

A record field of 144 (98 last year) began the 1980 State Marathon at West Lakes on June 8 in ideal weather conditions.

The main interest centered on Grenville Wood's attempt to crack 2 hours 20 minutes, a time he needed to gain an invitation to Japan's Fukuoka Marathon.

In addition, the women's race---the first women's Marathon Championship in SA history---was shaping into a thriller between Festival City Marathon champ Robyn Brown and sensational newcomer Desiree Letherby.

At the mile, Wood and former state rep Alan Hanley led a monstrous pack in 5 min's 14 sec's with Letherby and Brown close together around 6.30.

Wood, however, was soon alone hitting 5 km. in 16.36, 15 km. in 50.40 and 20 km. in 67.14. He passed the halfway mark in 70.15 to the thunderous applause of 300 fun runners who had just completed their 6 km. event around the lake.

Super-vets Phil Afford and Iain Dobbie came through next about 40 metres apart (75.30) and well on schedule for a new state over-40 mark (Dobbie's 2.34.18).

Meanwhile Letherby and Brown had passed 5 km. together (21.12) but by the halfway mark Letherby (1 hour 28 min's) had almost three minutes on her arch-rival.

Rising winds over the last half of the 42 km. journey and lack of a challenger saw Wood slow slightly to pass 30 km. in 1.41.27 and finish apparently effortlessly in his second best time of 2.24.43.

A report came through to the finish to the effect that Dobbie had claimed Afford near the 30 km. mark and so the crowd were stunned when 47 year old phenom. Gerry Hicks charged around the final bend to capture the silver medal in 2.35.07, his best time since 1971.

Not far in arrears was his Adelaide Harriers club-mate Joe Petkovic (2.35.31) who had clung to Hicks for all but the last few kilometres. Then followed Dobbie, Afford and unknown novice Steve Guy, whose eye-opening 2.37.44 assured him the sixth berth in the state team for the Nationals.

To the amazement of many, Letherby maintained her early pace through 30 km. (2.05.21) to finish in an awesome 2.57.13, 17 minutes quicker than Sipra Lloyd's state best and fourth fastest by an Australian during 1979-80.

Letherby's triumph was an emotional one for her Enfield supporters partly because she had been troubled by knee soreness but especially because, at 33, her untapped talent appears almost limitless.

Robyn Brown, wracked with stomach cramps, battled on for second in a PR 3.19.17, resigned to fighting another day.

State orienteering champ Kay Haarsma surprised in third with a strong 3.39.23 ahead of unheralded Leonie Lawson (3.40.02), an improving Anne Mann (3.44.04) and Leanne Sutcliffe, who debuted impressively in 3.44.45.

The Veterans' Club unofficially captured the teams trophy through the agency of Hicks(2), Dobbie(4) and Afford(5), but officially it went to Adelaide Harriers with Hicks(2), Petkovic(3) and Dave Martin(7) the scorers.

Once again Berri provided dilute orange juice and Nicholas-Bristol Meyers donated Staminade for the feeding stations. Mars Confectionery Co. made some energy-reviving chocolate bars available and the West Lakes Merchants provided a winner's shield and jelly beans. Max Barnes hooked up a PA so effective that people in Norwood were able to listen to the finish commentary in the comfort of their living rooms. Meanwhile the police were impeccable in their control of traffic, this time virtually clearing Bartley Terrace throughout of motorised menaces.

## ALL FINISHERS IN POSITION ORDER

POS	NAME	TIME	CLUB	POS	NAME	TIME	CLUB
1	G. Wood	2.24.43	WD	56	A. Docherty	3.14.51	VET
2	G. Hicks	2.35.7	AH	57	B. Goodwin	3.15.17	WD
3	J. Petrovic	2.35.31	AH	58	R. Amnersly	3.15.51	EH
4	I. Dobbie	2.37.19	WHY	59	B. Foreman	3.16.27	WIL
5	P. Afford	2.37.29	GD	60	E. Jones	3.17.24	IND
6	S. Guy	2.37.44	FL	61	D. Greenhalgh	3.17.27	VET
7	D. Martin	2.39.10	AH	62	D. Parker	3.17.33	VET
8	D. Walker	2.42.24	AU	63	W. Beames	3.17.45	VET
9	J. Perry	2.43.28	VET	64	T. Anstey	3.18.37	IND
10	T. Marshall	2.43.30	EH	65	D. Giles	3.19.1	SD
11	T. Maloney	2.45.18	AH	66	G. Osborne	3.19.17	IND
12	T. Weaver	2.46.12	FL	67	R. Brown (F)	3.19.21	EH
13	H. Early	2.46.24	SD	68	R. Smith	3.19.54	GD
14	D. Lovatt	2.46.40	FL	69	G. Byham	3.19.57	CC
15	G. Tallis	2.46.57	SPC	70	A. Murray	3.20.27	WD
16	K. Beames	2.47.35	SD	71	R. Rusby	3.20.29	AH
17	L. Rorlach	2.47.52	WD	72	A. McLarty	3.21.35	VET
18	I. McCoil	2.48.59	IND	73	E. Parauchais	3.21.41	IND
19	B. Jeromsen	2.49.40	VET	74	T. Southwood	3.23.40	SPC
20	C. Sutcliffe	2.40.23	SD	75	B. Abrahams	3.23.55	VET
21	C. McPhee	2.51.17	AU	76	D. Potter	3.24.40	WD
22	P. Lane	2.51.22	EH	77	P. Herbert	3.25.4	IND
23	D. Jacobs	2.51.25	CC	78	F. Rogers	3.25.39	IND
24	V. Delussey	2.53.31	VET	79	D. Beames	3.26.42	SD
25	W. Smith	2.54.17	SD	80	A. Blackwell	3.27.20	AH
26	R. Barber	2.55.39	AH	81	K. Burgess	3.28.55	AH
27	P. Hendry	2.56.5	WHY	Under 3½ has Association Certificate			
28	R. Sutcliffe	2.56.30	SD	82	P. Nicoll	3.30.25	IND
29	P. Norris	2.56.42	AU	83	B. Tuttfeld	3.33.50	IND
30	P. Crosby	2.56.53	CTC	84	J. Mann	3.33.53	AH
31	F. Boswell	2.57.10	WD	85	R. Blackman	3.34.16	AH
32	D. Letherby (F)	2.57.15	EH	86	R. Williams	3.34.52	IND
33	D. Spencer	2.58.3	SD	87	M. Small	3.35.39	VET
34	J. Deveraux	2.58.24	VET	88	B. Hill	3.38.2	IND
35	D. Mallett	2.58.39	VET	89	K. Shelvin	3.38.2	IND
36	B. Munsberg	2.58.52	SAL	90	W. Purling	3.38.15	IND
37	W. Kemp	2.59.13	AH	91	K. Haarsma (F)	3.39.27	IND
38	F. Dymtrenko	2.59.21	AH	92	T. Kaiwahin	3.39.48	VET
39	P. Pye	3.1.28	VET	93	L. Lawson (F)	3.40.4	VET
40	R. Sara	3.3.0	WHY	94	J. Slagter	3.40.50	IND
41	A. Bain	3.4.18	WHY	95	F. Sleader	3.41.12	IND
42	P. Ayling	3.4.42	SAL	96	I. McInness	3.41.12	IND
43	R. Blanchard	3.5.12	VET	97	H. Snelgar	3.43.8	VET
44	D'Amico	3.6.26	AH	98	G. Pearce	3.43.59	SAL
45	J. Ruddock	3.7.57	SAL	99	A. Mann (F)	3.44.6	AH
46	J. Heath	3.8.5	GD	100	B. Goggin	3.44.25	VET
47	D. Beck	3.9.14	WD	101	L. Sutcliffe (F)	3.44.47	SD
48	B. Cutt	3.9.30	VET	102	L. Lange (F)	3.44.58	EH
49	D. Perry	3.9.45	IND	103	P. Jenkins	3.46.57	VET
50	B. Wyld	3.10.15	CC	104	I. Holthouse	3.47.47	AH
51	K. Foreman	3.10.37	VET	105	N. Bottger	3.50.12	VET
52	G. McIntosh	3.10.54	AH	106	P. Gutteridge	3.51.8	VET
53	R. Chapman	3.11.45	EH	107	P. Shepherd	3.52.25	AH
54	A. Chittleborough	3.13.8	FL	108	P. Kemp (F)	3.52.25	AH
55	T. Miller	3.14.50	EH	109	G. Warburton	3.53.11	VET

POS	NAME	TIME	CLUB	POS	NAME	TIME	CLUB
10	P. Howes	3.53.48	VET	115	I. Groat	4.9.37	VET
11	A. Wynne	3.57.41	VET	116	N. Sutcliffe (F)	4.9.44	VET
12	N. Bazzica	3.57.45	AH	117	H. Morris (F)	4.15.54	IND
13	P. Gregg	4.0.32	SD	118	H. Purvis	4.22.4	VET
14	I. Moon	4.9.9	Ind	119	R. Young	4.32.10	VET

## Team Points 3 per team

1	2	3	4	5
EH	FLIN	SD	WD	VET
2	6	13	1	9
3	12	16	17	19
7	14	20	31	24
12	32	49	49	52

Entrants	154
Starters	143
Finished under 3½ hours	81
Total finished	119

Included in above totals  
10 women entrants.  
All finished.

## STATE WOMEN'S MARATHON: SPLITS

NAME	CLUB	5 km	15 km	20 km	30 km	35 km	Finish
D. Letherby	EH	21.12	63.15	1.24.05	2.05.21	2.26.28	2.57.13
R. Brown	EH	21.15	64.51	1.26.51	2.11.02	2.36.28	3.19.17
K. Haarsma	CTC	25.35	77.22	1.43.00	2.34.00	3.00.51	3.39.23
L. Lawson	VET	23.5	71.76	1.36.59	2.30.06	2.59.15	3.40.02
A. Mann	AH	23.20	71.58	1.38.06	2.32.00	3.00.56	3.44.4
L. Sutcliffe	SD	26.15	80.26	1.47.00	—	3.06.58	3.44.45
L. Lange	EH	24.10	73.20	1.38.46	2.33.00	3.03.17	3.44.56
P. Kemp	AH	25.35	77.28	1.44.30	—	3.08.30	3.52.25
N. Sutcliffe	VETS	26.15	80.26	1.47.45	—	—	4.09.44
H. Morris	IND	24.10	73.20	1.38.46	2.33.00	3.06.05	4.15.54

## A.A.A.A. MARATHON: SPLITS FIRST 20

NAME	CLUB	5 km	15 km	20 km	30 km	35 km	Finish
G. Wood	WD	16.36	50.40	1.7.14	1.41.27	1.59.07	2.24.43
G. Hicks	AH	17.53	55.01	—	1.50.34	2.09.33	2.35.07
J. Petkovic	AH	17.53	55.01	—	1.50.34	2.09.33	2.35.31
I. Dobbie	WHY	17.52	54.14	1.12.14	1.49.05	2.08.33	2.37.19
P. Afford	C.C.	17.52	54.14	1.12.10	1.49.25	2.09.15	2.37.29
S. Guy	FC	17.53	55.02	—	1.51.45	2.10.56	2.37.44
D. Martin	AH	17.52	54.24	1.12.44	1.50.24	2.10.19	2.39.10
				Halfway 21.1km			
D. Walker	AU	18.30	—	1.20.35	—	—	2.42.24
J. Perry	VET	—	—	1.19.49	—	—	2.43.28
T. Marshall	EH	—	—	1.20.26	—	—	2.43.30
T. Maloney	AH	17.55	55.06	1.17.53	—	—	2.45.18
T. Weaver	FL	18.36	—	1.20.24	—	—	2.46.12
H. Early	SD	—	—	1.23.12	—	—	2.46.24
D. Lovatt	FL	—	—	1.24.58	—	—	2.46.40
G. Tallis	SPC	—	—	1.22.31	—	—	2.46.57
K. Beames	SD	—	—	1.24.58	—	—	2.47.35
L. Rohrlack	WD	—	—	1.19.01	—	—	2.47.52
I. McColl	VET	—	—	1.22.35	—	—	2.48.59
B. Jeromson	VET	—	—	1.23.58	—	—	2.49.40
C. Sutcliffe	SD	—	—	1.22.18	—	—	2.50.23