

Saturday July 31st.

CROSS COUNTRY

Brimbank Park

Club athletics returned to Brimbank Park after a few years away at various venues since 2002. The 16k has been run at Geelong over the past couple of years, before that at Frankston and who can forget Coburg?!?! The weather forecast was anything but good, but the rain held off and the conditions turned out all right. One thing hadn't changed though – *the hill was still there!*

Our senior numbers were down and a trifle disappointing, after the terrific turn up at Bundoora. However there were some real highlights for the Club on the day. Firstly the U/14 boys finished a close second in the team's race with the **White twins** again both finishing high up in the placings. Again there was only a very slim margin between them. **Adam Garganis** and **Laclan Derby** were also in this event flying the flag for the Maggies. The U/16 boys saw another couple of our fledglings up in the placings with **Jordan Minter** leading **Jacob McCormack** home in the 6k. Jacob just loved 'the hill'. Unfortunately we only had two starters in the U/18 boys 8k, but both **Will Sheils** and **Mason Barnes** ran well.

The junior girls were terrific! Most of them had not had much experience over the distance and 'the hill'. **Rachel Barnes** was first home in the U/18 recording a huge improvement on her previous experiences. **Ailsa Buckle** and **Eloise Derby** completed the team which was able to take out 2nd. place in the team's event. In the U/16s our lone runner **Hannah Garganis** put in another super effort – your results in the track season will make it all worthwhile Hannah!

Josh Debinski and **Nick Denner** wisely chose to run the U/20 6k race, leaving the senior 16k to a future year when there will be a few more miles in the legs.

JUNIOR RESULTS

Under 14 Boys 4k

4	Ben White	15:04
6	Lachie White	15:05
13	Adam Garganis	17:03
24	Lachlan Derby	21:46

Team Result 2nd.

Under 16 Boys 6k

11	Jordan Minter	23:49
14	Jacob McCormack	24:58
22	Jacob Barnes	30:45

Team Result 6th.

Under 16 Girls 6k

17 Hannah Garganis 43:16

Under 18 Girls 6k

15	Rachel Barnes	34:13
17	Ailsa Buckle	37:41
18	Eloise Derby	39:22

Team Result 2nd.

Under 18 Boys 8k

		4k	8k
8	Will Sheils	14:55	31:26
10	Mason Barnes	15:50	32:47

Under 20 Men 6k

22	Nick Denner	27:43
23	Josh Debinski	27:59

The senior races again saw some terrific performances, although as previously mentioned our numbers were down. The Men were only able to finish three teams, while the ladies for the second time this season, failed to have enough for a Divvy 1 team. It was great to see **Michael Bialczak** back after injury and after a conservative start came home very strongly to be our 4th. over the line and take out the 50+ title. **Magnus Michelsson** continued his improvement to have his best placing for the season being less than a minute behind **Patrick O’Keeffe** who almost broke into the top ten. **Justin Murphy** again showed his versatility in mixing his great 800/1500 track performances with a finish in this race just a touch over the hour. The Division 1 boys finished in 3rd. place in the team’s event. A terrific result!

Some brave performances too, with both **Tony Hally** and **Anthony Weiland** not feeling 100% and **Ken Duxbury** suffering less than ideal breathing conditions due to an allergy. To run and finish a 16k cross-country including two sojourns up ‘that hill’ when a little under the weather takes something special, but we’ve become used to it at Collingwood over many years. **Michael Grech**, himself on the comeback trail after stress fractures, also showed great spirit in sprinting 150m to the line to pick up that extra point. Newcomer **Dale Nardella** was heard to say how much he enjoyed the race. Made us all wonder a bit! **Anthony Mithen** seems to have fully recovered from the Christchurch marathon and finished strongly. **Troy Kameme** was the **only** Magpie to record a faster time than at Geelong last year!

RESULTS

Men’s 16k

12	Patrick O’Keeffe		20:55	42:40	56:48	
17	Magnus Michelsson	*	21:05	43:02	57:36	
33	Justin Murphy		22:05	45:15	60:14	
41	Michael Bialczak	#	23:04	45:59	61:09	
48	Simon Bevege		22:31	46:23	62:28	
82	Anthony Mithen		23:47	48:29	64:33	Div 1 3 rd .
86	Anthony Weiland	*	23:50	48:53	65:11	
98	Mark Draper		23:47	49:02	66:07	
137	Tony Bird	#	25:48	52:19	69:53	
150	Chris Waldron	*	26:08	53:17	71:09	
154	Troy Kameme		25:46	53:48	71:39	
160	Tony Hally		25:16	54:16	71:53	Div 2 10 th .
165	Simon Duffy		25:14	53:20	72:24	
199	Dale Nardella		28:50	57:19	75:29	
220	John Crameri		28:45	58:30	77:19	
228	Shane Derby		28:21	58:52	79:31	
235	Ken Duxbury	#	28:40	60:30	81:02	Div 3 9 th .
243	Jim Hopkins		30:06	61:46	82:36	
258	Michael Grech		30:45	63:28	87:37	
261	Paul Willmot		32:16	67:26	89:02	
270	Robert Barnes		33:55	70:28	93:59	
DNF	Jarrold Kanizay/Graeme Paul		injured			

Team Results

* 40+ 2nd.
50+ 2nd.

The ladies at least got a 40+ team home with **Janette Chapman** just making it to the start line after a delayed trip to the course to join **Frances Willmot** and **Rae Barker** in the 6k. And 'getting it home' is an understatement with our trio actually **winning the team's event** on the day! Well done girls!

Womens' 6k

75	Frances Willmot	29:20
82	Janette Chapman	29:48
130	Rae Barker	37:52

Team Result

40+ **1st.**

Officials: **Rocket Williams** was on duty for AV once again. **Lyn Humphris** collected the times for Collingwood and was assisted at various times by **Tim McCormack** and **Graeme Paul** after his unfortunate retirement from the race.

Afternoon tea: **Clare Garganis, John Crameri** and **Anthony Weiland** helped out today. As usual, thanks to anyone else I've missed.

Special mention must be made of **Jacob Barnes, Lachlan Derby** and **Adam Garganis** for voluntarily manning the drink station for the 16k. race. All the athletes would have appreciated the service provided, especially the Collingwood runners, whom I am reliably informed, received a few extra mls. in their cups.

Thanks to everyone who stayed around to help pack up the tent. Much appreciated after a very long day.