

**DAVID CARR**, Typing that name is even an honour for me

**On This Day 15<sup>th</sup> June in 1932, 92 years ago**

In Sydney NSW, They are not long into driving over a new bridge spanning the harbour,

Melbourne VIC, Prepares to celebrate the cities upcoming centenary, but becomes crippled by the great depression

And in Harvey, the dairy farming capital of WA,

David Carr is born, no one aware of the momentous athletic achievements he would go on too

After the schooling years David chose a life In the navy (8yrs) he also signed up for what would become lifelong athletic hobby, Track and field! There were a few different clubs in the early years including The Old Haleians, Albatross Athletics club, David even played high level baseball for awhile

Nearly every Masters Member in WA, Nationally or Internationally will be well aware of the name **David Carr**, and his brilliance of the track, I'm guessing there will be some newer members and younger members who may not be aware of his legend, and in a way it's you! I'm wanting to reach the most, He is a legend that will long be remembered and will have his name in record books for many years to come

David was one of the 7 guns from the west that formed, what went on to become the MAWA branch of World masters club, this was in mid-April 1974 and only recently (21<sup>st</sup> April 2024) we held the MAWA Sunday road race event at the location, and then the recent East Freo Yacht club event to celebrate this occasion, David went on to become a MAWA life member and club patron  
Sadly, passing on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

David was a well-respected man on and off the track, his day job after some 8yrs of the Navy was as a Teacher and going onto Vice principal/ Principal positions in locations all over the state of WA, even venturing to New Guinea and the island of Nauru for a time

He has also given much of his time to volunteering at athletic meetings around the traps as an official, Coach and a president, from little athletics all the way through to the top athletic meets



## David Carr record spree

**DAVID** has now had six world records ratified - a quite remarkable achievement.

These are the 1,500m, 1 mile, 2,000m steeplechase, 3,000m, 5,000m and 10,000m. Not satisfied with his time for the steeplechase, he bettered it by 25s on 15th September. Thanks must go to Gillian, Barbara, Andrew and Bob Schickert for ensuring the stringent requirements for World Records were met.



David's awards, world records, national and state records, and accolades are longer than both your arms and here will only mention a few

But if I have created an interest and you want to learn more about this amazing man! I will have links on this page to world, national and state records he holds or held, you will be blown away by the sheer numbers of these awards, (in their hundreds!) And as you would imagine the MAWA web page has plenty on David as well,

- David ran 8 marathons and in the M50 age group, had a time of 2.55.08
- He won MAWA Patron's trophy 24 times
- Five Gold medals in Tampere. (World masters athletics) 400m to 5000m events, including steeple.
- Six world records in the M 90 division.
- **World Masters athletics** champion 2022
- **Australian Masters athletics Hall of Fame inductee** 2015

<https://www.mastersathleticswa.org/mawa-state-records/current-mens-individual-records/>

<https://www.australianmastersathletics.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/David-Carr-Bio.pdf>

Thanks for the memories and thanks to you the reader

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