

Round 5 Saturday November 14th. Ringwood

We had a few missing today. Numbers were down on previous weeks, however many of those present did a stack of events in an effort to keep the Club's point tally up. **Chris Boylen, Peter Neale, Tim Holmes** and **Troy Kameme** all performed almost non stop through the day. **Troy** did the 5000mts at the end of the day to make it nine events for the afternoon - a great effort.

Nick Rosa carried the under 16s with a similar effort, including the hammer for the first time. He also recorded his best in the shot put.

Corinna Minko broke her own Club Record in the open long jump with a 9cm improvement, recording a fine 5.97m. (Nearly got the big 6!)
Once the exams are over, look out world!

The 800s again provided some real highlights with three more PBs including a lead all the way win to **Mason Barnes**. **Jacob McCormack** followed up his two PBs at the All Schools last week by knocking another two seconds off his best over the two lapper. For the third time in three races this season over the same distance, **Josh Debinski** lowered his best, this time by about five seconds – finishing very strongly.

Mason ran to the front soon after the start and had a real go, going through the 600 in 1:30. It was uncharted territory from there on as Mason found the big brick wall half way up the straight. Nevertheless, he fought on, and held off a fast finisher to win by the narrowest of margins, lowering his best by a couple of tenths. A great learning experience and a real confidence builder!

Pier Akec looked impressive winning his heat of the 200m and heaved the 4k shot just under 12m.

It was terrific to have **Susie Michelson** back for her first run on the track this season. Fresh from her victory in the Marysville Half Marathon last weekend, Susan was first across the line in the line in the 5000m.

Tilly Southwood showed more than a little ability with a very promising run in the 200m.

Our Divvy 1 4x400 relay team performed admirably considering the age of the runners. Two 14 year olds, **Pier Akec** and **Jacob McCormack** and a 16 year old, **Mason Barnes** teamed with **Tim Holmes** to beat home a couple of teams thus gaining valuable points while recording the Club's fastest time of the season.

Ian Morelli made the trip down from Castlemaine and was another to do a stack of events. Perhaps not as fit as he was when he competed a couple of seasons ago, Ian scored a myriad of points and the Club will certainly benefit as Ian gets back into the swing.

Good to see **Rachel Barnes** stepping out again for the Club! Perhaps inspired by the efforts of big brother Rachel is another adding to Collingwood's points tally.

Anand Thillaisundaram had his second walk with the Maggies since joining a few weeks ago and reinforced our first opinions that he will be a very valuable addition to our ranks.

The under 14 boys have done it again. Few in number but big in number of events! They will have a go at anything and everything. **Anthony** and **Jack Neale**, **Ben Cox** and **Jacob Barnes** scored lots of points individually and combined to gain the maximum result in the relay.

Thanks again to the officials who represented our Club. Without them the show just doesn't go on! This week **Diane Mastrullo**, **Diana Barnett**, **Judy Mason**, **Kevin Wigmore**, **Ian Fisher**, **Brian Moore**, **Tony Williams** and **Matthew Webster** did the honours.

And a special mention to three of our special supporters, **Claudia Neale**, **Therese Barnes** and **Lavita Mossop**, for just being there and encouraging the athletes, particularly the juniors, during the day.

The highlights of the results of the fifth week, team wise, were:

**U/14 Girls - 2nd., Div 1 Women 5th., 40+ Men - 2nd.,
U/14 Boys - 1st., U/16 Boys - 4th., Div 1 Men - 3rd., Div 3 Men - 1st.**

Ladder Positions:

**U/14 girls - 3rd., U/16 girls - 7th., Div 1 Women - 6th., 40+ Men - 2nd.
U/14 boys - 1st., U/16 boys - 5th., Div 1 Men - 1st., Div 3 Men - 1st.**