

WENDOUREE ATHLETIC CLUB Inc

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



Meeting held on 25th February 2026. Meeting opened at 7.40pm

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

Apologies: Caitlin Christie, Peter Luke

Matters Arising:

- Approve 28th January 2026 minutes.
- Internet Banking

Moved: Alison

Seconded: Phil

Outwards Correspondence:

Congratulations sent to Richard Lawysz
Invoice sent to Tri Club for 2 nd event on the 1/2/26
Merv Pickford re: Life Membership response letter sent to committee for approval
Response letter sent Merv Pickford re: Life Membership letter
Monthly Meeting Reminder - 25h February 2026
Wendouree Athletic Club Social Afternoon - Saturday 28 th February
AB – Monthly Newsletter

Inwards Correspondence:

Bank Statement

Emails Received:

Ben Cartwright - Crop Top Situation
Richard Lawysz- Re: Congratulations response
AB - Monthly Newsletter - February 2026
City of Ballarat - CE Brown Pavilion - Locking All Abilities Toilet
AB - Victorian State Athletics Championships - U13-U18 results
City of Ballarat - March 2026 Council Sport Facility Inspections - Seasonal Tenant – Wendouree Little Athletics
Various responses from the committee – Re: Life Membership Merv Pickford - attached
AB - Board Member Changes
Mackenzie Estlick - Application for funding
Myah Estlick - Application for funding
AB - Awards Committee - Terms of Reference
Matthew Duck - Club apparel insights

Treasurers Report:

Available on request

Accounts for Payment:

Nil

Moved: Alison

Seconded: Kylie

Reports:

Financial Report - (Alison Fidler)

Term Deposit is now on 17th April 2026.

Bank account is still looking healthy.

We received the Grant Money from Athletics Victoria

Social Report - (Michelle Hawkes)

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

Social Afternoon after Round 10 – We will do Pizza ‘s this coming Saturday

We need to pick a date for our end of year presentation – Sunday 15th March 4pm – pizza’s \$10 per person.

After consultation with a few members we have decided to change the date to the 29th March.

Fundraising Report - (Michelle Hawkes)

Cans and bottles are still going well.

Next Tri Sunday 29th March

Woody Yaloak Report - (Peter Luke)

Nil

Athletics Ballarat Report - (Steve McLennan)

Next AVSL/CC Meeting date has not been set

Club Concerns For Athletics Ballarat

Nil

AV Report –

Nil

Cross Country Report – (Phil McLennan)

We have a calendar with potential dates, and we now need to slot in our club runs.

Track Report – (Nev Down)

Report attached.

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

Wendouree Junior Athletics has started back, and we have had good weather so far. Our new equipment has been a hit.

Moved: Alison

Seconded: Brendan

General Business:

Brendan Hawkes	Nil
Michelle Hawkes	Ballarat Triathlon Club – Next date is 29 th March 2026. Feedback AB awards by 27 th February. Email from Matthew Duck on club uniforms – survey completed. Application for funding for Myah and Mackenzie Estlick has been approved for payment.
Alison Fidler	Nil
Nev Down	Nil
Phil McLennan	Should we rename the spirit award to the Christine Christie? We should engage Caitlin and family to what that award should be.
Steve McLennan	Nil
Kylie Mitchell	Nil

Meeting Closed at 10.05pm

Next meeting scheduled for the 25th March 2026.

WAC Track report

Meeting: Wed 25th February 2026

AVSL AB ladder

Open combined ladder up to and including Rd 9.

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	1	4	0	0	0	30
	45090	29400	37845	26502	33602	28523	33486	22098	33717	0	0	0	
	45090	74490	112335	138837	172439	200962	234448	256546	290263	290263	290263	290263	
Eureka	2	2	3	3	2	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	20
	29546	25000	26506	29040	23484	25438	19612	29223	25333	0	0	0	
	29546	54546	81052	110092	133576	159014	178626	207849	233182	233182	233182	233182	
Wendouree	3	4	1	1	1	1	3	4	3	0	0	0	21
	42563	29552	19008	24576	23478	24719	27769	32921	31137	0	0	0	
	42563	72115	91123	115699	139177	163896	191665	224586	255723	255723	255723	255723	
Y.C.W.	1	1	2	4	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	19
	29377	23333	22241	32435	27987	24903	22987	26987	25688	0	0	0	
	29377	52710	74951	107386	135373	160276	183263	210250	235938	235938	235938	235938	

AVSL Powerplay

Wendouree did well to score just short of 33000 points for our Powerplay in Rd 8.

AVSL Most valuable athlete

Rounds 8 & 9

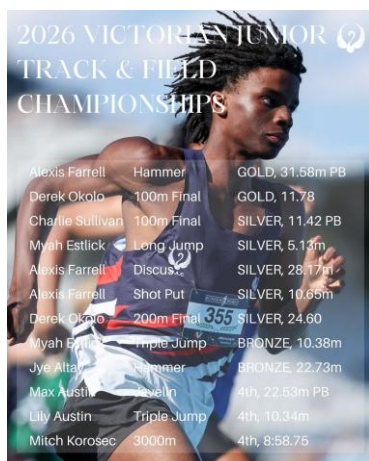
Round	Female	Male
8	Lily Austin 1098	Marcus Downes 1023
9	Amali Torney 1095	Marcus Downes 1076

2026 Victorian Junior (U14 – U18) Track & Field Championships

Well done to the Wendouree athletes who competed at the Victorian Junior Track and Field Championships on the weekend! There were some great performances across the 3 days.

Congratulations to Derek Okolo and Alexis Farrell on winning Gold in the 100m and Hammer respectively. From the 11 WAC athletes, we won 9 medals.

Big thank you Caitlin Christie, Shane Bicknell, Julie Bicknell and Steve McLennan who officiated over the weekend.



AA Perth Track Classic

Congratulations to Yual Reath & Nyajima Jock who both competed in the Perth Track Classic. Yual had a win with an impressive jump of 2.22m and Nyajima ran 23.99 seconds to finish 5th in the 200m.

Report prepared and presented by Nev Down

29th January, 2026

Mervyn Pickford, mapickford6@outlook.com

Re: Life Membership – Wendouree Athletic Club

I write on behalf of the Wendouree Athletic Club in response to your letter dated 03/12/2025 regarding historic Life Membership nominations. This matter has been duly investigated and reported at the club's most recent meeting on 28/01/2026.

The process of investigation involved analysis of the available club records pertaining to the matter in question and consultation with a number of key persons who were of high standing and / or were active in the administration of the club at the time.

To clarify, the situation to which you refer occurred at the 41st Annual General Meeting of the Wendouree Athletic Club on the 8th April, 1990. The process in addressing the matter is subsequently reported in the club's minutes over the ensuing months.

The following is an extract from the minutes of the Wendouree Athletic Club Inc. at its monthly meeting on 30/05/1990 that declares its course of action in response to the issue arising at the AGM less than eight weeks prior.

Discussion of Life Memberships.

..... reported that guidelines should be set for future life membership nominations.

..... that the 4 members nominated for life membership be notified both personally and by letter that the nominations are declined for the following reasons:

1. The nominations were unconstitutional.
2. The Committee felt that it was not in the interest of the Club to set a precedent of 4 life members nominated in one year. (1).

What is indicated through the investigation is that the basis of this decision was due entirely to the process.

Prior to 1990 all appointed Life Members of the Wendouree Amateur Athletic Club / Wendouree Athletic Club were nominated and confirmed in accordance with the manner stipulated in the documented "RULES" of the club dating from at least 1956 and carried through to the time in question. Previously notated as Rule 20 it was stated as follows:

20. One Life member may be nominated at the Annual Meeting and the Executive Committee shall have the power to ratify the appointment at the next Annual Meeting. (2).

It is recognized that a single motion of nomination for Life Membership of the Wendouree Athletic Club was moved for four members, including yourself, at the 1990 Annual General Meeting. It was unanimously decided by the committee of the day that this was contrary to

the existing precedent and process as then defined by Rule 20 as stipulated above. Furthermore, there was no recorded seconder to the motion. In short, the motion was not rescinded. In fact, due to it failing to meet the requirements of the governing rules under the club's constitution, it was never passed.

In accordance with the minuted recommendation of the May 1990 monthly meeting all members involved were informed as to the outcome of the club's decision. Out of respect, each were met in person by representatives of the executive and were kept informed and invited to have input throughout. All remained eligible to be nominated for Life Membership consistent with correct procedural adherence.

Due to the sensitive nature of the issue, legal opinion was provided at the time to affirm that the club acted appropriately.

Subsequently the club established clear, objective criteria for determining eligibility for recognizing service of its members, including the awarding of Life Memberships. This process was formally adopted at a Special General Meeting of the Wendouree Athletic Club Incorporated on Sunday 29th July, 1990.

Of the four individuals nominated:

- One member was duly nominated and awarded Life Membership for their service.
- One member was duly nominated and awarded a Merit Award for their service.
- One member considered that it was not appropriate for them to be nominated for Life Membership.
- One member requested and was granted a clearance to another club.

(Note – Mrs Opie was not a member of the Wendouree Athletic Club at the time and was not nominated for Life Membership on this, or any other occasion).

Based on the documented evidence presented and the consistent, independent accounts provided by persons who were in attendance, the current committee of Wendouree Athletic Club finds that the matter was dealt with appropriately. The records of the club indicate that the situation was addressed with full transparency and was compliant with the club's prevailing constitutional obligations. It is not apparent that there was any intent levelled against any member individually to prevent a Life Membership being awarded. To this end we consider the matter closed and stand by the outcomes of this chapter in the club's history.

Yours Sincerely

Brendan Hawkes

President (on behalf of the committee)

Wendouree Athletic Club

1. Minutes of Meeting of the Wendouree Athletic Club Inc. Held at the Clubrooms, Dowling Street, Wendouree. (30/05/1990).

2. Wendouree Amateur Athletic Club, Founded 1949. RULES (1956).

Dear Board Members and Club Representatives,

Please find attached the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Athletics Ballarat Awards Committee for your review and feedback.

By way of context, the Board has been working on establishing a formal Awards Committee to strengthen the way we recognise achievement, service and contribution across Athletics Ballarat and our affiliated clubs. The purpose of the Committee is to ensure our awards processes are clear, consistent, transparent and aligned with good governance principles.

The attached Terms of Reference outlines the Committee's purpose, composition, responsibilities and decision-making framework. In particular, the document proposes an independent structure to support objective and impartial consideration of nominations, while still ensuring appropriate oversight by the Board.

We are now seeking feedback from both Board members and Club representatives before finalising the document.

Please provide any feedback by Friday 27th February.

Thank you for taking the time to review the document and for your ongoing contribution to Athletics Ballarat.

Kind regards,

Sadie

On behalf of the Athletics Ballarat Board

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[Terms of Reference for proposed AB Awards](#)

Application for funding from the Wendouree Athletic Club

The Wendouree Athletic Club has always prided themselves on helping athletes further their athletic careers. We encourage athletes to apply for funding by completing the funding application form.

Criteria to Apply:

Athletes must be current Athletics Victoria and Wendouree Athletic Club members, have competed at a championship event and made it through the qualifying rounds and selected to compete for Victoria and/or Australia.

To be considered for funding from the Wendouree Athletic Club, athletes will need to commit to helping out with the Wendouree Junior Athletics on a Friday night during the Summer Track and Field season. The Wendouree Junior Athletics is our biggest fundraiser for the year and is the event that allows the club to have funds available to help out our athletes. Alternatively volunteer help is needed right throughout the year, both during Track and Field season and Cross-Country season. We ask that if you are able to help that you please be one of the first to do so: especially during events like the Country Championship and State Championship etc.

The standard dollar amounts an athlete will be funded are:

- Up to \$250 for a National (AV, SSV) interstate competition.
- Up to \$500 for an International (AA, SSA) competition representing Australia.

Name: Mackenzie Estlick
Address: 81 Flanagan Drive Merrim
Mobile: 0401 197266
Email: estlickm20@gmail.com

Reason you applying for funding:

I am applying for funding to assist with the fees and travel expenses associated with the Australian Track+Field Championships

Competition Details:

2026 Australian Junior Track+Field Championships
QSAC- Queensland
April 15th - April 20th, 2026

Once form is complete please forward to the Wendouree Athletic Club Secretary either by hand, by email wendoureeathletics@hotmail.com or by post 160N, Ballarat North 3350

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Name: Myah Estlick
Address: 81 Flanagan Drive Merrimu
Mobile: 0401 095759
Email: chantelleestlick@yahoo.com.au

Reason you applying for funding:

I am applying for funding to assist with the fees and uniform costs of the 2026 Australia Junior Track & Field Championships

Competition Details:

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QSAC - Queensland
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