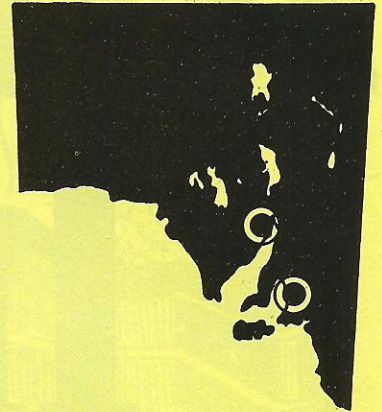


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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### MARATHONS IN «SA»



#### WHYALLA MARATHON — June 12



The two marathon victors: above, PIET CROSBY at Whyalla (Whyalla News), and right, BOB BARNARD at Port Augusta (Peter Bras).

Not all runners had to travel to Sydney (or Broken Hill) for success on Sunday June 12th, as some 31 entrants lined up for the Whyalla Marathon. It was certainly a day for a fast marathon on the flat (4 x 10k laps, plus 2k) course in fine weather.

SA Road Runners Club member Piet Crosby was the eventual winner in 2:41.45, with father and son duo Roy

and Paul Sutcliffe taking out 4th and 2nd place respectively and Roy first veteran. However, family honours must surely have gone to the Borgs—Shaun, Vanessa and Tyrone—who took out the last three places with times between 4 and 5½ hours.

The Country Championship was awarded to Whyalla's 'Little Sparra', Reggie Sara (3:15.25).

#### RESULTS

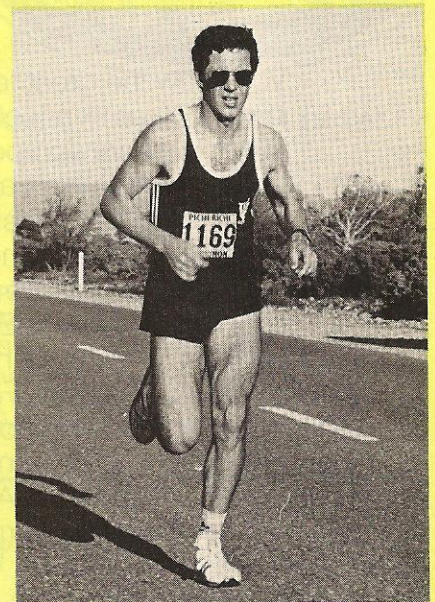
P. Crosby 2.41.45; P. Sutcliffe 2.52.55; M. Cunningham 2.57.26; R. Sutcliffe 2.58.40; R. Sara 3.15.25; E. Strach 3.18.31; N. Crawford 3.23.21; B. Barton 3.44.23.

#### PICHI RICHI MARATHON & 8KM FUN RUN — Port Augusta, July 10

The Port Augusta Pichi Richi Marathon and Fun Run, which were held on 10th July, were a success from both an organisational and a runner's point of view. Apart from the cold (2° at the start) and wind, everything went off like clockwork, with no problems at any point.

This year's committee decided to include an 8k fun run which would start with the marathon and enable the families of some of the marathoners to run the first 3½k with fathers, husbands etc. This idea must have appealed as there were many family entries, with father or mother attempting the marathon and wife/father and/or kids the fun run.

The fun run had 75 eventual starters of the 110 entries, a lot being deterred



by the cold conditions. However when the gun went off Whyalla's Alan Bain leapt to the lead and held it to win-in a time of 27.55. Adelaide runner Jenny Dabinett took out the open ladies event in a time of 33.38.

"Those bloody hills and that wind" was the most common comment from the 66 competitors who finished the 2nd Annual Pichi Richi Marathon. The billing of this course as 'one of the toughest in the State' certainly held true when competitors had to run into a stiff headwind almost from the 10k mark to the finish.

Despite the windy conditions, however, Adelaide runner Bob Barnard