



WORLD MASTERS ASSOCIATION (WMA) **CROSS COUNTRY (XC) SKIING** **AUSTRALIAN ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26**

June-September 2025: Winter in Oz

- For the many northern hemisphere Masters XC skiers who ask, Australia has snow in winter, and mountain ranges up to 2,228m! Our main XC ski resorts are in [Perisher Valley](#), New South Wales (1,720-2,054m) and at [Falls Creek](#), Victoria (1,500-1,780m).



Photo: Kangaroo Hoppet, Falls Creek

- Australia provides great opportunities for Masters XC skiers from the northern hemisphere to get some off-season ski training 'down under'. Most winters we see European (e.g. Christoph Gasche from Switzerland), Canadian (e.g. Colin Ferrie), US, Malaysian, Korean and Japanese athletes coming down to train on our trails. If any international Masters are interested in heading 'down under', please feel free to contact the [Australian ND](#) for more information.
- The 2025 ski season had good snowfalls in our XC ski resorts in New South Wales and Victoria. Lots of events and races were successfully held throughout the season. A summary of Australian Masters racing results, less the Kangaroo Hoppet below, is at Annex A.

August 2025: Kangaroo Hoppet, Falls Creek

- On 23 August 2025 the Kangaroo Hoppet course led skiers through a loop into Sun Valley and Heathy Spur, then a second lap of Sun Valley and Paul's track for a shortened course of 39km. This was due to the diminishing snow on the Langford's track. The Birkebeiner 21km race completed one lap of Sun Valley and Heathy Spur and skiers in the 7km Joey Hoppet skied one lap of the Sun Valley loop.
- The weather on the day was beautiful and sunny with very little wind. The snow cover over most of the course was excellent. The snow was firm and fast to start but softened quickly with the warm temperatures.
- There were 794 competitors from 23 nations. The Technical Director (TD) for the race was Peter Cunningham, and the Assistant TD was Andrew Walker, both Masters skiers who have participated in Masters World Cups.
- There were 201 male competitors in the Kangaroo Hoppet 42km race. Of these there were 114 Australians who were in Masters age groups (over 30yo). Highest placed Masters were Phillip Bellingham (MU35) who won the race, Cameron Morton (MU55) placed 8th, and Andrew Mock (MU45) placed 12th. Complete results are at [Kangaroo Hoppet Men Results 2025](#).



Photo: Skiers in the Kangaroo Hoppet, Falls Creek

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- There were 82 female competitors in the Kangaroo Hoppet 42km race. Of these there were 43 Australians who were in Masters age groups (over 30yo). Highest placed Masters were Casey Wright (WU35) placed 5th, Aimee Watson (WU40) placed 6th, and Rhiannon Wild (WU45) placed 8th. Complete results are at [Kangaroo Hoppet Women Results 2025](#).
- There were 122 male competitors in the Birkebeiner 21km race. Of these there were 69 Australians who were in Masters age groups (over 30yo). Highest placed Masters were Daniel Van Der Ploeg (MU45) placed 7th, Chris Sullivan (MU40) placed 8th, and

Brady Bantick (MU55) placed 11th. Complete results are at [Birkebeiner Men Results 2025](#).

- There were 104 female competitors in the Birkebeiner 21km race. Of these were 67 Australians who were in Masters age groups (over 30yo). Highest placed Masters were Penny Pascoe (WU35) placed 8th, Lynn-Maree Cullen (WU60) placed 10th, and Heather Wiederkehr (WU55) placed 14th. Complete results are at [Birkebeiner Women Results 2025](#).
- Results for the Joey Hoppet 7km races can be found at [Kangaroo Hoppet Results 2025](#).

August 2025: Merino Muster, NZ

- The *Worldloppet* Merino Muster was held "across the ditch" (between Australia and NZ) on 29 August 2025 at Snow Farm, between Queenstown and Wanaka on the South Island of NZ.



Photo: Zac Zaharias chasing the leader in the Merino Muster

- There were 118 finishers in the 42km main event. There were 95 finishers in the 21km "Snow Rake" event. The complete results for all races can be found at [Merino Muster Results 2025](#).
- A number of Australians achieved [podium finishes](#) for their age group, including Deb Purss (FU55) 1st, Marion Baines (FU55) 3rd, Marg Hayes (FU65) 1st, Ross Hamilton (MU40) 1st, Luke Ryan (MU50) 1st, Zac Zaharias (MU70) 2nd, Peter Lambert (MU70) 3rd, and Matt Ryan (MU80) 2nd.
- A summary of Australian Masters racing results from many other (non-ANZ) Worldloppet is at Annex B.

June 2025: World Masters Association (WMA) Annual Meeting, Tromsø, Norway

- The Australian National Director, Peter Lambert, along with a European-based team member, Richard Middleton, attended the WMA Annual Meeting in Tromsø from 17-23 June 2025. The meeting was held to coincide with the Midnight Sun Marathon, held on 21 June every year. The Organising Committee for MWC2027 in Tromsø presented their proposal for the MWC event to be held 25 Feb - 5 Mar 2027. The WMA National Directors toured the start/finish area, a few of the courses and some accommodation locations. A few of the National Directors ran in the Midnight Sun Marathon events later that evening.
- As at the time of writing this report, in October 2026, there were 48 Australians intending to head over to Tromsø, Norway, for the Masters World Cup 2027.



Photo: Spring skiing in Tromsø, Norway

MASTERS WORLD CUP (MWC)

SAPPADA, ITALY 29 JAN - 6 FEB 2026



- Many of the Australian Masters old cracks (or is that crocks?) had gathered to the fray in Dobbiaco-Toblach, Italy, for some pre-training from around mid-January 2026. All the tried and noted skiers from the XC clubs near and far had mustered at Laurin's Hotel overnight.
- Being a Winter Olympics year made it even more exciting as the Australian Olympic XC ski team was also in town. Our Team Captain Zac Zaharias' company [Peak Learning Adventures](#) had sponsored the Australian Olympic XC ski team van and also sponsored a soiree that evening for the Masters and Olympic teams to get together.
- For the Masters skiers love hard (and soft) drinking where the wild Olympians are, and the old hacks snuffed the battle with delight. A tremendous evening was had by all, no doubt encouraging the Australian Olympic XC ski team to their best results ever at a Winter Olympics!

- The Masters team was the biggest ever, with 24 competitors and a support team of 6, ranging from past Australian national team members and expert skiers to relatively new skiers with only a few years of experience. Masters pre-training included skiing in the trails around Toblach/Dobbiaco township, in the valleys of the Tre Cime/Drei Zinnen (three chimneys) peaks, the Val de Casies, and the Val de Fiscalina, as well as races such as the Dolomitenlauf in nearby Austria.



Photo: Masters skiing with the Drei Zinnen/Tre Cime in the background

- At the end of January the team of 30 Australian Masters skiers and supporters concentrated in Sappada, Italy, for the Masters World Cup 2026. The Masters World Cup is an annual competition for skiers over the age of 30, coordinated by the [World Masters XC Ski Association](#) and affiliated with Federation International Ski (FIS). Races include 5km, 7.5km, 10km, 15km, 20km and 30km distances, dependent on age group, in both classic and freestyle techniques, and also 4 x 5km mixed technique relays.
- The Australian team was also lucky to book and almost fully occupy a team hotel, the [Corona Ferrea](#), directly opposite the event function areas and within a few minutes' walk on snow to the race office and the start and finish area. The team also had its own waxing area in the basement of the hotel. Our team coach, Warren Feakes, displayed the Aussie flag from his veranda overlooking the valley.



Photo: The view overlooking the valley from our accommodation at the Corona Ferrea

- **Saturday 31 Jan 2026 - Middle Distance Races 1&2.** Aussie results for respective techniques, distances, age groups, and placings were as follows:

Classic Technique:

10km - W09: Louise Rose 17th; M10: Garry Fry 17th;

15km - W04: Emma Francis 10th; W06: Alina McMaster 7th; W07: Nicole Clark 16th, Cathy Lambert 17th; M08: Wayne Pethybridge 31st; M09: Robin Collins 25th, Allan Hope 31st

20km - M06: Tom Landon-Smith 14th

Freestyle Technique:

15km - W06: Kinga Price 8th; W08: Deb Wohlfahrt 12th; M07: Peter Nagel 57th; M08: David Simpson 29th, Zac Zaharias 30th, Peter Lambert 32nd; M09: Adrian Blake 29th

20km - M04: Neil Wylie 24th; M05: Shayne Hanks 23rd; M06: Kevin Tory 12th, David Price 42nd

- **Sunday 1 February 2026 - GOLD for Australia!!!** Aussie Masters skier Alina McMaster won gold in the 10km Freestyle at the World Masters Cross Country Skiing Championships. Hailing from Jindabyne, McMaster won the race in a time of 27 minutes and 20 seconds, beating German Irene Schroll by just over three seconds, with Italian Lucia Bianchetti Calandry coming in third almost 27 seconds later. Snow trail conditions were cold and fast on a sunny afternoon.
- After the race, Alina said: “After all these years, I’ve only just discovered the World Masters. I’m so excited to have done so well and with such a large Aussie team supporting me, including of course my amazing family. This event is so much fun. I’m hooked and will be coming back for more. It really is a great event for all levels of skiers,” she said.
- Her husband, Tom Landon-Smith, and sons Archie and Jackson, were there to cheer her on and celebrate the win. Back in Australia, Alina runs an events business, is a K7 Ski School cross country instructor at Perisher and is a coach for the Australian Para cross country ski team.



- Alina's win is the first time Australia has won a Masters World Cup Gold Medal since 2006. 20 years ago, Camille Melvey won Gold and Silver at the MWC 2006 in Brusson, Italy, and then Bronze at MWC 2007 in Rovaniemi, Finland.
- **Sunday 1 February 2026 - Short Distance Races 3&4.** Aussie results for respective techniques, distances, age groups, and placings were as follows:

Classic Technique:

10km - W04: Emma Francis 7th; W07: Nicole Clark 16th, Cathy Lambert 18th; M06: Tom Landon-Smith 12th; M07: Carl Johnson 41st, Jim Rutups 42nd; M09: Adrian Blake 24th, Allan Hope 28th

5km - W09: Louise Rose 17th; M10: Garry Fry 16th

Freestyle Technique:

15km - W06: Alina McMaster 1st, Kinga Price 11th; W08 Deb Wohlfahrt 13th; M04: Neil Wylie 21st

10km - M05: Shayne Hanks 30th; M06: Kevin Tory 15th; M08: Wayne Pethybridge 28th, Zac Zaharias 40th, Peter Lambert 41st, David Simpson 42nd

- **Monday 2 February 2026 - Rest Day.** Many of the team enjoyed a bus trip to discover Cividale del Friuli and the Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region. The World Masters Association held an afternoon National Director's meeting to examine progress for MWC 2027 in Tromsø, Norway, 25 Feb - 5 March 2027. The bid for MWC 2028 in Lahti, Finland, 14-23 Jan 2028, to be held as part of the World Winter Masters Games, was also discussed.
- **Tuesday 3 February 2026 - Relay Races.** The 4 x 5km relay races were then held on Tuesday, in fresh and deepening snow conditions on a course at the Carnia Biathlon Stadium in Forni Avoltri. Each team had to race two legs of classical technique followed by two legs of freestyle (skate) technique. Australia had three teams, with results as follows:
 - *W03 - Alina McMaster, Nicole Clark, Kinga Price, Deb Wohlfahrt - 6th*
 - *M06 - Tom Landon-Smith, Wayne Pethybridge, David Price, Kevin Tory - 9th*
 - *M08 - Peter Lambert, Adrian Blake, Zac Zaharias, David Simpson - 12th*



Photo: The W03 Australian Masters Relay Team

- The significant snow dump made the courses harder for everyone as time went on. Of course, the fresh snow falls made for nicely groomed “long distance” courses for Wednesday and Thursday.

- **Wednesday 4 February 2026 - SILVER for Australia!!** [Alina McMaster](#) followed up on her Gold in the 10km Freestyle (Skating) technique with a Silver Medal in the 30km long distance Freestyle race.



Photo: Alina on her way to winning Silver

- Alina came second to Lucia Bianchettie Calandry, from Italy, in a time of 1 hour and 35 minutes. Irene Scholl, from Germany, again came third. Other Australians in the W06 age group race were Jane Scheer in 5th place and Kinga Price in 12th.
- In the same race, Jane Scheer's result of 5th was a huge effort as she was still recovering from a flu caught during training in Europe. Back in Australia, Jane is the owner of, and a Level 4 Australian Professional XC Ski Instructor with, [K7 Ski School at Perisher](#).

- **Wed 4 Feb 2026 - Long Distance Race 5 (FT).** Aussie results for respective distances, age groups, and placings were as follows:
30km - W06: *Alina McMaster 2nd, Jane Scheer 5th, Kinga Price 12th*; M06: *Kevin Tory 16th, Tom Landon-Smith 23rd*; M07: *Peter Nagel 49th*; M08: *Wayne Pethybridge 25th, Zac Zaharias 36th, David Simpson 39th, Peter Lambert 41st*
20km - W08: *Deb Wohlfahrt 15th*
- **Thu 5 Feb 2026 - Long Distance Race 6 (CT).** Aussie results for respective distances, age groups, and placings were as follows:
30km - M06: *Neil Wylie 6th*; M09: *Robin Collins 20th, Allan Hope 25th*
20km - W07: *Nicole Clark 11th, Cathy Lambert 14th*
15km - W09: *Louise Rose 17th*; M10: *Garry Fry 19th*
- All the results can be found at [MWC 2026 Results](#). A special well done goes to the Aussie Masters skiers who competed in their first ever races at a Masters World Cup. The final evening closing ceremony was also good fun for the team.



Photo: Aussie team at the WMC 2026 Sappada Closing Ceremony

- As a result of the team producing some terrific results, Australia blitzed Great Britain in the XC ski "Ashes" competition.
- The Australian Masters team is now looking forward to the next Masters World Cup in Tromsø, Norway, 25 Feb - 5 Mar 2027. Newcomers are very welcome!

International Masters Biathlon Championships 2026 at Kontiolahti, North Karelia, Finland, 19- 22 March 2026

- The annual International Masters Biathlon Championships were held on 19-22 March at the iconic Kontiolahti Biathlon Arena in Finland in mild Spring conditions. A total of 151 entrants from 16 nations were represented and the Australian contingent of 14 was the second largest outside of Finland.



- As the last gasps of Winter faded at Imatra, eight Aussies trained for a week in perfect Spring conditions at the impressive Imatra IBU-accredited biathlon range. Moving to Kontiolahti, training continued in the official program as the Spring thaw took hold. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made, and as always, the Kontiolahti Biathlon volunteers were ever helpful and cheerful.
- With conditions warming-up, competition began over distances of 800 – 2000 metres on Thursday 19 March with the Individual event. Friday was the biggest event in bluebird Spring conditions with the Sprint, and later that day the championship dinner was held at the prestigious Kimmel Hotel in Joensuu. A training day followed on Saturday, and Sunday was the exciting Mass Start. Australians were prominent across the board with plenty of loud team spirit, cheering and medals throughout the program to Bob Cranage (1 Silver, 2 Bronze), Toscha Stopar (2 Silver), and a Bronze each to Juel Briggs, Robyn Englert and Lauri Jortikka.
- The Biathlon Masters attracts entrants from across the world in a friendly competitive environment in world class facilities. Competition is strong but the friendships are stronger and will be remembered long after the podiums are packed away. All the Aussies showed pluck and style to ski and shoot through their events, winning the admiration and respect of countries where snow is a part of life, not just a novelty. The typical Aussie ‘can do’ spirit was loud and clear.
- Sincere thanks to Imatra Biathlon for generous use of their facilities and making us feel welcome, and Kontiolahti Biathlon for the use of a world-class facility and hosting a most welcoming and memorable event.

Credit: Story by [Paul Garai](#) copied from [News](#) at [Biathlon Australia](#)

Australian Masters XC Ski Awards

- The AUSXC Awards ceremony and celebrations were held in Jindabyne on 12 April 2026. These included the Australian Masters XC awards, which were based on the results at XC skiing Masters World Cup (MWC) events.
- Each annual MWC event has around 800 to 1000 competitors from across Europe and North America mainly, with many ex-Olympians competing. The MWC consists of three individual events - short, middle and long distance, in classic and freestyle techniques, plus one team relay event. Competitions are in five year age groups from 30-34yo to infinity. There were 30 Australians at the MWC 2026 in Sappada earlier this year, of which 26 competed.
- The Masters awards for best female and best male were based on the lowest average percentage-behind-the-winner across the individual's three races at MWC 2026.
- The **best Masters XC female skier**, with an average percentage behind the winner of only 4%, and with Gold and Silver medals in two of her three events, was [Alina McMaster](#)



- The **best Masters XC male skier**, with an average percentage behind the winner of 12% was [Tom Landon-Smith](#). It's worth noting that it was a tight competition, with the runner up only 1% behind Tom. The runner up, with an average percentage behind the winner of 13%, was [Kevin Tory](#).



- The most improved XC skier award went to the MWC competitor with the greatest improvement in average percentage-behind-the-winner, across his or her best two races, over two consecutive MWC. The **most improved XC skier**, with an improvement of an amazing 43 percentage points, was [Cath Lambert](#)
- The awards were presented by the XC Skiing National Coach, Alexei Sotskov.
- Congratulations and well done to the awardees, as well as to all those who participated in MWC 2026 at Sappada.

Vale Janette Hamilton - Australian National Director, WMA XC Skiing, 1985-2003

- Australia's inaugural National Director, Janette Hamilton, recently passed away. She was the Australian National Director to the World Masters Association XC Skiing from 1985 to 2003.
- In just the eight years 1996-2003 (the only years WMA has published statistics), Janette organized Australian Masters to compete at the Kuopio FIN (4 Aussie competitors), Folgaria ITA (9), Lake Placid USA (11), Grindelwald SUI (3), Kiruna SWE (1), Mariazell AUT (4), Quebec CAN (1), Seefeld AUT (10). Even without the first ten years of data, one can see the amazing contribution she made to Masters XC skiing for Australia.
- Our thoughts and sincere condolences go out to her family and friends, including of course to our fellow Masters skier, James Hamilton.



Freidl Bartsch and the Australia vs Great Britain "Ashes" Competition

- One of our Australian Masters cross-country skiing competitors, Freidl Bartsch, sadly passed away at the end of 2023. He was also an accomplished biathlon competitor. He was a keen follower of the sport of cricket, in which Australia and Great Britain annually compete for the "Ashes" trophy.
- In Masters cross-country skiing as well, the Australian team is highly competitive with the British team, if not the rest of Europe. In the style of a cricket tragic, Freidl Bartsch created the *Mount Kosciuszko Alpine Ashes AUS vs GBR Masters World Cup XC Skiing* trophy (pictured below) in 2019.
- Results so far are: MWC 2019 Australia; 2020 Australia; 2021 Australia; 2022 Australia; 2023 Australia; 2024 Great Britain; 2025 Australia; 2026 Australia
- We will continue with Freidl's legacy and compete for this trophy at future MWC...



Photo: The "Ashes" trophy, rumoured to contain some of Freidl's...

ANNEX A

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS RACING RESULTS **RACES IN NSW AND VIC**

- **Wilderness Sports Cup, 5km, Perisher, 12 July 2025.** In the men's, Dave Hislop (MU70) came first overall. Tom Spencer (MU40) came 2nd overall and 1st in his age group. Angus Taylor (MU60) came 3rd overall and 1st in his age group. In the women's, Lena Spencer (WU40) came 3rd overall and 1st in her age group. Bethan McDonald (WU50) and Kirsten Sharp (WU70) also came 1st in their age groups. Complete results are at [Wilderness Sports Cup Results 2025](#).
- **Birkebeiner Classic (Classic Technique - CT), 2.5/5/10 km, Falls Creek, 13 July 2025.** Complete results can be found at [Birkebeiner Classic Results 2025](#).
- **ACT Open XC Distance Championships (CT), 7.5km, Perisher, 20 July 2025.** Tim Greville (MU60) and Sarah Slattery (WU40) came 1st in their age groups. Complete results are at [ACT Open XC Distance Championships Results 2025](#).
- **Perisher XC Cup (Freestyle Technique -FT), 10km, Perisher, 26 July 2025.** Over the long course, placings in their respective age groups were Lena Spencer (WU40) 1st and overall winner, Isabella Moon (WU40) 2nd, Robb McArthur (MU50) 1st, Ben Hart (MU50) 2nd, Kirsten Sharp (WU50) 1st, Nicole Clark (WU60) 2nd, Tim Greville (MO60) 1st, Adrian Blake (MO60) 2nd, and John Sim (MO60) 3rd. Over the short course, Peter Ward came 1st in the MO60 age group. Complete results are at [PXC Cup Results 2025](#). It was also great to see Christoph Gasche (MU50), visiting from Obergoms in Switzerland, win on the long course. Colin Ferrie (MU40), visiting from Canada, came 2nd.
- **Canberra XC Ski Club Kosciusko Tour (FT/CT), 8km, Perisher, 27 July 2025.** Colin Ferrie (MU40), Tim Greville (MO60), and Wayne Pethybridge (MO60) finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the CT race. Kerry Rim (WO60) finished 3rd in the women's FT race. David Hislop (MU70), Tom Spencer (MU40) and David

Simpson (MU70), took the top three places in the men's FT race. Complete results are at [CXCSC Kossy Tour Results 2025](#).

Christoph Gasche (MU50), visting from Obergoms in Switzerland, was the overall winner. Colin Ferrie (MU40), visiting from Canada, came 2nd overall.

- **Mount Hotham to Dinner Plain Pub to Pub Race (FT), Mount Hotham, Victoria, 12km, 2 August 2025.** Highest placed Masters age group competitors were Cameron Morton (MU60), who won the race, Mark Pollock (MU40) placed 2nd, and Ian Franke (MU50) placed 4th. Complete results are at [Pub to Pub Results 2025](#).
- **City Tattersalls Boonoona Open XC Ski Race (CT/FT), 2.5km and 5km, Perisher, 3 August 2025.** Winners by Masters age groups in the CT 2.5km were Jeannie MacDonald (WU75), Danny Sydney (MU65), and Ross Dearden (MU75). Winners by age group in the CT 5km were Nancey Whitely (WO75), Bethan MacDonald (WU45), Marg Hayes (WU65), Louise Rose (WU75), Martin Brady (MO75), Colin Ferrie (CAN-MU35), Christoph Gasche (SUI-MU45), Hugo Loneragan (MU55), Richard Rishweij (MU65), Wayne Pethybridge (MU70), Gary Simms (MU75). In the FT 5km, winners by age groups were Sean'Hope Craig (WU35), Sarah Slattery (WU45), Alina McMaster (WU65), John Sim (MO75), Peter Morgan (MU55), Jeff Standen (MU65), Juel Briggs (WU70), Dave Hislop (MU70), Adrian Blake (MU75). Complete results are at [City Tattersalls Boonoona Open Results 2025](#).
- **Kosciuszko Alpine Club (KAC) XC Classic (CT/FT), 8km, Perisher to Charlotte Pass, 4 August 2025.** Winners by age group in CT were Sarah Slattery (WU55), Lachlan Love (MU55), Marg Hayes (WU65), Greg Sharp (MU65), Acacia Rose (WU75), Wayne Pethybridge (MU75), Nancy Whiteley WO75), Martin Brady (MO75). Wayne Pethybridge also came in third overall in the CT. Winners by age group in FT were Barbara Jezersek (WU55), Christoph Gasche (SUI-MU55), Alina McMaster (WU65), Anthony Evans (MU65), Jane McCallum (WU75), David

Hislop (MU75), John Sim (MO75). Complete Results are at [KAC XC Classic Results 2025](#).

- **Charlotte Pass Open (FT) 2.1km, Charlotte Pass, 6 August 2025.** Christoph Gasche (SUI-MU55) came 1st, David Hislop (MU75) came 2nd, and Tom Landon-Smith (MU65) came 3rd in the men's. Men's complete results are at [Charlotte Pass Open - Men - Results 2025](#). In the women's, Kerry Rim (WO60) came 1st, Marg Hayes (WU65) came 2nd, and Nicole Clark (WU60) came 3rd. Women's complete results are at [Charlotte Pass Open - Women Results 2025](#).
- **Sundeck Cup (FT), Perisher, 6 Aug 2025.** Complete results can be found at [Sundeck Cup Results 2025](#).
- **Snowy Mountain Classic (FT), 30km, Perisher, 9 Aug 2025.** In the women's, Barbara Jezersek (WU40) came 1st, Alina McMaster (WU60) came 2nd, and Carla Zijlstra (WU60) came 3rd. In the men's, Christoph Gasche (SUI-MU40) came 1st, Colin Ferrie (CAN-MU40) came 2nd, and Anthony Evans (MU60) came 3rd. Complete results are at [Snow Mountains Classic Results 2025](#).
- **Guthrie Gallop (FT), 15km, Perisher, 9 Aug 2025.** In the women's, Masters skiers Moniker Binder (WU70) placed 5th, Deborah Purss (WU60) placed 6th, and Jane McCallum placed 7th. In the Masters men's, Lee Bygrave (NOR-MU70) placed 4th, Angus Taylor (MU60) placed 5th, and Boris Chernyshev (MU50) placed 6th. Complete results are on the second page of [Snow Mountains Classic Results 2025](#).
- **Rocky Valley Rush (FT), 22.5km, Falls Creek, 10 Aug 2025.** Complete results can be found at [Rocky Valley Rush Results 2025](#).

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS RACING RESULTS
NON-ANZ WORLDLOPPETS

- **Vasaloppet China, 4 January 2026.** Marg Hayes (WU65), and James Finnie (MU75) completed the 50km CT race. Bruce Wharrie (MU70) and Alan Levy (MU65) completed the 25km CT race.
- **3 Zinnen Ski-Marathon, Italy, 11 January 2026.** Kevin Tory (MU60) completed the 23km FT race.
- **Granfondo Dobbiaco/Toblach-Cortina, Italy, 17/18 Jan 2026.** Wayne Pethybridge (MU70) completed the 26km CT race. Kevin Tory (MU60), Jane Scheer (WU60), Wayne Pethybridge (MU70), and Zac Zaharias (MU70) completed the 26km FT race.
- **Dolomitenlauf, Austria, 17/18 January 2026.** Ben Wichgers (MU20), Zac Zaharias (MU70), Adrian Blake (MU75), Peter Lambert (MU70), and James Finnie (MU75) completed the 21km FT race. Adrian Blake (MU75), Glen Patmore (MU65), and Bruce Wharrie (MU70) completed the 21km CT race. Luke Ryan (MU50), Andrew Peters (MU50), Andrew Roxburgh (MU55) and Marg Hayes (WU65) completed the 40km FT race. James Finnie (MU75), Marg Hayes (WU65) and Andrew Paul (MU65) completed the 42km CT race.
- **Marcialonga, Lavazelloppet, Italy, 22 January 2026.** Wayne Pethybridge (MU70), Marg Hayes (WU65), Nicole Clark (WU65), James Finnie (MU75) and Bruce Wharrie (MU70) completed the 18km CT race.
- **Marcialonga, Italy, 25 January 2026.** Andrew Paul (MU65), Luke Ryan (MU50), and Marg Hayes (WU65) completed the 70km CT race.
- **Jizerska Padesatka, Czechia, 29 January - 1 February 2026.** Luke Ryan (MU60), Marg Hayes (WU65), and James Finnie (MU75) completed the 50km CT race. Marg Hayes (WU65), James Finnie (MU75), Bruce Wharrie (MU70), and Glen Patmore (MU65) completed the 25km CT race. Marg Hayes (WU65) and Matthew Ryan (MU60) completed the 30km FT race.

- **Sapporo International Ski Marathon, Japan, 1 Feb 2026.** Neville Grant (MU70), Debra Godsmark (WU70), James Simms (MU75), Debbie Schubert (WU65), Alan Levy (MU65), Gale Funston (WU65), Caroline Archer (WU65) and Ken Moylan (MU65) completed the 20km FT race. Ross Hamilton (MU40), Robert Davis (MU45), Charles Mack (MU75), Robert Van Dam (MU65), and Sarah Roxburgh (MU55) completed the 40km FT race.
- **Finlandia-Hiihto, Finland, 7/8 February 2026.** Marg Hayes (WU65) and James Finnie (MU75) completed the 42km CT race. Bruce Wharrie (MU70) and Marg Hayes (MU65) completed the 16km CT race. Luke Ryan (MU50) and Marg Hayes (WU65) completed the 42km FT race. Marg Hayes (WU65) and James Finnie (MU75) completed the 16km FT race.
- **Alutaguse Maraton, Estonia, 8 February 2026.** Adrian Blake (MU75) completed the 24km CT race.
- **Tartu Maraton, Estonia, 14/15 February 2026.** Marg Hayes (WU65), Bruce Wharrie (MU70), Matthew Ryan (MU80) and James Finnie (MU75) completed the 31km FT race. Luke Ryan (MU50), Marg Hayes (WU65) and James Finnie (MU75) completed the 63km CT race.
- **Bieg Pastow, Poland, 20/21 February 2026.** Gunnar Zdobl (MU35), Marg Hayes (WU65), and Matthew Ryan (MU80) completed the 30km FT race. Luke Ryan (MU50), Marg Hayes (WU65), and James Finnie (MU75) completed the 50km CT race. Marg Hayes (WU65), Bruce Wharrie (MU70), and James Finnie (MU75) completed the 25km CT race.
- **International Gommerlauf, Switzerland, 22 February 2026.** Maria Abulkhanova (WU45) completed the 42km FT race.
- **Gsieser Tal Lauf, Italy, 28/29 February 2026.** Alina McMaster (WU60) completed the 42km CT race.
- **Vasaloppet, Sweden, 24 February - 1 March 2026.** Marg Hayes (WU65), James Finnie (MU75), Paul Barklem (MU55) and Bruce Wharrie (MU70) completed the 45km CT race. Matthew Ryan (MU80) completed the Nattvasan 45km FT race. Marg Hayes (WU65), Timothy Mak (MU55), and Isabel Baudish (WU40) completed the Nattvasan 90km FT race. Luke Ryan (MU50), Marg

Hayes (WU65), and Matthew Kelly (MU40) completed the 90km CT race.

- **Engadin Skimarathon, Switzerland, 5-8 March 2026.** Michael Walters (MU65), James Finnie (MU75), Bruce Wharrie (MU70) and Marg Hayes (WU65) completed the 17km FT Night Race. Erik Flekander (MU35), Anthony Helbling (MU60) and Bruce Wharrie (MU70) completed the 21km FT race. Tamara Bucher (WU45), Richie Parker (MU70), Marg Hayes (WU65), Maria Abulkhanova (WU35), Michael Walters (MU65), James Finnie (MU75), Alexander Craig (MU75), Taisha Fabricus (WU40) and Alex Erskine (MU75) completed the 43km FT race.
- **Birkebeinerrennet, Norway, 13/14 March 2026.** Timothy Mak (MU55) and Marg Hayes (WU65) completed the 53km FT race. Mathew Pegg (MU55), Michael Semb Wever (MU50), Andrew Peters (MU50), David Stuart (MU70), Marg Hayes (WU65), Tim McCleary (MU55), Drew Heard (MU45) and Simon Maurie (MU60) completed the 53km CT race. Matt Loelma (MU35) and Bruce Wharrie (MU70) completed the 28km CT race.
- **Reistadloppet, Norway, 28 March 2026.** Andrew Paul (MU65) completed the 34km CT race.
- **Fossavatnsgangan, Iceland, 15/16 April 2026.** Marg Hayes (WU65) completed the 70km FT Night race. Marg Hayes (WU65), Sue Donoghoe (WU65), Peter Macartney (MU75), and Bruce Wharrie (MU70) completed the 25km FT race. Bruce Wharrie (MU70) completed the 25km CT race. Marg Hayes (WU65), Sue Donoghoe (WU65), and Peter Macartney (MU75) completed the 50km CT race.
- **Skarverennet, Norway, 18 April 2026.** Clinton Butcher (MU45), Peter Barton (MU60) and John Stoddart (MU80) completed the 22km FT race.
- If this summary has missed Aussie Masters skiers and/or non-ANZ Loppet races completed by Aussie Masters, please let me know and I'll update the report. Complete results for all Worldloppet races can be found at [Worldloppet Results](#).