

VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB.

18th. ANNUAL REPORT.

SEASON 1963-1964.

The report before you summarises a year of mixed success, due to some degree to the fluctuating attendance and participation on the part of our members.

The winter programme of 6 events for seniors drew a total of 223 competitors or an average of 37 starters per event. The average attendance for the eleven events held throughout the year dropped to only 26 through the poor participation in our early summer events.

In regard to the Junior events introduced in the previous year, experience has shown that there are not enough juniors desirous of competing in the shorter races, most preferring to race in senior company.

In regard to events held that gave the opportunity to our top runners to go for record times, the attitude and co-operation on the part of VMC members was excellent and a credit to the spirit which this Club tries to promote.

The quality of results achieved throughout the year has further demonstrated the important job the VMC plays in the promotion of distance running. Almost without exception, every major place getter in Victorian or Australian Championships from the mile upwards, has been a runner who availed himself of the programme provided by the VMC.

RON CLARKE heads the list with his world records in our own Emil Zatopek 10,000m trophy, another one in the indoor 3 miles on his U.S. visit, a new Australian 1 hour and 10 miles record, the VMC Marathon Championship and a string of State and National titles.

TONY COOK has been shaded by Ron in all these events mentioned, but only just. His own times in coming second usually bettered the previous record also. His ranking among the world top distance men is now confirmed.

TREVOR VINCENT and IAN BLACKWOOD are two more who have consolidated their ranking and are virtually certain to represent Australia in Tokyo. Ian's progress this last year has been tremendous.

TOM KELLY overcame his setback of the previous season and is now back fighting for a place. However, NORM DUFF, BILL ROGERS, and the fast improving JIM CRAWFORD and a string of others are in there fighting with a chance, so we look like being in for some very keen competition in the coming year.

A new departure, during the last season, was the holding of two over-distance events. GEOFF WATT was instrumental in launching a 50 miles race and duly won the event, but not without some stern opposition from BILL STACEY. DENNIS VINALL went ahead with an attempt on an Australian record over 100 miles, but was forced to retire after covering 93½ miles well within the record schedule. The practice has been for the VMC to support these type of runs, without actually regarding them as part of our normal program, which is primarily concerned with developing runners up to the Marathon distance.

For each of the over-distance runs, sub-committees have been set up and the effective functioning of those has been largely due to the sterling efforts of our past president and life member - BOB PRENTICE.

One of the main tasks for our members is to ensure adequate participation and non-competing supporters able and willing to assist in the most vital job of officiating. The VMC is built on self-help, athletes must hop in and take a share of the burden in running the Club and conducting events, or efficiency becomes a game of chance. Time-keeping, lap-scoring, course marking, traffic control and other matters must be attended to regularly, nobody else but ourselves will do these jobs.

From the point of view of membership, the position is very healthy with 101 members paid up during the period under review. The financial position is also satisfactory, as the details put forward by the Treasurer indicate to you.

Good relations have been maintained with the VAAA, its sub-committees and clubs of the Association. Contact has been established with kindred bodies interstate and important items of mutual interest are usually mailed. South Australian distance runners have now formed a Cross-Country Club which will also cater for road hogs.

Our thanks go to our regular officials and those athletes and officials who come forward on different occasions to assist us in running our events smoothly.

To our Honorary Medical Officers, Doctors R.L. and J.D. Bartram and to Mr. Offer of St. John's Ambulance.

To Mentone, Sandringham and the Walker's Club for the loan of their facilities.

To Alf. & Mrs. Robinson for their efficient and prompt office service.

To the members of the press who gave publicity to our events and results.

We are now entering the most important Olympic season and, looking back on the fine progress made by our regular members, we have every reason to feel confident that we will be able to build still further on to that progress. There can be little doubt in the minds of those who have been participating with the VMC for some time now, that the key to past progress has been due to the fine spirit of co-operation and mutual respect fostered by our Club.

What anyone of us may achieve, he certainly does not achieve it in a vacuum, we all share in the development and the success of each.

Fred Lester,

Secretary.
VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB.

HANDICAP.

FASTEST TIME.

Apr. 8th.

<u>5 miles</u>	1. Col. KENNEDY	(6.00)	28.42	1. Trevor VINCENT	(0.15)	24.51
<u>32 Strs.</u>	2. Mike KILVINGTON	(5.00)	28.30	2. Tony COOK	(Scr.)	24.51
	3. Harry LOGAN	(8.00)	31.36	3. Bill ROGERS	(1.30)	25.44

<u>2½ miles</u>	1. Ron WEBB	(1.00)	13.31	1. Don WILLIAMS	(Scr.)	13.24
<u>Junior</u>	2. SEGAL	(1.00)	13.42	2. Ron WEBB	(1.00)	13.31
<u>5 Strs.</u>	3. Eric HUDSON	(1.00)	13.55	3. SEGAL	(1.00)	13.42

Apr. 25

<u>Fallen</u>	1. Bob HORMAN	(6.30)	42.29	1. Norm DUFF	(1.50)	38.54
<u>Comrades</u>	2. Norm DUFF	(1.50)	38.54	2. Bruce HAWKER	(2.45)	39.59
<u>7½ Miles</u>	3. Bruce HAWKER	(2.45)	39.59	3. Jim HUNT	(1.50)	40.04

36 Strs.

May 18.

<u>10 Miles</u>	1. Bruce SIMMONS	(4.00)	53.40	1. Ron CLARKE	(0.20)	50.35
<u>63 Strs.</u>	2. Peter DOWDLE	(5.00)	55.00	2. Trevor VINCENT	(0.20)	51.27
	3. Sam HILDITCH	(9.00)	59.10	3. Norm DUFF	(1.00)	52.55

<u>4 miles</u>	1. Tony BOTTERILL	(3.40)	23.14	1. Brendan LAYH	(0.30)	20.40
<u>Juniors.</u>	2. Paul CURTIS	(2.00)	21.43	2. Jeff OAKLEIGH	(1.00)	21.39
	3. Brendan LAYH	(0.30)	20.40	3. Paul CURTIS	(2.00)	21.43

June 8

<u>15 Miles</u>	1. Bruce RUSSELL	(6.00)	79.45	1. Ron CLARKE	(Scr.)	75.58
<u>36 Strs.</u>	2. H. VanWIJNGAARDEN	(8.00)	83.10	2. Tony COOK	(Scr.)	78.25
	3. Bill STACEY	(6.30)	82.26	3. Norm DUFF	(1.30)	78.59

<u>10000</u>	1. Gerry HAYNES	(1.30)	34.08	1. Gerry HAYNES	(1.30)	34.08
<u>Metres</u>	2. Bruce HUMPHREYS	(1.00)	34.29	2. Bruce HUMPHREYS	(1.00)	34.29
<u>Junior</u>	3. Jeff OAKLEIGH	(1.15)	35.03	3. Jeff OAKLEIGH	(1.15)	35.03

June 29

<u>20 Miles</u>	1. H. VanWIJNGAARDEN	(9.00)	1.56.12	1. Bill ROGERS	(6.00)	1.55.29
<u>13 Strs.</u>	2. Bill ROGERS	(6.00)	1.55.29	2. H. VanWijn'den	(9.00)	1.56.12
	3. Ted BONE	(14.00)	2.05.03	3. Geoff WATT	(10.00)	2.03.29

July 27

<u>Marathon</u>	1. John COYLE	(17.00)	2.33.46	1. Ron CLARKE	(2.00)	2.24.38
<u>43 Strs.</u>	2. Ron CLARKE	(2.00)	2.24.38	2. John COYLE	(17.00)	2.33.46
	3. Morris ARBO	(17.00)	2.39.55	3. Norm DUFF	(7.00)	2.34.56

Oct. 12

<u>1 Hrs. Run</u>	1. Ron CLARKE	12M	488Y	(48:25.2 10M AR)	Aust. Rec.
<u>7 Strs.</u>	2. Tony COOK	12M	458Y 20"	(48:25.4 10M)	
	3. Ian BLACKWOOD	11M	1020Yds	(51:44 10M)	
	4. Bill STACEY	11M	198Y 24"	(53:57 10M)	
	5. Ted. BONE	10M	1104Y 29"	(56:24 10M)	

Nov. 4

<u>5 M. H'cap</u>	1. Ian BLACKWOOD	(0.45)	23.53	1. Ian BLACKWOOD	23.53 Rec.
<u>12 Strs.</u>	2. Ray BROWN	(3.30)	26.34	2. Tom KELLY	25.31
	3. Bruce HUMPHREYS	(3.00)	26.26	3. Fred LESTER	26.14

Nov 18

<u>7½ M H'cap</u>	1. Harry LOGAN	(12.00)	48.53	1. Fred LESTER	41.03
<u>12 Strs.</u>	2. Dennis VINALL	(4.30)	41.30	2. Dennis VINALL	41.30
	3. Fred LESTER	(3.15)	41.03	3. Ray BROWN	42.03

Dec. 2

<u>10M H'cap</u>	1. Jim CRAWFORD	(8.00)	55.13	1. Tom KELLY	51.40
<u>15 Strs.</u>	2. Frank BOTTCHEER	(10.00)	57.20	2. Bill ROGERS	53.44
	3. Ron JOLLEY	(12.00)	60.07	3. Dennis VINALL	54.15

Dec. 18

<u>10,000M</u>	1. Neil HAWKER	(5.00)	32.20	1. Ron CLARKE	28:15.6 W/Rec.
<u>EMIL</u>	2. Ron CLARKE	(Scr)	28.16	2. Rob WARD	31.28
	3. Rob WARD	(3.00)	31.28	3. Tom KELLY	31.56

ZATOPEK TROPHY

21 Strs. Ron CLARKE timed for 6M in 27:17.6 WORLD RECORD

Results 50 mile
Melb to Geelong
25. 8. 1963.

- 1st - Geoff Watt. 5 hr. 37 min 40 sec
2nd - Bill Macey. 5 hr. 42 min - 55 sec
3rd - Jim Crawford. 6-2-18 45
4th - Denis Vinnell 6-54-44
5th - Cliff Bird, 7-03-52
Kerr