

VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB.

22nd. ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON - 1967/68

The most outstanding feature of this past season is the almost fantastic forward leap made by distance running standards in Australia to bring us right up to world class rankings. Five more of our members qualified for the "Laurel Wreath" by being under 2:30, four of these actually were under 2:26!!!

The establishment of a regular fixture pattern by the VMC and its constant endeavors to dovetail with VAAA programs and those of our neighbouring States is beginning to bear fruit. It took five years after Champion LES PERRY dipped under 2:30 in 1956 for other Victorians to emulate his feat. We have 26 on the list now, the last four seasons producing 19 of them.

Although Victorians dominated the national titles last season, 3 independent Vic's unofficially took team honors over the 3 VAAA team members, we had the good fortune of top men from other States stiffening the competition. ROD MACKINNEY and REX FOULKES from NSW as well as AMOR NOWELL and IAN WHEELER from SA competed in some of our events and did best also at Adelaide in the big race.

It would not be right to omit mentioning DEREK CLAYTON, who has taken part in VMC runs although not taking out membership, for his wonderful 2:09:36.4 World Best in the Fukuoka Marathon. Derek has given all long distance men a new approach in their thinking towards preparation and planning for racing and we are indebted to him for that alone.

A total of 483 starters for our 11 scheduled events (21 in the 1 hour run as against 78 in a 10km in 1967) was down slightly on the previous season. The participation of members and their friends as officials on race days needs more attention, without self-help no club can function efficiently. It is not right that those of our officials who are still active runners should be forced onto the sidelines because others are too self-centred to take their turn at some of the essential chores!

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BARRY SAWYER, the most consistent place getter in VMC events, made also the most spectacular progress at every distance he tackled. Quiet and unassuming, he is a tough opponent.

FRED HOWE, the man who fights every inch of the way when his legs let him, once again became Club Champion.

RON CLARKE, while not appearing at any VMC events this season, had rather mixed success this period, the gap he had created is starting to close.

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V.M.C. RESULTS - SEASON 1967/68.

	<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>HANDICAP</u>	
Apr. 25 7½ Miles 86 starters	1. Geoff WALKER 36.59 2. Neil RYAN 36.59.4 3. Barry SAWYER 37.53		1. Neil RYAN (2.40) 36.59 2. Bill WARR (7.00) 41.41 3. David B JONES (5.00) 39.44	
May 13 15 km 64 starters	1. Neil RYAN 46.48 2. Wal ROBINSON 46.53 3. Ray SOLOMON 47.23		1. Ross LAUGHTON (23.00) 65.20 2. Wal ROBINSON (4.10) 46.53 3. Ray SOLOMON (4.30) 47.23	
May 27 MARATHON 44 starters	1. Fred HOWE 2.24.13 2. Barry SAWYER 2.25.16 3. George CLAXTON 2.25.28		1. Barry SAWYER (14.0) 2.25.16 2. Terry PHELAN (25.0) 2.34.55 3. Ray SOLOMON (13.0) 2.25.53	
June 10 10 Miles 59 starters	1. John COYLE 51.16 2. Wal ROBINSON 52.21 3. Norm DUFF 52.25		1. Alf O'CONNOR (14.0) 61.12 2. Norm DUFF (5.00) 52.25 3. A. BAMBROUGH (8.50) 56.35	
June 24 20 Miles 38 Starters	1. Barry SAWYER 1.50.25 2. Fred HOWE 1.52.55 3. Tom KELLY 1.53.20		1. Tony BERRY (30.0) 2.14.34 2. Peter BRUCE (10.0) 1.54.50 3. Tom KELLY (8.00) 1.53.20	
July 15 25 km 34 Starters	1. Derak CLAYTON 82.55 2. George CLAXTON 83.19 3. Tom KELLY 84.29		1. David P JONES (20.0) 92.46 2. John NASH (13.0) 87.05 3. Wolf VOIGT (12.0) 86.57	
Oct. 22 1 hr. Track 21 Starters	1. Barry SAWYER 11M 486.9y 2. Wal ROBINSON 11M 214.7y 3. Pat GALLAGHER 11M 69.5y		(10 Miles - 52.58) (10 Miles - 54.02) (10 Miles - 54.20)	
Nov. 6 8 km. 42 Starters	1. Ray SOLOMON 24.42 2. Peter BRUCE 24.47 3. Terry PHELAN 24.59		1. Bill SCOTT (6.00) 26.54 2. Harry LOGAN (9.30) 30.35 3. Ray BOXER (9.30) 31.10	
Nov. 20 12 km. 34 Starters	1. Terry PHELAN 38.17 2. Barry SAWYER 38.28 3. Amor NOWELL 38.46		1. Amor NOWELL (3.40) 38.46 2. Kevin FALLOON (3.30) 39.05 3. Ian LEEDER (3.20) 38.59	
Dec. 4 16 km. 33 Starters	1. Terry PHELAN 50.35 2. Ian WHEELER 50.48 3. Barry SAWYER 51.06		1. Colin SEDGMAN (12.0) 58.15 2. Bill ROGERS (6.00) 53.32 3. Barry SAWYER (3.20) 51.06	
Dec. 20 10,000m 28 Starters	1. Barry TREGENZA 30.37.6 2. Brendan LAYH 30.38 3. George CLAXTON 30.48		1. Gordon CUMMING (4.10) 31.50 2. Terry HARRISON (5.30) 33.19 3. Mike HUBBERT (6.20) 34.17	

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Other noteworthy Performances:

Aug 8 Vic MARATHON	1. Derek CLAYTON 2.28.28) 4. Wal ROBINSON 2.25.44) 5. Tony COOK 2.26.09) 6. Ian BLACKWOOD 2.26.13 7. Ray WHITE 2.26.44 8. Tom KELLY 2.27.39 9. Barry SAWYER 2.28.13	Sep 9 AAU MAR.	1. Derek CLAYTON 2.21.58 2. Ray WHITE 2.27.46 4. George CLAXTON 2.31.17 6. Amor NOWELL 2.33.21 8. Barry SAWYER 2.37.27 13. Colin EATON 2.47.13 14. Jim CRAWFORD 2.47.53
Oct. 14 N.TAS MARATHON	1. Ray WHITE 2.37.36) 3. Peter BRUCE 2.45.08) 5. Mike HUBBERT 3.01.45) 6. David P JONES 3.03.43	Oct 7 W'BOOL 20km	1. Ray WHITE 62.04 3. Terry PHELAN 63.26 4. Ian LEEDER 63.46 5. Jim CRAWFORD 64.43
June 18 H'COTE 16 miles	1. George CLAXTON 84.30 3. Barry SAWYER 85.32 4. Norm DUFF 85.47 5. Tom KELLY 86.17 6. Wal ROBINSON 87.27	<u>Fastest Veterans.</u>	
		VMC MAR: Alf O'CONNOR 2.55.36 15 km: Wally SHEPPARD 52.17 10,000m: Wally SHEPPARD 35.53 5,000m CC: Fred LESTER 17.46	