At last! Some good weather on a Saturday – and at Sandown at well!

The usual chaos prior to the relays with the selectors waiting to see if everyone turns up (and on time). A couple of big withdrawals just before final acceptances saw our top teams knocked about somewhat. We were able to field three women's teams, eight men's teams and one junior team – probably our best turn-up for many seasons. However there were still a number of absentees. If we ever get everybody on the one day it will be terrific.

The biggest disappointment on the day was an injury in running, to top junior **Will Sheils.** Will had been selected in our Divvy 1 team as a reward for his great performances throughout the season. Unfortunately Will 'did a calf' in his first lap and was unable to finish his stint on the bitumen. Our team was allowed to finish however were automatically relegated to last place. Disappointing for everyone, especially Will, however we will survive and Will, I am sure, will be seen in the top team many times in the future.

There were some terrific performances from some of the Magpies. Susan Michelsson looked great leading off our top woman's team and under 14 Jessica Neale did it again, running in a senior team to enable Divvy 3 to gain some valuable points. Our 40+ girls gained a bronze medal in their division with Janette Chapman, Carmel Pardy and Sofie Fabre producing the goods.

Our 50+ blokes went one better with a silver in their event with Ron Scholes very ably filling Tony Bird's absence, combining with evergreens Paul Twining and Ken Duxbury. We had a couple of very young juniors helping out in senior teams. The Neale family had four representatives on the day. Is this the start of another family dynasty? Simon Bevege recorded our fastest time with a more than presentable 19:40.

WOMEN

Division 1 4 x 6.2k				Division 3 3 x 6.2k		
Susan Michelsson				Jane Kanizay 13:05 13:4		
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Annette Van Rooyen	13:02	12:54	25:56			
Finished 7 th . out of Winner: Box Hill			Finished 7 th . out of 12 1hr 25m 02s Winner: Knox 1hr 10m 52s			
40+ 3 x 6.2k				Men's Under 14 3 x 3.1k		
Janette Chapman	13:45	13:54	27:39	Jordan Minter	11:07	
Carmel Pardy	14:03	14:46	28:49	Jacob Barnes	13:33	
Sofie Fabre	13:46	14:37	28:25	Anthony Neale	16:49	
Finished 3 rd . out of 4 Winner: Box Hill			Finished 7 th out of 8 Winner: Mornington			

MEN

Malcolm Campbell 9:55 10:45 20:40 Simon Bevege 19:40 Will Sheils 13:05 inj Ray Hynes 21:02 Justin Murphy 9:44 10:19 20:03 Mark Draper 21:27 Jarrod Kanizay 11:08 11:37 22:45 Andrew Evans 23:00 Cameron Kealy 11:46 12:22 24:08 Darren Morris 21:35 Magnus Michelsson 10:10 10:32 20:42 Anthony Mithen 21:41 Finished 12th out of 12 Winner: Box Hill 1hr 55m 11s Finished 6th out of 13 2hr 08m 25s Winner: Eureka 2hr 02m 10s Division 4 5 x 6.2k Division 5 4 x 6.2k Division 6 4 x 6.2k	Division 1	5 x 6.2k		Division 2 6 x 6.2k			
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