



**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**  
**VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INC.**

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**Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the period**  
**1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011**

***OFFICE BEARERS***

<b>President:</b>	Russell Oakley
<b>Vice Presidents:</b>	Tony Bradford, Alan Lucas
<b>Secretary:</b>	Philip Urquhart
<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	Alan Bennie
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Al Willey
<b>Club Captain:</b>	Barry Murley
<b>Club Vice Captain:</b>	David Sheehan

***General Committee***

Peter Black  
Don Chambers  
Elizabeth Feldman  
Graeme Rose  
Pamela Tindal  
Rob Waters

***Honorary Auditor***

Peter Le Get

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011**

The year 2011 was somewhat consumed by preparations for the National Championships during Easter 2012, with numerous meetings to establish working groups which had a multitude of tasks to be carried out. This meant a large amount of time and effort by the various members of the committees.

Our re-established status as a member of Athletics Victoria has breathed new energy and enthusiasm into the participating members – see David Sheehan's report on the Summer and Winter seasons. Despite a terrible run of weekend weather, both the Women's and Men's Teams have had a solid start in the competition. The Committee thanks all the competitors and officials who are helping out each week to ensure we meet our AV obligations.

Over the past year some venues have faced difficulties with a combination of poor weather and track upgrades. Knox is just about ready to resume at its venue, while East Burwood has some time to go. The Venue Presidents have done a sterling job to keep the numbers up at alternative tracks.

During the year it was suggested by some venues that there was a need for better First Aid knowledge amongst its members. With this in mind, the Committee arranged a training night which included advanced First Aid and C.P.R. training. It was pleasing to see the numbers who attended the session. The Committee is now giving some thought as how to help make heart defibrillators accessible to venues.

Membership levels have remained much the same as last year, and it is hoped that the National Championships will inspire new members as well as eligible AV members to join the Club and swell the numbers for 2012. At Venue and Inter Venue competitions continued at a high level. The strength of the Venues is a reflection of dedication of Managers volunteers and athletes.

The Committee would like to acknowledge the following people for their efforts over the past year.

- Russ Dickenson for his outstanding work in producing Footprints.
- Ken Walters and his team for Around The Grounds.
- Ralph Bennett for his work in maintaining and up-grading the Website.
- Astrid Rose for her activities as Membership Subscription Registrar.
- Clyde Riddoch for his constant efforts to ensure State, National and world records are up to date.

In closing I would like to thank the Committee Members for all their hard work throughout the year.

***Russell Oakley***

**VMA President**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT 2011

The Committee met each month this year, even though the Constitution only calls for a minimum of four meetings in any year. The committee also met with Venue Managers early in the year.

We continued to work on developing the relationship with Athletics Victoria with the major achievement being the increase in the number of VMA members competing in the AV interclub competition.

Work continued on planning and preparation for the 2012 Nationals through the Local Organising Committee under the chairmanship of Graeme Rose. The VMA committee members were well supported by many other members who volunteered or were co-opted on to the LOC.

The committee arranged a Level 1 First Aid course, which was held in November, and attended by 12 members.

The report by the Treasurer shows the strong financial position of the Association but the committee continues to look for sponsorship and other fund raising avenues to ensure we can maintain and increase services to members.

Particular thanks are due to a number of members for their work through the year:

- Al Willey as Treasurer for his succinct and informative financial reports and attending to all the detailed matters relating to banking and payments.
- Barry Murley as Club Captain.
- Alan Bennie as Assistant Secretary relieving me of the mundane task of minute taking at all meetings.
- Webmaster Ralph Bennet for his prompt response to our increasing requests for items to be added to the excellent VMA website.
- Russ Dickenson for the production and distribution of our high quality and informative newsletter, Footprints.

These last two activities are particularly important in increasing the awareness and exposure of VMA, not only to members, but also to the general public. It is also pleasing to note the continued use of websites and newsletters by some venues to promote the association.

Further, on the theme of publicity, the work of and Ken and Judy Walters for Around the Grounds must be acknowledged and applauded.

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

It was pleasing to note the increase in membership of VMA this year, driven primarily by the opportunity for members to participate in the 2012 nationals.

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. Graeme was re elected Vice President of AMA at this year's AGM.

I am confident that I speak for the Committee in stating that the greatest plaudits must go to the particular members 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 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.

***Phil Urquhart***  
**Secretary**

# CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2011

## VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS WINTER AND SUMMER COMPETITION

### TEAMS MEMBERS 2012/2013

#### MEN'S TEAM

STEVEN BARKER  
RALPH BENNETT  
ALAN BENNIE  
PETER BLACK  
DON CHAMBERS  
NIGEL COOPER  
STEWART DOBRZYNSKI  
ANDREW EDWARDS  
LLEW JENKINS

ALF LENDVAI  
CHRIS LOCKWOOD  
ALAN LUCAS  
BARRY MURLEY  
COLIN PAGE  
SEAN RIORDAN  
KARL THWAITES  
GEOFF WHITEHALL  
DAVID WOOKEY

#### WOMEN'S TEAM

BRONWEN CARDY  
LIZ FELDMAN  
MARLENE GOURLAY  
ANNE HOLCOMBE  
JANET HOLMES  
CELIA JOHNSON  
LYNN KISLER  
LEANNE MONK

JAN MORREY  
JUDY PFANNER  
JENNY SCHOLTZ  
HELEN STANLEY  
QWEN STEED

This season, VMA fielded a men's team and a women's team in the 40+ division of AV's south east region summer shield, with both teams finishing the year on top of each division.

This is a very encouraging result for the twenty plus athletes that have joined the fray each week and the friends that have helped in organising and officiating on the day. All up, there have been around 30 VMA athletes or friends take part in at least one round of shield this season.

It is also a great result for maintaining the standing of VMA within the broader athletics community.

Shield competition is teams based with a scoring system that rewards participation across the ten events held on the day as much as it does individual performances. A good number of all the athletes participating at Shield are 40+ and there is a good camaraderie both within the VMA teams and across all the masters there on the day.

During the 2012/2013 winter/summer seasons VMA will again be entering both men's and women's teams. Winter starts on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April with a relay at Jells Park, Wheelers Hill.

If you would be interested in being involved, enjoying good competition and creating new friendships, please give me a call or chat to other members of our teams.

*David Sheehan*

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# **ABERFELDIE VENUE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

We are pleased to note, that of January 2012, we have serviced our loan repayment of \$6,250 to *VMA* for track upgrade and refurbishment works during 2007. The total Venue contribution to Moonee Valley City Council was \$12,500 overall.

The year commenced with our Twenty-second Annual Hotham Heights weekend in January. Lots of exercise, combined with high country walks and good living. We enjoyed the company of those from Altona venue.

Our Wednesday program remains similar to our tried and true four event formulae, comprising a short sprint, then middle distance, a longer sprint, followed by multiple distance event runs. Walk events (usually 800m) are also scheduled. During daylight saving, Park runs and/or River Paths runs are also conducted each fortnight.

Melbourne again experienced a cold and at times wet winter, as such for some evenings at the Venue attendance was as low as twelve. Attendance less than 17 left us well below our break-even point for ground rental, utilities and to service our loan. It is gratifying to know that with a supreme two-day fund raising effort in December, we no longer have the burden of servicing the loan.

We assisted at the *VMA* Track and Field competition with volunteers for Hammer throw marshals, plus medal presentations on the Saturday. We also conducted and assisted the *VMA* with the 'Ten-Miler' event at Princes Park.

A dedicated band of distance runners competed throughout the winter months at the *VMA* road running and cross-country medal events. We tried extremely hard to field entrants in the Browne Shield, to give Knox and Collingwood venues a great competition.

In November, we participated in the annual Neighbours evening Barb Dagleish relay at Coburg venue. Having entered four teams - we made the final with one team, for only the second time, but were unable to match the teams from Collingwood, Coburg and Doncaster venues in the final.

Thank you to all at the Venue who set up, administer all the processes, and clean up afterward each week. Our thanks, to a dedicated band of workers who contribute to the successful operation of a Venue. We appreciate your input.

John Dean as Venue Treasurer, similarly Margaret Cassidy as starter, thank you for your efforts. Peter Black worked diligently to gain participants for the teams' events and AV relays, throughout the year.

The year finished on a good note with a well attended Christmas break-up evening with assorted events, viz, Christmas gift, Rudolph relay, Pudding relay and Santa saunter, all requiring a degree of athleticism. Then followed an excellent supper with heartfelt glad tidings expressed to and from all in attendance.

The weekly Venue contribution remains at \$3.00.

We look forward to a continuing and rewarding year and trust that with renewed enthusiasm, new members are attracted, and that existing members continue to attend each Venue evenings each week.

***Rob Waters***

**Aberfeldie Venue Manager**

# ALTONA VENUE

## ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The Altona Venue continues to have a summer track program and a winter Cross Country program at the You Yangs. The Grass track at George Nevitt Reserve is unlit; therefore, we can only use this during daylight saving time. We have had a marked decline in members and visitors but nevertheless the active members continue to be actively involved with social events and BBQ's during the year.

The summer season is run on grass each Tuesday night from October to March. BBQ's are conducted on the last Tuesday of each month.

A highlight of the year was the successful staging of the Harry Preston Memorial 1500m handicap race for the seventh time. This was won by club stalwart Michael Orelli. We thank many participants from Abefeldie who made the night a success.

The condition of the grass track is very poor overall and until we have a venue with an all weather track and lighting, we will not be attracting new members or elite runners looking for competition.

As a club, we have embraced social media to tap into that market and have continued to advertise the venue and events in local press, with little results.

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work carried out by our office bearers: Margaret Evens (Secretary), Pat McGlashan (Treasurer), Michael Orelli (Assistant Venue Manager), Gordon Burrowes (Handicapper), and Jack McGlashan (Council Liaison Officer).

It still has been a terrific year with the opportunity to enjoy good company whilst exercising, running, and socializing.

***Peter Buissink***  
**Venue Manager**

# COBURG VENUE

## ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Our five member Management Committee continued to operate successfully (Neville, Fiona, Bernie, Benny and George, with assistance from Michael and Steve) sharing the organisational tasks and making best use of their individual expertise.

2011, our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, was a very successful year. Membership held firm at 25, quite comparable with previous years. Thursday nights at the venue caters for a variety of interests. In addition to our regular group of Coburg VMA members, we welcome visitors from neighbouring clubs and provide competition for the Coburg Harriers sprinters.

A typical evening features two sprints, a middle distance and a longer distance event. Variations within this framework include off-track events, making use of the adjacent parklands, the Teams Championship, Age-graded Club Championship, Mashed Marathon, and the Manager's Challenge.

The VMA Track and Field Championships held at Doncaster was well supported. 11 Coburg Masters/Harriers entered returning with 7 Gold, 4 Silver, and 4 bronze medals. Highlights of these excellent results included Neville Wilson's return to competition with Gold 800 and 1500m, Jeremy Grey's Gold 1500 and 5000m, Stacey van Dueren's 19m18.37s 5000m at 90.02% and Tim Erickson's 1500m walk 7m58.76 at 81%.

In the AMA Championships held in Brisbane, Coburg was well represented by Donna Elms. Donna facing stiff competition finished in third place in the 1500 and 5000m walks.

In the Teams Challenge "Debbie's Juniors" (Nicholas and Spud) with great enthusiasm and some help from a "mystery runner" in each event, just failed to hold off "Fiona's Flyers" to lose 135 to 133. Individual top point scorers were Michael Meaney and Fiona Ely/Bernie Leddin.

The 1000m Age-graded Club Championship was won by Bernie Leddin (H/c 208) from Michael Meaney (H/c 143) and Neville Wilson (H/c 387).

Neighbours Night in November was probably our most successful since its inception in 2004. Perfect weather, great teamwork and our best performance on the track were features of a great night.

Coburg fielded 4 teams on the night in the Barb Dalglish 4 x 200 Relay. Won the first heat with our second team joining them in the final.

Highlights of the event included representation from all 4 venues in the final, Coburg's best time since inception and the consistency of the Collingwood teams.

Neville Wilson, Coburg Venue Manager, welcomed visitors and thanked Tom Dalglish and family for their continued interest and support each year.

Responding, VMA Vice-President Tony Bradford thanked the Coburg Venue for hosting "Neighbours Night" successfully once again. On behalf of VMA, he extended sincere condolences to June Stevens and family on the passing of Harold, our late founder and mentor.

Paul Dalglish, on behalf of the Dalglish family, returned the Perpetual Trophy to Collingwood and presented individual certificates to Keith Howden and the other members of the winning team. Paul expressed appreciation of the efficient organization of the eighth Neighbours Night and the conduct of the Barb Dalglish Relay.

Keith Howden thanked Coburg and the members of his team for their hard work and team effort.

## **COBURG VENUE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2011 - *continued***

Bernie Goggin, on behalf of the Coburg Management Committee, thanked members for their help with the night's program and made particular reference to Mal Owen (Starter), Tim Erickson (Recording) and Heather Collyer and helpers with the preparation of the splendid supper.

In September, our dear friend, mentor, and co-founder of the Coburg Venue, Harold Stevens, O.B.E., passed away after a long period of ill health. Despite this handicap he remained active in and around the club especially on club nights, conscripting all and sundry, Warren Burke in particular, to enable him to complete his final project – a complete collection on display of memorabilia including medallions, trophies, pennants, uniforms and other historical material.

To perpetuate Harold's memory the Harriers' and Masters' combined to conduct a "Harold Stevens Memorial" night featuring a 120m Handicap (the Pudding Gift) and the Harold Stevens Mile (also a handicap event). June Stevens, as she has for many years, made and presented the puddings to the winners who, rather fittingly, were Jeremy Grey and Chris Harrap, Coburg Harriers President and Treasurer respectively.

The night was well attended by family and friends, past and present, who enjoyed an excellent supper and shared their personal stories and reminiscences about Harold and his enduring contribution to athletics at all levels.

We celebrated the end of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year in fine style. The clubrooms were attractively decorated for the occasion and we enjoyed a typical Christmas Dinner. Neville kept children and parents busy with novelty races before Santa made an appearance (thanks to Bernie Goggin).

Fiona Ely was awarded the Harold Stevens Perpetual Trophy for her notable contribution to the welfare of the club during the year and Certificates of Appreciation were presented to our Thursday night helpers.

VMA glasses were presented to George and his team who provide supper every Thursday night. Their efforts always very much appreciated.

Finally our sincere thanks to Heather Collyer, her family and the many club members who helped to make it a memorable night.

***George Goode***

**Management Committee Member**

## **COLLINGWOOD VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

Our attendances have once again been slightly down on past years but nonetheless, we still enjoyed another successful year. This slight downturn has apparently also been reflected at most of the other VMA Venues this year.

Once again, this report provides us with the opportunity to thank the regular group who perform the duties that keep the Venue operational each week. Bruce Gibbs, Judy Mason, Ray Harbert, Tony “Rocket” Williams, Helen & Rod Bayley, John Pocock, Ken Senior, Les Cations, and Carmel Pardy all served the Venue diligently. Also, 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 Victorian Masters Track & Field Championships
- the Victorian Masters 10k Track Championships at the Venue
- the Victorian Masters Cross-Country Championships in Yarra Bend Park.

The Victorian Masters 10k Track Championship was again conducted on one of our regular Tuesday nights in May. It ran very smoothly thanks to the work performed by our diligent band of volunteers and Athletics Victoria Officials. More than a third of the field was provided by Collingwood attendees. Their participation in a Championship event was great to see. We hope they continue to participate in other Championship events in the future and strongly encourage them to do so.

The Venue conducted the Victorian Masters Cross-Country Championships in Yarra Bend Park. Due to the success of the 3-lap course devised last year, we decided to continue with this layout. There was strong support from Collingwood attendees in a small field.

The 18<sup>th</sup> running of the Magpie Marathon was once again our most popular event, with 30 out of 38 competitors completing the distance. The Denis O’Hehir Memorial Trophy, for the highest age-graded percentage, was won once again by Bernie Leddin, his third success. The fastest male was Ian Winnen and the fastest female was Carmel Pardy. Christopher Boylen and Jim Hopkins completed their 10<sup>th</sup> Magpie Marathon and were presented with special awards in recognition of their achievements. Rod Bayley once again completed the distance and therefore stands as the only competitor to have completed every Magpie Marathon.

The Magpie Half Marathon also proved popular with the winner being Danny Hecker and the fastest female Carmel Pardy. Graeme Paul and Ken Senior completed their 10<sup>th</sup> Magpie Half Marathon and were presented with special awards to recognize their achievements.

The eighth running of the Don Warden Memorial 400 metre Handicap proved to be very successful once again. We greatly appreciate the continuing attendance and support of the Warden family at this event. Five heats and a thrilling Final kept the very supportive onlookers entertained. The winner of the perpetual trophy, with a withering finish off a handicap of scratch, was Paul Skipper.

## **COLLINGWOOD VENUE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2011 - *continued***

Neighbours Night at the Coburg Venue and the Barb Dalglish Memorial Relay were highlights of our year. Keith Howden once again worked in his volunteer role as the team coordinator. His recruitment drive for team members led to him juggling the composition of six teams. Keith's mettle was put to one final test when Heather Gaunt injured herself during the warm-ups before the heats. From the three heats, our Venue managed to qualify two teams for the Final. For a fifth successive year Collingwood finished 1<sup>st</sup>. The victorious team of Keith Howden, Donna Smith, Justin Hanrahan and Danny Hecker won narrowly. Congratulations to all our representatives.

The WMA World Championships were conducted in Sacramento, USA this year. The Members who attended firstly had to contend with flight disruptions due to a volcanic eruption in Chile and then the, at times, stifling heat during competition. The highlight was the medals won by Stuart Kollmorgen. He defended his World Champion M40 20k Walk title from Lahti in 2009 and won Silver in the M40 10k Walk. Congratulations Stuart.

The fourth running of the Alan Burgoyne Sealed Handicap was conducted and Peter Gaunt won the perpetual trophy.

Thanks are due to Carmel Pardy and John Pocock for instigating and organizing the casual Sunday morning run in Westerfolds Park in November. A small group enjoyed this social gathering and the ensuing brunch.

***GRAEME PAUL and WASYL DROSDOWSKY***  
**Venue Co-Managers**

# **CROYDON VENUE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

Our venue has had another great year. Attendance at club nights varied between 45 and over 60 members and visitors.

This was my ninth 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.

The Doug Orr half mile Hcp and the John Gosbell 5km were again well supported. These events are both Croydon Venue generated with the finals being conducted by kind permission of the E.B. Committee at their track. The reason for this is the central position of the E.B. track for all concerned.

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 Tutchener (Starter), Laurie Pearson (Place Judge/Special Event organiser), Les Clark (Recording), 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), Al Willey (Treasurer), Barry Murley, Liz Feldman and Pam Tindal.

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. I have now handed over my position of joint Venue Manager to Pam Tindal. I wish her all the best and know she will do a fantastic job.

***Karen M. Archer and Ken Walters***  
**Joint Venue Managers (Croydon Venue).**

## DONCASTER VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Doncaster, which was founded in 1996, has long been one of the smallest of the metropolitan venues of VMA but having shown a dramatic increase in membership in 2010, it maintained that position in 2011 with numbers in the mid-50s, thus defying the general trend in VMA in recent times. We still have problems attracting the number of active members that are enjoyed by some venues, but it seems what we lack in quantity, we more than make up in quality.

At least that is what would appear to be indicated by the fact that, for the fourth successive year, Doncaster topped the medals tally at the Victorian Championships and its members were prominent in various other Masters' competitions spread around Australia.

The Victorian Championships produced a total of 61 medals – 28 gold, 22 silver and 12 bronze. Marg Tweedie again won six gold medals, as she did in 2010, while Bev Learmont improved on her two golds and six silvers to take four gold and four silver medals and 24 of our athletes went home with at least one medal.

Katrina Philip, one of the stars of the previous year, was sidelined for most of 2011 with a persistent leg injury but had something to smile about when she was presented with a \$500 voucher as the Heidelberg Leader's Sports Star of the Year for 2010.

One of the highlights of the year was our team win in the John Gosbell Memorial 5km teams race at East Burwood where Dave O'Connor dominated to win the event and was ably assisted in the team's title by Graham Walter, Frank Prowse, and Barry Whittle.

What was particularly gratifying about this win was that it meant that for the first time Doncaster concurrently held the trophies for the Gosbell and the Doug Orr Memorial Half-Mile, the feature races named after two of the founders of the Doncaster venue.

The other inter-venue event we contested, the Barb Dagleish Memorial Relay at Coburg, saw our A team again make the final and lead into the straight, only to be run down by the defending champions Collingwood. It was a meritorious performance but highlighted the sheer numerical strength of Collingwood, who had seven teams to Doncaster's two, and the fact that we have an ageing population of sprinters, which was illustrated by the fact that the second-placed Doncaster team's combined age was 207 (against a 180 limit) while Collingwood's was 189. It seems that, while we've got plenty of quality sprinters, we need a few more in the younger age groups.

On the home front our feature event, The Landy Trophy, attracted nine interstate contestants and was won for the fourth time by the brilliant Queenslander Hugh Coogan, 75, who was to go on to multiple wins at the World Championships in Sacramento, US, and set several world records over sprint distances later in the year. Five states were represented in the final, the strength of which prompted officials of Australian Masters' Athletics to write to members of WMA, the world body, suggesting it was the best field ever to contest a single event in the history of Masters' Athletics anywhere.

Australian athletics icon and former Governor of Victoria John Landy was again in attendance to present the trophies on a great night which also saw the reinstatement of The Manningham Mile, for open class athletes, which was won in race record time by top distance runner David McNeill, who recorded 4m 05.6s after being obliged to set his own pace throughout.

The standard was maintained to a degree when the evergreen Lavinia Petrie, 66, broke her own world record of the one-hour run in The Sixty Minutes, held late in September. Her daughter Julie Norney and Rob Schwerkolt also set Victorian records.

The increasingly popular Christmas Handicap provided a great race with victory going to the speedy Phil Rosevear, who had also won the Winter Series earlier in the year.

## **DONCASTER VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2011 - *continued***

Further afield our champion walker Andrew Jamieson returned from the World Championships with three gold medals, two world records, David McConnell won five gold medals and Graham Ford two at the Australian Masters' Games in Adelaide, and Matt Scholes continued his successful forays to far-flung places winning two gold medals at the South Island Championships in New Zealand.

Again, we thank our long-time supporters Melican Thain, accountants of Greensborough, for their sponsorship of Landy night and Runners' World of East Kew who made generous donations supporting both The Landy and the Christmas Handicap.

While on the subject of sponsorship our thanks are also due to venue members John and Faye Browne, whose women's fashion business Motto again donated \$100 vouchers for competition in The Landy, the Winter Series and the Christmas Handicap, and Matt Scholes, who provided the prizes for the Most Improved Award in which the previous year's runner-up, Andrea Fortington, claimed a last vote victory over relative newcomer Karen Carah.

While most of our features have thrived, perhaps the single one, which is responsible for the 'bonding' of a large part of the group at Doncaster, is the Saturday morning group training which has now been a regular feature for about three years.

Members meet at a variety of venues – the Yarra trail near Eltham, Westerfolds Park in Templestowe, the riverbank at Warrandyte, Banyule Flats, Yarra Flats in Ivanhoe, Wattle Park in Surrey Hills, Gardiners Creek in Burwood, Tikalara Park at Warrandyte and a couple of others – starting at 9.00am and doing a demanding session of interval work for an hour or so after which we troop off to the nearest suitable venue for coffee and a chat. We usually have between half a dozen and a dozen runners and a 'floating population' of twice that number who come from time to time. It has become a most enjoyable social occasion and the improvement in performances by the regulars has been most apparent.

Another innovation has been the introduction of regular hurdle races over the summer months. It is extremely rare for other venues to run hurdles, as is evidence by the influx of hurdlers from other venues to run in them.

A special vote of thanks must go to Kevin Bates who took over as secretary/statistician and webmaster. He has maintained the high standards set by Phil Rosevear who earlier was responsible for the collation of venue records for the various age groups and identifying the best age-graded performances over the years in all Masters' events run at the track.

Doncaster, it seems, has become noted for its friendly atmosphere and we certainly appreciate 'feedback' to that effect from our visitors and new members who joined during the year. This undoubtedly has enabled us to flourish in recent times.

While we have had many helpers who have been a support throughout the year, my particular thanks must also go to assistant venue manager Graham Walter, treasurer David McConnell, The Landy Trophy co-ordinator Bryan Bottomley and our other duty managers, Katrina Philip, John Browne, Deirdre Black and Nick and Karen Carah. It seems Don McLean's competing days are over but he too is a regular at venue competition nights and training days and his efforts, too, are greatly appreciated. A special thank you, as well, to those volunteers, both members and non-members, who assist in preparing and staging The Landy Trophy meeting and in making it an outstanding success on the night.

We have lots of fun at Doncaster and enjoy the on-going by-product of health and fitness (or at least the opportunity to discuss our injuries with like-minded people). At Doncaster, we like to think there's something for everyone.

***RICHARD TREMBATH***  
**Venue Manger**

## **EAST BURWOOD VENUE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011**

Another year has passed and while our group is still intact and competing at Doncaster during the rebuild of the East Burwood track, we have many challenges to face in the next 12 months. Our biggest challenge is the lack of new members joining up to replace the older ones struggling with illness and injury. We have tried various initiatives and the members have been very solid in their support but ultimately time will tell unless we can overcome this trend. Many other VMA venues are facing the same issue and so far, no one has found a particularly successful strategy to deal with it.

During the year, we held various special events and our regular handicap series were keenly contested. The Gwen Davidson 100m Handicap was won by Sonya Pollard with a powerful finish and close behind her there was almost a triple dead heat for second. A new event was the Manager's Pentathlon, which generated a lot of interest with Ashley Ryan being the inaugural winner. The Bob Lewis 400m Series was another popular event with Llew Jenkins a narrow winner in a hard fought race.

The Sizzling Summer 3k and Freezing Freddo Frog 4k Runs were again popular events and the annual John Gosbell 5k Inter Venue Teams run was well supported with Doncaster winning the A team competition for the first time. We conducted the final of the Doug Orr 880yds Handicap at Doncaster this year and Cec McKeown led the Croydon team to an easy victory. In November, we again staged the East Burwood Cup and given the amount of publicity we tried, the attendance was disappointing so we probably will not continue with that in the future. The final of the 1k walk series was again won by Jenny Scholtz for the second time in 3 years.

The venue needs more than just one person to operate successfully and I thank the following persons for their assistance during the year. Gerald Burke filled the position of Assistant Manager and has been a great help by lodging some very creative reports of our activities each week in The Whitehorse Leader as well as keeping tally of our various handicap series and helping prepare and print the quarterly programs. Hawley Thomas has done his usual thorough job as treasurer during what turned out to be a very difficult and trying year for him. Diagnosed with cancer that required aggressive chemotherapy Hawley battled on and I am pleased to say that he is back competing with us and has agreed to continue on in 2012 as treasurer again. I also thank the members for their care and assistance to me when I had the pacemaker inserted in October.

Other people who have lent valuable assistance include Frank Tutchener who has handled the starting for most of our events. Peter Battrick who looks after the handicapping of our distance runs and Phyllis Gosbell for typing up the results and lodging them in Around The Grounds. Shirley Coppock for helping with catering plus Allan Wood and Jack Fredrickson for general assistance, particularly locking up after the events. Annette Hawkins and Allan Wood have also represented us at BSAT committee meetings. There have been others who have helped when required and my thanks go to them as well.

At the time of writing it appears that we wont get back to EB until around the end of April which means that we have to hold together at Doncaster until then and try as hard as possible to rebuild our numbers as soon as possible, given that we will be heading into winter this wont be easy and any help from members of other venues would be appreciated.

*Alan Lucas*  
**Venue Manager**

## **FRANKSTON VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

Frankston venue continues to be managed jointly by Peter Duggan and John Hallo.

Attendance on Thursday nights averages about 16 competitors with occasional increase up to 20 competitors. The walkers usually outnumber the distance runners by 2 to 1. Sprinters can vary between 3 and 8 competitors. Despite the low numbers, there is an atmosphere of friendly competition and a sense of fun.

We have three memorial events each year and the following were the winners of the trophies:-

Graeme Richards memorial 200m age graded: Bill Carr

Andrew Piercy memorial 5000m walk E. T: Kees Zwynenburg

Ian Macarthur memorial 100m: Bill Carr

The Christmas 200m handicap results as follows:-

1<sup>st</sup> Alan Radford

2<sup>nd</sup> Lindsay Beaton

3<sup>rd</sup> Charlie Mallia

The end of the year presentation and break-up night was attended by 30 people and was a great success with the following recipients of the awards:-

Best club person for the year: Ray O'Connor

Runner-up: Lyn Pimm

Third: Graeme Kilfoyle

Our appreciation goes to the following helpers- Peter Duggan as Mr. Starter for most events, time-keepers Kees Zwynenburg, Lyn Pimm, Ray O'Connor, Lindsay Beaton, John Hallo, Gary Meyer, and others when needed. Our thanks also go to Billy Carr for recording results on his computer and forwarding to "Around the Grounds" each month.

We look forward to another year of friendly competition and new people joining us.

***JOHN HALLO***

**Venue Co-Manager**

## **GLEN EIRA VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

Once again, we have had a good and successful year at the Glen Eira venue where our members have enjoyed each other's company and taking part in the weekly events.

We were saddened early in the year with the death of our respected member Leo Charles, a "Living Legend" for Caulfield/Glen Eira. Leo was our Venue Manager from 1994 to 1998 and was unselfish in giving his time and knowledge in making us a friendly and social venue. Two other deaths also deserve mention. Beryl Sinclair attended our venue for many years and frequently helped in the kitchen and with general tidying up each week.

The recent death of Peter Colthup OAM took another of our "Living Legends". The contribution Peter made to Veterans/Masters athletics and the setting up of the Venues and his other work for athletics is acknowledged with thanks and respect.

On a brighter note, we were thrilled when Judy Wines was made a Life Member of the VMA. It is a fitting acknowledgement of her work and commitment to the Club and different venues over a thirty-year period.

We also thank Andrew Edwards for taking over the responsibility of Venue Treasurer, which is a very important role. We thank Don Pritchard for the many years he looked after our Venue finances. Glen Eira venue gave donations to the Queensland and Victorian flood appeals when those tragedies occurred.

A very successful "Trivia Night" was held in June where many people attended. Peter Bence is thanked for his work in making this a fun and interesting night.

In November, we had another great "Living Legends" night shared with the Mentone and the Springvale/Noble Park venues. Our Living Legends this year were Des and Sandra Middleton, which showed our thanks for their contributions over many years.

Many of the events held during the year were competitions held over a four-week period. Details are:-

The "Leo Charles" 100-metre sprint series was won by Glad Wishart.

The "Jim Sinclair" 400-metre series saw Bob Wishart finish just in front of Chris Brown.

The "Ray O'Connor" 800-metre series winner was Graham Stockdale.

The "Bob Wishart" 200-metre series was won by Jim Rountree with four people finishing equal second. They were Paul Lynch, Leanne Monk, Ian Poulton and Chris Brown.

A 300-metre series held over three weeks was won by Ray O'Connor.

The "Judy Wines" 6-kilometre event was won by Jim McLure. Jim was also the winner of the Kevin Browne "Caulfield Cup" series so Jim had a good year.

For the second year in a row, Andrew Edwards was the Age Graded winner of the Mark Benjamin 3000-metre event.

The Ray Kemp 5-kilometre series, held over the year saw Peter Battrick just in front of Chris Brown and Cynthia Ellery.

## **GLEN EIRA VENUE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2011 - *continued***

Therefore, our point winners for the year were:-

Walks – Sandra Middleton from Tony Doran and Des Middleton.

Sprints – Chris Brown from LLew Jenkins and Darrell Polglase.

Middle Distance – Janet Holmes from Fred Bischel and Doug Adeney.

Distance – Peter Battrick from Chris Brown and Cynthia Ellery.

A “Venue Record” system has been established due to the efforts of Ashley Page. To have the data base accurate entailed going through every “Around the Grounds” for the past 22 years. All the best efforts in each age group for the established distances are now complete and we keep the system updated each month. We sincerely thank Ashley for his time and commitment.

Our Venue Committee (Darrell Polglase, Anne Nicholl, Judy Wines, Andrew Edwards and Jim McLure) deserve my appreciation as also do our handicappers (Kevin Browne, Paul Lynch and Tony Doran) and to Michael Heffernan, Bob Wishart and Trevor Bilston for their help with events and also to everyone who helps in any way to keep the venue functioning.

***Peter McGrath***

**Venue Manager**

# **KNOX VENUE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

Our regular Wednesday evenings were severely disrupted this year due to a refurbishment of the track, which had to be completed in two stages because of the weather.

We managed to conduct events utilising the vast car park and adjoining bike path.

The commitment of a few regulars saw us once again successful at the Inter-Venue Andy Salter Relays and in retaining the Browne Shield for Inter-Venue Winter competition, with Lavinia Petrie again taking out the individual award.

Several of our members also contested State, National, and World Championships.

We enjoyed the hospitality of a new member (Dee Bird) for our end of the year party, which included a team's event around a small lake and BBQ followed by a swim and spa. Everyone is now looking forward to next Christmas.

No venue can operate without the help of dedicated helpers. Our significant ones are,

Paul Durrant, Glenn Claiden, Anne McPherson, Chas McRae, Ian U'Ren, Peter LeGet, Gary Stewart, and Jock Cravana.

Now that the track is fully operational, we hope to build on our numbers again and send out the challenge to the other Venues for Inter-Venue Events.

***LAVINIA PETRIE***

**Venue Manger**

## **MENTONE VENUE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

The Financial Year of 2010/2011 gave a much-improved result compared to the previous year's figures.

The largest financial burden to the Club was the cost of payments to the Mentone Track and Field Centre Inc. to provide funds for track maintenance and general expenses required to keep the Centre running efficiently. This financial commitment is shared with Mentone Athletic Club and the Mentone Little Athletics Club, and at a recent MTFC Committee Meeting, it was decided to suspend the annual payment of \$2400.00 made to the Sinking Fund. The result being that each Club now pays a quarterly payment of \$450.00, for an annual cost of \$1800.00 instead of an annual cost of \$4200.00. This has removed a huge financial burden from our Club, and coupled with increased weekly attendances, we have shown an annual profit of \$847.02.

Pam Mews, who put together a photographic collage featuring athletes from Mentone Veterans/Masters over many years, donated an amount of \$128.50. A large framed copy has been hung in the Clubrooms and Pam sold smaller copies of the collage to members, the total of which made up the donation. Pam is also organising brochures to be printed to advertise the Club and hopefully attract new members.

The venue continues to conduct special events throughout the year, including the Peter Colthup 5 Miles Road handicap event, the Rob Jennings Memorial 800M event the Frank Kealy Walk Trophy, and the Gordon Gourlay Walk and Sprint Series. Sadly, since Peter is no longer with us, this event will now be an occasion to remember Peter's many achievements and victories in the world of Veterans and Masters Athletics. These events remain popular activities and are well patronized by both Mentone members and athletes from other venues.

Several of our members also participate in inter-venue events such as the Lindsay Thomas Memorial run at Braeside Park, and Legends Relay held at Glen Eira. Mentone members gave excellent performances, but were not successful in winning the trophy this year, finishing in second place to Glen Eira. All those who attended this event had a very enjoyable evening. Our Legend for 2011 was Ralph Bennett, a very deserving nominee whose athletic prowess and assistance to the Club on many levels made him an excellent choice for 2011.

We continue to celebrate 'significant' birthdays throughout the year where members enjoy supper and Birthday cake. It is usual for these evenings to have special events of which the winners are awarded with prizes, so full participation by all comers is usually the result. This year saw one 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, an 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and two 70<sup>th</sup> Birthdays' celebrated. Other birthdays were also acknowledged throughout the year and are always cause for celebration.

Our Newsletter remains a very popular publication for the Club and much appreciation goes to our Editor Sonya McLennan who whilst travelling around Australia with her husband, still manages to amass and coordinate most of the material published. Coupled with a regular Results sheet, members are kept well informed of club activities.

The Mentone Venue continues to provide an ideal centre for athletic pursuits and social interaction. Several new members have joined the Club over the past year, and providing our membership numbers maintain the desired level we can look forward to a positive future for the Club.

***Ted Mc Coy and Ashley Page***  
**Venue Co-Managers**

# SOUTHERN PENINSULA VENUE

## ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Firstly, thank-you all for another great year, especially co-managers Alan and John who have made the past year fly by.

We have again celebrated anything worth celebrating with runs around the Peninsula-Rye-Portsea-Sorrento-McCrae-Cape Schanck-Main Ridge and we have ventured further to Wilson's Prom, Heyfield, and Echuca.

We again celebrated with runs for the beginning and end of Daylight Savings, AFL Grand Final, Melbourne Cup, Post Office Dash on the Sunday before Christmas, Christmas Eve, and Australia Day.

We exercised our brains too with puzzles that lead to the "Last Dinner on the Titanic". Our Clubs' 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Blue Carpet event was very glamorous and the 21<sup>st</sup> celebration preparations are under way.

The track at Truemans Road is the best we have seen for a long time and this is in part due to the winter marking by the Little Athletics Club – a donation of our appreciation was made last year and may continue this year.

There have been many personal bests by all members over the year and the fact that you all keep turning up to challenge old age is proof that we have a club that both supports and encourages all efforts made by both the experienced and the novice.

Thank-you again to all members of the committee:

Bernard and Lee – Financial and Dietary  
Heather – Secretary and Letter Collector  
Russ – Track Marker in the Wild  
Margaret – Social Secretary  
Ian and Max – Council Wranglers  
John – Co-Manager and Chief Starter  
Alan – Co-Manager and beloved Handicapper!

You are great group of people to try and gather in a timely manner to the start line and I look forward to the coming year of many more memorable finishes.

***Margaret Radford***  
**Venue Manager**

## **SPRINGVALE/NOBLE PARK VENUE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

Another year has passed and lots of activity at the venue. Our numbers have been pretty steady throughout the year and on many nights, the “walkers” outnumber the runners, mainly due to broken down runners walking for the exercise and social involvement, which is a hallmark of our venue. Even on wet nights we have quite a few turn up. The crazy ones go for a run in the rain while the rest have a cuppa and chat.

Our first major event of the year was the 19<sup>th</sup> running of the Lindsay Thomas memorial, held in January at Braeside Park, a superb venue for a run or a walk. The weather was kind to us and a good crowd of 99 competitors from eight venues and members/friends of the Thomas family competed and enjoyed the social aspect afterwards. As always, the event was well organized by Ken Hough ably assisted by a number of venue members.

Our main event of the year, the Andy Salter relay, as usual was held on the first Wednesday of February. This year was the 28<sup>th</sup> running of the event and it continues to be popular with a total of 98 competitors in the run and walk events. This year saw Knox again easily retain the trophy ahead of Mentone and Glen Eira. The venue is proud of the longevity of the event and the fact that it is a great opportunity for people from different venues to get together and enjoy the friendship that is a Masters quality.

We also conducted the Eric Greaves memorial run in July over 10 km at Braeside Park, in conjunction with the Victorian Cross Country League.

During the season, we conduct a 5km handicap series in honour of Eric, which is always keenly contested. This year saw Peter Carmody the winner ahead of Bill Irvine and Lou Buccieri. A 3km walk handicap conducted in conjunction turned into a “field” event with Peter Field winning ahead of his wife Jenny.

We also had the 2<sup>nd</sup> running of a 3km handicap series in honour Ross Martin. Will Sellick was too good for the rest of the field to beat Chris Murphy and Lou Buccieri.

We run a number of other handicap series and events during the year and these provided keen competition and are popular as it gives everyone a chance of winning. Thanks to the handicappers, Chris Murphy (sprint) and Alan Bennie (distance) and Frank Allen (walk) who endure the good-natured complaints from the competitors. Our 3 event estimated time nights were also fun.

Another highlight of the year was our participation in the Living Legends night at Glen Eira, where there was some very close competition and well done to Glen Eira on their victory. As usual, Peter McGrath and his crew again put a great event and supper. Congratulations to Brian Lynch who was named as the Springvale legend.

At the VMA AGM Celia Johnson Tony Doran and Jim Sinclair were awarded Service awards. All have been great contributors at the venue over many years as well as assisting at VMA Championship events. Their awards are well deserved.

During the year we also fitted ourselves out in a venue uniform to wear at inter venue events. They have been a great hit with our members and many thanks to Tony Johnson as the main organizer of the purchase and distribution of the singlets and T-shirts.

## **SPRINGVALE/NOBLE PARK VENUE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2011 - *continued***

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. As always, one of the highlights of the night was the Doran medal presentation. This year Jim Sinclair was a most popular winner. 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 to Jim Sinclair and helpers for their great work in the kitchen, Tony Johnson 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**

## **THROWERS VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

The Throwers venue has grown steadily over recent years. In 2011 another six new members came and this increased our numbers to 62. We have also reached a situation where we have 10% over 80. Reconstruction of the Glen Eira venue will not disrupt the throwing over the next two years as the track and field will remain available but storage of equipment may be an issue.

During 2011 several of our throwers were involved in World Championships. Val Worrell (winner of hammer (world record) and weight) and Tom Hancock (throws pentathlon) both returned from Sacramento as World Champions. In June Chris Tew competed in the Transplant Games in Sweden and became the World Champion and new world record holder in the discus and javelin as well as winning gold in the shot.

At the local level the fourth running of the AMA Postal relay competition resulted in 16 throwing relay teams participating in hammer, shot and discus for a return of 13 firsts and 3 seconds. It would be good to see an equal effort in track relays.

The Summer throws pentathlon had 40 competitors and the T & F pentathlon 42 the largest for some time. Many throwers compete in both of these events. Throwers assist in setting up, officiating, scoring both events, and providing refreshments. A working bee is held on the T & F pentathlon day to check out all equipment and bring it up to specification.

The 2011 Masters Championships for Victorian Masters were held at Doncaster Athletic Track at Rieschke's Reserve. The Championships ran very successfully, feedback from many athletes was very positive, and Doncaster will likely remain the venue for future Championships.

Throwers have enjoyed many other Championships throughout the year. The Nationals in Brisbane, the winter throws pentathlon and the AMA winter throws championships where Roger Glass was thrower of the meet.

The Throwers group coach Russell Devine has enhanced the performance of many of our throwers. Russell's keen eye picks up key areas where athletes can improve their technique often with immediate results.

Socially we had two events. The Beaufort Cup closest to the pin competition and getaway weekend at Ken and Pam's at Beaufort with good company and fun competition is always thoroughly enjoyed.

The second and biggest social event for the year was the Christmas BBQ that was attended by more than 50 persons. It was great to catch up with old members and friends. A big thank you goes to all those who helped with the pre-event, on the day in so many ways and through donations to the hamper. This function was a major contributor to our fundraising of \$926 for the year.

No year of activities would ever be successful without the major input of committee members and the generous help of partners and members. Each meet we must set up, pack away, officiate and record as well as process results and prepare refreshments. To all those who have helped throughout the year and especially David, Joe, George, Ken and Joy who have been great in setting up and/or officiating, I can only say many thanks. To Judy Pfanner, another great job in keeping us informed through "Out of Sector".

***Graeme G Rose and Astrid Rose***  
**Venue Managers**

# VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INCORPORATED

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2011

### COMMITTEE

The surplus for the year was \$9210, which was an improvement of \$4505 in comparison with the previous year's result of \$4505, with income rising by \$1445 and expenses decreasing by \$3060.

The main items of the increase in income were:-

Subscriptions	357	Member numbers increased
Interest	1326	Increased Investments & Higher rates
Other Items (net)	(238)	

Expenditure decreased mainly due to:-

AMA Travel	(548)	2 years paid in 2010
Medals	(618)	Lower event entries/ less medals awarded
Footprints	(1705)	1 less edition
Printing & Stationery	(1088)	Brochures printed in 2010
Sundry Expenses	1044	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Course
Other Items (net)	(145)	

Included in Championship expenses was \$1375 paid to VMA members to subsidise entries to AV events but this was offset by savings of \$1668 outlayed in 2010 for Awards.

The number of members rose by 13 or 1.6%, from 821 last year to 834 at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

Current Assets decreased by \$334 mainly due to the Bank account balance falling by \$1187 whereas Stocks increased by \$404 and Sundry Debtors rose by \$449.

Despite the volatility in the economy, interest rates were higher earlier in the year but in the second half they fell but we experienced an overall increase in interest received which assisted to increase the value of investments as they went up by \$9004 to \$161284. We continued to withdraw funds from Challenger and Perpetual who were affected by the Global Financial Crisis and these funds were reinvested in an ING Term Deposit. Aberfeldie Venue repaid \$1250 of their loan (for a track upgrade) during the year leaving a residual balance of \$1875.

Fixed Assets rose by 647 due to the purchase of a Marquee for \$948 but most other items are now almost written off.

The net effect was an increase in retained earnings of \$9210 covering the profit for the year bringing the balance to \$178924 at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2011 - *continued*

### VENUES

Overall, there was a surplus for the year of \$7538 (before Depreciation) compared with the deficit of \$596 for last year. It was pleasing to see five Venues showing an improvement in results over the previous year however four Venues still experienced a deficit.

Income rose slightly, by \$856 overall in comparison with the previous year. There was an increase in sales of clothing of \$1762 (although this was more than offset by purchases of \$3760). Donations fell by \$1965, which was basically attributable to East Burwood receiving funds last year. Interest rose by \$848 where several Venues received income from investments. Social Fundraising decreased by \$1020 despite two Venues conducting "Sausage Sizzles" with the downturn being mainly attributable to East Burwood who received sponsorship income last year.

Expenditure decreased in total by \$7278 with savings being experienced in Track Hire \$5358 (East Burwood \$900, Frankston \$1500 - no payment and Mentone \$2400 - new arrangements) whereas substantial increases in Track Hire applied at Croydon \$1086 and Geelong \$630. Other savings were Supper & Social \$1966, Postage & Stationery \$862, Around the Grounds \$378, Trophies & Prizes \$755, Equipment \$1052 - Throwers down by \$2203 offset by increases in other Venues and Sundries \$1474 - mainly due to East Burwood representing \$1887. These decreases were offset by higher expenses for Clothing \$3760 - Springvale \$3042 & Glen Eira \$718 and Special Events \$731 - Glen Eira \$516.

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

The result in the Consolidated I & E was a surplus of \$14172 compared with \$1533 for last year. Net Assets have gone from \$252374 last year to \$267796 this year.

*Al Willey*

**Honorary Treasurer**

**VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INCORPORATED**  
**A.C.N. A1760**

**Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011**

<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
26392	SUBSCRIPTIONS	26749
1188	CHAMPIONSHIPS & CROSS COUNTRY	1016
1019	CLOTHING SALES PROFIT/ (LOSS)	969
7380	INTEREST RECEIVED	8706
471	DONATIONS	455
<b>36450</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>37895</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
5572	CAPITATION FEES AMA	5691
1389	AMA TRAVEL EXP'S	841
1620	HONORARIUMS	1620
2764	MEDALS & TROPHIES	2146
8967	FOOTPRINTS	7262
142	POSTAGES & TELEPHONES	262
2803	PRINTING & STATIONERY	1715
370	SOCIAL EVENTS	0
500	ATHLETICS VIC FEES	400
322	DEPRECIATION	301
383	BANK CHARGES	435
1199	SUNDRY EXPENSES	2243
5714	PA INSURANCE	5769
<b>31745</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>28685</u></b>
<b>4705</b>	<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>9210</b>

**VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INCORPORATED**  
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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2011**

<b>2010 CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
7438	CASH AT BANK		6251
12225	STOCK		12629
2335	SUNDRY DEBTORS		2784
21998	<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b><u>21664</u></b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>			
15000	BENDIGO - TERM DEPOSIT		15000
14697	CHALLENGER		7130
45000	CBA - TERM DEPOSIT		45000
37924	ING BUSINESS OPTIMISER		45182
31230	ING - TERM DEPOSIT		43166
5304	PERPETUAL TERM DEPOSIT		3931
3125	ABERFELDIE LOAN		1875
152280	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>		<b><u>161284</u></b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
8166	SPORTS EQUIPMENT	9114	
-8159	LESS PROVN FOR DEPN	<u>-8261</u>	853
13847	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	13847	
-13149	LESS PROVN FOR DEPN	<u>-13348</u>	499
705	<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b><u>1352</u></b>
174983	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>184300</u></b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
5269	CREDITORS		5376
5269	<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b><u>5376</u></b>
169714	<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>178924</u></b>
169714	<b>RETAINED EARNINGS</b>		<b><u>178924</u></b>

**VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INC.  
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**Notes to Accounts**

<b><u>MEMBERSHIP</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>
NUMBER OF MEMBERS	821	834
SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$26,392	\$26,749

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**INTEREST RECEIVED**

Bendigo	278	890
Commonwealth Bank-Term Deposit	3141	2650
Challenger	903	589
ING - Term Deposit	1639	2142
ING Business Optimiser	1074	2258
Perpetual	345	177
	<b><u>7380</u></b>	<b><u>8706</u></b>

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**HONORARIUMS**

President	400	400
Treasurer	720	720
Subscriptions Officer	500	500
	<b><u>1620</u></b>	<b><u>1620</u></b>

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**STOCKS**

*Clothing*

Opening Stock	11904	10708
Purchases/(Sales) (Net)	-2215	-1760
	9689	8948
Profit / ( Loss )	1019	969
Closing Stock	<b><u>10708</u></b>	<b><u>9917</u></b>

*Medals & Trophies*

Opening Stock	4281	1517
Purchases	0	3341
	4281	4858
Usages	2764	2146
Closing Stock	<b><u>1517</u></b>	<b><u>2712</u></b>
Total Stock	<b><u>12225</u></b>	<b><u>12629</u></b>

**Victorian Masters Athletics Inc.  
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**Venues Consolidation Income & Expenditure Statement**

**12 Months Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011**

	<b>2010 Income</b>	
41233	Track Fees	41543
2190	Subscription Fees	285
230	Sales-Clothing	1992
3035	Entry Special Event	3037
5470	Supper	5711
2385	Donations	420
865	Interest	1713
6957	Social Fundraising	5937
207	Sundry	730
62572	<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>61368</u></b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	
27388	Track Hire	22040
2060	Subscriptions	0
0	Clothing	3760
2545	Special Events	3276
11459	Supper & Social	9493
1631	Postage & Stationery	769
1127	Around the Grounds	749
6075	Trophies & Prizes	5320
294	Bank Charges	360
4147	Equipment	3095
6442	Sundry	4968
63168	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>53830</u></b>
-596	<b><u>Surplus/Deficiency</u></b>	<b>7538</b>
83805	<b>Bank Balance-Opening</b>	<b>83209</b>
83209	<b>Bank Balance-Current</b>	<b>90747</b>

**Victorian Masters Athletics Inc.  
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**Consolidated Income & Expenditure Statement**

**12 Months Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011**

	<b>2010 Income</b>	
26522	Subscriptions	27034
13845	Track Income (net)	19503
1249	Sales-Clothing (net)	-799
1678	Championships (net)	777
2856	Donations	875
8245	Interest	10419
207	Sundry Income	730
54602	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>58539</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	
5572	Capitation Fees	5691
500	Athletics Vic Fees	400
1620	Honorariums	1620
8839	Medals & Trophies	7466
8967	Footprints	7262
142	Postages & Telephone	262
5561	Printing & Stationery	3233
-598	Social Events (net)	-2155
2898	Depreciation	2877
677	Bank Charges	795
4147	Track Equipment	3095
1389	Travel Expenses-AMA	841
5714	PA Insurance	5769
7641	Sundry Expenses	7211
53069	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>44367</b>
1533	<u>Surplus/Deficiency</u>	14172

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**Consolidated Balance Sheet**

**As at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011**

<b>2010 Assets</b>		
242927	Cash & Investments	258282
2335	Debtors & Prepayments	2784
12225	Stock	12629
3281	Equipment (Written-down Value)	1352
260768		<u>275047</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
-8394	Creditors & Accruals	-7251
252374	<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>267796</u></u>

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**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I advise that I have audited the books and accounts of Victorian Masters Athletics Inc. as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, but have not checked details of financial transactions and records as they are kept independently of VMA Management.



***Peter Le Get***

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

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