

FORMER UWA ATHLETES NEWSLETTER

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1. FRIENDS OF UWA ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

The committee met in April to discuss and approve in principle a financial grants scheme to assist student athletes at UWA. Details, yet to be finalised, will take into account annual scholarships and grants made available by the UWA Sport and Recreation Association and grants provided by UWAAC to student athletes.

The balance of the donations account as at 31 March 2010 was \$25,932.38, after a progress payment to Jim Wieland for his UWAAC History research, 2009 travel grants to Sam Maxwell and Thomas Bruins, and interest received from UWA. A further donation was received from David White (ACT) after balance date.

Attached is a **Friends of UWA Athletics donation form**. Please use this form if you have pledged a further donation or if you wish to make an initial or further unpledged donation.

2. HISTORY OF THE UWAAC

Jim Wieland is progressing well with his research for the history. Chronologically he is up to the 1970s with his interviews with past UWAAC members. It is expected that the history will be ready for publication during 2011. If you wish to contact Jim to contribute to his research he can be contacted on saljim@westnet.com.au or 08 93840552.

3. BIG 6 REUNION

Sixteen former members attended the UWAAC's Big 6 event at McGillivray Oval on 11 February. Those enjoying a balmy evening and competitive athletics, followed by a sausage sizzle and drinks provided by the UWAAC; were Eric Isaachsen, Mike Galvin, Hilary Silbert, Shane Cassey, Jim Wieland, Ken Kozak, Jim Currigan, Nick Bailey, Don Young, Gerard O'Neill, Colin o'Sullivan, Glenn Stewart, Bill Taylor, Stuart Riddell, John McGuire and Mal Lawson.

4. VALE VICTOR MASLEN

Sadly we have to report the death in Melbourne, last December, of Vic Maslen, aged 78. Vic was Club President in 1953. A physicist, like his younger brother and UWAAC Life Member, Ted, he gained a Phd from Oxford University. The brothers were together for a short time at Oxford, Vic at Wadham College, and Ted at St Johns. On his return to Australia Vic was employed by the CSIRO in Melbourne and he was with that institution until retirement.

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5. UWAAC WEBSITE

Thomas Bruins has done a great job in transferring club history from the defunct FUWAA website to a link with the UWAAC website www.uwaac.com You can read the history articles as well as keep up to date with UWAAC activities by logging on to that site.

6. FORMER ATHLETES REUNION

It is proposed to hold a 'Sundowner' reunion of former UWA athletes and friends at the UWA Water Sports Complex on next Friday evening, October 15. Please put the date in your diaries. More details will be provided closer to the event.

Eric Isaachsen and Don Young