South Australian Masters Athletics

# HALL OF FAME



# George White

Member of SAMA for 33 years

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# BIOGRAPHY

## OPEN ATHLETICS

George began his running career in Australia in the West Australian Goldfields town of Kambalda when in 1975, without any prior training, he entered in a 5km fun run. Placing second (although suffering the next day) he vowed to continue running and has competed ever since. His best achievement in the west was a 2hr 50min marathon run in Perth.

In 1975, in the Western Australian Goldfields, George formed and ran the Kambalda Athletics Club (Little Athletics through to Seniors) until 1979.

Moving to South Australia in 1979 with his employment, George began his race-walking career.

George won 17 Open State Walk Titles in distances from 3km to 30km and achieved a best placing of sixth in the Open 20km walk national championships. All of these titles were won while of Masters age with four of them as an active Masters member.

Open State Titles as follows:

| 1981 | 10000m Walk | 1984 | 5000m Walk |
|------|-------------|------|------------|
| 1982 | 3000m Walk | | 10000m Walk |
| | 10000m Walk | | 20km Walk |
| | 20km Walk | 1985 | 5000m Walk |
| | 30km Walk | | 10000m Walk |
| 1983 | 5000m Walk | | 20km Walk |
| | 10000m Walk | 1991 | 30km Walk |
| | 20km Walk | 2006 | 30km Walk |
| | 30km Walk | | |

In 1983 he broke the State Open records for the 5000m and 1000m Track Walks.

## MASTERS ATHLETICS ACHIEVEMENTS

It was the 1987 World Masters Athletic Championships in Melbourne that was his introduction to the Vets (as a Victorian) but he transferred back to South Australia in 1990 and became a member of SAMA.

In Masters competition he has won 50 Australian Walk titles at 1500m, 5km, 10km and 20km, set eight Australian records and currently holds 74 SAMA walk records which began in 1991 and continue until 2021 in distances varying from 800m to 30km.

Since the SAMA Athlete of the Year Awards were instigated in 2006, George has won the 'Walks Award' every year, up to 2020. He also won the 'Most Outstanding Male Athlete Award' in 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2020 and the Most Outstanding Performance in 2018.

At World Masters Athletics (WMA) level he has won 5 World Championships and another six medals as well as being the member of a number of successful team gold winning results. He has recorded several wins at the World Masters Games (3 golds and a silver) and at the USA Masters Championships.

At Oceania Masters Athletics (OMA) Championships George has dominated the various walk categories in his relevant age group collecting 26 gold medals in nine Championships. He further displayed his versatility by winning gold, silver and bronze medals across 5000m, 8k Cross Country and Half Marathon races at two of those Championships (Tauranga, NZ and Rarotonga, Cook Islands).

George was recognised by Australian Masters Athletics (AMA) as winner of the Most Outstanding Individual Performance for 2018.

George was awarded Life Membership of SAMA in 2011, received Life Membership of Athletics South Australia (ASA) in 2020, of OMA in 2022 and also in 2022 was inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame as inductee No 23.

## MASTERS ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATION

### South Australian Masters Athletics (SAMA)

In 2001, George joined the SAMA committee as Registrar. He was the SAMA Secretary from 2003 to 2013 and was President 2013 to 2018. From 2003 to 2007 he was also the Club Statistician.

In 2020 George re-joined the committee as Secretary for one year. In 2022 George re-joined the committee once again.

He remains responsible for all SAMA Championship events and the AMA 20km walk Championships.

During SAMA weekly competitions George has performed, and continues to perform, many officiating duties ranging from race starter to walks judge.

Furthermore, he has also been the driving force (often as Competition Director) of a variety of master's athletics events including three AMA Track & Field Championships held in Adelaide.

Over the years George has established the SAMA membership on to a computerised database, created a Strategic Plan and many policies (later incorporated into the SAMA By-Laws). These policies were to form the basis for AMA policies and the Risk Management Plan has been fundamental to our participation in Masters Games, the AMA Championships and various fun runs.

George actively sought grants to assist SAMA's activities, securing over $20,000 from the Office of Recreation and Sport, The Department of the Ageing, the City of Bay Trust and the Adelaide City Council.

As Statistician he created a historical database of records set since the club's inception and began the practice of issuing record certificates for new state records. In 2006 he established the SAMA athletic awards to mirror those of AMA.

In 2012 as part of the research into the club's history he arranged for all old copies of the SAMA newsletters to be scanned and available to all.

Outside of SAMA competition George was the Registrar for the 2002 AMA Championships in Adelaide, was a key organiser in the 2005, 2007, 2011 and 2015 Australasian Masters Games held in Adelaide (which together returned about $10,000 to the club) and organised events for the World Police and Fire Games in 2007. He also organized the athletics at the SA Regional Masters Games in Port Pirie 2012, Naracoorte 2014, Clare 2015 & 2017 and Murray Bridge 2018.

George was recognised by AMA as Administrator of the Year for 2008.

He was convenor and Championship Director for the 2009 and 2016 AMA Championships held in Adelaide, securing sponsorship and grants which ensured their financial success.

As President of SAMA from 2013-2018, and subsequently as a representative of SAMA, George has made significant contributions to the development of strong ties between SAMA and ASA, including the arrangements for over 30s members of ASA clubs to have joint membership with SAMA, to take part in State Age Group (SAG) Championships and be eligible to set SAG records.
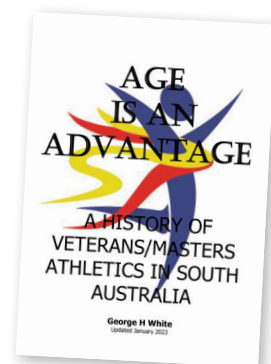
In that capacity he has also been a strong advocate for the 'One Sport' concept to span from Little Athletics to Masters Athletics.

George wrote (and in early 2010 published) a book titled "Age is an Advantage", which documented the history of Masters Athletics in South Australia from its beginnings. He has continued to update that history regularly in the form of a comprehensive PDF document which is available on the SAMA website.

## Australian Masters Athletics (AMA)

On two separate occasions (2006/08 and 2012/17) George was a Director of the Board of AMA.

Firstly, as Director Governance and as the head of a small sub-committee he revised all AMA policies as well as their Strategic and Risk Management Plans.

On the second occasion he was Director of Competition and undertook a major revision of the Competition Manual and program for the annual National Championships. George was responsible for an oversight of AMA technical rules and specifications and ensuring compliance with IAAF (as it was at the time) and WMA rules and specifications.

He worked closely each year with the relevant state Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the AMA Championships to ensure the event was on schedule and the rules were complied with.

## Oceania Masters Athletics (OMA)

George was a Council Member of OMA from 2010 to 2022.

He continues to be their Records Officer where he is responsible for maintaining the Championship records and ensuring the paperwork for any world record application forwarded to WMA is in order.

George undertook a full review of the OMA Governance documentation and in 2020 finalised a complete revision resulting in a simplified set of documents for use by the Council. One of the documents, OMA's Strategic Plan, was modified and is current until 2022.

## World Masters Athletics (WMA)

George has been a member of the WMA Records Committee since 2011 representing the Oceania Region. This Committee is responsible for the overall maintenance of the various categories of WMA records and for the resolution of any questions or disputes that may arise.

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## RECORDS SET (Australian, OMA, State)

| Record level | Event | Age Group | Performance | Date | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australian | 1500m Walk | M60 | 7.05.85 | 05/11/05 | Adelaide |
| Australian | 3k Walk | M45 | 12.58.20 | 17/11/90 | Melbourne |
| Australian | 10k Walk | M45 | 48.11.50 | 01/05/95 | Townsville |
| Australian | 15k Walk | M50 | 78.04 | 14/06/97 | Adelaide |
| Australian | 15k Walk | M70 | 87.13 | 04/07/15 | Adelaide |
| Australian | 20k Walk | M60 | 1.42.20 | 17/04/06 | Canberra |
| Australian | 30k Walk | M60 | 2.56.52 | 09/07/06 | Adelaide |
| | | M70 | 3.14.05 | 29/08/15 | Adelaide |
| Current OMA Championship Record | 3000m Track Walk | M60 | 15.18.74 | 2008 | Townsville |
| | | M65 | 15.44.53 | 2010 | Papeete |
| | | M70 | 16.41.63 | 2015 | Rarotonga |
| Current OMA Championship Record | 5000m Track Walk | M65 | 26.47.54 | 2010 | Papeete |
| SAMA Record Current State | 800m Walk | M65 | 3.54 | Mar 2013 | Adelaide |
| | | M70 | 4.05 | Mar 2016 | Adelaide |
| | | M75 | 4.30 | Oct 2020 | Adelaide |
| SAMA Record Current State | 1000m Walk | M65 | 5.11 | Oct 2014 | Adelaide |
| | | M70 | 5.27 | Mar 2016 | Adelaide |
| | | M75 | 5.39 | Nov 2020 | Adelaide |
| SAMA Record Current State | 1500m Walk | M45 | 6.44 | 1992 | Adelaide |
| | | M50 | 6.55 | 1997 | Adelaide |
| | | M60 | 7.05.85 (AR) | Nov 2005 | Adelaide |
| | | M65 | 7.40.63 | Nov 2010 | Gold Coast |
| | | M70 | 8.09 | Mar 2016 | Adelaide |
| | | M75 | 8.49 | Jan 2021 | Adelaide |
| SAMA Record Current State | 1 Mile Walk | M65 | 8.43 | Jan 2015 | Adelaide |
| | | M70 | 9.01 | Jan 2016 | Adelaide |
| | | M75 | 9.38 | Mar 2021 | Adelaide |
| SAMA Record Current State | 2k Walk | M60 | 10.18 | Mar 2008 | Adelaide |
| | | M65 | 10.30 | Mar 2012 | Adelaide |
| | | M70 | 11.13 | Jan 2016 | Adelaide |
| | | M75 | 12.08 | Feb 2021 | Adelaide |

## RECORDS SET (Australian, OMA, State) *continued*

| Record level | Event | Age Group | Performance | Date | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SAMA Record Current State | 3k Walk | M45 | 13.10 | Mar 1991 | Adelaide |
| | | M50 | 13.49 | Mar 1996 | Adelaide |
| | | M55 | 14.16 | Feb 2001 | Adelaide |
| | | M60 | 14.45 | Feb 2007 | Adelaide |
| | | M65 | 15.44.53 | July 2010 | Tahiti |
| | | M70 | 16.37 | Mar 2016 | Adelaide |
| SAMA Record Current State | 4k Walk | M70 | 24.34 | Mar 2019 | Adelaide |
| | | M75 | 24.28 | Oct 2020 | Adelaide |
| SAMA Record Current State | 5k Track Walk | M45 | 22.42 | July 1991 | Adelaide |
| | | M50 | 23.58 | Mar 1997 | Adelaide |
| | | M55 | 24.09 | Nov 2002 | Adelaide |
| | | M60 | 24.33.50 | April 2007 | Hobart |
| | | M65 | 26.47.54 | July 2010 | Tahiti |
| | | M70 | 27.56 | Apr 2016 | Adelaide |
| | | M75 | 30.35 | Feb 2021 | Adelaide |
| SAMA Record Current State | 10k Track Walk | M45 | 46.47 | April 1992 | Adelaide |
| | | M50 | 48.25 | Dec 1997 | Adelaide |
| | | M60 | 55.41 | Feb 2010 | Adelaide |
| | | M65 | 55.59 | Mar 2012 | Adelaide |
| | | M70 | 58.15 | Mar 2016 | Adelaide |
| | | M75 | 65.30 | Feb 2021 | Adelaide |
| SAMA Record Current State | 5k Road Walk | M65 | 28.44 | June 2014 | Adelaide |
| | | M70 | 27.35 | June 2016 | Adelaide |
| | | M75 | 31.12 | June 2020 | Adelaide |
| SAMA Record Current State | 10k Road Walk | M45 | 45.49 | May 1991 | Adelaide |
| | | M55 | 51.09 | May 2001 | Adelaide |
| | | M60 | 50.22 | Sept 2007 | Hobart |
| | | M65 | 55.06 | April 2012 | Melbourne |
| | | M70 | 56.59 | June 2015 | Adelaide |
| | | M75 | 62.09 | July 2020 | Adelaide |

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## RECORDS SET (Australian, OMA, State) *continued*

| Record level | Event | Age Group | Performance | Date | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SAMA Record Current State | 15k Road Walk | M50 | 78.04 | June 1997 | Adelaide |
| | | M55 | 78.53 | July 2004 | Adelaide |
| | | M60 | 75.05 | July 2005 | Adelaide |
| | | M65 | 84.19 | July 2010 | Adelaide |
| | | M70 | 87.13 | July 2015 | Adelaide |
| | | M75 | 94.37 | July 2020 | Adelaide |
| SAMA Record Current State | 20k Road Walk | M45 | 1.37.07 | May 1991 | Adelaide |
| | | M50 | 1.41.04 | April 1997 | Adelaide |
| | | M55 | 1.46.20 | Aug 2003 | Adelaide |
| | | M60 | 1.42.20 (AR) | April 2006 | Canberra |
| | | M65 | 1.58.04 | Aug 2014 | Adelaide |
| | | M70 | 2.03.07 | Aug 2015 | Adelaide |
| | | M75 | 2.13.23 | Aug 2020 | Adelaide |
| SAMA Record Current State | 30k Road Walk | M45 | 2.43.13 | June 1991 | Adelaide |
| | | M60 | 2.56.52 (AR) | July 2006 | Adelaide |
| | | M65 | 3.13.45 | Aug 2012 | Adelaide |
| | | M70 | 3.14.05 (AR) | Aug 2015 | Adelaide |
| SAMA Record Current State Unjudged | Half Marathon Walk | M55 | 1.47.11 | May 2004 | Adelaide |
| | | M60 | 1.47.44 | May 2006 | Adelaide |
| | | M65 | 1.46.24 | May 2011 | Adelaide |
| City to Bay Best Timed Unjudged | 12k Walk | M45 | 57.10 | Sept 1992 | Adelaide |
| | | M55 | 59.04 | Sept 2004 | Adelaide |
| | | M60 | 60.31 | Sept 2005 | Adelaide |
| | | M65 | 64.35 | Sept 2010 | Adelaide |
| | | M70 | 68.03 | Sept 2015 | Adelaide |
| Pan Pacific Masters Games Current Record | 3k Walk | M65 | 14.54.33 | Nov 2010 | Gold Coast |

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## MEDAL PLACINGS

World Masters Athletics Champs (WMA), World Masters Games (WMG), Australian Masters Athletics (AMA), Oceania Championships (OMA), Australian Masters Games (AMG)

| Competition | Event | Age Group | Placing | Performance | Date | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WMA Champs | 5k Walk | M40 | Gold | 22.00 | Nov 1987 | Melbourne Australia |
| | 20k Walk | | Silver | 96.48 | | |
| | | | Gold | Team Gold | | |
| WMA Champs | 5k Walk | M40 | Silver | 22.06 | July 1989 | Eugene, USA |
| WMA Champs | 5k Walk | M50 | Gold | 23.47 | July 1995 | Buffalo, USA |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 1.44.28 | | |
| WMA Champs | 20k Walk | M50 | Gold | 1.50.12 | July 1997 | Durban South Africa |
| | | | | Team Gold | | |
| WMA Champs | 20k Walk | M55 | Gold | 1.50.50 | July 2001 | Brisbane Australia |
| | | | | Team Gold | | |
| WMAChamps | 10k Walk | M60 | Bronze | 54.07 | Sept 2007 | Riccione, Italy |
| | 10k Walk | | Gold | Team Gold | | |
| | 20k Walk | | Bronze | 1.51.50 | | |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | Team Gold | | |
| WMA Champs | 10k Walk | M60 | Gold | 56.14 | 2011 | Sacramento USA |
| | | | | Team Gold | | |
| | 20k Walk | M45 | Gold | 2.03.46 | | |
| | | | | Team Gold | | |
| WMA Champs | 5k Walk | M70 | Silver | 29.03 | 2015 | Lyon, France |
| | 10k Walk | M70 | Gold | 59.16 | | |
| | 10k Walk | M65 | Gold | Team Gold | | |
| | 20k Walk | M70 | Gold | 2.08.02 | | |
| WMA Champs | 10k Walk | M70 | Gold | 61.34 | 2016 | Perth Australia |
| | | | | Team Gold | | |
| World Masters Games | 5k Walk | M60 | Gold | 26.33 | 2005 | Edmonton Canada |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 1.46.00 | | |
| World Masters Games | 5k Walk | M60 | Gold | 27.07 | 2009 | Sydney Australia |
| | 10k Walk | | Silver | 56.26 | | |
| OMA Champs | 1500m Walk | M45 | Gold | 6.44 | 1992 | Norfolk Island |
| | 5k Walk | | Gold | 23.59 | | |
| | 10k Walk | | Gold | 49.27 | | |

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| Competition | Event | Age Group | Placing | Performance | Date | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OMA Champs | 5k Walk | M55 | Gold | 25.50 | 2004 | Rarotonga Cook Islands |
| | 10k Walk | | Gold | 52.03 | | |
| OMA Champs | 3k Walk | M60 | Gold | 15.34 | 2006 | Christchurch New Zealand |
| | 5k Walk | | Gold | 25.54 | | |
| | 10k Walk | | Gold | 56.10 | | |
| OMA Champs | 3k Walk | M60 | Gold | 15.19 | 2008 | Townsville Australia |
| | 5k Walk | | Gold | 26.14 | | |
| | 10k Walk | | Gold | 54.08 | | |
| OMA Champs | 3k Walk | M65 | Gold | 15.44 | 2010 | Papeete, Tahiti |
| | 5k Walk | | Gold | 26.48 | | |
| | 10k Road Walk | | Gold | 59.55 | | |
| OMA Champs | 5000m | M65 | Silver | 21.23 | 2012 | Tauranga New Zealand |
| | 3k Walk | | Gold | 16.41 | | |
| | 5k Walk | | Gold | 28.50 | | |
| | 10k Walk | | Gold | 56.41 | | |
| | 8k C. Country | | Bronze | 49.19 | | |
| | Half Marathon | | Silver | 1.43.26 | | |
| OMA Champs | 3k Walk | M65 | Gold | 16.54 | 2014 | Bendigo Australia |
| | 5k Walk | | Gold | 28.45 | | |
| | 10k Walk | | Silver | 57.11 | | |
| OMA Champs | 3k Walk | M70 | Gold | 16.42 | 2015 | Rarotonga Cook Islands |
| | 5k Walk | | Gold | 28.46 | | |
| | 10k Walk | | Gold | 59.46 | | |
| | 8k C. Country | | Bronze | 38.38 | | |
| | Half Marathon | | Gold | 1.46.11 | | |
| OMA Champs | 3k Walk | M70 | Gold | 17.36 | 2019 | Mackay Australia |
| | 5k Walk | | Gold | 30.29 | | |
| | 10k Road Walk | | Gold | 62.03 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M40 | Gold | 22:36 | 1990 | Melbourne |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 97:53 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M45 | Gold | 22:46 | 1991 | Canberra |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 98:50 | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M45 | Gold | 22:44 | 1992 | Hobart |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 101:36 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M45 | Gold | 22:44 | 1993 | Adelaide |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 23:06 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M45 | Gold | 23:06 | 1994 | Sydney |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 102:32 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M45 | Gold | 23:27 | 1995 | Townsville |
| | 10k Walk | | Gold | 48:12 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M50 | Gold | 24:12 | 1996 | Perth |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 104:49 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M50 | Gold | 23:58 | 1997 | Melbourne |
| | 20k Walk | | Silver | 101.40 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M50 | Gold | 24:39 | 2000 | Hobart |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 109:39 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M55 | Gold | 25:14 | 2001 | Sydney |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 106:54 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M55 | Gold | 24:52 | 2003 | Perth |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 108:58 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M55 | Gold | 25:15 | 2004 | Melbourne |
| | 20k Walk | | Silver | 107:10 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M55 | Gold | 27:09 | 2005 | Brisbane |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 111:17 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M60 | Gold | 25:38 | 2006 | Canberra |
| | 20k Walk | | Gold | 102:20 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M60 | Gold | 24:34 | 2007 | Hobart |
| | 5000m | | Bronze | 19:58 | | |
| | 10k Walk | | Gold | 50:22 | | |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M60 | Gold | 26:47 | 2008 | Sydney |
| AMA Champs | 5k Walk | M60 | Silver | 27:04 | 2009 | Adelaide |
| | 10k Walk | | Gold | 56:12 | | |
| AMA Champs | 1500m Walk | M60 | Gold | 8:09.1 | 2010 | Perth |
| | 5k Walk | | Silver | 27:22 | | |
| | 10k Walk | | Silver | 56:30 | | |

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| Competition | Event | Age Group | Placing | Performance | Date | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMA Champs | 1500m Walk | M65 | Silver | 7:59.7 | 2011 | Brisbane |
|  | 5K Walk |  | Gold | 27:26 |  |  |
| AMA Champs | 1500m Walk | M65 | Gold | 7:56.0 | 2012 | Melbourne |
|  | 5k Walk |  | Gold | 27:26 |  |  |
|  | 10K Walk |  | Gold | 55:06 |  |  |
| AMA Champs | 1500m Walk | M65 | Gold | 8:02.0 | 2013 | Canberra |
|  | 5k Walk |  | Gold | 27:06 |  |  |
|  | 10k Walk |  | Gold | 55:46 |  |  |
| AMA Champs | Half Marathon | M65 | Silver | 105:28 | 2014 | Bendigo |
| AMA Champs | 1500m Walk | M65 | Gold | 8:09.1 | 2014 | Hobart |
|  | 5k Walk |  | Silver | 27:59 |  |  |
|  | 10k Walk |  | Gold | 59:07 |  |  |
| AMA Champs | 1500m Walk | M70 | Gold | 8:21.0 | 2016 | Adelaide |
|  | 5k Walk |  | Gold | 28:34 |  |  |
|  | 10k Walk |  | Gold | 57:32 |  |  |
| AMA Champs | 1500m Walk | M70 | Gold | 8:54.8 | 2017 | Darwin |
|  | 5k Walk |  | Gold | 31:10 |  |  |
|  | 10k Walk |  | Gold | 63:30 |  |  |
| AMA Champs | 20k Walk | M70 | Gold | 129:03 | 2017 | Adelaide |
| AMA Champs | 20K Walk | M70 | Gold | 132:55 | 2018 | Adelaide |
| AMA Champs | 1500m Walk | M70 | Silver | 8:40.6 | 2019 | Melbourne |
| AMA Champs | 20k Walk | M70 | Silver | 128:23 | 2019 | Adelaide |
| AMA Champs | 20k Walk | M75 | Gold | 133:23 | 2020 | Adelaide |
| AMA Champs | 20k Walk | M75 | Gold | 138:20 | 2021 | Adelaide |
| AMA Champs | 1500m Walk | M75 | Silver | 9:31.0 | 2022 | Brisbane |
|  | 5k Walk |  | Silver | 32:54 |  |  |
|  | 10k Walk |  | Silver | 68:25 |  |  |
| Australian Masters Games | 1500m W | M60 | Gold | 7:21.12 | 2005 | Adelaide |
|  | 5000m W |  | Gold | 25:28.80 |  |  |
|  | 10000m W |  | Gold | 50:58 |  |  |

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| Competition | Event | Age Group | Placing | Performance | Date | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australian Masters Games | 1500mW | M60 | Gold | 7:36.11 | 2007 | Adelaide |
| | 5000mW | | Gold | 26:29 | | |
| | 10000mW | | Gold | 57:19 | | |
| | 1500m | | Gold | 5:42.73 | | |
| Australian Masters Games | 1500mW | M65 | Gold | 6:07.89 | 2011 | Adelaide |
| | 5000mW | | Gold | 27:35.24 | | |
| | 10000mW | | Gold | 57:03 | | |
| | 5000m | | Gold | 21:53.74 | | |
| | Half Mar | | Gold | 97:39 | | |
| | 3000mW | | Gold | 16:08.87 | | |
| Australian Masters Games | 3000mW | M70 | Gold | 17:11039 | 2019 | Adelaide |
| | 1500mW | | Gold | 8:33.55 | | |
| | 5000mW | | Gold | 30:59.82 | | |
| | 10000mW | | Gold | 60:30 | | |
| Pan Pacific Masters Games | 1500mW | M65 | Gold | 7:40.63 | 2010 | Gold Coast |
| | 3000mW | | Gold | 14:54.33 | | |
| | 5000mW | | Gold | | | |
| | 10000mW | | Gold | 57:26 | | |
| Pan Pacific Masters Games | 1500mW | M70 | Gold | | 2018 | Gold Coast |
| | 3000mW | | Gold | 18:55.03 | | |
| | 5000mW | | Gold | 31:31.21 | | |
| | 10000mW | | Gold | | | |

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## PERSONAL QUALITIES OF THE NOMINEE

George has well and truly made his mark in the sport of athletics both as an athlete and as an administrator, particularly in Masters athletics, over a period spanning more than 35 years.

His contribution to athletics in South Australia has been all encompassing and George was truly worthy of the recognition of Life Member of SAMA in 2011 and then Life Member of Athletics South Australia in 2020 and Life Member of Oceania Masters Athletics in 2022.

He is well respected by his fellow athletes and by the people he has worked with in the organisation of athletics at club, state, national and international level.

As an athlete George has been a shining light to Masters athletes both at state and national level by virtue of his dedication and persistence in his race-walking career, sometimes in the face of adversity. In late 2017 he suffered a heart attack whilst officiating during club competition, but just six months later was competing again at his previous high level with the same determination and drive that has been an example to his peers for many years.

As an administrator, George's substantial contribution to the organisation of Masters athletics at club, national and international level has been exemplary. He has dedicated his life to athletics since his retirement from paid work, being involved at all levels of administration from officiating at SAMA competitions, to serving on multiple committees and boards of many Masters athletic organisations, to running major athletics meets and advocating Masters athletics whenever the opportunity arises.

All these achievements have contributed to the advancement of athletics at state, national and international level and George is truly worthy of the recognition afforded by appointment to the South Australian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame.



*Sydney 1992*



*Buffalo 1995*

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*Riccione 2007*



*Mackay 2019*



*Adelaide 2016*



*Lyon 2015*