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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

Dear Members

Your committee is pleased to report on the activities of your Association for the year ended 31 December 2002.

**Australian Athletics Federation**

On 28 November 2002, your Association was admitted as a member of the Australian Athletics Federation. Other members comprise Athletics Australia, Australian Track & Field Coaches Association, Australian Masters Athletics Inc., Australian Athletic Confederation (pro runners), School Sport Australia, and Australian Federation of Race Walking Clubs.

This is seen as a very significant development. There are significant direct benefits available to AURA such as no or low cost public liability insurance, assistance with marketing and promotion and subsidised travel and accommodation costs for our members. There are also indirect benefits available, such as assistance with printing and the use of the Athletics Australia office and Boardroom in St Kilda Road, Melbourne. Also, the more direct affiliation, through AA, with IAAF should prove useful in relation to members competing in world challenges and championships conducted under the auspices of the IAAF.

**Public liability insurance**

The cost of this insurance is becoming prohibitive, especially for race directors with one race only and without access to an organization to provide such insurance. Fortunately AURA, through its affiliation with Athletics Australia, is now able to offer PL insurance to the Directors of all ultra races authorised by us. This insurance is made available by AURA at no charge for AURA members and one-day membership is being accepted for non-AURA members, at a charge of \$10 per runner.

As a direct result of this initiative, we have been able to save several races that were at risk of becoming extinct.

**National road championships**

**100 kms**

The national 100 kms road championship has graciously been provided by the Sri Chinmoy organisation at its Ultra triathlon held in Canberra each February.

However, this is not entirely satisfactory, with the race being on a relatively small loop of 1.4 kms, part of another event and commencing at midnight.

Arrangements have now been made for a 100 kms race to be conducted annually on the Gold Coast, commencing on 12 July 2003. This will be 16 laps of a 6.25 kms loop around the Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre and will be run during daylight hours, commencing at 6 am. This race is scheduled for the Saturday after the Gold Coast marathon in an effort to

establish a week-long series of running and related events. The course is flat and on a bitumen surface. The race will finish with a lap of the Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre athletic track. The event has the strong support of the Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre, the Gold Coast City Council and the Gold Coast marathon organisers. There will be a 50 kms duo option and a relay section.

Should this event prove successful then consideration will be given to making it the venue for the national 100 kms championships from and including 2004.

*Placegetters in the 2002 100 kms championship were*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Time</b>
Male 1	Ian Valentine	10:45:32
Male 2	Andrew Stanfield	11:21:43
Male 3	Thomas Lezenhofer	11:50:12
Female 1	Shirley Young	11:19:35
Female 2	Gina Pipic	13:53:55
Female 3	Anne Staunton	15:11:21

### **50/100 miles**

None in place at this time.

### **National track championships**

#### **6, 12 and 24 hours**

These were again graciously hosted by the Sri Chinmoy organization in Adelaide and were held on 19 – 20 October 2002.

*Winners were*

	<b>6 hours</b>		<b>12 hours</b>		<b>24 hours</b>	
Male	Rudi Kinshoffer	65.067	Dirk Thys	107.750	D. Standeven	200.448
Female	No starters		Shirley Young	103.368 *	Carol Baird	179.811

\* world age group record

### **48 hours**

This was again hosted by the Queensland Ultra Runners Club, which has graciously conducted the event for the past 8 years or so. In 2002 it was held at Bribie Island on 19 –21 July 2003

*Winners were*

Male	Tony Collins	253.335 kms
Female	Kerrie Hall	230.307 kms

Arrangements have been made for this event to be held in 2003 at the Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre on the Gold Coast from 22 to 24 August. There will be a 24 hour option and a relay section. The surface is a Mondo track, of the type used in the Olympics and should be very fast. This is expected to be a vast improvement on the rough grass tracks used in past years. Discussions are being held with several current world record holders to attempt to establish new records. Race-walkers will be able to use the event to qualify for admission to the Centurions club.

## 6 days

The National 6 days race was again hosted by the Colac 6 day race committee at Colac in Victoria and was held from 17 – 23 November 2002. The race, always of a very high standard, attracted 7 overseas entrants.

*Placegetters were*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Distance – kms</b>
Male 1	Ikihiro INOUE	Japan	809.5
Male 2	David STANDEVEN	Australia	721.9
Male 3	Peter ARMISTEAD	Australia	709.2
Female 1	Elvira JANOSI	Hungary	621.0
Female 2	Dawn PARRIS	Australia	563.6
Female 3	Robyn DAVIS	Australia	285.2

## 100 Club

AURA is pleased to announce the formation of a new 'club' to recognise those who have run 100 miles in 24 hours. To qualify it is essential that the feat be achieved on a standard athletic track or, if on a road course, then one that has been properly measured by AURA. It will also need to be performed in a race (not a solo run) and verified by the Race Director. Those who achieve this feat will be presented with a certificate and will be included in the 100 Club listing which will appear from time to time in AURA's official publication, Ultramag. A commemorative polo shirt will be available for purchase. Runners who have achieved this feat in the past will be automatically recognised.

## Trail races

Again many trail races were held during the year. These are too numerous to mention, other than for the 6 foot track race of 46.6 kms from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves conducted on 2 March 2002. This race is the most popular of the Australian trail races and attracted 575 starters.

*Placegetters were*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Time</b>
Male 1	Tim SLOAN	3:28:17
Male 2	John MacKENZIE	3:40:59
Male 3	Adam JORDAN	3:41:01
Female 1	Dawn TILLER	4:29:05
Female 2	Xandra DUNN	4:36:51
Female 3	Liz SHORT	4:36:57

## AURA Points competition

This competition rewards those AURA members who have placed well in as many AURA sanctioned events as possible for the year. Points are awarded 3 for first, 2 for second and 1 for third placings.

Placegetters were

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>
Male 1	Stan MISKIN	48
Male 2	Mick FRANCIS	27
Male 3	Kelvin MARSHALL	25
Female 1	Shirley YOUNG	26
Female 2	Julie SCHRAGG	14
Female 3	Kerrie HALL	13

### **Bryan Smith Award**

This is an annual award to an AURA member, either runner race director or administrator who, in the opinion of the committee, has rendered outstanding service in the preceding year in the furtherance of the sport of ultra-running. The announcement of the winner will be made at the forthcoming Annual General meeting.

### **Financial**

The accompanying statements of account reveal an excess of payments over receipts of \$1,927. This is struck after Ultramag printing of \$7,337 and payment of insurances of \$2,650. Membership subscriptions for the year were slightly down at \$5,815 compared with \$6,154 for the previous year. Insurance recoveries were \$1,207.

The cash on hand at year-end was satisfactory at \$16,028 and the only liability was printing of the December 2002 issue of Ultramag of \$1,987.

We are most pleased to report that the prognosis for the coming year ending 31 December 2003 is quite different.

The insurance cost will be negligible, while recoveries from Race Directors for one-day memberships should produce approx. \$2,000 in revenue. Also, a membership drive is under way which should see a substantial escalation in subscription revenue.

### **Secretary**

Our secretary, Ian Clarke, has accepted an overseas posting and returns in August 2003. In the meantime, I am acting as secretary. If we could have a nomination for Assistant Secretary, it would be much appreciated.

### **Ultramag**

Kevin Cassidy does a superb job in producing Ultramag, AURA's official publication. The newsletter, produced quarterly, contains details of forthcoming races, race entry forms, race results, race reports, various stories and details of records.

### **Records**

Many Australian and some world age group records were broken by members during the year. Successful in this regard were Shirley Young, Drew Kettle and George Audley. Fred Brooks does a great job in compiling this information. Full details appear in Ultramag.

### **AURA points table**

Stan Miskin has the unenviable and painstaking task of seeking out race results from race directors, sifting through the results to determine who are AURA members, allocating the

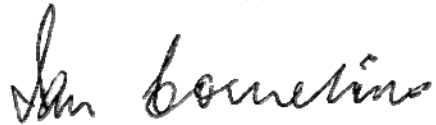
appropriate number of points etc. Thanks to Stan for a great job. Full details appear in Ultramag.

### **Website**

Thanks to Kevin Tiller of [www.coolrunning.com.au](http://www.coolrunning.com.au) who provides the link through [www.ultraoz.com](http://www.ultraoz.com). There is a wealth of information on the website, including race calendar, race results, records and stories.

### **Appreciation**

In addition to the above, I wish to thank my Vice president and Race Co-ordinator Nigel Aylott, Secretary Ian Clarke, Treasurer Graham Ives, other committee members and state representatives, numerous Race Directors and the executives and staff of AAF for their assistance and support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

President  
7 February 2003

### Income & Expenses 1 Jan 02 to 31 Dec 02

	income 2002	inc 2001	expenditure 2002	exp 2001
Subscriptions note 5	5,815.50	6,154.50		
Donations note 5	500.00	835.00		
Races		805.00		460.00
Clothing	233.30	387.19		537.61
Interest on Investments	772.14	509.85		
UltraMag inc postage note 1			7,337.20	6,803.77
Race & insurance note 2	1,091.00	0.00	2,650.00	716.00
Stationery & office equip.			0.00	411.66
Advertising			110.00	313.50
Bank charges & tax note 3			307.80	148.00
Accs return Dep of Justice			66.00	271.16
G Hook 2001 cheque	48.52			
postage			32.40	
Treasurer expenses note 4			see liability	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,460.46</b>		<b>10,503.40</b>	
<b>income less expenditure</b>	<b>-2042.94</b>	<b>-780.00</b>		

### Assets Statement at 31 Dec 2002 at 31 Dec 2001

Fixed Term Investments note 3	10,926.58	10,646	
Clothing account note 3	closed	130	
Race account note 3 & note 6	closed	1,575	stated as 1,603 in 01 acs
Cheque account	5,101.84	5,720	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>16,028</b>	<b>18,071</b>	<b>stated as 18,100 in 01 acs</b>
liabilities			
note 4 treasurer expenses		173.45	
Dec 2002 ultra mag		1986.81	
<b>Assets less liabilities</b>	<b>13,868</b>		

note 1 Represents approx 330 copies when we only have around 200 paid up members

note 2 Expenditure is cost of insurance, income is remuneration from races, including insurance rebate

Public liability insurance not taken out in 2003. There will be some cover from AAA

note 3 Aura accounts have been rationalised. Now one 12 month deposit account and a cheque account instead of five different accounts. We will not have to pay bank charges in future

note 4 Out of pocket expenses on post, tel/fax/email plus \$98 contribution to essential computer program

note 5 Donations and membership subs were not fully separated. The total of the two is correct.

note 6 Race account wrongly stated in 2002 accounts.

### Cash balance

Assets at 1 Jan 2001		18071
Income in 2002	8,460	
Expenditure in 2002	10,503	
		16,028
Assets at 1 Jan 2002		16,028

### Stock

We have 24 Windcheaters, 12 long sleeved tops, 12 T shirts and 23 singlets in stock.

Cost at purchase \$710



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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PRIZEGIVING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Australian Ultra Runners Association Inc will be held in the Boardroom of the Australian Athletic Federation at Level 22, Fawkner Towers, 431 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic 3004 at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 15 April 2003 to consider the following business

1. to confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2002
2. to consider and, if thought fit, to approve the Report of the Committee for the year ended 31 December 2002.
3. to consider and, if thought, fit to approve the Financial Statements of Account for the year ended 31 December 2002.
4. to elect office bearers and committee members. In this regard, the following office bearers retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

President	Ian Cornelius
Vice President	Nigel Aylott
Secretary	Ian Clarke
Assistant secretary	vacant
Treasurer	Graham Ives
Memberships	Dave Criniti
State representatives	
ACT	Trevor Jacobs
NSW	Paul Every
	Sean Greenhill
Qld	Gary Parsons
	Eric Markham
SA	Jerry Zukowski
Tas	Tim Sloan
Vic	Fred Brooks
	Kevin Cassidy
WA	Charlie Spare

Nominations. Financial members are entitled to be nominated for any of the above positions. Such nominations should be in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate. Such nominations should be sent to the above address not less than 21 days before the date of the meeting.

### **LIFE MEMBERS**

The Committee recommends the election of founding members Geoff Hook, Dot Browne and Colin Browne as life members of the Association, in accordance with Rule 3 (8) of the Rules of the Association. These three persons were instrumental in the formation of the association and worked tirelessly on its behalf for the first 16 years or so of its existence. They have acted variously as President, Secretary, Treasurer, records officers, newsletter editors, race directors, lap scorers, etc. etc. Your committee considers this recognition as most worthy and possibly long overdue.

This resolution requires a vote of not less than three fourths of members present at the Annual General meeting.

### **PROXIES**

Members are entitled to appoint a proxy who may attend and vote in their stead. The form of proxy needs to be as is set out on the following page and needs to be lodged with the Secretary not later than 24 hours before the holding of the meeting.

### **AWARDS**

Awards will be made at the conclusion of the meeting for the following

AURA points champions, male and female

Ultra running athlete of the year, male and female

Bryan Smith medal. This is an annual award to an AURA member either runner or administrator who, in the opinion of the committee, has rendered outstanding service in the preceding year in the furtherance of the sport of ultra-running.

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting and prizegiving.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2003

On behalf of the Board



Acting Secretary