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MISSION

To provide an environment for athletics to grow within Ballarat and surrounding communities

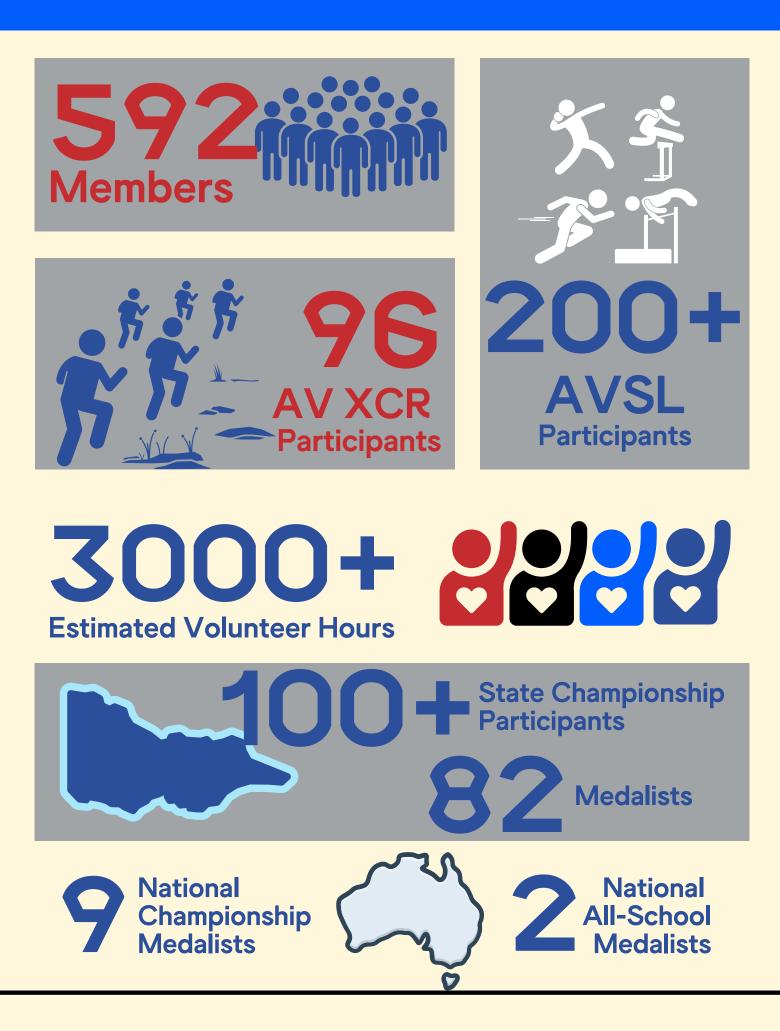
VISION

To become the leading region for athletics in Australia

DESCRIPTION

The Ballarat Regional Athletic Centre will work to assist in the promotion of athletics in Ballarat and welcomes the interest of parents and friends to help assist the centre in its athletic and social pursuits.

SEASON SNAPSHOP



WHO ARE WE?

OUR BOARD



Matt Jenkins Board Chair

Portfolio: Sports Delivery



Bree Sharp Deputy Board Chair

Portfolio: Business Operations



John Ives Board Member

Portfolio: Business Operations



Stephen McLennan Board Member

Portfolio: Sports Delivery



Mark Simmonds Board Member

Portfolio: Sports Development



Rod Griffin Board Member

Portfolio: Sports Delivery



Ruth Bartlett Board Member

Portfolio: Sports Development

OUR EMPLOYEES



Ashley Anderson Llanberris Reserve Manager

Commenced Nov 2021



Cooper Sherman Admin Manager

Commenced Nov 2024

WHO ARE WE?

OUR SUB-COMMITTEES

AVSL/XCR Committee

Matt Jenkins (co-chair) Helen Rieniets Michelle Hawkes Stephen McLennan Nev Down Marita Rieniets Ash Rogers Ruth Bartlett

Rod Griffin (co-chair) Conrad Oberholzer Paul Hayes Paul Burge Cathryn Harris Brendan Hawkes Conrad Oberholzer

Stephen McLennan (Chair) Mick Jones Sean O'Meara Facilities Ashley Rogers Mick O'Meara Sam Blood

Finance John Ives (Chair) Shane Bicknell **Risk** John Ives (Chair) Ruth Bartlett



ACKNOWLEDGING OUR PEOPLE

Officials & Volunteers

Life Members

Helen Rieniets Mick O'Meara **Marita Rieniets Christine Christie** Samuel Blood **Julie Bicknell** Paul Nunn **Margaret Nunn** Sean O'Meara Sandra Griffin **Caitlin Christie Michelle Hawkes Rod Griffin** Simon Mornane Samantha Culvenor Shane Bicknell **Stephen McLennan Nev Downs** Lachlan Hawkes **Peter Luke** Ashley Anderson Sharee Taggart **Kylie Alexander** Lauren Wright **Rob Soar** Linda Fraser

Bill Pendred Julie Pendred Cameron Bennett Shane Benbow **Conrad Oberholzer** Paul Burge **Phillip McLennan Emma Werner Brendan Hawkes Kirilly Caldow Jackie O'Meara Paul Cleary Ava Oldaker Ashley Rogers** Vince Duffy Ian McLennan **Matt Jenkins Prue Orchard Michael Jones Alistair Dowie Paul Hayes Alison Fidler** Narelle Ryan and more!

-	J. Hutton	+	S. Hunter
-	Jones	+	J. Larkin
-	G. Meeney		A. Hunt
-	J. Trekardo	+	W. Sandford
-	C. Williams	+	M. Murray
_	H. Wakeling	,	L. Opie
-	J. Evans	+	S.L. Nicholls O.A.M
_	N. Williams		W. Stewart
_	E. Crimmins	+	K. Hall
	L. Curnow		W. McLennan
	R. Stevens		R. Griffin
-	K. Curtis		M. Rieniets
-	T. Conroy		M. Nunn
-	W. Brown		H. Rieniets
	D. Stevens		S. McLennan
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ATHLETICS BALLARAT



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

What another exciting year in Athletics. Athletics Ballarat, our Athletes, Officials, Volunteers and Clubs have all had great successes over the past 12 months and are exceptionally well position to continue building on these great foundations.

With what seemed like a very full 12 months, there were many amazing performances on and off the track, field and trails. While most are covered later in this annual report, some of my season highlights included:

- Katherine Dowie's growth to now be one of Victoria's best distance runners,
- Bringing our entire Ballarat Athletics community together to watch Katherine Mitchell & Yual Reath's represent the country at the Olympics.
- Cooper Sherman's emergence on the international stage and representing Australia at Oceania's and World Relay Champs.
- Our Mens and Womens 4x400m performances at Zatapek
- The development of Nyajima Jock into a top line Australian Sprinter.
- Numerous Junior medalists at States, All Schools and Nationals.
- The number of people in attendance our our full season presentation evening.

It was wonderful to have Geelong going us for the start of AVSL season which added some great depth to our fields, provided excellent competition and provided a lovely energy around our first 6 rounds. Whilst there were many positives surrounding Geelong's involvement it was not without its challenges and I would like to thank all Athletes and Officials for your patience and additional support during this time. I would especially like to thank the AVSL Committee for their willingness to try new things and evolve ideas as the season progressed.

Away from competition it has certainly been an eventful year also. This year we have embarked on our new name "Athletics Ballarat' and have launched our vibrant new brand, with new merchandise for sale, redeveloped website and other collateral now resonating well in the community. Early signs have been exceptionally positive. The profile of local athletics is undoubtably at all time high levels with consistent media coverage across all news channels, proportionately high recognition of athletes being noted for their achievements and strengthen relationships with major stakeholders.

Looking forward to the next 12 months, the profile of Athletics within our region is likely to continue its strong growth. We very excited to welcome state and national cross country championships in August and wish to thank the City of Ballarat and Athletics Victoria for the work they have done in acquiring those events. We will see a number of athletes again test themselves against the best on the international scale, and for the very first time, we will have 2 clubs battling it out in the premier division of AVSL. Over the next 18 months the new facility being built at the old Showgrounds site will begin to take shape, again putting our sport in the spotlight.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people. As we all know, our sport is exceptionally labour demanding and couldn't happen without the support of many people.

Starting with our Board, thank you for continuing to challenge each other, provide excellent governance and drive our sport forward. I'd particularly like to acknowledge Neville Down and John lves who resigned as directors this year. Your contribution to the sport has been dearly valued. With those resignations it has allowed us to formally bring Ruth and Mark onto the board as elected members (currently co-opted) and welcome a new face Matt Lennon.

Thanks to all of the subcommittees and volunteers who do much of the heavy lifting in regard to bringing all of the events together. We could not deliver the sport without you. So to the many officials and volunteers who consistently help out in their various capacities. Again, greatly appreciated.

We again thank Athletics Victoria for their on-going support, in particular the support of Ashley Anderson. Locally, we most definitely could not get achieve a fraction of what we do without you.

And finally, an enormous thank you to the clubs and the athletes and administrators who drive them forward. Together we are all very well equiped for an exceptional 2025-26 season.









MANAGER REPORT

The 2024/25 season has been positive for Athletics Ballarat both on and off the track. The organisation officially changed its name from Ballarat Regional Athletic Centre (BRAC) to Athletics Ballarat after a review process with positive feedback

The organisation which underwent significant board changes in the twelve months prior continued to grow and develop under the new structure with important milestones reached.

Membership numbers increased on the previous year with 592 members recorded amongst the four senior club and Little Athletics. It's expected up to 400 more athletes are involved in junior programs connected to Ballarat YCW and Wendouree Athletics Club.

The winter season saw the first Ballarat women to win an XCR event for over a decade with Katherine Dowie taking out the honours. Our Premier Division and veterans age groups continued to show their experience with podium finishes in the teams competitions

The AVSL season saw the Geelong Region athletes and officials join us for the first 6 weeks of competition while the Geelong track was resurfaced. The added numbers added to the atmosphere as more than 100 Ballarat athletes turned up every week of the season.

Of the track, the management and board continued to work on the development of the new Athletics facility being built in Ballarat. The new home of athletics in Ballarat will be built on the former showgrounds site at the Ballarat Major Events Prescient with completion expected by October 2026

I would like to thank the board for all their support during the season and to all the amazing volunteers to dedicate their time to the sport of athletics









Bring on 2025/26

LLANBERRIS RESERVE REPORT

Llanberris Reserve Report

Llanberris Reserve has had a busy year with over 50 schools, 10 rounds of AVSL, 15 rounds of Little Athletics, 15 rounds of Ballarat YCW Juniors and Championships all arriving in the 2024/25 season.

With events factored in, it was expected that Llanberris Reserve had over 35,000 visits during the season.

Llanberris has seen upgrades this season including to the hammer cage net and a new wear pad for the Pole Vault mat. With Pole Vault increasing in popularity over the recent years, an upgrade was needed

With an aging track, no major comp was held in 2024/25 but Ballarat did welcomed athletes from Geelong Athletics who attended the first 6 rounds of AVSL while their track was being resurfaced

In the year ahead, Llanberris looks forward to greeting more schools and events as the sport continues to grow.









COMING TOGETHER

Presentation Night

What an incredible night at the Athletics Ballarat awards evening for 2024/2025! Over 110 members headed to North Ballarat Sports Clubs for the night as we celebrated the winter and summer season awards. The crowd got to experience a two-course meal, an awards presentation and a special talk from Tim Crosbie.

We were lucky enough to have Yual Reath, Katherine Dowie and Sam Rizzo on stage to be interviewed by Tim Crosbie with the trio providing some great insights into the life of an elite athlete. Congratulations to all winners of awards, we will be uploading results throughout this week to share with the rest of the athletics community. Special thanks to Tim Crosbie for making his way up from Melbourne and <u>North Ballarat Sports Club</u> for their hospitality.

Special mention to Mark Simmonds (Marked_Moments) for taking photos on the night! More to come



Summer Season

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AVSL RECAP 2024/25

200+ individuals

1200+ Total Entries

131 Entries (R2)

Age Champions

James Pendred
Kody Taggart
Jace Muuray
Purv Patel
Oliver Ryan
Conrad Oberholzer
Marcus Downes
Chris Lang

Club Champions

OPEN Men U20 Men U18 Men U16 Men U14 Men 40+ Men

OPEN COMBINED Wendouree Aths Wendouree Aths Wendouree Aths Ballarat YCW Eureka Athletics Wendouree Aths

Wendouree Ath

OPEN Women U20 Women U18 Women U16 Women U14 Women 40+ Women 50+ Women

Caitlin Christie Charlie Inkster Julliette Downes Kiana Jenkins Misha Jenkins Kim Gleeson Julie Pendred OPEN Women U20 Women U18 Women U16 Women U14 Women 40+ Women

OPEN COMBINED Ballarat Harriers Ballarat YCW Wendouree Aths Ballarat Harriers Ballarat Harriers Wendouree Aths

Ballarat Harriers



AVSL REPORT

The AVSL season had a different start in 2024/25 as Ballarat welcomed athletes from the Geelong Region! Athletes from Geelong made the trip to Ballarat for the first 6 rounds of competition while John Landy Field was being resurfaced, the added numbers to the AVSL rounds allowed Ballarat to try a new schedule

Over 200 athletes competed in round one with an unfortunate thunderstorm halting the event as lightning came through, luckily other events were unaffected throughout the season

AVSL saw increased numbers this season with athletes taking to the competition across the whole season. The introduction of points for officials lead to a further three officials finishing their accreditation with Athletics Victoria

In the team results, Ballarat Harriers came away with the prestigious Barry Brooks trophy accumulating the most points across the season. Their effort resulting in the club being promoted to Premier Division for the 2025/25 season.

Wendouree Athletics club continuned their streak with a 5th place finish in Victoria top division

Athletics Victoria State League





VICTORIAN COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Victorian Country Championships

Victorian Country Champs is always a strong event for the ballarat region. With each club averaging over 50% medal rate for athletes, it's always a day out for the athletes. There was a total of 154 medals from Ballarat Athletes where 74 of those were golds. Here are the seperate medal tallies for the clubs:

- BHA 52
- EKA 32
- WEN 45
- BYC 25

Katherine Dowie was the winner of the Australia Day award for her performance in the 5000m (16:56)

Kim Gleeson won the Joyce Lockyer Memorial Shield for being the most dedicated champion athlete in field events

Awards

Margaret Saunders Country cup VWAAA Ex Athletes Cup David Kitt Memorial Cup Joyce Lockyer Memorial Shield Stuart Hunter Memorial Shield Australia Day Awards Athletics Chilwell Veteran Athlete of the Meet

Winners

Eaglehawk Athletics Club Eaglehawk Athletics Club Eaglehawk Athletics Club Kim Gleeson Tilly McBain & Tahlia Blight Katherine Dowie & Lachlan Burns Luke Edgley & Melissa Foot



VICTORIAN STATE RELAYS

Victorian State Relays

Had 14 team's entered for Ballarat Region at the State Relays in Doncaster. This was held last year on 23rd November 2024. We saw the introduction of many events including some field relays

Came away with 9 medals total, with the 4x400m Men's and Women's team advancing to Zatopek:10 final

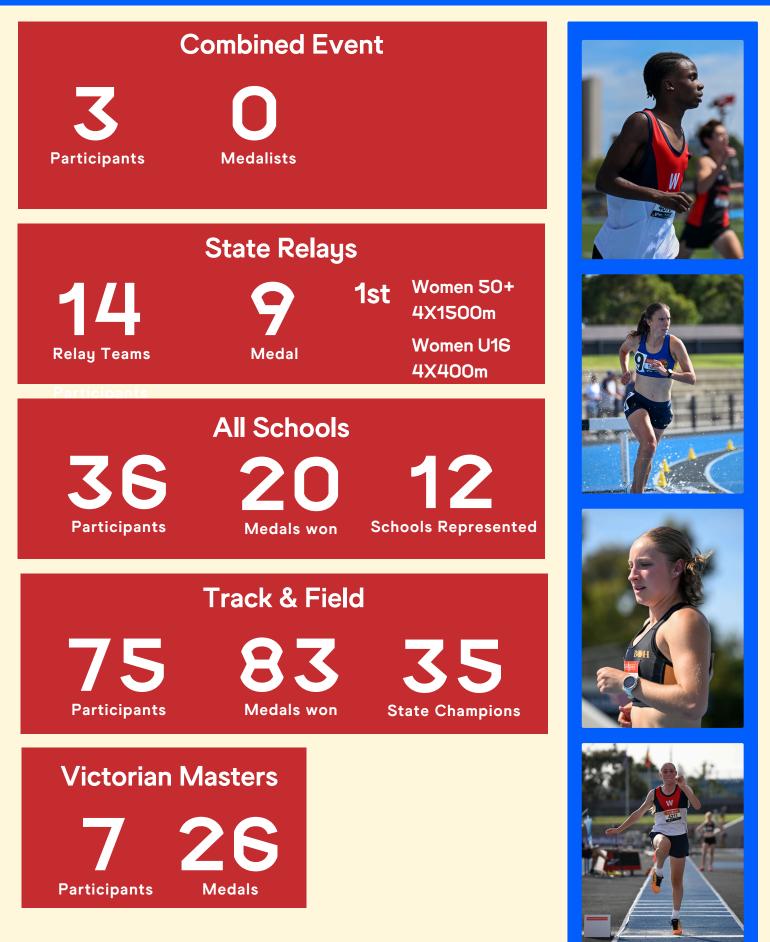
Medallists were:

- Female 50+ 4 x 1500m (1st)
- Male 50+ 4 x 100m (2nd)
- Female U16 4 x 400m (1st)
- Female Open 4 x 1500m (2nd)
- Male 50+ 4 x 400m (2nd)
- Male 50+ 4 x 1500m (3rd)
- Female U16 Long Jump (3rd)
- Male U20 4 x 800m (3rd)
- Male 40+ 4 x 400m (3rd)
- Male Open 4 x 400m (Q)
- Female Open 4 x 400m (Q)

The Men's 4x400m team ended up with a gold at Zatopek a few weeks later



STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



LITTLE ATHLETICS

State Track & Field Championships

34 PARTICIPANTS

MEDALISTS

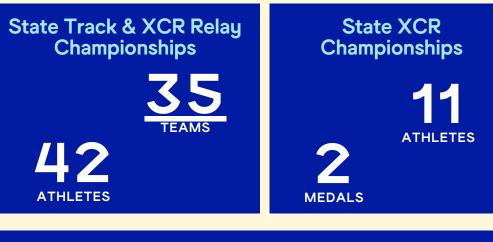
Gold

Lucy Fraser - U17 G High Jump Shakira Lual - U14 G 400m Anni Clarke - U12 G 1500m Aria Violini - U15 G 800m Archer Spackman - U13 B 1500m Eleanor Downey - U17MC G 800m

Silver

Aria Violini - U15 G 1500m Paige Tuddenham - U14 G 1500m Anni Clarke - U12 G 800m Archer Spackman - U13 B 800m Eleanor Downey - U17MC 400m Eleanor Downey - U17MC LJ

Bronze Lenny Templer - U11 B High Jump



Australian Little Athletics Championships

Kiana Jenkins - U15 300m Hurdles 400m

Shakira Lual - U14 400m

Paige Tuddenham - U14 800m 1500m Archer Spackman - U13 800m 1500m

Eleanor Downey - U15MC 100m 400m 800m Long Jump Shot Put









NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS





Athletes from Ballarat represented Victoria

Ballarat athletes won Medals

National Champion

Individual National Medalists



Yual Reath Men's High Jump 2.20m Club: Wendouree SILVER



Cooper Sherman Men's 400m 45.26s Club: Harriers GOLD



Eleanor Downey 200m, 800m, 1500m Club: Eureka SILVER SILVER BRONZE







Katherine Dowie Women's 3000m steeple Club: Eureka BRONZE

Armani Anderson Female U20 + Open 4 x 100m 46.91 + 47.38 Club: Harriers BRONZE X2

Lucy Jones U18 1500m Club: Eureka BRONZE



Derek Okolo Male U14 100m Club: Wendouree BRONZE



Riley Shillito U18 2000m ST Club: YCW BRONZE



AUSTRLIAN REPRESENTATION

PARALYMPICS PARIS 2024

Sam Rizzo Ballarat YCW

Men T54 1500m WC



OLYMPICS PARIS 2024

Kathryn Mitchell Eureka

Women Javelin



AUSTRLIAN REPRESENTATION

OLYMPICS PARIS 2024

Yual Reath Wendouree Aths

High Jump



WORLD INDOOR NANJING

Cooper Sherman Ballarat Harriers

Men's 400m



RECORDS

BRAC RECORDS

BRAC Records are a special part of Ballarat athletics history with records spanning decades of competition at Llanberris Reserve. In the 2024/25 season, we saw 27 records broken across a majority of events and age groups.

Across the season, athletes etched themselves in the record books with impressive performances showcasing the talent Ballarat Region has at the moment.

Open Records

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Name	Event	Distance/Time	Club
Katherine Dowie	3000m	9:35.56m	Eureka Athletics
Summer Jenkins	Pole Vault	2.65M	Ballarat Harriers
Cooper Sherman	100m	10.40s	Ballarat Harriers
Cooper Sherman	400m	46.05s	Ballarat Harriers
Alanna Peart	3000m Walk	12:52.49m	Ballarat YCW
Nyajima Jock	400m	55.36s	Wendouree Aths
Nyajima Jock	200m	23.95s	Wendouree Aths
Nyajima Jock	100m	11.84s	Wendouree Aths

RECORDS STATISTICS

- **27** Records broken in AVSL
 - 6 Records broken in Round 7 of AVSL
- 16 Overage Records broken in AVSL
 - Junior Records broken in AVSL



Winter Season



CROSS COUNTRY REPORT(BRAC)

The local Cross Country season started with the Lake Relays in May with runners taking on the 3km loop at the Lake. Wendouree Aths took out the Male A Grade with Eureka taking on the Women A grade event. Ballarat YCW were big winners on the day with 7 age group winners

The annual Lap of the Lake was a highlight with Eureka's Katherine Dowie breaking a long standing Women's record finishing in 20:08 minutes to take the win. Dowie pushes herself to **#1** all time for the lake run. In the Men's Ben Stevens went back-to-back with a strong back half of the race, slightly outside his time from last year

The Wal Brown returned to Victoria Park with Ballarat YCW dominating the Female club championships with wins in all grades. Eliza Lepair had a win in the women's while Ben Stevens took home the male winner.

The Chas Suffren course was as wet and muddy as ever with athletes enjoying the conditions at the equestrian centre. Ben Mornane was the first Male over the line in a huge performance while Katherine Dowie was the first female over the line

The season was another success for Athletics Ballarat with positive numbers at Lake Relays and Lap of the Lake along with positivie feedback.

















CROSS COUNTRY REPORT(AV XCR)

The Ballarat clubs once again joined forces to compete under the Ballarat Region for XCR in 2024. Ballarat missed the first round due to a clash with Ballarat Marathon but managed positive numbers at the next 9 to produce results

The premier division Men and Women teams started on the back foot missing round one but finished positively with the Ballarat event again seeing higher results. The Men's team finished 5th on points with a strong showing in the final few rounds. The Women's team finished 7th with consistent performances throughout.

The Male U20 team again showed their strength with a 2nd place finish finishing the season on a high. The Male U14 also enjoyed a 4th place finish after taking out the Victorian title last year

Ballarat was rewarded with Katherine Dowie becoming the first Ballarat Women to win an XCR race in over a decade when she won at Bendigo in round two. Dowie had several top 10 finishes during the year with Ben Stevens also a few top 10 finishes in Men's division

Athlete Bridget Wetherall had a strong season to finish 1st in the state within the Female 50+ category over the season. Michelle Hawkes and Angela Williams were also in the top 10 for the age group.

Overall, the Ballarat region showed once again their strength within distance running.

Athletics Ballarat would like to thank Michelle Hawkes and Rod Griffin for all their work over the winter season. A special mention to Stephen McLennan for setting up event sites at each XCR run











WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cross Country State Championships

The Ballarat region athletes took on the State Championships in Bundoora with qualifiers from all different category Katherine Dowie qualified for nationals with a 4th place finish in the event while Ben Stevens finished 12th in the OPEN Men

Ben Mornane and Charles Chandler finished 10th & 11th respectively in the Male U20 category while Olivia Beaton finished 12th in the Female. U20. The day was capped off with Kirstie Newcombe qualifying for nationals through the Female OPEN Para event

All Schools

Ballarat athletes represented their schools within Cross Country states with several athletes qualifying for nationals with big performances

Over 40 athletes took on the course in Bundoora with several top 12 finiishes

Paige Tuddenham
Ava MacGowan
Eleanor Downey
Ollie Ryan
Aria Violini
Amali Torney
Adam Conway
Mitchell Korosec
Bonnie Burt
Tano-Li Quach
Cody Torney
Olivia Beaton
Rosie Hunt
Charles Chandler

Female U14	4th
Female U14	10tł
Female U15 MC	2nd
Male U14	11 tł
Female U15	6th
Female U16	11 tł
Male U15	8th
Male U16	5th
Female U17	3rd
Male U17	9th
Male U18	9th
Female U20	6th
Female U20	10tł
Male U20	5th









Financial Statements

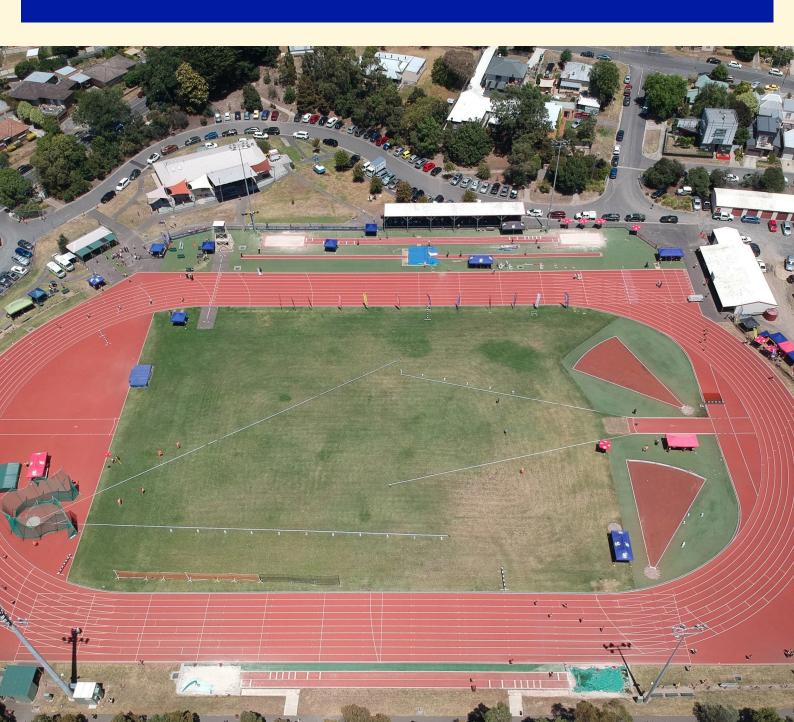


FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Athletics Ballarat's overall financial position was a loss of \$8,205 for the 24/25 financial year. This includes \$19,174 in depraciation of assets

Below provides some commentary around the variances in income and expenses as compared with the 23/24 financial year.

In a year that saw a change in name from Ballarat Regional Athletics Centre to Athletics Ballarat the majority of expenses were attributed to this process.



PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

	NOTES 2025	2024
ncome		
Trading Income		
Sales	79,106	73,46
Gross Profit from Trading	79,106	73,46
Fotal Income	79,106	73,46
Expenses		
Advertising & Web page	-	1,41
Bad Debts Expense	-	1,50
Bank Fees	22	4
Catering	3,948	77
Cleaning - Initial Hygiene	-	1,34
Cleaning - Related Party Payments	4,615	3,00
Cleaning - Suez Recycling	<u>-</u>	4
Cleaning & Waste	2,831	1,08
Depreciation	19,174	17,27
Donations	226	40
Equipment - minor items expensed	3,483	4,27
Filing Fees	621	12
Gate cards	- "	1,47
Hire of Plant & Equipment		1,22
Insurance	1,910	3,02
Licensing & Permit Fees		6
Light, Power, Heating	6,266	5,20
Marketing & Promotions	340	40
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,090	1,10
Professional Fees	12,230	
Property Expenses	636	78
Purchases - Canteen		8
Purchases - Combined XCR Team	2,994	2,91
Purchases - Uniforms		_,
Rates		29
Related Parties - Website expenses	2,200	
Repairs and Maintenance	4,190	87
Security Costs	1,000	1,06
Subscriptions	-	1,12
Superannuation	900	1,12
Telephone, Mobile & Internet	1,220	99
Trophies & Plaques	3,456	7,84
Uniform	2,754	222
Volunteer awards & recognition	426	27
Volunteer Payments	900	
Wages	7,924	9,53
Website & Software Expenses Total Expenses	1,956 87,311	1,31 72,83
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Profit/(Loss) Before Income Tax	(8,205)	63
Net Profit/(Loss) After Income Tax	(8,205)	63
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	(8,205)	63

BALANCE SHEET



Statement of Financial Position

Ballarat Regional Athletic Centre As at 31 March 2025

Y	NOTES	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2024
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	298,312	310,651
Trade and Other Receivables	4	17,545	13,000
Total Current Assets		315,857	323,651
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	128,346	128,060
Total Non-Current Assets		128,346	128,060
Total Assets		444,202	451,710
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	6	6,181	5,484
Total Current Liabilities		6,181	5,484
Total Liabilities		6,181	5,484
Net Assets	7.	438,021	446,227
Equity			
Retained Earnings	7	438,021	446,227
Total Equity		438,021	446,227

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OUR CLUBS



OUR STATE PARTNERS





OUR SPONSORS

