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Oceania names David Carr 'World's Best'

WORLD-beating middledistance running ace David Carr could be walking soon – along the red carpet in Monaco.

David would follow in the footsteps of another superb WA athlete, Lyn Ventris, who was declared the IAAF Master Athlete of the Year in 2011 and 2012.

Our Oceania region has nominated David for the 2013 honour. Final selection will be made by the WMA next month, when it convenes in Porto Alegre, Brazil, for the world championships.

If successful David would travel to Monaco, where the annual awards are announced and celebrated.

Several WA members will make the crossing to South America and David Carr will almost certainly be among them, defending his top spot in M80 800m and steeplechase.

Picture:

David fronts the M80 'Bolters'! – inspired by the world's



fastest man, Usain Bolt. This M80 squad set a new 4x400m world record of 5:32.29 last November at Southport, Queensland.

Nominating David for the IAAF award, Oceania reminds us:

"An all-round athlete, David has run everything from 100m to marathons and also competed in jumps and throwing events.

"He has set numerous Australian and State records and held M75 World records in

the 800m and 2000m steeple-chase.

"As an M80, this year he has repeated these world-beating performances, breaking the M80 steeplechase world record three times over a seven months period."

Summer T&F programme

OUR summer T&F programme is now on the website. It has also been e-mailed to all members with an email address – but some members have not advised us of email changes.

If you have not received the programme by email please advise Barbara, vetrunners@iinet.net.au, of your correct email address.

We have posted or handed out the programme to other members who do not have an email address.

If you have not received a programme or cannot access

it, please contact Barbara by email or on 9293 0190.

For T&F members who have not attended during winter please ensure you have renewed your membership. If you are unsure please contact mawasecretary@gmail.com

Thanks Richard Blurton

About our membership ...

IT'S always interesting, receiving the updated membership list from Peggy MacLiver. Peg keeps track of everyone, and this includes supplying me with names of new members joining each month.

Her meticulous records show that at August 31 we had 459 members.

The lists supplied to *Vetrun*, and committee members includes a separate list of mem-



bers who are 'non-financial' (because they failed to renew their membership in March).

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You write ...

Different strokes – Run for your Life!

Hi, I know there are many Masters who have survived worse, and without wanting to sound too morbid – do you know that strokes are the second most common cause of death in Australia?

One in every six people will experience them; and they can happen to anyone, at any time, regardless of age – including the unborn! – and to marathon runners. Stroke can be completely disabling, if not fatal. The good news is that it is possible to fully recover from them. Some sufferers go on to perform all kinds of amazing feats, run marathons, etc.

It happened to me ... I only discovered these facts after my own recent stroke, which came out of the blue, and was quite a serious one.

Fortunately, the hundreds of kilometres I have run and walked over the years apparently protected me from what should might have been serious disabilities.

Miraculously, it has actually improved my hearing! I have been able to stop using my hearing aids.

So keep up the kilometres, everyone.

Nervous

Currently, my 'age carer' daughter is nervous about letting me out on the roads, either on foot, driving a car, or riding my bike, and – worse – has limited me to only one glass of wine a day! Alcohol can affect the clot busting drugs. I have been practising, round, and around an obstacle course in her tiny back yard, and I am looking forward to competing once again.

So look out fellow-walkers, and keep away from my left

COMMUNICATIONS

Survey is coming to you

OVER the next few weeks the club committee will be carrying out a survey to get your views on how effectively we communicate with members. The survey also includes a question related to the future of Vetrun.

To maximise participation, the survey will take the form of a short face to face discussion at either a Sunday run or a track meet. The survey is anonymous but you can record your name on the response sheet if you wish. Ross Keane (Sundays) and the Thomas family (track) have kindly agreed to carry out the survey.

If you will not be at a club event, the survey questionnaire is available on the website. If you don't have computer access, contact the committee to get a posted copy. You can return your form by email, post or by handing to a committee member: or just email your answers to the club secretary at mawasecretary@gmail.com.

We would like a large response to this survey so that the results are truly representative of members' views; and the survey results will be published.

Hello Vic I STILL love receiving the Vetrun. A comment on Brian Bennett's suggestion about 'Most

A comment on Brian Bennett's suggestion about 'Meeting and Greeting' new members; this is not a new idea.

When I joined the Vets nearly 30 years ago, both Joan Pellier and I were on the Committee. Our position was 'Hostesses'! We used to meet and greet new members, ask what running/jogging pace they were at and introduce them to members that were running at a similar pace.

Mind you in those days there were only approximately 100 members.

But I am sure there would be quite a few members that could fit the bill of 'host/hostesses'.

I can relate to Brian's feeling when first going to a new club, it's nice to either know someone or made to feel welcome.

Regards Jacqueline Billington

PS: I often remember when I use to go round to your home and type up the *Vetrun* for you. Before that time I was also Editor for a while, using the old golf ball typewriter, after Jeff Whittam finished doing it.

Then for many years I did it for Richard Harris! Type, set up and take to printers, then give to Jackie Halberg. All so long ago.

Cheers IB

In My View ...

Thanks, snappers

by the Editor

OUR new club camera has been well-used by several members. Their work is used on the website (Road gallery) and some is in this *Vetrun*. Don't have all your names, though I did see Lyn Choate in action at City Rail. Thanks to you all, and to Frank Smith for the City to Surf pix.

Collect your KEYS!

RECENTLY members have become a trifle tardy – in collecting their carkeys.

Long after the Sunday events have finished they linger in the box.

Occasionally keys left in the box have been gathered up with the equipment for the next week's run.

Now, I don't want to name names, but after the City Rail run a pathetic wretch was wandering around, shivering, and regretting. He claimed that after a long absence from Sunday mornings he had forgotten his routine, forgotten to pin his keys to shorts with his old nappy pin.

Director Mike Rhodes was on the phone calling for backup, when we found, luckily, that Delia had not headed for the hills with the gear, but driven off to collect the club banner. The missing keys were retrieved from the back of her car by a diligent Maurice Creagh. Thanks, mate!

So ... club secretary Val Millard observes:

"All members are reminded that they must retrieve their keys as soon as they have finished their run. It's not the committee's nor the race director's responsibility to chase up owners of keys left in the box."

Quite right; shocking behaviour. VW

When J&J were hostesses with mostest!



hand side, as my visual processing on that side is apparently not too crash-hot.

But at least I can now hear anyone sneaking up behind me! Cheers.

Peter Barrington

About membership from P1

Those names remain on that list for one year (or until they renew) before disappearing into oblivion. At the end of August around 150 names were listed.

Big numbers

I am sure most members realise that although new mem-

bers numbers are well into the 1100s now, this does not mean we have that many members.

Occasionally, if an 'old' member rejoins the committee tries to allocate a now-vacant, lower number to that person. But most joiners collect a four-digit chest number.

VW

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Lynne Schickert retires from AMA Board

AFTER 10 years on the AMA Board, Lynne has decided not to re-nominate for 2013-14.

From 2003 to 2009 Lynne – who is also a Life Member of our own club – was AMA President. She remained a board member until this year, her duties including communications and marketing, and she has an on-going commitment to compiling the history of AMA.

For the past seven years she has been involved in production of the AMA Handbook, with husband Bob, and *Vetrun* editor Vic Waters, and will continue with that work.



Oceania

Although stepping back from some involvement in AMA matters, Lynne is still working at the top level of Masters Athletics.

She remains the Oceania Region delegate to World Masters Athletics and is WMA's representative on the Perth 2016 Championship Committee.

Masters Athletics WA offers sincere wishes to Lynne in her continuing endeavours – and thanks her for the enormous contribution she has made to the administration and promotion of Masters Athletics, in our State, in Australia, and internationally.

New Members - Welcome!

1209 HYLAND: Leanne W30 1210 SCHELFHOUT:

Christine W45 1211 DEVEREUX: Kristy W30



IF you are looking for a different run combined with company of likeminded athletes from all over the world, sightseeing in the Red Centre and a well-organised race, then the Outback Marathon could be for you.

On July 27th, three WA Masters athletes took on the soft red sandy course which was punctuated with small dunes. The cool morning start changed to a warm run a few hours later amongst the background of desert oaks, and the landmark Uluru and Olga rock formations.

Four courses were on offer; a marathon, half marathon, 11 km and 6.4 km races.

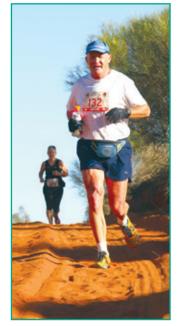
Ninety three runners lined up for the marathon with Clive Choate, in his first 42.2 km race, finishing in 4:18.20 for 27th overall. The event was won in 3:07.32 and Clive was second in the M60 category.

In the half marathon Steve Weller produced a great run, winning the race in 1:26.07. Steve beat a field of 84 runners with a winning margin of 41 seconds in a terrific performance.

Brazilian warm-up

Lynne Choate, who has been doing a few Sunday runs as she prepares for her sprint events in Brazil in October, enjoyed the 6.4km run and in finishing 13th in a field of 41 runners was the first

CLIVE AND LYNNE CHOATE



Clive in his first marathon – and he did it in the desert

W60 home in an atmosphere full of friendship and encouragement.

With a total of approximately 300 participants, there was plenty of opportunity to mix with other athletes. A warm-up run on the desert tracks and a welcome-dinner were conducted on the Thursday before the race.

Friday saw most go out early for an Uluru sunrise, then walk around the rock and visit to the interpretive centre.

Later a welcome ceremony was held with traditional dancers and a race briefing which recognised the feats of many entrants – some lining up for their sixth race on six continents – and one runner doing his 26th marathon this year, which equates to one a week!

Saturday was marathon day and buses took runners and supporters out into the desert for the early, very cold start. A didgeridoo started the event which was fitting in the setting. A huge welcome ushered in all finishers, with an informal gathering later that night at the Outback Pioneer Pub.

Kata Tjuta

Many hiked the 'Valley of the Winds' in the Kata Tjuta formation next day before a celebration dinner which was held later that night, in the desert under the stars. Many presentations were made as new friends mixed and shared their experiences of the run. Those with time also visited Kings Canyon which was a full day trip away from Uluru.

How to ...

Logistically direct travel to Uluru is not easy, and to compete you need to take an accommodation package with the race organisers, but the race and supporting events made for a great experience. For more information on this unique event, google Australian Outback Marathon.



5K HANDICAP	RUN	Time	H'cp	Actual	Bruce Wilson	M65	45:33
Roger Walsh*	M70	30:28	00:00	30:28	Karen March	W50	45:49
Peter Hopper	M65	30:32	00:05	30:27	Keith Miller	M60	46:26
David Carr	M80	32:02	07:38	24:24	Akos Gyarmathy	M55	46:27
Damien Hanson	M60	32:31	02:37	29:54	Jackson Wong	M45	46:31
Bjorn Dybdahl	M60	32:43	12:30	20:13	Jo Clarkson	W55	46:55
Gail James	W50	32:45	08:38	24:07	Clive Choate	M60	47:01
Monique Thomas	W35	32:50	2:42	30:08	Charlie Chan	M60	47:25
Maurice Creagh	M65	32:56	09:56	22:60	Claire Walkley	W45	47:29
Giovanni Puglisi	M60	33:08	12:00	21:08	Raymond Gimi	M45	47:42
Johan Hagedoorn	M65	33:25	8:09	25:16	Brian Danby	M65	48:00
Ivan Brown	M65	33:29	09:11	24:18	Graeme Daĥl	M60	49:42
Paul Martin	M70	33:37	02:32	31:05	Mark Hewitt	M60	49:56
Dante Giacomin	M40	33:40	9:46	23:54	Sean Keane	M45	50:12
Carol Bowman	W55	34:03	08:05	25:58	Wayne Taylor	M50	51:04
Dave Roberts	M70	34:26	07:59	26:27	Bob Schickert	M70	51:07
Aldo Giacomin	M75	34:29	00:32	33:57	Bruce Mathieson	M65	52:06
Nick Miletic	M60	34:33	04:55	29:38	Lui Cecotti	M65	52:10
Richard Danks	M70	34:38	01:22	33:16	Julie Wilson	W60	52:21
Delia Baldock	W50	34:39	04:04	30:35	V9		52:22
Neil McRae	M60	34:59	05:46	29:13	Mike Hale	M65	53:06
Carolyn Fawcett	W60	35:13	0:00	35:13	Maree Brown	W45	53:32
Bob Fawcett	M60	35:15	00:00	35:15	Elizabeth McFarland	W55	53:57
Rebecca MacKinnon	nW30	37:36	00:00	37:36	V5		54:24
Hamish McGlashar	n M75	37:55	05:38	32:17	V11		54:57
Mitch Loly	M70	44:27	0:00	44:27	Rochelle Airey	W40	56:22
Margaret Bennett	W70	47:44	00:00	47:44	Anne Jones	W60	56:32
* Ineligible					Gary Fisher	M60	56:33
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Graham Thornto		M7(1	29:44	V10		57:30
V8	/11	1117	5	18:33	Sally Floyd	W45	58:11
V1				20:35	John Pellier	M70	58:35
V7				21:33	John Talbot	M65	59:21
V2				22:30	V4		60:31
V6				32:34	John Bell	M65	62:30
					Bob Cavin	M60	62:38
V12				38:58	John Byrne	M65	62:52
10K RUN					Janet Jiang	W45	63:12
Kim Thomas		M35	5	38:29	Brian Bennett	M65	68:25
Tony Smith		M40		39:25	5K WALK		
Rod Hamilton		M50		41:02	John McDonagh	M65	38:14
Paul Hughes		M60		41:50	Val Millard	W65	38:24
Paul Odam		M50		41:55		W70	40:35
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M30

M50

W45

Bryan Hardy

Jeni Shillington

Lorna Lauchlan

Ray Hall

Bob Fergie

Jeff Whittam

Kirt Johnson

John Smith

Joan Pellier

Ray Lawrence

V13

V3

Sandra Stockman

Stuart MacKinnon

Mark Dawson

John Allen

Ross Keane

Ian Carson

Sue Bourn

Mickey Muroi



Main pic – Mark Dawson and Akos Gyamathy; above and below, Mickey Muroi and Wayne Taylor on City to Surf day. Assuming they're both on the correct side of the fence, it must be the half, or full marathon? Let us know, guys!





Lynne Schickert and Bryan Hardy in Nedlands 5km walk.

W70	45:03
	46:28
	46:29
	46:30
W80	48:07
M70	48:08
W60	50:29
W55	50:32
W75	50:52
W75	50:53
W75	52:08
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M70

M75

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M75

W80

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M75

W70

M85

THE weather was almost perfect and some said even too hot. As per usual the combination of efficient helpers, marshals and chalk ensured that no one got lost and everyone got recorded. This year there were no clashes with the Marathon Club so that made things easier.

Linda and I have decided that after about 25 years this will be our last as race directors so thank you to everybody who has helped or run with us during that time.

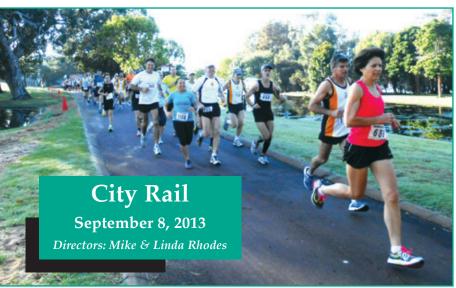
PS If keys are not taken out of the box before packing up starts they may end up in Timbuktu! *Mike*



Mike and Linda – thanks for all the runs!

10.7K RUN

M35	42:08
	42:38
M40	42:43
	42:54
	44:28
	44:32
	44:38
	44:40
	45:19
	45:24
M60	45:56
M55	45:58
	48:21
M50	48:22
M30	48:24
M35	48:48
	49:07
	49:51
	50:08
	50:16
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M45	50:52
3.500	52:49
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M65	55:05
M70	55:20
M65	55:53
M40	55:55
M60	56:41
W70	57:41
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The Bardon Park Effect...

It brings out the sacre bleu, or something! This isn't the first time I've snatched 'Let us pray' pictures here; and a few years ago I took Brian and Marg Bennett's wedding shots in the same location. VW



7.3K RUN

Jim Klinge	M65	32:01
Lee Holliday	M55	32:57
Tristan Bell	M45	33:13
Maurice Creagh	M65	33:28
Mark Hewitt	M60	34:22
Margaret Saunders	W55	35:04
Frank Gardiner	M60	36:11
V2		38:00
Carol Bowman	W55	38:08
Johan Hagedoorn	M65	40:15
David Carr	M80	42:16
Kylie Mahony	W45	42:22
Mike Anderson	M65	42:35
V8		43:21
Hamish McGlashan	M75	43:32
Roger Walsh	M70	45:45
Neil McRae	M60	46:36
V3		47:15
Steve Clark	M70	49:35
Delia Baldock	W50	50:21
Rebecca MacKinnon	W30	52:53
Sheila Maslen	W75	62:44
Jan Jarvis	W65	63:57
Mitch Loly	M70	66:17
10.7K WALK		
Lynne Schickert	W70	84:15
7.3K WALK		
John McDonagh	M65	53:56
Paul Martin	M70	53:57
David Brown	M65	57:36
Jeni Shillington	W55	62:29
Bob Fergie	M75	62:31
Kirt Johnson	M80	62:32
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M75	64:16
W40	65:11
W50	65:12
W65	65:39
W75	65:40
W30	65:50
W70	66:35
M85	67:00
W70	69:54
W80	80:02
W65	80:04
M75	83:52
W50	84:24
	W40 W50 W65 W75 W30 W70 M85 W70 W80 W65 M75

It's great to be back; now, where are my keys?



M70

W80

62:33

62:54

Jim Barnes

Lorna Lauchlan



shady trees; later some of us felt the heat! The group (top right) is led by Hamish McGlashan, Kylie Mahony and Chris Genin (who, sadly, will be deserting us soon and moving to Brisbane).

Right, our lovely model Lilly Allison sold loads of World Champs shirts!

10K RUN	10	K	R	U	N
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Bjorn Dybdahl	M60	40:56
Jóhn Allen	M55	42:16
Sandra Stockman	W45	42:35
Ian Carson	M60	42:50
Mark Dawson	M50	44:19
Hamish McLeod	M35	46:37
Akos Gyarmathy	M55	46:41
Giovanni Puglisi	M60	46:57
Charlie Chan	M60	47:18
Brian Danby	M65	47:24
Michael Lee	M60	47:29
Ross Keane	M50	47:40
Karen Peace	W40	47:46
Jennifer Williams	W65	47:56
Martin Watkins	M65	49:18
Gail James	W50	49:36
Maxine Santich	W60	49:57
Bob Schickert	M70	50:59
Richard Blurton	M60	52:12



Main Whiteman pic features Giovanni Puglisi and Hamish McLeod, with Charlie Chan; inset is Brian Danby followed by Michael Lee.

Above, nobody knows why, but Martin Watkins can't resist showing off his navel!



Julie Wilson	W60	54:01	Peggy Macliver	W65	30:46
Robin King	W50	56:48	Neil McRae	M60	31:32
Mike Hale	M65	58:19	V1		31:40
Elizabeth McFarland	W55	58:42	Delia Baldock	W50	31:49
Irwin Barrett-Lennard	M80	58:50	Julie Wood	W65	38:03
John Pellier	M70	60:05	Pierre Viala	M65	38:04
Graham Thornton	M70	60:29	Mitch Loly	M70	40:49
Brian Bennett	M65	61:03	, and the second se	-,-, -	
John Bell	M65	61:04	10K WALK		
Theresa Howe	W60	62:28	Lynne Schickert	W70	74:32
Lorraine Lopes	W70	62:29	Ann Turner	W75	82:51
John Byrne	M65	63:47	5K WALK		
Andrea Byrne	W30	71:19	Val Millard	W65	36:14
5K RUN			Denise Viala	W60	40:35
Jim Klinge	M65	20:55	Jim Barnes	M70	41:40
Graeme Dahl	M60	21:25	Kirt Johnson	M80	41:41
			Jeff Whittam	M75	41:42
Frank Gardiner	M60	21:41			
Maurice Creagh	M65	21:47	Bob Fergie	M75	41:43
Johan Hagedoorn	M65	24:04	Margaret Bennett	W70	48:44
Carol Bowman	W55	25:10	Joan Pellier	W70	48:46
Roger Walsh	M70	29:22	Sofia Carson	W50	50:10

A BURST of sunshine in between days of seemingly endless rain greeted the Dash runners this year which meant the course was still hazardous but not quite impassable.

Twelve hours earlier I thought I might have to abandon the course or else hand out flippers at the start. I did have to shorten the turn a few metres though. The local bakery had even closed down (although they do have a nice coffee shop now) and so we had to go further afield to supply our traditional morning tea fare. Thanks again to Jacqui and Vic Beaumont for their sterling job in the tea-rooms and all those that helped – it was greatly enjoyed by all.

Well done to everyone who made it up the hill and back or even twice and I hope you managed to enjoy the scenery on the way. We couldn't hold this event however, without some very dedicated helpers – thanks to Irwin and Berwine Barrett-Lennard, Richard Blurton, Kerriann Bresser, Ray Hall, Dennis and Sandra Hughes, John Mack and Milton Mayrick

Dick Horsley Trophy



Karen takes home the trophy, again. Presentation by Paul Hughes, left and Val Millard.

WE had great number of competitors for the Dick Horsley Trophy this year-but once again the amazing Peter and Karen March were the champions and they just seem to get faster. Congratulations everyone.

Time:	Short & Long Run:
1:32:14	Karen & Peter March
1:46:57	Colin Shaw & Robin King
1:50:33	Akos Gyarmathy & Elizabeth
	McFarland
1:55:12	Rebecca & Stuart MacKinnon
2:04:27	Greg & Julie Wilson
2:17:01	Margaret & Brian Bennett
2:18:03	Lynne & Bob Schickert

Darlington Dash

September 15, 2013

Director: Delia Baldock

14K RUN

Bjorn Dybdahl	M60	58:50
Ian Carson	M60	60:07
Peter March	M50	60:11
John Allen	M55	60:28
Bob Lane	M65	60:54
Mickey Muroi	M55	61:18
Ross Keane	M50	61:57
Sandra Stockman	W45	62:44
Giovanni Puglisi	M60	63:15
Stuart MacKinnon	M30	65:56
Brian Danby	M65	67:24
Tristan Bell	M45	67:25
Hamish McLeod	M35	69:46
V1		69:56
Charlie Chan	M60	70:00
Frank Gardiner	M60	70:46
Gail James	W50	71:13
Robin King	W50	73:39
Brian Bennett	M65	74:54
Bob Schickert	M70	76:48
Elizabeth McFarland	W55	77:49
Julie Wilson	W60	78:55
V6		81:48
John Talbot	M65	86:29
V8		97:06

7K RUN

Karen March

Peter Ryan

7K WALKKirt Johnson

Bob Fergie

Jim Barnes

Sofia Carson

Denise Viala

Ann Turner

Lorna Lauchlan

V4		32:25
Maurice Creagh	M65	32:35
Akos Gyarmathy	M55	32:44
Sue Bourn	W45	33:16
Colin Shaw	M50	33:18
Mark Hewitt	M60	34:11
Ivan Brown	M65	34:33
Johan Hagedoorn	M65	36:37
Carol Bowman	W55	36:49
Sandra Rourke	W45	38:58
Lorraine Lopes	W70	41:30
Kylie Mahony	W45	41:35
John Pellier	M70	42:36
Theresa Howe	W60	42:47
Merv Jones	M70	44:43
V2		45:06
Greg Wilson	M65	45:32
Steve Clark	M70	46:18
V7		48:24
Brian Smith	M70	49:02
Rebecca MacKinnon	W30	49:16
Val Millard	W65	50:15
V3		55:01
Lynne Schickert	W70	61:15
Margaret Bennett	W70	61:16
14K WALK		

29:26

32:03

W50

● More pictures – back page.

M60

M80

W80

M75

M70

W50

W60

W75

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Good thinking, Milton; that's the way to slow the traffic – fetch a mate with a pitchfork!



Director Delia's announcement:
"and now, on my right, my lovely
assistant will demonstrate how to eat a
sandwich."

No, Hamish. You can't catch her by flying. Or, did you fall in the stream – just drying the shirt?



Looking for fresh motivation?

OKAY, by now all the big winter runs are done and dusted for the year and if you are also a track and field athlete this season has yet to get fully going so you are left in this 'in-between' zone.

Sometimes this leaves you lacking motivation and focus in your running.

I certainly feel this way after winter and have decided to make two changes for this period of the year. Maybe you could take something from these?

Melbourne Half

Firstly, I entered the Melbourne half-marathon (marathon too far for me!) in October which I've never done before. This will be a different experience and has kept me running three to four times a week regularly. I have to do this because I need to stay fit enough to go the distance.

Other events such as the Fremantle half marathon, Rottnest marathon and the Masters Oceania championship in Bendigo Victoria could be options for you – and they also come up in the next couple of months.

Secondly, I have decided to back off.

I have also dropped my 'energy-intensive' Tuesday speed/ interval session for a while and am deliberately running more slowly in general.

I have been setting out to enjoy my runs more and also, sometimes, leave that satellite watch in the drawer.

Making the enjoyment and not the time, the prime motivator has me running more relaxed.

I feel enthusiastic about my running for the week again. I am less tired after each run, so have been recovering more quickly for the next run.

Training is not shaping up as a chore and my motivation issues have flown out the door!

Happy running!

Ross



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Training Tips



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Not everyone chooses to dash down the Darlington track! Jim Barnes and Kirt Johnson lead Lorna Lauchlan and Bob Fergie (above, left) while Brian Bennett is dashing as ever (above). Below, one of our newer members, Stuart MacKinnon.



ALL HELPERS

Please contact your race director to confirm that you are available for your allocated event. If you are not available, please find a replacement and advise your race director.

Helpers and Events

29 SEPTEMBER -MULLALOO Race Directors: Mike Anderson

- 0407 940 520 Johan Hagedoorn - 9401 3280

John Collier, Ross Langford, Dalton Moffett, Ray Lawrence, Keith Miller, Martin Watkins, Denise Viala, Ali Menegola, Allison Lily

6 OCTOBER – GUESS YOUR OWN TIME Race Director: Vic Waters – 9341 3464

Frank Smith, Andrea Byrne, John Byrne, Regina Crouch, Chris Genin, Raymond Gimi, Neil McRae, Alan Jennings, Irene Ferris

13 OCTOBER – WIRELESS HILL Race Director: Chris Reid – 6189 1430

Bob Fergie, Morris & Margaret Warren, Dalton Moffett, Graeme Dahl, Peggy Macliver, Mali Hodges, Sylvia Szabo (1027), Kem Hassam, Maria & Pieter De Klerk

20 OCTOBER – GWELUP LAKE Race Director: Richard Danks – 9355 1570

Ray Lawrence, Roger Walsh, Paul Ankers, Geoff Bailey, Bert & Bridget Carse, John Fisher, Patricia Hopkins, Jim Klinge, Bob Lane, Ross Langford, Genevieve & Jochen Schreyvogel, David Scott, Renee Byatt, Irene Ferris

27 OCTOBER – CLIFF BOULD TROPHY Race Director: Ivan Brown – 9384 8582

Bob Fergie, Morris & Margaret Warren, Sue Bourn, Raymond Gimi, Mary Heppell, Alan James, Julia Mackay-Koelen, Rebecca & Stuart MacKinnon, Peter Sullivan, Mark Dawson, Kem Hassan

3 NOVEMBER – BIBRA LAKE Race Directors: Paul & Tanya Burke – 6460 6423

Rochelle Airey, Maree Brown, Regina Crouch, Aldo and Dante Giacomin, Paul Odam, Sylvia Szabo (1027), Sally Floyd

10 NOVEMBER – KALAMUNDA RAILWAY Race Directors: Bridget & Bert Carse – 9293 4934

Paul Ankers, Richard & Barbara Blurton, Kerriann Bresser, Peter Cunningham, Bjorn Dybdahl, Debbie Wolfenden, Bob Lane, Christine & John Oldfield, Sean Keane, Sarah Ladwig, John Talbot, Margaret Langford