

Saturday May 7th. CROSS-COUNTRY RELAYS JELLS PARK

Some nice weather was again welcome with ideal running conditions from that point of view. Unfortunately the course left a bit to be desired with the grass quite long in some areas. The first couple of runners had the worst of it with later competitors finding the grass somewhat flattened by their predecessor's efforts.

Collingwood had entered **18 teams**, probably the most ever, and the usual bedlam occurred with the hassle of getting a starter for each team to the line before the gun went. Our **five women's teams**, including an U/18 team was certainly **unprecedented**. Three other females helped out in male teams, an important feature in our day at Jells Park. **Therese Barnes** filled the final spot in our men's divvy 7 team – a great effort as Therese hasn't a done lot of running for a couple of years. Perhaps also unprecedented in the Club's 85 year history, Therese's presence gave the Barnes family five competitors on the day. It will take a bit of checking but it is highly unlikely that this has ever happened before.

We had a number of athletes having their first run 'for the Club' as opposed to 'with the Club'. **Liam Delaney** and **Campbell Maffett** debuted in our top men's team while **Rachel Howden** and **Paula Charlton** did the same in our top women's team. One of the best performances of the day was from **Paul Munro**, also running in our top team, who sliced over 90 seconds off last year's time to go well under the 20 minute mark. The aforementioned **Liam Delaney** was our fastest for the day with a smart 19:19. **Susan Michelsson** was a welcome addition to our ranks after having last season off to add to our stocks for the 2028 season and was our fastest girl for the day. **Annette Van Rooyen** was another to return after a similar break for a similar reason. A special mention to **Simon Duffy** who ran despite a case of shingles – top effort Simon!

Our **U/14 boys** won the **Gold Medal** in their grade with three terrific runs from **Ben** and **Lachie White** and **Miles Leyden**. At the other end of the spectrum our 50+ team grabbed the silver with the usual very consistent performances from **Mike Bialczak**, **Tony Bird** and **Ken Duxbury**.



WOMEN'S 40+ 3x6k

Janette Chapman	13:55	13:54	27:49
Alison Chapman			27:29
Carmel Pardy			27:03
	Finished 4 th . from 8	82:21	
	Winner: Box Hill	77:00	

MEN'S 40+

3x6k

MEN'S 50+

Chris Boylen	13:14	13:29	26:44	Mike Bialczak	20:31
Shane Derby	13:30	14:10	27:40	Tony Bird	24:20
John Crameri	12:26	12:27	24:53	Ken Duxbury	24:02
Finished 13 th . from 17		79:17		Finished 2 nd . from 13	68:53
Winner: APS		63:00		Winner: Keilor St. Bernards	68:40



JUNIOR RESULTS

GIRLS UNDER 18 3x3k

Rachel Barnes 15:21
 Eloise Derby 15:51
 Hannah Garganis 15:56

Finished 8th. from 10 47:08
 Winner: Wellington 31:49

BOY'S UNDER 16 3x3k

Team 1

Jacob Barnes 12:32
 Jordan Minter 10:41
 Adam Garganis 11:21

Finished 10th. from 15 34:34
 Winner: Mornington Peninsula 29:17

Team 2

Lachlan Derby 18:30
 Andre Chambers 12:09
Nikki White 14:44

Finished 15th 45:23

BOY'S UNDER 14 3x3k

Team 1

Ben White 10:21
 Lachie White 10:51
 Miles Leyden 10:50

Finished 1st. from 7 32:03

Team 2

Meaghan Gaunt 13:06
 Luke Garganis 13:59

WOMEN'S RESULTS

Division 2 4x6k

Susan Michelsson 11:32 11:31 23:03
 Paula Charlton 13:08 13:34 26:42
 Rachel Howden 12:11 12:24 24:35
 Jane Kanizay 13:22 14:18 27:40

Finished 7th. from 14 102:00
 Winner: APS 90:58

Division 3

3x3k

Division 4

Alicia Arnott 26:22
 Annette Van Rooyen 26:25
 Penny Tangey 27:22

Finished 7th. from 15 80:12
 Winner: Glenhuntly 71:16

Nina Field 13:50 14:54 28:44
 Amanda Green 15:12 15:44 30:56
 Sofie Fabre 13:45 14:06 27:51

Finished 14th. from 24 87:32
 Winner: Geelong 74:32





MEN'S RESULTS

Division 1

6x6k

Division 2

Liam Delaney	9:31	9:48	19:19	Anthony Weiland	10:23	10:53	21:15
Justin Murphy	9:50	10:13	20:03	John Charles	10:15	10:27	20:42
Campbell Maffett	10:07	10:11	20:18	Mason Barnes	10:46	10:56	21:42
Paul Munro	9:48	9:40	19:28	Anthony Klarica	10:27	10:56	21:23
Anthony Mithen	10:31	10:22	20:53	Jai Edmonds	10:25	10:46	21:11
Magnus Michelsson	9:24	10:20	19:44	Malcolm Campbell	10:46	10:52	21:38

Finished 9th. from 12 1hr 59m 47s Finished 7th. from 11 2hr 07m 53s
 Winner: Geelong 1hr 51m 29s Winner: Melb Uni 1hr 58m 01s

Division 3

5x6k

Division 4

Simon Blyth	11:05	11:30	22:35	Paul Viney	11:27	11:32	22:59
Christian Klettner	11:00	11:46	22:46	Adam Paleg	11:46	11:59	23:45
Thai Phan	12:04	12:25	24:29	Michael Grech	11:41	12:25	24:06
Chris Waldron			22:57	Troy Kameme	11:44	12:28	24:12
Andrew Evans	10:52	11:11	22:03	Tony Hally	11:36	11:49	23:25

Finished 12th. from 14 1hr 54m 50s Finished 7th. from 17 1hr 58m 29s
 Winner: Glenhuntly 1hr 45m 23s Winner: South Coast 1hr 41m 12s

Division 5

4x6k

Division 6

Simon Duffy	11:17	11:30	22:47	Paul Wallace	12:11	13:21	25:32
James Kuyper	12:23	12:43	25:06	Josh Debinski	12:30	13:18	25:48
Ross Allen	12:34	13:08	25:42	Peter Gaunt	12:35	13:07	25:42
Cameron Kealy	11:51	12:23	24:14	Rob Raulings	12:27	13:51	26:18

Finished 5th. from 14 97:49 Finished 6th. from 13 103:20
 Winner: APS 88:47 Winner: Geelong 83:57



Division 7 4x6k

Nick Denner	27:37
Robert Barnes	34:02
Jim Hopkins	27:27
Therese Barnes	49:56

Finished 13th. from 15 2hr 19m 02s
 Winner: Melb Uni 1hr 29m 28s



Officials: Stacks of people help out on relay days. Lots of runners do some recording before or after their own stint on the course. Thanks to you all for your efforts. A number of parents played a valuable part in the recording stakes with **Clare Garganis, Kim White, Sharon Leyden** and **Michael Debinski** all doing their bit for the Club. **Tony Williams, Kevin Wigmore, Judy Mason** and **Lyn Humphris** all represented the Club fulfilling roles with A.V. Thanks also to the tent crew who turned up early to prepare Taj Magpie. **Anthony Weiland, John Cramer, Kevin Wigmore, Paul Viney** and **Simon Blyth** did the early work, while a stack more helped at the end of the day.

Afternoon Tea: The **Chapman** catering service was in the van today with **Alison** and **Janette** providing an absolute truckload for the **67** competitors plus officials and friends and supporters at the run. **Chris Waldron** did his bit too! He was seen wheeling the goodies in a shopping trolley. **Kim White, Clare Garganis** and **John Cramer** also helped out with some additional food. There was nothing left at the finish!

