



# WENDOUREE ATHLETIC CLUB Inc

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



Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Meeting opened at 7.40pm

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

**Apologies:** Peter Luke

## **Matters Arising:**

- Approve 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 minutes.
- Internet Banking

**Moved: Alison**

**Seconded: Nev**

## **Outwards Correspondence:**

Shannon Palmer - Lawn Morning for Wendouree Junior Athletics area
Sharon Russell - Re: Application for the 2025 Grants program - Wendouree Athletic Club – Thank you for our grant
Ben Cartwright - Re: Wendouree Crop Tops - response
Reminder - Country Athletics Championships - Entries close in one week – Monday 12th January at Midday
Reminder - AVSL Round 7 - Entries are open and close on Wednesday 14th January @11.59am (midday)
Quest Albury Victorian Country Championships - Club Helper Duby Roster - Saturday 24, Sunday 25 & Monday 26 January 2026
Response to a phone call - Re: Life Membership
Email sent to relevant members: Fw: Life Membership – Merv Pickford
Wendouree 'POWERPLAY' Saturday 31st January
Sport Delivery - Wendouree 'POWERPLAY' Saturday 31st January
Small Dog - Wendouree Athletic Club Website – Not working
Monthly Meeting Reminder - 28th January 2026
Victorian Country Championships Volunteer Duties- updated due to Heat

## **Inwards Correspondence:**

Bank Statements
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## **Emails Received:**

Athletics Ballarat (AB) - Sponsorship Announcement - Doveton Finance
AV - From the CEO's Desk - Edition 27
AB - AVSL/XCR Committee Meeting Agenda - December 2025
Shannon Palmer - Re: Lawn Morning for Wendouree Junior Athletics area
Mervyn Pickford - Life Membership – attached at end of minutes
AB - Updated Club Logo's
AV - 2025 Profeet Athletics Victoria Track & Field Relay Championships Incorporating Zatopek:10 - Club Helper Roster - 12th-14th December- Lakeside.
Sharon Russel - RE: Application for the 2025 Grants program - Wendouree Athletic Club – attached at end of minutes

AB - AVSL/XCR Committee Minutes - December 2025
AV - Off the Track – News from AV
AA – Simon Hollingsworth - Australian Athletics and Little Athletics Australia Unification
Ben Cartwright - Re: Wendouree Crop Tops
AB - AVSL/XCR Update
AV - Quest Albury Victorian Country Championships - Club Helper Duby Roster - Saturday 24, Sunday 25 & Monday 26 January 2026
AB - AVSL/XCR Committee Agenda - January 2026
AB - Athletics Facility Tour
AV - Quest Albury Victorian Country Championships - Updated Club Helper Duty Roster & Revised hot weather Timetable - Saturday 24, Sunday 25 & Monday 26 January 2026
Small Dog - Re: Wendouree Athletic Club Website
City of Ballarat – Rough Sleeper
AB – Minutes from Meeting 19 <sup>th</sup> January

## **Treasurers Report:**

Available on Request

## **Accounts for Payment:**

Nil

**Moved: Alison**

**Seconded: Nev**

## **Reports:**

### **Financial Report** - (Alison Fidler)

Term Deposit is now due on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Bank account is still looking healthy.

Still waiting on the Grant Money from Athletics Victoria

### **Social Report** - (Michelle Hawkes)

Athletics Ballarat end of year awards evening (both CC and Aths) Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Social Afternoon maybe Round 10 – We will do Pizza ‘s again.

### **Fundraising Report** - (Michelle Hawkes)

Cans and bottles are still going well.

We did our 1<sup>st</sup> Tri marshalling on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

We have another one this coming Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

### **Woady Yaloak Report** - (Peter Luke)

Nil

### **Athletics Ballarat Report** - (Steve McLennan)

Meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Meeting minutes:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lNI4YfYvwaddHvfr-5J4uoM2AjIh9kZ/view?usp=sharing>

## **Club Concerns For Athletics Ballarat –**

Nil

## **AV Report –**

Nil

## **Cross Country Report –**(Phil McLennan)

We have a calendar with potential dates – we will have a meeting and discuss those dates.

## **Track Report –**(Nev Down)

Report attached.

AVSL Powerplay Round 8 – 31<sup>st</sup> January

## **Junior Report – Cross Country/ Track and Field –**(Michelle Hawkes)

Wendouree Junior Athletics will recommence on the 30<sup>th</sup> January. It is exciting as we have our new equipment and we can't wait for the kids to start using. Although we may have to use the heat policy as it is a predicted 37 degrees.

**Moved: Alison**

**Seconded: Phil**

## **General Business:**

Brendan Hawkes	Nil
Michelle Hawkes	Ballarat Triathlon Club – Next dates are 1 <sup>st</sup> February and 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2026. Merv Pickford letter.
Alison Fidler	Nil
Nev Down	Nil
Phil McLennan	Thorough research has been done to investigate the email from Merv Pickford and a response will be sent to Merv.
Steve McLennan	Richard Lawysz was awarded an OAM for his contribution to athletics, we will send him a congratulations.
Kylie Mitchell	Nil
Marc Schnyder	Nil

Meeting Closed at 9.13pm

Next meeting scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Strictly Confidential  
The President  
Wendouree Athletic Club

03/12/2025

My name is Mervyn Pickford. Some years ago, I along with Mrs Cleary and Mrs Opie were nominated for Life Membership of the Wendouree Athletic Club at an AGM. The exact date of the meeting I could not tell you but probably around 35 to 40 years ago.

I happened to run into some older members of late and was asked why I had left the club.

This is what transpired. Some members one in particular were not at the AGM and when they found out some days after the AGM it was decided that they did not want me to be bestowed Life Membership and to my understanding the others were also retracted because it would become personal if it were not

When a motion is passed at an AGM or any other meeting it is final. To rescind a motion, it can only be done at an Extraordinary General Meeting, or a Special Meeting and notice must be given and only the rescind motion can be heard. In this instance the Motion of Life Membership cannot be rescinded or removed from the records due to personal indifferences. Rescind is to amend something that has previously been adopted at a meeting.

A number of members can verify the passing of the Motion. I would like a copy of the minutes of that AGM and the minutes of the meeting to rescind the motion which I suspect that there was no Extraordinary or Special meeting to do so which would require at least 2/3 rds of the members. The motion cannot be struck from the record by one or more individuals it must go before the members. If there are no mention of the passing of the motion of Life Memberships or the rescinding of the motion, then I suspect that the Secretary at the time would have probably been told not to include the motion when writing up the minutes from the notes taken at the AGM.

The Athletic Club is Incorporated and I'm sure that you would not like them to know how the club does its business or how it goes about keeping its records in order if there has been any mismanagement.

Not forgetting this letter is in strict confidence. If you wish to discuss with the board members you can contact me on: 53392044 and after discussion I will consider a release so that this can be discussed further.

Yours faithfully



Mervyn Pickford

**Athletics Victoria Foundation Pty Ltd**

ABN 46 088 595 439

ATHLETICS HOUSE

31 Aughtie Drive

ALBERT PARK VIC 3206

Dear Wendouree AC (C/- Michelle Hawkes)

**Grant Application 2025**

On behalf of the Directors of the Foundation I congratulate you on your success in securing a Grant of \$1,911, as a 50% contribution to the purchase of a full set of Athletics Equipment (Junior Program) as outlined in your application with a value of \$3,823, and a Grant of \$649 as a 50% contribution to the purchase of a Mower & Blower Vac with a value of \$1,298. The grants are payable as a reimbursement on provision of a tax invoices/receipts or proof of bank funds transfer dated post 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (this day) detailing supply of the above approved items.

The Foundation manages a significant corpus of funds and expects to continue to make these Grants available annually, subject to the earnings of the fund. The over-riding objective of the Foundation is to support and promote the sport in Victoria via this process at a range of levels, be that for individuals, Clubs and Athletics Victoria. This ensures that we cater for a very wide range of applicants and activities.

Please also provide Bank details for Wendouree AC including BSB and Account Number.

We look forward to receipt of documents as outlined above at your earliest convenience.

The grant offer is valid until 28/2/26.

Yours sincerely

**Sofie Fabre**

**Chairman**

**6/12/25**

# WAC Track report

Meeting: Wed 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## AVSLAB ladder

Open combined ladder up to and including Rd 7.

Combined	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Rd 10	Rd 11	Rd 12	Total
Ballarat Harriers	4	3	4	2	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	25
	45090	29400	37845	26502	33602	28523	33486	0	0	0	0	0	
	45090	74490	112335	138837	172439	200962	234448	234448	234448	234448	234448	234448	
Eureka	2	2	3	3	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	16
	29546	25000	26506	29040	23484	25438	19612	0	0	0	0	0	
	29546	54546	81052	110092	133576	159014	178626	178626	178626	178626	178626	178626	
Wendouree	3	4	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	14
	42563	29552	19008	24576	23478	24719	27769	0	0	0	0	0	
	42563	72115	91123	115699	139177	163896	191665	191665	191665	191665	191665	191665	
Y.C.W.	1	1	2	4	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	15
	29377	23333	22241	32435	27987	24903	22987	0	0	0	0	0	
	29377	52710	74951	107386	135373	160276	183263	183263	183263	183263	183263	183263	

## AVSL Most valuable athlete

Rounds 6 & 7

Round	Female	Male
6	Lily Austin 1128	Jace Murray 1011
7	Lily Austin 1130	Jace Murray 983

## 2025 Australian All Schools

Congratulations to Derek Okolo on his performances in the Australian All-Schools T&F Championships.

U14 100m Final 4<sup>th</sup> 11.79s  
U14 Mixed 4 x 200m 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:38.71  
U14 4 x 100m 1<sup>st</sup> 45.09s



## LA Vic development tour to New Zealand

Jye Altay went to New Zealand as part of the 2026 Little Athletic Victoria Development Tour.

## Victorian Combined Events Championships @ Casey

Congratulations to Myah Estlick for winning the Victorian Country Gold medal and 7th overall at the 2026 Victorian Combined Events Championships in the Under 16 Heptathlon with a score of 3195

### **Victorian Country Championships, Albury**

23 WAC athletes entered the Victorian Country T&F Championships, Albury.

11 x Gold; 11 x Silver; 5 x Bronze

Well done to all athletes and the hard working officials in very hot conditions.

### **Ballarat Gift**

AB 1500m handicap at the Ballarat Gift on the Saturday. We hope to have a number of WAC athletes participate.

### **AVSL Powerplay**

We plan to play our Powerplay for Rd 8. Date: Sat 31<sup>st</sup> January

Report prepared and presented by Nev Down