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## OUR ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN CENTURION QUALIFIER RETURNS IN 2026

This is a quick newsletter to let everyone know asap about a big change on the local front. With the demise of the Coburg 24 Hour Carnival after 2023, the Australian Centurions found themselves without an annual qualifying event that we could call our own.

In 2024 and 2025, we ratified a number of existing Australian 24 Hour races as qualifying opportunities as a stop-gap measure while we pondered what to do. I am excited to announce that our annual qualifying race returns next year and will be held in conjunction with the **Southern Sydney Track Ultra** at the Campbelltown Athletics Track in Sydney on the weekend of **4-5 July 2026**. I have been going to this event for some years now and can attest to its quality which is top notch.

This will be our preferred and fully supported option for anyone wishing to try for Australian Centurion membership in 2026. The carnival will offer a whole range of walking options – 24 Hours, 12 Hours, 6 Hours and 3 Hours – and all categories will include trophies for placegetters. Further, all entrants in the 24 Hour and 12 Hour races are automatically eligible to contest the Racewalking Australia 100 km Walk Championships.

Just as at Coburg, walkers will have their own dedicated walking lane (Lane 7).

We will be there to fully support all walkers and to recognise their efforts (and hopefully hand out plenty of new Australian Centurion Badges).

What better place to be in 2026 than Australia's premier tourist destination!



**Southern Sydney Track Ultra**  
Campbelltown Athletics Track, Sydney  
Saturday 4 - Sunday 5 July 2026

**This the official 2026 Australian Centurions Qualifier**  
Come and join us in Sydney in July 2026 - great weather, great racing,  
great post-race holidaying!

Walk events include  
24 Hour Walk (including Centurion 100 Mile)  
12 Hour Walk  
6 Hour Walk  
3 Hour Walk

Racewalking Australia 100 km Walk Championships

## DATES ... DATES ... DATES

The 2025 European ultra distance walking year is drawing to a close but Etampes is still to come.

Nov 23, 2025                      8 Heures d'Etampes    Etampes, FRA

Looking further ahead, some key 2026 dates are already known, including 4 of the annual Centurion qualifying races (Continental, New Zealand, US and Australian). Note the 2026 NZ Centurion Qualifier in Auckland will be held earlier than usual to avoid clashing with the Asia/Pacific Championships in late May 2026. Secondly, the next edition of the NZ 6 Day Ultra Marathon in Christchurch has been brought forward to March/April 2026.

Feb 8, 2026	8 Heures de Charly-sur-Marne	Charly-sur-Marne, FRA
Feb 28 – Mar 1, 2026	24 Heures de Bourges	Bourges, FRA
Mar 21-22, 2026	NZ Sri Chinmoy 24 Hour Track Championship <b>Including 2026 New Zealand Centurions Qualifier</b>	Auckland, NZL
Mar 28-19, 2026	24 Heures de Château-Thierry	Château-Thierry, FRA
Mar 30 – Apr 5, 2026	NZ 6 Day Ultra Marathon	Christchurch, NZ
May 23-24, 2026	RWV Wandelweekend <b>Including 2026 Continental Centurions Qualifier</b>	Schiedam. NED
Jun 1-7, 2026	Paris-Colmar Classic (100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary edition)	Across France
Jun 6-7, 2026	FANS 24 Hour Race <b>Including 2026 US Centurions Qualifier</b>	Bloomington, USA

And of course, there are always opportunities on the Australian front. A good starting point is the 2026 events page on the AUTRA website: <https://www.autra.asn.au/upcoming-2026>.

Feb 21, 2026	Sri Chinmoy 100km Road Relays and Solo 100km, 50km	Canberra, ACT
Mar 20, 2026	Sri Chinmoy 48 Hour Track Race (48H, 24H, etc)	Canberra, ACT
Jun 20, 2026	Adelaide 24 Hour Festival (24H, 12H, 6H, 3H)	Adelaide, SA
Jul 4, 2026	Southern Sydney Track Ultra (24H, 12hH 6H, 3H, Marathon) <b>Including 2026 Australian Centurions Qualifier</b>	Sydney, NSW
Aug 29, 2026	SA Track Ultra (24H, 100M, 100km, 50M, 50km)	Adelaide, SA
Sep 27, 2026	Australian 6 Day Ultra Marathon Festival	Adelaide, SA

## 24 HEURES DE LIPSHEIM, LIPSHEIM, FRA, 18-19 OCTOBER 2025

My two race reports in this issue are from France, both held on the same weekend.

The first to discuss was the third edition of the 24 Heures de Lipsheim, held in the city of that name, some 500km east of Paris. Organised by local walker Sylvie Maison, backed up by a group of some 60 volunteers, the event was a great success. This year, the event additionally hosted the French 100km Championships, adding to its growing profile.

Our European correspondent Emmmuel Tardi was there and reported as follows.

Some walkers had entered the 24 Hour race, others had entered just the 100km race, while some did the shorter 20km and 10km races. The initial lap of 1.2km was followed by laps of 1.9km in length. The weather was very good during the day but cold during the night (around 2-3°C).

As in the Roubaix 28 Hour race 4 weeks ago, **Vincent De Bontin** headed out fast, starting at 10km/h and hoping to beat his coach's PB of 9:49, but the effort told and he slowed as night arrived. But whereas he did not finish in Roubaix, he soldiered through at Lipsheim, eventually taking the win in the 100km, his time of 10:19:41 seeing him a long way ahead of second placed **Alain Maldondet** whose time was 11:57:19. It was De Bontin's first win in the French 100km Championship and his time was just outside his race record of 10:15, set here last year.

We must make a special mention of sixth placed finisher **Daniel Faubert** (born 17.09.1947) who made his comeback in Roubaix after after 15years of retirement. In Roubaix he beat the French M75 50km record with 6:15:13. At Lipsheim he beat the French M75 100km record with an impressive 13:00:28. According to my database, it is probably an M75 world best. He has now the French 100km records for M45 (9h50), M60 (11h00) and M75 (13h00).

In the women's 100km championship, **Morgane Ausello** fronted after 18 months away from racing due to health

concerns. It was a great comeback for her, as she won with a time of 12:17:26, ahead of **Adeline Brastel** who recorded 12:33:45.

#### 100km French Championship Women

1.	AUSELLO Morgane	1992	Nice Cote D'azur Athletics *	12:17:26
2.	BRASTEL Adeline	1978	Efs Reims A. *	12:33:45
3.	RAES-MAURE Chloe	1976	EAE - S/I Neubourg Ac	12:55:22
4.	CAIN Marie	1957	Ncaa - S/I Esperance Antibes	14:25:42
5.	MULLER Cathy	1981	Us Toul Athletics	14:40:53
6.	BIZARD Claudie	1959	Thiais Ac	15:30:18
7.	TOP Virginie	1973	Ac Chateau Thierry	16:28:42
8.	FREYBURGER Sabrina	1975	Ultra Marathon France	16:37:17
9.	SONNOIS Martine	1959	Racing Club Haut-Jura Morez	19:20:19
10.	MARGUET Pauline	1973	Nice Cote D'azur Athletics *	21:40:02
	GOURVES Jennifer	1987	Esvmac - S/I Stade Villeneuve-	AB

#### 100km French Championship Men

1.	DE BONTIN Vincent	1988	Ea Cergy Pontoise Athletics *	10:19:41
2.	MALFONDET Alain	1972		11:57:19
3.	HENRY Fabrice	1966	Frijep Cor. Margny Verdon	12:12:45
4.	LANDORMY Jeanick	1962	With - S/I With Pays De Bruyer	12:38:00
5.	VANDENBERGHE Renaud	1970	Us Champagne-Sur-Seine	12:59:18
6.	FAUBERT Daniel	1947	Bayeusain Athletic Stadium	13:00:28
7.	RIGAL Jean-Marc	1959	Domont Athletics	13:55:32
8.	PIERMAY Stephane	1974	Ac Chateau Thierry	15:17:24
9.	OLIVARES Mathieu	1976	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletics	15:20:20
10.	THOUVENEL Jean Charles	1963		15:54:29
11.	ENJOLRAS Jean-Claude	1972		18:33:06
12.	PETER Vincent	1972	Sport Athletic Verdunois	18:27:39
	HASSEVELDE Sebastien	1977	Touquet Athletic Club	AB
	LANEAU Maxime	1984	Us Camon	AB
	MAURE Rene-Jean	1965	EAE - S/I Neubourg Ac	AB

After the 100 km race had been finalised, a number of the walkers continued on as participants in the 24 Hour race. The winner of the men's 24 Hour race was **Alain Malfondet** with a distance of 178.509 km. He was second here last year and took the title off **Florian Letourneau** who had won the first two editions. **Chloé Raes-Maure** won the women's 24 Hour race with 167.226 km, her third win in a row.

#### 24 Heures de Lipsheim

1.	Malfondet, Alain	FRA	1972	M	178.509 km
2.	Landormy, Jeanick	FRA	1962	M	171.594 km
3.	Rigal, Jean-Marc	FRA	1959	M	168.936 km
4.	Raes-Maure, Chloe	FRA	1976	F	167.226 km
5.	Bizard, Claudie	FRA	1959	F	149.354 km
6.	Freyburger, Sabrina	FRA	1975	F	136.898 km
7.	Vandenberghes, Renaud	FRA	1970	M	131.249 km
8.	Top, Virginie	FRA	1973	F	128.494 km
9.	Thouvenel, Jean-Charles	FRA	1963	M	127.695 km
10.	Piermay, Stephane	FRA	1974	M	126.064 km
11.	Sonnois, Martine	FRA	1959	F	124.821 km
12.	Marguet, Pauline	FRA	1973	F	116.494 km
13.	Peter, Vincent	FRA	1972	M	113.685 km
14.	Parizot, Olivier	FRA	1964	M	109.785 km
15.	Olivares, Mathieu	FRA	1976	M	109.500 km
16.	Cain, Marie	FRA	1957	F	100.000 km
17.	Ausello, Morgane	FRA	1992	F	100.000 km
18.	Brastel, Adeline	FRA	1978	F	100.000 km
19.	Muller, Catherine (Cathy)	FRA	1981	F	100.000 km
20.	Henry, Fabrice	FRA	1966	M	100.000 km
21.	de Bontin, Vincent	FRA	1988	M	100.000 km
22.	Enjolras, Jean-Claude	FRA	1972	M	100.000 km
23.	Faubert, Daniel	FRA	1947	M	100.000 km

24. Tchemenian, Yvan	FRA	1972	M	98.309 km
25. Longatte, Francois	FRA	1953	M	74.808 km

And I must mention Emmanuel's effort in the shorter 20km race, which he finished with a time of 2:51:24. Well done Emmanuel!



*Alain Malfondet, Fabrice Henry, Daniel Faubert and Vincent De Bontin*



*Chloe Raes Maure, Adeline Brastel, Jeanick Landormy and Morgane Ausello (all photos Emmanuel Tardi)*

## 48 HEURES DE ROYAN, ROYAN, FRANCE, 17-19 OCTOBER 2025

Our second race report comes from Royan, some 500 km SW of Paris, and is for an event which was held rather unfortunately on the same weekend as Lipsheim. The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the popular 48 Heures de Royan carnival (<https://www.48hderoyan.fr/>), was still a sell out, with all 130 bibs being snapped up in record time. It featured both run and walk divisions, over 48 Hours, 24 Hours and 12 Hours and was held over a circuit of 1.120km around the outside of the Royan Stade d'Honneur.

In the 48 Hour walk, **Christine David** broke the women's record with a distance of 281.748 km, 41 km more than the previous record and second only to the male winner **Yves-Michel Kerlau** who covered 292.849 km between the Friday and the Sunday. The previous women's record had been held by Françoise Arnaud with 239.969 km, an improvement of over 40km.

Full results at <https://www.klikego.com/resultats/12-24-48-heures-de-royan-2025/1599610745249-84>

### 48 Hour Walk

1.	KERLAU Yves-Michel	FRA	292.394 km
2.	DAVID Christine	FRA	281.274 km
3.	ZEIMER Karine	FRA	261.257 km
4.	CHEKHAB Said	FRA	237.906 km
5.	CONNAN Jean-Yves	FRA	235.682 km
6.	PINEAU Laurent	FRA	230.122 km
7.	BIRAUD Sylvie	FRA	190.090 km
8.	JARRIAULT Denis	FRA	187.866 km
9.	GIORIA Stephane	FRA	184.530 km
10.	PASQUIER Calou	FRA	157.842 km
11.	POTHET Didier	FRA	153.394 km
12.	LINCK Martine	FRA	151.170 km
13.	LAFONT Virginie	FRA	142.274 km
14.	ODOUARD Dominique	FRA	134.490 km
15.	EMONIERE Philippe	FRA	122.258 km
16.	ENSCH Didier	FRA	122.258 km
17.	FAVRIOU Laurent	FRA	121.146 km
18.	BARBIER Florence	FRA	115.586 km
19.	RAMAT Marielle	FRA	102.242 km
20.	COSSON Maryse	FRA	82.226 km
21.	JEANNIN Marie-Claude	FRA	25.514 km

### 24 Hour Walk

1.	BREGEON Thierry	FRA	145.610 km
2.	MAZZETTI Patrick	FRA	137.826 km
3.	FOUCHER Claude	FRA	134.490 km
4.	NUNES VARELA Laetitia	FRA	128.930 km
5.	BOURICHON Christophe	FRA	111.138 km
6.	HERVIER Francine	FRA	105.578 km
7.	LIAIGRE Patrick	FRA	102.242 km
8.	DEGEORGE Laurent	FRA	96.682 km
9.	LEYMARIE Danielle	FRA	91.122 km
10.	FABRE Thierry	FRA	84.450 km
11.	GALLENE Maurice	FRA	83.338 km
12.	EYMARD Eric	FRA	74.442 km

### 12 Hour Walk

1.	DROUET Samuel	FRA	82.226 km
2.	STINDEL Yann	FRA	76.666 km
3.	PROSSAIRD Thierry	FRA	72.218 km
4.	GRESSEL Georges	FRA	71.106 km
5.	KOENIG Sandrine	FRA	63.322 km
6.	BENECH Herve	FRA	63.322 km
7.	OUVRAT Herve	FRA	57.762 km
8.	ANTOINE Veronique	FRA	55.538 km

9.	ARSIVAUD Muriel	FRA	55.538 km
10.	PELLETIER Axelle	FRA	54.426 km
11.	COASSIN Daniel	FRA	48.866 km
12.	KEO Kalyan	FRA	35.522 km



*48 Hour Walk Men Podium*

**UNTIL OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER**

That's it for a quick newsletter to spread the word about our Australian Centurions Qualifying event in 2026. I look forward to seeing lots of our walkers, both local and from overseas, in Sydney in July next year. What better time to visit Australia!

With kind regards

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