

Saturday April 26th

LACEBY CECIL HANDICAP

Clifton Hill

The rain stayed away and the absence of any wind made running conditions pretty good for the Club's opening event of the season.

The short turn around after the conclusion of the summer season didn't leave a lot of time to get organised and with the first AV event just next Saturday today was an important first step for the 2014 competition.

The size of the field in the junior event was a few less than last year, but we were interested to see who stepped up with the transition of a group of very good runners to the senior events for the first time. Gone are the **Whites, Hall** and **Korematsu snr.** so there is plenty of room at the top. We look like we have picked up a number of quality juniors to help fill some of the vacancies and the Club is hopeful of very good showings, particularly in both the girl's and boy's under 14 grades in 2014.

The two lap under 16 race got away to a great start with **Amy Cornell** leading well into the second lap before **Charlie Faubel** made his move in the last 300 mts and ran to front. He couldn't however shake Amy off, but did hold on to win by a little over 10 metres.

Newcomer **Soul Suzuki** looks full of promise as does **Lucy Leutchford**, the second girl home.

It was terrific to have a number of Collingwood's Little Athletes having a run with the senior club.

JUNIOR (U/16) 2k

1	Charlie Faubel	6:58	11	Emma Newton	8:31
2	Amy Cornell	7:00	inv	Miranda Darby	8:46
3	Soul Suzuki	7:16	12	Lachlan Sayer (11)	8:50
4	Hayden Morris	7:29	13	Emily Noonan	8:56
5	Jakson Cowley	7:30	14	Josephine Laufer	8:59
6	Lucy Leutchford	7:40	inv	Niklaus Michelsson	9:22
7	Jack Sayer	7:58	inv	Ryan Lovell	9:31
inv	Edward Darby	8:02	15	Beatrice Laufer	9:32
inv	Spencer Gilder-Smith	8:03	inv	Sandy Cornell	9:35
8	Zoe Cornell (10)	8:20	inv	Kareema Wakin	10:03
9	Tom Dawson	8:24	inv	Marcus Wakin	10:03
10	Hilary McAdam	8:24	inv	Sara Lovell	10:23
inv	David Waldron	8:27	inv	Tamarrah Brown	11:07
inv	Lachlan Hecker	8:30	16	Claire Noonan (10)	11:13

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It was great to have the **Waldron, Hecker** and **Michelsson** names in the junior field. Perhaps they might be prominent a few seasons down the track.

The senior event saw a number of new runners on the scene and we welcome them all. Of course there was a lot of interest in the performances of the quartet of sixteen year olds making their first appearance as bona fide competitors in this event. There were also a couple of athletes who chose to run this event rather than the junior event for which they were still

eligible. **Meaghan Gaunt** seems to be in her best form for quite a while and **Anthony Crews** showed that his triathlon work has not done his fitness any harm at all. Both runners should be valuable in the junior ranks during the season.

Collingwood welcomes **Steve Simmons, Brett Ford** and **Amy Camilleri** to the Club while **Melinda Story, Ali Burns** and **Jim Sayer** were all having their first winter runs with us.

Ali was first across the line and had a very determined look on her face as she approached the line. Scratchman for the day, **Jai Edmonds** gained fastest time. Jai is only just into senior ranks himself and when you consider that the next five fastest were all under 18, it would seem that the Club has a bright future. The aforementioned Meaghan Gaunt was fastest female.

RESULTS

LACEBY CECIL 6.4k Hcp

1	Ali Burns	32:31	2:10	30:21
inv	Mark Cornell	33:32	Go	33:32
2	Jacob Barnes	34:14	8:55	25:19
3	Meaghan Gaunt	34:30	9:05	25:25
4	Scott Lovell	34:30	5:20	29:10
inv	Red	34:40	6:25	28:15
5	Peter Gaunt	34:42	9:15	25:27
6	Craig Servinis	34:44	6:25	28:19
7	Tony Hally	34:55	10:20	24:35
8	Jesse Frost	34:58	12:05	22:53
9	Stuart Evans	35:03	9:05	25:58
10	Chris Waldron	35:03	10:10	24:53
11	Jai Edmonds	35:04	14:25	20:39
12	Darren Morris	35:04	5:20	29:44
13	Sam Slater	35:10	8:00	27:10
14	Tom Hall	35:11	12:05	23:06
15	Lachie White	35:14	12:05	23:09
16	Matthew Newton	35:15	13:10	22:05
17	Kim White	35:27	4:15	31:12
18	Steve Simmons	35:37	11:25	24:12
19	Anthony Crews	35:39	10:20	25:19
20	Thai Phan	35:40	10:50	24:50
21	Ron Scholes	35:41	8:55	26:46
22	John Crameri	35:44	7:30	28:14
23	Alison Chapman	35:48	7:30	28:18
24	Ben White	35:48	13:35	22:23
25	Ken Duxbury	36:03	7:30	28:33
26	Nick Boustead	36:05	10:20	25:45
27	Sunao Korematsu	36:08	11:25	24:43
28	Clare Garganis	36:09	Go	36:09
29	Brett Ford	36:10	8:00	28:10
30	Michelle Laufer	36:11	7:50	28:21
31	Jim Sayer	36:28	5:20	31:08
32	Jordan Minter	36:58	12:30	24:28
33	Brad Bullock	37:11	13:10	24:01
34	Robert Barnes	37:50	1:35	36:15

35	Julian Harris	38:09	13:10	24:59
36	Sofie Fabre	38:13	3:45	34:28
inv	Rohan Jones	38:21	Go	38:21
37	Malcolm Campbell	39:29	15:00	24:29
38	Troy Kameme	39:50	10:10	29:40
39	Amy Camilleri	42:00	Go	42:00
40	Melinda Story	45:59	Go	45:59

Back at the rooms all the runners plus friends and families all partook of a terrific afternoon tea organised by Theresa Barnes who has volunteered to co-ordinate the eats this season.

There was a very short talk about the season ahead during which **Malcolm Campbell** was elected Cross-Country Captain for 2014. Malcolm is an inspiring competitor who always gives of his best for the Club.

A fine choice!

The announcements and presentations of last season's awards wrapped up the day, but it was pleasing to see how many stayed around to socialise with old friends as well as the new members.