



ANNUAL REPORT

For the year 1st April, 2009 to 31st March, 2010

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting
To be held at 7.00pm on Monday 19th July, 2010
At the offices of Sport Wellington Region
113 Adelaide Road, Wellington

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Office Bearers 2009-2010

President	Geoff Henry
Chairperson	Stephen Underwood
Board Members	Todd Stevens, Rod Plimmer, Mark Harris
Secretary	Vacant
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Solicitor	Vacant
Cross country and road committee	
Chairman	Ian Priest
Secretary	Emma Brooks
Treasurer	Jennie Hardie
Committee	Peter Wrigley
Track and Field committee	
Chairman	Peter Maunder
Secretary	David Lonsdale
Treasurer	Ngaira Drake
Committee	Bernice Dickie, David Lane, Matt Sullivan, Maurice Piper, Bruce Perry, Peter Rendall, Geoff Henry
Juniors committee	
Chairman	Vaughan Oates
Secretary	Louise McDonald
Treasurer	Rod Plimmer
Committee	Lisa Pu'e, Peter Robinson, Don Dalgleish, Debbie Sturmfels, Stuart Beresford, Jo Murray, Willy Szeto, Andrew Cooper, Mike Baxter, Sally Mills, Julie Black, Ron Hughes, John Quinn, Tony Creagh.

Presidents Report 2009—2010

This has been our first year under our new Board structure.

The Board has published two reports to the sport, on what it's been doing. We had very high expectations of what our new management structure could bring. Perhaps our expectations were too high. We need to remember that "lean and mean" is all very well, but the people we elect are volunteers and their output reflects the time they can commit.

There are 4 elected Board members, and they have the capacity to co-opt or appoint at least 3 more. I think we need to see that this happens.

Some of the other appointments the Board is charged with making have not been fully addressed, and the Board has not really sat down with its appointees and guided them as to its expectations. However, it's all new, so lets give it a chance to work!

On the sporting side (which is what we're all about!) we've done well. Our numbers in the junior ranks continue to grow. The college grades are also strong as is the Master's group.

More to the point perhaps, Athletics New Zealand's new Director of Coaching is helping us towards new initiatives, particularly with schools. This was one of the target areas identified in our Strategic Review.

Programmes and initiatives are all very well, though: we also need the volunteers to do the work! As we are finding with governance, the good people are also good at their day-to-day work, and so have limited time for outside activities like us!

We have to go on seeking voluntary help.

Most of all, perhaps, we have to make sure that new people are not dissuaded, or hesitant, because of the standards the present volunteers are setting. Our present officials and volunteers are ageing. The athletes really have to step forward and manage their own sport!



Geoff Henry
(President)

Chairperson's Report

This has been the first year of the new governance structure for Athletics Wellington. Under the new constitution the Board has responsibility for strategic matters with the committees responsible for the running of the various programmes – Track & Field, Road and Cross Country, Juniors and Masters.

The new Board elected at the 2009 AGM is Todd Stevens, Mark Harris, Rod Plimmer and Stephen Underwood and was supplemented by the appointment of Steve Malanchak who has also undertaken the role of Treasurer.

During the year we have tried to add an additional director, particularly a younger person involved in the sport, but to date have not been successful. The Board believes that it is important to bring younger people into the governance of the sport to introduce new ideas and for succession planning purposes.

The Board has relied on the Track & Field, Road and Cross County, Junior and Masters Committees to continue with their fine work running the many events held in the Centre during the year. These committee members, supported by a band of officials and other volunteers, are essential to the sport of athletics and the Board thanks them for another year of dedicated activity.

A draft strategic plan has been developed. The emphasis is as follows:

- Increase the number of club members and clubs in the region.
 - Support the development of coaching and coaching resources.
 - Support the leading junior athletes in the Level 4 and 5 categories within the Athletics New Zealand ranking system.
- Secure funding for the Centre from non club members.

The support to the building of the indoor sports centre at Kilbirnie is one part of the programme to support the development of athletics. Other projects are under discussion but require a level of funding to progress.

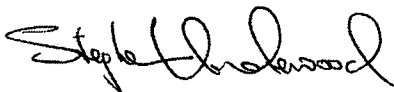
The Coach Force programme was a primary focus but regrettably the level of funding provided was considerably less than we believed is necessary to do the job at a meaningful level. Nevertheless an initial appointment was made and we are grateful for the support we have received from Athletics New Zealand.

A number of our leading juniors, particularly those in field events, have extremely limited competition in Wellington. We would like to see these athletes compete more often in other centres or Australia against stronger athletes. This will require funding but we have agreed to work with Athletics New Zealand and the coaches of these athletes to assist them secure sponsorship for travel and related costs.

Securing funding from athletes who are not members of clubs is a priority and the Board is working on a project to secure a meaningful source of income from those who participate in our sport but do not contribute to coaching or sport development by way a club membership. This is a priority for the Board as it will enable so many other activities to be undertaken and enhance our ability to secure other funding.

Next year promises to be challenging but we have many opportunities to 'make a difference'. The Board accepts that it must concentrate on a few specific objectives rather than any 'grand plan'. We hope to see more progress over the next twelve months.

Thank you for your support and participation as athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and sponsors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Underwood'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Stephen' written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name 'Underwood'.

Stephen Underwood
Chairman

Cross Country and Road Committee Report

Annual Report for the 2009 Season

(14 Months ending 31st March, 2010)

Officers:	Chair	Ian Priest
	Secretary	Emma Brooks
	Treasurer	Jennie Hardie
	Committee	Peter Wrigley
	Selectors	Don Dalgliesh Graham Tattersall
	Chief Referee	Alan Stevens
	Chief Timekeeper	Dave Grattan
	Team Managers	Don Dalgliesh Emma Brooks

During the period under review, the Cross Country and Road Committee have focused a significant amount of their time on reviewing their objectives and expectations, and planning for the future.

A driving force behind this has been the realisation that, whilst we have annually appointed people to fill a range of roles, we have never defined the duties and responsibilities of those roles, assuming that everybody knows what to do anyway. We have also failed, in the past, to be clear about our expectations of Athletes chosen to represent Athletics Wellington at National or other competitions.

We have submitted to the Board of Athletics Wellington, for their approval, Job Descriptions for Team Managers, Selectors, Chief Timekeeper and Chief Referee, as well as a Code of Conduct for Representative Athletes. We are currently working on a job description for Referees, and will turn our attention shortly to the roles of Committee Members.

With two New Zealand Championships to be organised by the Cross Country and Road Committee in 2011, we are looking to expand our committee membership. In particular, we hope to appoint individuals with skills and contacts in the areas of marketing and promotion.

We have made a presentation to Club Representatives of a proposal to purchase a timing system using electronic transponders, and this has been broadly endorsed, subject to an acceptable level of charges for use. The proposal involves integrating the timing system with registrations, largely doing away with the need for pre-entry to a number of "Traditional" events. When the details have been resolved, the significant capital investment will need to be supported by the Board if it is to proceed.

It is with regret that I report the passing during the year of two stalwarts of Cross Country Running, and life-long members of Athletics Masterton, in John Eccles and Len Francis. Their funerals were well attended by members of the running fraternity, and our condolences conveyed to members of both families.

Representative Performances:

North Island Cross Country Championships – Wellington won the overall teams contest at this event, and had team Firsts in the Women and Masters Men 50+ grades. Individual grade placings were taken by Vickie Humphries (1st MW45); Gabrielle O'Rourke (1st MW35); Melissa Moon (2nd Women); Stefan Smith (3rd Men); Mark Handley (3rd MM50); Todd Stevens (1st MM35); Peter Versey (2nd MM35); Michael Waterman (3rd MM35).

New Zealand Cross Country Championships – Individual medal winners were Gabrielle O'Rourke (1st MW40) and Tony Price (2nd MM50). Teams from Wellington placed in the four grades where we fielded counting teams (Women and M19 second; M16 and W19 third), but it was disappointing that we were unable to count teams in the remaining five grades.

New Zealand Road Running Championships – Although the team size (25) was small, it was clearly one of quality, with 7 individual medal winners and two teams placed.

First Place – Tony Price (MM50); Peter Baillie (MM60 Walk); Terri Grimmatt (MW50 Walk)

Second Place – Grant McLean (MM40)

Third Place – Lotty Turnidge (MW35); Sean McCrudden (M16); Michael Waterman (MM35)

Teams – M16 (1st); M19 (3rd)

In addition to team members, Wellington Athletes competing as individuals won gold medals in three grades – David Cooke (MM45 Walk); Kevin Watson (MM50 Walk); Ariana Harper (G14)

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the dedicated individuals who do so much to keep our sport running, and I wish to pay particular tribute to our Cross Country and Road Committee Secretary, Emma Brooks, who has done so much of the research required to put together the proposal to purchase a timing system, as well as to compile the various job descriptions and policies that have been submitted to the Board.



Ian Priest
Chairman



2010, Track & Field Committee Report

Chair	Peter Maunder
Secretary	Sylvia maunder
Treasurer	Ngairé Drake
Committee	Geoff Henry, Bruce Perry, Bernice Dickie, Peter Rendall, Ian Priest, Maurice Piper, David Lane, Matt Sullivan

The last track season was a little less onerous than the previous one when we held the National Track and Field Champs. Nevertheless there was plenty to do maintaining and purchasing new equipment and organising competitions. The committee members without exception are not only involved with administration but also either coaching athletes or officiating at local and National competitions. Whilst these services are essential in facilitating the competition side of the sport, attracting new members is largely left to clubs and coaches. Clubs provide the growing medium for the sport so it is with concern when we hear suggestions that Athletics New Zealand membership should be opened up to people outside clubs. Some years ago there was a move to make clubs stronger by amalgamating them. This not only had the effect of reducing membership but also reducing the pool of supporters available for the effective administration of the sport. Opening up membership to non club members will have the same effect.

As well as the week about black and gold programmes the committee were also involved with the annual regional league competition with Taranaki, Manawatu/Wanganui and the Hawke's Bay held in November, the Scottish Night of Miles in December, the Capital Classic in January and the Centre champs in February. In addition we assisted with the New Zealand Parafed Champs and the World Unicycle Championships.

The 2009-2010 season was an extraordinarily successful one in terms of new records being set. This was particularly the case for our junior aged athletes. Overall 50 centre records were set during the season, 48 of these being age group records. We also have three record applications for events where currently no records exist. Two of the records that were set were also national records. These were Keeley O'Hagan's 1.82m high jump in the W16 age group and Leesa Lealaisalanoa's 51.41m W16 discus throw.



The New Zealand Track and Field champs were held at the end of March in Christchurch where 14 titles went to the following Wellington athletes;

Yaride Rasario M16 100m 11.08 (-0.3) (centre record)

Philip Jensen SM Hammer throw 62.53m (centre record)

Marissa Pritchard SW Long Jump 6.07m (0.4)

Stevie Paine, W16 800m 2:14.46

April Campbell, W16 100m Hurdles 14.80 (-0.9)

Leesa Lealaisalanoa, W16 discus throw 47.93m

Alex Fafeita, M16 Hammer throw 48.34m (record pending)

Hamish Carson, SM 1500m 3:51.19

Alex Wallace, M19 1500m 3:59.89

Keeley O'Hagan, W16 high jump 1.70m

Ryan Tinkle, M19 hammer throw 61.02m (centre record)

Marissa Pritchard, SW triple jump 12.47m (-1.2)

Leesa Lealaisalanoa, W19 discus throw 51.41 (centre and NZ record)

Leesa Lealaisalanoa, W16 shot put 13.32m

Congratulations to all these athletes and those who won silver and bronze medals. Also thanks to Bernice Dickie and Maurice Piper for again managing the team to Nationals.

Whilst these performances were the highs for the season the lows were the deaths of long time official at Newtown Park, Jerry Barnard and Phil Jones who has been a dedicated and successful coach and mentor to many throwers.

In closing I would not only like to thank the committee for their service to the sport over the last year but also Tony Rogers for again organising the Capital Classic, Peter Baillie for the work done behind the scenes on Finishlynx and the excellent work our coaches are doing.

Peter Maunder



Junior Committee Report

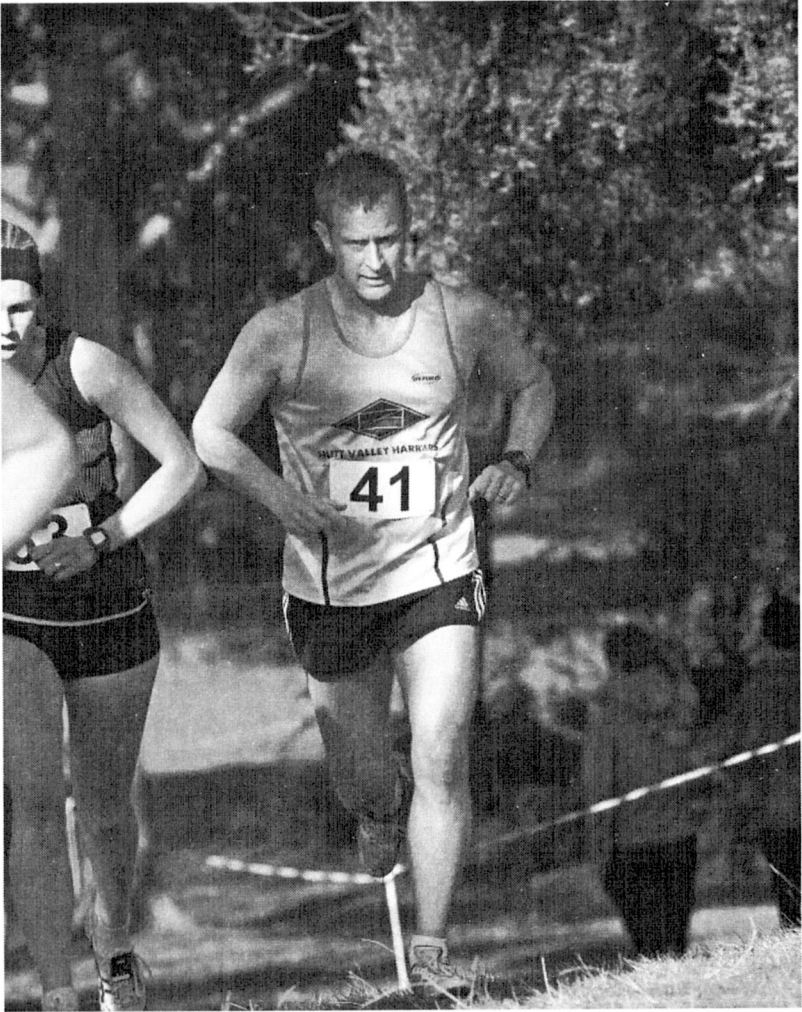
Junior athletics in Wellington continued in strong heart over the 2009/10 season. Particular highlights were the number of Wellington athletes selected for national honours.

Wellington contributed 16 of the 75-member team competing at the Pacific School games in Australia in November 2009 with many of our athletes returning with medals. Of particular note was the outstanding performance of Leesa Lealaisalanoa in setting an Oceania record for the girls 15 discus. Leesa went on to have an a spectacular season being also selected for two further New Zealand age grade teams along with Keeley O'Hagan, Anna Roche, and Ryan Tinkle to represent New Zealand at the World Youth champs in Italy and the IAAF World Junior champs in Canada in a few months time.

On the local scene the Wellington junior champs saw a record number of entries and ran particularly well with each day finishing at the scheduled time, a pleasing achievement considering the number of athletes involved. Wellington also resumed its place amongst the top three provinces at the National interprovincial athletics teams event held at Invercargill over a very cold Easter in the deep south, with a well earned third place. Unfortunately due to the congestion of the calendar over the summer it proved impossible to field a team for the North Island 14/15 grade interprovincial event held in January, with three different events over the weekend chosen to hold this event Wellington very reluctantly withdrew its team.

Looking ahead Wellington is currently negotiating with the Wellington City Council over the availability of Newtown Park for next Easter to allow us to host the Easter interprovincial event. With Easter falling late in April next year we have lost automatic access to the park and require Capital Football to allow us to use the park.







**Athletics Wellington Incorporated
Consolidated Financial Statements**

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2010

	2010 Executive \$	2010 T&F \$	2010 Junior \$	2010 CC&Road \$	2010 Total \$	2009 Total \$
Funds Brought forward at 1 April	52,908	155,759	63,501	31,781	303,949	249,347
Surplus (deficit)	(10,708)	1,165	(12,175)	2,396	(19,322)	54,602
Funds at 31 March	<u>42,200</u>	<u>156,924</u>	<u>51,326</u>	<u>34,177</u>	<u>284,627</u>	<u>303,949</u>

Represented by

Current Assets

Bank accounts and term deposits	49,376	46,957	46,074	33,519	175,926	157,641
Accounts receivable and prepayments	4,409	2,925	486	1,057	8,877	5,355
GST refund receivable	2,167	1,762	1,968	-	5,917	10,008
Total current assets	<u>55,952</u>	<u>51,643</u>	<u>48,529</u>	<u>34,576</u>	<u>190,720</u>	<u>183,004</u>

Fixed assets

	1,145	132,637	3,738	906	138,425	139,164
Total assets	<u>57,117</u>	<u>184,280</u>	<u>52,286</u>	<u>35,482</u>	<u>329,145</u>	<u>322,168</u>

Less

Current liabilities

Bank accounts	12,467	-	-	-	12,467	6,099
Accounts payable	2,450	27,357	940	1,010	31,757	10,428
GST	-	-	-	294	294	1,892
Total liabilities	<u>14,917</u>	<u>27,357</u>	<u>940</u>	<u>1,304</u>	<u>44,518</u>	<u>18,219</u>

Net assets

	42,200	156,924	51,326	34,177	284,627	303,949
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Profit and Loss Statement

Surplus (Deficit) for the year ended 31 March 2010

	2010 \$	2009 \$
Executive	69,626	80,334
Track and field	46,446	45,281
Junior committee	43,516	55,690
Cross country and road	15,273	12,877
Development accounts	-	-
Total	<u>174,860</u>	<u>194,182</u>
Surplus (deficit)	(10,708)	(10,973)
Surplus (deficit)	1,165	45,794
Surplus (deficit)	(12,175)	14,019
Surplus (deficit)	2,396	4,785
Surplus (deficit)	-	(22)
Total	<u>(19,322)</u>	<u>54,603</u>

Chairperson

Date: 30-6-10

Treasurer

Date: 30-6-10



**Athletics Wellington Incorporated
Consolidated Accounts**

For the 12 months ended 31 March 2010

Notes to the accounts

1. Statement of accounting policies

Reporting entity

The name of the entity is Athletics Wellington Incorporated. This entity is an incorporated society. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and include consolidation of the activities of the;

Executive Committee

Track and Field Committee

Junior Committee

Road and Cross Country Committee

Development Account (inactive 2008)

Measurement base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of profit and loss and financial position are on a historical cost basis and are followed by the committee.

Specific accounting policies

All statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis. Depreciation of fixed assets is provided on a straight line and diminishing value basis so as to allocate the cost of assets over their useful lives.

Athletics Wellington qualifies for differential reporting as it is not publicly accountable and based on the size criteria. Athletics Wellington (consolidated) has taken advantage of all available differential reporting exemptions.

Changes to accounting policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those used in previous years.

2. Specific Accounting Policies.

Please refer to sub committee accounts for specific accounting policies and notes to the accounts.

Reviewers Report



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REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT TO:

The Committee members of Athletics Wellington Incorporated

We have reviewed the financial statements of Athletics Wellington Incorporated for the year ended 31 March 2010 in accordance with the Review Engagement Standards issued by the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants.

A review is limited primarily to enquiries of company personnel and analytical review procedures applied to financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying financial statements do not give a true and fair view.

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WHK Wellington Partnership
Chartered Accountants
30 June 2010



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