

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ATHLETIC AWARDS

PRESENTED AT BRISBANE 2011

WALKS

This category continues to be the toughest of all the awards to win, such is the quality and depth of our walkers in this country. Our winner has been a regular participant at all levels of our championships and has been a regular winner of this particular award. Besides winning their walking events at the Perth Championships, they also won their Open State Championships and set a World Record in the 20km event.

Congratulations: W50 Lyn Ventris
Western Australia

DISTANCE

Our recipient for this award has competed in a range of distances over the year. They have been involved in setting several Australian Records. At the 2010 AMA Championships they won the 1500m, 5000m, 10000m and cross country with age grade performances from 95.73% to 99.29%. During the winter season they established an Australian Record in the marathon with an age grade performance of 97.4%.

Congratulations: W65 Lavinia Petrie
Victoria

MIDDLE DISTANCE

Our middle distance recipient had an outstanding year in their favourite event. The record for this event was untouched since 1986 but our recipient not only broke that record but did so four times during the summer season, firstly in their home state at their Masters Championships, again in their Open State Championships where they won the event and finally again at our AMA Championships twelve months ago.

Congratulations: W40 Suzy Cole
Tasmania

SPRINTS

Our recipient had an outstanding National Championships in Perth twelve months ago. In fact I believe they even surprised themselves with how well they were running when they competed in their sprint events. With some very good opposition they were able to clearly

win each of their events, particularly the 100m when they come within a whisker of breaking the record set almost twenty years by a legend of our sport, Wendy Ey.

Congratulations: W55 Lynne Choate
Western Australia

JUMPS

Our recipient for jumps is one of our most outstanding athletes. At the World Indoor Championships they won long jump and high jump and repeated this at the Perth Championships. They set Australian records in high jump for both indoors and outdoors as well as setting a World Record in long jump.

Congratulations: W50 Marie Kay IAAF Female
Athlete of the Year 2010

THROWS

Our recipient has been a competitor in masters athletics for many years. They have had a busy year with outstanding performances in shot, discus, weight and hammer. This has included two state records, one Australian record and one World record.

Congratulations: W75 Val Worrell
Victoria

MULTI EVENTS / RELAYS

Our recipient had an outstanding year setting three Australian records in the multi events in 2010. The pentathlon record was set at their state championships, the heptathlon record was set at the AMA Championships and the indoor record was set when they were competing whilst sick at the World Indoor Championships yet. These were three outstanding gold medal performances.

Congratulations: W65 Marge Allison
Queensland

ADMINISTRATOR / OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Our recipient for this award has made a most valuable contribution to our sport. In fact the majority of athletes at these championships have benefitted from his skill and knowledge. This person has put many hours of his own time over the past couple of years, and at no cost to AMA, to develop an online entry system that is tailor made for a Masters Championships. He has also worked for several years as our AMA webmaster, developing and maintaining a very user friendly site and dealing promptly with any problems or requests.

**Congratulations:
South Wales**

Ernie Leseberg

New

MOST OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

The remarkable aspect of our recipient's success at the Kamloops Championships is that he had major knee surgery early 2009 and was informed by his doctor that there was little chance he could ever run again and certainly not at National or International level. Thus the gold medal achievements in Kamloops were all the more remarkable due to this "never tell me never" approach to rehabilitation and commitment to doing the hard work for success. Our recipient later competed at the US Championships so that he could challenge a top field of sprinters including Steve Robbins and Don Neidig, the outdoor and indoor world record holders for the sprints. He was able to win the 100m and 200m in closely fought races, with excellent times, setting National records in the process.

**Congratulations:
Athlete of the Year**

M65

Peter Crombie

IAAF Male

MOST OUTSTANDING MALE ATHLETE

Our recipient has had a very successful year which included three World Records and five Australian Records. On a number of occasions our recipient kept narrowing the gap between his performances and the elusive world records until he finally achieved it in the one mile and the 3000m, eclipsing the previous mark set by Ron Robertson from New Zealand, who himself has gradually been overtaking the records set by our own Hall of Fame star Alan Bradford. To further demonstrate our recipient's outstanding performances his 1500m Australian Record has an age grade of 99.6%. Within a five weeks gap between the two of the world records our recipient achieved an Australian Record in the 10km for good measure.

**Congratulations: M55 Keith Bateman New
South Wales**

MOST OUTSTANDING FEMALE ATHLETE

Our recipient has had an amazing year setting 8 race walking world records in the W60 age group: two over 3km outdoors, one 3km indoors at Kamloops, one 5km record, two 10km records and one 20km record. At the WMA Indoor Championships, where our recipient won two gold medals (including a world record), she showed a lot of fortitude and courage when the news reached her that her mother had passed away just before the competition commenced. Our recipient returned home as soon as her second event was completed.

At the WMA Regional Oceania Championships in Tahiti, our recipient won 5 gold medals, three in her preferred walking events as well as in the 1500m and steeplechase.

**Congratulations: W60 Heather Carr
Victoria**