

VALE VICTOR HARLEY 23/1/1926 — 6/2/2016

On behalf of his many Masters Athletics friends, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest thoughts on the recent passing of Victor Harley, aged 90, also of course to his wife Jean and daughters Anne and Jeanette on this sad occasion for us all.

Personally my first introduction to Vic, I remember vividly, was one Wednesday night at the Dolomore Athletics track some 35 years ago, in my first year of Veteran Athletics. Yet another of nature's true gentlemen, particularly renowned for that perpetual smile, Vic joined the Malvern Harriers in his early years, completing many Marathons, and recorded his best time of 2hrs 51mins at the age of forty one in the 1967 Frankston to Melbourne event.

Upon joining the Veteran / Masters movement at age fifty six in 1982, Vic then decided to add the extra challenge of race walking to his running exploits, particularly at the time with the added incentive of the forthcoming 1987 VII World Veteran Championships in Melbourne, in which he successfully competed in three events, 5000(21.22} 10,000m (43.00) and 5000m walk (29.59).

A regular member of both Mentone and Glen Eira Venues, Vic amassed almost sixty state medals in a consecutive period of six age groups, culminating with three golds in the M80-84 division at the Victorian Track and Field Championships, before injuries finally curtailed his competitive instincts in 2006.

Rest in Peace Victor.

Mike Hall



Vic, second from right – 1980's at the Mentone track