

**Geelong Athletics Inc.** 

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#### EXECUTIVE

President:	Vacant
Vice President:	Vacant
Secretary:	Anna Devonish
Treasurer:	Reagan Peart

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Centre Teams:	Vacant
Coaching:	Cindy Holzer
Marketing:	Vacant
Officials:	Anna Devonish (Acting)
Records & Registrar:	Joanne Lambert
Summer competition:	Anna Devonish (Acting)
Technical:	Jonathan Burns
Publicity:	Vacant
Winter competition:	Matthew Gunther

#### CoGG LANDY FIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT WORKING GROUP

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Richard Lawysz

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#### **ADMINISTRATION**

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### HONOUR ROLL

#### **LIFE MEMBERS**

1973	Jack Darcy*	1981	Stuart Robley*	1998	Joyce Lockyer*
1973	Bill Wood*	1981	Frank Searby*	2003	Peter Anderson
1974	Pat Agg*	1986	Joan Marshman	2005	Mandi Cole
1974	Lauren Johns	1986	Wes Marshman*	2008	Beth Bauer
1976	Margaret Saunders*	1987	Ron Palmer BEM*	2009	Geoff McDonald
1977	Jack Frewin*	1988	Richard Lawysz	2009	Mary McDonald
1977	Rudi Hochreiter*	1989	Alva Gargan*	2011	David Barfoot
1978	Andy Beretta*	1989	Frank Gargan*	2016	Anula Costa
1978	Alma Stokes	1992	Roy Cunliffe*	2021	Joanne Lambert
1981	Bob Fossey*	1994	George Bisinella		
1981	Norm McKenzie*	1995	Laurie Blair		

#### MERIT AWARD

1990	Geoff Barnes	2000	Peter Jardine Esq*	2009	Anula Costa
1990	George Bisinella	2001	Pauline Zuccolin	2010	Rob van der Wilk
1990	Laurie Blair	2002	Geoff McDonald	2013	Al McLean*
1990	Lois Harding	2002	Mary McDonald	2014	Neil Whitmore
1992	Don Bell OAM*	2003	Rob Cole	2016	Brett Coleman
1995	Alan Foot*	2003	Trish Hochreiter	2017	Joanne Lambert
1996	Joyce Lockyer*	2009	David Barfoot	2021	Jonathan Burns
1998	Mandi Cole	2009	Bruce Bauer		
2000	Peter Anderson	2009	Nola Bradford		

#### **25 YEAR AFFILIATE MEMBER AWARD**

1997	Maurie Giddings*	2004	Peter Anderson	2014	Pauline Zuccolin
1997	Norm McKenzie*	2004	George Bisinella	2016	Rod Puls
1997	Margaret Saunders*	2004	Faye Keating*	2016	Lorraine Sawyer
1998	Laurie Blair	2010	Mandi Cole	2017	Peter Lamb
1998	Frank Gargan*	2010	Trish Hochreiter	2019	Michael Orelli
1998	Joan Marshman	2010	Rob van der Wilk	2022	Cathy Orelli
1998	Wes Marshman*	2014	Laurel Puls		

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

2021 Richard Lawysz

\* Deceased



### **HISTORY OF ATHLETICS IN GEELONG**

Formal athletics started in Geelong as far back as 1892 when Geelong Grammar School joined the newly formed Victorian Amateur Athletic Association (VAAA) with our first State champions being W.S. Jones (hammer) and J.D. McRae (pole vault) in 1894.

The first Victorian Championship event to be held in Geelong was the VAAA 5 mile Cross Country Championship held at the Geelong Racecourse in 1921. In 2012, the Athletics Victoria Road Relay Championships being held at the Belmont Criterium on 11 August 12.

December 1929 the Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association (VWAAA) was founded with Geelong women taking part from the first official competition in 1930.

1956 Geelong had six representatives in the Melbourne Olympics – Ron Blackney, John Chittick, Robert Joyce, John Landy, Don MacMillan and John Vernon.

1961 saw the first track event held at John Landy Field (without top surface), with the first Geelong Centre meet being held in 1962 between Geelong Guild, Lara and Geelong Teachers College.

1964 –1966 saw the Geelong Centre assist in the formation of the Geelong Little Athletics Centre, the number 1 centre in Victoria.

1969 Geelong Centre hosted the VAAA Victorian Country Track & Field Championships and the Inter Centre Premierships for the first time at Landy Field.

1977 saw the laying of the 'all weather' rubberised bitumen track to replace the original cinder track.

1978 Geelong hosted the first ever, combined women's and men's Victorian Country Track & Field Championships, which for the first time attracted a major sponsorship from The Weekly Times.

May 1982 the Geelong Regional Centre was formed as a result of the merger of the Victorian men's and women's athletics associations.

1989 Geelong Regional Centre Incorporated in law as Geelong Athletics Inc.

1990 Geelong re-enters Melbourne's top Interclub competition, A Grade as a combined Centre.

1992-93 Landy Field redeveloped into an International standard 8 lane track.

1995 Barwon River flooded Landy Field on Melbourne Cup day to such a level there was 6 inches (150mm) of water in the WJP Wood Pavilion.

1998 Geelong Athletics hosted the first round of State League (A Grade) to be held outside of Melbourne.

1999 saw the use of photo-finish for the first time outside Melbourne at the Country Championships.

2001 Geelong Athletics hosted the National Schools Knockout Final and continued to host a round of State League.

2002 Geelong Athletics conducted the Oceania Veterans Championships over 10 days in January.

2003 St Joseph's Athletic Club decides not to re-affiliate with Athletics Victoria.

2004 Geelong Athletics purchases photo finish equipment and hosts the Victorian Country Track & Field Championships.



2005 Geelong hosts the Victorian Country Track & Field Championships under a different AV management structure, where AV received and processed all entries, the Centre providing the venue and the finances being distributed differently. The first Ron Clarke Classic is held on 17 December with World 40+ 1 hour time trial record set at the meet by Steve Moneghetti.

2006 Landy Field is closed for major upgrade – track to become standard IAAF configuration. Founding President of Geelong Athletics, Rudi Hochreiter passes away.

2007 Upgraded and reconfigured Landy Field re-opened for competition and training.

2008 Geelong hosts the National and All schools cross country championships at Eastern Park 23-25 August. The fourth and final (under this name) edition of the Ron Clarke Classic was conducted on 22 November.

2009 Geelong hosts the Victorian Country Athletic Championships (24-26 January) and the Australian Masters Games (21-25 February).

2010 Lighting installed at Landy Field in March.

2012 The Victorian Road Relay Championships held at Geelong in August. The first time this event has been held outside of Melbourne. A 50th anniversary dinner held at Dromoland House on 7 December attended by 140 people including AV President, Ian Jones. Richard Lawysz, Gabrielle Blythe and Richard Colman all spoke of their time at Geelong and in athletics.

2013 Geelong hosts the Victorian Country Athletic Championships (26-28 January). Geelong hosts the Australian Masters Games in October. Life Member and former Geelong Officials Club President, Wes Marshman passes away.

2014 Life Member Jack Darcy passes away.

2015 New hammer cage installed and new equipment shed erected at Landy Field.

2016 Geelong Athletics hosts the 2016 Victorian Country championships (22-24January).

2017 Life Member Ron Palmer passes away. Chilwell celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. John Landy Field Management Committee disbanded, Landy Field directly managed by City of Greater Geelong, John Landy Field Advisory Committee established.

2018 Life Member Bob Fossey passes away.

2019 Life Member Stuart Robley passes away.

2020 Geelong hosts the 2020 Victorian Country championships (25-27January). Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, winter season cancelled and summer season severely curtailed with late start (Nov20) and limited events, resuming "normal" competition in Jan 2021 Twilight Trot and The Steigen Spectacular as well as schools' athletics days also cancelled.

2021 City of Greater Geelong announce in their 2021-22 budget, Landy Field refurbishment and pavilion upgrade - \$400,000 in 2021-22, \$6 million over three years, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of first meet held at Landy Field.

2022 Warrnambool based club, Athletics South West "Turbines", affiliates with Geelong Athletics Inc. John Landy passes away 24<sup>th</sup> February. Ian Chesterman, former Geelong Guild Athlete, elected President of the Australian Olympic Committee. Life Member Pat Agg passes away 9<sup>th</sup> August. October sees Landy Field flooded twice despite the Barwon River not breaching the banks – issue related to the incorrect use of the flood valves by City of Greater Geelong.

2023 Despite having two near season-ending flooding events Geelong hosts the 2023 Victorian Country Championships as well as the Mens Discus Throw event as part of the Maurie Plant event, a World Athletics Continental Tour Gold Meet and sees a new New Zealand record claimed.



### **GEELONG ATHLETICS OFFICE BEARERS**

#### PRESIDENT

1982 - 1989	Laurie Henry *
1989 - 1994	Stuart Robley*
1994 - 1998	Al McLean*
1998 - 2017	Richard Lawysz
2017 - 2018	Keith Smith
2018 - 2021	Richard Lawysz
2021 - 2023	Vacant

#### SECRETARY

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1982	Stuart Robley*
1982 - 1989	Richard Lawysz
1990 - 1991	Kay Hosking
1991 - 1992	Peter Anderson
1992 - 1994	Bob Johns
1994 - 1996	lan McTaggart
1997 - 1998	Peter Anderson
1998 - 1999	lan McTaggart
1999 - 2002	Elizabeth Bauer
2002 - 2004	Debbie Baskin
2004 - 2005	
2005 - 2007	Elizabeth Bauer
2007 - 2008	Richard Lawysz / Debbie McKinnis
2008 - 2009	Debbie McKinnis
2009 - 2010	Richard Lawysz
2010 - 2012	Elizabeth Bauer
2012 - 2013	Moira Donovan / Richard Lawysz
2013 - 2016	Sally Hockey
2016	Richard Lawysz
2016 - 2017	Sarah Waters
2017 - 2018	Keith Smith/Karen Kirby(part)
2018 - 2020	Marila Kozdra

2020 - 2023 Anna Devonish

#### **VICE - PRESIDENT**

1989 - 1994	Ron Palmer BEM *
1994 - 1997	Alan Foot *
1997 - 1998	Richard Lawysz
1998 - 2000	Peter Anderson
2001 - 2004	Lyn Taylor
2004 - 2005	Simon Taylor
2006 - 2007	Claire White
2007 - 2008	Elizabeth Bauer
2008 - 2009	Geoff McDonald
2009 - 2010	Darren Richards
2010 - 2016	Lou Mirarchi
2016 - 2017	Keith Smith
2017 - 2021	Graeme Watkins
2021 - 2023	Vacant

#### TREASURER

1982 - 1983	Alan Whitmore
1983 - 1986	Lois Harding
1986 - 1989	Joyce Lockyer *
1989 - 1994	Joan Marshman
1994 - 1995	Robert Fowler
1995 - 1996	Robert Fowler / John Davies *
1996 - 1997	John Davies *
1997 - 1999	Elizabeth Bauer
1999 - 2000	Vacant
2000 - 2001	Peter Anderson
2001 - 2002	Vacant
2002 - 2005	Peter Anderson
2005 - 2009	Dianne Alsop
2009 - 2013	Neil Whitmore
2013 - 2014	Vacant
2014 - 2016	Nick Mirarchi
2016 - 2018	Paul Wiltshire
2018 - 2020	Richard Lawysz
2020 - 2023	Reagan Peart



### **GEELONG ATHLETICS PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

#### MARKETING

1985 - 1986	Trevor Twitt
1986 - 1987	Laurie Cambridge
1987 - 1989	Dorothy Baker
1989 - 1991	Rose Vukobratovic
1991 - 1992	Alan Foot *
1992 - 1993	Vacant
1993 - 1994	Ray Lambart
1994 - 1995	Liz Fuller
1995 - 1996	Vacant
1996 - 1997	Gottfried Schutz
1997 - 1998	Craig McMaster
1998 - 1999	Vacant
1999 - 2000	Lee Troop
2000 - 2001	Craig McMaster
2001 - 2002	Lee Troop
2002 - 2003	Peta Smith / Melinda Vaughan
2003 - 2004	Melinda Vaughan
2004 - 2005	Vacant
2005 - 2007	Travis Zimmer
2007 - 2011	Vacant
2011 - 2013	Drago Skok
2010 - 2016	Vacant
2016 - 2017	Karen Kirby
2017 - 2023	Vacant

#### **CENTRE TEAMS**

1991 - 1992	Robert Muir
1992 - 1993	Leigh Gordon
1993 - 1997	Richard Lawysz
1997 - 2001	Bruce Scriven
2001 - 2002	Sue Barnes
2002 - 2003	Lorraine Sawyer
2003 - 2007	Vacant
2007 - 2013	Mary McDonald
2013 - 2015	Ian Blanchonette
2015 - 2016	Matthew Wade
2016 - 2022	Vacant
2022	Withdrawn

#### OFFICIALS

1982 - 1992	Wes Marshman *
1992 - 1993	Peter Anderson
1993 - 1994	Stuart Robley*
1994 - 1999	Joyce Lockyer *
1999 - 2000	Joyce Lockyer * / Dianne Alsop
2000 - 2005	Dianne Alsop
2005 - 2010	Anula Costa
2010 - 2013	Elizabeth Bauer
2011 - 2012	Vacant
2012 - 2013	Elizabeth Bauer
2013 - 2017	Lorraine Sawyer
2017 - 2021	Anula Costa
2021 - 2023	Anna Devonish (Acting)

#### COACHING

1982 - 1985	Peter Jardine *
1985 - 1986	Lauren Johns
1986 - 1989	Peter Jardine *
1989 - 1990	Paul Forman
1990 - 1991	Robert Muir
1991 - 1997	Bruce Scriven
1997 - 1999	Dennis Grant
1999 - 2003	Mandi Cole
2003 - 2010	Vacant
2010 - 2011	Anula Costa
2011 - 2013	Lisa Verstraten
2013 - 2021	Anula Costa
2021 - 2023	Cindy Holzer

#### WINTER

1982	Margaret Saunders *
1983 - 1987	Stuart Robley *
1988	Laurie Blair
1989 - 1991	Robert Cole
1992 - 1996	Doug Deakes *
1997 - 2001	Geoff McDonald
2002	Mary McDonald
2003 - 2008	Geoff McDonald
2009 - 2014	Neil Whitmore
2014 - 2015	Geoff Wiffen
2015 - 2016	Mandi Cole
2016 - 2021	Vacant
2021 - 2023	Matthew Gunther



#### PUBLICITY

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1982 - 1986	Hans Ykema *
1986 - 1989	Peter Anderson
1989 - 1990	Rudi Hochreiter *
1990 - 1992	Laurie Blair
1992 - 1996	Ian McTaggart
1996 - 1997	Rebecca Urban
1997 - 1998	Vacant
1998 - 1999	Bill Berry
1999 - 2000	Andrew Lambart
2000 - 2001	Vacant
2001 - 2002	Rebecca Wiasak
2002 - 2003	Rebecca Wiasak / Craig Bone
2003 - 2005	Craig Bone
2005 - 2006	Simon Taylor
2006 - 2007	Vacant
2007 - 2009	Steve Polizzi
2009 - 2011	Vacant
2011 - 2013	Jack Verstraten
2013 - 2017	Vacant
2017 - 2019	Kelvin Gray
2019 - 2020	Josephine Mirarchi
2020 - 2023	Vacant

#### TECHNICAL

1982 - 1988	Ron Palmer BEM*
1988 - 1989	Stuart Robley*
1989 - 1992	Len Hudgell
1992 - 1994	Doug Deakes *
1994 - 2000	Eric Zuccolin
2000 - 2010	David Barfoot
2010 - 2011	Drago Skok
2011 - 2014	Alan Hawkins
2014 - 2015	Lou Mirarchi
2015 - 2023	Jonathan Burns

#### SUMMER

1982 - 1983	Margaret Saunders *
1983 - 1988	Stuart Robley*
1988 - 1990	Laurie Blair
1990 - 1993	Rudi Hochreiter *
1993 - 1994	Peter Anderson
1994 - 1996	Rudi Hochreiter *
1996 - 1997	Peter Anderson
1997 - 1998	
1998 - 1999	Pauline Zuccolin
1999 - 2001	Laurie Blair
2001 - 2002	Laurie Blair / Peter Anderson
2002 - 2005	Elizabeth Bauer
2005 - 2008	Joanne Lambert
2008 - 2015	Vacant
2015 - 2017	Hamish Nelson
2017 - 2019	Jacinta Burns
2019 - 2021	Richard Lawysz
2021 - 2023	Anna Devonish (Acting)

#### FINANCE

#### RANKINGS / RECORDS

1982 - 2010	Pat Agg *
2010 - 2023	Joanne Lambert

#### REGISTRAR

1982 - 1983	Laurie Blair
1983 - 1987	Lorna Grass
1987 - 1991	Dorothy Robertson
1991 - 1992	Wes Marshman *
1992 - 2010	Pat Agg *
2010 - 2023	Joanne Lambert



### SUPPORTING CO-ORDINATORS

#### **GEELONG REGION CROSS COUNTRY**

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2000 - 2007	Neil Macdonald	1991 - 1992	Alan Foot *
2008 - 2014	Brett Coleman	1992 - 1993	Alan Foot * / Richard Lawysz
2015 - 2017	Julian Spence	1993 - 1994	Alan Foot * / Richard Lawysz
2017 - 2020	Sarah Walker	1994 - 1995	Richard Lawysz / Bruce Scriven
2020 - 2021	Brett Coleman	1995 - 1996	Richard Lawysz / Mandi Cole
2021 - 2023	Matthew Gunther	1996 - 1997	Joyce Lockyer * / Mandi Cole
		1997 - 2018	Geoff & Mary McDonald
		2019 - 2020	Jacques Verstraten
		2020 - 2021	Vacant
		2021 - 2022	The Running Company Geelong

#### REPRESENTATIVES TO JOHN LANDY FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

	MEMBERS		TECHNICAL REP
1982 - 1994	Lauren Johns	1982 - 1988	Ron Palmer BEM*
1982 - 1984	Joan Marshman	1988 - 1989	Stuart Robley*
1982 - 1988	Stuart Robley*	1989 - 1992	Len Hudgell
1984 - 1989	Joyce Lockyer *	1992 - 1994	Doug Deakes *
1988 - 1989	Ron Palmer BEM*	1994 - 2000	Eric Zuccolin
1989 - 2011	George Bisinella	2000 - 2010	David Barfoot
1989 - 2015	Stuart Robley*	2010 - 2011	Drago Skok
1994 - 1999	Brian Russell	2011 - 2014	Alan Hawkins
1999 - 2002	Tony Wood	2014 - 2015	Lou Mirarchi
2002 - 2003	Doug Byrt	2015 - 2017	Jonathan Burns
2003 - 2010	Ron Palmer BEM*		
2010 - 2013	Jack Verstraten		
2011 - 2013	Drago Skok		
2013 - 2014	George Bisinella		

#### REPRESENTATIVES TO / MEMBERS OF AV COUNTRY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

**MEMBERS** 

Lou Mirarchi

Peter Anderson

1982 - 1995 1995 - 2003 **PORTFOLIO MANAGER** Margaret Saunders \*

3 Peter Anderson

 1982 - 2009
 Pat Agg \*

 1982 - 1985
 Laurie Henry \*

 1985 - 1994
 Wes Marshman \*

 1992 - 1995
 Peter Anderson

 1995 - 2000
 Joyce Lockyer \*

2003 - 2005 Peter Anderson

2013 - 2016

2015 - 2017



### VAAA and VWAA OFFICE BEARERS

#### <u>President</u>

	VAAA		VWAAA
1962 - 1964	Rudi Hochreiter *	1966 - 1967	Mrs Val Edwards
1964 - 1966	Keith Bird *	1967 - 1969	Mrs Audrey Roberts
1966 - 1967	Don Robinson	1969 - 1971	Mrs Val Gibbons
1967 - 1968	Laurie Henry *	1971 - 1972	Mrs Alma Stokes
1968 - 1969	Trevor Billingham *	1972 - 1974	Mrs Lauren Johns
1969 - 1970	Harry Chesterman	1974 - 1975	Mrs Thelma Aird
1970 - 1974	Don Doney *	1975 - 1978	Mrs Pat Agg*
1974 - 1982	Laurie Henry *	1978 - 1982	Mrs Lauren Johns

#### <u>Secretary</u>

	VAAA		VWAAA
1962 - 1968	Trevor Billingham *	1966 - 1968	Mrs Heather Ballans
1968 - 1969	Laurie Henry *	1968 - 1969	Miss Lana Kamaniew
1969 - 1970	Dick Wilkie	1969 - 1971	Mrs Alma Stokes
1970 - 1974	Laurie Henry *	1971 - 1975	Mrs Val Gibbons
1974 - 1982	Stuart Robley*	1975 - 1976	Mrs Heather Huxley
		1976 - 1978	Mrs Joan McGill
		1978 - 1981	Mrs Pat Stoneham
		1981 - 1982	Mrs Lois Harding

#### <u>Treasurer</u>

1962 - 1963	lan Leeder	1966 - 1968	Miss Margaret Pargeter
1963 - 1964	Bob Dragt *	1968 - 1969	Miss Lana Kamaniew
1964 - 1966	Don Robinson	1969 - 1974	Mrs Doris Martin
1966 - 1968	Keith Bird *	1974 - 1975	Mrs Alma Stokes
1968 - 1970	Dick Wilkie	1975 - 1977	Mrs Joan McGill
1970 - 1972	Cec Tolliday	1977 - 1979	Mrs Alma Stokes
1972 - 1974	Jim Leppick Snr *	1979 - 1980	Mrs Joan Marshman
1974 - 1975	Laurie Henry * & Stuart Robley*	1980 - 1981	Miss Kerrie Marshman
1975 - 1979	Clem Davies	1981 - 1982	Miss Joanne Murphy
1979 - 1982	Alan Whitmore		



### **COMMITTEE REPORT 2022-23**

Normally this would be the President's Report but with there being no President this year the report has been prepared by the Committee of Geelong Athletics (GA).

Despite the challenges this year with flood events it has been a very successful season.

Just as we were commencing the season, flooding at Landy Field put a pause on the season. The flooding event, not via the river but through the storm water drains, highlighted the need for greater facilities maintenance understanding by the City of Greater Geelong (CoGG). A lack of understanding on how the knife valve and drainage systems saw over 100,000 m3 flood the infield and track. Thankfully the CoGG teams rallied and worked with contractors, GA and GLAC to get the facilities ready in under a week. Sadly the valves, which had remained closed during cleaning, were not reopened in time for the next rain event which saw the infield and throw's rings flooded again.

GA, GLAC and CoGG have worked hard on the relationship between the respective stakeholders and with a dedicated venue manager now at CoGG – our maintenance program has significantly improved.

The winter and summer competition seasons have been very well documented in the respective reports. We thank the respective portfolio managers and their teams for ensuring both seasons went very well.

Our financial results for the season were very strong thanks to a resumption of usual business, the hosting of the Victorian Country Athletics Championships (VCAC) and a series of successful grant applications. The Board has identified over \$50k of capital items which it would like to purchase in the coming season the most significant of which being a new photo finish camera (est. \$25k). We also take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Treasurer, Reagan, for his contributions to the health of our financial position and wish him all the very best.

Unfortunately, the work undertaken to update our Rules and By Laws was unable to be completed due to a lack of sufficient inputs from all clubs despite consultation opportunities. This is significant piece of work which still requires completion.

Geelong Athletics has received praise and acknowledgement for the quality and efficiency of the programs it offers. Our officials are highly regarded for their friendliness and efficiency and often sort out for specialty meets. Our program and venue is extremely popular for the quality of facilities, vista and welcoming community – a credit to all.

Work on the Facility Improvement plans to redevelop Landy Field had been progressing with significant time inputs by the stakeholders (GA & GLAC) and the team at CoGG. Disappointingly we were advised in late April 2023, that the Council was under significant financial pressures and that this project (and a number of other capital projects) would be placed on hold until the financial shortfalls could be funded from State or Federal governments. We will continue to update our members if there is any change in the status of this project.

Our more immediate concern are the repairs required to the track post flooding and the looming expiry of our World Athletics certification of our track. This has been escalated to Council and we are seeking confirmation if the necessary funding has been approved to replace the track as part of the Council's asset renewal program.



Our XCR team performed well during the winter of 2022 and the Board committed to trying to grow participation in this area. Matt Gunther has worked hard promoting this area of competition and we have seen a substantial increase in numbers for the 2023 winter season already.

As noted in our Summer report, Geelong Athletics hosted a number of events over and above our AVSL season including the very successful 2023 Steigen Victorian Country Championships. This is a highlight on the calendar for many athletes and our community rose to the occasion. Our clubs stepped up in the running of this event with many "back-of-house" jobs needing volunteers over and above the championship official duties – to those who helped – many thanks. We will be working with AV and the other regional centres to determine where these championships might be held over the next 5 years as the timing of the Commonwealth Games impacting the normal sequence of hosting rotations.

Following the success of hosting the men's discus throw as part of the Maurie Plant meet, we have been asked, by interstate coaches and athletes, to run some winter throws competitions to assist athletes in their preparations for various upcoming World Championships. Two meets have been scheduled for June 2023.

Our affiliate clubs do not provide direct financial contributions to Geelong Athletics so the provision of equipment to secondary schools is essential to funding the operating costs relating to our venue rental, insurances, equipment replacements, awards etc. Instrumental to this service has been the efforts of Kelly and Tyler Costin who are the "face" of athletics for our schools community. They have been stellar in their efforts at ensuring the right equipment is there for each booking and building relationships with the schools. We thank them also for their dedication to this task.

We would be remiss to not acknowledge our major sponsors this year and would like to thank the following for their sponsorships which have been both monetary and in kind – Steigen, The Running Company Geelong, Athletics Victoria, City of Greater Geelong, Barwon Sports Physiotherapy, Norwood products, Rotary Club of Ocean Grove, Barwon Water, The Injury Clinic and Compton Green.

Geelong Athletics exists to promote and facilitate athletics competition in the region and relies on the support of volunteers. Each year we call for help and the number of hands that go up in the air seem to be fewer and fewer. We would urge you all to think about offering a few hours each month or of a weekend to make the work load a little bit lighter for all.

Finally, we would to like to thank and acknowledge all Geelong Athletics community who give of their time and support our programs. We wish everyone all the best for the season to come.



### **SECRETARYS REPORT 2022-23**

This season has once again been too few wearing too many hats and I would strongly urge anyone with any desire to contribute to the ongoing operations of Geelong Athletics to put their hand up to volunteer in some capacity. We have vacancies on the Board and a need for volunteers to train to become officials to enable our sport to continue. If you are time poor – please sign up to be a club helper and make the life of your club's administrator a lot easier.

Much time has been dedicated this season to dealing with the fallout and recovery of our two flood events at Landy Field included an ongoing, as yet, unresolved insurance claim for damage.

We have been busy organizing and hosting the 2023 Steigen Victorian Country Athletics Championships (2023VCAC) as well as finding grants to finance not only our normal operating expenses but the ongoing cost of replacing and upgrading our equipment assets.

This season saw a transfer of responsibilities in internal management of Landy Field to the CoGG Leisure and Recreation team. We met with this team regularly throughout the season and have managed to build a far better understanding, by the CoGG's team, of our facility issues as well as our maintenance and bookings issues.

Unfortunately, our attempts last season to do a major update the Rules and By Laws to reflect the currency of our operations did not receive sufficient support which was disappointing given the effort and consultation that had been undertaken. Minor updates will now be presented at periodic intervals at the relevant meetings.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Life Members Richard Lawysz and Anula Costa for their ongoing mentoring and support. If there is something you do not know or what to know – these are the people to seek out.

To my fellow Board members – thank you once again. Special thanks must go to Jonathan Burns for all his efforts to ensure we had all the right equipment at the right time to be able to host our season and the 2023VCAC. He has been incredibly creative and resourceful in developing and building special trolleys for our equipment to maximise the efficiency of our set up and pack ups for which all our officials will be eternally grateful. Other clubs and centres have expressed their envy of our equipment trolleys so we may need to register a patent!

To the Clubs, Officials, Club Helpers, Coaches and Athletes – congratulations on all your efforts this season. Hopefully next season we will be drama free and we can continue to build on our reputation as one of the best centres in the country.

ANNA DEVONISH SECRETARY



### **TREASURERS REPORT 2022-23**

The net surplus for financial year 2022-23 was \$35,516.

The major income streams for this year included AVSL (\$9,000), school equipment hire (\$9,290), and the Country Championships (\$20,964). Overall, income has increased yet costs have remained consistent with previous years, this has led to an increase in surplus upon the previous year.

School equipment hire was largely uninterrupted this year. Invoices were sent out earlier than previous years to promote the Association's cashflow. Many schools paid the equipment hire fee in advance, resulting in some unearned income at year end. Overall, fees from this income stream were consistent with the previous year.

The 2023 Country Championships generated revenue from hosting fees (\$7,600), Steigen sponsorship (\$4,000), a City of Greater Geelong event grant (\$5,000), and canteen sales (\$4,364). The most notable expenses for the championships related to canteen supplies and catering for officials. The Association benefited from the assistance of club volunteers in the canteen which meant labor costs were non-existent. Overall, the surplus from the event amounted to \$15,386.

A significant effort was made by the Association's Secretary in applying for grants throughout the year. We were successful in obtaining a total of \$12,000 from three applications. These supported the running of the Country Championships and the purchase of equipment, including a new set of elite starting blocks. Furthermore, funding was received in response to costs expected to be incurred because of the Landy Field flood.

Despite continued efforts, we did not receive an insurance premium notice during the year. Regardless, a claim has been made relating to damage caused by the Landy Field floods. This matter is ongoing, and the outcome will be known in the 2023-24 financial year.

A new 5k/10k event was organised and run during the year. The surplus from this event amounted to \$519. The event received very positive feedback and is expected to be run again next year with the potential for an increase in entry fees.

2 years of Landy Field track hire were paid in the previous year. However, the City of Greater Geelong advised that the fees were incorrectly invoiced due to a COVID-19 fee waiver. A credit was subsequently received on the Association's account. As of 31 March 2023, a credit of \$1,410 was held with the council to be applied against future invoices.

The Association's cash position at 31 March 2023 was \$106,686. This is a significant increase upon the previous year. With the recent rise in interest rates, \$20,000 was placed in a 6-month term deposit in February 2023, earning a return of 3.05% per annum.

Overall, I believe FY23 has been successful in terms of financial performance.

REAGAN PEART TREASURER



### Geelong Athletics Inc.

## Statement by the Board of Management

It is the opinion of the Board of Management that

The accompanying Financial Statements are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of Geelong Athletics Inc. during and at the end of the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

As at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds that Geelong Athletics Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they occur.

Signed on behalf of all the Members of Geelong Athletics Inc. in accordance with a resolution of the Association Board.

Reagan Peart TREASURER

Anna Devonish SECRETARY





#### GEELONG ATHLETICS INC. INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Note	2023	2022
INCOME	1		
Centre Administration		17,444	15,196
Summer Competition		9,000	8,000
Minor Events		1,475	224
Country Championships		20,964	-
Winter Competition	_	4,334	2,795
Total Income	-	53,217	26,215
EXPENSES	2		
Centre Administration		8,593	5,463
Summer Competition		(350)	5,583
Minor Events		956	86
Country Championships		5,578	-
Winter Competition	_	2,924	1,104
Total Expenses	-	17,701	12,236
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	-	35,516	13,979
RESULTS PER AREA			
Centre Administration		8,851	9,733
Summer Competition		9,350	2,417
Minor Events		519	138
Country Championships		15,386	-
Winter Competition	-	1,410	1,691
	_	35,516	13,979



#### GEELONG ATHLETICS INC. BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	Note	2023	2022
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Commonwealth Bank Chq. A/c		86,103	77,383
Commonwealth Bank Debit card		583	498
ME Bank Term Deposit		20,000	-
Accounts Receivable	3	11,200	10,220
Total Current Assets		117,886	88,101
Non-Current Assets			
Equipment	6	36,764	28,733
Total Non-Current Assets	_	36,764	28,733
Total Assets	_	154,650	116,834
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	4	415	940
Accrued Expenses	5	825	-
Total Current Liabilities	_	1,240	940
Total Liabilities		1,240	940
	-		
NET ASSETS	-	153,410	115,894
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings		151,410	115,894
Pole Vault Sponsorship Reserve		1,000	-
Pat Agg Memorial Athlete Pathway Fund	-	1,000	-
Total Equity	-	153,410	115,894



#### GEELONG ATHLETICS INC. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Retained Earnings	Pat Agg Fund	Pole Vault Reserve	Total
Balance at 1 April 2021	72,016	-		72,016
Net Suplus for the Year	13,979	-	-	13,979
Adjustment for Prior Year Equipment Purchases	29,899	-		29,899
Balance at 31 March 2022	115,894			115,894
Balance at 1 April 2022	115,894			115,894
Net Suplus for the Year	35,516	-		35,516
Pole Vault Sponsorship	-	-	1,000	1,000
Pat Agg Bequest	-	1,000	-	1,000
Balance at 31 March 2023	151,410	1,000	1,000	153,410



#### GEELONG ATHLETICS INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
Note 1 - Income		
Centre Administration		
Schools Equipment Hire	9,290	8,620
Grants	7,000	5,250
Equipment Reimbursements	-	416
Interest	25	-
Signage Advertising	750	750
Donations	379	160
	17,444	15,196
Summer Competition		
AVSL	9,000	8,000
	9,000	8,000
Minor Events		
Twilight Trot Entry Fees	-	224
5k/10k Event Fees	1,475	-
	1,475	224
Country Championships		
Hosting Fees	7,600	-
Grants	5,000	-
Sponsorship	4,000	-
Canteen Sales	4,364	-
	20,964	-
Winter Competition		
Bellarine Rail Trail Entries	2,804	2,215
Uniform Sales	330	380
Donations & Sponsorship	1,200	200
	4,334	2,795
Total Income	53,217	26,215
Note 2 - Expenses		
Centre Administration		
Caretaking Schools Equipment Hire	2,610	1,500
Photo Finish Calibration	-	1,931
Athlete Contributions	1,500	-
Website	371	229
PO Box	153	144
Insurances	825	756
Minor Equipment	1,194	185
Disposed Equipment	427	-
Repairs and Maintenance	1,201	677
Sundry	312	41
	8,593	5,463



#### GEELONG ATHLETICS INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
Summer Competition		
Landy Field Track Hire	(1,410)	4,875
Awards & Trophies, Engravings	1,060	657
Officials's Amenities	-	51
	(350)	5,583
Minor Events		
Twilight Trot Costs	-	86
5k/10k Event Costs	956	-
	956	86
Country Championships		
Canteen Supplies	3,140	-
Officials Catering	1,998	-
Other Costs	440	-
	5,578	-
Winter Competition		
Website	25	660
Bellarine Rail Trail Costs	721	-
Uniform Costs	198	-
Presentation	195	-
Travel	801	-
Relay Entries	984	444
	2,924	1,104
Total Expenses	17,701	12,236
Note 3 - Receivables		
Accounts Receivable		
Schools Equipment Hire	2,200	2,220
AVSL Income	9,000	8,000
Total Receivables	11,200	10,220
Note 4 - Payables		
Accounts Payable		
Schools Equipment Hire Caretaking	975	940
Unearned Income - Schools Equipment Hire	850	340
	(1,410)	-
City of Greater Geelong Credit	415	940
Total Payables	415	940
Note 5 - Accrued Expense		
Accrued Expenses		
Insurance	825	-
Total Accrued Expenses	825	



#### GEELONG ATHLETICS INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

2023	2022

#### Note 6 - Equipment

Equipment is capitalised and carried at cost. Once disposed, equipment is expensed through the income statement. Minor equipment, with a useful life of <12 months, is expensed through the income statement in the year of purchase.

Opening Balance	28,733	-
Additions	8,458	28,733
Disposals	(427)	-
Closing Balance	36,764	28,733



### VALE – PATRICIA "PAT" AGG

Geelong Athletics was saddened by the passing of former Vice President and Life Member, Mrs Pat Agg.

Pat Agg became the matriarch of Geelong Athletics through not only her longevity in life but through her longevity in the administration of athletics; roles which included significant tenures as Geelong Guild Women's Secretary, the Geelong Athletics Records Officer, Registrar, and initially as a representative for Geelong and then regionally on the Victorian Country Committee and as a highly proficient walk judge and wind gauge operator.

Patricia Joyce Rogan was born on 17 March 1924. She was one of a large family. Pat married Russell Agg in 1947. Pat's sporting interests as a young woman included netball and running with the clubs associated with the Soldiers Woollen Mills, where she worked.

It was during 1964 when Pat was approached to help rejuvenate the flagging Geelong Guild Women's Athletic Club, which had been originally formed in 1955. Pat's eldest daughter Val, had been one of the athletes who attended the first day of the Saturday morning competition at Landy Field (later widely known as Little Athletics) in October 1964.

It was not long after this, in 1965, that Pat Agg (with great help from the late Frank Searby), became Secretary of the Geelong Guild Women's Athletic Club, a voluntary position Pat would become synonymous with over the next three decades. Her office, the family home at Mundy Street in South Geelong, is just a stone's throw from Landy Field.

All her children took up a sporting interest. Val and Gary in athletics; eldest son Rob played football and cricket and youngest daughter Jenny played netball and tennis.

With Val and Gary running each Saturday, Pat immersed herself in the sport she would love for years to come. Her first roles at Landy Field were as a track judge at the finish line and as the Officials Manager on the (former) Geelong Centre of the Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association (VWAAA) Board of Management.

As an early trailblazer in women's athletics in Geelong, Pat would recall one of her bleakest moments in athletics, years later. Whilst waiting to start a Guild women's committee meeting one night in mid-1965, news came through that their fellow committee member and Commonwealth Games athlete, Joan Beretta, had gone missing on the Barwon River. Joan took to rowing as part of her training regime for her middle-distance running. Sadly, Joan's body was recovered from the river some days later.

In 1974, Pat Agg and her friend Lauren Johns became the first two ladies to be awarded Life Membership of the Geelong Women's Centre.

The following year in 1975, Pat was accorded the same honour of Life Membership from her club, Geelong Guild. This Life Membership certificate was proudly displayed in the lounge room of the family home at South Geelong.

After this first decade in athletics, Pat Agg advanced her athletic skills and knowledge. She was, by now, a Geelong Guild delegate to the VWAAA monthly Council meetings held in Melbourne. She would attend these meetings with fellow women officials in Pat Maxwell, Margaret Saunders (Chilwell) and Val Robley (Sacred Heart).



Concerned for athletics in Geelong and in the regional areas of Victoria, Pat was elected as the first Country Vice President of the VWAAA in 1970. She held this position until 1978 when her dear friend Margaret Saunders became Country Vice President.

At the same time, Pat was President of the Geelong Centre of the VWAAA from 1975 until 1978.

During the 1970s, Pat, along with an ever-growing group of women officials at Landy Field, was appointed to several Australian Women's Championships at Royal Park in Melbourne and interstate. It was in Hobart in 1973 that Pat took to reading the wind gauge to "try it out".

When the men's and women's State Associations and Geelong Centre's amalgamated in 1982, Pat Agg joined the Victorian Country Committee. A position she would hold until the committee was disbanded in 2009. It was during this time that Pat, along with her dear friend Margaret Saunders and others, would manage the Victorian country team to Canberra for the East Coast Challenge series.

Pat would also continue her input at the local level. She became the Records Officer at Geelong and meticulously maintained the Geelong records, allowing her to become a familiar and friendly official with athletes from all clubs, not just from her Guild. Pat was as proud as punch that the 100-metre record of her daughter Val remained some 57 years after it was established.

At the club level, after amalgamation, Pat continued as Secretary of Guild until 1989. A position she had held for almost a quarter of a century. Another generation of the Agg family became involved in athletics when grandchildren started to compete at Landy Field around this time.

In 1989, Pat became the first female President of the combined Guild club. In fact, it was an allwoman executive with Val Williams as Secretary and Pat's long-time friend Pauline Zuccolin as Treasurer. Pat would remain President until 1995.

On 10 June 1992, Pat was honoured at the State level with an Athletics Victoria Merit Award. Further honours came to Pat when on 10 July 1996, she was elected as a Life Member of Athletics Victoria by her peers.

In 2006 Pat received the Athletics Australia Platinum Service Award for those who have provided service to the sport of athletics for 40 years or more. In 2008, Pat served on the Guild's 100th-anniversary committee.

In 2010, Pat Agg retired from the Board of Geelong Athletics. She had been the Records Officer since 1982 and the Registrar since 1992. Pat had served on the Geelong Centre Board for a staggering 45 years and was presented with a gift and flowers by then President Richard Lawysz.

However, Pat's interest in the sport she loved did not end there. She continued to attend annual meetings and visit Landy Field for championship and special meetings, to present medals and enquire as to the well-being of the many athletes that called her their friend. Her granddaughters would drive Pat to Landy during the week to take a sneak peek.

In December 2012, Pat and fellow Life Members Lauren Johns and Jack Darcy were invited to cut the 50th-anniversary cake of Geelong Athletics.

In January 2018, Pat again returned to Landy Field during the opening ceremony of the Country Championships. This time Pat was to receive the Athletics Victoria 50 years membership award, which had been recognised again by her peers in 2017. AV Life Member Richard Lawysz presented



the award. Australian hurdler Jess Gulli presented flowers, and her daughters Val, Jenny and son Gary were in attendance.

Geelong Athletics' interclub premiership aggregate award for men and women is known as the Pat Agg Trophy. In this award, Pat's legacy and time at Geelong Athletics will be forever remembered. Along with her kindness and caring, not only for her Guild girls but for all athletes (and officials) that crossed her path.

Former Geelong Athletics President Richard Lawysz summed up what most of the Geelong and Victorian athletics family felt, "truly a lovely lady".

Pat was married to Russell Agg for over 65 years, and they had four children, Rob, Val, Jenny and Gary, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pat passed away at St John of God Hospital, Geelong, on Tuesday, 9 August 2022.

Peter Anderson 16 August 2022





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### **TECHNICAL PORTFOLIO REPORT**

A huge thankyou to the officials and volunteers who assist me each weekend with setting and packing up of the equipment.

The main purchases for the year were a complete set of new blocks which have been well received by both local and visiting athletes. This has resulted in our coaches and school booking getting to use the replaced blocks for coaching and school bookings.

With Geelong hosting countries, new discusses, shot puts, relay battens and a high jump cover were purchased. Other changes that were made this year were to the trolleys where we now have designated trolleys for throws, jumps and high jump. Each trolley is fully equipped which eliminates the need of making several repeated trips to the equipment shed.

We also purchased a new long trolley to use for shelters to assist with taking out and in each weekend.

Thanks also to Nick Foley and Norwood products for the donation of a new timber hurdle for the steeple water jump that badly need replacing after countries.

Because of countries we were able to place markers on out sector markings. This means we have eliminated the need to double check our EDM measurement each week which will result in a time saving during set up.

A big thanks to Raymond Barr who assist me on most weekends. Also, special thanks to the crew from Warrnambool who often take it on themselves to take out the Hurdles for set up. Also thank you to Anna and the board for supporting me and my ideas and allowing me to purchase the items that I need.

My wish list for the next season is new easier wheels for the hurdle trolleys, a designated shot pit trolley, new small circular shade umbrellas for the recording officials and a new "mark 2' (design is in my head) version of a water mister for the hot days.

JONATHAN BURNS TECHNICAL PORTFOLIO MANAGER



### SUMMER PORTFOLIO REPORT

After two seasons interrupted by the Covid pandemic we were looking forward to a drama free season – little did we count on the ever-changing climate to impact our season. Floods and post-recovery were the common recurring themes for the season.

The AVSL season 2022-2023 consisted of 10 rounds and 2 virtual play-offs starting early October 2022 through to late March 2023. For the AVSL season – Wyndham was zoned to Geelong once again and actively participated as though they were an affiliated club.

The continuing decline in the number of officials saw the metro zones reduced to only two venues for the season and Geelong was unable to offer any walks events on its program due to a lack of walks judges. Recruiting, training, and retaining officials continues to be an ongoing challenge for the sport.

Following feedback from last season and intra-season we made some modifications to our program this season with:

- Introduction of Control Sheets with minimum height/distances to enter
- Removing of Jump and Go for High Jump
- Alternating the invite throw event between Hammer and Discus
- Restricting of all Field invite events to Geelong "zoned" athletes
- Consolidating horizontal Jump & Go sheets to end of Round
- Additionally, AV removed the ability for club administrators to bulk enter athletes

In addition to the AVSL season, Geelong Athletics also hosted:

- 2023 Steigen Victorian Country Athletics Championships
- High Velocity and AV Throwers Meet
- Mens Discus Throw as part of Maurie Plant World Athletics Meet
- 5km / 10 km Twilight meet
- Steigen Rare Air meet

Our season kicked of well with a pre-season briefing and Round 1 in early October. Round 2 however was when it all went south so to speak. Weather forecasts predicted heavy rain falls and the potential for flooding. We proactively tried to stem the tides with sand bags and frantic calls to Council. Sadly, we watched as the waters flowed into Landy via the storm water drains. The call was made to postpone the day and reschedule.

The next week was frenetic with works to clean up the flooding mess and to have an action plan in place which would mitigate future repeat events. During the clean-up the flood knife gate valves remained closed so when the next rains came the water had nowhere to go. Round 3 saw a wet morning in gum boots trying to get the throws cage ready for action. Luckily, we were able to proceed with all events apart from Hammer and Discus where the circles and landing fields were deemed unsafe for athletes and officials alike. Competition in Bendigo was also affected and their round postponed due to flooding.

Round 4 was relatively uneventful and Round 5 saw the pre-entry of athletes to Hammer and Discus limited to those who missed this event in Round 3. No points were lost as the points for Round 5 were also recorded against Round 3's results.



For the first time, Round 6 saw athletes wore their footy colours to compete as part of our Footy Colours day. With many thanks to Anula Costa, the Geelong AFL Grand Final Cup made its way to Landy Field along with some of the team. Jack Henry, Jed Bews and their families delighted many fans with photos and catchups on their old days with athletics. There was no wiping the smile off our Competition Director, Richard Lawysz, that day!

Christmas came a little early with the gift of new starting blocks (courtesy of one of our successful grant applications) much to the delight of our Round 7 track athletes.

With a five-week hiatus in local competition over the Christmas/New Year period we managed to capitalise on the break and were able to hold the rescheduled Round 2 program as well as new 5k/10k specialty twilight event. Access to enter the rescheduled round was limited to only those originally registered athletes. Unfortunately, due to the timing of this event less than 50% attended.

Following the rescheduled round we held a new event comprising of 3x5k and 2x10k races – thanks to Matthew Gunther who conceived this event. This twilight event proved very popular and was fully subscribed despite no prize money on offer. We saw a mix of recreational/park and track athletes enter – and for some, the formality of this being an AV permit meet was a little challenging. We will be looking to run a very similar format event next summer.

Round 8 was very quickly followed by the 2023 Steigen Victorian Country Athletics Championships. This event was very popular with nearly 900 athletes (60 of which were from interstate) over the three days. The event, as always, was a huge planning and logistical impost and we thank those club helpers who pitched in over and above those duties formally assigned by AV. Special thanks to Freya Poulter, Melissa Pitt and crew for your days spent in the canteen. Big shout out also to the pre-day and post-day set ups which eased the load on our Tech team and ensured we were set up and ready to go every day – thanks to Joe Boras, Peter Lamb, John Sprunt, Aaron Smith and Graeme Watkins who did more than one shift. Congratulations to Christian Paynter (GLG) for taking out the Joyce Lockyer Memorial Award and Brett Coleman (CHI) the Chilwell Athletes Veterans Award.

Slipping in between Rounds 9 and 10, Landy Field hosted the Men's Discus Throw event as part of the inaugural Maurie Plant Meet, a World Athletics Continental Gold Meet. The event saw AUS Olympian Matt Denny and NZL record holder Connor Bell up against local rising star Darcy Giddings and a number of other elite throwers. The New Zealand record was broken by Connor Bell who took out the event and spectators were treated to an impromptu skills clinic run by Matt and Connor. Thank you to them both for their generosity of time and expertise.

Mid-March saw us hosting a High Velocity and AV throwers meet which included the 2022 African Championships Discus Silver medalist, Nora Monie, who not only competed but ran a free post event skills and training talk in the pavilion – our thanks to Nora and her coach.

The Victorian Championships saw many of our athletes excel and the plethora of medallists are listed later in the Annual Report. Following these Champs we moved into our two virtual playoff rounds which were saw athletes competing at their 'home' region/zone instead of at Lakeside with the top and bottom 5 clubs from the AVSL rounds playing off for promotion and/or relegation.

This new format of playoff was challenging in many ways. Starting in the second half of March, after the State Championships, meant we saw less than half of those athletes eligible actual enter. The timing meant that a substantial number of our regular officials were unavailable which put a strain on those who were able to attend - combined with strong winds, 38<sup>0</sup> and a tight timetable made for a



stressful first playoff round. The second playoff, with again reduced numbers, was more relaxed and a terrific day to end the season.

The results saw Wyndham and Chilwell being relegated from the Premier Division and Geelong Guild relegated from Division 2. In a very close battle Athletics South West narrowly missed out on taking the Division 3 shield but did see its promotion to Division 2 for next season – its third divisional promotion in as many seasons – a truly impressive club effort! Corio and Bellarine finished third and fourth in Division 3 with Deakin remaining mid-range of Division 5.

April saw many of our athletes, coaches and officials head north to Brisbane over two separate occasions for the Open/U20 and U13-U18 National Championships with Easter thrown in the middle. We congratulate all those athletes who medalled or got personals bests – no small feat!

The number of athletes entering each round for the season was relatively consistent with last year (c. avg. 221 per round vs 224) with c. 80% being Geelong affiliated club members. Surprisingly though the number of no show (DNS) rates only marginally declined. DNS rates continue to be an issue which sees empty lanes in our pre-seeded races and slots on field sheets that other athletes may have been able to enter.

Geelong Athletics will continue to work with AV and the AVSL Committee to discuss ways to assist with reducing these numbers. Excluding the anomaly Round 2 – DNS rates by clubs were:

BEL	31%	CHI	28%	GLG	20%	WYN	18%
ASW	17%	DKN	17%	COR	14%	Non-Geel.	32%

Next season we are hoping to extend our seated throw events with the new tie down anchor points having been added to the comp office end discus circle. We were successful in applying for a paraathletics grant (thanks to the hard work put in by Marty Jackson) to fund an adjustable throwing chair for use by any centre athletes for training or competition. This will remove a barrier to entry for many wanting to join athletics as the cost of these chairs and their transport was prohibitive.

Our season was wonderfully captured in images and videos which were graciously shared by Scott Sidley (SS Athletics/GLG), Neal Conder (EHN Sea Photography/GLG), and Marila Kozdra (IND). The reels were particularly popular on our social media accounts and Marila did an amazing job with juggling to capture these between finalising races for photo finish.

AV have advised that there is now a 'grouping' function in the Entry Portal and we will be exploring its use to open a priority entry window for Geelong clubs for next season to secure places on field sheets. Clubs are urged to let us know of any other areas for improvement that can realistically be passed onto the AVSL committee for planning of the next season.

As always, our ability to run a competition relies on the hard work and dedication of our officials and club helpers and we thank them for their contributions – a more detailed acknowledgement can be found in the Officials Report. We continue to urge clubs to actively work on their club cultures to include a focus on growing the number of officials within their membership ranks. Officials are vital to the ongoing viability of our sport and a greater commitment from all is needed.

Finally, we thank and acknowledge all the families, coaches, officials and club administrators who give of their time so generously to provide the athletes the opportunity to participate in their chosen sport and wish everyone all the best for the season to come.

Anna Devonish Acting Portfolio Manager







### TWILIGHT TROT REPORT

Last year's Annual Report noted that, with the change in ownerships of The Running Company – Geelong and the diminishing participation due to free competing events such as Park Run, the ongoing viability of the Twilight Trots would be reviewed.

With no party willing to take on the significant amount of administrative and logistical efforts to run this as an out-of-stadia event, the decision was made to cease this event going forward.

### WINTER PORTFOLIO REPORT

The winter season definitely finished on an upward trend in relation to results for the team throughout the XCR season. That led to the Mens premier team finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder to end the season.

A fantastic result by all considering AV thought we should have been relegated at the beginning of the year. The Women Under 20 team won the premiership, well done girls. A few individual highlights throughout the year were our two Champion Athletes – Grant Simpson and Josh Bail as well as Toby Menday finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at Burnley Half and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Ballarat 15km. Our Division 5 men's team finished second overall, winning all bar two rounds.

Thank you to Brett Coleman for all of his work organising the Bellarine Rail Trail run, another fantastic morning was had by all who participate.

I would like to thank all sponsors that assisted us throughout the year, highlighting TRC Geelong who allowed us to take a bus to multiple events as well as Steampocket for ensuring we had some excellent post-race treats.

We look ahead to 2023, our two main aims being to increase our female involvement and ensure we have a team at most if not all events. We would also like to see our junior numbers have a stronger presence. We have applied for a grant for a bus which will make it easier to get to each of the races as there is a lot of travel involved in the winter season.

Matthew (Matt) Gunther Winter Portfolio Manager



### **COACHING PORTFOLIO REPORT**

The 2022/23 season was like many others, where we saw an ebb and flow of coaches working in the Geelong region. Of note, the Geelong Athletics community were particularly saddened to lose Nick Hodgson to an overseas relocation and Drew Sayner due to work commitments. This left a massive hole in the speciality horizontal & multi-event coaching areas. Although as many as 25 coaches offer training out of Landy Field, athletes keen to join coaching squads subsequently found many of them full or limited in capacity.

Some training timeslots on the track continue to be more congested than others, mainly during the busy, after-school period of 4-6pm. Coaches do need to be mindful of working around and communicating respectfully with each other to share the track equitably. As an etiquette reminder, coaches should plan to set up at different points of the track, taking up a maximum of 3 lanes.

The Landy Field Coaches' Shed, although at capacity, was generally kept neat this season. This space is shared 50:50 with GLAC and caters for 8 GLAC clubs, 5 GA clubs and a number of independent coaches. It has been an agenda item over the last 3 years to more clearly define and appropriately allocate the shed, however with COVID this hasn't been possible. We look forward to achieving this before the beginning of the 2023-24 season. Last season, it was also identified that there were over 30 coaches who had access to a Coaches' Shed key. With many now lapsed or not actively coaching, there was an effort to recall keys. Unfortunately, this proved to be a difficult task and combined with the key system being deemed difficult to monitor, it was decided to investigate a fob system to permit entry. This new system is currently being costed and it is hoped to be implemented by the start of the 2023 / 24 season.

Whilst Geelong boasts a number of independent coaches and many AV clubs offer club-affiliated coaching, there are still many gaps to be filled, especially with young athletes transitioning from GLAC to GA. Geelong Athletics welcomes organisations such as AV or ATFCA to offer coaching opportunities based at Landy Field as it is often the motived GLAC parent, with past athletics experience, who may become the coaching professional of the future.

We hope to encourage and support these individuals through their educational journey to become capable and qualified coaches.

Cindy Holzer Coaching Portfolio Manager



### **OFFICIALS PORTFOLIO REPORT**

It is an age-old problem – how do we attract and retain officials? The reality is that volunteerism in Australia is on the declined. Community life seems to have moved online.

Since Covid, many of our ageing officials have not returned to the track and the sport, as a whole, has struggled to recruit and train volunteers who can regularly commit their time and efforts towards offering a sporting competition for our athletes. This distinct lack of officials to run AVSL has seen the Metro competition offered at only two venues this season as opposed to the four it operated prior to Covid.

Sadly, a lack of walks officials and an inability to attract new candidates to undertake training, meant we were unable to offer any walks as part of this year's programs. Geelong, as a region, is very lucky in the way our club helpers pitch in and enable us to run an extremely popular and efficient program each round. To all of you who stepped up – thankyou.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022, Athletics Victoria hosted the 2021-22 Victorian Officials Function which is an opportunity to celebrate and congratulate the time and effort Officials make in ensuring the success of athletics. We would like to thank and acknowledge our local officials who were recognised at this function:

- 5 years' service Heather Holzer
- 10 years and AA Bronze Geoff Marshman
- 20 years and AA Silver Lou Mirarchi and Matthew Webster
- 25 years Mary McDonald
- Geelong Regional Official of the Year (for the second time) Heather Holzer
- Officials Rising Star nominee Shaye Eastwood.

In July 2022, a review of the Technical Officials Education and Certification System (TOECS) was undertaken to ensure that the development pathway for technical officials (including the education and evaluation process at each certification level) and opportunities to officiate in athletics reflect and are adapted to the ever growing and changing landscape of the sport. As a result a new World Athletics Referee Pathways was introduced and information about these pathways can be found at the following link.

Geelong is very fortunate to have access to the skills and experience and expertise of Richard Lawysz who is one of only 10 Australian based World Athletics Silver Referees having been an International Technical Officer since 2006. Richard has been very generous with his support and mentoring of our local officials and we thank him for all he does to support and promote our team. At the Victorian State Track and Field Championships, AV acknowledged Richard's 50 years of service as an Official and we, as a community, congratulate him on the milestone.

Our Geelong region officials have embraced this new education pathway and we congratulate the Heather Holzer and Anna Devonish for adding to their accreditations by successfully completing their TOECS Level 1 (National Athletics Referee Level) certification.

We also congratulate Anna Devonish for being nominated by AV for the 2022 Victorian Sports Awards and for being selected as a finalist for the Community Official of the Year Award. At the timing of this report the results have yet to be announced but we wish Anna all the best for this award.



Geelong Officials and club volunteers once again showcased their expertise at the Victorian Country championship, State Championships and the national championship.

This season we received support locally from the following independent officials:

Richard Lawysz	Marila Kozdra	Lorraine Sawyer	Sarah Davis
Anula Costa	Stuart Schnaars	Matthew Webster	Lucy McCormack
Mark Hockey	lan Morris		

We also had regular support from the following Officials and club helpers:

- Track Lou Mirarchi (COR), Sue Bath (COR), Mark Suter (ASW), Jesse Suter (ASW), Jeremy Dixon (ASW)
- Technical Equipment Jonathan Burns (CHI), Ray Barr (CHI)
- Photo Finish, Results & Admin Geoff Marshman (CHI), Joanne Lambert (BEL), Josephine Mirarchi (COR), Anna Devonish(GLG), Alyson Hart (WYN)
- Field Heather Holzer (GLG), Bob Holzer (GLG), Rachel Eastwood (GLG), John Sprunt (CHI), Alison Reed (CHI), Shaye Eastwood (GLG), Gavin McCleish (CHI), Matt Doolan (CHI), Cindy Holzer (GLG), Michelle Murrant (BEL), David Berry (GLG), Nola Bradford (BEL), Astrid Paape (GLG), Melissa Pitt (BEL), Graeme Watkins (CHI)

Special acknowledgement also to the team at Wyndham for providing clubs helpers each round despite not being affiliated with Geelong Athletics and to their team manager, Alyson Hart, for organising the troops.

The calibre of the officials and club helpers is the Geelong region has been widely recognised by other visiting officials and athletes alike and we have developed a reputation as a venue to attend. Our thanks to all for their friendliness, helpfulness and efficiency in running our program

In recognition of their contributions for season 2022-23, Geelong Athletics has nominated Jonathan Burns and Michelle Murrant for the AV Geelong Regional Official of the Year and Gavin McCleish for the Rising Star Award. The AV officials awards will be announced in June 2023.

To service the number of events on offer for each round of AVSL we need between 32 to 37 officials and club helpers (varies between programs) to enable our athletes to shine. We would encourage anyone who is sitting on the wrong side of the track to put there hand up and have a go at helping us run our events. Support is there from our officials team and all help is welcome.



### **MARKETING & PUBLICITY PORTFOLIO REPORT**

Unfortunately, this Portfolio position continued to remain vacant for yet another year leaving it to other members to maintain some of our social media presences.

Once again, this season had some tremendous support in capturing images and footage from most of our AVSL rounds. We would like to specifically thank Neal Conder (EHN Sea Photography & GLG), Scott Sidley (SS\_Athletics and GLG) and Marila Kozdra (IND) for their contributions. We loved Marila's Instagram reels and stories which she managed to produce and publish in between the pressures of her photo finish duties. Marila did so in response to a strong demand for "live" video footage by our growing Instagram audience. Combined with some funky kits these were exceptionally effective at driving and increasing social media traffic to our sites.

We had ongoing print and digital media support from both the Geelong Advertiser and Geelong Times particularly around our flood instances, the lead up to the Victorian Country Championships (VCAC) and the Maurie Plant meet. The "ones to watch" pieces were particularly interesting to read and we thank each of the clubs for supplying the information necessary to compile these articles.

Our social media presence continued to grow with a Facebook reach of over 87,000 for the year compared to the prior year and Instagram reaching nearly 21,000 compared to nearly 1,000 for the same period. Our tribute to the late Pat Agg had the greatest reach of all posts and was seen by over 7,600 people – reflective of the widespread athletics community respect for a wonderful lady who contributed so much to the sport and the centre.

Our Facebook and Instagram followers both increase from 135 and 224 respectively in the year of this report – the biggest jumps occurring after the VCAC where we made the decision to move to a digital handbook. As well as being more sustainable, the digitisation of the report enabled free access by thousands as compared to less than a couple of hundred through hard copy sales.

Our annual summer awards presentation night was once again in person and livestreamed and we thank Richard Lawysz for his incomparable MC skills and insightful research and Marila for her technical skills at broadcasting this event see a reach of over 450 above those in attendance.

Whilst the media has been very supportive with their articles we have not been as effective we would like to be due this portfolio role being vacant.

So – if you find yourself addicted to social media and love being able to keep folks informed via current technologies, please consider putting your hand up for this role.



### **RECORDS & REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

		U14	U16	U18	U20	Open	Vet	Total Athletes	Total Other	Total All
Ath. South West	F	5	8	4	1	1	2	21	0	21
	м	1	5	2	2	2	6	18	2	20
		6	13	6	3	3	8	39	2	41
Bellarine	F	0	3	6	0	2	10	21	3	24
	Μ	1	5	13	2	4	8	33	1	34
		1	8	19	2	6	18	54	4	58
Chilwell	F	4	5	4	3	7	6	29	2	31
	М	2	8	14	6	10	11	51	7	58
		6	13	18	9	17	19	80	9	89
Corio	F	0	0	3	4	3	2	12	3	15
	М	1	2	8	2	4	3	20	1	21
		1	2	11	6	14	5	32	4	36
Deakin	F	1	2	2	0	4	0	9	0	9
	М	0	0	1	0	17	3	21	4	25
		1	2	3	0	21	3	30	4	34
Geelong Guild	F	4	6	8	3	6	2	29	10	39
	м	4	7	9	7	13	6	43	5	48
		8	13	17	10	19	8	72	15	87
Total	F	14	24	25	13	23	22	121	21	142
	Μ	9	24	47	19	50	37	186	23	209
	:	23	48	72	32	73	59	307	44	351

Note – some athletes are also officials – in this instance they have only been counted once above as an athlete Other – includes members other than athletes such as officials, coaches and life members

					Prior Years				
	Athletes	Other	Total	New Regos	2022-23	Athletes 307	Other 44	Total 351	New Regos 83
Ath. South West	39	2	41	15	2021-22	258	39	301	36
Bellarine	54	4	58	13	2020-21	200	15	215	24
Chilwell	80	9	89	14	2019-20	276	22	298	48
Corio	32	4	36	5	2018-19	270	32	302	67
Deakin	30	4	34	8	2017-18	270	31	301	69
Geelong Guild	72	15	87	28	2016-17	273	25	298	81
Unattached		6	6		2015-16	298	28	323	55
	307	44	351	83	2014-15	302	28	334	73
					2013-14	288	33	321	56

#### Joanne Lambert Records and Registration Portfolio Manager





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# **GEELONG RECORDS – RESIDENTIAL – 2022-23**

Name	Club	M/F	Event	Age Group	Time / Distance	Wind	Date	Venue
Jake Penny	GLG	М	100m	Open	10.23	+1.6	14/12/2021	Box Hill
Tess Kirsopp-Cole	GLG	F	800m	Open	2:01.40		2/07/2022	Belgium
Tiana Boras	CHI	F	Triple Jump	U18/19/20/Open	13.14m	+0.0	5/08/2022	Colombia
Tiana Boras	CHI	F	Triple Jump	U18/19/20/Open	13.30m	-0.1	6/08/2022	Colombia
Amali Butcher	СНІ	F	100m Hurdles	U17/18	14.02	+1.8	29/10/2022	Lakeside
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	М	100m	U16	11.09	+2.0	29/10/2022	Lakeside
Chilwell	СНІ	F	4x100m Relay	Open	48.26		26/11/2022	Box Hill
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	М	200m	U16	22.23	+1.4	9/12/2022	Adelaide
Miller Smith	BEL	М	200m Hurdles	U15/16	25.68	+0.8	9/12/2022	Adelaide
Miller Smith	BEL	М	100m Hurdles	U15/16	13.26	+1.2	10/12/2022	Adelaide
Joshua Payne	BEL	М	Long Jump	U18/19/20/Open	7.15m	+1.8	10/12/2022	Adelaide
Amali Butcher	СНІ	F	100m Hurdles	U17/18	13.8	-1.8	11/12/2022	Adelaide
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	М	400m	U16/17	48.30		11/12/2022	Adelaide
Erica Fountain	BEL	F	800m	40+	02:14.0		9/02/2023	Aberfeldie
Susan Howell	CHI	F	1500m	60+	05:45.3		10/02/2023	Doncaster
Susan Howell	СНІ	F	800m	60+	02:55.1		12/02/2023	Doncaster
Susan Howell	CHI	F	5,000m	60+	20:53.0		12/02/2023	Doncaster
Tilly McBain	GLG	F	200m Hurdles	U14	30.93	-0.2	16/02/2023	Ballarat
Tilly McBain	GLG	F	200m Hurdles	U14	29.82	-0.3	25/02/2023	Lakeside
Miller Smith	BEL	М	200m Hurdles	U15/16	25.65	+0.2	25/02/2023	Lakeside
Miller Smith	BEL	М	100m Hurdles	U15/16	13.16	+1.3	26/02/2023	Lakeside
Summer Marange	GLG	F	Hammer	U13	29.14m		26/02/2023	Lakeside
Darcy Giddings	COR	М	Discus	U19/20	55.96m		4/03/2023	Lakeside
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	М	400m	U16/17	47.99		4/03/2023	Lakeside
Liam Mullen	CHI	М	Long Jump	Open	7.24m	+0.4	4/03/2023	Lakeside
Peter Wrzuszczak	COR	М	Discus	60+	37.86m		13/03/2023	Sydney
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	М	400m	U16/17	47.76		31/03/2023	Brisbane
Summer Marange	GLG	F	Hammer	U13	36.74		13/04/2023	Brisbane
Summer Marange	GLG	F	Hammer	U13	38.27		13/04/2023	Brisbane
Phoebe Polizzi	СНІ	F	80m Hurdles	U13	12.96	-0.4	14/04/2023	Brisbane
Tilly McBain	GLG	F	200m Hurdles	U14	29.75	-0.3	14/04/2023	Brisbane
Jemima Hood	GLG	F	80m Hurdles	U14	12.68	+0.2	15/04/2023	Brisbane
Amali Butcher	СНІ	F	100m Hurdles	U18	13.63	+1.8	16/04/2023	Brisbane
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	м	400m	U16/17	47.61		16/04/2023	Brisbane



# **GEELONG RECORDS – LANDY FIELD – 2022-23**

Name	Club	M/F	Event Age Group		Time / Distance	Wind	Date	
Miller Smith	BEL	М	200m Hurdles	U15/16	26.9	+0.8	22/10/2022	
Susan Howell	CHI	F	800m	60+	03:07.6		31/10/2022	
Amali Butcher	CHI	F	100m Hurdles	U17/18	13.94	+1.2	12/11/2022	
Miller Smith	BEL	М	100m Hurdles	U15/16	13.55	+1.3	12/11/2022	
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	М	400m	U16	49.12		3/12/2022	
Karen Kirby	CHI	F	Hammer	60+	24.29m		3/12/2022	
Erica Fountain	BEL	F	1500m	40+	04:39.1		3/12/2022	
Brett Coleman	CHI	М	10,000m	40+	33:35.33		9/01/2023	
Karen Kirby	CHI	F	Shot Put	60+	7.96m		7/01/2023	
Summer Marange	GLG	F	Hammer	U13	30.55m		7/01/2023	
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	М	400m	U16/17/18/19	48.46		21/01/2023	
Phoebe Polizzi	CHI	F	80m Hurdles	U13	13.39	+1.9	21/01/2023	
Brett Coleman	CHI	М	5,000m	40+	16:03.25		26/01/2023	
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	М	400	U16/17/18/19	48.36		27/01/2023	
Geelong Guild	GLG	М	4x100 Relay	U20	43.94		27/01/2023	
Geelong Guild	GLG	М	4x100 Relay	Open	42.88		27/01/2023	
Bellarine	BEL	F	4x400 Relay	40+	4:29.62		28/01/2023	
Erica Fountain	BEL	F	800m	40+	02:14.8		28/01/2023	
Brett Coleman	CHI	М	10,000m	40+	33:27.85		28/01/2023	
Bellarine	BEL	F	4x400 Relay	40+	04:29.6		28/01/2023	
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	М	400	U16/17/18/19/20	47.92		18/02/2023	
Erica Fountain	BEL	F	400m	40+	60.29		18/02/2023	
Geelong Guild	GLG	М	4x100 Relay	Open	42.55		18/02/2023	
Joshua Unthank	BEL	М	1500m	U16/17	04:02.2		18/02/2023	
Sharon Pederson	CHI	F	1500m	50+	05:31.2		18/02/2023	
Susan Howell	CHI	F	1500m	60+	05:41.9		18/02/2023	
Darcy Giddings	COR	М	Shot Put	U19/20	15.34m		5/03/2023	
Ida Laherty	GLG	F	400m	U17/18/19/20	55.3		11/03/2023	
Sharon Pederson	CHI	F	800m	50+	2:39.87		25/03/2023	
Oska Rose	СНІ	М	200m	U14	23.96	+1.9	25/03/2023	
Summer Marange	GLG	F	Hammer	U13	34.01m		25/03/2023	
Miller Smith	BEL	М	200m Hurdles	U16	26.77	+1.4	25/03/2023	



### **GEELONG ATHLETICS 2022-23 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

<b>SPRINTS</b> Men Open Men U16 Men Vet	COR GLG ASW	Jacob Sesar Caleb Kilpatrick Ken Bruce	<b>HURDLES</b> Men Open Men U16 Men Vet	GLG BEL	Sean Cameron Miller Smith Not awarded
Women Open Women U16 Women Vet	GLG GLG BEL	Ida Laherty Isabella Tarr Jacinta Burns	Women Open Women U16 Women Vet	СНІ	Amali Butcher Not awarded Not awarded
<b>MIDDLE DISTANCE</b> Men Open Men U16 Men Vet	BEL	Not awarded Joshua Unthank Not awarded	<b>WALKS</b> Men Open Men U16 Men Vet		Not awarded Not awarded Not awarded
Women Open Women U16 Women Vet	DKN BEL	Not awarded Isla Bradshaw Erica Fountain	Women Open Women U16 Women Vet		Not awarded Not awarded Not awarded
<b>DISTANCE</b> Men Open Men U16 Men Vet	СНІ	Not awarded Angus Thomas Not awarded	<b>HORIZONTAL JUMPS</b> Men Open Men U16 Men Vet	CHI CHI ASW	Seth McCleish Guy Williams Ken Bruce
Women Open Women U16 Women Vet	СНІ	Not awarded Not awarded Susan Howell	Women Open Women U16 Women Vet	CHI ASW	Not awarded Karla Boras Joy Morden
<b>VERTICAL JUMPS</b> Men Open Men U16 Men Vet	BEL CHI	Noah Burns Not awarded Steve Colquhuon	<b>THROWS</b> Men Open Men U16 Men Vet	COR GLG COR	Darcy Giddings Jack Berry Peter Wrzuszczak
Women Open Women U16 Women Vet	GLG GLG BEL	Victoria Paape-Silva Summer Marange Jacinta Burns	Women Open Women U16 Women Vet	glg glg Chi	Amelie Parfitt Summer Marange Karen Kirby
<b>TOP VETERAN INTE</b> Ken Bruce	RCLUB PC ASW	DINT SCORER	MCKIERNAN TROPHY	COR	Darcy Giddings
BEST FIRST YEAR AT Oska Rose	T <b>HLETE</b> CHI		RON CLARKE TROPHY		Not awarded
Summer Marange	GLG		ATHLETE WITH DISABILI	TY CH	II Marty Jackson
ATHLETE WITH POT Victoria Paape-Silva Noah Burns Erin Foley Caleb Kilpatrick JOYCE LOCKYER		WARD	IMPROVEMENT AWARD Ruby Darcy Miller Smith Lukas Pierce Ida Laherty	ASV BEL COI GLC	?
MEMORIAL AWARI	<b>)</b> GI	.G Shaye Eastwood	COMMITTEE AWARD	GLG	Scott Sidley
JOHN LANDY AWAR	R <b>D</b> Dł	KN Mia Gross	RISING STAR OFFICIAL	. CHI	Gavin McCleish



# **GEELONG ATHLETICS 2022-23 CLUB AWARDS**

### WOMEN

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U14 - SHELL COMPANY SHIELD	
Athletics South West	27,131
Geelong Guild	10,070
Chilwell	6,335
Deakin	1,488
U16 - LAUREN JOHNS TROPHY	
Geelong Guild	25,314
Athletics South West	20,756
Chilwell	20,027
Bellarine	8,035
Deakin	4,798
U18 - JACK FREWIN MEMORIAL	TROPHY
Geelong Guild	27,878
Bellarine	18,041
Chilwell	13,441
Athletics South West	11,998
Corio	11,476
U20 - GABRIELLE BLYTHE TROPI	HY
Corio	10,198
Geelong Guild	5,984
Chilwell	5,003
Deakin	687
OPEN - JOAN BERETTA MEMOR	IAL TROPHY
Chilwell	20,508
Corio	18,495
Geelong Guild	12,915
Bellarine	3,806
Athletics South West	3,303
Corio	1,518
40+ - MARGARET SAUNDERS TR	КОРНҮ
Bellarine	23,156
Chilwell	5,231
Athletics South West	3,440
Geelong Guild	399

### MEN

U14 - RUDI HOCHREITER TROPHY	
Geelong Guild	12,725
Chilwell	, 5,531
Athletics South West	, 5,047
Corio	4,408
Bellarine	1,550
U16 - COLIN BRIGHT MEMORIAL TR	ОРНҮ
Athletics South West	23,340
Bellarine	21,853
Chilwell	13,223
Geelong Guild	9,912
Corio	9,331
U18 - BILL WOOD TROPHY	
Bellarine	49,796
Corio	49,557
Chilwell	40,501
Geelong Guild	24,183
Athletics South West	17,184
Deakin	2,286
U20 - JACK DARCY TROPHY	
Chilwell	25,605
Geelong Guild	19,053
Corio	7,108
Bellarine	2,302
Athletics South West	1,708
<b>OPEN - NEIL TREZISE TROPHY</b>	
Geelong Guild	24,158
Corio	14,002
Chilwell	8,027
Athletics South West	7,967
Deakin	2,852
Bellarine	1,405
40+ - LAURIE HENRY TROPHY	
Athletics South West	16,809
Bellarine	7,368
Chilwell	2,868



## GEELONG ATHLETICS 2022-23 CLUB AWARDS (Cont.)

### WOMEN

#### **50+ - CENTRE TROPHY**

Chilwell	20,149
Corio	12,239
Bellarine	6,563
Athletics South West	5,267

#### MEN

### 50+ - RICHARD LAWYSZ TROPHY

Chilwell	12,348
Athletics South West	6,732
Bellarine	5,490
Corio	3,626
Geelong Guild	1,039

#### 60+ - IAN TREZISE SHIELD

Bellarine	12,710
Athletics South West	9,881
Corio	8,057
Chilwell	5,394
Geelong Guild	4,925
Deakin	1,694

#### \* WOMEN - INTERCLUB AGGREGATE

Chilwell	90,694
Geelong Guild	82,560
Athletics South West	71,895
Bellarine	59,601
Corio	52,408
Deakin	15,323

#### **INTERCLUB AGGREGATE - PAT AGG TROPHY**

Chilwell	204,191
Geelong Guild	178,555
Bellarine	162.075
Corio	160,563
Athletics South West	148,497
Deakin	15,323

#### \* MEN - INTERCLUB AGGREGATE

Chilwell	113,497
Bellarine	102,474
Corio	96,089
Geelong Guild	95,994
Athletics South West	88,668
Deakin	6,832

#### \* FORREST FAMILY SHIELDS



### **2022 OCEANIA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## Mackay Qld, 7-11 June 2022

### GOLD MEDALLISTS

KILPATRICK, Caleb	GLG	Men U18 4x400m	Australia	3:22.03
BORAS, Tiana	CHI	Women U20 Triple Jump	Australia	12.78m
MIELCZAREK, Mackenzie	COR	Women U20 Javelin	Australia	54.64m (C)
KIRSOPP-COLE, Tess	GLG	Women Open 800m	Australia	2:04.63
PENNY, Jake	GLG	Men Open 4x100m	Australia B	40.24
BIRKENHEAD, Damien	COR	Men Open Shot Put	Australia	18.59m

### SILVER MEDALLISTS

KILPATRICK, Caleb	GLG	Men U18 400m	Australia	49.10
BURNS, Noah	BEL	Men U18 Pole Vault	Australia	4.10m
ALBERTS, Angus	CHI	Men U20 Shot Put	Australia	17.25m (C)
JARMAN, Will	CHI	Men U20 Decathlon	Australia	6323Pts
JACKSON, Marty	CHI	Men AMB Shot Put	Victoria	14.42m (90.41%)
SMITH, Michael	CHI	Men SEC Shot Put	Victoria	6.58m (53.24%)

#### **BRONZE MEDALLISTS**

GIDDINGS, Darcy	COR	Men U18 Discus	Australia	51.12m
KIRSOPP-COLE, Tess	GLG	Women Open 4x400m	Australia	3:39.25
PAYNTER, Christian	GLG	Men Open Decathlon	Australia	7296pts

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## **ATHLETICS VICTORIA CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLISTS**

## U14 to U18 - FEBRUARY 2023

BERRY, Jack	Mens U15 Hammer Throw	GLG	41.95m
BURNS, Noah	Mens U18 Pole Vault	BEL	4.40m
BUTCHER, Amali	Womens U18 400m Hurdles	CHI	65.48
FRANKLIN, Max	Mens U18 400m Hurdles	GLG	54.72
KILPATRICK, Caleb	Mens U17 400m	GLG	48.90
KILPATRICK, Caleb	Mens U17 200m	GLG	22.45
LAHERTY, Ida	Womens U18 400m	GLG	56.86
LAHERTY, Ida	Womens U18 200m	GLG	24.91
McBAIN, Tilly	Womens U14 200m Hurdles	GLG	29.82
McBAIN, Tilly	Womens U14 400m	GLG	60.69
McBAIN, Tilly	Womens U14 80m Hurdles	GLG	12.81
McBAIN, Tilly	Womens U14 200m	GLG	26.90
McCLEISH, SETH	Mens U18 Triple Jump	CHI	13.63m
PAAPE-SILVA, Victoria	Womens U18 Pole Vault	GLG	3.50m
SMITH, Miller	Mens U16 200m Hurdles	BEL	25.26
SMITH, Miller	Mens U16 100m Hurdles	BEL	13.16
TARR, Isabella	Womens U17 100m	GLG	12.81
SILVER MEDALLISTS			
BAINBRIDGE, Evan	Mens U15 200m Hurdles	GLG	28.70
BAINBRIDGE, Evan	Mens U15 100m Hurdles	GLG	15.18
BORAS, Karla	Womens U16 Long Jump	CHI	5.49m
BRADSHAW, Isla	Womens U16 800m	DKN	2:15.43
BUTCHER, Amali	Womens U18 200m	CHI	31:12.0
DAY, Benjamin	Mens U18 110 Hurdles	COR	16.25
FOLEY, Erin	Womens U18 400m Hurdles	BEL	69.51
HOOD, Jemima	Womens U14 200m Hurdles	GLG	30.36
HOOD, Jemima	Womens U14 400m	GLG	61.38
HOOD, Jemima	Womens U14 80m Hurdles	GLG	12.89
KILPATRICK, Caleb	Mens U17 100m	GLG	11.32
MARANGE, Summer	Womens U14 Long Jump	GLG	4.50m
MARANGE, Summer	Womens U14 High Jump	GLG	1.50m
McBAIN, Tilly	Womens U14 100m	GLG	13.30
MILES, Samantha	Womens U14 Javelin	CHI	32.29m
MUTTON, Chloe	Womens U18 100m Hurdles	ASW	16.34
MUTTON, Chloe	Womens U18 High Jump	ASW	1.50m
ROSE, Oska	Mens U15 100m	CHI	12.11
SANDERS, Joshua	Mens U18 Triple Jump	COR	13.32m
SANDERS, Joshua	Mens U18 Javelin	COR	53.05m
SERVIN, Tobias	Mens U16 Long Jump	CHI	5.91m
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SERVIN, Tobias		Mens U18 400m	CHI	51.55
TARR, Isabella		Womens U17 200m	GLG	25.58
UNTHANK, Joshua		Mens U17 1500m	BEL	4:08.87
UNTHANK, Joshua		Mens U17 800m	BEL	1:57.37
BRONZE MEDALLIST	rs			
BORAS, Karla		Womens U16 Triple Jump	CHI	11.48m
DARCY, Ruby		Womens U17 Long Jump	ASW	5.48m
DARCY, Ruby		Womens U17 Triple Jump	ASW	11.68m
FRANKLIN, Max		Mens U18 400m	GLG	49.65
FRANKLIN, Max		Mens U18 200m	GLG	22.57
HOOD, Jemima		Womens U14 200m	GLG	27.31
JARMAN, Alexande	er	Mens U18 Pole Vault	CHI	4.10m
MARANGE, Summe	er	Womens U14 Triple Jump	GLG	9.40m
McCLEISH, Seth		Mens U18 Long Jump	CHI	6.64m
POLIZZI, Phoebe		Womens U14 80m Hurdles	CHI	13.07
SANDERS, Joshua		Mens U18 Hammer Throw	COR	41.13m
SCOTT, Daniel		Mens U18 2000m Steeplechase	CHI	6:54.17
TARR, Isabella		Womens U17 400m	GLG	58.58
WILLIAMS, Guy		Mens U16 Long Jump	CHI	5.71m
WILLIAMS, Teyvia		Womens U17 800m	ASW	2:16.40



## **ATHLETICS VICTORIA CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLISTS**

## OPEN and U20 – MARCH 2023

ALBERTS, Angus BURNS, Lachlan	Mens U20 Shot Put Mens Open Pole Vault	CHI BEL	16.39m 5.10M
GIDDINGS, Darcy	Mens U20 Discus	COR	55.96m
GLOGOLJA, Chantal	Womens U20 Pole Vault	CHI	3.20m
McINTOSH, Sam	Mens WC 100m	BEL	17.81 (92.13%)
PARFITT, Amelie	Womens U20 Hammer	GLG	44.54m
PERDRISAT, Joshua	Mens Open 800m	GLG	1:51.28
SMITH, Michael	Mens SEC Shot Put	CHI	6.80m (55.01%)
SILVER MEDALLISTS			
BATH, Grace	Womens Open Pole Vault	COR	3.90m
ELLIS, Jack	Mens U20 3000m Steeplechase	CHI	10:10.44
GIDDINGS, Darcy	Mens Open Discus	COR	48.34m
GIDDINGS, Darcy	Mens U20 Hammer	COR	53.59m
GIDDINGS, Darcy	Mens U20 Shot Put	COR	15.34m
GIDDINGS, Darcy	Mens Open Discus	COR	48.34m
JACKSON, Marty	Mens AMB Shot Put	CHI	14.13m (88.58%)
SESAR, Jacob	Mens Open 200m	COR	21.84
BRONZE MEDALLISTS			
BADROCK, Abbey	Womens Open 100m Hurdles	CHI	14.36
BRADEN, Campbell	Mens U20 Pole Vault	BEL	4.40m
BYRT, Eliesha	Womens Open 3000m Steeplechase	GLG	15:29.27
CAMERON, Sean	Mens U20 110m Hurdles	GLG	15.44
COLEMAN, Richard	Mens WC 100m	CHI	16.97 (83.08%)
DAVIES, Christian	Mens Open 400m	COR	47.72
DEBELJUH, Natatlie	Womens Open Hammer	COR	46.38m
EASTWOOD, Shaye	Mens U20 Discus	GLG	34.39m
PAYNTER, Christian	Mens Open Shot Put	GLG	14.72m



# **VICTORIAN COMBINED CHAMPIONSHIP 2023**

GOLD MEDALLISTS			
PAYNTER, Christian	Mens Open Decathlon	GLG	7362 pts
JARMAN, Alexander	Mens U18 Decathlon	CHI	4581 pts
SILVER MEDALLISTS			
JARMAN, Will	Mens Open Decathlon	СНІ	4581 pts

### VICTORIAN TRACK RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

### GOLD MEDALLISTS

Womens U18 4 x 400m Relay		
DUNN, Tallulah; TARR, Isabella; ADAMS, Ella; LAHERTY, Ida	GLG	4:07.47
Mens Open Medley Relay		
SPIKERS, Mason; CALNIN, Ben; MURRANT, Harvey; PERDRISAT, Joshua	GLG	3:26.60

### **AV XCR SEASON 2022**

BAIL, Joshua (ASW) – XCR Champion Mens U20 Athlete

SIMPSON, Grant (BEL) – XCR Champion Mens 50+ Athlete

## ATHLETES WITH NATIONAL SELECTION

#### 2022 INAS Oceania-Asia Games, Brisbane AUS

Eliesha Byrt (GLG), Drew Semmens (BEL)

### 2022 World Athletics Championships, Oregon USA

Tess Kirsopp-Cole (GLG) 800m

### 2022 Commonwealth Games, Birmingham ENGLAND

Mia Gross (DKN) 4x100m Relay

### 2023 World Athletics Cross Country Championships, Bathurst AUS

Ellie Pashley (DKN) 10km



# **AV MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDALLISTS 2023**

### Note – Athletes participated as the Geelong Region Team

BIRK, Hans	M40	Hammer	33.83m
BIRK, Hans	M40	Shot Put	11.39m
BRADEN, Donna	W45	800m	02:56.5
BRADEN, Donna	W45	400m	75.79
BURNS, Jacinta	W50	60m	9.05
BURNS, Jacinta	W50	100m	14.22
COLQUHOUN, Steve	XHJ3	High Jump	1.50m
COTCHETT, Sarah	W40	400m	64.39
DEBELJUH, Natalie	W30	Discus	37.38m
DEBELJUH, Natalie	W30	Weight Throw	15.37m
FOLEY, Nick	M50	Discus	35.03m
HOLZER, Bob	M70	Hammer	38.32m
HOLZER, Bob	M70	Weight Throw	13.92m
HOWELL, Susan	W60	800m	02:55.1
HOWELL, Susan	W60	1500m	05:45.3
HOWELL, Susan	W60	5000m	20:53.0
KIRBY, Karen	W65	Discus	17.13m
LEITCH, Mary	W70	Long Jump	1.95m
LEITCH, Mary	W70	Shot Put	4.89m
LEITCH, Mary	W70	Triple Jump	4.73m
LEITCH, Mary	W70	Weight Throw	7.26m
MCLENNAN, Bree	W35	Javelin	21.33m
MCLENNAN, Bree	W35	Long Jump	3.81m
PEDERSEN, Sharon	W50	800m	02:44.0
PEDERSEN, Sharon	W50	300m Hurdles	60.7
SILCOCK-DELANEY, Colin	M90	400m	02:51.4
SILCOCK-DELANEY, Colin	M90	800m	06:06.5
SILCOCK-DELANEY, Colin	M90	1500m	11:46.7
SILCOCK-DELANEY, Colin	M90	100m	33.01
SILCOCK-DELANEY, Colin	M90	200m	65.27
WALKER, Jeff	M75	800m	03:54.4
SILVER MEDALLISTS			
BURNS, Jacinta	W50	Pole Vault	2.40m
COLQUHOUN, Steve	M50	High Jump	2.40m 1.50m
COTCHETT, Sarah	W40	100m	13.62
DEBELJUH, Natalie	W30	Hammer	46.65m
ELWARD, David	M70	5000m	20:58.7
FOLEY, Nick	M50	Shot Put	20.38.7 10.92m
HOLZER, Bob	M70	Javelin	29.40m
HOLLEN, DOD		Javenn	29.4011



JORDAN, Benjamin	M45	800m	02:06.5
JORDAN, Benjamin	M45	1500m	04:25.7
JORDAN, Benjamin	M45	Long Jump	5.18m
KIRBY, Karen	W65	60m	11.57
KIRBY, Karen	W65	Hammer	25.20m
KIRBY, Karen	W65	Javelin	14.08m
LEITCH, Mary	W70	200m	59.91
LEITCH, Mary	W70	Discus	10.98m
LEITCH, Mary	W70	Hammer	14.84m
LEITCH, Mary	W70	Javelin	9.13m
MCLENNAN, Bree	W35	1500m	05:28.7
WALKER, Jeff	M75	5000m	27:04.4
WRZUSZCZAK, Peter	M60	Hammer	30.97m
WRZUSZCZAK, Peter	M60	Shot Put	9.94m
WRZUSZCZAK, Peter	M60	Weight Throw	12.68m

#### **BRONZE MEDALLISTS**

BIRK, Hans	W65	Weight Throw	9.22m
GATHERCOLE, Sherry	W50	Long Jump	3.21m
JORDAN, Benjamin	W70	60m	13.96
JORDAN, Benjamin	M60	Discus	33.07m
KIRBY, Karen	M45	High Jump	1.60m
KIRBY, Karen	XHJ3	High Jump	1.60m
LEITCH, Mary	W65	100m	18.73
MCLENNAN, Bree	M40	Javelin	34.77m
WRZUSZCZAK, Peter	W35	100m	14.91



## 2023 NATIONAL TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BRISBANE

## Open and U20 - 30 March - 2 April, 2023

## U13 to U18 – 13 April - 16 April, 2023

ALBERTS, Angus SESAR, Jacob HOOD, Jemima KILPATRICK, Caleb KILPATRICK, Caleb McCLEISH, Seth POLIZI, Phoebe	Mens U20 Shot Put Mens Open 4x100 Relay Womens U14 80m Hurdles Mens U18 400m Mens U18 4x400m Relay Mens U18 Triple Jump Womens U13 80m Hurdles	CHI COR GLG GLG GLG CHI CHI	17.11m 41.66 12.68 47.61 3:16.94 13.91m 12.96
SILVER MEDALLISTS			
GIDDINGS, Darcy PAYNTER, Christian SMITH, Michael BURNS, Noah FOLEY, Erin HOOD, Jemima LAHERTY, Ida MARANGE, Summer McBAIN, Tilly MILES, Samantha	Mens U20 Discus Mens Open Decathlon Mens Open SEA Shot Put Mens U18 Pole Vault Womens U18 400m Hurdles Mixed U14 4x200m Relay Womens U18 4x400 Relay Womens U14 Hammer Womens U13 80m Hurdles Mixed U14 4x200m Relay Womens U13 Javelin	COR GLG CHI BEL GLG GLG GLG GLG GLG	54.97m 7,385pts 6.98m 4.45m 64.13 1:44.38 3:45.31 36.74m 12.72 1:44.38 28.37m
PAAPE-SILVA, Vicky BRONZE MEDALLISTS	Womens U18 Pole Vault	GLG	3.65m
BURNS, Lachlan JACKSON, Marty KIRSOPP-COLE, Tess BERRY, Jack BUTCHER, Amali JARMAN, Alexander MILES, Samantha	Mens Open Pole Vault Mens Open AMB Shot Put Womens Open 4x400 Relay Mens U15 Hammer Womens U18 100m Hurdles Mens U18 Pole Vault Womens U13 Shot Put	BEL CHI GLG GLG CHI CHI CHI	4.95m 14.10m 3:43.27 40.17m 13.63 4.05m 8.61m



# 2023 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS, SYDNEY, 10 March – 13 March, 2023

BURNS, Jacinta	W50 Pole Vault	BEL	2.60m
DEBELJUAH, Natalie	W30 Hammer	COR	44.10m
DEBELJUAH, Natalie	W30 Weight Throw	COR	14.53m
DEBELJUAH, Natalie	W30 Throws Pentathlon	COR	2680 pts
HOLZER, Robert	M70 Hammer	GLG	40.17m
HOWELL, Sue	W60 1500m	CHI	5:36.3(h)
HOWELL, Sue	W60 5000m	CHI	20:45.95
KIRBY, Karen	W65 Shot Put	CHI	8.19m
McLENNAN, Bree	W35 1500m	CHI	5:31.7(h)
SILVER MEDALLISTS			
BURNS, Jacinta	W50 60m	BEL	8.88
DEBELJUAH, Natalie	W30 Shot Put	COR	9.63m
DEBELJUAH, Natalie	W30 Discus	COR	35.79m
HOLZER, Robert	M70 Throws Pentathlon	GLG	2861 pts
McLENNAN, Bree	W35 Outdoor Pentathlon	CHI	1882 pts
WRZUSZCSAK, Peter	M60 Weight Throw	COR	13.34m
WRZUSZCSAK, Peter	M60 Throws Pentathlon	COR	2795 pts
BRONZE MEDALLISTS	N/50 400 -	DEL	4446
BURNS, Jacinta	W50 100m	BEL	14.16
BURNS, Jacinta	W180+ 4x400m Relay	BEL	6:03.59
DEBELJUAH, Natalie	W30 Javelin	COR	28.81m
HOLZER, Robert	M70 Javelin	GLG	29.02m
HOLZER, Robert	M70 Weight Throw	GLG	13.96m
HOWELL, Sue	W180+ 4x400m Relay	CHI	6:03.59
KIRBY, Karen	W65 Discus	CHI	18.48m
KIRBY, Karen	W65 Javelin	CHI	14.96m
McLENNAN, Bree	W35 Javelin	CHI	21.59m
McLENNAN, Bree	W180+ 4x400m Relay	CHI	6:03.59
WRZUSZCSAK, Peter	M60 Hammer Throw	COR	34.50m







