

CURSUS

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Athletic Club Inc.



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Competition

At the time of writing we have no firm dates for the commencement of winter cross country racing. This is of course a great disappointment for our young team.

We have been in regular contact with Athletics Victoria and at this stage we are limited to training in groups of not more than 20, taking care to observe the "social distancing" requirements. Training to date has been excellent despite the COVID-19 restrictions and also that many in the group are also tackling year 12 studies.

The original winter program had the Sandown Relays on 11th July and the Bundoora All Schools Championships on 25th July. COVID-19 requirements regarding numbers at gatherings will need substantial easing in order for racing to commence by those dates.

In the meantime, we are continuing with good quality training so that when competition does commence, we will be ready. The training group is absolutely firing!

AGM and Committee Elections

As previously advised, we will hold our Annual General Meeting this year on 24th June 2020 via Zoom. The adoption of Zoom is consistent with current regulations and will enable us to achieve a quorum while we are bound by COVID-19 requirements.

Our Secretary, John Edney has sent out his formal notification of the AGM. If you are unable to attend via Zoom on 24th June, please let John know of your apology by email and if you see fit, lodge your proxy with John for voting purposes.

The current Committee has decided to offer itself for re-election. This is great news, assuming re-election,

this should provide sound stability going forward. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a number of unusual challenges to the Club which we are currently dealing with. We believe consistency at Committee level over this period will be beneficial.

The Committee currently consists of nine long serving members, Jeff Franklin(President), John Edney (Secretary), David Burke (Treasurer), Michael Wallis, Barry Greig, Mary Langdon, Braden Fraser, Richard Russell, and James Lynch.

There is capacity under our constitution for additional Committee Members. We have already received one nomination and would, of course, welcome others. Many hands make lighter work.

Should you wish to nominate for Committee, or any position on Committee, please notify our Secretary, John Edney at: john.p.edney@gmail.com

Agenda Items to be voted on via Zoom are:

- 1/ Adoption of the Annual Report
- 2/ Adoption and passing of Annual Audited Financials
- 3/ Election of Committee

Annual Report

This year we are providing the Annual Report to our readership and Members electronically. The Annual Report covers all competition results for the last summer and winter seasons together with audited financial report and a complete listing of Members. Enjoy the read, it is your Club.

To access your copy, please click on the link below:
<http://www.ivanhoeharriers.org.au/downloads/IH%20Annual%20Report%202019-20.pdf>

Presentation of Trophies

Given the present circumstances our Presentation of Trophies will be held later in the year when we are in a position to get together and enjoy a social night. We will advise a date in due course.



Communication

Received a nice note from Ross Wilkinson, responding to our previous Edition of Cursus, as follows:

“Many thanks for the continuing link with the Club that was part of my family for many years going back to its early years.

My grandfather was a very good friend of Cobber Buckley’s and his two eldest boys. Hugh and my father Bill, both ran for the club. Unfortunately, Hugh did not survive the War but Dad rejoined the Club post-War and told me that for a brief period he was Captain.

I was a student at Ivanhoe Grammar School and beginning to show some ability to run and I joined the Harriers in the early 60’s. I won the School Open Cross Country in 1963 and was runner-up the following two years. I was also Open Athletics Champion in 1965.

As a point of interest back then, there was a connection between the school and the club as, apart from a medal, the Cross Country winner was awarded a silver cup that my memory serves me was called the St. James Ivanhoe Harriers Perpetual Trophy. The winner had his name inscribed on a plate and held the trophy for twelve months. It held pride of place in my bedroom and Dad, of course, was thrilled.

I was also on the Committee for a couple of years in the late 60’s including a brief period as Treasurer until I broke my leg in an unfortunate accident. However, I recall that during that time, Ivanhoe Harriers was the second largest athletic club in Australia in terms of membership and number of teams competing each week in inter-club. Of course the largest was Box Hill.

Dad and I both attended the 75th Reunion where we were able to renew many of our respective acquaintances from our times at the Club. We also donated a photograph that had been in our family for

many years. It was a pre-War group photograph of the Club members in uniform and officials, probably one of our Premiership years. Many of the Club Champions were in the photograph including the great Alf Watson. Whilst Dad wasn’t in the photo his elder brother was.

Also that night I acquired a Club warm-up top which I still wear often and it gets plenty of comment.

Keep up the good work and make the Harriers great again!

Kind regards

Ross Wilkinson.”

Editor: Thanks Ross for your insights into past history, very pleased that you still enjoy receiving and reading Cursus. The Committee is working very hard at growing the Club.

Renewing your Membership

The support of past members in rejoining under the “non-competing members “category has been outstanding and very helpful to the Club and our push for growth. Increasing our numbers is incredibly important, particularly when it comes to negotiating with Council. Larger numbers is power; we still have a way to go.

The last few years have been tough for athletics which has declined in numbers and difficult for smaller clubs to grow as community dynamics change. In that environment we have managed to grow and achieve success on the track where many others have not.

Total Members stood at 65 for the 2019-20 season.

Once again the Committee is looking for your continued loyalty to Ivanhoe to maintain your membership for the coming year. This year will be doubly difficult given the loss of cross country competition to date. Cross Country has always been the backbone to our success.

Many thanks to Peter Carter and Noel Burrows who have rejoined already and shown their continued loyalty to the Club.

www.ivanhoeharriers.org.au/downloads/IHAC%20Membership%20Application%20Form%202020-21.pdf

The Membership form is available via the link above, please complete basic details and email back to: info@ivanhoeharriers.org.au or alternatively post to:

President, Ivanhoe Harriers,
18 Hardy Terrace
Ivanhoe East 3079

Your \$30.00 joining fee can be direct credited to the Club bank account at:
BSB: 633-000, Account Number: 1406 70480
Description: <your surname>



Junior Members i.e. Under 20's Training

We currently have a large number training at Chelsworth Park, **everyone training** needs to join or rejoin the Club.

The current fee structure for Under 20's "Competing/Training" is \$30.00. Please complete your Application Form and pay your fee.

Remember, payment of your \$30.00 joining fee provides insurance coverage should an accident occur during training. Most important for you and the Club.....don't put it off!!

Note: At this stage of the COVID-19 recovery we do not have any pricing for Athletics Victoria events. Obviously, Athletics Victoria cannot yet set a program for the remainder of cross country and/or summer competition.

We will keep you posted when a program and fees are announced.

In the meantime, join the Club for training and membership purposes by paying your \$30.00 fee. We will deal with Athletics Victoria later.

