

VICTORIAN RACE WALKING CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT

2017

VRWC COMMITTEE FOR 2016/2017

OFFICERS

President	Stuart Cooper
Senior Vice President	Mark Donahoo
Junior Vice President	Heather Carr
Treasurer	Karyn O'Neill
Secretary	Terry Swan

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Club Captain - Women	Heather Carr
Club Captain – Men	Terry O'Neill
Club Captain – Junior Women	Stephanie George/Madeleine Feain
Club Captain – Junior Men	Reese Walmsley
Publicity Officer	Stuart Cooper
Raceday Registrar	Damien Elms
Handicapper	Mark Donahoo
Delegate to Athletics Victoria	Peter Vysma
Judging Coordinator	Peter Vysma
Club Coach	Mark Donahoo
RWA Liason Officer	Mark Donahoo
Club Records Officer	Tim Erickson
Ordinary Members	Michael Bodey, Harry Summers
	Bob Gardiner, Donna Elms
Auditor	Simon Evans

LIFE MEMBERS	PRESIDENTS
1928 Frank O'Rourke * 1933 Alfred Robinson * 1933 Frank Byrne * 1933 William Billsborrow * 1936 James McDonald * 1938 Rupert Blackley * 1946 Edward Drayton * 1948 Herbert Gardiner * 1948 Jack Larkin * 1955 James Gaylor * 1955 Norman Goble * 1955 Fred O'Grady * 1956 Frank McGuire * 1959 Charles Jacobson * 1960 Jack Cummins * 1961 Augustus Theobald * 1964 Ralph Field * 1964 George Knott * 1971 Radcliffe Grace * 1975 Elsie Jacobson * 1978 Mabel Robinson * 1983 Ray Smith * 1987 Robert Gardiner 1987 Ronald Miller 1990 Thomas Daintry * 1990 Harold Summers 1998 Alan Johnson 2001 Mark Donahoo 2005 Tim Erickson 2007 Peter Vysma 2008 Marlaine Stanway 2008 Barbara Gardiner ** 2008 Joyce Summers ** 2009 Lloyd Nichols 2010 Kate Suich ** 2012 Stuart Cooper 2014 Michael Bodey 2014 Judy Mason ** 2014 Gordon Loughnan ** 2015 Di Lowden ** 2017	1923-1925 Robert Croll * 1925-1928 William Dickenson * 1928-1929 Rexx Merrick / Frank Byrne * 1929-1931 Frank Byrne * 1931-1937 Edward Drayton * 1937-1941 Alfred Robinson * 1946-1976 Alfred Robinson * 1976-1983 Raymond Smith * 1983-2013 Harold Summers 2013-2014 Bob Gardiner 2014- 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		
1941	Douglas Murrell	1946-1947	Ben Blakey
		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	2008-2016	Ralph Bennett
2000-2015	Tim Erickson	2017-	Karyn O'Neill
2015-	Terry Swan		

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We've come to the end of another year, in which, if our numbers on the road were somewhat down, the commitment of those who did toe the starting line each week was not. The Club again provided comprehensive racing programs over the summer and winter, supporting these with a hard-working group of officials and helpers. Behind the scenes, your Club committee met each month to ensure the communications flowed, the letters were answered, bills were paid, medals were there to present and preparations for races and carnivals were finalized on time.

It was a year in which our sport again proved the catalyst for controversy, both within athletics and within the sport of walking itself. Indeed, to the outsider, it must have looked as if race walking was seeking to tear itself apart. Less than twelve months after the Rio Olympics staged arguably the most suspenseful and engrossing endurance contest of the Games – the men's 50km walk – the IAAF race walking committee itself launched a serious attempt to eliminate this event from future international competition and replace it with a half-marathon distance walk – and a track relay! A strong counter-campaign saw the reversal of this proposal, at least for now. But any attempt to abolish an event with the 50km's history and heritage has to be a concern, and we have to be both vigilant and prepared for a long campaign for justice at international level as the attacks on our sport increase.

The decision to admit the women's 50km into international events, even if seen by many as premature, is a positive step in that it presents a new element of race walking to the sporting world at large and another avenue in which women can excel. It's now for women (and men) to back this initiative with committed development programs to boost the numbers of women competitive at the highest level in this historic and demanding event. On a different matter, the requirement for all international races to use a 'pit lane' procedure for managing walkers on three red cards is contentious, yet worthy of at least a serious trial. Race walking can not afford to be resistant to any kind of change if it is to survive in a climate where sound bytes, digital freeze frames, factual inaccuracy, populist commentary and sheer pig-ignorance all combine to cast aspersions on the sport's validity, integrity and viability.

Internationally, the VRWC was represented again by Regan Lamble and Rhydian Cowley, this time at the IAAF World Championships in London. While their placings may not have pleased them, they nevertheless acquitted themselves well under the circumstances. Our Kiwi member Quentin Rew set a NZ record in finishing a strong 12th in the 50km. (Injury, alas, prevented Jared Tallent from taking his place in the 50km and continuing his run of podium finishes.) Sadly, we bid farewell to Chris Erickson who announced his retirement after many years of top-echelon racing, including three Olympic teams and a top-10 finish in Rio. Thanks, Chris – you've been a fine ambassador for the sport, your country and the Club. We wish you all the best for the future.

An unexpected bright light emerged as the Winter season progressed, in the person of Gwen Steed, who began cutting down World age-group records over 3km and 5km. Gwen, a consistent competitor for many years, has carried her condition and fitness into her 70s and is reaping the reward of recognition for her hard work and competitiveness.

Looking at the state of the Club today, it must be said that, yet again, the biggest challenge we face is to attract new members, and to arrest the loss of current ones. Racing fields were, on average, smaller than last year's, which in turn were small than those of the year before. Little Athletics – the one-time wellspring of new race walking talent – is generating fewer young walkers, and fewer in the Masters ranks are trying their hand. We still have a big deficiency amongst teenage walkers. How to address this? Is it a matter of coaching? Do we need to be more aggressive recruiters, educators, advocates of the sport? Should we face up to the reality that ours is a niche sport,

competing with a wider range of other sports that are more attractive for a number of reasons? All of these questions, and more, require answering if we are to make any headway in re-stocking our member lists.

It has been recognized by the committee that (possibly due in part to declining membership) there is something of a lack in social atmosphere at the Club. It's been many years since the VRWC had a full-on social function, one that is independent of race day presentations. We are endeavouring to address this by organizing some such events for the future, starting with a Trivia Quiz night early in the 2018 Winter season. This is an exciting prospect which, hopefully, will be supported and widely promoted by Club members.

Once again, I want to express my appreciation of the efforts of our dedicated Club workers and officials, whose love of the sport and of the Club made itself so evident throughout the year: Terry Swan (Secretary), Karyn O'Neill (Treasurer), and Committee members Peter Vysma, Mark Donahoo, Bob Gardiner, Harry Summers, Heather Carr, Terry O'Neill and Michael Bodey; canteen workers Kate Suich, Wendy Cooper, Barb Gardiner, Eija Heikkila and Donna-Marie Elms; the judges, Peter (coordinator), Gordon Loughnan, Mark O'Mahoney, Shane Dickson, Diane Lowden, Fran Attard and Brenda Felton. On-course helpers and timekeepers, Ralph Bennett, Ian Laurie, Allan and Michelle Walmsley, Simon Baker, John Morrison, Damien Elms, Kathy Huse, Gerard and Madeleine Feain. And everyone else who, regularly or occasionally, did whatever they could to help us run a successful program.

Mark Donahoo – handicapper/registrar/race program coordinator and race director – again put in the hard yards to ensure our fixtures, all entries, results and race recording were up to standard each race day. Tim Erickson, now content with his ex-Committee role, continues to publish a first-rate weekly newsletter (Heel & Toe Online) with a world-wide circulation, as well as being our archivist, statistician, general repository of all race-walking knowledge and an indispensable race day worker. Peter Vysma was again invaluable in setting up the judges' requisites each week, providing transport for our equipment, acting as our AV delegate and generally keeping the essentials happening behind the scenes.

We have dedicated personnel at the VRWC that many clubs would envy. It now remains to bring into the Club more athletes who would benefit from this dedication, enjoy each others' camaraderie and go on to realize their goals.

Stu Cooper

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Firstly I must thank the current committee for another dynamic year. In terms of our numbers, we are fairly even with last year, we have attracted new members as well as losing some. On average over the winter months we saw approximately 46 walkers each week, this is down on previous years and relates to our takings being down.

Our total membership was 128 members, this includes our life members and non competing members.

The club's many helpers attend each week, and continue to support this great club, and we are truly thankful for the support given. We encourage everyone to jump in and help, speak up, complain or congratulate.

This year some of our activities included:-

- Shelter/Tent, branded with our Logo
- Heather Carr donated the VRWC teardrop sign that we deploy each week
- Presented a new AV Award, named after life member and commonwealth games medallist Bob Gardiner, Will Thompson was awarded best U14/16 Male Race Walker
- Upgraded our timing system and trained some more members on its use
- Lochie McDonald from MinuteMan Press printed our Winter and Summer Fixtures at no cost
- Bruce Field, son of Life Member Ralph Field, produced Race Bibs, free of charge (700-999)

Parks Victoria are building new head office near our course due for completion in early 2018 – there are possible implications to shorten or re align our course due to drive access, this has not been confirmed as yet.

Middle Park Bowling Club are renovating the whole complex, starting with the Ladies Auxillary Room in Winter. More works are on the drawing board, they are happy for us to continue use of our rooms. We are planning for some social activites in 2018 and will use the Bar/Dining Room.

LBG ceased to be LBG and became Stromlo Park. Good numbers from Victoria and mixed reviews on the actual circuit/track. Undeniably not the same as it was, lets see what 2018 brings.

Regan Lamble, Rhydian Cowley, Quentin Rew (NZ) competed at London, World Championships in August, Quentin Rew setting a National Record for the 50km,

Chris Erickson retiring from Race Walking in September

Introduction of womens 50km Championships

VRWC and AV joined forces in the Summer Shield competition, offering a wider variety of Race Walking Oppourtunities and inclusion of a 10km track event, all these races are fully sanctioned by AV, therefore state and national records apply and also for qualification purposes

VRWC again started the season with our first race in Castlemaine . Michael Smith and Tim Erickson, again put on a great event, however poorly attended.

Our thanks to the Major Sponsors

- Local NAB
- Bike Vault
- Local Amcal Chemist
- Mt Alexander Shire

Unfortunately, due to dwindling numbers and lack of enthusiasm, VRWC committee decided not to support the race into 2018.

VRWC also hosted a large number of championships at Albert Park. These included

- The Victorian 5km Teams roadwalk championships (January 2017)
- The Victorian Country roadwalking championships (May 2016)
- Our own VRWC club championships (five sets in all).

We charge AV and AA for helping to run their championships and our income this year was enhanced by the following payments

- AV payment of \$675 for hosting the 2016 AV roadwalk championships
- AA payment of \$250 for helping them run the AA 50km championship

Neil Ryan, owner 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.

- Summer – Top Male: Pramesh Prasad \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher
- Summer – Top Female: Simone McInnes \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher
- Winter - Open Men: Adam Garganis \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher
- Winter - Open Women: Gwen Steed \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher
- Winter - Junior Men: Will Thompson \$500 Runners World gift voucher
- Winter - Junior Women: Rebecca Henderson \$500 Runners World gift voucher.

Our Club Records continued to take a hammering this year with at least 10 new records being set, including two World Masters records by Gwen Steed.

Our thanks to Tim Erickson for his continued support to the club, always being there to support and help, publishing his weekly newsletter, MC'ing, starter, lap scorer, referee and always "go to" person .. my personal extended thanks to Tim for his support to me.

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. Apologies to anyone I have missed.

- ❖ Tim, Bob, Mark, Peter and Ralph who shoulder much of the burden of race day coordination.
- ❖ Peter, Gordon, Michael, Stu, Bill, Mark, Shane who form the backbone of our judging panel, with some of them on deck nearly every week. Special mention to Peter who fulfils the role as VRWC Chief Judge to coordinate and oversee this vitally important task.

- ❖ Barb, Kate, Wendy and Eija who provide for us all in the canteen and kitchen. Donna with her weekly sweet treats !
- ❖ Tim, Ian, Stuart, Bob, Mark, Gerard, Alan, Claire, Frances, John Morrison, and the many helpers and parents who look after the timekeeping and recording and equipment setup and pulldown each week.
- ❖ Ralph on the timing system
- ❖ Athletics Victoria, Athletics Australia
- ❖ AV/AA Officials, in particular judges - Kathleen Marsh, Brenda Felton, Suzanne Calloway, Di Lowden, Josh Savage, Judy Mason, Mark O'Mahony, Gordon Loughan

Finally 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.

Terry Swan
Secretary VRWC

51st AFRWC WALKING CHAMPS, Mount Stromlo, CANBERRA, 11 JUNE 2017

The 51st Lake Burley Griffin Racewalking Carnival in June in the new setting of Mt Stromlo. A purpose built Criterium circuit for road bicycles and Mountain Bikes. A new setting, set to be the home for the Canberra Race Walking festival

Gold

Karyn O'Neill	Open 20 Miles Women	3:54:37
Jemima Montag	U20 10km Women	46:43
Liam Hutchins	U10 Boys 1km	5:11
Jemma Peart	U16 Girls 3km	14:41

Silver

Hamish Blackwood	U10 Boys 1km	5:20
Alanna Peart	U14 Girls 2km	9:33
Alanna Peart	U16 Girls 3km	15:22

Bronze

Heath Beveridge	U14 Boys 2km	10:29
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Team Gold

U10 Boys 1km	Liam Hutchins, Hamish Blackwood, Lucas Kent
U14 Boys 2km	Heath Beveridge, Angus Hay, Luke Epps
U16 Girls 3km	Jemma Peart, Alanna Peart, Charlotte Hay
Open Women 5km	Jemma Peart, Amanda Heard, Kathleen O'Mahony

Team Silver

U12 Boys 2km	Luke Epps, Liam Hutchins, Scott Peart
U14 Girls 2km	Alanna Peart, Charlotte Hay, Brianna Briet
U16 Boys 3km	Will Thompson, Corey Dickson, Luke Epps
U18 Girls 5km	Jasmin Hass, Kathleen O'Mahony, Charlotte Hay

Team Bronze

U14 Boys 2km	Liam Hutchins, Scott Peart, Hamish Blackwood
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AUSTRALIAN ROADWALK CHAMPIONSHIPS, Wollongong, NSW , 27th AUGUST 2017

The annual second federation event was held in Wollongong, NSW

Very Small contingent of walkers from Victorian clubs, Rebecca Henderson, Allana and Gemma Peart

AA/RWA U18 Women 5km

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| 1. Henderson, Rebecca | VIC | 24:19 | |
| 2. Hunt, Gabby | ACT | 24:31 | |
| 3. Peart, Jemma | VIC | 25:07 | |

AA/RWA U16 Girls 5km

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| 1. Pitcher, Allannah | NSW | 24:34 | |
| 2. Blanch, Emma | NSW | 25:01 | Eq PB |
| 3. Peart, Alanna | VIC | 25:34 | |

2017 WINTER SEASON AWARD WINNERS

ATHLETICS VICTORIA TROPHY WINNERS

NORM GOBLE TROPHY	Most points earned in Mens AV Championships	Adam Garganis
BETTY NEWMAN TROPHY	Womens Walking Team Champions	Ballarat YC
AVIS REDMAN TROPHY	Best Under 16 Girl Walker	Alanna Peart
TOM DAINTRY TROPHY	Best Under 14 Girl Walker	Kaylah Heikkila-Dubowik
BOB GARDINER Shield	Best U16/U14 Boy	Will Thompson
SIMON BAKER	Best U18 Boy	Not awarded

VRWC RUNNERS WORLD SPONSORSHIPS

Open Men	Adam Garganis	Open Women	Gwen Steed
Under 20 Men	Will Thompson	Under 20 Women	Rebecca Henderson

VRWC FASTEST TIMES POINTS & HANDICAP POINTS COMPETITIONS

Masters Women 60+	Fastest Times Points	Karyn O'Neill
Masters Women 60+	Handicap Points	Pam Mews
Masters Men 60+	Fastest Times Points	Terry O'Neill
Masters Men 60+	Handicap Points	Terry O'Neill
Masters Women 40-59	Fastest Times Points	Donna Marie Elms
Masters Women 40-59	Handicap Points	Donna Marie Elms
Masters Men 40-59	Fastest Times Points	Mark Blackwood
Masters Men 40-59	Handicap Points	Albin Hess
Open Women	Fastest Times Points	Sandra Geisler & Cassandra Knight
Open Women	Handicap Points	Casandra Knight
Open Men	Fastest Times Points	Quentin Rew
Open Men	Handicap Points	Quentin Rew
Under 20 Women	Fastest Times Points	Madeleine Feain
Under 20 Women	Handicap Points	Madeleine Feain
Under 20 Men	Fastest Times Points	Adam Garganis
Under 20 Men	Handicap Points	Adam Garganis
Under 18 Women	Fastest Times Points	Paige De Lisen
Under 18 Women	Handicap Points	Paige De Lisen
Under 18 Men	Fastest Times Points	Kyle Swan
Under 18 Men	Handicap Points	Kyle Swan
Under 16 Women	Fastest Times Points	Kathleen O'Mahony
Under 16 Women	Handicap Points	Kathleen O'Mahony
Under 16 Men	Fastest Times Points	Corey Dickson
Under 16 Men	Handicap Points	Corey Dickson
Under 14 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Charlotte Hay
Under 14 Girls	Handicap Points	Charlotte Hay
Under 14 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Angus Hay
Under 14 Boys	Handicap Points	Angus Hay
Under 12 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Kaylah Heikkila-Dubowik
Under 12 Girls	Handicap Points	Kaylah Heikkila-Dubowik
Under 12 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Nikita Djordjevic
Under 12 Boys	Handicap Points	Sebastian Weickhardt
Under 10 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Ella Cunningham
Under 10 Girls	Handicap Points	Ella Cunningham
Under 10 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Luke Epps
Under 10 Boys	Handicap Points	Luke Epps

VRWC JACK LARKIN TROPHY - HIGHEST POINT SCORING COUNTRY ATHLETES

Men	Scott Nelson
Women	Kaylah Heikkila-Dubowik

VRWC COMBINED FASTEST TIMES AND HANDICAP POINTS AND MERRIFIELD SHIELD

Masters Men 60+	Terry O'Neill
Masters Women 60+	Pam Mews
Masters Men 35-59	Mark Blackwood
Masters Women 35-59	Donna Marie Elms
Open Men	Quentin Rew
Open Women	Cassandra Knight
Under 20 Men	Adam Garganis
Under 20 Women	Madeleine Feain
Under 18 Men	Kyle Swan
Under 18 Women	Paige De Lisen
Under 16 Men	Corey Dickson
Under 16 Women	Kathleen O'Mahony
Under 14 Men	Angus Hay
Under 14 Women	Charlotte Hay

NB . Bold entries have their names engraved on the Annual Merrifield Shield.

VRWC STYLE AWARDS

Men	Adam Garganis, Rhydian Cowley, Hamish Blackwood
Women	Paige DeLisen, Philippa Huse, Rebecca Henderson

VRWC CLUB TEAM FUND RECIPIENTS, 2017

21 walkers competed in the Teams Events in the LBG Carnival and second federation events in age groups from Under 18 and down: Alanna, Jemma & Scott Peart competing in both.

Alanna PEART, Angus HAY, Brianna BRIET, Charlotte HAY, Corey DICKSON, Eliza THOMPSON, Gemma LILLIE, Hamish BLACKWOOD, Heath BEVERIDGE, Jasmin HASS, Jemma PEART, Kathleen O'MAHONY, Kaylah HEIKKILA-DUBOWIK, Keelan PERRY, Liam HUTCHINS, Lucas KENT, Luke EPPS, Maddison VAUGHAN, Scott PEART, Will THOMPSON, Rebecca Henderson

VRWC PLACE GETTERS, POINTS COMPETITIONS, 2017

Female	Handicap	Name	Handicap pts	Actual Plc	Name	Actual pts
Masters 40-59	1	Donna-Marie Elms	35.00	1	Donna-Marie Elms	34.00
Masters 40-59	2	Carolyn Rosenbrock	9.00	2	Carolyn Rosenbrock	11.00
Masters 40-59	2	Merilyn Thompson	9.00	3	Wendy Muldoon	9.00
				3	Merilyn Thompson	9.00
Masters 60+	1	Pam Mews	35.00	1	Karyn O'Neill	28.00
Masters 60+	2	Karyn O'Neill	32.00	2	Pam Mews	27.00
Masters 60+	3	Gwen Steed	24.00	3	Gwen Steed	21.00
VRWC Open	1	Cassandra Knight	10.00	1	Cassandra Knight	10.00
VRWC Open	2	Sandra Geisler	7.00	2	Sandra Geisler	10.00
VRWC Under 10	1	Ella Cunningham	28.00	1	Ella Cunningham	28.00
VRWC Under 10	2	Maddison Vaughan	12.00	2	Maddison Vaughan	12.00
VRWC Under 10	3	Sophie Blackwood	9.00	3	Sophie Blackwood	8.00
				3	Alannah Upson	8.00
VRWC Under 12	1	Kaylah Heikkila-Dubowik	22.00	1	Kaylah Heikkila-Dubowik	29.00
VRWC Under 12	2	Gemma Lillie	21.00	2	Gemma Lillie	19.00
VRWC Under 12	3	Zoe Pandey	5.00	3	Zoe Pandey	4.00
VRWC Under 14	1	Charlotte Hay	25.00	1	Charlotte Hay	30.00
VRWC Under 14	2	Grace Louey	15.00	2	Brianna Briet	15.00
VRWC Under 14	3	Brianna Briet	14.00	3	Grace Louey	13.00
VRWC Under 16	1	Kathleen O'Mahony	37.00	1	Kathleen O'Mahony	27.00
VRWC Under 16	2	Holly Cocking	25.00	2	Holly Cocking	25.00
VRWC Under 16	3	Isabella Dingli	20.00	3	Jasmin Hass	23.00
				3	Rebecca Henderson	23.00
VRWC Under 18	1	Paige De Lisen	16.00	1	Paige De Lisen	24.00
VRWC Under 18	2	Philippa Huse	11.00	2	Philippa Huse	14.00
VRWC Under 18	3	Mackayla Davison	7.00	3	Mackayla Davison	9.00
VRWC Under 20	1	Madeleine Feain	29.00	1	Madeleine Feain	22.00
VRWC Under 20	2	Jemima Montag	9.00	2	Jemima Montag	15.00

Male	Handicap	Name	Handicap pts	Actual Plc	Name	Actual pts
Masters 40-59	1	Albin Hess	40.00	1	Mark Blackwood	43.00
Masters 40-59	2	Christopher Kent	36.00	2	Pramesh Prasad	29.00
Masters 40-59	3	Mark Blackwood	31.00	3	Albin Hess	27.00
Masters 60+	1	Terry O'Neill	33.00	1	Terry O'Neill	25.00
Masters 60+	2	Russ Dickenson	25.00	2	Russ Dickenson	21.00
Masters 60+	3	Barrie Wicks	21.50	3	Barrie Wicks	14.00
VRWC Open	1	Quentin Rew	11.00	1	Quentin Rew	20.00
VRWC Open	2	Connor McShanag	6.00	2	Connor McShanag	5.00
VRWC Open	3	Rhydian Cowley	2.00	3	Rhydian Cowley	4.00
VRWC Under 10	1	Luke Epps	35.50	1	Luke Epps	41.00
VRWC Under 10	2	Lucas Kent	33.00	2	Liam Hutchins	39.00
VRWC Under 10	3	Liam Hutchins	31.00	3	Hamish Blackwood	34.00
VRWC Under 12	1	Sebastian Weickhardt	8.50	1	Nikita Djordjevic	7.00
VRWC Under 12	2	Nikita Djordjevic	5.00	2	Sebastian Weickhardt	6.00
VRWC Under 12	2	Joel Prys	5.00	2	Justin Xuereb	6.00
VRWC Under 14	1	Angus Hay	37.50	1	Angus Hay	36.00
VRWC Under 14	2	Heath Beveridge	22.00	2	Heath Beveridge	18.00
VRWC Under 14	3	Will Thompson	12.00	3	Will Thompson	13.00
VRWC Under 16	1	Corey Dickson	19.00	1	Corey Dickson	23.00
VRWC Under 16	2	Hayden Walmsley	9.00	2	Hayden Walmsley	11.00
VRWC Under 18	1	Kyle Swan	11.00	1	Kyle Swan	12.00
VRWC Under 20	1	Adam Garganis	23.00	1	Adam Garganis	26.00
VRWC Under 20	2	Reese Walmsley	9.00	2	Reese Walmsley	14.00

VRWC OFFICIALS AND HELPERS - 2017 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 (21)

Bob Gardiner
Ian Laurie
Claire Garganis
Gerard & Madeleine Feain
Heather and Bill Carr
Kathy & Alan Huse
John Morrison
Mark Donahoo
Mark O'Mahony
Donna Dickson
Michelle Walmsley
Ralph Bennett
Simon Baker
Donna Elms
Terry Swan
Tim Erickson

Club Judges (5)

Gordon Loughnan
Michael Bodey
Peter Vysma
Stuart Cooper
Shane Dickson
Mark O'Mahony

Canteen (4)

Barb Gardiner
Kate Suich
Wendy Cooper
Eija Heikkila-Dubowik
Donna Elms

PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

Gus Theobald Mem. Trophy	20km Open Men Club Champ (Summer)	Quentin Rew	1:32:52
Heather Carr Trophy	10km Masters Women Club Championship,	Heather Carr	1:02:14
Mabel Robinson Trophy	10km Open VRWC Championship	SANDRA GEISLER	57:06
Alf Robinson Trophy	Open Men 20 km	Rhydian Cowley	1:28:53
Elsie Jacobson Trophy	VRWC Women 15km Club Championship	Sarah Brennan	1:25:34
Ray Smith Trophy	VRWC 35km Club Championship	Quentin Rew	2:51:31
Jared Tallent Trophy	Vic 50km	Simon Evans	6:25:00
Bert Gardiner Medal	Awarded to winner of AV 10km	Rhydian Cowley	42:37

TREASURER'S REPORT
FINANCIAL YEAR - 1 October 2016 - 30 September 2017

The period of October 2016 to September 2017 was a relatively quiet year for the Club, and we finished the year with a loss of \$4,944.69.

Membership numbers and subsequently, race fees, were significantly down on the last financial year and this had a flow-on effect on many other things like the purchase of apparel and purchases in the canteen.

The Club has, however, purchased more antennae for the race timing system and had training in the use of the system for optimising the efficiency of the chip timing system. Also purchased was a new shelter for the officials at the Start/Finish line.

Even though a loss was made this year, the club still has a sound financial base with which we can continue to provide members with the benefits of experience and camaraderie in a sport we all love.

Moving forward into the new financial year the Club have partnered with Athletics Victoria to host some of the Shield walks to ensure continuity for the walkers in the AV season.

Please feel free to approach me, if you would like any clarification of any aspect of the club's accounts, and I will do my best to accommodate. The full accounts are available for perusal at any mutually convenient time.

In my inaugural year as Treasurer, I would like to thank Ralph for his patience in helping me through the transition, and all the committee members for their support. I would also like to thank Mark Donahoo, Ralph, Heather and Bill Carr and the many others who have helped with taking the race entries and fees, also Terry and Stuart for also helping me through the introduction to the official side of the committee.

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss report for the Financial Year 2016-2017 are included in the following pages.

Karyn O'Neill
VRWC Honorary Treasurer
31/10/17

TREASURER'S REPORT
BALANCE SHEET PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON
As at 30 September 2017

BALANCE SHEET	30/09/2017	30/09/2016
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
BANK ACCOUNTS		
VRWC - General Account	\$173.91	4,369.13
VRWC - Canteen Account	\$1,291.89	1,172.96
Merrifield Account	\$18,181.70	18,181.70
Travel Fund	\$48,581.53	48,581.53
Term Deposit	\$75,589.36	75,589.36
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	\$143,818.39	147,894.68
Canteen Cash Drawer	\$4.00	4.00
Petty Cash	\$75.00	75.00
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	\$143,897.39	\$147,973.68
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Race Timing System	\$6,027.00	6,027.00
<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>		
Parks Vic Bond	\$1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$150,924.39	\$155,000.68
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Liabilities		1,000.00
Depreciation on Race Timing System	\$1,868.40	
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	\$149,055.99	\$154,000.68
<u>EQUITY</u>		
Opening Balance - Equity	\$154,000.68	124,752.00
Retained Earnings	-\$4,944.69	29,248.68
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	\$149,055.99	\$154,000.68

TREASURER'S REPORT
PROFIT & LOSS PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON October 2016 thru September 2017

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

SEPTEMBER YTD **2017** **2016**
COMPARATIVE

INCOME

Apparel	\$1,180.00	\$2,315.00
Canteen	\$1,780.70	\$2,363.00
Event Services	\$1,275.00	\$1,851.00
External Event	\$5,660.00	\$2,835.00
Gifts & Donations Income	\$206.45	\$133.00
Grants (Castlemaine Event)		\$1,000.00
Membership Dues	\$3,340.00	\$3,800.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$51.00	\$106.00
Publications		\$20.00
Race Chips	\$388.00	\$430.00
Race Fees - VRWC	\$3,858.00	\$5,942.00
Race Fees - VMA	\$630.00	
Sundry Receipts	\$-	
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,369.15	\$20,795.00

EXPENSES

Bank Charges	\$-	\$-
Canteen Expenses	\$1,052.78	\$2,028.00
Clothing	\$1,633.50	\$1,746.00
Consumer Affairs	\$83.70	
Depreciation Expenses	\$1,868.40	\$2,685.00
Equipment	\$2,330.51	\$455.00
Event Support Expenses	\$1,510.00	\$766.00
External Event Fees	\$4,190.25	\$1,945.00
Gifts & Donations		\$52.00
Governance	\$-	\$54.00
Grants & Awards	\$-	\$1,710.00
Honoraria	\$2,650.00	\$3,050.00
Licenses & Permits	\$489.28	\$484.00
Memberships Affiliations	\$400.00	\$580.00
Miscellaneous	\$273.70	\$88.00
Office Supplies	\$-	\$521.00
Postage & Delivery	\$300.65	\$399.00
Printing & Reproduction	\$-	\$-
Rent	\$3,300.00	\$1,650.00
Repairs	\$-	\$196.00
Race Timing System	\$2,777.50	\$1,100.00
Track Hire	\$120.00	\$250.00
Trophies & Prizes VRWC	\$2,880.53	\$2,495.00
Trophies & Prizes	\$427.00	
Utilities	\$797.12	\$608.00
Web Presence	\$172.68	\$173.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$27,257.60	\$23,035.00

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NETT ORDINARY INCOME	<u>-8,888.45</u>	<u>-2,240.00</u>
Other Income		
Interest Income	<u>3,943.76</u>	<u>3,243.00</u>
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	3,943.76	3,243.00
NETT INCOME	-4,944.69	1,003.00