

2019 Australian Masters Athletics Half-Marathon Championships Report to AMA Board

1. Introduction

The ACT Masters Athletics club hosted the 2019 Australian Masters Athletics Half Marathon Championships for the second year.

2. Organisation

The event was held in conjunction with the YMCA Canberra Runners Club 50th half marathon on Sunday 26 May 2019 – a long weekend in the ACT. The ACTMA event management team included Race Director, Shane Hutchison (and Club President) and Race Secretary Suzie Gaynor, Treasurer Ken Smith. The ACTMA team partnered closely with the YMCA Organising Committee, led by Gemma Ruddick. The electronic timing services were again delivered by Dr Martin Fryer.

3. Course

The loop course was the west Lake Burley Griffin loop regularly used by the YMCA. The popular half-marathon course traces the shore of Lake Burley Griffin in the heart of Canberra. The start/finish area is an open grassed area at Lennox Gardens. The beautiful and scenic run was in a clockwise loop around the western basin of the lake, at times shaded. The fast course starts for the first 4km of the race on closed roads. The rest of the run is on public bike paths with some concrete on the bridges and underpasses.



4. Weather Conditions

The championships started at 8.00am in clear and crisp conditions after a night of light rain. Although the conditions were cold, particularly for organisers and volunteers, but perfect for distance running.

5. Communication

The event was advertised on the ACTMA website, listed on the AMA website and promoted through the various state and territory newsletters and webpages following direct messages to more than 28 masters' clubs presidents and secretaries. Last year's entrants were all contacted directly through email, and a Facebook page/event was used to build interest and momentum. There was also engagement and exchange of messages on Private Messenger pre and postrace. Printed flyers were



distributed at numerous Canberra running events. Significant cross-posting and sharing with associated ACT athletics clubs (ACT Athletics, Little As and YMCA Runners) was also organised.

The YMCA promotions were on a large scale commensurate with the celebrations of the 50th time the event had been organised. A collection of 65 of the best photos of AMA entrants was [shared](#) to Facebook and entrants. The YMCA had an official photographer who also captured AMA runners.

6. Entries

All entries were electronic through the *RegisterNOW*, the system used by the YMCA. Registrations were checked and confirmed with club registrars.

There were 55 registrations with 3 withdrawals, 2 DNS and 5 ineligible or entered in error. 41 AMA athletes started, and with one disqualified due to not being a financial member, 40 finishers crossed the line. The breakdown of starters by state is in the table at right.

State	2018 18 August	2019 26 May
ACT	12	34
NSW	5	7
QLD	2	1
SA	1	0
TAS	1	0
VIC	0	0
WA	0	0
NT	0	0
	21	42

7. Event results

Seven Masters men finished in the top 16 in the field of more than 500 runners in the YMCA race.

YMCA Men's Placing Position/Overall	Firstname	Lastname	Rep	Time	Age-Graded Performance	AMA placing
1/1	Jacob	Grooby	ACT	1:15:54	77.0%	1
2/2	Bruce	Graham	ACT	1:16:29	90.7%	2
4/4	Andrew	Leigh	ACT	1:19:33	79.1%	3
8/8	Adrian	Davies	ACT	1:21:19	74.9%	
13/13	Bennie	Lindeque	QLD	1:22:48	80.0%	
14/14	Jose	Carvalho	NSW	1:23:37	85.3%	
15/16	Jeff	Grey	ACT	1:23:47	81.3%	

The first past the post AMA finishers for women were:

YMCA Women Placing Position/overall	Firstname	Lastname	Rep	Time	Age-Graded Performance	AMA placing
4/52	Vanessa	Haverd	ACT	1:33:33	73.1%	1
6/74	Catherine	Bylett	ACT	1:36:58	72.3%	2
11/90	Linda	Hernando	NSW	1:40:10	74.0%	3

The field was another top quality, with some athletes returning excellent age-graded performances.

Age Group	Firstname	Lastname	Rep	Time	Age-Graded Performance
M55	Bruce	Graham	ACT	1:16:29	90.7%
W70	Susan	Archer	ACT	1:49:54	88.6%
M60	Jose	Carvalho	NSW	1:23:37	85.3%
M55	Jeff	Grey	ACT	1:23:47	81.3%
M60	David	Clarke	ACT	1:29:17	80.6%
M50	Bennie	Lindeque	QLD	1:22:48	80.0%

Full results at: <https://my4.raceresult.com/125997/results?lang=en>

8. After Race

The AMA medal presentations were combined with the YMCA race presentations.



9. Finance

While all invoices have not been received as yet, a small surplus of about \$200 is forecast after paying AMA Sanctioning Fees and medals. A financial report is attached.

ACT Masters Athletics partnered with *'The Runners Shop'* to provide double the number of \$25 gift vouchers compared to last year. The vouchers were used in a lucky barrel prizes.

10. Volunteers

Just 18 ACTMA volunteers supported the event this year, which is half the number that volunteered last year due to ACTMA's aging membership profile. This is consistent with the wider trend we are seeing with our club events, challenges with retaining an effective volunteer taskforce. Fortunately, in combining with the YMCA to co-host, our 18 volunteers joined forces with YMCA members, for a volunteer workforce of more than 80. A core number of 8 volunteers focused solely on the AMA side of the event at the AMA race headquarters, recording finishers, announcements, check in and bag drop.

11. Future

The half-marathon championships move to Perth in 2020, before returning to Canberra in 2021. The ACT Masters Athletics will host their own half-marathon in 2020, and plan to again co-host and join organising forces with the YMCA to economise on coordination and maximise interest. Combining the two events achieved our goal of increasing participation, with entries more than doubling from last year.



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2019 Australian Masters Athletics Half-Marathon Championships Financial Report

2019 AMA Half Marathon Financial Report – as at 1 June 2019

Income				Expenses			
Description	No.	FEE	TOTAL	Description	No.	FEE	COST
Entrants	52	\$25.00	\$1,300.00	AMA Medals (age group 1, 2, 3)	28	\$8.00	\$225.00
Sponsorship	25	\$10.00	\$250.00	Wrist band identifiers	50	\$2.20	\$110.00
				AMA Capitation Fee	42	\$5.00	\$210.00
				Runners Shop Gift Vouchers	25	\$20.00	\$500.00
				Fruit			\$50.00
				Biscuits and Milk			\$15.00
				Printing & Promotions			\$100.00
				Postage for vouchers	20		\$20.00
				Volunteer Lanyards	20	\$2.00	\$40.00
Total Income			\$1,550.00	Total Expenses			\$1270.00
Summary				Totals			
Income			\$1,550.00				
Expenses			\$1,270.00				
Profit	<i>About</i>		\$280.00				



2019 Australian Masters Athletics Half-Marathon Championships Full Results List

Men AMA Age Group Placings							
Age Group	Place	Firstname	Lastname	Rep	Bib #	Time	Age-Graded
M35	1	Jacob	Grooby	ACT	528	1:15:54	77.0%
M40	1	Adrian	Davies	ACT	58	1:21:19	74.9%
M45	1	Andrew	Leigh	ACT	188	1:19:33	79.1%
M45	2	EJ	Davie	NSW	73	1:51:15	57.5%
M50	1	Bennie	Lindeque	QLD	380	1:22:48	80.0%
M50	2	Geoff	Monro	ACT	292	1:37:10	69.4%
M50	3	Michael	Thompson	ACT	274	1:47:28	62.2%
M55	1	Bruce	Graham	ACT	238	1:16:29	90.7%
M55	2	Jeff	Grey	ACT	252	1:23:47	81.3%
M60	1	Jose	Carvalho	NSW	384	1:23:37	85.3%
M60	2	David	Clarke	ACT	205	1:29:17	80.6%
M60	3	George	Burnett	NSW	297	1:55:38	62.9%
M60	4	Roger	Pilkington	ACT	248	2:06:50	56.2%
M65	1	Peter	Clarke	ACT	269	1:38:07	78.7%
M65	2	Trevor	Jacobs	ACT	250	1:48:46	70.2%
M70	1	Geoff	Moore	ACT	233	1:52:12	71.0%
M70	2	Mick	Saunders	ACT	319	1:58:33	67.2%
M70	3	Jimmy	White	ACT	197	2:21:37	55.6%
M75	1	Robin	Whyte	ACT	386	2:27:29	59.1%
M80	1	Lachlan	Lewis	ACT	66	3:36:12	44.0%
Women AMA Age Group Placings							
W30	1	Helen	Morewood	ACT	201	1:44:33	62.8%
W40	1	Vanessa	Haverd	ACT	499	1:33:33	73.1%
W40	2	Kay	Heinecke	NSW	18	1:51:28	60.9%
W45	1	Catherine	Bylett	ACT	179	1:36:58	72.3%
W45	2	Michelle	Wells	ACT	78	1:42:20	69.9%
W45	3	Kali	Newcomb	NSW	87	1:46:29	66.5%
W50	1	Linda	Hernando	NSW	121	1:40:10	74.0%
W50	2	Elle	Knight	ACT	253	1:47:32	68.9%
W50	3	Sally	Thauvette	ACT	389	1:56:17	63.7%
W55	1	Helen	Larmour	ACT	134	1:49:18	76.0%
W55	2	Jennifer	Launt	NSW	132	1:52:35	73.8%
W60	1	Clare	Wall	ACT	239	1:55:16	77.2%
W60	2	Jennifer	Kellett	ACT	387	1:57:30	75.7%
W60	3	Jennie	Blake	ACT	12	2:15:58	62.7%
W65	1	Robyn	Mcclelland	ACT	216	2:02:46	73.5%
W65	2	Ruth	Baussmann	ACT	289	2:13:38	71.7%
W70	1	Susan	Archer	ACT	130	1:49:54	88.6%
W70	2	Margaret	Mcspadden	ACT	408	2:49:59	59.1%
W75	1	Caroline	Campbell	ACT	77	2:26:58	7320.0%
W75	2	Val	Chesterton	ACT	385	3:07:34	59.7%

* DNS not shown