

Saturday August 5th

THE FIVE MILE

Yarra Bend

For the second week in a row we had to endure strong winds with our Saturday afternoon frolics. Probably not quite as severe, or cold, as those experienced at Ballarat last week, the conditions certainly made the task to be encountered just that little bit harder for the athletes in this, our premier event of the season.

The time honoured, ‘Club 5 Mile’, again much anticipated by most at Collingwood, saw reasonably sized fields line up for the events. Richmond and Ivanhoe joined us to compete for the City of Yarra Championship Medals and there were a good number of spectators in attendance to support the participants. An interested onlooker was our guest, Ms. Danae Bosler, a local councillor from the City of Yarra. (Making her second visit to a Club event, Ms. Bosler was to make a very important announcement later in the day!)

The junior event saw many of our group of very promising junior runners on show. In a very similar result to 2016, **Simone Maillardet** and **Wolfgang Cotra Nemesi** were the respective winners of the Club Championships. The competition was keen in both divisions of the event and despite this being the hub of the winter season, one can only be excited at the summer prospects of these kids. The performances produced on this course, with the strong wind gusting for much the event only adds to the quality of the times recorded.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2.7k

1	Wolfgang Cotra Nemesi	9:40
2	Mason Johns	9:53
3	Josh Tram	10:02
1	Simone Maillardet	10:08
4	Guy Fricke	10:13
2	Sunny Spencer	10:38
Inv	Sam Dite	CLAC
3	Lucy Leutchford	10:45
4	Zoe Cornell	11:14
5	Amelie Gilchrist	11:30
6	Chiara Santiglia	13:04
Inv	Charlie Gilchrist	CLAC
		13:05



Cr. Danae Bosler - Lucy Leutchford, Simone Maillardet, Wolfgang Cotra Nemesi and Josh Tram

**2017 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS
and City of Yarra Championship**

1	Simone Maillardet	10:08	1	Wolfgang Cotra Nemesi	9:40
2	Sunny Spencer	10:38	2	Mason Johns	9:53
3	Lucy Leutchford	10:45	3	Josh Tram	10:02

Despite there being some of our runners who would have been expected to figure high in the results missing from the senior event, there were some very good performances witnessed by the keen bunch of onlookers.



Two interested spectators!

Albert Collie

Grandson of Jack White - winner 1926-1927

Dale Howat

Son of Tom Howat - winner 1932-1937

As expected, right from the start, **Michael Whitehead** and **Dale Carroll** took control of the event and settled down to the proverbial two man war. For two laps Dale trailed Kiwi Mike, never more than a couple of metres off his heels. Just a couple of hundred metres into the third and final lap, Michael slowed in an effort to make Dale go to the lead. Fair tactics, but there was an unexpected result as **Liam Delany**, seeing the pace drop off, made a bold move and came from well back to go to lead with two k to go. This move woke the sleeping giant and Michael immediately responded, again with Dale right on the job! The gap at the finish, although small, was the biggest of the event with Michael going as hard as at any time in the race. Dale was a very brave second and is sure to finish prominently many times in the future. Liam Delany, having scared the daylights out of the leaders had to settle for an impressive third place.



Michael Whitehead and Dale Carroll testing each other out!
End of lap 1

Having her first run in a 'Club 5', **Nikki Lesberg** recorded an impressive win in the women's event. Nikki has had a mixed season because of injury, but has shown some terrific shape over the last month and seems to be getting back to her best form. The minor places were filled by **Zoe Delany** and **Katie Ward**, two of our much improved runners.



New women's Champion, Nikki Lesberg, approaching finish

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 5 Miles

1	Michael Whitehead	27:43
2	Dale Carroll	27:48
3	Liam Delany	28:07
4	Magnus Michelsson	28:56
5	Matthew Newton	29:42
6	Angus Norman	30:33
7	Malcolm Campbell	30:58
8	Peter Gaunt	33:12
inv	Aaron Gray	33:47
9	Paul Viney	33:51
1	Nikki Lesberg	33:59
9	Eugene Lesberg	34:08
10	Paul Wallace	36:04
11	Nick Rosa	36:09
2	Zoe Delany	36:17
3	Katie Ward	37:00
12	Doug Leutchford	37:41
4	Carine McGinnity	38:38
5	Mena Butler	38:39
13	Tony Rodwell	38:50
14	Julian Harris	40:18
6	Bronwyn Hill	40:26
15	Andre Ferretto	40:30
16	Jim Hopkins	40:35
17	Lou Santiglia	41:21
7	Evie Rosa	41:49
18	Rowan Thomas	42:04
Dnf	Cesca Coles	

2017 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS and City of Yarra Championship

1	Nikki Lesberg	33:59	1	Michael Whitehead	27:43
2	Zoe Delany	36:17	2	Dale Carroll	27:48
3	Katie Ward	37:00	3	Liam Delany	28:07

Back at the rooms there was much to do.

President, **Jim Hopkins**, opened the proceedings by introducing **Cr Bosler** to the assembled throng. Prior to presenting the City of Yarra Medals to the worthy recipients, Cr. Bosler announced that just four days earlier, the Council had approved an allocation of \$750,000 for the refurbishment of the Collingwood track, together with some work on the clubrooms.

This announcement was received by with great excitement and appreciation by all present, particularly the long serving Collingwood members who had worked for over ten years for this news.

After the City of Yarra presentations, **Richmond Harriers** presented trophies to some of their members successful on the day.

The **Collingwood Little Athletics Centre** also made some awards in regard to their cross-country season.

Then it was onto our **Parade of Champions** and this year the introduction of two new winners to our lists. Two past winners of the women's event, **Susan Michellson** and **Sharee Sharam** were brought forward before **Nikki Lesberg** stepped up to receive the Blue Ribbon for 2017. The presentation was made by **Joanne Jacobi**, granddaughter of a five time winner of 'The 5' in the 1930s, **Tom Howat**.



Ten past winners of the men's race were introduced before new champion, **Michael Whitehead**, came forward to receive his Blue Ribbon from **Dale Howat**, the son of Tom Howat.



L-R Liam Delany, John Morgan, Bill Morgan, Barry Gust, Brian Clarke, Robert Hendy, Steve Griffiths, Ian Minter, Paul Twining, Magnus Michellson, Chris Waldron, Michael Whitehead

The official part of the day concluded, but the show continued with much socialising and reminiscing.

We are a very fortunate Club to have such a history and so many people so willing to attempt to keep the traditions going for future members to enjoy and appreciate.

Past Champions to participate in this year's Parade were:

Susan Michelsson	1999 2000 2002 2003 2005 2006 2008 2009 2011 2012
Sharee Sharam	2004
John Morgan	1950 1951
Bill Morgan	1953 1954
Barry Gust	1960 1961
Brian Clarke	1962 1964 1966
Robert Hendy	1965 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1974 1975
Ian Minter	1979 1980 1981 1983 1984 1989 1990
Paul Twining	1982
Magnus Michelsson	1991 1993 1997 1998 1999 2000 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009
Steve Griffiths	1994
Chris Waldron	2001

OFFICIALS and HELPERS:

Paul Viney, Robert Hendy, Doug Leutchford, Troy Kameme and Tony Williams did a great job to get the course set up in the less than usual time available due to the APS fixture earlier in the day.

Deb and Robert Maillardet organised the registrations and the production of results, while **Diana Barnett** and **Lou Santiglia** were in support pre race at the clubrooms.

Brian Moore, again filled the role of starter while **Kevin Wigmore** and **Tony Williams** made sure that all was well at the start finish line and that times were taken and tags were collected.

Martin James and **Brigit Tram** performed important jobs as marshals on the course, while a number of people offered support in various ways.

Scott Lovell organised the communications and safety vests for our volunteers.

Chris Boylen took a stack of photos of all aspects of the day, some of which accompany this report.

At the end of the events a number of people assisted in the packing up of our gear to enable us to get back to the rooms for the presentations. **Vaughan** and **Matthew Newton**, **Robert Hendy** and **Grant Sargent** were just some of the flag and cone collectors who helped the clean up.

There had to be a lot more!

Liam Delany did the bulk of the work in the catering area, but there were contributions (that I know of!) from **Katie Ward** and both the **Richmond** and **Ivanhoe** clubs. **Troy Kameme** did a great job dispensing refreshments while new President, **Jim Hopkins** proved himself to be a deft hand with a tea towel just on closing time!