

Saturday November 15th.

ROUND 5

Doncaster

Our numbers were back up somewhat this week, but we are still missing vital members of most of our teams- members that are important to the potential finishing places on the ladders.

Nevertheless there were some terrific performances from our athletes with a number of big PBs, particularly in the 1500m events. **Zoe Cornell** (u/14), and **Jesse Frost** and **Drew Roberts** (both u/18) all knocked a many seconds off their previous bests. There were many other good runs as well.

It is not often that Open records are broken, but one went west on Saturday! Four of our very promising athletes, **Rebekah Corney**, **Charlie Kerekes**, **Elena Mitchell** and **Hilary McAdam** broke the U/18/20 and Open records in the 4 x 100m relay. There is a feeling around the traps that the mark may be lowered a couple more times before this season is over.

Another athlete made her debut for Collingwood this week. **Alinta Carmichael** has joined the under 14 girls and will certainly strengthen the sprinting ranks.

Damien Jones knocked a huge chunk off the U/16 100m hurdles record with a very neat performance over the sticks. Another of **Mia Deverell's** training squad, Damien is getting the results from his consistent work on the training track.

It looks like **Michelle Laufer** is on the march again. Perhaps the only good thing about getting older is that Michelle has just gone up to a new age group and is likely to run rampant (or should I say **walk** rampant!) through the various distances over the next few weeks.

Mention must be made of our younger brigade. **Zoe Cornell** has been highlighted earlier in this report, but another ten year old, **Claire Noonan**, put up a sterling performance in Round 5. Although having competed at Lilydale Littles in the morning, Claire completed **eight** events during the after lunch program to, in her own words, get some points for the Club. She started off with the 3k run, then had a go in the 2k walk, flew down the 100m straight, ran a 1500m, helped out in the relay, jammed in the discus and javelin and rounded off the day with a 400m. Why Claire didn't do the pole vault and the hurdles has me beat!!!! Although a little older, **Christina Dawson** is also having a ball each week and is trying more and more events.

Lachlan Sayer and **Soul Suzuki** are others to be performing against much older opponents and gaining many points for the Club.

Officials: **Diana Barnett**, **Judy Mason**, **Tony Williams**, **Brian Moore**, **Ian Fisher** and **Kevin Wigmore** are all names we know! They are at the track most weeks doing what they do best. As often stated we are a very fortunate Club to have the services of such a terrific band of such capable people to represent us!

And again we had a great band of willing(!?) workers to help fulfil our duties. **Mark Cornell**, **Heather Jarvis**, **Anna Corney**, **Adam Wright**, **Nikki White** and **Theresa** and **Robert Barnes** all helped out at the long jump, while **Kimm Noonan** and **James Dawson** are now fully qualified (!) lap scorers. **Allan Minter** again did his bit at a relay changeover.

RESULTS:

