

## Saturday April 21      CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS      Jells Park

The weather was warm, almost too warm for cross-country running, with not even the slightest of breezes to provide a cooling relief.

All the usual uncertainties were on show for the first winter event of the year with the tasks of introducing the newcomers to the Club, fitting uniforms, issuing the new registration numbers, ensuring all our teams were in order and organising our officials and timekeepers for the day ahead.

The Club had fewer teams than usual, however the efforts required to get 'our' part of the show on the road were still substantial.

Collingwood welcomed a number of new runners to our ranks. As usual, we are hopeful that they all help to keep our Club at the forefront of athletics in Victoria, but more importantly that all enjoy their time with us and have the success that they desire.

**Fabiano Aguiard** and **Andre Maillardet** both made their debuts in our junior ranks, while **Alex Linke** had his first winter run after a couple of appearances at the end of the just completed summer season. In our senior teams **Victoria Lehman** and **Julie Savage** had their first run with us, while **Rachel Delany** returned after a few seasons away and **Cara Foot** had her first winter run. Our men's ranks were strengthened by **Mark Hogan, Aston Key, Simon Hanns, William Newland, Xavier Meade and Mitch Lorkin**. **Aaron Gray** also returned to the fray after a season off the scene.

Our only two medals for the day were won by junior teams. Our under 14 boys, **Mason Johns, Fab Aguiard** and **Wolfgang Cotra Nemesi**, took out the Gold in their event, while **Simone Maillardet, Lucy Leutchford** and **Mia Roux** grabbed a bronze in the under 18 girl's division.

For the boys, it was a great start to the defence of the premiership won so convincingly last season, while for the girls it was a terrific effort, considering that Simone and Mia are still under 16.

### JUNIOR RESULTS

#### WOMEN

##### Under 18 3x 3k

Simone Maillardet	11:12
Lucy Leutchford	11:19
Mia Roux	11:24
Finished 3 <sup>rd</sup> out of 13	33:55
Winner: Geelong	33:05

## MEN

Under 14	3 x 3k	Under 16	
Mason Johns	11:00	Josh Tram	11:33
Fab Agiuard	11:20	Alex Linke	11:53
Wolfgaang Cotra Nemesi	10:35	Andre Maillardet	12:34
<b>Finished 1<sup>st</sup> out of 8</b>	<b>32:41</b>	Finished 12 <sup>th</sup> out of 15	35:35
		Winner: Knox	30:30

For the first time in many seasons we did not have any over age teams. The selectors decided there was more value in filling the divisional teams (and rightly so!) The over age teams are great to have, but they do weaken our top teams when some of the very good 'senior citizens' are removed for 'higher duties'.

AV has introduced a 50+ women's division and a 60+ men's division for the first time in 2018. The Club is sure to have teams prominent in the respective divisions as the season progresses.

It would seem that we have picked up some very handy runners for the new season with seventeen year old **Aston Key**, seemingly a very exciting prospect indeed!

## SENIOR RESULTS

### WOMEN

Division 1	5 x 6k	Division 3	4 x 6k
	3k 6k		
Erchana Murray Bartlett	10:51 22:19	Rachel Delany	24:20
Cara Foot	11:45 24:21	Katie Ward	26:17
Victoria Lehmann	11:29 23:16	Alison Chapman	30:24
Zoe Delany	13:42 26:10	Evie Rosa	29:20
Natasha Key	11:05 22:42		
Finished 7 <sup>th</sup> out of 10	1:58:48	Finished 5 <sup>th</sup> out of 11	1:50:21
Winner: Knox	1:48:36	Winner: Knox	1:34:38
Division 4	3 x 6k	Division 5	3 x 6k
	3k 6k		
Bronwyn Hill	14:32 29:15	Melissa Vandewater	24:57
Julie Savage	13:58 28:00	Jessica Newton	45:23
Carly Black	17:27 32:33		
Finished 10 <sup>th</sup> out of 13	1:29:47	DNF	
Winner: Knox	1:16:23		

## MEN

Division 1	6 x 6k		Division 2	
	3k	6k		
Tim Bryant	9:31	19:29	Andrew Downie	20:55
Simon Bevege	9:45	19:40	Campbell Maffett	20:48
Michael Whitehead	11:03	21:50	Michael Oke	22:34
Mitch Lorkin	9:55	20:19	Danny Reddan	22:38
Xavier Meade	10:16	19:43	Simon Hanns	21:33
Liam Delany	10:01	20:25	Aston Key	21:05
Finished 10 <sup>th</sup> out of 10	2:02:26		Finished 12 <sup>th</sup> out of 14	2:10:01
Winner: St. Stephens	1:50:05		Winner: APS	1:57:39
Division 4	5 x 6k		Division 5	4 x 6k
	3k	6k		
Tony Hally	11:22	24:02	Paul Viney	22:52
Drew Roberts		23:49	Malcolm Campbell	23:39
Mark Hogan	11:39	23:47	Paul Rothin	23:06
Aaron Gray		24:23	Pater Gaunt	24:01
Paul Creedon		25:11		
Finished 7 <sup>th</sup> out of 13	2:01:12		Finished 4 <sup>th</sup> out of 12	1:33:38
Winner: St Kevins	1:37:33		Winner: Mentone	1:31:33
Division 6	4 x 6k		Division 7	
	3k	6k		
Nick Rosa	12:58	26:30	Jim Sayer	13:53 29:17
Eugene Nemesi	12:21	25:12	Neil Matthews	12:50 26:16
Paul Wallace	12:53	25:59	Jason Mears	13:21 30:22
Will Newland	12:12	24:23	Jim Hopkins	14:12 28:45
Finished 6 <sup>th</sup> out of 10	1:42:02		Finished 9 <sup>th</sup> out of 19	1:54:46
Winner: Doncaster	1:24:41		Winner: VCCL	1:38:54

**OFFICIALS:** Gary McBroom and Tony Williams were back from the Commonwealth Games and working for AV on Collingwood's behalf. Kevin Wigmore, another 'Gold Coaster', was working for us at a changeover point along with Pennie Hayes and Robert Maillardet.

Pauline Ryan, Brigid Tram and Guillaume Roux helped gather the stats for our junior teams, while the senior teams were looked after by the athletes, either before or after their respective legs of the race.

Thanks every one for your efforts.

Thanks to **Liam Delany** for his catering and to **Liam** again, along with **Paul Creedon, Neil Matthews, Kevin Wigmore, Eugene Nemesi** and a couple of the new blokes (I'll get all the names eventually!!) for their help dismantling the tent and transporting all the gear to the trailer.

Mention must be made of **David Armstrong** (Diamond Valley), **Phil Hutton** (Glenhuntly) and the 'coffee caravan' people for their assistance with the tent at the start of the day