

OCEANIA ASSOCIATION OF MASTERS ATHLETES INC

REPORT BY SECRETARY FOR 2011 AGM

This is my report in accordance with the new OAMA Constitution. OAMA is now incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory and Jan Banens of Australia is the required appointed Public Officer. Many thanks to Council Member Bob Banens and Jan for their work regarding the Incorporation following the large amount of time and effort Bob put in to re writing and gaining approval for the new Constitution and By Laws.

The number of Island Affiliates represented at Tahiti last year is encouraging for representation at future OAMA and WMA Championships. I understand from OAMA Vice President David Lobb of Cook Islands that there should soon be a separate Masters website for Cook Islands. Over the time since Tahiti I have been corresponding with several island affiliates regarding the progress of athletics for Masters age competitors in their nation.

The LOC for Tahiti headed by Titaua Juventin produced a very successful championship not only in relation to the competition on the track, in the field and non stadia but also in relation to hospitality and the associated functions such as the Closing dinner and the day trip to Moorea. Yvonne and Barry Mullins also provided great support for Tahiti as did the officials from several affiliates.

Arrangements are progressing for Tauranga NZL 2012 with the LOC headed by Chris McCahill to report at the Council meeting to be held in Tauranga early March.

The Agreement for conduct of the 2014 Championships has been signed with Bendigo (AUS). Terry Hicks Secretary of Athletics Bendigo has recently submitted a report which has been sent to Council members.

Over the last few months with the close cooperation of new OAMA webmaster John Oldfield AUS there has been a review of the OAMA website [www.oceaniamastersathletics.org](http://www.oceaniamastersathletics.org) An update was long overdue. Considerable progress has been made but there is still work to be done and I am waiting on further information/comments from several sources. You are invited to have a look at the website and comment. Many thanks to the previous website manager Greg Ison (AUS) for his contribution to OAMA.

The recent passing of Clem Green QSM, NZL, OAVA/OAMA pioneer, Secretary 1986-88 and 90-92, Treasurer 86-90, WMA delegate 86-88 and Patron from 1992- 2010 closes an era in Masters Athletics in the region. Tributes to Clem are on the OAMA and WMA websites.

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