

## Editorial

This year marks 110 years since the inception of the Club in 1914. What a journey it has been!! The last few years were severely impacted by COVID which is still creating havoc in the community. Despite the hurdles, we have managed to continue to grow and improve our position year on year. It was a real pity to see the demise of the once great St Stephens Harriers a few months ago. Many will remember the partnership we had with SSH in the 1980s with the formation of Legends Track Club.

However, we need to concentrate on the present, not dwell on the past. Our Committee is working on several initiatives to help celebrate our 110 year milestone. It is amazing that ten years have elapsed since our famous 100 year dinner. Watch this space for news and information.

This Editor Fellow is quite excited at the progress of our Club. Our investment in talented youngsters some years ago is now bearing fruit.

The 12km cross country event held at Hanging Rock on 11<sup>th</sup> May was clear verification of the development of our young middle distance running group. Placing 1<sup>st</sup> in both Division 3 and Division 6 is quite an achievement. Congratulations to every runner, the performance shows how far we have come. Congratulations also to Cyril for guiding the team to this victory. Full details of the Hanging Rock event later this edition.

The next challenge for all of us is the 10k road race at Lakeside on Sunday morning 2<sup>nd</sup> June. This is such a great event. A flat, fast track and an opportunity to set a meaningful PB over the 10km journey. Good luck to all, enjoy this opportunity to challenge yourself.

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## Chelsworth Park Success

On Monday night 20<sup>th</sup> May, Council approved the proposal where Ivanhoe Grammar School will rebuild

the outdated pavilions and in return, receive a meaningful extension to its lease.

This is wonderful news as the proposed rebuild will provide us with shared accommodation at Chelsworth, a place to call home, a weight room and storage capacity.

The Chelsworth Park matter has been ongoing now for years. We have been involved in attending meetings and discussions since 2017. Many thanks to those members who spent the time and effort signing and sending letters of support to Council. The final vote indicated that submissions “for” the project, significantly outnumbered those who “opposed”.

This has been an incredibly time-consuming issue for this Editor and critical for the Club. With this piece of the puzzle now resolved, we move on to the specifics of planning. I would expect the demolition and rebuild process may take approximately 2 years. Hopefully, with the goodwill between OIGA Clubs evident, we should be able to work through any issues quite easily.

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## Ivanhoe Grammar School in the Victorian Road Relay Championships

IGS has entered two boys team this year, Under 14 and Under 16. Our involvement revolves around coaching and managing the teams. The boys involved this year are:

**Under 14, 4x3km:** Leonardo Donarelli, Liam Watkins, James Craven, and Charlie Fennessy.

**Under 16, 4x3km:** Ky Luscombe, Max Quinlan, Riley Palmer, Thomas Poulter, Alby Dunbar (emerg).

The Under 14 team placed 7<sup>th</sup> of the 22 teams in their race. Times as follows: Leonardo Donarelli 9:45 (fastest overall), James Craven 12:48, Charlie Fennessy 12:24 and Liam Watkins 12:19. A great result for these youngsters.

The Under 16 Team placed 14<sup>th</sup> of 44, a massive race. Times as follows: Max Quinlan 10:40, Riley Palmer 11:11, Thomas Poulter 13:22 and Ky Luscombe 10:31.

A very entertaining morning of racing, these boys all show the talent to proceed to the Harriers in due course.

Thanks to Richard Russell and Alex Linke for their assistance on Saturday morning.

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## New Members for the current season 2024/25

As usual, our new memberships start with a rush in April as cross country season commences. The cross country squad is looking quite strong, perhaps a couple more than at the same time last season. We remind everyone that the Club very much values every membership including our many “non-competing” members who continue to support the Club and everything we stand for. Our current mailing list for Cursus circulation is about 300, it would be great if everyone on the list was able to support the Club with either a “competing” or “non-competing” membership. Numbers are power, unfortunately we do need to deal in politics and with Council. Our non-competing membership fee remains at \$30.00 and we hope you continue to stay in contact and enjoy your monthly edition of Cursus.

We are delighted to announce the following renewed **non-competing members**:

**Mary Langdon**, Former Committee Member and Mum of Thomas.

**Bruce Meakin**, Former Captain of our cross country team back in the 80s and a great supporter of the Club.

**Des White**, continues to support the Club from interstate, thank you Des for your continued loyalty.

And just for the record, the following is our current listing of “**Competing Members**”

Claude Aquino,	Jamie Blackburn,	Kate Bukovsan,
David Burke,	Peter Castaldo,	Nicholas Dempsey,
Owen Dumsday,	Steve Frazzetto,	Liam Furlong,
Barry Greig,	David Greig,	Brenton Hall,
Thomas Langdon,	Alex Linke,	Harley Mileto,
Ben Morrison,	Eliza Nelson,	Carla Parris,
Matt Peterson,	Murray Playfair,	Simon Rigoni,
Charles Shea,	Lachlan Warwick	



## AGM and Presentation of Trophies

The Annual General Meeting was well attended and of course, the presentation of trophies was the highlight. Notable attendees were life members, John Boas and Noel Burrows and special guests, John Griffith and wife Pam, very long and loyal supporters of the Club. On this occasion, the Club unveiled a new trophy which has been donated jointly by John Griffith and Ashley Woods. Ashley is currently residing in London.

The trophy, The Woods/Griffith Trophy, to be awarded to the “most outstanding junior jumper in the Club”, in essence replacing and expanding on a previous, very dated junior high jump trophy which had been donated by John back in the late 70s. John and Ashley thanked profusely for their generous donation.

Secretary, Barry Greig, chaired the meeting and conducted the election of office bearers for the season 2024/25.

Apologies were: Phil Ramsay, Chris Cole, Andrew Edney, Wendy Russell, Jill Wallis, Kate Bukovsan, Michael Linke, Reg Jackson, Mike Hennessey.

It was pleasing to note that all outgoing committee members offered themselves for re-election and were subsequently elected. In addition, Brenton Hall was also elected to committee. Brenton will be a great acquisition to our active management group.

The new incoming Committee is as follows:

Jeff Franklin	<b>President</b>
Richard Russell	<b>Vice President</b>
Barry Greig	<b>Secretary</b>
David Burke	<b>Treasurer</b>

### General Committee:

Glenn Morrison, Braden Fraser,  
Anne Bukovsan (Registrar),  
Michael Wallis, Michael Linke,  
James Lunch, Brenton Hall.

Congratulations to our new committee, we are a very diverse group with wide ranging talents. We intend to continue our recent success as caretakers of our historic club as we move into our 110th year since inception.

**Trophy Presentation** commenced with medals for State and National finalists and Certificates for Club Records. (Certificates beautifully prepared by Jill Wallis)

#### Medals awarded:

##### Australian Track and Field Championships

**Leonard Donarelli** – U/14 800m (1<sup>st</sup>) 2:05.81 and  
U/14 1500m (2<sup>nd</sup>) 4:16.0

##### Victorian Track and Field Finalists

**Jamie Blackburn**, Under 20 3000m, 8:34.24 (1<sup>st</sup>),  
Under 20 1500m, 3:58.53 (4<sup>th</sup>)

**Liam Furlong**, Under 20 3000m, 9:28.34 (13<sup>th</sup>)

**Leonardo Donarelli**, U/14, 800m, 2:09.02(1<sup>st</sup>)

**Theadora Hally**, Under 20 girls, 3000m, 12:41.20,  
U/20 girls 1500m, 5:50.57 (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Kate Bukovsan**, U16 girls, 800m, 2:36.45 (10<sup>th</sup>)

**Carla Parris**, Under 13 girls 800m, 2:42.91 (5<sup>th</sup>)

#### Certificates Awarded for Club Records:

##### Leonardo Donarelli:

Under 14 boys 400m	55.55	Albert Park 9/03/24
Under 14 boys 800m	2:05.74	Doncaster 14/03/24
Under 14 boys 1500m	4:14.70	Box Hill 4/04/24

##### Kate Bukovsan:

U16, U18, U20 and Open Women's Mile	5:57.18	Doncaster 1/12/23
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##### Carla Parris:

Under 14, U16, Women's Mile	6:07.01	Doncaster 1/12/23
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##### Theadora Hally:

Under 18, U20 & Open Women's 5000m	22:25.25	Box Hill 21/03/24
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##### Relay Team (Eliza Nelson, Theadora Hally, Carla Parris and Kate Bukovsan):

U18, U20 and Open Women's 4x 800m	10:59.97	Doncaster 25/11/23
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##### Braden Fraser:

Men's 40+ 100m	12.11	Doncaster 14/10/23
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##### Barry Greig:

Men's 60+ 400m	65.46	Doncaster 17/02/24
Men's 60+ 3000m	11:37.5	Doncaster 3/02/24
Men's 50+, 60+ 800m	2:21.63	Aberfeldie 10/2/24
Men's 50+, 60+ 1500m	5:01.8	Doncaster 17/02/24
Men's 40+, 50+ and 60+ 1 mile	5:42.01	Doncaster 1/12/23

#### Perpetual Trophies:

**St James trophy** - First awarded in 1936 - Most improved athlete – *Perrin Theocharides*

**FJ Holpen trophy** – Most consistent and Best A grade athlete – *David Burke*

**Jack McCann trophy** - Most significant contribution to the club in the previous year – *Anne Bukovsan*

**W.A. Rawlinson trophy** - Best track and field athlete – *Jamie Blackburn*

**Buffalo Sports/Athletes Foot Trophy** – The most improved junior athlete – *Eliza Nelson*

**Lew Hall trophy** - significant commitment by an under 23 athlete – *Theadora Hally*

**Jeff Legg trophy** - most outstanding performance junior 800m -10,000m – *Leonardo Donarelli*

**Banyule Trophy** – Best Female athlete in the club – *Kate Bukovsan*

**Boas/Hancock Trophy** – Most outstanding field event athlete – *Glen Nicholson*

**COVID Cup** – Most points earned in events from 400k to 6km on a handicap basis – *Barry Greig*

**6km Cross Country Handicap winner** – *Murray Fairplay (2024)*

**State Wide Trophy** – Most Cross Country Points – *Thomas Langdon*

**Hugh Lowe Memorial Trophy** – The most outstanding senior athlete in winter competition – *David Greig*

**Woods/Griffth Trophy** – (First time awarded and presented by John Griffith) - Most Outstanding junior jumper – *Carla Parris*



*Carla being presented the Woods/Griffth Trophy by John Griffith*



*Jamie, Thomas and David with their trophies*



## And this bit of history for the old timers...

The photo below provided by Barry Greig from a facebook page.



**Ray Brown leads Brendan Layh, Tony Williams and Bruce Jones.  
Ivanhoe v Box Hill in a 5000m at Box Hill 16/12/1972.**

...a great photo of past champions, our younger readers would probably not be aware. Both Ray Brown (marathon 2hr:30:12) and Tony Williams (1500m 3:40.7, 1 Mile 4:01.2, 3000m 8:02.0, 5000m 13:47.8, 10,000m 28:49.00 and Half Marathon 66.48), are members of our Team of the Century.

Anne Bukovsan is our resident photographer and Registrar. Anne does a fabulous job on Saturdays taking photos and has suggested a "call-out" to members for scans of any old or historic photos (like the one above). Anne is offering to be the contact person and assemble any such photos in a file with dates and names etc.

Anne can be reached via:

[registrar@ivanhoeharriers.org.au](mailto:registrar@ivanhoeharriers.org.au)

## Competition Results

### Round 2: Hanging Rock 12km Cross Country Victorian Championship

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Probably our best cross country team performance in 25 years. A young group with loads of talent.

#### Female Under 16

5km: Kate Bukovsan 23:55

#### Male Open

12km: David Greig 41:25; Alex Linke 42:09; Jamie Blackburn 42:51; Thomas Langdon 44:40; Owen

Dumsday 45:26; Benjamin Morrison 45:38; Liam Furlong 47:18; Nicholas Dempsey 49:12; Peter Castaldo 53:59; Brenton Hall 54:00; Matthew Peterson 55:17; Murray Playfair 1:02:04; Simon Rigoni 1:03:35;

It was kangaroos, lightly overcast sky and a big mysterious rock that lead us to round 2 of the cross country season held at Hanging Rock for the first time. A picturesque course with a combination of open grass paddocks, horse race course, dirt tracks and a tough hill section that faced the competitors not to mention the ground covered in droppings, courtesy of those kangaroos.

A very good turn out and almost full strength team in both quality and numbers resulting in the Men's Open Div 3 win, Div 6 win and Div 7 third placing. A result the club has not had since the early 1990s.

Our lone female competitor Kate B ran the Under 16, 5km course that included the tough hill section. Well done Kate.

Notable runs by all those who competed in the 12 km race to finish the course. Some highlights include:

- David Greig, fastest runner and ran a strong race to finish 43 out of 362 finished.
- Alex Linke with a solid performance for what might be his first 12km cross country race.
- Owen Dumsday a great first up run with the club after only a few weeks of training, 5th member of the Div 3 team.
- New members, Nic Dempsey, Peter Castaldo, Matt Peterson, Murray Playfair and Simon Rigoni all doing exceptional well for their first up 12km run with the club.
- Good to see Brenton Hall back in action with a very good 12km run.

A big thanks to Glenn Morrison in performing the club helper duty, had to stand at a Marshall point for over 4 hours. Thanks Glenn, the athletes are indebted to you.

Thanks to Anne Bukovsan and David Burke for taking the photos on the day.



Team results shown below:

### Men's Division 3

	Team	Score	(Athletes)	Ldr Pts
1	Ivanhoe	445	(5)	16
2	Melbourne Uni 2	535	(5)	14
3	Mentone 2	624	(5)	13
4	Keilor St Bernards	720	(5)	12
5	Old Xaverians	791	(5)	11
6	Traralgon	1,045	(5)	10
7	Box Hill 3	1,046	(5)	9
8	Malvern	1,052	(5)	8
9	Coburg	1,097	(5)	7
10	Collingwood 2	1,121	(5)	6
11	Waverley	1,130	(5)	5
12	Western Athletics 2	1,217	(5)	4
13	Geelong Region 2	317	(1)	3
14	Ballarat Region 2	326	(1)	2



*Being Heritage Round, athletes are encouraged to wear club uniforms from previous years, as Kate and David did.*

### Men's Division 6

	Team	Score	(Athletes)	Ldr Pts
1	Ivanhoe 2	790	(4)	18
2	Mornington 3	904	(4)	16
3	Melbourne Uni 5	1,071	(4)	15
4	Richmond 3	1,124	(4)	14
5	Keilor St Bernards 2	1,163	(4)	13
6	Yarra Ranges 2	867	(3)	12
7	Ringwood	439	(2)	11

### Men's Division 7

	Team	Score	(Athletes)	Ldr Pts
1	Mentone 4	896	(4)	11
2	Bendigo Region 4	1,019	(4)	9
3	Ivanhoe 3	1,210	(4)	8
4	Mentone 5	851	(3)	7
5	Waverley 3	998	(3)	6
6	Keilor St Bernards 3	1,012	(3)	5
7	Diamond Valley 3	627	(2)	4
8	Vic Cross Country 3	657	(2)	3
9	Melbourne Uni 6	688	(2)	2
10	Frankston 2	162	(1)	1
11	Mornington 4	291	(1)	
12	South Melbourne 4	324	(1)	
13	Malvern 3	341	(1)	



*Alex followed by Jamie and Liam (obscured)*





*Thomas and Owen descending back down to the base of the rock.*



*Brenton and Peter negotiating the obligatory cross country obstacle.  
(Matt approaching in the background)*

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