



## Annual General Meeting

We are pleased to advise that our AGM was held as planned, at Ivanhoe Park, on Wednesday night 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The date, nominated some time ago, turned out to be the day prior to lockdown being announced by the Government. We were a bit lucky and well organized with QR code, thanks to John Edney. In any event, a small group attended, sufficient to carry out the election of office-bearers and present a restricted number of trophies.

It was useful that we had distributed our Annual Report electronically ahead of time and prior to the AGM. Many thanks to Barry Greig for arranging the printing of hard copies for the night.

The meeting was expertly chaired by Secretary, John Edney and election of office bearers went smoothly. All of the outgoing committee, apart from Mary Langdon, offered themselves up for re-election. Mary has decided to retire from Committee after serving the Club on Committee for 4 years. We will miss her constructive inputs around the Committee table. Thanks Mary from all at the Club for your loyal service.

Our Committee has been very stable this past 6 years but we could do with a couple more volunteers to spread involvement and fresh ideas. Please contact Jeff Franklin (0419 499711) if you wish to discuss.

The new Committee for season 2021/22 as follows:

**President:** Jeff Franklin  
**Secretary:** John Edney  
**Treasurer:** David Burke

**General Committee:** Michael Wallis, Richard Russell, Barry Greig, Braden Fraser, James Lynch and Glenn Morrison.

Your President has noted the current trend of many small Clubs, to hold their AGMs via Zoom. This trend, bought about as a consequence of COVID-19 has

appeal, particularly in winter months and where nothing contentious is apparent. The Committee will consider adopting this process in the future. In addition, Trophy Presentation may be held at a separate time in future, as a purely social occasion.

## President's Report

Full details contained in the Annual Report, however, a number of matters were highlighted in the President's address at the meeting:

"As you now know, the Cross Country season during 2020 was completely abandoned and Track and Field was significantly impacted by COVID.

Our strategy during the year has been very defensive, to try to protect the Club as much as possible and grow some of the "off-field" areas to our long term advantage.

Special thanks to all on Committee who have added much value to the Club during this period of uncertainty....we have built solid foundations and everyone on Committee has played an active role.

Our major initiatives during the period include, a complete revamp of the uniform which has received very favourable feedback, successful applications for Government support Grants, developing our strong relationship with Old Ivanhoe Grammarians', deepening our relationship with Ivanhoe Grammar School and increasing our exposure on Instagram. All of these matters have been very positive for the Club.

We have grown our Bank Balance by about 25% to \$21,000.00.

We have produced 12 Editions of Cursus during the year and continue to reach out to our past members. Total Membership at financial year end was 61.

Our Trivia night profit of \$2,600.00 was a marvellous achievement with every member of Committee

contributing. However the organization and skills of John Edney in managing the event was outstanding... sincere thanks to John.

We introduced the "COVID Cup" during the lockdown as a means of giving the athletes something meaningful to train for. A series of 6 time-trial events (5000m, 3000m, 1000m, 1500m, 800m, 400m), where Barry Greig calculated handicaps for everyone over each distance. A massive job by Barry and many enjoyed the challenge. The feedback was very positive so we will continue with the COVID Cup each year.

Our limited opportunity on the Track was filled with promise. So many of our junior group have outstanding talent and will continue to improve and grow into the future. Two athletes at the State Championships and one at the Nationals, demonstrates the ability and talent currently in our ranks.

Challenges ahead include building a female team and broadening our coaching ranks. These matters are a priority however the impacts of COVID on community sport have been significant. The road ahead in these areas will be difficult."

Jeff Franklin

## Life Memberships

Life Memberships were conferred following the recommendation of Committee to:

**Richard Russell and James Lynch.**

Richard joined the Club in 1984, served on Committee from 1990-1995, was Treasurer from 1991-95 and rejoined the Committee from 2015 to the present. Richard has assisted with Saturday morning coaching of Ivanhoe Grammar School students for a number of years now as we have sought to rebuild our relationship with the School.

In addition, Richard has volunteered his time over many years as a Club Helper at Athletics Victoria competitions, both summer and winter.

James also joined the Club as an athlete in 1984 and has served on Committee from 2009 to the present. James has been instrumental in developing the middle distance training program at Chelsworth Park. He attends every Tuesday and Thursday, is a qualified coach and actively supports Jeff Franklin in providing a valuable resource with our juniors and the students

from IGS and elsewhere. His contribution of time in this area is enormous.

James has also been active as a Club Helper at Athletic Victoria meets ensuring that we meet our Club obligations.



Sincere congratulations to both on well-deserved appointments.

## Perpetual Trophy Winners

As previously noted our Perpetual Trophy awards were limited this season due to COVID-19 impacts on Athletics Victoria competition. Winners were:

<b>W.A Rawlinson</b>	David Greig
<b>Geoff Legge Trophy</b>	Harry Shaw
<b>St. James Ivanhoe Trophy</b>	Ben Morrison
<b>F.J Holpen Trophy</b>	David Burke
<b>Jack McCann Trophy</b>	Barry Greig
<b>Lew Hall Trophy</b>	Charles Shea

6km Cross Country Handicap    Zac Philip



David Greig and Harry Shaw receiving their trophies from President Jeff Franklin.

## Olympic Dreaming

As you know, the Tokyo Olympics was not held last year and pushed forward to July 2021.

Unfortunately, we now hear that Japan will extend its State of Emergency to June 20<sup>th</sup>, only one month before the Tokyo Olympics are due to commence. The Japanese Government is coming under increasing pressure from medical and business leaders to cancel the Olympics. COVID-19 is causing havoc.

We received the attached note from John Wallis and his recollections of the 1964 Tokyo Olympics all those years ago.

“As a 24 year old single guy, I decided to take a cruise to the 1964 Games in Tokyo. I had seen an advertisement in 1963 for a seven week cruise on the Sitmar Line ship, Fairsky and it was called an Olympic Games Cruise. I was working as an accountant with a company called Containers Limited and my boss had agreed that I could take some of my holidays in advance.

We sailed from Sydney, picking up passengers in Brisbane and sailed to Rabaul in PNG for two days before making our way to the Japanese port of Yokohama where we berthed for the duration of the Games. Yokohama is the port city of Tokyo.

As we sailed to Tokyo I soon realized that many of the passengers were parents and friends of the athletes, so we all had sporting interests. Life on board was wonderful with many activities.

My main interest was in Athletics and Swimming and I picked out the days I wanted to attend and obtained all my tickets long before we sailed. What a shame obtaining tickets has become almost impossible now. I had a ticket for the Opening Ceremony and I will never forget the overwhelming feeling when the announcer calls “Australia” and in march our athletes. Many of my slides were not great as I had tears in my eyes so I was shooting blind.

I was lucky enough to see our swimmers win 4 gold medals, Kevin Berry in the Men’s 200 Butterfly, Ian O’Brien in the Men’s 200 Backstroke, Bob Windle in the Men’s 1500 Freestyle and our wonderful Dawn Fraser become the first athlete to win 3 gold medals in a row, in winning the Women’s 100 Freestyle.

Over to Athletics, I shared the disappointment when Ron Clarke did not win the Men’s 10,000m, but his bronze medal was still a great achievement and I was there to see the great Betty Cuthbert win gold in the

Women’s 400m with Judy Amore taking the bronze. Then later that day as I staggered back to the ship, there was Betty and Judy celebrating with their parents and everyone was welcome to join in with a magnificent supper. What a great day.

I think Australia won 6 gold medals in Tokyo and I was present for 5 of them and experienced that wonderful proud feeling of being Australian at the medal presentations when our flag goes up and they play “Advance Australia Fair”.

Just to finish, I had planned to see as much as I could in Japan and left the ship for 4 days to enjoy a tour around Japan and picked the ship up at Kobe and we sailed to Manilla in the Phillipines for two days, on to Hong Kong, back to Brisbane and finished back in Sydney.”

**Editor:** Thanks John for sharing those great recollections of 57 years ago.

On the subject of Olympic Games, received this note from Andrew Potocnik a few weeks ago:

“Greetings Jeff, I bumped into Gary Honey this morning outside Greensborough Plaza, wheeling one of his grandchildren on the weekly Tuesday supervision.

Although a little greyer than in his heyday Gary is looking well, wearing shorts on a cold day and still enjoying good health without detrimental signs of the rigorous and punishing training sessions he pushed his body through. In fact he is still actively attending sessions in the gym.

Nobody else noticed the Olympic Silver Medallist from 1984 who came second to the great Carl Lewis, but I suppose that happens 37 years after the event.

Andrew”

**Editor:** For the benefit of our younger members, Gary Honey was an outstanding athlete, he holds the Club Records for 400m 46.9 and Long Jump 8.22 and is a member of our record breaking relay teams of 4x100m (1980) and 4x200m (1979).

Gary was in the Australian Olympic Team for the 1980 Moscow Olympics, the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and the 1988 Seoul Olympics and was Australian Long Jump Champion for many years from 1979 to 1989.

Gary is Team Vice Captain of our [Team of the Century](#).

## New Member Registrations

Ella Rowe, Sami Rowe,  
Andrew Potocnik (Great to see Andrew renewing his non-competing membership)



Presentation of the COVID Cup to Sami Rowe down at Chelsworth Park training.

The Cup is now fully engraved which Sami will proudly display on the mantle at home....unless she wins it again next season!!

## Reminder- Renew Your Membership

Our membership numbers are incredibly important as numbers are power when dealing with Council. The Chelsworth Park redevelopment of Pavilions is expected in the next 12 months and we will need to wield some power and influence.

We still have much to achieve as a Club.

Please download and send in your completed [Membership Form](#). Just \$30.00 provides you with a non-competing membership which puts you back on the team.

## Competition Results

### Round 2 - Lardner Park 8km Cross Country

On Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021, in fine weather and on a very good cross country course we had a great team effort to place 3<sup>rd</sup> in our Division 4.

We are well and truly on track to contest the Premiership this winter, based on my calculations we are currently sitting equal 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder.

The team performance was very even with our very talented group of juniors competing in their first "senior" cross country.

Results were very even and very pleasing for the group.

Times and placings as follows:

Name	Place	Time
David Greig	78	28:53
Thomas Langdon	83	29:06
Josh Philip	111	30:14
Charles Shea	183	32:55
Claude Aquino	272	36:52
Vince Mancuso	293	38:30
Chris Branigan	296	38:50
Enrico Cementon	338	43:41
David Burke	347	46:05

We also had a visit from Noel Burrows, Past President, who was very pleased to see his Hoe's in action, competing at a high standard.



From Left: Jeff Franklin, Charles Shea, David Burke, David Greig, Noel Burrows, Claude Aquino, Chris Branigan, Enrico Cementon, Tom Langdon and Josh Philip.

## From the past...

Thought it was time to look back at some history and reflect on where the Club was in May 1971... 50 years ago.

Cursus Editor was Mark Hennessy.

I have taken a few snippets of this Edition which are interesting reminders.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

Wednesday 23rd June 1971

Time: 8.00PM

Place: Buckley Hall, Ivanhoe Grammar School.

## June 12th Ian MacDougall Relay

Our annual clash with the public school clubs over the traditional Warrandyte course is on again. We are confident of our top team's chances of beating Old Scotch this year after being second every year since 1963.

Our Club is the host of this event and the Ladies Auxiliary will be organizing the afternoon tea. Everyone is asked to bring a plate, and if convenient your family and friends. The following Club Members are expected to compete: Brown, Williams, Brereton, Mark Hennessy, Young, Schrader, McDonald, Schickert, Brereton, White, J. Mason, Mill, M.J Hennessy, Tennant, Veale, D Caroline, K. Ryan, Lynch, R.Schrader, G McDonald, Brett, Stuckey, Edgerton, D. Johnston, Burrows, J. Johnston, Brooks, R. Caroline, G Schrader, J. Tennant, McIntyre, D. McDonald, Gaynor, Brewin, Greenland, Cole.

## CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

The highlight of the Cross-Country season so far has been the brilliant form shown by seniors, Ray Brown and Tony Williams. Both are running at the best of their careers and are still improving. Brightest prospect in the seniors is new member John Brereton.

May 1st. 5000m cross-country for seniors, under 19, under 15 and over 40 at Clifton Hill.

Ray Brown was 4th in the seniors recording 16.05, Noel Burrows 21.32

Under 19's Chris Schrader 18.05, James Tennant 18.28, Noel MacDonald 18.38, Jim Mason 19.19, Ian Brooks 22.12 and Randy Schrader 22.23. Ivanhoe won the Teams race.

May 9th 15,000m at Albert Park.

Ray Brown finished 5th in 47.08, Chris Schrader was fastest junior in 50.30, James Tennant 56.23, Mike Hennessy 57.18 and George Mill 61.11.

## OLYMPIC VILLAGE TRACK

Will definitely be ready by August 1971. You'll believe it when you see it, you say?

A glance at the new pavilion taking shape should quickly make you realize that our dream has finally materialized. Naturally with the pavilion and track to look after, our Club's administration will be more active and will have greater responsibilities.

If more athletes and fathers can help share this burden, then we will be able to ensure that we make the best possible use of our wonderful new facilities.



## June 5th Mini Marathons at Yan Yean.

3 mile run  
6 mile run  
13 mile run...choose your own event.

On this day our club is the guest of Graham Wise's parents and the Public School Old Boys Clubs. All club members are welcome to come along and enjoy the day.

## CLUB RECORDS at 21/05/1971 (a brief selection only)

440yds Hurdles: Alf Watson, 53.9 (set in 1936)

3000m steeple: Stephen Austin, 9.26.8

1500metres

Senior: Geoff Legge, 3.49.9 on 8/01/1958

Junior: Stephen Johnston 4.00.2

Under 17: Stephen Johnston 4.00.2

Under 15: Noel McDonald, 4.13.8

Under 13: Gus McDonald 4.40.6

800 metres: Stephen Austin, 1.54.1

One Mile: Tony Williams 4.08.8

5000metres

Stephen Austin, 14.47

Marathon: Ray Brown, 2.30.12

**Editor:** Many thanks Mark for a great Edition of Cursus. From a personal perspective I can remember thoroughly enjoying running in the Ian MacDougall Relays and the Graham Wise Mini Marathons. They were great social events.

