



**44th Annual Report
VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INC.**

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Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the period

1st January to 31st December 2015

OFFICE BEARERS

President: Russell Oakley

Vice Presidents: Tony Bradford,

Secretary: Philip Urquhart

Assistant Secretary: Christopher Murphy

Treasurer: Andrew Edwards

Club Captain: Lavinia Petrie

Club Vice Captain: David Sheehan / Shane Draper

General Committee

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Graeme Rose

Russ. Dickenson

Michael Rennie

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Honary Auditor :

David McConnell

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2015

A time of change and development sums up the year 2015, with an increase in membership and new directions in technological change.

Ewan Wilson stepped down from the Treasurer's position and took up the role of Registrar with the retirement of Astrid Rose and uniforms provider from Graham Philpott. Andrew Edwards is now the new Treasurer.

This year saw the majority of entries to our Championships being processed on line as with our annual subscriptions. In line with the increasing role of social media I would like to thank Mike Rennie for all the work he did in producing a promotional video for use on Facebook. Our web site is also in the process of undergoing an upgrade.

The VMA community was saddened by the untimely death of Judy Walters who helped to produce A.T.G and ex committee member Don Chambers who died whilst overseas.

Despite a few minor hiccups our joint Championships with Athletics Victoria was successful and we look forward to a bigger meeting in 2016. Our teams in both the AV Shield and Cross Country Competitions had very good seasons – see their reports in the Annual Report.

Our Venues are as strong as ever because of the tireless efforts of the Venue Managers and volunteers who provide yearlong competitions and social enjoyment. I would like to thank these people for doing such a wonderful job.

Moves are afoot to establish a VMA presence in Bendigo after a competition in November in which some of our members participated. If this model is successful, it could be duplicated in other regional areas. It is pleasing to see the support given to the Casey Venue by the members of Frankston and Springvale.

On the National scene it was pleasing to see that Wal Sheppard, a founding member of Vic. Vets, was admitted to the AMA Hall of Fame along with the irrepressible Heather Carr.

I would like to thank Graham Rose for his persistence and success in insuring the Royce Foley Award for Throwers remained an Australian based Award.

The Committee would like to thank Russ Dickenson for his tireless work in producing Footprints and managing our Facebook page both of which provides a vital and entertaining link between the Committee and the membership and between members themselves.

I would like to thank all those VMA members who have helped make 2015 such a successful year.

RUSSELL OAKLEY

VMA PRESIDENT

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Committee met 12 times this year, exceeding the Constitutional requirement of a minimum of four meetings in any year. The following changes to the committee occurred during the year: Andrew Edwards was elected Treasurer at the AGM, Ewen Wilson was confirmed as Registrar and took on the additional responsibility of Uniforms while Mike Rennie was elected as an ordinary member. Russ Dickenson was appointed to the committee following the AGM.

Russ Oakley attended the AMA AGM in October 2015, while Russ Oakley and Phil Urquhart attended the Athletics Australia AGM in November 2015.

The requirements of the Athletics Victoria Club Connect program, were progressed during the year. VMA are on track to complete the 2015/2016 items within the required timeframe. The objective of this program is to ensure compliance with various statutory and legal requirements, and adopt properly documented policies in relation to member protection, governance and communication.

Venue Managers are reminded that the committee provides a \$ for \$ subsidy to encourage all venues to acquire a defibrillator. The committee also funds Level 1 First Aid training for members.

Interest in a greater Masters Athletics presence in regional areas continues with Bendigo Athletics conducting a number of Masters competitions during the year. They were also successful in bidding to host the AMA Decathlon and Heptathlon for the three years from 2016 to 2018.

A further initiative was the establishment of a new training group based at Jells Park over daylight savings months, run jointly by Bronwen Cardy and David Sheehan.

Efforts to attract new members continued during 2015 with work progressing on a redesigned website and greater social media presence. A promotional video was produced by Mike Rennie with a release date early in 2016.

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:

- Lavinia Petrie as club captain and liaising with Athletics Victoria staff on Masters matters.
- David Sheehan for coordinating our AV Shield and XCR teams during the year.
- Russ Dickenson for the production and distribution of our high quality and informative newsletter, Footprints.
- Clyde Riddoch, records officer and Club Statistician.

The committee was pleased to note the recognition of two VMA members achievements in their acceptance into the AMA Hall of Fame, namely Heather Carr and Wal Sheppard.

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.

Phil Urquhart
Secretary

CLUB CAPTAINS

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Track & Field Championships were held in conjunction with Athletics Victoria at the Doncaster track.

I would like to thank all members who participated or helped out on the 2days of competition. Without volunteer assistance none of our events would be as successful as they are.

Collingwood Venue continues to conduct the 10k Track Championship and the 8k Cross Country at Yarra Bend Park. Thank you Team Collingwood.

Springvale Noble Park Venue, led by Alan Bennie conducts the 10k Road Championship in conjunction with Victorian Cross Country League at Braeside Park. This ever popular event is named after our dear departed former Club Captain Eric Greaves. Thank you SVNVP.

Aberfeldie Venue under the guidance of John Dean again organised the 10 miles Championship at Princes Park. Thank you Aberfeldie.

The Browne Shield for Inter-Venue competition during the winter months was again won by the Knox Venue after a nail biting competition with Aberfeldie.

Lavinia Petrie (Knox) and Greg Moore (Aberfeldie) were the individual winners in the points competition.

VMA was also represented in Athletics Victoria competition as a club in its own right.

At the Victorian T&F Championships the Wal Sheppard Award for the best performance by a male in the M60-64 age group was won by Colin Page.

The Mike O'Neill Award for the best overall performance in a 1500m, based on age graded percentages was won by Tracey Van Dueren.

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LAVINIA PETRIE

CLUB CAPTAIN

VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS.

AV SUMMER SHIELD COMPETITION.

The 2015/16 competition brought about a change of competition zone for our VMA teams. This resulted in new venues, new faces and new challenges for our members.

Although our small men's and women's teams have been very successful in previous years, it was felt that a change was needed to inspire our existing teams and encourage greater participation from the VMA membership.

The majority of VMA members reside in the inner city or surrounding suburbs. The long travel involved to compete in the Blue Zone venues in the Casey & Frankston areas was discouraging existing team members to commit on a regular basis and new members from joining us. After canvassing existing team members it was agreed to accept the consensus of opinion. We changed to the more centralised location of White Zone (Nunawading/Doncaster areas) for the start of the 2015/16 summer shield competition.

We were sorry to lose a few members but were very heartened by renewed enthusiasm and the influx of new members the move generated.

In combination with our existing members we welcomed several new faces who represented VMA in Athletics Victoria competition for the first time:-

New Members:

Karen Archer, Russ Dickenson, Ros Dyer, Pam Tindall & Grant Murfett (Croydon venue)

Graeme Sayer (Ballan)

Marg Tweedie (Yarra Glen)

Gavin White (Aberfeldie venue)

Existing Members:

Linda Black, Peter Black, Bronwen Cardy, Sam Defanis, Stewart Dobrzynski, Shane Draper, Janet Holmes, Rob Italia, Leanne Monk, Steve Quirk, Sean Riordan, Richard Shortt and Helen Stanley.

Our athletes not only competed in their customary disciplines but also enjoyed the challenge of trying new events with surprising & satisfying performances achieved. Inspired, no doubt, by the high points to be earned in the Age Related performance points system used in the Shield competition. This enables the mature athlete to remain very competitive against their younger competitors. The younger athletes soon realised they may have beaten their older rivals over the line and in distance but were well beaten in point scores. A new respect was earned for our competitors when times were compared after age grading was applied.

Our men's team competed manfully. Although we were lacking participants we were nonetheless very competitive against teams and athletes of a very high standard. This was the first time in six years that our men's team have failed to qualify for the final. This was no reflection on those competing, but merely a result of minimum numbers when final scores are dependent on covering all events. When short of sprinters our distance runners tried their hand at the shorter distances to help with points and make up relay teams. Likewise, the sprinters worked hard to cover field events when necessary but could not overcome the advantage of teams with depth in numbers.

The women's team had a very successful year. Once again they qualified for the finals at Albert Park after a very competitive season. This success was very much due to determined individual efforts and inspiring team spirit generated within the VMA team.

In the final however, the girls were disappointed to lose the services of two of their high point scoring members when Margaret & Bronwen sustained injuries and were unable to compete. The remaining members refused to let this handicap deter them and renewed their efforts to great effect.

They have to be proud of their achievements, finishing in a commendable 5th place out of 10 final competing teams. This only emphasises how competitive our ladies team can be when at full strength.

(Margaret has since made a successful return to competition after her calf injury and Bronwen is hopeful of running again when her hamstring is surgically re-attached)

I hope you all enjoyed the summer competition. It was wonderful to see so many VMA singlets evident in both track & field events. Equally satisfying were the frequent comments made by others on the number of VMA athletes competing and how inspirational they were to their younger competitors.

Well done to the members of both teams. Your determination, camaraderie and support for one another have been inspirational.

However, I do need to make a plea to all VMA members:

We cannot continue to rely on the endeavours of this small group to sustain VMA's standing in AV competition.

We need the support of additional VMA members to join us in sharing the load and enabling our competitors to focus on their specialist events.

I am, once again, inviting others to come and join us. We are particularly short of sprinters (Women), throwers, jumpers and those willing to assist with basic recording tasks to help us cover our duty rosters.

Although experience in these areas is an advantage, they are not a necessity. You do not have to be an elite athlete or indeed, an accomplished athlete to join the VMA team. We welcome members of any age or ability. The only criteria required are that you need to enjoy a challenge and be willing to 'have a go'!

Note: VMA will refund \$45 of your AV annual fees if you represent VMA teams.

If you are interested or intrigued, please give me or any of our team members a call and we will be happy to answer your queries or welcome you to the team.

If you are after satisfying competition and inspirational team spirit – then come and join us!

David Sheehan

VMA Team Manager for AV Competition.

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XCR 2015 REPORT

Over the last five or so years, and under the leadership of team manager David Sheehan, VMA members from various 'venues' have come together as one and participated in the XCR winter season of cross country and road running. The team based series of 10 races has seen VMA members showcase and challenge themselves against other athletics clubs in this excellent Athletics Victoria series. The series itself includes races at Albert Park, Ballarat, Jells Park, Anglesea, Burnley and the Tan Track.

In 2015 VMA had a women's team in each of Division 3 and 5 and a men's team in each of Division 4 & 7. As a result both the serious and more social runners amongst us have been able to be catered for. Notably, the teams consisted of a great mix of dedicated Masters Runners who travelled from regional Victoria as well as suburban Melbourne to compete and others with small children and babies to juggle.

Excellent results were achieved in 2015 with the men's Division 4 team winning the premiership, for the third consecutive year and again earning a promotion - this time to Division 3 for the 2016 series. The women's team had a great year also and is building for a big 2016.

For Victorian distance running enthusiasts, the XCR series is a 'not to be missed' experience. A wise interstate based Masters athlete once declared to me that the XCR series really is the 'envy' of the rest of the Australian running community and I cannot think of anything better than having VMA members involved and competing!

Anyone interested in joining for the 2016 series which commences in mid-April should contact Dave Sheehan forthwith.

Shane Draper

ABERFELDIE VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The past 12 months has seen another successful year for the venue. With the 'retirement' of John Dean as Venue Manager we saw some new blood elected to the committee. I would like to take this opportunity all be it belatedly in this publication to thank John personally and on behalf of the venue for his tireless work over the past 20 plus years. Fortunately for the venue John is still a very active participant and continues to offer and provide assistance regularly. I am particularly thankful to him for coordinating the Princes Park 10 Mile road race.

Once again the 1000 Metres Age Graded event proved very popular. The race was on for all the seasoned runners to come up with the highest percentage however in May young Levi Draper (still a few years before he can be a member) put in a sterling effort to record 76.34. That was OK until August when he ran at 81.43%

Handicaps, NOT's and NOD's were also keenly contested with a spread of winners. These events provide a great opportunity for those of us who are not as quick as we used to be to join the winners circle. Alas, no matter how hard the handicapper tried he could still not manage to win the 5k Handicap.

In June we had our youngest participant Evan Kisler take part in his first event. The 60 metre walk cum run oops sit down up and off again dash. Evan recorded a very creditable time of 76 secs (he was only 1 at the time). A few weeks later he upped the distance to 80 metres and ran 86.09secs. Clearly he had been out training while mum and dad thought he was in his cot sleeping.

Supper nights were again well attended and the "Soup Night" saw the introduction of the "Golden Ladle" award. Six contestants pitted the culinary skills against each other with Ken Fuhrmeister talking out the award with his famous Cauliflower Soup. Unfortunately Ken has been unable to run over the past year and so has now taken up tennis. Ken assures me he will return however to present what will now be known as the "Ken Fuhrmeister Perpetual Golden Ladle Award"

August saw the running of the Princes Park 10 Mile road race. As previously mentioned this was coordinated by John Dean. 42 runners entered and a great race followed with Grant Simpson from Geelong taking the honors. Aberfeldie members performed well in this event as they did in all Browne Shield events but were unable to take out the prize which again went to the worthy winners Knox Venue.

This was the last time Aberfeldie Venue will host the event as we have decided to pass the baton on. At the time of writing it is not known who will take up the challenge to conduct a replacement event.

August also saw the inaugural running of the Bill Page sealed handicap. Eleven runners presented themselves to the starter. Despite some fine running from the likes of Draper, Gregory and Papworth no one was able to run down the front marker- Bill Page. It was good to see that at the age of 85 and show the younger members a clean pair of heels.

**ABERFELDIE VENUE
ANNUAL REPORT 2015 continued**

The Venue was well represented in the Melbourne Marathon with nine members completing the race with eight picking up medals in the various Masters Age Grades (no prizes for guessing who didn't get a Medal). Standout performances were –

-Adam Gregory	2:59.18
-Antonio Giuliani	2:59.25
-Shane Draper	3:00.24 (so close)
-Lynn Kisler	4:13.52 (1 st Marathon)

Another notable performance during the year was that of Maggie Armstrong. Maggie turns up virtually every week (I think she missed twice this year) and runs a variety of events. This year Maggie competed in over 120 events covering some 18 different distances. Maggie is obviously refining her running as last year she ran 36 different distances.

The year finished up with a great night for Christmas when we presented our yearly Venue awards to the following:-

Best Club Person	Ron Gregory
1000 Metres Age Graded Award	John Papworth(Highest Percentage) Brian O'Dea(All Rounder Award)
Venue Managers Award	Ken Fuhrmeister

I would like to thank the committee consisting of Peter Black, John Papworth, Ken Fuhrmeister, Brian O'Dea and Mark Simmons for their efforts throughout the year and to Margaret Cassidy for getting us all off to a "good start" each week. Additionally, thank you to all the other members who contributed each week taking times, cleaning and generally assisting without whose help the Venue evenings would not run as smoothly as they do.

**DOUG STOKES
VENUE MANAGER**

CASEY FIELDS VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2015

After three years we are still going and membership is on the increase. We now have seven official Casey members, and thanks to our regular visiting members from Frankston, Mentone and Springvale our Monday night numbers range between 12 and 20.

Some of our members recently ran in the Eric Greaves Memorial and the Andy Salter relay for other venues and are keen to get a team organised for next year. I am currently working on getting venue tee shirts for next year's events.

As a venue we visited Frankston for the Graham Richards age grade memorial 200m on February 11th. Paul and Mesh came second and third respectively behind the eventual winner Graeme Kilfoyle, a great night was had by all and some backroom discussions were held regarding the possibility of a return age graded handicap event at Casey Field- Stay tuned.

We currently have several members that have indicated they will or have entered the VMA state Championships in March and the AMA Nationals in April and 1 definite for WMA Championships to be held in Perth in October. Good luck to all in their endeavors.

PAUL OLSSON

VENUE MANAGER

COBURG VENUE **ANNUAL REPORT 2015**

2015 began with our usual theme “Off the Beaten Track” but with a difference. Every event was conducted on the bike trails due to site works on the Harold Stevens Field. Our thanks to Paul O’Neill in particular for his management of this section of the program.

We resumed our scheduled program on the second week in March with Neighbours Night hosted by Collingwood who retained the Barb Dalglish Perpetual Trophy, their 8th victory in 11 years of competition. Our thanks to Collingwood Masters members for their excellent hospitality.

In the VMA Championships our representation lacked in quantity but not quality. Highlights included Stacey van Dueren’s and Norman Maguire’s outstanding performances in middle distances and sprints respectively and Donna Elms’ double in 1500 and 3000m walks.

Stacey, well supported by Fiona Ely, Michael Meaney and Phil van Dueren spearheaded Coburg’s spectacular improvement in the VMA Browne Shield. Our overall third placing was by far our best placing.

Donna and Stacey competed in the AMA Championships with excellent outcomes with Stacey gold in all 4 events 1500, 5k, 10k and 8k cross country and Donna silver in the 1500 and 10k walks prior to her gold in the AMA/VMA 20k and silver in the 10k VMA Road Walk Championships.

Fiona capped a great year for the Coburg ladies with silver in the VMA 10k Road Championships.

Concluding our round up of inter-venue results with a couple of highlights:- Geoff Whitehall’s silver in the VMA T&F Championships & Rob Davey’s gold in the M75 3k.

The Manager’s Challenge reflected the enthusiasm for this event in which runners try to better times set by handicapper Neville for 400m and 4k. Congratulations to all who succeeded particularly to Maria Barbetti and John Staunton who lowered their set times in both events.

Bernie Leddin continued his dominance of the 1000m Age-Graded Club Championship – his fifth consecutive victory.

Chris Harrap and Bruce Gibbs had convincing wins in the Spiral Handicaps with Nicholas Harrap and Dave Chisholm filling the minor placings.

The Mashed Marathon, a real test of endurance, was successfully completed by Bernie Leddin with Fiona Ely and Michael Meaney finishing the half-Marathon.

The fifth Harold Stevens Memorial Night took place with the usual keen competition for the tasty puddings once again crafted and presented by June Stevens. Results: Pudding Gift 1.Ethan O’Neill 2.Toni Phillips 3.Mahdi Mashoutpour

Pudding Mile 1.Phoenix Davey 2.Daniel Bodily 3.Maria Barbetti.

The clubrooms were ablaze with lights and colour as we gathered for a delicious Xmas Dinner so capably organized by Heather Collyer. “Santa” Goggin appeared on cue to the delight of many children in attendance. Thanks Heather and Bernie!

Presentations during the evening were made to Paul O’Neill (Harold Stevens Perpetual Trophy) in recognition of his excellent service during the year and to our valued Thursday night helpers who received Certificates of Appreciation.

Neville, completing his sixteenth year as Venue Manager, and Heather and George who have looked after our gastronomical needs for over a decade were presented with mementoes of the occasion.

Finally our thanks to our Management Team, the Coburg Harriers Club and Ground Management Committee for facilitating our use of the venue.

George Goode
Management Support

COLLINGWOOD VENUE

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The committee of management, consisting of eight members, quickly learnt the ropes of the various tasks involved in running the weekly meetings and, despite the inevitable hiccups, the year proceeded without major disaster

During 2015 we ran our usual annual events - the Don Warden Memorial 400-m Handicap, the Alan Burgoyne 5-km Handicap, the Magpie Marathon (incorporating the Denis O'Hehir Memorial trophy), the Magpie Half-marathon and the July Challenge. For the first time a few of our park-runs were started and finished on the track and these events proved to be very practical for the timekeepers and popular with the members.

Once again, Collingwood Venue conducted both the VMA 10-km Track Championships and VMA 8-km Cross Country Championship in Yarra Bend Park. The Barb Dalgleish Memorial Trophy for 2015 was also staged by our club and no less than six Collingwood teams participated - the Collingwood Cougars taking out the winner's trophy.

Many of our runners competed in various events locally, interstate and internationally and it was interesting to hear their accounts of their experiences and to view their photos.

Social evenings throughout the year were, as always, very successful, well attended and enjoyed by everyone present.

During the year we experimented with timing gates that belong to the Harriers for some of the sprint events. Most of the time they worked well and the results were terrific but understandably there was a bit of disquiet amongst the members when the gates did not work as they should. However, we were inspired to persist with the timing gates for some of the Club Trophy events when the recorded electronic times showed that the manually recorded times were around half a second out.

The committee has dreams of a purpose built construction at the finish line equipped with a state of the art timing setup so that the officials can sit in comfort behind glass protected from the elements and avoid the agony of pressing the wrong button on the stopwatch or losing track of which runner is in which lane.

The committee is committed to increasing our membership and it remains a goal that we will pursue in 2016. In this regard, during the year we undertook setting up our own website to advertise our club in the hope of attracting more members. Also, by posting the weekly results and details of past and future events on the website, we are able to provide better communication with our members

It has taken a while to establish the website but it is generally agreed it has been a great success and has attracted admiration and interest from outsiders.

My heartfelt thanks to all our members who have so willingly given their support and help in all areas of management of the club. There were always volunteers to step in to help out with setting up, starting, timing, marshalling, marking out courses, entering results and many other jobs.

Thanks also to all the VMA officials who also donate so much of their time, energy and expertise to enable us to reap the benefits of being part of VMA.

I and the other committee members (Heather & Peter, Keith, Rod & Helen, Bernie and John) have really enjoyed looking after, and being part of, our wonderful club.

HELEN BROWN
VENUE MANAGER

CROYDON VENUE REPORT 2015

Our venue has had another great year. Attendance at club nights varied between 30 and 45 members and visitors.

This was my second year as Venue Manager (alongside Pam Tindal). 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 Pam Tindal. Pam 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 for Cancer was held in November this year. It was a fantastic night with a few 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. 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 Ken Walters (Starter), Laurie Pearson (Place Judge/Special Event organiser), Les Clark (Recording), John Yates (Timekeeping), George Simons and Allan Wood (Field events), Colin and Alison Thompson (treasurer and function nights). 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.

A big thank you to Ken Walters for his work in producing the Around the Grounds for all venues.

A special thanks to Pam Tindal for all her hard work as Venue Manager over the last 4 years. She has done a wonderful job and will be missed this year.

Thank you also to all at Croydon Venue for the help and support given to Pam Tindal and myself over the last year.

KAREN M. ARCHER

PAM TINDAL

Joint Venue Managers (Croydon Venue).

Doncaster Venue

Annual Report 2015

2015 presented another successful year at the Doncaster venue – Victorian Masters Athletics. We started the year with fresh ideas and new events for the monthly calendar. These included the continuation of the DMA Pentathlon Summer and Winter Series, The Doncaster Gift and the Doncaster 8. Midyear we added on off track dimension by included various fun runs and distance races for the middle distance runners to wave the DMA flag and form small teams to participate. This has created an opportunity for athletes from other clubs to participate in the odd Monday program or off track event, generating some exciting moments in competition times for our regulars.

March saw the running of the annual DMA Manningham Mile, along with a full program of other events providing variety for participants and spectators alike.

In May Doncaster relaunched its 2015 'Run Safely Tonight' recruitment program to promote the club and encourage new and old members to participate. Individuals could register for their first free run and, if interested, receive some coaching tips on their first few nights. This year we have had several new members join, and look forward to other similar recruiting programs continuing in 2016.

As per previous years, Doncaster entered teams for various events including the Neighbours Night at Collingwood in March and the John Gosbell Memorial 5km in run June by East Burwood. Our members really enjoy these inter-venue events and the opportunity to compete on different nights of the week.

Another key annual event on the calendar is the Sixty Minutes event. In September we had close to 20 runners participate in this marquee event and other events across the night's program.

Now an annual event on the DMA calendar, the Doncaster venue members dedicating a whole night's program to *Doing It In A Dress*. As part of a ONE GIRL initiative run by the DRESSED FOR FUN team. Runners donned their school dresses for a second year to compete and help raise money and awareness to send girls to school in Africa. The Doncaster venue rose close to \$100 on the night – thank you to all who participated.

We also launched our new DMA club runner tops for team competition. These traditional looking t-shirts and singlets make a lovely strong team statement each night on the track.

It is important that we acknowledge our volunteers at each of the venues – they are a crucial to the smooth running of each program, and we really appreciate their contributions. We all take turns in covering the duty roster throughout the year – thank you to Kath Gawthorn for managing this schedule. Special thanks goes to David McConnell, who looks after our money each week, making sure our bills are paid and we are kept abreast of VMA requirements. And we can't forget to mention the fantastic work that Matt Scholes puts in to generate our very full programs. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance our co-venue managers receive from our committee members Graham Ford, Don McLean, Katrina Philip, Kevin Bates, Matthew Scholes, Elizabeth Grover, John Browne, Kay Burnie and Phil Rosevear. Apologies if I have forgotten anyone.

Many thanks to all our members who continue to come along and have fun each week - we look forward to another successful year in 2016.

**Greg & Ange Champion,
Co-Venue Managers**

EAST BURWOOD VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Strong attendances by VMA members at East Burwood throughout the year made for great competition and support of the weekly events.

The Gwen Davidson 100m Handicap Series was run over 4 nights. The final was won by Gary Turner, just ahead of Leo Coffey and Tracey Carpenter.

The Bob Lewis 400 metre handicap series attracted a large field of 14 competitors in many of the rounds. The final was won by Ashly Ryan (60) ahead of Rob Baulch (67) and Janet Holmes (61).

The field events of shot put, discus and javelin were popular with competitors throughout the year. On a number of occasions 12 competitors participated in the events. The Manager's Pentathlon was held from February through to April with aged graded results. The place getters were Paul Durrant (53) 265.65 points ahead of Allan Wood (77) 252.58 points and Leo Coffey (85) 250.56 points.

The tenth running of the John Gosbell Memorial inter-venue 5 km teams race was held on 18th June, with representatives from Croydon, Doncaster, East Burwood and Knox venues, as well as the Gosbell Family Team. A field of 30 runners finished the race. In the Men's results Craig Harris (44) (17.36 78.18%) (East Burwood) won ahead of Andrew Egginton (53) (18.22 80.47%) (Croydon) and Gabor Jakus (40) (19.41 67.82%) (East Burwood). In the Women's results Pia Hunter (48) (22.11 73.46%) (East Burwood) won ahead of Lavinia Petrie (71) (22.13 102.83%) (Knox) and Helen Stanley (59) (22.20 84.56%) (Knox). The age-graded percentage winners were Andrew Egginton and Lavinia Petrie. In the teams results Division One was won by East Burwood. In Division Two Croydon (33 points) finished ahead of Knox (37 points), Doncaster (47 points) and East Burwood (3) (54 points).

The Doug Orr Memorial 880 yards handicap series was held as a self handicap series over 4 rounds at the East Burwood venue. Then in late October the inter-venue final was held with the same self handicap rules applying (anyone finishing more than 4 seconds ahead of 5 minutes would be disqualified). The inter-venue final was held with competitors from Croydon, Doncaster and Knox racing the representatives from East Burwood. The first 2 competitors over the finish line broke the 4:56 time, and so were disqualified. The handicap winner was Graham Walter (Doncaster) ahead of Janet Holmes (East Burwood) and Gary Turner (Croydon). The teams' event was won by Croydon (13 points) ahead of Doncaster (16 points) and East Burwood (23 points). With the disqualifications Knox didn't have a full team of finishers.

Race walking events have been held every Thursday night and have attracted a keen group of competitors. Pia hunter, Kevin Cassidy, Chris Worsnop, Leonie Gillies, Leo Watson and Liz Wrigley are often in the placegetters. Others simply enjoy the opportunity to walk around the track for 1 or 2 km with long-time mates.

Trevor Jupp competed at the Australian Masters Games in Adelaide with the following results in the M75 age group 1st Shot Put, 2nd Discus throw, 1st weight pentathlon, 3rd 60m sprint and 4th 100m sprint.

EAST BURWOOD VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2015 - continued

At the Oceania Championships in Rarotonga, Cook Islands 5 East Burwood members competed. Liz Eastwood (W45) was 1st 5000m, 1st 8000m, 1st 3000 race walk, 2nd 1500m, 1st 2000 steeple and 1st half marathon. Sonya pollard (W45) was 1st 60m sprint, 1st 200m. Annette Pelgrim (W60) finished with 1st 5000m, 1st 8000m, 1st 1500m, 1st 2000m steeple and 1st half marathon. Chris Worsnop (M55) finished with 1st 10000m race walk, 3rd 5000m, 4th 800m, 1st 3000m race walk, 3rd 3000m steeple, 5th 1500m, 9th 60m sprint, 8th 100m sprint, 6th 200m, 5th 400m, 4th 8000m and 3rd half marathon. Allan Wood (M75) finished 1st javelin throw, 3rd high jump, 2nd triple jump, 1st outdoor pentathlon, 4th 60m sprint, 4th 100m sprint, 3rd 400m.

At the AV/VMA Half Marathon five East Burwood members completed the race. From the VMA results: Annette Pelgrim (W60) 1st 1:42:02, Peter Dodgshun (M60) 4th 1:44:44, Chris Worsnop (M55) 6th 1:45:59, Jon Holmes (M60) 8th 1:53:47 and Peter Battrick (M70) 3rd 3:10:52.

At the Melbourne Marathon five East Burwood members completed the full marathon event. From the VMA results: Tamami Holmes (W55) 4:09:50, Jon Holmes (M60) 4:58:00, Liz Eastwood (W45) 5:09:51, Tony Martin (1st M85) 6:21:18 and Peter Battrick (M70) 6:50:27.

The Christmas dinner was held again in December and provided an opportunity for East Burwood members past and present to reminisce over the past 12 months activities.

Running the weekly program has been a joint effort of willing volunteers. Phyllis Gosbell again did a great job throughout the year compiling the results and sending them on for the ATG publication each month. Particular thanks goes to Assistant Managers Gerald Burke, Jack Fredrickson and Donna Clarke, who were usually seen opening up and still helping as part of the clean up after the night's events. Gerald has also been submitting articles on the weekly results for the Whitehorse Leader newspaper. Hawley Thomas has continued to provide a valuable service as Treasurer for over 12 years. During the year we added Stephen Day to our executive, to look after the venue's website and facebook. Frank Tutchener was our official starter until his retirement in July due to ill-health. We were very grateful for his efforts to control the start line over many years. Jack Fredrickson and Allan Wood looked after the field event competition. They ensured the correct techniques were used by those having a go in the throwing events. Thanks also go to Shirley Coppock, who has provided supper for the members after the night's events each week. Pete Battrick and Paul Durrant provided the distance runners and sprinters with their handicaps and Jack Fredrickson maintained the field competition recording each week.

PETER DODGSHUN
VENUE MANAGER
FEBRUARY 2016

FRANKSTON VENUE

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The venue was managed jointly by Frances Halton and John Hallo for most of the year.

Attendance on Thursday nights averaged 17 competitors and 3 helpers.

The re-surfacing of the track was finally completed at the end of February. Prior to that we were visiting Casey Fields track on Monday nights and runs and walks in the park.

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

Graeme Richards 200m age graded: Mike Hall

Andrew Piercy 5k walk E.T.: Peter Ellis

Ian Macarthur 200m age graded: Mike Hall

The Christmas gift of 200m handicap was won by Gary Meyer

The Athlete of the Year presentations were:-

Winner: Chris Sheedy

Runner-up: Peter Ellis

Equal third: David Dodson & Ray O' Connor

Our appreciation of the following members who assist with the running of the competition when they are not competing themselves:

Ray O' Connor, Lindsay Beaton, Lyn Pimm, Kees Zwynenburg, Frances Halton, David Dodson, Gary Meyer and Cath Lathlean.

There were social dinners held at the Frankston RSL as usual and our thanks to Graham Kilfoyle for organizing these nights.

Our thanks also go to Frances Halton for recording the results for "Around the Grounds and towards calculating the " Athlete of the Year awards.

The elections have just been held for the venue managers and our best wishes go to Frances Halton who is continuing and David Dodson who is the new co-manager.

JOHN HALLO
RETIRED CO-MANAGER

Glen Eira Venue Annual Report 2015

The highlight of the year was moving into our new pavilion at the Duncan MacKinnon track in November after over three years in the “wilderness”.

Our first evening using this facility coincided with our Living Legends night so we were able to make use of the Function Room for our supper and presentations.

The Living Legends is, of course, our major annual event between Glen Eira, Mentone, and Springvale. Mentone triumphed this year due to Glen Eira having to disqualify one of their own teams for running a lap short. Nevertheless, congratulations to Mentone.

We are hoping now that we can increase attendances at our Venue and early indications are promising. Glen Eira’s Facebook is up and running, thanks to the efforts of Phil Urquhart and already has brought some new members.

Our Christmas function was held at Karkarook Park for the fourth successive year and as in previous years the weather was kind to us. This made for an enjoyable afternoon for the many people who attended.

Our major Venue awards are:

The “Leo Charles” 100 Metre series	- Vicki Charles
The Bob Wishart 200 metre series	- Llewelyn Jenkins
The “Jim Sinclair” 400 metre series	- Ray O’Connor
The 300 metre Series	- Jim Rountree
The Ray O’Connor 800 metres series	- Julie Aylward
The “Mark Benjamin” Age Graded 3,000 metres	- Heather Carr
The Ray Kemp” 5 Km Distance Run series	- Mark Cant
The “Sandra & Des Middleton Walk series	- Jim Berrington
The Judy Wines 6Km Handicap Run	- Cynthia Ellery
The Kevin Browne Caulfield Cup	- Mark Cant

I would like to thank the following people for their assistance this year:

Our Committee Members: Judy Wines, Jim McLure, Ewen Wilson, Peter McGrath, Phil Urquhart and Paul Lynch.

Our Event Handicappers: Kevin Browne, Jim Rountree, Peter McGrath and Tony Doran.

To all our helpers: Janet McLure, Ann Neill, Michael Heffernan, Bob Wishart, Ray O’Connor, Lew Jenkins, Jim Sinclair and Jim Berrington.

To Ray Kemp, Kevin Browne, Judy Wines, and Sandra Middleton for sponsoring their own events once again this year.

One last thank you to Gerry Blanchfield, who makes and donates his own beautifully crafted trophies for us to present to our weekly winners.

Andrew Edwards

Venue Manager

KNOX VENUE

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Attendances at our Venue are steadily increasing, in some part due to the **‘Run Safely Tonight’** campaign.

We started the year on a high note again, successfully defending the Andy Salter Relay Trophy. Team members being Mike Bieleny, Paul Connor, Mike Rennie and Julie Norney.

Our number 2 team of Helen Stanley, Paul Twining, John Graham and Gary Stewart placed second.

Our weekly competition continues whatever the weather and we had some pretty ordinary nights during the year.

Toscha Stopar was the winner of the Phil Twining Trophy, a 1k series of handicap events.

Our most improved athlete, scored on a % basis each week was Evelyn Kuys.

Some enthusiastic recruiting saw Knox Venue once again win the Browne Shield for Winter competition in a very exciting finish, just pipping Aberfeldie at the post.

Lavinia Petrie was once again the individual Female point's winner.

During daylight savings we conduct our events on the adjacent Bike Path which makes for some interesting teams events to take place.

Sadly in November one of our popular members succumbed to a very aggressive brain tumour.

We will always remember Gary Stewart's happy smiling face and miss his contribution to our Wednesday nights.

Thanks to Evelyn Kuys who organised our Christmas celebration at a local restaurant.

Of course Venues cannot operate without a team effort.

I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Tracey Carpenter, Paul Durrant, Glenn Claiden, Anne McPherson, Chas McRae, Ian U'ren and Peter Leget

This will be my last report as Venue Manager as I will be handing over the reins to a very capable Tracey Carpenter.

LAVINIA PETRIE

VENUE MANAGER

MENTONE VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2015

During the Financial Year of 2014/2015, the Club made a surplus of \$145.55, generally in keeping with the previous years.

The payment to the Mentone Track and Field Centre Inc. continues to be set at \$1200-00 per annum and is used for track maintenance and general expenses required to keep the Centre running efficiently. MTFC Inc along with the Masters is made up of Mentone Athletic Club and the Mentone Little Athletics Club.

An amount of \$300-00 for the Nov 2015/Dec 2015/Jan 2016 quarter has yet to be invoiced to the Club and will appear in next year's figures.

The amount of \$1069.20 for the cost of clothing, is a one off amount and reflects the cost of club singlets/t-shirts which were provided free of charge, one per each financial member, who took up the offer.

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 and Frank Maguire Walk Trophies and the Gordon Gourlay Walk and Sprint Series. These events remain popular activities and are well patronised, the Peter Colthup event in particular, draws competitors from venues other than Mentone. The trophies provided for these events, plus those given out at the end of the year to all placegetters over the range of events, are highly prized and keenly sought after by all athletes.

Mentone was the winner in a very close contest at the annual Legends Relay event held at Glen Eira venue in November. A 1st Place in the Open event and two second places in both the Over 50's and Over 60's races saw Mentone scrape home by a slim margin. This popular event will see Mentone strive to take home the trophy again in 2016.

Two 'significant' birthdays were celebrated during the year when members enjoyed a special supper and Birthday cake. It is usual for these evenings to have special events in which the winners are awarded prizes, so full participation by all comers is usually the result. This year we celebrated two 75th Birthdays.

Attendance at the weekly meetings remains steady although due to the very cold winter of 2015, we had reduced numbers during this time. As the weather becomes warmer the number of participants increases to a satisfactory level and all events are well patronised.

Our Newsletter remains a very popular publication for the Club and much appreciation goes to our Editor Sonya McLennan who, whether travelling around Australia with husband Stuart, or resting at her farm in northern Victoria still manages to amass and coordinate most of the material published. Sonya manages to attend one or two meetings during the year, and for those who have joined the club since Sonya began her travels, a good time to introduce them to our Editor.

The Newsletter, coupled with a regular Results sheet, keeps members well informed of club activities.

Membership of the Club remains steady and as in other years, we have had several new members join in 2015. Although our core group members are in the higher age groups, there are younger members who participate on a regular basis to keep numbers at a steady rate.

The Mentone Venue continues to provide an ideal centre for athletic pursuits and social interaction, and providing our membership numbers remain at the desired level we can look forward to a positive future for the Club.

**TED MC COY - ASHLEY PAGE
VENUE CO MANAGERS**

SOUTHERN PENINSULA VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Thank you to all, once more, for participating in the reduced number of events conducted over the past 12 months.

With the loss of the athletic track, thanks to the incredible incompetence of the Mornington Shire people, our ability to operate as an Athletic Club (track & field) has been made impossible. So the focus has been on cross country events. New events have been created to provide some variety with Russ Dow often marking out the courses to assist.

Australia Day has become a major event of activity and celebration, thanks to the Lovejoy's, Natalie King and Ashley Page.

We ventured to Wilsons Prom once more for a great weekend, plus some.

We travelled overseas to Queenscliff to tackle 17kms along the steam train path.

The Cup Day handicap was brilliant, even though the track was rough. Thanks to the Pownall's for another fashionable afternoon.

We conducted our own half marathon, enjoyed several swim & run/walk events and learnt to run up impossible climbs.

As mentioned last year – (and to be included forever) – “Tended to the inevitable ailments of aging-lesions being removed and stitches to be looked after, heart rates to monitor and record, hamstrings to nurse and battle weary joints that just won't work like they used to”.

Many thanks go to all who have contributed throughout the years. John Sutton, who was often officiating and Russ Dow for continually doubling his workload by marking out the course before participating.

Thank you to the committee, Heather Carr, Bernard Pownall, Greg Lovejoy, Sue Sutton and everyone else.

MEREDITH & ALAN RADFORD

VENUE MANAGERS - Southern Peninsula.

SPRINGVALE/NOBLE PARK VENUE

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

As has been the case in recent years our numbers have remained fairly static. Unfortunately we do not seem to be able to attract any younger athletes to complement the majority of our attendees who are in the older age groups. These days we seem to have more “walkers” than runners. Many of the walkers are broken down runners and by walking they are able to maintain an active involvement in the club and apart from some exercise enjoy the social environment which is a trademark of our venue.

Our first major event of the year was the 23rd running of the Lindsay Thomas memorial at Braeside Park on the third Wednesday in January. As can be expected in January it was a warm night but a good field of 99 competitors took part being VMA members as well as members/friends of the Thomas family. Together with a number of officials and supporters it made for another successful event. It is a really good venue and lends itself to a very enjoyable social evening after the run.

The next main event was on the usual first Wednesday of February, the Andy Salter relay. This event is now 32 years old and the rules on format/age restrictions have not changed in that time. This year we had an improved attendance with a little over 100 competitors including the sprinters. As usual it was an excellent evening with lots of socialising over supper. Once again Knox reigned supreme taking the quinella with their No. 1 and 2 teams with Croydon filling third place. Can anyone stop the Knox stranglehold on the event?

In July the venue also conducted the Eric Greaves memorial 10 km at Braeside Park in conjunction with the Victorian Cross Country League. This run is the VMA 10 km road championship and as usual ran smoothly thanks to the band of helpers from the venue.

At the venue we conduct a 5km handicap series in honour of Eric and it is a much sought after trophy. This year's winner was Claudio Riga while Ernie Jeffs won the 3km Bert Warburton walk handicap held in conjunction.

We also had the 6th running of the Ross Martin memorial 3 km handicap series. This year the winner was Lindsay Oxenham who has been a stalwart at the venue for quite a few years.

We also conduct a number of other handicap and estimated time events which are popular as everyone has a chance of winning a prize. The handicappers, Lindsay Oxenham (sprint) Celia and Tony Johnson (walks) and Howard Rees (distance) do an excellent job and many close finishes occur. In addition to the winners mentioned above, congratulations also go to Mick Colgan who won both the Dave Middleton 100 metres and the Peter Field 800 metres.

As usual, we took part in the Living Legends night at Glen Eira and congratulations to Mentone on their narrow victory from Glen Eira. Despite a concerted effort we weren't quite up to the task.

SPRINGVALE/NOBLE PARK VENUE - continued

On the social scene our venue continues to thrive and there is always plenty of chatter over supper each week and of course when we celebrate special birthdays (those ending in zero) and we have hot food nights during winter. Thanks to Celia and Tony Johnson who organise these events and special thanks go to our chief supper organiser Jim Sinclair and his regular helpers Jim Smith and Pam Thomas plus several others who are rostered to help out.

The highlight of the year socially is our Christmas break-up with many people pitching in to help under the guidance of our social organiser Celia Johnson who does a great job in making sure our major events are well catered for. Of course our Christmas break-up has that extra dimension with the counting of votes for the Doran medal. Much frivolity ensues, particularly while there is a search being undertaken for missing voting slips. This year's winner was Frank Allen which was greeted with great applause.

Finally a big thank you to all those who help out during the year performing all the necessary tasks that keep the venue running. In particular the members who help to make sure the Lindsay Thomas, Andy Salter and Eric Greaves events run like clockwork. Apart from those mentioned above I would especially thank Allison Devine as Treasurer, Lou Buccieri and Claudio Riga results, Tony Johnson records, Neil Gray recording, Mick Colgan and finally my very able assistant Tony Doran who keeps the ship afloat when I am away.

Alan Bennie
Venue Manager

THROWERS VENUE ANNUAL REPORT 2015

2015 was a year full of major events for Throwers: AMA Champs in Sydney, Oceania in Raratonga, WMA athletics in Lyon, France, Australian Masters Games in Adelaide and the 20th Winter Throws in Canberra, the last to be held there. However, the best event was finally moving from the shipping container into the new storage area in the Duncan Mackinnon pavilion and new social room even though one year later than expected. While quite a bit of work needs to be done to make the storage efficient at least all our equipment is together – a big working bee for 2016!! The new kitchen and change rooms are very pleasant and the new Social room was great for the annual Christmas BBQ with its views across the venue. A review of equipment can now take place so that we are in a position to upgrade and sell off surplus equipment that does not meet specifications.

The Throwers continued to participate in Postal Relays with 15 relays in 2015 with a high success rate (9 first, 5 second and 1 third placing plus 5 new VMA and 1 new AMA best performance). 29 Throwers competed in the Victorian Masters, at Doncaster in 2015 (a number lower than in previous years). The price increase per event, lack of program and the difficulty of entering for those not on-line have all contributed to the decline in numbers. Unfortunately the Victorian Masters is no longer treated as a Championship jointly run by VMA and AV and the consequences of this are “that what VMA athletes would expect to be available (eg. Program booklet, competitor lists, final timetable, easier entry, financial rationale)” are ignored.

At the Throwers AGM all members of the Throwing group received an Annual Report that covers activities throughout 2015. This report also reports the best performances of the group for 2015 and ranks the Throwers with respect to distances thrown and points gained using multi-event tables. The treasurer presented a strong financial position with funds increasing by \$1091 to over \$9000. The committee for 2015 was elected unchanged from 2014. Several issues were discussed at the AGM. One of these was the applying for equipment grants that would help Masters athletes and provide more opportunity for 30+ athletes to become involved in throwing. A grant application was unsuccessful. Future applications were anticipated.

The Throwers attracts new interested athletes each year but the group also loses athletes through injury and death. In 2015 three of our members passed away so that the number of competing members remained unchanged.

The Throwers group awards three trophies during the year for members of the Throwing group. These are the Roy Foley Trophy, Ilmars Mancs Trophy and the Best Clubperson award. The winners of these were Judy Pfanner, Paul Olsson and David Wookey respectively.

The Throwers winter throws pentathlon championships attracted a field of 22 competitors. The weather was fine and an enjoyable day was had by all. This event provided a build up to the AMA Winter throws in Canberra at the end of September, Oceania in Raratonga and the Masters Games in Adelaide.

The numbers of throwers attending Championships outside of Victoria, in 2015, were smaller than usual. At AMA Championships there were 14, WMA (Lyon) 5, Oceania 3, Winter Throws 6, and Masters Games 3.

The final Throwers event for 2015 was a very successful BBQ function (held in the new Social room), a throws competition, a Christmas Hamper raffle and a presentation to 10 or 20 year members of the Throwers. The day raised \$431 for our funds.

The throws venue could not survive without the generous help of many volunteers who act as officials on competition days and those who help set-up and pack-up. Many thanks to all.

Graeme G Rose
Astrid Rose

TREASURERS REPORT 2015

COMMITTEE

The surplus for the year was \$2,757 which is an increase of \$4,527 over 2014's deficit of \$1,770. This was mainly due to the decrease in advertising expenses. In 2014 significant advertising expenses were incurred through the "Run Safely at Night" campaign.

Other items that are noteworthy in comparison to 2014:

Number of members:	marginal increase of 13
Subscriptions:	an increase of \$835.

Cost of Goods Sold included as a separate entry in the Income and Expenditure Statement instead of being absorbed into sales (uniforms/clothing) as was the case last year.

Interest received decreased in 2015 due to Interest Rates being lower once again.

Footprints have been consolidated into one amount this year and the net effect is that these costs were lower than last year.

Insurance cost was slightly lower as a result of changing Insurer.

Other costs that have been listed separately this year were First Aid Training and Trademark Registration.

Thirty one members who ran in the AV competitions as VMA members were subsidised \$45 For their subscription to AV.

The decrease in Cash Reserves is due to more members paying their subscriptions in January 2016. This was probably due to the VMA website being "down" in late December.

A loan of \$6000 is included in Sundry Debtors. This loan was made to AMA at their request to cover a short term cash flow. The loan was repaid to VMA in January 2016.

VENUES

The Venue's Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement shows a surplus of \$4,458 which is slightly higher than 2014.

A Term Deposit for \$9,504 that had not been included in previous years has now been brought to account which resulted in the closing cash book balance being significantly higher.

Track fees received were higher than 2014 and these fees are general reflected quite evenly across most Venues.

Frankston venue **did** report Track Maintenance fees this year which was included under Track Hire Expenses.

Track Hire expenses were slightly lower. Significant reductions reported by East Burwood, Knox and Springvale were partially offset by Frankston's reported expenses.

CONSOLIDATED

The Consolidated result is a surplus of \$7,215. This is an increase of \$4,999 over 2014's surplus of \$2,216. As previously mentioned the reduction in advertising expenses was a significant factor in this result.

Net Assets have increased from \$318,115 to \$334,096 mainly due to the inclusion of the additional Term Deposit mentioned in the Venue's report.

Andrew Edwards

Honorary Treasurer

Victorian Masters Athletics Inc.

A.C.N. A1760

Income & Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31st December 2015

2014	INCOME	2015
28,488	Subscriptions	29,323
1,232	Championships & cross country	3,409
560	Clothing sales Surplus/(deficit)	4,339
7,582	Interest received	6,150
140	Donations	1,130
	Postage Received	222
	Sundry income	252
38,002	TOTAL INCOME	44,825
	Less Cost of Goods Sold	6,229
38,002	NET INCOME	38,596
	EXPENDITURE	
5,789	Capitation fees AMA	6,538
360	Travel expenses	2,142
9,153	Advertising	2,695
1,190	Honorariums	1,100
1,987	Medals & trophies	
	Events	1,692
7,950	Footprints	7,581
112	Postage & telephone	548
1,795	Printing & Stationery	
748	Meeting room hire	770
1,909	Athletics Vic fees	1,840
691	Depreciation	746
220	Computer expenses	1,055
1,225	Online fees	1,312
506	Bank charges	402
5,599	PA insurance	5,385
330	Social events	486
	First aid Training	480
	Trademark Registration	300
51	Sundry Expenses	767
39,615	TOTAL EXPENSES	35,839
(1613)	Surplus/ (Deficit)	2,757
	Other Expenses	
157	Loss on Investment	
(1770)	Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	2,757

Victorian Masters Athletics Inc.

A.C.N. A1760

Balance sheet as at 31st December 2015

2014			2015
	CURRENT ASSETS		
29,524	Cash at bank		21,626
12,656	Stock		15,455
1,867	Sundry debtors		7,394
44,047	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		44,475
	INVESTMENTS		
17,141	Bendigo – Term deposit		17,715
45,000	CBA – Term deposit		45,000
105,367	ING - Term deposits		106,883
774	Perpetual –Term deposit		774
27,047	ING – Business optimiser		25,067
195,329	TOTAL INVESTMENTS		195,439
	FIXED ASSETS		
11,124	Sports equipment	11255	
-9,348	Less provision for depreciation	-9,952	1,303
13,847	Office equipment	15,257	
-13,847	Less provision for depreciation	-13,988	1,269
1,776	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		2,572
241,152	TOTAL ASSETS		242,486
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
21,701	Creditors		20,278
21,701	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		20,278
219,451	NET ASSETS		222,208
	RETAINED EARNINGS		
221,221	Opening balance		219,451
-1,770	Surplus /-deficit		2,757
219,451	CLOSING BALANCE		222,208

Victorian Masters Athletics Inc.

A.C.N. A1760

Notes to accounts

Membership	2014	2015
Number of members	846	859
Subscriptions	28,488	29,323
<i>Subscriptions in advance (sundry creditors)</i>	<i>21,325</i>	<i>17,558</i>
Interest received		
Bendigo – Term deposit	583	545
CBA – Term deposits	1,489	1,246
ING - Term deposits	5,138	3,713
Perpetual –Term deposit	33	63
Fidante (Challenger)	2	
ING – Business optimiser	331	586
	7,576	6,153
Honorariums		
President	400	400
Treasurer	290	700
Subscriptions officer	500	
	1,190	1,100
Stock		
Clothing		
Opening stock	10,137	10,781
Purchases/cost of Sales (Net)	645	-824
Closing stock	10,782	9,957
Medals & Trophies		
Opening stock	2,974	1,874
Purchases	1,734	5,097
	4,708	6,971
Usages	2,834	1,473
Closing stock	1,874	5,498
Total stock	12,656	15,455

Victorian Masters Athletics Inc.

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Venues consolidated Income & expenditure statement

for the year ended 31st December 2015

2014	INCOME	2015
41,259	Track fees	44,864
1,140	Subscriptions	1,020
1,010	Sales – clothing	380
2,860	Entry special events	2,976
4,692	Supper	4,923
224	Donations	1,724
1,238	Interest	912
4,103	Social fundraising	1,429
2,500	Grant	2,500
325	Sundry	1,076
59,351	TOTAL INCOME	61,804
	EXPENDITURE	
29,680	Track hire	28,030
920	Subscriptions	790
1,548	Clothing	2,039
3,477	Special events	4,106
8,705	Supper & social	5,066
829	Postage, stationery & telephone	2,542
886	Around the grounds	752
4,850	Trophies & prizes	4,640
295	Bank charges	360
2,764	Equipment	2,077
391	Depreciation	667
1,020	Sundry	6,277
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55,365	TOTAL EXPENSES	57,346
3,986	Surplus/(Deficit)	4,458
92,864	Opening cash book balance	96,784
4,377	Cash Surplus/ (Deficit) after adj. for depreciation	4,941
97,241		101,725
	Term Deposit brought to Account	9,504
457	Less Assets purchased	131
96,784	Closing cash book balance	111,098

Victorian Masters Athletics Inc.

A.C.N. A1760

VMA consolidated Income & expenditure statement

For the year ended 31st December 2015

2014	INCOME	2015
28,708	Subscriptions	29,553
14,080	Track Income (Net)	19,334
22	Sales – clothing (Net)	2,680
390	Championships (Net)	587
364	Donations	2,854
8,820	Interest	7062
	Social Events	800
325	Sundry income	1,328
52,709	TOTAL INCOME	64,198
	Less Cost of Goods Sold	6,229
52,709	NET INCOME	57,969
	EXPENDITURE	
748	Meeting room hire	770
5,789	Capitation fees	6,538
1,909	Athletic Vic fees	1,840
9,153	Advertising	2,695
1,190	Honorariums	1,100
6,613	Medals & trophies	4,640
7,950	Footprints	8,359
941	Postage & telephone	2,842
2,681	Printing & stationery	
240	Social events (Net)	
1,082	Depreciation	1,232
801	Bank charges	943
2,764	Track equipment	2,077
360	Travel expenses	2,142
5,599	PA Insurance	5,385
1,225	Online fees	1,312
220	Computer expenses	1,055
1,071	Sundry expenses	7,344
	First Aid	480
50,336	TOTAL EXPENSES	50,754
2,373	Surplus/ (Deficit)	7,215
	Other expenses	
157	Loss on investment	
2,216	Net Surplus/(deficit)	7,215

Victorian Masters Athletics Inc.

A.C.N. A1760

Consolidated balance sheet as at 31st December 2015

2014	ASSETS	2015
321,698	Cash and investments	327,476
1,867	Debtors & prepayments	7,394
12,656	Stock	15,455
3,595	Equipment (written down value)	4,049
339,816		354,374
	LIABILITIES	
21,701	Creditors & Accruals	20,278
318,115	NET ASSETS	334,096

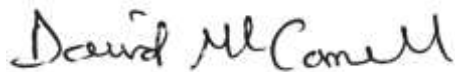
VICTORIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INC.

(ACN A1760)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I advise that I have audited the books and accounts of Victorian Masters Athletics Inc. as at 31st December 2015, 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 2015, but have not checked details of financial transactions and records as they are kept independently of VMA Management.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David McConnell', is written in a cursive style.

David McConnell

6th March 2016

