

Saturday August 6th

EKIDEN RELAYS

Anglesea

The second running at the Anglesea venue was eagerly anticipated by many after the success of last year's event. It was hoped that the teething problems experienced last year had been eliminated and that all would be well in 2016.

AV had put a lot of time into the organisation to ensure a trouble free event and to a large extent this planning was successful. Unfortunately, there were still a couple of hiccups with a couple of our runners, (among others) being disadvantaged due to doubtful instructions from marshals.

Although the Club had a number of members make the trip to the beach, we did have our smallest number of teams for many seasons. As well as the number of people missing was the added fact that many of our top men were missing. This severely affected the competitiveness of our top teams. However it was pleasing to note that some of our lower division teams placed reasonably well. A perusal of the results would suggest that we were not the only club that was missing runners.

Our under 16 girls grabbed a bronze medal in their race while the divvy 5 men also finished third. The girls in the medal winning team were **Lucy Leutchford, Sunny Spencer** and **Tiffany Argyropoulos**. The division 5 men were led off by **Tim Strode** and followed by **Kristian Imbesi, Doug Leutchford** and **Robert Maillardet**.

The Club's very promising under 14 girl, **Simone Maillardet**, was promoted to the women's division team for this event. Simone's debut was well justified as shown by her terrific performance. This will surely be the first of many appearances at this level for Simone in the years to come. Another under 14, 12 year old **Claire Noonan**, filled a spot in the under 18 team – you beaut Claire!

Mention must also be made of **Jessica Newton** and **Robert Barnes**. Both athletes found themselves the only runner in their team and could have been excused if they had chosen to give the run a miss given the distance of the first leg of the event. However both did choose have a run and to be congratulated on their Club spirit.

JUNIOR RESULTS

Under 18

8.2k	Emma Newton	47:03
6.3k	Emily Noonan	32:12
4.9k	Claire Noonan	27:08
Finished 5 th out of 6		1:46:23
Winner: Diamond Valley		1:20:12

Under 16

Lucy Leutchford 29:07 6.3k
Sunny Spencer 23:29 5.5k
Tiffany Argyropoulos 23:19 4.9k

Finished: 3rd out of 5 1:15:33
Winner: Western Aths 1:07:09

Under 14

Mia Roux 28:49
Amber Louw 25:29
Chiara Santiglia 26:51

Finished: 5th out of 7 1:21:09
Winner: Western Aths 1:10:37

The senior races saw some terrific individual performances. Again, **Virginia Moloney** was very notable, but apparently suffered from a mix up somewhere on the course when she suddenly found herself thirty metres behind the leader despite being thirty metres in front shortly before and without actually being passed!!

Heather Gaunt, too, may have been 'short changed!' It would seem that Heather may have run substantially further than her designated distance.

Eleven year old **Wolfgang Cotra Nemesi** was another youngster to fill a spot in a senior team. Wolfy took the baton from proud dad, **Eugene**, in division 4.

Anthony Mithen was back in harness after his cameo appearance at Albert Park a couple of weeks back.

SENIOR RESULTS

WOMEN

Division 1

10.1k Virginia Moloney 37:57
9.1k ErchanaMurray Bartlett 36:39
6.3k Heather Gaunt 35:15
5.5k Mena Butler 26:22
4.9k Simone Maillardet 20:50

Finished: 9th out of 10 1:59:04
Winner: South Melbourne 1:39:12

Division 3

10.1k Tilly Horman 46:40
8.2k Bronwyn Hill 45:22
6.3k Ellyse Marum 32:29
4.9k Zoe Delany 23:58

Finished: 8th out of 12 2:28:29
Winner: St Stephens 2:04:32

Division 4

9.1k Francesca Black 46:46
8.2k Wendy Richardson 48:05
5.5k Issy Ermacora 28:46

Finished: 6th out of 9 2:03:37
Winner: Geelong 1:38:03

Division 5

9.1k Jessica Newton 71:34

DNF

MEN

Division 1

Matthew Newton	39:53	10.1k
Magnus Michelsson	33:32	9.1k
Campbell Maffett	32:24	8.2k
Dale Carroll	21:35	6.3k
Tom Hall	19:34	5.5k
Liam Delany	16:54	4.9k

Finished: 10th out of 10 2:43:53
Winner: Melb Uni 2:27:06

Division 2

Danny Reddan	41:07
Tony Hally	37:18
Anthony Mithen	34:24
Lewis Sullivan	23:52
Trent McCormick	21:28
Mason Barnes	19:53

Finished: 12th out 13 2:58:02
Winner: Essendon 2:35:08

Division 3

Scott Bent	41:00	10.1k
Peter Gaunt	39:40	9.1k
Aaron Gray	32:45	8.2k
Paul Rothin	25:19	6.3k
Jacob Barnes	22:33	5.5k

Finished: 9th out of 13 2:46:17
Winner: Mentone 2:29:36

Division 4

Paul Wallace	46:26
Susumu Miura	42:07
Neil Matthews	39:55
Eugene Nemesi	25:49
Wolfgang Cotra Nemesi	23:16

Finished: 5th out of 10 2:57:33
Winner: Essendon 2:35:33

Division 5

Tim Strobe	45:02	10.1k
Kristian Imbesi	46:29	9.1k
Doug Leutchford	38:20	8.1k
Robert Maillardet	30:01	5.5k

Finished: 3rd out of 9 2:39:52
Winner: Yarra Ranges 2:23:00

Division 6

Jim Hopkins	51:19
Scott Lovell	47:01
Jim Sayer	42:11
Lou Santiglia	29:57

Finished: 5th out of 10 2:51:28
Winner: St Stephens 2:12:42

Division 7

10.1k Robert Barnes 70:37
DNF

Officials: Our Club was required to again supply extra helpers to conduct the program. **Alison Leutchford, Amy Perkins, and James Syme** fulfilled our commitment. Collingwood's **Gary McBroom** and **Tony Williams** were again in the AV colours. We had a stack of people helping out with the timing sheets. **Kimm Noonan, Pennie Hayes, Deb Maillardet and Vaughan Newton** all did a great job for us. It was great to have

Annette Van Rooyen back on the job. We would rather have Annette running again, but her help with a clipboard was most welcome. Thanks to everyone for their help and especially to the athletes for their secretarial duties around their running stints.

Barnes catering was again on the job – thanks to all concerned and thanks to the large contingent of helpers with the packing up of the tent at the end of the day.

There were far too many to identify individually – just how it should be!!

However **Mason Barnes** and **Rob Maillardet** did do a deal of transporting of the equipment to the trailer.