



**Geelong Athletics Inc.**

**Incorporated 29<sup>th</sup> May, 1989**

**Landy Field, Barwon Terrace, South Geelong, Vic., 3220**

**A0018520G**

# **42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2023-24**

**Presented to members at the Annual General Meeting  
Geelong Regional Centre**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**

**Convened at the WJP Wood Pavilion, Landy Field**

## **GEELONG ATHLETICS BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2023-24**

### **EXECUTIVE**

President:	Matthew Webster
Vice President:	Vacant
Secretary:	Anna Devonish
Treasurer:	Robert Williams

### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Coaching:	Cindy Holzer
Marketing & Publicity:	Marila Kozdra
Officials:	Josephine Mirarchi
Records & Registrar:	Joanne Lambert
Summer competition:	Anna Devonish (Acting)
Technical:	Jonathan Burns
Winter competition:	Matthew Gunther

### **CoGG LANDY FIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT WORKING GROUP**

Richard Lawysz	Anna Devonish
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### **AVSL COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

Richard Lawysz (Delegate)	Anna Devonish (Alternate)
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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 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 (22-24 January).

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 (25-27 January). 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.

2024 Post flooding track repairs are made and extension of WA certification given for six months. CoGG commit to replacement of track and funding of facility redevelopment.

## 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
2023 - 2024	Matthew Webster

### ***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 - 2024	Vacant

### ***SECRETARY***

1982	Stuart Robley*
1982 - 1989	Richard Lawysz
1990 - 1991	Kay Hosking
1991 - 1992	Peter Anderson
1992 - 1994	Bob Johns
1994 - 1996	Ian McTaggart
1997 - 1998	Peter Anderson
1998 - 1999	Ian 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 - 2024	Anna Devonish

### ***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
2023 - 2024	Robert Williams

## 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 Lambert
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
2023 - 2024	Marila Kozdra

### 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 - 2024	Matthew Gunther

### 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
2023 - 2024	Josephine Mirarchi

### 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 - 2024	Cindy Holzer

### 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

**PUBLICITY**

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
2023 - 2024	Combined with Marketing

**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 - 2024	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 - 2024	Anna Devonish (Acting)

**FINANCE**

1995 - 1997	Robert Fowler
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**RANKINGS / RECORDS**

1982 - 2010	Pat Agg *
2010 - 2024	Joanne Lambert

**REGISTRAR**

1982 - 1983	Laurie Blair
1983 - 1987	Lorna Grass
1987 - 1991	Dorothy Robertson
1991 - 1992	Wes Marshman *
1992 - 2010	Pat Agg *
2010 - 2024	Joanne Lambert



## SUPPORTING CO-ORDINATORS

### **GEELONG REGION CROSS COUNTRY**

2000 - 2007	Neil Macdonald
2008 - 2014	Brett Coleman
2015 - 2017	Julian Spence
2017 - 2020	Sarah Walker
2020 - 2021	Brett Coleman
2021 - 2024	Matthew Gunther

### **TWILIGHT TROT**

1991 - 1992	Alan Foot *
1992 - 1993	Alan Foot * / Richard Lawysz
1993 - 1994	Alan Foot * / Richard Lawysz
1994 - 1995	Richard Lawysz / Bruce Scriven
1995 - 1996	Richard Lawysz / Mandi Cole
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**

1982 - 1994	Lauren Johns
1982 - 1984	Joan Marshman
1982 - 1988	Stuart Robley*
1984 - 1989	Joyce Lockyer *
1988 - 1989	Ron Palmer BEM*
1989 - 2011	George Bisinella
1989 - 2015	Stuart Robley*
1994 - 1999	Brian Russell
1999 - 2002	Tony Wood
2002 - 2003	Doug Byrt
2003 - 2010	Ron Palmer BEM*
2010 - 2013	Jack Verstraten
2011 - 2013	Drago Skok
2013 - 2014	George Bisinella
2013 - 2016	Lou Mirarchi
2015 - 2017	Peter Anderson

#### **TECHNICAL REP**

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 - 2017	Jonathan Burns

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

#### **MEMBERS**

1982 - 2009	Pat Agg *
1982 - 1985	Laurie Henry *
1985 - 1994	Wes Marshman *
1992 - 1995	Peter Anderson
1995 - 2000	Joyce Lockyer *
2003 - 2005	Peter Anderson

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

1982 - 1995	Margaret Saunders *
1995 - 2003	Peter Anderson

## VAAA and VWAA OFFICE BEARERS

### President

<b>VAAA</b>		<b>VWAAA</b>	
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

### Secretary

<b>VAAA</b>		<b>VWAAA</b>	
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

### Treasurer

1962 - 1963	Ian 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 *		



image courtesy of Neal Conder

## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2023-24

If I could start by saying how much of an honour it was to be asked to fill the vacant role of President for the 2023/2024 season. After some “arm bending” from Anna Devonish over a number of months, she finally convinced me to nominate for the position.

Even though there had not been a President for the two years preceding my appointment, the committee was strong enough to make conscientious decisions in the best interest of Geelong Athletics and I applaud them for this.

I moved to the Geelong area (Drysdale) a few years ago from Melbourne where I am a member of the Collingwood Harriers Athletic Club. Officiating in Geelong seemed to be the logical thing to do and I have made a wise decision in doing so. The centre is so organised in everything that they do in regard to the athletes, coaches and officials that are part of “Geelong Athletics”.

We also welcome back to the committee Marila Kozdra (IND) & Josephine Mirarchi (COR) who have taken on the roles of Marketing & Publicity and Officials respectively. Another new member is Robert Williams (CHI) who has taken on the role of Treasurer. Thank you for your time and commitment to Geelong Athletics for the foreseeable future and to the others who have continued on in their roles from the previous season/s.

Before I took on the role, the Winter season had come and gone in a blink of an eye. Congratulations especially to our Female athletes who competed so well in Division 2 and Division 5 that they have both been promoted up a division respectively. Another success story was the Bellarine Rail Trail run with great entries.

Onto the regular Summer Season. Twelve rounds were allocated by Athletics Victoria (AV) where the majority were run pre-Xmas with the remainder being held after the Country Championships (Ballarat) in mid-February. And let’s not forget - the Surf Coast Track Night to open the New Year with the hugely successful 10Km & 5Km races. As 2024 is an Olympic Qualifying year, the State and National Championships were relatively early and held in March and April respectively.

We were fortunate to have had some “works” done before the start of the season at Landy Field in the form of new Hammer Cage netting and arm mechanisms as well as some much-needed Track repairs so that we could extend our World Athletics certification to the end of the season. Geelong Athletics has also been able to purchase some much-needed items to assist with running the events every week and for some replacement implements.

Landy Field will be going through some major works very soon in the shape of a track replacement and other ground works. Another major work will be the new Pavilion and other building upgrades. The track replacement will impact the start of our 2024/2025 Summer Season and the committee is already in talks with Athletics Victoria about re-locating some of the early rounds of the upcoming season to suitable venues that can accommodate our needs.

The season did see a small reduction in participation numbers in both Track & Field areas and this has been attributed to the rules of competition set out by AV about entering the same event at different venues in the same round. It did, unfortunately, stand out in the track events with too many vacant lanes in many events. Hopefully this will be rectified by AV at the entry process where the system will only take one entry for a particular event.

Three major events were held during the season that many of the Geelong-based athletes, coaches and officials attended. They were the Country Championships in Ballarat, the Victorian State Championships at Lakeside Stadium and the National Championships in Adelaide.

I would like to congratulate each and every athlete that competed at these meets under the banner of Geelong Athletics (or one of our affiliated clubs) whether they medaled, PB'd or enjoyed the experience either for the first time or their 50<sup>th</sup> time.

To our officials, thank you once again for your dedication and experience over many hours and weeks during the season, travelling to the "ends of the earth" to enable the competitions to go ahead for the athletes.

Sadly though, a couple of committee members have indicated that they will no longer be able to continue on the board for the upcoming season. I would like to thank both Cindy Holzer and Matt Gunther for their contributions during their time on the board.

As of the time of writing this report, the committee have not had any nominations to replace these valuable members or to fill the other vacant positions that were not filled last season. If you, or someone that you know, may be interested in being part of the board of Geelong Athletics, please approach any of the committee members to find out anything about any of the positions.

Lastly, thank you for your trust in both myself and the board over the season and we are looking forward to serving Geelong Athletics again for the 2024/2025 season.

**MATTHEW WEBSTER**  
**PRESIDENT**

## SECRETARYS REPORT 2023-24

This year saw a lovely and welcomed return to “normal” after a few years of bedlam and disruptions.

We welcomed three new members to the Board - Matthew Webster, Rob Williams and Josie Mirarchi and saw the return of former committee member - Marila Kozdra. It has been terrific to have a very competent and experienced team to help share the load. Other than the usual sporting events and associated activities we have managed to address several long-overdue matters.

With the transition to a new Treasurer, we have reviewed our banking and investment options to generate additional revenue. We have converted our account-keeping records to an online digital accounting application enabling timely and shared access to our financial records. We have resolved the legacy settlement issues relating to the flood damage from October 2022. As part of our commitment to adhering to the Child Safe Standards, we initiated a change in access arrangements to the coaches' shed.

Considerable time and effort have once again been spent working with the CoGG regarding extending our WA track certification to June 2024 as well as efforts to secure a commitment for the replacement of the track at Landy Field. At the time of writing this report, it is hoped that these works will be completed by the end of 2024. I would personally like to thank Kirsten Kilpatrick for all of her behind-the-scenes work and persistence in lobbying at both a local and state level.

To my fellow Board members – thank you for your support and hard work this year and for putting your hand up to give back to our community sport. To the Clubs, Officials, Club Helpers, Coaches and Athletes – congratulations on all your efforts this season.

**ANNA DEVONISH**  
**SECRETARY**



## TREASURERS REPORT 2023-24

The net surplus for the financial year 2023-2024 was \$55,884. Adjusting for a one-off settlement sum this is another solid and consistent result.

The major income streams for this year include AVSL (\$10,000) and School Equipment Hire (\$8,375). In a “dry” year for grants, we were only successful in May 2023 when we received a Victorian State Government grant to subsidise the hire of a bus to get our XCR teams to the winter venues.

After all the positive feedback from the 5K/10K events in 2023, the organisers worked hard resulting in an increased surplus in 2024, from \$519 to \$1,638. This was further supplemented with a \$1000 donation from The Running Company Geelong. With more positive feedback received, there is the potential for another increase in entries in 2025.

With continued effort, we negotiated a financial settlement for the damage caused by the 2022 flood. This one-off settlement has been reflected in our other income.

Plant and equipment purchases included a much-admired cultivator for the Jump Pits (\$1k), another platform trolley for moving equipment to field event sites (\$455), and several purchases for use by schools for which GLAC contributed towards the cost.

There were 7 pole vaults purchased with Geelong Athletics funding 5 of these for \$6,748 with Bellarine contributing the funding for 2 of these poles. We upgraded coaches' shed locks to a FOB system at a cost to us of \$632. Also, we purchased new starting guns at a cost to us \$274. Other outgoings related to the recalibration of our EDM (\$500), repairs to the high jump shed (\$1.2k)

We finalised the outstanding Landy Field Track hire with the City of Greater Geelong, in which they waived 3 of the 4 years of fees that had yet to be invoiced. This resulted in a saving of \$15,000 with the 2024 Fee being \$5,000. We paid a further \$2,644 for building hire for 2024 as we had \$1,410 in credit.

The Association's cash position at 31 March 2024 was \$164,174. This is a significant increase from the previous year. With increasing interest rates, we increased our term deposit from \$20,000 to \$50,000, which we further increased after March 31 2024 to \$75,000 at 3.7% PA.

We have converted our accounting records to an online accounting software system as part of the strategy to digitise our records and enable a smooth handover of information in the event of a change in office bearer.

Whilst we have a strong balance sheet with a healthy cash balance, there are some major capital expenditure items ahead of us in the next season, including replacing our pole vault uprights and photo finish camera. These items alone will cost an estimated \$50-60,000.

Overall, I believe FY24 has been successful in terms of financial performance.

**ROBERT WILLIAMS**  
**TREASURER**

**Geelong Athletic Inc.**



## Statement by the Board of Management

It is the opinion of the Board of Management that

- The accompanying Financial Statements are drawn up 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 2024.
- 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.



**Robert WILLIAMS**  
**TREASURER**



**Matthew Webster**  
**PRESIDENT**



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GEELONG ATHLETICS INC.</b>  <b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>  <b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024</b></p>
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	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>1</b>		
Centre Administration		61,840	17,444
Summer Competition		10,000	9,000
Minor Events		2,460	1,475
Country Championships		-	20,964
Winter Competition		6,264	4,334
Total Income		<u>80,564</u>	<u>53,217</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2</b>		
Centre Administration		12,725	8,593
Summer Competition		6,048	(350)
Minor Events		822	956
Country Championships		-	5,578
Winter Competition		5,086	2,924
Total Expenses		<u>24,680</u>	<u>17,701</u>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<u><b>55,884</b></u>	<u><b>35,516</b></u>
<b>RESULTS PER AREA</b>			
Centre Administration		49,115	8,851
Summer Competition		3,952	9,350
Minor Events		1,638	519
Country Championships		-	15,386
Winter Competition		1,179	1,410
		<u><b>55,884</b></u>	<u><b>35,516</b></u>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GEE LONG ATHLETICS INC.</b>  <b>BALANCE SHEET</b>  <b>AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024</b></p>
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	Note	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS &amp; LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank	3	164,174	106,686
Accounts Receivable	4	325	11,200
Total Current Assets		164,499	117,886
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Equipment	7	44,966	36,764
Total Non-Current Assets		44,966	36,764
Total Assets		209,465	154,650
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	5	1,250	415
Accrued Expenses	6	-	825
Total Current Liabilities		1,250	1,240
Total Liabilities		1,250	1,240
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		208,215	153,410
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings		207,294	151,410
Pole Vault Sponsorship Reserve		(78)	1,000
Pat Agg Memorial Athlete Pathway Fund		1,000	1,000
Total Equity		208,216	153,410

<p align="center"><b>GEELONG ATHLETICS INC.</b>  <b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY</b>  <b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024</b></p>
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	Retained Earnings	Pat Agg Fund	Pole Vault Reserve	Total
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
<b>Balance at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>151,410</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>153,410</b>
Balance at 1 April 2023	151,410	1,000	1,000	153,410
Net Suplus for the Year	55,884	-	(2,078)	53,806
Pole Vault Sponsorship	-	-	1,000	1,000
Pat Agg Bequest	-		-	-
<b>Balance at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>207,294</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>(78)</b>	<b>208,216</b>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GEELONG ATHLETICS INC.</b>  <b>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</b>  <b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024</b></p>
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	2,024	2023
<b>Note 1 - Income</b>		
Centre Administration		
Schools Equipment Hire	8,375	9,290
Grants	-	7,000
Equipment Reimbursements	3,149	-
Interest	1,628	25
Signage Advertising	800	750
Donations	114	379
Other Income	47,773	-
	61,840	17,444
Summer Competition		
AV Subsidy	10,000	9,000
	10,000	9,000
Minor Events		
5k/10k Event Fees	2,460	1,475
	2,460	1,475
Country Championships		
Hosting Fees	-	7,600
Grants	-	5,000
Sponsorship	-	4,000
Canteen Sales	-	4,364
	-	20,964
Winter Competition		
Bellarine Rail Trail Entries	3,054	2,804
Uniform Sales	210	330
Donations & Sponsorship	1,000	1,200
Grants	2,000	-
	6,264	4,334
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>80,564</b>	<b>53,217</b>

**GEE LONG ATHLETICS INC.**  
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	<b>2,024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Note 2 - Expenses</b>		
Centre Administration		
Schools Equipment Hire	1,215	2,610
Rent - Buildings	2,614	-
Athlete Contributions	-	1,500
Website	474	371
Admininstration & Accounting	391	153
Insurances	(109)	825
Minor Equipment	3,686	1,194
Disposed Equipment	-	427
Repairs and Maintenance	4,142	1,201
Sundry	312	312
	12,725	8,593
Summer Competition		
Landy Field Track Hire	5,000	(1,410)
Awards & Trophies, Engravings	976	1,060
Officials Amenities	72	-
	6,048	(350)
Minor Events		
5k/10k Event Costs	822	956
	822	956
Country Championships		
Canteen Supplies	-	3,140
Officials Catering	-	1,998
Other Costs	-	440
	-	5,578

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	<b>2,024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Winter Competition		
Relay Entries	1,131	984
Bellarine Rail Trail Costs	907	721
Uniform Costs	1,540	198
Presentation	-	195
Travel	1,508	801
Other Winter expenses	-	25
	5,086	2,924
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>24,680</b>	<b>17,701</b>

**Note 3 - Cash At Bank**

Commonwealth Bank Cheque A/c	5,086	86,103
Commonwealth Bank Debit Card	440	583
Commonwealth Bank High Interest A/c	108,649	-
Term Deposit	50,000	20,000
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<b>164,174</b>	<b>106,686</b>

**Note 4 - Receivables**

Accounts Receivable		
Schools Equipment Hire	325	2,200
AVSL Income	-	9,000
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>11,200</b>

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	<b>2,024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Note 5 - Payables</b>		
Accounts Payable		
Schools Equipment Hire Caretaking	-	975
Unearned Income - Schools Equip. Hire	650	850
City of Greater Geelong Credit	-	(1,410)
Refundable Coaches Shed Deposits	600	-
<b>Total Payables</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>415</b>

**Note 6 - Accrued Expense**

Accrued Expenses		
Insurance		825
Rent & Seasonal Booking Fee	-	-
<b>Total Accrued Expenses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>825</b>

**Note 7 - 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	36,764	28,733
Additions	8,202	8,458
Disposals	-	(427)
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>44,966</b>	<b>36,764</b>







## TECHNICAL PORTFOLIO REPORT

As always, a huge thanks to the officials and volunteers who assist me each weekend with setting and packing up of the equipment.

The main purchases for this season were:

- Shot put trolley
- Rotary Hoe
- Blower
- Sheltered chairs
- Walkie talkies.
- Wheels for the hurdle trolleys
- Water sprayer/mister for long-distance events

The rotary hoe has been a fantastic buy. This machine means minimal work is required to have the jump pits ready and taking out the manual labour required for the turning over of the soil. The water sprayer has been well received and this new 'mark 2' models should last us for many seasons.

We were gifted by AV two high jump topovers. These are being used on top of our pole vault mats for extra protection for the vaulters.

A big thanks to Raymond Barr who assists 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 the board for supporting me and my ideas and allowing me to purchase the items that I need. Also, a special thanks to Kelly Costin who will continue in her role with the high schools set up for this year.

My wish list for the next season is new Pole vault uprights, repairs to the pole vault cover. A secondary EDM machine to help speed up the field events. New javelins, new hurdles and some one to help me come up with a way of getting paint off shot puts in a fast and efficient method.

**JONATHAN BURNS**  
**TECHNICAL PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

## SUMMER PORTFOLIO REPORT

Finally – a “normal” season – no pandemic, no floods, back to business as usual.

The AVSL season 2023-2024 consisted of 12 rounds with the decision made to have no play-offs at the end of the season. Kicking off in October we managed to squeeze in 7 rounds before Christmas with the remaining rounds completed by mid-February 2024 just ahead of the Victorian championships.

Once again, a shortage of qualified walk judges meant that no walks were included in the Geelong program. With Scott Nelson, from Wyndham, successfully gaining his WA Silver Walks Judge accreditation it is hoped that we will be able to see a return of this event to future programming.

The pre-season walkthrough briefing, though not as well attended as previous years, provided some valuable information and clarification of some of the key changes for the season as well as an overview of the World Athletics Rule changes directly impacting domestic competition.

Following feedback from last season, we saw the following modifications:

- Removing of play-off rounds meant increased opportunity for participation locally without the issues seen last season where we clashed with major champs.
- Introduction of a 5% points bonus for each round for fulfilling club helper duties
- Introduction of a 1 ladder point bonus for each new club official recruited
- Restricting athletes from entering an event at more than one venue per round to reduce the number of no-shows
- Penalties for athletes with repeated patterns of not showing up for events
- Introduction of two rounds (R6 & R7) of nitro track events
- A review and updating of the points tables across all events and age groups
- An increase in the number of scoring distance track events

The new club incentive of offering a 5% points bonus for the provision of club helpers was awarded to most clubs consistently throughout the season. Athletics Chilwell was the only club in the whole of the State to actively complete the AV requirements for the recruitment of a new official (Matt Doolan). Hopefully, having now seen this on Results Hub, other clubs will take advantage of this incentive next season.

The recently restructured Ballarat Region Athletics Centre (BRAC) played host to the Victorian Country Athletics Champs. This continues to be a popular event across all regional centres despite numbers being down and there being some issues with the program timetabling. We look forward to heading to Bendigo for next season. We congratulate Tiana Boras (CHI) who took home the Australia Day award for the most outstanding performance by a female.

Separately from our AVSL rounds, we saw several of our local athletes achieve results worthy of acknowledgment:

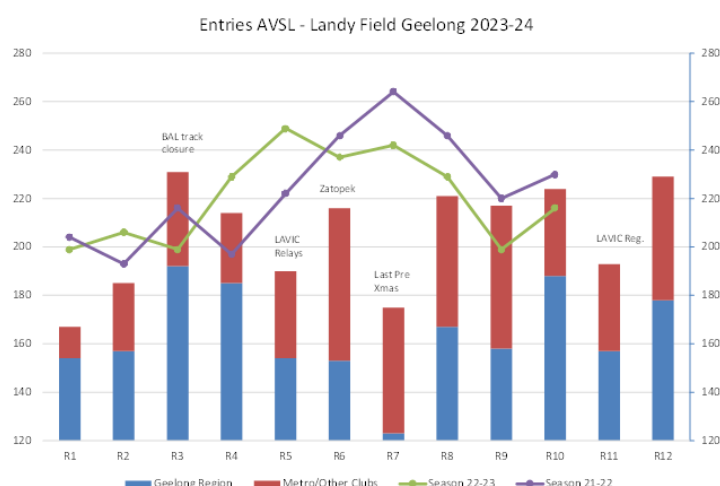
- Jake Penny running 10.14 in the 100m in June 2023 and the Maurie Plant Bronze event
- Mackenzie Mielczarek being invited to throw Javelin at the Maurie Plant Gold event
- The following athletes also achieved WJ U20 qualifying times at various permit meets
  - Caleb Kilpatrick 400m
  - Amali Butcher 100m hurdles
  - Darcy Giddings Discus
  - Tiana Boras Triple Jump

In addition to our 12 AVSL rounds we also managed to squeeze in:

- June 2023 - 2 x AV Winter Throwers Meets
- December 2023 – Steigen Rare Air Pole Vault Meet
- January 2024 - Surf Coast Track Club 5km / 10 km Twilight race meet

All in all, it was a busy season.

At the end of Round 12, the results saw Athletics Chilwell and Geelong Guild winning the Division 2 & 3 competitions respectively, and will see themselves promoted a division next season. Solid performances by Athletics South West and Wyndham will see them remain in Division 2 and Bellarine in Division 3. Despite a strong season, Corio narrowly missed avoiding relegation and will start next season in Division 4. Deakin once again finished in the mid-range of Division 5.



Attendance numbers (as shown below) saw an 8% drop in the average number of individual athlete entries to prior years (204 vs 221) though we have seen a consistent ratio of 4:1 Geelong entries to other region/zone entries. The drop in numbers is not being attributed to a decline in participation. The new rule not allowing athletes to enter the same event at multiple venues for the same round has directly contributed to the reduction in our average DNS (no-show) rates as shown below:

- Hurdles – down from 29.6% to 24.5%
- Sprints – down from 28.4% to 18.0%
- Middle – down from 29.8% to 17.7%
- Distance & Steeple – down from 40.7% to 26.4%
- Field Events – down from 22.1% to 19.0%

Looking ahead to next season we would like to try to further combat the number of empty lanes. Geelong Athletics will consider introducing the use of online check-in for Track events. This new initiative was introduced and trialled at Metro venues this season and was mandated for all events at the VCAC and for major championships. Adopting the online check-in will however require an additional resource to seed the events on the day and distribute the necessary start lists for photo finish, the starter's marshal, announcer, and track referee.

Additionally, we will seek to convert the jump & go sheets for horizontal jumps to full sheets based on the time taken to run these events and the number of participants. The alternating of invite hammer and discuss on alternate rounds worked well and we are recommending keeping this practice.

The biggest challenges for next summer will be the scheduling and location of events whilst our track is being replaced. Work has already commenced to find an alternate venue and to consider how we could offer the two “fast athletics” rounds that AV has announced.

The supply of an adjustable throwing chair was delayed and sadly not available for this season. The positive however is that the prototype for our chair is being refined and it is hoped that more centres around the country will also be provided with a chair under this program.

Yet again we saw the season captured in both still and moving images by the wonderful Neal Conder (EHN Sea Photography/GLG) and Marila Kozdra (IND). Tagging and sharing of the ever-popular reels had athletes readily lining up to provide tag IDs, select the music accompaniments, and even come up with “crew” nicknames.

Geelong will once again be following up with AV on the possibility of a priority entry window for Geelong clubs for next season to secure places on field sheets though we found very few Geelong club athletes missed out on slots.

Clubs are strongly urged to let us know of any other areas for improvement that can realistically be passed onto the AVSL committee for planning 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. We continue to urge clubs to actively 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 their time so generously and wish everyone all the best for the season to come.

**Anna Devonish**  
**Acting Portfolio Manager**





## WINTER PORTFOLIO REPORT

The winter season saw a massive improvement on the female side which led to them winning the Division 2 premiership and being promoted to Premier for 2024.

Our female Division 5 team finished second, also ensuring promotion for next season. The men's premier team finished 6<sup>th</sup> on the ladder to end the season. A somewhat disappointing season following the improvement in 2022. A few individual highlights throughout the year were Ellie Pashley coming 5<sup>th</sup> overall after only completing two of the individual rounds and Anna Coldham coming third in the Open female country category.

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 2023 season, highlighting TRC Geelong and Steampocket who continue to support our team. The grant received from The Department of Jobs, Skills and Regions allowed us to have a bus to the majority of events/whenever we needed it.

Another major success was the Surf Coast Track Night where we held two 10km events and three 5km events. This event sold out approximately a month in advance (135 entrants). This was the second night that we have held this event and continues to grow.

We look ahead to 2024, our two main aims being to have a competitive women's team in the premier competition and increasing our junior numbers which we have failed at improving the past couple of years.

**Matthew (Matt) Gunther**  
**Winter Portfolio Manager**

## COACHING PORTFOLIO REPORT

As Coaching Coordinator, I am pleased to report that, after being an agenda item for the last 3 years, an active spreadsheet of the qualified Geelong Region coaches was created this year. In total, 38 coaches were identified as current with their qualifications, Working with Children card, Certificate of Currency and contact details recorded to connect athletes and coaches for the 2024/25 season.

Along with the completion of the Geelong Region coaches spreadsheet, the GA committee were also able to implement the long-awaited fob system to permit entry to the Coaches' Shed. Of the 38 registered coaches, 14 availed themselves of the new fob with a \$50 deposit, with 5 further coaches indicating their interest. To note, this space is shared 50:50 with GLAC and caters for 8 GLAC clubs, 5 GA clubs and a number of independent coaches, therefore GLAC were also provided 15 fobs which they will monitor separately. Although at capacity, the Landy Field Coaches' Shed, was generally kept in order this season and we thank all the coaches and clubs who maintained its neatness.

On the track, some training timeslots continue to be more congested than others, mainly during the busy, after-school period of 4-6pm. Coaches 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.

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 AV or ATFCA to offer coaching opportunities based at Landy Field as it is often the motivated 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.

After 3 years in the role, I will be stepping down at the next AGM to allow for a new, passionate Coaching Coordinator to lead the way into the 2024/25 season. Please consider if this is you and how you can give back to the sport we love.

**Cindy Holzer**  
**Coaching Portfolio Manager**

## OFFICIALS PORTFOLIO REPORT

This was my first year undertaking the Officials portfolio and I believe I have ended the season with the right knowledge for the forthcoming year, with a special thanks to Anna Devonish who has helped me so much this season while I learnt the portfolio.

In terms of our officials cohort, by the end of this season it felt that we were no worse than when we started, but the preference is to always be better. Whilst we have done well in retaining the amazing officials and volunteers we started with this season, we have found it difficult to attract new and consistent officials even with Athletics Victoria's AVSL incentives.

The beauty of athletics is that whilst you are surrounded by exceptional athletes, there are an equal amount of knowledgeable technical officials who keep the sport running and our aim is to retain that knowledge. The Geelong region is very lucky in terms of the reputation we have for running a very popular program (including one that usually always runs on time!).

I believe the benefit of Geelong is that athletes get the expertise that they would normally see in a major championship, but in their backyard. Officials are there to share knowledge of their expectations, etiquette, as well as track rules to not only athletes but new officials and helpers. Our goal is also to provide an environment that encourages officials and volunteers to step outside their comfort zone and try something new, after all a jack of all trades is a master of none, but oftentimes better than a master of one! For example, Sue Bath (COR) stepping in to learn starting is an example of how this works in a practical sense and this helped immensely when we required a starter on short notice.

Going back to last year, on 4 June 2023 Athletics Victoria hosted the 2022-23 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:

Geelong Regional Official of the Year - Jonathan Burns

Officials Rising Star nominee – Michelle Murrant

Geelong continues to be very fortunate to have access to the skills, experience and expertise of Richard Lawysz who is now one of only 10 Australian based World Athletics Gold Referees. Richard has not only supported and mentored our local officials, but is a source of information for all things to do with competition. We are grateful for his continued assistance as Competition Director for the last season and congratulate him on his gold level accreditation. I do note that this status however does not exceed his value to us in Geelong. Richard – thank you, truly.

Geelong Officials and club volunteers once again showcased their expertise at the Victorian Country Championships, State Championships and the Australian National Championships. Seeing many Geelong Officials at Country, State, and National events is something we should be proud of, specifically for the Country Championships which saw many Geelong officials impart their invaluable knowledge and support for another regional Centre in Ballarat.

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

Richard Lawysz	Marila Kozdra	Lorraine Sawyer	Mark Hockey
Anula Costa	Matthew Webster	Lucy McCormack	Ian Morris

As noted above, Athletics Victoria initiated two incentives to assist Centres/zones in attracting and retaining enough volunteers and officials to run each round of Shield. One was where clubs can earn more points (5% bonus) by completing their allocated club duties each week. The other was for new



club helpers to complete x2 World Athletics modules and officiate in at least 3 AVSL rounds to access additional ladder points. We note that Chilwell was the only club in the state to take up the latter incentive through the volunteering of Matt Doolan. In terms of the first incentive, this did help us as a Centre fill the minimum places required for each round, albeit minor hiccups throughout the season.

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

- Track – Lou Mirarchi (COR), Sue Bath (COR)
- 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), Alison Reed (CHI), Shaye Eastwood (GLG), Matt Doolan (CHI), Cindy Holzer (GLG), Michelle Murrant (BEL), David Berry (GLG), Graeme Watkins (CHI).

Our thanks to the above for all for their friendliness, helpfulness and efficiency in running our program.

In recognition of the contributions made over season 2023-24, the board of Geelong Athletics has nominated Shaye Eastwood and myself for the AV Geelong Regional Official of the Year and the Rising Star Award. The AV Officials awards will be announced on 19 May 2024.

To sign off, I wish to thank the club delegates for providing their club helper names each week. At times it was stressful, but your help is what assisted us in successfully running each AVSL round. I am excited for the upcoming season, and I hope it brings a willingness for officials/club helpers to step outside of their comfort zone and try something new. The goal is to have more people learning new things with the aim of sharing the load and broadening our horizons.

Athletics is a great technical sport, let's embrace it.

**Josephine Mirarchi**  
**Officials Portfolio Manager**

## Officials Honour Role

Geelong Athletics recognises and thanks the following International Technical Officials and the services they provide to our local community. The following are recognised under the WARECS (World Athletics Referees Education and Certification System)

Richard LAWYSZ – WA GOLD REFEREE

Matthew WEBSTER – WA BRONZE STARTER

### Athletics Victoria Officials Service Awards

Official	Service Award
Richard Lawysz	AV Life Member July 2008 AA Life Member October 2016 AV & AA Platinum 40-year service award September 2020 AV 40-year service award July 2021
Heather Holzer	AV 5 Year service award July 2023
Geoff Marshman	AV & AA Bronze 10-year service award July 2023
Lou Mirarchi	AV & AA Silver 20-year service award July 2023
Matthew Webster	AV & AA Silver 20-year service award July 2023
Mary McDonald	AV 25-year service award July 2023
Lorraine Sawyer	AV & AA 30-year service award July 2022

### Athletics Victoria - Geelong Regional Official of the Year

Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient
2014	Allan Hawkins	2019	Alison Reed
2015	Sally Hockey	2020	Heather Holzer
2016	Lou Mirarchi	2021	Joanne Lambert
2017	Geoff Marshman	2022	Heather Holzer
2018	Heather Holzer	2023	Jonathan Burns

### Athletics Victoria – Rising Star Official of the Year

2023 Michelle Murrant

### Other significant Officials Awards/Recognition

Official	Award
Richard Lawysz	Victorian Olympic Council Julius Patching Sports Official of the Year - 2008 Official of the Year – 2010 Victorian Sports Awards Volunteer of the Year – Athletics Australia – 2013 Volunteer of the Year – Athletics Australia – 2015 Love the Game Volunteer of the Year – Vicsport -2020
Anna Devonish	Finalist Community Officials of the Year – Vicsport - 2022

## MARKETING & PUBLICITY PORTFOLIO REPORT

Geelong Athletics has experienced significant growth in its social media presence, thanks to a concerted effort in content creation and engagement strategies. The organization has leveraged platforms like Facebook and Instagram to connect with its audience, resulting in a substantial increase in followers and reach.

Throughout our journey, we were fortunate to receive steadfast support from esteemed publications like the Geelong Advertiser and Geelong Times. Their ongoing contributions in both print and digital media played a pivotal role, particularly during significant events such as the lead-up to the Victorian Country Championships in Ballarat (VCAC), National Championship local success and also acknowledging local meets including a shot put and discus master class with Matt Denny as a feature.

Their dedicated coverage not only amplified our presence but also provided invaluable exposure to our events, enhancing the overall experience for participants and spectators alike. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to these media partners for their unwavering support and commitment to promoting athletics in our community.

Engaging visuals, such as captivating images and dynamic video content, have played a crucial role in driving traffic to their social media channels. Additionally, strategic collaborations with photographers and contributors have further enriched their content offerings, enhancing the overall user experience. Through a combination of innovative content and community engagement efforts, Geelong Athletics has successfully positioned itself as a vibrant and active presence in the digital sphere, fostering a sense of community and connection among its followers.

Throughout this season, our AVSL rounds were enriched by an outstanding level of support in capturing captivating images and footage. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Neal Conder (EHN Sea Photography & GLG), Scott Sidley (SS Athletics and GLG), Patrick Sager (Patrick Sager Productions and COR) for their invaluable contributions.

I was then fortunate enough to then step back from officiating and exploring how we can better engage our social audience better through Instagram/ Facebook using reels and stories. These visual delights responded directly to the burgeoning demand for "live" video content from our ever-expanding Instagram audience and behind the scenes content. In doing so it has rewarded us an increase in numbers accessing our page and shared content across the country with assistance from Athletics Victoria and Athletics Australia.

Our social media presence continued to grow with our Geelong Athletics:

Facebook reach	>120,000 with over 13,000 visits to page
Instagram reach	>30,000 with over 8,000 visits to page

Both social media accounts grew

Facebook to over 1,000 followers (up 150 from end of last season)
Instagram to over 700 followers (up by 50% from end of last season)

Once again, our annual summer awards presentation night was a resounding success, seamlessly blending in-person attendance with live-streaming capabilities. This hybrid approach allowed us to

extend our reach far beyond the confines of the venue, reaching an audience of over 450 individuals, surpassing those physically present.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Richard Lawysz for his exceptional mastery of the microphone as our MC in hand with our President Matthew Webster. Richard's engaging presence and insightful research added an extra layer of excitement and meaning to the event, making it a memorable experience for all.

Together, contributions to our media profiles elevated the season to new heights, creating an inclusive and unforgettable experience for all involved. Stay tuned for a Tik Tok account for the 2024-2025 season!

**Marila Kozdra**  
**Marketing & Publicity Portfolio Manager**

## RECORDS & REGISTRAR'S REPORT

		U14	U16	U18	U20	Open	Vet	Total Athletes	Total Other	Total All
Ath. South West	F	5	6	10	1	1	3	26	0	26
	M	1	2	4	2	4	6	19	1	20
		6	8	14	3	5	9	45	1	46
Bellarine	F	0	1	5	5	3	5	19	3	22
	M	1	0	4	9	3	7	24	2	26
		1	1	9	14	6	12	43	5	48
Chilwell	F	3	6	7	5	8	5	34	2	36
	M	0	4	5	14	14	10	47	7	54
		3	10	12	19	22	15	81	9	90
Corio	F	0	1	2	2	6	2	13	2	15
	M	2	0	6	7	4	1	20	1	21
		2	1	8	9	10	3	33	3	36
Deakin	F	0	0	2	0	11	1	14	0	14
	M	0	1	0	1	15	4	21	6	27
		0	1	2	1	26	5	35	6	41
Geelong Guild	F	4	13	8	7	7	1	40	9	49
	M	1	13	5	8	17	9	53	2	55
		5	26	13	15	24	10	93	11	104
Total	F	12	27	34	20	36	17	146	16	162
	M	5	20	24	41	57	37	184	19	203
		17	47	58	61	93	54	330	35	365

*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*

	Athletes	Other	Total	New Regos	Prior Years	Athletes	Other	Total	New Regos
					2023-24	330	42	372	83
Ath. South West	45	1	46	14	2022-23	307	44	351	83
Bellarine	43	5	48	7	2021-22	258	39	301	36
Chilwell	81	9	90	21	2020-21	200	15	215	24
Corio	33	3	36	8	2019-20	276	22	298	48
Deakin	35	6	41	2	2018-19	270	32	302	67
Geelong Guild	93	11	104	31	2017-18	270	31	301	69
Unattached		7	7		2016-17	273	25	298	81
	330	42	372	83	2015-16	298	28	323	55
					2014-15	302	28	334	73

**Joanne Lambert**  
Records and Registration Portfolio Manager





## GEELONG RECORDS – RESIDENTIAL – 2023-24

Name	Club	M/F	Event	Age Group	Time / Distance	Wind	Date	Venue
Jake Penny	GLG	M	100m	Open	10.14	+1.9	17/06/2023	Switzerland
Jemima Hood	GLG	F	80m Hurdles	U14	12.36	+0.1	29/10/2023	Lakeside
Massimo Pantano	GLG	M	110m Hurdles	U18	14.39	-0.9	29/10/2023	Lakeside
Chilwell	CHI	F	4x100m Relay	Open	48.25		25/11/2023	Doncaster
Geelong Guild	GLG	M	4x100m Relay	Open	41.96		25/11/2023	Doncaster
Caleb Kilpatrick *	GLG	M	400m	U17	47.54		10/12/2023	Perth
Karla Boras	CHI	F	Long Jump	U16/17/18/19/20/Open	5.71m	+0.9	08/12/2023	Perth
Samantha Miles	GLG	F	Discus	U13	33.00m		26/01/2024	Ballarat
Amali Butcher	CHI	F	100m Hurdles	U19/20/Open	13.65	0.2	27/01/2024	Canberra
Sharon Pedersen	CHI	F	400m	50+	73.90		27/01/2024	Ballarat
Sharon Pedersen	CHI	F	2k Steeple	50+	8:41.13		27/01/2024	Ballarat
Steve Polizzi	CHI	M	Discus	50+	35.59m		27/01/2024	Ballarat
David Fossey	GLG	M	Shot Put	60+	10.90m		27/01/2024	Ballarat
Sharon Pedersen	CHI	F	2k Steeple	50+	8:27.78		08/02/2024	Ballarat
Summer Marange	GLG	F	Hammer	U14/15/16	42.46m		24/02/2024	Lakeside
Phoebe Polizzi	CHI	F	200m Hurdles	U13	29.62	-1.1	02/03/2024	Lakeside
Darcy Giddings	COR	M	Discus	Open	50.21m		03/03/2024	Lakeside
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	M	200m	U17/18/19/20	21.97	-1.4	03/03/2024	Lakeside
Phoebe Polizzi	CHI	F	80m Hurdles	U13	12.81	0	09/03/2024	Lakeside
Sharon Pederson	CHI	F	1500m	50+	5:24.70		14/03/2024	Doncaster
Sharon Pederson	CHI	F	800m	50+	2:35.72		17/03/2024	Doncaster
Sharon Pederson	CHI	F	2000m Steeple	50+	8:11.09		17/03/2024	Doncaster
Sharon Pederson	CHI	F	2000m Steeple	50+	7:59.82		1/04/2024	Hobart
Phoebe Polizzi	CHI	F	80m Hurdles	U13	12.52	-0.6	6/04/2024	Lakeside
Summer Marange	GLG	F	Hammer	U14/15/16	45.60m		17/04/2024	Adelaide
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	M	400m	U17	47.50		18/04/2024	Adelaide
Phoebe Polizzi	CHI	F	80m Hurdles	U13	12.46	-2.4	19/04/2024	Adelaide

\* World Athletics Under 20 Qualifying Time for U20 Championships Lima

## GEELONG RECORDS – LANDY FIELD – 2023-24

Name	Club	M/F	Event	Age Group	Time / Distance	Wind	Date
Geelong Guild	GLG	M	4x200m Relay	Open	1:30.71		21/10/2023
Sharon Pederson	CHI	F	300m Hurdles	50+	58.96	BOR	11/11/2023
Caleb Kilpatrick	GLG	M	400m	U/17/18/19/20/Open	47.49		18/11/2023
Amali Butcher	CHI	F	100m Hurdles	U19/20/Open	14.11	-1.2	16/12/2023
Karen Kirby	CHI	F	Hammer Throw	60+	24.68m		16/12/2023
Phoebe Polizzi	CHI	F	200m Hurdles	U13	31.13	1.9	13/01/2024
Summer Marange	GLG	F	Hammer	U14	38.97m		13/01/2024
Samantha Miles	GLG	F	Hammer	U13	38.31m		13/01/2024
Jemima Hood	GLG	F	200m Hurdles	U15/16	29.40	1.9	13/01/2024
Phoebe Polizzi	CHI	F	80m Hurdles	U13	13.19	-0.2	20/01/2024
Sharon Pedersen	CHI	F	400m	50+	73.32		20/01/2024
Joshua Unthank	BEL	M	1500m	U17	4:00.98		20/01/2024
Jemima Hood	GLG	F	90m Hurdles	U15	13.69	-0.7	20/01/2024
Sharon Pedersen	CHI	F	800m	50+	2:37.97		03/02/2024
Summer Marange	GLG	F	Hammer	U14	40.79m		03/02/2024
Jamison Cox	GLG	M	100m	U15/16	11.19	1.9	03/02/2024
Phoebe Polizzi	CHI	F	200m Hurdles	U13	30.90	-1.2	03/02/2024
Massimo Pantano	GLG	M	110m Hurdles	U19/20	14.38	2.0	10/02/2024
Lachlan Thomas	CHI	M	800m	U15	2:01.75		17/02/2024



## GEELONG ATHLETICS 2023-24 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

### SPRINTS

Men Open	GLG	Harvey Murrant
Men U16	GLG	Jamison Cox
Men Vet	GLG	Benjamin Jordan

Women Open	CHI	Amali Butcher
Women U16	GLG	Jemima Hood
Women Vet	ASW	Caroline MacDonald

### MIDDLE DISTANCE

Men Open	BEL	Joshua Unthank
Men U16	ASW	Jarrold Ferguson
Men Vet	GLG	Benjamin Jordan

Women Open	BEL	Susan Mavromihalis
Women U16	BEL	Evie Lewry
Women Vet	CHI	Sharon Pederson

### DISTANCE

Men Open		Not awarded
Men U16	ASW	Jarrold Ferguson
Men Vet		Not awarded

Women Open	CHI	Maggie Clatworthy
Women U16		Not awarded
Women Vet	ASW	Caroline MacDonald

### VERTICAL JUMPS

Men Open	GLG	Jonny McKeague
Men U16	ASW	Jarrold Ferguson
Men Vet	CHI	John Moore

Women Open	COR	Grace Bath
Women U16	GLG	Angelina Kulic
Women Vet		Not awarded

### TOP VETERAN INTERCLUB POINT SCORER

Peter Wrzuszcak COR

### BEST FIRST YEAR ATHLETE

Jamison Cox	GLG
Sienna Bilinski	COR

### ATHLETE WITH POTENTIAL AWARD

Xander Mitchell	COR
Phoebe Polizzi	CHI
Samantha Miles	GLG
Jemima Hood	GLG

### JOYCE LOCKYER

MEMORIAL AWARD	ASW	Jeff Collins
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JOHN LANDY AWARD		Not awarded
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### HURDLES

Men Open	GLG	Massimo Pantano
Men U16	GLG	Evan Bainbridge
Men Vet		Not awarded

Women Open	CHI	Amali Butcher
Women U16	GLG	Jemima Hood
Women Vet		Not awarded

### WALKS

Men Open		Not awarded
Men U16		Not awarded
Men Vet		Not awarded

Women Open		Not awarded
Women U16		Not awarded
Women Vet		Not awarded

### HORIZONTAL JUMPS

Men Open	CHI	Seth McCleish
Men U16	GLG	Jonah Romeyn
Men Vet	GLG	Benjamin Jordan

Women Open	ASW	Chloe Mutton
Women U16	CHI	Karla Boras
Women Vet		Not awarded

### THROWS

Men Open	COR	Darcy Giddings
Men U16	GLG	Jack Berry
Men Vet	GLG	David Fossey

Women Open	CHI	Emma Peters
Women U16	GLG	Samantha Miles
Women Vet	CHI	Karen Kirby

MCKIERNAN TROPHY	COR	Darcy Giddings
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RON CLARKE TROPHY		Not awarded
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ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY	COR	Andrew Close
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### IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Chantel Glogolja	CHI
Alexander Jarman	CHI
Summer Marange	GLG
Amali Butcher	CHI

COMMITTEE AWARD	GLG	Scott Sidley & Kirsten Kilpatrick
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RISING STAR OFFICIAL	COR	Sue Bath
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## GEELONG ATHLETICS 2023-24 CLUB AWARDS

### WOMEN

#### U14 - SHELL COMPANY SHIELD

Geelong Guild	44,379
Athletics South West	28,774
Chilwell	16,840
Corio	5,770

#### U16 - LAUREN JOHNS TROPHY

Geelong Guild	57,670
Chilwell	26,140
Athletics South West	20,250
Bellarine	18,705
Corio	8,521
Deakin	2,298

#### U18 - JACK FREWIN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Geelong Guild	37,702
Bellarine	28,549
Chilwell	22,853
Athletics South West	20,256
Corio	12,152
Deakin	3,089

#### U20 - GABRIELLE BLYTHE TROPHY

\*\* not awarded – below points minimum

Chilwell	8,557
Geelong Guild	7,501
Corio	7,284
Bellarine	2,061
Deakin	1,283

#### OPEN - JOAN BERETTA MEMORIAL TROPHY

Chilwell	23,233
Corio	13,836
Bellarine	7,863
Deakin	6,446
Geelong Guild	4,986
Athletics South West	4,691

#### 40+ - MARGARET SAUNDERS TROPHY

Bellarine	11,806
Geelong Guild	1,378
Athletics South West	1,233

### MEN

#### U14 - RUDI HOCHREITER TROPHY

Geelong Guild	30,728
Corio	7,704
Athletics South West	4,953
Deakin	191

#### U16 - COLIN BRIGHT MEMORIAL TROPHY

Geelong Guild	34,397
Chilwell	28,424
Athletics South West	19,646
Corio	12,072
Bellarine	6,022

#### U18 - BILL WOOD TROPHY

Bellarine	45,042
Chilwell	40,406
Athletics South West	28,626
Geelong Guild	28,157
Corio	21,348
Deakin	452

#### U20 - JACK DARCY TROPHY

Chilwell	21,200
Corio	19,799
Geelong Guild	17,391
Bellarine	7,091
Athletics South West	4,671

#### OPEN - NEIL TREZISE TROPHY

Geelong Guild	48,218
Chilwell	24,465
Corio	16,503
Athletics South West	5,940
Bellarine	2,666
Deakin	329

#### 40+ - LAURIE HENRY TROPHY

Geelong Guild	30,225
Athletics South West	16,724
Chilwell	5,042
Bellarine	2,354

## GEELONG ATHLETICS 2023-24 CLUB AWARDS (Cont.)

### WOMEN

#### 50+ - CENTRE TROPHY

Chilwell	30,099
Corio	15,188
Athletics South West	8,113
Bellarine	7,728

#### \* WOMEN - INTERCLUB AGGREGATE

Geelong Guild	153,616
Chilwell	127,722
Athletics South West	83,317
Bellarine	76,712
Corio	62,751
Deakin	13,116

#### INTERCLUB AGGREGATE - PAT AGG TROPHY

Geelong Guild	361,271
Chilwell	269,517
Athletics South West	173,973
Bellarine	168,543
Corio	155,291
Deakin	14,421

### MEN

#### 50+ - RICHARD LAWYSZ TROPHY

Chilwell	13,937
Bellarine	11,111
Geelong Guild	2,232
Athletics South West	1,528

#### 60+ - IAN TREZISE SHIELD

Bellarine	17,520
Geelong Guild	16,260
Corio	15,089
Athletics South West	8,529
Chilwell	8,278
Deakin	331

#### \* MEN - INTERCLUB AGGREGATE

Geelong Guild	207,608
Chilwell	141,752
Corio	92,515
Bellarine	91,806
Athletics South West	90,617
Deakin	1,303

#### \* FORREST FAMILY SHIELDS

\*\* Points minimum criteria – 800 points per round of AVSL

## 2024 VICTORIAN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – 25<sup>th</sup> Feb & 1<sup>st</sup> Mar – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

### GOLD MEDALLISTS

BERRY, Jack	Mens U16 Hammer	GLG	47.47m
BILINSKI, Sienna	Womens U15 Long Jump	COR	5.24m
BORAS, Karla	Womens U17 Triple Jump	CHI	12.49m
BURNS, Lachlan	Mens Open Pole Vault	BEL	5.10m
BUTCHER, Amali	Womens U20 100m Hurdles	CHI	14.01
BUTCHER, Amali	Womens U20 200m	CHI	24.76
BYRT, Eliesha	Womens AMB Javelin	BEL	18.07m (45.43%)
COX, Jamison	Mens U16 100m	GLG	11.15
GIDDINGS, Darcy	Mens U20 Discus	COR	53.84m
GIDDINGS, Darcy	Mens Open Discus	COR	50.21m
GLOGOLJA, Chantel	Womens U20 Pole Vault	CHI	3.45m
HOOD, Jemima	Womens U15 100m	GLG	12.67
HOOD, Jemima	Womens U15 90m Hurdles	GLG	13.33
HOOD, Jemima	Womens U15 200m Hurdles	GLG	29.31
HOOD, Jemima	Womens U15 200m	GLG	26.04
JACKSON, Marty	Mens AMB Shot Put	CHI	14.35m (89.96%)
JARMAN, Alexander	Mens U20 Pole Vault	CHI	4.60m
KILPATRICK, Caleb	Mens U18 200m	GLG	21.97
MARANGE, Summer	Womens U15 Hammer	GLG	42.46m
MAVROMIHALIS, Suzanna	Womens U18 3000m	BEL	10:00.32
McINTOSH, Samuel	Mens WC 100m	BEL	18.18 (90.26%)
McKEAGUE, Johnny	Mens U18 High Jump	GLG	1.87m
MIELCZAREK, Mackenzie	Women Open Javelin	COR	52.69m
MILES, Samantha	Womens U14 Hammer	GLG	36.74m
MILES, Samantha	Womens U14 Shot Put	GLG	10.45m
MILES, Samantha	Womens U14 Discus	GLG	29.97m
POLIZZI, Phoebe	Womens U14 80m Hurdles	CHI	12.40
POLIZZI, Phoebe	Womens U14 200m Hurdles	CHI	29.62
SCOTT, Evander	Mens U20 1500m	CHI	3:55.13
SHARP, Caytlyn	Womens AMB 100m	CHI	14.82 (80.36%)
SHARP, Caytlyn	Womens AMB Long Jump	CHI	4.43m (71.33%)
WALKER, Cailin	Womens U16 Triple Jump	GLG	11.17m

### SILVER MEDALLISTS

ALBERTS, Angus	Mens Open Shot Put	CHI	15.65m
BAINBRIDGE, Evan	Mens U16 100m Hurdles	GLG	13.47
BAKER, Angus	Mens U15 800m	GLG	2:07.93
BRENNER, Manaia	Mens U13 800m	ASW	2:22.39
COLLINS, Jeff	Mens U20 Javelin	ASW	52.92m
ELLIS, Jack	Mens U20 3000m Steeplechase	CHI	9:59.20
HANNAGAN, Eliza	Womens U18 400m Hurdles	CHI	67.25
HANNAGAN, Georgia	Womens U17 400m Hurdles	CHI	70.54
IREDELL, Emily	Womens U14 High Jump	ASW	1.50m
KILPATRICK, Caleb	Mens Open 400m	GLG	47.54
KNUCKEY, Hugh	Mens U17 800m	CHI	1:56.12
KULIC, Angelina	Womens U14 Long Jump	GLG	4.79m
KULIC, Angelina	Womens U14 Triple Jump	GLG	10.73m
LAHERTY, Ida	Womens U20 100m	GLG	12.23
LAHERTY, Ida	Womens U20 200m	GLG	24.77
MARANGE, Summer	Womens U15 High Jump	GLG	1.50m
MILES, Samantha	Womens U14 Javelin	GLG	32.36m
MITCHELL, Xander	Mens U14 Discus	COR	27.61m
MITCHELL, Xander	Mens U14 Javelin	COR	31.72m
MURRANT, Harvey	Mens Open 400m Hurdles	GLG	53.24
NIVAROVICH, Poppy	Womens U18 3000m	DKN	10:07.14

PAAPE-SILVA, Victoria	Womens U20 Pole Vault	GLG	3.35m
RAYSON, Mia	Womens U17 400m	COR	58.77
SCOTT, Evander	Mens U20 800m	CHI	1:52.10
SMITH, Michael	Mens Seated Shot Put	CHI	6.99m (56.55%)
UNTHANK, Joshua	Mens U18 1500m	BEL	4:02.40
VEENVLIET, Lucy	Womens U15 200m Hurdles	GLG	30.79
WILLIAMS, Guy	Mens U17 Long Jump	CHI	6.17
WILLIAMS, Teyvia	Womens U18 2000m Steeplechase	ASW	7:34.93

## BRONZE MEDALLISTS

BADROCK, Abbey	Womens Open 100m Hurdles	CHI	14.56
BELINSKI, Sienna	Womens U15 Triple Jump	COR	10.72m
BREMNER, Manaia	Mens U13 1500m	ASW	4:45.37
BURNS, Noah	Mens U20 Pole Vault	BEL	4.25m
BYRT, Eliesha	Womens AMB 200m	BEL	34.52 (72.45%)
CALEO, Lachlan	Mens U20 High Jump	GLG	1.85m
COLMAN, Richard	Mens WC 100m	CHI	17.01 (82.89%)
COX, Jamison	Mens U16 200m	GLG	23.33
DARCY, Ruby	Womens U18 Long Jump	ASW	5.34m
EASTWOOD, Shaye	Mens U20 Hammer	GLG	43.88m
FERGUSON, Jarrod	Mens U17 2000m Steeplechase	ASW	6:14.62
GILMOUR, Forbes	Mens U18 High Jump	GLG	1.80m
HANNAGAN, Eliza	Womens U18 100m Hurdles	CHI	15.15
IREDELL, Emily	Womens U14 Long Jump	ASW	4.73m
JARMAN, Alexander	Mens U20 Javelin	CHI	50.84m
JARMAN, Will	Mens Open 110m Hurdles	CHI	15.91
KNIGHT, Maisy	Womens U18 400m Hurdles	GLG	70.01
KULIC, Angelina	Womens U14 High Jump	GLG	1.45m
LAHERTY, Ida	Womens U20 400m	GLG	55.60
LEAHY, Charles	Mens U20 800m	CHI	1:53.70
McCLEISH, Seth	Mens U20 Triple Jump	CHI	13.58m
MORROW, Rose	Womens U20 Pole Vault	CHI	3.05m
O'SULLIVAN, Yolanda	Womens U14 1500m	ASW	4:48.88
ROMEYN, Johan	Mens U15 Triple Jump	GLG	11.39m
ROYDHOUSE, David	Mens U14 High Jump	GLG	1.55m
STAAKS, Charlotte	Womens U13 1500m	ASW	4:57.39
STRZADALA, Leo	Mens U15 400m	GLG	53.47
STRZADALA, Leo	Mens U15 200m	GLG	24.22
TARR, Isabella	Womens U18 100m	GLG	12.71
TARR, Isabella	Womens U18 400m	GLG	57.13
THOMAS, Lachlan	Mens U16 800m	CHI	2:01.47
UNTHANK, Joshua	Mens U18 800m	BEL	1:55.65
VEENVLIET, Lucy	Womens U15 90m Hurdles	GLG	14.59

## 2024 VICTORIAN COMBINED CHAMPIONSHIP

### GOLD MEDALLISTS

JARMAN, Will	Men Open Decathlon	CHI	5140 pts
POLIZZI, Phoebe	Women U14 Pentathlon	CHI	2497 pts

### SILVER MEDALLISTS

JARMAN, Alexander	Men U20 Decathlon	CHI	5563 pts
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### BRONZE MEDALLISTS

GROSS, Willow	Women U14 Pentathlon	GLG	2117 pts
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## 2024 VICTORIAN TRACK RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP

### GOLD MEDALLISTS

#### **Women U18 4 x 400m Relay**

DUNN, Tallulah; HOOD, Jemima; TARR, Isabella; LAHERTY, Ida	GLG	4:00.66
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#### **Women U14 4 x 100m Relay**

O'NEILL, Indiana; VEENVLIET, Lucy; ASHBY, Alice; HOOD, Jemima	GLG	52.13
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#### **Men Open Medley Relay**

SPIKERS, Mason; CALNIN, Ben; MURRANT, Harvey; PERDRISAT, Joshua	GLG	3:28.11
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### SILVER MEDALLISTS

#### **Men Open 4 x 100m Relay**

CALNIN, Ben; SPIKERS, Mason; MURRANT, Harvey; POTTER, Mason	GLG	41.96
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### BRONZE MEDALLISTS

#### **Women U18 Medley Relay**

HOOD, Jemima; PANTANO, Emilia; TARR, Isabella; LAHERTY, Ida	GLG	4:16.00
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#### **Women U18 4 x 100m Relay**

PAAPE-SILVA, Victoria; TARR, Isabella; KNIGHT, Maisy; LAHERTY, Ida	GLG	49.96
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#### **Men Open 4 x 400m Relay**

KILPATRICK, Caleb; POULTER, Hamish; KIRSOPP-COLE, Finlay; MURRANT, Harvey	GLG	3:12.76
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## ATHLETES WITH NATIONAL SELECTION

### 2023 Pacific Games, Solomon Islands

Mackenzie Mielczarek (COR) Javelin



## 2024 AV MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS, Doncaster, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

### GOLD MEDALLISTS

<b>BREMNER, Tamai</b>	F35	5000m	20:38.44	<b>JORDAN, Benjamin</b>	M45	800m	2:04.88
<b>BURNS, Jacinta</b>	F55	Pole Vault	2.70m	<b>MUTTON, Ben</b>	M45	Hammer	23.57m
<b>CLOSE, Andrew</b>	M30	Weight Throw	5.29m	<b>MUTTON, Ben</b>	M45	Weight Throw	8.63m
<b>HAMBLING, Mark</b>	M40	Discus	30.88m	<b>PEDERSEN, Sharon</b>	F50	2000m Steeple	8:11.09
<b>HOLZER, Robert</b>	M75	Hammer	35.95m	<b>PEDERSEN, Sharon</b>	F50	800m	2:35.72
<b>HOLZER, Robert</b>	M75	Javelin	29.60m	<b>SOLAH, Emily</b>	F30	100m	13.16
<b>HOLZER, Robert</b>	M75	Weight Throw	13.08m	<b>SOLAH, Emily</b>	F30	200m	27.75
<b>HOWELL, Susan</b>	F60	1500m	5:49.81	<b>SOLAH, Emily</b>	F30	60m	8.39
<b>HOWELL, Susan</b>	F60	5000m	21:47.87				

### SILVER MEDALLISTS

<b>BREMNER, Tamai</b>	F35	800m	2:46.06	<b>KIRBY, Karen</b>	F65	Shot Put	7.88m
<b>CLOSE, Andrew</b>	M30	Shot Put	6.96m	<b>KIRBY, Karen</b>	F65	Weight Throw	9.05m
<b>COLQUHOUN, Steve</b>	MS03	High Jump	1.45m	<b>MUTTON, Ben</b>	M45	Javelin	37.37m
<b>HAMBLING, Mark</b>	M40	Hammer	29.19m	<b>OLIVER, Kathleen</b>	F70	1500m	7:50.83
<b>HAMBLING, Mark</b>	M40	Shot Put	10.73m	<b>RASHID, Navid</b>	M50	800m	2:36.78
<b>HAMBLING, Mark</b>	M40	Weight Throw	9.38m	<b>KIRBY, Karen</b>	F65	Shot Put	7.88m

### BRONZE MEDALLISTS

<b>BREMNER, Tamai</b>	F35	1500m	5:20.75	<b>KIRBY, Karen</b>	F65	60m	11.61
<b>BREMNER, Tamai</b>	F35	400m	66.49	<b>KIRBY, Karen</b>	F65	Hammer	19.24m
<b>BREMNER, Tamai</b>	F35	60m	9.37 (+0.0)	<b>KIRBY, Karen</b>	F65	Javelin	15.25m
<b>CLOSE, Andrew</b>	M30	Discus	14.62m	<b>MAKIN, Matthew</b>	M45	Shot Put	8.48m
<b>CLOSE, Andrew</b>	M30	Long Jump	3.59m (+3.0)	<b>MAKIN, Matthew</b>	M45	Weight Throw	7.08m
<b>COLQUHOUN, Steve</b>	M50	High Jump	1.45m	<b>MUTTON, Ben</b>	M45	Discus	25.30m
<b>COLQUHOUN, Steve</b>	M50	Long Jump	4.37m (+1.8)				
<b>COLQUHOUN, Steve</b>	M50	Triple Jump	8.74m (+0.0)				

## 2023 AUST. ALL SCHOOLS CHAMPS, Perth, 8 -10<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

### GOLD MEDALLISTS

KILPATRICK, Caleb	Men U17 400m	GLG	47.54 **
BORAS, Karla	Women U16 Triple Jump	CHI	12.75m

*\*\* World Junior U20 Qualifying time*

### SILVER MEDALLISTS

McCLEISH, Seth	Men U18 Long Jump	CHI	7.01m
HOOD, Jemima	Mixed U14 4 x 200m Relay	GLG	1:39.39

### BRONZE MEDALLISTS

HOOD, Jemima	Women U14 200m	GLG	26.21
PAAPE-SILVA, Victoria	Women U18 Pole Vault	GLG	3.35m
BERRY, Jack	Men U15 Hammer Throw	GLG	45.54m
LAHERTY, Ida	Women U18 400m	GLG	56.02
LAHERTY, Ida	U18 4x400m Mixed Relay	GLG	3:32.00
KILPATRICK, Caleb	U18 4x400m Mixed Relay	GLG	3:32.00
MARANGE, Summer	Women U14 Hammer Throw	GLG	37.94m

## 2024 NATIONAL TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS SENIOR - 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Adelaide

### GOLD MEDALLISTS

BORAS, Tiana	Womens U20 Triple Jump	CHI	13.05 (+0.6) **
FRANKLIN, Max	Mens U20 4x100m Relay	GLG	41.06
LAHERTY, Ida	Womens U20 4x400m Relay	GLG	3:40.92 (CR)
SESAR, Jacob	Mens Open 4x100m Relay	COR	41.73

### SILVER MEDALLISTS

GIDDINGS, Darcy	Mens U20 Discus	COR	55.41m
JACKSON, MARTY	Mens Open AMB Shot Put	CHI	14.96m (93.79%)

### BRONZE MEDALLISTS

BURNS, Noah	Mens U20 Pole Vault	BEL	4.60m
GIDDINGS, Darcy	Mens U20 Hammer Throw	COR	59.06m
KILPATRICK, Caleb	Mens U20 4x400m Relay	GLG	3:18.56
McINTOSH, Samuel	Mens Open 100m (WC)	BEL	18.10 (-1.1)(90.66%)
SMITH, Michael	Mens Open SEA Shot Put	CHI	7.13 (57.68%)

\*\* World Junior U20 Qualifying Standard  
(CR) Championship Record

## 2024 NATIONAL TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Adelaide

### GOLD MEDALLISTS

COX, Jamison	Mens U16 4x100m Relay	GLG	43.04
COX, Jamison	Mens U16 4x200m Relay	GLG	1:36.63
HOOD, Jemima	Womens U15 200m Hurdles	GLG	29.37 (-1.1)
HOOD, Jemima	Womens U15 90m Hurdles	GLG	13.09 (+0.0)
KILPATRICK, Caleb	Mens U18 400m	GLG	47.50
KILPATRICK, Caleb	Mens U18 4x400m Relay	GLG	3:17.38
MARANGE, Summer	Womens U15 Hammer Throw	GLG	45.60m

### SILVER MEDALLISTS

McKEAGUE, Johnny	Mens U18 High Jump	GLG	1.90m
MILES, Samantha	Womens U14 Javelin	GLG	37.74m
POLIZZI, Phoebe	Womens U14 80m Hurdles	CHI	12.46 (-2.4)
TARR, Isabella	Womens U18 4x400m Relay	GLG	3:48.22
WILLIAMS, Tevyia	Womens U18 2000m Steeplechase	ASW	6:56.37

### BRONZE MEDALLISTS

BAINBRIDGE, Evan	Mens U16 200m Hurdles	GLG	25.72 (-0.6)
HOOD, Jemima	Womens U16 4x100m Relay	GLG	47.77
IREDELL, Emily	Womens U14 Long Jump	ASW	5.06 (+1.3)
MILES, Samantha	Womens U14 Discus	GLG	33.56m
TARR, Isabella	Womens U18 4x100m Relay	GLG	47.95

## 2024 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS, Hobart, 29 March – 1 April, 2024

### GOLD MEDALLISTS

HOLZER, Robert	M75 Hammer	GLG	36.36m
HOLZER, Robert	M75 Javelin	GLG	26.62m
HOLZER, Robert	M75 Weight Throw	GLG	13.64m
HOLZER, Robert	M75 Throws Pentathlon	GLG	3234 pts
PALMER, David	M45 10,000m	BEL	39:41.50
PEDERSON, Sharon	W50 2000m Steeple	CHI	7:59.82
WRZUSZCZAK, Peter	M60 Shot Put	COR	10.22m
WRZUSZCZAK, Peter	M60 Throws Pentathlon	COR	2707 pts

### SILVER MEDALLISTS

CLOSE, Andrew	M30 Shot Put	COR	7.14m
CLOSE, Andrew	M30 Discus	COR	15.95m
CLOSE, Andrew	M30 Pentathlon	COR	817 pts
HOWELL, Susan	W60 5000m	CHI	21:31.37
WRZUSZCZAK, Peter	M60 Weight Throw	COR	14.10m

### BRONZE MEDALLISTS

CLOSE, Andrew	M30 200m	COR	28.77 (-0.1)
CLOSE, Andrew	M30 Weight Throw	COR	4.84m
HOWELL, Susan	W60 1500m	CHI	5:56.75
KIRBY, Karen	W65 Shot Put	CHI	7.48m
WRZUSZCZAK, Peter	M60 Discus	COR	34.25m
WRZUSZCZAK, Peter	M60 Hammer	CHI	34.75m



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