

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Athletics Australia

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### Summary

Athletics Australia is the governing body for the sport of Athletics in Australia.

In 1897, the Australasian Athletic Union was established to coordinate the activities of the states. It was one of Australia's earliest national sporting organisations. It encompassed New Zealand and catered only for male athletes.

In 1928, New Zealand was separated and the name changed to the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia. In 1932, the Australian Women's Amateur Union was formed.

In 1977, the men's and women's unions amalgamated to form a united body. The first full-time officers were employed, which until then, had been run by honorary officers.

In 1989, the organisation changed its name to Athletics Australia.

### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

She's Game: Women Making Australian Sporting History, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2007, <http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/sg/sport-home.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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