

FORMER UWA ATHLETES NEWSLETTER

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1. FRIENDS OF UWA ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Friends of UWA Athletics was formed in late May/early June this year. This organisation was formed under the auspices of the Office of Development of UWA to raise funds through the Hackett Foundation for the following purposes :

1. Support for students in the form of scholarships and grants for students who are competing members of the UWA Athletics Club (UWAAC) and are enrolled at the University.
2. Support for the activities and needs of UWAAC, eg. equipment, and
3. To facilitate and support the recording and maintenance of the history of the Club, in print and/or electronically.

An invitation to make tax deductible donations to the Friends of UWA Athletics fund was posted in early June over the signatures of Colin O'Sullivan, Don Young and Dave Van Der Walt (President of UWAAC).

Subsequently a committee was formed consisting of Eric Isaachsen (Chairman), Colin O'Sullivan (Deputy Chairman), Don Young (Secretary), Shane Cassey (Treasurer) and Mike Galvin and Kon Kozak.

It is gratifying to report that the response so far has been excellent. A total of \$26,850 has been donated and a further \$12,250 pledged to be donated in future years. The list of donors is:

Principal Donors : Terry Allen, Mollie Dinham, John Down, Mike Galvin, Eric Isaachsen, Kon Kozak, Brian Oliver and Don Young.

Friends : Lindsay Allen, Mark Altus, Daniel Blue, Jon Buckeridge, Ed Carroll, Shane Cassey, Mark Crook, Jim Currigan, Jerry Ellis, Malcolm Hay, Huntley Higgins, Ken Kelsall, Victor Maslen, The Hon Justice Geoffrey Miller, David Norman, Robert Nunn, Kerry O'Connell, Gerard O'Neill, Colin O'Sullivan, Stuart Riddell, Phillip Smith, Glenn Stewart, Garry Tester, David van der Walt and Grahame Young.

The Friends committee has met twice since 30 June. It has approved payment of the first instalment of \$1000 (from a total fee of \$3000) to Jim Wieland for his out of pocket expenditure, over two years, in researching and writing a history of the Club.

Travel grants, each of \$250, have been given to Sam Maxwell and Thomas Bruins to assist them with their expenses in attending the Australian University Games at the Gold Coast in September.

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2. UWAAC WEBSITE

We have to thank UWA student and UWAAC committee man Thomas Bruins for taking on the task of transferring club historical information to the UWAAC website. Work has started and if you visit www.uwaac.com and follow the link to Former UWA Athletes you can read all about it.

3. VISIT TO NEW ATHLETICS STADIUM

It is planned to hold a reunion of former UWA athletes and friends at the new stadium early in the New Year. The program will be to meet at 5 pm at the new stadium on a Friday evening for a conducted tour followed by a social get together. Athletics WA will be holding the 2009/2010 summer track and field competitions on Friday evenings, commencing at 6 pm so that those who wish can to stay on can watch. Note that entry to the stadium parking area is via Challenge stadium entrance. **More details later.**

4. HISTORY OF UWA ATHLETICS CLUB

Many of you have already been contacted by Jim Wieland who is assiduously researching the history of the club. We hope the history can be published late 2010/early 2011. Jim would welcome any contact from former members who would like to contribute to his research. His email address is saljim@westnet.com.au and telephone number is 08 93840552

Eric Isaachsen and Don Young