

Wellington Association of Veteran Athletes

Newsletter

October/November 2001

POSTPONED LOWER HUTT 10km

It is with regret that the Committee of the Wellington Association of Veteran Athletes has had to postpone this year's running of the Lower Hutt 10km that was set down for Sunday 4th November 2001.

With the majority of the Committee members involved in one way or another with the planning of the New Zealand Track & Field Championships to be held at Newtown Park in March 2002, we had left the organisation of the Lower Hutt event too late to make the event the success that it should be.

The Committee is deeply sorry that it has come to this decision but felt that at this stage the March 2002 event has to take priority. We were reluctant to postpone the event as already one Veteran event has fallen off the event calendar and the last thing we want is to lose another event.

The event will be held again in November 2002 and is already scheduled on the draft Programme of Events for 2001-2002.

WELLINGTON CENTRE OF THE NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES INC.**COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2001/2002**

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS USUALLY 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT NEWTOWN PARK at 5:30pm.

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

SINCEREST APOLOGIES

In the July/August issue of the Newsletter I inadvertently omitted from the results of the WAVA Track & Field Champs in Brisbane the achievements of Ellis Goodyear. Ellis returned home to NZ with three medals – one of each colour:

- Gold in the M70-74 Cross Country team; with John Downey 2nd, Ellis Goodyear 5th and Brian Keown 8th.
- Silver in the Marathon in 3hrs 28m; and
- Bronze in the 10,000m.

These performances are truly exceptional and I apologise most sincerely for the omission and to any distress I may have caused Ellis and his family.

EDITORIAL

Well, my biggest fear about being editor has happened - I missed publishing the results of a competitor. I have always been aware that this possibility could arise. It is always difficult when you are relying on other people to provide you with a set of results, or you take a set from the internet. The question I have to ask myself often is, are the results accurate and/or complete. As with the case of Ellis Goodyear's results, the website that I obtained the results from was incomplete, hence the omission. It would appear in hindsight that I have also missed some other results from Brisbane. John Eccles received a bronze medal in the M75 Cross Country Team and Paul Forster a silver medal in the M40 Cross Country Team. My apologies for these omissions

The AGM was held in September and the President's report and Financial Statement appear elsewhere in this magazine. Subscriptions were again held at their present level of \$27. A subscription form also appears in this issue. Arthur May was again elected as Patron and Rob McGregor as Auditor. The Committee remains virtually unchanged with the only committee member stepping down being Barbara Tucker.

The 8km Road Race was held on Sunday 19th August at Johnsonville and 36 entrants took part. This is an increase in numbers from last year and one can only hope that this trend continues next year. The format this year was the same as previous years and the event made a profit of \$120. Thanks to Brian Watson for all his organisation and Olympic Harriers for the use of their clubrooms.

The winter harrier season winds up for most clubs this month and some athletes will no doubt be focusing on the track season. For the rest of this year the track meetings are going to be held at different venues owing to the track at Newtown Park being ripped up and a new track being laid. Tenders have been called and work should start shortly. The first event on the new track is planned to be the Scottish Night of Miles on Saturday 5th January 2002.

The next big local event for Veteran Athletes will be the NZ Track & Field Championships to be held at Newtown Park from 15th to 18th March 2002.

Good summer running everyone.

John Palmer, Editor

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If any member changes their address, it would be appreciated if they could notify the subscription secretary. This enables the Association to keep records that are accurate and up to date and ensures that you continue to receive your newsletter. It is also important that Club Co-Ordinators notify the Secretary of any change of address to enable the information to keep getting out to the clubs in the Centre.

MEMBERSHIP

As at the September committee meeting our membership for the 2001-2002 financial year stands at 19. This is made up of 15 renewals from last year, 2 rejoined after a break of 12 months – welcome back Linda Cameron (Scottish) and Michael Keenan (Wellington Vets). Welcome also to 2 new members Kathryn Fraser (Scottish) and Rose Gammie (Valleys).

ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

If any member wishes to have an article included in the newsletter, please forward it to the Editor, 122 Onslow Road, Khandallah, or email it to palmer.palace@xtra.co.nz.

Psst... Heard the one about?

An architect, an artist and an accountant were discussing whether it was better to spend time with the wife or a mistress.

The architect said he enjoyed time with his wife, building a solid foundation for an enduring relationship. The artist said he enjoyed time with his mistress because of the passion and mystery he found there.

The accountant said, "I like both".

When the architect and artist exclaimed "Both?", the accountant replied "Yeah. If you have a wife and a mistress, they will each assume you are spending time with the other woman and you can go to the office and get some work done."

To the Optimist – the glass is half full. To the Pessimist – the glass is half empty. To the Accountant – the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

What is the definition of an accountant? Someone who solves a problem you did not know you had in a way you do not understand.

What do Accountants suffer from which ordinary people do not?
Depreciation.

**THE WELLINGTON CENTRE OF THE NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF
VETERAN ATHLETES INC.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2001 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As the 2000/2001 financial year concludes and we look forward with enthusiasm to the 2001/2002 year, I am pleased to present my annual report. The 2000/2001 year has been very successful in terms of opportunities to participate in veteran events.

Over the summer months your committee has been involved in running open Track and Field programs on Saturday afternoons when League meetings take most open grade athletes, and most officials, away from Wellington, Veterans programs on Sunday afternoons, our Provincial championships and the Hutt Valley 10km road race.

Outside the range of your committee there have also been the North Island Track and Field Championships in Inglewood (on their new all weather mondo track), the NZAVA National Track and Field Championships in Hastings and the WAVA World Championships in Brisbane.

Over the winter months your committee has, in conjunction with host clubs, been involved in running the Classic Relay and the Johnsonville 8km events.

Outside the range of your committee there have also been the Wellington Cross Country, Road and Half Marathon Championships. Plenty to keep competitors, administrators and officials involved.

While the emphasis remains on participation I have to acknowledge that we have seen some outstanding performances from our Wellington based veteran athletes over the past year, highlighted by World Championship medal winning performances from John Eccles, Judy Hammond, Colleena Blair, Dick Harris, Ellis Goodyear, Paul Forster and Robyn Stansfield.

I could not produce an annual report without acknowledging the team of Wellington based officials and administrators who continue to provide their services at the very highest level. I take this opportunity to formally acknowledge and thank our officials and administrators.

Being on any committee has its moments of frustration with complaints and grumbles sometimes outweighing compliments and thanks. I am going to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Wellington Association of Veteran Athletes committee for their efforts over the last year. I believe this committee has met its mandate as defined in our constitution and has laid the groundwork for the 2001/2002 year.

Even within the committee we could acknowledge individual contributions a little more than we do and without diminishing the contribution of others I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Dick Harris, our long standing Treasurer, Geoff Guenole, our Secretary and Colleena Blair who has been the keeper of a multitude of functions for such a long time that she continues to field inquiries on all manner of subjects. It is pleasing to note that during the course of last year several of the demands on Colleena's time have been removed with John Palmer taking over the editorial responsibility for our newsletter, Veronica Gould taking over as subscriptions secretary and Melanie Watson taking over as the keeper of the Wellington Veterans provincial records.

The highlight for Wellington Veteran Athletes during the 2001/2002 summer season will undoubtedly be the NZAVA National Track and Field Championships to be held at Newtown Park in March 2002. This prospect has recently become more attractive with the news that the Newtown all weather track is to be replaced during the latter part of 2001 and that our Championships will likely be the first major event on the new track. Your committee has been working on the early planning for this event and at this point arrangements are well in hand. As we draw nearer to the event we are going to need assistance from outside the committee and will be looking to our Wellington members for support. Good Luck for the 2001/2002 year.

Kevin Watson, President, Wellington Centre NZAVA
September 2001

RESULTS

WELLINGTON CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at Clareville on Saturday 21 July 2001

Conditions were muddy and slippery with a cold southerly and rain

Women 6km:

W40	Bev Hodge	28:17	M50	Francis Campkin	32:15
	Brenda Burke	31:44		Hank Leech	32:19
W45	Michele Allison	25:01		Ian Blyth	33:11
	Loretta Desourdy	31:50		Ray Marten	34:30
W60	Diane Rogers	31:48		Richard Sweetman	36:26

Men 8km:

M40	Paul Forster	27:59		Paul Rodway	37:34
	Alister Leslie	28:33	M55	Michael Clark	39:29
	Peter Wrigley	29:01		Ken Ritchie	35:37
	Dave Hatfield	29:55	M60	David Moore	44:02
	Todd Kriebel	30:42		John Caughley	34:30
	Des Young	31:32		Brain Watson	38:04
	Mike Lynskey	32:10	M70	Harry Ross	41:35
	Murray Corles	33:14		Barry Everitts	53:50
	Jim Kerr	32:32			
M45	Gordon Blacklaws	28:39		5km Road Walk:	
	Ian Ewing	34:57	M75	Peter Tearle	35:48
	Ken Howell	35:48			
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6	Murray Gowans	Scottish	71:30	7:09	M50-54
7	Kathryn Fraser	Scottish	73:55	7:24	W40-44
8	Brian Read	Kiwi Athletics	75:15	7:31	M65-69
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14	Loretta Desourdy	Scottish	29:36	4:56	W45-49
15	Leah Karu	Scottish	30:38	5:06	W35-39

WELLINGTON CENTRE OF NEW ZEALAND ASSN OF VETERAN ATHLETES INC.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2001

2000 \$	RECEIPTS	2001 \$
2,750.42	Bank Balance at 1/8/2000	1,809.39
14,162.46	Term deposits at 1/8/2000	13,336.72
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16,912.88		15,146.11
4,836.00	Subscriptions	4,106.60
39.23	Interest	31.92
674.26	Interest - Term deposits	820.67
895.30	Race Fees	1,305.20
-	Uniforms	36.00
24.00	Refund Stopwatch Tapes	-
380.00	Veterans History Books Sold	80.00
260.00	Track & Field Entries	266.00
733.76	Grants for Equipment	-
673.97	Tax Refunds	-
26.00	Catering Income	20.00
-	Donation	25.00
300.00	Sport Wellington Grant	-
8,841.51		6,689.29
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26,764.39		21,835.40
	PAYMENTS	
5,400.00	Subscriptions to NZAVA	3,850.00
1,168.65	Race Expenses	716.76
566.99	Telephone, Postage, Newsletter etc.	455.06
2.50	Bank Fees	-
200.00	Donations	-
415.48	Catering	429.84
1,647.34	Equipment	-
1,116.00	Veterans History Books - Cost	-
27.00	Subscription Refund	-
75.32	AGM Expenses	-
-	Travel Grant	60.00
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10,608.28		5,500.65
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16,146.11	Total Funds at 31 July 2001	16,334.75
	Being:	
1,809.39	Cheque Account	2,177.36
7,195.91	National Bank Term Deposit - Due 30/08/01	7,591.46
6,140.81	National Bank Term Deposit - Due 28/08/01	6,565.93
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\$15,146.11		\$16,334.75
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Statement of Accounting Policies:

The above statement is prepared on the basis of Receipts and Payments through the Centres banking accounts. No provision is made for accruals or amounts due at the end of the period.

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

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WELLINGTON VETERANS
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2001/2002

Up-date 7 October

Newtown Park is being re-surfaced during late October, November, December 2001. Track and Field competition has been arranged at other venues. Training facilities will be available after 5pm at Rongotai College. The Top Ground will be available for running and throws training.

- 13 October 2001** S Schools League + Open Meet - Newtown Park
13 October 2001 Kiwi 75th Jubilee Meeting - Newtown Park, Top Ground (?)
Running, throwing & other events - all Grades
11 October First of Manawatu/Wanganui's fortnightly Vets Meets at the new Mondo track at Massey University - Starts 6pm

Alternate Thursday evenings will be used for Vets coaching/training in specialised events.

The Track is just beyond the Rugby Institute at Massey. Easiest access is from Old West Road. Parking is just beyond the Rugby Institute. Head a long well lit walkway towards lighting towers.

- 27 October, 24 November** Sat. competition at Massey University. Start 2.30pm
11 November, 2 & 8 December Saturday competition at Rongotai College
All Grades - 1.30pm start
- 10/11 November** North Island Heptathlon/Decathlon Championships - Hastings
23-25 November South Island Veterans Track & Field Championships - Timaru
22/23 November NZAVA Executive Meeting - Timaru
24 November NZ Long Distance Walks Championships - all grades - Christchurch
7-9 December North Island Veterans Track & Field Championships - Pakuranga
5 January 2002 Wellington Scottish Night of Miles (Twilight) - Newtown Park
12-19 January Oceania Veterans Track & Field Championships - Geelong, Aus.
12 January Saturday Track meet - Gold Programme & Opening - Newtown Park
22 January Wellington Full & Half Marathon Champs all grades - Kilbirnie
26 January Weekly Saturday meets resume - Black Programme - Newtown Park
27 January Veterans Meeting - Newtown Park - 2.00pm
2 February Gold programme - Newtown Park
3 February Veterans Meeting - Newtown Park - 2.00pm
9 February Black Programme - Newtown Park
9/10 February 2002 Masters Games - Dunedin
10 February Wellington Vets Track & Field Championships (Day 1) - Newtown Park
24 February Wellington Vets Track & Field Championships (Day 2) - Newtown Park
8-10 March ANZ/NZAVA Heptathlon/Decathlon Championships - Invercargill
9 March Black Programme - Newtown Park
15-18 March NZAVA Track & Field Championships - Newtown Park
23 March Gold Programme + 10,000m Open meet - Newtown Park
May Vets Classic Club Relay - Trentham
July Wellington Centre & Vets Cross Country Champs
August Vets 8km Run /Walk Races - Johnsonville
September Wellington Centre & Veterans Road Champs
November Vets 10km Run/Walk Races - Lower Hutt



Please detach and send to subscriptions secretary

WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES INC

**SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE 2001/2002 YEAR
(1 September 2001 to 31 August 2002)**

\$27 = \$25 NZAVA, \$2 WNAVA

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

BIRTH DATE (S): _____

CONTACT PHONE NO. _____

CLUB (if any) _____

\$27 (\$54) Enclosed. Cheques made out to Wellington Association of Veteran Athletes - WnAVA

SEND TO: VERONICA GOULD, 95A ELLICE STREET, MT VICTORIA, WELLINGTON

Please advise any change of address as soon as possible.

VETERAN'S 8KM ROAD RACE

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1	Dave Murgatroyd	Valleys	29:46	3:43	1M4044
2	Peter Wrigley	Scottish	31:07	3:53	2M4044
3	Des Young	Scottish	32:01	4:00	3M4044
4	Michael Lynsky	Valleys	32:42	4:05	4M4044
5	Steve Plowman	Scottish	33:04	4:08	1M4549
6	Robyn Stansfield	Scottish	35:19	4:25	1W3539
7	Paul Rodway	Scottish	35:20	4:25	1M5054
8	Harry Doig	Scottish	35:52	4:29	2M4549
9	Ellis Goodyear	Capital	36:34	4:34	1M7074
10	Brian Watson	Olympic	36:40	4:35	1M6064
11	John Palmer	Scottish	36:53	4:37	2M5054
12	Chris Ward	Olympic	37:53	4:44	3M4549
13	Bev Hodge	Scottish	38:25	4:48	1W4044
14	Albert Van Veen	Valleys	39:14	4:54	3M5054
15	Steve Drew	Olympic	39:21	4:55	4M4549
16	Brenda Burke	Scottish	39:45	4:58	2W4044
17	Ray Wallis	Carterton	40:26	5:03	2M6064
18	Mark Bassett	Trentham	40:43	5:05	4M5054
19	Harry Ross	Trentham	40:48	5:06	3M6064
20	Diane Rogers	Trentham	41:06	5:08	1W6064
21	Harold Alcock	Olympic	42:06	5:16	4M6064
22	Loretta Desourdy	Scottish	42:52	5:21	1W4549
23	Peter Thomas	Trentham	43:04	5:23	2M7074
24	Ann Bould	Kapiti	43:23	5:25	1W5559
25	Leah Karu	Scottish	44:07	5:31	2W3539
26	Lynn Broad	Olympic	54:17	6:47	3W4044
27	Brian Read	Mara Clinic	58:31	7:19	1M6569
28	Norm Rodley	Varsity	64:31	8:04	1M7579

VETERAN'S 6.4KM ROAD WALKING RACE

Place	Name	Club	Time	Av/k	Age place
1	Mike Lane	Taranaki	39:02	6:06	1M4549
2	Barbara Tucker	Scottish	39:10	6:07	1W5054
3	Robert Bennett	Scottish	40:40	6:21	1M6064
4	John Hines	Scottish	40:55	6:24	1M6569
5	Mike Burkinshaw	Olympic	43:36	6:49	1M5559
6	Kathryn Fraser	Scottish	46:38	7:17	1W3539
7	Mike Rice		50:25	7:53	1M5054
8	Margaret Bray	Scottish	51:01	7:58	2W5054

RESULTS - continued

WELLINGTON CENTRE ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS - continued

Veteran Men 10km

Place	Name	Club	Time	Av/k	Age
1	Dave Murgatroyd	Valleys	33:55	3:24	40-44
5	Vaughan New	Valleys	34:58	3:30	45-49
6	Peter Wrigley	Scottish	35:09	3:31	40-44
7	Todd Krieble	Wgtn Harriers	35:11	3:31	40-44
10	Gordon Blacklaws	Wgtn harriers	35:47	3:35	45-49
17	Dave Hatfield	Scottish	37:18	3:44	40-44
18	Hank Leech	Valleys	37:39	3:46	50-54
19	Dave Colquhoun	Scottish	38:21	3:50	45-49
22	John Wood	Valleys	38:52	3:53	60-64
26	Bob Stephens	Scottish	39:19	3:56	55-59
27	Francis Campkin	Wgtn Harriers	39:49	3:59	50-54
31	Richard Owen	Victoria	40:00	4:00	45-49
33	Ian Blyth	Valleys	40:23	4:02	50-54
34	Gary Clareburt	Wgtn Harriers	40:42	4:04	45-49
35	Steve Plowman	Scottish	40:44	4:04	45-49
39	Mike Winsborough	Wgtn Harriers	41:05	4:06	45-49
41	Brian Cattermole	Scottish	41:14	4:07	55-59
44	Paul Rodway	Scottish	41:35	4:10	50-54
45	Maurice Piper	Kapiti Harriers	41:45	4:10	50-54
47	Barry Everitt	Wgtn Harriers	42:30	4:15	70-74
54	Ellis Goodyear	Capital Runners	43:48	4:23	70-74
55	Ian Ewing	Wgtn Harriers	44:05	4:25	45-49
56	Brian Watson	Olympic	44:09	4:25	60-64
58	Ken Ritchie	Olympic	44:31	4:27	55-59
60	John Palmer	Scottish	44:56	4:30	50-54
71	John Barrance	Wgtn Harriers	47:13	4:43	50-54
76	John Hammond	Kapiti	49:11	4:55	60-65
78	Michael Clark	Valleys	50:549	5:05	50-54
81	Michael Browne	Scottish	54:02	5:24	70-75

Grubby TV (as supplied by Geoff Henry, Centre Development Officer, Sport Wellington)

ANZ Chief Executive John Stewart has alerted us to a rather grubby TV idea. A group called Greenstone Pictures, who do programmes for TVNZ and TV3/4, are looking to do something called "Amazing Scandals" and are looking for stories from sport. Simon Poleman is one potential target. Auckland officials have "declined to comment" and so have ANZ. The studio and producer Julia Parnell are probably still looking for somebody who competed, officiated or whatever with Poleman to talk about him. We can't censor what you say as an individual, of course, but our sport doesn't need this sort of grubby journalism so ANZ would encourage anybody who is approached, to keep clear of it!

WELLINGTON CENTRE – NZAVA

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

With the year passing by so quickly it is time to start thinking about nominations for the Sportsperson of the Year Award.

The criteria is as follows:

Award:

To be known as the Sportsperson of the Year Award.

Period Covered:

From 1 January to 31 December.

How Nominated:

Nominations may be made by Clubs, Centre Committees, and individuals or by athletes themselves.

Criteria for Award:

Achieving a medal at the WAVA Championships or World Masters Games.

Achieving a World Record or a World Best Performance.

Achieving a New Zealand Record on New Zealand Best Performance.

Achieving 90% or higher performance on the Age Graded Tables.

Achieving a meritorious performance or performances.

Closing Date:

The 20th January following the year for consideration.

Selection:

This is to be made by the Committee of the Wellington Centre – NZAVA.

Presentation Date:

Either on the second day of the Wellington Veteran's Track & Field Championships in February following the year for consideration or at a special presentation evening or dinner.

Form of Award:

A trophy has been donated by Jim and Colleena Blair and was won last year by Judy Hammond.

BIZARRE 5,000M AT GOODWILL GAMES

Back at the dawn of organised track running in England, a British runner named William Jackson ran what was then history's best time for 3 miles of 14:52.0 in May of 1852. Running at an even pace that day he would have passed 5000m in around 15 minutes 24 seconds.

A hundred and forty nine years later that time would have been good enough to win the Goodwill Games 5000m held recently - by two seconds.

In one of the most bizarre world-class level track races ever, Kenyan Paul Bitok - a two-time Olympic silver medalist with a 13:00.10 personal best record - crossed the finish line first in a ridiculous time of 15:26.10. Close behind him were six other Kenyans and Ethiopians, all with sub-13 minute personal bests, with times that would have placed them no better than sixth in the women's Goodwill Games 5000m held a few days earlier.

Two circumstances contributed to the weirdness. First, it was an unusually small field for this elite level, just seven competitors. But more than that, they were all virtually equal in ability, with PB's ranging from 13:00.10 to 12:54.07. There was, of course, no rabbit or pace setter, so all loped along, banking everything on producing a fast kick at the end.

For the first ten laps they averaged a numbing 5:11 a mile, passing 4000m in 12:52.90 or 13 seconds slower than the world record for 5000m. They then picked up the pace a bit and when the bell lap began it suddenly looked like a seven man version of the final go-around in a bicycle velodrome race.

Sprinting madly, the last 400m was covered in about 51 seconds, a standout lap for an evenly-paced men's 800m, as a blanket finish saw the first four finishers within six-tenths of a second and the first six within two seconds.

Fortunately there was no carry-over of this racing philosophy to the men's 10000m, contested later on in the programme. Ethiopia's Assefa Mezgebu took the gold medal with a strong surge in the final 200m, in a final time of 28:06.48. His countrywoman, Derartu Tulu, added the women's gold in 31:48.19.

Results:

- 1 Paul Bitok (Kenya) 15:26.10
- 2 Luke Kipkosgei (Kenya) 15:26.61
- 3 John Kibowen (Kenya) 15:26.63
- 4 Hailu Mekonnen (Ethiopia) 15:26.70
- 5 Sammy Kipketer (Kenya) 15:27.94
- 6 Richard Limo (Kenya) 15:28.00
- 7 Million Wolde (Ethiopia) 15:30.51.

COMING EVENTS

2001

Oct			
28	BMW Auckland Full & Half Marathon	Auckland	6.30am
Nov			
11	Napier Half Marathon (incl NZ half mara champs)	Napier	
17	Rimutaka Railway Run & Walk	Upper Hutt	
Dec			
7-9	North Island Veterans Championships	Pakuranga	

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Jan			
5	Wellington Scottish Night of Miles	Newtown Park	
12-19	11th Oceania Veterans Championships	Geelong, Australia	
21	NZ 10,000m Championships	Inglewood (tbc)	
22	City of Wellington Full & Half Marathon	Kilbirnie	
Feb			
9	Buller Gorge Full & Half Marathon	Westport	8.30am
9-10	Masters Games	Dunedin	
10	Wellington Centre Vets Championships (1 st day)	Newtown Park	
24	Wellington Centre Vets Championships (2 nd day)	Newtown Park	
Mar			
15-18	NZAVA Track & Field Championships	Newtown Park	
May			
?	Veterans Classic Relay	Trentham	
Aug			
?	Veterans 8km Road Race	Johnsonville	
Sept			
?	Wellington Centre & Veterans Road Champs	CIT, Trentham	
Nov			
?	Veterans 10km Road Race	Lower Hutt	

UNIFORMS

WELLINGTON VETERANS SHORTS AND POLY/COTTON MESH SINGLETS
CAN BE ORDERED THROUGH BRUCE PERRY - TELEPHONE 478 3641

NEWTOWN PARK KEY

The key to Newtown Park was changed on April 1, 2000 and new keys are available for a cost of \$15 from the Wellington City Council Parks & Reserves Department. Old keys must be returned.

HISTORY OF VETERAN ATHLETICS

Have you bought your copy of "A History of New Zealand Veteran Athletics 1962-1999"? It's an excellent book. Every veteran athlete should have a copy. Cost \$20.