



AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS

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



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

AMA is hoping for a Christmas present that can be delivered over the coming 12 months. In fact you can help make the delivery successful. It only takes a thoughtful action by AMA athletes to deliver success. So what is this Christmas present that a thoughtful action by you can deliver to AMA for the benefit of all our members?

Every time you intend to book a flight to a destination, whether it is for work, pleasure or athletics we ask that you make your booking through the specific Flight Centre number provided (1300 220 293). Just make sure you identify yourself as a masters athletics member when you ring. By all means research your planned travel before you make that call so that you can be reassured about the best price deal. Alternatively you can let Anna or Julie from Flight Centre do the research for you.

So how does this give AMA a Christmas present over the next 12 months? If you are booking to attend the Oceania Masters Championships in Dunedin, the AMA Championships in Perth or the WMA Championships in Malaga AMA will receive a return of 3% on your booking costs. If the booking is for work, family or leisure then AMA will receive a 1% return from Flight Centre.

I am sure you are all aware that obtaining sponsorship in today's market is tough for a sporting body that does not feature in the daily news headlines. So it is great news to have this relationship with Flight Centre to give a return to our sport.

Contact Flight Centre 1300 220 293 Anna Kearney & Julie Costa

We have many outstanding members in our ranks, from the athlete who competes on a regular basis to improve fitness or to participate in a positive environment, to make friends, to encourage others, to provide coaching tips or to help out so that a competition can be conducted. We also have members who inspire us.

One of those is a chap named David Carr from Western Australia who defies the odds regarding what can be achieved regardless of age. In his younger years he was a good athlete but not a world record setting athlete but that changed the older he got. This year David has set world records in the M85 800m, 1500m, 1 mile and the 2000m steeplechase. Congratulations David, you certainly inspire me.

Best wishes to all for a successful and enjoyable summer season.

**Wilma Perkins
AMA President.**

AMA Travel and Accommodation Partner

All travel and accommodation arrangements for National, Oceania and World Championships are the individual's responsibility.

To assist, **AMA** has appointed **Flight Centre Sports and Events** as its **Travel Partner**.

The arrangement with **Flight Centre Sports and Events** enables members and their families to book specially prepared group travel packages, pre and post championship tours and/or to make their own private arrangements. AMA will receive a **rebate on all bookings** (team-related and personal) and this additional revenue stream will assist in keeping levies and fees for members to a minimum.

For Malaga there are various length packages available and at the time of writing, apartments are still being negotiated. *Note that many prices in Spain have not been finalised by the tourism operators for that time of year.*

- The selected hotels are located in the old town of Malaga in close proximity to the transport hub, restaurants, cultural activities and the water front/beach. Breakfast and wifi included. Rooms have mini-bar fridges plus waiting to confirm the tea/coffee making facilities.
- The apartments are also in the old town area and are brand new in refurbished buildings with 1 bedroom (queen bed), sofa bed in living area and kitchen.
- Day trips could include the Alhambra in Granada, Gibraltar, and any number of picturesque towns an hour or so from Malaga which feature Moorish, Roman and Spanish architecture.

To **register your interest**, visit this page: <http://fcsportsandevents.com.au/active/run/australian-masters-athletics/>

Check this Flight Centre website regularly for updates and flight specials.

Packages for Dunedin (Oceania) are also available and the Perth (Nationals) packages are to come. To make a booking through **Flight Centre Sports and Events** please **contact Anna Kearney or Julie Costa on 1300 220 293 (Brisbane time) and make sure you identify yourself as being from AMA**. The rebate is not available through Flight Centre shops or other avenues as they are different franchises so please **save these contact details**.



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Australian Masters Championships – Perth 2018

The Australian Masters Championships return next year to the WA Athletics Stadium – maybe an opportunity for AMA athletes to relive their Perth2016 experience? As with the World Championships the Road Walk and Cross Country are in the picturesque Perry Lakes Reserve.

We have selected 26th to 29th April for the Championships, to avoid clashing with the Commonwealth Games in early April.

Our great website up and running for the Championships, visit <http://www.mastersathleticswa.org/perth2018/>. Entries will open in mid - January 2018 and close on 16th March 2018 . We have a stunning dinner planned at the Forrest Centre, and are just finalising designs of our merchandise. Dinner tickets and merchandise should be pre-ordered with your registration.

Perth currently has an oversupply of hotel beds, so you should find some great deals at that time of year. We will provide a free shuttle bus from the CBD to the Championship precinct.

Our emblem is the endangered marsupial the numbat, and we do have an initiative to support Perth Zoo's conservation programme, details on the website.



Your organising committee for the Championships is Barbara and Richard Blurton, Delia Baldock, Marion Buchanan, Mike Anderson and Keith Hill.

A.M.A Trust Fund

The Trust Fund made its first awards to projects in September. We received 5 excellent proposals from 4 states/territories and approved them all, committing around 20% of the available funds.

The deadline for receiving the next tranche of projects is 31st December 2017 , and if further information is required you should contact [Judy Farrell](#).

Oceania Championships January 20th – 27th 2018 - Dunedin NZ



Team Manager - Hazel McDonnell

REMINDER

Entries for Dunedin close 8th December 2017 – Late entries not accepted

Masters' athletes intending to compete in Dunedin

Consider buying an extra AMA singlet or two and shorts to swap or wear.
This will give you the opportunity to “swap your gear” for other national uniforms

The official AMA Uniform must be worn when competing

[Link to Uniform Page](#)

Australian Masters Athletics Archives

Do you have 'Old' photos, 'old' medals and 'old' Aussie uniforms.
The AMA office is looking to build their archives and are interested in gather paraphernalia from
the 1970's and 1980's.

Do you have any items in the family closet that could be added to the AMA office collection?

Contact : - hazelmcdonnell@australianmastersathletics.org.au

Congratulations – Heather Lee – NSW



Heather set new World Records in W90 3k & 5K Walks
At the Recent Australian Masters Games in Tasmania

A.M.A Events Calendar 2017 – 2018

AMA Multi Events Championships 2018	Bendigo Victoria	Jan. 6 th - 7 th
Oceania Masters Championships 2018	Dunedin NZ	Jan 20 th - 27 th
AMA Track & Field Championships 2018	Perth WA	April 26 th – 29 th
AMA 20K Road Walk Championships 2018	Adelaide SA	August 5 th – 6 th
AMA Half Marathon Championships 2018	Canberra ACT	August 19 th
WMA Championships 2018	Malaga Spain	Sept 4 th – 16 th
WMA Indoor Championships 2019	Torun Poland	March 24 th – 30 th

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