

THE TORCHBEARER

"56er's Torchbearers Club Inc"

PO Box 2148, CAIRNS Q 4870

Committee:

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The Final Mile:

It is with regret that we advise members that our Hon Secretary, Keith Barrett, Runner 60, Townsville – Ayr, passed away peacefully on Monday 8th February surrounded by his family at Cairns Base Hospital. His funeral was held at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Cairns, on Friday 12th February. 56er's Jim Vallely and Bob Chester acted as pall bearers along with representatives of the National Service Association and family.

Keith's terminal condition was diagnosed back about August 2009. It is a measure of the man that despite his condition, he kept on his concern for and active role in the 56er's including producing the November newsletter.

On behalf of the committee and members, the following letter was sent to Keith's wife, Fay.

12 February 2010

Fay Barrett
57 Koch Street
MOOROOBOOL QLD 4870

Dear Fay

This is to convey to you and your family the deep sympathies of the committee and membership of the 56er's Olympic Torchbearers Club.

As you will know, we have held Keith in high regard. We have sincerely appreciated and admired all he has done over the years, personally, and on behalf of the association in keeping the 1956 Olympic Torch Relay flame alive in the community and in the fellowship of those who proudly participated. He will be truly missed.

Please accept our sincere condolences.

On behalf of:

*Con Verevis – President
Jim Vallely – Vice President
Bill Cummings – Hon Treasurer
and the Members*

President's Message

Hello Fellow 56er's: Keith has run his last mile. We thank him from the bottom of our hearts for all he has done for the club. He will be sadly missed.

Keith's flame was bright and will light up our memories of him for ever.

***Your President
Con Verevis***

NQ Games – The Next Event: However, as Keith would have wished, we need to carry on. Vice President, Jim Vallely has taken the responsibility of liaising with the North Queensland Games Foundation in relation to the staging of the opening of the 56er's Torchbearers 1500 metre race at the games to be held in Cairns in April and reports as follows.

Hi Fellow Torchbearer: With the sad passing of Keith and our good President Con in poor health, I have taken the liberty to update you on our contribution to the North Queensland Games. Athletics North Queensland have got right behind us and are promoting our 1500m races by sending flyers out to sporting clubs and are also seeking media promotion.

The opening ceremony is scheduled to commence at Barlow Park, Cairns, at 5.30pm Friday 9th April, with the torchbearers' 1500m races following soon after. It would be nice if we could gather prior to the march past and participate in it.

Should you seek further information as the event draws near, please feel free to phone me on 40532150.

*Jim Vallely
Vice President*

NOTE –

**FOR THE MARCH PAST
FOR THE OPENING OF THE NQ GAMES
PLEASE GATHER
EASTERN END OF GRANDSTAND,
BARLOW PARK, SPENCE STREET, CAIRNS
5.30PM FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010**

Annual Meeting: It is currently proposed that the annual meeting of the Club for 2010 will again be held on a Saturday close to the anniversary of the commencement of the relay in November 1956, probably on Saturday 6th or 13th November 2010. Further details later.

Housekeeping – Membership Fees: There has been a good roll in of membership fees. However, if there are more to come, please forward to 56er's Torchbearers Club, PO Box 2148, Cairns Q 4870.

Contact: If you have an email address and would like that used for contact, send it to admin@cummings.net.au



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Are pleased to announce that to commemorate the 1956 Olympic Torch Relay, involving over 2800 athletes each running one mile (approx 1500m) from Cairns to Melbourne will provide a:

★ **\$2500 PURSE** ★

For the 1500 metres Men's & Women's Races at
the



*The races will be staged as part of the Opening Ceremony of the
2010 Suncorp North Queensland Games, at Barlow Park
on Friday 9th April 2010*

Prizes: Winner \$750 plus Trophy & name added to perpetual shield
Second \$300, Third \$150 plus medallions for both Men's & Women's
Races.

Nomination Forms will be available early January
For more information contact:

Athletics North Queensland Phone: 4728 1365 or
enquiries@athleticsnorthqld.org.au