

LAVINIA PETRIE, AUSTRALIA



BEST WORLD MASTERS FEMALE ATHLETE 2014

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Lavinia Petrie is a household name in Australian running circles as she makes her mark in both Open and Masters competition. Since turning 70 Lavinia has been on a record breaking run. Over the last year Lavinia has been rewriting the record books locally, nationally and internationally setting multiple world records for her W70 age group across middle and long distances and in some cases 'twice in a year'.

In January 2014 at the Oceania Masters Regional Championships Lavinia set world records for the 3,000m and the 10,000m on the same day, and also set a world best time for the half marathon in the same competition. Two months later she lowered her World Record for the 10,000m time by another 45.46 seconds. She has also broken her World Record for the 5,000m twice in the past year.

Lavinia's World Records and World best in 2014

WR: 3,000m:13.07.79. 5,000m:21.34.08. 10,000m:44.43.27. Half Marathon:1hr.37.38. **WB:** 1 Hour Track: 13,044m.

Lavinia is not only a formidable competitor but also a dedicated and well respected official and administrator across all platforms of the Australian athletics scene from her local Ringwood Athletic Club to Victorian Masters, Australian Masters, Athletics Victoria and Athletics Australia. She is one of the original members of Masters Athletics in Australia. Lavinia is a qualified coach and a qualified official. Her services to athletics have been recognised 'off the field' with Life Membership Awards of the Ringwood Athletic Club and Victorian Masters Athletics. Lavinia also successfully juggles her sporting commitments with family and full time employment, retiring from the workforce in 2008 at 65. Her husband and coach Bob passed away in 2000. Daughters June and Julie have followed in her footsteps, successful athletes in their own right, and son Rob has settled on golf. She also has 4 grandchildren to keep her on her toes.

From starting her competitive athletic career in England in 1959, and then migrating to Australia with husband Bob in 1966, Lavinia is still competing and setting records over 50 years later!

And at a youthful 71 Lavinia Petrie is far from finished, now voted as the 2014 WMA Best Female Athlete of the Year capping off an extraordinary past 12 months! Lavinia currently holds a total of 8 World Records or World Best Performances from the Womens 50 to 70 age groups, and will be looking to add more in the coming years.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAVINIA PETRIE
2014 WMA Best Female Masters Athlete