

## **OCEANIA ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES**

### ***POLICY STATEMENT - No. 2.6***

This Policy Statement was endorsed by the Council at its meeting on 21 January, 2001.

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### **OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

#### **VENUES**

##### **BACKGROUND:**

Over a number of years various Councils have attempted to introduce a rotation of venues for Oceania Regional Championships based on the principle of holding each second event in an island venue with the intervening events alternating between Australia and New Zealand.

##### **For various reasons this has not been possible.**

Council considers it is necessary to hold Council meetings on an annual basis, and that (where practical) meetings should be held at Championship venues.

The costs of travel and accommodation are a major item in OAVA expenditure.

Currently, Council members are required to personally contribute up to 50% of their travel and accommodation expenses incurred in attending meetings.

In order to maintain the policy of annual meetings, OAVA requires significant income from levies on competitors at Oceania Championships.

When Championships are held at island venues, competitor numbers are lower than venues in Australia and New Zealand, while meeting costs are higher.

It is also necessary to recognise that competitors from all affiliates (including island affiliates) are likely to incur higher travel costs when Championships are held at venues other than in Australia and New Zealand.

##### **POLICY:**

Council remains committed to the general policy of encouraging the holding of Oceania Championships in island venues on a regular basis.

This is seen as necessary and desirable in order to:

- promote veteran athletics in the particular island venues in pursuance of OAVA's development responsibilities, and
- provide new travel opportunities for athletes.

However, it is necessary to consider the issues identified above in the background to this policy.

These are:

- OAVA income from levies;
- OAVA expenditure on meeting and other costs;
- travel cost for competitors.

Accordingly, it is Council current policy that, in principle, Oceania Championships should be held in a cycle consisting of Australia, New Zealand, and an 'island' affiliate.

This means that every third Championships should be held in an 'island' affiliate.