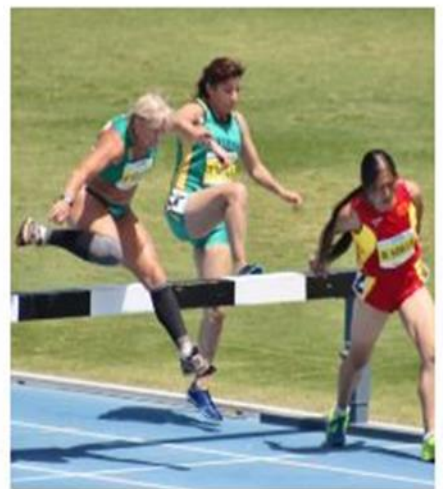




AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS

Promoting active healthy athletics competition through our network of state and territory associations





Message from the President

Aussie Success in Perth

How does one measure success? Is it by numbers competing or medals won? Perhaps it is by personal best performances or season's best. Or could it be about the new friends made? Maybe success is competing regardless of injury problems or being in your first world championships or overcoming nerves. Perhaps it could be making a relay team. The latter was my dream for success at my first WMA Championships.

Success is many things and most of us will have had some sort of success in one form or another in Perth. Many will have good memories and hopefully many will want to do it all over again.

Aussie Statistics

20 Australian records were set in the lead up to Perth. Four were set by M80 Tom Hancock and by W50 Julie Brims

27 Australian records were set in Perth including three by W75 Fran Harris and two by W50 Julie Brims, W65 Wilma Perkins, W75 Jan Banens, M40 Richard Meiring, M80 Tom Hancock and M40 Ashley McMahon

12 Australian relay records were set. Eight in the 4 x 100m and four in the 4 x 400m.

One Australian team achieved a World Record in the W65 4 x 400m.

State records statisticians will be kept busy for quite some time compiling their state records.

Officials and Volunteers

Did you know that there were 200 officials?

Countries included Canada, USA, UK, Hungary, Portugal, Italy, France, Turkey, Mexico, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Fiji, Norfolk Island, Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and Paraguay. Officials from all Australian states and NT also came to the party.

This was a truly representative group. One of the aims was to provide a developmental opportunity for the Asian officials who applied to come to Perth. It is hoped they have now gone home with additional knowledge and skills for their own competitions.

There were also 250 unique volunteers who filled 1330 shifts and 79 of those volunteers could speak a second language.

Live Streaming

Total views was over 100,000

Total minutes viewed were 1,351,458

Average duration for each viewing was 17minutes 32 seconds

Almost half the views were via desktop and 39.4% by mobile

The most views occurred on days 3, 4, 5 and 10

The top locations for viewing were Australia followed by USA, UK, Germany and then Japan.

Team Wear

Over one thousand items of the new team wear was sold including 280 tracksuit jackets and more polo shirts were purchased than tee shirts.

Where to Next?

Since the introduction of the WMA Indoor Championships in 2004, Australian participation has increased at each championship.

Hopefully we will do the same in Daegu. At the last indoors 65% of the Australian team were experiencing their first indoor competition. Not all of the events are held indoors as there are some non stadia events as well as the long throws.

Then we have our first AMA Championships in Darwin in June 2017.

Malaga, in Spain, will be the attraction in 2018 when the next WMA Outdoor Championships are held.

For those athletes into long term planning the 2019 WMA Indoors will be in Torun, Poland with the 2020 WMA Outdoor Championships in Toronto, Canada.

I am now looking forward to seeing our Aussie athletes in Daegu. Just remember the track is only 200m so the bends are quite sharp. Or as one athlete expressed "don't forget to turn left".

**Wilma Perkins – President
Australian Masters Athletics**





The Northern Territory 2017 Nationals

2017 AMA Championships DARWIN June 9-12.

The 2017 Australian Masters Athletics Championship is to be held in Darwin over the Queen's Birthday weekend from Friday 9th June till Monday the 12th. This Championship will be the first ever in the Northern Territory.

The website for the event was launched late October and registrations opened late November. The website address is <http://ntmastersathletics.com.au/> and at this stage, will provide you with information on the program, the venues, accommodation, and interesting things to do as well as registration.

Our major sponsor, the Club Tropical (soon to be Sage) Resort, will also host the event dinner /awards night. We encourage you to investigate accommodations here as Sage have very competitive prices and the potential to create an athletes village atmosphere.

While masters' athletics is new to the Territory, indigenous culture, dreamtime stories and totems have a very long history. For this reason, the rainbow serpent and the salter crocodile are present in our logo, medals, merchandise and new NT masters singlet.

The rainbow serpent is acknowledge by indigenous groups across our continent as the source of life, the creator and protector of land and its people. The saltwater crocodile is the totem of the Larrakia people on whose land our Championship will be held. These emblems will represent master athletes across Australia coming together in Darwin with respect for the sport and each other.

If you are not already on our mailing list please contact Monica Bugno on monica@slimdigital.com.au . You will then receive monthly newsletter updates that will include the unveiling of medals and mechanise and the announcement of two young, local indigenous artists who will display in our registration area.

We really hope to see you all next year so we can show you the territory way. We promise you a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Steve McGugan
On behalf of LOC





A.M.A Events Calendar 2016 – 2017

AMA Multi Events Championships 2017 Bendigo VIC – Jan 7th & 8th

AMA Half Marathon Championships 2017 Hobart TAS - January 15th

[\(New Zealand Masters Games 2017\)](#)

Wanganui, New Zealand – February 4th & 5th

WMA World Indoor Championships 2017

Daegu City South Korea - March 19th – 25th

[\(World Masters Games 2017\)](#)

Auckland New Zealand – April 21st – 30th

AMA Track & Field Championships 2017 Darwin NT – June 9th – 12th

Oceania Masters Championships 2018 Dunedin New Zealand – Jan 20th – 27th

WMA Championships 2018 Malaga Spain – Sept 5th – 16th



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