



# QMA E-NEWS

13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022



## HEADLINE NEWS:

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January, this Men 65 team (Robert Gunningham, Ian Cameron, Peter Reeves and Mark McLean) set a new WORLD record for the 4 x 800 m relay. (pending ratification by WMA) Of course, this is also new QMA and AMA records.

## UPCOMING CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

15<sup>th</sup> January QMA Throws Pentathlon Championship – Men

22<sup>nd</sup> January QMA Track and Field Pentathlon Championship

29<sup>th</sup> January QMA Throws Pentathlon Champ – Women

12/13<sup>th</sup> February QMA Multi-events (Decathlon and Heptathlon) Championships

19<sup>th</sup> February QMA 3000 m Championship

**Championship fees** are \$17 (\$10 ground fee + \$7 Championship fee)

There will be other events on the Brisbane Competition program on the Championship days.

19<sup>th</sup> February QMA Memorial Day events.

NOTE: For the **Tom Gould 300 m Handicap**, intending competitors must qualify and nominate by 13<sup>th</sup> February to Hugh Coogan or Wilma Perkins.

Please check the website for programs and further details.



## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

### Gold Coast

The next competition date is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

The Gold Coast Championships will be held at the SAF track on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### North Queensland

22<sup>nd</sup> January Mackay Summer Series Meet 2



## **NOTE: Gold Coast Masters Championships 19<sup>th</sup> March**

These are being held at the SAF track in Brisbane this year as the Gold Coast competition venue does not have suitably equipped facilities. This presents an excellent opportunity for all Masters members to get in some good competition before the National Masters Championships commencing 1 April. So why not enter and get some final polish on your event readiness. It is a tight competition schedule so you will be kept busy and have the chance of picking up a medal or two before the tough stuff happens two weeks later!

## **QMA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Following discussions with ANQ and Oceania Athletics, it has been negotiated to hold the QMA Track and Field Championships for 2022 in conjunction with the Oceania (open) Championships in Mackay between 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022. More details will be provided in future e-news.

## **NATIONALS UPDATE**

Planning is going ahead for the Australian Masters National Track and Field Championships from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>rd</sup> April 2022. The Championship website is now operating: <https://www.brisbane2022nationals.com.au/>  
Entries are now open, with payment not required until closer to the event.

## **UNIFORMS**

If you are planning to compete at the National Championships in 2022, you will need a current QMA uniform singlet or T-shirt. Please order ASAP to ensure delivery in time. All the information with size charts, how to order, etc can be found on the QMA website under the 'Membership' tab. Kathy is waiting for your order!

## **IMPORTANT UPDATE ON COVID SAFE RULES FROM QUEENSLAND ATHLETICS**

Queensland Athletics has received detailed information from the Queensland Government on conducting COVID safe events in the current environment. COVID 19 transmission is now widespread in the Queensland community. You should assume that others you have contact with may have asymptomatic COVID 19.

If we are to continue to deliver athletics competitions while there are significant numbers of COVID infections, we must all work together to ensure as safe an environment as possible.

It is a high priority to ensure the safety of our volunteer officials and administrators, because without this group we cannot continue to deliver the sport. I would ask you to all do your best to abide by these simple rules.

1. If you have even the mildest symptoms do not attend.
2. If you believe you may have been exposed to COVID in a close contact situation, please do not attend until you have a negative test.
3. Other than when competing, masks should be worn at all times while at the venue
4. Please no physical greetings, hand shaking, hugs
5. Please avoid physical contact with other competitors and officials
6. At field events maintain social distancing with others in particular officials
7. The Control room is not to be entered under any circumstances, other than for a few designated officials.  
Your results will be posted on the QMA website.

**QMA Members – your cooperation in complying with these rules will be appreciated.**

## **WORLD MASTERS RANKINGS**

Once again, AMA is subscribing to WMR on behalf of all Australian Masters members. The World Rankings re-start each year on 1 January so this is your opportunity to get a high ranking based on your results from current competitions. Bragging rights can be achieved, even though they may not last for very long, but it is a great feeling to see your name right up there near the top of the rankings. Try a new event or two - you might even find you are good at something else!

***Finally***

***NEW MEMBERS WANTED!!!***

*The hosting of the Australian Masters Track and Field Championships only occurs at your home venue once every EIGHT YEARS. So now is the time to get a friend, partner, eligible children and anyone else over 30 years of age as at 1 April 2022 to get involved with our sport and participate from 1 to 4 April at QSAC Stadium, Nathan. Even if they just want to be a helper volunteer or assist as a basic official, QMA will welcome them on board. Come on - give it some thought and if interested, have a talk to one of our experienced people at the net competition.*

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