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### News from the President

With the Australian Masters Track and Field Championships successfully completed in April the next major event for the athletes was the QMA State Championships that was held on the 9 to 11 June in Mackay, Central Queensland. This was a very different sequence of competition mainly because of the difficulty in getting a suitable booking date in Brisbane for the State Championships.

However it was not unusual for this competition to be held in North Queensland as that is the normal process when QMA hosts the Australian Championships.

However this was the first time QMA Masters Athletes has participated as part of the Oceania Athletics Challenge which included athletes from throughout the Oceania Region and competitions included U16, U18, U20, Open athletes and Masters. It was an interesting concept that provided a whole of sport outcome. The initiative of the Oceania Administration and the assurances that this could be potentially a format in some future years was spot on, provided feedback from athletes from the competition is positive

The mix of athletes from the Pacific Island Nations, New Zealand and Australia certainly provided good viewing and the fact the meet was Editorial Contact

Would you like to be part of the *Athletic Challenge* family. Have something you want to contribute?

Contact Kevin Ryall qmamagazine@gmail.com PO Box 849, Nerang, Qld 4211 live-streamed made it all that much better. Many of the Oceania athletes were trying to achieve qualifying performances to gain selection consideration for the upcoming World Athletics Championships mid July and/or the Commonwealth Games shortly thereafter. Personally watching the younger athletes performing was a real buzz for me as I could see the potential that is coming through the ranks, whilst at the same time some of our stars from past international competitions were doing their best to represent again.

Our State Championship events were well supported with over 80 athletes entering and an additional attendance athletes οf from other Australian States. From a Queensland aspect this was a great chance to meet with the members from North Queensland who we have little interaction with in a normal season. There were some real battles within some events as North versus South became a focus and New Zealand versus Aussie was also evident in some events. All this was done in the right spirit and was fun.

#### **Christiane and Maurice Dauphinet**

However the performances of one family was the highlight of the competition, specifically the efforts of Maurice and Christiane Dauphinet, QMA members since the very early days of our organisation and now living in Bundaberg. Their son Terry was present to make sure they did not get carried away and overdo things, but both proved they have still got it when it comes to 'getting it done' in both track and field events. Maurice competed in all the throws and at age 96 his performances were excellent. He lined up for every throw and even asked me 'why do we only have four throws'? Christiane who is aged 91, took her place in the 60m,100m, 200m and 400m events and there was no doubt she got the biggest cheer of the day for her effort in the 400. She ran the whole way and had the energy to give a thank you wave to the audience as she finished her race.

Please see the results for details on how our athletes performed. This was a good initiative that demonstrated all levels of the sport can participate in a multi format competition that covers the entire athletics family from Juniors through to the very senior Masters. In addition to the hard work of Yvonne

and Tom at the Oceania office, we had a huge contingent of officials and volunteers who ensured the competitions were conducted within the rules but at the same time in a friendly and encompassing environment that was a pleasure to experience. Let us hope we can see such endeavours in future, perhaps even at the Club level in Queensland.

**Current and Future Competitions** 

Meanwhile the Cross Country and Road Race Walking season is in full swing. Many members participate in these events so have a look at the QMA website and the QA website for more details. In addition the State Championships will be part of the Gold Coast Marathon championships taking place on the Gold Coast on 3 July. Good luck to all participants.

So what is next? The long weekend in October (1,2 and 3) will see QMA host the Australian Masters Athletics Winter Throwing Championships at QSAC in Brisbane. More news soon on this but if you would like to be part of the organising committee please let us know.

Cheers for now Stan Perkins (QMA President)

#### Upcoming events

**Brisbane 02 July** 

Hammer, Shot, Weight Throw

lexible Program Guide – events run will depend on demand:

8.00am Sprint Hurdles

8.15am 800m and High Jump

8.30am 60m 8.45am 200m

9.00am Long Hurdles and

Pole Vault

9.15am 100m

9.30am 1500m and Long

Jump

9.45am 400m

03 July

Queensland Masters Athletics Marathon Championships

16th July

Heavy Weight, Throws Pentathon, 100 lb

16/17 July

Airlie Beach Marathon

23 July

Coral Coast Masters

Central Highlands Track & Field at Emerald

30th July

Javelin, Discus and Super Weight

#### **Records from Mackay:**

**Dash Newington** W35 Pole Vault 2.70m Qld. Record

Christiane Dauphinet W90 (91yrs) There were not any previous Qld Records. Christiane bettered the Australian Records

60 Metres 20.32s Not a Record due to Wind Assistance of 2.2m/s (must be 2.0m/s or less)

100 Metres 34.02s Queensland and Australian Record

200 Metres 76.28s Queensland and Australian Record

400 Metres 3:14.42 Queensland and Australian Record

Maurice is now competing in the M95 age group (96yrs) and there were no previous QMA records in that age group.

Javelin Throw 9.09m Queensland and Australian Records

Discus Throw 11.37 m Queensland and Australian Records

Shot Put 4 . 4 9 m Queensland and Australian Records

Hammer Throw 9 . 7 7 m Queensland and Australian Records

#### The Essentials For Us All

This is the time of year when many members take cover so as to avoid any chance of being nominated for a position on a Committee, whether it is for the QMA Committee, Brisbane or Gold Coast Committees.

But without a Committee our sport cannot exist, our competitions won't happen and the workload ends up with a few who then carry a huge burden which gradually wears them down.

Nowadays most of the monthly meetings are held as zoom meetings rather than face to face so that makes it easier to be involved. Much of the workload can be completed by sitting at a laptop and com-municating/emailing with a few others.

Plus there are many little tasks where you don't even have to be in a committee to pitch in and help and lighten the load of others.

I was going to put the next heading in bold but I don't want to frighten you away so I will say it softly: Annual General Meetings. I had better write that smaller in case you are already wanting to skip the next paragraph

#### **Annual General Meetings.**

#### **Brisbane**

Let's start with the Brisbane Annual General Meeting. I am confident the treasurer is happy to stay on but there is a need for someone to chair any meetings which are held sporadically and someone to take down what is talked about or decided on. If you would like to see the weekly summer competition run a little differently or the same then here is your chance to contribute.

The date for this meeting is Saturday 23rd July. The meeting will be held at the Club House near the 200m start line at the SAF.

#### **Gold Coast**

The Gold Coast have been proactive and the first to set the date for their Annual General Meeting.

Sunday 24th July is the date and the venue is most likely at Griffith University track or at the Perfor-mance Centre Runaway Bay. Contact Karen Lakin for more details (karenlakin@outlook.com.au)

#### Queensland

Queensland Masters Athletics Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 6th August at QSAC.

I am aware that Stan Perkins is retiring from the Committee and that Bruce Bodsworth will not be re standing. Both Stan and Bruce would love to see some younger folk come onto the committee to bring fresh ideas.

Lorraine Birtwell, Rob Lasker, Roz Kirwin and Lisa Chapman will put their hands up for the committee and Irene Davey is undecided. Like Stan, Irene has served many years on the committee in one position or another.

So in case you missed the above

print put the following in your calendar.

A fun meeting at the SAC Club House on Saturday 23rd July 10.00am

An exciting gathering at the Gold Coast on Sunday 24th July 10.00am (time to be confirmed)

An entertaining social function on Saturday 6th August 10.00am at QSAC with your friends from Masters Athletics

Make sure you get to at least one of these happy social occasions or even better put two in the diary.

Wilma Perkins

#### **HELP WANTED**

One or two people are needed for a most exciting job. The pay is nil but the rewards are immense. Every time a masters athlete sets a state, national or world record they are going to be very appreciative of and grateful to you. Plus you will be the first to know a record has been set.

Heather Doherty has carried out this task for 43 years and she is happy to continue in this role BUT she wants to have several others in the club who can do this job as well.

Heather is one of the best (actually she is the best) in this country in maintaining masters records so you will be learning from the best.

So don't hesitate. Let Wilma (wilmaperkins@me.com) know of your interest and she will link you up with Heather to start you on an exciting pathway.





# **2022 QMA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

# MACKAY

Pole Vault W35 1 Newington, Dash	2.70m
<b>W40</b> 1 Simmons, Madeleine	1.90m
<b>W70</b> 1 Perkins, Wilma	1.50m
M30 1 Gray, Daniel	2.70m
<b>M45</b> 1 Casey, Paul	3.50m
<b>M50</b> 1 Arbuthnot, Howard	4.00m



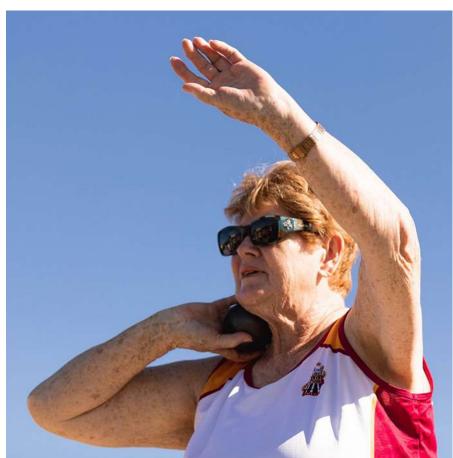
M55 1 Hughes, Michael	2.60m
M60 1 Gray, Neil	2.10m
<b>M65</b> 1 Elliott, Craig	2.40m
M70 1 Cameron, Allan	2.50m
Long Jump	
<b>W35</b> 1 Newington, Dash	4.33m
<b>W40</b> 1 Simmons, Madeleine	3.69m

W45 1 Ross, Kelly 2 Webber, Janet	4.29m 4.09m	<b>W40</b> 1 Wright, Amanda 2 Hoare, Cathryn	27.39m 17.92m
<b>W50</b> 1 Craswell, Jodie	3.58m	<b>W45</b> 1 Bitcheno, Michelle 2 Harris, Ingrid	25.12m 19.97m
<b>W55</b> 1 Paterson, Tamara	3.73m	<b>W50</b> 1 Mackie, Althea	43.34m
<b>M30</b> 1 Gray, Daniel	4.97m	2 Latanis, Samantha 3 Hilton, Leanne	34.57m 26.56m
M45 1 McLean, Andrew 2 McMahon, Ashley	5.84m 5.11m	<b>W55</b> 1 Tucker, Susan	14.94m
3 Carney, Chris	4.79m	<b>W60</b> 1 McClintock, Karel	23.81m
M55 1 Hughes, Michael 2 Otto, Rene	4.24m 2.25m	<b>W70</b> 1 Conroy, Doreen	16.71m
M60 1 Gray, Neil	3.60m	<b>W75</b> 1 Birtwell, Lorraine	17.79m
<b>M65</b> 1 Elliott, Craig	3.45m	<b>M35</b> 1 Abdy, Raymond	19.99m
M70 1 Cameron, Allan 2 Griffith, Denis 3 Conroy, Daniel	3.79m 3.32m 3.24m	M45 1 Doel, Rene 2 Campodonico, Claytor	31.39m n 27.47m
Hammer Throw W30 1 Carr, Bianca	37.99m	M50 1 Harris, Richard 2 Galea, Kevin	35.72m 30.16m
<b>W35</b> 1 Newington, Dash	27.50m	M55 1 Lowrey, Tim 2 Otto, Rene	27.49m 22.09m
2 Ramsden, Miranda 3 Wessling, Sara	24.09m 16.13m	M60 1 Milne, John	24.53m



M65 1Fielder, Wayne 2 Elliott, Craig	30.98m 22.24m
<b>M75</b> 1Perkins, Stan	16.99m
<b>M80</b> 1 Quarterman,Guy	32.41m
<b>M95</b> 1 Dauphinet, Maurice	9.77m
<b>60m</b> <b>W30</b> 1 Tempany, Anna	8.86
<b>W35</b> 1 Newington, Dash	9.44
	9.10 9.16
W <b>50</b> 1 Rutland, Lorraine	9.20
2 Paterson, Tamara	8.12 9.20 9.38
<b>W90</b> 1 Dauphinet, Christiane	20.32





M35 1 Taylor, Ross	7.64
M40 1 Short, Luke	7.72
M45 1 McMahon, Ashley 2 McLean, Andrew 3 Carney, Chris	7.52 7.69 7.94
<b>M50</b> 1 Di Giandomenico, Fabio 2 Hayward, Paul	8.23 8.70
M60 1 Parker, Craig 2 Gray, Neil	8.01 9.49
	9.33 10.51
M70 1 Griffith, Denis 2 Dauphinet, Terry 3 Conroy, Daniel	9.27 9.55 9.87
M75 1 Lacko, Dieter	11.12
<b>5000m W40</b> 1 Williams, Katie	22:23.22
<b>W50</b> 1 Storer, Heidi	21:01.23
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2 Bailey, Caroline	21:19.09
<b>M45</b> 1 Rule, Justin	19:40.03
<b>M75</b> 1 Ryhanen, Erkki	27:37.40
<b>W50</b> 1 Storer, Heidi 2 Bailey, Caroline	21:01.23 21:19.09
80m Short Hurdles W40 1 Simmons, Madeleine	
<b>W45</b> 1 Ross, Kelly 2 Webber, Janet	14.62 15.12
<b>M75</b> 1 Lacko, Dieter	20.81
100m Short Hurdle	S
1 Newington, Dash	19.38
<b>M60</b> 1 Parker, Craig 2 Gray, Neil	19.34 23.39
<b>M65</b> 1 Elliott, Craig	28.26
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1 Newington, Dash	34:49.16



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<b>M55</b> 1 Bryant, Darryn	63.95	2 Carney, Chris	8.70m
M60 1 Parker, Craig 2 Lepper, Mark	64.43 66.07	<b>M55</b> 1 Hughes, Michael 2 Otto, Rene	8.84m 4.62m
M65 1 Elliott, Craig	1:55.38	Shot Put W30 1 Carr, Bianca	10.15m
M75 1 Lacko, Dieter 2 Ryhanen, Erkki	1:28.18 1:31.94	W35 1 Ramsden, Miranda 2 Newington, Dash 3 Wessling, Sara	9.30m 6.69m 5.05m
<b>1500m W40</b> 1 Williams, Katie	6:10.30	<b>W40</b> 1 Hoare, Cathryn 2 Wright, Amanda	7.96m 7.85m
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M65 1 Durant, Graham 2 Elliott, Craig	5:37.78 9:54.66	<b>W55</b> 1 Paterson, Tamara 2 Tucker, Susan	7.34m 4.88m
<b>M75</b> 1 Lacko, Dieter 2 Ryhanen, Erkki	7:18.84 7:27.53	<b>W70</b> 1 Perkins, Wilma 2 Conroy, Doreen	6.49m 5.66m
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M65 1 Fielder, Wayne 2 Elliott, Craig	8.23m 7.34m	<b>W55</b> 1 Paterson, Tamara 2 Tucker, Susan	20.50m 10.66m
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<b>M80</b> 1 Quarterman, Guy	9.26m	<b>W70</b> 1 Perkins, Wilma	15.99m
<b>M95</b> 1 Dauphinet, Maurice	4.49m	2 Conroy, Doreen	10.36m
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2 Elliott, Craig	24.90m 19.88m 18.08m
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<b>M95</b> 1 Dauphinet, Maurice	9.09m
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<b>M35</b> 1 Taylor, Ross	12.08
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M45 1 McMahon, Ashley 2 Doel, Rene 3 Horder, Matthew	11.68 13.22 13.52
<b>M50</b> 1 Berlin, Michael	12.14
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M50 1 Grace, Kevin	2:27.61
<b>M60</b> 1 Lepper, Mark	2:29.65
M65 1 Durant, Graham 2 Elliott, Craig	2:47.85 4:52.18
<b>M70</b> 1 Dauphinet, Terry	3:03.47
<b>M75</b> 1 Lacko, Dieter 2 Ryhanen, Erkki	3:31.06 3:34.70
<b>W40</b> 1 Kehoe, Gillian	2:41.22
<b>W50</b> 1 Storer, Heidi 2 Bailey, Caroline	2:43.01 2:45.97
<b>W55</b> 1 Paterson, Tamara	3:22.29





<b>5000m</b> <b>M45</b> 1 Rule, Justin	19:40.03		
<b>M75</b> 1 Ryhanen, Erkki	27:37.40		
Higher Jump M30			
1 Gray, Daniel	1.40m		
M45 1 McMahon, Ashley	1.50m		
<b>M50</b> 1 Berlin, Michael	1.60m		
<b>M55</b> 1 Lasker, Robert 2 Hughes, Michael	1.45m 1.30m		
M60 1 Key, Brian 2 Gray, Neil	1.50m 1.20m		
M65 1 Ryan, Terry 2 Elliott, Craig	1.25m 1.15m		
<b>M70</b> 1 Conroy, Daniel	1.05m		
<b>W35</b> 1 Newington, Dash	1.35m		
<b>W45</b> 1 Ross, Kelly 2 Webber, Janet	1.40m 1.35m		

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W45 1 Bitcheno, Michelle 2 Harris, Ingrid	18.19m 17.94m
W50 1 Latanis, Samantha 2 Hilton, Leanne 3 Mackie, Althea	26.75m 24.69m 24.44m
<b>W55</b> 1 Tucker, Susan	10.27m





W60 1 McClintock, Karel	20.42m
W70 1 Conroy, Doreen	12.12m
<b>W75</b> 1 Birtwell, Lorraine	15.43m
Weight Throw M40	4.44
1 Abdy, Raymond  M45	4.44m
1 Campodonico, Clayto	on 6.91m
M55 1 Otto, Rene 2 Lowrey, Tim	10.47m 9.68m
<b>M65</b> 1 Fielder, Wayne 2 Elliott, Craig	11.28m 8.23m
M80 1 Quarterman, Guy	12.16m
W35 1 Newington, Dash 2 Ramsden, Miranda 3 Wessling, Sara	9.46m 8.85m 4.86m
<b>W40</b> 1 Wright, Amanda 2 Hoare, Cathryn	9.78m 7.95m
W45 1 Bitcheno, Michelle 2 Harris, Ingrid	7.82m 7.44m
W50 1 Mackie, Althea 2 Hilton, Leanne 3 Latanis, Samantha	12.64m 12.25m 11.53m
<b>W55</b> 1 Tucker, Susan	5.36m
<b>W60</b> 1 McClintock, Karel	10.11m
<b>W70</b> 1 Conroy, Doreen	5.99m
<b>W75</b> 1 Birtwell, Lorraine	7.11m
1500m Race Walk W35	
1 Newington, Dash	9:13.96
<b>W45</b> 1 Harris, Ingrid	15:54.16
<b>W50</b> 1 Craswell, Jodie	11:04.54





### QUEENSLAND MASTERS ATHLETICS COMPETITORS IN 90S DEFY AGE BARRIERS AT TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Jessica Lamb and Tessa Mapstone

On a bush athletics track surrounded by cane fields, 96-year-old Maurice Dauphinet tosses a javelin nine metres and the crowd gives him a standing roar.

His spear might have fallen 44 metres short of the longest throw in the competition, but no one really cares.

After all, he does have 66 years on the youngest competitors.

Age was no barrier at the Queensland Masters Athletic Championships recetly, where for the first time it was held in conjunction with the Oceania Athletics Championships in Mackay, north Queensland.

These days running is off the cards for Maurice following a hip operation, but it did not stop him competing in shot-put, discus, javelin and the hammer throw.

The Bundaberg couple were an inspiration to competitors but claimed there was no secret to their long athletic careers, just an active lifestyle that included Sunday morning track and field training, followed by a croissant and the newspaper puzzles.

But the Masters Athletic Championships is about much more than winning medals and breaking





records

For some, it is one of the few times each year they travel to catch up with like-minded people.

Maurice was one of 200 competitors, aged 30 years and older, who took part in events from the pole vault to the hammer throw, high jump and steeple chase.

His runner wife Christiane, 91, was another.

They joined a masters athletic club 34 years ago in 1988, and have not looked back.

#### Fighting for women's events

Wilma Perkins has not let her 72 years around the sun stop her from flying through the air — literally.

The Brisbane athlete was the oldest pole vaulter in the competition before throwing the javelin and shot-put.

Her top-of-the-podium finish will take her all the way to the World Masters Athletics Tampere 2022 in Finland at the end of the month.

But Perkins is better known for her work off the track organising volunteers and competitions over more than 35 years in the sport.

"Over the years I've done a lot of work, fighting, trying to get changes to improve the sport for women," she said.

Perkins has been the driving force behind several changes, such as smaller incremental increases for older women in field events like high jump, and for allowing one false start in track races before a competitor is disqualified.

"We aren't professional athletes ... come on and give us a break," she said.

Like many athletes, Perkins is all too familiar with watching her personal bests fall every year as her body ages.

"Masters work in five-year age groups ... so every five years you can set new goals, have a rebirth and do it all again," she said.

"Who wants to be 49 and running against younger people when you can be 50 and be the youngest?"



## QMA 10K CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2022



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W40		W60		M60		
1. Kehoe, Gillian	0:43:27.4	1. Thornton, Susan	0:46:13.4	1. Bath, Neil	0:38:35.6	
W50		W65		M70		
1. Bowker, Nicola	0:38:55.4	1. Ryan, Anne	0:45:46.6	1. Sheer, John	0:56:32.7	
<ol><li>Miura, Kyoko</li></ol>	0:41:59.2	•				
3. Craswell, Jodie	0:53:19.6	M45		M75		
		<ol> <li>Wightman, Andrei</li> </ol>	0:42:56.8	<ol> <li>Ryhanen, Erkki</li> </ol>	0:58:39.6	
W55				<ol><li>Dixon, Stephen</li></ol>	1:01:31.5	
<ol> <li>Stanton, Krishna</li> </ol>	0:38:24.0	M50				
<ol><li>Kolb, Miwa</li></ol>	0:44:16.8	<ol> <li>Coleman, Justin</li> </ol>	0:37:17.1	QMA and AMA Marathon		
3 3. Woodward, Erika	0:49:22.1	<ol><li>Teakle, Philip</li></ol>	0:39:26.7	Championships Sunday 3 July		
		<ol><li>Royce, Adrian</li></ol>	0:44:18.9	2022		



