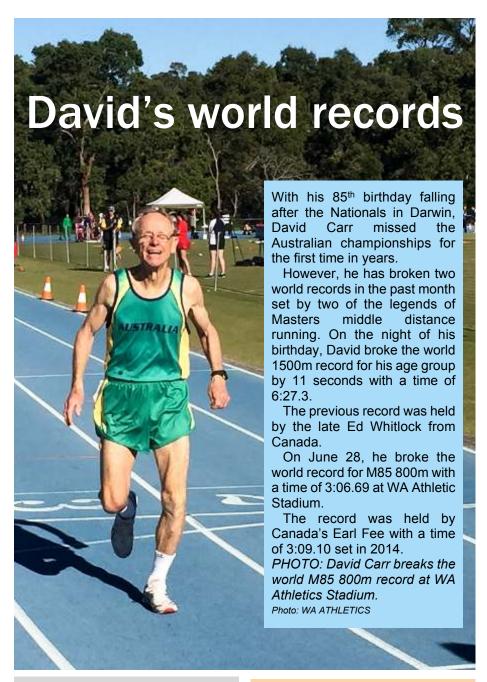




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#### **Cover photo**



Gold medallist (from left) Jody Brownley, Sharon Davis, Cathy McCloskey and Lisa Limonas celebrate their win in the 4x400m relay.

#### **RELAY MEDAL COUNT**

	G	S	В
Lisa Limonas	1	-	1
Sharon Davis	1	-	1
Cathy McCloskey	1	-	1
Jody Brownley	1	-	-
Andrew Brooker	-	1	1
Chris Neale	-	1	1
Colin Smith	-	1	1
Des Walsh	-	1	1
Harold Membrey	-	1	1
Rob Antoniolli	-	1	1
Dave Wyatt	-	1	-
Greg Brennan	-	1	-
Carol Bowman	-	1	-
Vicky Cobby	-	1	-
Lynne Choate	-	1	-
Margaret Saunders	-	1	-
Annmarie O'Donova	ın -	-	1
Garry Hastie	-	-	1
Keith Hill	-	-	1
Total	4	12	12



#### MAWA INDIVIDUAL MEDALS

	G	s	В
Peggy Macliver	5	_	_
Ruth Johnson	4	6	1
Matt Staunton		1	
Ossi Igel	4		1
Margaret Saunders	3	_	
Karyn Tolardo	3	_	_
Giovanni Puglisi	2	- 2	_
Sharon Davis	2	_	3
Chris Neale	4 4 3 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 1	- - 2 1	1
Gary Hastie	2	2	
Sally Sims	2	1	1 2
Bruce Wilson	2		2
Pete Peeling	2	1	
Brenda Painter	2	-	- 1
Carey Dickason	1	2	2 1
Bob Schickert	1	2	1
Greg Wilson		2	1
Jim Langford	1	2	-
Annmarie O'Donovar	າ 1	1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1	-
Gillian Young	1	2	
Rob Antoniolli	1	1	4
Lisa Limonas	1	1	3 2
Lynne Schickert	1	1	2
Lynne Choate	1	1	1 1
Julie Wilson	1	1	1
Trevor Scott	1	1	1
Jacqui McQueen	1	-	-
Luella Jenkins	-	7	1
Jim Davis	-	4 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1	2
Kellie Sadler	-	3	-
Dave Wyatt	-	3	-
Vicki Cobby	-	2	4
Jennifer Parker	-	2	3 1
Colin Smith	-	2	
Michele Mison	-	2	1
Barbara Blurton	-	2	-
Wayne Byram	-	4	-
Andrew Ward	-	1	3
Gay Wyatt Rob Young	-	1	1
Harold Membrey	_	1	1
Carol Bowman	_	1	'
Andrew Brooker	_	1	_
Wendy Grace	_	i	
Xander van Rijen	_		2
Jody Brownley	_		1
Michel Byrne	_	_	1
Lachlan Marr	_	_	1
Geoff Brayshaw	_	_	<u>i</u>
Bjorn Dybdahl	_	_	<u>i</u>
Campbell Till	-	_	<u>i</u>
Jeff Bilman	-	-	1
Des Walsh	-	-	1
Shannel Staunton	-	-	1
Ralph Henderson	-	-	1
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Total	52	67	57



Darwin was a very different experience for me, not a lot happening competition wise but a busy time in the role as team manager.

There were various matters to resolve but the area that required the most attention was the relay selections. With a record WA touring contingent, there was always going to be the potential for many teams to compete. In the end, nine teams were pieced together.

The mental gymnastics required to make combinations competitive, give as many people as possible a run, make all the ages tally, then rearrange prior to deadlines with

Relay 4x100m (M240+)

Relay 4x400m (W170+)

(43).

the inevitable occurrence of bodies not making the distance (mine included), was a real test. This task was made considerably easier with sage advice from Marg Saunders and Lynne Choate. Big thanks to Marg and Lynne.

Also, thanks to Richard Blurton at various times for his assistance.

The AMA Awards dinner took place in an alfresco setting on a balmy Darwin evening, this made for a very relaxed and unique event, very enjoyable.

I think the local organisers and officials (some from WA) also needed to de-stress, they had a huge job on their hands, some oversights and mishaps did occur

but they did their utmost to keep the show rolling and deserve to be acknowledged and thanked.

I thought I would be receiving complaints about a certain group of unchaperoned women in the under 50 age bracket. To my surprise, this did not eventuate however my minders may have successfully filtered what I didn't need to know.

Overall, from my vantage point, the MAWA team had many success stories, appeared to adapt to the climate and performed in the competitive but relaxed manner which we all seem to enjoy and come back for more.

CAMPBELL TILL, Team Manager.

#### State Records

W/5	Ruth Johnson	200m	38.57
W75	Ruth Johnson	1500m walk	10:53.30
W75	Lynne Schickert	10km road w	alk 1:20.31
W45 .	Jennifer Parker	Hammer	30.91m
W45 .	Jennifer Parker	Pentathtlon	2404
W70	Peggy Macliver	Pentathlon	3025
W75	Ruth Johnson	Pentathlon	2949
Relay	4x100m (W170-	-219) W40	57.12
	Lisa Limonas (4)	8), Sharon Da	avis (43),
	Annmarie O'Don	ovan (43) and	d Catherine
1	McCloskey (53)		
Relay	4x100m (M180-	-239) M45	48.94
(	Greg Brennan (4	8), Andrew B	rooker (48),
	Chris Neale (48)	and Colin Sm	nith (54).

M60

Des Walsh (62), Dave Wyatt (66), Harold Membrey (65) and Rob Antoniolli (65).

Lisa Limonas (48), Jody Brownley (43),

Catherine McCloskey (53) and Sharon Davis

57.37

W40 4:32.79



#### Pending World Record

Relay 4x400m W65 Australia 4:52.76 Carol Davis (66), Barbara Blurton (67), Jeanette Flynn (65) and Lyn Peake (67).



#### The 2017 AMA Award winners

#### Sprints/Hurdles

Peter Crombie M70

Middle Distance/ Steeplechase

Jeanette Flynn W60/65

#### **Distance**

Lavinia Petrie W70

#### Walks

Colin Heywood M60

#### **Jumps**

Margaret Tweedie W60

#### **Throws**

Todd Davey M50

Multi Events/Relays

Wilma Perkins W65

**Most Outstanding Male Athlete** 

Andrew Jamieson M70

**Most Outstanding Female** Athlete

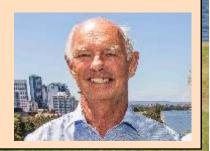
Julie Brims W50

**Most Outstanding Individual Performance** 

Belinda Martin W40

Administrator/Official

Richard Blurton WA



#### Athletes of the Meet



#### **Brian Foley Award**

(Highest grade % 800/1500m) Jeanette Flynn

#### **Royce Foley Award**

(Highest points score in Throws Pentathlon)

Female: Jan Banens Male: Tom Hancock

#### **Champion of Champion Sprints**

Female: Julie Brims Male: Bob Wishart

#### Champion of Champion Throws (Shot Put)

Female: Wilma Perkins Male: Darrin Norwood

#### Sprints/Hurdles

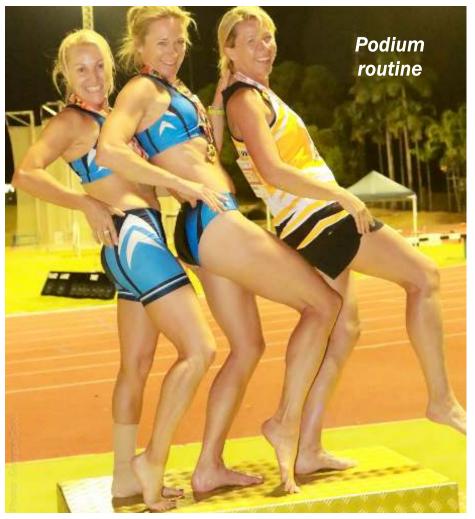
**Bob Wishart** Vic 60m 96.54% **Middle Distance** Jeanette Flynn Old 800m 91.53% **Distance** Lavinia Petrie Vic 92.27% 5000m Walks **Heather Carr** 85.55% Vic 5000m **Shot Put** Helen Searle **Shot Put** 76.52%

Qld

**Jumps** Miriam Cudmore SA Triple Jump 84.55%



























KAREN LONG

JULIE BRIMS and KYLIE STRONG

LISA LIMONAS and RANELL HOBSON







This sequence of photos shows Greg Brennan accelerating out of the blocks in the 60m preliminary.

## **My Nationals**

The Nationals held at Darwin were my fifth appearance at a Nationals and by far my most enjoyable. It wasn't my most successful individual campaign but it was the first time I competed in a Masters WA relay team. The nationals also had a real holiday atmosphere. I have promised to take the whole family back very soon.

Prior to the nationals, I had never visited Darwin. I have now ticked off all of Australia's major cities having been to all of the others numerous times. The June weather in Darwin is magnificent and ideal for sprinters. With a range of 20 to 31 degrees, it was very comfortable. I stayed at the Hilton in Mitchell Street and hired a car to get to and from the Arafura Stadium in Marrara. It was a very easy 15-minute drive and I found myself helping other athletes to commute.

I competed in both the 60m and 100m on the first day of competition. The M45 category was one of only a few that had heats in both events. I qualified for both finals in a very tough group of sprinters. I was very pleased with my sixth placing in the final of the 60m but a bit disappointed in finishing eight in the 100m final. By the time I competed in the 100m final at 9.40pm I was starting to tighten up and fade. It made me realise I need to improve my fitness to cope with four races in a day. I can hear all of the distance runners



laughing at me right now, but as Barrie says, "it is not the races but the warm-ups that take it out of you." We also had to contend with some very stiff headwinds in both the heats and finals, something we are not used to at WAAS. I think the headwinds in the finals were both around -1.9.

I pulled up very sore the next morning so I withdrew from the 200m. I really wanted to run in the relay on Sunday and knew that if I ran the 200m I wouldn't be able to. I still drove to the track to watch the races and cheer on my team-mates.

On Sunday I experienced my most satisfying moment at a nationals event. Lining up in the 180+ 4x100m alongside Andrew Brooker, Chris Neale and Colin Smith, we surprised everyone and finished second behind South Australia. In the process, we took a second off the state record for the event. Another highlight of that day was watching the ladies win the 170+ 4x400m. They annihilated the other teams in a magnificent performance. As with all nationals, it was great to see some of the interstate stars in action such as Ashley McMahon, Jay Stone, Darren Hughes, Andrew Wilcox, Julie Brims and Julie Forster.

I am looking forward to next year's nationals in Perth and the Worlds in Malaga. I turn 50 a month before the Worlds so I am going to make sure I get there. Next is the winter grind!

**GREG BRENNAN** 



















Robert Wishart (Vic) edges out.
Ashley McMahon (NSW) and
Darren Hughes (NSW) to win the
men's Champion of Champions.
LEFT: Peter Crombie with Robert
Wishart and Darren Hughes.







## **My Nationals**

We left the cool temperature of Bunbury in early May to drive the 4000kms to Darwin to participate in the nationals. I had a few weeks of training in the heat on the way up. On Registration Day we were told that the Northern Territory athletes had been praying for hot weather so that they would have an advantage over those travelling from other states. Much to our delight, the weather was cooler than expected. They attributed the cooler weather

They attributed the cooler weather to the American fighter jets flying overhead stirring up the atmosphere.

Day 1. It was exhausting due to having six events over 12 hours. It was different running 100m at 9pm than during the day. I participated in the 1500m walk and to my surprise won, with a PB and State record. My friend Luella Jenkins from Bunbury was a few seconds behind me. I am



not a thrower but I liked the hammer so entered and received a bronze medal for my effort. 60m, 100m 800m and long jump I won silver medals.

Day 2. The 200m was a great race with the W75 champion from South Australia who just pipped me at the line. It was a PB and State record. In the high jump the last three competitors all failed the last height

and on a count back I received the gold.

Day 3. Was triple jump with a PB and a silver. My 400m was a gold but I couldn't break my state record.

Day 4. Monday was the outdoor pentathlon and another long tiring day. The 800m was run after 1pm but the weather was kind to us runners. Another gold.

Entered 11 events and received 11 medals. four gold, six silver, and one bronze.

It was an enjoyable four days, running with women from other states and New Zealand plus West Australians. Some of these ladies I have run with in other nationals and also Worlds in Perth last year. A number of these women will enter the next age group so it will be the last time to compete with them.

See you all in Perth next April at the nationals.

**RUTH JOHNSON** 

















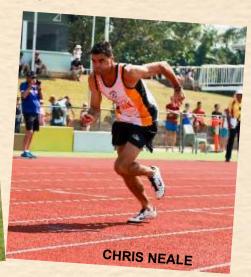




Sprints

ABOVE: (left to right) Colin Smith gets ready for the starter's command and accelerates from the start on his way to a silver medal in the M50 400m final.

LEFT: Andrew Brooker gets into full stride in the early stages of his 400m final.



















# **My Nationals**

Eighteen months into my MAWA membership and I still need to pinch myself. It is evening, Monday, June 12. The 2017 AMA Nationals finished today and I find myself sitting in a Darwin CBD beer garden surrounded by a remarkable group of multiple medal winning athletes, all from WA.

I had been nervous arriving in Darwin. What was Darwin like? I had failed to find anyone who had actually been there. It turned out to be much greener than expected with weather that could not have been better. It was also the first time in memory that I would be sharing an apartment with flat mates who were not my immediate family. I needn't have worried on that front either. Garry Hastie and Margaret Saunders were the perfect company for an Englishman away from home. They created the ideal relaxed environment. I don't think I've ever been so 'chilled' before and during an event.

I was also worried about performing at the Nationals having struggled with an Achilles niggle that had resulted in my dropping out of the state 1500m. Still, I'd had six weeks decent training since then; stay positive. Slowly, I'm learning that Masters Athletics is as much about managing the body as running quickly.

First up, the 800m on a warm still Friday evening. A solid run for a midfield placing even if the time was a bit disappointing. Racing at eight in the evening was another learning experience.

During Saturday Captain Campbell was threatening to put me in one of the 4x400m teams. This resulted in a series of text messages as he grappled

manfully with the task of organising who knows how many athletes. Not a task for the faint-hearted. At one point I found him in a quiet corner huddled over team sheets, pen in one hand 'phone in the other. He looked up and saw me, "Just don't say anything," he smiled. I left him to it.

Saturday evening and I was lined up for the 1500m. There were some grumblings on the start line as the start time had been brought forward by 10 minutes. It seemed that most, including me, had not received that message. By this time, however, I was in the Darwin frame of mind; completely relaxed. The outcome was similar to the 800m – a solid run, midfield, time a bit underwhelming. I'm glad I didn't but, if I'm honest, I almost stepped off the track at 700m, by this time I was effectively running a solo time trial. 800m seemed a long way to go!

Sunday and Captain Campbell had done it, with a little help from his key relay team elves, and registered our relay teams. I was down for the second leg in the 240+ 4x400. Those who know me well know that sometimes I get over anxious before a race. Not in Darwin, except for this event. I was terrified. I was still in my mid-teens when I last ran a competitive 400m. Here I also had three team-mates to think about. As a result, I took over from Harold and set off like a startled rabbit. Coming into the home straight I could see a fellow competitor, who clearly knew even less about relay running than me and had run the entire second bend in the outside lane, begin to cut in sharply. We were on a collision course and he wasn't looking. I hesitated and swerved slightly but he saw me at the last moment and disaster was averted. I had gotten round. I had no idea of position but later

found that I handed over in third place with very strong runs from Des and Tolli held to the finish. A bronze medal in a national championships over, of all distances, 400m. How good is that? As our daughter exclaimed, "Dad, I didn't know you were a sprinter!"

"I'm not was my reply." So a huge thank you to Harold, Des, and Tolli for making it possible. Oh, and Captain Campbell as well.

Sunday was another day where I messed up food. By the time medals had been dished out and we returned to our apartment it was almost time to shower and get ready for the athletes' dinner. Held open air under the NT star spangled sky, speeches were short, awards were well-deserved (especially Richard's administrator of the year), the entertainment was fun, the food was good and the company was excellent.

I had been in two minds about running the cross country on Monday morning. But feeling good and in need of a longer run, I decided to go out and enjoy it. It was a good course for me being flat and varied with gravel, grass, and boardwalks across open and wooded terrain. It was a very enjoyable run, capped off by just pipping Giovanni; something that doesn't happen very often.

I'm glad I've been to Darwin and hope to return. A trip to Litchfield Park was a perfect way to get into the Darwin pace of life. Taking a wrong turn off the one road between Darwin and Litchfield probably helped make sure we didn't take anything too seriously. You'll have to ask the navigator for details.

Will I do another nationals? I certainly hope so.

**KEITH HILL** 



















Av400m relays

ABOVE: Vicki Cobby takes the baton from Carol Bowman.
BELOW: Vicki gets caught in traffic.



LEFT: Sharon Davis (right) waits for Cathy McCloskey. Along with Lisa Limonas and Jody Brownley the four won gold in W170-219.

































GILLIAN YOUNG

LAVINIA PETRIE

WENDY GRACE



























## **My Nationals**

Darwin 2017 would be my maiden Australian Championships. I decided to go not long after the State Championships and had been training hard and hoping for a successful meet. There was also the added attraction of not having to respond to "mom, MOM, Mom, Moomm....." for a few days.

I learned a valuable lesson day one. That is, if you fly to a meet and are competing on the same or next day, wear some compression stockings, I could barely get my spikes on Friday afternoon to do long jump. Nevertheless, I managed a PB which I was delighted with, my competition was off to a good start.

There was a great atmosphere at the track on Friday evening, old friendships and rivalries reignited and I enjoyed watching the 800m races. The 100m finals were on Friday night, but not until almost nine o'clock.so I didn't stay to watch. By all accounts, I missed a great evening of racing.

I had two events scheduled on Saturday, the 80m hurdles, and javelin. Staying at the Novotel made for a very easy ten-minute walk to the track. Events were in full swing when I arrived. While I finished second in the hurdles, I let nerves get the better of me and didn't execute as I'd hoped to do, so I was disappointed with my performance. The javelin was practice for the pentathlon on Monday. The remainder of Saturday provided excellent viewing at the track, 200m, and 1500m with many battles.

Sunday was a rest day for me, but I was lucky to get the nod for the 4x100m relay team, I was so nervous, I think I was sixteen the last time I ran a relay. Relays are always exciting and Sunday at the track was electric. Everyone was on their feet, cheering and willing their teams to victory. We managed a third place and broke the WA state record. The 4x400m team also had a fantastic win, with Jodie Brownley running a cracking second leg. The men's races were nailbiters too, with WA putting in many notable performances.

Monday was D-day for me, Pentathlon and 400m hurdles, it was going to be a long one. Pentathlon started at 7.30am, my first three events went well and I was leading. Javelin, however, was a disaster, I didn't even make 14m, so I knew I needed to put in a good 800m, thankfully my training and some

coaching by text from John Dennehy paid dividends, I ran out of my skin to record a 2.52.50, which is only my second time sub three minutes. I was delighted and had secured the gold. Job Done.

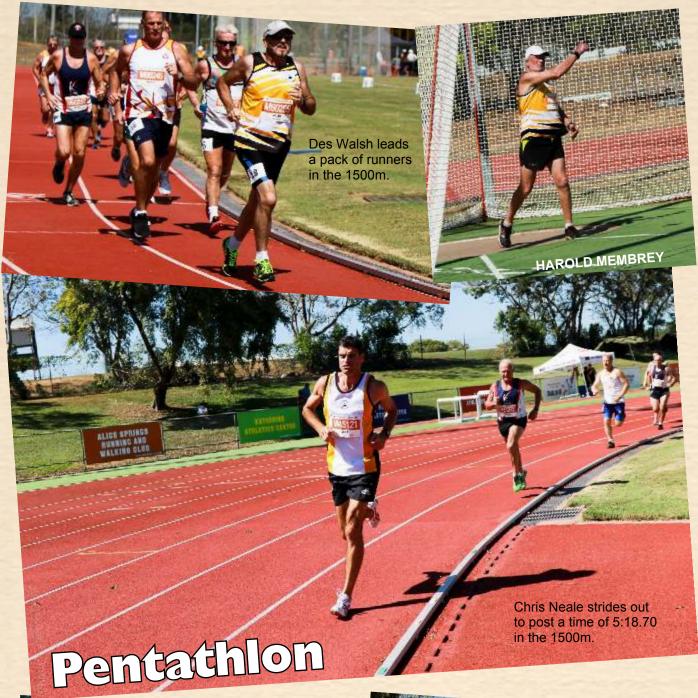
Backing up a pentathlon with 400m hurdles was never going to be pretty, and while I rested, rehydrated and did what I could to recover in between races, my legs were tired and attacking the hurdles wasn't really an option. I finished second to Sharon Davis and managed a PB, so I was happy enough. I then had to run to catch my flight home as schedule changes meant there were only 50 minutes between the start time of the 400m and the departure time for my flight. Thanks to Roger Chin I made it to the airport and caught my flight without any difficulty.

The championships were a great experience and a lot of fun. The support and camaraderie shown by athletes toward each other were genuine and made the event special. I look forward to next year when we are on home soil. My only regret was not staying longer to explore Darwin, it seemed like a great town......another time.

**ANNMARIE O'DONOVAN** 



















#### Gay Wyatt throws the javelin and runs the 800m to win bronze in the pentathlon.

## **My Nationals**

Darwin was my first Nationals competition ever. I have been doing Masters Athletics for about 4½ years, having decided to join my husband/coach Dave who's been at it for close to twenty-five years. I had no idea what to expect in Darwin and went with no expectations. I had been nursing a sore Achilles for months and thought a bronze medal would be nice.

My first event was the long jump on Friday morning at eight. It was early and, as it turned out, rather cold. I don't perform well in the cold and I had left my tracksuit top back in the room. I did not expect to be cold in Darwin so was very apprehensive about how I would go. There were five of us in the event and so when I won the silver I was absolutely chuffed. A rather excited text and photo were sent to our daughters in Canada and Canberra to let them know just how clever their old Mum was.

Saturday's high jump turned out to be a totally different emotional experience. I hold the state record for my age group but when you don't medal and in fact are the first person out you feel a bit of a fraud and begin to wonder why you are there. It is amazing just how quickly things can change. Dave too hadn't been happy with his performance but he did at least walk away with the silver. We commiserated with each other and decided a good lunch and a couple of beers down at The Waterfront may improve things and it did!

Sunday too proved to be a day of mixed emotions. Why was I subjecting myself to so much pain? This time it was the triple jump. I love the triple jump, lousy for my joints but gosh it's just great fun. The first couple of jumps are usually my best and by the fourth round, I am in the gold medal position. So this girl who was going to be

chuffed with one bronze medal for the whole championships was going to come away with a gold! What do they say, "never count those chickens"! In the final round, I watched my place slip from first to third! What can I say, I smiled, I congratulated but truth be told, I was shattered!

The day was not lost though! I had let Campbell know that if he was scraping the bottom of the barrel I was available for both relays. Shock, horror, I was selected for the 220, 4x100 relay. I had never run a circular relay. I think my last relay was a shuttle relay in primary school. When we were warming up in the morning Dave had shown me the relay boxes and where I should stand. Okay, I thought I've got this. Luckily I was running with three amazing athletes, Lynne Choate, Peggy Macliver and Vicky Cobby so all I could think of was not letting them down. We practised the baton change and so again I thought, yep I've got this! I lined up at the third changeover; I was receiving from Vicky and handing to Peggy. All I could think of was don't drop the baton. As I looked across the lanes I saw a number of 55-year-olds standing way outside the box (go figure) and then along comes Lynne Peake in her Australian uniform and I hear they're going for a world record and then an official asks, "does anyone need tape?" What do I need tape for? This is getting scary. We didn't place but I loved that run and felt exhilarated after it. Is that what being part of a team is all about?

Monday arrives and I have entered my second pentathlon ever. Now here I did go with expectations. My first pentathlon was at our last States and I walked away with a new State record. So I decided that if I could improve just a smidgen in all events I could improve on my record. I didn't know if this would be good enough for a medal but it was my goal. Woke up Monday morning – both quads were sore, that Achilles injury had really come back to plague me, I was

physically shattered and strangely, emotionally tired as well. My personality would never allow me to withdraw unless I had a legitimate reason and I really thought what a shame I had not pulled something on my last triple jump, nothing major mind you! Of course Lynne Choate had also entered so I knew if a new State record was set it was going to be set by her and not me!

We line up for the first event the 100 metres. There are seven of us in the field. I finish fourth and of course, Lynne is first, 300 points ahead of me already (note to self - must learn how to sprint). Then comes the shot. Some of those girls know how to put a shot. I come last (note to self – must learn how to do shot). Next is the long jump. Yes, I can do this! I win but needed to win by at least a metre to claw back the points. The fourth event is the javelin. Last again (note to self – must learn how to throw the javelin). The last event of the day is the 800 metres. We have been going for 5½ hours, it's more than 30° and there's a strong wind blowing and they want me to run. I run and when we cross over at the 200-metre mark I am leading and I stay there! I never believed that I would ever say thank goodness for the 800 metres but it got me the bronze and it is the medal that I am most proud of because I never gave up! But what I remember most about that day is being with Lynne, sitting on our little stools and keeping each other going. It turned out to be my best day and I held on to my State record even if it was only by nine points!

Did I enjoy my first Nationals? Yes and no. It was far more physically and emotionally draining than I expected but I performed so much better than I thought I would. Everyone is so lovely, supportive and yes I will be back next year in Perth.

**GAY WYATT** 























**BELOW LEFT: Greg** Wilson won a bronze

**BELOW: Clive Choate** shows his style.





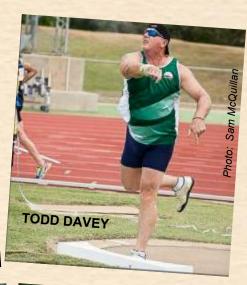






ABOVE AND LEFT: This sequence of photos shows Matt Staunton's style in the shot put. Matt secured the gold medal in the shot with a distance of 12.09m.















## **My Nationals**

Coming into my second nationals was definitely a different feeling (and not just due to a lingering chest infection). Being two years younger than local champion Byrony Glass, being a chance for a gold medal was certainly a new experience for me, and something I didn't know how to prepare for. Friday morning, with Hammer first up I was a bundle of nerves. After a few rusty throws and a huge PB from an unknown girl from country Victoria, I threw second last in the reverse order. Things came together in the fifth round, and a solid 29.03m put me in first place, which wasn't beaten.

Out to the discus circle for the evening event, which unfortunately held safety concerns that should have been addressed by the nationals' committee. Lucky for me, my technique doesn't utilise the full circle, and my confidence increased with each throw. Again my fifth throw was my best, with a 1.5m PB, which snuck me into third place, but a great throw from one of the local girls in her last shadowed me by 25cm. I was pretty stoked with fourth.

Day 2 was Shot Put, an event I didn't rate my chances... again, fourth at the change. I waited until my sixth throw for my best, and took

over third place, and finished the event with an unexpected bronze.

Day 3 was challenging at best. The Throws Pentathlon is a very tough event at the best of times. Based on performances to date, I gave myself a rough chance for silver. With scheduling issues requiring three age groups to combine, saw 17 of the most awesome girls challenge programming delays, the heat and hunger from 1.30, when we were due to check in, to the final throw at 8pm. I started with a very underwhelming Hammer and I mentally conceded the silver medal at that point. An average Shot Put and solid discus were expected.

Javelin, which is jokingly dubbed "the track event" by many throwers is by far my weakest discipline. I opened with my second best ever throw of 15.96m. (Un)fortunately, this was a killer for my fellow competitors, and I went into the Weight Throw just 34 points behind the silver medal. With very little preparation in my pet event, tired muscles and a heavy chest, I needed to beat the unconventional Territorian by about 40cm to squeeze her out of second place, and I was struggling mentally with the challenge of beating my friend. Not having a 10m plus throw since the Championships due to training on a new technique, I decided to go back to a single turn and try to rip it. A 10.27m second throw was a welcome relief, and I secured the silver medal.

Monday, and time for my favourite event. Unfortunately, an executive decision was made overnight to decrease the event to four throws. This was really disappointing for me, but it was the same for all of us. I channelled the emotion into my throws, and opened strongly with a 10.03m, and followed up with a third best all time throw of 10.63m, which was my winning throw. Sharing the podium with Shanell Staunton made it all the more rad!

To finish the competition with solid performances in all events, and a medal tally of two gold, one silver, one bronze and a fourth exceeded my pre-tournament hopes. To spend the weekend with the amazing people who make up the throwing community in Australia is the reason I love this sport. To Todd Davey, congratulations on being named Australian Thrower of the Year. Lindsay, Byrony, Glenn and the awesome WA throwers, thank you for your ongoing coaching and support.

Lastly, to Northern Territory Athletics, the LOC and to the officials and volunteers, thank you for your tireless work and a job well done!

**SALLY SIMS** 







Shanell Staunton won a bronze medal in the weight throw.









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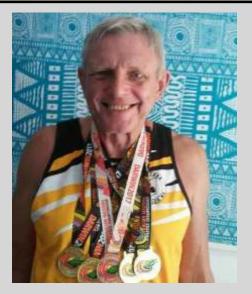
# **My Nationals**

Overall I was very happy with my results, even if I hoped for more points in the throws pentathlon.

General comment about the nationals from my point of view:

It was Darwin's first nationals so some issues were expected. The information on the web and Facebook page was helpful. The people were very friendly and kind and the medals are really beautiful. The venues were adequate. The fees for the championships were relatively low and the throws implements were new.

Many problems were caused by three different schedules published before March with athletes having to book flights based on this information. Based on these temporary schedules several athletes made the bookings. The final schedule was published just a week before the start of the competition with major changes to the accommodate unexpected numbers. Many competitors couldn't or didn't change arrangements. At least one athlete, specialist javelin competitor, Stan Selby, who does



not have a computer, missed his javelin throw. On Sunday at 22:30 the for the schedule next was completely revised for my weight throw and the pentathlon. My weight throw, originally scheduled for midday, was changed to 09:10am. I was alerted by a private Facebook post by Jenny Parker at 8:15 on Monday and had to 'rush like crazy' to the stadium. Only three out of ten competitors made the competition start, but we refused the victory ceremony. During

the morning the other competitors showed up extremely frustrated. After lengthy discussions, these seven were allowed to throw later. However, the competition was completely destroyed.

In the main stadium there were not enough circles for discus and weight throw so temporary circles were built, with the discus circle 800m away but not up to IAAF standards (not suitable for records). The edges of the circle were about 8-10 cm above the ground which presented a significant risk for ankle/foot injuries. "cage" was made construction fences but was not high enough to protect the onlookers. This was the same for both weight throw circles. To save time, the number of attempts for the weight throw was reduced from six to just four by the officials, the equivalent of a 5km runner being told they would now run

Overall I would rate the whole event a six out of ten. Considering just the throws, I would give it three out of ten.

I will now take a few weeks off after this very long season.

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#### **MAWA** results



60m			
W45	Lisa Limonas	9.02 (-0.8)	3rd
W50	Catherine McCloskey	8.98Q (-0.2)	
		8.94 (-1.7)	5th
W60	Lynne Choate	9.91 (+0.1)	4th
W70	Peggy Macliver	10.76 (-2.8)	1st
	Brenda Painter	11.77 (-2.8)	5th
	Janet Jarvis	12.37 (-2.8)	<b>7</b> <sup>th</sup>
W75	Ruth Johnson	11.36 (-2.0)	2nd
	Luella Jenkins	11.76 (-2.0)	3rd
M45	Greg Brennan	8.23Q (-0.2)	
		8.16 (-1.9)	6th
M50	Colin Smith	8.02 (-1.6)	3rd
M60	Des Walsh	8.95 (-2.3)	6th
M65	Rob Antoniolli	9.28 (-3.7)	3rd
	Michael Byrne	9.42 (-3.7)	6th
	Harold Membrey	9.95 (-3.7)	9th
M75	Norman Richards	10.15 (-2.0)	5 <sup>th</sup>

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100m

W45 W60 W70 W75 M45 M50 M60 M65	Lisa Limonas Lynne Choate Peggy Macliver Brenda Painter Ruth Johnson Luella Jenkins Greg Brennan  Colin Smith Des Walsh Rob Antoniolli Harold Membrey	15.07 (-1.6) 16.47 (-0.3) 17.18 (-1.3) 19.20 (-1.3) 19.53 (-1.2) 20.94 (-1.2) 13.06q (NWI) 13.25 (-1.8) 13.04 (-1.3) 14.44 (+0.0) 14.98 (-1.8) 16.10 (-1.8)	3rd 3rd 1st 6th 2nd 4th ) 8th 4th 5th 3rd 8th
200m			
W40 W45 W50 W60 W70 W75	Sharon Davis Lisa Limonas Catherine McCloskey Lynne Choate Peggy Macliver Brenda Painter Ruth Johnson Luella Jenkins Chris Neale	28.94 (-1.5) 29.65 (-0.1) 29.76 (-0.6) 34.27 (-0.7) 35.33 (-0.4) 43.33 (-0.4) *38.57 (-1.3) 43.93 (-1.3) 25.85Q (-1.5)	3rd 3rd 5th 2nd 1st 5th 2nd 4th

M50	Colin Smith	25.49 (-1.2) 26.09Q (-1.3)	5th ) 2nd
Meo	Dec Welch	25.52 (-1.4)	
M60	Des Walsh	29.40 (-1.3)	4th
M65	Rob Antoniolli	31.50Q (NWI	
	Michael Byrne	29.60 (-1.1) 30.24Q (+0.1	)
		29.91 (-1.1)	4th
	Harold Membrey	32.85 (NWI)	
400m			
W40	Sharon Davis	62.23	3rd
W60	Margaret Saunders	74.74	1st
VV00	Carol Bowman	1:23.98	4th
MGE	Barbara Blurton	75.10	2nd
W65			
W70	Peggy Macliver	1:23.09	1st
W75	Ruth Johnson	1:32.21	1st
M45	Chris Neale	56.41	3rd
	Andrew Brooker	60.96	5th
M50	Colin Smith	56.29	2nd
M60	Des Walsh	72.98q	
		66.71	5th
M65	Rob Antoniolli	74.93Q	
		67.37	3rd
	Michael Byrne	69.99Q	
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	Harold Membrey	1:30.09	
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800m			
W40	Sharon Davis	2:30.37	1st
	Jody Brownley	2:41.97	3rd
W45	Vicki Cobby	2:50.32	3rd
W60	Margaret Saunders	2:52.05	1st
W65	Barbara Blurton	3:04.05	2nd
W75	Ruth Johnson	4:03.53	2nd
M45	Xander Van Rijen	2:12.86	3rd
IVI43	Chris Neale		5th
		2:16.37	
N455	Andrew Brooker	2:17.89	6th
M55	Keith Hill	2:34.88	6th
MCO	Mark Dawson	2:36.81	7th
M60	Bjorn Dybdahl	2:38.62	5th
	Des Walsh	3:07.72	8th
M65	Rob Antoniolli	2:41.80	2nd
	Michael Byrne	2:42.47	3rd
	Graeme Dahl	2:49.35	4th
1500m			
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Sharon Davis

Vicki Cobby Chris Neale

Ann-Marie O'Donovan

### **MAWA** results



5000m				300m Hւ	ırdles		
W60	Julie Wilson Wendy Grace	26:54.53 27:34.61	3rd 4th	W60 M65	Carol Bowman Harold Membrey	DQ 72.90	2nd
W65	Gillian Young Carey Dickason	25:16.53 26:56.49	2nd 3rd	M70	Bruce Wilson	67.93	1st
M35 M55	Pete Peeling	DNF	Ond	3000m S	Steeplechase		
IVIOO	Trevor Scott Lachlan Marr	17:59.75 19:35.48	2nd 6th	M35	Pete Peeling	12:32.02	1st
M60	Mark Dawson Bjorn Dybdahl	22:29.13 21:06.17	10th 6th	M55	Trevor Scott	12:54.58	1st
M65	Giovanni Puglisi	20:19.97	2nd	2000m S	Steeplechase		
M70	Graeme Dahl Jim Langford	21:39.46 22:16.15	5th 2nd	W50	laggui Maguaga	11:10.17	1st
	Bruce Wilson	23:40.00	3rd	W60	Jacqui Mcqueen Margaret Saunders	9:42.82	1st
M75	Bob Schickert	27:44.20	2nd	W65	Julie Wilson Gillian Young	11:09.32 10:25.38	2nd 1st
10,000m				W75	Lynne Schickert	17:39.31	1st
W65	Carey Dickason	56:23.54	1st	M60 M65	Bjorn Dybdahl Giovanni Puglisi	8:27.42 8:34.91	3rd 1st
M35 M55	Pete Peeling Lachlan Marr	40:40.86 40:28.88	1st		Harold Membrey	11:06.37	3rd
M65	Ralph Henderson	45:53.23	3rd 3rd	M70 M75	Bruce Wilson Bob Schickert	9:43.56 11:33.72	1st 1st
M70	Jim Langford	46:13.73	1st				
100m Hւ	ırdles			1500m V	vaik		
M65	Geoff Brayshaw	22.62 (-2.4)	3rd	W40 W50	Kellie Sadler Karyn Tolardo	9:30.50 8:03.10	2nd 1st
80m Hur	dlas			W60	Julie Wilson	10:04.50	1st
				W65 W75	Michele Mison Ruth Johnson	12:56.40 10:53.30*	3rd 1st
W40 W45	Ann-Marie O'Donovan Vicki Cobby	15.62 (-2.1) 15.59 (-0.5)	2nd 2nd		Luella Jenkins Lynne Schickert	10:57.40 11:30.00	2nd
W60	Carol Bowman	22.50 (-1.8)	2nd	M45	Wayne Byram	9:09.40	4th 2nd
400				M55 M65	Garry Hastie Harold Membrey	8:04.50 11:02.70	2nd 6th
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				5000m V	Valk		
	-	No.	allow of the	W40	Kellie Sadler	32:51.23	2nd
	The second		1444	W50 W65	Karyn Tolardo Michele Mison	29:06.14 45:05.05	1st 2nd
	<b>1000</b>	A T	_	W75	Luella Jenkins	38:29.19	2nd
				M45	Lynne Schickert Wayne Byram	39:27.12 34:10.09	3rd 2nd
				M55	Garry Hastie	26:46.93	1st
				10Km Ro	oad Walk		
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400m Hւ	ırdles			M55	Garry Hastie	56:35	1 <sup>st</sup>
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**Pole Vault** 

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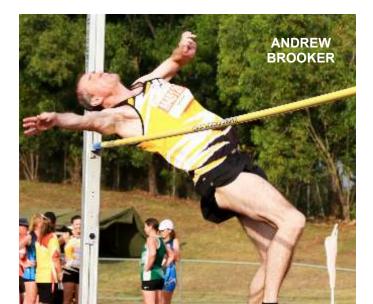


#### **High Jump**

W45	Vicki Cobby	1.40m	2nd
W60	Gay Wyatt	1.05m	4th
W70	Brenda Painter	0.98m	1st
W75	Ruth Johnson	0.95m	1st
	Luella Jenkins	0.95m	3rd
	Lynne Schickert	0.86m	4th
M45	Andrew Brooker	1.50m	2nd
M55	Campbell Till	1.35m	3rd
M65	Dave Wyatt	1.29m	2nd
M70	Greg Wilson	1.23m	2nd

#### **Discus**

W35	Sally Sims	23.57m	4th
W45	Jennifer Parker	31.27m	2nd
W60	Lynne Choate	13.23m	5th
W75	Luella Jenkins	17.08m	2nd
M40	Matt Staunton	39.09m	2nd
M55	Andrew Ward	30.96m	2nd
M65	Oswald Igel	40.04m	1st
	Clive Choate	25.25m	8th
	Rob Antoniolli	23.57m	11th
M70	Greg Wilson	32.10m	4th
M80	James Davis	22 95m	3rd



#### Hammer

W35	Sally Sims Shanell Staunton	29.04m 24.95m	1st 4th
W45	Jennifer Parker (SR)	30.91m	3 <sup>rd</sup>
W65	Carey Dickason ` ´	19.17m	4th
W75	Ruth Johnson	21.60m	3rd
	Luella Jenkins	18.95m	5th
M40	Matt Staunton	44.48m	1st
M55	Andrew Ward	27.22m	3rd
M65	Oswald Igel	33.99m	3rd
M70	Greg Wilson	26.21m	6th
M80	James Davis	30.65m	2nd

#### **Long Jump**

W40	Ann-Marie O'Donovan	4.10m (NWI) 5th
W45	Lisa Limonas	4.36m (NWI) 1st
	Jennifer Parker	4.07m (NWI) 3rd
W60	Gay Wyatt	3.21m (NWI) 2nd
W65	Carey Dickason	2.67m (NWI) 4th
W70	Brenda Painter	2.48m (NWI) 3rd
W75	Ruth Johnson	2.85m (NWI) 2nd
	Luella Jenkins	2.46m (NWI) 4th
M45	Chris Neale	5.16m (NWI) 4th
M55	Peter Watene	3.11m (NWI) 6th
M65	Dave Wyatt	4.42m (NWI) 2nd
	Rob Antoniolli	3.63m (NWI) 5th
M70	Rob Young	1.53m (NWI) 4th
M75	Norman Richards	3.25m (NWI) 4th

#### **Heavy Weight**

W35	Sally Sims Shanell Staunton	10.63m 9.49m	1st 3rd
W45	Jennifer Parker	8.48m	3rd
W75	Luella Jenkins	9.81m	2nd
M40	Matt Staunton	12.60m	1st
M55	Andrew Ward	10.71m	3rd
M65	Oswald Igel	14.85m	1st
M80	James Davis	10.77m	2nd

#### Javelin

W40	Ann-Marie O'Donovan	18.15m	4th
M45	Wayne Byram	25.92m	8th
M55	Garry Hastie	33.97m	2nd
	Andrew Ward	32.42m	3rd
	Peter Watene	18.81m	13th
M65	Clive Choate	27.62m	4th
M70	Greg Wilson	26.33m	3rd
M80	James Davis	17.50m	3rd

#### **Triple Jump**

W45	Lisa Limonas	9.09m (NWI) 2nd
W60	Gay Wyatt	6.89m (NWI) 3rd
W65	Carey Dickason	5.95m (NWI) 2nd
W70	Brenda Painter	5.94m (NWI) 1st
W75	Ruth Johnson	6.36m (NWI) 2nd
	Lynne Schickert	4.90m (NWI) 4th
M45	Jeff Bilman	10.19m (NWI)3rd
M65	Dave Wyatt	8.62m (NWI) 2nd
M70	Rob Young	4.34m (NWI) 2nd

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W35	Sally Sims	7.97m	3rd
W45	Jennifer Parker	8.60m	5th
W75	Luella Jenkins	6.90m	4th
M40	Matt Staunton	12.09m	1st
M45	Wayne Byram	6.24m	7th
M55	Andrew Ward	9.17m	5th
	Peter Watene	7.66m	8th
M65	Oswald Igel	11.72m	1st
M70	Greg Wilson	9.43m	4th
M80	James Davis	9.18m	2nd



# **MAWA** results



Pentathlo	on			M180-239	WA <b>M45 SR</b>	48.94	2nd
W40 W45 W60	Ann-Marie O'Donovan Jennifer Parker Vicki Cobby Lynne Choate	2013 2404* 2331 2065	1st 2nd 3rd 1st		1) Brennan, Greg 48 2) Brooker, Andrew 48 3) Neale, Chris 48 4) Smith, Colin 54		
	Gay Wyatt Julie Wilson	1861 1429	3rd 6th	M240+	WA	57.37	2nd
W65	Carey Dickason	1646	3rd	W240+	M60 SR	57.37	Zna
W70	Peggy Macliver	3025*	1st		1) Walsh, Des 62		
	Brenda Painter	1906	4th		2) Wyatt, Dave 66		
W75	Ruth Johnson	2949*	1st		3) Membrey, Harold 65		
MAE	Luella Jenkins	2534	2nd		4) Antoniolli, Rob 65		
M45 M60	Chris Neale Des Walsh	2595 1942	1st 3rd	4 X 400m	Polave		
M65	Rob Antoniolli	2663	1st	4 A 400111	ixelays		
	Harold Membrey	1757	7th	W170-219	WA	4:32.79	1st
M70	Rob Young	509	3rd			W40 SR	
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W35	Sally Sims	1967	2nd		4) Davis, Sharon 43	30	
	Shanell Staunton	1705	4th		,,		
W75	Luella Jenkins	3175	2nd	W220+	WA	5:23.76	2nd
M40	Matt Staunton	3169	1st		1) Bowman, Carol 62		
M55	Andrew Ward	2586	4th		2) Cobby, Vicki 45		
M65 M70	Oswald Igel Greg Wilson	3469 2724	1st 2nd		<ul><li>3) Choate, Lynne 64</li><li>4) Saunders, Margaret 63</li></ul>	2	
M80	James Davis	3234	2nd		4) Sauriders, Margaret oc	,	
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4 X 100m	Relays				1) Brooker, Andrew 48		
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W170-219		57.12	3rd		3) Hastie, Garry 55		
	W40 SR 1) Limonas, Lisa 48				4) Smith, Colin 54		
	2) Davis, Sharon 43			M240+	WA	4:57.95	3rd
	3) O'Donovan, Ann-Marie	43			1) Membrey, Harold 65		
	4) Mccloskey, Catherine	53			2) Hill, Keith 57		
	The second second second		701/100		3) Walsh, Des 62		
100				W65	4) Antoniolli, Rob 65 Australia	4:52.76	1st
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		A			1) Davis, Carol 66	ponum.g	
	The state of the s				2) Blurton, Barbara 67		
		i W			3) Flynn, Jeanette 65		
					4) Peake, Lyn 67		
		13			8km Cross Country		
			not -	W40	Jody Brownley	32:48	4th
120					Jacqui Mcqueen	45:16	5 <sup>th</sup>
State of the last				W60	Wendy Grace	46:10	2nd
100		72/-		W65	Gillian Young	41:49	2 <sup>nd</sup>
				M35	Pete Peeling	31:05	2 <sup>nd</sup>
the late				M55	Trevor Scott	30:12	3rd
		HARRIST THE REAL PROPERTY.	-		Lachlan Marr Keith Hill	31:07 33:36	4th 8th
					Mark Dawson	36:54	19th
W220+	WA	64.74	5th	M60	Bjorn Dybdahl	34:42	4 <sup>th</sup>
-	1) Choate, Lynne 64			M65	Giovanni Puglisi	33:37	2nd
	2) Cobby, Vicki 45				Ralph Henderson	35:03	4th
	3) Wyatt, Gay 63			M70	Jim Langford	35:35	2nd
	4) Macliver, Peggy 73			M75	Bob Schickert	48:28	2nd

# World record celebration Relay runners celebrate a pending world record for W65 4x400m in 4:52.76.







