



A.U.R.A.

AUSTRALIAN ULTRA RUNNERS ASSOCIATION

22nd August, 1986

Dear Ultra Runner,

You may have already received a copy, but in any case, please find attached a copy of A.U.R.A. Newsletter No. 1.

The meeting mentioned in the Newsletter was held on Sunday 17th August, 1986 where the Association was officially launched.

So A.U.R.A. (Australian Ultra Runners Association) is now a reality. Please support us by becoming a member. Please help us by providing us with information and views on ultra running in general.

Remember, we aim to serve your interests, but we can only do so if you are a member. If case you are unaware, the main aims of our association comprise, but are not necessarily limited to:

- (i) To protect Ultra Runners' interests.
- (ii) To set minimum standards and guidelines for official ultra-distance running events in Australia.
- (iii) To vet and ratify claimed ultra distance records.
- (iv) To provide a channel of communication of ultra running information - rankings, forthcoming events, results of past events, overseas results.

There is strength in numbers and if you become a member now, you get the first 5 months free.

Wishing you every success in forthcoming events.

Yours in ultra running.



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A.U.R.A. INAUGURAL COMMITTEE

A.U.R.A. NEWSLETTER NO. 1

It is time to let everyone know what is happening about the Australian Ultra Runners Association (A.U.R.A.).

Following extensive background work by Geoff Hook, a meeting was held at Geoff's house on Thursday, 6th February, 1986.

Most ultra runners in Australia had been canvassed and notified of the meeting in writing (setting down basic aims and requesting comments) and by personal contact of Victorians.

Those present at Geoff's were: Geoff Molloy, Peter Logan, Dot Browne, Alastair McManus, Klaus Schibbe, Brian Bloomer, Greg Wishart, Arthur Lucas, Gerry Riley, Mick Whiteoak, Tony Rafferty and Geoff Hook. Proposed aims and a constitution of an ultra-runners association were discussed at length, including other States views and we learnt of potential pit-falls, etc. regarding incorporating an association from Arthur Lucas who is a Solicitor, having carried out this work for the Victorian Veteran's Association. (It is worth recording that neither nobody present nor those canvassed inter-state disagreed with the logic of an Australian association, comprising a Victorian working committee and inter-state representatives). Finally it was agreed on the name "A.U.R.A." (Tony Rafferty's suggestion) and that an inaugural committee be appointed (without designations) as follows:

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| Geoff Hook | 42 Swayfield Road, Mt. Waverley. 3149 288 9739 (H), 240 8022 (W). |
| Dot Browne | 4 Victory Street, Mitcham. 3132 874 2501 (H). |
| Geoff Molloy | 150 Highfield Road, Camberwell. 3124 836 3637 (H). |
| Tony Rafferty | G.P.O. Box 2106, Melbourne. 3001 821 713. |
| Alastair McManus | P. O. Box 524, Carlton South. 3053 419 4184 (H), 654 3333 (W). |

(Gerry Riley has also expressed interest to be a statistician for the Association but on an independant basis).

Their job is to ensure that incorporation is achieved and the Association's aims represent those of its members.

Incorporation

The job of incorporation is a long and thankless task and Geoff (Hook) has been steadily bringing this to fruition. However, it is realised that we would not be in a position to incorporate until at least the end of this year (1986). This somewhat is a dampner of enthusiasm and following a committee meeting at Geoff's on the 10th July (minus Tony Rafferty who was running a 1,000 miler in Queensland), it was agreed to push on with gaining membership and to generally keep the ball rolling without waiting for incorporation. Arthur Lucas and others have advised that this has pit-falls - placing the "committee" in a vulnerable legal position and taking the impetus away from incorporation. However we feel that we can handle these aspects and the benefits of ongoing action are of paramount importance.

Therefore, there will be a "membership drive" and the first general meeting of A.U.R.A. will be at Geoff Molloy's at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday, 17th August. Membership will be \$8.00 per annum and as an inducement, those paying now will be paid up until the end of 1987, i.e. it is expected that the Association will be incorporated by the start of the 1987 calendar year. Would inter-state runners and those not able to attend please send a cheque or money order payable to A.U.R.A., C/- Dot Browne (address as above).

The purpose of the meeting is to establish membership records, gather race information, collate results, decide ongoing directions and most importantly, to be the first "official" meeting of A.U.R.A. Input for the meeting by non-attendees is welcomed and can be in the form of "telephoned" ideas to the inaugural committee or in writing to Dot.

** HAPPY RUNNING **

Your Inaugural Committee

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