

# Annual Report 2008

## ACT Veterans Athletic Club

Annual General Meeting

Monday, 19 May 2008



## **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ACTVAC INC.**

“The ACTVAC Inc., is a state controlling body for veterans athletics in the Australian Capital Territory and surrounding districts. The aims are to provide opportunities for participation in a wide variety of athletic pursuits. As a club we represent the interest of members of government, other sporting organisations and to the Australian Masters Athletics.”

## **2007/2008 CLUB ADMINISTRATION**

Patron:	Jack Pennington
President:	Christopher Lang
Vice-President:	Rosemary Parker
Secretary:	Rod Lynch
Treasurer:	Audrey Gormley
Committee:	Geoff Sims Jack Thackray Marion Blake Peter Cullen Roger Pilkington Craig Wisdom

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President  
Christopher Lang

Secretary  
Rod Lynch

# ACT VETERANS ATHLETIC CLUB INC.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**7:30 pm, Monday 19 May 2008**  
Western District Rugby Union Club  
Catchpole Street, Macquarie

### Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting
5. Reports
  - President's report
  - Secretary's report
  - Treasurer's report
6. Election of Office Bearer's and Committee for 2008/2009
  - Patron
  - Public Officer
  - President
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Committee
7. Special resolution to use 'Canberra Masters Athletics – Athletics for '30s and over' to promote the Club (see next page for details of the motion)
8. General Business
  - Close

Rod Lynch  
Secretary

## **ACTVAC Annual General Meeting 2008**

### **Notice of motion ‘Canberra Masters Athletics Athletics for ‘30s and over’**

The Members Services Subcommittee has given due notice of the following motion to be placed on the agenda for the club’s Annual General Meeting on Monday 19 May 2008.

Moved: Geoff Moore, Chair, Members Services Subcommittee

Seconded: Rachelle Ellis-Brownlee, Member, Members Services Subcommittee

Motion

#### **Canberra Masters Athletics - Athletics for ‘30s and over**

This meeting

acknowledging the common usage in Australia and internationally of “Masters Athletics” to refer to athletic activities for individuals 30 years and older, and to the associated clubs, associations and other organisations that provide services to such individuals;

wanting to align the club and its activities with the interests of individuals born in or since 1970, as well as individuals born before 1970;

recognising that in contemporary usage the term ‘veteran’ is increasingly equated with ‘old’, and that the notion of ‘old’ is a barrier to attracting the interest of 30 and 40-year-olds who wish to join an athletics club; and hence

agrees from the date of this meeting to the use of “Canberra Masters Athletics” to promote the club in public and in its day to day business with individuals and other third parties by the executive, the committee, subcommittees, and other members and authorised agents acting for or on behalf of the club; and so

directs

the executive and the committee to implement the club’s new brand name, including by advising media organisations, Australian Masters Athletics Association Inc, ACT athletic organisations, the ACT Government and other relevant bodies;

the committee to assess the need for amendment to the club’s constitution and report its findings to members by no later than 31 March 2009, with a view to advising any change, should it be required, in time for consideration by the club’s annual general meeting in May 2009; and

the members services subcommittee to collect information on the impact and effect of the use of “Canberra Masters Athletics” and to report its findings to members in October 2008 and March 2009.

Background and rationale: The Members Services Subcommittee would like to see the club and the committee taking initiatives to move towards a name change from Veterans to Masters, with any constitutional changes put to the members at the 2009 AGM of the club. Even if we were still to retain “Veterans” as our official club name we would like to be known as “Masters” for all activities including publicity and promotion, and we would like to see things put into place now for the transition to “Masters”. The reason we request this move is so that we can attract younger people to join the club; many younger people equate “Veterans” with “Old”, whereas “Masters” more accurately describes who we are. The change would also bring us into line with every other state club and with the AMA.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The club had a successful 2007-08. It had 589 members in December 2007 and healthy finances over the year. Members, working as part of an effective sub-committee system, conducted a full suite of stadia and ex-stadia programs over the course of the year, many new club records were established, and club members participated in national and international competitions. The Vetranner continued its outstanding publication of record for members, as well as for news and views, and the club's website grew in use and accessibility.

Importantly, 'fitness through fellowship' was a daily, weekly practice, with training groups, running groups, throwing groups and a host of social and other rewarding activities undertaken as part of, or associated with, the ACT Veterans Athletics Club. The acknowledgement that the club is greater than the sum of its parts only serves to enhance and magnify the contribution of countless and selfless hours given by individual members to make this 'club' a most rewarding but challenging experience.

The club's committee met 11 times over the past twelve months, and dealt with both the small and big-ish issues in a professional and timely manner. As an athletics club, we need venues for performance and competitions, and we need rules that provide all with a fair go, and we need resources to operate our programs in a safe and clear way. This involves the club in national and international considerations, as well as local and personal considerations. Public liability Insurance, for instance, was a big issue in 2007-0. The Australian Masters Athletics Inc, the national body representing athletes 30 years and older, withdrew its coverage to the club due to Australian Athletics policy changes. To continue our hire of venues the club has contracted public liability insurance in its own right. The committee also arbitrated on rules for point scores at handicap events so that all participants competed equally. The committee was conscientious in its trustee role in using members' funds, including in the purchase of new equipment and in improving the Masson Street throwers facility.

What will the club look like in 5, 10, 15 years? Does it matter? In 2008, M/W55 has the biggest number of members, so if the club continues 'as is', its biggest number of members in 2023 may well be M/W70. Experience (aka 'Age') can convey wisdom, but there can be countervailing tendencies, including, in context, 'ambition', 'energy' and 'vision'. There may be no foregone answers to any questions about the club in 15 years time, but equally, there is no guarantee there will even be a club in 2023. If we believe there should be a club in 2023, we perhaps should talk about you believe will give the club 'sustainability' for the next five years, and the five years after that, and so on.

As the ACT community matures into its post industrial future, there is every likelihood that the athletic opportunities our club provides are associated with individual health and well-being, these being pre-eminent community objectives. Sport, physical activity and recreation in the ACT provide many economic, social and health benefits. As a community we make no greater investment than in our health and well-being. Sport itself is continually evolving and changing to provide recreational and social alternatives to a dynamic and demanding market. Can we tap into the community's appetite for recreational health? And be planning our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023?

Other reports detail specific aspects of the clubs' program over the past year, matters underway and challenges. The club, the collective 'you', has delivered on its undertaking to members, the extremely individual 'you', for their engagements in handicapped walking and running, in track and field, and in throws. Just as there's always the next comp, or tomorrow's event, the club's committee rarely, if ever, regards established practice as incapable of change.

The rewards accruing from and to the experience of being the titular head (aka President) of an active voluntary athletics club are self evident. Having the honour and obligation of assisting in facilitating the club's business, primarily these involve association with service to members through stadia and ex-stadia athletic programs delivered by other knowledgeable and committed members, passionate about doing it right! It also includes attending well patronised events, knowing the club has a good sized membership, and hearing stories of enjoyment and experiences from members achieving 'PBs', and many travelling 'the world' in good company to do it. Well may they continue!

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The ACTVAC Committee has continued to operate smoothly throughout the year due to the dedicated work of the various subcommittees and numerous other volunteers who are vital for the effective functioning of a club with such a large membership.

- Key issues considered and activities noted by the Committee during 2007-08 included:
- Raising over \$750 as part of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea that was conducted in conjunction with the 2007 May Run/Walk Handicaps and coordinated by Rosemary Parker;
- Supporting Sue Dowling to undertake a Level 1 Track and Field Coaching course;
- Purchasing the storage container for the throwers' equipment at Masson Street after a successful 3 month trial and repainting by Richard Hilhorst following a graffiti attack;
- Stuart Reid's resignation as the Club Handicapper and the appointment of Alan Duus as the new Handicapper;
- Supporting members to undertake training as officials. This activity was coordinated by Rosemary Parker;
- Purchasing a third laptop computer;
- The successful grant application worth \$14,000 per year for the next 3 years from the ACT Government;
- Changing the website hosting to coolrunning. This task was handled seamlessly by the Club's hardworking Webmaster Stuart Reid;
- Alice Scott's resignation as Chair of the Competition Subcommittee following another successful track and field season and the appointment of Paul Considine as the new Chair;
- The successful running of ACTVAC events and championships;
- The continuation of a professionally produced Vetranner that is expertly coordinated by the editor Narelle Blackaby with regular contributions from a number of members;
- Organising separate insurance cover for ACTVAC events. The need for this arose following AMA's decision on insurance that would have required ACTVAC to become affiliated with ACT Athletics to maintain insurance cover; and
- Production of the AGM report by Narelle Blackaby.

Issues for the incoming Committee to consider are:

- Subcommittee structures;
- The need for anti-doping and member protection policies that are required as part of the ACT Government grant;
- ACTVAC publicity;
- Membership numbers, ways to attract new members generally and new members under 45 years of age;
- How to better organise the collection of membership funds (renewal and new) at ACTVAC events;
- Database upgrade with the provision of email capability;
- Improved investment returns on existing ACTVAC funds; and
- Dealing with AMA's requests for access to ACTVAC's database and ensuring that the Club's privacy policy is not breached.

As at 31 December 2007 (end of membership year), ACTVAC had 589 members.

### ACTVAC Committee Meeting Attendance\*

Name	Meetings Attended
Christopher Lang (President)	10
Rosemary Parker (Vice-President)	9
Audrey Gormley^ (Treasurer)	7^
Rod Lynch (Secretary)	11
Marian Blake (Member)	6
Peter Cullen (Member)	8
Roger Pilkington (Member)	5
Geoff Sims (Member)	8
Jack Thackray (Member)	11
Craig Wisdom (Member)	8
<b>Committee meetings held</b>	<b>11</b>

\*From June 2007 until May 2008.

^Appointed 29 July 2007. Maximum possible attendance was 9.

Will Foster attended 2 meetings as the Acting Treasurer.

Rod Lynch

# TREASURER'S REPORT 2007-2008

I am pleased to advise that the ACT Veterans Athletics Club continues to enjoy a very healthy financial position. The accounts for 2007-2008 Financial Period disclose an operating surplus of **\$6,168.22** and as a consequence, the Members' Equity (i.e. the Club's worth) has grown to **\$100,323.60**.

## Performance against Budget during the financial period

A surplus was achieved of \$6,168.22, compared to an anticipated deficit of \$9,575. The prime reasons for this are.

## Revenue

Revenue was \$128 less than budget mainly due to extra revenue from bank interest (\$1,579) and the Half Marathon (\$896) being offset by lower than anticipated revenues from Memberships (1,759), the track & Field (\$643) and donations (\$588).

## Expenses

Expenses were \$15,871 less than budgeted mainly due to the following

- a. Nothing was expended on developing and maintaining the Club's website during the period compared to \$8,000 budgeted for these activities.
- b. Most expenditure (with the exception of equipment maintenance and insurance) were significantly under budget
- c. Equipment Maintenance was \$1500 over budget mainly due to work done on Masson Street for the winter throwing championships. Lasts years report referred to this in the proposed capital expenditure section. As we do not own Masson St we cannot capitalise the expenditure. Insurance was purchased for \$2,200. This had not been budgeted for as the Club was previously covered by the AMA policy.

## Proposed Budget 2008-09

The proposed budget for 2008-09 is primarily based on the following factors:

- a. Membership fees remaining at their current level;
- b. Actual Expenses, in general increasing by 12.5% due to anticipated price rises in the next year;
- c. \$4,000 being budgeted for the development of the Club's website; and \$2,500 being budgeted for Insurance because the Club is no longer covered by the AMA policy.

An operating deficit of **\$12,659** is anticipated

Please note that purchases/sales of clothing merchandise and purchase of new equipment are not included in the budget as these items are "asset" items, and therefore, appear in the Club's Balance Sheet at the end of each financial year, rather than in the Profit and Loss Statement. It is proposed for the Club to spend \$2,000 on purchasing throwing equipment (discus, shot, javelin, and hammer) and \$500 on track equipment (Starters equipment).

While the proposed budget represents the anticipated expenditure for the next financial year it does not defer an automatic right to spend money. All expenditure needs to be approved by the main committee of the club before it is undertaken and 3 quotes should be obtained if significant work is to be done to ensure the Club gets a competitive price.

## **Appreciation**

I would like to thank **Richard Hilhorst** for his outstanding contribution during the year. Not alone did he do a huge amount of work banking cash, processing credit cards and maintaining books and records but he also found time to paint the container at Masson St to cover the Graffiti the Turner residents found disturbing. Without Richard I could not possibly have done this job so thank you very much

I would also like to thank the auditor, **Ian Bowden** (a club member and PNA) for his comprehensive examination of the Club's accounts and his generous advice and guidance.

Lastly I would like to thank **Peter Cullen** for the endless cups of peppermint tea and chocolate he delivered as I poured over the computer late at night each month balancing the books.

## **Recommendations**

I recommend that Club members:

- a. Approve the acceptance of the accounts for 2007-08 as presented. Detailing an Operating Surplus of \$6,168.22 and a revised Members' Equity of \$100,323.60; and
- b. Approve the acceptance of the indicative Budget proposed for 2008-09, which anticipates an Operating Deficit of \$12,659 the period, based on Membership Fees being maintained at their current level.

Audrey Gormley  
Treasurer  
May 2008

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2008**

	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Commonwealth Bank	\$ 53,748.47	\$ 13,004.96
St George	<u>\$ 19,853.85</u>	<u>\$ 62,208.40</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 73,602.32</b>	<b>\$ 75,213.36</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Masson Street	\$ 382.22	\$ 324.89
AIS Shed	<u>\$ 812.66</u>	<u>\$ 690.76</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u><b>\$ 1,194.88</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,015.65</b></u>
<b>SPORTING AND OTHER EQUIPMENT</b>		
Sporting Equipment	\$ 4,524.10	\$ 5,345.23
Other Equipment	\$ 9,558.94	\$ 11,343.86
Computer Equipment	<u>\$ 3,884.87</u>	<u>\$ 3,693.26</u>
Total Equipment	<u><b>\$ 17,967.91</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 20,382.35</b></u>
<b>UNIFORMS</b>		
Purchases	\$ 5,667.50	\$ 6,678.50
Sales	\$ 2,699.40	\$ 1,721.90
Stock Revalue	<u>\$ (2,674.00)</u>	<u>\$ (1,291.00)</u>
	<u>\$ 985.60</u>	<u>\$ (6.30)</u>
Total Uniform etc	<u><b>\$ 6,678.50</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 7,103.10</b></u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 99,443.61</b>	<b>\$103,714.46</b>
<b>LESS LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Creditors</b>	<b>\$ 5,288.23</b>	<b>\$ 3,390.86</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>\$ 94,155.38</b></u>	<b>\$100,323.60</b>
<b>MEMBERSY' EQUITY</b>		
Members Equity as at 31 March 2007		\$ 94,155.38
<i>PLUS Operating Surplus 2007-08</i>		<u>\$ 6,168.22</u>
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY as at 31 March 2008</b>		<b>\$100,323.60</b>

**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008**

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Grants	\$14,000.00	Administration Expenses	\$ 2,404.50
Donations	\$ 912.40	Vetrunner (Printing & Distribution)	\$ 8,940.24
Membership Fees	\$15,241.00	Bank Charges	\$ 376.18
Bank Account Interest		On Line Membership Facility Fees	\$ 347.79
St George	\$ 2,354.55	Trophies/Medals/Engraving	\$ 1,555.70
CBA	<u>\$ 424.36</u>	AMA Capitation Fees 2007/08	\$ 4,123.00
Uniform Stock Revalue	\$ 2,778.91	Insurance (Equipment)	\$ 661.72
Track and Field	\$ 5,365.75	Insurance - Public Liability etc	\$ 2,197.39
Run/Walk Handicaps	\$ 6,168.00	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 3,512.31
Throwing Handicaps	\$ 912.00	Handicap T Shirts	\$ 265.00
Special Events		Depreciation	\$ 4,661.46
Half Marathon	\$ 3,446.60	Track and Field	\$10,191.35
Sprint Marathon Relay	\$ 162.00	Run/Walk Handicaps	\$ 4,611.69
Track and Field Championships	\$ 1,991.35	Throwing Handicaps	\$ 729.35
Winter Throwing Championships	\$ 2,497.00	Uniform Stock decrease	\$ 6.30
Weight Penthalton	\$ 242.00	Special Events	
Cross Country Championships	<u>\$ 175.00</u>	Half Marathon	\$ 560.56
		Sprint Marathon Relay	\$ 102.00
		Track and Field Championships	\$ 2,002.45
		Winter Throwing Championships	\$ 373.80
		Weight Penthalton	
		Cross Country Championships	\$ 20.00
		Womens and Girls	<u>\$ 81.00</u>
			<u>\$47,723.79</u>
		Operating Surplus	<u>\$ 6,168.22</u>

**PROPOSED BUDGET 2008-09**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Grants	\$ 14,000.00	Administration Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Donations	\$ 1,000.00	Vetrunner(Printing & Distribution)	\$ 10,000.00
Membership Fees	\$ 15,250.00	Bank Charges (incl Register Now)	\$ 750.00
Bank Account Interest	\$ 3,000.00	Trophies/Medals/Engraving	\$ 4,960.00
Track & Field (Incl Champs)	\$ 6,950.00	Handicap T Shirts	\$ 1,080.00
Run/Walk Handicap	\$ 6,600.00	AMA Capitation Fees 2007/08	\$ 4,200.00
Throwing Handicap	\$ 960.00	Insurance (Equipment)	\$ 700.00
Special Events		Insurance	\$ 2,500.00
Half Marathon	\$ 2,550.00	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00
Winter Throwing Champs	\$ 2,300.00	Website Maintenance	\$ 290.00
Sprint Marathon Relay	\$ 150.00	Website Development	\$ 4,000.00
Weight Pentathlon	\$ 240.00	Depreciation	\$ 5,000.00
Cross Country Champs	\$ 200.00	Track & Field (incl Champs)	\$ 14,000.00
		Run/Walk Handicaps	\$ 6,175.00
	\$ 53,200.00	Throwing Handicaps	\$ 674.00
		<b>Special Events</b>	
		Half Marathon	\$ 2,230.00
		Winter Throwing Championships	\$ 2,000.00
		Sprint Marathon Relay	\$ 200.00
		Weight Penth	\$ -
		Womens and Girls	\$ 100.00
		Cross Country Champs	\$ -
			\$ 65,859.00
		Anticipated Surplus/Deficit	\$ (12,659.00)

**PERFORMANCE AGAINST BUDGET 2007-2008**

<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Grants	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	Administration Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$ 2,404.50
Donations	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 912.40	Vetrunner (Printing & Distribution)	\$10,000.00	\$ 8,940.24
Membership Fees	\$17,000.00	\$15,241.00	Bank Charges (incl Register Now)	\$ 750.00	\$ 723.97
Bank Account Interest	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,778.91	Trophies/Medals/Engraving	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,555.70
Track & Field (Incl Champs)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,357.10	Handicap T Shirts	\$ 500.00	\$ 265.00
Run/Walk Handicap	\$ 6,270.00	\$ 6,168.00	AMA Capitation Fees 2007/08	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,123.00
Throwing Handicap	\$ 850.00	\$ 912.00	Insurance (Equipment)	\$ 600.00	\$ 661.72
Special Events			Insurance	\$ -	\$ 2,197.39
Half Marathon	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 3,446.60	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,512.31
Winter Throwing Champs	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,497.00	Website Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Sprint Marathon Relay	\$ 150.00	\$ 162.00	Website Development	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -
Weight Pentathlon	\$ 200.00	\$ 242.00	Depreciation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,661.46
Cross Country Champs	\$ -	\$ 175.00	Track & Field (incl Champs)	\$12,450.00	\$12,193.80
	<u>\$54,020.00</u>	<u>\$53,892.01</u>	Run/Walk Handicaps	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 4,611.69
			Throwing Handicaps	\$ 750.00	\$ 729.35
			Uniform Revalue	\$ 6.30	
			Special Events		
			Half Marathon	\$ 1,770.00	\$
560.56			Winter Throwing Championships	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 373.80
			Sprint Marathon Relay	\$ 175.00	\$ 102.00
			Weight Pentathlon	\$ 100.00	\$ -
			Womens and Girls	\$ 100.00	\$ 81.00
			Cross Country Champs	\$ -	\$ 20.00
				<u>\$63,595.00</u>	<u>\$47,723.79</u>
			Anticipated Deficit	<u>\$ (9,575.00)</u>	
			Actual Surplus	<u>\$ 6,168.22</u>	

**COMMONWEALTH BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31 MARCH 2008**

Balance as per Bank Statement as at 31 March 2008

**Commonwealth Bank**

Closing balance (as per statement dated 31 March 2008)

**\$18,711.46**

Plus Receipts not yet banked

\$ 585.00**\$19,296.46**

Less unrepresented cheques (3)

\$ 6,291.50**Reconciled Cash Account (as at 31 March 2008)****\$13,004.96**

During the we transferred \$40,000 to our **St George Investment Account**. We did not draw on this account and with interest received during the year of **\$2,354.55** the balance is now **\$62,208.40**.

# Auditor's Report



## Audit Statement

### Forward:

I have been requested by Audrey Gornley, Treasurer, ACTVAC, to examine the books and financial records, and the prepared Financial Statements of the Club, and to form an opinion as to whether those Statements reflect a true and fair indication of the Club's operations and financial position as at 31 March 2008.

Accordingly, I have examined the records, tested a sample of both receipt and payment transactions, verified the bank reconciliation, verified asset depreciation calculations, and checked the figures presented in the Statements. As in past years, due to the nature of the transactions, I have not been able to fully verify the complete accuracy of cash receipts from events.

### Audit Opinion:

I state that it is my professional opinion that the Financial Statements included in this Annual Report do give a true and fair indication of the operating result for the year ending 31 March 2008, and of the financial position of the Club as at 31 March 2008.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian R. Bowden', is written over a dotted line.

Ian R. Bowden.

PNA Member No. 112536

Date *13 May 2008*



## Sub-Committee Reports

### 2007-2008 Sub-committee Report for ACTVAC Equipment Sub-committee

- It has been another busy time for this subcommittee – not only have we been making headway with equipment purchases, repairs and ground maintenance, but we are at this point in time handing over the sub-committee responsibilities to the main committee, until a new volunteer can take-over.
- Raylea Rudov has been involved with care of equipment for the last four to five years and I have been involved for about 8 years.
- In that time we have managed to maintain 2 sets of equipment – for the AIS and Masson Street, as well as keeping the replacement costs to a minimum. With the addition of a large container now located at Masson Street, we have cut out travelling costs for those who had to tow the throwing gear. The trailer is however an asset we should keep.
- The container has been fitted out very well with all our needs taken into consideration – we have John Parker & Trish Thomas to thank for this. A big thankyou must go to all those involved with the refacing of the container – we are looking for an artist to make it more fitting if you know of anyone!!
- The grounds at Masson St have also had some levelling work conducted on them to make more of the area available to throw on as well as to allow an extra slab of concrete to be put down to extend the javelin run-up from 10m to 20m. This has proved most helpful and we are now waiting on assistance to lay more permanent rubber on this concreted area – in time for the 2008 Winter Throwing Championships.
- Before Raylea and I finish, we are in the process of organising to have the hammer cage repaired – this is a major job as not only are we coping with the furious speed that a hammer can hit the cage, but the public seem to find the caged areas an excellent place to practice: golf, cricket, baseball, softball and soccer. Hard to compete with them!!!
- There are also some old concrete circles in the previous area that we could utilise in the area we now have – that again will take some negotiating to get.
- I wish all the best to the new sub-committee and I will be there to help if needed.

Keep on throwin'.

Jayne Hardy

## 2008 Annual Report – Competition Sub-Committee

What a persistent and talented bunch of athletes we have in this club. Despite my well deserved reputation as a Thursday Rainmaker together with the track not being ready and other nuisance matters, they performed brilliantly as you will see in Neil's report. The average attendance was down on last year's record numbers but with the abovementioned problems and a thereby shortened season of 18 weeks this was not a great surprise.

We were very impressed with the response to our email track and field survey at the end of the season and with the attendance and enthusiasm of those who came to the Southern Cross Club to give their opinions and ideas. I believe all the ideas were included in the program as well as we were able. The joint meetings with AACT were well attended by the Vets this year and are I believe still popular evenings.

Once again Ian Colquhoun of AACT put together some training days for officials, and jointly with Rosemary Parker organised a couple of very successful sessions. I cannot tell you the exact number who sat the exams, but definitely more than have sat in our previous effort. I know that this has inspired some of us to go on to further training and qualifying which can only be of benefit to the club.

Although such a short season, our demand for volunteers always outstrips the numbers available. Thanks to all those who attended so willingly – some lending a hand on several occasions. Our regulars, John Suiter, Mike Adler, Doug Fry, Linda Taylor and Jane McGlew gave invaluable help as usual. As you all know Doug had to absent himself due to illness during the season and Linda and Jayne managed magnificently in his absence. Mike Adler really is hanging up his starting pistols this season after 15 years as club starter. We have been very fortunate to have Mike give us his time for so long, but sooner or later we must learn to stand on our own feet. A few of us have been taking a lesson in starting so that eventually the job can be shared and not be such a bind on one person. Thank you Mike.

At the joint Championships this year we agreed to provide 40% of the volunteers for the three days. I am happy to report that on a couple of days our Vets filled 50% of the positions. As well as handling medal presentations for all the clubs, Val Chesterton and her team provided all the meals for officials and volunteers. Over 100 athletes entered about 340 events overall.

My gratitude and thanks to the members of the competition committee: Kevin Chamberlain, Val Chesterton, Cory Collins, Jayne Hardy Garry Maher, Robin Whyte, Jack Thackray our committee rep and latterly Paul Considine. Paul has already taken over the position of Competition Director upon my retirement at the end of the season with great enthusiasm and energy. I wish him and the committee the greatest success.

Alice Scott  
Former Competition Director  
May 2008

## REPORT ON ACTVAC UNIFORM SALES FOR 2007/2008

Sales of club uniform items in 2007/2008 totalled \$1,290 compared with \$2,691 in the 2006/2007 financial year.

There was very little demand for uniform items prior to the AMA National Championships this financial year and this would have contributed to the decrease in sales although this would not be the only reason.

Bucket hats which were introduced to our uniform stock last financial year continue to sell well. These hats are manufacturers' stock items that we have personalised with our logo.

Purchases in 2007/2008 were valued at \$1,576 compared with \$3,718 in the previous financial year. (These figures include the costs of fabric and logos etc that were purchased in bulk in previous years.)

Our uniform supplier, Action Sportswear, has recently advised that there will be a price increase when we next place an order. It has also advised that we should start considering using manufacturers' stock items and having them personalised with the Club's logos, due to the increasing labour costs for locally made to order products.

Action Sportswear has indicated its reluctance to continue making our present uniform range due to small orders not being worth its time to make. Because we currently have such a large range of uniform items, often our orders only include one or two units of some styles/sizes. It is much more efficient to manufacture large runs of items.

Whilst having our own distinctive club uniform is the preferred option, it may not be feasible to continue this way in the future.

Rosemary and Bob Parker  
Uniform Officers

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2008

## ANNUAL REPORT of AWARDS SUB-COMMITTEE for 2007-08

The Awards sub-committee, established April 2001, aims to identify members worthy of consideration for our prestigious “club-person” type of awards that recognize and acknowledge outstanding service.

Current members of the sub-committee are – Bryan Thomas (chair), John Alcock, Cory Collins, Mick Horan, Frank Nugent, Maureen Rossiter and Margaret Taylor.

### **Contributions made by the sub-committee in 2007-08 have been:**

1. **Described all annual club awards**, their history, criteria and previous recipients in *Vetrunner* at least the month prior to being presented.
2. **Promoted presentations** of *End of Year* and *Track and Field* awards by regular announcements and displaying notice boards.
3. **End of Year Trophies.** Selected recipients, prepared secret citations for announcing winners and citations published in *Vetrunner* for both the *Encouragement Award* (2007 winner Stuart Reid) and the *Clohessy Trophy* (2007 winner John Parker).

### **Track and Field Awards.**

- (a). Invited Neil Boden (statistician), John Hunt and Trish Thomas to select the 2007-08 winners of the *Fristad Awards* for track and field excellence.
- (b). Selected recipients, prepared secret citations for announcing winners and citations published in *Vetrunner* for both the *Heart Foundation Trophy* (2008 winner Michael Roche) and the *Johnson Trophy* for track and field club person of the season (2008 winner Alice Scott).

5. **Annual AMA Awards.** Bryan Thomas and Neil Boden (statistician) submitted to committee recommendations of members worthy of nomination for annual AMA track and field awards announced at AMA Championships.

**Nominated “Masters Sportspersons of Month”.** Identified outstanding performers for nomination for Clubs ACT Sportstar of the Year Awards (all sports eligible). W50 Kathy Southgate (June 2007), Jackie Fairweather (January and April 2008) and Rad Leovic (March 2008).

Bryan Thomas (chair).

## Handicap Subcommittee Report to the AGM 19 May 2008

Participation in the year from April 07 to March 08 was marginally up on last year. Details are in the table below.

	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Frylink</b>	<b>Waddell</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Men</b>	742	254	191	1187
<b>Women</b>	422	291	182	895
<b>Total</b>	1164	545	373	2082
<b>Last year</b>	1128	523	423	2074

We have used the same set of courses as previously. However, there will be changes in the future as the redevelopment of the suburb of Molonglo proceeds. We expect to eventually lose the Parkway and Bluetts Pines courses. We are investigating alternatives including Goorooyaroo, West Stromlo, Stromlo Forest Park, and one at Nicholls that the Cross Country Club will be using during the year. We are always open to suggestions, and members are invited to submit proposals.

The club is now paying St Johns Ambulance to attend the monthly handicaps. Their presence is most welcome, and they will undoubtedly get to use their skills from time to time.

The Subcommittee is developing an IT emergency plan, so that expertise in running the software is not confined to one expert.

Getting enough volunteers to maintain the current level of activity in the monthly handicaps is an on-going problem. Some club members have not been volunteering for rostered duty. The club Committee has recently endorsed a proposal whereby there are no exemptions from rostered duty, except for those who are on duty at every event (including for example fruit and tea/coffee catering, the new and changed starters table, briefers of recorders and timekeepers, child minding, support to organizer and course setter, PortaLoo). Together with the new rule that no member can accrue more than 10 events in a year we hope we have an answer to this problem.

The club uses a unique scoring system (AST%) based on published world records for running and walking events in all age groups for both men and women. In January each year we update our system to include the most recent world records. This year we included 15 new records that were posted during 2007.

## Member Services Sub-Committee (MSSC) Report 2007-08

### **Membership Cards**

Membership cards were produced for 2007 and for 2008 and progressively distributed to ACTVAC members at organised meets, or mailed out.

### **Surveys of Members**

A survey of what members would like to see on the website was conducted during the year with some interesting ideas put forward. The MSSC has included or will include a number of these on a website update. A member survey relating to the monthly handicaps was also conducted during the year with the results passed to the Handicap Sub-committee to take into account when setting future events.

### **Welcoming New Starters**

MSSC members made a point of seeking out and greeting new participants at Track and Field on Thursday evenings and monthly Handicap events. An information sheet was provided to all new members and prospective members, replacing the New Members' Kit.

### **Encouraging New Membership**

The MSSC this year produced an attractive flyer for distribution at many organised events including the Women's and Girls' Fun Run, monthly Jogalong, and other Cross Country Club events, as well as at the Veterans' Half Marathon. Flyers were also distributed around a number of workplaces, health clubs and gymnasiums. Response to these was very encouraging and reprints were required (a big thanks to Ruth for doing these).

The MSSC has been actively promoting ACTVAC as an attractive option for younger athletes (under 45 year olds) wanting to continue their participation in the sport. Discussion within the MSSC and amongst other ACTVAC members has prompted a range of ideas to promote a refreshed image of ACTVAC including a name change from 'Veterans' to Masters', changes to current uniforms (ie material used, colours, smart lightweight caps) and maybe a redesigned logo.

The MSSC proposed a 'Come and Try It' day for September or October 08 as a way of encouraging new membership.

### **Letters Encouraging Members to Renew**

Reminder letters are in the pipeline to go out to last year's members who have not renewed their memberships. The MSSC will be seeking reasons for non-renewals and look at rectifying any areas that are 'turning people off' renewing, as a way of steadying declining membership.

### **Other Activities**

The MSSC provided Vetranner Editor (Narelle Blackaby) with a list of what needs to be included in our monthly magazine. Narelle and her team are to be congratulated on a job well done during the year. The MSSC was asked to comment on a 'bulk email facility' for the ACTVAC.

### **Subcommittee members**

Many thanks to the following members of the MSSC for their participation and contributions this year - Ruth, Rachelle, Peter, Don, Roger and Phill

Geoff Moore  
Chair

## 2007-08 Annual Report – Records Officer/Statistician

ACTVAC members participated in a range of athletic competitions conducted by our wonderful volunteers during the reporting period including weekly Track & Field meets at the AIS, monthly Run/Walk and Throwing handicaps, annual Half Marathon, Sprint Marathon, T&F Championships and Cross Country Championships. Members also traveled to the Australasian Masters Games in Adelaide, the AMA National Championships in Blacktown (NSW) and Rad Leovic and Ken Telfer became our very representatives at WMA Indoor Championships when they traveled to France in March 2008. Several of our athletes also enjoyed success on the professional running circuit with Kevin Matthews, Michael Rutter and John Lamb joining regular club 'pro' Ken Telfer at several regional venues in NSW.

The 2007-08 T&F season was dogged by wet weather, particularly in the pre-Xmas period, and the drop in numbers was reflected in the season average of around 75 per meet. However while numbers were down performances were excellent with almost 100 ACTVAC and 16 Australian individual and relay records broken or established.

The highlights of the year included:

- Rad Leovic breaking or establishing an amazing thirty (30) records, including several Australian records, in his first season in the M80 age group. His performances, and endurance, continued to astound as he traveled to France in March 2008 and set a further ten (10) Australian Indoor records.
- Jackie Fairweather, who only joined the club in January 2008, breaking the W40 World Record in the 1 Hour Run and then in April she not only won the Canberra Marathon (2:46.01) but went on to win the 50km Ultra event. This latter performance created a W40 World Record.
- Trevor Jacobs finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2007 M55 World Short Course Mountain Running Championships in Germany just two weeks after a 3<sup>rd</sup> placing the Long Course event in Switzerland. He was selected in the Australian team again in 2008 where he finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the M55 Long Course event in England;
- Leo Kennedy's individual performance at the 2008 Nationals where he won the M50 60m, 100m and 200m events and in doing so broke one AMA Championship record (60m) and two ACT records;
- Jayne Hardy breaking a total of twelve (12) W45 ACT and Australian Records;
- Jan Banens breaking a total of six (6) W65 ACT and Australian Records;
- Consistently outstanding performances from our Throwers, many at world class level, particularly W65 Jan Banens, W45 Sharon Gibbons, W45 Jayne Hardy and M60 Ray Green.
- M45 Bruce Graham, in his first season at Vets T&F, performing brilliantly in all track events from 1500m to 10000m and winning the Pennington Series as the best middle distance runner in the club. In April he finished in the top 10 at the Canberra Marathon running a superb time of 2:36.40.

Very successful combined ACTVAC/AACT T&F Championships, highlighted by great weather, excellent performances by Vets athletes, and great support from a large contingent of Vets officials and volunteers.

Neil Boden  
ACTVAC Records Officer/Statistician  
9 May 2008

## THROWING HANDICAPS

Throughout the year we conducted 10 monthly handicaps (Feb through to Nov) at the Masson St, Turner, throwing field. Fine weather predominated for all handicaps. During the last reporting year we have increased our numbers competing on a regular basis.

- We are now averaging 33 per competition, an increase of 2.6
- In season 2006/07 two 150 HCP tops and two 100 HCP shirts were awarded.
- The Club's computer is used to calculate the winners at the monthly handicaps and particular thanks are extended to Stuart Reid for his work in fine tuning the results process.
- Thanks are extended to Richard Hilhorst for painting the Club's container at Masson St. This container is proving to be a great asset with nearly all members confident of packing and unpacking the container.
- Thanks to Bjarne Kragh from Southside Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic for his continued sponsorship of our handicaps, with a fine bottle of red wine each month.
- Thanks are extended to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canberra Scout Association for the continued use of their hall, particularly the toilets.
- Our scheduled duty roster is working well with many members pitching in to assist Jayne, Raylea, Trish and rostered members each month. Many thanks to Jayne and Raylea who, month in and month out, work hard to assist the rostered members set up and pack up for the handicap competition
- Many thanks to our photographer, Tanya Colyer for the great photos she continues to take.

Particular thanks to our informal committee of Bryan, Jayne, Raylea, Jen and Wendy, for their continued assistance throughout the past year.

Trish Thomas  
Organiser and Handicapper

## Administration and Finance

The sub-committee on Administration and Finance did not meet throughout the year. The Committee does not have a separate convener, after retirement of a former committee liaison member, George Kubitsky, who also performed that role by default. Relevant matters were handled through the main committee and its nominated liaison member, Geoff Sims. Geoff was also nominated as the Committee member responsible for governance matters. The issues during 2007-08 were:

Anti-doping policy. The club has deferred to the AMA's position on anti-doping. All members received information about anti-doping obligations, printed in the AMA's Handbook. A more specific ACTVAC policy is desirable, and would better meet the ACT Government's requirements for its triennial funding agreement. This remains a matter for attention in the coming year.

Privacy policy. The ACTVAC policy was promulgated by the previous year's committee. Agreement was reached during 2007-08 on a statement to be included on club application and event entry forms, pointing to the existence of the policy and how a member can obtain access. A privacy-related issue arose as a result of an AMA council decision in favour of establishing a national database to hold information about individual members of AMA member associations. The Committee decided not to provide its members' details, relying on the ACTVAC privacy policy, supported by concerns about the adequacy of the AMA's privacy policy and the belief that its objectives for a national database could be met without requiring supply of personal details for all members. Discussions with the AMA on its privacy policy issue are continuing.

Sponsorship policy. The committee requested development of a sponsorship policy to clarify the interests of both the club and its sponsors. This remains to be done. A note in Vetranner reminded members to show their membership card when purchasing products or services that attract sponsor discounts and donations to the club.

ACT Government Triennial Funding. A review by the government of funding arrangements for sporting organisations led to a change in its process for managing grants. ACTVAC was represented at a case management meeting in April, which included representatives from Athletics ACT and ACT Little Athletics. The purpose of the meeting, which will be an annual event, is for ACT Sport and Recreation officials to review how funded organisations' activities and policies relate to the government's policies for sport, and to agree on goals for the forthcoming period. Following the most recent meeting, ACTVAC has been asked to participate with other athletics bodies in the preparation of a case to government for an ACT track and field facility.

Geoff Sims

# MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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## ACTVAC Annual General Meeting Minutes 21 May 2007

Minutes of the AGM held on 21 May 2007 at Western District Rugby Union Club, Catchpole Street, Macquarie, ACT.

**Chair:** Geoff Sims (President), Will Foster (Treasurer), Rod Lynch (Secretary).

**Present:** See Attachment A.

### Welcome

Meeting opened at 7.40pm and Geoff Sims welcomed those members in attendance.

### Apologies

See Attachment B.

### Adoption of Agenda

The draft Agenda as circulated was accepted by consensus.

Kathy Sims and Marian Blake were nominated and elected as the official tellers for the AGM.

### Minutes of 2006 AGM

The 2006 draft AGM minutes were read to the meeting by the Secretary.

Motion: The 2006 AGM minutes be accepted as a true record.

Moved: John Hunt. Seconded: Alice Scott.

Trish Thomas asked about the use of ACTVAC funds for items such as the AMA Nationals. Will Foster (Treasurer) agreed that the funds were for member activities and that any use for the AMA Nationals was as a contingency only.

The motion was carried.

### Reports

#### President's Report

Geoff Sims presented the President's Report.

Motion: The President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Alice Scott. Seconded: Ken White.

There were no questions from the floor and the motion was carried.

#### Secretary's Report

Rod Lynch presented the Secretary's Report.

Motion: The Secretary's Report be accepted.

Moved: Trish Thomas. Seconded: Robin Whyte.

Dave Mackenzie asked how much the ACT Government annual triennial bonus was worth? Will Foster answered that it was around \$2000.

John Hunt emphasised that the KPIs still had to be met in order to receive the annual grant from the ACT Government.

The motion was carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Will Foster presented the Treasurer's report.

Motion: The Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Jack Thackray. Seconded: Tony Booth.

Peter Cullen commented that the Treasurer's Report was very comprehensive.

Trish Thomas asked about the ACTVAC website being changed to the coolrunning website and was this true? Geoff Sims answered that the ACTVAC website was to be hosted by coolrunning, but people would be logging onto the ACTVAC website. Stuart Reid confirmed that there would be no change to the look of the ACTVAC website log on.

Alice Scott congratulated the Committee on the ACTVAC website.

Roger Abbott asked whether there was a need for a new large timing clock? Geoff Sims replied that the issue would be looked at by the relevant subcommittee.

Bryan Thomas commented that he was pleased to hear about the return of members from previous years and asked if there was a reason? Will Foster noted that writing to non-members/previous members who had entered the ACTVAC half marathon had resulted in attracting new memberships.

The motion was carried.

Motion: The proposed 2007-08 budget be accepted.

Moved: Val Chesterton. Seconded: Mario Larocca.

John Hunt noted that \$500 had been allocated for run/walk handicap t-shirts and thought that the Club already had supplies. Will Foster answered that 250 run/walk handicap t-shirts had not been purchased and there was also an allowance for throwing handicap t-shirts.

Alice Scott commented on the difference between the T&F income and expenditure and thought that income would increase with an increase in new members. Will Foster answered that the cost of hiring the AIS track had been going up each year and had allowed for another increase this year.

Craig Wisdom asked the following questions:

Why the decrease in medal expenditure? Will Foster answered that an excess had been purchased the previous year;

Why the 30% increase in the run/walk handicap expenditure? Will Foster

answered that he had allowed for a 10% increase in costs, plus increases in childcare costs and the cost of having St John Ambulance attend;  
 Why the 30% decrease in throwing handicap expenditure? Will Foster answered that with the new storage container and no need to transport the equipment each month, there would be a decrease in petrol costs;  
 Why the 50% increase in half marathon expenditure? Will Foster answered that the figures were provided by Bryan Thomas. Bryan Thomas commented that weather can have a significant impact on numbers and that conservative figures were used;  
 Why the increase in expenditure for the AMA Winter Throwing Championships? Will Foster answered that the increased expenditure was based on the possibility of needing to restock the supply of medals; and  
 Why the decrease in expenditure for the weight pentathlon? Will Foster answered decreased petrol costs as per throwing handicaps.

The motion was carried.

**Subcommittee and Other Reports**

The following Subcommittee and other Reports were noted and the President thanked each of the subcommittees and other officials for their contributions throughout the past year:

**Member Services.** Trish Thomas highlighted an alternative membership card that was thinner and more flexible than the existing ones. Geoff Sims commented that the Club had a supply of the existing cards, but consideration would be given to the alternative card when existing supplies were exhausted;

**Handicap;**

**Throwing Handicap;**

**Competition** which incorporated **Record Officer/Statistician Report.** Alice Scott congratulated Jack Thackray for winning the Masters of the Month. Dave Mackenzie congratulated the 'Golden Oldies' world record;

**Awards;**

**Equipment;** and

**Uniform Sales.**

**Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2007-08**

The following is the result of the election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2007-08.

**Patron**

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded	Elected
Jack Pennington	Alice Scott	John Hunt	Elected

**Public Officer**

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded	Elected
Chris Mahre	Alice Scott	Dave Mackenzie	Elected

**President**

Geoff Sims read an email from Christopher Land regarding his decision to stand for the President's position if nominated.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Tony Booth	Trish Thomas		Candidate declined nomination
Christopher Lang	Ken White	Geoff Moore	Elected

#### **Vice President**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Geoff Sims	Bryan Thomas		Candidate declined nomination
Craig Wisdom	Alice Scott		Candidate declined nomination
Roger Pilkington	Alice Scott		Candidate previously declined nomination
John Hunt	Peter Cullen		Candidate declined nomination
Stuart Reid	Craig Wisdom		Candidate declined nomination
Rosemary Parker	Stuart Reid	Alice Scott	Elected

#### **Secretary**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Rod Lynch	Trish Thomas	Alice Scott	Elected

#### **Treasurer**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Will Foster	Dave Mackenzie		Candidate declined nomination
Geoff Moore	Trish Thomas		Candidate declined nomination
Vacant			

Geoff Sims thanked Will Foster for his outstanding effort as Treasurer over the past 2 years.

Motion: That Will Foster be elected as interim Treasurer until a permanent Treasurer is nominated and elected.

Moved: Peter Cullen. Seconded: Ken White. Carried.

John Hunt suggested that the vacant Treasurer's position be brought to the attention of members at the next monthly run/walk handicap.

In the President's absence, the Vice-President (Rosemary Parker) chaired the election of the Committee.

**Committee**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Roger Pilkington	Ken White	Bryan Thomas	Elected. Candidate had previously indicated a willingness to continue as a Committee member
Craig Wisdom	Alice Scott	John Hunt	Elected
Geoff Sims	Trish Thomas	Tony Booth	Elected
George Kubitzky	Dave Mackenzie		Candidate previously declined nomination
Peter Cullen	Craig Wisdom	Brian Thomas	Elected
Jack Thackray	Kathy Sims	Marian Blake	Elected
Marian Blake	Will Foster	Ken White	Elected
Kathy Sims	Trish Thomas		Candidate declined nomination
Geoff Moore	Peter Cullen		Candidate declined nomination
Trish Thomas	Ken White		Candidate declined nomination

10 candidates were nominated for 6 positions. 4 Candidates declined and the remaining 6 were elected to the Committee.

**Special Resolution**

Given that the special resolution involved the Vice-President, the outgoing President (Geoff Sims) resumed as chair of the AGM. The following motion was received by the Committee and previously distributed to members:

Motion: That Rosemary Parker be declared a life member of the ACT Veterans Athletic Club.

Moved: Bryan Thomas on behalf of the Awards Subcommittee. Seconded: Greg O'Neill

Bryan Thomas spoke for the motion. Greg O'Neill also spoke for the motion. There were no speakers against the motion.

The motion was carried. The award of life membership was presented to Rosemary Parker by Geoff Sims.

**General Business**

There was no general business.

**Close**

The meeting closed at 9-45pm.

**ATTACHMENT A****ACTVAC Members Present at the AGM**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>
Roger	Abbott	Peter	Neill
Narelle	Blackaby	Greg	O'Neill
Nick	Blackaby	Bob	Parker
Marian	Blake	Rosemary	Parker
Tony	Booth	Stuart	Reid
Val	Chesterton	Raylea	Rudov
Peter	Cullen	Alice	Scott
Kevin	De Smet	Geoff	Sims
Will	Foster	Kathy	Sims
Michael	Freer	Graeme	Small
Jenny	Galvin	John	Suiter
Francis	Harris	Jack	Thackray
John	Hunt	Bryan	Thomas
Roy	Jones	Trish	Thomas
Mario	Larocca	Robin	Whyte
Rod	Lynch	Craig	Wisdom
Dave	Mackenzie	Christopher	Yardley
Geoff	Moore		

**ATTACHMENT B****Attendance Apologies from ACTVAC Members**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>
Steve	Appleby	Consie	Larmour
Cory	Collins	Rad	Leovic
Sue	Dowling	Beryl	Lowry
Alan	Duus	Peter	McDonald
Colin	Farlow	Maria	O'Reilly
Lynne	Foster	Roger	Pilkington
Jayne	Hardy	Monika	Short
Dave	Hobson	Ewen	Thompson
George	Kubitzky	Amanda	Walker
Christopher	Lang		

## **ACTVAC Special General Meeting Minutes 29 July 2007**

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 29 July 2007 at Mt Taylor, ACT, at the conclusion of the July Monthly Run/Walk Handicap.

**Chair:** Rosemary Parker (Acting President), Rod Lynch (Secretary).

**Present:** Those members who attended the Monthly Handicap event.

### **Welcome**

Meeting opened at 10.45am and Rosemary Parker advised members that as per the requirements of ACTVAC's Constitution and notice given in the last Vetranner, the Special General Meeting was being held to elect a Treasurer as the position was vacant and not filled at the recent AGM.

### **Election of Treasurer**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Audrey Gormley	Will Foster	Geoff Sims	Elected

No further nominations were received and the motion to elect Audrey Gormley as Treasurer was carried.

Rosemary Parker advised members that Richard Hilhorst would be assisting the Treasurer with collecting money at ACTVAC events and with banking activities.

### **Close**

The meeting closed at 10.55am.