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## SAOC President's Report - 2008

2008 was an outstanding year for the South Australian Olympic Council (SAOC). The excitement surrounding the Beijing Olympic Games was matched by the selection of 28 South Australians being added to the long and proud list of SA Olympians who have represented Australia. Further good news was recently announced that the SAOC had been awarded the Sir Donald Trescowthick Trophy by the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) as the State that had achieved the best 'Olympic Fund Raising' result measured against the set budget for the 2005-08 quadrennium.

The SAOC continues to fulfil its role as the custodian of the Olympic Movement across the State. It is particularly pleasing to report that all major responsibilities have been successfully delivered. I refer to fundraising, Olympian Club Support, SA Sports Institute (SASI) relationships, The Pierre de Coubertin Awards Programme, media and affiliated Olympic Sports communications.

The 2005-08 quadrennium was challenging for the SAOC administration, especially as we changed Executive Officers three times. The efforts of Robyn Granger, Christine Mainprize and Amelia Weston have been well recognized and all have served the Olympic movement in this State with great distinction and credibility.

The SA Games Appeal model is administered by the SAOC, and reported fundraising of \$1,350,000 during the quadrennium. The three State Appeals Received:

SAOC Appeal	\$747,943
SA Paralympic Appeal	\$236,000
SA Commonwealth Games Appeal	\$236,000

In addition, the SA Games Appeal Committee formulated a new and very special 'Trust Fund' for SASI, with the instigation of the "Robert Gerard AO Athlete Development Fund". The trust received \$170,000 as an initial allocation from the 2005-08 Appeal activities.

Our 2008 Premiers Games Appeal Dinner continued the tradition of 'Adelaide's Best Formal Dinner', with 941 guests plus the newly formed Emerging Leaders Group of 174 attending. SA Olympians, Paralympians and Commonwealth Games representatives joined the dinner (20 athletes), whilst David Campbell was the feature entertainment. The dinner raised \$249,809.

Operating the SA Olympic Council continues to be difficult, with the 28 affiliated sports finding it difficult to nominate members to join the Executive. I have raised this matter in every report to the Annual General Meeting since being elected as your President. Succession planning along with the huge task of raising \$700,000 for the

2012 Australian Olympic Team requires serious attention to be given by our State Olympic Sports to these two major issues.

We are indebted to many loyal supporters of the SAOC. Our relationship with the AOC continues to thrive and we are financially supported by the AOC to operate the SAOC office. There is major financial support from the SA Government and SASI via The Office of Recreation and Sport for which we extend our grateful appreciation. The marvellous contribution made to the SA Games Appeal by Chairman Robert Gerard AO and Mrs Gerard OAM, together with their committees is acknowledged with the results previously reported upon.

The SAOC financial report is best measured across the 4 year Olympiad 2005-08. Whilst the 2008 trading year resulted in a \$27,252 loss, it's pleasing to report that the SAOC recorded a surplus to budget over the 2005-08 period, resulting in accumulated funds at the end of the quadrennium shown in the balance sheet of \$19,239.

Finally, I wish to thank Amelia Weston and those volunteers who have given so much of their time in preparing for the Premiers Games Appeal Dinner, along with members of the SAOC Executive for their support and contribution to a most successful 2008.

David Prince OAM  
President  
South Australian Olympic Council

**South Australian 2008 Beijing Olympic Games Medallists:**

Erin Phillips (Women's Basketball - Silver)

Laura Summerton (Women's Basketball - Silver)

Jenni Screen (Women's Basketball - Silver)

Hannah Davis (Women's K4 500m - Bronze)

Anna Meares (Women's Sprint - Track Cycling - Silver)

Megan Jones (Eventing Team - Silver)

Hayden Stoeckel (Men's 100m backstroke - Bronze & Men's 4x100m Medley Relay - Silver)

Grant Schubert (Men's Hockey - Bronze)