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Editorial

We all know that the Olympic Games 1956 will be held in MELBOURNE, and to some of us this means a very great deal.

We know that OLYMPIAD means a period of four years between celebrations.

We know that OLYMPIAN pertaining to manners, is magnificent, condescending, superior.

We also know that OLYMPUS (the person) was possessed of super-human calmness and detachment.

The Olympic motto is CITUIS ALTRIUS FORTIUS or Speed, Altitude, Strength.

I wonder how many of you, have considered, how much some of those things can be applied to our own Association.

I suggest that most of them are especially applicable (at this very time) as we think and plan for our great meeting, at the Olympic Games in MELBOURNE in 1956.

You have certainly been the Olympians possessed of magnificent manners and superior patience in your long wait to hear what the Victorian mob are doing about the Games.

I have certainly been the Olympus possessed of super-human calmness and detachment.

This celebration may not be as an Olympiad to our Association, for indeed it could happen only once in the life of the organisation.

Now the time has arrived to apply the Olympic motto—speed (in our work)—high aims—strength (in our unity).

Frankly, you all know that a lot of our planning must, by necessity be “airy-fairy” until you say “I will be there for sure”. You see we cannot commit ourselves unless you give your assurance of “united we see the Olympics”—“divided we might!”—BUT a lot of re-union fun will be missed if we go alone.

We in Victoria will accommodate you—You in other States will make our lot easier by saying yes!!!—at once—NOW!!!

I would ask you all therefore, (by States), to send us, an early nominal roll of attenders and intended means of travel.

—BUNGA MCKENZIE.

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Western Australia has suggested a fee of £2/2/- which will pay for the Opening Ceremony.

There has to be a start and all members who have an inkling that they might be able to attend the Olympic Re-Union please send £2/2/- to cover the booking of Opening Ceremony tickets.

We believe that the Opening Ceremony will be the highlight of the Games and is therefore an Association “MUST”. You will all do well therefore, to plan your arrival in Melbourne to be prior to that date.

This Is Urgent !!**H**ave YOU £2/2/-?**I**want your £2/2/-.**S**end your £2/2/-.**I**nitial cost £2/2/-.**S**end your £2/2/-.**U** should be in it.**R**eplay soon with £2/2/-.**G**et YOUR £2/2/- in.**E**arly replies help.**N**o reply means defeat.***This Is Urgent !!***

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OLYMPIC SEATING

1. Single bookings will not open till April 1, 1956.
2. Bulk bookings may be arranged now because we have a contact: Mr. R. J. Anderson, 7th Floor, Myer Emporium.
3. Daily admission prices (including Opening Ceremony) are: £3/4/-, £2/3/-, £1/11/-, £1/1/-, 16/-, 11/-, 9/-. Any of these seats may be reserved.
4. A number of tickets will be available at the entrances daily during the games at 16/-, 11/-, 9/-.

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VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION**SUGGESTED PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR INTER-STATE AND LOCAL VISITORS**

- Thursday, November 22: Dance and Social Evening.
 Saturday, November 24: Grand Re-Union. Theatre Night for Ladies.
 Sunday, November 25: Motor Trip to Lorne.
 Wednesday, November 28: Convention.
 Saturday, December 1: Barbecue (open air).
 Sunday, December 2: Motor Trip to Maroondah Dam and Picnic.

NOTE: Due to distance, time available and travel limitations, our original proposed visit to Foster is now considered NOT possible.

Questionnaire :

VICTORIAN MEMBERS ACCOMMODATION, CATERING AND TRANSPORT

1. Can you accommodate some visitors?
2. If so—how many?
3. Would you prefer married couples?
4. Or would you only have accommodation for males or females?
5. Would accommodation be in your home or in a friend's place?
6. If you cannot squeeze anyone into a home—can you arrange temporary accommodation?
7. Have you a caravan and would you loan it?
8. Could you fit one into your yard and let occupants use your latrines, showers, etc.?
9. Would you be prepared to hire a caravan to supply accommodation for visitors?
10. Have you a garage, outbuilding or spare room suitable for accommodation?
11. If so would you need loan stores such as bedding, etc.?.....
12. Have you a tent?
13. If not, could you hire one?
14. Would you erect one in your yard and let occupants use showers, latrines, etc.?
15. If you could accommodate any could you feed them?.....
16. If you could accommodate but not feed is there a cafe nearby?

TRANSPORT:

17. Have you a car?
18. If so could you convey visitors during the games?
19. If not is transport available by Train/Bus/Tram?

LOCAL AUTHORITY — ACCOMMODATION:

20. Is there a Shire Hall in your area?
21. How far is it from the city?
22. Is it accessible to transport?
23. Could it be hired for
 - (a) A social and dance?
 - (b) A barbecue?
 - (c) A meeting room (one night)?
 - (d) For male accommodation?
24. Could it be hired for a fortnight from Nov. 20 to Dec. 9?
25. What would cost of hire be?

CATERING:

26. Are there any good cafes in your area?
27. If so how many could they provide for?
28. Is there any catering set-up near your local hall?
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29. Could they ration male members quartered in the hall?
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30. If not from their own resources could they do it with loan stores, such as bedding, cooking gear, etc.?

COUNTRY MEMBERS:

31. If you are a reasonable distance from the city, e.g. up to 25 miles, can you assist in any of the above mentioned needs?
32. Will you want accommodation?

CAR OWNERS:

33. Will you be prepared to be rostered for transport duty with visitors?
34. If so will you carry your wife and children or how many will you take in your car?
35. Have you a good knowledge of your area and the city? ...
36. In particular do you know where Association members live?
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37. Are you competent in city traffic and do you know parking arrangements for the games?
38. If you accept transport duties with your car, do you realise it may be necessary for you to move your car from parking to a pre-arranged pick-up point in order that our night programme can be adhered to?
39. Are you prepared to do this, have you thought of your family?

GENERAL:

40. Have you got any suggestions for:—
- Accommodation?
- Loan stores?
- Local Halls?
- Catering?
- Transport?
- Private Cars?
- Parking Ideas?
- Programme?
- Entertainments?
41. • If so, briefly state your ideas
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42. Is there any Army drill hall near you and could you approach the area officer for use of it?

ENTERTAINMENT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INTERSTATE MEMBERS DEFINITELY COMING

- 1. Is our programme for dates of Association entertainments O.K.?
- 2. If not, your suggestions please
- 3. Is the type of entertainment O.K.?
- 4. If not, your suggestion please
- 5. Is an open air barbecue O.K.?
- 6. If not, your suggestion please
- 7. Will you want to spend your full time under Association arrangements?
- 8. If not, state what entertainment you would not visit

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PRO FORMA

INTER-STATE NOMINAL ROLL

- 1. Member's name
- 2. I am coming—absolutely—YES.
- 3. As far as I can see
- 4. I am undecided.
- 5. It is not very likely.
- 6. I am not coming—absolutely—NO.

IF YES:

- 7. Will your wife be coming too—Yes/No.
- 8. How many children will you be bringing (here state) NIL
- 9. What means of travel will you use?
- 10. Will you have your own accomodation? Caravan Friend's place Any other
- 11. Will you require double or single accomodation, e.g. are you happy to be separated?

(Cross out and fill in as applicable.)

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OPENING CEREMONY

- 1. A complete provisional programme for Melbourne's Olympic Games was released recently.
- 2. The Opening Ceremony of the games will be held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Thursday, November 22, in the afternoon, and they will end on Saturday, December 8.
- 3. No events will be held on Sundays according to the present programme.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

1. I have dealt specifically with information pertaining to rail, sea and air from Western Australia.
2. We believe that the NX mob and the SX minority will be wise and liesurely cross the borders by caravan.
3. But don't let the absence of a caravan stop you—we will fix accommodation.

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TRAVELLING BY TRAIN

TRANS AUSTRALIAN RAILWAYS:

4. This is no "cattle truck" job with pedestal pan in the corner these days, chaps.
5. A modern streamlined, beautifully appointed train, comprised of German built carriages hauled by Clyde General Motors deisel of speeds up to 90 miles per hour.
6. No Wiles Cooker or flies for meals—the whole train is air-conditioned—with delightful lounge-observation cars (even the desert looks good at 70 m.p.h.) radio throughout—excellent dining service and you can ring for and be civilly served with a cold grog en route—any time!!!
7. I have crossed three times on this and can recommend it as 3½ days of splendid travel—Perth to Melbourne.
8. Trains leave Perth: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 3.30 p.m. Arrives Melbourne Wednesday, Friday, Sunday, Tuesday, 9 a.m.
9. Fares: Perth to Melbourne, First class £25/3/3, children 4-14 years £14/19/3; Second class £16/16/6 children 4-14 years £9/13/-.
10. Excursions are planned for the Olympics plus 50 per cent increase in trains.
11. For a family job this looks like the "apples". Phone W.A.G.R.

TRAVELLING BY SEA:

12. Passenger ships plying between Melbourne and Fremantle are:

Ship	Melbourne Agent	West Aust. Agent
Duntroon	Melbourne SS Coy.	Ditto
Kanimbla	MacIlwraith MacEacherin	Ditto
Manoora	Adelaide SS Coy.	Ditto
Westralia	Hubbard Parker	Dalgety & Coy.

13. Average fares are:
 First class single: £24.
 Second class single: £19/17/6.
 Third class single: £14.
14. There are others "wild catting" about and you can ascertain sailing dates by ringing the agent—early!!

TRAVELLING BY AIR:

15. T.A.A. Skymaster leaves Perth nightly at 10 p.m. Arrives Melbourne at 9.30 a.m. Single fare £32/8/-. Phone Perth BA9861.
16. A.N.A. Skymaster leaves Perth nightly at 9.45 p.m. Arrives Melbourne 9.25 a.m. Single fare £34/1/-. Phone Perth BA9651.
17. There is also T.A.A. Convair (Canonball) service twice weekly.
18. Both services are arranging many special flights for Olympic passengers.
19. Both airlines also have two services daily departing Perth at 7.5 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. (But I like flying in the dark best.)