

VICTORIAN RACE WALKING CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT

2014

VRWC COMMITTEE FOR 2013/2014

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President	Bob Gardiner
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Club Captain – Men	Russ Dickenson
Club Captain – Junior Women	Stephanie George
Club Captain – Junior Men	Reese Walmsley
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Canteen Coordinator	Marlaine Stanway
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LIFE MEMBERS			PRESIDENTS		
1928	Frank O'Rourke *	1971	Radcliffe Grace *	1923-1925	Robert Croll *
1933	Alfred Robinson *	1975	Elsie Jacobson *	1925-1928	William Dickenson *
1933	Frank Byrne *	1978	Mabel Robinson *	1928-1929	Rexx Merrick / Frank Byrne *
1933	William Billsborrow *	1983	Ray Smith *	1929-1931	Frank Byrne *
1936	James McDonald *	1987	Robert Gardiner	1931-1937	Edward Drayton *
1938	Rupert Blackley *	1987	Ronald Miller	1937-1941	Alfred Robinson *
1946	Edward Drayton *	1990	Thomas Daintry *	1946-1976	Alfred Robinson *
1948	Herbert Gardiner *	1990	Harold Summers	1976-1983	Raymond Smith *
1948	Jack Larkin *	1998	Alan Johnson	1983-2013	Harold Summers
1955	James Gaylor *	2001	Mark Donahoo	2013-2014	Bob Gardiner
1955	Norman Goble *	2005	Tim Erickson		
1955	Fred O'Grady *	2007	Peter Vysma		
1956	Frank McGuire *	2008	Marlaine Stanway		
1959	Charles Jacobson *	2008	Barbara Gardiner **		
1960	Jack Cummins *	2008	Joyce Summers **		
1961	Augustus Theobald *	2009	Lloyd Nichols		
1964	Ralph Field *	2010	Kate Suich **		
1964	George Knott *	2012	Stuart Cooper		
* deceased					
** honorary life members					

SECRETARIES		TREASURERS	
1923-1924	Victor Dowling	1923-1926	Rex Merrick
1924-1925	Rex Merrick	1926-1928	Ern Fitzgerald
1925-1926	Frank O'Rourke	1928-1931	Jack Coffey
1926-1927	Rex Merrick / Fred O'Grady	1931-1936	Rupert Blackley
1927-1931	Alf Robinson	1936-1937	Rupert Blackley / Ian McDougall
1931-1932	Alf Robinson / Rupert Blackley	1937-1939	Ian McDougall
1932-1936	Rupert Blackley	1939-1940	Ben Blakey
1936-1937	Rupert Blackley / Ian McDougall	1940-1941	Clem Marshall / Rupert Blackley
1937-1940	Ian McDougall	1941	Douglas Murrell
1940-1941	Clem Marshall / Rupert Blackley	1946-1947	Ben Blakey
1941	Douglas Murrell	1947-1949	Alex Philpotts
1946-1947	Ben Blakey	1949-1950	Noel Bomford
1947-1949	Alex Philpotts	1950-1952	Vic Sharp
1949-1950	Noel Bomford	1952-1973	Norm Goble
1950-1952	Vic Sharp	1973-1982	Charles Jacobson
1952-1971	Norm Goble	1982-1983	Elsie Jacobson
1971-1974	Alan Lucas	1983-1990	Ray Smith
1974-1975	Bruce Thorne / Greg Ellis	1990-1994	Bob Gardiner
1975-1976	Greg Ellis	1994-1998	Tony Barrett
1976-1984	Alan Minter	1998-1999	Brian Glover
1984-1988	Doris Waters	1999-2007	Michael Bodey
1988-2000	Ron Miller	2008-	Ralph Bennett
2000-	Tim Erickson		

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Preparing this report has made me reflect on what a great group of people go to make up this club and how so many of you give a hand to help get everything up and going each race day.

Last winter season saw a smaller number of competitors racing, partly due to many Masters resting following their hectic year training for and racing at World Masters, combined with so many of our top walkers, both senior and junior, competing overseas.

Your committee, however, had a big year bringing new ideas to improve and streamline the conduct of races to cope with the increase in numbers which has occurred in recent years.

Next winter will see some changes to the way your club functions and I would like to invite all competitors and parents to become proactive and observe and comment on how your club functions, both in processing entries in the clubrooms and outside in the setting up and conduct of races.

I would like to thank the committee for their support and hard work over the last 12 months, the officials and judges for the long hours they put in, and especially those parents, competitors and friends who hop in and assist with the many tasks required to give the athletes an enjoyable days racing. A big thanks to Marlaine, Kate, Wendy and Barbara for their work both in providing nourishment and raising funds in the canteen.

Congratulations to all our members who raced with distinction overseas and at State level.

On behalf of everyone associated with this great club I say a special thanks to our Secretary, Tim Erickson, for the untold hours and commitment he gives to this club, to Racewalk Australia, the Centurions and to walking in general.

When Harry summers decided to retire last year, having given the club such great leadership for 29 years, I agreed to step in for a short term until a younger person was ready to take up the Presidency. I am hopeful that the transition can take place with this year's Annual General Meeting.

Bob Gardiner

SECRETARY'S REPORT

2013/2014 was another successful and busy year for the club.

First let's get the negatives out of the way. From a membership perspective, our membership dropped from 188 to 158. While this still leaves us much larger than any other specialist walking club in Australia, it is a significant numerical reduction, especially considering the fact that we have hovered around the 200 mark consistently since 2008. This had implications, both from a financial perspective and from a participation perspective. In the 2013 winter season, we averaged 68 walkers per week over the 19 weeks of the winter season with a high of 100 (on 4th May). This winter season just finished, we averaged 51 walkers per week with a high of 69 (on 28th June).

Time will tell whether this is a once off aberration or whether it is part of a more general trend. The challenge for us all next year will be to make our club as attractive as possible to our current members and as welcoming as possible to prospective new members.

And now to the many positives on which I am pleased to be able to report. Let me start first of all with the various activities we have undertaken over the year.

As usual, VRWC hosted a large number of championships at Albert Park. These included

- All 5 days of the 2014 Athletics Victoria roadwalking championships (May-September 2014)
- The 2014 Athletics Victoria Schools roadwalking championships (June 2014)
- The 2014 Victorian Masters Association roadwalking championships (June and August 2014)
- The 2014 Australian Masters Association 20km roadwalking championships (June 2014)
- Our own VRWC club championships (five sets in all).

We hosted a second annual 24 Hour Carnival for the Australian Centurions at the end of this year's winter season. Like 2013, it was a big logistics exercise involving many helpers and officials but it all went off well and, from our perspective, it was cost neutral.

We also hosted the Victorian Masters 5000m track championships in March 2014, helped Athletics Australia run the Australian 50 km roadwalk championship in December 2013 at Fawkner Park and ran the Australian Masters 10km roadwalks in Geelong in December 2013, providing equipment and manpower on all 3 occasions.

We generally charge these other organizations for helping to run their championships and our income this year was enhanced by the following payments

- AV payment of \$675 for hosting the AV roadwalk championships
- AV payment of \$600 for running the AMA roadwalking championships in Geelong
- AA payment of \$200 for helping them run the AA 50km championship

Even with these additional income streams, our overall income was significantly less than last year but we still managed to push as much as we could back to our members, a grand total of around \$4000, split between Club Teams Fund refunds, Merrifield Award monetary prizes and around \$3000 spent on trophies, medals and prizes (5 prize days were held during the winter season with prize pools in the vicinity of \$250 and the annual presentation day was held at the end of the winter season)

We also spent a once off \$460 in having our championship walks course AIMS certified. We had our normal club course AIMS certified last year so this second task completes the process. This now means that any record breaking performances automatically have that box ticked.

Finally, we donated all takings from the RWA Interstate Challenge race day (12 July 2014) to the Country Women's Association of Victoria. What with race fees and donations and a top-up from the club, \$400 was forwarded to the organization.

Neil Ryan, the proprietor of Runners World Kew, continued with his generous sponsorship of our summer and winter seasons, with major awards totalling \$5000! We are so grateful to Neil for his ongoing support.

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| • Summer – Top Male | Jesse Osborne | \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Summer – Top Female | Kelly Ruddick | \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Winter - Open Men: | Simon Evans | \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Winter - Open Women: | Heather Carr | \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Winter - Junior Men: | Adam Garganis | \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Winter - Junior Women: | Emily Hamilton | \$500 Runners World gift voucher. |

We continued to enhance our RFID Chip Timing System with the purchase of further chips, software and hardware. Ralph Bennett and Terry Swan continue to run with this challenging new technology and we are already seeing the benefits.

VRWC participated in the various Racewalking Australia Carnivals this year as part of RWV. In June, 56 Victorian walkers travelled to Canberra for the Lake Burley Griffin Carnival, with many of the walkers participating in more than one event to help in the teams competitions. Their efforts in winning a whole swag of individual and team medals ensured we went to an interim lead in the RWA Brennen Shield. RWV then won the RWA Postal Challenge in July and went on to win the Brennen Shield overall. Thus we can once again all bask in the reflected glory that we are the top Australian racewalking club.

Communication continues to be one of our strongest assets. This year, the Heel & Toe newsletter was published 53 times to a distribution list of some 400 email addresses. Terry Swan ably wielded the camera as our official club photographer, adding large numbers of photos weekly to our online gallery. Stuart Cooper fed our weekly results to the Press and ran our Facebook page for internal club communication. What a team!

Our Club Records continued to take a hammering this year with 59 new ones set. Our most prolific record breakers were Jemima Montag (19), Jesse Osborne (10) and Nikola Mandic (6). Certificates, designed by Emily Swan, were presented to every record breaker and the current list of club record holders is maintained on our website.

Our Masters walkers also led by example. The main trend setter was Kelly Ruddick whose onslaught on the W40 World Records continues unabated. Other Masters walkers to set new club records this year included David Smyth (M40) and Liz Feldman (W65).

The club boasted a whole swag of Australian Champions during the last 12 months

- Australian Schools T&F Championships, Townsville, 6-8 December 2013

Tayla-Paige Billington	U18 5000m	24:01.25
Kyle Bird	U18 5000m	24:18.27
Jemima Montag	U16 3000m	13:14.42
- Australian Summer 20km Roadwalk Championships, Hobart, 2 February 2014

Kelly Ruddick	20km	1:34:44
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- Australian U14-U18 T&F Championships, Sydney, 13-16 March 2014

Adam Garganis	U18 5000m	22:32.82
Jemima Montag	U17 5000m	22:43.54
Eliza Clarke	U15 3000m	14:44.93
Corey Dickson	U14 3000m	15:16.01
Rebecca Henderson	U14 3000m	15:10.57
Nathan Brill	U20 10000m	43:12.63
Jemima Montag	U20 10000m	48:25.18

This year saw international representations by a lot of our elite walkers.

- IAAF World Race Walking Cup, Taicang, China, May

Chris Erickson	50km	11 th	3:49:33
Nathan Brill	10km	7 th	0:41:07
Jesse Osborne	10km	12 th	0:42:13
Kelly Ruddick	20km	49 th	1:34:00
Jemima Montag	10km	12 th	0:47:34
Rhydian Cowley	10km	57 th	1:23:58
- World Junior Championships, Eugene, USA, July

Tayla-Paige Billington	10000m	18 th	48:40.01
Nathan Brill	10000m	17 th	42:54.39
Jesse Osborne	10000m	33 rd	49:53.38

We were sad to officially say goodbye to Jared Tallent this year as he swapped his allegiances to SARWC but we understand and support him in his decision to race for what is now his home club in Adelaide.

We are privileged to have as club members so many of Australia's current international representative walkers. These elite club members are backed up by a large pool of talented youngsters who will hopefully provide the next generation of champions. Our challenge is to provide a nurturing environment in which they can continue to develop and hone their walking skills until they are ready to take over the mantle. And, of course, there are the many club members who race for the love of the sport and to maintain their health and well being in a constructive and enjoyable way. All are vitally important to the club.

All this ensures that Victoria remains the State of choice for racewalkers and major championships and it gives our Victorian walkers maximum opportunity to achieve their sporting goals.

It takes many people working together to run a successful club like ours. It is always difficult to single out particular people but I would like to mention a few. My apologies to anyone I have missed.

- Harry, Bob, Damien, Mark and Ralph who shoulder much of the burden of race day coordination.
- Peter who fulfils the role as VRWC Chief Judge and is on deck every week to coordinate and oversee this vitally important task.
- Barb, Kate, Wendy and Marlane who provide for us all in the canteen and kitchen.
- Ian, Natalie, Stuart, Harry, Bob, Don, Stacey, Matt, Mark, Michael, Susan and the many helpers and parents who look after the timekeeping and recording and equipment setup and pulldown each week
- Terry who mans the cameras each week

- Justin who rides the bike on racedays
- Peter, Gordon, Lloyd, Shane, Michael, Judy, Brenda, Kathleen, Terry and Frances who form the backbone of our judging panel, with some of them on deck nearly every week

Finally, thank you to our VRWC Committee who are all quiet achievers. We meet monthly to review and plan and guide the club forward. All the initiatives you take for granted are the results of Committee review and deliberation and planning.

I would also like to acknowledge the Middle Park Bowling Club and Parks Victoria. MPBC are very supportive landlords, their facilities are top of the range and they give us a headquarters which is the envy of other clubs. Parks Victoria allow us to use the service roads around Middle Park for our races and, like the Bowling Club, the Albert Park rangers are uniformly supportive and value us as park users.

Finally I must acknowledge the hard work of the many coaches and club administrators who bring new blood into our sport and who then point their aspiring walkers to our club. This is a very big factor in our large membership.

Thank you one and all for making this year such a successful one. I look forward to returning next financial year and helping us become an even bigger and better club.

Tim Erickson
Secretary, VRWC, 11th November 2014

48th AFRWC WALKING CHAMPS, WESTON PARK, CANBERRA, 8 JUNE 2014

The 48th Lake Burley Griffin Racewalking Carnival in June was a huge success as usual - big fields (over 200 walkers all together), exciting races, great performances and good weather – and a fine sunny day as an added extra!

With nearly 70 RWV walkers competing in a variety of events, it was a big Victorian representation ever and the Racewalking Victoria team performed admirably, winning 20 individual medals and 15 teams medals. The RWV honour list read as follows:

Gold	Karyn O'Neill	Open 20 Mile Women	3:54:36
	John Kilmartin	Fitness 20 Miles	3:40:00
	Rhydian Cowley	Open Men 10 Miles	1:12:20
	Emily Hamilton	U20 Women 10km	52:56
	Corey Dickson	U12 Boys 2km	09:47
	Corey Dickson	U14 Boys 2km	09:27
	Ross Darlow	U16 Boys 3km	13:18
	Tayla-Paige Billington	U18 Girls 5km	24:26
Silver	Chris Erickson	Open 20 Mile Men	2:31:50
	Chris Erickson	ACT 30km	2:20:09
	Nathan Brill	Open Men 10 Miles	1:13:20
	Adam Garganis	U20 Men 10km	49:57
	Ruby Saunder	U10 Girls 1km	05:39
	Rebecca Henderson	U14 Girls 2km	09:28
	Kyle Swan	U16 Boys 3km	13:50
Bronze	Gemma Lillie	U10 Girls 1km	05:43
	Alanna Peart	U12 Girls 2km	10:42
	Reese Walmsley	U16 Boys 3km	14:14
	Kyle Swan	U18 Boys 5km	23:16
Teams Gold	Open 20 Mile Masters	Aaron McDonough, Terry O'Neill, Karyn O'Neill	
	Open Women 10 Miles	Beth Alexander, Sarah Brennan, Elizabeth Feldman	
	Open Men 10 Miles	Rhydian Cowley, Nathan Brill, Adam Garganis	
	U10 Boys 1km	Fraser Saunder, Harrison Karagiorgos, Joel Prys	
	U10 Girls 1km	Ruby Saunder, Gemma Lillie, Amber Henderson	
	U14 Girls 2km	Rebecca Henderson, Zahra Hayes, Jemma Peart	
	U16 Boys 3km	Ross Darlow, Kyle Swan, Reese Walmsley	
Teams Silver	Open Men 20 Miles	Chris Erickson, Aaron McDonough, Terry O'Neill	
	U12 Boys 2km	Corey Dickson, Fraser Saunder, Harrison Karagiorgos	
	U14 Boys 2km	Corey Dickson, Joseph Rickard, Hayden Walmsley	
	U16 Girls 3km	Eliza Clarke, Rebecca Henderson, Jemma Peart	
	U18 Boys 5km	Kyle Swan, Adam Garganis, Ross Darlow	
	U18 Girls 5km	Tayla-Paige Billington, Emily Hamilton, Kathleen O'Mahony	
Teams Bronze	Open Men 10 Miles	Kyle Swan, Reese Walmsley, Lucas Taylor	
	U12 Girls 2km	Alanna Peart, Madison Clark, Gemma Lillie	

Although no VRWC walkers contested the National Roadwalk Championships in Albany, Western Australia, in late August, our lead in the LBG Carnival was sufficient to ensure that we won the Brennen Shield as the highest scoring RWA club in their various championships.

RWV also won the annual RWA Postal Challenge, contested in July.

Hence we can hold our heads up high for 2014 knowing that we were part of the strongest Federation club for the year.

2014 WINTER SEASON AWARD WINNERS

ATHLETICS VICTORIA TROPHY WINNERS

NORM GOBLE TROPHY	Most points earned in Mens AV Championships	Simon Evans (BOH)
BETTY NEWMAN TROPHY	Womens Walking Team Champions	Preston Athletics Club
AVIS REDMAN TROPHY	Best Under 16 Girl Walker	Eliza Clarke (DIV)
TOM DAINTRY TROPHY	Best Under 14 Girl Walker	Rebecca Henderson (CCA)

VRWC RUNNERS WORLD SPONSORSHIPS

Open Men	Simon Evans
Open Women	Heather Carr
Under 20 Men	Adam Garganis
Under 20 Women	Emily Hamilton

VRWC FASTEST TIMES POINTS & HANDICAP POINTS COMPETITIONS

Masters Women	Fastest Times Points	Pam Tindal
Masters Women	Handicap Points	Donna Elms
Masters Men	Fastest Times Points	Gerard Feain
Masters Men	Handicap Points	Gerard Feain
Open Women	Fastest Times Points	Sandra Geisler
Open Women	Handicap Points	Sandra Geisler
Open Men	Fastest Times Points	Jason Kozica
Open Men	Handicap Points	Jason Kozica
Under 20 Women	Fastest Times Points	Emily Hamilton
Under 20 Women	Handicap Points	Emily Hamilton
Under 20 Men	Fastest Times Points	Reese Walmsley
Under 20 Men	Handicap Points	Adam Garganis
Under 15 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Brodie Richardson
Under 15 Girls	Handicap Points	Jessica Lillie
Under 15 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Kyle Swan
Under 15 Boys	Handicap Points	Hayden Walmsley
Under 12 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Kathleen O'Mahony
Under 12 Girls	Handicap Points	Charlotte Hay
Under 12 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Corey Dickson
Under 12 Boys	Handicap Points	Corey Dickson
Under 9 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Gemma Lillie
Under 9 Girls	Handicap Points	Gemma Lillie
Under 9 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Joel Prys
Under 9 Boys	Handicap Points	Joel Prys

VRWC JACK LARKIN TROPHY - HIGHEST POINT SCORING COUNTRY ATHLETES

Men	James Christmass
Women	Heather Carr

VRWC MERRIFIELD AWARDS - COMBINED FASTEST TIMES AND HANDICAP POINTS

Masters Men	Gerard Feain
Masters Women	Donna Elms
Open Men	Jason Kozica
Open Women	Sandra Geisler
Under 20 Men	Adam Garganis & Reese Walmsley
Under 20 Women	Emily Hamilton
Under 15 Men	Kyle Swan
Under 15 Women	Brodie Richardson

VRWC STYLE AWARDS

Open/U15 Men	Kyle Swan	Open/U15 Women	Emily Hamilton
U12/U9 Boys	Corey Dickson	U12/U9 Girls	Gemma Lillie

VRWC CLUB TEAM FUND RECIPIENTS

23 walkers competed in the Teams Events in the LBG Carnival in age groups from Under 18 and down:

Gemma Lillie, Adam Garganis, Amber Henderson, Brianna Lillie, Brodie Richardson, Charlotte Holmes, Chloe Karagiorgos, Corey Dickson, Eliza Clarke, Emily Hamilton, Harrison Karagiorgos, Hayden Walmsley, Jessica Lillie, Joseph Rickard, Karia Bulte, Kathleen O'Mahony, Kyle Swan, Lucas Taylor, Madison Clark, Molly Holmes, Rebecca Henderson, Reese Walmsley, Tayla-Paige Billington

VRWC PLACE GETTERS, POINTS COMPETITIONS

Fastest Time Points – Women				Handicap Points – Women			
Masters	1	Pam Tindal	46	Masters	1	Donna Elms	55
	2	Donna Elms	44		2	Pam Mews	44
	E3	Heather Carr	29		3	Jan Morrey	42
	E3	Jan Morrey	29				
	E3	Karyn O'Neill	29				
	E3	Gwen Steed	29				
Open	1	Sandra Geisler	31	Open	1	Sandra Geisler	18
	2	Simone McInnes	20		2	Simone McInnes	13
	3	Sarah Brennan	6		3	Sarah Brennan	5
U20	1	Emily Hamilton	60	U20	1	Emily Hamilton	49
	2	Emily Swan	34		2	Madeleine Feain	35
	3	Madeleine Feain	23		3	Emily Swan	34
U15	1	Brodie Richardson	60	U15	1	Jessica Lillie	48
	2	Jessica Lillie	43		2	Brodie Richardson	47
	E3	Gabriella Crea	34		3	Gabriella Crea	38
	E3	Philippa Huse	34				
U12	1	Kathleen O'Mahony	49	U12	1	Charlotte Hay	56
	2	Grace Louey	40		2	Ruby Paten	43
	E3	Ruby Paten	37		3	Kathleen O'Mahony	31
	E3	Charlotte Hay	37				
U9	1	Gemma Lillie	69	U9	1	Gemma Lillie	64
	2	Elise Carbery	50		2	Elise Carbery	55
	3	Molly Holmes	18		3	Molly Holmes	12
Fastest Time Points – Men				Handicap Points – Men			
Masters	1	Gerard Feain	38	Masters	1	Gerard Feain	47
	2	John Morrison	31		2	John Morrison	39
	3	Terry O'Neill	25		3	Terry O'Neill	33
Open	1	Jason Kozica	40	Open	1	Jason Kozica	36
	2	Rhydian Cowley	14		2	Rhydian Cowley	4
	3	Chris Erickson	7		3	Chris Erickson	2
U20	1	Reese Walmsley	43	U20	1	Adam Garganis	35
	2	Adam Garganis	39		2	Reese Walmsley	31
	3	Cody McNicol-Davidson	7		3	Cody McNicol-Davidson	14
U15	1	Kyle Swan	70	U15	1	Hayden Walmsley	59
	2	Hayden Walmsley	49		2	Kyle Swan	53
	3	Lachlan Feain	41		3	Lachlan Feain	44
U12	1	Corey Dickson	63	U12	1	Corey Dickson	62
	2	Jeremy Little	19		2	Jeremy Little	15
	3	Joseph Rickard	13		3	Joseph Rickard	14
U9	1	Joel Prys	63	U9	1	Joel Prys	57
	2	Harrison Karagiorgos	31		2	Harrison Karagiorgos	26
	3	Lewis Rickard	12		3	Lewis Rickard	14

VRWC OFFICIALS AND HELPERS - 2014 WINTER SEASON PRESENTATIONS

The following officials and club helpers were each awarded a certificate and a small gift of appreciation, in recognition of their unstinting work during the winter season.

Officials:

Mark Donahoo
Tim Erickson
Ralph Bennett
Bob Gardiner
Harry Summers
Ian Laurie
Mark O'Mahony
Don McLaren
Stacey McLaren
Justin McLaren
Damien Elms
Heather Carr
Russ Dickenson
Tony Doran
Terry Swan

Judges:

Peter Vysma
Stuart Cooper
Gordon Loughnan
Lloyd Nichols
Michael Bodey
Frances Attard

Canteen:

Wendy Cooper
Barb Gardiner
Marlaine Stanway
Kate Suich

PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

Gus Theobald Trophy	20km Open Men Club Championship – Summer	Jesse Osborne	1:50:24
Heather Carr Trophy	10km Masters Women Club Championship	Kelly Ruddick	48:19
Mabel Robinson Trophy	10km Open Women Club Championship	Pam Tindal	56:17
Alf Robinson Trophy	20km Open Men Club Championship – Winter	Chris Erickson	1:34:55
Elsie Jacobson Trophy	15km Open Women Club Championship	Pam Tindal	1:24:23
Ray Smith Trophy	35km Club Championship	Chris Erickson	2:53:53
Jared Tallent Trophy	50km AV Championship	Simon Evans	5:55:54
Bert Gardiner Medal	10km AV Championship	Rhydian Cowley	44:20

TREASURER'S REPORT
FINANCIAL YEAR - 1 October 2013 - 30 September 2014

The period October 2013 to September 2014 was a quieter financial year for the Club. We finished the year with a loss of \$3,400, leading to a decline in Club assets to \$156,700.

Membership numbers and attendant race fees remained reasonably high but not as healthy as the previous three years.

Our return on investments in the form of bank term deposits has continued to decline in line with the general downturn in 'risk-free' investment interest rates.

When this year's expenses are compared to last year, it should be noted that the rent, or lease, with the Middle Park Bowling Club has yet to be fully paid, with \$1,300 outstanding. This year includes the first full year's depreciation expense of \$2,685 for our new race chip timing system.

Our intention, once we are fully familiar with the operation of the timing system, is to make the system available to other athletics organisations for a moderate fee to help us to recoup some of the system costs.

The new honorarium for a Timing System Coordinator was not allocated last year.

I acknowledge the valuable services of Mark Donahoo, Harry Summers, Ian Laurie, the Elms boys, Michael Bodey, Russ Dickenson, Stu Cooper, and others who have helped with the recording of race entries, the collection of fees, and race timing (big thanks also to Terry Swan for help with the timing system). Our canteen ladies, Barbara, Kate, and Wendy - and Marlaine when she is not too busy on other duties - have continued to provide a welcoming and very valued service to our race-day participants. Heather Carr, with Marlaine's assistance, has been a stalwart with the uniforms.

In summary, the Club's financial position remains sound, if slightly depleted.

The accompanying statements of accounts have not been audited.

Please feel free to approach me, or any other Club Committee member, if you would like clarification of any aspect of the Club's accounts. The accounts are available for perusal at any mutually convenient time.

Ralph Bennett
VRWC Honorary Treasurer
11th November 2014