

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Australian Track and Field Coaches Association would like to call for nominations for the Henri Schubert Memorial Coaches Award.

This is awarded annually by the ATFCA in association with Athletics Australia. The award may be conferred on an accredited coach who has rendered distinguished service to Australian Athletics. This should include services to Coach Education or service to the many areas of Athletics. Nominations can be made by both Athletics Australia's Member Associations and Branches of ATFCA and should be in writing and be accompanied by a statement of qualification of the nominee.

To give readers an understanding of what the award stands there needs to be an explanation of the person the award is named after. Henri Schubert was an outstanding coach who produced many athletes of high quality, including world record holders. His coaching achievements were many, with the highlight being of Pam Ryan's world records in the hurdles, winning Olympic bronze and silver medals in 1964 and 1968 respectively, and 3 Commonwealth Games gold from 1962 to 1970. He also coached the first two Australian women to break two minutes for the 800m - Charlene Rendina and Judy Pollock. Charlene's record still stands. Henri was one of those coaches that would coach all, and not the select few, and this was his greatest quality.

Henri was a great supporter of ATFCA, volunteering many hours of work for Athletics and after his retirement in the early 1980's. He gave of his time to Athletics Australia and the Victorian Athletics Association.

Henri passed away in 1993 and Athletics Australia resolved to recognise his wonderful contribution to the sport he loved with an annual award to an Australian coach.

Past recipients include:

1994 Norm Osborne	1995 Tom Hancock	1996 Jack Pross	1997 Frank Day
1998 Tony Rice	1999 Pam Turney	2000 Alan Launder	2001 Craig Hilliard
2002 Roy Boyd	2003 Tom Kelly	2004 John Boas	2005 Max Debnam
2006 Max Cherry	2007 Peter Lawler	2008 Eric Brown	

If you are aware of someone's contribution to the sport the National Office of the ATFCA would like to hear from you.

Nominations need to be into the office by 12 February 2010. Should you have any queries about this, please do not hesitate to call.

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