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The 21st Annual General Meeting of the VMC was held at our President's home on Friday, April 7th. Again we are most grateful to Mrs O'Connor for the warm hospitality enjoyed by the 25 members who were present.

Highlights of the reports were:-

The Australian Marathon Championship has been accepted as an event to be contested annually by the A.A.U. of A.

Women distance runners will be catered for in the future drawing up of VMC Fixtures.

A new marathon course has been surveyed by Doug Oliver and Harry Logan in the Tyabb-Tooradin area and approval has since been given for its use by the local authorities concerned.

1966-67 was our best year yet, with 120 financial members, 500 participating in 11 events, a sound financial balance in spite of calls for contributions towards members' expenses for the B.C. and E.G. Team.

Election of Officebearers resulted as follows:-

President:	Alf O'CONNOR.	Secretary:	Fred LESTER.
Vice-Presidents:	Keith BIRD.	Asst. Sec.:	Harry LOGAN.
	Keigh LEIGH	Treasurer:	Doug OLIVER.
	Harry LOGAN	Asst. Treas.	Sam HILDITCH.
	Stan GALLOP	Committee:	Norm DUFF
	Jim CRAWFORD		Rob WARD
Handicappers:	Bert GARDINER		Ken FRASER
	Les PERRY	Auditor:	Ron CLARKE
Club Captain	Geoff WALKER		

The meeting also elected as Life Member BOB PRENTICE who now joins BERT GARDINER as one of the only two men to have this honor bestowed on them.

A recommendation was made for the incoming Committee to obtain Club Certificates and Letterheads, which has since been acted upon.

Several members suggested that for the convenience of other distance runners, both local and interstate, training on Wednesday nights commence from the Walkers' Club House at Albert Park.

#### CHANGES IN WINTER PORGRAMME:

June 3 VAAA 10,000 M. C.C.Ch. now starts at Oakleigh Swimming Pool.  
 June 24 VMC 20 Miles, East Ringwood, Women's Road Relay in conjunction  
 June 18 16 Miles Road Race at Heathcote under VMC patronage.  
 June 18 Half-Marathon at Warragul organised by Warragul A.A.C.  
 July 15 VMC 25,000 M. Albert Park, 2.00.p.m.  
 Aug. 12 VAAA Marathon - Tyabb-Tooradin  
 Sept 23 VAAA 15 Miles Road Championship

July 22 Sandown Relays are still subject to confirmation.

Members are making the organisation of our events a lot easier by checking in early. If we can keep this up we will avoid the irksome delays in starting times and still be able to maintain the easy method of post entry. Aim for 1 hour before the scheduled starting time to report in and we will keep out of trouble.

Pl.	Name	Hcp.	Time	Hcp.	Pl.	Pl.	Name	Hcp.	Time	Hcp.	Pl.
1	Geoff	WALKER	1.30	36.59	Eq	26	40 Bruce	WALKER	7.00	42.59	42
2	Neil	RYAN	2.40	36.594		1	41 Paul	TONTI-FILLIPINI	6.50	43.00	44
3	Barry	SAWYER	3.00	37.53	Eq	10	42 Max	HOLMES		43.02	
4	Alan	BLACKBURN	2.50	38.07		22	43 M	HENNESSY	7.10	43.06	Eq 39
5	Fred	HOWE	3.20	38.09		9	44 Mick	SKINNER	7.40	43.19	32
6	Kevin	FALLOON	3.40	38.33	Eq	10	45 Ron	TAYLOR	7.30	43.21	38
7	Bill	ROBINSON	3.10	38.55		36	46 Mike	HUBBERT	8.20	43.25	16
8	Graham	WISE	3.30	38.59	Eq	26	47 Mike	HALE		43.39	
9	Graeme	CUMMING	4.00	39.00		14	48 Geoff	WATT	7.00	43.48	51
10	Don	LE BAS	3.30	39.10	Eq	33	49 Gary	SMITH	8.30	44.04	29
11	Terry	PHELAN	4.40	39.25	Eq	4	50 Frank	FIELD	8.30	44.07	Eq 30
12	Mike	KENNEDY	3.40	39.29		37	51 Kevin	SKELTON	6.40	44.15	55
13	Wolf	VOIGT	3.50	39.30	Eq	33	52 Bernie	BENJAMIN	9.30	44.23	Eq 10
14	D	WILSON		39.35			53 Colin	SEDGMAN	9.00	44.27	27
15	Peter	BRUCE	3.40	39.42		42	54 P	WICKING		44.40	
16	David	JONES	5.00	39.44		3	55 John	CLAXTON	9.30	44.51	24
17	Jim	HUNT	5.00	39.45	Eq	4	56 Alan	DE VILLE	8.50	45.01	45
18	John	NASH	5.00	40.09	Eq	19	57 Des	NICHOLLS	10.00	45.04	15
19	Ken	NALDER		40.16			58 Lindsay	HOOPER		45.13	
20	Ian	MINTER	5.30	40.17		8	59 Tony	BERRY	7.00	45.20	59
21	Brenadn	McVEIGH	5.00	40.33		28	60 Dick	HETHERINGTON	9.00	45.21	48
22	Ian	LEEDER	5.00	40.40	Eq	33	61 John	AXSENTIEFF		45.32	
23	Ian	MELROSE	5.45	40.53		18	62 Ian	WORTH	9.00	45.41	51
24	Noel	GREGORY	4.50	40.54		43	63 Doug	OLIVER	9.30	45.46	47
25	Don	WILLIAMS	4.40	41.13		49	64 Peter	O'BRIEN	9.00	46.00	53
26	Ross	SHARPE	6.30	41.15	Eq	4	65 Harry	LOGAN	11.30	46.36	17
27	Terence	HOWE		41.20			66 Ron	O'REILLY		47.07	
28	Mike	STONEHOUSE	6.20	41.36		21	67 Graham	GOVAN		47.20	
29	Ian	SHEPHERD	6.00	41.37	Eq	30	68 David	MULES		47.22	
30	Bill	WARR	7.00	41.41		2	69 Bernie	MURPHY	11.30	47.26	Eq 29
31	Fred	LESTER	7.00	41.45	Eq	4	70 Keith	BIRD	14.00	49.09	Eq 19
32	John	STAFFORD	6.50	41.48		13	71 Les	LANGMEAD		49.38	
33	Robert	MOORE	5.00	41.55		52	72 Des	ARROWSMITH	12.00	49.42	57
34	Darly	PAPROTH	5.20	41.56		50	73 John	McGILL	12.20	50.08	58
35	Jim	CRAWFORD	5.50	42.05		46	74 Arthur	O'BRIEN	12.30	50.11	56
36	Bob	COCHRANE	5.00	42.06		55	75 Brian	GOURLAY		54.33	
37	J	BUCKIS		42.11			76 Adrian	PORTER		55.40	
38	Wally	SHEPPARD	7.00	42.19		23	77 Arthur	BUTLER	22.00	63.42	60
39	Murray	WATSON		42.37							

NON-FINISHERS.

M	RICHERDS	Bruce	HAWKER	Neil	TAYLOR
L	ROBERTS	P	HICKEY	John	BIRKS
G	KNOX	Bob	PETRIE	George	CLAXTON

Overlooking Neil Ryan's winning margin of 21 seconds, the next 34 placings finished within a span of one minute.

VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB 15,000 METRES. ALBERT PARK. 13/5/67. Cool, humid, strong breeze

1	Neil	RYAN	2.00	46.48	19	21	Wally	SHEPHERD	8.00	52.17	9	
2	Wal	ROBINSON	4.10	46.53	2	22	Fred	LESTER	7.30	52.47	27	
3	Ray	SOLOMON	4.30	47.23	3	23	David	JONES	7.30	52.59	30	
4	Barry	SAWYER	3.00	47.35	15	24	Alan	BAMBROUGH	7.30	53.12	33	
5	Alan	BLACKBURN	3.20	48.31	24	25	Bob	COCHRANE	6.30	53.13	41	
6	Colin	EATON	4.00	48.37	Eq 16	26	Bill	WARR	7.00	53.17	39	
7	Kevin	FALLOON	3.50	48.54	21	27	Noel	DUNSTAN	7.30	53.27	36	
8	Terry	PHELAN	4.30	48.58	13	28	P	WICKING		53.27		
9	Fred	HOWE	3.20	49.04	35	29	Neil	TAYLOR	9.00	53.33	14	
10	John	NASH	5.30	49.48	10	30	Terry	HARRISON	8.00	53.41	32	
11	John	VISSER	6.50	50.22	6	31	John	JAMES		54.06		
12	Wolf	VOIGT		50.46			32	Geoff	WATT	8.00	54.18	40
13	Jim	CRAWFORD	6.50	51.02	8	33	Mike	HALE	9.00	54.43	34	
14	Neil	PADLEY	7.00	51.03	7	34	A	ASHMORE	9.00	55.03	37	
15	Gerry	PLOEG	5.20	51.24	38	35	Alan	DE VILLE	10.00	55.17	Eq 16	
16	Darrell	PAPROTH	7.00	51.25	11	36	Dick	HETHERINGTON	11.00	55.26	12	
17	Doug	McLURE	6.30	51.43	26	37	Bob	PETRIE	8.00	55.42	45	
18	Ian	MELROSE	6.30	51.52	28	38	Gary	KNOX	8.30	56.01	44	
19	Robert	MOORE	7.00	52.12	25	39	Kevin	SKELTON	9.00	56.08	43	
20	John	STAFFORD	7.30	52.15	18	40	Doug	OLIVER	11.30	56.38	23	

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15,000 METRES CONTINUED.

41 Jim	CASEY		57.00		48 G	HARDY		59.56
42 Bernie	MURPHY	14.00	57.07	4	49 Doug	TREMBEARTH	13.00	60.04 42
43 Alf	O'CONNOR	12.00	57.28	29	50 Ray	WALKER	9.00	60.23 47
44 Sam	HILDITCH	14.30	57.45	5	51 Des	ARROWSMITH	15.00	60.37 31
45 Harry	LOGAN	13.00	58.06	22	52 Ray	BOXER	16.00	61.03 20
46 W	CRONIN		59.03		53 J.	WILLIS	12.00	64.23 48
47 R	ELLIS	10.30	59.13	46	54 Ross	LAUGHTON	23.00	65.20 <u>1</u>

DID NOT FINISH:

B.	CALDWELL	Mike	HUBBERT	Brendan	M <del>W</del> VEIGH
Adrian	PORTER	Ted	POULTON	Roy	RICHARDSON
Bill	ROGERS	P.	WHINNEY		

There were 64 starters in all

The VMC started the Winter programme in most encouraging fashion on Anzac Day. After a light morning drizzle, the sun peeped through and a steadily growing throng of runners gathered on the hill behind the Shrine of Remembrance. The total of 86 exceeded the previous year's record by two and after a short ceremony to honour our war dead the "Fallen Comrades" Race was under way.

Geoff WALKER made the pace a cracker from the start and it was only Neil RYAN'S great fighting spirit which almost took the race out of Geoff's keeping in the last few strides. 17 runners under 40 minutes on this tough course shows more depth in strength than previously. Nevertheless, the outstanding performance of the day was Bert GARDINER'S handicapping. After Neil's win, the next 34 placings were covered by one minute!!!

In a brief few moments before the 15,000 Metres race, VMC members witnessed a piece of history in the making. First, we welcomed the women distance runners for the inaugural event in conjunction with the men's programme, and then our President, Alf O'CONNOR, introduced our two Life Members, BERT GARDINER and BOB PRENTICE to the gathering.

There was nothing half-hearted about the race which resolved itself into several groups within the first mile, burning off weaker members all the way. Wal ROBINSON and Ray SOLOMON gave notice that they are ready to enter the top bracket, while Kevin FALLOON, Terry PHELAN and John NASH also show a steady climb up the ladder since last season.

Wally SHEPPARD made up a lot of leeway in the last lap to catch Fred LESTER with 600 yards to go and be the first Veteran home by a long margin. The value of sticking to your guns no matter what, was underlined by Ross LAUGHTON in making sure to finish and taking the handicap prize, although the last man to the post.

VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB - WOMEN'S ROAD RACES. ALBERT PARK. 13/5/67.

SENIORS AND JUNIORS - 2,000 METRES

1	Lavinia	PETRIE	6m.46.5s.	8	Lorraine	STAFFORD	8m. 20s.
2	Jennie	ORR	6m.54.5s.	9	Heather	SEDGMAN	8m. 30s.
3	Ilse	SCHNEIDER	6m.58.0s.	10	Rosemary	HART	8m. 31s.
4	Cathy	STODDART	8m.08.5s.	11	Joan	MERCER	8m. 34s.
5	Margo	SPAIN	8m.08.5s.	12	Jane	'OODWARD	8m. 44s.
6	Chrys	BRYNES	8m.09.5s.	13	Kathy	'LEMAN	9m. 57s.
7	Gail	KELLY	8m.17.0s.				

SUB-JUNIORS. 800 METRES

1	Joni	KING	2m. 45s.	6	Joan	WILLIAMS	3m. 14s.
2	Margaret	MADDICK	2m. 46s.	7	Ann	CURRAN	3m. 14s.
3	Joan	LAGERBERG	2m. 50s.	8	Dorothy	CURRY	3m. 39s.
4	Bernadette	JONES	3m. 02s.	9	Lynette	BRANDON	3m. 45s.
5	Wilma	GLEESON	3m. 08.5s	10	Joan	CURRAN	3m. 50s.

It was a colorful scene just outside Robinson Hall, headquarters of the Victorian Amateur Walkers Club, as the starters gathered for the races.

Both men and women walkers were already battling it out on one side of the road while their running counterparts assembled on the opposite side, men facing one way the the women the other. As Bert Gardiner gave the signal to start, the battle was on and the girls showed that they were really keen.

Jennie ORR was determined to stick to Ringwood clubmate Lavinia PETRIE and found herself with a handy lead over a slower starting Ilse SCHNEIDER and so took second placing. There was no holding Lavinia's, whose strength and experience gave her easy victory.

In spite of the gap between the leading trio and the next bunch, it would appear that there is quite a deal of talent among the girls which with a little more training and experience would show a much narrower margin.

There is no doubt that the afternoon's competition was enjoyed by all concerned, not the least of which was the "Cuppa" put on by the Ladies Committee of the Walkers Club at the end of all the strenuous efforts.

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