Wicks. Seconded by Martin Dent. Neil Boden declared Christine elected for 1 year term.

7.8 Race Walking Selection Committee

3 VACANT positions, no nominees

7.9 Awards Committee

- 7.9.1 Neil Boden nominated by Alex Gosman. Seconded by Denis Wilson. Neil Boden declared Neil elected for 1 year term.
- 7.9.2 VACANT position, no nominees
- 7.9.3 VACANT position, no nominees

7.10 Officials Committee

- 7.10.1 VACANT position, no nominees
- 7.10.2 VACANT position, no nominees
- 7.10.3 VACANT position, no nominees

7.11 Technical Committee

- 7.11.1 Denis Wilson nominated by Greg Gilbert. Seconded by Gerard Ryan. Neil Boden declared Denis elected for 1 year term.
- 7.11.2 Greg Gilbert nominated by Chris Timpson. Seconded by Adam Cunningham. Neil Boden declared Greg elected for 1 year term.
- 7.11.3 Chris Timpson nominated by Greg Gilbert. Seconded by Adam Cunningham. Neil Boden declared Chris elected for 1 year term.

7.12 Athletes Representative Committee

7.12.1 VACANT position, no nominees

7.12.2 VACANT position, no nominees

7.12.3 VACANT position, no nominees

7.13 Constitution Officer

VACANT position, no nominees

7.14 Development Committee

7.14.1 VACANT position, no nominees

7.14.2 VACANT position, no nominees

7.14.3 VACANT position, no nominees

7.15 Social Committee

7.15.1 VACANT position, no nominees

7.15.2 VACANT position, no nominees

7.15.3 VACANT position, no nominees

7.16 Member Protection Information Officer - Male

VACANT position, no nominees

7.17 Member Protection Information Officer - Female

VACANT position, no nominees

7.18 IT Officer

VACANT position, no nominees

7.19 Registrar

VACANT position, no nominees

7.20 Awards Officer

Ian Colquhoun nominated by Greg Gilbert. Seconded by Chris Timpson. Neil Boden declared Ian elected for 1 year term.

7.21 Records Officer

Mick Morris nominated by Chris Timpson. Seconded by Gerard Ryan. Neil Boden declared Mick elected for 1 year term.

7.21 Equipment Officer

Greg Gilbert nominated by Chris Timpson. Seconded by Ian Colquhoun. Neil Boden declared Greg elected for 1 year term.

7.23 Media and Publicity Officer

VACANT position, no nominees

7.24 Statistician

Mick Morris nominated by Chris Timpson. Seconded by Gerard Ryan. Neil Boden declared Mick elected for 1 year term.

7.25 Honorary Auditor

Terina Brierly nominated by Andrea Ilakovac. Seconded by Greg Gilbert. Neil Boden declared Terina elected for 1 year term.

7.26 Honorary Solicitor

Bronwyn Fagan nominated by Greg Gilbert. Seconded by Chris Timpson. Neil Boden declared Bronwyn elected for 1 year term.

7.27 Honorary Surveyor

VACANT position, no nominees

7.28 Delegates to ACT Olympic Council

7.28.1 Bronwyn Fagan nominated by Greg Gilbert. Seconded by Alex Gosman. Neil Boden declared Bronwyn elected for 1 year term.

7.28.2 Alex Gosman. President becomes second delegate.

7.29 Public Officer

Michelle D'Ambrosio. Executive Officer fills this position.

8. Approval of Registration Fees 2009-10**Athletes**

- **Open and U20**
 - Full Year \$105.00
 - Winter Only \$55.00
 - Summer Only \$65.00
- **U18, U16 and U14**
 - Full Year \$85.00
 - Winter Only \$45.00
 - Summer Only \$55.00
- **ACTLAA Dual Registration**
 - Winter Only \$25.00
 - Summer Only \$60.00
- **Family**
 - Full Year \$300.00
 - Winter Only \$155.00
 - Summer Only \$165.00

AACT Life Member \$0.00

AACT Service Merit Member \$0.00

Accredited Technical Official \$0.00

Club Official/Administrator \$0.00

Neil Boden proposed approval of registration fees for season 2009-10 be accepted. Second: Bronwyn Parsons. Carried

- Discussions took place regarding second claim athletes, coach membership, half fees from January 2010, MOU's with ACTLAA and ACT Veterans.

Action Point: Michelle D'Ambrosio to contact Athletics Australia regarding second claim athletes and coach membership with AACT.

Action Point: Michelle D'Ambrosio to amend wording for the registration category 'Club Official/Administrator' to 'Volunteer'.

9. Adoption of AACT Strategic Plan 2009 – 2011

Neil explained that the draft Strategic Plan was placed on the website and links to the document were sent to all members via clubs online email for comments prior to adoption.

Neil Boden proposed adoption of the AACT Strategic Plan 2009-2011 be accepted. Second: Denis Wilson AM. Carried

10. General Business - No items presented.

Meeting closed at 5:25pm.

President's Report

Our Vision:

"To promote the enjoyment of athletics and personal endeavor"

Our Mission:

"To effectively manage the delivery of quality programs, competitions, events and services to athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers."

On behalf of my fellow members of the Executive of the AACT, I am delighted to report on the activities of the Association over the past year. Whilst many challenges continue to face the sport of athletics both in the ACT and nationally the Board feels we have made some real progress in re-establishing a viable and financial Association and in improving our relationships with fellow athletic associations and increasing the emphasis on development.

As members may be aware the position of President had been vacant for at least 12 months when I was elected last June and this had presented some challenges over direction and representation. However, the then Committee had undertaken some excellent work in developing a strategic plan for AACT and I would like to report on progress towards the key recommendations. It is worth remembering that the key three recommendations were:

The key priorities for ACT Athletics in 2009:

- Restructure ACT Athletics into a single entity representing and providing programs and services to all track and field members.

During the season we instituted a new Competition format which received positive feedback from members. Increased resources have been placed into the development arena not only of the future generation of athletes but also at the tertiary level recognizing that this is a long term investment for results. AACT has initiated successful discussions with other relevant associations around defining our respective fields of operation so as to prevent duplication

- Develop formal agreements with ACT Cross Country, ACT Veterans and ACT Little Athletics to work together where appropriate and to combine the administration location for all four organizations.

AACT took the lead in 2009 in re-establishing relationships with our sister athletic associations. Not only did this include a series of one on one meetings but also the hosting of an informal athletics council for the four associations to get together and discuss common issues. We continue to promote this concept.

We have established MOUs with all three associations defining areas of responsibility and support and the AACT is very appreciative of the support and attitude of Doug, Christopher and Peter from respectively ACTCC, ACT Veterans and ACT LAs. The sport of athletics will only grow in Canberra and the region if all participants work together. AACT has also increased its liaison with the ACT Government and we again extend our appreciation of the ongoing funding support provided. AACT has endorsed the ACTCC Runners Weekend and assisted them in obtaining support from AA

- Develop a coaching structure that provides coaching services to all levels of athletes.

AACT has established a good rapport with Dennis Goodwin, President of ACT TFCA who has brought a new level of energy to the coaching fraternity and is proactive in promoting the development of the coaching fraternity in the ACT and region. We are providing support to their coaching workshops and also ensuring that the changes to the coaching structure in Australia flowing from accreditation etc are not to disadvantage of coaches and squads. The future of athletics depends very much on the coaching fraternity to develop "promise" into performance and Canberra has a unique coaching "independent" structure (where coaches are not affiliated with clubs). A testimony to the depth of coaching infrastructure in ACT has been the performance of ACT athletes at both senior and junior competition.

Financial Performance

Under the sterling leadership of our Treasurer, Andrea Ilakovac, AACT returned to surplus in 2009. Andrea has brought a new discipline to the accounts of the Association and her monthly reports provide great clarity. This provides the Executive with considerable more confidence in running the association.

Strategic Direction

The Executive Committee took the decision that in accordance with the agreed strategic direction that increased resources need to be directed into development activities. As a result the then Executive Officer position would become an Administrative Officer position. This was so that the Association could proactively promote the sport of athletics at the secondary school and tertiary level and within the region recognizing that the success of athletics in the ACT will be dependent on the continuing entry of talented youth. We are also appreciative of the relationship established with LA to work together in the transition area of juniors and to recognize their areas of coverage.

AACT was particularly lucky in engaging Wendy Pinkerton in late 2009 as our new Administrative Officer. With a background in sports administration Wendy has very effectively managed the office, provided a new focus on supporting our volunteers and established new office procedures – all in a modest but proactive manner.

Debra Moran was appointed as Development Officer and comes to the job with a background in coaching and sport promotion. We look forward to Debra's initiatives in stimulating the development and interest in athletics recognizing that this is a longer term task.

I would also pay tribute to the high levels of support provided by a proactive Executive Committee – what we may lack in numbers is made up in energy and commitment. Hannah has taken on responsibility for publicity and established good links with such bodies as the Canberra Times as shown by increased coverage. Paul provides constant support and has assisted with team management. Neil brings many years of experience to athletics and I have found his experience and expertise invaluable.

Greg Gilbert stepped down from the Board during the year and it would be remiss of me not to provide a tribute to his many years of assistance with event set up and management. Greg did a manful job in running the national athletics cup meeting in late January.

In November 2009 I attended the meeting of Athletics Australia with other state based associations. I am very impressed by the approach that AA are taking to develop athletics in Australia by taking a more holistic approach including establishing closer relationships with key external bodies (particularly Little Athletics) and the coaching fraternity. Danny Corcoran will unfortunately soon be leaving the position of CEO, AA but he has been very supportive of AACT and our establishing closer relationships with other associations.

There remains many challenges to the sport of athletics in the ACT and Australia and whilst there have been some positive steps in the right direction there are a number of areas that are of concern including

- Declining numbers of volunteers – there has over the past few years been a gradual decline in numbers of volunteers and the committee believes some radical ideas may be required to ensure meets continue to be supported
- Continuing competition for our potential athletes of the future from other sports
- The support provided by the club network – request for assistance at events from clubs has been disappointing and my requests for meetings have been poorly attended except from the same few. It would appear that having 9 clubs across 300 members is too many and that most clubs are struggling to communicate with their members. The sport needs to make some decisions around whether we need to consolidate club numbers so as to reduce duplication.

Finally I would like to thank all the volunteers and officials for their magnificent contribution to supporting athletics in the ACT, I had no idea of the time and effort provided. Without wishing to single out any individuals I would however particularly thank Cathy, Deon, Melissa and Paul for their team management roles during the year.

There have been many strong performances at the national and international level by members of the AACT and these details are contained elsewhere. I would congratulate those members selected in national events at both the junior and senior level. I would also congratulate Own Heness and Michael Thomson for their being awarded life membership of Athletics Australia.

Alex Gosman

President
Athletics ACT

Finance Directors Report

ACT Athletics Association made a profit of \$7,651.92 for the year ended 31 December 2009 compared to a loss of \$34,098.77 in 2008. This profit was largely driven by better management of registration revenue through the online registration system.

Total Revenue was up by \$17,233 from the 2008 financial year. This is explained by the increase in Registration Revenues by \$7,435 (47%). ACT Team Revenues of \$13,106 are also up by \$9,948, however, this is attributed to the amounts received from athletes for the All School event in Hobart and is offset by related ACT Team Expenses of \$16,841.

Total Expenditure was down by \$24,518 (18%) from the 2008 financial year and below budget by \$8,954 (8%). This is largely attributed to a \$2,946 reduction in rental costs associated with the Association's relocation to the AIS, in addition to a \$6,416 decrease in Office Operating Expenses as the Executive Officer position was not filled during the final three months of the year. Total Miscellaneous Expenditure is down by \$16,295 from 2008 as there was no 'Athlete Contribution Grant' to distribute during the year.

The success of the 'FaCHSIA Volunteers Fuel Reimbursement Grant' is noted with the total \$10,300 grant funding dispersed among the Association's volunteers. In 2010 the Association has once again applied for this grant, and if successful, again will encourage volunteers to submit claims for reimbursement.

In regard to the \$2K overdraft in the main bank account as noted by auditor, the overall cash position remains healthy with a total balance of \$47,998.

In summary, the Association is maintaining a healthy position financially, with the cash reserves generating good interest income.

I recommend that the Association accepts these statements as a true and fair representation of the Association financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2009.

Andrea Ilakovac
Finance Director



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To **Members of the ACT Athletics Association Incorporated**

In my opinion the accounting records books of the ACT Athletics Association Incorporated do not contain any material errors or omissions and the records reflect a true and fair view of the operations as at 31 December 2009. The audit involved the examination of bank statements, and supporting documentation used in development of the cash based financial statements.

It is noted that the main bank account is in overdraft. For \$2k, however, there is a balance of \$48k in the express saver bank account. The collection of receivables 17% (\$716) of the balance of \$4,220 is over 90 days (2008 12% \$4k of 34k), it is recommended that these are followed up and collected promptly.

I have not audited the internal controls of the Association and I do not provide an opinion on the adequacy of these nor on the financial position of the Association.

Yours faithfully,

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18 March 2010

ACT Athletics Association
Profit & Loss Statement
for the year ending December 2009

	Notes	Budget	2009	2008
Revenues				
	2	\$29,437	\$23,326.95	\$15,892.07
Competition Revenues	3	\$33,420	\$35,272.36	\$32,557.03
Development Revenues	4	-	\$1,179.09	\$136.37
Government Grants	5	\$24,300	\$29,420.00	\$31,318.18
Sponsorships	6	\$16,300	-	\$448.59
Officials Related Revenue	7	-	-	-
ACT Team Revenues	8	\$3,242	\$13,105.94	\$3,157.87
Support to Carnivals	9	\$15,630	\$12,929.67	\$15,226.43
Miscellaneous revenue	10	\$1,610	\$2,302.74	\$1,567.65
Total revenues:		<u>\$123,939.00</u>	<u>\$117,536.75</u>	<u>\$100,304.19</u>
Expenses				
Office Operation Expenses	11	\$54,908.00	\$47,073.92	\$53,489.64
Board of Management Expenses	12	\$2,905.00	\$1,677.04	\$2,829.71
Competition Expenses	13	\$29,988.00	\$19,600.52	\$29,213.03
Development Expenses	14	-	-	\$2,577.62
Depreciation Expense	15	\$2,309.00	\$2,308.45	\$2,322.43
Write Off Expense	16	-	-	-
Officials Expenses	17	\$19,960.00	\$6,442.36	\$9,410.51
ACT Team Expenses	18	\$2,386.00	\$16,841.46	\$2,323.73
Miscellaneous Expenses	19	\$6,383.00	\$15,941.08	\$32,236.29
Total expenses:		<u>\$118,839.00</u>	<u>\$109,884.83</u>	<u>\$134,402.96</u>
Operating Profit/(Loss):		<u>\$5,100.00</u>	<u>\$7,651.92</u>	<u>(\$34,098.77)</u>

ACT Athletics Association**Balance Sheet**

as at 31 December 2009

	Notes	Budget	2009	2008
Assets				
Cash	20	\$45,754.37	\$47,997.67	\$37,043.58
Receivables	21	\$5,000.00	\$3,375.67	\$8,046.00
Prepayments	22	-	-	-
Non Current Assets	23	\$20,000.00	\$8,486.32	\$10,794.77
Inventory	24	\$5,000.00	\$20,535.72	\$20,535.72
Total assets:		<u>\$75,754.37</u>	<u>\$80,395.38</u>	<u>\$76,420.07</u>
Liabilities				
Creditors	25	\$5,000.00	\$7,089.09	\$10,765.70
Total liabilities:		<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,089.09</u>	<u>\$10,765.70</u>
Net assets/(liabilities):		<u>\$70,754.37</u>	<u>\$73,306.29</u>	<u>\$65,654.37</u>
Equity				
Asset Revaluation Reserve		\$2,252.53	\$2,252.53	\$2,252.53
Retained earnings		\$63,401.84	\$63,401.84	\$97,500.61
Current year earnings		\$5,100.00	\$7,651.92	(\$34,098.77)
Total equity:		<u>\$70,754.37</u>	<u>\$73,306.29</u>	<u>\$65,654.37</u>

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ACT Athletics Association**Cash Flow Statement***for the year ending December 2009*

	Notes	Budget	2009	2008
Operating activities				
Cash received				
Registration & Affiliation		\$29,437.00	\$24,506.04	\$16,028.44
Competition		\$33,420.00	\$39,942.69	\$54,770.28
Grants and Sponsorships		\$40,600.00	\$29,420.00	\$31,766.77
Interest		\$304.79	\$1,178.51	\$1,356.22
GST Collected		\$10,000.00	(\$724.33)	-
Other		\$20,264.00	\$27,159.84	\$19,459.37
Total cash received		\$134,025.79	\$121,482.75	\$123,381.08
Cash used				
Employee		(\$43,527.00)	(\$42,487.72)	(\$43,854.10)
Other Administrative		(\$11,382.00)	(\$8,321.66)	(\$11,086.59)
Board of Management		(\$2,905.00)	(\$1,677.04)	(\$2,829.71)
Competition		(\$29,988.00)	(\$18,817.34)	(\$43,870.40)
Fees, Interest and Charges		(\$318.00)	(\$336.99)	(\$308.86)
Athlete Competition Grants		-	-	(\$24,914.88)
GST Paid		(\$5,500.00)	-	(\$854.57)
Other		(\$26,025.00)	(\$38,887.91)	(\$16,935.55)
Total cash used		(\$119,645.00)	(\$110,528.66)	(\$144,654.66)
Net cash movement from operating activities	26	\$14,380.79	\$10,954.09	(\$21,273.58)
Investing activities				
Cash received				
Sale of Team Uniforms		\$2,830.00	-	\$2,884.45
Sale of Fixed Assets		-	-	-
Total cash received		\$2,830.00	-	\$2,884.45
Cash used				
Purchase of Administrative Assets		(\$3,500.00)	-	-
Purchase of Competition Equipment		(\$3,500.00)	-	-
Purchase of Sales Items		-	-	-
Purchase of Team Assets		(\$1,000.00)	-	-
Purchase of Medals		(\$500.00)	-	(\$4,160.65)
Total cash used		(\$8,500.00)	-	(\$4,160.65)
Net cash movement from investing activities		(\$5,670.00)	-	(\$1,276.20)
Nil financing activities				
Net cash movement		\$8,710.79	\$10,954.09	(\$22,549.78)
Prior year closing balance		<u>\$37,043.58</u>	<u>\$37,043.58</u>	<u>\$59,593.36</u>
Current closing balance		<u>\$45,754.37</u>	<u>\$47,997.67</u>	<u>\$37,043.58</u>

ACT Athletics Association
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ending December 2009

2009 2008

- Note 1**
- a. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory reporting requirements, including the ACT Associations Incorporation Act.
 - b. The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost and do not take account of changes in the Fair Value of non current assets.
 - c. The Association accounting policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise specifically stated.
 - d. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Association:
 - (1) *Income Tax*
The Association is exempt from the payment of Income Tax
 - (2) *Goods and Services Tax*
The Australian Business Number of the (ABN) of the Association is 51 215 120 626. The Association is registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST) purposes (as of 1 July 2005).
 - (3) *Depreciation*
Depreciation is applied to plant and equipment using 20% of the residual value based on assessed useful life of the asset. The depreciation charge as applied as of the last working day of each month.

Note 2 Registration Revenue

Club Affiliation Fees	\$400.00	\$1,672.30
Member Registration Fees	\$22,926.95	\$14,219.77

	\$23,326.95	\$15,892.07
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Number of registered members

Athletes	255	299
Officials	43	55
Coaches	6	2

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		2009	2008
Note 3	Competition Revenues		
	Interclub		
	Ground Entry Fees	\$9,238.36	\$12,297.31
	One Day Registrations	-	-
	Canteen Sales	-	-
	Handbook Sales	-	-
	Other Interclub Revenues	-	\$67.54
	Total Interclub:	\$9,238.36	\$12,364.85
	AACT Championships		
	Championship Entry Fees	\$4,617.72	\$3,594.53
	Spectator Entry Fees	-	-
	Canteen Sales	-	-
	Booklet Sales	\$29.09	\$327.27
	Other Championship Revenues	\$4,486.42	\$495.54
	Total AACT Championships:	\$9,133.23	\$4,417.34
	Combined Events Competition		
	Carnival Entry Fees	-	-
	Spectator Entry Fees	-	-
	Canteen Sales	-	-
	Championship Booklet Sales	-	-
	AA Contribution	\$3,181.82	-
	Other CE Revenues	-	-
	Total Combined Events Competition:	\$3,181.82	-
	AA & Other Competitions		
	Carnival Entry Fees	\$13,022.72	\$2,271.48
	Spectator Entry Fees	-	-
	Canteen Sales	-	-
	Championship Booklet Sales	-	-
	AA Contribution	\$552.18	\$11,713.74
	Other Championship Revenues	\$144.05	\$1,789.62
	Total AA & Other Competitions:	\$13,718.95	\$15,774.84
	Total Competition Revenues:	\$35,272.36	\$32,557.03

	2009	2008
Note 4 Development Revenues		
Miscellaneous Development Revenues		
School Visits Program	\$1,142.73	-
Other Development Revenues	\$36.36	\$136.37
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Total Miscellaneous Development Revenues:	\$1,179.09	\$136.37
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Total Development Revenues:	\$1,179.09	\$136.37
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Note 5 Government Grants		
Administration Grant	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Athlete Subsidy	\$5,120.00	-
Officials Grant	\$10,300.00	-
Other	-	\$17,318.18
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Total Government Grants:	\$29,420.00	\$31,318.18
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Note 6 Sponsorships		
AA Grant	-	\$448.59
Other	-	-
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Total Sponsorships:	\$0.00	\$448.59
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Note 7 Officials Related Revenue		
Sale of IAAF Handbooks	-	-
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Total Officials Related Revenue:	\$0.00	-
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Note 8 ACT Team Revenues		
Entry fees	\$11,072.66	\$331.77
Sale of Uniforms	\$2,033.28	\$2,884.45
Less cost of uniforms sold	-	(\$58.35)
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Total ACT Team Revenues:	\$13,105.94	\$3,157.87
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		2009	2008
Note 9	Support to Carnivals		
	Provision of Officials	\$7,054.59	\$6,999.16
	Hire of Equipment	\$5,875.08	\$8,227.27
	Total Support to Carnivals:	\$12,929.67	\$15,226.43
Note 10	Miscellaneous revenue		
	Annual Dinner	-	-
	Interest	\$1,178.51	\$1,356.22
	Other Minor Revenue	\$1,124.23	\$211.43
	Total Miscellaneous revenue:	\$2,302.74	\$1,567.65
Note 11	Office Operation Expenses		
	Executive Officer	\$38,752.26	\$42,403.05
	Gross Salaries	\$35,155.30	\$38,350.00
	Superannuation Guarantee Levy	\$3,099.18	\$3,451.50
	Workers Compensation	\$497.78	\$601.55
	Communications		
	Telephone and Fax	\$2,276.58	\$2,069.42
	Internet	\$1,449.44	\$870.92
	Postage and Freight	\$132.68	\$132.37
	Miscellaneous communication co	-	-
	Total communications expense:	\$3,858.70	\$3,072.71
	Other Office Expenses		
	Rent	\$3,056.00	\$6,002.00
	Photocopying	\$591.68	\$594.64
	Consumables	\$53.47	\$189.94
	Computer software	\$488.91	\$562.73
	Miscellaneous office costs	\$272.90	\$664.57
	Total other office expenses:	\$4,462.96	\$8,013.88
	Total Office Operation Expenses:	\$47,073.92	\$53,489.64

		2009	2008
Note 12	Board of Management Expenses		
	Travel		
	Fares	\$496.99	\$5.62
	Accommodation	\$97.37	\$1,046.37
	Meals and Entertainment	\$40.91	-
	Total travel expenses:	\$635.27	\$1,051.99
	Reimbursements		
	Telephone, Fax and Internet	-	-
	Postage and Freight	\$50.00	\$36.00
	Other Reimbursements	\$991.77	\$1,741.72
	Total reimbursements:	\$1,041.77	\$1,777.72
	Total Board of Management expenses:	\$1,677.04	\$2,829.71
Note 13	Competition Expenses		
	Interclub Expense		
	Ground Hire Fees	\$9,865.92	\$9,404.56
	Handbook printing	-	\$828.46
	Other Interclub Expenses	\$474.23	\$1,867.27
	Total Interclub expenses:	\$10,340.15	\$12,100.29
	ACT T&F Championships		
	Ground Hire Fees	-	\$2,243.40
	Handbook printing	\$218.18	\$204.55
	Medals	\$6,183.64	\$432.73
	Other Championship Expenses	\$246.32	\$511.90
	Total ACT T&F championships expense:	\$6,648.14	\$3,392.58
	Combined Events Competition		
	Ground Hire Fees	-	-
	Other Expenses	-	-
	Total Multi Event competition expenses:	\$0.00	-

	2009	2008
AA & Other Competitions		
Ground Hire Fees	\$2,409.09	\$278.18
Handbook printing	-	-
Medals	\$136.36	-
Other Expenses	\$66.78	\$13,441.98
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Total AA & other competition expenses:	\$2,612.23	\$13,720.16
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Total competition expenses:	\$19,600.52	\$29,213.03
Note 14 Development Expenses		
Development Officer Expense	\$0.00	\$2,577.62
School Visits Expense		
Other School Visits Expense	-	-
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Total schools visit expense:	\$0.00	-
Other Development Expenses		
Reimbursements of Expenses	-	-
Other Development Expenses	-	-
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Total Other development expenses:	\$0.00	-
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Total development expenses:	\$0.00	\$2,577.62
Note 15 Depreciation Expense		
Office Equipment Depn	\$450.51	-
Carnival Equipment Depn	\$1,857.94	\$2,322.43
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Total depreciation expense:	\$2,308.45	\$2,322.43
Note 16 Write Off Expense		
Write Off - Office Equipment	-	-
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Total write off expense:	\$0.00	-

	2009	2008
Note 17 Officials Expenses		
Uniforms	\$1,996.45	\$1,639.36
IAAF Handbooks	-	\$1,854.54
Officials Payments	\$4,243.62	-
Other Officials Expense	\$202.29	\$5,916.61
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Total officials expenses:	\$6,442.36	\$9,410.51
 Note 18 ACT Team Expenses		
Accommodation & Meals	\$7,485.45	\$911.82
AA Entry Fees	\$1,672.72	\$563.64
Uniforms	\$2,130.45	\$560.45
Fares	\$4,098.29	-
Other team expenses	\$1,454.55	\$287.82
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Total ACT team expenses:	\$16,841.46	\$2,323.73
 Note 19 Miscellaneous Expenses		
Annual Statements Expense		
Audit Fees	\$300.00	\$300.00
Other Annual Statements Expens	\$29.09	\$201.45
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Total annual statements expense:	\$329.09	\$501.45
Meeting Costs	\$45.00	\$1,730.63
AA Capitation Fees	\$334.00	\$346.00
AA Insurance levy	\$1,350.00	\$1,392.30
Annual Dinner Expenses	\$1,643.55	\$715.27
Athlete Competition Grants	-	\$24,914.88
FaHCSIA Volunteers Fuel Grant	\$10,300.00	-
Bank charges and taxes	\$336.99	\$308.86
Registration Related Expenses		
Registration Numbers	\$518.40	\$952.50
Other printing costs	\$111.33	\$235.36
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Total registration related expense:	\$629.73	\$1,187.86
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$972.72	\$1,139.04
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Total miscellaneous expenses:	\$15,941.08	\$32,236.29

	2009	2008
Note 20 Cash		
Cash at bank		
Main Operating Account	(\$2,071.24)	\$6,547.22
Express Saver Account	\$48,158.79	\$29,890.16
Term Deposits	-	-
	Total cash at bank:	\$36,437.38
Cash on Hand		
Petty Cash	\$180.27	\$100.20
Cash Drawer	-	-
Interclub Cash Holding	\$729.85	\$506.00
	Total cash on hand:	\$606.20
	Total cash:	\$37,043.58
Note 21 Receivables		
General Trade Receivables	\$3,375.67	\$8,046.00
	Total receivables:	\$8,046.00
Note 22 Prepayments		
AA Capitation Fees	-	-
	Total prepayments:	-
Note 23 Non Current Assets		
Office Related		
Gross Value	\$1,505.06	\$1,505.06
Accumulated Depn	(\$450.51)	-
	NBV - office related assets:	\$1,505.06
Carnival Related		
Gross Value	\$27,985.46	\$27,985.46
Accumulated Depn	(\$20,553.69)	(\$18,695.75)
	NBV - carnival related assets:	\$9,289.71
	Total non current assets:	\$10,794.77

		2009	2008
Note 24	Inventory		
	Competition inventory		
	Throws related items	-	-
	Jumps related items	-	-
	Measuring items	-	-
	Track items	-	-
	General items	\$3,137.60	\$3,137.60
		-	-
	Total competition inventory:	\$3,137.60	\$3,137.60
	Other inventory		
	ACT team uniforms	\$13,129.62	\$13,129.62
	Officials uniforms	\$433.95	\$433.95
	Medals	\$3,834.55	\$3,834.55
		-	-
	Total other inventory:	\$17,398.12	\$17,398.12
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	Total inventory:	\$20,535.72	\$20,535.72
Note 25	Creditors		
	General trade creditors	\$6,023.65	\$5,240.47
	Employee related creditors	\$599.34	\$4,334.80
	Other liabilities	\$466.10	\$1,190.43
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	Total creditors:	\$7,089.09	\$10,765.70
Note 26	Cash Flow Reconciliation		
	Net profit/(loss)	\$7,651.92	(\$34,098.77)
	Non cash adjustments		
	Depreciation expense	\$2,308.45	\$2,322.43
	Write down expense	-	-
	(Increase)/decrease in receivables	\$4,670.33	\$23,163.25
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(\$3,676.61)	(\$12,660.49)
	Total non cash adjustments	\$3,302.17	\$12,825.19
	Net cash from operating activities	\$10,954.09	(\$21,273.58)

Media and Publicity Officer Report

The Athletics ACT (AACT) Board appointed Hannah Flannery from the South Canberra Tuggeranong Athletics Club as the AACT Media Officer for the 2009/10 season.

In this position I, Hannah Flannery, have been responsible for the regulation of news and information via the ACT athletics website. It has been my endeavor to keep members informed via news items posted regularly on the website. In 2010 Athletics ACT hope to re-model the website under the direction and creative input of Pat Birgan.

In preparation for the Australia Cup, held in Canberra during the 2009-10 season, I worked with the Athletics Australia media team to promote the event in Canberra via the distribution of flyers and posters, contacting local radio stations and advertising in the *Canberra Times*. During the season I was regularly communicating with *Canberra Times Sport* to advise them of athlete performances and achievements. During the 2009-10 season, I was able to establish an effective contact with the *Canberra Times* 'PB' sport lift-out journalists. This allowed for the promotion of the achievements of our junior athletes.

The 2009-10 athletics season was a learning experience for me. I recognise that there is enormous scope for enhanced publicity for Athletics ACT. In the 2010-11 season, I hope to establish regular contact with local new-radio outlets, with both the Southside and Northside *Chronicle* and to pursue the establishment of a Canberra running/athletics column in *Canberra Times Sport*.

I have been given excellent assistance particularly by Mick Morris, who has provided me with the necessary skills to keep the Athletics ACT website updated. Pat Birgan and Matt Beckenham have continued their media support, having also provided media outlets in Canberra with media releases for particular achievements at track and field meets this season. Due to my own personal commitments, I did not provide detailed weekly media releases for the track and field season. I invite all members to email me at any time during the season if there is a story, a report, news or results that they would like me to publicise to promote Athletics in the ACT.

Hannah Flannery

Cross Country and Road Running Committee Report

The following report is on behalf of the non-existent 2009 Winter Committee.

A meeting was called for in April 2009 to discuss the upcoming 2009 winter season and competition rules. Three clubs attended, these being Queanbeyan, Weston Creek and Woden Harriers. It was agreed to that a club competition would be held in 2009 and an event schedule was decided upon and a roster of clubs was circulated to all clubs for the calculation of points after each club race.

At the AGM in May 2009, no Competition Committee Chair was nominated to run the winter club competition.

Despite the roster there was no help from any other club. I kept the calculations going after the races and sent periodically to the Executive Officer for posting on the website.

The following winners were calculated based on the performance in the nominated races

A Grade

Open Men: Weston Creek

Open Women: Woden Harriers

Junior Men: Woden Harriers

Youth Men: Weston Creek

Youth Women: South Canberra Tuggeranong

Veteran Men: Weston Creek

B Grade

Open Men: Weston Creek

Veteran Men: Woden Harriers

C Grade

Open Men: Weston Creek

Overall Club Champion: Weston Creek

Due to the apathy of the clubs and the general athlete group to wear uniforms and competition numbers, no club premiership has been organised for the 2010 winter season.



Gerard Ryan

Cross Country and Road Running Selection Committee Report

Athletics ACT selected Ian Boyd, Scott Imhoff and Chris Pauling as the selection panel for the 2009/10 season. Scott resigned during the season and was not replaced. The committee made selections for the Australian Mountain Running Championships, the Athletics Australia and Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships and the Australian Marathon Championships. The Selectors also drafted Athletics ACT Selection Policies for the 2009 Australian Mountain Running Championships, the 2009 Athletic Australia Cross Country Championships and the 2009 Australian Marathon Championship.

The Australian Mountain Running Championships were held at Ferntree Gully in Victoria on 6 June. Selections were made in the open age divisions for both men and women. Mark Bourne (WH) won the silver medal in the open men's championship while Jessamy Hosking (SCT) won the silver medal in the female event. Scott McTaggart (NCG) and Hosking were both selected to represent Australia in the World Mountain Running championships later in the year in which they were each the first Australian finisher.

The Athletics Australia and Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships were held on 21 August in Nowra. Selections were made in open men and open and under 20 women. In addition, as is now the selectors' policy, the selectors did not re-select athletes who had already been named in the SchoolSport ACT team. Rather, the selectors only selected a small number of athletes registered with Athletics ACT who had not been selected in this team, and in the selectors' opinion, had performed at a sufficiently high level to represent Athletics ACT. In the open male event, the team of Brad Croker (WC), Scott McTaggart, Alan Craigie (WC) and Philo Saunders (WC) won the teams silver medal. In the open female event, the team of Jessamy Hosking, Fleur Flannery (WC), Andrea Ilakovac (Qbn) and Jillian Hosking (SCT) won the teams bronze medal.

The Australian Marathon Championships were held on 11 October in Melbourne. Selections were made in the male division only. The selectors did not receive sufficient expressions of interest to select a female team for this event. Despite the availability of an assistance package for State/Territory selected athletes, the selectors have noted the continued difficulty of finding interested athletes to compete in either the marathon or the half marathon championships at this time of the year.

The Australian Half Marathon Championships were held on 20 September in Sydney. As noted above, the selectors have found it difficult to select teams in this event and this year there was insufficient levels of interest for any teams to be selected.

The selectors also made recommendations to Athletics ACT on the most outstanding awards for non stadium events in all age divisions.

Athletics ACT Cross Country and Road Running Selection Committee

Track & Field Competition Committee Report

The season has again been very busy with the major event being the hosting of the Australia Cup incorporating other Invitational events as well as our normal summer program for athletes.

There was a well attended club and officials representative meeting held before the season discussing issues around permit/non-permit meets, days of competition, timing of meets and event changes. There was also extensive communication held with the Vets competition representative.

The season had 13 competitions weeks a decrease from last year with 1 of them being held after the ACT Champs in the lead up to Nationals. The reduction was in part to give officials a break each month.

A major change was the move to half of the meets being held on Friday nights. The numbers of competitors seemed to better on these nights compared to Saturday meets. All meets throughout the season were moved to a 6pm start to allow interstate athletes, officials and coaches to participate and to take advantage of the better competing conditions at twilight. There was also a significant amount of negotiation needed with the AIS as a junior national football (soccer) competition impacted on when we could have our meets as well as restricting use of the infield due to these football matches. The discussions I had with people supported the continuation of some Friday night meets next season.

Vets again were generous in their support of the walking community hosting a walk each Thursday. Walkers were still able to compete at Summer Competition but not in designated walking events

There were no problems on the track with all competition days finishing at or slightly before the scheduled time. It could be well argued that this was due to less competitors being present. Requests for additional events were done smoothly through use of emails.

Due to the introduction by Athletics Australia (AA) of a junior championship in March, the Under 14-20 ACT championships had to be held in February in order for teams to be selected. They were planned to be held over consecutive weekend, however, a severe weather event (100mm of rain) postponed Day 1 for 2 weeks. The Open Championships were held again over 2 days with the Vets. AA had set a competition window of 2 weeks for each state to hold their titles and we were thus restricted in dates. The 2 days ran well with adequate numbers of officials and helpers from both groups.

The on-line entry system again worked well and the Championship competition program was finalised quickly after entries closed. The Vets supplied their fields in a timely manner for entry into meet manager.

I would like to particularly thank amongst the many people who work with dedication for athletics Peter Sinfield (Chair of the Official Committee) Greg Gilbert (Technical set up each week) and Neil Boden. Other key people to be thanked are Mick Morris for his results processing and technical work and Linda Taylor and Jane McGlew who run the photo finish every week. A special thanks also to Pat Birgin for his work in promoting athletics at the track with his commentary and music.

Issues for the future to be discussed:

- Survey(athletes and officials) results
- Lack of support by a majority of athletes to help out running the meets
- Event schedules
- Hammer's future at the AIS field



Gerard Ryan
Track and Field Competition Committee Chair

Track & Field Selection Committee Report

All Schools 2009:

A team of 51 athletes was selected to represent the ACT at the 2009 Australian All Schools Championships held in Hobart in December. Thirty athletes travelled to Hobart and competed.

Some outstanding performances were:

Sophie Grieg - Gold 800m, Bronze 1500m.

Anna McCormack - Silver 800m, Silver 1500m

Elizabeth Hosking - Gold 3k Walk

Stephanie Pollard - Silver 100m, Silver 200m

Isabelle Scott - Bronze 800m

Erika Vredenburg - Gold High Jump

Vincent Vu, Christian Fobister, William Green and Riley Kingston - Bronze U14 Boys 4 x 100m relay team

Australian Junior Championships - Sydney March 2010

A team of 50 athletes were selected to represent the ACT at the Australian Underage Championships held in Sydney, March 2010. Forty-five athletes travelled to Sydney and competed.

Some outstanding performances were:

Reuben Caley - Silver 2km Steeple

Riley Shaw - Silver 2km Steeple

Nicola Torley - Bronze 2km Steeple

Caitlin Hosking - Gold 1500m Walk

Jonathan Tammen - Bronze High Jump

Maddison McGarry - Silver 400m, Silver 800m

Brett Robinson - Silver 1500m

Libby Hosking - Gold 3km Walk

Kelsey-Lee Roberts - Silver Javelin

Anna McCormack - Silver 800m

Sophie Greig - placed third in YOG 1000m trial, second Australian athlete; however no medals awarded as a "trial" event.

Officials Committee Report

On behalf of the Officials Committee – no committee members during the period of 2009-2010

Schools and Other Non-AACT Competitions

Thanks to Peter Boden for taking on the role of coordinator during this period in the absence of a committee.

New Officials

We welcome Josette Wells and Joseph Ware who registered as officials this year.

This year has seen a record 47 people register as officials, this is down from our record 61 of last year. Presently 65% of our officials do not have their children actively involved in the sport.

AA Service Pins

We congratulate the following official who was awarded AA Service Pins during this year:

10 Years Service – Bronze Award – Terry Sheales.

Summer Series

Thanks to Peter Sinfield for taking on the role of coordinating the weekly appointments. Peter was working an average 12-15 hour days during this time – it is a tribute that he was able to find the time to contribute.

Ian Colquhoun

Technical Committee and Equipment Officer Report

The above committee wishes to report on the following activities during the 2009-2010 competition period:

1. AIS Athletics Field.

Both throwing cages had minor repairs done to support ropes and netting mesh. UV damage to support ropes and attachment stitching was the main problem with replacement of the hammer cage gate hold-back ropes necessary due to impact damage.

Two PA speakers, situated just past the finish line were re-wired after being dead for over three years. A new Omega Star model colour photo-finish camera has been purchased by the ASC and after some repairs by the manufacturer in Switzerland has finally been installed. Training on the new camera is due to take place on 14 May 2010.

2. School Carnivals

During the April-November period 19 carnivals used AACT equipment for T&F competitions at the AIS. These included 2 major carnivals from regional NSW and the Australian Defence Force Academy. These events raised \$5962.62 in equipment hire fees with only \$262.62 in consumables/equipment replacement expenditure. It should be noted that two regular school carnivals were cancelled due to over-bookings made by the AIS Soccer program. Only one carnival was cancelled due to heavy rain.

3. Hammer competitions

Due to the ground bookings made by the AIS Soccer program, most hammer competitions were cancelled during the Summer Series and apart from the AACT Championships, only 2 hammer events were held on the AIS T&F facility. One hammer event was held on the Waramanga throws facility run by the ACT Throwers Club and the ACTVAC conducted all but one of their hammer events at the AIS Lower Throwing Field.

4. Equipment

A full update of the AACT equipment inventory was conducted towards the end of the Summer Series, to enable an update of the insurance cover provided through Athletics Australia. The current stock replacement value of competition equipment, not including computer equipment and competition equipment owned by Athletics Australia, is \$62,199.00

Due to regular ongoing maintenance and the little use made of hammers during the season, there are few items needing repair or replacement on an urgent basis. In time, javelins will need replacement, especially in the 600g and 700g sizes, and 1kg and 1.5kg discs, as they are the implements most used by school and Summer Series competitions.

New implement specifications were issued by the International Paralympics Committee in December 2009 for immediate implementation, which require AACT to purchase a couple of 500g Javelins for use by the following class groups:

U16 Males F57, F58, F33-38

U16 Females F33-38

U18 Males F52-56, F40

U18 Females F52-58, F41-46

I recommend that at least 2 javelins of the 500g size be purchased as soon as possible. Purchase of the abovementioned 2 larger sizes of javelin and 2 sizes of discs can be deferred till after this forthcoming school competition period.

One other item requiring replacement soon will be the 5 year old deep-cycle 12 volt battery which powers the 8 speaker Starters PA system.

During the past season, the AACT EDM (Electronic Distance Measuring) Total Station was used at 6 Interstate competitions. These events included the Australian University Games, the World Masters Games, the Australian Junior AWD Championships, the Sydney Grand Prix, and the Australian Junior and Australian Senior Championships. Two hiring fees were received for the use of the EDM and competition implements at the World Masters Games.

5. Venue inspections

During February 2010, Chris Timpson and I, on behalf of Athletics Australia, conducted a facility and equipment audit of the new WA athletics stadium at Mt Claremont. A seminar on the new IAAF and IPC Competition Rules and on the use of EDM was also conducted for 26 AWA officials. This venue then was used for the 2010 Athletics Australia National Championships and Commonwealth Games Trials in April this year.

As in previous years, Denis Wilson is still a regular conduit of information from the IAAF Technical Committee and the AA Facilities and Equipment Committee.

Greg Gilbert
For Athletics ACT Technical Committee

2009/2010 Annual Awards Presentation Nominees

Outstanding Athlete

Each award is presented to the most outstanding male and female athlete in each age group taking into account performances at International, National and State events. Awards are presented to athletes in age groups from Under 14 to Open, in both CC&RR and T&F competition.

Cross Country & Road Running

Open Men Nominations

Martin Dent (WC)
Nick Walshe (SCT)
Erwin McRae (NCG)
Scott McTaggart (NCG)
Rowan Walker (NCG)
Alan Craigie (WC)
Brad Croker (WC)
Mark Bourne (WH)
Brendon Reading (NCG)

Open Female Nominations

Jessamy Hosking (SCT)
Andrea Ilakovac (QBN)
Fleur Flannery (WC)
Jillian Hosking (SCT)
Hannah Flannery (SCT)

Under 20 Male Nominations

No Nominations

Under 20 Female Nominations

Betsy Anderson-Smith (SCT)
Emily Brichacek (WC)

Under 18 Male Nominations

Alex Tridgell (WH)
Eamon Ritchie (WH)
Sam Sargent (Bega)

Under 18 Female Nominations

Sarah Lonsdale (NCG)
Rebecca Collis (NCG)
Isabelle Scott (QBN)
Ali Sweeney (WC)
Sally Coen (NCG)

Under 16 Male Nominations

Jarrett Anthony (WH)
Reilly Shaw (NCG)
Thomas Fergusson (Bega)

Under 16 Female Nominations

Anna McCormack (SCT)
Alexa Kniley (SCT)
Natalie Tanks (SCT)
Emily Ryan (WH)

Under 14 Male Nominations

Reuben Caley (WC)

Under 14 Female Nominations

Bridget Reilly (SCT)
Nicola Torley (WC)
Rebekah Sawkins (WC)

Track & Field**Open Male Nominations**

Brendan Cole (QBN/ACTAS)
 Brendon Reading (NCG)
 Philo Saunders (WC)
 Kale Symons (WC)

Open Female Nominations

Lauren Boden (NCG/ACTAS)
 Melissa Breen (WH/ACTAS)
 Jillian Hosking (WH)

Under 20 Male Nominations

Brett Robinson (WC)
 Brendan Matthews (NCG)
 Kyle Cranston (GM)
 Alex Clunies-Ross (WH)

Under 20 Female Nominations

Kelsey Lee Roberts (SCT)
 Melissa Breen (WH/ACTAS)

Under 18 Male Nominations

Corey Wilson (NCG)
 Eamon Ritchie (WH)
 Greg Hosking (SCT)
 Tom Preece (NCG)
 Angus Gould (NCG)
 Jonathan Tammen (SCT)

Under 18 Female Nominations

Sophie Grieg (NCG)
 Isabelle Scott (QBN)
 Rachael Carnegie (NCG)
 Sarah Lonsdale (NCG)
 Natalie Tanks (SCT)
 Felicia Frost (GM)

Under 16 Male Nominations

Reilly Shaw (NCG)
 Christian Fobister (NCG)
 Lachlan Calvert (NCG)
 Jarrett Anthony (WH)
 Angus Gould (NCG)
 Reuben Caley (WC)
 Harry Bates (SCT)

Under 16 Female Nominations

Dimity Herstik (AACT)
 Anna McCormack (SCT)
 Elizabeth Hosking (SCT)
 Maddison McGarry (NCG)
 Stephanie Pollard (QBN)
 Nicola Torley (WC)
 Erika Vredenbregt (NCG)
 Bridget Reilly (SCT)

Under 14 Male Nominations

Christian Fobister (NCG)
 William Green (NCG)
 Vincent Vu (NCG)

Under 14 Female Nominations

Caitlin Hosking (SCT)
 Niluka Karunasekara (NCG)
 Erika Vredenbregt (NCG)
 Nicola Torley (WC)
 Bridget Reilly (SCT)

Individual Interclub Point Score Champion

This award is presented to the AACT athlete who accumulates the greatest number of points at the Interclub Track and Field competitions conducted during the season and the ACT Championship events.

Winner 2009/2010 – Erika Vredenbregt – 1,119 points

Canberra Medal

Canberra Medals are awarded to AACT first-claim registered athletes who, in any particular open event, either equal or better the standards set by AACT. Wind assisted performances will not be taken into account. An athlete may not win more than one medal in any season but all medal winning performances will be recognised on the award. The standards will be reassessed each even year.

	Event	Time	Standard	
Lauren Boden	400m H	55.75s	(56.85s)	Feb 2010, Canberra
Melissa Breen	100m	11.34s	(11.46s)	Mar 2010, Canberra

The Dot Mills Award - Official Of The Year

This inaugural award was initiated in 2009 to recognise the outstanding work carried out by AACT Officials during the summer Track & Field season.

**Daryl Cross Trophy
Coach Of The Year**

The award is presented to the outstanding coach of athletes in the ACT. Consideration for the award will be given only to coaches who are members of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association or AACT.

Nominations

Iryna Dvoskina
Alison O'Riordan
Matt Beckenham

**Brain Gleeson Trophy
Junior Coach of The Year**

The award is presented to the outstanding coach of junior athletes in the ACT. Consideration for the award will be given only to coaches who are members of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association or AACT.

Nominations

Kathy Southgate
Garry Hosking
John Hunt
Dennis Goodwin
Suzie Fulop
Matt Beckenham

Coach of Athletes with a Disability

The award is presented to the outstanding coach of athletes with a disability in the ACT. Consideration for the award will be given only to coaches who are members of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association or AACT.

Nominations

Iryna Dvoskina
Alison O'Riordan
June Ellery
Chris Timpson

**Mick Dowling Trophy
Outstanding Athlete with a Disability**

This award is presented to the outstanding athlete with a disability taking into consideration performances against world and national records for any athlete with any classification of disability.

Nominations

Louise Ellery
Hamish MacDonald
Damien Bowen
Katherine Proudfoot
Evan O'Hanlon

**Encouragement Award
for an Athlete With A Disability**

The award is presented to an athlete with a disability who has come into the sport of track and field. In selecting the winner consideration is given to performances as well as commitment to training and participation in Interclub events.

Nominations

Adam Cunningham
Nicholas Roots
Jayden Sawyer
Erinn Walters

**Joan Cross Trophy
Outstanding Senior Woman Sprinter**

This award is presented to the outstanding female sprinter in the Open age group.

Nominations

Melissa Breen

**Senator Margaret Reid Trophy
Outstanding Junior Club Athlete**

This award is presented to the outstanding junior athlete, generally in the Under 20 age group but for outstanding performances during the previous season may be presented to an Under 18 athlete.

Nominations

Emily Brichacek
Brett Robinson

**Global Award
Athlete of the Year**

The Association Award is presented to the most outstanding athlete in the ACT taking into account all performances.

Nominations

Lauren Boden
Melissa Breen
Brendan Cole
Martin Dent
Louise Ellery