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INTRODUCTION

This document has been designed primarily as a Report on the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games held in Perth, Western Australia, in November, 1962. However, its objective is also to provide a guide for the organisation of future Commonwealth Paraplegic Games.

As such, it has been divided into sections and a crossreference index appears as an appendix.

The Editor wishes to thank the Chairmen of the various committees for the provision of material for inclusion in this Report.

Finally, it is impossible to make mention of ALL the individuals and organisations who gave support and encouragement to the Games. Without this help the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games would never have been held.
The First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games were held in Perth, Western Australia from the 10th to 17th November, 1962. The Games were conducted by an Executive Committee sponsored by the Board of Management, Royal Perth Hospital.

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Dr. Guttmann with two of the competitors.
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The Governor of Western Australia, Sir Charles Gairdner, is greeted by Dr. Bedbrook when he arrived, with a mounted police escort, to open the first Commonwealth Paraplegic Games.

THE SEED IS SOWN:

On November 10, 1962, a flag showing a wheelchair athlete poised to hurl a javelin was raised above a green oval on the western coast of Australia. Trumpets sounded. Ninety-three wheelchair athletes from nine countries cheered.

It signalled the start of the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games to be held. This was in Perth, Western Australia. It also heralded a new milestone in International Sport for the physically handicapped and was the climax to an idea born four years earlier by the Paraplegic Unit of Royal Perth Hospital.
If able-bodied athletes have a British Empire and Commonwealth Games, why not one for paraplegics?

The idea was given substance when a number of Perth people interested in paraplegic activities met under the sponsorship of the Director of the Paraplegic Unit to discuss the ambitious idea on the 12th May, 1959. Those present were: Mr. Hugh A. Leslie, M.H.R., Mr. G.M. Bedbrook, M.B., M.S., (Melb.), F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S., Mr. J. Johnston, Senior Physiotherapist to the Paraplegic Unit, and Mr. F. Russell, Administrative Officer, Shenton Park Annexe of Royal Perth Hospital, Mr. J. Pannell, F.R.C.S.E., F.R.A.C.S., Assistant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Royal Perth Hospital and Mr. W.L. Brine, Member of the Board of Management, Royal Perth Hospital.

This meeting unanimously decided to investigate the possibility of holding a Commonwealth Paraplegic Games. The questions to be answered were:

(a) Could such a Games be conducted?

(b) What would it cost to stage?

(c) Where could it be held?

and

(d) Would Royal Perth Hospital sponsor it?

The answer to each question was an emphatic YES!

The next step was to form the Organising Committee of the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games and to seek recognition by the Board of Management of Royal Perth Hospital. Mr. Leslie was elected Chairman. The committee was fortunate in having the services of Mr. Leslie, who had been Chairman of the committee which sent the first Australian team to attend the Stoke Mandeville Games in 1957.

The Board of Management of Royal Perth Hospital gave their unreserved support to the venture and in doing so ensured its success. However, it decided regretfully that it could not offer any real financial support.

Meeting bi-monthly in 1959 and 1960, the committee began the mammoth task of arranging the Games. Specialists were drawn into the committee to carry out specialist tasks. These men included:

Mr. D. McCormick, Property Officer of Royal Perth Hospital, whose experience in matters of building proved to be invaluable.

Mr. V.R.W. Smith, Rehabilitation Officer for Royal Perth Hospital, whose experience in organising opening and closing ceremonies also proved invaluable.

Dr. L.E. Le Souef, who had had early experience with paraplegics in Western Australia, and willingly undertook the task of being the Chief Judge.

Gradually, the Committee was brought to a strength which made the task of organising the Games not only a possibility, but a certainty.

Interstate representatives were appointed so that the effort would be Australia-wide. These representatives were:

Dr. D.J.E. Cheshire and Mr. A. Robertson (Victoria)

Dr. J. Grant, Mr. A.A. Coops and Mr. K. Betts (New South Wales).

Dr. D.C. Paterson and Mr. J.F. Riley (South Australia)

Dr. K. Murphy and Mr. A. Birch (Queensland).

Dr. T. Hogg and Mr. H. Roper (Tasmania).

The organizing committee was split into sub-committees under the headings: Grounds, Sports, Finance, Publicity, Accommodation and Voluntary Workers. These sub-committees met regularly and reported progress to the Organising or Central Committee, through their representatives.

Late in 1959, the Organising Committee began a drive to interest Commonwealth countries in the Games. The Organising Secretary, Mr. G.M. Bedbrook, contacted paraplegic units in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Canada, Malta, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Rhodesia, South Africa (then still a member of the British Commonwealth), New Zealand and India. Many of these contacts were made through Miss J. Scrutton, Secretary to Dr. L. Guttmann at the National Spinal Injuries Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, England.
All countries showed great interest in the project - particularly when told the organisers would be covering all costs incurred inside Australia. This left the competitors and attendants their fares only to raise.

It was disappointing that Canada, which has well-organised paraplegic activities, was eventually not represented at the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games.

Another country which we were sad to lose was South Africa. Although the St. Giles organisation had been the first to accept the invitation to take part in the Games, South Africa soon after left the British Commonwealth and had, therefore, to be excluded from the Games. The South African paraplegics were very understanding despite their disappointment.

Right up to the eve of the Games, efforts were made to bring teams from more Commonwealth countries. Nine countries were represented finally: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, India, Singapore, Southern Rhodesia, New Zealand and Australia.

By the time of the Australian Interstate Games in Melbourne in 1960, prior to the Rome Paralympics, the broad outline of the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games had been formulated, and was discussed at the inaugural meeting of the Australian Paraplegic Council during February 1961.

Each Australian State was given a quota of money to raise to finance the Games. The quotas (in Australian pounds) were: Victoria £2,500; New South Wales £2,500; Western Australia £2,600; Queensland £1,000 and South Australia £450 - a total of £9,250.

It was decided that no public appeal would be made for funds. This was to avoid clashing with the public appeal to be made for funds for the British Empire and Commonwealth Games. The paraplegics would, instead, make approaches to groups and individuals. These included Federal and State governments, sports clubs, public institutions, newspapers and the conduct of raffles.

The Executive in Western Australia decided that it would be necessary for Western Australia to contribute more than its quota to ensure that sufficient funds were available. It was also decided that all fund raising for the Commonwealth Paraplegic Games and for the interstate Games should be combined in order to have only one appeal but that the cost of running the interstate Games should, as usual, be the responsibility of the Host State.

Early in 1961, the Executive Committee began holding meetings, so that the business could be pushed ahead more rapidly. This proved to be a very satisfactory arrangement and by the 14th August, 1961, a detailed budget had been prepared. The sub-committees met every two months during this year.

By the end of 1961 the greater part of the Games organisation was already in hand. Monthly meetings continued until March, 1962.

STAFFING:

Six months before the Games, a full-time Secretary, Mrs. M. Fathers, was employed. Miss L. Dodd became assistant secretary, and a clerical assistant was appointed. In retrospect, more staff could have been employed to ease the burden. The above, therefore, should be regarded as a minimum staff for the effective running of the Games.

Each member of the Executive Committee had a particular job to undertake and it was his responsibility to see that the particular task assigned him by the Executive was carried out effectively. It is most important that the Executive Committee should be enthusiastic and that every member of the Executive should feel a definite responsibility for the work of their own particular field.

SITE OF GAMES:

It was originally intended to hold the Games at the Shenton Park Annexe of Royal Perth Hospital, which houses the Paraplegic Unit. However, many extra temporary buildings would have been needed for the event. Early in 1961 it was suggested that the Royal Agricultural Society Showgrounds at Claremont, a Perth suburb, would be ideally suited to stage the Games. The grounds enclosed an oval and buildings which could be modified as living quarters. A major factor in its favour was that all buildings were on one level.
The Society willingly gave approval and a major problem was solved. Subsequently members of the Executive had a number of meetings at the Showgrounds, when buildings were inspected carefully. The matter of arranging the buildings and the accommodation of the participants was then handed over to the Grounds Committee for further decision (see later in Report).

Perhaps the major problem was that of providing a suitable playing area for basketball. The grassed oval was obviously unsuitable. After much consideration a wooden court laid on a sand foundation was constructed, and this proved most successful even though it slowed the game slightly.

Royal Perth Hospital kindly made an office available to the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games, where Mrs. M. Fathers and her staff, Miss L. Dodd and Miss C. Reynolds worked regularly. Executive meetings were then held in this office in order to streamline progress.

For about three or four months before the Games, the General Secretary was able to spend one to one and a half hours a day in the Games Office, undertaking the necessary executive work and directing the organisation that had been built up over a period of years.

About two or three months before the Games took place, the Executive Committee began holding meetings every two weeks and, finally, every week. Each Sub-Committee was asked to have its arrangements finalised at least three months before the date of the Games, so that by the beginning of November all the organisation was reading for the occupancy of the Showgrounds. By negotiation with the Royal Agricultural Society, the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games Committee was able to occupy the Claremont Showgrounds on 3rd November, one week before the Games began and four days before the first competitors arrived.

After 1st November, the preparations quickly got under way. Plans were drawn up for the occupancy of the buildings and detailed plans were made for the positioning of beds, lockers, wardrobes etc. These had been borrowed from Royal Perth Hospital, Red Cross Society, Hospitals of St. John of God at Belmont and Subiaco, the Mount Hospital, Royal Australian Air Force, Royal Australian Navy, Sunset Men's Home, Supa Furn Distributors, Metters Ltd., Fremantle Hospital, Lady Lawley Cottage, Boucher's Industries.

One of the last officers to be appointed was a Transport Officer. This officer was appointed only one week before the start of the Games. It is now felt that the appointment should have been made about a month to six weeks earlier. However, by very hard work, all transport arrangements were organised by the beginning of the Games, including pick up and delivery of all furniture to and from the Showgrounds from the various collection sites. Mrs. N. Nind handled this position capably with the help of a number of members of the Voluntary Car Drivers' Association from Royal Perth Hospital.

A document titled 'Aids to Competitors' was prepared for distribution to all competitors on arrival. This 'Aids to Competitors' gave details of facilities which would be available to them, such as banking, post office, laundry, dry cleaning, tours of interest around the city, facilities available in the office, including recreational and a detailed plan of the Showgrounds showing where the various buildings were located. This 'Aids to Competitors' was of tremendous assistance to all those taking part in the Games.

HOSTESSES:

Mrs. M. Fathers, Secretary and Senior Hostess,
Miss L. Dodd, Assistant Secretary,
Miss J. Devlin, Secretary to Paraplegic Unit, Royal Perth Hospital,
Mrs. B. Youd, in charge of all voluntary workers as far as laundry and cleaning was concerned.
Miss J. Phillips,
Miss J. Riseley,
Mrs. N. Nind.

During the Games, seven hostesses were on duty to help competitors and visitors. Dressed in mushroom coloured uniforms, on which was embroidered the word 'HOSTESS' and the Games badge, the Hostesses were an attractive addition to the Games scene as well as assisting the smooth operation. Three hostesses were accommodated at the Showgrounds to provide a 24-hour service for inquiries and emergencies.
MEDICAL FACILITIES:

Medical facilities in the 'Games Village' were planned to cater for the immediate needs of the athletes. A building was set aside for the purpose and adequately equipped as a First-Aid Centre with the addition of a few already sterilised catheter trays and a steriliser for personal items. This centre was staffed throughout the period the village was occupied by volunteer nurses from Royal Perth Hospital and by members of the Nursing Aides' Association of W. A.

Thus, behind the running of the Games itself, stood a hospital organisation capable of looking after all aspects of paraplegia.

During the Games it was necessary to hospitalise two competitors and to arrange for X-rays and special care for two others. No athlete received a sports injury during the Games - refuting a popular theory that sports injuries were common and therefore a reason for not holding games for paraplegics.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES:

A group of ladies visited the 'Games Village' each morning to make beds, change linen and do general 'house' work. The laundry at nearby Hollywood Repatriation Hospital washed up to 80 sheets and pillowcases every day.

Orderlies from Royal Perth Hospital were rostered in pairs to assist in many ways. Theatre staff, general nursing staff, trainees and nursing aides manned the medical centre.

The Apex Club of Subiaco controlled transport and parking arrangements at the venues. Many of the public volunteered their services and cars to help the Games. Hairdressers also visited the 'Village' to attend the competitors. Medical Students and Boy Scouts manned field telephones and ran messages. Visiting attendants were rostered for various duties, including bathroom and dining room duties.

Success of voluntary work depends on Executive enthusiasm being imparted to voluntary workers. Responsibility was encouraged. Voluntary workers were given specific tasks under the direction of a Senior Officer.

SPORTS COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

A separate committee was formed early to look into all aspects of the Games sports programme. It was necessary to have this committee operating at least twelve months before the Games.

The committee decided to hold the following sports (unless indicated, the events were for both male and female competitors): Archery, darts, archery (doubles), club throw, javelin throw, precision javelin throw, shot put, weightlifting (male only), fencing, snooker (male only), table tennis, basketball (male only) and pentathlon (male only).

A swimming programme was also planned in breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle events. These sports were divided into the following classes: Class A (cord lesion above T.10, complete), Class B (cord lesion above T.10, incomplete), Class C (cord lesion at T.10 and below), Class D (cauda equina lesion).

In basketball there were two classes - for cord lesion complete and cord lesion incomplete. Two other sports could be included in future Commonwealth Paraplegic Games. They are lawn bowls and discus throw.

Archery was divided into four events: F. I. T. A. and Windsor rounds for top archers, the Columbia Round for archers with a year's experience and having achieved a certain score, and the St. Nicholas Round for beginners.

Weightlifting was divided into four sections: Heavyweight (above 12 stone), middleweight (between 10 and 12 stone), lightweight (between 8 and 10 stone) and featherweight (under 8 stone).

Gold, silver and bronze medals, bearing the Games symbol on one side and on the reverse side the Games title, date and event, were issued for all events.
In addition, special trophies were awarded for:

(a) The winning basketball team. (Gordon Gooch trophy).
(b) Pentathlon, Class A (complete lesion). Class B (incomplete lesion) - (Australian Paraplegic Council Trophy).
(c) Nation winning the most events, based on medals (Royal Perth Hospital, Paraplegic Unit Trophy).
(d) Most Meritorious performance based on degree of disability. (World Rehabilitation Fund Award).

Entry forms were sent to nations who signified their intention to compete. A deadline for entries was set two months before the Games were to start on November 10, 1962. Once entry forms were received, events were divided into classes according to differing lesions.

Judges, umpires, scorers and attendants were sought and allocated to each sport. Times, based on the number of entries, were worked out for each sport. A tentative programme was then drawn up. Consideration was given in planning the programme to ensure that sports of greatest spectator interest were run at a time when spectators were available. Consideration was also given to timing events so that no single competitor was required for two events at the one time.

Although the final programme was effective, several changes were made necessary by the fact that incorrect classification had been given for several competitors on entry forms, and a simpler programme for future sports may be considered.

89 athletes competed, many of them in several events each. This indicated that because of the distance they had to come to the Games, teams had been selected for versatility of sporting prowess in order to reduce the numbers of competitors.

A key to the success of a large-scale programme is to see that events start and finish as near to scheduled time as possible. Events must be spread over at least a week.

Very little difficulty was experienced in getting competitors to events on time, because this was made the responsibility of team officials. By using the main arena for all the field events, various competitions could be held at one time. The grounds were marked for each event from the very beginning and kept marked for the whole period of the Games.

From the point of view of spectators, it is probably worthwhile having the main basketball stadium in front of a grandstand with the other sports venues, e.g. the archery butts, the javelin throw and so on, on different sections of the main arena. It is important to obey the safety rules for archery and dartchery events - the competitors shooting away from the crowd. Ropes should be placed to prevent small members of the public from invading the target areas and thus causing unnecessary hazards.

A major function of this committee was to provide the equipment for all sports - for both training and competition. It was necessary to check that all equipment was in good condition and up to competitive standard. An equipment officer was therefore appointed for the period of the Games. This officer was solely responsible for the issue and return of all sporting equipment.

Equipment required to run a Commonwealth Paraplegic Games involving up to 150 competitors includes:

- Two starting guns and cartridges.
- Six junior javelins.
- Six women's javelins.
- Six men's shot putts.
- Six women's shot putts.
- One dozen clubs.
- One dozen archery targets.
- One dozen archery target stands.
- One dozen basketballs.
- Six table tennis tables.
- Six sets of table tennis nets and bats.
- Six dozen table tennis balls.
- Six sabres.
- Six foils.
SWIMMING:

Thousands of spectators crowded the City of Perth Aquatic Centre for the swimming events.

Swimming events were conducted at the City of Perth Aquatic Centre, Beatty Park. This magnificent swimming pool was built for the Commonwealth Games. However, the first international event held there was the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games. Only two miles from the city, the pool was ideal for the paraplegics.

Help was given by officials of local swimming associations. Two programmes were arranged: one for the first Sunday afternoon of the Games and another to be held on the following Tuesday evening. Members of the Australian swimming team for the Commonwealth Games gave exhibition swims and diving on both occasions. This attraction drew near-capacity crowds.

Special parking was provided at the entrance to the Aquatic Centre for the spinal coach and cars carrying competitors. Another nearby area was provided for spectator paraplegics. The public parked in side streets and in a Perth City Council parking area under the direction of voluntary parking officers.

The only special modification made to the pool for the Games was the provision of ramps into the pool area. Volunteer lifesavers were on duty throughout the programme.

ACCOMMODATION AND GROUNDS:

It became apparent very early in planning that as far as accommodation and grounds were concerned, an Accommodation and Grounds Committee could not work without essential advice from a Medical Officer well
trained and versed in a knowledge of paraplegic requirements. Dr. J. R. Saunders, Assistant Surgeon to the Paraplegic Unit, assisted regularly in this particular matter, with the help of General Secretary, Mr. G. M. Bedbrook. All planning of accommodation, medical and toilet facilities were under the direct responsibility of the Accommodation and Grounds Committee.

In April, 1961, the decision was made to hold the Games at the Royal Agricultural Society Showgrounds at Claremont. It was a fortunate decision. A comprehensive survey was made of the grounds and buildings which were allocated for accommodation, sporting activities, recreation, medical centre, dining area, equipment store, offices, Press room and so on.

The main showground pavilion - the Members' Stand - was allocated as the dining room and men's accommodation. A public dining room was provided in the first floor of the building. Thus all catering was housed under the one roof.

Several buildings usually used for industrial displays were allocated for accommodation. Little or no modification was needed. However, temporary ramps for wheelchairs and temporary fly-wire screening was provided. From the experience gained from these Games, the Executive Committee were unanimous in their opinion that accommodation and catering facilities have to be of the highest possible quality, as these alone can make for success of the Games. In fact, the success of the Commonwealth Paraplegic Games was due largely to the excellence of the catering and accommodation provided. Had smaller buildings been available to give more privacy to competitors, this would probably have been appreciated, particularly for the female competitors.

Existing toilets had very narrow doorways. Doors were removed and replaced by plastic curtains. Bars were fixed to carry ropes for competitors to use when swinging off chairs. Mirrors were installed at chair height. Internal partitioning was removed to give chairs freedom of movement. Extensive timber and gravel ramping was also placed outside toilets.

There was only one shower block and this was some distance from accommodation. The narrow door and partitions were removed and ramps laid.

Another building with a concrete floor and galvanised iron walls and roof was remodelled as a shower room. A section of the floor was lifted and concreted to provide a drain for shower waste. Internal partitions were erected to separate men's and women's sections. A new front wall was erected. The block contained nine shower recesses, 10 basins, two wash basins and two stainless steel troughs. Water was heated by oil fire. Washing machines were installed in each section for personal use.

A large screen was erected in front of doorways for privacy. Extensive timber ramping was laid to give wheelchairs easy access.

Chairs, tables, lounge chairs, a television set and radio were placed in a central building which became the Recreation Room. A telephone was installed here. A dry cleaning service operated from this building and gave competitors a daily service.

Medical facilities were set up in a nearby building.

The Games Office was placed centrally. Only a small ramp was required to give access to it. A central switch was placed in this office which linked all vital parts of the grounds - accommodation, medical centre, dining room and sporting venues.

The Postmaster General's Department installed the telephones. A public address system was provided by a private contractor and the main Judges' tent was kept in contact with the announcer by field telephones which were loaned to the Committee by the Army.

Post office facilities were provided for competitors. In addition, telegram and teletype facilities were provided for Press covering the event. Banking facilities were also provided throughout the Games for competitors.

Two buildings were used as stores - one as a bulk store and the other for storing sporting equipment. These were placed in charge of the Equipment Officer.

Light and power was provided to all accommodation and ablution areas.

A basketball court 90 ft. by 70 ft. was built for the centre arena and placed in front of the main grandstand. This court was made from 6 in. by 1½ in. timber which was dressed and laid on 4 in. by 3 in. bearers, which in turn were bedded in a 4 in. deep sand 'cushion'. A 6 in. by 1½ in. railing was erected around the perimeter of the court and two access ramps were provided. Tubular steel was used to make the goal posts.

The victory dais had to be transported between the main venue and the swimming venue, and had therefore, to be lightweight. The dais was designed to carry three wheelchairs - the first placegetter (centre), second and third. It was made of timber in four sections, bolted together.
In the opening basketball match Australia plays England.

Tubular steel flagpoles 20 ft. high were erected at the rear of the basketball court to carry the flags of each country - on loan from the Commonwealth Games organising committee. Small flagpoles for each competing nation were made for use during wheel-pasts and victory ceremonies. Signs showing the name of each nation were made and were carried during wheel-pasts. Each competing nation was required to provide two full-size flags.

Other equipment such as beds, bedding, wardrobes, blankets and screens were obtained by the Executive on loan from many sources. Chairs, tables, radios, television set and lounge chairs were loaned by Perth firms. This equipment was installed by volunteer labour before the first competitor arrived to take up residence.

Parking inside the grounds was restricted to vehicles of: (a) officials, (b) voluntary workers, (c) disabled persons. Category (c) included all persons whose disability prevented them from leaving their vehicles to watch events. Parking facilities outside the grounds were more than adequate for public parking.

CATERING:

With no requirements for special diets, except to ensure that plenty of fluids were available, catering was relatively simple. Preliminary catering work had been carried out by the Organising Committee long before the appointment of a Catering Officer. Consequently, he had few problems other than minor last minute adjustments and on-the-spot liaison with the catering staff.

Catering was planned for 143 competitors, attendants and working committee for a period of ten days. The first major problem was anticipating requirements for the public on Opening Day. Many estimates of attendance figures were made, varying from 3,000 to 10,000.

Any excess staff or waste in food would reflect in the overall cost of the Games, so after much deliberation, a figure of 4,000 was decided on. This proved somewhere near the mark for Opening Day.

The food had to be of first-class quality and in ample supply. If any reduction in expenditure was necessary, it would be made in the number of paid serving staff. With this in mind, a buffet method of serving was decided on which would necessitate all attendants and committee assisting the competitors to obtain their meals.

On Games Opening and Closing Days a separate public dining room was opened, but during the week this was not warranted. Those spectators and visitors who required a meal were invited to the competitors' dining room.
The staff catered for 140 regular meals with a possibility of up to 10% extra meals for judges and other officials where duties may require them to be present over a meal period. The caterers provided three and four course meals and a wide choice of menu.

The co-operation of the competitors was excellent and the only aspect that made catering difficult was the lateness of some in coming for meals. This is inevitable in any gathering of this nature.

Special catering problems arose at a 'wind-up' picnic held at Yanchep, thirty miles north of Perth. The fly problem was acute, but some liaison work with several government bodies ensured the area would be cleared of flies for a few hours at least. The Army completed spraying only 30 minutes before the party arrived. Tables were set up on the shore of the lake and carton-packed chicken lunches served within minutes and eaten free of flies.

An overall average of 150 persons were catered for at 27/- per head per day, with a total cost of approximately £2,300. This indicated the importance which had been attached to catering by the Executive and the wisdom of their planning.

A typical menu for one day was:

**Breakfast:**
- Fruit juice
- Cereals.

**Choice of:**
- Sausages and Eggs
- Steak and Eggs
- Bacon and Eggs.

**Lunch:**
- Soup (two kinds)
- Two entrees.
- Several cold meats and salads.

**Choice of:**
- Sweets.

**Dinner:**
- Soup
- Entree
- Joints or chicken and vegetables.

**Choice of:**
- Sweets
- Tea or coffee.

**Morning Tea**
**Afternoon Tea**
**Supper.**

The caterer also provided a canteen for competitors and officials. This was stocked with toilet requirements, photographic equipment, sweets, souvenirs, etc.

**TRANSPORT:**

The Executive early realised that the success of the Games would be governed to a large extent by the efficiency of its transport arrangements. A number of car firms in Perth made cars available for use during the Games. Without these vehicles the Executive would have had great difficulty in moving its guests and competitors from place to place and in assisting some teams to undertake official visits to the Commonwealth Games Village for press interviews etc.

The Voluntary Car Drivers' Association of Royal Perth Hospital, together with large numbers of the general public, assisted very greatly in helping with transport movements, so that the competitors could be moved from the Showgrounds to the swimming venue as the need arose and then back to the Showgrounds.

The police was extremely helpful in making arrangements for parking at the various venues. Fortunately, these venues were reduced to two - the Claremont Showgrounds and the Beatty Park swimming pool. Parking at the latter was more difficult but was satisfactorily organised with the efficient co-operation of the
Police and the Perth City Council.

As already indicated, it was later felt that the Transport Officer should have been appointed a little earlier than she was. A last-minute rush to get the transport arrangements completely detailed resulted, although the General Secretary and his assistant, Mrs. Fathers, had made initial transport arrangements four to five weeks before the Games.

A few weeks before the first team was due to arrive, plans were completed to have cars available to meet competitors and officials at Perth Airport to take them to the 'Village'. A schedule was drawn up for car requirements during the Games period, and in addition the special coach for the disabled was used. The coach, equipped with a hydraulic lift, was used extensively and driven in shifts by medical students. In addition, valuable assistance was given by the transport section of the W.A. branch of Australian Red Cross Society.

MEDALS AND BADGES:

Great thought was given to the manufacture of the medals for the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games. It was decided to model the medals, as far as possible, on the "able-bodied" Games medal standards. Thus a gold, a silver and a bronze medal was struck. On one side of these medals the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games was commemorated with the Games emblem. The reverse side showed the name of the sport and allowed space for the name of the competitor to be engraved later.

After considering a number of designs for medals the Games Committee eventually accepted a design which was manufactured by Sheridan's Ltd. in Perth. It was also decided that each competitor and official should have an official badge. This served two purposes: first, to affix a name plate for ease of identification, and secondly, it allowed the wearer entry to the dining room for all meals. No one without one of these official badges, or official meal ticket, was allowed into the dining room. This method proved simple and effectively satisfactory in catering arrangements.

It was also intended that this official badge should become a memento of the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games. This was a simple badge struck in cheap metal by Sheridan's Ltd., on the same basis as the medals. The official colour of the country was used in designating the nameplate, with the name embossed in white or black according to the colour of the background. This allowed easy identification (a) of the person concerned; and (b) of the country he was officially representing.

GAMES FLAG:

Much thought and care went into the final design of the Games emblem and the Games flag. After considering a number of designs, it was decided that the Games emblem should be the javelin-thrower in a wheelchair with a background of the outline of the Australian flag, because the first Games were to be held in Australia. This emblem was used from the very beginning and proved to have suitable publicity value. It was printed on a large number of envelopes which were distributed all over the British Commonwealth (for publicity purposes only).

Finally, after a number of designs had been submitted, the design of the Games flag eventually accepted was of the simplest possible nature - a white flag with the red javelin thrower in his wheelchair superimposed.

The First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games Committee was fortunate to have the co-operation of the Commonwealth Games Committee flag section which loaned a full set of flags for the Opening Day. The Official Games flag becomes the property of the Commonwealth Paraplegic Games Council, to be flown on all subsequent Commonwealth Paraplegic Games, and is held in trust by the Executive of the Paraplegic Unit at Royal Perth Hospital. The Games emblem is now the subject of copyright to be used for Commonwealth Paraplegic Games only.
PUBLICITY:

Publicity of the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games was to play a key part in the success of the event. Publicity was divided into three phases:

(a) Initial publicity to attract funds to stage the Games.

(b) Build-up publicity to reach a peak in the first week of November 1962.

(c) Publicity of the event while it took place.

A Publicity Committee of specialists was formed. The committee chairman appointed was a member of the Organising Committee.

In planning the publicity campaign to raise funds for the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games, the Organising Committee decided that in order not to clash with fund-raising efforts for the VIIth Commonwealth & Empire Games to be held in Perth, November 1962, no public appeal would be made.

Early contact was made with Perth media - newspapers, radio and television - to get support. The media were supplied with news items about the organising activities of the Games Committee - the most ambitious ever conducted in Australian paraplegic sport.

Full support was given by the publicity bureau of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games. Items on the Paraplegic Games were included in the 'Empire Games Report', a regular news-sheet about the able-bodied Games. This was circulated throughout Australia and overseas.

It was decided early to produce a brochure about the Paraplegic Games for distribution to tourist bureaux, travel agents, banks, airlines, shipping companies, railways and other outlets likely to reach people who might come to Perth for the 'main' Games.

The Western Australian Tourist Development Authority assisted by financing the production of 25,000 brochures. These were distributed in November, 1961. Within three months further supplies were sought and an additional 50,000 brochures were printed, the cost of this being met by the Games Organising Committee.

Earlier, it had also been decided to produce a poster to assist the publicity campaign. A cigarette manufacturer donated £250 toward prizes in a poster design competition. The competition was publicised through the channels mentioned previously and was held in the second half of 1961. Entry forms were made available through art societies, art groups, art dealers, technical schools, primary and high schools, tourist bureaux, and the Australian National Travel Association. Some newspaper offices and one radio station in Western Australia carried entry forms. In all, five thousand entry forms were distributed.

By the closing date, 21st November, 1961, the number of entries totalled 114 from 96 entrants. First prize was fixed at 100 guineas. However, the judges recommended that two additional prizes be awarded - the best entry from an art student under the age of 21 years and to the best entry from a school child. A clothing store donated the additional prizes.

All entries were later exhibited in a city department store for several weeks which gave the Games additional publicity.

Three to four months before the Games, ten thousand posters were printed and distributed throughout Australia to all banks, insurance companies, chain stores, airlines, railways, shipping offices, hospitals, several civic and social organisations, road boards and tourist bureaux. It was felt that the timing of the placing of the posters was important and this was planned so that they would have the greatest effect in the few weeks immediately preceeding the Games.

As a further means of publicising the Games, 180,000 envelopes were printed with the Games symbol and sold to business firms through hospitals. Printing blocks and blocks for franking machines were made with the Games symbol and used on their mail by several hospitals, the Social Services Department and others.

Similarly, 500,000 envelope stickers bearing the Games symbol were printed and distributed to business houses, social groups and others for use on envelopes.

An oil company donated £100 toward the cost of producing 50,000 car stickers. These were distributed through the oil company's garages and service stations about two months before the Games.
All this time a steady stream of stories, from items about venues, to items about countries to be represented, was supplied to local and interstate media.

Four months before the Games, the Organising Committee appointed a Press Liaison Officer. It was his job to organise Press, radio and television publicity through the final phases and to arrange for Press facilities at the venues.

A Press Room was set aside at the Showgrounds. Postal facilities, including teleprinter service, was arranged. Two extra telephones were installed.

Once the final timing of events had been settled, a programme was prepared and 2,000 copies were printed. These were offered for sale at the venues at 2/- each. No advertising was sought to defray printing costs.

Newspapers throughout Australia and world Press Agencies were invited to attend the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games. Programmes, tickets and car stickers were sent to local media with invitations to attend. The Press Officer also gave talks on radio and television to build up interest in the Games.

The Press met each team on arrival at Perth Airport. Stories were used locally and transmitted interstate and overseas.

Close liaison was kept with media during the Games and news leads provided. In addition, the Press Room was kept informed of results as the events were decided. Human interest stories about competitors and officials were given to the Press.

The result was wide daily coverage of the Games in newspapers, on radio and television.

Further publicity was achieved for the Games through radio and television interview with Games personalities and medical specialists who were visiting Perth during the Games.

Following the Games, stories were released on the financial results.

Arrangements had been made earlier for the filming of Games highlights and a second film was prepared from television film donated by the Perth television stations which covered the event.

**FINAL EXECUTIVE ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK PRECEEDING THE GAMES:**

1. The occupancy of the Showgrounds.
2. The alteration of the buildings by a big team of workmen from a building contractor, who gave his services at a reduced price.
3. Arranging all matters pertaining to the competitors, including their accommodation, in particular making certain that these Games were covered by suitable insurance policies to cover injury of voluntary workers, loss of or damage to all equipment on loan, injury in an accident to the competitors, public risk policy for spectators. Assistance in this matter was given by a firm of insurance brokers in Perth and proved to be very satisfactory. Only one claim had to be met - for the loss of some equipment loaned by a voluntary worker.
4. The arrangements for the detailed meeting of all incoming parties. This could only be arranged a few days before, as transport schedules were not available until planes were actually on their way.

So the stage was set for the beginning of the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games. An Official Programme had been drawn up in the last two or three days before the Games started. This was printed and available to all competitors and the public. It may be thought that some of the detail in the programme was unnecessary, but it did prove helpful. Day by day, however, the programme had to be revised in view of withdrawals and a few late entries. Every competitor was given a number to be prominently displayed on his or her track suit. Each country was also given a colour for ease of identification. These colours worked well, but the numbers did not. In point of fact, in future games it is advised that the numbers and the colours be sewn securely on the competitor's track vest or track suit and displayed prominently so that judges can pick them up without difficulty. This was one point which should receive a great deal more attention in any future Commonwealth Paraplegic Games.

Two or three days before the Games started, an official Recorder - Miss Joan Benn from New South Wales - was appointed. She proved to be an excellent appointee. Miss Benn worked long hours in keeping the results up to date and accurate for publication each morning in the Gazette, published by Mrs. Fathers and her assistants from the main office.
OPENING CEREMONY:

It was realised only too well that as the Commonwealth Paraplegic Games scheduled for the 10th November, 1962, was a 'first', every effort must be made for a complete success, not only in the quality of the sports events, but the presentation to the public in all aspects of paraplegic abilities.

The Opening Ceremony must be spectacular and still be meaningful to the Games as a whole. Thus it was decided there could only be one person to open the Games, our most respected Governor of Western Australia, Sir Charles Gairdner, who had already shown considerable interest in paraplegics.

From the moment of his acceptance, many wheels began to turn which resulted in the offer of the one hundred-member Guard of Honour of the Royal West Australian Regiment and the combined Australian Army Bands, who were already rehearsing for the Empire and Commonwealth Games.

The basketball court, which had been specially built for the Games, was in front of the Royal Agricultural Society Members' Pavilion with approximately 30 feet of track between it and the fence. On the court, special guests were seated to await the arrival of His Excellency, the Governor. During the reception of the guests, all competitors began moving out on to the arena to their assembly point at the right of the dais, each country with name boards and flags (the flags at this stage still furled and name boards covered).

Exactly on time, the Army Band struck up a stirring march and entered the arena, followed by the Guard of Honour. The Band took up its position by the dais, while the Guard of Honour, with flags flying, halted between spectators and dias. The members of the band were resplendent in red coats and white helmets, while members of the Guard of Honour provided a strong contrast in their jungle green uniforms.

Within seconds there appeared at the south gate of the arena the detachment of Mounted Police escorting the Governor, Sir Charles Gairdner, on to the arena. On alighting from his car, he was greeted with a fanfare from the Band, followed by the Royal Salute, the main flag on the Pavilion being broken by a Boy Scout. The Governor was then welcomed by Mr. H. Leslie, M.H.R., and Mr. G. M. Bedbrook, before proceeding to inspect the Guard of Honour and the Band.

His Excellency was then escorted to his seat on the dais and at this stage the competitors' name boards were uncovered; showing the nine countries represented, bringing forth considerable acclamation from the spectators. The Guard of Honour then moved to their left, facing the competitors so all could see subsequent events.

The Official Party included the Commander of Western Command, Brigadier Hunt and Mrs. Hunt; Perth Lord Mayor Sir Harry Howard and Lady Howard; Senator Shane Paltridge representing the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies; the Health Minister, the Hon. R. Hutchinson representing the Premier of Western Australia, Mr. David Brand; Opposition Leader Mr. A. R. G. Hawke; Dr. L. Guttmann, Director of the National Spinal Injuries Centre, Stoke Mandeville, England; Dr. D. Cheshire, President of the Australian Paraplegic Council; Mr. Gordon Gooch, Games Patron; Mr. Hugh Leslie, M.H.R., Organising Committee Chairman and the Secretary, Mr. G. M. Bedbrook.

Welcoming the visitors, Mr. Leslie said: "This event, apart from helping the participants, is designed to prove the public that the person who is bodily handicapped is not a cripple. I hope this horrible word will eventually be wiped out of use."

Senator Shane Paltridge said the Federal Government shared Australia's pride in pioneering the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games. "As a West Australian, I feel I can, with justification, expand myself in my expression of that pride," he said. "This is one more fine example of the leadership taken by this State in the work to lift the paraplegic from a life of resignation to one of self-respect and purpose in the community."

Senator Paltridge said Western Australia, which pioneered the treatment of spinal injuries in Australia, had joined with Stoke Mandeville to further the treatment of spinal injury through the British Commonwealth.

His Excellency, Sir Charles Gairdner declaring the Games open, said: "The public must learn that the handicapped person is not an invalid. I am handicapped, but the one thing I loathe is for people to treat me as an invalid."

Sir Charles said the Games were an essential part of the paraplegic's physical and moral rehabilitation. "We, the public, must realise what can be done to rehabilitate people who have suffered a grievous physical disadvantage", he said. "I hope these Games are the beginning of a series and that we shall in future have paraplegic games whenever we have the Commonwealth Games. I hope immediate steps will be taken with this object in view."

The Guard of Honour, bearing Western Command's new colours, led the wheelpast, followed by the Mounted Police escort.
Singapore's only competitor, Abdul Wahid bin Baba, who was injured in a skirmish with Communists, led the athletes. He was followed by Miss Pamela McCarthy of India, and competitors from Rhodesia, Northern Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland, Wales, England and Australia. The team managers carried the national flags of each competing country, followed by boys from the Hale School with name boards showing the competitors' countries. Australia, as host country, was last.

Behind the Australians and ahead of the band, marched a group of small boys - ball boys from Wandoora State School.

All athletes turned their eyes toward the dais as Sir Charles took the salute.

At the completion of the Opening Ceremony, after a break for afternoon tea, the Governor watched a basketball match between England and Australia.

CLOSING CEREMONY:

For the Closing Ceremony, it was decided that it also would need to be spectacular, but coupled with colour, entertainment and a little sadness at the parting of so many newly-made friends.

The organisers arranged for 420 Marching Girls (30 teams) for the closing ceremony. This move proved particularly popular, as very few of our visiting competitors had heard of marching girls, let alone seen them in action.

At 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, 17th November, there was a final basketball round - Scotland vs. England, and immediately following afternoon tea, the Closing Ceremony began.

At the completion of the basketball match there was a skirl of pipes and the Scottish Pipe Band marched to the centre of the arena. Then, on a signal, marching girls in immaculate uniforms appeared simultaneously at several gateways. These 420 girls marched and countermarched with faultless timing. At the end of twenty minutes they left the arena as spectacularly as they had arrived.
As the Pipe Band moved out of the arena, the Leederville Salvation Army Brass Band marched to a position to the left of the basketball court and played while the court was again transformed into a dais and the competitors formed up in position to the right of it. Official guests moved on to the dais and were seated.

Final Victory Ceremonies were carried out, followed by addresses by Mr. Hugh Leslie, Chairman of the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games Committee, Mr. J. C. A. Faure, Chairman of the Paraplegic Sports Endowment Fund, and Dr. L. Guttmann, who said:

"Now the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games are drawing to a close, and it is my pleasant duty to say a big "Thankyou" to our Australian friends on behalf of all the British teams. We have had a week of splendid sport and I congratulate all the teams on their spirit of sportmanship. In particular, I have been delighted to see the tremendous progress the Australian sportsmen and sportswomen have made since my first visit to Australia five years ago. What a long way they have come!"

"What has been the most gratifying achievement is that the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games have fulfilled the aims and ideals of the Stoke Mandeville Games in furthering friendship and understanding amongst the various nations of the Commonwealth."

"I have been struck by the increasing interest of the public in Perth, who really have taken us to their hearts. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and hospitality shown to us throughout the week. On behalf of the British team, I should like to thank the citizens of Perth.

This fine achievement of the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games would not have been possible without the first class organisation on the part of the Organising Committee and their helpers, in particular the hard working ladies on the secretarial staff. In this connection I should also like to pay a special tribute to the good work done by Mr. J. Johnston, Chief Marshal and all his assistants, who have done such a good job in umpiring and scoring.

The Organising Committee was extremely fortunate to have a Chairman who has the welfare of any disabled person at heart - Mr. Hugh Leslie. Mr. Leslie is well known not only in Perth, but in all Australia as a champion in the cause of the disabled and their main advocate in federal parliament. On behalf of all the paralysed people in general and in Australia in particular, I do thank you Mr. Leslie, for all you are doing for our humanitarian cause, and it is my great pleasure and honour to present you, as the Chairman of the Organising Committee of the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games, with this Silver Cup in gratitude and appreciation of the visiting British Teams. May this cup be a reminder to you and your colleagues of the historic event in British sport which has taken place in Perth this week and of the service you and your colleagues have given to the cause of paraplegia in general."

Dr. Guttmann presented Mr. Bedbrook with the Stoke Mandeville pennant as a tribute to his part in the organisation of the Games.

Sir Arthur Porritt, speaking in his dual capacity as Head of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games and also as President of the British Paraplegic Sports Endowment Fund, said that all who had witnessed the Games would have realised, as he himself had realised some years ago at Stoke Mandeville, that the Games were worthy of all the support they could be given. He had been so completely thunderstruck that day at Stoke Mandeville that ever since he had done his best to support the Games. They combined two media - sport and medicine - both of which were the best media in which nations could mix. Sir Arthur said he remembered the Australian team coming to Stoke Mandeville and knew that it was largely a West Australian team. He thought it fitting, therefore, that the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games should be held in Western Australia.

Sir Arthur added that he and his wife were delighted to be taking part in the final stage of these Games. Having witnessed the basketball match that afternoon, people must have wondered what a paraplegic was. If these people were called physically handicapped, he felt that he himself must be half dead! Apart from ability, courage was also needed in sport, and he hoped that the public, having seen paraplegic sportsmen in action, would continue to support the paraplegics and their sports movement.

Sir Arthur remained at the microphone for the wheelpast of competitors. The competitors were instructed to wheel past only the front of the dais and gather around the flagpoles in an informal manner with the paraplegic girl guides who were attending the flag.

To the strains of Waltzing Matilda in slow time, each team wheeled past and as they did so, their respective flag was slowly lowered and their own standard was furled. When all teams had passed, Sir Arthur said: "I now declare this First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games held in Western Australia, closed." The band struck up "Auld Lang Syne", everybody was called on to sing, and the special Paraplegic Games Flag was slowly lowered.
This was followed by the National Anthem which was sung by everyone during the ceremonial lowering of the Commonwealth Flag.

On this nostalgic note, with an unrehearsed "God bless you all" over the loudspeakers, the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games closed.

FUTURE:

The First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games has been rated as a success. What of the future? The Commonwealth Paraplegic Games Council has now been set up by the authority of the final meeting of team trainers and coaches at the First Commonwealth Paraplegic Games. This Council consists of the following member countries:

- England
- New Zealand
- India
- Scotland
- Wales
- Malta
- Southern Rhodesia
- Northern Ireland
- Singapore
- Jamaica
- Australia

It is envisaged that Jamaica will hold the next Commonwealth Paraplegic Games in 1966. No final dates have yet been confirmed, but it is hoped that all countries who participated in Australia and others who did not, will be able to compete in Jamaica.

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2. R. Hollick & A. Potter (Eng)

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2. B. Maxwell & D. Watts (Aust)
Score: 21/11 21/16

CLASS D.
1. J. Gibson & P. McCranor (Eng)
2. R. Cockerill & J. Gidney (Aust)
Score: 21/5 21/7

FEMALE OPEN DOUBLES:
1. A. Masson & M. Edwards (Eng)
2. Lady S. Mashon & S. Haynes (Eng)
Score: 21/8 21/11

JAVELIN THROW:

MALE:

CLASS A.
1. D. Thompson (Eng) 59'9"
2. F. Ponta (Aust) 46'4\(\frac{3}{4}\)"
3. T. Moran (Eng) 40'3"

CLASS B.
1. G. Hooper (Aust) 57'9"
2. D. Pickering (Eng) 48'7\(\frac{1}{4}\)"
3. B. Moretti (Aust) 41'5\(\frac{3}{4}\)"

CLASS C.
1. L. Manson Bishop (Rhod) 59'2"
2. R. Maxwell (Aust) 53'5"
3. D. Tinsley (Aust) 53'2\(\frac{1}{4}\)"

CLASS D.
1. R. Scott (Eng) 81'11\(\frac{1}{2}\)"
2. K. Cunningham (Aust) 60'3"
3. J. Turich (Aust) 51'1"

JAVELIN THROW:

FEMALE:

CLASS A.
1. L. Dodd (Aust) 27'5"
2. J. Lawton (Eng) 24'9\(\frac{3}{4}\)"
3. P. McCarthy (Ind) 14'5\(\frac{3}{8}\)"

CLASS B.
1. L. Gilchrist (Rhod) 35'3\(\frac{3}{8}\)"
2. R. Harvey (Scot) 22'4\(\frac{3}{4}\)"
3. S. Jones (Eng) 22'4\(\frac{1}{2}\)"
JAVELIN THROW  FEMALE: (Cont'd)

CLASS C.
1. D. Flint (Eng)  26'11" ¾"
2. V. Forder (Eng)  17'9" ¾"

CLASS D.
1. D. Ceeneey (Aust)  34'9"
2. M. Edwards (Eng)  29'5" ¾"
3. M. Harriman (Rhod)  26'

PRECISION JAVELIN:

MALE:

CLASS A.
1. F. Ponta (Aust)  64 points
2. D. Thompson (Eng)  60 "
3. B. Thwaite (Aust)  60 "

CLASS B.
1. G. Hooper (Aust)  66
2. D. Pickering (Eng)  62
3. B. Moretti (Aust)  48

CLASS C.
1. P. Heremaia (NZ)  72
2. T. Palmer (Eng)  70
3. N. McDonald (Scot)  64

CLASS D.
1. J. Gidney (Aust)  64
2. J. Turich (Aust)  52
3. B. Dickenson (Eng)  50

PRECISION JAVELIN:

FEMALE:

CLASS A.
1. L. Dodd (Aust)  60
2. J. Lawton (Eng)  36
3. P. McCarthy (Ind.)  0

CLASS B.
1. L. Gilchrist (Rhod)  48
2. R. Harvey (Scot)  42
3. G. Buck (Eng)  28

CLASS C.
1. D. Flint (Eng)  66
2. V. Forder (Eng)  2
# PRECISION JAVELIN: FEMALE (Cont'd)

## CLASS D.
1. D. Ceene (Aust) 60
2. M. Edwards (Eng) 50
3. M. Harriman (Rhod) 22

## Club Throw:

### MALE:
#### CLASS A.
1. D. Thompson (Eng) 107'5"
2. F. Ponta (Aust) 80'7½"
3. T. Moran (Eng) 75'5"

#### CLASS B.
1. G. Hooper (Aust) 97'3½"
2. D. Pickering (Eng) 87'11"
3. B. Moretti (Aust) 81'10 ¾"

#### CLASS C.
1. L. Manson Bishop (Rhod) 107'10 ½"
2. R. Rowe (Eng) 96'4"
3. T. Palmer (Eng) 92'8"

#### CLASS D.
1. R. Scott (Eng) 117'4 ¾"
2. J. Turich (Aust) 115' ¼"
3. J. Gidney (Aust) 87'5"

### FEMALE:
#### CLASS A.
1. L. Dodd (Aust) 54'3 ½"
2. J. Lawton (Eng) 46'1"
3. --- ---

#### CLASS B.
1. L. Gilchrist (Rhod) 67'3"
2. S. Jones (Eng) 41'9 7/8"
3. G. Buck (Eng) 40'8 ¼"

#### CLASS C.
1. V. Forder (Eng) 51'1 ¼"
2. D. Flint (Eng) 40'1 ½"
CLUB THROW: FEMALE (Cont'd)

SHOT PUTT:

MALE:

CLASS A:
1. D. Thompson (Eng) 21'5"
2. F. Ponta (Aust) 16'8\(\frac{3}{4}\)"
3. J. Redgewick (Eng) 15'4\(\frac{3}{8}\)"

CLASS B:
1. G. Hooper (Aust) 20'3\(\frac{3}{4}\)"
2. P. Pickering (Eng) 19'1\(\frac{3}{4}\)"
3. W. Mather Brown (Aust) 15'9\(\frac{1}{2}\)"

CLASS C:
1. L. Manson Bishop (Rhod) 20'2\(\frac{3}{4}\)"
2. N. McDonald (Scot) 19'6"
3. M. Shelton (Eng) 19'2\(\frac{3}{8}\)"

CLASS D:
1. R. Scott (Eng) 22'4"
2. J. Turich (Aust) 22\(\frac{1}{2}\)"
3. R. Cockerill (Aust) 19'11"

SHOT PUTT:

FEMALE:

CLASS A:
1. L. Dodd (Aust) 11'3\(\frac{1}{2}\)"
2. J. Lawton (Eng) 10'5"

CLASS B:
1. L. Gilchrist (Rhod) 15'2\(\frac{1}{4}\)"
2. G. Buck (Eng) 11'8\(\frac{3}{4}\)"
3. R. Harvey (Scot) 11'4"

CLASS C:
1. V. Forder (Eng) 12'1\(\frac{3}{4}\)"
2. D. Flint (Eng) 10'9\(\frac{3}{4}\)"
3. --- ---

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SHOT PUTT: FEMALE (Cont'd)

CLASS D.
1. D. Ceeney (Aust) 15'7½"
2. M. Edwards (Eng) 13'2½"
3. M. Ross (Aust) 12'4½"

SWIMMING:

FEMALE:

CLASS A, 25 metres:
CRAWL:
1. L. Dodd (Aust) 36.2 (record)
2. S. Masham (Eng) 58.5
3. P. McCarthy (Ind) 1 min. 13.4 secs.
*(awarded Gold Medal as incomplete class A)

CLASS A.
BACKSTROKE:
1. L. Dodd (Aust) 34.9 (record)
2. S. Masham (Eng) 41.8
3. G. Buck (Eng) 44.8

CLASS A.
BREASTSTROKE:
1. L. Dodd (Aust) 48.7
2. S. Masham (Eng) 52.6

CLASS B, 50 metres:
CRAWL:
1. No race.

BACKSTROKE:
1. J. Lawton (Eng) (swam alone)

BREASTSTROKE:
1. J. Lawton (Eng) (swam alone)

CLASS C, 50 metres:
CRAWL:
1. L. Gilchrist (Rhod) 49.6
2. D. Flint (Eng) 1 min. 42.6

BACKSTROKE:
1. L. Gilchrist (Rhod) 56.5
**CLASS C. 50 metres:**

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**CLASS D. 50 metres:**

**CRAWL:**

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CLASS A. 25 metres

BREASTSTROKE:
1. M. Bazeley (Aust) 29.7 (record)
2. F. Crowder (Eng) 48.2
3. F. Ponta (Aust) 55.1

CLASS B. 50 metres:

CRAWL:
1. B. Thwaite (Aust) 69.5
2. J. Robertson (Scot) 1 min. 37.2

BACKSTROKE:
Not raced

BREASTSTROKE:
1. B. Thwaite (Aust) 1 min. 27.6 secs.
   (Swam alone)

CLASS C.

CRAWL:
1. A. Yeomans (Aust) 60.1
2. W. Mather Brown (Aust) 60.2
3. G. Hooper (Aust) 1 min. 52.7

BACKSTROKE:
1. W. Mather Brown (Aust) 1 min. 21.4 secs.
2. A. Yeomans (Aust) 1 min. 37.4 secs.
3. G. Hooper (Aust) 1 min. 41.9 secs.

BREASTSTROKE:
1. A. Yeomans (Aust) 1 min. 14.2 secs.
2. G. Hooper (Aust) 1 min. 38.7 secs.
3. W. Mather Brown (Aust) 1 min. 44.4 secs.

CLASS D.

CRAWL:
1. L. Manson Bishop (Rhod) 47.3
2. B. Dickenson (Eng) 49.7
3. K. Cunningham (Aust) 50.4

BACKSTROKE:
1. B. Dickenson (Eng) 47.2
2. L. Manson Bishop (Rhod) 56.4
3. P. McCranor (Eng) 1 min. 21.3 secs.
SWIMMING: MALE (Cont'd)

CLASS D.
BREASTSTROKE:
1. L. Manson Bishop (Rhod) 1 min. 2.6 secs.
2. D. Watts (Aust) 1 min. 9.8 secs.
3. B. Dickenson (Eng) 1 min. 10.5 secs.

WEIGHTLIFTING:

MALE:

CLASS A. (HEAVYWEIGHT)
1. V. Renalson (Aust) 340 lbs.
2. J. Turich (Aust) 280 lbs.
3. J. Rowe (Eng) 215 lbs.

CLASS B. (MIDDLEWEIGHT)
1. T. Palmer (Eng) 250 lbs.
2. B. Thwaite (Aust) 245 lbs.

CLASS C. (LIGHTWEIGHT)
1. W. Mather Brown (Aust) 230 lbs.
2. G. Hooper (Aust) 200 lbs.
3. R. Cockerill (Aust) 195 lbs.

CLASS D. (FEATHERWEIGHT)
1. B. Moretti (Aust) 180 lbs.

PENTATHALON:

COMPLETE LESIONS:
1. D. Thompson (Eng) 3149 points
2. J. Robertson (Scot) 2090"
3. --- ---

INCOMPLETE LESIONS:
1. K. Cunningham (Aust) 3212 points
2. J. Turich (Aust) 3162 points
3. L. Manson Bishop (Rhod) 3135 points.

FENCING:

MALE:

SABRE INDIVIDUALS:
1. F. Ponta (Aust)
2. A. Shields (Scot)
3. D. Thompson (Eng)
FENCING: (Cont'd)

SABRE TEAMS:
1. J. Thompson & D. Thompson (Eng)
2. F. Ponta & R. Sutton (Aust)
3. T. Smart and D. Winters (Wales)

FEMALE:

SABRE INDIVIDUALS:
1. S. Jones (Eng)
2. D. Ceeney (Aust)
3. M. Taylor (Scot)

SNOOKER:
1. J. Gibson (Eng)
2. A. Robertson (Aust)

Game score: 60;56 51-27

BASKETBALL:
1. Australia
2. England
3. Scotland

1. Australia  20  England  18
2. Australia  36  Scotland  6
3. England    18  Scotland  7
4. Australia  24  England  16
5. Australia  34  Scotland 10
6. England    24  Scotland 15

POINT SCORE:
Australia    -   305
England      -   280
Rhodesia     -   88
Scotland     -   44
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Wales        -    8
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