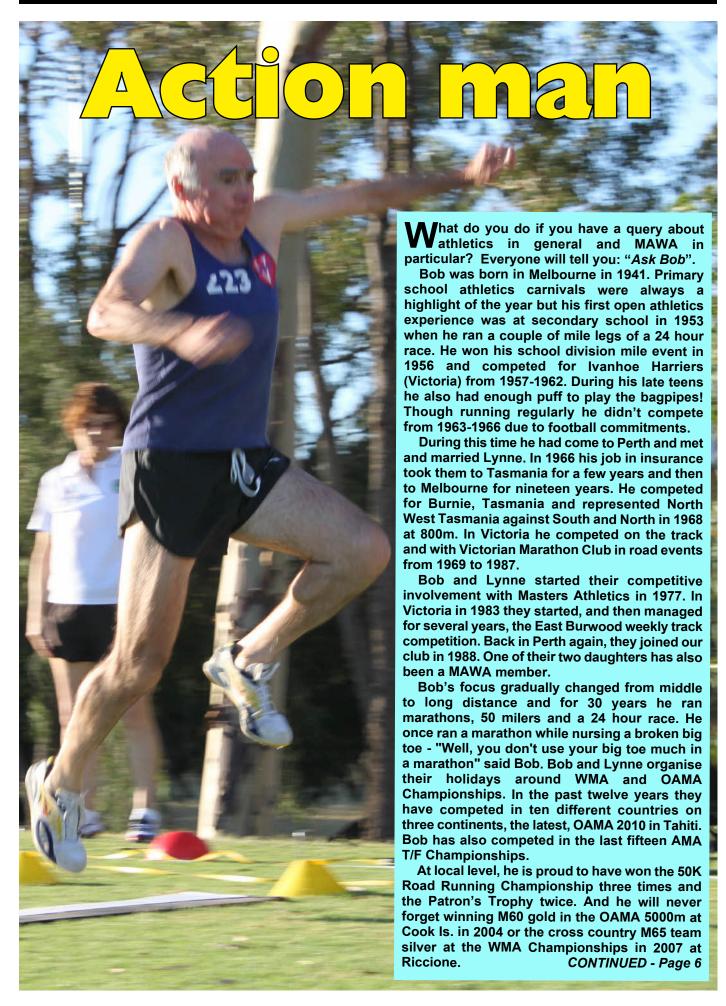
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Bob's running obsession

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Being so heavily involved in administration for Masters Athletics, it's hard to know how Bob ever found time to compete. He has been MAWA president and, until 2010, had been secretary for eight years. He sits on the AMA Board and, with Lynne and Vic, has produced the last four AMA handbooks. He is also on the OAMA Council and has been secretary since 2007. Through this he has enjoyed seeing the development of Masters Athletics in the Pacific Islands. In addition, he has extensive experience as AMA team manager with WMA and OAMA.

As if this were not enough, Bob was on the board of Athletics Western Australia for six years and was involved in the development of the new WA Athletics Stadium. For over ten years he has been a WA Athletics official and has track, throws and jumps qualifications. So it is not surprising that, in 2000, he was awarded a Federal Government Australian Sports Medal (ASM) for services to athletics and, in 2004, he received the AMA Administrator of year award.

Running is an important part of Bob's life. He likes the relaxation of training and, though not always enjoyable, he finds the competitive aspect of racing challenging. He also thinks goals are important. So when he turned 60 he set himself four time-targets – and achieved all of them. Now his main aspiration is to keep running. And if he could get over the breathing problems which have recently caused a downturn in performance, that would be a bonus. During 2011 he aims to compete in the masters' state, national and world championships as well as in New Zealand. It'll be a busy year.

