

**Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>**

**ROAD RACES**

**Ballarat**

It was cold, but it was the wind that had the most effect on the events. The strong winds forecast state wide certainly did not miss Ballarat and although they did abate slightly towards the end of the senior race, the runners had a real battle during the afternoon.

Collingwood was the only Club to have their tent survive the afternoon, no doubt helped by the fact that it had been tied to the large brick rotunda in the middle of the reserve. The heavy duty rope was only added after the tent was seen to shift about thirty centimetres due to an extra strong gust, despite all the weights supposedly holding it in place. It is fair to say that the initial setting up of the tent in the wind was a real “barrel of laughs.”

The junior run was, this year, held over 6k, (an increase of 1k), enabling the race to circle the lake as opposed to the out and back course evident over the last few years.

With their second place in the team race, our under 14 boys all but secured the premiership and only need to finish a team in the remaining three events to grab the pennant. The under 16 girls have kept themselves in touch with the leaders, however missing out on finishing a team at Sandown is probably going to be the difference at the end of the season.

No medals from the junior ranks this week, however given the conditions there were some really good performances.

**Simone Maillardet** had her best run for quite some time. Just one of our athletes who have suffered with the winter lurgi over the last few weeks, Simone certainly seemed to ‘turn the corner’ today. **Josh Tram** finished really well over the last couple of hundred metres and **Angus Norman** had his best result for the season with Collingwood.

**JUNIOR RESULTS**

**6k**

**Under 14 Girls**

16 **Zoe Cornell** 2:56.5

5

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**Under 14 Boys**

Wolfgang Cotra Nemesi 22:40.3

Josh Tram 22:50.5

Guy Fricke 24:58.9

**Under 16 Girls**

6 **Simone Maillardet** 22:18.8

13 **Lucy Leutchford** 23:55.9

15 **Sunny Spencer** 24:21.1

Team Result 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Under 18 Boys**

6 **Angus Norman** 20:14.1

Team Result 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Under 18 Girls**

6 **Amy Cornell** 22:58.8

20 **Emma Newton** 32:06.2

Our numbers could have been better in the seniors although it would seem that a lot of the other clubs also suffered with the weather probably being the deciding factor for quite a few. We were only able to finish two teams in the women's event with the men again completing five.

**Virginia Moloney** grabbed another gold medal, her third for the season, with another great run. Evergreen, **Bev Thomas** was just inside the top ten, but did win the 40+ section of the race. **Cesca Coles** put in another good performance while **Alli Shinnars** ran a really even race.

### WOMEN'S RESULTS 15k

			2.6k	8.9k	15k
<b>1</b>	<b>Virginia Moloney</b>		<b>8:28</b>	<b>29:48</b>	<b>51:55.9</b>
10	Bev Thomas	*	9:04	32:17	56:27.8
76	Cesca Coles	*	11:32	39:06	67:47.2
83	Alli Shinnars		11:57	40:17	69:26.4
95	Alison Chapman	*	11:50	41:23	72:25.9
97	Carine McGinnity		12:30	42:28	72:30.9
98	Mena Butler		12:30	42:28	72:43.2
99	Bronwyn Hill	#	12:30	42:28	73:17.4
102	Hiromi Fujiwara	#	12:30	42:28	74:58.8
106	Fran Black	#	12:30	42:47	76:26.5
146	Jessica Newton		15:31	60:02	107:47.5
Dnf	Nikki Lesberg		10:13		

### TEAM RESULTS

Division 1	5 <sup>th</sup>
Division 3	4 <sup>th</sup>
* 40+ 1	4 <sup>th</sup>
# 40+ 2	15 <sup>th</sup>

The men's race saw better results in the grades where the Club is struggling to avoid relegation. Many of the other clubs failed to finish a team, however it will still be touch and go for the remainder of the season.

**Jai Edmonds** was the first Magpie home in the windy conditions in a very well paced run. **Liam Delany** was second across the line, while Collingwood's third runner, **Magnus Michelsson** was the first in the 45-49 age group. **Steve Simmons** continued his very good form while **Malcolm Campbell** had his best run for two seasons by far! It was great to have **Simon Bevege** back in harness after an extended break. His presence can only strengthen our teams as he gets back to top condition.

### MEN'S RESULTS 15k

			2.6k	8.9k	15k
24	Jai Edmonds		8:14	28:15	48:44.9
48	Liam Delany	*	8:28	29:48	51:52.7
65	Magnus Michelsson	*	8:43	30:45	53:28.9
77	Steve Simmons		8:54	31:23	54:14.6
82	Malcolm Campbell	*	8:34	31:11	54:37.5
83	Campbell Maffett	#	8:54	31:14	54:40.9
112	Matthew Newton		8:44	31:48	56:51.3

114	Michael Oke		9:21	32:43	56:58.6
115	Tony Hally	#	9:27	33:03	56:59.2
163	Lewis Sullivan		10:05	34:36	59:40.7
179	Paul Creedon		10:05	35:11	60:52.5
180	Peter Gaunt	%	10:05	35:09	60:53.5
186	Martin James	%	10:10	35:20	61:07.7
197	Gedas Lamsodis		10:05	35:34	61:48.9
208	Simon Bevege		10:38	36:22	62:52.4
236	Eugene Nemesi	#	10:53	38:02	65:37.7
250	Susumu Miura	^	11:11	39:10	67:35.5
266	Doug Leutchford	%	11:47	40:28	69:08.5
271	Paul Wallace		11:27	39:58	69:31.7
274	Neil Matthews	^	11:32	39:25	69:47.0
284	Daryl Standfield	^	11:57	41:24	71:14.4
289	Tony Rodwell		11:34	40:43	71:58.4
303	Jim Hopkins		12:11	42:22	74:20.2
309	Jason Mears		11:42	41:26	76:09.9
312	Tim Stevenson		12:28	43:41	76:32.2
317	James Syme		12:50	43:22	78:16.5
Dnf	Mark Cornell		12:44	46:05	

#### TEAM RESULTS

Division 1	7 <sup>th</sup>
Division 2	9 <sup>th</sup>
Division 3	10 <sup>th</sup>
Division 4	5 <sup>th</sup>
Division 5	6 <sup>th</sup>
* 40+ 1	1 <sup>st</sup>
# 40+ 2	5 <sup>th</sup>
^ 40+ 3	14 <sup>th</sup>
% 50+ 1	7 <sup>th</sup>

**OFFICIALS:** The officials have to endure the weather as well! **Gary McBroom** and **Tony Williams** were both well rugged up against the elements while doing their usual good work for the day on behalf of AV. **Kevin Wigmore** again tracked all our runners to gather all our times. He was ably assisted by **Danny Reddan**, who decided at the last minute not to run because of a dicky calf.

**Liam Delany** provided the goodies for the hungry hordes, with **Brigit Tram** making a welcome contribution.

Thanks to **Kevin Wigmore** for his assistance early on with the tent and the large contingent of helpers at the end of the day to get everything back into the trailer. **Neil Matthews**, **Susumu Miura**, **Liam Delany**, **Tony Hally**, **Michael Oke**, **Eugene Nemesi** and **Wiggy** all did their bit - much appreciated.

