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Kiwis host memorable V Oceania Games in Auckland

Through sheer weight of numbers, traditional rivals Australia and New Zealand dominated the medals in this year's memorable V Oceania Veterans' Games in Auckland, held from 2-6 November.

More than 800 athletes revelled enthusiastically in friendly competition over the five days of non-stop action in glorious spring sunshine.

The scene was set from Day 1 as hundreds of athletes converged on the magnificent Mt. Smart stadium for the traditional parade in age groups before the opening ceremony. Picking up their competition bags and renewing friendships, the usual camaraderie was evident everywhere you looked and set the mood for a truly memorable athletic carnival.

The renowned efficiency of the New Zealanders ensured the entire

competition proceeded with minimal disruption and very few delays to the scheduled program.

Any minor disgruntlements were soon resolved with maximum efficiency and lost time quickly retrieved.

With the presence of several former Olympians, World and National Champions, competition, as expected, was of the highest standard in most events throughout the games.

Among the host of memorable performances was that of former Olympic great ('56 Melbourne) Barry Magee, who showed a large crowd some of the old magic is still there, as he toyed with his opposition in the M55 5000

metres, winning in a smart 16.56.30.

Well known New Zealand distance ace in that same golden era of athletics, Bill Baillie, also showed great speed and tenacity before being narrowly beaten in the 800/1500 metres.

Former New Zealand sprint queen's Wendy Brown (W40) and Penny Hunt (W35) dominated their respective age divisions in the speed events, as did the brilliant Bruce McPhail (M50) who demoralised his opposition on a gold medal rampage of the 100/200/400 and Pentathlon.

The contrasting styles of Kiwi's Judy Chandler and Margaret Orman as they repeatedly strode to the line for effortless wins amid great applause from the main stand, and the thrilling throwing exploits of Bev Savage and Miriam

Stanley, were just some of the outstanding performances of the host nation.

Australians also, were well to the fore, led by brilliant multi-medallists Christine Battersby (W45), Gwen Davidson (W65) and Fred O'Connor, all of whom notched seven gold to claim the distinction of top medal winners of the games.

Throwing events provided many of the Games highlights. Notable of these were the M60 discus in particular, where the top four competitors exceeded 40 metres, headed by Danish world champion, Helmut Duholm, who hurled the platinum 47.60 metres.

New Zealand M65 hammer champions Sam Johnson and Max Carr engaged in a fascinating confrontation before the latter finally got the better of his arch rival with a great throw of

42.56 metres.

Exciting Fijian Olympic rep. Mereoni Vibose, 36, showed her undoubted class with a new Oceania Games record (46.36 metres) in the javelin, as did Australians Helen Seale (W50) shot put (12.14) and Christine Schultz (W35) Hammer (39.80).

Though the list of achievements on the track and in the field goes on and on, equally responsible for the overall success of the Championships was the warm hospitality of the New Zealand vets.

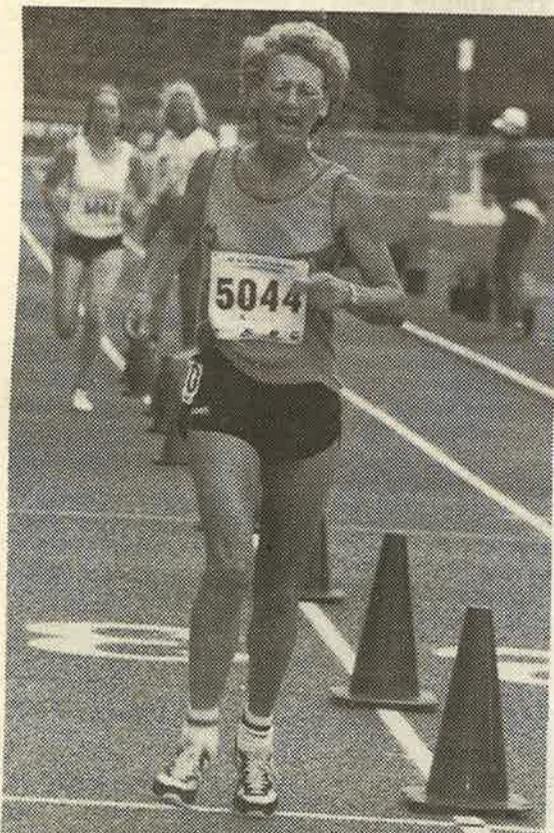
The infectious camaraderie between officials, competitors and spectators alike epitomised the general friendliness and unique spirit that prevailed throughout the competition.

The Games Organising Committee, headed by popular duo Sue Dumble and Brian King, can be justifiably proud of a great championship, which has undoubtedly reinforced the future of the Oceania Region.

(See pages 5/6/7 for Games review and results)



Happy trio of West Australian medal winners at the V Oceania Games (L. to R.): Liz Helliwell (W35), Erica Mercer (W45) and Karen Gobby (W35).
(Photo Mike Hall)



Margaret Ellis-Smith, 51 (above), brilliant runner-up in this year's South Melbourne Marathon (3.06.14) on Sunday 24 November.

(Photo Doug McConchie)

Castle and Petrie again top vets in South Melbourne Marathon

MARGARET ELLIS-SMITH SETS NEW NATIONAL MARK 3.06.14

A fast, flat course and near perfect conditions – cool, cloudy and a light breeze – provided an ideal catalyst for many personal best times in this year's popular South Melbourne Marathon, held around the picturesque Albert Park Lake, on Sunday 25 November.

A decision by the organising committee to alter the traditional course to include an approximate eight laps of the 5km circuit proved a great innovation for this year's event.

The seal of approval from the majority of the 200 finishers was clearly evident as many runners unashamedly demonstrated their delight at recording a personal best, at the post race festivities.

Brilliant Croydon duo

John Castle, 44, and Lavinia Petrie, 47, again emerged top vets – both repeating their success in '89 – after withstanding strong challenges over the concluding stages of the race.

Fresh from his bold showing in the recent Qantas marathon (2.37.50), Castle set a cracking pace from the outset, accompanied by prolific pre vet Ian Carson and Collingwood's seasoned campaigner

Laurie Brimacombe, 47.

The talented trio ran as a group just off the lead pace for most of the first three laps before a surge by Carson and Castle opened up a winning break as they powered to the finish.

Carson (2.32.55) finished 4th outright ahead of leading veteran Castle (2.34.21) and the gallant Brimacombe, 2.34.31.

Overall winners were Brian Simmons 34 (2.26.20) and Trafalgar's consistent John Duck, 38, 2.27.01.

Croydon's Tom Moore (2.45.58) held off a strong challenge from Brian Grawne (2.47.20) and Ken Senior, 44 (2.48.32) to take the M40-44 division, 3.21.17.

while the M50-59 section was a virtual repeat of last year's event with Derek Elliott (2.47.05) and Sydney Alf Field (2.57.43).

In the older category M60+, Ray Walker (3.43.24) took the honours from last year's runner-up Springvale's Jack Gubbins (3.47.55) and Norm Brooke (3.52.22).

In a disappointing entry of just eight women, Croydon's consistent Lavinia Petrie again romped home to take outright victory in 3.03.45, despite a valiant late charge by World W50 marathon champion Margaret Ellis-Smith, 51, 3.06.14 and Frankston's diminutive Mary Edwards (W40) 3.21.17.

Claire Bowker (W45) 3.24.26 was fourth female.

Following her outstanding gold medal performance in Eugene last year, Ellis-Smith – now ranked No.1 on the world W50 marathon list – has gone from strength to strength over the winter season, culminating with a record breaking 3.06.14.

Congratulations once again to the ever efficient South Melbourne Harriers, led by Clive Davies, for a thoroughly well organised event, which as always, catered for competitors' needs above all else.

(Refer results page 11)

Ross Parker and Joanne Collins top vets in Albury Marathon

PRE-VET CLIVE HICKS OUTRIGHT WINNER IN 2.26.44

Hot, humid conditions took its inevitable toll on both fields in this year's Albany Marathon and Half Marathon, each held on Sunday 4 November.

However, despite the trepid factor, fifty-six intrepid runners made the finish and even more notable was the fact fifty-one of those were over the age of

thirty.

Always a popular event for WA veterans, many make the annual pilgrimage south just to be part of the unique cameraderie attached to the race.

Perth ultra distance runner Ross Parker, 41 (2.37.30) handled the tough conditions better than most in the main

event to easily take top veteran honours ahead of local M45 vet Laurie Naylor (2.50.51) and Mick Archer (2.53.43).

Brilliant Perth pre-vet Clive Hicks beat the heat and the opposition to win the event outright in a superb 2.26.44 and prolific performer Joanne Collins (W45) maintained her extended run of marathon

successes with a personal best of 3.04.05.

WAVAC vets Margaret Pearce, 47, (3.20.45) and Margery Forden, 49 (3.38.06) both ran well to take the minor placings in the W45 division.

In the men's 45-49 category Perth's consistent Jim Barnes, 2.58.25 – returning after injury –

needed all his renowned tenacity to hold off a determined late challenge from Bunbury's Doug Wright, 2.58.57, over the last few kilometres.

Other commendable performances in the extremely trying conditions included M50 placegetters – Laurie Nevin (3.17.32), John Peller (3.22.30) and Derek Arnold (3.24.05), M55 winner, ultra distance star George Audley (3.20.10) and M60 duo

Roger Killner (3.33.08) and Brian Paxman (3.32.58), the latter proving the stronger over the crucial final stages.

HALF MARATHON

Highlights of the keenly contested Half Marathon included a tremendous tussle for top spot in the women's section which finally saw Paula Szpak, 36, (1.31.05) hold on for a memorable win over the gallant Barbara Wilson 39,

by just twenty-two seconds. A close third was pre-vet Kate Smith, a further minute behind in 1.32.33.

Of the men, 54 year old Steve Barrie (1.15.06) concluded an outstanding season with yet another excellent performance to place fourth overall behind the winner Keith Yardley, 27, – less than three minutes in arrears.

(See full results page 11)

Australians make their presence felt in V Oceania Games

BATTERSBY, DAVIDSON AND O'CONNOR LEAD THE MEDAL CHARGE IN AUCKLAND

Host nation New Zealand may have outnumbered Australians' four to one in the recent highly successful V Oceania Games in Auckland, but the small Aussie contingent certainly covered themselves in glory as they matched the might of the Kiwis' in most events, amassing an overall total of almost three hundred medals.

Proven world class performers again rose to the occasion when it counted and several new names emerged as potential champions on the future international scene.

Leading the multi medal charge yet again was brilliant NSW speedster Fred O'Connor, whose unblemished record in the M65 division included memorable wins in the long and short hurdles, 100, 200, Long Jump and Pentathlon.

Equally as impressive was Victorian duo, Gwen Davidson (W65), seven gold in a clean sweep of all her chosen events, 100, 200, Pentathlon, Hammer, Long, Triple and High Jumps and versatile Christine Battersby (W45), who only had her colours lowered once (silver in the 400 metres hurdles) in seven events also.

Other notable performances through the age groups included:

W35
NSW's Kerrie Macey, 400 (H), long jump and pentathlon (gold) and javelin silver, Karen Adams, silver 100/200/400 metres, up against strong opposition from former NZ



All smiles at the medal presentation of the W60 400 Metres at the Oceania Championships, (left to right) Marcia Petley (NZ) 2nd, Ann Cooper (AUS) 1st and Shirley Brasher (AUS) 3rd.

champion Wendy Brown and Victoria's Chris Schultz, gold in the shot, hammer and discus and silver in the javelin.

W45
Though Battersby dominated this division, NSW's colourful Marge Allison also made a clean sweep of her four events and chipped in with two Relay gold for good measure.

World Javelin champion, Wollongong's Mary Thomas, lived up to her considerable credentials by grabbing gold in the discus, shot and javelin, also silver in the hammer.

W50
Aussie standouts here were undoubtedly former Olympian Helen Searle, who reaped top honours in the long jump, triple jump, hammer and shot - despite a constant battle with top New Zealander, Val Hood, who also picked up two gold and four silver - and Deniliquin's versatile Thelma Wharton, gold medals in the 80h/100/200 and high jump.

W60
Top honours in this age group went to brilliant South Australian Anne Cooper who inflicted a rare defeat on NZ flyer Shirley Petersen in the 200 metres (30.79) and cruised effortlessly to an all the way win in the 400 metres (71.43).

Tasmania's multi-world champion Shirley Brasher, though down on recent form, took out the 800 metres after being challenged up the straight by New Zealand's Marcia Petley and went on to win minor medals in the distance events.

W65
Gwen Davidson had the edge over ACT's former World Champion Joy Bannister in the sprints and then proceeded on a gold

medal rampage throughout the five days of competition.

W75
NZ duo Angie Sole and Kay Kenneth-Low had this category all to themselves and shared the medals spoils evenly.

W80
As expected the incomparable Ruth Frith jumped, threw and ran her way to six well deserved gold medals, setting new standards at every opportunity.

M35
New Caledonians Fred Cassier, Peter Vitolio and Victor Puaka dominated the throwing events, while Vic Ramondetta (sprints) and New Zealander Bruce Medler (distance) had things mostly their own way.

M40
Highlights centered around the long awaited clash between '87 Melbourne gold medallist Paul Sumpter and former Olympic rep. Ewan Robertson in the 5000 metres, after they had both earlier thrilled the large crowd with a great duel before Sumpter (15.07.95) survived a desperate lunge by Robertson (15.08.17) at the finish, to take out the event.

M45
Sydney pair John Cooper (gold/javelin/shot and pentathlon) and Peter Crombie (100/200 and 400 metres) were the pick of the Australians.

Crombie lowered the long standing Oceania record of 52.8, set by Reg Austin in 1984, by just .05.

New Zealand standouts in this category were World Champions Dave Sirl (800/1500) and brilliant steeplechaser Ron Robertson.

M50
Bruce McPhail (NZ) ably backed by compatriot Malcolm Fraser, was untroubled in posting the gold medal wins in the 100/200/400/pentathlon and anchored his country's medal winning relay teams, while the best of the Aussies included wins by Alan Pollock (800/2.09.88), Ken Daniels (Javelin/39.34) and West Australia's effervescent Norm Richards (two gold, one silver and one bronze, in the jumps and hurdles).

M55
Geelong's Mike McAvoy capped an excellent championships with stirring wins in the 1500/4.49.28, steeple/12.04.61 and 10K road race 36.06 as did recently elevated Hugh Coogan (100/13.03, 200/25.84 and 400/58.43).

M60
World Champion Decathlete Rudi Hochreiter, though suffering from a recent troublesome injury, was still able to show his allround versatility with a haul of six medals and South Australian Collin Cooper snared the middle distance double in fine style (400/1.02.97, 800/2.27.69)

M65
Former British rep. Frank Evans (NZ) and Australia's Fred O'Connor took most of the limelight on the track with their electrifying finishes, while in the throwing department Aivars Pavulins and Felix Jekabsons waged a constant battle for ultimate supremacy, as did NZ adversaries Max Carr and Sam Johnson.

M70
Highlights of the distance events were regularly provided by Randall Hughes, John Eccles (NZ) and Gordon McKeown, as they pushed each other to the limits in all their events.

M75
The remarkable Jack Stevens - still unable to get full mobility following a serious accident several



Gordon McKeown (AUS) leads Randall Hughes (AUS) in the M65 1500 Metres, at the Oceania Titles. McKeown snatched the gold by .19 of a second. (Photo Jim Tobin)

years ago, chalked up yet another middle distance double (400/1.22.28, 800/2.54.75) and Queenslander Frank Welz captured gold in the hammer/javelin and long jump.

M75

Versatile multi medallist Andy Smith maintained his usual consistency in most events, taking 3 gold/3 silver and 1 bronze while New Zealand's John Mowat-Wilson was equally successful, particularly in the throwing events.

M80

Australia's elder statesman, World Champion Harry Gathercole (100/200/400) and John Brown (800/1500/5000) both had little trouble in maintaining their winning ways as they capped off a great overall performance by the Australian contingent.



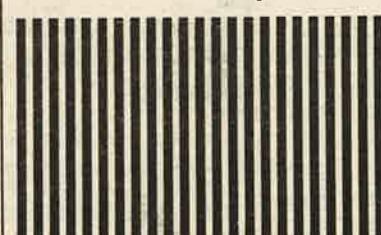
Australia's Helen Searle seen here taking out the W50 gold in the women's Hammer (32.94) in Auckland.

- Photo Jim Tobin

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES

- 1991:
 11-22 February Inaugural Norfolk Island Veterans Games (includes Track and Field).
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80M HURDLES

W40	1. P. Hunt..... NZL 13.47
2. M. Crooke..... NZL 16.83	
W45	1. M. Allison..... AUS 13.03
2. L. Hamilton.... AUS 16.79	
3. S. Westbrook... AUS 18.55	
W50	1. T. Wharton.... AUS 14.63
W55	1. C. Mills..... NZL 16.34
2. C. Brunker..... NZL 17.41	
W60	1. B. Vine..... NZL 19.79

100M HURDLES

W30	1. T. Genge..... NZL 15.37
2. S. Graham..... NZL 23.05	
W35	1. L. Cate..... NZL 18.60

M50

1. L. McGregor... NZL 18.27	
2. S. Foster..... NZL 18.59	
3. N. Richards.... AUS 21.78	

M55

1. B. Bayliss..... NZL 21.99	
1. F. O'Connor.... AUS 20.55	
2. A. McIntosh.... NZL 22.26	

100M HURDLES

M40	1. F. Copeman.... NZL 13.66
2. R. Hochreiter.. AUS 13.81	
3. P. Higgins..... NZL 15.89	

M50

1. F. O'Connor.... AUS 20.55	
2. A. McIntosh.... NZL 22.26	
3. M. McKay..... AUS 23.15	

300M HURDLES

W50	1. P. Scholes..... NZL 1.04.46
W60	1. B. Vine..... NZL 1.08.09
M60	1. P. Timings..... NZL 48.48

M65

1. F. O'Connor.... AUS 51.89	
2. M. McKay..... AUS 56.80	
3. A. McIntosh.... NZL 57.79	

400M HURDLES

W35	1. K. Macey..... AUS 1.12.55
W40	1. C. Turner..... NZL 1.14.32
W45	1. M. Allison.... AUS 1.07.26

M45

1. M. Callaghan.... NZL 19.81	
2. A. Robinson.... NZL 20.14	
3. D. Trow..... NZL 22.43	

300M HURDLES

W50	1. P. Scholes..... NZL 1.04.46
W60	1. B. Vine..... NZL 1.08.09
M60	1. P. Timings..... NZL 48.48

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2. M. McKay..... AUS 56.80	
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W40	1. C. Turner..... NZL 1.14.32
W45	1. M. Allison.... AUS 1.07.26

C. Battersby . AUS 1.15.95

M40

1. K. Hutton.... NZL 1.04.17	
2. A. Isaac..... NZL 1.05.42	
M45	1. M. Callaghan.... NZL 1.07.80

M45

1. M. Callaghan.... NZL 1.07.80	
2. D. Trow..... NZL 1.10.30	
3. T. Jones..... NZL 1.20.38	

M50

1. Mike Hall.... AUS 1.05.05	
2. S. Foster..... NZL 1.08.01	
3. L. McGregor.... NZL 1.09.93	

M55

1. L. Williams... NZL 1.19.83	
2. V. Harris.... NZL 1.22.97	
3. B. Bayliss.... NZL 1.28.71	

100 METRES

W30	1. B. Peterson.... NZL 12.41
W40	2. M. Perrott.... AUS 13.33
W50	3. S. Parkinson.... NZL 14.11

W35

1. W. Brown..... NZL 12.71	
2. K. Adams.... AUS 13.37	
3. L. Kate..... NZL 14.06	

W40

1. R. Fergusson.... NZL 17.04	
2. A. Horsnell.... AUS 14.99	
3. L. Hinton..... NZL 15.23	

W55

1. M. Peters..... NZL 15.07	
2. C. Brunker.... NZL 16.38	
3. I. Fergusson.... NZL 17.04	

W60

1. S. Peterson.... NZL 15.05	
2. B. Vine..... NZL 16.26	
3. C. Blair..... NZL 16.55	

W65

1. G. Davidson.... AUS 16.15	
2. J. Bannister.... AUS 16.88	
3. I. Lister..... NZL 20.71	

W75

1. A. Sole..... NZL 19.59	

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V Oceania Veterans' Track and Field Games

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND 2-6 NOVEMBER, 1990

TRIPLE JUMP

W35

1. W. Brown NZL 9.27

2. L. Cate NZL 8.95

W40

1. A. Hunter NZL 8.90

2. S. Priestley NZL 8.81

W45

1. C. Battersby AUS 9.44

2. L. Hamilton AUS 7.88

3. I. Hansen NZL 6.46

W50

1. H. Searle AUS 9.54

2. V. Hood NZL 7.49

3. M. Nunn AUS 6.61

W55

1. C. Brunker NZL 7.56

W60

1. S. Peterson NZL 8.37

2. C. Blair NZL 7.25

3. B. Vine NZL 6.70

W65

1. G. Davidson AUS 6.81

M50

1. N. Richards AUS 1.35

2. B. Senior NZL 1.29

M55

1. J. Blair NZL 1.27

M60

1. P. Timings NZL 1.39

2. W. MacIntyre NZL 13.9

3. G. Gourlay AUS 1.37

4. G. Goode AUS 1.27

M65

1. M. McKay AUS 1.15

2. L. Carter NZL 1.09

M75

1. A. Smith AUS 1.07

SHOTPUT

W30

1. J. Maxwell NZL 11.94

2. T. Genge NZL 11.81

W35

1. C. Schultz AUS 13.49

2. M. Vibose FIJ 11.44

3. D. Palmer AUS 10.34

W40

1. B. Savage NZL 32.98

2. L. Carter AUS 31.04

3. H. Steer NZL 30.30

W45

1. C. Battersby AUS 31.52

2. M. Thomas AUS 29.60

3. M. McIntosh NZL 16.62

4. E. Mercer AUS 14.50

W50

1. H. Searle AUS 32.94

2. V. Hood NZL 24.46

3. V. Babe NZL 24.28

5. M. Nunn AUS 17.78

W55

1. M. Stanley NZL 32.66

2. G. McKeown AUS 23.32

3. I. Bishop NZL 21.38

4. T. Leb AUS 17.62

W60

1. P. Leech NZL 25.04

2. A. Williams NZL 19.82

3. M. Petley NZL 16.24

W65

1. G. Davidson AUS 24.08

2. J. Husband NZL 21.10

3. L. Frawley AUS 17.36

W80

1. R. Frith Aus 19.00

M35

1. F. Cassier NCL 51.60

2. D. Rastovich AUS 25.72

M40

1. G. McColl NZL 33.76

2. N. Peters AUS 21.82

M45

1. R. Tait NZL 41.60

2. D. Poppe NCL 39.48

3. R. Louis NZL 35.30

4. J. Reynolds AUS 34.36

5. P. McWilliams AUS 18.80

M50

1. H. Duholm(Inv) DEN 47.70

2. N. Grinde NZL 37.94

3. C. Scott NZL 40.22

4. J. Soutar AUS 37.22

11. H. Stevens AUS 20.88

M60

1. M. Carr NZL 42.56

2. S. Johnson NZL 42.38

3. F. Jekabsons AUS 38.90

4. D. Blandy AUS 37.24

5. A. Pavulins AUS 36.16

M70

1. F. Welz AUS 20.78

2. R. Wilywri NZL 15.76

M75

1. J. Maxwell NZL 31.82

M85

1. R. Frith AUS 15.32

DISCUS

W30

1. J. Maxwell NZL 36.30

W35

1. C. Schultz AUS 46.68

2. D. Palmer AUS 33.56

3. J. Brannigan NZL 22.84

W40

1. B. Savage NZL 33.90

2. H. Steer NZL 25.70

W45

1. M. Thomas AUS 29.50

2. D. Loveridge NZL 24.56

3. B. Austin NZL 19.98

6. L. Hamilton AUS 16.50

W50

1. V. Puaka NCL 13.55

2. D. Rastovich AUS 10.68

3. P. Wilson NZL 10.21

M40

1. G. McColl NZL 9.12

2. P. Taylor NZL 7.87

M45

1. C. Battersby AUS 1.40

2. B. Austin NZL 1.28

3. E. Mercer AUS 1.44

W50

1. T. Wharton AUS 1.31

2. V. Hood NZL 1.07

W60

1. J. Jacobs NZL 1.01

W65

1. G. Davidson AUS 1.13

2. I. Lister NZL 0.99

M40

1. J. Gordon AUS 1.52

2. G. Simpson NZL 1.50

M45

1. H. Van Twiwer NZL 1.54

2. F. Turner AUS 1.54

3. I. Richardson AUS 1.44

4. J. Cooper AUS 1.44

5. P. McWilliams AUS 1.36

6. J. Reynolds AUS 1.30

7. D. Blandy AUS 9.14

HIGH JUMP

W30

1. T. Genge NZL 1.30

W35

1. L. Caté NZL 1.24

2. N. Bowmar NZL 1.18

W40

1. A. Hunter NZL 1.30

2. D. Hemmington NZL 1.14

W45

1. C. Battersby AUS 1.40

2. B. Austin NZL 1.28

3. E. Mercer AUS 1.44

W50

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AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND 2-6 NOVEMBER, 1990

PENTATHLON

W30

- 1. T. Genge NZL 3395
- 2. S. Parkinson NZL 2829
- 3. S. Graham NZL 1634

W35

- 1. K. Macey AUS 3110
- 2. L. Cate NZL 2637
- 3. D. Palmer AUS 2559
- 4. H. Cole AUS 2263

W40

- 1. D. Hustler NZL 2762
- 2. A. Hathaway NZL 2644
- 3. A. Hunter NZL 2532

W45

- 1. C. Battersby AUS 3567
- 2. B. McLeod NZL 2915
- 3. B. Austin NZL 2834

W50

- 1. P. Scholes NZL 2686
- 2. G. Watts NZL 2595
- 3. V. Babe NZL 2208

W55

- 1. C. Mills NZL 2972
- 2. C. Brunner NZL 2814

W60

- 1. B. Vine NZL 3226
- 2. C. Blair NZL 3021
- 3. S. Brasher AUS 2334

W65

- 1. G. Davidson AUS 2848
- 2. I. D. Melrose NZL 38.46

M35

- 1. J. Barnfield NZL 2729
- 2. K. Read NZL 2729
- 3. P. Tuare NZL 1938

M40

- 1. J. Gordon AUS 2668
- 2. G. Hustler NZL 2232
- 3. G. Harney NZL 2158

M45

- 1. J. Cooper AUS 3360
- 2. J. Prentice NZL 2297
- 3. T. Jones NZL 1941

M50

- 1. B. McPhail NZL 3310
- 2. K. Daniels AUS 3204
- 3. H. Iwa NCL 3119

M55

- 1. J. Navusolo FJ 3404
- 2. M. Clement AUS 2962
- 3. B. Bayliss NZL 2388

M60

- 1. H. Mein NZL 2332
- 2. I. Brownie NZL 2268
- 3. T. Cumming NZL 1035

M65

- 1. F. O'Connor AUS 3986
- 2. K. Swindells NZL 2017

M70

- 1. S. Taylor NZL 2020
- 2. D. Scratton NZL 1907

M75

- 1. A. Smith AUS 1841
- 2. D. Litt NZL 31.29

CROSS COUNTRY

M35

- 1. B. Meder NZL 30.29
- 2. D. Litt NZL 31.29

M40

- 1. E. Robertson NZL 30.17
- 2. T. Green NZL 30.45

M45

- 1. R. Robertson NZL 30.55
- 2. R. House NZL 31.23

M50

- 1. A. Davis NZL 32.15
- 2. C. Windle NZL 33.30

M55

- 1. B. Magee NZL 33.52
- 2. R. Chase NZL 34.30

- 3. M. MacAvoy AUS 35.13



NSW duo Jim Huggins (left) and Peter Crombie (right) hit the line in the final of the M45 400 metres, in New Zealand.



Finns gear up for largest ever World Games

With just seven months to go before next year's IX World Veterans' Track and Field Titles in Turku, Finland, recent developments throughout Eastern Europe, together with the combined moves of WAVA and the IAAF to allow Asian and African affiliates the opportunity to compete, has given organisers renewed confidence the biennial Games will prove to be the largest ever yet staged.

The expected injection of large entries from most Eastern bloc countries could well boost numbers to well over 5000.

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Three venues will be utilised to host the games - Raisio Field, Kaarina Field and The Sports Park of Turku - the latter a world class facility well known for the fact it has produced several world record performances over the years.

If you are contemplating a trip to Finland for this great occasion now is the time to act. AAVAC official Travel Agent, Traveland, can now answer all your enquiries regarding proposed individual air fares, pre and post competition meets, various tours available and many economical accommodation options, all of which are designed to make your visit to Turku an unforgettable experience.

Regardless of your individual travel arrangements, feel free to contact Traveland's Group and Conventions representative Shelley Allcock on Vet hotline (008) 252 801 or (02) 552 9169 for any further information you may need.

Traveland are working in close co-operation with the Games official Travel Agency in Finland, Kaleva Travel, who themselves extend a warm welcome to all Australians in Turku.

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Marge Allison (Aus) being presented with the W45 400 metres gold medal by New Zealand's Frank Hamlin.

- Photo Jim Tobin

Gilmour continues his world record rampage

Arguably the world's greatest veteran athlete over the last two decades, 71 year old West Australian legend John Gilmour, continues to defy the laws of the normal ageing process as he relentlessly maintains his rampage on the world record books.

The fact also remains the partially sighted, ex-World War II POW is still a force to be reckoned with in WA open inter-club competition, even at that age!

John's latest achievement - like so many over the years - was at Perry Lakes in a recent inter-club meet where he shattered the long standing M70 3000 metres mark of 11.46.2, held by US master Harold Chapson since 1976, by an incredible twenty seconds.

The amazing Gilmour clocked an unbelievable 11.25.59.

This latest milestone takes his seemingly endless list of single age and age group records on the track to well over forty.

In his current age division Gilmour is anxious to

make a clean sweep of all distances from 800 metres to the marathon!

As he says enthusiastically: "Why not? Who knows? It may all end tomorrow. I am injury-free at the moment; fit, healthy and still enjoying my running. At my age I feel privileged to be so fortunate and live each day as it comes."

His insatiable appetite for achievement was further illustrated when discussing his current world mark of 5.09 for the 1500 metres.

"I ran 5.01 just before my seventieth birthday and would really like to be the first over 70 to go below five minutes."

We certainly hope you do John.

News from around the globe

Former British W55 Champion, diminutive Peggy Fletcher, who returned to New Zealand late last year, has quickly made her presence felt on the Kiwi Vet scene again. At the recent V Oceanian Games in Auckland last month Peggy made every post a winner in her new W60 age group, making a clean sweep of all four events, 1500/5000/10km and Cross Country, despite strong opposition from Australia's current World Champion, Shirley Brasher.

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Brilliant M55 middle distance ace, Trinidad's Ralph Romain, clocked an amazing 52.52 for the 400 metres in Philadelphia in July. Pending ratification the time bettered the existing world standard set by Britain's Charlie Williams (53.98) in the '87 World Games in Melbourne.

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North Carolina's ace speedster Jim Law looks set for an assault on the world M65 record books in the coming US track season, after his recent outstanding form. Clocking a superb 59.1 (400 metres) in Philadelphia and a week earlier 25.81 (200 metres) in Atlanta, Law now has his sights firmly set on the current world marks held by Australia's Bernie Hogan, 25.6 and Tom Hishon 61.29.

veterans certainly hold sway in current ultra performances.



(Seen above) Australian medallists in the M45 Shot Put at the V Oceanian Games (left) John Reynolds (silver) 9.68 and winner John Cooper, 11.00 metres, look pleased with the result.

(Photo Mike Hall)