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THE VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED FOR THE INFORMATION OF MEMBERS OF THE V.M.C. and OTHER PEOPLE INTERESTED IN DISTANCE RUNNING AND IN ATHLETICS IN GENERAL.

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It is issued four times a year, corresponding to the Seasons of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

All keen athletic people are invited to contribute letters, results, comments, etc. which they feel are of interest to the sport and which would serve to provide information and a better understanding of athletics and the world of sport.

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- OPEN TO MEMBERSHIP for any registered amateur athlete.
- COSTS \$1.00 per annum for Seniors.
\$0.50 per annum for Juniors (Under 19)
- CHARGES 40¢ Race Fee for each event.
- AWARDS TROPHY ORDERS for the first three placegetters in every Handicap, and to the competitor gaining Fastest Time in each of these events.
The V.M.C. Marathon Championship carries extra Prize Trophies.
- ENTITLES All financial members to share in the awards, receive information issued by the Committee, and to attend V.M.C. Meetings with full voting and electoral rights.

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VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all financial members of the Victorian
Marathon Club that the 25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 26th. at 8.00.P.M.
at
ROBINSON HALL - V.A.W.C. ROOMS - ALBERT PARK

Business will include reports of executive officers, elections of
Officebearers for the ensuing year and general business.

Notice is also given of the following amendment to the Constitution
of the Club for the purpose of bringing it into line with the
requirements of the P.M.G. for the registration of our NEWSLETTER
for postal transmission at reduced rates:

Rule 4. Membership: (Add the following paragraph to the
existing one)

"The Annual Fee shall be \$1.00 for Seniors and 50¢
for Juniors, or such amount as may be decided by the
Committee of the V.M.C. from time to time on instruction
by a General Meeting. This fee shall entitle a member
to a subscription for a quarterly newsletter, to take
part in prizes allocated in V.M.C. events and other
rights of full membership.

Delete the figure 11 in the sentence (pursuant to
the Rule 11 hereof) and insert 12 in lieu

Delete paragraph Rule 13. Annual Subscriptions
(Now covered by the additional paragraph to Rule 4)
and renumber all subsequent rules by subtracting 1
from the present number.

On behalf of the Committee of the V.M.C.

Fred Lester.
Secretary.

VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB25th ANNUAL REPORTSEASON 1970/71

The year under review has been another one of steady progress if one were to judge solely by the figures presented. 579 runners in our Winter events and 238 in our Summer runs making a total of 817 at an average of 74 do represent record figures, but also tend to show up weaknesses in our organisation.

The present team of officials has been unchanged by and large for the last five years and it is a vital necessity for other members to come forward and shoulder some of the responsibilities. A membership of 230 is a large body to cater for and unless some of the responsibilities are allocated more widely we are threatened to falter under our own weight, a fate threatening the present Interclub Track Competition set-up. We are failing to cater for some social activities among our members and their womenfolk, we are scraping through by only the finest of margins in the manning of essential official places in the conduct of our events and there may be several other weaknesses not so patently apparent.

Our financial position is sound and the results show a better strength in depth, most of our members figure prominently in competition at all levels, so we can really call the past year a successful one and take pride in the fact that our Club is a major force in the promotion of distance running in Australia.

A major blow to us, and one that meant a lot to me personally, was the untimely death of our President, ALF O'CONNOR. Similarly the loss of KEIGH LEIGH, another staunch veteran of many years in the distance running fraternity, was a loss to the Club. These men did much to inspire others to persevere with sport into their late years and participate in a comradeship which is unique in the respect that it holds every man no matter what his colour or background, where the only criterion is what a man can do.

What was most pleasing was the influx of new members, including many younger ones. Just looking at the performances in the Marathons held, the V.M.C., the V.A.A.A. and the A.A.U., not to speak of the country one, the welter of new names augurs well for the future.

Most welcome of all is a resurgence of an aggressive attitude towards racing, a much more positive approach to the business of improving personal achievements. Not since the fifties, the era of LES PERRY, JOHN LANDY, DAVE STEPHENS, ALAN LAWRENCE, ALBY THOMAS & Co., have we had a group of runners driving each other on. Sure, we've had individuals such as HERB ELLIOTT and RON CLARKE, but they reigned in isolation while the rest were content to lay claim to "second best".

Six additional names of V.M.C. members appear on our Laurel Wreath list for 1970, equalling the number for the vintage year 1965. It may be as well to mention at the same time that Nos. 3 and 4 on the list, NORM DUFF and TOM KELLY, who first dipped under the 2,30 "barrier" in 1961, were under the limit again this year in personal best efforts!!!

Together with the more spirited approach to competition must go a far more critical and analytical approach to the conduct of our sport. New ways must be found to diversify competition, experimental runs should be laid on by either clubs or groups of runners at periods not covered by scheduled competition, weekend training clinics organised where athletes and coaches can swap ideas and opinions, experimentation with modified long distances for schoolboys and girls (!) etc., all avenues must be explored to give opportunity wherever interest may show itself.

The relations of the V.M.C. with the V.A.A.A. and its sub-committees, as well as with clubs, continue to be excellent. Of particular significance was the initiative of the Chelsea Club to lay on long distance runs at their track for all tastes, including two additional opportunities for runners to make the 10,000 metres limit required for the National Championships. We are very grateful to them and would like to remind other clubs that any such events they may like to lay on would receive the support of the V.M.C. AND WE WOULD ALSO BE HAPPY TO ASSIST BY SUPPLYING OFFICIALS.

Once again we express thanks to the following:-

- The Cross Country Organising Committee,
- The Track & Field Competition Committee,
- The Victorian Amateur Walkers Club,
- The Mentone Amateur Athletic Club,
- The Chelsea Amateur Athletic Club,
- The St. Stephens Harriers, and
- The Sports Medicine Federation.

The indefatigable ALF & MABEL ROBINSON, responsible for the production of our NEWSLETTER (mis-prints and all - don't blame the Editor), producer of time and lap sheets, watches, tapes, pens and anything else your Secretary forgets, deserve an extra round of applause.

Then there is Life Member BERT GARDINER and the Committee of the V.M.C. who do their level best to attend to the many dull routine tasks, so that your organisation functions smoothly and to your maximum satisfaction. They have one particular wish -

ENJOY YOUR RUNNING AND DO YOUR BEST, WE ALL HAVE A SHARE IN YOUR SUCCESS.

FRED LESTER.

SECRETARY.

ADDITIONS TO THE ALUREL WREATH LIST

33.	Trevor VINCENT	2.28.50	25/7/1970
34.	John BERMINGHAM	2.29.10	25/7/1970
35.	Peter O'HARE	2.29.19	22/8/1970
36.	Barry BROOKS	2.26.21	26/9/1970
37.	Terry HARRISON	2.28.09	26/9/1970
38.	Richard JEFFERY	2.28.38	26/9/1970

(Times adjusted to the full second)

V.M.C. WINTER FIXTURES. 1971

April	18	(Sun.)	10 Miles	Princes Park	2.30.p.m.
"	25	(Sun.)	7½ Miles "Fallen Comrades"	Domain	2.30.p.m.
May	9	(Sun.)	15 Kilometres	Albert Park	2.30.p.m.
"	23	(Sun.)	25 Kilometres	Albert Park	2.30.p.m.
June	14	(Mon.)	20 Kilometres	Albert Park	2.30.p.m.
"	26	(Sat.)	MARATHON.	Tyabb	1.00.p.m.
Aug.	21	(Sat.)	20 Miles "King of the Mountains"	Pt. Leo.	1.30.p.m.
Oct.	10	(Sun.)	1 Hour Track Run, Teams Races.	MENTONE	1.30.p.m.

Competitors and officials are requested to oheck in at least ONE (1) HOUR before the scheduled starting time.

For the first event of the Season - April 18th at Princes Park - because of membership payments, all are advised to arrive as close to 1.00.p.m. as possible.

Your co-operation in this matter and your early arrival for all events will greatly help to avoid late starts.

VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB EVENTS. SEASON 1970/71

	HANDICAPS		FASTEST TIMES
April 11	1 Bruce HICKS (7.25)	52.12	Ian MINTER (2H) 52.11
10 Miles	2 Mike BOYLEN (7.25)	54.51	Brice HICKS 52.12
93 Starters	3 Bob GERARD (5.55)	53.54	Barry CROCKER 52.39
	4 Fred HOWE (7.00)	54.59	
April 25	1 Peter FORTUNE (16.00)	47.44	Trevor VINGENT 37.26
7½ Miles	2 Ron CHAMBERS (11.35)	44.00	Peter BRUCE 37.45
140 Starters	3 Adrian PORTER (18.00)	50.53	Ian MINTER 37.55
May 3	1 John BERMINGHAM (10.00)	49.52	Ray SOLOMON 47.19
15 Kilos.	2 Gary HENRY (13.20)	53.13	Bruce HICKS 47.39
99 Starters	3 Max OUSTWOUD (8.25)	50.52	Geoff GREEN 48.17
May 23	1 Ray HARBERT (14.00)	81.43	Rod McKINNEY 81.23
25 Kilos	2 Paul DUCK (23.30)	95.00	Ray HARBERT 81.43
78 Starters	3 Phil LEAR (13.30)	86.41	Norm DUFF 82.17
June 15	1 Terry HARRISON (7.15)	64.41	Rod McKINNEY 64.01
20 Kilos	2 Geoff GREEN (5.35)	65.59	Terry HARRISON 64.41
51 Starters	3 Tom KELLY (6.35)	67.03	Geoff GREEN 65.59
June 27	1 Allem McDONALD (29.30)	2.12.06	Peter BRUCE (2H) 1.47.33
20 Miles	3 Hans TILLER (22.20)	2.07.12	Rod McKINNEY 1.50.13
63 Starters	4 Jim BEISTY (18.20)	2.04.11	Geoff GREEN 1.50.51
July 25	1 Archie THOMSON (48.30)	3.03.22	Peter BRUCE 2.20.11
MARATHON	2 David MARBURG (14.30)	2.32.02	Tom KELLY 2.25.00
60 Starters	3 John Bermingham (10.00)	2.29.10	Norm DUFF 2.26.47
Oct. 11	1 David MARBURG	17 Kilos. 801.73 Metres	
1 Hour Run	2 Neil McLENNAN	17 Kilos 789.90 Metres (11 Miles - 17 Km. 700 M.)	
26 Starters	3 Terry HARRISON	17 Kilos 763.91 Metres	
Nov. 2	1 David BYRNES (4.20)	26.31	Terry HARRISON 24.33
8 Kilos	2 Alan HICKS (3.35)	25.57	Geoff GREEN 24.55
67 Starters	3 Jeff PETERSON (3.30)	26.07	Terry PHELAN 25.11
	3 John DUCK (5.00)	27.37	
Nov. 16	1 Kevin ESMORE (11.35)	47.14	Terry HARRISON 37.22
12 Kilos	2 Dennis WATTIE (8.25)	44.16	Geoff GREEN 38.10
57 Starters	3 David HORN (3.20)	39.14	Terry PHELAN 38.34
Nov. 30	1 Brian MC INERNEY (10.50)	58.02	Terry HARRISON 51.07
16 Kilos	2 David MARBURG (4.40)	52.05	David MARBURG 52.05
59 Starters	3 Colin SEDGMAN (5.50)	53.52	Bruce HICKS 52.15
Dec. 21	1 Clive VOGEL (3.50)	31.35	John COYLE 29.36
10 Kilos	2 Ken FRASER (8.25)	36.13	Bruce HICKS 30.35
Emil Zatopek	3 Matthew VEALE (7.45)	35.46	Terry PHELAN 30.51
47 Starters			
MASTERS' MILE	1 Noel ANDERSON (0.43)	5.26	Ron STEPHENS (3H) 4.53.2
8 Starters	2 Keith ROUTLEY (0.19)	5.05	Lindsay HOOPER 4.58
	4 Lindsay HOOPER (0.8)	4.58	Les PERRY 5.01

OTHER OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES BY CLUB MEMBERS:

VICTORIAN STATE MARATHON		AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARATHON	
2. Tom KELLY	2.24.42	4. Trevor VINCENT	2.26.13
3. Norm DUFF	2.26.08	5. Barry BROOKS	2.26.21
5. Richard JEFFREY	2.31.06	8. Norm DUFF	2.27.48
7. David BYRNES	2.44.55	9. Terry HARRISON	2.28.09
9. John STAFFORD	2.46.39	11. Richard Keffrey	2.28.38
10. Stew HANDASYDE	2.47.38	12. Colin EATON	2.29.03
11. Frank CORR	2.47.40	14. Tom KELLY	2.31.26
12. Tarquin OEHR	2.49.47	15. Fred HOWE	2.31.56
		18. Phil LEAR	2.34.32
		20. Mike BOYLEN	2.35.21
		21. Clive VOGEL	2.37.41

VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st JANUARY 1971.

	RECEIPTS	1970-71	1969-70	PAYMENTS	1970-71	1969-70
Balance, 1/2/70		\$ 701.77	\$605.13	Trophy Orders	\$114.00	\$199.00
Subscriptions	193.00	172.00	V.A.A.A. Affiliation Fee	15.00	15.00	
Subscriptions in advance	2.00	2.00	Hire of Halls, Dressing Rooms	37.50	24.90	
Entry Fees for events	418.00	332.30	Stationery, Postage	221.75	140.30	
Sale of Club Badges	-	3.10	Bank Charges	-	2.50	
Bank Interest	26.81	23.33	Miscellaneous Expenses	45.90	35.80	
Interest on Fixed Deposit	12.00	-	Donations	25.00	10.00	
Donations	1.00	-	Competition Prize	-	10.00	
Sale of Magazine	23.63	-	Hire of Track	10.00	-	
Sale of Tickets - Athletes International	24.00	-	Tickets - International Meeting	20.00	-	
Miscellaneous	2.00	1.50	Engraving	25.00	-	
			S.S.B. - Amount of Fixed Deposit	500.00	-	
			V.M.C. Badges	99.50	-	
			Cash at Bank	\$ 1113.65	437.59	
				290.56	701.77	
				\$ 1404.21	\$1139.36	

Footnote:
 Sale of Badges will appear in next year's accounts as check for past season was too late for inclusion.
 Fred Lester.

SUMMARY.

Total Cash at Bank	\$ 290.56
Cash on Fixed Deposit	500.00
	\$ 790.56

V. M. C. 10 KILOMETRES "ZATOPEK" YARRA PARK 21/12/70

		<u>WEATHER - MILD AND HUMID</u>		<u>Hand. Place</u>	
1.	John	COYLE	(-)	29.36	
2.	Bruce	HICKS	(1.00)	30.35	12
3.	Terry	PHELAN	(1.40)	30.51	E 7
4.	Terry	HARRISON	(0.45)	31.16	24
5.	Peter	BRUCE	(0.30)	31.22	31
6.	Kevin	ROCK	(3.10)	31.31	4
7.	Rod	McKINNEY	(0.45)	31.32	27
8.	Peter	SHARE	(2.55)	31.32	6
9.	Clive	VOGEL	(3.50)	31.35	<u>1</u>
10.	David	MARBURG	(1.35)	31.39	21
11.	John	AXSENTIEFF	(-)	31.47	-
12.	Bill	JONES	(-)	31.56	-
13.	David	HORN	(2.10)	31.58	E 15
14.	Kevin	FALLOON	(0.40)	32.26	36
15.	Barry	SAWYER	(2.35)	32.28	18
16.	Max	OOSTWOUD	(2.55)	32.43	E 15
17.	Matt	SZYLIT	(2.35)	32.49	22
18.	Mark	HENNESSY	(3.10)	32.59	17
19.	Brian	McINERNEY	(5.10)	33.46	5
20.	David	BYRNES	(3.10)	33.48	26
21.	Alan	HICKS	(3.05)	33.55	29
22.	Steve	SZEGEDI	(3.25)	33.59	25
23.	David	JONES	(4.50)	34.01	E 7
24.	John	DUCK	(4.30)	34.28	19
25.	Paul	DUCK	(4.50)	34.33	14
26.	Bob	SCHICKERT	(4.20)	34.46	23
27.	Des	WHITE	(5.30)	34.49	10
28.	Chris	SCHRADER	(-)	34.50	-
29.	Mike	MURRAY	(3.25)	34.52	35
30.	Oterry	JORGENSEN	(3.05)	35.04	37
31.	Mike	CUMMINS	(5.20)	35.32	9
32.	Matthew	VEALE	(7.45)	35.46	3
33.	Mark	VINES	(6.00)	36.01	20
34.	Sam	HILDITCH	(5.15)	36.04	28
35.	Ken	FRASER	(8.25)	36.13	2
36.	David	CRAIG	(6.45)	36.26	13
37.	Neal	GRAY	(5.35)	36.39	33
38.	Ian	BRAY	(6.15)	37.17	32
39.	Ken	ESMORE	(8.20)	37.42	11
40.	Tom	DAVISON	(7.00)	37.51	30
41.	Mike	HENNESSY	(7.10)	38.15	34

RETIREED: Gerry Ploeg Trevor Vincent Geoff Walker
 Kevin Onley Kevin Cummins Ray Solomon

MASTERS MILE - YARRA PARK - 21/12/70

1.	Ron	STEPHENS	(0.05)	4.53.2	3
2.	Lindsay	HOOPER	(0.08)	4.58.0	4
3.	Les	PERRY	(0.04)	5.01.0	E 5
4.	Keith	ROUTLEY	(0.19)	5.05.0	2
5.	Noel	ANDERSON	(0.43)	5.26.0	1
6.	Mal	DALHEIN	(0.20)	5.38.0	8
7.	Allan	JONES	(0.57)	5.54.0	E 5
8.	Bert	PHILLIPS	(1.50)	6.47.0	E 5

VICTORIAN RANKINGS - 1970/71 - with alterations and additions as at 15/2/71

100 METRES

10.5 G. LEWIS
B. MINEHAN
10.6 L. DARCY
G. HASKELL
10.7 B. WEINEBERG
10.8 P. NORMAN
R. BARRAND
P. FRANCIS

Wind

10.4 B. MINEHAN
10.5 L. DARCY

200 METRES

21.1 G. EDDY
21.5 L. FANSHAW
21.7 P. NORMAN
21.9 B. MINEHAN
B. STCHERBINA

Wind

20.7 G. LEWIS
20.8 G. EDDY
21.0 L. DARCY
21.2 B. MINEHAN
21.3 L. FANSHAW
G. HASKELL

400 METRES

46.6 W. HOOKER
46.9 P. FRANCIS
47.5 B. MORE
R. KING
G. EDDY
47.7 C. McCURRY
48.5 L. DARCY
M. WARLOW

800 METRES

1.48.6 K. WHEELER
1.50.1 R. FALCONER
1.51.4 G. CROUCH
1.51.6 M. GERAGHTY
1.51.9 M. HENRY
1.52.0 R. HENDY
1.52.1 N. CLOUGH
1.52.4 I. JONES

1500 METRES

3.43.0 G. CROUCH
3.45.2 A. BENSON
3.45.9 I. JONES
3.46.2 R. HENDY
3.47.3 J. AXSENTIEFF
3.47.7 B. JONES
3.48.1 R. FALCONER
3.48.5 B. LAYH
3.48.8 T. VINCENT

5000 METRES

13.52.5 A. BENSON
13.59.3 B. LAYH
14.16.8 T. VINCENT
14.22.4 A. SANSONETTI
14.27.0 P. BRUCE
14.32.0 B. CROCKER
14.33.2 E. COYLE
14.33.6 B. McLENNAN
14.34.0 D. MARBURG

10,000 METRES

29.36 J. COYLE
30.16 E. COYLE
30.16.3 A. SANSONETTI
30.18 T. VINCENT
30.24 P. BRUCE
30.30 B. HICKS
30.45 W. JONES
30.46 T. MANNERS
30.51 T. PHELAN
31.03 R. MACKINNEY

3,000 METRES WALK

12.15.2 G. NICHOLLS
12.56.8 R. HAYWOOD
13.07.0 B. MAYHEW
13.13.2 R. WOOD
13.26.0 R. BAMBERY
13.39.0 E. ALLSOPP
13.44.2 R. MILLER
13.38.0 D. BLACK
13.56.0 A. JAMIESON
13.57.0 R. GARDINER

110 MET. HURDLES

14.3 M. BAIRD
14.5 J. LANE
14.6 R. GREEN
14.7 M. BINNINGTON
15.0 J. GRANT
P. DOUBLEDAY
D. JAMES
15.1 A. CHAMBERS

400 MET. HURDLES

51.4 W. HOOKER
51.8 R. FIELD
52.1 R. GREEN
53.1 G. BOURNE
53.5 B. GOURLAY
53.8 J. GRANT
A. BUXTON
54.3 R. WATT

3,000 MET. STEEPLE

8.47.8 R. HENDY
9.00.6 E. COYLE
9.07.6 J. STANLEY
9.14.4 I. MINTER
9.14.2 R. HAYWOOD
9.18.0 K. BRADY
9.21.0 T. VINCENT
9.23.6 J. KNEEN
9.23.8 D. HORN
9.24.0 D. MARBURG

HIGH JUMP.

6'10" A. SNEAZWELL
6'6" J. HUNTER
6'5" G. SHAW
L. STEPHENSON
6'4" B. O'DONOGHUE

LONG JUMP

24'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " C. COMMONS
24'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ " I. ANDISON
23'9" R. LETHBRIDGE
23'4" M. BINNINGTON
23'2" M. McGRATH
22'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " D. COMMONS
22'10" B. DONEGAN

TRIPLE JUMP

50'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " D. COMMONS
48'1" B. FIELD
47'2" J. DOUGLAS
47'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " I. ANDISON
47'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ " I. BENTLEY
46'7" B. DAVIDSON

POLE VAULT

16'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " E. JOHNSON
15'6" D. BAIRD
12'1" A. STEWART
12'1" R. HUDDLE

SHOT PUT

53'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " R. RIGBY
46'8" P. SOUCEK
46'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " T. GADSBY

DISCUS THROW

153'9" P. CLARK
144'0" W. HALLER
143'2" R. RIGBY
141'9" A. EVANS

JAVELIN THROW

215'9" W. HALLER
196'10" C. DILLON
193'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " R. FILDES
192'10" A. FARR
190'0" M. RUBENSTEIN
184'3" M. ROHKAMPER
180'11" B. WALLACE

HAMMER THROW

170'10" G. BRADEN
170'7" M. EDWARDS
157'7" R. RIGBY
156'8" T. GADSBY
155'0" A. POLLOCK

DECATHLON

6644 Pts. R. FILDES
6118 Pts. I. GAWLER
5943 Pts. K. GRIMM
5717 Pts. T. FAHEY
5697 Pts. W. SPEIRS

For full reference check with previous Newsletter.

10,000 Metres times include race on 21/2/71.

Fred Lester.

CROSS COUNTRY AND ROAD RACING EVENTS FOR WINTER SEASON 1971

April	17	Official Opening. Senior Pack Run, Junior Pack Run, Veterans Pack Run. U/13 and U/15	One Lap of inside course.	Flemington.
April	18	<u>VMC 10 Miles</u>	2.30.p.m.	Princes Park
April	25	<u>VMC 7½ Miles "Fallen Comrades"</u>	2.30.p.m.	Domain
May	1	5000 Metres Open, 5000 Metres Junior. 5000 Metres - Over 40. 5000 Metres - Under 15.		Clifton Hill
May	9	<u>VMC 15 Kilometres</u>	2.30.p.m.	Albert Park
May	15	Annual Relay Championships		Sandown R'course
May	23	<u>VMC 25 Kilometres</u>	2.30.p.m.	Albert Park
May	23	Sunday - Monash Relays.		Yallourn
May	29	5 Miles Cross Country Championship, Under 14 - One Lap of Racecourse		Cranbourne R'course
June	12	"Chas Suffren" Memorial - 4 Miles Hand.		Ballarat
June	14	Wendouree Relays		Ballarat
June	14	<u>VMC 20 Kilometres (Monday)</u>	2.30.p.m.	Albert Park
June	19	10000 Metres Cross Country Championship. Under 14 - 5000 Metres		Bundoora
June	26	<u>VMC MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP.</u>	1.00.p.m.	Tyabb
June	27	Power House Relay (Sunday)		Albert Park
July	3	10 Miles Cross Country Championship Under 19 - 5 Miles		Sunbury
July	10	"Keith Huddle" Memorial Hand. 4 Miles		Bendigo
July	17	10000 Metres Road Championship. U/14 and U/15 - One Lap of Racecourse.		Flemington
July	31	<u>VICTORIAN MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP.</u>		Werribee
Aug.	7	Schoolboys' Age Group Championships.		Coburg
Aug.	14	10 Miles Road Championship		Fishermens' Bend
Aug.	21	<u>VMC 20 Miles - King of the Mountains</u>	1.30.p.m.	Pt. Leo
Aug.	21	10000 Metres Cross Country Champ. of Aust.		Sydney
Aug.	28	<u>Country Marathon Championship.</u>		Traralgon
Sept.	4	15 Miles Road Championship		Sandown R'course
Sept.	25	<u>MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA</u> (Olympic Trial for Olympic Games Munich, 1972)		Hobart
Oct.	10	<u>VMC 1 Hour Track Run</u> <u>Teams Race for Seniors,</u> <u>Teams Race for Juniors,</u> <u>Teams Race for Veterans</u>		Mentone

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NOTHING EVER HAPPENS OUTSIDE VICTORIA ! !

OR DOES IT ? ? ?

WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE TELL US ABOUT IT ! ! !

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WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT ? ? ? ?

ODDS AND ENDS AND RANDOM THOUGHTS.

BY FREDDIE LESTER.

One of the most useful things produced by a sub-committee of the V.A.A.A. was presented last December by the Development Committee. It is a report on the relative strength of athletics, region by region in the country and suburb by suburb in the Metropolitan area as seen against the secondary school population or males over 12 in the respective areas. The Secretary of the Committee, KEN TAGGART, made several pertinent comments when presenting the report.

Has your club or its Committee seen the report? Has this matter of recruiting budding athletes at your local schools received any attention lately? Club delegates to Council are in possession of copies of the report and should have reported the matter back to their own clubs.

Broadmeadows with over 5000 has only two clubs in the area, Caulfield with nearly 3000 only 1 club, Diamond Valley with almost 2000 NO club, Heidelberg with nearly 3000, 1 club, Sunshine with over 4000, 1 club. There are several more suburbs hardly touched at all even by a club in a neighbouring area. In the country the position is even worse as outside the large provincial centres, Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and Latrobe Valley, virtually no athletic organisation functions to give adequate competition, although some Little Athletics is going in the area. It is to be hoped that athletes and their clubs act on the findings of the report after all the work put into it.

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DEADLINE for the WINTER NEWSLETTER will be MAY 15th, and if all you blokes who have so much to say when you have a couple of drinks in you after a race or a meeting can't get around to put some of it on paper for everybody to read, it's going to be a pretty thin issue.

As it is, the Newsletter in front of you has had nothing from interstate, nothing from either rank and file or committee members to make it more varied? Except for your secretary and BERT GARDINER, who manage to be fairly busy people anyway, getting statistics and comment together you could be receiving blank pages.

WHAT ABOUT IT, YOU DISTANCE RUNNERS!! THIS IS JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH!!

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The problems of Track and Field Interclub Competition have finally got to the stage where a concerted look by all clubs is taken to bring the situation into line with reality. It must be recognised that there has been no change in the basic structure of competition since the late 40's when the total number of competitors was somewhat below 2000 and all athletics took place on two neighbouring tracks at Olympic Park. Four grades of 12 senior teams each competed on No. 1, four more grades of 12 teams each competed on No. 2. plus two grades of Junior teams.

Since then total registrations have climbed steadily to be around the 5000 plus mark, several local venues are in use to accommodate the additional influx and more events have been added to the programme. However the basic method of conducting Interclub has remained virtually unchanged resulting in over-long programmes, uneven levels of competition and not enough opportunities in different events for many of the athletes.

The first special meeting of the interested members took place in February and aired a lot of dissatisfaction with the present state of affairs with an indication of strong support for more complete decentralisation for the Saturday competition, but also for new ways to bring top athletes together, such as fortnightly twilight meetings.

Further discussions will take place on Monday, March 22nd, so that concrete proposals to up-date the style of Summer Athletics can go forward to Track and Field Committee.

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