



# WENDOUREE ATHLETIC CLUB Inc

Inc No A 2824 ABN 49 928 547 941  
P.O Box 160N, Ballarat North, 3350



Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Meeting opened at 7.45pm

**Present:** Brendan Hawkes, Nev Down, Alison Fidler, Michelle Hawkes, Steve McLennan

**Apologies:** Caitlin Christie, Phil McLennan

**Matters Arising:**

- Approve 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 minutes.

**Moved: Nev**

**Seconded: Alison**

**Outwards Correspondence:**

Small Dog – info for website sent
Email for volunteers helpers for 5/15km AV Race in Ballarat
Monthly Meeting Reminder

**Inwards Correspondence:**

Bank Statement
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**Emails Received:**

Small Dog – meeting info
Paul Hayes – Questioned the age groups for suffren
Helen Reiniets – Suffren marshall info
Rod Griffin – Suffren Results
Ashley Anderson – Press release Comm. Games
AV – AV & On extended partnership (Zatopek)

**Treasurers Report:**

Available on Request

**Accounts for Payment:**

BRAC	Nev Llanberris Card	\$80
Sponsorship	Singlet to Midlands	\$36
BRAC	Sandown	\$120
BRAC	Suffren	\$76
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$312.00</b>

**Moved: Alison**

**Seconded: Nev**

## Reports:

### Financial Report - (Alison)

Account is still looking very healthy.

Term deposit is due on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.

### Social Report - (Michelle)

Our Get Together on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at Forges Pizzeria was really good.

Need to decide on a date and venue for our Cross-Country end of season get together.

We will have it on the September 16<sup>th</sup> after Tan Relay, invite the track athletes as well and we will order Pizza and something else. \$10 per person.

### Fundraising Report - (Michelle)

Nil

### Woody Yaloak Report - (Peter)

Nil

### BRAC Report - (Nev)

Next meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> August.

### Club Concerns For BRAC –

Nil

### AV Report –

AGM is being held 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.

### Cross Country Report – (Michelle)

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Johnstone H'cap (6.4km, 3.2km, 1.6km) @ Mt Clear	6.4km-Cody Torney	3.2km-Dayne Schnyder	1.2km-Wendy Tiam	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July – Lindsay Burgoyne Handicap (8km, 4km, 2km) @ Reid St, Brown Hill	8km-Marcus Downes	4km-Rosie Hunt	2km-Wendy Tian	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July - AV XCR'23 Rd 5: Sandown Road Relays (6.2km, 3.1km) @ Sandown Racecourse	6.2km - Zac Grainger	3.1km - Amali Torney		Open Women 5th - Alison & Michelle, Div 4 Men 1st - Josh & Zac, u16 Women 2nd- Amali
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July – BRAC Charles Suffren (6.4km, 3.2km, 1.6km) @ Smythesdale Equestrian Centre				Zac 1st u18, Mitch 1st u16, Marcus 3rd 50+, Juliete 3rd open & 1st u20 INV, Alison 1st 50+, Liz 3rd 50+ INV, Rosie 1st u18, Amali 2nd u16
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – George Eppingstall Handicap (9.6km, 5km, 1.6km) @ Pax Hill, Canadian	6.4km-Zac Grainger	3.2km-Amali Torney		
	9.6km - Marcus Downes	5km- Juliette Downes	1.6km - Wendy Tian	
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July - Vic All-Schools Cross Country Championships (Various Distances, National XC selection race) @ Bundoora				Amali Torney W U15 Loreto College 4km 15:20m 16th, Rosie Hunt W U18 Loreto College 4km 15:59m 26th, Mitchell Korosec M U15 St Patricks College 4km 12:45m 8th, Cody Torney M U17 St Patricks College 6km 21:57m 28th, Zac Grainger M U18 Ballarat Clarendon 6km 20:44m 18th, Jacob Cheesman M U18 Ballarat Clarendon 6km 20:56m 23rd
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July - AV XCR'23 Rd 6: Bundoora Cross Country (10km, 8km; National XC selection race) @ Bundoora	10km Matt Catterson			Open Men 5th - Matt & Josh- 40+ women - 1st Alison, Ang & Michelle, Ang 1st 50+, Alison 3rd 50+

### Track Report – (Nev)

Nil

### Junior Report – Cross Country – (Michelle)

Our Junior Cross Country started back last week after a break for school holidays and the numbers are still really good.

**Moved: Alison**

**Secoded: Nev**

## General Business:

Brendan Hawkes	Nil
Michelle Hawkes	We had our meeting with Brandon from Small Dog and we are again just waiting for him to get back to us. We presented Nev with his life member on July 1st at our “Social Get Together” Congratulations Nev. Attached is Nev’s bio.
Nev Down	Nil
Alison Fidler	Nil
Steve McLennan	The U12 BRAC races are being dominated by YCW, how do we get some more athletes on the Saturday, to stop them from gloating.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting proposed for the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Neville Down

Joined: 25/01/1989

Neville Down joined the Wendouree Athletic Club after shifting to Ballarat to undertake tertiary studies in Bachelor of Education – Physical Education. Hailing from Speed, in the Wimmera, Neville came to the club at a time of re-establishment for the club on the track and at the dawn of one its strongest periods in cross country. As an athlete he demonstrated range and diversity. Essentially of the mould of a middle distance athlete with a 1.55 800m to his name through to 18.58 for the Lake his value on the track extended to being a very competent hurdler and a capable exponent of the vertical jumps.

Off the track Neville’s endeavours has left an even more indelible mark. As a coach he has provided expert guidance to many athletes in sprints, middle and long distance, a number of whom have achieved success at local, state and national level with some progressing on to the international arena.

Neville has served on the Wendouree Athletic Club committee for many years including holding the position of Vice-President. He has represented the club on the board of the Ballarat Regional Athletic Centre, as well as the competition committees of B.R.A.C. and Athletics Victoria that have formulated the program of the summer AVSL season and the staging of the Country Championships hosted in Ballarat. Whilst continuing to be an active athlete Neville also contributes to the conduct of the weekly track and field competition assisting as an announcer and track official.

The history of the club has also been enriched by Neville’s photography skills. Through the lens of his camera Neville has made a significant contribution to the pictorial chronicle of the club recording numerous competition and team photos. He has also undertaken to digitise and log all available historic club photographs from the past seventy plus years.

Neville Down’s appointment as life member of the Wendouree Athletic Club is due recognition of his outstanding contribution over more than three decades.