



WENDOUREE ATHLETIC CLUB Inc

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P.O Box 160N, Ballarat North, 3350

Meeting held on 29th May 2019. Meeting opened at 7.33pm

Present: Stephen McLennan, Michelle Hawkes, Alison Fidler, Tyler Davis, Kris Davis, Mal Johnstone

Apologies: Caitlin Christie, Bill McLennan, Brendan Hawkes, Nev Down

Matters Arising:

- Approve April minutes
- Need to follow up with Troy Drever about honour board.
- Need to follow up with Troy Drever Signs to put sign up in the junior area.
- Club 70th
- 3rd discus ring
- Zebra crossing needed at the Lake

Moved: Michelle Hawkes

Seconded: Karla Treweek

Outwards Correspondence:

Inwards Correspondence:

Emails Received:

Ash Rodger – Brac minutes for last month & AGM Information
Helen Rienets – Helpers for Brac Lake Wendouree

Accounts for Payment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gordon Davis	Stop go signs	\$20
Debit Card	Table	\$19
Debit Card	Cones	\$40
	Total:	\$79.00

Moved: Alison Fidler

Seconded: Kris Davis

Treasurers Report:

Available on Request

Moved: Alison Fidler

Seconded: Tyler Davis

Reports:

Financial Report - (Alison Fidler)

Term Deposit was due in May 2019. Alison look at the interest rates and reinvested the term deposit at 2.25%. for 7 months, it will be due on the 17th December. McCain's have given us a cheque for \$120 for taste testing. Payments have started to come in from AV.

Social Report - (Michelle Hawkes)

Hamburgers were great at the end of the Kingsley Curtis.

Fundraising Report - (Steve McLennan)

McCain's have given us a cheque for \$120 for taste testing

Woody Yaloak Report - (Peter Luke)

Nil

BRAC Report - (Steve McLennan)

BRAC AGM was held on Monday 27th May and Steve is President again, Helen is Treasurer, Ash Secretary and Rod Vice President.

Brac is doing well financially.

AV Report- (Steve McLennan)

Officials awards will be held Sunday 5th May.

Alister Dowie was awarded the Ballarat officials award.

Cross Country Report –

It has been an exciting month for the Wendouree Athletic club with Karla Treweek winning the women's Wal Brown and the Lap of the Lake titles.

Results for the last month:

27th April - Brac relays: Div 1 men 3rd, Div 2 men 2nd, u16 men 2nd, u14 men 1st, Div 1 women 3rd, Div 2 women 2nd

4th May – Black Hill blast: Tyler Davis 1st, Kris Davis 2nd

4th May - Jell's Park Relays: U20 men 2nd, u18 men 1st

11th May – Wal Brown: Karla Treweek 1st Open Female, James Ham 3rd in the Open Men and 1st u18, Harry Sharp 3rd u18, Justin Bleicher 1st u20, Phil 3rd 50+, Archie Calow 1st u14 and Zac Grainger 2nd u14.

Handicap Results James Ham 1st, Phil McLennan 2nd and Karla Treweek 3rd. Club championship results are attached.

18th May – Kingsley Curtis: Axel Caldwell 1st, Tahlee Vanroosmalen 2nd and Jenny Kisler 3rd

25th May – Lap of Lake: Overall results: 1st Open Female Karla Treweek, Andrew Amor 2nd Open Male and 1st u20, Josh Hawkes 2nd u20, Tom Clark 3rd, Harry Sharp 1st u18, Matt Catterson 2nd u18, Archie Calow 1st u14, Zac Grainger 2nd u14, Ange Williams 1st 40+ Female, Phil McLennan 3rd 50+ Male, Tahlee Vanroosmalen 2nd u20 female and Claire Mahony 1st u14 female. Handicap Results: 1st Archie Caldwell, 2nd Tahlee Vanroosmalen and 3rd Ang Williams.

Junior Report – T & F – (Michelle Hawkes)

Nil

Junior Report – Cross Country – (Michelle Hawkes)

The Wendouree junior cross country started on Friday 3rd May at the North Gardens reserve it has been good so far and we have consistently about 12 athletes attend. We have also had lots of positive comments from the parents.

Moved: Tyler Davis

Seconded: Karla Treweek

General Business:

Steve McLennan	Honour board discussions are going well and Nev is doing a great job with the photos.
Michelle Hawkes	Nil
Alison Fidler	We have received an email from Banksia we don't need to do anything but hopefully we get some more fund later in the year. Should we start incorporating the junior monies and bank account with the seniors too make it easier to keep track off? Yes, it was agreed it was a great idea to join them into the one bank account. Alison moved a motion do to this seconded by Phil McLennan.
Kris Davis	Nil
Phil McLennan	The process for the 70 th is going along well. Lots of photos coming to light. We have sauced some catering options and it is looking like it will cost about \$20-\$30 a head. Things are going well so far lots has been done and we now need to get old members addresses etc to send out invitations.
Tyler Davis	Have we looked into the 3 rd discus ring? We will be look into writing a letter to the council. We also need to get onto the council about a letter to the council about the zebra crossing. We will look at getting Brac on board as well.

Meeting Closed at 9.28pm

Next meeting proposed for the 26th June 2019 @7.30pm

BALLARAT REGIONAL ATHLETIC CENTRE
Annual General Meeting
Monday 27 May 2019 @ 7.30pm

Start: 7:33pm

Present: Steve McLennan (chairperson), Ashley Rogers (note taker), Nev Down, Simon Mornane, Shane Bicknell, Peter Roberts, Bernie Blood, Marita Rieniets, Helen Rieniets, Billy Stewart

Apologies: Julie Bicknell, Rod Griffin, Sarah Watts, Michelle Hawkes, Brian Howlett, Michael Hayes, Michael Rieniets

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Helen and Michael Rieniets & Michael Hayes

Motion: That the minutes are a true and accurate record of the last meeting:

Moved: Billy Stewart

Seconded: Marita Rieniets

Action: **Carried**

Main Business:

Reports:

1. Presidents Report

Attached

2. Treasurers Report

Attached

Shane noted that BRAC is long overdue for an audit of the assets in the centre.

3. Track Report

Attached

4. Cross Country Report

Attached

5. Canteen Report

Attached

6. Officials Reports

Attached

7. Facilities Report

Attached

Motion: That the reports be received:

Moved: Helen

Seconded: Nev

Action: Carried

Correspondence:

Nomination forms received for board executive positions: (all attached)

Helen Rieniets - Treasurer

Steve McLennan – President

Rod Griffin – Vice President

Ashley Rogers - Secretary

Board Elections:

All board positions were declared vacant by Steve McLennan.

Billy Stewart took over the chair during the elections.

Nominations:

Treasurer: Helen Rieniets

President: Steve McLennan

Vice President: Rod Griffin

Secretary: Ashley Rogers

The following Board Members were duly elected to the executive for the coming year:

President: Steve McLennan Elected unopposed

Vice President: Rod Griffin Elected unopposed

Treasurer: Helen Rieniets Elected unopposed

Secretary: Ashley Rogers Elected unopposed

General Business:

Nil

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 24th June 2019 @ 7.30pm

Meeting closed at **8:28pm**

Presidents Report 2019

Congratulations to all our athletes, officials, club helpers and spectators that have made the past cross country and track season a success. It's worth noting that our officials are mainly an aging group and thank them for your dedication to our sport. I would encourage more of our younger members to assist and learn in the many aspects of officiating.

The school hiring of Llanberris is a major part of what we provide to users of the facility. To Ashley Rogers thank you for your efforts in assisting the schools with their athletics program, and also working with the many other users of this facility. Your professionalism has been invaluable. Along with the schools program Mick and Helen Rieniets, along with a dedicated group of helpers have run the Llanberris canteen during these carnivals. The canteen is an important part of income to the centre and we thank you all for your efforts.

Cross country and track & field again was successful, with numbers slightly up on previous years. This all wouldn't be possible without the help of Helen Rieniets coordinating the officials, Neville Down heading the track committee, Bill Stewart's efforts assisting at cross country events. It's pleasing to see many hands make light work in running these events and again I would like to thank all those involved.

Getting results out after events is an arduous task. After track each week Michelle Hawkes efforts must be applauded along with those who assist in typing the results into the computers.

Board members, I thank you for your support and efforts during the past year. Especially Ashley Rogers as secretary, Helen Rieniets as treasurer and Rod Griffin as vice president.

Following on from Kathryn Mitchell's outstanding effort at the Commonwealth Games she won the Athletics Australia female athlete of year and the Ballarat Sports person for 2018. A highlight for all that know of Kathryn's dedication to our sport.

In closing I challenge us all to improve our numbers in our club and encourage more participation at all BRAC events.

Stephen McLennan
President

TRACK Report for BRAC AGM on 27th May 2019.

[Report prepared and presented by Nev Down](#)

AV Shield

We averaged around 105 participants each week which is a little down compared to previous seasons.

BRAC conducted four Reshuffled programs which were well received, particularly by the specialist 400m runners.

We conducted four twilight meets (6:00pm starts) during the warmer months to allow for the hot weather. Many athletes, particularly the juniors, indicated they enjoyed competing under the lights.

A new initiative this past season was the Saturday 9:00am start on the first week back after the Christmas / New year break. We were able to do this because Little Aths was not scheduled for that day. This will be something for consideration next season.

This was our second season in adopting the pre-entry system. Athletes have become much better at using it, but there still is the need to educate all on how to do it. Thank you to those who did pre-enter as it made things run more efficiently. It is not difficult to pre-enter.

The 30 minute cut-off rule was accepted and received by the athletes and appreciated by our hard working officials.

In addition to the officials entering the results on the competition days, it is important that we thank Michelle Hawkes who devoting many hours collating and sending off the scores to AV.

Only a small number of competitors represented BRAC at the Shield Final at Albert Park. This was disappointing as it is not a reflection of the numbers we had at Shield. BRAC was well represented by the juniors but the Open and overage numbers were very low. This is something we need to discuss at our Track committee meetings to find out the reasons why. Is it the case that athletes and/or clubs value a BRAC premiership over an AV premiership?

BRAC Premierships, Event Champions & Age category Champions

The BRAC Presentation of Premiership trophies, Event Champions & Age category Champions were awarded on Tuesday 12th March, 2019 at 6:30pm @ Llanberris. It was also a good opportunity to celebrate the season.

Numbers at the BRAC Presentation of Awards was well attended compared to previous years. Being conducted on a Tuesday evening and with a BBQ seems to be popular.

BRAC continued to adopt the AV scoring system where points were allocated based on performance. For the 2018/19 season we continued our unique Open aggregate scoring system where all athletes that competed over the same distance, threw the open weight implement and/or set the hurdles at the open height, scored points for their Open teams.

Thanks to Rod Griffin who again compiled and emailed around the Open aggregate scores each week.

Congratulations to Eureka for taking out the Women's Open Div 1 BRAC premiership and Ballarat Harriers who won the Men's premiership.

Premierships results were:

MEN

Div 1

Ballarat Harriers 51; Eureka 31; Wendouree 26; YCW 13

Div 2

Ballarat Harriers 39; Eureka 31; Wendouree 28; YCW 7

Div 3

Ballarat Harriers 29; Wendouree 25; Eureka 8; YCW 2

40+

Ballarat Harriers 132; Wendouree 108; YCW 77; Eureka 73

U18

Wendouree 125; Ballarat Harriers 103; Eureka 94; YCW 69

U16

Eureka 130; Wendouree 105; YCW 89; Ballarat Harriers 53

U14

Ballarat Harriers 121; Wendouree 116; Eureka 91; YCW 28

WOMEN

Div 1

Eureka 53; Wendouree 30; YCW 22; Ballarat Harriers 16

Div 2

Eureka 52; Wendouree 32; YCW 20; Ballarat Harriers 13

Div 3

Eureka 36; Wendouree 27; YCW 5; Ballarat Harriers 0

U18

Eureka 127; YCW 95; Wendouree 82; Ballarat Harriers 8

U16

YCW 122; Eureka 108; Ballarat Harriers 97; Wendouree 58

U14

Eureka 111; Wendouree 110; YCW 102; Ballarat Harriers 96

BRAC event Champions

BRAC event champion medals were awarded to the athlete who produced the best performance, in each Open event, for the season in Shield competition at Llanberris.

Note: **RED** indicates performance was not done at Ballarat.

- Indicates there were no competitors in that event

100m

Jake Ashmore BH 11.60

Holly Dobbyn EUR 12.33

200m

Hugh Hoffmann YCW 22.96

Holly Dobbyn EUR 25.02

400m

Eugene Read-Spinks WEN 52.81

Holly Dobbyn EUR 59.50

800m

Harry Sharp WEN 1:57.2

Amy Canavan EUR 2:21.79

1500m

Sam Williams WEN 4:06.0

Courtney Scott EUR 4:57.51

3000m

Ryan Norman EUR 8:35.7

Harry Sharp WEN 8:50.0

Georgina Mees	YCW	10:44.10
5000m		
David Grigg	YCW	17:15.73
Rhiannon White	EUR	19:29.0
3000m Walk		
Fraser Saunder	YCW	14:42.36
Alanna Peart	YCW	13:44.03
5000m Walk		
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Alanna Peart	YCW	24:38.0
100m Hurdles		
Gabrielle Lang	WEN	22.05
110m Hurdles		
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400m Hurdles		
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3000m Steeple		
Cameron Snowden	EUR	10.55.04
Oja Prelovsek	EUR	13:23.1
Long Jump		
Bryce Stephenson	EUR	6.60m
Sam Carr	EUR	5.98m
Jordan Barry	WEN	5.12m
Triple Jump		
Joe Labas	WEN	12.54m
Jordan Barry	WEN	10.35m
High Jump		
Madison Wright	WEN	1.55m
Yual Reath	YCW	2.05m
Pole Vault		
Bryce Stephenson	EUR	4.00m
Conrad Oberholzer	BH	2.40m
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Shot Put		
Andrew Green	BH	10.90m
Emma Werner	EUR	10.13m
Discus		
Conrad Oberholzer	BH	31.27m
Emma Werner	EUR	25.53m

Javelin

Conrad Oberholzer	BH	37.23m
Emma Werner	EUR	22.41m

Hammer

Andrew Green	BH	34.07m
Emma Werner	EUR	48.03m

Athlete who scored the HIGHEST in one event

- Jemma Peart 497 points in 3000m Walk
- Caytlyn Sharp 497 points in Shot Put
- Yual Reath 511 points in High jump

Age category Champions

Athletes, from each age category, who accumulated the most points over the season were recognised as the Age group champions.

Name	Club	Points	No. events
U14			
Kayla Bridges	EUR	6609	30
Wil Roberts	BH	5075	44
U16			
Angelica Selkirk	BH	7646	24
Lachlan Hawkes	WEN	8262	27
U18			
Caytlyn Sharp	EUR	10865	31
Bryce Stephenson	EUR	9804	29
40+			
Peter Roberts	BH	16603	76
Sandra Griffin	EUR	7483	23
OPEN			
Emma Werner	EUR	10055	36
Dean Ryan	EUR	8297	27

New BRAC Records for season 2018/19

24 new BRAC records were achieved during the 2018/19 T&F Season. These new records have been updated and posted on the BRAC Records display window.

200m

U18	NYAJIMA JOCK	25.34	WENDOUREE	01.12.2018
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400m

U15	WIL BARBARY	53.31	WENDOUREE	09.02.2019
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U14	WIL BARBARY	53.31		WENDOUREE	09.02.2019
3000m					
50+	ALISTER HAM	10.21.00		HARRIERS	10.11.2018
60+	SANDRA GRIFFIN	16.30.00		EUREKA	15.12.2018
1500m Walk					
U15	FRASER SAUNDER	6.53.51		Y.C.W.	15.12.2018
U16	ALANNA PEART	6.37.30		Y.C.W.	15.12.2018
2000m Walk					
U15	FRASER SAUNDER	9.42.72		Y.C.W.	10.11.2018
2000m Steeple					
U16	GEORGINA MEES	7.23.55	(76.2cm)	Y.C.W.	09.02.2019
U15	GEORGINA MEES	7.23.55	(76.2cm)	Y.C.W.	09.02.2019
3000m Steeple					
40+	CAMERON SNOWDEN	10.58.98	(91.4cm)	EUREKA	09.02.2019
High Jump					
OPEN	YUAL REATH	2.05		Y.C.W.	02.02.2019
U20	YUAL REATH	2.05		Y.C.W.	02.02.2019
U14	LACHLAN O'KEEFE	1.70		WENDOUREE	20.10.2018
40+	CONRAD OBERHOLZER	1.60		HARRIERS	10.11.2018
50+	PETER ROBERTS	1.30		HARRIERS	02.02.2019
Shot Put					
60+	PAUL HAYNES	7.95	(5kg)	EUREKA	27.10.2018
60+	SANDRA GRIFFIN	5.06	(3kg)	EUREKA	19.01.2019
Discus					
60+	PAUL HAYNES	18.53	(1kg)	EUREKA	10.11.2018
Javelin					
40+	CONRAD OBERHOLZER	37.23	(800g)	HARRIERS	09.02.2019
60+	KEVIN RUDDICK	21.29	(600g)	HARRIERS	13.10.2018
Hammer					
60+	PAUL HAYNES	17.85	(5kg)	EUREKA	10.11.2018
OPEN	EMMA WERNER	47.27	(4kg)	EUREKA	20.10.2018
U14	ASHLEE GLEESON	23.69	(3kg)	Y.C.W.	12.01.2019

If there are any other records that I have missed, or need to be amended, please let me know.

Previously, records were updated by simply scanning the results each week or being informed. This past season, a laminated hard copy print out of each field event's records were kept at the event and were monitored by the officials. This worked very effectively.

It is important that if an athlete thinks they may break a record that they request a wind gauge be in operation.

National Championship representation

BRAC had many athletes represent Victoria at the Australian All-Schools Championships in Cairns and the Australian Open and Junior T&F Championships in Sydney. A number of these athletes achieved PBs and a few won medals.

The following BRAC registered athletes competed at the Australian T&F Championships in Sydney

Wil Barbary	U15	400m
Jordan Barry	U20	Long Jump
Archie Caldwell	U14	800m & 1500m
Matthew Catterson	U18	2000m Steeple
Niajima Jock	U18	200m
Claire Mahony	U14	1500m
Georgina Mees	U16	2000m Steeple
Kathryn Mitchell	Open	Javelin
Ben Mornane	U15	3000m
Lachlan O'Keefe	U15	High Jump
Jemma Peart	U20	10,000m Walk
Alana Peart	U17	5000m Walk
Yual Reath	U20	High Jump
Sam Rizzo	Open	100m & 800m
Fraser Saunder	U16	3000m Walk
Angelica Selkirk	U16	Triple Jump
Caytlyn Sharp	U20	100m, 200m & Long Jump
Rachel Tallent	Open	10000m Walk
Emma Werner	Open	Hammer
Madison Wright	U15	High Jump
Ryan Hovey	U15	Triple Jump

Officials

Thank you to the officials on assisting with the conduct of the competition each week. Special thanks to Helen Rieniets for putting together an official's roster each week. This worked really well again and it is hoped will continue next season.

Congratulations to Alistair Dowie on being nominated by the Ballarat region for recognition by AV for his contribution as an official during the season.

The officials we have are great and valued, but they are few in number and our number of registered officials is dwindling. It is important that we remind our athletic community to show their appreciation to our officials.

Ballarat Gift

BRAC put on our fifth invitation 1500m timed handicap event at the Ballarat Gift on Sun 10th February 2019 at City Oval. The event is named the Rod Griffin 1500m handicap and was sponsored by Intersport – Ballarat. We thank Intersport for their kind sponsorship of \$500.

23 BRAC competitors, who all met the qualifying times of 5:00 for the Men and 5:30 for the Women, competed. This is the largest number we have had for the event.

Congratulations to Tyler Davis on taking out this year's event.

Future developments / discussions

I intend to call and conduct a BRAC Track & Field committee meeting in August, prior to the BRAC board meeting to discuss the forthcoming season.

Thank you all for your support.

Nev Down

Cross Country Report 2019

Thank you to all that have competed and assisted during the BRAC and AV cross country events during the 2018 cross country season.

A big thank you must go to Michelle Hawkes who organised all the team events and kept us informed with all that we needed to know. With the AV cross country season a team based competition within the individual competition for all ages and abilities, it was pleasing to see our division two men's team finishing 2nd and being promoted to division one, joining our women in the premier division. We will look forward to more success this year for both men and women.

Other team results were:

- U/16 boys - 2nd place
- U/16 girls - 3rd place
- U/18 boys - 3rd place
- U/20 boys - 4th place
- U/14 girls - 6th place
- U/14 boys - 7th place
- 40+ Women - 4th place
- 40+ men - 7th place
- 50+ men - 9th place

Individual aggregate results:

- Collis Birmingham - 7th, Open Men
- Cameron Snowden - 9th, 40-44 Men
- Michelle Hawkes - 9th, 40-44 Women
- Racheal Gibney - 6th, 45-49 Women
- Allistar Ham - 3rd, 55-59 Men
- Andrew Amor – 3rd, U/20 Men
- Christine O'Halloran – 6th, 55+ Women
- Tom Walker – Equal 10th, U/20 Men
- Josh Hawkes - Equal 10th, U/20 Men
- Harry Sharp – 3rd, U/18 Men
- Matt Catterson – 10th, U/18 Men
- Eliza Lepair – 10th, U/18 Women
- Ben Ludbrook – 2nd, U/16 Men

- Darcy Williams – 4th, U/16 Men
- Jack Diamond – 8th, U/16 Men
- Georgina Mees – 3rd, U/16 Women
- Lily Gilbert – 7th, U/16 Women
- Ben Mornane – 2nd, U/14 Men
- Archie Caldwell – 5th, U/14 Men
- Rhianna Watts – 10th, U/14 Men

Locally, we introduced a new venue at the Woody Yallock Equestrian Centre for the Chas Suffren event which brought a true cross country course to our local events. Thank you to Vince Duffy for his vision in using this venue, popular with all. Also to Billy Stewart who once again has been the backbone in setting up and packing up our courses, along with club helpers. Once again a successful cross country season both locally and at the AV level.

Congratulations to the clubs and individuals who won the following awards:

BRAC Aggregate

- Open Men/Women – Andrew Amor & Racheal Gibney
- 40+ Men/Women – Paul Burge & Rachael Gibney
- 50+ Men/Women – Alistair Ham & Christine O’Halloran
- U/20 Men/Women – Andrew Amor & Tahlee VanRoosmalen
- U/18 Men/Women – Matthew Catterson/ Harry Sharp & Eliza Lepair
- U/16 Men/Women – Ben Ludbrook & Georgina Mees
- U/14 Men/Women – Ben Mornane & Kayla Bridges

Team Wins

Wendouree – A, B, C, 40+, U/18 & U/14 Men

Ballarat Harriers – 50+ Men & 40+ Women

Eureka - U/16 Men

YCW - A, B, C, D, U/18, U/16 & U/14 Women

Stephen McLennan
Cross Country Convenor

Financial Report

Available on Request.

Canteen Annual Report 2018 - 19

We have had a busy time in the canteen especially in the months of March & April when most of the schools hold their sports. Thank you to Noeline, Jackie, Dianne, Margaret & Peter who once again assisted us with the canteen on all these school dates and throughout the other months when required.

A big thankyou to Joan McLennan who helped us out enormously by bagging lollies for us at home. Her help at least gave Mick & I some nights free from bagging lollies and kept our supplies up during the busiest times.

We had a total of 43 schools hold their sports at Llanberris during the year.

BLA's once again did not utilise the canteen during their track season as they could not get volunteers to serve in the canteen on the Saturday mornings. They operated their BBQ and had fruit supplied instead.

The four clubs all did their duty for our shield afternoons. Some days were very quiet.

The Relay for Life was held at Llanberris again this year. We ran the canteen from early afternoon until midnight as the organisers didn't feel there was need to operate on the Sunday morning.

We have continued to obtain our supplies from Ballarat firms such as Wendouree Wholesalers, PFD, Berry Anderson's Evans Bakery and Stewart's Bakery and shopped around the supermarkets to get the best prices for the drinks we carry.

We need to investigate getting more volunteers to help in the canteen especially when we have the main block of schools in during March & April.

We are willing to coordinate but need to ensure that we are not there full time every day as it is too much. This will enable us to have some free time or go and buy supplies during the day if necessary.

We may need to look at maybe not holding canteen on the days when the schools are not willing to let the parents and friends know that we are open and will not let the children come to the canteen. We need to fix up the booking system so that schools realise that the canteen comes with their booking and that it is run to help offset the costs involved in the upkeep of the facilities.

Helen & Mick Rieniets.
Canteen co-ordinators.

OFFICIALS REPORT. 27.5.19.

Thank you to all who have helped as officials or club helpers over the past year.

During Cross Country season 2018 each club took responsibility for recording results of one BRAC race. The helpers were willing and this system appeared to work OK. The clubs got involved by setting up, packing up and working in the finish shutes.

Our 2019 Cross Country season has gone well so far but we could do with more help with packing up after events so that the ones who have arrived early to set up are not the only ones left to also pack up. It would be great to see some new faces put themselves forward to help at these events. Thanks to all who have assisted in any way so far this season. Our events have gone off well. A special thank you to Paul Hayes for organising the BRAC Wal Brown at Pax Hill on short notice when we found that the course out at Creswick was not available.

In Track season we had a dedicated band of officials who were always there either as starters, finish line judges, photo finish operators, time keepers, referees, starters assistants and who fulfilled the administration role in the office as well as the dedicated band that did the setting up of everything that was required to conduct the program.

We also had a regular band of officials and club helpers who conducted the field events. Your assistance helped the programs to flow. Thank you to all who put themselves forward to help get the events completed.

We need to encourage as many as possible to get involved because the more who get involved as officials/helpers the better we will be able to conduct our competition in the future. We have a basic practical officials seminar booked on 18th August. Richard Lawysz will be the convener and it would be beneficial if we could get people who would be willing to help during track to go to this seminar.

In the coming year we need to source people who would be interested in working in photo finish as we have a great facility that could be utilised during the many school meets that are held at Llanberris but do not have people to run the photo finish equipment.

Congratulations to Alistair Dowie on being awarded the AV official of the year for the Ballarat Region. He is a worthy winner as his dedication shows through with him travelling from Carrisbrook each week to officiate at shield.

We have officials who as well as assisting in Ballarat have worked at AV and AA level throughout the year.

I hope that they have found the experience a fulfilling one.

Helen Rieniets

Facilities Report 2019

Another year has gone by with BRAC controlling and maintaining the Llanberris Reserve facility. Keeping Llanberris in a usable condition takes a lot of hard work behind the scenes and as the Facilities Manager I must thank Steve McLennan for his time spent being the Mr fix it around the reserve when issues arise.

In October last year we had a meeting with Chris Gardiner who toured Llanberris where we discussed the issues and wish list we had for the venue. Since that meeting council has recently fixed the back straight long jump pits and performed some spot fixing of the track, with them to come back in the spring to continue in the more favourable weather.

Unfortunately that's the only attempt the council has made to upgrade the facilities when so many issues are prevalent currently. It's disappointing that one of the premier sporting facilities in Ballarat continues to be over looked for necessary upgrades.

On the hiring side of things we continue to increase the pool of schools using Llanberris for their athletics carnivals, with a handful of new schools booking this year and a couple for 2020. Schools have been excellent with using the grounds with only a 2 schools requiring charges for extra cleaning of the toilets. Regarding damage to equipment over the period of the school season (Feb-April) we lost 3 tapes and 1 high jump bar, with the tape measures invoiced for costs to the schools. The extraordinary weather also meant that only 2 schools had to cancel events so far this year and they were successfully re run on separate days.

Thanks must also go out to Helen and Mick Rieniets who have done a wonderful job running the canteen and locking up after the schools have finished for the day. You run a fantastic service for all the visiting schools and it is refreshing to know that you will be continuing on with running the canteen. We also have the local soccer referee's back in the venue training on the changed night of Wednesday providing a consistent stream of income for the centre over the quieter winter months.

The turnstile gate continues to be a fantastic vehicle for accruing funds towards the next surface relay and the demand for cards doesn't seem to be slowing down at all. It demonstrates the magnitude of people using the facilities on a weekly basis, more cards are on the way too! Too bad the most recent repair bill on the gate won't be covered by council

Going forward I think the centre needs a few items that need upgrading or replacing.

- The long jump pit covers need to be organised ASAP
- We need to invest in several new sets of high jump uprights and height measuring sticks
- Fixing the area around the green high jump shed
- Council involvement in fixing the drainage in the shot put rinks

As of August this year I will have been in the position of Facilities Manager for 3 years, a lot longer than I would have envisioned. At this stage I would like to sit down with the newly elected executive and discuss wages leading into the future. Though this position is very seasonal it does have a negative affect my job in term 1 but I don't envision stepping down at this stage.

Overall BRAC is doing a fantastic job delivering Llanberris Reserve to all its athletes and the wider community.

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