

VICTORIAN RACE WALKING CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT

2016

VRWC COMMITTEE FOR 2015/2016

OFFICERS

President	Stuart Cooper
Senior Vice President	Mark Donahoo
Junior Vice President	Heather Carr
Treasurer	Ralph Bennett
Secretary	Terry Swan

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Club Captain - Women	Heather Carr
Club Captain – Men	Terry O'Neill
Club Captain – Junior Women	Stephanie George
Club Captain – Junior Men	Reese Walmsley
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Raceday Registrar	Damien Elms
Handicapper	Mark Donahoo
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Judging Coordinator	Peter Vysma
Club Coach	Mark Donahoo
RWA Liason Officer	Mark Donahoo
Club Records Officer	Tim Erickson
Ordinary Members	Michael Bodey, Harry Summers
	Marlaine Stanway, Bob Gardiner, David Smyth
Auditor	Simon Evans

LIFE MEMBERS	PRESIDENTS
1928 Frank O'Rourke * 1933 Alfred Robinson * 1933 Frank Byrne * 1933 William Billsborrow * 1936 James McDonald * 1938 Rupert Blackley * 1946 Edward Drayton * 1948 Herbert Gardiner * 1948 Jack Larkin * 1955 James Gaylor * 1955 Norman Goble * 1955 Fred O'Grady * 1956 Frank McGuire * 1959 Charles Jacobson * 1960 Jack Cummins * 1961 Augustus Theobald * 1964 Ralph Field * 1964 George Knott * 1971 Radcliffe Grace * 1975 Elsie Jacobson * 1978 Mabel Robinson * 1983 Ray Smith * 1987 Robert Gardiner 1987 Ronald Miller 1990 Thomas Daintry * 1990 Harold Summers 1998 Alan Johnson 2001 Mark Donahoo 2005 Tim Erickson 2007 Peter Vysma 2008 Marlaine Stanway 2008 Barbara Gardiner ** 2008 Joyce Summers ** 2009 Lloyd Nichols 2010 Kate Suich ** 2012 Stuart Cooper 2014 Michael Bodey 2014 Judy Mason ** 2014 Gordon Loughnan ** 2015 Di Lowden **	1923-1925 Robert Croll * 1925-1928 William Dickenson * 1928-1929 Rexx Merrick / Frank Byrne * 1929-1931 Frank Byrne * 1931-1937 Edward Drayton * 1937-1941 Alfred Robinson * 1946-1976 Alfred Robinson * 1976-1983 Raymond Smith * 1983-2013 Harold Summers 2013-2014 Bob Gardiner 2014- Stuart Cooper
* deceased ** honorary life members	

SECRETARIES		TREASURERS	
1923-1924	Victor Dowling	1923-1926	Rex Merrick
1924-1925	Rex Merrick	1926-1928	Ern Fitzgerald
1925-1926	Frank O'Rourke	1928-1931	Jack Coffey
1926-1927	Rex Merrick / Fred O'Grady	1931-1936	Rupert Blackley
1927-1931	Alf Robinson	1936-1937	Rupert Blackley / Ian McDougall
1931-1932	Alf Robinson / Rupert Blackley	1937-1939	Ian McDougall
1932-1936	Rupert Blackley	1939-1940	Ben Blakey
1936-1937	Rupert Blackley / Ian McDougall	1940-1941	Clem Marshall / Rupert Blackley
1937-1940	Ian McDougall	1941	Douglas Murrell
1940-1941	Clem Marshall / Rupert Blackley		
1941	Douglas Murrell	1946-1947	Ben Blakey
		1947-1949	Alex Philpotts
1946-1947	Ben Blakey	1949-1950	Noel Bomford
1947-1949	Alex Philpotts	1950-1952	Vic Sharp
1949-1950	Noel Bomford	1952-1973	Norm Goble
1950-1952	Vic Sharp	1973-1982	Charles Jacobson
1952-1971	Norm Goble	1982-1983	Elsie Jacobson
1971-1974	Alan Lucas	1983-1990	Ray Smith
1974-1975	Bruce Thorne / Greg Ellis	1990-1994	Bob Gardiner
1975-1976	Greg Ellis	1994-1998	Tony Barrett
1976-1984	Alan Minter	1998-1999	Brian Glover
1984-1988	Doris Waters	1999-2007	Michael Bodey
1988-2000	Ron Miller	2008-2016	Ralph Bennett
2000-2015	Tim Erickson		
2015-	Terry Swan		

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nothing galvanises interest in our sport – and brings it under close scrutiny - like an Olympic year, and 2016 was no exception. In Australia's case, it was race walking that brought home the country's entire track 'n' field medal haul from Rio: 1 silver, 1 bronze. This fact rated only a begrudgingly matter-of-fact mention in most of the media, which preferred to let loose its pack dogs on the 'failures' of the rest of the team. Most of us were hardly surprised by this – for race walkers it comes with the territory. What our walkers achieved in Rio is more palatable to consider than what other team members (for a range of reasons) didn't.

Jared Tallent took another silver in the 50km after coming so close to the gold medal podium finish he deserved and had wanted so badly. Overhauled in the last 4km by his friend and ally in the war against doping, Matej Toth, when his body had run out of everything except pain, Jared inked his reputation as not only Australia's greatest-ever walker but one of its finest endurance athletes of all time. It was a consolation of sorts that, two months earlier, justice had finally served Jared as he stood on a makeshift rostrum in the rain outside the Old Treasury building in Melbourne, as John Coates presented him with the London 2012 gold medal that was rightfully his. Jared may not have heard his country's anthem played in an Olympic stadium due to his racing efforts, but every clean and honest athlete who competed in Rio and other major meets is, and will be, indebted to him. That's surely 'good as gold.'

Dane Bird-Smith's bronze in the 20km warmed our hearts, not so much for his achievement (which, given his 4th in Rome wasn't surprising) as for the joy, humility and gratitude he expressed in trackside interviews afterwards. Congratulations, Dane ... a class act from an impressive young man.

VRWC walkers Regan Lamble (20km) and Chris Erickson (50km) broke into the Olympic top 10 with 9th and 10th places respectively, both wonderful results. Rachel Tallent overcame injury issues to take 40th, while Rhydian Cowley fought it out for 33rd in the men's 20km. Four Olympians for two top-10 places, no DNFs or DQs ... a fine result for any small club! And that's not counting our two Trans-Tasman members, Quentin Rew and Alana Barber, both of whom acquitted themselves well for NZ in Rio.

We saw VRWC members in action elsewhere internationally as well. Tayla-Paige Billington, Adam Garganis, Kyle Swan, Rhydian Cowley, Nathan Brill, Regan Lamble and Rachel Tallent all competed at the World Walking Cup event in Rome, with the Aussie women scoring two podium team finishes. Tayla and Adam went on to represent Australia at the IAAF World Junior championships in Poland, with Tayla being honoured with a team captaincy. Well done to all!

The World Masters T&F championships in Perth saw many of our veterans cross the Nullarbor to try their luck against the world's best. Bob Gardiner, James Christmass, Andrew Jamieson, Kelly Ruddick, Michelle Laufer, Pam Tindal, Heather Carr all won gold in their age divisions (in Heather's, Andrew's and Michelle's case, three each!), while Stuart Kollmorgen, Sandra Geisler, Wendy Muldoon, Sylvia Machin, Donna Elms, Alison Thompson, Ian Beaumont, Mark Donahoo and Simon Evans also tasted podium success. Well done to all on their efforts.

Back home at Middle Park, the Club again had a successful winter season road season with weekly racing providing stiff competition and steady improvement amongst our younger walkers in particular. The challenge is now to keep them in the sport – a challenge that intensifies once studies, other sports, leisure pursuits and employment demands kick in. We need to capitalize on our walking successes overseas and at home by increasing our membership, promoting coaching and competition and, importantly, by holding on to our members once they're here. This we can do by ensuring that the VRWC continues to be the kind of club no member would want to leave, at least not for long.

Friendship and camaraderie, competition at one's own level, prospects for improvement, infrastructure and facilities, an absence of politics and factionalism ... all are long-standing features of the VRWC, and yet at times they still seem not to be enough. We are still low on numbers in the male ranks at all ages, critically in the teenage years from which future Australian reps are drawn. This is where advocacy of our sport amongst the public at large is essential. We of the race walking fraternity have to promote every one of the benefits of walking and dispel the myths as best we can. It's a hard ask in a world in which many increasingly listen only to 'facts' they want to hear. But, with the only two athletics medals from Rio hanging around the necks of race walkers, we may be in a better position than ever to do it now.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of those who, week after week, year after year, give their time and energy towards keeping our Club going strong – to committee members Terry Swan (Secretary), Ralph Bennett (Treasurer), Peter Vysma, Mark Donahoo, Bob Gardiner, Harry Summers, Heather Carr, Terry O'Neill, David Smythe and Michael Bodey. To canteen workers Barb Gardiner, Wendy Cooper, Kate Suich, Eija Heikkila and Donna-Marie Elms. To the judges, Peter (coordinator), Lloyd Nicholls, Gordon Loughnan, Mark O'Mahoney, Shane Dickson, Diane Lowden and David Cash. To the on-course helpers and timekeepers, Harry, Ralph, Ian Laurie, Allan and Michelle Walmsley, Simon Baker, James Christmass, John Morrison, Damien Elms, Kathy Huse, Gerard and Madeleine Feain. Donna Dickson for learning the timing system alongside Ralph. Special thanks to Shane Dickson for supplying a new

First Aid Kit in the clubrooms. To our tireless handicapper/registrar/race program coordinator and race director, Mark Donahoo (I'm sure there was something else in there, Mark!). To our coaches, whose guidance and mentoring is so vital to keep walkers of all ages improving: Mark Donahoo, Simon Baker, Jim Leppik, Ralph Bennett, Fran Attard and Elk Raselli. To Neil Ryan of *Runner's World* for his so-generous ongoing sponsorship of our sport and our Club's members. And to Tim Erickson, whose contribution to the VRWC is so well known and who is so invaluable to its health and future. Even though he's now ex-Committee, Tim remains our Club statistician, archivist and general 'go to' man for advice on all things ... as well as editor of the best online race walking weekly you'll find anywhere in the world.

Ralph is stepping down as of today from the position of Treasurer. I would like to offer a Ralph a special 'thank you' for his efficient and thorough management of the club's finances, which are in good shape. Well done, Ralph!

Our Club is the success it is because of the quality of the people in it. Let's go out and get more people in it. The more the better.

Stu Cooper



Blast from the '60s: Christoph Hohne, Goetz Klopfer, Tom Dooley and Bob Gardiner in Perth.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

2016 was my first year as club secretary and firstly I must thank the committee and Tim Erickson for entrusting me with this position. Tim's are big shoes to fill, and without Tims help, I wouldn't be here today delivering this report. Whilst Tim has officially stepped down from the committee, his continuing support to the club is priceless and he continues to publish a weekly newsletter that has world wide reach, there is nothing that comes close and nothing so informative and complete.

I have found the current committee very supportive and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term, I hope that over the next few years we can continue to develop the club that we all enjoy today. We are a very strong club in terms of membership and support. We should never lose focus on what we are here for, and that is for the development of the sport.

In terms of our numbers, we are fairly even with last year, we have attracted new members as well as losing some. On average over the winter months we saw approximately 59 walkers each week. Our total membership was 148 members, this includes our life members and non competing members.

Being an Olympic year, there was much focus on our sport. The re-instatement of the Gold Medal from the London Olympics to Jared Tallent was a year high that brought justice and much needed publicity to our sport.

The club itself had Chris Erickson, Regan Lamble, Rhydian Cowley, Rachel Tallent, Quentin Rew (NZ) and Alan Barber (NZ) all compete at Rio in the Olympics.

We were well represented in the World Walking Teams event in Rome, Italy in May Adam Garganis, Kyle Swan and Tayla Paige Billington all competing in the Junior Events, the girls winning a team Bronze.

Regan Lamble, Quentin Rew, Alan Barber competing in the 20km events, all producing excellent results.

The IAAF World Junior Championships held in July in Poland, club juniors, Adam Garganis and Tayla Paige Billington again representing our country and club, Adam producing a personal best and Tayla finishing strongly in a mid field result and also being appointed the female team captain.

VRWC again started the season with our first race in Castlemaine . Michael Gillies-Smith and Tim Erickson, again put on a great event, well attended and unique in Australia as there is prize money up for grabs in all events.

Our thanks to the Major Sponsors

- Local NAB
- Bike Vault
- Local Amcal Chemist
- Mt Alexander Shire

VRWC also hosted a large number of championships at Albert Park. These included

- The Victorian 5km Teams roadwalk championships (January 2016)
- All 5 days of the 2016 Athletics Victoria roadwalking championships (May-September 2016)
- The Victorian Country roadwalking championships (May 2016)
- The 2016 Victorian Masters Association roadwalking championships (June and August 2016)
- The 2016 Australian Masters Association 20km roadwalking championships (June 2016)
- Our own VRWC club championships (five sets in all).

We charge AV and AA for helping to run their championships and our income this year was enhanced by the following payments

- AV payment of \$675 for hosting the 2016 AV roadwalk championships
- AA payment of \$250 for helping them run the AA 50km championship

Neil Ryan, owner of Runners World Kew, continued with his generous sponsorship of our summer and winter seasons, with major awards totalling \$5000! We are so grateful to Neil for his ongoing support.

- Summer – Top Male: **Adam Garganis** \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher
- Summer – Top Female: **Tayla Paige Billington** \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher
- Winter - Open Men: **Pramesh Prasad** \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher
- Winter - Open Women: **Simone McInnes** \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher
- Winter - Junior Men: **Adam Garganis** \$500 Runners World gift voucher
- Winter - Junior Women: **Philippa Huse** \$500 Runners World gift voucher.

Our Club Records continued to take a hammering this year with 25 new records being set.

Our Masters excelled in Perth at the 2016 World Masters. Tim Erickson's Heel & Toe collated all the results and Australia was very well represented.

It takes many people working together to run a successful club like ours. It is always difficult to single out particular people but I would like to mention a few. Apologies to anyone I have missed.

- ❖ Tim, Harry, Bob, Damien, Mark, Michael and Ralph who shoulder much of the burden of race day coordination.
- ❖ Tim, Peter, Gordon, Lloyd, Michael, Stuart, Bill, Mark, Shane who form the backbone of our judging panel, with some of them on deck nearly every week. Special mention to Peter who fulfils the role as VRWC Chief Judge to coordinate and oversee this vitally important task.
- ❖ Barb, Kate, Wendy and Eija who provide for us all in the canteen and kitchen. Donna with her weekly sweet treats !
- ❖ Tim, Ian, Stuart, Harry, Bob, Mark, Michael, Gerard, Alan, Claire, Frances, John, and the many helpers and parents who look after the timekeeping and recording and equipment setup and pulldown each week.
- ❖ Ralph working with Donna Dickson on the timing system, Donna learning very well
- ❖ Shane Dickson for replacing our tired First Aid kit
- ❖ Athletics Victoria, Athletics Australia
- ❖ AV/AA Officials, in particular judges - Kathleen Marsh, Brenda Felton, Suzanne Calloway, Di Lowden, Josh Savage, Judy Mason, Mark OMahony, Gordon Loughan

Finally I would also like to acknowledge the Middle Park Bowling Club and Parks Victoria. MPBC are very supportive landlords, their facilities are top of the range and they give us a headquarters which is the envy of other clubs. Parks Victoria allow us to use the service roads around Middle Park for our races and, like the Bowling Club, the Albert Park rangers are uniformly supportive and value us as park users.

Terry Swan
Secretary

50th AFRWC WALKING CHAMPS, WESTON PARK, CANBERRA, 12 JUNE 2016

The 50th Lake Burley Griffin Racewalking Carnival in June was a huge success as usual, this also marked the last time the event would be held in in current location.

Gold (9)

Chris Erickson	Open Men 20M	2:19:51
Karyn O'Neill	Open Women 20M	3:58:53
Adam Garganis	Open Men 10M	1:09:51
Stuart Kollmorgen	Masters Men 10M	1:23:15
Philippa Huse	U20 Women 10km	51:18
Chelsea Karagiorgos	U10 Girls 1km	5:50
Rebecca Henderson	U16 Girls 3km	14:08
Kyle Swan	U18 Boys 5km	23:00
Philippa Huse	U18 Girls 5km	25:18

Silver (9)

Quentin Rew	Open Men 20M	2:21:26
Sandra Howorth	Open Women 20M	4:38:38
Rachel Tallent	Open Women 10M	1:13:22
Pramesh Prasad	Masters Men 10M	1:29:34
Alanna Peart	U14 Girls 2km	9:43
Zahra Hayes	U16 Girls 3km	14:10
Rachel Tallent	Open Women 5km	21:31
Erika Woodwood	Masters Women 10M	1:38:35
Donna Elms	Masters Women 5km	29:47

Bronze (7)

Heather Carr	Masters Women 10M	1:40:53
Kyle Swan	Open Men 10M	1:15:35
David Smyth	Masters Men 10M	1:31:52
Luke Epps	U10 Boys 1km	5:27
Corey Dickson	U14 Boys 3km	9:45
Charlotte Hay	U14 Girls 2km	9:59
Alana Barber	Open Women 5km	22:36

Teams Gold (5)

Open 20M	Chris Erickson, Quentin Rew, Aaron McDonough
Open Men 10M	Adam Garganis, Kyle Swan, Kim Mottrom
U10 Boys 1km	Luke Epps, Liam Hutchins, Scott Peart
U16 Girls 3km	Rebecca Henderson, Zahra Hayes, Alanna Peart
Open Women 5km	Rachel Tallent, Alana Barber, Tayla Paige Billington

Teams Silver (5)

Open Women 10M	Rachel Tallent, Alana Barber, Simone McInnes
U14 Boys 3km	Corey Dickson, Will Thompson, Luke Epps
U14 Girls 2km	Alanna Peart, Charlotte Hay, Gemma Lillie
U18 Boys 5km	Kyle Swan, Reese Walmsley, Heath Beveridge
U18 Girls 5km	Philippa Huse, Jasmin Hass, Charlotte Hay

Teams Bronze (4)

Masters 20M	Aaron McDonough, Terry O'Neill, Clarence Jack
Open Men 10M	Jason Kozica, Reese Walmsley, Stuart Kollmorgen
U10 Boys 1km	Harrison Karagiorgos, Luke Epps, Liam Hutchins
U12 Girls 3km	Gemma Lillie, Freya Evans, Kaylah Heikkila-Dubowik

AUSTRALIAN ROADWALK CHAMPIONSHIPS, CANBERRA , 22 AUGUST 2016

The 2nd Federation event was held at the new location, Mt Stromlo Forrest Park, a purpose built cycling track, that formed a road circuit for the event.

Individual Gold	Adam Garganis	Open 20km Walk	1:34:23
	Zahra Hayes	U16 Girls	24:46
	Kyle Swan	U18 Men 10km	45:44
	Simone McInnes	Open 10km Women	50:45

Individual Silver	Rebecca Henderson	U16 Girls	25:38
	Emily Hamilton	U20 10km Womens	56:29

Individual Bronze	Alanna Peart	U14 Girls 3km	15:11
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Team Gold U16 Girls Zahra Hayes, Rebecca Henderson, Kathleen O'Mahony,

Team Silver U14 Girls 3km Alanna Peart, Charlotte Hay , Kaylah Heikkila-Dubowik

2016 WINTER SEASON AWARD WINNERS

ATHLETICS VICTORIA TROPHY WINNERS

NORM GOBLE TROPHY	Most points earned in Mens AV Championships	Adam Garganis
BETTY NEWMAN TROPHY	Womens Walking Team Champions	Glenhuntly
MAVIS REDMAN TROPHY	Best Under 16 Girl Walker	Zahra Hayes
TOM DAINTRY TROPHY	Best Under 14 Girl Walker	Alana Peart

VRWC RUNNERS WORLD SPONSORSHIPS

Open Men	Pramesh Prasad
Open Women	Simone McInnes
Under 20 Men	Adam Garganis
Under 20 Women	Phillipa Huse

VRWC FASTEST TIMES POINTS & HANDICAP POINTS COMPETITIONS

Masters Women 60+	Fastest Times Points	Heather Carr
Masters Women 60+	Handicap Points	Pam Mews
Masters Men 60+	Fastest Times Points	John Morrison
Masters Men 60+	Handicap Points	Geoff Barrow
Masters Women 40-59	Fastest Times Points	Donna-Marie Elms
Masters Women 40-59	Handicap Points	Donna-Marie Elms
Masters Men 40-59	Fastest Times Points	Pramesh Prasad
Masters Men 40-59	Handicap Points	Gerard Feain
Open Women	Fastest Times Points	Simone McInnes
Open Women	Handicap Points	Rebecca Henderson
Open Men	Fastest Times Points	Jason Kozica
Open Men	Handicap Points	Adam Garganis
Under 18 Women	Fastest Times Points	Philippa Huse
Under 18 Women	Handicap Points	Madeleine Feain
Under 18 Men	Fastest Times Points	Kyle Swan
Under 18 Men	Handicap Points	Kyle Swan
Under 16 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Jessica Lillie
Under 16 Girls	Handicap Points	Jessica Lillie
Under 16 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Hayden Walmsley
Under 16 Boys	Handicap Points	Hayden Walmsley
Under 14 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Chloe Karagiorgos
Under 14 Girls	Handicap Points	Chloe Karagiorgos
Under 14 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Heath Beveridge
Under 14 Boys	Handicap Points	Heath Beveridge
Under 12 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Charlotte Hay
Under 12 Girls	Handicap Points	Charlotte Hay
Under 12 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Angus Hay
Under 12 Boys	Handicap Points	Angus Hay
Under 10 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Chelsea Karagiorgos
Under 10 Girls	Handicap Points	Chelsea Karagiorgos
Under 10 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Luke Epps
Under 10 Boys	Handicap Points	Hamish Blackwood

VRWC JACK LARKIN TROPHY - HIGHEST POINT SCORING COUNTRY ATHLETES

Men	James Christmass
Women	Heather Carr

VRWC MERRIFIELD AWARDS - COMBINED FASTEST TIMES AND HANDICAP POINTS

Masters Men 60+	Geoff Barrow
Masters Women 60+	Heather Carr
Masters Men 40-59	James Christmas
Masters Women 40-59	Donna-Marie Elms
Open Men	Adam Garganis
Open Women	Simone McInnes
Under 18 Men	Kyle Swan
Under 18 Women	Madeleine Feain
Under 14 Men	Heath Beveridge
Under 14 Women	Chloe Karagiorgos

VRWC STYLE AWARDS

Men	Kyle Swan
Women	Heather Carr

VRWC PLACE GETTERS, POINTS COMPETITIONS

Fastest Time Points – Women				Handicap Points – Women			
Masters 60+	1	Heather Carr	31	Masters 60+	1	Karyn O'Neill	34.5
	2	Karyn O'Neill	26		2	Gwen Steed	32.5
	3	Pam Mews	24		3	Pam Mews	28.0
Masters 40-59	1	Pam Tindal	37	Masters 40-59	1	Donna Elms	33.0
	2	Wendy Muldoon	28		2	Pam Tindal	31.0
	3	Donna Elms	26		3	Wendy Muldoon	25.0
Open	1	Sandra Geisler	17	Open	1	Merilyn Thompson	14.0
	2	Merilyn Thompson	10		2	Sandra Geisler	11.0
	3	Natalie Laurie	9		E3	Alana Barber	5.0
			E3		Natalie Laurie	5.0	
			E3		Simone McInnes	5.0	
U18	1	Philippa Huse	24	U18	1	Jessica Lillie	22.0
	2	Jessica Lillie	17		2	Philippa Huse	14.0
	E3	Tayla-Paige Billington	16		3	Paige De Lisen	12.0
	E3	Paige De Lisen	16				
U14	1	Kathleen O'Mahony	32	U14	E1	Chloe Karagiorgos	29.0
	2	Brodie Richardson	27		E1	Brodie Richardson	29.0
	3	Chloe Karagiorgos	23		3	Kathleen O'Mahony	22.0
U12	1	Charlotte Hay	26	U12	1	Charlotte Hay	36.0
	2	Grace Louey	22		E2	Grace Louey	20.0
	3	Ruby Paton	17		E2	Ruby Paton	20.0
U10	1	Elise Carbery	22	U10	1	Elise Carbery	29.0
	E2	Chelsea Karagiorgos	21		2	Chelsea Karagiorgos	25.0
	E2	Gemma Lillie	21		3	Gemma Lillie	23.0
Fastest Time Points – Men				Handicap Points – Men			
Masters 60+	1	John Morrison	21	Masters 60+	1	John Morrison	27.0
	2	Barrie Wicks	20		2	Barrie Wicks	20.0
	3	Bob Gardiner	16		3	Bob Gardiner	18.0
Masters 40-59	1	James Christmass	33	Masters 40-59	1	Gerard Feain	37.0
	2	Mark Donahoo	30		2	Mark Donahoo	34.0
	E3	Gerard Feain	25		3	James Christmass	27.0
	E3	Terry O'Neill	25				
Open	1	Quentin Rew	22	Open	1	Quentin Rew	14.0
	2	Jason Kozica	9		2	Jason Kozica	7.0
	3	Chris Erickson	5		3	Chris Erickson	5.0
U18	1	Adam Garganis	38	U18	1	Adam Garganis	27.0
	2	Kyle Swan	32		E2	Kyle Swan	23.0
	3	Reese Walmsley	28		E2	Reese Walmsley	23.0
U14	1	Hayden Walmsley	30	U14	1	Hayden Walmsley	38.0
	2	Corey Dickson	24		2	Corey Dickson	22.0
	3	Nikola Mandic	11		3	Nikola Mandic	14.0
U12	1	Angus Hay	30	U12	1	Angus Hay	42.0
	2	Heath Beveridge	27		2	Heath Beveridge	28.0
	3	Josh Jensen	26		3	Will Thompson	21.0
U10	1	Eden Morgan	20	U10	1	Harrison Karagiorgos	17.0
	2	Harrison Karagiorgos	17		2	Eden Morgan	16.0
	3	Joel Prys	8		3	Joel Prys	8.0

VRWC OFFICIALS AND HELPERS - 2016 WINTER SEASON PRESENTATIONS

The following officials and club helpers were each awarded a certificate and a small gift of appreciation, in recognition of their unstinting work during the winter season.

Officials (21)

Alan Walmsley
Bob Gardiner
Claire Garganis
Damien Elms
Gerard Feain
Harry Summers
Ian Laurie
John Morrison
Lachlan Feain
Mark Donahoo
Mark O'Mahony
Donna Dickson
Michelle Walmsley
Ralph Bennett
Simon Baker
Terry Swan
Tim Erickson

Club Judges (5)

Gordon Loughnan
Lloyd Nichols
Michael Bodey
Peter Vysma
Stuart Cooper
Shane Dickson
Mark O'Mahony
Bill Karigiorgious

Canteen (4)

Barb Gardiner
Kate Suich
Marlaine Stanway
Wendy Cooper

PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

Gus Theobald Mem. Trophy	20km Open Men Club Championship	Chris Erickson,	1:35:42
Heather Carr Trophy	10km Masters Women Club Championship,	Carolyn Rosenbrock	1:01:39
Mabel Robinson Trophy	10km Open VRWC Championship	Simone McInnes	51:01
Alf Robinson Trophy	Open Men 20 km	Chris Erickson	1:28:51
Elsie Jacobson Trophy	VRWC Women 15km Club Championship	Megan Szirom	1:19:46
Ray Smith Trophy	VRWC 35km Club Championship	Simon Evans	4:21:28
Jared Tallent Trophy - Bert Gardiner Medal	Vic 50km - not awarded awarded to winner of AV 10km	Chris Erickson	41:03

TREASURER'S REPORT
FINANCIAL YEAR - 1 October 2015 - 30 September 2016

The period October 2015 to September 2016 was a solid financial year for the Club. We finished the year with a profit of \$1,004, leaving the Club's assets with a still substantial value of \$154,000.

Membership numbers and attendant race fees remained reasonably high and were a welcome slight improvement on last year.

Our relatively small return on investments in the form of bank term deposits has continued to reflect the low 'risk-free' investment interest rates available from the banking sector.

Over all, our expenses and income for most line items are well matched; that is, most activities and other major expenses are able to be managed on a cost-recovery basis, with no significant profit or loss.

In summary, the Club's financial position remains sound and should be able to support any reasonable contingencies that might arise from the move of the Parks Victoria headquarters, and the need to accommodate any changes to our clubrooms and surrounds that the Middle Park Bowling Club might require as they review their own needs and negotiate their future plans with Parks Victoria.

It is intended that the accompanying statements of accounts will be audited shortly following this Annual General Meeting and as a sign-off for handover to the incoming treasurer. An audit report will be presented to your management committee for further action as necessary.

Honoraria for 2015-16 are yet to be considered by your committee but will be prudent and based on the need to acknowledge extraordinary efforts contributed by a few of our members.

Please feel free to approach me, or any other Club Committee member, if you would like clarification of any aspect of the Club's accounts. The full accounts are available for perusal at any mutually convenient time.

I acknowledge the continuing valuable services of Michael Bodey, Mark Donahoo, Damien Elms, Harry Summers, Ian Laurie, Russ Dickenson, Cathy Huse, Michelle Walmsley, Stu Cooper, and a few others who have helped with the recording of race entries, the collection of fees, and lap recording and timing.

Our canteen ladies, Barbara, Kate, and Wendy - and Marlaine when she is available - have continued to provide a welcoming and very valued service to our race-day participants. Heather Carr, with Marlaine's assistance, has been a stalwart with the uniforms. Thanks also to Donna Elms for the numerous tasks she readily takes on when others are not available.

It is not really included in the Treasurer's role, but as the coordinator of our transponder timing activities, I would like to include a big thanks to Damien Elms, Donna Dickson and Terry Swan for their valuable technical help with the operation of the VRWC chip timing system.

The Balance Sheet report as at 30 September, and the Profit and Loss report for the Financial Year 2015-16 are included on the following two pages.

Ralph Bennett

VRWC Honorary Treasurer

27th November 2016

TREASURER'S REPORT
BALANCE SHEET PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON
As at 30 September 2016

		Sep 30, 16	Sep 30, 15	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Chequing/Savings					
	Canteen Cash Drawer	4	0	4	100%
	Investment No 1	75,589	75,589	0	0%
	Merrifield Award Fund Principal	18,182	18,182	0	0%
	Petty Cash	75	65	10	15%
	Travel Funds	48,582	48,582	0	0%
	Victorian Race Walking Club Inc	4,369	767	3,602	470%
	VRWC Canteen Account	1,173	1,099	74	7%
	Total Chequing/Savings	147,974	144,284	3,690	3%
	Total Current Assets	147,974	144,284	3,690	3%
Fixed Assets					
	Race Timing System	6,027	8,712	-2,685	-31%
	Total Fixed Assets	6,027	8,712	-2,685	-31%
Other Assets					
	Parks Victoria Bond	1,000	1,000	0	0%
	Total Other Assets	1,000	1,000	0	0%
	TOTAL ASSETS	155,001	153,996	1,005	1%
LIABILITIES					
		1,000	0	1,000	100%
	NET ASSETS	154,001	153,996	5	0%
EQUITY					
	Opening Bal Equity	124,752	124,752	0	0%
	Retained Earnings	28,244	31,934	-3,690	-12%
	Net Income	1,004	-2,690	3,694	-137%
	TOTAL EQUITY	154,000	153,996	4	0%

TREASURER'S REPORT
PROFIT & LOSS PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON October 2015 thru September 2016

		Oct 15 - Sep 16	Oct 14 - Sep 15	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
	Apparel	2,315	1,614	701	43%
	Canteen	2,363	2,231	132	6%
	Event Services	1,851	4,592	-2,741	-60%
	External Event	2,835	2,216	619	28%
	Gifts and Donations Income	133	182	-49	-27%
	Grants [Castlemaine Event]	1,000	25	975	3,900%
	Membership Dues	3,800	3,330	470	14%
	Miscellaneous Income	106	240	-134	-56%
	Publications	20	0	20	100%
	Race Chip Ultra-Tag	430	711	-281	-40%
	Race Fees	5,942	5,699	243	4%
	Total Income	20,795	20,840	-45	-0%
Expense					
	Bank Service Charges	0	5	-5	-100%
	Canteen Expenses	2,028	1,441	587	41%
	Clothing	1,746	2,832	-1,086	-38%
	Depreciation Exp - Timing Sys	2,685	2,685	0	0%
	Event Support Expenses	766	3,318	-2,552	-77%
	Expensed Equipment	455	106	349	329%
	External Entry Fees	1,945	2,466	-521	-21%
	Gifts and Donations	52	850	-798	-94%
	Governance	54	53	1	2%
	Grants and Awards	1,710	1,210	500	41%
	Honoraria	3,050	2,400	650	27%
	Licenses and Permits	484	521	-37	-7%
	Memberships Affiliations	580	450	130	29%
	Miscellaneous	88	12	76	633%
	Office Supplies	521	188	333	177%
	Postage and Delivery	399	416	-17	-4%
	Printing and Reproduction	0	24	-24	-100%
	Rent	1,650	2,950	-1,300	-44%
	Repairs	196	0	196	100%
	Timing System	1,100	1,100	0	0%
	Track Hire	250	50	200	400%
	Trophies and Prizes VRWC	2,495	3,738	-1,243	-33%
	Utilities	608	554	54	10%
	Web Presence	173	174	-1	-1%
	Total Expense	23,035	27,543	-4,508	-16%
	Net Ordinary Income	-2,240	-6,703	4,463	-67%
Other Income					
	Interest Income	3,243	4,014	-771	-19%
	Total Other Income	3,243	4,014	-771	-19%
	Net Other Income	3,243	4,014	-771	-19%
	Net Income	1,003	-2,689	3,692	-137%