



## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CE BROWN RESERVE WENDOUREE ON 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024.**

### **PRESENT:**

Phillip McLennan, Brendan Hawkes, Michelle Hawkes, Alison Fidler, Graeme Quick, Caitlin Christie, Nev Down

**APOLOGIES:** Peter Luke

### **PRESIDENT’S WELCOME:**

Welcome address by Brendan Hawkes

### **MATTERS ARISING from 2023 Annual General Meeting:**

Website progress – the website is up and running and hopefully everyone is enjoying it.

### **CONFIRMATION of the 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes:**

<b>Moved</b>	Alison Fidler	<b>Sec</b>	Phil McLennan	<b>Carried</b>
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### **ANNUAL REPORTS:**

#### **Presidents Report by Brendan Hawkes:**

Attached at the end of minutes.

#### **Cross country report by Phil McLennan:**

Attached at end of minutes.

#### **Junior report by Michelle Hawkes:**

- **Cross-Country** – For the junior cross-country 2023 season we had 38 kids registered and they were a great bunch of kids. We really focus on the kids challenging themselves and bettering their PB’s over the season.

- **Track and Field** - The Wendouree Junior Track and Field 2023/24 season again went extremely well. The junior presentations were great, and we had lots of compliments about them. As we keep on saying year after year the junior athletic program is the major fundraiser for the Wendouree Athletic Club and it would be great to have some more help. We must again say a big thankyou to Zac Grainger, Josh Hawkes and Rosie Hunt who came along every single Friday to help it so great a few older athletes come along, as the young kids absolutely love seeing them each week. A big thank you also to our parents/grandparents who also came along and helped again this season, Gordon Davis, Judy and Rick Winnell, thank you so much. Also, to Brendan Hawkes, Phil McLennan, Jenny Kisler and Max Paget for helping with set up and pack. And lastly to Alison Fidler and Michelle Hawkes for the organisation and keeping our junior athletic program going and being successful each year. If we didn’t have all the people just mentioned, we wouldn’t be able to conduct the Wendouree Juniors and we wouldn’t be able to support athletes with their athletic endeavours. It would be great to have extra help this coming season and we really hope to get more senior and junior athletes coming along and helping out.

**Track and field report by Neville Down:**

Attached at end of minutes.

**Woody Yaloak report by Peter Luke:**

Attached at end of minutes.

**Treasurers Report by Alison Fidler:**

Available on request

**All Reports Moved as Read:**

<b>Moved</b>	Caitlin Christie	<b>Sec</b>	Alison Fidler	<b>Carried</b>
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

**Bendigo Bank Term Deposit** - current investment \$144,181.02. Interest rates 4.75%. Maturity date 17 September 2024

**Equipment Purchased** – New Stopwatch and vortex for the juniors and other miscellaneous items.

**Major Expenses** - Trophies and medals again were one of the major expenses for the club totalling \$4,198. Insurance totalling \$4,130 was also paid this year.

**Wendouree Juniors** – The Junior program was again very well supported over \$10,000 raised. The BBQ again was successful and well supported. The introduction of the square reader for payments of registrations and at the BBQ has been very successful.

**Ballarat Triathlon Club** – Club members again assisted the Ballarat Tri Club marshalling over five events during the Season. Total raised \$1,250 was paid to the club for our assistance.

**Banksia Funds** – No further distributions were received this year. To date 91.5% of funds have been returned to the club. Possibility of further distribution but no clear indication of when or the amount.

The club is in a very good financial position.

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**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

All positions for the Wendouree Athletic Club were declared vacant and Phil McLennan was asked to take the chair for the duration of the Elections.

<b>Position:</b>	<b>Nominee:</b>	<b>Nominated By:</b>	<b>Seconded By:</b>
<b>President</b>	Brendan Hawkes	Lachlan Hawkes	Michelle Hawkes
<b>Vice President</b>	Neville Down	Alison Fidler	Michelle Hawkes
<b>Secretary</b>	Michelle Hawkes	Brendan Hawkes	Alison Fidler
<b>Treasurer / Finance Officer / Fundraising</b>	Alison Fidler	Michelle Hawkes	Phil McLennan
<b>Jnr Vice President</b>	Position left vacant		

<b>Cross Country Convener</b>	Phil McLennan	Brendan Hawkes	Nev Down
<b>Jnr Cross Country Convener</b>	Michelle Hawkes/Alison Fidler	Caitlin Christie	Brendan Hawkes
<b>Records Officer</b>	Phil McLennan	Caitlin Christie	Alison Fidler
<b>Social Media (Facebook, Instagram), IT / Website Manager, Communications</b>	Caitlin Christie	Nev Down	Alison Fidler
<b>Jnr T&amp;F Convener &amp; Jnr Development Officer</b>	Michelle Hawkes	Caitlin Christie	Nev Down
<b>Jnr Development Officer</b>	Alison Fidler	Michelle Hawkes	Brendan Hawkes
<b>AV Delegate</b>	Steve McLennan	Graeme Quick	Nev Down
<b>Av Delegate</b>	Caitlin Christie	Michelle Hawkes	Brendan Hawkes
<b>Additional Committee Members</b>	Peter Luke		

**Comments.** Graeme Quick passed on his congratulations and best wishes to the incoming committee.

**NOTICES OF MOTION:**

To investigate and look at the processes to change the level of funding for Wendouree AC athletes/coaches/officials and the parameters of how we do that, for our athletes in their athletic endeavours.

Things to take into consideration are:

- the level of competition
- where the competition is located
- how long they have been a member
- Committee discretion.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- **Membership fees.**

<b>Category</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>Proposed 2026-27</b>
Open athlete	\$45	\$50	\$50
Juniors (13-19)	\$35	\$40	\$40
Recreational runner	\$45	\$50	\$50
Non- Competing member (volunteer)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Coach	\$0	\$0	\$0
Official	\$0	\$0	\$0

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- Cross country 2026 season ticket (all age groups including juniors)
- Season ticket \$30

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## Accounts for payment:

AV affiliation Fee - \$650

<b>Moved</b>	Alison Fidler	<b>Sec</b>	Michelle Hawkes	<b>Carried</b>
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## Questions from the floor:

Nil

## Meeting Closed at 6.23pm

### President's Report 2023/2024

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The 2023/24 season was another great year for the Wendouree Athletic Club.

Our Cross-Country season saw Josh Hawkes take out the club aggregate.

We also saw some great results throughout the season with the BRAC Ballarat Teams in the AV XCR'23 competition. Most notable was the Premier Men finishing in 5th place, Premier women 6th, Div 2 men 2nd (and now move up to Div 3). The 40+ women finished in 3rd place and the u20 men, u18 men, u18 women and u16 women all finished in 4th place.

In the BRAC Ballarat Cross Country individual awards we had Rosie Hunt win the u18 women's.

Michelle Hawkes the 40+ women's, Alison Fidler won the 50+ women's award and Steve McLennan the 50+ Men's.

We also had several athletes compete at the State and National Championships with outstanding results.

At the National Cross-Country Championship in Canberra Mitch Korosec finished 19th overall in the under 15 men's 4km and Amali Torney finished in 55th position in her u15 4km.

Congratulation to everyone involved in the Ballarat AVSL 2023/24 competition. What another fantastic season!

We competed in the AV Premier Division this season and for a small club we punched well above our weight finishing in 5th position. That is amazing and we should all be very proud.

In the BRAC competition we won the Open Women, Open Men, Open Combined, 40+ Women, 40+ Men, U18 Men and U16 Women premierships. In the individual champion athletes awards again Wendouree had many winners Josh Hawkes Open Men, Marcus Downes 50+ Men, Alison Fidler 50+ Women, Chris Lang 60+ Men, Zac Grainger U18 Men, Bridie Shanahan U18 Women and Mackenzie Estlick U16 women.

Another big highlight of the AVSL Track and Field Season was Yual Reath's amazing 2.29m High Jump a massive Ballarat record. Congratulations to Yual.

Thank you to everyone from Wendouree that put their hands up to compete, officiate and help out throughout the season.

We had some outstanding performances in the Vic Country Championships over the 3 days of competition. The number of medals and personal bests across the competition was amazing. Well done to everyone that competed and once again thank you to all our officials and club helpers for making the competition happen and run smoothly.

The State championships were no different with lots of medals and PB's. The Wendouree athletes brought home a swag of medals. Congratulations to everyone who competed.

At the National championships in Adelaide just recently our athletes were outstanding, again with lots of PB's and medals being brought home. Most notable was probably Yual in the Open Men's High Jump, a gold medal and Yual is now the Open Men's Champion! Congratulations to everyone who competed.

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For those who follow our athletes via Facebook and Instagram, thank you to Caitlin Christie who, after many hours officiating, spends endless hours at night trolling through results to post the results, so we and all our family and friends, are kept informed during and after all the athletes' events. Also thank you to Nev for his fabulous photography throughout the season, we all love seeing your photos.

Thank you again to everyone that helps organise and run the junior Track and Field competition on Friday nights during the warmer months, the participations numbers are again right up there again this year, and we had lots of happy kids and parents.

The junior cross-country competition has started back up again, and we have great numbers this year. Friday night seems to work well for the juniors.

Congratulations to the winners of the club's highest awards:

\* The Bill Cleary Trophy Best Club Person (for track season) Prue Orchard was the winner. Thank you, Prue, for your dedication to the club and your energetic energy you bring to the track. Competing, volunteering and your support to all the juniors is very inspiring.

\* The Brian Gudgeon Best Club Person (Cross Country Season)– Michelle Hawkes was the winner. Thank you Michelle for all the time and work you put in to the Wendouree athletic Club.

In finishing, I would like to thank the board and committee members for another great year, we continually work together so well to keep the club and the sport going strong.

Brendan Hawkes

## WAC 2024 AGM Track & Field Report Report prepared and presented by Nev Down

The Wendouree Athletic Club has once again had a fantastic Track and Field season. In the local BRAC competition WAC won premierships in the Women's U16, 40+ and Open and the Men's U18, 40+ and Open. WAC also took home the combined Open premiership.

To finish 5th in Premier division in the AVSL competition is something we should be very proud.

WAC performed extremely well with over 40 athletes competing in the 2024 Victorian Country Championships in Ballarat. Well done to the athletes who produced many PBs and won a swag of medals. Thanks to our many wonderful officials and helpers who assisted with the conduct of these championships.

Congratulations to all our AVSL Champion Athlete award winners: Dermott Orchard, Lily Austin, Mitchell Korosec, Mackenzie Estlick, Zac Grainger, Bridie Shanahan, Wil Barbary, Marcus Downes, Alison Fidler, Josh Hawkes and Caitlin Christie. Congratulations to our Championship event winners and the following athletes won the BRAC Champion Athlete awards for scoring the most points in total over the season: Lily Austin, Mackenzie Estlick, Zac

Grainger, Bridie Shanahan, Marcus Downes, Chris Lang, and Josh Hawkes. Mackayla Culvenor and Yual Reath were awarded the Sandra Griffin and Paul Schnyder awards for being voted the most valuable athletes in the BRAC competition.

We recognise and congratulate our club's special award winners for season 2023-24. Best first year athletes – Russell Cheesman and Mackenzie Estlick; Most improved – Josh Hawkes, Lily Austin and Lucy Bennett; Spirit of WAC – Sam Culvenor; Best Clubperson – Prue Orchard.

Congratulations to Ella Culvenor (8th U15 TJ), Mackenzie Estlick (8th U16 100m, 9th U16 200m & Bronze 4 x 100m) and Mackayla Culvenor (Silver U16 LJ) who competed at the 2023 Australian All-Schools T&F Championships in Perth.

In addition to the many state representatives, WAC had 13 athletes compete at the National Championships in Adelaide. Congratulations to Nyajima Jock (Open 200m), Yual Reath (Open High Jump), Lachlan O'Keefe (Open & U20 High Jump), Ella Culvenor (U16 Long Jump & Triple Jump), Mackayla Culvenor (U17 Long Jump & Triple Jump), Mackenzie Estlick (U17 100m & 200m), Jace Murray (U18 Discus & Javelin), Lucy Bennett (U14 Hammer), Bridie Shanahan (U20 Triple Jump), Lily Austin (U14 Triple Jump), Matilda Bennett (U16 Hammer), Mitchell Korosec (U16 3000m), and Jacob Cheesman (U20 5000m).

Well done to Lachlan O'Keefe for taking out the silver medal at Nationals in the U20 High jump and Yual Reath for being crowned National Champion again with a leap of 2.29m. We wish Yual all the best in his upcoming competitions as his season continues.

We recognise and value the importance of our Little Athletics competition on Friday nights. Thank you to Michelle Hawkes and Alison Fidler and the regular helpers for running this great competition. It's a popular fun competition and fantastic feeder program into senior athletics.

Wendouree AC has continued to supply many well-qualified and hard-working officials and helpers at all levels of competition. For a country club to have 14 qualified officials assist in the conduct of competition on a regular basis, is a great achievement and something we are very proud of. We thank them for their continued support of our sport, and we hope to continue to build on the many wonderful officials we already have. Thank you.

Wendouree AC have many highly qualified, experienced, and wonderful coaches. Coaches contribute a lot to driving the sport through development and recruiting. We hope to build on the many wonderful coaches we already have.

Thank you for your dedication and work towards guiding and helping our athletes.

Congratulations one and all for helping make 2023-24 season an enjoyable and successful season.

Thank you and well done.

### Wendouree Athletic Club - 2023 Cross-Country Report

Twenty-five weeks, thirty-four venues, sixty-eight events, forty-four athletes, four hundred and fifty-one participations. That gives a numeric overview of the Wendouree Athletic Club's sixty-sixth consecutive cross-country season conducted in 2023. Numbers themselves however do not constitute the whole story with the endeavours and achievements of the athletes providing the character and depth to the season as it transpired.

Josh Hawkes claimed a brace of club open championships in the 8km and 5km with Zac Grainger the winner of the 10km title. Angela Williams (8km), Rosie Hunt (5km) and Alison Fidler (10km) shared the women's open crowns between them. Of the major club handicaps Juliette Downes was victorious in the Schnyder Handicap, Stephen McLennan got the nod in the McLennan Handicap and held off the field in the Kingsley Curtis Handicap, Alison Fidler earned inscription on to the Gudgeon Cup and Josh Hawkes rounded out the season by winning the McAuley Lap of the Lake.

Wendouree athletes were among the medals at BRAC events throughout the season. Angela Williams, Michelle Hawkes, Rosie Hunt, Alison Fidler, Zac Grainger and Mitch Korosec all claiming gold in their respective age categories. Josh Hawkes' 3rd place in the Wal Brown 8km also worthy of a mention. Medallists as follows:

#### BRAC Wal Brown 8km / 4km (Victoria Park)

8km - Male: Open 3rd Joshua Hawkes; U/20 2nd Dayne Schnyder; U/18 2nd Jacob Cheeseman,  
3rd Hudson Downes.

Female: 50+ 1st Angela Williams, 2nd Alison Fidler

4km - Female: U/18 2nd Rosie Hunt; U/16 3rd Amali Torney

#### BRAC Lap of Lake

Male: 40+ 3rd James Whatley; U/18 2nd Zac Grainger

Female: U/18 2nd Rosie Hunt; 40+ 1st Michelle Hawkes; 50+ 1st Angela Williams,

2nd Alison Fidler, 3rd Liz Charles

#### BRAC Chas Suffren (Smythesdale)

6.4km – Female: Open 3rd (Inv) Juliette Downes; 50+ 1st Alison Fidler, 3rd Liz Charles (Inv)

Male: 50+ 3rd Marcus Downes; U/18 1st Zac Grainger, 3rd Cody Torney.

3.2km – Male: U/16 1st Mitch Korosec.

Female: U/18 1st Rosie Hunt; U/16 2nd Amali Torney

BRAC Relays (Durham Point, Lake Wendouree)

Open Men A Grade – 3rd, Fastest - Joshua Hawkes (9.07); 50+ Men – 2nd.

Open Women A Grade – 2nd, Fastest – Rosie Hunt (11.09).

Wendouree continued to add value and quality to the combined Ballarat team throughout the 2023 Athletics Victoria XCR season with representation on all ten competition days.

Angela Williams posted four victories in the women's 50+ category (10km, 8km CC, 12km CC, 10km CC) that saw her duly rewarded with the Champion Athlete title. Alison Fidler notched up three bronze medal placings (10km, 8km CC, 10km CC) also in the women's 50+ competition to place fifth in the Champion Athlete standings. In the female 45+ age group Michelle Hawkes combined a win (12km CC) and two third placings (8km CC, 10km CC) to finish second on the Champion Athlete table. Collectively Angela, Alison and Michelle formed the foundation of the Ballarat team that registered three wins and finished the season third on the women's 40+ Premiership Ladder. Along with Karla Treweek they also contributed significantly to the women's Premier division team performance across the season. In the men's Premier competition Matthew Catterson, Darcy Williams and Joshua Hawkes provided strong representation to ensure a top five finish at the conclusion of the season. Other notable results include: Zac Grainger and Jacob Cheeseman as part of the victorious Male Under 18 Cross Country relay team; Amali Torney (2nd – female Under 16 Sandown Relay); James Whatley (3rd male 40+ Ekiden Relay); Joshua Hawkes, Zac Grainger (1st male Division 4 Sandown Relay); Joshua Hawkes, Cody Torney (1st male Division 4 Ekiden Relay).

At the Australian Cross Country Championships Wendouree had two representatives deserving of congratulations on their meritorious performances.

Mitchell Korosec - Male Under 15 4km – 19th (13.37)

Amali Torney - Female Under 15 4km – 55th (16.16)

At the end of season presentations, the following award recipients were acknowledged.

Junior Champion Athletes:



U/12 – Wendy Tian; U/14 – Henry Whatley; U/16 – Amali Torney;  
U/18 – Rosie Hunt

### Junior Aggregate

1st Amali Torney – 161 points  
=2nd Rosie Hunt – 137 points  
= 2nd Juliette Downes – 137 points  
4th Cody Torney – 131 points  
5th Zac Grainger – 116 points

### Senior Aggregate

1st Joshua Hawkes – 157 points  
2nd Stephen McLennan – 135 points  
3rd Marcus Downes – 100 points  
4th Jenny Kisler – 91 points  
5th Michelle Hawkes – 86 points

Congratulations to both Amali and Josh on their seasons that were marked by consistency and progression to higher levels of performance and achievement. Robert Brookes Award – Angela Williams: in recognition of another fine season from an exceptional, enduring athlete of elite standing.

Best Club Person – Michelle Hawkes: there is probably not enough words of gratitude to convey due appreciation for the contribution Michelle makes to the operations and fabric of the club.

And so, the 2023 Cross Country season drew to its conclusion. There are always the stories behind the stories that will have time for telling in their own forum. In this particular instance it is pertinent to express our gratitude to those that gave the season its form and structure by planning, promoting and reporting events, marking courses, officiating and packing up afterwards.

Special mention to Best Club Person recipient, Michelle Hawkes (refer above observation), also Alison Fidler, Brendan Hawkes and others who enabled the season to transpire in a mostly orderly and organized manner.

May the next chapter be written.

The Cross-Country Committee.

## Woody Yaloak Report

The Woody Yaloak Athletic Club has had a great 2023-24 seasons with many new registrations in both Cross Country and Track and Field.

The cross country season saw many families assisting in the setups of weekly courses and the conducting of the runs. This was a good precedent in aiding a select few that setup courses weekly. Huon Anderson was the junior aggregate winner and Brian the senior aggregate winner.

The Track and Field season again saw many new families with many children in the under 6 and seven age groups. And again large numbers in both the girls and boys u11 age groups. Parental supervision was very good with each age group having a supervisor in a yellow vest. The highlights of the season was the walk clinic conducted by Daryl Biggin and Fraser Saunders, the ribbon nights which saw a number of new records created (The 2 ribbon nights are the only times that a member can contest or break a club record). Many parents also contested the shotput, discus and javelin events.

The runathon was run on a warm night which had a water slide setup. The total sponsorship raised on the night exceeded \$3000. The best run on the night was Sullivan Martin running 12.6k in the hour.

The ongoing management of the club saw Benita Martin again President for the next 12 months, Peter Luke continuing as Coordinator and a number of new committee persons which has the committee at 10 persons.

Peter Luke

Coordinator