



5th June, 1989

South Australian Road Runners Club Member,

Dear Fellow Member,

I am writing to request that you assist your Club in a time of financial difficulty.

You will recall that the South Australian Road Runners Club incurred a considerable deficit for the year ended 30 September, 1988. Your Board addressed the causes of these losses and sought substantial increased sponsorship, a modest increase in membership and a small increase in participation in events. Full time paid staff were reduced from three to two. These measures were designed to give a small surplus for 1989.

I am pleased to report that the cash sponsorship target of \$48,000 (the highest in the Club's history) has been achieved with Toyota sponsoring the marathon and half marathon to the tune of \$30,000. However, our targets for membership will fall below budget and will be well below last year's membership of 1,800 people. Combined with this is the fact that entries in all events are not only below budget but less than last year. To some extent this loss of revenue has been offset by further reductions in operating costs such as printing. However, your Club is headed for a deficit of approximately \$10,000 for the year ended 30 September, 1989. Such a deficit will deplete the cash reserves of the Club entirely.

Therefore, the Board has asked that all members respond to this special call of \$10 per member in order to avoid a significant reduction in the services which we all enjoy from our Club. Please return your cheque or credit card authorisation for the call of \$10 on the tear off slip below.

This call effectively makes the membership of the club \$35 for this financial year - a very modest membership cost from a Club that provides so much: training runs (Sundays and weekdays), speed training, well organised events, forums, journals and most importantly a friendly social atmosphere.

Your generous response to this appeal will assist in containing rises in next year's membership fees.

Please send your \$10 call immediately, and good running.

DAVE O'DONNELL  
PRESIDENT

## CALL NOTICE

The response to the call notice has been magnificent with 398 members contributing \$4,532.00 to date.

In our next Journal, contributing members will be acknowledged and Club President David O'Donnell and Treasurer Geoff Davis will have an article advising what it costs to conduct the affairs of our Club.

## SUNDAY RUNS

Sunday convenor Kevin Lynch is still managing to make our Sunday runs interesting and competitive - keep up the good work Kevin.

The VENEZIA RESTAURANT continues to provide an extended range of healthy food and refreshments, with the highlight being the addition of saltless Porridge to the range. Say Hello to Marc, who does a great job as Mine Host.

## SUBURBAN GROUPS

Congratulations to Eric Fazackerley and the O'Halloran Hill group who celebrate their sixth anniversary this month. Our records also tell us that Eric turned 65 on 11 September - congratulations Eric from all at SARRC.

The SARRC Board has committed to visit all suburban groups, the first visit being to West Beach in July, then O'Halloran Hill in August, with the September visit being to Athelstone.

Contact details for all suburban running groups are:

### O'HALLORAN HILL

Hills Community Centre,  
Candy Road  
O'Halloran Hill

TIME: THURSDAY 6.00 p.m.

Contact: Eric Fazackerley 381 3558

### PARKSIDE

Parkside Primary School  
Cnr Young Street and Glen Osmond Rd.,  
Parkside.

TIME: WEDNESDAY 5.25 P.M.

Contact: Candice Charles 271 8838

### WEST BEACH

Scout Hall  
Burbridge Road  
West Beach.

TIME: TUESDAY 5.55 p.m.

Contact: Janice Graves 211 7956

### ATHELSTONE

Athelstone Primary School  
Brookside Road,  
Athelstone.

TIME: WEDNESDAY 5.55 p.m.

Contact: Jenny Dabinett 344 7637

**BLACKWOOD:** John Leach 278 3287

**NORTH HAVEN:** John Murfitt 248 3536

**GAWLER:** Shirley O'Dea (085) 222322

**BAROSSA:** Trevor Miller (085) 622863

## FRONTLINE FORD

For some five years now, BILL ANSCHUTZ, MANAGING DIRECTOR, FRONTLINE FORD has provided the club van (FORD ECONOVAN) fully maintained and also recently had it re signwritten.

The cost saving to the club is enormous and without it, it would be difficult to operate, on race days in particular.

Bill has recently pledged his continued support of our club and for this we are extremely grateful.

If you are looking for a new or used vehicle, you could do no better than to contact BILL for personalised service at:



477 North East Road. Hillcrest, Phone 261 6333

## WOMEN'S WORLD 15km ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP

TRUDY FENTON has been selected to represent Australia at the above event to be conducted in RIO DE JANIERO on 24th September.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Trudy.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- Sun. 24 Regency College Fun Runs 2km/6km  
Contact: Peter Petherick 260 4078  
Sat. 30 DRC King & Queen of Mt. Lofty  
Contact Des Paul 373 1422

### OCTOBER

- Sun. 8 DRC 100km Ultra Marathon  
4 x 25km Relay  
Contact: Des Paul  
Sat. 14 Australian Brain Foundation Fun Runs  
5km, 10km. Contact: 212 5595  
Sun. 15 Capita Fun Walk/Run 5km/10km  
Contact: 223 2244  
14 - 22 2nd Australian Masters Games  
Contact: 226 7343  
Sun. 29 Old Customs House Fun Run 10km/3km  
Contact: John Murfitt 274 5588 (B)  
Sun. 29 TNT Airport Fun Run 10km  
Contact: SARRC 213 0615  
Sun. 29 Caithness Country Run 5km/10km  
Contact: Chris Freeman 391

### NOVEMBER

- Sat. 4 Betts & Betts/Clarks Grand Prix  
Classic III 5km Contact: SARRC 213 0615  
Sun. 12 Goolwa/Victor Half Marathon - 6km  
Contact: Encounter Bay Rotary Club  
PO Box 243, Victor Harbor  
Sun. 19 Old Clarendon Fun Run 10km  
Contact: SARRC 213 0615  
Sun. 19 Glenelg Football Club Fun Run 12km  
Contact: Jill Hammond 294 5333  
Sun. 26 PCG Women's 5km/10km Classic  
Contact: SARRC 213 0615

## UPCOMING SARRC EVENTS

- SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER TNT AIRPORT FUN RUN 10km  
SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER BETTS & BETS/CLARKS GRAND PRIX  
SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER OLD CLARENDON FUN RUN 10km  
SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER PCG WOMENS 5km/10km CLASSIC



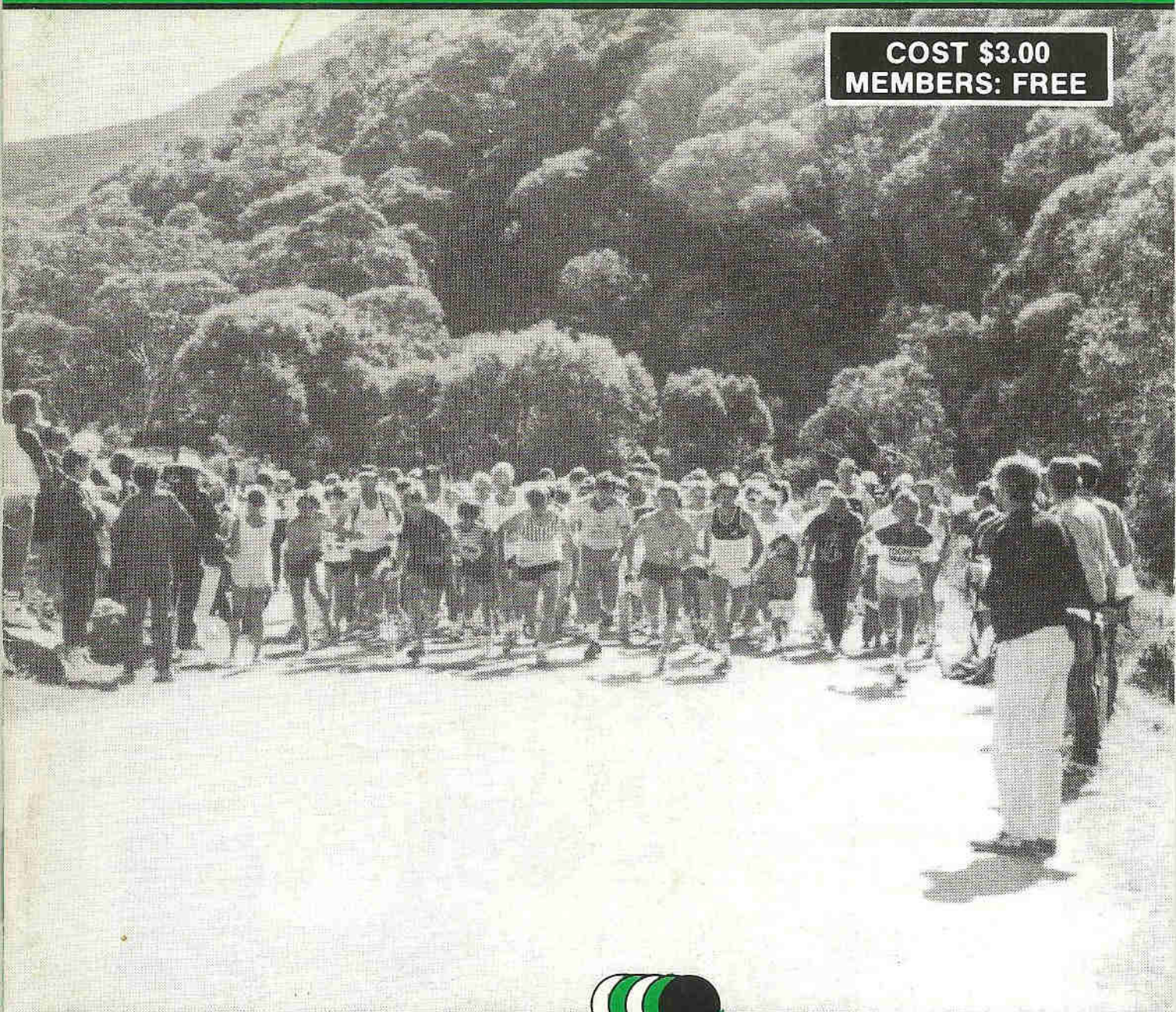
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## ALTERNATIVE RUNNING

Tired of running the same old pavement at the same old time? Want a change of scenery? Then consider joining other members who run in various locations and at times that may give your training a bit of variation.

Locations and contact details are:

Nth Adel	Tues/Thurs	6.30am	John Miller	234 0844
Uni Gym	Tuesday	6.30am	Des Foster	213 0615
Uni Gym	Friday	6.15am	John Auld	237 8462
Klemzig	Tues/Thurs	6.30am	David O'Donnell	31 6166

If you would like to be added to the list in the next journal, please give us a call at the office.

## OFFICE STAFF

Kaye Harris recently joined the club office staff as Office Supervisor and is already showing her administrative skills and is rapidly building a rapport with club members.

Welcome Kaye, we trust your stay will be a happy and rewarding one.

## CRECHE

We are now providing creche facilities on Sunday mornings at the IFRT Building, 64 McKinnon Parade.

The facility is first class and will be tended by volunteer personnel. A donation would be welcome to defray expenses.

For further information call the office.

## START RUNNING CLASSES

Westfield Shoppingtowns are now official sponsors of the 1989 classes. The second term commences as follows:

West Beach	Tues	9 May	5.55pm
Parkside	Wed	10 May	5.25pm
O'Hall Hill	Thurs	11 May	6.00pm
Nth Adel	Sun	14 May	8.00am

If you have a friend, workmate or family member who may benefit by joining the class, please spread the word.

Phone the office with any enquiries.

## ADIDAS TORSION 10KM CLASSIC

Sunday 26 February saw magnificent running conditions prevail for the fifth running of this popular event.

For the first time a short course was run (3.5km) which proved very popular with the children in particular.

In the 10km, David Dowd showed his class with an effortless win by almost a minute from Victorian visitor Mark Purvis.

Trudy Fenton, who is burning up the track at the moment, won the womens section in convincing style from Candi Charles and Marcia Sheer. Trudy's time of 34.42 smashed her record set in 1988 by 1 min. 39 sec.

## RESULTS

### 10KM CLASSIC

MEN	1st	David Dowd	31 min 07 sec
	2nd	Mark Purvis (Vic)	32 min 04 sec
	3rd	Ely Melky	32 min 10 sec
	Wheelchair	Robert Turner	29 min 31 sec

WOMEN	1st	Trudy Fenton	34 min 42 sec
	2nd	Candi Charles	36 min 21 sec
	3rd	Marcia Sheer	36 min 47 sec

### 3.5KM FUN RUN

MEN	1st	John Sheer	12 min 26 sec
	2nd	Craig Baseby	13 min 11 sec
	3rd	Scott Barton	13 min 24 sec

WOMEN	1st	Denise Smith	13 min 43 sec
	2nd	Sally Biggs	15 min 22 sec
	3rd	Janice Dobbie	15 min 51 sec

Our sincere appreciation to David Prince, Adidas for his continued support of the event and our club.

LOOK OUT FOR ADIDAS TORSION



## SUBURBAN GROUPS

O'Halloran Hill have their "Easter Bun Run" on Sunday 26 March from 7.30am, 7km/12km/30km. Free Muesli, Hot x Buns, Tea, Coffee after run. \$2 for Raffle. Contact: Eric Fazackerley 381 3558.

Athelstone will be running 10km/16km on Good Friday 24 March. Contact: Jenny Dabinett 337 3300.

## SPEED TRAINING

Our O'Halloran Hill group has commenced a speed training session on Saturdays, 7.00am from The Hill Community Centre, Candy Road, O'Halloran Hill. Further details, contact Graham Venus 381 1221 (A/h).

Speed training in North Adelaide is being well attended, 8.30am Saturdays. Contact office for details.

## SUNDAY MORNING

\* Club member and valued sponsor Noel Allan, mine host at Venezia Restaurant, 121 Pirie Street, is now organising breakfast after Sunday runs. The gentleman looking after breakfast is Peter - say hello to Peter when next you have a Muesli etc.

\* Mens shower, change and toilet facilities are now located under the grandstand, NOT in the IFRT building. Please feel free to use these facilities.

\* Sunday stalwart Ellen Sinnott recently had her \*!9th birthday - Happy Birthday Ellen.

\* City Council by-laws prevent dogs from being on council playing fields. Henry has organised water and a lead under the trees, please make use of this area and help us not get in the .... because your dog may .... on the grass.

## PENANG MARATHON TOUR

In conjunction with Malaysian Airlines, our club is hosting a tour to the Penang Marathon in October of this year.

### TOUR DETAILS

MAS International Marathon Penang  
Depart Adelaide, Wednesday 4 October  
Marathon Day Sunday 8 October  
Depart Penang Friday 13 October  
9 Nights, 8 Days

**TOUR COST:** \$1,280 ... Includes: Transfers, Accommodation, American Breakfast, Half Day Tour, Marathon Entry, T-Shirt.

**FREE**

\* TOUR LAUNCH \*

**FREE**

Wednesday 29 March at 7.00 p.m.

1st Floor

Australian Airlines Building  
144 North Terrace, Adelaide

Videos, Full Tour Details, Supper Courtesy



## COURSE MEASUREMENT

One of the most important aspects of any event is the provision of an accurately measured course. We are fortunate to have in our club, an officially accredited AIMS/IAAF course measurer, Gary Nichols.

Gary will be conducting a course measurement clinic in the near future, if you would like to have a bit of fun whilst adding some expertise to the club, please contact Des or Kaye in the office.

## FUNDRAISING

Port Adelaide Football Club are holding a 10km run on Sunday 16 April as a fundraising exercise.

Our club will receive **HALF** of all sponsorship proceeds raised by SARRC members who run. An entry form is enclosed.

## MEMBERSHIP

If you know of anyone who has not renewed membership, please give their memory a jolt or if any potential members are known, ask them to call the office for further information.

## OVERSEAS REQUEST

One of our running friends in West Germany, Robert Schabenberger is an avid collector of train, tram or bus conductors hats. If you have access to one (or more), please give the office a call.

## SUNDAY RUNS

### MARCH

26 Findon Road 20.6km

### APRIL

2 Darley Road 20.7km

9 Stonyfell/Lower Mitcham 21km

16 Brownhill Creek 22km

23 Top of Town 22.2km

30 Waterfall Gully 23.4km  
Paradise 24.2km

### MAY

7 Toyota Greenbelt Half Marathon

14 Brownhill Creek 22km

Lower Mitcham 21km

21 Frontline Ford 15km/21km

28 Paradise 24.2km

Henley Beach 25km

**NOTE:** 6km/10km runs each week, various areas.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

24 (Fri) Athelstone Group

Contact: Jenny Dabinett 337 3300 (Bus)

26 (Sun) O'Halloran Hill "Easter Bun Run"

Contact: Eric Fazackerley 381 3558 (Priv)

### APRIL

2 (Sun)

City-Port 15km. Contact: YMCA 223 1611

9 (Sun)

Gilles Plains High School

Contact: Rosalind Gilfillan 261 2733

9 (Sun)

Mitre 10 Barossa Vintage Half Marathon/5km

Contact: Trevor Miller (085) 62 2863 (A/h)

9 (Sun)

Kangarilla Fun Runs

16 (Sun)

Great North East Fun Runs 5km/10km

Contact: Keith Rendell 256 0256

16 (Sun)

Port Adelaide Football Club 10km

Contact: Kay Dobrilla 47 4044

16 (Sun)

Claude Neon Uraidla 11km/15km

Contact: Darryl Golding 336 9780 (A/h)

16 (Sun)

Walkerville YMCA 6km/10km

Contact: Norm Reynolds 228 5217

### MAY

7 (Sun)

Toyota Greenbelt Half Marathon

Contact: SARRC 213 0615

14 (Sun)

SARRC Training Forum

Contact: SARRC 213 0615

City of Salisbury Fun Runs

Contact: John Lane

14 (Sun)

BHP Whyalla Marathon/Half Marathon

Contact: John Alderdice (086) 45 4926

14 (Sun)

\* Half Case Half Marathon

Contact: People in Motion

15 (Mon)

Farm Day Cross Country 2/5/10km

Contact: Crafty Crafter, Birdwood Primary School (085) 68 5329

21 (Sun)

Campbelltown Lions Journey For Sight 10km

Contact: Geoff Allen 31 4955

## TOYOTA FESTIVAL CITY MARATHON 13 AUGUST

## WESTFIELD SA GREAT RIVER RELAY 20-26 SEPTEMBER

### INTERSTATE/OVERSEAS

9 April

Nike Canberra Marathon

Canberra

16 April

Rotterdam Marathon

Rotterdam

16 April

World Cup Marathon

Milan

17 April

Boston Marathon

Boston

23 April

ADT London Marathon

London

23 April

Halls Gap/Stawell Marathon

Halls Gap (Vic)

25 April

Anzac Day Marathon/Half Marathon

Sydney

11 June

Sunny Queen Marathon

Brisbane

24 July

Gold Coast Marathon/Half Marathon

Gold Coast (Qld)

6 August

Perth Marathon

Perth

13 August

City-Surf

Sydney

8 October

MAS Penang Marathon

Penang

8 October

Budget Melbourne Marathon

Melbourne

5 November

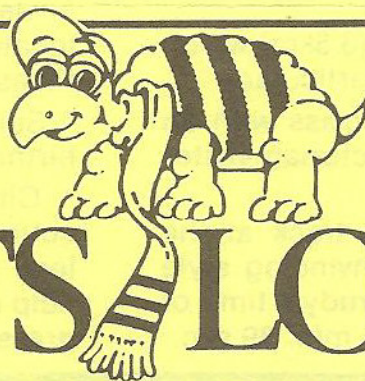
New York Marathon

New York

### DISCOUNTS

20% CASH

15% CREDIT CARD



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Gawler, 79 Murray Street  
Tea Tree Plaza, Lower Level  
Lakes Plaza, Mt. Gambier  
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**Tel: (085) 32 6954**



**TRAINING** ... Janette McKinnon with her father Paul Smallman and brother Graham.

## Marathon to have 56 first-timers

By **TANYA LEWIS**

Forty-two men and 14 women will make their marathon debuts in the Toyota Festival City Marathon on Sunday week.

A field of about 600 will compete in the State's premier road run.

It includes 15 competitors who have run in the past 10 marathons — including the Premier, John Bannon.

The marathon has attracted Janette McKinnon, 29, her brother Graham Smallman, 32, and father Paul Smallman, 53, first-timers who decided only three months ago to tackle the marathon. They are seek-

ing sponsors to try to raise money for the Flinders Medical Centre neonatal unit.

"I've always been involved in running and I think it's the ultimate goal for anyone interested in running," McKinnon said this week.

"To be involved with a marathon, and experience the pain and glory at the end, is something I've always wanted."

The trio's race experience has been limited to City-Bay fun runs.

Women make up about nine per cent of the marathon field. Included in the entries is UK runner Leslie Watson, who has been flown to

Adelaide by Malaysian Airlines to compete.

State marathon titleholder Mike Bertelsmeir, 1987 and '88 winner John Duck, of Victoria, media celebrity Ken Cunningham, leading State triathlete Jenny Bonnet and David Standeven, the recent line-honors winner in the Westfield Sydney to Melbourne ultra-marathon, are others who will take part.

The marathon, conducted by the South Australian Road Runners Club, still requires volunteers to act as marshals and work on drink stations. Volunteers can register by contacting the SARRC in Sturt St. city.



**MARATHON EFFORT**... England's Leslie Watson prepares for Sunday's Festival City Marathon.



# Leslie's motto - have marathons, will run

By WARREN PARTLAND

Many people aspire to completing a marathon - England's Leslie Watson has contested an amazing 162.

Twenty-two of those were in the same year.

Watson, in Adelaide for the Toyota Festival City Marathon on Sunday, said her hunger for marathons was driven by the high that runners experienced after a race.

She said: "When running you get rid of toxin in the body. A substance is also released into the body which makes you feel better.

"That wears off after a week so I've got to do another marathon to get the feeling again. The more marathons I do the better I feel."

This is Watson's second running venture to Australia. She finished second in the Perth Marathon in 1986 and in the same year she clocked her best time for the 42.2km event of 2 hours 43 minutes.

"If my mind is right on Sunday I believe I could run close to 2 hours 43 minutes again," she said. "But I don't know if I have run enough fast runs close to the race.

"I don't think this will be a physical run but more mental. My time will depend on how my mind is."

Watson already has tasted success in marathons this year. She won in Rennes, France, in April and the Isle of Thanet in May.

She is a former Scottish cross-country and mile champion and represented Britain in last year's European Cup Marathon.

Watson also has had a successful career in ultra marathons. In 1981 she

recorded a woman's world best for 80km on the road and in London two years later repeated the effort for 80km on the track.

In June, Watson won an 128km race in Brighton, England, in a course record of 12 hrs 33min and last month won the 86km Mountain Run in Davos, Switzerland in 6:52.

"I haven't lost the desire to compete," she said. "I wouldn't be doing it if I wasn't enjoying it."

Watson's main challengers for line honors in the women's section are Candice Charles and Mount Gambier's Jeanette Mase.

Mase is running in her first marathon but her confidence has been boosted with wins in the Toyota Greenbelt and Kangaroo Island half-marathons.

Victorian John Duck will be attempting a hat-trick of victories, having won in 1987 and last year, when he ran in 2hrs 27min.

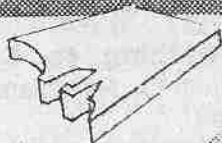
Mike Bertelsmeir, who this year ended Joe Petrovic's domination of the State marathon, has nominated with Ian Hill and last year's runner-up Ian Nash.

Victorian Nash has a personal best of 2:29 while Hill, the youngest of the 15 men who have competed in all 10 Festival City Marathons, has a best time of 2:28.

More than 600 people are expected to start, including Victorians Peter Logan and Gerry Riley who are running their 101st marathon. They have completed them all.

Premier John Bannon again will don running gear, having yet to miss a Festival City Marathon. Only once has he failed to better three hours for the gruelling event and that was by 22 seconds in 1987.

THE STATE



Rex Jory

# Bannon paces himself to the polls

**I**T WILL take less than three hours, hopefully two hours 43 minutes. Those 163 minutes could have a crucial bearing on the shape of South Australian politics.

Soon after sunrise tomorrow the Premier, Mr Bannon, will set out on the gruelling 42.2km Toyota Festival City Marathon. He says he wants to finish in a good time but deep down he is hoping that, just maybe, he can top his personal best marathon of 2:43.

While most members of Parliament have been preoccupied with the possibility of a September State election, the marathon has dominated Mr Bannon's week. His schedule was relatively light, if the pressure of the first full week of Parliament could be classed as easy.

On Monday after Cabinet, Mr Bannon jogged home. He stuck rigidly to a high-protein diet until Wednesday, then swung to carbohydrates. Staff members in the Premier's Department say Mr Bannon has been short-tempered and impatient.

But, come Monday, they say, the Premier will turn his full attention to politics, Parliament and the build-up to the election.

And it is election speculation which has dominated the opening week of the new Parliament. Everyone has a point of view about the date. Most people know someone who has been told by an impeccable source when the election will be.

**S**EPTEMBER 23, September 30, October 21, November 25, December 2, December 9, even March 3 and March 10 next year. They've all been tipped as near certainties. In the end, everyone will say I told you so.

The reality is, nobody really knows except Mr Bannon and he seems more interested in 2:43.

The tense and confused political situation has been further complicated by a rash of conflicting public opinion survey results which can be interpreted to suit mood or political bent.

The Liberals trickled out selected statistics from a detailed survey of 300 people in the eight metropolitan marginal seats which showed government was within reach.

This writer has seen the survey booklet and at least it is contemporary, even if it does conveniently suit the Liberals' current strategy of trying to look like winners.

But the question remains: when will the election be? Mr Bannon ruled out the possibility of an October 21 poll during the week when he introduced a Supply Bill which ensures sufficient money to pay public servants "until early November".

Introducing the legislation, Mr Bannon said that by that time the Budget would have been passed by Parliament, which would provide funds well into next year.

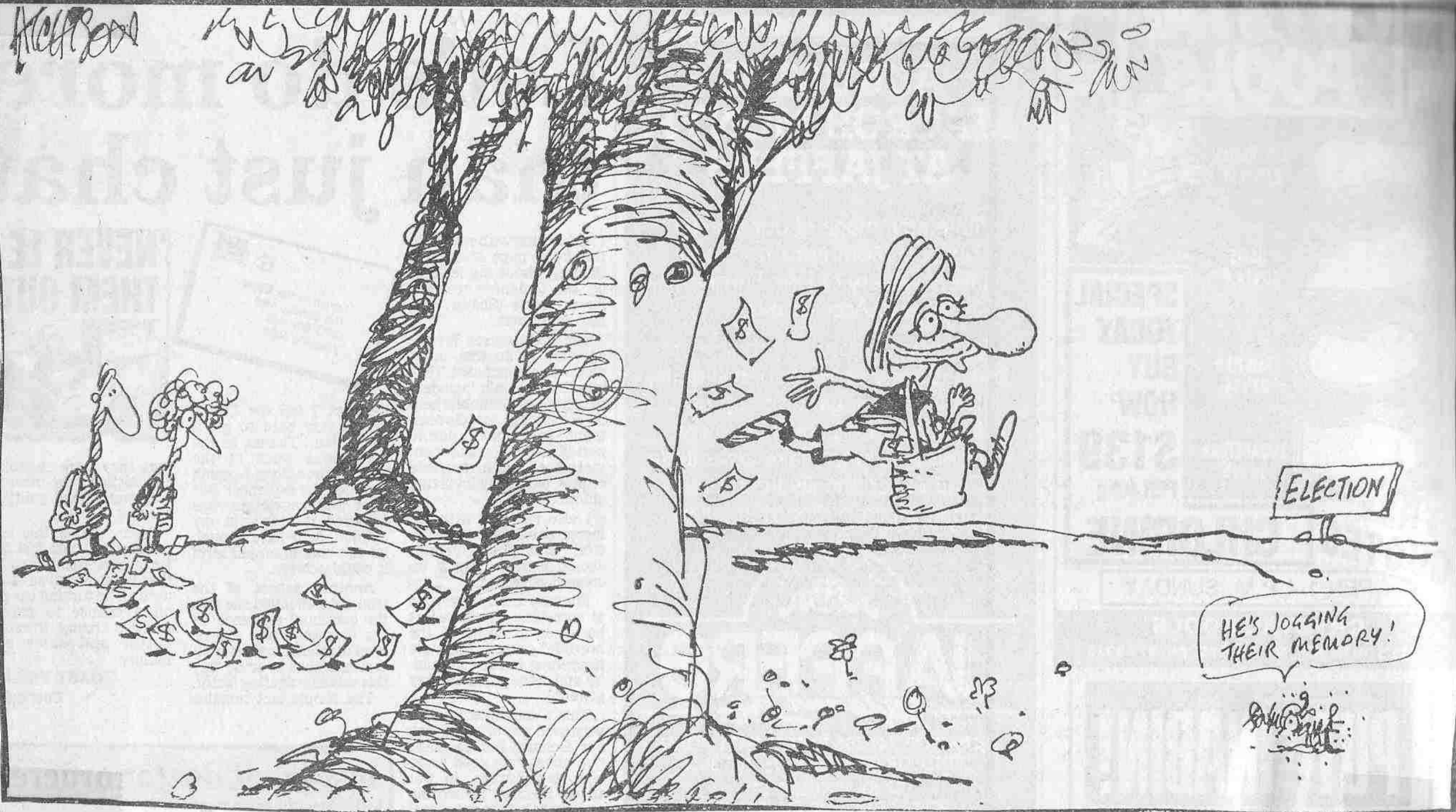
The Budget will be introduced on August 24 and will not be passed until some time in October. However, if there were an October 21 election, the Budget would be delayed and the Supply Bill would have to provide sufficient money until almost the end of the year.

Because it covers spending only until early November, it virtually rules out an October election.

This leaves September 23 or December 9 as the most likely dates for the election. There are plenty of people prepared to bet on a September poll and they may well be right.

But the smart money is on December 9, exactly four years and two days since Mr Bannon's last sweeping victory in 1985. Mr Bannon, who remembers well the disaster of Labor's early election in 1979, would love to be the first premier for more than 50 years to govern for a full four-year term.

Ironically, that decision will not be set in stone until at least 10.13am tomorrow when Mr Bannon hopes he will be crossing the marathon finishing line.



ELECTION

HE'S JOGGING THEIR MEMORY!

Keith Sedgwick

# Duck seeks third marathon title

Victorian runner John Duck will attempt to create history when he contests the Toyota Festival City Marathon in Adelaide this morning.

Duck will be aiming for his third successive win in the event.

And on the evidence of recent training he is confident of matching last year's effort when he recorded 2 hrs 27 mins to beat another Victorian, Ian Nash.

Duck's toughest opposition is likely to come from South Australia's Mike Bertelsmeir, who this year ended Joe Petkovic's domination of the State marathon with a 2:32 run.

Interest in the women's section will centre on England's Leslie Watson as she contests her 163rd marathon.

Watson has a best time of 2:43 and is favored to score her third marathon win for the year.

Other notable competitors include premier John Bannon, who has competed in all 10 FCMS, Kym Mayes, the Minister for Recreation and Sport who is making his marathon debut and ultra marathon star David Standeven.

More than 600 runners have nominated for event, which starts at 7.30am near the Adelaide Oval.

The oldest entrant is Freeling's Con Skehan, 76, while Jay Corney from Broken Hill is the youngest at 18 (the minimum age).

— Warren Partland