



37th Annual Report
VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INC.
&
Statement of Accounts and balance Sheet for the period
1st January to 31st December 2008

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Club Captain: Lavinia Petrie
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2008

The Year 2008 has been a successful year with membership increasing through a combination of new members and those rejoining after a period of absence.

An important event this year was the joint Championship meeting between VMA and AV at Olympic Park. Although the number of contestants was down from 2007, this could be attributed to such factors as the Labour Day Weekend, the distance of the venue for some competitors and the need to hold Field events outside the venue. Despite these issues, a most successful meeting was conducted over the two days, with many competitors having their first run on the Olympic Park track. The Committee wishes to thank Graeme Rose and the Championship sub committee for their time and effort put into organizing and liaising with AV.

The Track and Field Pentathlon gave the opportunity to our multi talented members a chance to show their various talents.

The winter competition and the Browne Shield were again keenly contested by Venues with Knox once again taking out the Shield and individual honours. Many thanks go to Lavinia Petrie and David Sheehan for all the hard work they put into this competition. The highlight of the season was the huge success of the 10K Track Championship held in the evening at the Collingwood venue. The number of competitors was much higher than last year when it was held on a Sunday morning. Given the success of the event, the Committee decided to run the event at the same time and place in 2009.

An initiative by the Throwers group, "Give Throws A Go" was very successful and will be repeated again next year. As usual the Winter Weight Pentathlon was strongly supported and keenly contested by the participants.

On both the track and the road our walkers were very active with State, National and World records being set.

Over the past two years I have endeavoured to visit all of our venues. At each visit I have found a level of enthusiasm and comradeship to be extremely high. This year has seen significant anniversaries at Croydon, Collingwood and Mentone venues celebrating their 30th Birthdays. These celebrations gave current and past members a chance to catch up and reminisce about races run distances thrown and other fond memories. These anniversaries also attest to the hard work put into, not only these venues, but to all other venues. The Committee thanks all those hard workers who keep the venues ticking over year after year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2008 - *continued*

I would like to thank the following for their commitment and time during 2008.

- The athletes and volunteers for their support of both the venues and the VMA.
- Lindsay Oxenham for his work on News and Results, Ralph Bennett designing and maintaining our new Website, Ken Walters and his team for producing Around The Grounds and Astrid Rose for her work as Subscriptions Officer.
- Clyde Riddoch for keeping our records up to date and producing the Certificates that go with these efforts.
- Graham Philpott who does a sterling job as Uniform Co-Coordinator as well as introducing new ideas for "T Shirts", Polo Shirts etc.

In closing I wish all VMA members and volunteers a productive and successful 2009.

Russell Oakley

PRESIDENT - VMA.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Russell Oakley', with a long, sweeping underline that curves to the right.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have now had the pleasure of serving in the position of Secretary of the VMA for three years and firstly may I express my gratitude to the Committee and members for bearing with me whilst I 'learnt the ropes'.

The Committee has been very active, meeting monthly, even though the Constitution only calls for a minimum of four meetings in any year. We also held two Venue Managers' Meetings during the year.

The reports by the Treasurer and the Club Captain give an indication of the sound financial status of the Association and the busy program of events staged during the year.

Without wishing to steal the thunder of the President or Vice-President I personally wish to thank the Treasurer and Club Captain for the work they have put in during the year. I am also grateful to Alan Bennie for filling the position of Assistant Secretary and making my burden lighter.

I must thank Ralph Bennett for maintenance and updating of the VMA website. We also acknowledge the innovative use of websites and newsletters by some venues to promote the association.

Further on the theme of publicity, the work of Lindsay Oxenham in the production and distribution of News & Results and Ken and Judy Walters for Around the Grounds must be acknowledged and applauded and we welcome Russ Dickenson's assistance.

Others to assist greatly include Astrid Rose, Subscriptions Secretary, and Clyde Riddoch, Club Statistician, and we are grateful for their efforts.

The second season of the Dot & Colin Browne Winter Shield in 2008 was an interesting competition which the Committee will continue to monitor closely.

It is reassuring that the membership of VMA is rising however we can cater for many more athletes and everyone is encouraged to look for opportunities to increase our numbers by introducing new members.

The Victorian Masters has maintained liaison with the Australian Masters Association throughout the year and the efforts of Graeme Rose who represents Victoria on the National Board deserve special mention.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - *continued*

I am confident that I speak for the Committee in stating that the greatest plaudits must go to those ladies and gentlemen who form the backbone of the organisation, namely the Venue Managers and their assistants, together with the many volunteers who give of their time every week, often in cold (and hopefully in the near future, wet!) conditions to ensure that we can compete in interesting and challenging events run in a smooth and professional manner. Without the voluntary efforts of this army of people the whole concept of Masters' athletics would be impossible. Unfortunately their devotion sometimes remains unrecognised and I hope in some small way to remedy that impression.

I look forward to the VMA continuing its smooth running in 2009/ 10

Ashley Page

Secretary



CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT 2008

This year was the initial staging of Track & Field Championships conducted by a joint organizing committee of VMA and Athletics Victoria. The event was generally successful although the timing of the event, which was beyond control, due to Easter being early, was unfortunate.

Thank you very much to all of those members who contributed to the success by giving their time either to officiate or compete.

Hopefully we have addressed the problems that occurred and we will again conduct T&F Championships as a joint venture in 2009 and look forward to your continued support.

The Wal Shepherd Trophy for the winner of the M60 800m and the Mike O'Neill Trophy for the best age graded performance in 1500m were both won by Kevin Solomon.

We re-introduced the 10k Track Championship as an evening event which was ably conducted by the Collingwood Venue. Entries trebled from the previous year and it will again be contested at the Collingwood Venue in 2009.

Championship Events were also conducted in Throwing Events and Race Walking throughout the year.

Knox Venue was successful in retaining the Browne Shield for Winter Running Championships and Paul Twining (Knox) and Bronwen Cardy (Croydon) were the individual winners.

Throughout the season many records were again claimed at State, National and World level by many of our members.

We look forward to 2009-2010 season in the hope that more will participate in Championship Events and continue to enjoy the camaraderie that exists within our great club.

Lavinia Petrie

Club Captain

VMA TEAMS COMPETING IN ATHLETICS VICTORIA

WINTER CROSS COUNTRY SEASON

The season covers 10 events in total. Made up of the following events:-

RELAYS:

Cross Country: 4x6km, Road 4x6.2km, Ekiden Road (5 runners cover a total of 32.2km), The Tan 4x3.8km (1 lap each).

ROAD RACES:

10km (Sandown), 15km (rotating venues) Half Marathon (Burnley)

CROSS COUNTRY:

3 races at various venues covering distances of 8km, 12km & 16km.

We fielded a team in the Athletics Victoria 2008 Cross Country season. It was not a good year for us with most of our athletes injured or away on holidays. Only Alan Bennie, Graham Philpott and Bronwen Cardy made it to any start lines. We did not have enough runners to fill any of the Relay events. This was our most disappointing turn out for many years. However, a big thank you to the few athletes who kept the flag flying.

The more members we can encourage to participate, the greater chance we have of contesting all the events. We have a team entered for the 2009 season but we desperately need participants of any standard to come and join us. I warmly welcome any members who would care to join the stalwarts and support our Masters team. Remember it does not matter at what level you compete (all abilities catered for) or how many events you can attend. Just come along and join your fellow members.

SUMMER COMPETITION:

It was very encouraging this year having new members join us for the 2008/2009 summer Track & Field competition:-

Jim Mclure & Leeanne Monk(Caulfield), Jenny Scholtz & Sean Riordan (East Bur), Paul Durrant (Knox), Gayle McIntyre (Walkers Club) and Karl Thwaites (no venue) joined our existing 2007/2008 members of: Ralph Bennett & Gwen Steed (Mentone), Janet Holmes & Graham Philpott (Caulfield), Alan Bennie (S/Vale), Michael Rix & Robert May (Frankston) to form a very competitive team.

A special thank you also to Les Clark (Croydon) for helping out as our Official and ensuring we did not miss out on valuable points.

A change in age group rulings was introduced this year. New 40+ year teams were included, where we were matched against other club's mature athletes rather than youngsters as in previous years. This resulted in far more even competition.

Not only did athletes perform well in their specialist events, but many showed their versatility in attempting new disciplines.

This willingness to "have a go" by our members resulted in an excellent 4th place final position in the South/East Region

Summer Competition. Well done to all participants for this excellent result.

We still need more members to join us so that we can be represented in all events. If you are a walker, sprinter, middle distance runner, thrower or jumper and would like some competition come along and help us out.

For further information on Winter or Summer competitions please give me a call, I will assist where possible.

David Sheehan

Vice Captain Victorian Masters

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ALTONA VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2008

The Altona Venue has continued to struggle with a low participation consisting of about 20 active runners, boosted by a group of former runners who go out walking and join in the social aspects. Our grass track does not offer fast times but has the advantage of providing a cool surface on hot summer evenings. The track is unlit hence whereas our summer program is based on Tuesday evenings, in the winter we utilise a variety of trails for distance running on Sunday afternoons. In 2008 the winter program was poorly attended, leaving its future in doubt.

The venue members have considered moving to a new location in order to attract more members but no consensus has been reached on this issue.

The atmosphere at the venue is friendly. We love our suppers and monthly barbecues following the completion of our summer events. We have also enjoyed two social weekends away during the year – one at Bendigo, another at Mount Hotham (the latter joining with members of the Aberfeldie venue).

I again wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work carried out by Margaret Evans (Secretary), Pat MacGlashan (Treasurer), Michael Orelli (Assistant Venue Manager), Gordon Burrowes (Handicapper) and Jock MacGlashan (Council Liaison Officer).

Stan Belcher

VENUE MANAGER

CAULFIELD VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2008

Caulfield Venue once again has had a successful year, with our regular athletic competition and some social events. Each year we are attempting some regular track championships and this year saw the following: 100 Mtrs - John Mathew, 300 Mtrs - Chris Brown, 400 Mtrs - Graham Stockdale and 800 Mtrs - Jim Berrington. All events were handicapped and conducted over a four week series.

Another favourite at Caulfield is the Kevin Browne Caulfield Cup series, generally held in October, and this year was a deadheat with Bob Power and Phil Urquhart each receiving a trophy. Judy Wines introduced a new trophy event for the distance run in September. Dominic Morina won this trophy for a 6 Km Handicap run.

Our Walkers also have their race series and this year Tony Doran was the winner in a close contest.

Many thanks to our handicappers for these series who are Leo Charles (Sprints) Kevin Browne (Distance) and Tony Doran (Walks)

The annual "Living Legends" event was again held in November. In a close contest Mentone won the trophy for the first time and it was a popular win. Conditions on the night were perfect with a beautiful full moon rising as the event came to a close. As always a great supper was provided. Our living legends this year were Ken Hough from Springvale, Ted McCoy from Mentone and Ray O'Connor from Caulfield.

Caulfield venue were also the winners this year in Division 2 of the John Gosbell 5 kilometre InterVenue championship held at East Burwood. Many thanks to our team of Ewen Wilson, Peter Bence, Jeff Boot and Graham Philpott for representing us, and their efforts on the night.

We also had good representation at the Andy Salter relays held at Springvale and at the Eric Greaves and Lindsay Thomas events at Braeside Park. Members from Caulfield also ran at the Peter Colthup 5 mile handicap at Mentone, and it was pleasing to see Janine McKerron was the fastest lady on the night. Also thanks to our members who assist at the Track and Field Championships, and those who help with providing assistance at the drink stations for the Melbourne Marathon.

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Kevin McGrath arranged for the “Caulfield Masters Players” to present two plays during the year. In July “Cinderella” was presented, and on December 16 “The Gypsy’s Secret” was opened to a full house. That night we were also entertained with one of Kevin’s radio plays “The Will” which was re-enacted by Kevin and Terri Adams.

Sadly, we lost one of our respected members, Ben Morrey, who passed away during the year. Ben attended Caulfield for many years – he had a great sense of humour and was loved by all.

There are many people who contribute to the well running of our Venue. Our handicappers and the people who work on the track each night, (in all weather conditions) everyone who assists with opening and closing of the venue, and our helpers in the kitchen, who make sure a good supper is provided each night, and for our committee who give guidance and help. Our treasurer Don Pritchard keeps a tight rein on our income and expenses. His method of reporting on the financial state of the venue can be expressive.

I give particular thanks to Jim McLure and Judy Wines for all the extra work and support they give to ensure the venue functions smoothly and successfully.

Peter McGrath

Venue Manager

COBURG VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2008

2008 - The twenty third year in the venue's relatively short history was a year of consolidation and useful interaction with our parent club, the Coburg Harriers. Participation on Thursday evenings has remained steady at 15-25 each night dependent on weather conditions with special events such as "Neighbours Night" and the "Pudding Gift" attracting particular interest and involvement.

The weekly program of sprints, middle distance and longer events followed the same format as in previous years.

January/February took advantage of the longer daylight hours to get "Off the Beaten Track" and on to the bike paths and parklands along the Merri Creek and in and around the Coburg Lake.

March/April featured the very competitive "Teams Handicap" with Joe Brown's Juggernauts relatively easy winners. Individual trophy winners were Rob Davey, Fiona Ely and John Staunton.

Despite the heat and Moomba counter attractions, Coburg's "new look" team of 11 competitors at the Vic Masters Championships at Olympic Park equalled our previous best effort (2005) with a medal tally of 18. Congratulations to all who represented our club with particular thanks to those who volunteered to assist with the conduct of the Shot Put.

The May/June program included the traditional Mashed Marathon and for the first time an age-graded club championship event, held over a distance of 1000m on two nights with three divisions, Under 40, Under 60 and 60 Plus. The respective section winners were David Woods, Warren Burke and Bernie Leddin. Overall winner and Club Champion was Bernie in the excellent time of 2 minutes, 39.8 secs off 183 metres.

With the Mashed Marathon it was left to the two Bernies (Goggin and Leddin) to keep this event on our running calendar.

Also in May we celebrated Harold Steven's 80th birthday in style.

A spate of wet, wild and wintry weather meant little to our Spartan group who managed to compete in at least 7 of the 9 nights of the July/August program for which they were awarded certificates of achievement.

Perhaps the most challenging event on our calendar is the "Managers Challenge" held during September and October. Targets are set for both 400m and 4km with several opportunities to achieve one or both targets. Overall, honours were about even.

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Also in October our “300 years plus” 4 x 200m relay team (George Goode 80, Neville Wilson 78, John Peacock 72 and Bernie Goggin 71) established a venue record of 3 min. 18.8 secs for this rather unique age group.

“Neighbours Night” was the highlight of the November Program with the Collingwood Cougars retaining the Barb Dalglish Memorial Trophy. Their winning 4 x 200m relay team established a new record time of 1-46.02. Doncaster Gold and the Coburg Lakers filled the minor placings.

December featured the 120m “Pudding Gift” with juniors, Ladies and Men competing for the puddings made and presented by June Stevens. The respective winners were juniors: Nicholas Harrap, Ladies: Celeste White and Men: Joe Brown. No less keenly contested was the “Pudding Mile” with a field of 20 runners, led home by Adam Larsson. Our special thanks to Benny Tancredi and Paul Torrini for sashes and plaques.

Our Christmas Party marked the end of a successful year both competitively and socially. Our thanks once again, to Heather Collyer and her willing helpers on the night who prepared and served the Xmas meal enjoyed by all. “Santa” Goggin again delighted the children with his eagerly anticipated appearance and bag of gifts.

During the evening presentations were made to Julie Torrini, the recipient of the Harold Stevens Perpetual Trophy for outstanding service to the venue, and to our regular Thursday night helpers who make our club nights such a pleasant occasion. Our thanks also to all those who contributed anecdotes, photos and/or documents for inclusion in the Venue history prepared with great skill by George Goode. This will be an ongoing project with a useful start being made.

Neville Wilson

VENUE MANAGER

VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS Inc.

COLLINGWOOD VENUE REPORT 2008

The Venue has enjoyed another successful year despite attendances being down slightly. Even with this slight downturn it is always satisfying to look at the Attendance Register at the conclusion of each night and see a page and a half, if not two pages, of names. The input provided by the Members helps us conduct the Venue efficiently and enhances the enjoyment of all. This is certainly the case for us as the Managers and we wish to thank you all.

Our regular group who perform duties that keep the Venue operational each week once again deserve our sincere thanks. Bruce Gibbs, Harry Mason, Judy Mason, Ray Harbert, Tony "Rocket" Williams, Ron Young, Helen Bayley, Kim Wright, John Schuijers, John Pocock, Ken Senior, Les Cations and Carmel Pardy all served the Venue diligently. Also, special thanks to those countless others who perform seemingly small tasks that help us conduct the Venue efficiently and enhance the enjoyment of all.

The Venue also thanks those volunteers who assisted at:

- the long jump at the Victorian Masters championships
- the Victorian Masters 10k Track championships at the Venue
- the Victorian Masters cross-country in Yarra Bend Park
- the Police and Emergency Services cross-country in Yarra Bend Park.

Our Venue was privileged to conduct the VMA 10k Track Championship on one of our regular Tuesday nights in April. The number of competitors was a big improvement on the numbers for the previous several years. Two divisions were contested. The event ran smoothly and was very successful.

The 15th running of the Magpie Marathon was once again our most popular event, with 42 out of 48 competitors completing the distance. The Denis O'Hehir Memorial Trophy was won by Bernie Leddin who gave a passionate and emotional acceptance speech. The fastest male was David Nicholson and the fastest female was Carmel Pardy, the latter in a new record time. Rod Bayley and Wes Windsor maintained their sequence of being the only competitors to have completed every Magpie Marathon, but not without some extra effort this year. Wes sandwiched an overseas sojourn into the weeks of the event, whilst Rod returned to competing at the Venue after major surgery just in time to squeeze the distance in. Bill Ryan completed his 10th Magpie Marathon and was presented with a special award to recognize his achievement. Commemorative T-shirts produced to celebrate the 15th running of this event were purchased by many Members.

The Magpie Half Marathon also proved popular with the winner being Danny Hecker and the fastest female Carmel Pardy. John Pocock completed his 10th Magpie Half Marathon and was presented with a special award to recognize his achievement.

The Summer Points Competition was conducted over the summer months and the winner this year was Gerard Adrien.

COLLINGWOOD VENUE REPORT 2008 - *continued*

The fifth running of the Don Warden Memorial 400 metre Handicap was a great night. The Warden family attended in force and we very much appreciate their presence over the years. Four heats were keenly contested with a great atmosphere created by the very supportive onlookers. First across the line in the Final was Gemma Tombolato, one of Dons granddaughters, who ran by invitation. The winner of the perpetual trophy for the second consecutive year was John Schuijers.

A new event introduced this year was the Alan Burgoyne Sealed Handicap. Several members of Alan's family were in attendance and they supplied a book prize for the winner, Carmel Pardy.

Several Members competed in the Landy Trophy at Doncaster. The best result was the third placing of Keith Howden in the Final. John Schuijers and George Rennie also contested the Final. Our Venue's entrants accumulated the most points and won the Landy Shield.

The Venue attended Neighbours Night at the Coburg Venue for the conduct of the Barb Dalglish Memorial Relay. Keith Howden once again kindly volunteered himself as the team coordinator. He worked feverishly recruiting team members and working out the composition of our six teams. Proudly representing our Venue, John Schuijers, Carmel Pardy, Andrew Evans and Keith Howden, produced a magnificent victory in record time. Congratulations to all our representatives.

The 30 Year Celebration of the Venue was attended by many current and former Members and assistants who enjoyed a sumptuous supper. It was wonderful to see so many people renewing old friendships and reminiscing about years gone by.

On a sad note, the Venue lost one of our great mates this year when Barry Boyd passed away. Barry was renowned for his friendliness and as a tenacious and above average runner, well above average. He had a particular affinity with Lane 1 at the start of the distance events on the track. In his memory Lane 1 was cordoned off on the week following his death. His Funeral Service was attended by many Members from throughout Victorian Masters Athletics. Barry's presence has been sadly missed during his long illness and we will remember him always.

The year concluded with some more minor disruption as the change room facilities were upgraded by Yarra City Council. The Council has put much work and funding into progressively improving the amenities at George Knott Athletics Track over the past few years, thus enabling it to be better utilised. We at the Venue commend them on their foresight and thank them for their efforts.

Graeme Paul and Wasyl Drosdowsky

VENUE CO-MANAGERS

CROYDON VENUE REPORT 2008

Our venue has had another great year. Attendance at club nights varied between 45 and over 60 members and visitors. I note we have had quite a few younger members join up over the past few months.

This was my sixth year as Venue Manager (alongside Ken Walters). The year has been very successful, membership numbers have increased over the year and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. It is great to be co-Manager with Ken Walters. Ken and I work well together. We had a huge variety of events over the year and this contributed to the number of members growing each week.

Our function nights have been a huge success with many people turning up to run the special events and enjoy some pizza, hot dogs, soup and social chat afterwards.

The Memorial Walk was held in November this year. It was a great night with many members from other tracks coming along to compete. It was a huge success with all donations going to the Anti-Cancer Council.

Our Christmas break-up was sensational. There were many fantastic prizes and those who won were thrilled to receive them.

Thanks to all the members who have brought along the wonderful supper every week to make our nights even more enjoyable.

Our venue wouldn't be such a success without the assistance of our regular helpers such as Frank Tutchenner (Starter), Laurie Pearson (Place Judge/Special Event organiser), Les Clark (Recording), Ray Callaghan (Timekeeping), John Yates (Timekeeping), George Simons and Terry Dunn (Field events), Colin and Alison Thompson (function nights and treasurer). Without them our success would not have been possible. We appreciate their efforts and enjoy the ribbing we get from each of them every week. It is also great to see that a few of our members are also on the Victorian Masters Athletics Inc. committee – Russell Oakley (President), Alan Lucas (Vice President) and Al Willey (Treasurer).

I would like also to thank Les Clark for his help and guidance over the last few years. Thank you also to all at Croydon Venue for the help and support given to Ken Walters and myself over the last year.

Karen M. Archer

Ken Walters

Joint Venue Managers (Croydon Venue).

DONCASTER VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2008

It is perhaps ironic that, while Doncaster is generally considered to be a 'sprint venue', once again the highlights of our year have been provided by members who are walkers.

Once again it was one of our long-term members, Andrew Jamieson, 62, who was most prominent, finishing third in the Australian Open Championship over 50km in World Masters' record time to complete a full set of world records in the age-group, over distances ranging from 3km to 50km.

And it was another walker, Valerie Millard, who won Doncaster's only two gold medals at the National Championships in Sydney. A valued member of Doncaster for several months during the year, Valerie later returned to her original home in Perth, WA.

While thrower Peter Young, middle distance runner Katrina Philip and hurdler Richard Trembath won minor medals at the Nationals, Doncaster enjoyed considerably more success at the Oceania Championships in Townsville in July. Gold medallists were Grant Stewart (3), Richard Wearmouth (2) and Richard Trembath, while that trio plus John Browne and Katrina Philip all secured individual minor medals and a Doncaster team competing under the 'Australia' banner finished third in the mixed relay.

The Pan-Pacific Games at the Gold Coast saw Matt Scholes land a silver and a bronze medal and Katrina Philip take another 800m silver to go with the one she got in Townsville.

Doncaster finally won the coveted team trophy in the Doug Orr Memorial held at East Burwood at our sixth try but could manage only second in the other two major teams events we contested, the Barb Dalglish Memorial relay at Coburg and our own Landy Shield.

The Landy Trophy meeting was again a feature of Doncaster's year with champion Queensland sprinter Hugh Coogan taking the event for the third year in succession. Coogan's performance in beating Bob Wishart and Keith Howden was made all the more meritorious by the fact that he injured his Achilles tendon in the second round of heats but was still able to win the final. The win was not without its price, however, as he has not been able to run since.

While The Manningham Mile saw a brilliant win by promising junior Sam McCarthy, 15, the quality of the event was emphasized later in the year when David McNeill, who has twice finished second, beat a top line field of distance runners in the prestigious Zatopek 10,000 at Olympic Park.

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Our one-hour run event, The Sixty Minutes, was another highlight with VMA club captain Lavinia Petrie, 65, obliterating the W65 age-group world record with a run of 13,406 metres and Bob Lewis, 80, taking an Australian record in his division.

While most of the excitement was on the track, we were associated with another victory of sorts when Brooke Walter, 15, daughter of our Assistant Venue Manager Graham Walter, won the junior division of Fashions on the Field at the Spring Racing Carnival, receiving prizes valued at \$30,000. Brooke regularly runs by invitation at Doncaster meetings and her Flemington success provided a thrill for all of us.

Another of our visitors, Richy Jacob, 21, the nephew of committee member Katrina Philip, showed steady improvement in the final weeks of the year culminating in a narrow win in our Christmas Handicap of 100 metres, which proved one of the 'fun events' of the year.

The year saw more attention being focused on individual performances with participants' PBs being regularly posted on our new whiteboard, sponsored by John and Faye Browne's fashion clothing company, Motto. Phil Rosevear has taken on the task of collating Doncaster club records for the various age-groups – an arduous job but one the results of which undoubtedly will be of great interest to all our members, past, present and future, when it is completed.

Doncaster, it seems, is never going to be a major venue numerically but has become noted for its friendly atmosphere and the fact that most members are willing to pitch in and assist with the workload.

While the entire committee has been a support throughout the year, my particular thanks must go to assistant venue manager Graham Walter, secretary Bryan Bottomley, treasurer John Browne and to our social secretary June Reeves, who makes sure that supper happens every week.

A special thank you, too, to those volunteers, both members and non-members, who assist in the preparation for The Landy Trophy meeting and in making it a success on the night.

It is enthusiasm and 'having fun' which makes for success at any organization such as ours and at Doncaster it seems we have those ingredients in abundance. We have enjoyed 2008 and look forward to 2009 being even better.

Richard Trembath
VENUE MANAGER

EAST BURWOOD VENUE REPORT 2008

This is my first report as a venue manager and looking back on the last 11 months I am happy to say that whilst there were a few small hiccups along the way, overall we can rate the year as our most successful for sometime. Average weekly attendance has improved noticeably in recent months and we are now in a position to build on that further in 2009. Ideally we would like to see an average nightly attendance of more than 50 competitors and with the recent improvement we are now within range of achieving that.

The one aspect that has impressed me greatly during the year has been the willingness of competitors to take part in various events. Most athletes are competing in several different events on a night and often having a go at events that they have not attempted before. We have found that the handicap series events are very popular and will have even more of these in 2009. In addition to our own events EB has also hosted events for other venues.

In February we conducted the AMA Walk Relay event which was very successful with all 8 Victorian teams winning their respective divisions. In June we held the John Gosbell 5k Teams Run with over 60 competitors on the track and Knox venue showed the way with a strong team performance. The final of the Doug Orr 880 yards was held at EB in October and whilst only 3 venues competed this year it was still a popular event. Congratulations to Doncaster for their win. Also in October we held a "record night" and 7 Victorian & Australian records were established or broken. Special thanks to Richard Trembath, Alan Bennie & Peter McGrath for their help on that night. It did demonstrate that with proper planning a venue can conduct events at a standard that meets record requirements.

In November Liz Feldman & Annette Hawkins organised a VMA team to compete in the Relay For Life which was most successful. With help from several members from Croydon venue our team covered 723 laps to finish in 3rd place behind the Fire Brigade and Ambulance whilst raising \$810 for the Cancer Council. Considering the make-up of our team we are hoping that in 2009 we will catch up the 50 laps needed to win by entering 2 teams. There was a great camaraderie established over the 24 hours of the event and the only problem seemed to be fitting enough laps in for everybody!

It takes a lot to run a venue on a week in/week out basis and there are many people that I need to thank. Assistant Manager Gerald Burke (also his first year) has been a great help in a number of ways and has done a wonderful job submitting our results to the local Leader newspaper. This consistent exposure is great for both recruiting new members and encouraging existing members

EAST BURWOOD VENUE REPORT 2008 - *continued*

who enjoy seeing their efforts recorded in print. Hawley Thomas does a first class job as treasurer and former manager Allan Wood also continues to do a number of activities around the club.

There is always someone who will grizzle about their handicap but it can be a very difficult task with the many inconsistent performances recorded and handicappers Frank Tutchener and Peter Battrick (and myself) always aim to get a close finish. Annette Hawkins has done a power of work as Social Activities organiser and Jack Fredrickson is always there to lend a hand as required. As we don't have as many older retired athletes as some venues to do the general duties of a night we do have a roster of competing athletes to serve on a rotating basis. My thanks go out to all of those who served during the year and we look forward to your support again in 2009. Remember if you are able to recruit a new member then they all help to spread the load and keep costs down.

Annette Hawkins, Allan Wood and Michael Richards also serve as our representatives on the BSAT Ground Committee and we thank them sincerely for that. Dorothy Maxwell has retired as secretary of that committee and as at Christmas no replacement has come forward. It is possible that the position will be rotated around the member clubs which may need someone to step forward for at least 12 months. Whilst not a VMA member, we sincerely acknowledge the amazing effort that Dorothy has put into making EB such an excellent facility that we in turn benefit from.

Financially we recorded a small overall surplus which was pleasing as during the year we did spend a substantial sum trying to promote an event to attract new members to the venue. Unfortunately this was not directly successful and recruiting new members is a slow and ongoing process. We also spent some money on new equipment and extra prizes plus there has been reduced income from our investment. We have managed to maintain our fees at the minimum level and can continue to do this if we can get support during the year for a few special efforts.

We approach 2009 with a spring in our step and plans for both new events and the old favourites and hopefully welcoming many new members to our venue.

Alan Lucas

Venue Manager

FRANKSTON VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2008

This was the first year that our venue was managed jointly. Peter Duggan agreed to continue on if a co-manager was elected. John Hallo was duly elected.

The following were the activities for the year:-

Membership

Average attendance was 25 members or so. Many nights especially the winter months saw less than 20 competing. We occasionally exceeded 30. Middle distance runners have decreased in particular.

Competition Highlights

The club athlete of the year was closely won by Graham Kilfoyle who sprinted and attended consistently for the year. Runner-up was all rounder Michael Rix. Third place went to Kees Zwynenburg our newest octogenarian. The Christmas 200m handicap was hotly contested with the following results:-

1. Charlie Mallia 20.38 (net hcp)
2. Ray O'Connor 21.83
3. Allan Elliott 24.03
4. Alan Radford 24.73
5. Danny Maher 24.73
6. Lindsay Beaton 24.92

The inaugural 6 lap spiral walk handicap was won by Marlene Petroff. Our thanks once again to Billy Carr who records the weekly results for publication in "Around the Grounds".

Social

A dinner dance was organized by Marlene Petroff at the Baxter Tavern which was well attended and enjoyed by all. The only other social was the Christmas Break Up and presentation night. This year we had a meal catered for and subsidized by the club.

Treasurer

John Wallace who had been our treasurer for 12 years decided to retire and hand the responsibility over to accountant member Mathew Boyes. We are indeed thankful to John for his service to the club and wish him the best.

Appreciations

Peter Duggan our co-manager who acts as our starter for all events and who determines the club athlete of the year award, and others – Lindsay Beaton, Kees Zwynenburg, Ray O'Connor, Lyn Pym, Michael Rix who along with myself regularly time-keep and judge the sprint results.

We look forward to another year of friendly competition and to increasing our numbers by promoting this great way of keeping fit at a low cost financially.

John Hallo

VENUE CO-MANAGER

GEELONG VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Plans for 2008

- Membership drive at start of 2008 moderately successful
- Explore and experiment with format changes to attract and retain runners of all abilities; introduction of sealed handicaps for VMA members, with token prize now being incorporated into the main distance event on alternate weeks. Sealed handicaps introduced. Changed format with short - long - short distances being attractive to a small group of sprinters.
- Two level entry fee, \$2 for VMA and \$3 for non members and families, that is, no change for financial members but increase for casual competitors - pricing structure introduced. Finances are strong.
- Leave family entry fee the same for casuals to make participation attractive for 40-50 year old age bracket. Family entry a positive during 2009 with some very regular attendance.

Review of 2008

Participation at Geelong remains at similar numbers as for 2007, however there is a distinct change in faces. Many of the regular competitors in previous years are being replaced by new athletes, particularly families.

Attempts to move to greater member participation not particularly successful, with high casual, sporadic attendance.

Competition from triathlons and other running options remains strong. I have noted a large number of potential masters athletes, 30-40 using Masters as training, but Triathlon remains the main focus. Masters Athletes reappear in mid to late 40's with children. It is this group that I see as being the future and renewal of venue membership.

One off fund raiser cross country run attracted close to 100 participants, and raised awareness of the club. As an event, this was successful, however did not result in any significant on going participation. Nevertheless the concept warrants further consideration, particularly in the light of successful "event" runs in getting the broader running public to participate.

Plans for 2009

Continue with format adopted in 2008 and review success / failure at the end of 2009

Continue to recruit new members, exploring new avenues to publicize Masters Athletics

Alan Jenkins

Venue Manager

February 2009

KNOX VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2008

With a regular attendance of 30 our venue members continue to enjoy the friendship and competition each week, with teams events and handicap events to add variety to the programme.

We were again successful in winning the Andy Salter Relays, The John Gosbell 5k Challenge, and The Browne shield for Winter Competition. Paul Twining was the overall winner in the Men's competition for the individual Winter Competition.

Our handicap Half Marathon was held in November this year and Colin Page (Croydon) was a worthy winner. Knox also won the trophy for the team's competition.

I would like to acknowledge the support given to me by Chas McRae, Ian U'ren, Peter LeGet, John Signorini, Paul Durant, Gavin Morton and Anne McPherson. We would not be able to operate as successfully without their contribution

Lavinia Petrie

Venue Manager (Knox)

MENTONE VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2008

The year of 2008 was a very eventful one for members of Mentone Masters. The year saw the 30th Anniversary of the Venue, culminating in a very successful 30th Birthday Night celebrated on December 3rd 2008. We celebrated the club's 30th Birthday in style, with a gathering of past and present club members at Dolamore. The original Club Captain plus several of the athletes who competed that first night 30 years ago were present, along with representatives from the VMA and the Mentone Athletic Club. A shortened fun athletic program was held, with special prizes for winners as well as some random spot prizes. It was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends (and foes!) and to reminisce about past glories.

Ted McCoy, an original member and past and present Manager, has kept meticulous records over the 30 years which enabled Sonya McLennan to use her very efficient computer skills to compile all details plus many photographs, into both book and CD form, available to all who wish to have a copy.

Feedback after the night was very positive, which made the time and effort of organizing the event well worthwhile.

Financially, the year could be seen as not so successful, with a deficit posted of \$5085-15. Much of this is due to the amount of \$2850-00, a commitment for 2007 Track Maintenance, not being invoiced until the 2008 year. An amount of around \$1400 in costs to stage the 30th Anniversary Party, further added to the deficit amount. On the credit side, we have not yet received payment to Volunteers of the Melbourne Marathon event of 2008, which should add around \$350-00 to our coffers.

When all adjustments are taken into consideration, VMA Mentone is still in a very sound financial position, and will be able to meet all future financial commitments.

Our weekly meetings are well patronized, with several new participants joining us throughout the year. Numbers have remained steady at around 30 members participating per week, and members are represented in a wide range of age groups. Also we have several regular attendees who do not participate in the athletic events, but freely give their time and effort in volunteering their services to help run the program and/or the serving of supper each week.

The venue continues to conduct special events throughout the year. Annual events include the Peter Colthup 5 Miles Road Handicap event, Rob Jennings Memorial 800M event, and the Frank Kealy Walk trophy, held over three weeks. Each of these events is well patronized and the special trophies eagerly sought after.

MENTONE VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2008 - *continued*

2008 also saw a special 'Olympics' night in honour of the Beijing Games where members dressed in appropriate gear and enjoyed Chinese food for supper. Mentone members also participated in the Legends Relay conducted by the Caulfield Venue, and returned home as the winners of the overall trophy, a first for our venue. Ted McCoy was nominated as our Legend for 2008, a very fitting choice.

In addition, throughout the year, many members who are celebrating a significant birthday, i.e. a new age group being reached, provide a birthday cake and special supper for all to enjoy.

On a very sad note, we farewelled two of our long time, much cherished members, during 2008. In July Ben Morrey passed away, followed in December by the passing of Gordon Gourlay. These two athletes were both very familiar faces at Mentone and will be sadly missed long into the future.

All our members are kept informed of results and happenings within the club, due to the continued efforts of our excellent Editor Sonya Mc Lennan, and our technical guru Ralph Bennet. These two are largely responsible for the production of our monthly Newsletter, and the content and maintenance of our website. By referring to either or both of these resources, members can improve their running technique by reading coaching advice, keep up to date with future events, check venue records, read interesting snippets, and even improve their cooking skills by following the recipes submitted each month.

The Mentone venue continues to provide an ideal setting both for the participation of athletic pursuits, and a strong base for social interaction and friendship between members. The Club can confidently look towards the future and the celebration of many more milestone anniversaries.

Ted McCoy, Ashley Page, Ian Cassell

VENUE CO MANAGERS

SPRINGVALE/NOBLE PARK REPORT 2008

Another year successfully negotiated though like most venues we struggle to get the numbers we once used to, particularly on the colder, and sometimes very hot, nights. Nevertheless those who attend enjoy themselves both on the track and in the supper room afterwards.

Our first major event of the year was the 16th running of the Lindsay Thomas memorial, held in January at Braeside Park, a superb venue for a run or a walk. A good crowd of 115 competitors from 9 venues and members/friends of the Thomas family competed and enjoyed the social aspect afterwards. Winners of the main event were Dragan Isailovic and Bronwen Cardy. As always the event was well organized by Ken Hough.

Our main event of the year, the Andy Salter relay, as usual was held on the first Wednesday of February. This year was the 25th running of the event and it continues to be popular with a total of 113 competitors in the run and walk events. This year saw Knox regain the trophy ahead of Croydon and Springvale. Again this is a great opportunity for people from different venues to get together.

We also conducted the Eric Greaves memorial run in July over 10 km at Braeside Park, in conjunction with the Victorian Cross Country League. A combined field of 133 runners competed with plenty of close contests for the placings. This year was the 10th running of the event and a small memento was presented to 4 runners who have competed in every one – Paul Twining, Lou Buccieri, Howard Rees and Juan Perez. The most outstanding age graded performance was won by Bronwen Cardy.

During the season we also conduct a 5km handicap series in honour of Eric which as usual was keenly contested and it is obvious that memories of Eric's never give in attitude inspire competitors to find that extra effort. This year saw Chris Murphy get home from Ken Hough and Steven Barker. A 3km walk handicap conducted in conjunction was a very close finish with Jim Smith just managing to catch Jenny Field and only a short distance to Celia Johnson in 3rd place.

We run a number of handicap series during the year and these provided keen competition. Winners were Peter Carmody in the prestigious Dave Middleton 100 metres (12th running), Garry Webster in a purple patch won the autumn 400m, winter sprint and Peter Field 800m trophy, Bill Irvine the spring 800m, Lou Buccieri the distance series and Bill Fourkitis the Christmas 400m. Several other handicap events were conducted and these prove popular with much good natured banter between the runners and the handicappers Mick Colgan (sprint) and Alan Bennie (distance). Our 3 event estimated time nights were also fun.

SPRINGVALE/NOBLE PARK REPORT 2008 - *continued*

Another highlight of the year was our participation in the Living Legends night at Caulfield, even though we lost on a count back to Mentone. Congratulations to them on their first victory in the event and as well to Peter McGrath and his crew for again putting a great event and supper. We were pleased to induct Ken Hough as a living legend.

On the social scene we had another very enjoyable Christmas break-up thanks to many people pitching and helping but particularly our Social organiser Celia Johnson who does a great job in making sure all our major events are well catered for. We also enjoy a monthly hot food night, thanks to Jenny and Peter Field.

Finally a big thank you to the most important people of all – those who do all the support tasks around the place that keeps the venue functioning. It is difficult to single people out but particular mention goes to Mick Colgan, our track manager amongst other things, Beryl and Jim Sinclair and helpers for their great work in the kitchen, Tony Johnson and Lyn Arnel records, Lou Buccieri results, Allison Devine as Treasurer and Tony Doran, my assistant who looks after things when I decide to go on holidays.

Alan Bennie,
Venue Manager

SOUTHERN PENINSULA ANNUAL REPORT 2008

2008 was an interesting year for us at Southern Peninsula. The Mornington Peninsula Shire had plans to sell off our track and surrounding area for a housing development. They planned to relocate us to another venue. Those plans fell through and instead organized to fix up our track and make it nice and flat. (Being an old rubbish dump it had developed a few undulations). This meant that the track would be out of action for four or five months so we improvised using various venues around the Mornington Peninsula. This created some unusual but interesting events: uphill sprints; some very tight and curvy 600m & 800m runs; some hilly runs including over sand dunes and some weird relays. They were enjoyed by most if not all participants. We are fortunate to have so many good areas where we can run on the Peninsula, especially cross country and beach tracks.

Our track was completed in October. We were a bit disappointed that considering the amount of time the track was unused there is not a lot of improvement in it. Although it is better than it had been for a while. Thanks to Max Brook and Ian Orr for attending the monthly meetings with the shire and putting forward our concerns.

We had members participate in the World Masters Games in Italy, the Oceanic Games in Townsville, the Masters Games in Alice Spring and also the Lindsay Thomas and Andy Salter relay.

Our numbers were once again a bit disappointing generally 10-15

We had several very successful social events including barefoot bowling; Christmas in July; our annual dinner and the Melbourne Cup day run and barbecue. Thanks for Marg Luckhurst for all the work she put into making these events successful.

Thanks also to John Sutton and Alan Radford for their assistance to me this year. Alan also had the unenviable job as handicapper and did a great job.. Thanks to Heather Carr for continuing to perform a great job as secretary and Bernard Pownall who has served yet another year as treasurer. Thanks also to all those who helped with the morning tea or supper.

Russell Dow

VENUE MANAGER

THROWERS VENUE - CAULFIELD

Another year gone and a successful one for the Throwers Group with an increase of 10 new members(9 in the younger female groups) and the exciting addition of sister and brother Tamika and Graham Hicks. Several new throwers were gained from the “Come and Try” day held in April.

The Throwers Group meets at Duncan Mackinnon twice a month on Sunday, from September through to April and then once a month. There are also meetings for coaching and special events. All VMA members may join the Throwers group (\$5 pa) and this entitles them to a quarterly newsletter, Annual Report, coaching and entry into the Throwers Roy Foley and Ilmars Mancs (must qualify) trophy competitions.

There were several Championship events for throwers in 2008. For the AMA Postal Relays ten throwers teams contested the hammer, shot and discus relays and achieved 6 wins. The joint VMA and AV overage Championships was held at OP and proved to be quite successful with an abundance of officials. However, for throwers the conducting of the hammer and weight at Yarra Park was a disappointment as was the confusion resulting from use of AV numbers and the disorganization at the medal presentation. Hopefully most of these problems will be overcome with the new format in 2009. In the WP Championship WP (the key multi event for throwers) there were 33 competitors 28 of whom are members of the throwers group and hence eligible for the Roy Foley award. The winner of the Roy Foley award for 2008 was Colin Murray-Lee in a close contest from John Neale and David Wookey. The Easter AMA T & F Champs at Blacktown (50 km W of central Sydney) only attracted 62 VMA members of which 10 were throwers. Our ten throwers performed very well with Christine Bridle the standout with 11 gold medals while Stan Stankovic, Graeme Rose and Tom Hancock all did very well. Graeme won the Champion of Champions weight throw.

Twelve of our throwers attended the Oceania Championships in Townsville. The weather was great and the setting superb. Many great performances were achieved with several throwers winning three or four events. However, the winter WP Champs in August was a real surprise with the women outnumbering the men almost 2 to 1. The event was attended by 22 athletes.

The annual AMA Winter Throws, in Canberra, was attended by eight of our throwers. The male and female athletes of the meet (Darron Haworth and Karyne di Marco) impressed with some excellent top class throwing.

THROWERS VENUE - CAULFIELD - *continued*

Three successful Coaching clinics were co-ordinated by Val Worrell. Peter Baxevanis conducted a hammer session in June, and Yohan Amerasekera conducted a discus session in July and a shot session in September. All were thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

The final event for the year was a WP incorporating extra throws for the Ilmars Mancs trophy that was won by Newsletter editor, Judy Pfanner in a close finish from Linda Buttigieg.

The financial position of the group is strong with the well attended (50) Christmas BBQ and Christmas hamper raffle raising close to \$650. New clothing for the throwers has resulted in many smartly dressed throwers.

No year of activities would ever be successful without the major input of committee members and the generous help of partners and members. Many thanks to the growing number of non –competing helpers who officiate and record, as well as to those who set-up, pack-up, process results and prepare refreshments.

Graeme G Rose
Venue Manager

VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INCORPORATED

TREASURER'S REPORT - 2008

COMMITTEE

The surplus for the year was \$14248 which was a downturn of \$4538 in comparison with the previous year's result of \$18786, with income falling by \$4220 and expenses increasing by \$318.

The main items for the decrease in income were :-

| | | |
|---------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Subscriptions | 788 | Member numbers increased |
| Championships | (5020) | No State Titles & Spot Prizes |
| Clothing | (1156) | New items at lower margins |
| Interest | 1755 | Increase in investments & rates |
| Donations | (587) | Lower contributions |

Expenditure increased mainly due to :-

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Medals | (1202) | Reimbursement by AV |
| Printing & Stationery | 1498 | Annual Reports, Website, etc. |
| Other Items (net) | 22 | |

Income from Championship entries would obviously be offset by expenses including medals and trophies. (We supported Doncaster Venue by reimbursing the cost \$894 for items burgled during the year.)

The number of members rose by 32 or 3.6% from 891 last year to be 923 at 31st December, 2008 which was partly attributable to some AV individuals joining VMA on the basis of not being subject to a joining fee.

The Bank account balance fell by \$7080 to \$2410 which was mainly attributable to loss of entry fees to the State Titles (Conducted by AV instead of on our own behalf) together with purchase of medals and additional clothing items. Stocks increased by \$3162 for clothing and \$2706 for medals including Eric Greaves medals.

An additional investment of \$5000 was placed with CBA for a Term Deposit. Apart from the new investment, investments improved by \$7065 due to interest income which is re-invested and has a compounding affect, making the total increase in investments \$12065.

Aberfeldie Venue experienced difficulty in repaying the balance of their loan for a track upgrade and it was decided to assist them by providing an interest free loan of \$6250 repayable over 5 years. The residual balance of \$5625 is reflected in the Balance Sheet under "Investments".

TREASURER'S REPORT - 2008 (continued)

Fixed Assets fell by \$2669 due to depreciation for the year with many items now being fully depreciated.

The net effect was an increase in retained earnings of \$14248 covering the profit for the year bringing the balance to \$155967 at 31st December, 2008.

VENUES

Overall, there was a deficit for the year of \$507 (before Depreciation) compared with the deficit of \$349 for last year. Only four Venues improved results over the previous year but the other Venues experienced a deterioration. Although five Venues suffered deficits, all Venues had positive cash balances.

Overall, Income increased by \$1949 in comparison with the previous year with rises in Track Fees of \$4690, Supper \$563, and Donations \$989 but decreases occurred in Special Events by \$1642 (mainly at Doncaster) and Social Fund Raising by \$3233.

Expenditure increased in total by \$2107 with the main item being Track Hire of \$8613 (Mentone conducted track repairs which represented \$5700 of the rise) Lighting costs of \$5500 last year not being necessary in the current year, reduced higher costs for this year.

The main item of depreciation was for Aberfeldie's Track Upgrade as most other Assets have been fully depreciated which resulted in a depreciation charge for the venues of \$2576 and this has been included in the expenses in the Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement for the year.

Al Willey

Honorary Treasurer

VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INCORPORATED

A.C.N. A1760

Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31st December, 2008

| <u>2007</u> | <u>INCOME</u> | |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 29875 | SUBSCRIPTIONS | 30663 |
| 6175 | CHAMPIONSHIPS & CROSS COUNTRY | 1155 |
| 1613 | CLOTHING SALES PROFIT/ (LOSS) | 457 |
| 6968 | INTEREST RECEIVED | 8723 |
| 974 | DONATIONS | 387 |
| 45605 | TOTAL INCOME | <u>41385</u> |
| | <u>EXPENDITUE</u> | |
| 6083 | CAPITATION FEES AMA | 6314 |
| 542 | AMA TRAVEL EXP'S | 525 |
| 1620 | HONORARIUMS | 1620 |
| 4451 | MEDALS & TROPHIES | 3249 |
| 7105 | NEWS & RESULTS | 7495 |
| 724 | POSTAGES & TELEPHONES | 314 |
| 747 | PRINTING & STATIONERY | 2245 |
| 216 | SOCIAL EVENTS | 500 |
| 380 | ATHLETICS VIC FEES | 380 |
| 2900 | DEPRECIATION | 2669 |
| 606 | BANK CHARGES | 493 |
| 913 | SUNDRY EXPENSES | 1333 |
| 532 | MAINTENANCE | 0 |
| 26819 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | <u>27137</u> |
| 18786 | <u>SURPLUS</u> | 14248 |

VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INCORPORATED

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2008

CURRENT ASSETS

| | | | |
|-------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 9490 | CASH AT BANK | | 2410 |
| 9745 | STOCK | | 16513 |
| 1353 | SUNDRY DEBTORS | | 1453 |
| 60 | PREPAYMENTS | | 60 |
| 20648 | TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>20436</u> |

INVESTMENTS

| | | | |
|--------|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 36048 | CHALLENGER (HOWARD MORTGAGE TRUST) | | 38682 |
| 0 | CBA - TERM DEPOSIT | | 5000 |
| 66266 | ING BUSINESS OPTIMISER | | 70697 |
| 17500 | PERPETUAL TERM DEPOSIT | | 17500 |
| 0 | ABERFELDIE LOAN | | 5625 |
| 119814 | TOTAL INVESTMENTS | | <u>137504</u> |

FIXED ASSETS

| | | | |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 8166 | SPORTS EQUIPMENT | | 8166 |
| -7151 | LESS PROVN FOR DEPN | <u>-7827</u> | 339 |
| 12850 | OFFICE EQUIPMENT | 12850 | |
| -9574 | LESS PROVN FOR DEPN | <u>-11567</u> | 1283 |
| 4291 | TOTAL FIXED ASSETS | | <u>1622</u> |
| 144753 | TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>159562</u> |

CURRENT LIABILITIES

| | | | |
|--------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 3034 | CREDITORS | | 3595 |
| 3034 | TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>3595</u> |
| 141719 | NET ASSETS | | <u>155967</u> |
| 141719 | RETAINED EARNINGS | | <u>155967</u> |

VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INCORPORATED

A.C.N. A1760

Notes to Accounts

| MEMBERSHIP | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| NUMBER OF MEMBERS | 891 | 923 |
| SUBSCRIPTIONS | ##### | ##### |

INTEREST RECEIVED

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Commonwealth Bank-Cheque Account | 75 | 44 |
| Commonwealth Bank-Term Deposit | 0 | 515 |
| Challenger - Howard Mortgage Trust | 2246 | 2634 |
| ING Income Trust | 425 | 0 |
| ING Business Optimiser | 3089 | 4431 |
| Perpetual Term Deposit | 1133 | 1099 |
| | 6968 | 8723 |

HONORARIUMS

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| President | 400 | 400 |
| Treasurer | 720 | 720 |
| Subscriptions Officer | 500 | 500 |
| | 1620 | 1620 |

STOCKS

Clothing

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Opening Stock | 8793 | 9212 |
| Purchases/Sales (Net) | -1194 | 2705 |
| | 7599 | 11917 |
| Profit / (Loss) | 1613 | 457 |
| Closing Stock | 9212 | 12374 |

Medals & Trophies

| | | |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Opening Stock | 4075 | 533 |
| Purchases | 909 | 6855 |
| | 4984 | 7388 |
| Usages | 4451 | 3249 |
| Closing Stock | 533 | 4139 |
| Total Stock | 9745 | 16513 |

VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INC.

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Venues Consolidation Income & Expenditure Statement

12 Months Ended 31st December, 2008

2007 Income

| | | |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 38124 | Track Fees | 42814 |
| 2100 | Subscription Fees | 3150 |
| 515 | Sales-Clothing | 750 |
| 4265 | Entry Special Event | 2623 |
| 3665 | Supper | 4228 |
| 1073 | Donations | 2062 |
| 919 | Interest | 713 |
| 8354 | Social Fundraising | 5121 |
| 622 | Sundry | 125 |
| 59637 | Total Income | <u>61586</u> |

Expenses

| | | |
|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 22208 | Track Hire | 30821 |
| 2240 | Subscriptions | 3070 |
| 1540 | Clothing | 836 |
| 4679 | Special Events | 4335 |
| 11336 | Supper & Social | 10711 |
| 975 | Postage & Stationery | 1348 |
| 1463 | Around the Grounds | 1236 |
| 5313 | Trophies & Prizes | 4808 |
| 173 | Bank Charges | 219 |
| 2402 | Equipment | 2165 |
| 2157 | Sundry | 2544 |
| 5500 | Lighting | 0 |
| 59986 | Total Expenses | <u>62093</u> |

-349 Surplus/Deficiency -507

| | | |
|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
| 99506 | Bank Balance-Opening | 92527 |
| 99157 | Bank Balance-Current | 92020 |
| -6630 | Capital Expenditure | 0 |
| 92527 | Adjusted Closing Bank Balance | 92020 |

VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INC.

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Consolidated Income & Expenditure Statement

12 Months Ended 31st December, 2008

Income

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Subscriptions | 30743 |
| Track Income (net) | 11993 |
| Sales-Clothing (net) | 371 |
| Championships (net) | -557 |
| Donations | 2449 |
| Interest | 9436 |
| Sundry Income | 125 |
| Total Income | <u>54560</u> |

Expenses

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Capitation Fees | 6314 |
| Athletics Vic Fees | 380 |
| Honorariums | 1620 |
| Medals & Trophies | 8057 |
| News & Results | 7495 |
| Postages & Telephone | 314 |
| Printing & Stationery | 4829 |
| Social Events (net) | 1862 |
| Depreciation | 5245 |
| Bank Charges | 712 |
| Track Equipment | 2165 |
| Travel Expenses-AMA | 525 |
| Maintenance | 0 |
| Sundry Expenses | 3877 |
| Total Expenses | <u>43395</u> |

Surplus

11165

VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INC.

A.C.N. A1760

Consolidated Balance Sheet

As At 31st December, 2008

Assets

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Cash & Investments | | 231934 |
| Debtors & Prepayments | | 1513 |
| Stock | | 16513 |
| Equipment | (Written-down Value) | 9350 |
| | | <u>259310</u> |

Liabilities

| | | |
|----------------------|--|-------|
| Creditors & Accruals | | -9220 |
|----------------------|--|-------|

Net Assets

250090

VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INC.

(A.C.N. A1760)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I advise that I have audited the books and accounts of Victorian Masters Athletics Inc. as at 31st December 2008, and the final accounts are in accordance with those records.

I have sighted the individual summaries of Venues' accounts for the year, and Venues' Consolidation of Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2008, but have not checked details of financial transactions and records as they are kept independently of VMA Management.



Peter Le Get

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