



# Marathons & others

## VICTOR HARBOUR - MORIALTA (SA) RELAY (100km) — May 4

by KAY HAARSMA

The third annual Secondary Schools Relay Run was conducted in ideal weather on May 4. The event, designed to encourage long-distance running amongst students, especially girls, was an outstanding success with 56 teams participating.

The race commenced in semi-darkness at 7 am, with many students facing their hardest schoolday ever. The race is unique in catering for all abilities, and many of the 'fun runners' really enjoyed running alongside State athletes such as Alan Carman, Yolanda Budich and Jenny Shaw.

Despite the depth of the field, two country schools, namely Willunga and Heathfield Highs, soon started to pull away from the pack. At the end it was Willunga who had a 4-minute victory, recording a time of 6:32.44 for the 100km journey.

The amazing aspect of the Willunga team was that they were a junior team (Year 10 and under) and composed solely of students as well (one teacher is allowed). So the ability of Yolanda Budich, Oliver Fehrmann, Larry Lockwood, Alison Cartwright and Graham Carson stands them in good stead to repeat their victory in future years.

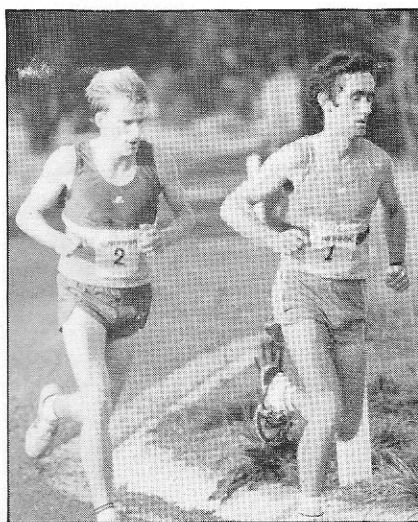
### RESULTS

Willunga 6.32.44; Heathfield 6.36.38; Bank-sia Park 6.39.50; Playford 6.42.52; Para Vista 6.49.50. Junior—Morialta. All-student—Wirreanda.

## TRARALGON (VIC) MARATHON — June 10

by IAN BRAY

Pre-race favourite, 31-year-old La-trobe Valley marathon runner John Duck of Yallourn-Newborough club, won the 17th annual Traralgon Marathon on Sunday, June 10.



Outright winner at Traralgon JOHN DUCK (no 1) and country champion GLEN DEVERS approach the 37km mark with victory assured.

The event drew 145 starters including 13 women, and incorporated the Victorian men's and women's country marathon championships. The field included over 50 Gippsland runners, easily a record, and the women's entry was over double that for 1983, a tribute to the organising club Traralgon Harriers' active encouragement of distance running in the area over recent years. The 48 personal bests were outstanding considering the strong headwinds on the return journey and undoubtedly reflected the tremendous roadside support provided to all competitors.

Next year's event will again be held on the Sunday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend, and any enquiries can be directed to Geoff Duffell on (051) 22-2871.

### RESULTS

J. Duck 2.27.06; G. Devers 2.28.43; D. Laws 2.30.04; B. Kelly 2.32.38; K. Green 2.38.42 P. Armistead 2.39.24; B. Inglis 2.41.14; D. Birks 2.41.20; W. Kelb 2.41.44; G. Hewitt 2.44.20. Female—G. Peterson 3.09.16 C. Setterfield 3.13.26; M. Edwards 3.15.48. Country (male)—G. Devers 2.28.43;

D. Laws 2.30.04; D. Birks 2.41.20; (female) G. Peterson 3.09.16, J. Duffell 3.56.25; A. Wilson 3.57.53. 40-49—B. Bloomer 2.48.09. 50 & over—B. Gaudion 2.53.52. Female veteran—S. Kelly 3.27.40. Team—Traralgon Harriers (Laws, Inglis, Kelb).

## WHYALLA (SA) MARATHON — June 10

by HUGH DEARNLEY

The ninth Whyalla Marathon was a good example of a country marathon. The four laps (and a bit) loop course around the western Whyalla suburbs was flat and fast, with only light to moderate traffic. The weather was kind, drinks and sponges came every 5km, and no excuses could be made for slow times.

But the big advantage of a country marathon is that it is small and friendly. Eighteen of the 25 starters finished, and everyone felt part of the event. For instance, at the presentation you could talk to new friends and ask them how they finished. It's different to the faceless crowd at the Big City runs, where your finishing place is in the hundreds or thousands—and who cares anyway?

### RESULTS

P. Crosby 2.36; H. Dearnley 2.39; P. Afford (1st vet) 2.46.

## SRI CHINMOY MARATHON (Vic) — July 1

by GORDON LOUGHNAN

The annual Sri Chinmoy Marathon along the southern shores of Port Phillip Bay is one of the fastest and best-organised runs in the Garden State. Kishore Cunningham and the rest of the Sri Chinmoy followers really looked after all of the runners from the time they received their entries through to sending out to all participants a full computer list of results.

Kevin Hill started off in fine form and looked set to give last year's