

## **Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>    CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS    Jells Park**

The opening run of the AV fixture was, despite the forecast, to be run in quite warm conditions - some would say a couple of degrees too warm for the comfort of the runners. The usual bedlam at this event was in evidence as new numbers were distributed, new uniforms fitted and Club organisers anxiously awaited the arrival of all the runners, particularly those programmed to do the first legs!

The Club was able to grab four medals on the day with a number of very happy juniors going home with a shiny appendage around their respective necks.

However, probably the highlight of the day was the Silver medal gained by our top Women's team in the Premier Division. This is the highest placing ever by our ladies in the top grade. Well done to the members of the team **Virginia Moloney, Echana Murray Bartlett, Nikki Lesberg, Amy Cornell** and **Bev Thomas**. Virginia recorded the second fastest time for the entire women's competition and got the team off to a great start. Erchana and Nikki maintained the lead and collective breaths were held as fifteen year old Amy took up the challenge of her six kilometre leg. In the team because of injuries to a couple of our new recruits, Amy moved very well, but suffered somewhat during her second lap when a migraine attack caused her to have a little trouble seeing where she was actually putting her feet. At the start of the final leg Collingwood had dropped back to third but seasoned runner, Bev Thomas was able to pick up one of those spots and secure the silver medal for all concerned.

**Simone Maillardet, Lucy Leutchford** and **Sunny Spencer** grabbed second in the under 16 girl's event while the under 14 girls, **Zoe Cornell, Amelie Gilchrist** and **Amber Louw** had a similar result in their race. A bronze medal to the under 14 boys topped off the day with **Wolfgang Cotra Nemesi, Josh Tram** and **Guy Fricke** combining for a very promising result. All three boys are eligible for the same age group next season.

We welcomed a number of new members to our ranks – we hope their respective stays are long, enjoyable and successful. **Godas Lamsodis, Paul Creedon** and **Andre Ferretto** filled spots in our senior teams while **Kareema Wakim, Amelie Gilchrist** and **Mason Johns**, were very welcome additions to our under 14 teams.

**Ruby O'Keeffe, Nikki Lesberg, Michael Oke, Guy Fricke, Josh Tram, Curtis O'Keeffe** and **Nikko Shaw** all had their first winter run with the Magpies after debuting last summer in our Shield endeavours.

It was great to see **Rachel Barnes** back after a season doing 'other things' and a big thank you to nine year old **Charlie Gilchrist**, who filled a spot in our second under fourteen team, thus enabling the other two boys to complete the competition.

The **Sayer** boys, **Jack** (18) and **Lachlan** (16) both helped the Club immensely by filling a 6k spot in the under 18 team thus filling a team.

## JUNIOR RESULTS

### Under 14 3 x 3k

<b>Girls</b>		<b>Boys No1</b>		<b>Boys No 2</b>	
Zoe Cornell	12:15	Wolfgang Cotra Nemesi	11:02	Mason Johns	11:55
Amelie Gilchrist	13:07	Josh Tram	11:48	Curtis O'Keeffe	12:58
Amber Louw	12:25	Guy Fricke	11:46	Charlie Gilchrist	14:39
Finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 6	37:47	Finished 3 <sup>rd</sup> of 10	34:40	Finished 8 <sup>th</sup> of 10	38:51
Winner Williamstown	34:13	Winner: Box Hill	32:47		

### Under 16 Girls 3 x 3k

<b>Team No 1</b>		<b>Team No 2</b>	
Simone Maillardet	11:12	Mia Roux	12:19
Lucy Leutchford	11:48	Chiara Santiglia	15:16
Sunny Spencer	12:05	Kareema Wakim	13:07
Finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 16	35:05	Finished 10 <sup>th</sup> of 16	40:43

### Under 18 Girls 3 x 3k

Emma Newton	19:47
Ruby O'Keeffe	12:13
Dnf	

### Under 20 Men 3 x 6k

	3k	6k
Jack Sayer	12:00	27:00
Nikko Shaw	10:32	21:51
Lachlan Sayer	12:57	27:01
Finished 8 <sup>th</sup> of 8		75:56
Winner Mornington		62:21

## SENIOR

### WOMEN

<b>Division 1 5 x 6k</b>			<b>Division 3 4 x 6k</b>	
	3k	6k		
Virginia Moloney		20:32	Zoe Delany	26:25
Erchana Murray Bartlett		22:15	Katie Ward	27:16
Nikki Lesberg	11:46	23:40	Mena Butler	27:55
Amy Cornell	11:35	23:58	Alison Chapman	29:25
Bev Thomas	11:08	23:01		
Finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 10	113:26		Finished 4 <sup>th</sup> of 14	111:01
Winner Glenhuntly	110:47		Winner Ringwood	107:25

<b>Division 4</b>			<b>3 x 6k</b>	<b>Division 5</b>		
	<b>3k</b>	<b>6k</b>		<b>3k</b>	<b>6k</b>	
Bron Hill	14:43	30:00	Rachel Barnes	17:22	36:34	
Elise Marum	14:21	30:29	Wendy Richardson	15:16	32:04	
Carly Black	15:14	31:40	Jessica Newton		45:27	
Finished 5 <sup>th</sup> of 15		92:09	Finished 9 <sup>th</sup> of 22		114:05	
Winner: Knox		73:43	Winner Essendon		79:54	

### MEN

<b>Division 1</b>			<b>6 x 6k</b>	<b>Division 2</b>		
	<b>3k</b>	<b>6k</b>		<b>3k</b>	<b>6k</b>	
Jai Edmonds	9:26	19:11	Adam Garganis		23:04	
Matthew Newton	9:56	20:15	Trent McCormick		23:14	
Tom Hall	10:14	21:06	Tony Hally	11:29	23:35	
Hugh McCarthy	10:29	21:00	Steve Simmons		22:05	
Michael Whitehead	10:05	19:53	Michael Oke		23:12	
Liam Delany	9:50	20:01	Magnus Michelsson		21:08	
Finished 7 <sup>th</sup> of 10		121:26	Finished 11 <sup>th</sup> of 14		136:18	
Winner: Box Hill		113:29	Winner: Western Aths		117:42	

<b>Division 3</b>			<b>5 x 6k</b>	<b>Division 4</b>		
	<b>3k</b>	<b>6k</b>				
Eugene Nemesi		24:42	Nick Rosa		26:50	
Jacob Barnes	12:28	25:35	Paul Rothin		23:48	
Andrew Evans	11:23	23:45	Susumu Miura		26:04	
Paul Creedon		23:45	David Diviny		25:31	
Drew Roberts	11:16	23:55	Godas Lapsodis		23:22	
Finished 11 <sup>th</sup> of 14		121:42	Finished 5 <sup>th</sup> of 13		125:45	
Winner: Glenhuntly		94:09	Winner: Box Hill		113:07	

<b>Division 5</b>			<b>4 x 6k</b>	<b>Division 6</b>		
	<b>3k</b>	<b>6k</b>				
Doug Leutchford		26:45	Mark Cornell		30:46	
Jim Sayer	14:00	29:42	Andre Ferratto		30:31	
Neil Matthews	13:16	27:52	Jason Mears		28:53	
Mason Barnes	12:38	25:03	Dominic Drenen		30:26	
Finished 7 <sup>th</sup> of 13		109:22	Finished 7 <sup>th</sup> of 12		120:36	
Winner: St Stephens		86:26	Winner: Richmond		93:20	

### Division 7 4 x 6k

Lou Santiglia	29:15
Tony Rodwell	29:55
Jim Hopkins	29:06
Jason Kennedy	30:58
Finished 11 <sup>th</sup> of 27	120:04
Winner St Stephens	90:48

40+	3 x 6k		50+	
	3k	6k	3k	6k
Danny Reddan	10:56	22:34	Peter Gaunt	12:13 24:43
Malcolm Campbell	11:02	22:52	Paul Viney	11:50 24:09
Campbell Maffett	11:09	22:45	Chris Waldron	12:27 25:30
Finished 4 <sup>th</sup> of 16	68:11		Finished 5 <sup>th</sup> of 20	74:11
Winner: Glenhuntly	61:05		Winner: Box Hill	66:20

**OFFICIALS:** Tony Williams, Judy Mason and Gary McBroom worked for AV during the day, while Kevin Wigmore, Pennie Hayes, Fran Black and Scott Lovell fulfilled our Club helper requirements, looking after the Divvy 4 Women's division.

As is the norm at these relay events, we had a stack of helpers gathering the times of our various teams. Many parents again volunteered, some were coerced while others had a clipboard tucked under their arm in a moment of weakness. How we got'em doesn't matter as it all helps with our aim of providing as much information as possible in the archives on our website. Thanks to Vaughan and Helen Newton, Mel Evans, Robert Maillardet, Meg Marsh, Brigid Tram, Eric Louw, Tim Strode and Robert Barnes for their respective efforts. And of course there were a stack of runners who helped collect their own team's results around their respective stints out on the course.

Liam (Jamie Oliver) Delany and Erchana (Nigella Lawson) Murray Bartlett did a stack of organising of the food and the contributions of homemade goodies from Katie Ward and Zoe Cornell were also much appreciated.

Thanks to Brigid and Josh Tram, Alison Chapman, Eugene and Wolfgang Nemesi for their help erecting the tent at the start of the day and to Eugene, Kevin Wigmore, Neil Matthews, Judy Mason, Tony Williams and anyone overlooked in the list of names for their work at the end of the program.