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WELLINGTON MASTERS ATHLETICS INC NEWSLETTER | VOLUME 22 - ISSUE 1

# Certificate presented to Jackie Wilson, at the recent AGM Congratulations and thank you!



Jackie Wilson, with her Race Walk World Record Certificate, presented by Michael

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# EDITORIAL

Firstly, Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that you have managed to get out and keep up the training in this warm weather that Wellington has been experiencing. Secondly, apologies for no Christmas edition of the Masters newsletter being published. With Wellington Masters hosting the NZ Masters track and field championships in early December and trying to finalise paying of accounts and tying up all the loose ends before the Christmas/New Year break and then the Editor catching Covid and being out of action, put paid to any newsletter being published.

## **Annual General Meeting:**

The AGM was held Thursday 13th October at the Olympic Harrier Clubrooms, Johnsonville, and this year was well attended. This meeting saw Michael Wray standing down as President, a position he has held for 9 years and Sharon Wray also standing down from the committee. We elected Vickie Humphries and Ayesha Shafi onto the committee but were unable to elect an incoming President. Vice President Liz Bentley at the time wasn't in a position to take up the role so it was then up to the incoming committee at their first meeting to try and sort out the vacant position of President. The Annual Accounts for 2022 and outgoing President Michael Wray's report can be found in this issue.

## NZ Masters Track and Field Championships:

Wellington Masters were the host of these championships held at Newtown Park from 2-4 December 2022. Originally planned for March 2022, they were cancelled owing to the Covid red light setting the Government had in place at the time. The entry form came out late (as explained in the out-going President's Report) and at one stage the committee looked at the numbers we needed to make it viable to proceed with the championships, as early indication looked a bit grim with entries only trickling in. Eventually the entries came in and we ended up with 220 competitors coming to Wellington to take part. There were a few no shows at the weekend with Covid striking some athletes down and some succumbing to injury.

As we had planned to hold these championships in March most of the organisation was in place and it was just a matter of contacting the Wellington Free Ambulance and the West Plaza Hotel to see if the original quotes were still valid – thankfully they were. Also, Michael Wray was still available to help with the organisation (but in a reduced capacity). We are grateful for his input to what is a mammoth task in organising these championships. Liz Bentley as Vice President took on the role of being the main organiser of the championships and it was during this time that she decided to take on the role of President and I became Vice President. I would personally like to thank Liz for the huge amount of hours that she put in, all while being self employed and trying to run her own business. Many hours and stressful times were had but in the end the championships took place. The only real hiccups were the race numbers which were sent from Auckland by overnight courier to me, but in the end I went down to NZ Couriers, five days later to pick up the race numbers myself. The other thing to cause a headache was the programme which had many, many changes before a final version emerged and finally went to print very close to Friday, the first day of competition.

The weather for the weekend was fine for the three days of competition though there was a pesky wind that hung around over the weekend and at times was quite chilly. Nevertheless, there were many records broken over the weekend.

We received great feedback from competitors after and during the weekend which was really pleasing to Wellington Masters, as many hours had been put in by a lot of people to make these championships successful.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

The next Wellington Masters event will be the Classic Relay at Trentham Memorial Park in May and the Johnsonville 8km Road Race and 6.4km Race Walk in July. Both of these dates are still to be confirmed. The committee will look at whether we can fit in the Lower Hutt 10km which hasn't been held for the past few years for various reasons. We have found this event difficult to fit into a busy racing calendar.

John Palmer, Editor

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# WELLINGTON MASTERS ATHLETICS INCORPORATED FINANCIAL REPORT - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

2021		2022
	OPENING FUNDS AT 31 AUGUST 2021	
2,850.50	ANZ Current Account	3,407.51
20,000.00	ANZ Term Deposit	20,000.00
3,407.44	ANZ Savings Account	3,656.42
26,257.94		27,063.93
	PLUS RECEIPTS	
475.00	Subscriptions Received	405.00
424.58	Interest Received	190.70
1,354.00	Race Entry Fees	960.00
140.00	Uniforms Sales	30.00
55.00	Donations	-
2,448.58	TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,585.70
	LESS PAYMENTS	
545.00	Subscriptions to NZMA	450.00
148.57	Newsletter Printing & Postage	50.18
560.00	Track & Field Levy to Wellington Centre	300.00
180.58	Presentation & Awards Expenses	21.50
208.44	Website Expenses	195.94
1,642.59	TOTAL PAYMENTS	1,017.62
27,063.93	CLOSING FUNDS AT 31 AUGUST 2022	27,632.01
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	Represented by :-	
3,407.51	ANZ Bank Current Account	3,705.46
20,000.00	ANZ Bank Term Deposit - Matures 22/12/2022	20,000.00
3,656.42	ANZ Bank Savings Account	3,926.55
27,063.93		27,632.01

## **Statement of Accounting Policies**

The above statement is prepared on the basis of Receipts and Payments through the Associations banking accounts. No Provision or Accrual is made for amounts payable or receivable at the 31 August of each year.

As the Association is not GST registered the amounts in the Statement include GST.

## Wellington Masters Athletics - 2022 AGM - President's Report

We finished the year with a combined membership of 361, consisting of a direct membership of 17 and club-based members of 344, both down a little on last year. Last year we were a bit disappointed in the fall of direct memberships and the reason for the lack of bounce-back will undoubtedly be the same: a year with no NZMA Indoor Champs, no NZMA North Islands and no NZMA Champs during the season for which people required membership has allowed members to lapse. Consequently we did not see any additional Wellington Masters enter an NZMA Championship, so the Wellington ANZ Club Members in the NZMA membership lists remained at 67.

For our events, we had 16 teams at the Classic Cross Country Relay, quite a drop from last year. This can be attributed to the original date being postponed due to our hosts at Trentham suffering a significant Covid outbreak. It made for a packed July with races available to runners every weekend. We jammed our event in to the spare weekend between North Island and Wellington Cross Country Champs. The latter itself also clashed with the WUU2k trail events. And the Johnsonville race was held just the following weekend, just before NZ Cross Country Champs, resulting in just 31 entrants.

In other statistics, our Facebook page continues to grow with 388 followers, up by 20% on last year, continuing its annual growth trend. Our website has been averaging 1300 unique visitors a month this year, with total visits of around 1800 average per month.

The big task last year was Wellington had been due to host Nationals back in March, something we eventually had to postpone. Arriving at that decision was not an easy process.

Being in the red level of the traffic light system meant we would needed to have the event split into separate bubbles. As per the Newtown Park booking conditions at that time, these bubbles would have needed to stay intact during the entire championship. Whatever bubble you were in on day one is the bubble you must stay in on day two and day three. We managed to work out a plan with events assigned to three bubbles (sprints & jumps, middle distance & walks, throws) although we hadn't quite worked out how to manage the track pentathlon. This approach would have meant disappointing athletes who like to mix disciplines (e.g. you wouldn't be able to run both the 400m and the 800m as that would mean switching bubbles). The more difficult challenge was the need to meet the council's requirement to have physical barriers maintaining bubble separation. Figuring out how to meet this condition was a conundrum so we looked at how the other large meet in Wellington went about it. What we found was a general failure, particularly from the athletes, who ignored the barriers and moved between bubbles at will, additionally ignoring the instruction to leave immediately after competing. We would have needed to recruit a large number of additional volunteers to police the barriers; or to risk the of loss of our council-provided funding for failing to meet the council's venue conditions if non-compliance became public knowledge.

The other problem we had was the prospect of a low turnout because of the "close contact" rules in force at that time. Flying away from home back in March was a risk – if someone on your inbound plane was identified as a case, you would be forced to isolate in Wellington for a couple of weeks before being allowed to fly home. If the turnout was too low, the financial viability of the event would become at risk, especially if our council-provided funding - granted on the basis of attracting people to visit Wellington – was deemed ineligible for payment as a result of not meeting application conditions.

Finally, we lost our ambulance booking when Wellington Free Ambulance advised they were switching to "emergency response" mode and cancelling any event-bookings being held during the peak of the omicron wave.

The original intention was to defer to March 2023 but we were gazumped by Athletics NZ assigning their Track & Field Champs to Wellington in that month. Negotiations between NZMA and Athletics Wellington produced a new date of the first weekend of December 2022. This agreement was partly fuelled by Auckland Masters having declared they would not host North Islands as scheduled and NZMA needing to reshuffle the calendar. Fortunately for us, we had done all the leg-work already, adapting the standard NZMA programme to fit Newtown Park's configuration, arranging for the dinner, ambulance cover etc. Most importantly, we had arranged for our council grant to be deferred to the new date without requiring us to apply from scratch.

The next challenge was to set-up the on-line entry form. Usually this is a straightforward task that is handled by NZMA, using their dashboard within the Athletics NZ Clubnet system. This year, it was complicated by GameDay buying out Sport Technology and in September replacing it with the latest GameDay system.

The transition project has not gone smoothly. The event functionality of the new system is not yet ready for use and GameDay announced the old system would be deleted in October. This left us searching for a third party or bespoke solution. After looking at and rejecting as unfit, various online providers, I started setting up a Google Form. Not ideal as it would mean manual payment reconciliation and Meet Manager file creation. Fortunately, NZMA and ANZ managed to convince GameDay to let the old system stay up for another few months. We are now using the old system to take entries but it has meant entries opened much later than we would have liked. Athletics NZ are also using the old system to take entries for the NZ 10000m Champs so we are not alone in staying on the legacy system for an interim phase.

Finally, as has been publicised, I am not standing for re-election this year. Due to a career-ending injury to my running, I feel I need to take a step back from all my roles while I process what it means to be an exrunner. I have left the Board of Athletics Wellington; I will leave the Board of NZ Masters Athletics in a few weeks. Early next year, I will handover Wellington Scottish to a new President.

I was elected as President of Wellington Masters nine years ago. Looking back over our office holders, for which we have history recorded back to 1991, that's the longest tenure on record by four years. The NZ Amateur Sport Association recommend five years be the maximum term limit so it is definitely overdue for me to pass on the baton I received from Brian Watson in 2013.

We have made a lot of changes and I think we have achieved a lot in this time. Probably the most significant thing is our website, which is a vast improvement on what we had before: a single page assignment on the NZMA site.

We now have a website that is very popular for its historic content. Our site attracts more than local interest; it is followed from all around the world, although the website stats say our overseas visitors are understandably more interested in the World Championship results than, say, the Shaw Baton. We have historic podium results for all the Wellington, North/South Island, New Zealand, Oceania and World events in which our masters can compete. In some cases, we have compiled complete results; for other areas we still have some gaps despite my best efforts. Even with such gaps, we offer a more complete view of masters medallists than had previously existed. We were lauded by Roger Robinson as an example to follow when he was helping Athletics NZ try to recapture their lost history. I have spent hundreds, probably thousands, of hours chasing down past results, reviewing whatever old publications I could find, begging the loan of old ANZ annual reports or the NZMA newsletters that were type-written in the 70s (before Vetline was created) and transcribing to our pages. While there have been other contributors, I am especially grateful to John Palmer for letting me have Vetlines from the 90s and Judy Chandler for loaning me the publications she has from the 70s and 80s.

We have presented the results and record tables in a way no other site has, contrasting age groups as well as the Wellington/Island/NZ/Oceania/World records. Most other sites simply use PDF attachments. This is what NZMA does and we know that asking people to download attachments to view data is an outdated approach.

Our website is simple and rich in information but it's not perfect and we do have one particular problem to solve. I used our existing approach because we could not find a provider who supported the table layouts we needed. While it has been a very cost-effective approach, costing only \$12.50/month for the file storage, the technology I am using is now obsolete and dependent on software installed on my laptop. It should be moved on to a modern web-hosted platform. The challenge is to find a platform whose templates fit the sort of information we present. It may be the solution is to split the site into two: one dedicated to the history and one focusing on the here and now. In the meantime, I will continue hosting and updating the site on behalf of the committee.

I must acknowledge the stalwarts of our committee who pre-date and will post-date me. They enable Wellington Masters Athletics to be a success. John Palmer has served Wellington Masters Athletics since 2000, spending time in almost every role. Graham Gould became Treasurer in 2010 and Albert van Veen joined the committee in 2011, becoming secretary in 2012. Also, Veronica Gould has been our membership registrar since 2001 having previously been on the committee since at least 1999, including a number of years as Secretary. With relative newbies, Sean Lake (five years) and Liz Bentley (four years), staying on with John, Graham, Albert and Veronica in their respective roles, I am sure Sharon and I leave Wellington Masters Athletics with a team that will continue to keep it successful.

## RECORDS FROM NZ MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2nd to 4th DECEMBER 2022

#### **NZ RECORDS**

W60 60m - Jill Hayman (AKL) - 9.26 (-0.9) 3/12/22 W75 1500m - Loris Reed (WBP) - 6:55.39 - 3/12/22 W65 5000m - Michele Allison (WLG) - 21:23.94 - 4/12/22 W70 200mH - Gail Kirkman (STH) - 41.42 (0.5) - 4/12/22 W70 High Jump - Gail Kirkman (STH) - 1.13 - 3/12/22 M30 Pentathlon - Reece Little (HBG) - 1966 - 4/12/22 M45 Pentathlon - David Hansen (TAS) - 3390 - 4/12/22 M60 Pentathlon - John Rawcliffe (TAS) - 2695 - 4/12/22 M70 Pentathlon - Warren Green (STH) - 2705 - 4/12/22.

## **WELLINGTON CENTRE RECORDS FROM NZMA Champs:**

M75 800m - Brian Hayes (WHAC) - 3:12.21 Newtown Park 4/12/22 M70 1500m - Keith Chapman (Olympic) - 5:46.07 Newtown Park 3/12/22 M75 1500m - Brian Hayes (WHAC) - 6:16.59 Newtown Park 3/12/22 M75 3000m - Brian Hayes (WHAC) - 13:55.72 Newtown Park 2/12/22 W65 5000m - Michele Allison (Scottish) - 21:23.94 Newtown Park 4/12/22 M70 5000m - Keith Chapman (Olympic) - 21:09.88 Newtown Park 4/12/22 M45 3000mSC - Stephen Day (Scottish) - 10:32.85 Newtown Park 3/12/22 W75 1500mW - Jacqueline Wilson (Trentham) - 9:52.25 Newtown Park 3/12/22 W80 1500mW - Daphne Jones (Scottish) - 11:39.56 Newtown Park 3/12/22 M70 1500mW - Clive McGovern (Trentham) - 8:44.68 Newtown Park 3/12/22 M55 Weight Throw - Adrian Stockill (Kiwi) - 12.04 Newtown Park 3/12/22.

#### NZ CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS FROM NZMA CHAMPS:

W40 60m - Joeline Jones (TAS) - 8.34 (-0.1) 3/12/22 W60 60m - Jill Hayman (AKL) - 9.26 (-0.9) 3/12/22 W70 200m - Gail Kirkman (STH) - 1:19.53 - 4/12/22 W65 800m - Christine Adamson (AKL) - 3:01.35 - 4/12/22 W70 800m - Gail Kirkman (STH) - 3:09.51 - 4/12/22 W75 1500m - Loris Reed (WBP) - 6:55.39 - 3/12/22 W65 3000m - Michele Allison (WLG) - 12:27.51 - 2/12/22 M45 3000m - Daniel Clendon (WLG) - 9:13.41 - 2/12/22 M70 3000m - Keith Chapman (WLG) - 12:06.26 - 2/12/22 M80 3000m - Roger Robinson (WLG) - 16:12.68 - 2/12/22 W65 5000m - Michele Allison (WLG) - 21:23.94 - 4/12/22 W75 5000m - Barbara Patrick (OTA) - 26:13.10 - 4/12/22 W70 200mH - Gail Kirkman (STH) - 41.42 (0.5) - 4/12/22 W30 2000mSC - Laura Smidt (TAS) - 8:19.63 - 3/12/22 W45 1500mW - Catherine Uhlenberg (TAR) - 8:59.05 - 3/12/22\* W50 1500mW - Arlene Wong-Tung (WLG) - 10:45.76 - 3/12/22\* W60 1500mW - Helen Willis (WLG) - 10:42.88 - 3/12/22\* W75 1500mW - Jacqueline Wilson (WLG) - 9:53.25 - 3/12/22\* W80 1500mW - Daphne Jones (WLG) - 11:39.56 - 3/12/22\* M60 1500mW - Rodney Gillum (TAR) - 9:27.08 - 3/12/22\* M65 1500mW - Bob Gardner (WLG) - 9:58.85 - 3/12/22\* M70 1500mW - Clive McGovern (WLG) - 8:44.68 - 3/12/22\* W80 3000mW - Daphne Jones (WLG) - 23:37.57 - 2/12/22 W40 5000mW - Heather McLean (CAN) - 36:40.20 - 4/12/22 W45 5000mW - Catherine Uhlenberg (TAR) - 33:04.60 - 4/12/22 W80 5000mW - Daphne Jones (WLG) - 41:27.15 - 4/12/22

M70 5000mW - Clive McGovern (WLG) - 31:48.11 - 4/12/22

W70 High Jump - Gail Kirkman (STH) - 1.13 - 3/12/22

M90 Long Jump - Jim Blair (OTA) - 1.50 (-1.6) - 3/12/22

M30 Shot - Reece Little (HBG) - 8.88 - 2/12/22

M90 Shot - Jim Blair (OTA) - 6.21 - 2/12/22

M90 Discus - Jim Blair (OTA) - 15.70 - 3/12/22

M45 Hammer - Arno van der Westhuizen (AKL) - 52.27 - 2/12/22

M90 Hammer - Jim Blair (OTA) - 17.23 - 2/12/22

M90 Javelin - Jim Blair (OTA) - 17.58 - 3/12/22

W50 Weight Throw - Brenda Davis (WBP) - 14.42 - 2/12/22

M90 Weight Throw - Jim Blair (OTA) - 8.48 - 3/12/22

W40 Pentathlon - Joeline Jones (TAS) - 2421 - 4/12/22

W70 Pentathlon - Tui Ashe (AKL) - 2761 - 4/12/22

M30 Pentathlon - Reece Little (HBG) - 1966 - 4/12/22

M45 Pentathlon - David Hansen (TAS) - 3390 - 4/12/22

M60 Pentathlon - John Rawcliffe (TAS) - 2695 - 4/12/22

M70 Pentathlon - Warren Green (STH) - 2705 - 4/12/22

W60 Throws Pentathlon - Alison Newall (OTA) - 2716 - 4/12/22

M45 Throws Pentathlon - Arno van der Westhuizen (AKL) - 3588 - 4/12/22

M90 Throws Pentathlon - Jim Blair (OTA) - 3172 - 4/12/22.

\*As this was the first time the 1500mW was included as a championship event, I don't know if NZMA are indeed going to recognise it for CRs yet - or even NZ Records. There is a tradition that such recognition does not start until the third year after the introduction of a new event. To date, Wellington is the only Centre I know who have a 1500mW record category - if NZMA do recognise it for National Records they will need to decide whether to "promote" Wellington's existing Centre records or simply start the category as being active from a fixed start date.

## Wellington Centre Records from Agency 10,000m:

M75 10000m - Brian Hayes (WHAC) - 50:14.81 Newtown Park 19/11/22 M80 10000m - Roger Robinson (Vic) - 54:15.25 Newtown Park 19/11/22.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<u>2023</u>

Feb

11	Buller Gorge Full Marathon, Marathon Relay, ½ Marathon & 10km	Westport
19	Round the Bays, ½ Marathon, 10km & 5.5 Fun Run	Waitangi Park
26	40 <sup>th</sup> Kapiti Women's Triathlon	Raumati Beach

March

4 Nutri-Grain Ironman NZ & 70.3 Taupo
10-13 Australian Masters Track & Field Championships Sydney
18 Taupo Great Lake Relay Taupo

**April** 

Tauranga ½ Marathon, 15km, 10km & 5km
 Christchurch Full Marathon, ½ Marathon & 10km
 Waitarere Forest Run, 21km, 10km & 5km
 TCS London Marathon
 London

May

6 Rotorua Full Marathon, ½ Marathon, 10km & 5.5km Fun Run Rotorua 20 Sotheby's Hawkes Bay Full Marathon, ½ Marathon & 10km Napier

June

4 Upper Hutt Handicap Marathon &  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  Marathon Relay Pinehaven
25 Gazley Volkswagen Full Marathon,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Marathon & 10km Sky Stadium
22-26 Oceania Masters Athletics Championships Saipan,
Northern Marianas

Sept

Hutt Marathon, ½ Marathon, 10km & 5km
 BMW Berlin Marathon
 Petone
 Berlin

Nov

5 TCS New York Marathon New York

**Note:** While every attempt is made to provide correct dates of events, intended dates and venues can change. It is advisable to check the information from official entry forms, event websites or event organisers.

Wellington Masters Athletics: If unclaimed please return to 122 Onslow Road, Khandallah, Wellington 6035



# Registration Form

Name:			
Address:			
		Post Code:	
E-mail:		Telephone:	
Masters Centre:		Date of Birth:	
Are you an Athletics	NZ club registered athlete? No / Yes	(CIRCLE ONE ONLY) (Please com	plete section below)
Athletics NZ Club:		ANZ Reg. No.	
Fees for 2022/2023 y	ear (Please select the option that better suits y	our needs):	
OPTION 1:	ANZ Competitive Members (ANZ club members must be financial for the 2022/2023 season).  N.B. All fees are paid to ANZ online or via your club registration process		
\$0.00	NZMA Fee (ANZ club athlete DO NOT pay a fee to NZMA as per the MoU)		
\$0.00	Local Master's Centre Fee		
	Note: ANZ Social Members are required to be a Competitive member of either ANZ or NZMA if they intend to compete at local, NI, SI, NZMA, OMA or WMA Championship events		
OPTION 2:	NZMA Members (non-club members)  N.B. All fees are paid to your Local Masters Centre as per previous years		
\$60.00 (CIRCLE)	NZMA Competitive Member. Eligible to compete at local, NI, SI, NZMA, OMA or WMA Championship events.		
\$45.00 (CIRCLE)	NZMA Social Member. Eligible to compete at local Masters' events only.		
\$0.00 (CIRCLE)	Local Masters Centre Fee (optional)		
Total Fee to pay \$			
Registration options:	Post, e-mail or hand completed registration forms to Veronica Gould.		
Online banking payments only	Wellington Masters Athletics Inc., ANZ, The Terrace: 06 0565 0064415 00. (Please insert your name in the reference box)		
Postal Address:	Wellington Masters Athletics Inc. PO Box 5887, Wellington 6140	Telephone: E-mail:	04 973 6741 gvgould@xtra.co.nz
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# Obituary

Long-time member of Wellington Masters and Wellington Scottish Athletics Club and Race Walking stalwart Murray Gowans died on 20 December 2022 aged 75.

He was a qualified and graded Athletics New Zealand official. He was the mainstay of the pole vault competition at Newtown Park organising and managing the event with the late Peter Tearle for many years.

He officiated at regional and New Zealand championships. At the 2014 and 2015 national championships in Wellington he was a vertical jumps judge. He was a pole vault official at the 1990 Auckland Commonwealth Games.

The funeral for Murray was held at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church in Titahi Bay and was well attended by members of both Wellington Masters and Wellington Scottish.

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