

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 Schnibbe, 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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03 9808 9739 (H), 200 8022 (W).

Dot Browne
4 Victory Street, Mitcham. 3132
03-9 874 2501 (H).

Geoff Molloy
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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.

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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

31.7.86

ADDENDUM

DUE TO A MISUNDERSTANDING, ONLY A FEW GOT TO HEAR OF THE MEETING.
o o A COMPREHENSIVE NEWSLETTER WITH ULTRA RACE PROGRAMME, ETC AND APPLICATION FORM WILL BE CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA SHORTLY.
← NOT RECEIVED BY LATE SEPTEMBER, PLEASE CONTACT DOT BROWNE.

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ALASTAIR McMANUS 22/8/86.