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AURA is pleased to announce the following awards for 2008

Male Ultra Athlete of the Year.....Martin Fryer (ACT)

Martin's achievements in 2008 included three world-class performances. In March he ran 245.92K in the North Face 24h treadmill Challenge, which placed him third on the all-time World 24h treadmill rankings. In August he set an Australian record of 393.504K at the Caboolture 48h event, which was the 6th best performance in the World for 2008 and placed him as the 4th ranked runner in that category. He completed his year in October with a top ten finish in the World 24h Championships in Korea with a PB of 247.187K. Outside of these major performances he also ran a credible 4h 38 min to take out 2nd place in the Canberra Bush Capital 60K trail event in July. As a result of his performances he has been invited to contest the prestigious Surgeres 48 hour race in May 2009, considered by many as the unofficial world championship. Martin has captained recent teams to contest the IAU 24 hour World Challenge and has always represented Australia with distinction.

Female Ultra Athlete of the Year.....Kerrie Bremner (ACT)

Kerrie had an outstanding 2008 with a series of impressive results over distances ranging from 50K to over 220K. March saw her take 2nd place female at the Canberra 50K in 4h 01 min. In June she became the Australian Women's 100K Champion by running a solid 9h 14min on her 100K debut at the Gold Coast. Kerrie placed 34th and was the best performed Australian female at the World 100K Championships in Italy in November, just missing out on breaking the 9h barrier. Only 5 weeks later she backed up to finish first female at the Coast to Kosciusko race (reduced to 220K due to inclement weather) in a time of 33h 8 min, well on her way to smashing the existing women's full course record of 40h 27 min. This was Kerrie's first venture over 100K and included a sub 21h 100 mile split en route and a 180K distance split at 24h. Outside of these major performances Kerrie also finished first female at the Canberra Bush Capital 60K trail event in July in a time of 5h 35min.

Rising star award.....Nathan Fawkes (WA)

The Rising Star award is awarded to the ultra runner of 25 years and under (male or female) with the most impressive performances for the year. Nathan Fawkes continued his Rising Star status with a series of PBs and fine performances across 2008. He started the year with a PB and 4th place at the Perth 40 miler (5:43) and followed up in May with another PB of 4:02 at the Bunbury 50k to place 3rd Male. Nathan ran an impressive debut 24h track race with 180.63k and 2nd place at Caboolture in August. He finished off a great year with a 4th place in the Six Inch Track 45K Ultra (WA), just missing the 4 hour barrier.

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Bryan Smith Award.....Martin Fryer

The Bryan Smith award is awarded to the ultra athlete with the best 24 hour performance for the year. That person was Martin Fryer, with 247.189km achieved at the 24 hour World Challenge held in Korea in October 2008.

Cliff Young Gumboot award.....Tony Collins

The Cliff Young award is made to the athlete of 60 years and over with the best 24 hour performance for the year. That person was Tony Collins with 176.712 km achieved at Adelaide in October 2008.

AURA aggregate points competition.....Robert Boyce

This competition is based on a complex formula with points being awarded for wins and placings, bonuses where the races are AURA championships, bonuses for world class performances, bonuses for Australian and world records and points per km for distances run. The winner for 2008 was Robert Boyce. Full details are at http://www.aura.asn.au/data/AURA_PointsRace_31-12-08.pdf

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