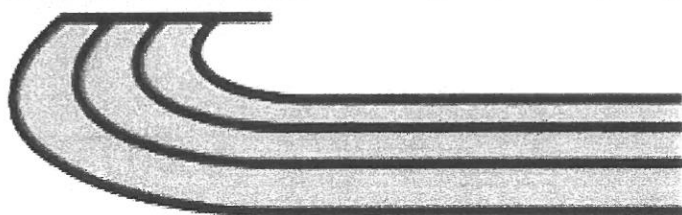


ATHLETICS SOUTH INC.



71st Annual Report

Presented to the Annual General Meeting

Function Room
Domain Athletics Centre
Hobart

Tuesday 15th July, 2025

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Athletics South would like to acknowledge the ongoing efforts and commitment of all officials and coaches during the past season. Without their contribution our sport would not survive.

We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our athletes, and Athletics South is committed to providing good competition and support in the years ahead.

We would like to thank our Sponsors whose support is greatly appreciated.

- Hobart City Council
- Bennett's Petroleum
- RSM Tasmania
- Allen Built
- The Running Edge
- Office of Sport & Recreation
- Mercury Newspaper
- Athletics Australia
- Tasmanian Bakeries
- Southern Cross Television
- ABC Radio/TV

<p>ATHLETICS SOUTH BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2024-2025</p>
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PATRON	Mr. W. Mason
VICE PATRON	Mrs Mandy McIntyre
PRESIDENT	Mr. S. Wass
VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. B. Clark
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Mrs H. Lee
TRACK & FIELD DIRECTOR	Mr. J. Gibson
FINANCE DIRECTOR	Mr. M. Lennon
PUBLIC RELATIONS & MEDIA	Mr. D. Smee
EQUIPMENT DIRECTORS	Mr. S. Wilson
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR (Officials)	Ms K. Miliaresi
OOS DIRECTOR	Ms. E. Fisher
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT	President, Vice President, Directors.
HON AUDITOR	BDO Audit (Tasmania)
PUBLIC OFFICER	Mrs. H. Lee

SOUTHERN ATHLETIC BRANCH - ATHLETICS SOUTH
OFFICE BEARERS 1953 - 2025

<u>Season</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Life Members</u>
1954-55	N.C.Ashdown	G.T.Briggs		
55-56	A.M.Goodin	G.T.Briggs		
56-57	T.C.Allen	G.T.Briggs		L.W.Spears (dec)
58-59	T.C.Allen	G.T.Briggs		
59-60	L.W.Spears	G.T.Briggs		
59-60	L.W.Spears	G.T.Briggs		
60-61	L.W.Spears	G.T.Briggs		G.T.Briggs (dec)
61-62	J.W.Cooper	G.T.Briggs		N.J. Ruddock (dec)
62-63	A.G.Marshall	G.T.Briggs		H.C.Blake (dec)
				C.A.Wise (dec)
				J.W.Cooper (dec)
64-65	G.T.Briggs	P.V.Eustace	T.McShane	
65-66	G.T.Briggs	P.V.Eustace	T.McShane	
66-67	G.T.Briggs	G.E.Livingston	O.K.Colman	
67-68	G.T.Briggs	G.E.Livingston	O.K.Colman	
68-69	G.T.Briggs	G.E.Livingston	O.K.Colman	
69-70	G.T.Briggs	P.V.Eustace	O.K.Colman	
70-71	G.T.Briggs	D.G.Murray	C.H.Bevis	
72-73	G.T.Briggs	D.G.Murray	C.A.Blanton	
73-74	A.J.Upton	D.G.Murray	C.A.Blanton	
74-75	R.K.Hood	Miss J.Pitman	C.A.Blanton	
			Mrs.G.Markey	
75-76	R.K.Hood	Mrs.S.Soletti	C.A.Blanton	
76-77	A.J.Upton	R.K.Hood	P.D.Morley	
	G.T.Briggs			
77-78	C.A.Wise	R.K.Hood	N.J.Ruddock	
78-79	R.K.Hood	G.P.Appleyard	N.J.Ruddock	
79-80	R.K.Hood	G.P.Appleyard	N.J.Ruddock	
80-81	R.K.Hood	W.S.Mason	N.J.Ruddock	
81-82	R.K.Hood	W.S.Mason	N.J.Ruddock	R.K.Hood (dec)
82-83	R.K.Hood	Mrs.I.Lovell	N.J.Ruddock	
83-84	R.K.Hood	Mrs.I.Lovell	N.J.Ruddock	
84-85	R.K.Hood	Mrs.I.Lovell	N.J.Ruddock	
85-86	K.H.McNamara	Mrs.I.Lovell	G.Cruise	
		<u>Executive Director</u>		
86-87	K.H.McNamara	E.Best	G.Cruise	W.Mason
87-88	K.H.McNamara	E.Best	G.Cruise	
88-89	K.H.McNamara	E.Best	G.Hawthorne	
89-90	K.H.McNamara	E.Best	G.Hawthorne	
90-91	K.H.McNamara	E.Best	G.Hawthorne	
91-92	P.W.Fletcher	E.Best	G.Hawthorne	P.W.Fletcher
92-93	P.W.Fletcher	Mrs H Lee	G.Hawthorne	
93-94	P.W.Fletcher	Mrs.H.Lee	R.Best	E(Ted) West (dec)
94-95	G.Sayer	Mrs.H.Lee	R.Best	
95-96	G.Sayer	Mrs.H.Lee	R.Best	
96-97	G.Sayer	Mrs.H.Lee	Mrs M Bell	H Rennie (dec)
97-98	G.Sayer	Mrs.H.Lee	Mrs M Bell	
98-99	G.Sayer	Mrs H Lee	Mrs M Bell	P. Keenan
99-00	R.Sluyters	Mrs H Lee	Mrs M Giblin	
00-01	R.Sluyters	Mrs H Lee	P.Austen	
01-02	R.Sluyters	Mrs H Lee	P.Austen	
02-03	R.Sluyters	Mrs H Lee	Miss N Morris	
03-04	S.Lance	Mrs H Lee	Miss N Morris	
04-05	G.Sayer	Mrs H Lee	Miss N Morris	G. Sayer
05-06	G.Sayer	Mrs H Lee	Miss N Morris	
06-07	S.Wass	Mrs H Lee	D.Alomes	
07-08	S.Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	Mrs H Lee & Ms K Eyles
08-09	S.Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	Mrs Jo Cherry (dec)

09-10	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	
10-11	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	
11-12	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K. Gibson	
12-13	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	
13-14	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	
14-15	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	Mr P & Mrs M. McDonald
15-16	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	
16-17	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	Mrs J. Stevenson(dec) Mr R. Morriss (dec)
17-18	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	Mr P. Lyden/Mrs L Lyden
18-19	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	
19-20	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	
20-21	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mrs K Gibson	
21-22	S. Wass	Mrs H. Lee	Mr. M. Lennon	
22-23	S. Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mr. M. Lennon	
23-24	S Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mr M Lennon	
24-25	S Wass	Mrs H Lee	Mr M Lennon	Mrs Rosemary Coleman

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is pleasing to report that Athletics South (AS) has had another successful year of competition in both our winter cross country (XC) and summer track and field (T&F) seasons.

Winter XC was enjoyed by participating athletes and our Winter Competition Director and her committee have worked hard to ensure a successful winter program. Venue for John Keenan Memorial XC was moved from the Domain to Seven Mile Beach. Further venue changes may be undertaken in the coming season to lessen course expenses, and any changes will be after consultation with athletes.

Summer T&F competition was also enjoyed by participating athletes, although it was noted that some paid up registered athletes did not compete in interclub. Our T&F Director has always attempted to make variations in the interclub program to better suit athlete's desires. End of season survey this year received good response, and comments made will help in preparation for next years interclub program.

Public Relations & Media Director has continued to provide articles / photos for press publication, and many athletes have featured. Articles are prepared and submitted for publication however, media space determines published article length and/or photos.

Board members keep a constant 'eye out' for grant funds available, and seek grants for amenities and equipment purchases. Canteen profits are also directed towards equipment purchases. This year purchases for equipment and amenities exceeded \$50,000.

Clubs provide a vital role to athletes in providing support, comradery within the club, and friendly rivalry within the club and the AS family. Clubs undertake the weekly set up and packing away equipment. It is pleasing to see athletes volunteering to support club officials with these tasks and also assisting officiating at various competition sites throughout the meet.

Club representatives from Eastern Suburbs, Northern Suburbs, OVA Saints, Sandy Bay Harriers and Tasmanian Masters continue to be active contributors to the AS Board of Management meetings. By being active at Board of Management meetings they contribute to the many discussions and decisions, and provide instant information feedback to their club members.

Coaches support their athletes, providing encouragement and support to assist them reach their goals. They coach athletes in all weather conditions, attend coaching sessions and provide support, guidance and every assistance regardless of the athletes' ability. Without our coaches and their valuable contribution, our athletes would not enjoy the sport, meet their goals, or mature as determined young men and women. Coaches can be proud of the talent they have nurtured.

Athletes love to catch up with friends, both within their club and other clubs, and to enjoy friendly rivalry at meets. Many help out their club administration needs each week and

develop a sense of belonging. AS is fortunate to have a good mix of 'social' athletes as well as emerging elite athletes, many of which choose to compete interstate, Oceania and National Championships (Junior, Open and Masters). Pinnacle highlight for 2024 was Jacob Despard being selected in the Australian Olympic Team. The Tasmanian team attending Nationals at seasons end returned home with many personal bests and Tasmanian records.

Officials worked tirelessly to ensure all events (winter & summer) ran smoothly, successfully and were enjoyable for all athletes. Congratulations to all officials for your contribution, professional approach and dedication.

Congratulations to:

- Athletes achieving one or more personal best performances.
- Athletes gaining State / National selection,
- Officials and helpers for ensuring weekly XC, interclub and other meets were successfully conducted.

Thank you to:

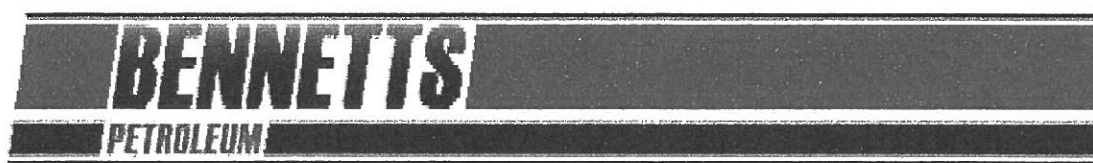
- Officials and helpers for ensuring sites and equipment were ready for competition,
- AS Board Members for giving their time and enthusiastic contributions to ensure that athletics is both enjoyable and welcoming for all.

To our major sponsors, Bennett's Petroleum, RSM Insurance Brokers and Running Edge, we thank you for ongoing support to athletics in Southern Tasmania. We thank all remaining sponsors, for without your support and sponsorship, our athletes would not have the opportunity to compete weekly with quality equipment.

We thank the Hobart City Council for providing an excellent facility and making improvements to maintain this important facility. We are looking forward to the new track lighting to be installed in coming months.

To ensure weekly meets are conducted to a high standard we need to increase our numbers of officials and helpers. We urgently need additional officials/helpers and ask that all parents/friends consider providing assistance to ensure our athletes enjoy successfully managed meets. Training will be provided.

Steve Wass



TRACK & FIELD REPORT

The recent Athletics South Track & Field season saw some interesting changes, trends and viewpoints, which were inconsistent with the other post-covid years. Indications this year were that our members no longer want flexible programming, and variation of times, and would rather go with consistent competition timing and the same rotational programming. This was emphasized in the post season survey, and will be reflected in the programming for the upcoming season. Our competition numbers were also considerably down on past years, despite registered numbers being consistent, with a number of reasons being given for that in the survey as well.

Due to the Athletics Tasmania rotation, Tasmanian Championships were held in Launceston this season, with AS hosting the All Schools, and this, along with uncertainty as to combined Championship events did lead to some programming difficulties, and I thank all for working around these.

At this stage, it looks like dates will be set much earlier this season, meaning a more definite calendar will be issued earlier, with changes due to the Tasmanian 5000m Championships no longer overlapping with an interclub, as well as both AT and LAT Championships being held in Hobart, with the Tasmanian Championships hopefully being the conclusion of the season, thus avoiding the normal drop off post Championships.

Whilst it is only a small part of my role, the Athlete of the Year awards continue to be a highlight, and we look forward to expanding this next year by implementing at least 1, if not more, para categories to run alongside our age categories, which, unfortunately, didn't occur this season. As our para numbers continue to grow, this is a move which will see all athletes have more appropriate recognition and see all treated equally when these award recipients are nominated and considered.

As this is likely to be my last year in this role, I thank all those who have supported me over the years, and hope to have the same support this year, as I start my transition out, with a gradual handover to the likely next person to fill the role.

Jarrold Gibson



PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

The Public Relations role continues to grow with social media being used as the primary form of communication with members. This includes use of the Messenger function as a means of enquiry rather than the traditional use of phone or email. The Athletics South Facebook and Instagram pages were used on a regular basis throughout both the summer and winter seasons to provide information and promotion of events. The AS Facebook Page now has 1,446 followers, with Instagram having 721. Photos for interclub events were shared each week and received a high level of positive engagement. A big thanks to Holly Smee for her assistance in providing quality images for use on the AS social media pages and in the Mercury.

Articles posted on Facebook now automatically uploaded to Facebook for those who don't use social media. Outside of this, the website is primarily used as a repository for information, including event calendars, programs, regulations, contact details and results. Thanks are extended to Jarrod Gibson (summer) and Chris Sullivan (winter) for the role they play in making results available on the website after each interclub event.

During the Summer Season, a report was provided each week to the Mercury in relation to the AS Interclub Track and Field competition. Some preview stories were provided, along with post-meet articles providing details of the standout performers. There is a short window of time in which to prepare an article for publication and difficult to be across all the good performances that occur each week, but I have tried my best to give coverage to all events.

Three grant applications to Active Tasmania were submitted during the year, all of which were successful. The first was an infrastructure grant of \$26,000 to construct a shelter at the 200m start at the DAC. This was installed with the support of the Hobart City Council, who provided project management and administration. The second was a grant of \$12,962 to purchase a new high jump mat and cover. Unfortunately, a delay in the delivery of the cover has prevented the new equipment from being used to date but it will be ready to go for the new season. Finally, a grant for \$7,034 has been received from the Active Clubs program to purchase new starting blocks and throws equipment – some of which will be to support participation by athletes with a disability.

At the end of the Track and Field Season a survey of members was undertaken to provide feedback into the product being offered by Athletics South. The survey received 127 responses, and the results will be considered by the incoming AS Board as part of their planning for next season. It is clear that members want to see some changes and improvements to the way in which the sport is delivered, and I hope that we can all work cooperatively to deliver the best outcomes possible.

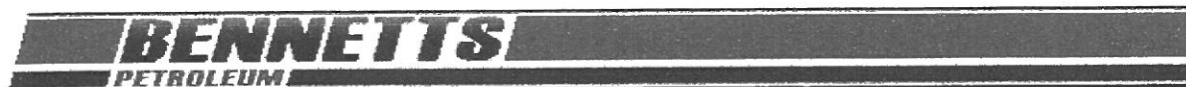
In closing, I extend my thanks to all the wonderful volunteers involved in our sport for their tireless efforts for the athletics community

Daniel Smee



MAJOR AWARD WINNERS 2024 – 2025 SEASON

UNDER 14 WOMEN:	Margot Hobday	SBHC
UNDER 14 MEN:	Jake Burt	SBHC
UNDER 16 WOMEN:	Palepa Leauma	ESAC
UNDER 16 MEN:	Jett Ford	ESAC
UNDER 18 WOMEN:	Amelia Steedman	OVA
UNDER 18 MEN:	Alejandro Fisher	ESAC
UNDER 20 WOMEN:	Alice Smillie	OVA
UNDER 20 MEN:	Billy French	ESAC
SENIOR WOMEN:	Rachel Hosie	ESAC
SENIOR MEN:	Daniel Wood	NSAC
OVER 35 WOMEN:	Eloise Fisher	ESAC
OVER 35 MEN:	Michael Mullarvey	UTAS
PATRON'S AWARD: FEMALE	Sky Bestley Toman	SBHC
PATRON'S AWARD: MALE	Shaun White	NSAC
DOREEN FRAWLEY MEMORIAL AWARD	Hannah Sheen	SBHC
GRAEME BRIGGS MEMORIAL AWARD	Ashton Ford	ESAC
ATHLETICS SOUTH OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR:	Phil Hniat	NSAC
NOEL RUDDOCK MEMORIAL MALE POINTS CHAMPION	Greg Mann	NSAC
HELEN LEE FEMALE POINTS CHAMPION	Margot Hobday	SBHC
ATHLETIC SOUTH MEDALLIST:	Laura McShane	ESAC



**Bennett's Petroleum
Track & Field Premiership
2024 - 2025**

<u>MEN</u>		<u>WOMEN</u>		<u>COMBINED</u>	
SBHC	78	SBHC	78	SBHC	20848
NSAC	46	ESAC	46	ESAC	8069
ESAC	37	OVA	45	OVA	7197
OVA	30	NSAC	22	NSAC	6165
UTAS	17	UTAS	17	UTAS	3307

**Running Edge
Winter Premiership
2024**

<u>MALE</u>	
NSAC	96.0
ESAC	74.5
SBHC	69.5
TMA	42.0
UTAS	34.5
OVA	11.5

<u>FEMALE</u>	
NSAC	93.0
SBHC	80.0
ESAC	67.0
TMA	48.0
UTAS	22.5
OVA	7.5

MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Grant Page NSAC	76
Thomas Wilson SBHC	52
Phil McConnon NS	52

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Ruth Wilson NSAC	89
Anna Smee SBHC	86
Kylie Smith ESAC	49



ATHLETICS SOUTH MEDAL

It is the 42nd year of this award.

Previous Winners have been:

1984	Kyla Gregory	1985	Greg Robertson
1986	Gabrielle Prenter	1987	Kyla Gregory
1988	Loretta Kiss	1989	Greg Robertson
1990	Gail Luke	1991	Gail Luke
1992	Gail Luke	1993	Brendan Hanigan
1994	Brendan Hanigan	1995	Brendan Hanigan
1996	Simon Hollingsworth	1997	Kylie Risk
1998	Ashley Howlett	1999	Kylie Risk
2000	Kylie Risk	2001	Brian Pook
2002	Lewis Powell	2003	Patrick Coleman
2004	Grant Page	2005	Ryan Foster
2006	Donna MacFarlane	2007	Donna MacFarlane
2008	Donna MacFarlane	2009	Tristan Thomas
2010	Huw Peacock	2011	Danielle McConnell
2012	Hamish Peacock	2013	Hamish Peacock
2014	Hamish Peacock	2015	Hamish Peacock
2016	Hamish Peacock	2017	Hamish Peacock
2018	Hamish Peacock	2019	Hamish Peacock
2020	Nick Earl	2021	Ruby Smee
2022	Jagga Pybus	2023	Jacob Despard
2024	Laura McShane	2025	Laura McShane



Athletics South Inc.

Financial Statements Ending 31 March 2025

Athletics South Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation:

The special purpose financial statements have been prepared by the committee in order to comply with the requirement of the Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (Tas.). As such they may not be suitable for any other purpose.

The financials are prepared on a cash basis. The committee has applied the following accounting standards only in the preparation of this report:

Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

Events After the Balance Sheet Date

Materiality

Balance Sheet

Athletics South Inc As at 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
Assets		
Bank		
Canteen Account	26,913.61	15,998.33
Canteen Cash Float	1,300.00	1,300.00
Main Running Account	44,191.82	18,905.45
MyState Term Deposit	-	30,176.43
Registrations Account	128,793.98	88,667.31
Winter Comp Account	-	17,658.72
Total Bank	201,199.41	172,706.24
Current Assets		
Accrued Revenue	6,846.99	7,640.70
Cash on Hand	19.70	19.70
Deposits Paid	18.86	18.86
Inventory - Canteen	4,270.14	8,050.71
Perpetual Trustees	9,258.39	8,901.58
Total Current Assets	20,414.08	24,631.55
Fixed Assets		
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Motor Vehicles	(5,841.17)	(4,254.17)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Property, Plant & Equipment	(147,782.05)	(127,869.05)
Motor Vehicles	15,872.46	15,872.46
Property, Plant & Equipment	419,435.70	396,712.11
Total Fixed Assets	281,684.94	280,461.35
Total Assets	503,298.43	477,799.14
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	29,325.85	5,556.10
GST	2,891.52	1,589.37
Total Current Liabilities	32,217.37	7,145.47
Total Liabilities	32,217.37	7,145.47
Net Assets	471,081.06	470,653.67
Equity		
Canteen Account Transfer	101,599.96	101,599.96
Current Year Earnings	427.39	1,146.05
Retained Earnings	369,053.71	367,907.66
Total Equity	471,081.06	470,653.67

Profit and Loss

Athletics South Inc

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
Trading Income		
Food Sales	81,116.27	76,392.86
Hire of equipment	6,909.09	7,828.19
Interest Income	1,907.39	2,044.26
Other Revenue	2,343.35	1,581.82
Registration Income	38,561.84	47,745.31
Total Trading Income	130,837.94	135,592.44
Cost of Sales		
Cost of Goods Sold	3,780.57	-
Total Cost of Sales	3,780.57	-
Gross Profit	127,057.37	135,592.44
Other Income		
Donations	-	5,000.00
Government Grants	38,962.00	9,121.00
Sponsorships	3,868.19	5,454.54
Total Other Income	42,830.19	19,575.54
Operating Expenses		
Accounting Software	750.03	676.38
Association Fees	-	658.91
Auditor Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bank Fees	1,264.57	1,370.41
Catering	4,948.85	2,880.78
Competition Supplies	547.16	553.40
Depreciation	21,500.00	21,423.00
Dues & Subscriptions	2,146.64	405.00
Fire Protection	500.91	890.91
Food Purchases	48,372.40	49,516.01
Freight & Courier	-	151.68
General Expenses	432.34	3,258.53
Hire	25,236.50	22,581.81
Honorariums - Canteen	14,720.00	12,267.00
Honorariums - Directors	4,000.00	4,000.00
Light, Power, Heating	1,446.04	1,459.54
Motor Vehicle Expenses	-	93.31
Officials	-	800.00
Postage	40.91	303.64
Printing & Stationery	358.55	472.44
Prizes & Awards	5,320.00	5,946.37
Registration Expenses	-	7,340.00

	2025	2024
Repairs and Maintenance	3,614.19	10,139.96
Security	780.00	468.00
Sundry Domain Expenses	29,591.80	879.42
Telephone & Internet	785.02	635.23
Traffic Management Expenses	-	1,550.20
Webpage Hosting	1,104.26	1,300.00
Total Operating Expenses	169,460.17	154,021.93
Net Profit	427.39	1,146.05

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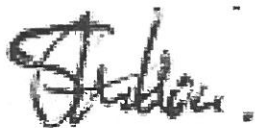
Statement by members of the committee

The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee, the financial report :

- a. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Athletics South Inc. as at 31 March 2025 and its performance for the year ended on that date;
- b. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Athletics South Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- c. Meetings of the committee were held during the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with the rules of the Association.

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



President



Finance Director

Dated this 8th day of July 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Athletics South Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Athletics South Inc. (the Entity), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 March 2025, the statement of profit or loss for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and managements' assertion statement.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at 31 March 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 1.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of matter - Basis of accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Entity to meet the requirements of the *Association Incorporation Act 1964 (TAS)*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of Association Incorporation Act 1964 (TAS) and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY DAVID E PALMER TO THE MEMBERS OF ATHLETICS SOUTH INC.

As lead auditor of Athletics South Inc. for the year ended 31 March 2025, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Association Incorporation Act (1964) TAS* in relation to the audit; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



David E Palmer
Partner

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