

# ATFCA AWARDED "WORLD HERITAGE PLAQUE"



ATFCA is proud to announce that the Association has been awarded a "World Heritage Plaque." World Athletics President Sebastian Coe made the announcement when presenting three plaques today.

The **World Athletics Heritage Plaque** <https://worldathletics.org/heritage/plaque> is a location-based recognition, awarded for 'an outstanding contribution to the worldwide history and development of the sport of Track and Field athletics and of out-of-stadia athletics disciplines.

Today's announcement brings to a total of six the Heritage Plaques awarded to Australia since the programme was inaugurated in December 2018. Coe recognized that Australia, which in 1912 was one of the founding members of World Athletics (formerly IAAF), has made a considerable contribution to our sport's history and development.

"In the posthumous category of 'Legend', the achievements of **John Landy** (1930 to 2022) and **Ron Clarke** (1937 to 2015), two of the greatest middle & long-distance world record breakers were awarded. While they missed out on ultimate Olympic glory, their successful careers exemplified grit and determination, and have inspired generations of runners around the world."

"The third plaque, awarded in the category of 'Culture', recognises the **Australian Track & Field Coaches Association Journal**, formerly 'Modern Athlete & Coach', which was founded in 1955 by Jess Jarver (1922-2005). The journal remains one of our sport's foremost coaching publications."

The ATFCA is proud of the history that it has contributed to the sport of Track and Field through many years not only here in Australia but throughout the world. The Association thanks the many people who have contributed to the publication over the many years. Jess showed incredible foresight when first publishing articles to help coaches and this has continued with the coaching journal now being distributed electronically to its members.

The ATFCA Journal plaque will be permanently displayed at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

