



WENDOUREE ATHLETIC CLUB Inc

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Meeting held on 29th April 2026. Meeting opened at 7.40pm

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

Apologies: Peter Luke, Nev Down

Matters Arising:

- Approve 25th March 2026 minutes.
- Internet Banking

Moved: Alison

Seconded: Kylie

Outwards Correspondence:

Notice of Athletics Ballarat AGM
AB Monthly Newsletter - April 2026
Wendouree Athletic Club 2026-27 Fees Structure
Wendouree Junior Cross Country Permit Application – City of Ballarat
Monthly Meeting Reminder - 29th April 2026
Response to Merv Pickford
Sympathy card sent to the Gudgeon Family – for the passing of Leoni Gudgeon

Inwards Correspondence:

Bank Statements

Emails Received:

Merv Pickford – RE: Life Membership
AB - Athletics Ballarat Awards Night 2026 – Thank you for attending
AV - Athletics Victoria Membership Rollover 2026/27
AB - Monthly Newsletter - April 2026
Ben Cartwright - Re: Crop Top Situation
City of Ballarat - Summary report for council inspection of CE Brown Reserve - Little Athletics
AV - Invoice from Athletics Victoria (Ref CO202941)
AV Sports Delivery - XCR'26 Draft Divisions & Club Helper Requirements
AB - Ballarat Athletes at National Championships 2026
City of Ballarat - CE Brown Reserve Keys
AV - Payment received (Ref CO202941)
AB - AVSL/XCR Committee Meeting – April 22 nd
Remington Insurance - Renewal Invoice Business Insurance Our Ref: WENATH
AB - AVSL/XCR Committee Agenda
City of Ballarat - AC/2026/1979 Paths/land within Victoria Park adjacent to Oak Avenue and Sturt Street, Newington Activity Permit
AB - Notice of Athletics Ballarat AGM & Action required
Merv Pickford -Letter request

Treasurers Report:

Available on Request

Accounts for Payment:

Remington Insurance	Contents insurance	\$620.00
	TOTAL:	\$620.00

Moved: Alison

Seconded: Kylie

Reports:

Financial Report - (Alison Fidler)

Term Deposit is due on 17th April 2027. @4.8%

AV Affiliation has been paid \$650

Bank account is still looking healthy.

Social Report - (Michelle Hawkes)

Athletics Ballarat end of year awards evening (both CC and Aths) was held on Friday 27th March it was a great night.

We also had our Track and Field awards afternoon on the 29th March – we ordered pizza's and it was also a good afternoon.

Fundraising Report - (Michelle Hawkes)

Cans and bottles are still going well.

Woody Yaloak Report - (Peter Luke)

Nil

Athletics Ballarat Report - (Steve McLennan)

The April AVSL/CC meeting was held on 22th April

Athletics Ballarat Annual General Meeting is scheduled for June 1st, 2026.

Minutes from meeting held on Monday 20th April :

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UPuYRYR0oHc1m_c5c18oATZjRdvwsbWgv3H3EXRYVj8/edit?usp=sharing

Club Concerns For Athletics Ballarat

Nil

AV Report –

Nil

Cross Country Report – (Phil McLennan)

WAC Cross Country Report – April 2026

Event Results:

4/4/2026 - President's Handicap – 19 runners.

3km – 1st Michelle Hawkes, 2nd Russell Cheesman, 3rd Kylie Mitchell.
Fastest – Cody Torney (9.42), Amali Torney (11.34).

11/4/2026 – 5km Championship (Victoria Park) – 10 + 1 runners.

Male 1st Joshua Hawkes (16.48), 2nd Marcus Downes, 3rd Micah Poole.

Female 1st Amali Torney (19.29), 2nd Angela Williams, 3rd Juliette Downes.

Memorial Trophy: Russell Cheesman, Juliette Downes, Michelle Hawkes.

2.5km: Natalie McLennan.

U/18	1 st Amali Torney	50+	1 st Angela Williams
U/20	1 st Juliette Downes		2 nd Michelle Hawkes
40+	1 st Russell Cheesman	50+	1 st Marcus Downes
			2 nd Heath Downes
			3 rd Phillip McLennan

18/4/2026 - McLennan Handicap – 21 runners (16 + 5).

8km – 1st Russell Cheesman, 2nd Michelle Hawkes, 3rd Heath Downes.

Fastest – Jacob Cheesman (26.57), Amali Torney (33.13).

4km – 1st Robbie Brown, 2nd Stephen Brown, 3rd Jenny Kisler.

Fastest – Robbie Brown (17.59), Jenny Kisler (24.51).

25-26/4/2025 – Ballarat Marathon.

Mile: Mitch Thompson (14th – 4:23.4); Adam Conway (3rd - 4:36.8),

5km: Jacob Cheesman (4th – 14:57)

10km: Adam Conway (3rd U/20 – 33.43), Angela Williams (1st 50-54 – 41:44),

Michelle Hawkes (2nd 50 – 54 – 44:52), Joshua Hawkes, Russell Cheesman.

21.1km – Amali Torney (3rd 19 & Under – 1:37:09).

Marathon – Nicole Lynch (3.03.03).

Track Report – (Nev Down)

2025-2026 Wendouree Track and Field Awards

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

Under 14:

Female - Lyla Robinson

Male - Max Austin

Under 16:

Female - Lily Austin

Male - Jye Altay

Under 18:

Female - Juliette Downes

Male - Mitchell Korosec

Under 20:

Female - Bridie Orchard

Male - Jace Murray

40+:

Female - Kylie Mitchell

Male - Russell Chessman

50+:

Female - Michelle Hawkes

Male - Marcus Downes

60+:

Male - Stephen McLennan

Open:

Female - Caitlin Christie

Male - Joshua Hawkes

SPECIAL AWARDS

Most Improve male athlete:

Charlie Sullivan

Most Improve female athlete:

Olivia Papageorgiou

Best first year male athlete:

Jye Altay

Best first year female athlete:

Mathilde Grant

Christine Christie Spirit of Wendouree Award:

Lily Austin

Most outstanding performance male – Yual Reath

Most outstanding performance female – Nyajima Jock

Bill Cleary Best Club Person Award:

Kylie Mitchell

2026 Australian National Championships

What a fantastic performance from our Wendouree athletes at the 2026 Australian Athletics Championships.

Nyajima Jock stormed home to SILVER in the Womens 200m

Yual Reath jumped his way to SILVER in the Mens High Jump

Mitch Thompson showed great determination in the 1500m heats

Outstanding performances all around.

A big thank you to Caitlin Christie and Steve McLennan who also travelled up to Sydney to officiate at the Championships.

2026 Australian National Championships

A huge congratulations to the 7 Wendouree athletes who proudly represented Victoria at the Australian Junior Championships in Brisbane and the 3 Open athletes who competed at the Australia Open National Championships in Sydney. We saw some absolutely outstanding results.

Results and photos attached.

Congratulations also to Nyajima who was also awarded the Neville Silitoe Scholarship by Australian Athletics.

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

Junior Cross Country will start this coming Friday May 1st. The city of Ballarat have approved our permit.

Moved: Alison

Seconded: Kylie

General Business:

Michelle Hawkes	The Wendouree AGM will be held on Sunday 24 th May. Michelle has spoken to Athletics Victoria about the emails from Merv Pickford. They are boarding on harassment,
Alison Fidler	Nil
Kylie Mitchell	Nil
Phil McLennan	Need to decide on the Outstanding Awards Trophies – which will have to go to Nyajima and Yual for their performances at the National Champs.
Steve McLennan	Nil

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting scheduled for the 27th May 2026.

Correspondence RE: Mervyn Pickford:

25/3/2026

Dear Merv,

In response to your email, we refer you to our previous correspondence and we consider the matter closed.

Regards,
The Wendouree Athletic Club Committee.

26/3/2026

The president Wendouree Athletic Club.

I requested a copy of the letter which was handed to me to see if it in any way worded the same as the one I have.

All correspondence in and out must be held by the club.

Either the club did not save a copy or it by no means explains the clubs decision and is not worded as you have said.

I can get your copy by other means but I don't think you want to go down that path.

If you are trying to cover up something entirely different to what you have explained and your copy meets mine then I will consider the matter closed.

Regards Merv

28/4/2026

The president Wendouree Athletic Club

Could you please tell me how my request for your copy of the letter which was handed to me is going.

The one I have in no way justifies your response. It does not mention anything in relation to the Constitution or the motion.

The letter I have adds weight to my initial enquiry.

You say the motion was made at the AGM on 8th April 1990 and a course of action was declared at the Monthly meeting on the 30th May 1990.

So please explain to me how come the letter handed to me was only days after the AGM on the 8th April 1990.

I would like the name of the President at the time and was he or she present at the AGM on the 8th April 1990.

I would also like the name of the person who Chaired the AGM at the time and the name of the person who proposed the motion.

I would like a response ASAP or do I have to speak to some Governing Bodies firstly before other actions I can use to get your copy of the letter which was presumably delivered to me.

You either have a copy of the letter or you don't. Time to find out the truth.

Regards Merv

2026 Australian National Junior Championships



2026 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mackenzie Estlick

U20 4X100M	GOLD 44.93 CR
U20 100M FINAL	4TH 11.70
U20 100M SEMI	Q 11.74
U20 100M HEAT	Q 11.61




2026 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Myah Estlick

U16 LONG JUMP	14TH 5.13M
U16 TRIPLE JUMP	17TH 10.60M

Jace Murray

U20 JAVELIN	13TH 47.48M
U20 DISCUS	17TH 45.25M




2026 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Charlie Sullivan

U17 100M	16TH 11.42 =PB
U17 200M	21ST 23.14

Derek Okolo

U15 100M FINAL	9TH 12.14
U15 100M HEAT	q 11.75




2026 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Alexis Farrell

U14 SHOT PUT	6TH 10.80M PB
U14 DISCUS	11TH 26.73M
U14 HAMMER	- NM

Jye Altay

U16 HAMMER	18TH 32.82M PB
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2026 Australian Open National Championships

