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## ANNUAL REPORT - 2016

Dear Members,

Your committee is pleased to report on the activities of your association for the financial year ended 31 December 2016.

#### **OVERVIEW OF 2016**

2016 was a year notable for both achievement and change for the Australian Ultra Runners' Association (AURA).

There were 62 events listed on AURA's calendar of events, with thousands of runners participating in ultra running events on track, road and trail across the country. The Association comprised 399 members in December 2016, approximately a 10% decrease on 2015. However the new membership system has already seen significant growth to this number in early 2017.

The performance of our national team representatives in international competition was outstanding, with athletes achieving world class results at the World 100km, World Trail and Asian 24 Hour Championships, the highlight being Kirstin Bull's win in the women's 100km world championships, which was an amazing achievement for Kirstin and Australia.

These performances cement Australia's position as one of the world's strongest ultra running nations, and we thank our athletes, team managers and crew members for their individual contributions.

At an organisational level, a new constitution was developed by AURA and late in the year arrangements were made for a Special General Meeting to be held early in 2017 so the new constitution could be adopted. This occurred on 16 January 2017.

A new membership system was developed and implemented in early December 2016. The new system provides easier access for both new and existing members to join and renew their memberships. The system provides further functionality which will provide "member only" benefits which will start to be rolled out in 2017.

The Association is well positioned to further grow our amazing ultra running sport in 2017 and beyond. We thank you, our members, for your participation and ongoing support.

Your committee is pleased to provide the following annual report for 2016.

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

#### 2016 IAU 100 KM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The IAU 100 km world championships were held Los Alcareres Spain, a sea side resort town on the Mediterranean.

A flat road course in the middle of the town worked perfectly and the weather on the day was cool with a few light showers. The start and finish was right in front of the team hotel, which was great for crewing and a relief for tired athletes at the finish. Australia produced its first ultra running world champion, Kirstin Bull, with a courageous, hard fought win.

Kirstin dominated most of the race and kept challengers at bay towards the end of the race and achieved a personal best time. Marita Eisler and Tia Jones also put in solid performances.

Brendan Davies added another great run at the world championships with a personal best. Barry Keem, Dion Finocchiaro, Gary Mullins and Andy Heyden also all worked hard to get good results.

The team result was one of AURA's best. We have an improving squad of athletes. Watch out world!

#### Women: Team Position 5th

1 Kirstin Bull 7:34:25 31 Marita Eisler 8:39:33 36 Tia Jones 9:10:04

#### Men: Team Position 5th

10 Brendan Davies 6:44:20 28 Barry Keem 7:02:47 33 Dion Finocchiaro 7:08:37 46 Gary Mullins 7:32:27 76 Andrew Heyden 7:53:31 DNF Scott Brittain



#### 2016 IAU WORLD TRAIL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2016 IAU Trail World championship was held in Peneda-ceres National Park in Portugal on 29 October 2016. It was a partnership event of the IAU, ITRA and the local organizing committee Carlos Sa.

A challenging 85km course with 5000m of vertical gain on a very technical course was presented to the athletes. Our two captains, Kellie Emerson and Brendan Davies were joined by four new members: John O'Loughlin, Vlad Ixel, Amy Lamprecht and Maggie Jones.

A very early start, higher than expected temperatures and many climbs on the tough course took their toll on runners with injury and fatigue making it a hard day at the office. With the true Aussie spirit we have grown to expect from our trail teams, all made the finish line again this year. Vlad in 25th place and Kellie in 30th led the Australian teams home on what was a very demanding course.

Women: Team Position 11th Men: Team Position 19th

30 Kellie Emerson 11:48:28 51 Maggie Jones 12:46:53 66 Amy Lamprecht 13:25:19 25 Vlad Ixel 9:38:15 99 Jono O'loughlin 12:14:13 101 Brendan Davies 12:16:39



#### 2016 IAU ASIAN 24 HOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Australia sent a strong team to the first ever IAU Asian 24 hour Championships held in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan on 19/20 November 2016. The course was a flat looped road course around one of the city's main stadiums.

The weather for the event was not ideal with high humidity and temperatures in the low thirties, leading all athletes rethink their race plans. In such trying conditions the team produced its greatest tally of medals in an IAU championships.

Barry Loveday and John Pearson, first and third, ran perfect races in the conditions.

Nikki Eadie, Nicole Barker and Sharon Scholz, taking first, second and third also ran very smart races.

Two team gold medals was the Australian team's reward. Our 24 Hour teams have been the power house of our ultra teams in recent years and it was great to see them get the rewards that they deserve.

Women: Team Position 1st

1 Nikki Wynd 209.497 2 Nicole Barker 205.995 3 Sharon Scholz 189.173

8 Jodie Oborne 133

Men: Team Position 1st

1 Barry Loveday 235.8683 John Pearson 224.8495 Rick Cooke 206.528

10 Matthew Eckford 176.75



## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

AURA holds National Championships within five of its sanctioned races each year: a 50km road championship, a 100km road championship, a 24hr championship, a 48hr championship, and a trail championship. To be eligible for these awards competitors must be AURA members and Australian citizens at the time of the event(s).

### 50km ROAD

Canberra Running Festival April 10, 2016.

Women	Men
1 Solveig Litchfield 4:06:19	1 Barry Keem 3:03:20
2 Jane Kanizay 4:13:15	2 Martin Dent 3:08:19
3 Pam Muston 4:41:25	3 Darren Purcell 3:11:22

#### 100km ROAD

Gold Coast 100, June 11, 2016.

Women	Men
1 Marita Eisler 8:10:18	1 Francesco Ciancio 7:30:20
2 Anya Mullin 9:28:38	2 Kevin Muller 8:07:01
3 Corrina Black 9:54:44	3 Stuart Hughes: 9:22:19



## 24 HOUR

Coburg April 16, 2016.

Women	Men		
1 Sharon Scholtz 192.217km	1 Kevin Muller 242.240km		
2 Larissa Tichon 127.636km	2 Rick Cooke 233.320km		
3 Kerrie Bremner 124.400km	3 Anth Courtney 214.247		

## 48 HOUR

Canberra March 18, 2016.

Women	Men
1 Nikki Wynd 343.044m	1 Mick Thwaites 413.059km
2 Karen Chan 253.058km	2 Trevor Allen 322.740km
3 Sabina Hamaty 232.000km	3 Barry McBride 280.012km



## SHORT TRAIL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two Bays Trail Run 56km January 17, 2016.

Women	Men
1 Kirstin Bull 4:53:15	1 Dion Finocchiaro 4:03:36
2 Natasha Fraser 4:58:11	2 Francesco Ciancio 4:17:06
3 Karen Mickle 6:07:26	3 Brendan Davies 4:19:14

## LONG TRAIL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Surf Coast Century 100km September 3, 2016.

Men
1 Francesco Ciancio 8:26:44
2 Ross Hopkins 8:50:06
3 Nathan Wells 9:20:03



## **AURA AWARDS 2016**

The AURA Awards for 2016 were presented as follows:

AUSTRALIAN FEMALE ULTRA RUNNER OF THE YEAR: KIRSTIN BULL

The award committee felt Kirstin's run at the 2016 World 100km Championships when she won the event in an Australian record time of 7:34:25 and was declared "World Champion" made her absolutely deserving of our Association's preeminent award for female runners for 2016.

AUSTRALIAN MALE ULTRA RUNNER OF THE YEAR: BRENDAN DAVIES

The award committee felt Brendan's run at the 2016 World 100km Championships was absolutely world class, when he achieved tenth position in a time of 6:44:20. This performance, combined with his other performances when representing Australia and in other AURA events, made him a worthy winner.

HELEN STANGER AWARD: NIKKI EADIE

This award is presented annually for the greatest single best ultra running achievement by a female under the age of 60. The award committee felt Nikki's run at the 2016 48 Hour Event in Canberra was outstanding, when she won the event with a distance of 343km, a best ever performance by an Australian female runner over 48 hours, and the best distance in the world achieved last year.



#### BRYAN SMITH AWARD: MICK THWAITES

This award is presented annually for the greatest single best ultra running achievement by a male under the age of 60. The award committee felt Mick's run at the 2016 48 Hour Event in Canberra was absolutely world leading, when he won the event with a distance of 413km, the third best ever performance by an Australian runner over 48 hours, and the best distance in the world achieved by any runner for a number of years.

YOUNG FEMALE ULTRA RUNNER OF THE YEAR: LUCY BARTHOLOMEW

YOUNG MALE ULTRA RUNNER OF THE YEAR: JOEL CLAXTON

CLIFF YOUNG AWARD: BARRY MCBRIDE

This award is presented annually for the greatest single best ultra running achievement by a male over the age of 60. The award committee felt Barry's run at the 2016 Adelaide 24 Hour Race was superb, when he won the event with a distance of 206km.

SHIRLEY YOUNG AWARD: NO AWARD PRESENTED IN 2016

This award is presented annually for the greatest single best ultra running achievement by a female over the age of 60.



#### AURA ULTRA PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

The inaugural winner of the AURA ULTRA PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR AWARD voted by AURA members was Kirstin Bull for her win in the Women's 100km at the 2016 World Championships. Kirstin's World Championships performance finished with 259 points, Mick Thwaites finished second with 200 points for his 413km run at the Canberra 48 Hour, Mick also finished third with 171 for his third position at Badwater 2016.



## **AUSTRALIAN RECORDS**

It has been another exceptional year with some outstanding ultra running performances both at home and internationally. We have many up and coming athletes and many who aspire to represent Australia after some solid performances by our teams at the World Championships event this year. It was the first year that the Asian/Oceania Championships were held with the 24-hour in Kaohsuing, Taiwan

The rankings are a good guide for those who are seeking selection noting that the competition for selection in some events is quite fierce. A current list of rankings can be found on the AURA website.

Three significant open records were achieved in 2016.

- Men's Time Record (6 Hours) 85.265km by Francesco Ciancio at Coburg on the 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- Women's Time Record (48 hours) 343.044km by Nikki Wynd at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra at the National 48 Hour Championships. Nikki improved the Australian Record by 10km.
- Women's Distance Record (100km) 7 hours 34 minutes 25 seconds, Kirstin Bull at Los Alcazares, Spain on the 27<sup>th</sup> November. Kirstin was also World Champion at the 100km World Championships.

A number of age records were achieved throughout the year and it was great to see younger athletes with potential coming up through the ranks. In the Under 25s Elkie Belcher achieved an Australian Best running the Gold Coast 50km in 3:35:47. At the same event it was equally great to see one of the more mature athletes, John Shaw, achieve an Australian M60 50km record with 3:40:44.



Another notable performance in 2016 was achieved by Tia Jones at the Adelaide 24 hour on the 9th July 2016. Tia went to Adelaide with the intention of achieving a 100km Australian team qualifier and managed this easily, passing through 100km in 8 hours 33 minutes 19 seconds, and in the process achieved two Australian Age Records for 50 miles and 100km. Also in Adelaide, veteran Max Carson, achieved an Australian M65 record for 6 hours running 55.637km.

Soochow University in Taipei, Taiwan was the venue for a swag of Australian Age Records for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. This year Martin Fryer, having recently moved into a new age category, bettered the Australian M55 records for 12 hours, 100 miles, 200km and 24 hours. Remarkably two of the records that Martin achieved in Taiwan have stood for 30 years. (Gerry Riley held the 200km and 24 hour M55 record for 30 years.)

A complete list of Australian Records and Australian Age Records set during 2016 can be found on page 14.



Distance/Time	Record Type	Athlete	Venue	New Record	Date
6 Hours	Australian Open	Francesco Ciancio	Coburg, VIC	85.265km	6-Mar-16
48 Hours	Australian Open	Nikki Wynd	Canberra, ACT	343.044km	20-Mar-16
100km	Australian Open	Kirstin Bull	Los Alcazares, ESP	7:34:25	27-Nov-16
6 Hours	Australian M35	Francesco Ciancio	Coburg, VIC	85.265km	6-Mar-16
50 Miles	Australian M35	Francesco Ciancio	Coburg, VIC	5:42:16	06-Mar-16
50 Miles	Australian M45	Kevin Muller	Coburg, VIC	6:00:00	6-Mar-16
6 Hours	Australian M45	Kevin Muller	Coburg, VIC	80.681km	6-Mar-16
48 Hours	Australian W40	Nikki Wynd	Canberra, ACT	343.044km	20-Mar-16
6 Hours	Australian M65	Max Carson	Adelaide, SA	55.637km	09-Jul-16
100km	Australian W50	Tia Jones	Adelaide, SA	8:33:19	09-Jul-16
50 miles	Australian W50	Tia Jones	Adelaide, SA	6:49:44	09-Jul-16
12 Hours	Australian M25	Daniel Symonds	Caboolture, QLD	137.183km	13-Aug-16
50km	Australian W45	Rachel Glasson	Wangaratta, VIC	3:35:58	23-Oct-16
100km	Australian W25	Larissa Tichon	Wangaratta, VIC	9:05:37	28-Oct-16
100km	Australian M35	Brendan Davies	Los Alcazares, ESP	6:44:20	27-Nov-16
100km	Australian W35	Kirstin Bull	Los Alcazares, ESP	7:34:25	27-Nov-16
24 hours	Australian M55	Martin Fryer	Taipei, Taiwan	224.412km	4-Dec-16
12 hours	Australian M55	Martin Fryer	Taipei, Taiwan	118.924km	4-Dec-16
100 miles	Australian M55	Martin Fryer	Taipei, Taiwan	16:49:04	4-Dec-16
200km	Australian M55	Martin Fryer	Taipei, Taiwan	21:27:28	4-Dec-16
50km	Australian M60	John Shaw	Gold Coast, QLD	3:40:44	11-Dec-16
50km	Australian W20	Elkie Belcher	Gold Coast, QLD	3:35:47	11-Dec-16



# **VOLUNTEERS**

AURA would be unable to function without the work put in by our magnificent volunteers.

As well as trying to find time to get in their own training runs and events, many spend a significant number of hours assisting your Association. We thank them for their contribution to our sport.

Race Results	Cheryl Symons	Secretary	Brendan Davies
UltraMag Editor	Elizabeth Bennett	Team Selector	Kerrie Bremner
UltraMag Assistant	Gemma Hamilton	Team Selector	Martin Fryer
Results Publishing	Alexis Oosterhoff	Team Selector	Jo Blake
Webmaster	Jeff Gray	Team Selector	John Pearson
Facebook & Email	Rob Donkersloot	SA State Rep	Paul Rogers
Apparel	Matthew Bell	ACT State Rep	Elizabeth Bennett
Media Relations	Elizabeth Bennett	ACT State Rep	Martin Fryer
Event Compliance	Kerrie Bremner	NSW State Rep	Andrew Heyden
Event Advertising	Isobel Ross	VIC State Rep	Jon Lim
Billings	Robert Boyce	WA State Rep	Fee Salmons
Records & Rankings	Jodie Oborne	WA State Rep	Dave Kennedy
Financials	Rick Cooke	QLD State Rep	Mallani Moloney
Points Competition	Cheryl Symons	QLD State Rep	Susannah Harvey-
Team Selector	Robert Boyce (Chairman)		Jamieson



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# Detailed Profit and Loss Statement For the year ended 31 December 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$	
Income			
Subscriptions & Clothing - Members	45,131	31,309	
Subscriptions - Events Listing & Insur	16,796	27,147	
Advertising		2,450	
Donations		706	
IAU Funding	6,414	9,483	
Commissions received		37	
Interest received	99	137	
Total income	68,440	71,270	
Expenses			
AURA Point Score Prizes	3,550	3,800	
Bad Debts		740	
Bank Fees And Charges		2	
Clothing Purchases		2,096	
Computer expenses	1,056		
Insurance	7,930	5,660	
Postage	2,355	255	
Printing		10,672	
Training		298	
Travel Exp - AUS Grants	10,593	14,338	
Travel Exps - AUS Uniforms	3,826	8,314	
Trophies and Certificates	175	1,835	
Ultramag Costs	18,198	4,137	
Total expenses	47,683	52,146	
Profit from Ordinary Activities before income tax	20,757	19,124	

## **Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2016**

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Westpac A/c 18-9157		110,755	93,627
Westpac - Maxi Direct	_	5,703	5,702
	-	116,458	99,329
Receivables			
Trade debtors		10,334	6,706
	- -	10,334	6,706
Total Current Assets	- -	126,792	106,035
Total Assets	-	126,792	106,035
Net Assets	- -	126,792	106,035
Equity			
Retained profits / (accumulated losses)		126,792	106,035
Total Equity	-	126,792	106,035

#### Compilation Report to AUSTRALIAN ULTRA RUNNERS ASSOCIATION INC

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of AUSTRALIAN ULTRA RUNNERS ASSOCIATION INC, which comprise the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2016, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1 to the financial statements.

#### The Responsibility of the Director of AUSTRALIAN ULTRA RUNNERS ASSOCIATION INC

The director of AUSTRALIAN ULTRA RUNNERS ASSOCIATION INC is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the significant accounting policies adopted as set out in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the director's needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

#### Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the director of AUSTRALIAN ULTRA RUNNERS ASSOCIATION INC, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting framework described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting framework described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

#### Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the director of AUSTRALIAN ULTRA RUNNERS ASSOCIATION INC who is responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

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ACCOUNTANTS EDGE 66 Edwardes Street RESERVOIR VIC

4 April, 2017

## Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of AUSTRALIAN ULTRA RUNNERS ASSOCIATION INC (the company), which comprises the Director's Declaration, the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Changes In Equity, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, for the year ended 31 December 2016.

## Director's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The director of the company is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and to meet the needs of the members. The director's responsibilities also includes such internal control as the director determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the director, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

#### Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the director of AUSTRALIAN ULTRA RUNNERS ASSOCIATION INC, would be in the same terms if given to the director as at the time of the auditor's report.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial report of AUSTRALIAN ULTRA RUNNERS ASSOCIATION INC is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and complying with the Corporations Regulations 2001.

## Independent Auditor's Report

## **Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the director's financial reporting responsibilities under the Corporations Act 2001. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Signed on: 11/4/2017

Trent Coxhell,