



WENDOUREE ATHLETIC CLUB Inc

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Meeting held on 26th August 2026. Meeting opened at 7.38pm

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

Apologies: Peter Luke, Nev Down

Matters Arising:

- Approve 29th July 2026 minutes.
- Internet Banking

Moved: Alison

Seconded: Kylie

Outwards Correspondence:

Monthly Meeting Reminder
AB - 2026 Australian Cross Country Championships - Volunteer URGENT
AB - BBQ Volunteers - Australian Athletics Cross Country Championships
One Running - Wendouree Athletic Club Junior T-Shirts and Singlets - Various
AB - Australian Athletics Volunteers
XCR26 - Rd 8 - Half Marathon - Ballarat Club Helpers Listing - Sunday 9 August - Lake Wendouree - Ballarat
Club update - Run Victoria

Inwards Correspondence:

Bank Statements

Emails Received:

AB - XCR26 - Rd 8 - Half Marathon - Ballarat Club Helpers Listing - Sunday 9 August - Lake Wendouree - Ballarat
AB - Australian Athletics Volunteers
AB - DRAFT AVSL Schedule 2026/27
Harry Ball - 5k Golden run - Support spreading the word
Matthew Duck - Club update
AB - AVSL/XCR Committee Meeting Agenda
Andrea Hallett - Upcoming Officials Virtual & Face to face Education Seminars - Reminder to register
One Running - Wendouree Athletic Club Junior T-Shirts and Singlets - Various
AB - Track Surface Damage - Llanberris Reserve
AB - AVSL/XCR Committee Meeting Tonight – Weather condition
AB - Australian Athletics Volunteers – Another Call
One Running - Invoice INV-0181 from One Apparels Pty Ltd for Wendouree Athletic Club
AB - BBQ Volunteers - Australian Athletics Cross Country Championships
AB - AVSL Timetable 2026/27 – Draft v1
Shannon Palmer - Wendouree Little Athletics Season 2026/27
Melissa Thomas - RE: CE Brown Reserve Keys
Caroline Conway - Ballarat Duathlon spreading the word, and volunteers wanted!

AB - Officials Accreditations - Ballarat
Mark Patterson - BMEP Reference Group - Site Tour New Athletics Centre and Mars Stadium Grandstands – 22 nd September
AB - Athletic Ballarat Relays - Saturday 29th August
AB - AVSL/XCR Committee Minutes
Club update - Run Victoria

Treasurers Report:

Available on request

Accounts for Payment:

One Running	Junior TSirts	\$4,500
	TOTAL	\$4,500.00

Moved: Alison

Seconded: Peter

Reports:

Financial Report - (Alison Fidler)

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

Bank account continues to look healthy.

Social Report - (Michelle Hawkes)

We will have our XCR end of season function on the 10th October.

Fundraising Report - (Michelle Hawkes)

Cans and bottles are still going well.

Woody Yaloak Report - (Peter Luke)

Nil

Athletics Ballarat Report - (Steve McLennan)

Please find attached AVSL/XCR Committee Meeting Minutes from August 2026

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VPimKD9kP0ky-BEBlwinHv5abVgruRmX/view?usp=sharing>

Next meeting scheduled for 12th October 2026.

Club Concerns For Athletics Ballarat

List of questions to be address RE: New Facility and the next walk-through invite??

Non-Ballarat Athletics members, being invites before actual members??

Will there be an open day for all Athletics Ballarat members??

Access and security for athletes??

AV Report –

Athletics Victoria will soon launch Run Victoria, a specialist platform dedicated entirely to recreational running. Run Victoria will become the home for every Victorian recreational runner, and the platform through which runners, run clubs and running events alike connect as one community.

Run Victoria is focused entirely on adding value to the runner. While we expect it will open the door to more runners discovering AV clubs and AV events, including XCR and AVSL, it's not necessarily a key driver of the initiative in the short-term, nor will there be any change to these events.

Why Run Victoria?

1.07 million adult Victorians identify as runners. Less than 0.5% of this 1.07 million currently engage with Athletics Victoria. We're building Run Victoria to change that, by giving recreational running a dedicated home, a dedicated brand, and a dedicated platform. The recreational running community is in part also where our future competitors, officials and volunteers will emerge. A strategic investment in recreational running is an investment in the long-term health of athletics in Victoria.

For affiliated recreational running clubs, this means greater visibility, a specialist brand sitting behind their affiliation, and a growing network of Victorian runners who will be able to discover and connect with run clubs in ways that haven't previously been possible.

What we'd like you to do next

We want to walk you through everything in more detail and answer any questions you have directly. We'll be running a series of online club forums over the coming weeks, and we'd strongly encourage you, or a representative from your club, to join one of the sessions.

The forums will cover:

What Run Victoria is and how it will work

What's coming next, and when

Sessions are available on the following dates:

Session 1: Tuesday 8 September @ 7pm

Session 2: Wednesday 16 September @ 7pm

Cross Country Report – (Phil McLennan)

Attached at end of minutes

Track Report – (Nev Down)

Attached at end of minutes

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

Junior Cross Country is nearly finished; we have this coming Friday of competition left and then presentations on the 4th September. Last week was a little muddy on the course, but the kids loved all the puddles.

Moved: Alison

Seconded: Kylie

General Business:

Michelle Hawkes	Consumer Affairs stuff – we will do in August Cheaper T-Shirts juniors – we have contacted Ben from One Running and the ball rolling; we have paid then invoice. Still haven't heard anything about the crop tops - Walk through 22 nd Sept 4pm – Alison will attend New security system at CE Brown Reserve – we need to make a contribution we are willing to put in \$3000. We will contact Shaun and let him know.
Alison Fidler	Nil
Brendan Hawkes	Nil
Phil McLennan	Nil
Steve McLennan	Nil
Kylie Mitchell	Nil

Meeting Closed at 8.43pm

Next meeting scheduled for the 7th October 2026.

WAC Track report

Meeting: Wed 26th August 2026

2026-27 AVSL season

Version 1 of the AVSL calendar has been released (tabled and attached) and has been sent to AV for feedback and consideration. Round 1 has been scheduled for Saturday 17th October 2026. There will be seven rounds of AVSL before Christmas with no rounds in December. An AVSL reserve round has been scheduled for the weekend after the Country Championships, Saturday 31st January.

Additional point scoring events have been added to each round on top of the traditional Program 1 and Program 2 timetables from previous years. A matrix of events with the additional events has been (tabled & attached).

2027 Victorian Country Championships

The Victorian Country T&F Championships will run from Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th January, 2027 at the new Ballarat facility. With plenty of planning to go into the event, please let AB know if you would like to be a part of the working group to manage the scheduling, sponsorship, and catering for the event.

Report prepared and presented by Nev Down

WAC Cross Country Report – August 2026

1/8/2025 – BRAC Chas Suffren (Smythesdale) – 12 runners (10+2).

6.4km Fastest – Adam Conway (22.38); Juliette Downes (28.59).

Open 1st Adam Conway (22.38).

Open 2nd Juliette Downes (28.59).

U/18 1st Adam Conway (22.38).

U/20 1st Juliette Downes (28.59).

50+ 2nd Michelle Hawkes (30.45).

50+ 2nd Marcus Downes (28.01).

Handicap: Juliette Downes, Stephen McLennan, Micah Poole.

3.2km

U/18 1st Amali Torney (12.19).

Handicap: Amali Torney, Solomon Collingwood.

9/8/2026 – AV Half Marathon, 6km (Lake Wendouree) – 13 runners (5+8).

Half Marathon – Jacob Cheesman (70.09) – 27th.

6km – Adam Conway (18.57), U/18 – 3rd; Amali Torney (21.27), U/18 – 1st;

Marcus Downes (24.36), 50+ - 1st; Michelle Hawkes (25.53) 50+ - 1st.

Handicap: 21.1km – Mitch Thompson, Joshua Hawkes, Jacob Cheesman.

6km – Amali Torney, Marcus Downes, Michelle Hawkes.

15/8/2026 Graeme Quick Handicap – 11 runners (10+1).

6.4km – 1st Stephen McLennan; 2nd Michelle Hawkes; 3rd Jenny Kisler.

Fastest – Marcus Downes (27.24), Michelle Hawkes (28.33).

3.5km – 1st Evan Kisler (15.46).

22/8/2026 Australian Cross Country Championships (Victoria Park, Ballarat).

Amali Torney – U/18 4km, 17th 17.12.

Adam Conway – U/16 6km, 47th 23.55.

Mitchell Thompson – Open 10km, 66th 36.52.

Teams:

Marcus Downes (9.04), Angela Williams (9.32), Ben Dykman (8.54), Michelle Hawkes (10.54) – 7th, 5th 40+.

Joshua Hawkes, Amali Torney, Adam Conway.