

VICTORIAN RACE WALKING CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT

2003

VRWC COMMITTEE FOR 2002/2003

OFFICERS

President	Harry Summers
Senior Vice President	Mark Donahoo
Junior Vice President	Bob Gardiner
Treasurer	Michael Bodey
Secretary	Tim Erickson

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	Ron Miller
Club Captain	Andrew Jamieson
Club Vice Captain	Ezo Girgin
Publicity Officer	Ray Smith
Race Secretary	Ron Miller
Handicapper	Mark Donahoo
Delegate to Athletics Victoria	Peter Vysma
VRWC Selectors (2)	Ron Miller, Mark Donahoo
Judging Coordinator	Diane Lowden
Social Secretary	
Development Officer	Mark Donahoo
General Committee	Paul Kozaris, Heather Carr
Auditor	Alan Cater

LIFE MEMBERS

1928	Frank O'Rourke *	1960	Jack Cummins *
1933	Alfred Robinson *	1961	Augustus Theobald *
1933	Frank Byrne *	1964	Ralph Field
1933	William Billsborrow *	1964	George Knott *
1936	James McDonald *	1971	Radcliffe Grace *
1938	Rupert Blackley *	1975	Elsie Jacobson *
1946	Edward Drayton *	1978	Mabel Robinson *
1948	Herbert Gardiner *	1983	Ray Smith
1948	Jack Larkin *	1987	Robert Gardiner
1955	James Gaylor *	1987	Ronald Miller
1955	Norman Goble *	1990	Thomas Daintry *
1955	Fred O'Grady *	1990	Harold Summers
1956	Frank McGuire	1998	Alan Johnson
1959	Charles Jacobson *	2001	Mark Donahoo

* Deceased

PRESIDENTS

1923-24	Robert Croll
1925	
1926	William Dickenson
1927	
1928	Rex Merrick
1929-30	Francis Byrnes
1931-36	Edward Drayton
1937-41	Alfred Robinson
1942-45	
1946-76	Alfred Robinson
1977-83	Raymond Smith
1983-	Harold Summers

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have enjoyed an exciting and busy year. The support of our members has been pleasing with good race day attendances. The improvement of our younger walkers over the year augers well for the future of our sport and I believe that we are doing our bit for the development of race walking by providing the races and support for this important group.

Our committee have continued to be a positive and pro active group. My thanks to them for their time and effort, particularly our enthusiastic secretary, Tim, who keeps the club running efficiently and smoothly, also our volunteers who give their time to officiate, judge and cater at our events. Without them there would be no competition.

I hope all our members have enjoyed the year and we look forward to the future with further development and improvement of our club

Harry Summers.

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

THE SPORT receives good media coverage every two years during the games periods. Publicity for the club is entirely dependent on outstanding performances by our members.

THE CLUB can possibly only receive general media publicity if the club collectively has a major achievement. Individuals have received publicity through their first claim clubs and local newspapers.

WEBSITE is well established. Race Fixtures and Competition Rules are featured. All results are posted on a weekly basis and the results pages are becoming a valuable archive for all time.

Future projects include permanent photo and pen portrait displays of all international representatives. A huge task for Tim Erickson. It won't be achieved in a day but it will be forever.

Former **VRWC NEWS** has been renamed **VRWC TIMES** and is now principally a pictorial publication. Previous week's recorded times and race start times for day of issue are included.

4, November 2003

Ray Smith

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Over the last 3 years, our membership has grown from 120 in 2001 to 126 in 2002 to 146 in 2003. This reflects a very healthy club that is bucking the current trend evident in athletics as a sport. In a time of reducing participation rates, we are growing as a club and continuing to attract new members and old members alike.

Part of our strategy has been to offer a reduced membership rate to walkers who are members of one of the Country racewalking clubs (Ballarat, Bendigo, Barwon or Geelong). This is in line with our current club strategy to grow the sport throughout Victoria and to support and work with the other walking clubs rather than setting ourselves up in competition to them.

This membership was split between 133 competitive members and 13 non-competitive members who were in various categories – general supporters, officials and life members.

The 133 competitive members were split into age groups (as based on our age cutoff date of 1 October 2002) as follows

Age Group	Total	Female	Male
U10	12	9	3
U12	14	9	5
U14	17	10	7
U16	6	3	3
U18	8	6	2
U20	2	1	1
20+	13	8	5
30+	11	7	4
40+	14	6	8
50+	19	6	13
60+	15	5	10
70+	2	0	2
	133	70	63

Nearly 50 of our competitive membership are in the Under 20 or younger age groups. While that augurs well for the future of the club, the challenge is always to provide an environment for these young walkers that will nurture their development and keep them in the sport. We still lose far too many young walkers in the final years of secondary school.

During the course of the year, many non-members walked at Albert Park in special events such as Victorian Championships, Victorian Veteran Championships or Schools Championships or simply as visitors giving competitive walking a try. Every year, a number of these decide to become members of VRWC and the constant trickle of new members ensures our membership remains healthy.

But there is always scope for increasing our membership even further. Various areas remain relatively untapped. These include

- the summer walkers who compete in Interclub but who do not choose to enhance their walking with a winter season of roadwalking
- the many veteran walkers who compete at their local veteran venues
- school and Little Athletics based walkers.
- fitness walkers.

This winter season, we experimented with Unjudged Fitness walks and initially attracted some participants. But the format was obviously not attractive enough and the numbers soon dwindled and we have now discontinued this. I feel personally that we need someone to take this up and to develop it as an alternative activity rather than just as an adjunct to the normal day's racing. I am reminded of the Little Walkers which ran in the 70's at Albert Park under the auspices of Brian Parkinson and others. It developed into its own sub culture and was very successful for a number of years.

I can report that our current Committee form a very experienced and hard working group who have ensured that the Club remains a club for the members. The social atmosphere each Saturday is a reflection on the team spirit that pervades the club at the moment. Thanks to everyone who has made the year such a successful one from an administrative point of view.

Those who toe the line every weekend for another race do not perhaps realise the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to make it all happen. I wish to personally thank all those who perform above and beyond the course of duty. This list includes

- Harry, Bob, Ross and the others who set up and dismantle the courses
- Barb, Joyce and Kate who provide for us all in the canteen and kitchen
- Michael and Ron who take the race entries and look after all money matters
- Paul, Lou, Mark, Julie and the various helpers who look after the stopwatches and lapsheets
- Mark who does the handicapping and coaching sessions
- Ray who mans the camera, shows the results after the race and produces the weekly newsletter
- Gordon, Ray, Peter, Marion, Alan, Lloyd, Michael, David and the other judges without whom we would have no sport.

My apologies to anyone I have missed. There are so many people who make our club tick.

Club communication continues to be a big plus for us. Ray Smith once again produced a weekly each race day. This was complemented by an Internet based email newsletter that I also produced on a weekly basis. The VRWC website was also updated weekly with the latest results and information. Added together, we have a communications network that is second to none.

This year, we started to use our newly acquired club computer on race days for administration purposes. Using a suite of programs developed by Mark Donahoo, the computer is now used to produce race sheets, total monies, track race entries and sundry other tasks. A big thank you to Mark for pushing us unwillingly forward.

For many years, the lack of proper VRWC uniform has made us stand out in AFRWC carnivals. Walking clubs from other States have distinctive tracksuits or caps or jackets but we come across as a hotch potch. This year, the Committee decided to rectify this situation and have organised club beanies and jackets. These are selling well and will hopefully be the first steps towards establishing a proper club uniform that identifies and advertises us.

Our current club headquarters are unique amongst Australian walking clubs. The facilities lease from Middle Park Bowling Club guarantees us our own headquarters and allows us to develop top racewalking courses on the surrounding service roads. It is generally acknowledged that our courses are the best in Australia and Interstate walkers regularly come to Albert Park in the hope of good times on guaranteed courses. Yet, nothing is certain in the life of a tenant. MPBC have recently been advised by Parks Victoria that their yearly lease payment is to be increased from \$6,500 to \$20,000. If this is ratified, it may well mean a significant increase in our own yearly lease payment (currently \$3,300) to MPBC. Time will tell but we are concerned about this development.

Once again we combined with our sister walking clubs in Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong to field strong teams in the Australian Federation of Race Walking Clubs Carnival in Canberra (45 members competed). We continue to constructively build our relationship with the country walking clubs

VRWC also hosted a series of championships during the course of the year. These included

- The Australian 50 Km Championship and Selection Trial for the 2003 World Championships
- The Australian Roadwalking Championships
- All of the Athletics Victoria Roadwalking championships
- The Athletics Victoria Schools Roadwalking championships
- The Victorian Veteran Assn Roadwalking championships
- Our own VRWC club championships.

Thus we can indeed lay claim to be at the centre of Melbourne and Victorian based walking.

Here are the main results of these various championship races.

VRWC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four separate sets of VRWC club championships were run during the year. These events covered a variety of distances and age groups and involved a number of perpetual trophies. Medallists are as follows

ALBERT PARK, 15 DECEMBER 2002

VRWC 20 KM OPEN MEN GUS THEOBOLD MEMORIAL 1. Paul Van Kopplen 1:39:59 2. Brian Trower 1:48:59 3. Simon Evans 2:06:50	VRWC 10 KM VETERAN WOMEN STELLA MURNANE MEMORIAL 1. Heather Carr 59:32 2. Celia Johnson 66:30 3. Gwen Steed 69:49
VRWC 1.5K UNDER 12 BOYS 1. Jayson Stoddart 10:46	VRWC 3K UNDER 15 WOMEN 1. Sarah Alexander 19:04

ALBERT PARK, 18 MAY 2003

VRWC 35 KM OPEN MEN RAY SMITH TROPHY 1. Frank Bertie 3:02:07 2. Chris Erickson 3:03:56 3. Mark Donahoo 3:14:27	VRWC 15 KM OPEN WOMEN ELSIE JACOBSON TROPHY 1. Megan Peters 1:16:58 2. Rachael Loone 1:20:32 3. Sandra Geisler 1:25:27
VRWC 15 KM UNDER 20 MEN 1. Travis Middlemiss 1:20:23	VRWC 15 KM UNDER 20 WOMEN
VRWC 5KM UNDER 16 BOYS 1. Shaun Burgess 29:46 2. Nicholas Mirarchi 33:08	VRWC 5KM UNDER 16 GIRLS 1. Tyne Boddy 29:22 2. Kylie Vandenheiligenberg 35:55
VRWC 5KM UNDER 14 BOYS 1. Daniel Payne 17:22 2. Jayson Stoddart 19:59	VRWC 5KM UNDER 14 GIRLS 1. Sarah Alexander 15:54 2. Eda Girgin 16:12 3. Diana Nielsen 16:35
VRWC 1KM UNDER 12 BOYS 1. Timucin Girgin 5:21 2. Ergenekon Girgin 5:32	VRWC 1KM UNDER 12 GIRLS 1. Regan Lamble 5:02 2. Rachel Tallent 5:11 3. Anne Whitworth 5:30
VRWC 1KM UNDER 9 BOYS	VRWC 1KM UNDER 9 GIRLS 1. Nicole Hallett 6:17 2. Nikki Apostolidis 6:20 3. Chloe McNicol-Davidson 7:54

ALBERT PARK, 29 JUNE 2003

VRWC 20 KM MEN ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL 1. Frank Bertei 1:33.25 2. Chris Erickson 1:40.23 3. Colin Heywood 1:45.58	VRWC 10 KM WOMEN MABEL ROBINSON MEMORIAL 1. Simone Wolowiec 48.38 2. Megan Peters 48.57 3. Kylie Bonney 51.48
VRWC 1.5 KM U12 BOYS 1. Jayson Stoddart 9.06	VRWC 1.5 KM U12 GIRLS 1. Anne Whitworth 8.39 2. Hanna Banks 8.58 3. Amy Johnson 9.36
VRWC 1.5 KM U9 BOYS 1. David Butteriss 9.51	VRWC 1.5 KM U9 GIRLS 1. Nicole Hallett 9.55 2. Nikki Apostolidis 10.02 3. Jasmine Irshard 11.20

ALBERT PARK, 20 JULY 2003

VRWC 2 KM U12 BOYS 1. STODDART, Jayson 11:21 2. GIRGIN, Ergenekon 12:23	VRWC 2 KM U12 GIRLS 1. LAURIE, Natalie 11:02 2. WHITWORTH, Anne 11:25 3. NEYLAN, Alicia 11:35
VRWC 2 KM U9 BOYS	VRWC 2 KM U9 GIRLS 1. APOSTOLIDIS, Nikki 13:00 2. HALLETT, Nicole 13:06 3. McNICOL-DAVIDSON, Chloe 13:42

ATHLETICS VICTORIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

VRWC hosted all 5 A.V championship days during the winter season. Our officials and judges form an expert pool from which A.V. can draw and we provide a key service to A.V. in hosting these events.

A.V. 50 KM OPEN MEN, 18/05/2003 1. Duane Cousins 3:59:33	
A.V. 30 KM OPEN MEN, 20/07/2003 1. Frank Bertei 2:25:44 2. Chris Erickson 2:27:04 3. Andrew Jamieson 2:39:49	
A.V. 20KM OPEN MEN, 29/06/2003 1. Frank Bertei 1:33:25 2. Jared Tallent 1:33:55 3. Chris Erickson 1:40:23	A.V. 20 KM OPEN WOMEN, 20/07/2003 1. Simone Wolowiec 1:38:15 2. Rachel Loone 1:46:29 3. Kellie Wapshott 1:49:09
A.V. 15 KM OPEN MEN, 03/05/2003 1. Jared Tallent 70:01 2. Frank Bertei 70:06 3. Mark Donahoo 74:28	A.V. 15KM OPEN WOMEN, 03/05/2003 1. Simone Wolowiec 73:22 2. Rachel Loone 79:25 3. Sandra Geisler 83:33
A.V. 10KM OPEN MEN 21/04/2003 C.H. "BERT" GARDINER MEDAL 1. Paul Van Kopplen 46:39 2. Chris Erickson 47:11 3. Jared Tallent 48:01	A.V. 10KM OPEN WOMEN, 29/06/2003 1. Simone Wolowiec 48:38 2. Megan Peters 48:57 3. Kylie Bonney 51:48
A.V. 20 KM U20 MEN, 20/07/2003 1. Jared Tallent 1:40:21 2. Travis Middlemiss 1:40:23	
A.V. 10 KM U20 MEN, 29/06/2003 1. Travis Middlemiss 47:38	A.V. 10 KM U20 WOMEN, 20/07/2003 1. Rebecca Wilkie 56:49
A.V. 8 KM U18 MEN, 20/07/2003	A.V. 8 KM U18 WOMEN, 20/07/2003 1. Fauve Jacobs 45:08 2. Emma Gray 45:20 3. Tyne Boddy 50:33
A.V. 5 KM U16 BOYS, 20/07/2003 1. Kyle Bryant 27:04 2. Shaun Burgess 29:06 3. Daniel Lineen 29:39	A.V. 5 KM U16 GIRLS, 20/07/2003 1. Jessica Rothwell 25:52 2. Sarah Alexander 26:41 3. Sibon Buzzard 27:38
A.V. 3 KM U14 BOYS, 20/07/2003 1. Timucin Girgin 16:24 2. John Platt 16:36 3. Daniel Payne 17:30	A.V. 3 KM U14 GIRLS, 20/07/2003 1. Jessie Palfreyman 15:26 2. Katie Lovus 15:32 3. Natalie Laurie 16:29
A.V. U20 BOYS 10 KM SCHOOLS, 29/06/2003	A.V. U20 GIRLS 10 KM SCHOOLS, 29/06/2003 1. Jodie Emmerson 64:10
A.V. U18 BOYS 5 KM SCHOOLS, 29/06/2003 1. Tim Stevenson 28:24	A.V. U18 GIRLS 5 KM SCHOOLS, 29/06/2003 1. Tyne Boddy 28:58 2. Fauve Jacobs 29:14 3. Stefanie Tymms 34:22
A.V. U16 BOYS SCHOOLS, 29/06/2003 1. Kyle Bryant 15:47 2. David Ranger 15:50 3. Timucin Girgin 16:08	A.V. U16 GIRLS 3 KM SCHOOLS, 29/06/2003 1. Sarah Alexander 15:35 2. Eda Girgin 15:42 3. Natalie Laurie 15:55

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletics Victoria hosted the annual A.A. 50 km title in May and VRWC helped conduct the event at Albert Park which continues to be the preferred venue for major championships. The main Athletics Australia winter championships were also held at Albert Park in August and VRWC provided many of the officials and expertise that guaranteed a well run event.

A.A. OPEN MEN 50 KM, 18/05/2003, ALBERT PARK			
1. Duane Cousins	VIC	3:59:33	
2. Liam Murphy	SA	4:04:56	
3. Darren Bown	SA	4:18:43	
A.A. OPEN MEN 30 KM, 17/08/2003, ALBERT PARK			A.A. OPEN WOMEN 10 KM, 17/08/2003, ALB'T PARK
1. Bertei, Frank	VIC	2:27:21	1. Wolowiec, Simone VIC 47:45
2. Sundstrom, Troy	NSW	2:30:11	2. Walkley, Sarah NSW 50:57
3. Erickson, Chris	VIC	2:35:22	3. Bonney, Kylie VIC 52:27
4. Jamieson, Andrew	VIC	2:35:31	5. Geisler, Sandra VIC 53:30
			7. Sansonetti, Nicole VIC 55:41
A.A. U20 MEN 20 KM, 17/08/2003, ALBERT PARK			
1. Tallent, Jared	VIC	1:33:54	
2. Mottram, Kim	SA	1:36:47	
3. Middlemiss, Travis	VIC	1:41:30	
A.A. U20 MEN 10 KM, 08/06/2003, CANBERRA			A.A. U20 WOMEN 10 KM, 17/08/2003, ALBERT PARK
1. Tallent, Jared	VIC	44:55	1. Grant, Lisa NSW 51:39
2. Rutter, Adam	NSW	44:56	2. Johnson, Laura NSW 52:52
3. Perske, Ben	QLD	47:33	3. Becker, Yvette SA 56:06
4. Middlemiss, Travis	VIC	47:36	4. Wilkie, Rebecca VIC 57:00
A.A. U18 MEN 8 KM, 17/08/2003, ALBERT PARK			A.A. U18 WOMEN 8 KM, 17/08/2003, ALBERT PARK
1. Perske, Ben	QLD	38:41	1. Hosking, Jillian ACT 41:22
2. Harris, Matt	SA	40:09	2. Alldis, Fiona NSW 41:47
3. Humphrey, Aaron	TAS	40:12	3. Burns-Rees, Lauren NSW 43:28
4. Stevenson, Tim	VIC	44:47	5. Gray, Emma VIC 44:56
			6. Jacobs, Fauve VIC 47:13
			7. Boddy, Tyne VIC 48:47
A.A. U16 MEN 5 KM, 17/08/2003, ALBERT PARK			A.A. U16 WOMEN 5 KM, 17/08/2003, ALBERT PARK
1. Sellen, Glen	NSW	24:22	1. Rothwell, Jessica VIC 24:09
2. Wolszczak, Gregorz	SA	25:46	2. Alldis, Fiona NSW 24:46
3. Reading, Brendon	ACT	25:53	3. Holliday, Tanya SA 26:00
7. Burgess, Shaun	VIC	29:35	6. Gray, Hollie VIC 26:58
8. Lineen, Daniel	VIC	30:04	7. Fuzzard, Sibon VIC 27:06
9. Boddy, Reece	VIC	32:07	10. Alexander, Sarah VIC 28:00
			11. Donovan, Siobhan VIC 28:06
A.A. U14 MEN 3 KM, 17/08/2003, ALBERT PARK			A.A. U14 WOMEN 3 KM, 17/08/2003, ALBERT PARK
1. Jelfs, Aaron	SA	16:07	1. Biagioni, Lauren WA 15:01
2. Platt, John	VIC	16:27	2. Densley Scott, Danielle WA 15:24
3. Pisani, Jason	NSW	16:43	3. Palfreyman, Jessie VIC 15:27
4. Payne, Daniel	VIC	16:51	7. Laurie, Natalie VIC 16:05
6. Girgin, Timucin	VIC	17:25	8. Lovus, Katie VIC 16:15
7. Mirarchi, Nicholas	VIC	17:48	11. Girgin, Eda VIC 16:45
10. Platt, Joshua	VIC	20:07	13. Contessotto, Andrea VIC AC 17:39

Victoria also won the A.A Teams events in the Open Womens 10 km Roadwalk and in the Under 16 Women 5 km roadwalk.

37TH AFRWC WALKING CHAMPS, WESTON PARK, CANBERRA, 8 JUNE 2003

The Canberra Carnival was held once again and what a wonderful weekend it was. The Peter Waddell memorial walk on the Saturday afternoon was a great success with over 50 walkers remembering Peter's memory in a non-race 5 km walk. The Federation Conference saw Harry Summers re-elected as AFRWC President. The Sunday races were held in the best Canberra weather we have seen for many years and over 200 walkers from all over Australia keenly raced against each other. NSWRC continue to set the standard and won the Brennan Shield once again but our walkers did themselves proud with some fine walking. Many of our walkers did PBs and no Victorian walkers were disqualified – a great result. The Victorian results were as follows

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AFRWC WALKING CHAMPS, SYDNEY, 3 AUGUST 2003

The second AFRWC carnival for the year was hosted by NSW Race Walking Club very few members made the trip which was held only 2 weeks before the National Roadwalking titles. This Federation carnival struggles to retain its relevance and is a year to year proposition.

AFRWC 20 KM OPEN MEN

2. Frank Bertei	1:34:41
3 Chris Erickson	1:36:56
4. Tim Erickson	1:55:24

Teams

1 VRWC 6 F.Bertei, C. Erickson, T. Erickson

AWARD WINNERS

2003 ATHLETICS VICTORIA TROPHY WINNERS

NORM GOBLE TROPHY:	Most points earned in Mens AV Championships:	Frank Bertei
BETTY NEWMAN TROPHY:	Womens Walking Team Champions:	Knox Sherbrooke
AVIS REDMAN TROPHY:	Under 16 Most Improved Girl:	Jessica Rothwell
TOM DAINTRY TROPHY:	Best Under 14 First Year Walker:	Natalie Laurie

2003 VRWC TROPHY WINNERS

FASTEST TIMES POINTS & HANDICAP POINTS COMPETITIONS

Open Women	Fastest Times Points :	Nicole Sansonetti
Open Women	Handicap Points :	Nicole Sansonetti
Open Men	Fastest Times Points :	Tom Barnes
Open Men	Handicap Points :	Tom Barnes
Under 20 Women	Fastest Times Points :	Rebecca Wilkie
Under 20 Women	Handicap Points :	Jodie Emmerson
Under 20 Men	Fastest Times Points :	Shaun Burgess
Under 20 Men	Handicap Points :	Shaun Burgess
Under 15 Girls	Fastest Times Points :	Sarah Alexander
Under 15 Girls	Handicap Points :	Sarah Alexander
Under 15 Boys	Fastest Times Points :	Nicholas Mirarchi
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Under 12 Girls	Fastest Times Points :	Alicia Neylan
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Veteran Women	Fastest Times Points :	Heather Carr
Veteran Women	Handicap Points :	Jenny Fawkes
Veteran Men	Fastest Times Points :	John Bunker
Veteran Men	Handicap Points :	Alan Lucas

2003 VRWC JACK LARKIN TROPHY

HIGHEST POINT SCORING COUNTRY ATHLETES

Men:	Nicholas Mirarchi
Women:	Rachael Loone

2003 VRWC MERRIFIELD AWARDS

COMBINED FASTEST TIMES AND HANDICAP POINTS

Open Men:	Tom Barnes
Open Women:	Nicole Sansonetti
Under 20 Men:	Shaun Burgess
Under 20 Women:	Rebecca Wilkie
Under 15 Men:	Nicholas Mirarchi
Under 15 Women:	Sarah Alexander
Veteran Men:	John Bunker
Veteran Women:	Jenny Fawkes

CLUB TEAM FUND PRESENTATIONS

Canberra	AFRWC 20 Miles Men	2 nd	F Bertei, C Erickson, M Donahoo
	AFRWC 10 Mile Women	1 st	S Wolowiec, M Peters, N Sansonetti
	AFRWC 5 km Open Women	3 rd	M Peters, H Carr, E Girgin
	AFRWC 3000m U15 Girls	2 nd	S Alexander, D Nielsen, E Girgin
	AFRWC 2000m U12 Girls	2 nd	N Laurie, R Lamble, R Tallent
	AFRWC 2000m U12 Boys	1 st	T Girgin, J Stoddart, E Girgin
	Team Managers		Tim Erickson, Daryl Biggin
Sydney	AFRWC 20 Km Men	1 st	F Bertei, C Erickson, T Erickson
	Team Manager		Harry Summers

Scratch Points

Women

Nicole Sansonetti	Open	38
Sandra Geisler	Open	28
Kylie Bonney	Open	15
Alicia Neylan	U12	41
Natalie Laurie	U12	40
Anne Whitworth	U12	27
Sarah Alexander	U15	54
Daina Nielsen	U15	27.5
Siobhan Donovan	U15	25
Rebecca Wilkie	U20	18
Jodie Emmerson	U20	10
Emma Gray	U20	6
Nikki Apostolidis	U9	57
Chloe McNicol-Davidson	U9	29
Nicole Hallett	U9	19
Heather Carr	Vet	36
Jenny Fawkes	Vet	29
Ann Holcombe	Vet	19

Men

Tom Barnes	Open	34
Mark Donahoo	Open	33
Colin Heywood	Open	21
Jayson Stoddart	U12	40
Ergenekon Girgin	U12	31
Timucin Girgin	U12	5
Nichola Mirarchi	U15	41
Timucin Girgin	U15	28
Daniel Lineen	U15	18
Shaun Burgess	U20	23
David Butteriss	U9	35
John Bunker	Vet	41
Tim Erickson	Vet	35
Alan Lucas	Vet	27

Handicap Points

Women

Nicole Sansonetti	Open	50
Sandra Geisler	Open	43
Amanda Emmett	Open	26.5
Alicia Neylan	U12	62
Natalie Laurie	U12	49
Anne Whitworth	U12	47
Sarah Alexander	U15	59
Andrea Contessotto	U15	52.5
Siobhan Donovan	U15	47
Jodie Emmerson	U20	21
Rebecca Wilkie	U20	18.5
Kylie Vandenheiligenberg	U20	13
Nikki Apostolidis	U9	69
Chloe McNicol-Davidson	U9	53
Karla Nielsen	U9	32
Jenny Fawkes	Vet	63
Ann Holcombe	Vet	52
Marlaine Stanway	Vet	45

Men

Tom Barnes	Open	41
Mark Donahoo	Open	38
Colin Heywood	Open	22
Jayson Stoddart	U12	56
Ergenekon Girgin	U12	45
Timucin Girgin	U12	7
Nicholas Mirarchi	U15	69
Timucin Girgin	U15	30
Daniel Lineen	U15	21
Shaun Burgess	U20	31
David Butteriss	U9	45
Alan Lucas	Vet	69
John Bunker	Vet	65
John Morrison	Vet	51

TREASURER'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I present my fourth annual report as Treasurer.

It has been an encouraging year. Subscriptions have shown a slight increase whilst the \$557.00 increase in race fees can be attributed to \$1.00 increase imposed at the start of the season. I don't think it unrealistic to try and improve subs to \$3500.00 and race fees to \$5000.00.

Canteen and social has been the outstanding performer and if people spend the way they have then I envisage a bright future. Many thanks to the ladies in the canteen for their superb efforts.

At present we are merchandising vests and beanies. If all stock is sold, then the club will make a small profit on the merchandise.

Expenses have remained fairly constant although postage has decreased significantly. Rentals and affiliations havenot increased and this is very encouraging. This year I have attempted to detail all expenditure rather than group some expenses under one heading of "Administration."

I consider that no money is wasted and that there is alot of voluntary labor goes into the running of the club which puts the club in a good position. Surplus for the year of \$209.72 is excellent, given the fact that AA owes the club \$700.00-\$800.00 and there is \$1000.00 tied up in vests and beanies.

Many thanks to all who assisted me in any way during the year. I look forward to serving another term.

Michael Bodey

