

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

**VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE**

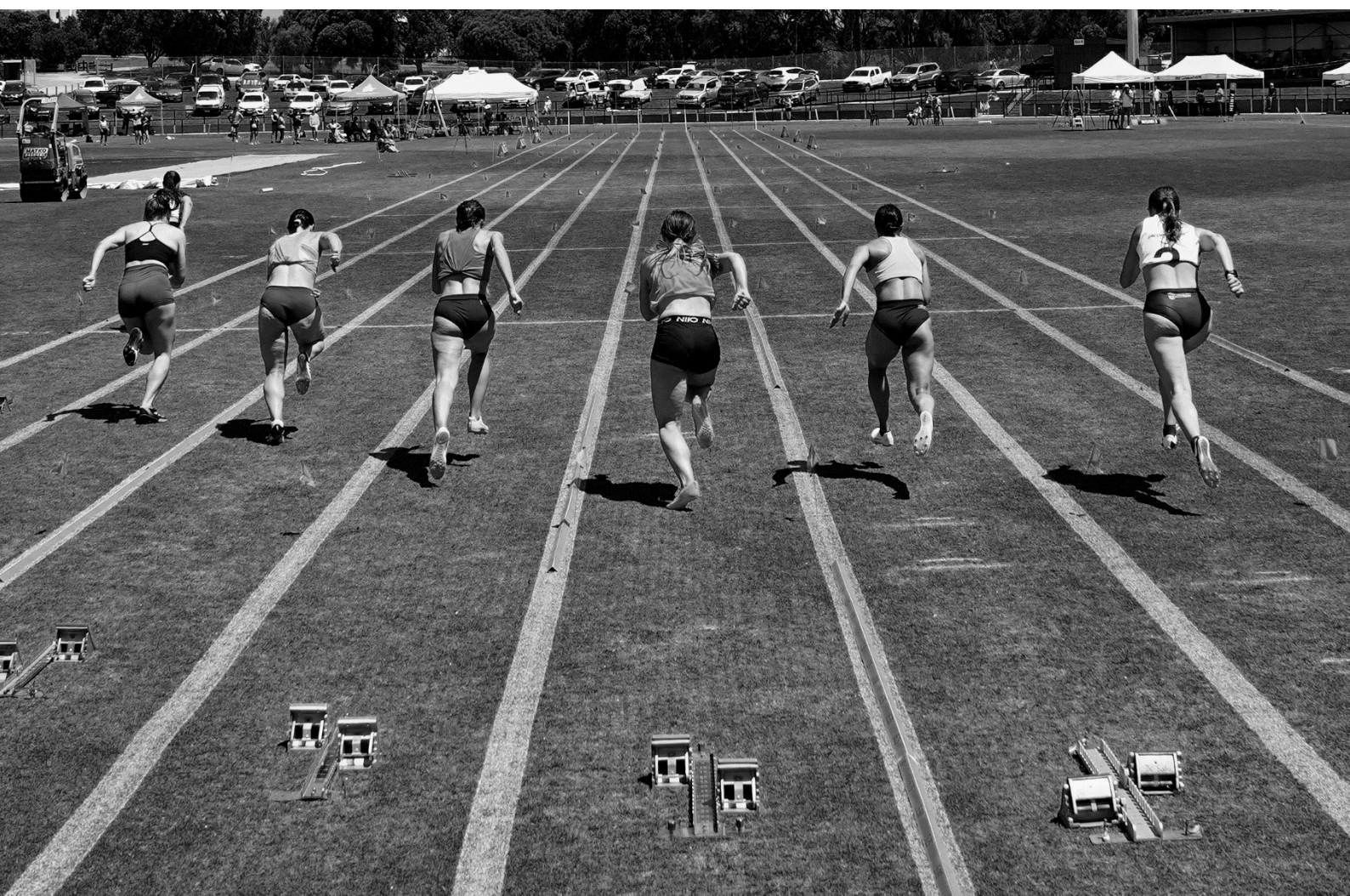


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## Staff

Name	Position
Taylah Perry (Full Time)	Executive Officer

## Officials

Name	Position	Name	Position
Richard Wearmouth	Chief Steward	Ed Sadler	Race caller
Wally Meechan	Steward	Harry McDonough	Junior Race caller
John Henry	Steward	Brendan Bailey	Transport/Equipment
Colin Lane	Handicapper	Nila Blennerhassett	Results
Chris Macdonald	Handicapper	Penny Conway	Colour Steward
Luke Mitchell	Handicapper	Gill Hayden	Colour Steward
Kim McDonough	Handicapper	Matthew Webster	Starter
David Milligan	Handicapper	Brendan Ferrari	Starter
Rob Jones	Photo Finish	Rob McIntosh	Starter
Chloe Blennerhasset	Photo Finish	Graeme Humphrey	Starter
Diane Tzilantonis	Photo Finish	Kieren McIntosh	Starter
Joe Spenceley	Photo Finish	Alex Liroi	Podcast Production
Max Blennerhasset	Photo Finish/Media	Neil Jameson	Official Photographer
Sam Blennerhassett	Results/ Social Media	Didier Le Miere	Official Media
Ollie Wurm	Race caller		



# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Matthew McDonough

After another exciting and eventful year, I am thrilled to present the President's report for the 2023-2024 season of the Victorian Athletic League (VAL).

This year has been marked by many remarkable achievements, exciting races, and significant advancements for our organisation. I extend my deepest appreciation to all who have contributed to our success.

This season has been notably successful, highlighted by the many fantastic meetings put on by our clubs across the state. It was exciting to kick the season off with two new meetings at Cobden and Mortlake and then see the continued growth and development of our regular meetings including the return of the Bendigo Madison.

I want to express my gratitude to my fellow VAL Board members for their unwavering support, exceptional teamwork, and relentless dedication to our sport. As a Board, we are committed to being stewards of our sport while ensuring continuous growth and evolution in a dynamic environment.

Our commitment to listening to members, seeking feedback, and pursuing continuous improvement helps us make our sport inclusive, rewarding, and enjoyable for everyone.

We have seen significant growth across several key metrics this season, thanks to the hard work of our Board and the

VAL Office. Whilst we largely held our total Membership base it was again pleasing to see growth in our junior numbers. We have also seen a rise in entries and prize money, enhancing the competitiveness and appeal of our events. Importantly, we will continue to strengthen our junior membership base to secure the future of our sport.

Throughout the season, we enjoyed some amazing performances from our athletes of all ages. It was great to see our reach and engagement permeate across our communities inspiring people of all ages and abilities to compete in the VAL.

I also acknowledge the exceptional leadership of our Executive Officer, Taylah Perry, who has continued to go above and beyond to make our sport great. The countless hours, sacrifices and commitment to her role and our sport is remarkable. Taylah has led our vast volunteer support team throughout the season to ensure a seamless race day experience. On behalf of the VAL Board, I thank Taylah for her unwavering commitment and tireless efforts to ensure the success of our sport.

I also acknowledge and thank all our race day support team for their extraordinary efforts this season.

A special thank you to all our clubs who do the hard work to put on our meetings each week. I know how hard you all work behind the scenes in securing sponsorship, preparing tracks, managing stakeholders and ensuring the event day operates seamlessly, well done and thank you.

On the financial front, we set a goal of maintaining a surplus, and I am pleased to announce that we have again achieved this objective. While the operating profit is modest, it continues a positive step towards long-term sustainability. The Board remains dedicated to maintaining the financial stability of the VAL and will continue to prioritise this in the coming years.

Looking ahead, planning for the next season is already underway, and I am excited about the prospect of another full calendar with the addition of some new meetings. We will continue to innovate and enhance our offerings, ensuring we meet our members' expectations and provide a fun and rewarding experience in the VAL.

We recognise that we need to continue to evolve, innovate and review our operations. It is important we recognise our rich history yet embrace the now and our future demographic. Our rules, ways of working and our objectives must align to enable and foster a positive future.

We welcome feedback from all our members and supporters, as well as any contribution to assist or help grow and improve our sport.

Finally, thank you to our athletes of all ages and abilities, you are the stars each week. Thanks for your commitment to our sport and importantly making it a fun, supportive and inclusive environment.

I look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming 2024-2025 season.

# EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

## Taylah Perry

The 2023-24 season might have started in the pouring rain at Cobden and ended in the pouring rain at Stawell, but boy did we have some sunshine in between!

The season was full of highlights, we welcomed two new Meetings to the calendar, delivered three events in NSW and saw a grand total of 23 Meetings with over 12,500 entries, our biggest calendar of racing since 2017.

I'd like to thank the VAL Board for their unwavering support and assistance this season. Your progressiveness and passion for our sport will continue to help us grow and succeed long into the future. I am especially grateful to President, Matt McDonough for his exceptional guidance, encouragement, and mentorship. His willingness to go above and beyond, often shouldering additional responsibilities, has been instrumental in facilitating my role and ensuring the seamless functioning of our sport.

We saw some familiar athletes join our VAL Officials team this season, without individuals willing to pop their hand up and get involved, our sport would come to a grinding halt. Special thanks to Richard Wearmouth, stepping up as our Chief Steward for the season, one of the most integral and challenging roles in our sport.

I'd also like to thank Jock Bailey for joining the team as our Logistic Coordinator, his contributions were instrumental in the smooth functioning of our events, and his infectious positivity provided all Officials with a smile every weekend.

The addition of three new members, Kim, David, and Luke, to our handicapping team breathed fresh perspective into our handicapping regulations. I extend my sincere appreciation to Colin Lane and Chris Macdonald for their support and guidance, going above and beyond to integrate the new Handicappers, whilst tackling their own mountain of marks each week.

This season witnessed significant enhancements to our photo finish operations, thanks to the tireless efforts of the Blennerhassett family. Sam and Max, alongside Nila, demonstrated unwavering dedication in ensuring the accuracy and efficiency of our results each week. Special recognition is reserved for Chloe, whose leadership as Chief Photo Finish Operator was instrumental in training three new operators, whilst assisting in upgrading our equipment and processes. Welcome Di, Joe and Shane to the VAL photo finish team!

## ADMINISTRATION

Throughout the season, managing the office single-handedly presented a demanding workload each week. I extend special thanks to Colin Lane for his invaluable assistance in handling handicap queries, allowing me to focus on operational tasks. Despite the challenges, we successfully implemented several small database and website upgrades, substantially

enhancing our photo finish and results data capabilities. However, significant obstacles were encountered with the website checkout process just before the New Year, prompting me to dedicate the upcoming off-season to refining our technological pathways.

Collaborating closely with Matt McDonough, we have diligently worked on developing a race day app, envisioning it as a digital program accessible anytime, anywhere. Once our website and database operations are seamlessly aligned, we will be prepared to launch live results and improve our member communication channels, entering a new era of online accessibility and connectivity for our sport.

## MARKETING & MEDIA

Throughout the season, a significant emphasis on bolstering our online presence was made, with a particular focus on leveraging our social media platforms and live streaming capabilities. Our collaboration with Fixon Media and My Sport Live played a pivotal role in amplifying the visibility of our sport and showcasing its essence to a broader audience. I extend my sincere gratitude to all our affiliated Clubs for their proactive engagement with both media partners, enabling the comprehensive coverage of their respective events. A special acknowledgment goes out to Andrew, at My Sport Live for his continued support and efforts in minimising costs for our Clubs, ensuring accessibility for all. Likewise, my sincere appreciation extends to Didier from Fixon Media, whose

# EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

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dedication and belief in our sport has been truly remarkable. His commitment to embracing our community and breathing life into our sport across social media has been nothing short of outstanding.

## MEMBERSHIP

Whilst membership numbers remained consistent this season, it was great to see many of our New Junior members from last season, return as Renewing Junior members this season. Entries in Junior races were up across the season, with the increase in registrations culminating at Stawell for the Under 18 100m Boys & Girls where semi-finals were required for the first time ever.

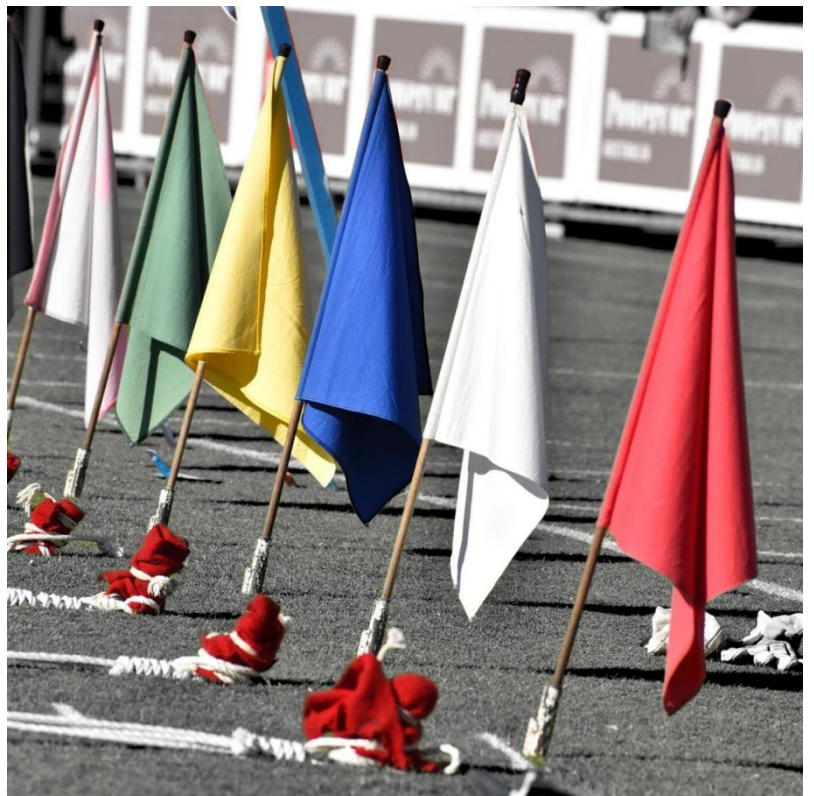
It was exciting to see many members returning to the sport after a number of years away from Pro Running, with many stating that they had missed the community and were excited to see the sports progress.

Further, we also saw a significant increase in female participation, with Women's Gift entries up almost every week on last season. The increase was evident in the 120m Women's 2024 Stawell Gift with entries up 16% on the 2023 Women's Stawell Gift. Positively, the 120m Open Stawell Gift also saw increased entries on last

year, up 8.6% on 2023 Stawell Gift entries.

This off season will be focus on developing a membership campaign with the footage captured across the 23/24 season to promote and highlight the community we have and to encourage people to get involved. I also aim to develop a rules campaign that makes learning how handicapping works fun, concise and engaging, the campaign should help our existing members and hopefully it will reduce the barriers to entry for those new to understanding our sport.

Our Clubs consistently deliver exceptional events for our athletes, raising the bar each year as they meticulously review their race lists, timetables, and overall event atmosphere. Their dedication and commitment is outstanding, I extend a heartfelt thanks to every member of our Club committees for their collaboration and tireless efforts to execute memorable and successful experiences for all.



# CHIEF STEWARDS REPORT

Richard Wearmouth

Another season 'done and dusted' although maybe inappropriate terminology after the once in a hundred-year deluge hit Stawell.

The season commenced with two new clubs Cobden and Mortlake conducting meetings. I was absent through illness but witnessed events through livestream which indicated both meetings were very successful even with some inclement weather.

The VAL had a terrific season, and this is only possible because of the enormous efforts by the participating Clubs. As a panel we were looked after by all clubs with ample support, food and drink.

The competing athlete numbers were excellent with competitive racing each week. A few athletes were asked to front the Stewards for various reasons and a percentage of these would be reduced if pre-race correspondence detailing issues was given.

The stewarding panel has sent some suggestions to the VAL Board and Handicap Review Panel to peruse and feel that they may be helpful to the development of our sport. There needs to be an alignment between VAL Handicapping/Stewarding and some of our outdated rules. At the moment there is ambiguity within and while we know the Board continually

works on this it is an area that must not be relaxed on.

It is important for Stewards to have discussion with the Handicapping panel prior to each event and while we would always arrive up to two hours before the first event, we too often had to put out the handicaps for each event. This eats into the time that could be spent in far more important areas. We realise that all clubs do a memorable effort to conduct their event but measuring a 400m track where possible and then displaying handicaps would be very helpful.

The Stewarding panel had a number of personnel during the season, I convey a big thank you to the stalwarts Wally Meehan and John Henry who were there every week. Noel Rexter, Rob Lehmann and Terry O'Donnell must also be acknowledged. In particular, Wally has been a wonderful servant of the league and illness forced him to retire just before Stawell.

We must work closely with all Handicappers and as a new Steward I deeply appreciated the help and support from them. These people do a wonderful job to keep the VAL operating on a weekly basis. Thank you to Colin, Chris, Kim, Luke and David. Our HRP had some changes during the season, but the mainstays Terry and Matt were very supportive and helpful with their knowledge.

# HANDICAP REVIEW PANEL REPORT

Terry O'Donnell, Mathew Boyes & Craig Burnett

The 2023-24 season saw many new faces, a new Chief Steward, an evolving Handicap Review Panel for the season and three new Handicappers – which is a great result for our sport to see so many people willing to put their hand up and engage.

Like anything with many new people in integral roles, it created great challenges, but each one contributed to the best of their ability and made for a very successful season.

The HRP look forward to continue working with the VAL Committee and VAL Rules Committee to continue refining and improving the handicapping and stewarding processes to safeguard the integrity of our sport.







# VAL BOARD MEMBERS

	<p><b>Matthew McDonough</b> <b>President</b> Appointed 2020</p>	<p>Matthew has over 20 years' experience in athletics as a runner, trainer and administrator. A two-time VRTA Athlete of the year, amongst his wins are the Stawell Herb Hedemann 1600m and Stawell 3200m. Matthew is also a former elite triathlete having won the Australia Duathlon Championship in 2005 and 2008. Matthew is a Certified Practising Accountant and Fellow of the Association for Tertiary Education Management. He is currently Faculty General Manager at Deakin University.</p>
	<p><b>Katie Moore</b> <b>Vice President</b> Appointed 2022</p>	<p>Katie has competed in both amateur and professional athletics for over 27 years, competing in VAL competitions since 1996 to current. Katie has achieved wins across the VAL, TAL, SAAL, and NSWAL over 70m to 400m, has medalled at Victorian State Championships and has made multiple National Championship finals. Katie has a range of sports administration experience, having been the secretary of the Victorian Runners and Trainers Association Committee for 5 years and a member of the Ringwood Athletic Club Committee for 4 years. Professionally, she has over 20 years working in research and evaluation across the medical, education and health sectors, and understands the importance of evidence-based decision making. Katie has held a number of leadership positions and is currently the General Manager of Research and Partnerships at the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine.</p>
	<p><b>Matthew Boyes</b> <b>Director</b> Appointed 2011</p>	<p>Mathew Boyes is a chartered accountant. He is a director of his own chartered accountancy and financial planning firm in Frankston. He currently holds membership with the Institute of Chartered Accountants and SPAA. He has over 15 years' experience in working with SME and assisting them with their business, taxation and superannuation issues. He has been involved in athletics at various levels since age of 7 and has been involved in VAL competition for over the last 20 years. He has made many finals over various distances and has won a few races over the years. His most recent win was the 2011 Maribyrnong Gift.</p>
	<p><b>Craig Burnett</b> <b>Director</b> Appointed 2023</p>	<p>Craig is an enthusiastic supporter of professional running and keen follower of his children Kirrily and Lonain. Craig is President of Athletics Bendigo an organisation that administers the summer track and winter cross country seasons for both senior and little athletes in Bendigo. Craig has also been an advocate, tribunal member and Tribunal Chair for AFL Central Victoria for 20 years. Craig has worked with the Department of Education for the past 40 years. He has spent the past 20 years as Principal of a number of schools in the Greater Bendigo area. Craig has been able to build strong relationships with a wide range of communities in his professional life and his work in a number of sporting organisations. Craig sees the VAL as a strong community based sporting organisation and is looking forward to making a contribution to the sport over the coming years.</p>
	<p><b>Keely Henderson</b> <b>Director</b> Appointed 2020</p>	<p>Born into the world of athletics, Keely Henderson has been involved with athletics since she was 5 years old. In 2014, she competed in her first VAL competition at St Albans. Prior to joining the VAL circuit, Keely competed in the Australian Youth Championships and has been a Victorian champion and finalist in a range of track and field events. As a previous winner of the Ballarat Women's Gift (2017), the Stonnington Gift (2016), and a dual finalist in the Women's Stawell Gift in 2015 &amp; 2023, Keely is very familiar with the VAL circuit. She has also won Open 70m races at Wangaratta, Maryborough and Ringwood. Keely has a double degree of Bachelor of Health Science/Applied Science (Osteopathy) at RMIT and is an advocate for Women in sport and supporting up and coming junior athletes.</p>
	<p><b>Todd Ireland</b> <b>Director</b> Appointed 2023</p>	<p>Todd Ireland is a director of the family heating and air conditioning business Dual Heating &amp; Air Conditioning P/L, that has been a long term sponsor of the VAL. Todd has competed continuously in the VAL every year since 1987/88 season. Since the late 90's he has also been a successful trainer with a large group of athletes that has seen him be the VRTA Trainer of the Year on four occasions. As an athlete he is a 3 time Stawell Gift Finalist, to go along with his numerous Gift wins over the years. In 2015 he was inducted into the Stawell Gift Hall of Fame. For a number of years now Todd has been both the President of the Victorian Runners and Trainers Association and also of the Northcote Athletic Club which host the Waverley Gift. This is his second stint on the VAL Board after previously being a director for around 10 years, as well as being the Vice President for a number of those.</p>
	<p><b>Dominic Condello</b> <b>Director</b> Appointed 2020</p>	<p>With over 30 years' experience in the building industry, Dominic is the Director of Moonee Ponds Plumbing and Bathrooms for the past 20 years. A licensed Plumber and Builder, Dominic has a Diploma of Building from RMIT. Dominic has been a technical regulator at the Victorian Building Authority, and taught English in Japan. Dominic came into the sport of athletics as a masters athlete and is trained by Max Warlow at the Essendon Athletics Club. Dominic holds a few state relay records and has competed for Australia at Masters level. In the VAL Dominic has won the Geelong Gift 100 Masters 2019, Maribyrnong 300 Masters 2020, and the Castlemaine Gift 120 Masters 2020. Dominic is on the Essendon Athletics Club and the Beachside Gift committees.</p>



# VAL BOARD MEMBERS

	<p><b>Les Williams</b> <b>President</b> Appointed 2023</p>	<p>I believe through my 50 years of involvement in pro-running, both in Australia and in Scotland, I can make a contribution and provide sound feedback in the running of the sport. Being a people person, I believe I can provide a voice for Clubs and athletes to contribute to the workings of the Board with ideas and involvement on planning committees to advance the sport. I personally assisted in the development and implementation of the Masters 45+ series races and the Masters Legends series races, to continue building masters participation in our sport across the season. I am keen to keep building both of these series and look at the development of a woman's distance series to help increase the number of distance athletes competing in pros. I love this sport and want to help in anyway I can to continue building it up and promoting it to the broader community.</p>
	<p><b>Kirrily Burnett</b> <b>VRTA Representative</b> Appointed 2020</p>	<p>Kirrily began pro running at 18 following in her Dad's footsteps, who ran in the 1980's. When Kirrily is not running and crafting she is busy working in the early childhood sector as an educator in a community centre. Kirrily values the importance of early-learning and is equally as passionate for the creative arts, literacy, language linguistics, special needs and STEM. As well as working on the reconciliation action plan at her centre Kirrily has a strong sense of community and governance, equity and equality, and a voice for the wider community at the VAL.</p>

## GOVERNANCE

### Overview

The Victorian Athletic League (VAL) is an incorporated association under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic). 19345. Its purposes are set out in the constitution:

- (a) To acquire all assets and assume all responsibility for the payment of all financial liabilities of the incorporated association known as the Victorian Athletic League Inc.
- (b) To promote a greater community awareness of professional foot running and its contribution to the community generally.
- (c) To undertake and assume the control and conduct of athletic events conducted at meetings sanctioned by the Association, and to affiliate and/or likewise liaise with such bodies as have similar (in whole or in part) purposes.
- (d) On behalf of its Members to ensure that all athletic meetings held under the auspices of the Association are conducted in accordance with the rules and Regulations of the Association, and to appoint officials to supervise athletic meetings and to order examinations of any person involved in such meetings as to their performance, conduct or identity.
- (e) On behalf of its members to deal with any breach of the rules and Regulations set down by the Association for participation in athletic meetings by clubs, societies, managing bodies or individuals, and to endorse or remove any disqualifications or suspensions which result from any breach of the rules by Clubs, societies, managing bodies or individuals.
- (f) To reciprocate with any recognised athletic, cycling, running, swimming or other association promoting the pursuit of athletic activities, provided always that any such activities must not be conducted for the purpose of profit or gain to the association's individual members.

# GOVERNANCE

## Rules and Regulations

The Committee may make regulations and/or by-laws and alter, amend or rescind the same as occasions may require, and enforce penalties for their breach. Such regulations and by-laws shall have the same force and effect as the Rules but shall not be in any way opposed or in conflict with the Rules. Such Regulations and by-laws shall be available for inspection in the League premises and duly circulated to Members.

[VAL Regulations HERE](#)

[VAL Handicap Regulations HERE](#)

## Membership

The Members shall be, and shall be divided into, the following classes:

- (a) Affiliated Members (Clubs)
- (b) Life Members;
- (c) Registered Athletes and Trainers

## Rules and Regulations

The Committee shall, at its first meeting each year following the Annual General Meeting, appoint the following:

- a) Finance/Administration/Operations Committee
- b) Marketing Committee
- c) Women's Committee
- d) Rules Committee
- e) Clubs Committee
- f) Handicap Review Panel
- g) VAL Appeals Tribunal
- h) Australian Athletics Confederation representative

## Conflict of Interest

All members of the VAL Committee members must declare their interest in any contractual, disciplinary or other financial matter in which a conflict of interest arises or may arise. Unless otherwise determined by the VAL Committee, if a conflict arises, the Committee members must absent themselves from discussion of such matter and is not entitled to vote on the matter.

Further, VAL Committee members and individuals appointed to operational or official roles must declare any conflict of interest related to carrying out the duties of that role. If a conflict arises or has the potential to arise, action will be taken to remove the individual from those duties, or those duties will be subject to approval from an independent third party.



# OUR ATHLETES

## New Members

REGISTRATION TYPE	21-22	22-23	23-24
1 Meet Trial Membership	N/A	57	52
3 Meet Trial Membership	N/A	65	29
New Masters Only	N/A	4	3
New Distance Only	N/A	4	4
New Victorian Athlete	106	24	20
New Interstate Athlete	95	142	84
New Interstate Trainer	5	3	10
New Victorian Trainer	3	2	0
New Victorian U14 Athlete	29	N/A	N/A
New Victorian Junior LA Member	N/A	52	63
New Victorian Junior Member	N/A	47	17

## Returning Members

REGISTRATION TYPE	21-22	22-23	23-24
Renewal Masters Only	N/A	44	49
Renewal Distance Only	N/A	51	48
Renewing Victorian Athlete	188	295	290
Renewing Interstate Athlete	155	228	254
Renewing Interstate Trainer	9	15	15
Renewing Victorian Trainer	16	26	25
Renewing Victorian Junior LA Member	N/A	38	60
Renewing Victorian Junior Member	N/A	81	93
Renewing Victorian Student	106	N/A	N/A
Renewing Victorian U14 Athlete	4	N/A	N/A
<b>Total:</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>1178</b>	<b>1116</b>

## Race Entries

Meeting	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Ballarat	753	822	832
Bendigo	466	445	-
Bendigo Madison	-	-	591
Braybrook (Maribyrnong)	546	585	-
Castlemaine	641	567	553
Cobden	-	-	327
Docklands	420	-	-
Essendon	-	475	570
Frankston	535	564	609
Geelong	573	544	501
Hastings	624	-	-
Jack Giddy (NSW)	-	139	154
Keilor	-	504	605
Macksville (NSW)	-	-	129
Maryborough	-	530	502
Meadowglen	320	-	-
Mortlake	-	-	305
Newcastle (NSW)	-	246	194
Waverley	557	615	710
Beachside (Parkdale)	745	800	821
Rye	-	653	630
Ringwood	560	590	562
St Albans	520	520	503
Shepparton	-	422	410
Stawell	1503	1586	1656
Terang	364	417	431
Wangaratta	505	445	475
Warrnambool	416	477	484
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,480</b>	<b>11,946</b>	<b>12,554</b>





# SEASON SNAPSHOT

## Race Winners

Cobden		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Open	Jennifer King
100	Masters (35+)	Sonya Pollard
100	Mens	Endale Mekonnen
100	U/14 Mixed	James Moore
100	U/18 Mixed	Zane Eddleston
100	Womens	Jennifer King
300	Masters (35+)	Jamie Johns
300	Mens	Lachlan Milligan
300	Womens	Amber Van eede
800	Masters 45+	Lynn Gunning
1600	Open	Charlie Sutherland

Mortlake		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Open	Jennifer King
120	Masters (35+)	Tim Rosen
120	Mens	Aaron Peter-budge
120	U/14 Mixed	Sophie Burrows
120	U/18 Mixed	Zane Eddleston
120	Womens	Grace Carter
300	Masters (35+)	Jamie Johns
400	Mens	Dashiell Muir
400	Womens	Amber Van eede
800	Open	Lachlan Milligan
1600	Masters (35+)	Carl McMeel

Essendon		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Mens	Chris Vi
70	Womens	Natasha Marteene
100	Masters (35+)	Attila Baranyay
100	U/14 Mixed	Perry Watson
100	U/18 Boys	Kidus Mekonnen
100	U/18 Girls	Alyssa Stal
200	Mens	Chris Vi
200	Womens	Scarlett Burmeister
300	Masters (35+)	Greg Denner
550	Open	Kirrilly Burnett
800	Masters 45+	GLENN STEPHENS
1600	Open	Natalie Densley

Geelong		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Mens	Cooper Sherman
70	Womens	Sonya Pollard
100	Masters (35+)	Vic Sharma
100	Mens	Saye Morris
100	U/14 Mixed	Callum Wade
100	U/18 Boys	Finn Quinn
100	U/18 Girls	Bella Parrott
100	Womens	Georgia Mills
300	Masters (35+)	Gary Blake
300	Womens	Keely Henderson
550	Open	Lachlan Milligan
800	Masters 45+	Greg Denner
800	Open	Josh Bail
800	U/18 Mixed	Lucy Potter
800	Womens	Lauren Innes

Warrnambool		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Mens	Maki Loukeris
70	Womens	Grace Carter
120	Masters (35+)	Vic Sharma
120	Mens	Brad Hunt
120	U/14 Mixed	Perry Watson
120	U/18 Mixed	Patrick Meade
120	Womens	Chloe Mannix-Power
300	Age Graded	Robert Mayston
300	Masters (35+)	Sonya Pollard
300	Mens	Aidan Green
300	U/14 Mixed	Callum Wade
300	U/18 Mixed	Sophie Burrows
300	Womens	Gemma Fairclough
800	Masters 45+	Kim McDonough
800	Open	Cameron Konnis
1600	Age Graded	John Thomson
1600	Open	Josh Bail

Terang		
Distance	Category	Winner
70m	Open	Mitchell Mullens
120m	Masters (35+)	Luke Robertson
120m	Mens	Maki Loukeris
120m	U/14 Mixed	Maria Kasapis
120m	U/18 Boys	Fraser Stott
120m	U/18 Girls	Lula Parrott
120m	Womens	Grace Hewitt
300m	Masters (35+)	Luke Robertson
400m	Mens	Ryan Antidormi
400m	U/18 Mixed	Leo Mcmeel
400m	Womens	Ida Laherty
800m	Open	Lachlan Milligan
1600m	Open	Josh Bail

Waverley		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Open	Steven Coulson
100	Masters (35+)	Mark Glassborow
100	Mens	Hugh Hoffmann
100	U/14 Mixed	Caden Barrow
100	U/18 Mixed	Luke Rollinson
100	Womens	Olivia May
300	Masters (35+)	Greg Denner
400	Mens	Lachlan Milligan
400	Womens	Genevieve O'brien
800	Masters 45+	Greg Whitecross
800	Open	Ruby Crisp
1600	Open	Justin Murphy

Maryborough		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Mens	Nathan Riali
70	Womens	Amelia Spenceley
120	Masters (35+)	Peter Biggs
120	Mens	Lawson Power
120	U/14 Mixed	Maxwell Roberts
120	U/18 Boys	Charlie Sullivan
120	U/18 Girls	Isabella Hollins
120	Womens	Cassandra Wang lecouteur
200	Open	Maki Loukeris
300	Masters (35+)	Tom Drum
400	Mens	Ben Wilson
400	U/18 Mixed	Oscar Kerby
400	Womens	Jasmine Rowe
800	Open	Akon Chol
1600	Masters (35+)	Greg Hilson
1600	Open	Greg Hilson

St Albans		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Open	Musa Kamara
120	Masters (35+)	Dominic Condello
120	Mens	Cooper Sherman
120	U/14 Mixed	Emma Wilson
120	U/18 Boys	Marcus Franze
120	U/18 Girls	Harriett Fox
120	Womens	Ebony Newton
300	Masters (35+)	GLENN STEPHENS
300	Mens	Nicholas Antonino
300	Womens	Halle Martin
800	Open	Harvey Anderson
1600	Open	Kaleb Laker

Rye		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Open	Michael Hansford
70	Restricted	Thomas Follis-Kirby
120	Mens	Jake Ireland
120	U/14 Mixed	Perry Watson
120	U/18 Boys	Ben Seers
120	U/18 Girls	Sienna Quattrone
120	Womens	Amber Van eede
300	Masters (35+)	Nick Howard
400	Mens	Seb Hadaway
400	U/18 Mixed	Luke Rollinson
400	Womens	Genevieve O'brien
800	Masters 45+	Mark Boxer
800	Open	Declyn Tanner
1600	Open	Joel Davies

Frankston		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Mens	Jack Lacey
70	Womens	Ruby Crisp
100	Masters (35+)	Laura McDougall
100	Mens	Tapasu Paea
100	U/14 Mixed	Matthew Driscoll
100	U/18 Boys	Max Fawcett
100	U/18 Girls	Sophie Burrows
100	Womens	Georgia Mills
300	Masters (35+)	Robyn Locke
400	Mens	Jack Colgrave
400	U/18 Mixed	Lachlan Kinnersly
400	Womens	Kirrilly Burnett
800	Open	Natalie Densley
3200	Open	Kaleb Laker

Wangaratta		
	Category	Winner
70	Open	Hugh Hoffmann
70	Restricted	Lachlan Kinnersly
120	Masters (35+)	Kev Matthews
120	Mens	Jack Lacey
120	U/14 Mixed	Macey Hansen
120	U/18 Mixed	Harry McDonough
120	Womens	Chloe Kinnersly
300	Masters (35+)	Steven Hurl
300	Womens	Zoe Glassborow
400	Mens	Aidan Green
400	Restricted	Lachlan Kinnersly
800	Masters 45+	Brendan Bailey
800	Open	Declan Gould
1600	Open	Stefan Catalano



# SEASON SNAPSHOT

## Race Winners

Shepparton		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Open	Joshua Young
120	Masters (35+)	Richelle Ingram
120	Mens	Jared Glover
120	U/14 Mixed	Maxwell Roberts
120	U/18 Boys	Archie Minett
120	U/18 Girls	Lacey Williams
120	Womens	Zoe Neale
300	Masters (35+)	Adrian Bender
400	Mens	Jack Colgrave
400	U/18 Mixed	Daniel Hildyard
400	Womens	Natalie Densley
800	Open	Alex Jones
1600	Open	Mandessah Wyatt

Beachside		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Mens	Harrison Kerr
70	Womens	Natasha Marteene
100	Masters (35+)	Steven Coulson
100	Mens	Jack Boulton
100	U/14 Mixed	Emily Fiedler
100	U/18 Boys	Max Quinn
100	U/18 Girls	Kayla Paton
100	Womens	Layla Watson
300	Masters (35+)	Damien Wapshott
400	Mens	Ben Seers
400	U/18 Mixed	Kylee Drew
400	Womens	Lucy Zotti
800	Masters 45+	Christopher Brown
800	Open	Sean Davidson
1600	Open	Tom Forster
1600	Womens	Monique Williams

Ballarat		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Mens	Brad Hunt
70	Womens	Alex Tzilantonis
120	Masters (35+)	Arron Downes
120	Mens	Cooper Sherman
120	Restricted	Troy Carey
120	U/14 Boys	Lachlan Robinson
120	U/14 Girls	Zarli Best
120	U/18 Boys	Jack Kinnersly
120	U/18 Girls	Jade Dinan
120	Womens	Ruby Crisp
300	Masters (35+)	Paul Tancredi
400	Mens	Endale Mekonnen
400	U/18 Mixed	Harry McDonough
400	Womens	Clea Clifford
550	Open	Alex Jones
800	Masters 45+	Wayne James
800	Open	Charlie Sutherland
800	Womens	Lauren Innes
1600	Open	ASHLEY COWEN
3200	Open	Kaleb Laker

Keilor		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Open	Mark Glassborow
120	Mens	Jerome Lugo
120	U/18 Mixed	Mitchell Iannello
120	Womens	Jemma Pollard
300	Masters (35+)	Tim Halpin
400	Mens	Matt Burleigh
400	Restricted	Adem Gec
400	Womens	Ruby Crisp
800	Masters 45+	Rob Italia
800	Womens	Olivia Attard
1600	Backmarkers	Cooper Lubeck
1600	Frontmarkers	Terrence Kavanagh-dando

Castlemaine		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Open	Ash Liyanaarachchi
120	Masters (35+)	Luke Robertson
120	Mens	Kevin Brittain
120	U/14 Mixed	Zarli Best
120	U/18 Boys	Oscar Kerby
120	U/18 Girls	Macey Hansen
120	Womens	Miriam Suares-jury
300	Masters (35+)	Jacob Densley
400	Mens	Ash Liyanaarachchi
400	Restricted	Jarvis Cartledge
400	Womens	Chloe Kinnersly
800	Open	Cooper Lubeck
1600	Masters 45+	Carl McMeel
3200	Open	Liam Hanrahan

Bendigo Madison		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Open	Endale Mekonnen
120	Masters (35+)	Tim Rosen
120	Mens	Aubery Watson
120	U/14 Mixed	Alfie Oglethorpe
120	U/18 Boys	Kidus Mekonnen
120	U/18 Girls	Miriam Suares-jury
120	Womens	Halle Martin
300	Masters (35+)	Cam Dunbar
400	Mens	Harrison Kerr
400	U/18 Mixed	Kylee Drew
400	Womens	Declyn Tanner
800	Masters 45+	Craig Harris
800	Mens	Jake Hilson
800	Womens	Mandessah Wyatt
1600	Open	Avery Mcdernid

Ringwood		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Mens	Aaron Peter-budge
70	Womens	Richelle Ingram
100	Masters (35+)	Richelle Ingram
100	U/14 Mixed	Jasmine Tickner
100	U/18 Boys	Kelechi Ekwomadu`
100	U/18 Girls	Sara Paszko
200	Open	Lachie Falconer-boag
300	Masters (35+)	Justin Murphy
400	Mens	Nick Howard
400	Womens	Kate Walker
800	Masters 45+	Colum Rothery
800	Open	Jake Hilson
1600	Open	Alex Jones

Stawell		
Distance	Category	Winner
70	Mens	Aaron Peter-budge
70	Womens	Chloe Kinnersly
100	Masters (35+)	Arron Downes
100	Restricted	Zach Sammut
100	U/18 Boys	Joel-cedric Ebomo Zolang
100	U/18 Girls	Madiha aaliyah Zolang mouri-florent
100	U/14 Mixed	Alfie Oglethorpe
120	Open	Jack Lacey
120	Womens	Chloe Mannix-Power
200	Open	Timothy Blyzno
300	Masters (35+)	Dean MacLennan
300	Masters (35+)	Luke Robertson
400	Open BM	Dashiell Muir
400	Open FM	Rory Nunn
400	Womens	Halle Martin
400	U/18 Mixed	Lachlan Kinnersly
550	Open	Sean Davidson
800	Open	Cooper Lubeck
800	U/18 Mixed	Mitchell Iannello
800	Womens	Milla Hopkins
800	Masters 45+	Rob Italia
1000	Invitational	Riley Bryce
1600	Herb Hedeman	Michael Ryde
1600	Masters (35+)	Bennett Maxwell
1600	Open BM	Jake Hilson
1600	Open FM	Olivia Attard
1600	Restricted	Lachlan Perdon
3200	Open	Michael Ryde



# SEASON SNAPSHOT

## Most number of Runs

Athlete	Number of Runs
Isabella Antonino	75
Cam Dunbar	72
Dashiell Muir	69
Jack Lacey	69
Keely Henderson	69
Sophie Stokes	65
Lachlan Kinnersly	65
Kidus Mekonnen	64
Sophie Burrows	63
Halle Martin	63

## Placings (>2)

Athlete	1st's	Athlete	2nd's	Athlete	3rd's
Lachlan Milligan	5	Natalie Densley	7	Halle Martin	7
Lachlan Kinnersly	4	Sean Davidson	5	Cam Dunbar	6
Luke Robertson	4	Kidus Mekonnen	5	Dashiell Muir	5
Ruby Crisp	4	Ruby Crisp	5	Charlie Sutherland	5
Alex Jones	3	Adrian Bender	4	Natalie Densley	5
Chloe Kinnersly	3	Harry McDonough	4	Kidus Mekonnen	4
Kaleb Laker	3	Sophie Burrows	4	Georgia Benton	4
Amber Van eede	3	Kylee Drew	4	Sophie Burrows	4
Aaron Peter-budge	3	Alfie Oglethorpe	4	Zarli Best	4
Greg Denner	3	Greg Hilson	4	Justin Murphy	4
Jennifer King	3	Jerome Lugo	4	Ruby Crisp	4
Sophie Burrows	3	Grace Carter	3	Christopher Brown	3
Cooper Lubeck	3	Isabella Hollins	3	Lucy Zotti	3
Perry Watson	3	Greg Denner	3	Connor Callinan	3
Josh Bail	3	Emma Wilson	3	Amelia Spenceley	3
Richelle Ingram	3	Maxwell Roberts	3	Lana Toomer	3
Natalie Densley	3	Charlie Sutherland	3	Cassandra Wang lecouteur	3
Sonya Pollard	3	Matthew Eddy	3	Leo Mameel	3
Jack Lacey	3	Tim Halpin	3	Oliver Lewry	3
Jake Hilson	3	Brendan Bailey	3	Charlotte Hallal	3
Maki Loukeris	3	Leigh Phelan	3	Jared Glover	3
Endale Mekonnen	3	Harrison Kerr	3	Olivia Barry	3
Halle Martin	3	Mark Glassborow	3	Isabella Boulton	3
				Steven Hurl	3
				Matthew Eddy	3
				Jackson Bennett	3
				Chris Vi	3
				Richard Wade	3
				Mark Andrews	3
				Gary Blake	3
				ASHLEY COWEN	3
				Jessica Payne	3
				Jack Lacey	3

## Fastest RPM's

Distance	Category	Athlete	Meeting	RPM
70m	Mens	Cooper Sherman	2024 Ballarat	0.1102
	Open	Cooper Sherman	2024 St Albans	0.1097
	Restricted	Dylan McGann	2024 Wangaratta	0.1173
	Womens	Chloe Mannix-Power	2024 Ballarat	0.1209
100m	Masters 35+	Ryan Camille	2024 Stawell	0.1148
	Mens	Cooper Sherman	2023 Geelong	0.1076
	Restricted	Mitchell O'Neill	2024 Stawell	0.1092
	U/14 Mixed	Alfie Oglethorpe	2024 Stawell	0.1287
	U/18 Boys	Kelechi Ekwomadu	2024 Ringwood	0.1077
	U/18 Girls	Grace Crowe	2024 Beachside	0.1225
120m	U/18 Mixed	Jeremy Kariuki	2023 Waverley	0.1158
	Womens	Jessica Payne	2024 Beachside	0.1204
	Masters 35+	Ryan Camille	2024 Bendigo Madi	0.1126
	Mens	Cooper Sherman	2024 St Albans	0.1033
	Open	Cooper Sherman	2024 Stawell	0.1052
	Restricted	Aubery Watson	2024 Ballarat	0.1109
	U/14 Boys	Lachlan Robinson	2024 Ballarat	0.1217
	U/14 Girls	Sophie Burrows	2024 Ballarat	0.1354
	U/14 Mixed	Charlie Sullivan	2023 Maryborough	0.1207
	U/18 Boys	Dashiell Muir	20203 Terang	0.1114
200m	U/18 Girls	Miriam Soares-jury	2024 Bendigo Madi	0.1210
	U/18 Mixed	Thomas Follis-Kirby	2024 Keilor	0.1148
	Womens	Chloe Mannix-Power	2024 Stawell	0.1153
	Mens	Dhruv Rodrigues Chico	2023 Essendon	0.1067
300m	Open	Brayden Portelli	2024 Ringwood	0.1087
	Womens	Jessica Payne	2023 Essendon	0.1215
	Masters 35+	Chris Lim	2024 Ringwood	0.1212
400m	Mens	Harrison Kerr	2023 Warrnambool	0.1205
	U/14 Mixed	Perry Watson	2023 Warrnambool	0.1540
	U/18 Mixed	Finn Quinn	2023 Warrnambool	0.1239
	Womens	Ida Laherty	2023 Geelong	0.1383
	Mens	Cooper Sherman	2024 Bendigo Madi	0.1186
	Open	Harrison Kerr	2024 Stawell	0.1182
	Restricted	Sky Hunter Robertson	2024 Wangaratta	0.1322
550m	U/18 Mixed	Kidus Mekonnen	2024 Stawell	0.1270
	Womens	Alesha Bennetts	2024 Stawell	0.1359
	Open	Daniel Reeves	2024 Stawell	0.1323
800m	Masters 45+	Cameron Yorke	2024 Bendigo Madi	0.1583
	Mens	Jake Hilson	2024 Bendigo Madi	0.1456
	Open	Joel Donnar	2024 Ringwood	0.1421
1000m	U/18 Mixed	Henry Mckinnon	2024 Stawell	0.1565
	Womens	Mandessah Wyatt	2024 Bendigo Madi	0.1692
	Open	Peter Bol	2024 Stawell	0.1448
1600m	Masters 35+	Derek Collinge	2024 Stawell	0.1793
	Masters 45+	Nathan Crowley	2024 Castlemaine	0.1905
	Open	Jake Stevens	2024 Ringwood	0.1579
	Restricted	Liam Stocky	2024 Stawell	0.1720
	Womens	Bella Fary	2024 Beachside	0.1956
3200m	Open	Kaleb Laker	2024 Ballarat	0.1744



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## Financial Snapshot

Operating Results	2023-24	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
INCOME	\$	\$	\$	\$
Membership	95,673	100,668	62,004	77,410
Entries	256,210	236,418	209,415	146,624
Sponsorship	18,600	14,000	20,800	2,000
Government Grants	-	-	10,450	69,900
Other	38,208	31,214	18,081	20,163
Total Income	408,691	388,964	320,750	316,097
EXPENSES				
Employee Benefits	83,630	83,137	106,760	96,174
Club Payments	162,234	135,034	106,690	92,615
Operational and Event costs	101,911	100,115	71,085	58,084
Depreciation	2,512	3,372	5,872	7,243
Other Expenses	54,807	62,442	48,713	69,458
Total Expenses	405,094	384,100	339,120	323,574
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	3,597	4,864	(18,370)	(7,476)

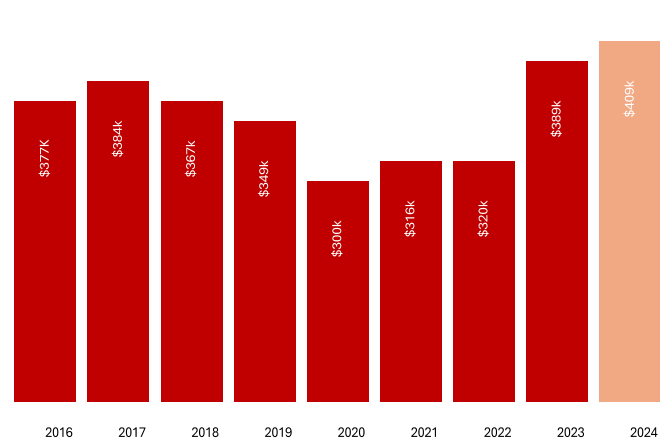
## Financial Snapshot

The Victorian Athlete League recorded a \$3,597 operating profit for the 2023-2024 year. It was again pleasing to see revenue increasing beyond last year with an increase in entries at most meetings. This also resulted in increased payments to our Clubs.

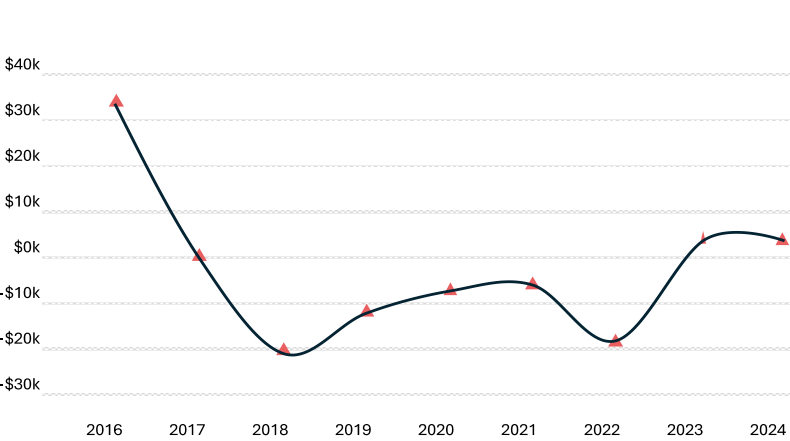
Costs were slightly up with increased expenditure on equipment, along with a slight increase in our operational costs at each event, and some continuing costs in building our relationship with the NSWAL.

The Committee is focused on continuing to provide an operating surplus in the coming years and continuing to fine tune a sustainable long-term budget and strategy to facilitate improved financial performance and an increase in reserves.

## Operating Revenue (Chart 1)

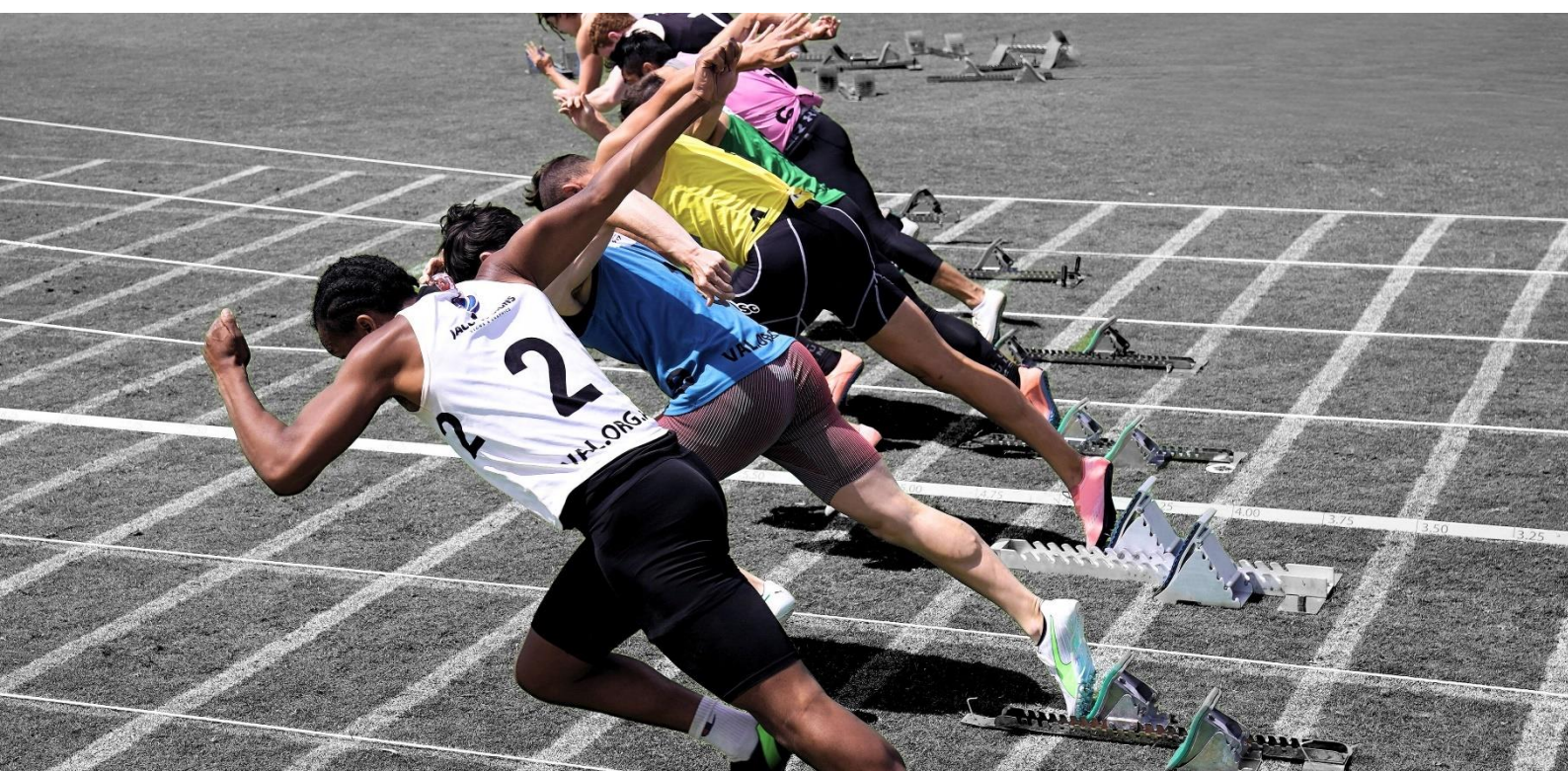


## Operating Surplus/Deficit (Chart 2)



# SEASON CALENDAR [Draft]

2024	OCTOBER	
	SAT 26th	Cobden
	SUN 27th	Mortlake
	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	SAT 2nd	-
	SAT 9th	Essendon
	SAT 16th	Lancefield
	SAT 23rd	-
	SAT 30th	Warrnambool
	SUN 1st	Terang
	SUN 8th	Waverley
	SAT 14th	Seymour
	SAT 21st	-
	SAT 28th	-
2025	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
	WED 1st	Maryborough
	SAT 5th	-
	SAT 11th	Rye
	SAT 18th	Frankston
	SAT 25th	Wangaratta
	SAT 1st	Beachside
	SAT 8th	Ballarat
	SUN 9th	Ballarat
	SAT 15th	Keilor
	SUN 22nd	Castlemaine
	MARCH	APRIL
	SAT 1st	Braybrook
	SAT 8th	Bendigo
	SUN 9th	Bendigo
	SAT 15th	Geelong
	SAT 22nd	Shepparton
	SAT 29th	St Albans
	SAT 5th	Ringwood
	SAT 12th	-
	SAT 19th	Stawell
	SUN 20th	Stawell
	MON 21st	Stawell





# LIFE MEMBERS

## B

W Beckwith  
J Blair Crooks  
N Blennerhassett  
S Bradley

## C

F Connell

## D

P Donovan  
T Du Bourg  
S Dunbar  
R F Dunbar

## G

G Goldsworthy  
P Gray

## H

J Holloway  
T Hopkins  
S Hurst  
J Henry  
M Hipworth

## I

G Ireland

## K

P J Kelly  
P Kelly (Snr)  
J King

## M

G Macdonald  
B Marantelli  
M Martin  
T McGarity  
W Meechan  
B Milligan  
B Morgan  
A McManus



## N

A E Neil

## O

T O'Donnell

## P

J Pearce  
H Peucker

## R

G Ross

## S

A G Salter  
B Sutton

## W

M Webster  
B Woodbridge



# VAL PARTNERS

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## VAL SPONSORS

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# APPENDICIES

Item
2024 Annual General Meeting - AGENDA
2023 Annual General Meeting - Minutes
2023 - 2024 Annual Financial Statements





## 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**SUNDAY 26th MAY 2024 at 11:00am**

**Hybrid AGM – Zoom link available on request.**

**Lakeside Stadium, Cathy Freeman Room – Ground Floor 31 Aughtie Dr, Albert Park VIC 3206**

### AGENDA

#### Meeting Opened:

**1. OPENING AND WELCOME**

**2. VOTING ELIGIBILITY**

**3. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE**

VAL Committee Attendance/ Apologies –

VAL Club Attendance in person & online –

VAL Club Apologies –

Life Members/Athletes/Trainers/Observers/Nominee attendance –

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF 2022 AGM MINUTES (*see Annual Report*)**

Moved:

Seconded:

**5. REPORTS (*see Annual Report*)**

**5.1 President's Report**

Moved:

Seconded:

**5.2 Executive Officers Report**

Moved:

Seconded:

**5.3 Director of Handicapping/HRP Report**

**6. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved:

Seconded

### 7. FINANCIAL REPORT *(see Annual Report)*

Moved:                      Seconded:

### 8. LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

### 9. VALE

### 10. PRESIDENTS AWARD

### 11. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – 5 nominees to be elected.

### 12. 2024-25 SEASON CALENDAR

OCTOBER	
SAT 26TH	Cobden
SUN 27TH	Mortlake
SAT 2ND	-

NOVEMBER	
SAT 9th	Essendon
SAT 16th	Lancefield
SAT 23rd	-
SAT 30th	Warrnambool

DECEMBER	
SUN 1st	Terang
SUN 8th	Waverley
SAT 14th	Seymour
SAT 21st	-
SAT 28th	-

JANUARY	
WED 1st	Maryborough
SAT 4th	-
SAT 11th	Rye
SAT 18th	Frankston
SAT 25th	Wangaratta

FEBRUARY	
SAT 1st	Beachside
SAT 8th	Ballarat
SUN 9th	Ballarat
SAT 15th	Keilor
SUN 23rd	Castlemaine

MARCH	
SAT 1st	Braybrook
SAT 8th	Bendigo
SUN 9th	Bendigo
SAT 15th	Geelong
SAT 22nd	Shepparton
SAT 29th	St Albans

APRIL	
SAT 5th	Ringwood
SAT 12th	-
SAT 19th	Stawell
SUN 20th	Stawell
MON 21st	Stawell

Moved:                      Seconded

### 13. QUESTIONS / Open Forum

MEETING CLOSED – Time:





## 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**SUNDAY 25th JUNE 2023 at 11:00am**

**Hybrid AGM – Zoom: ([Meeting Link HERE](#))**

**Lakeside Stadium, Cathy Freeman Room – Ground Floor 31 Aughtie Dr, Albert Park VIC 3206**

### AGENDA

**Meeting Opened: 11.10am**

#### **1. OPENING AND WELCOME**

Kirrily Burnett delivered an Acknowledgement of Country.

Matthew McDonough opened the meeting, welcomed all attendees, and outlined the agenda.

#### **2. VOTING ELIGIBILITY**

*Ballarat, Beachside, Bendigo, Braybrook, Castlemaine, Cobden, Essendon, Frankston, Geelong, Keilor, Mortlake, NSWAL, Ringwood, Rye, Shepparton, St Albans, Stawell, Terang, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Waverley*

Ineligible at the time of AGM –

*Daylesford, Docklands, Euroa, Hastings Maryborough, Meadowglen.*

#### **3. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE**

**VAL Committee Attendance** – *Andrew McManus (Vice President), Chris Macdonald (online), Dom Condello, Katie Moore, Kirrily Burnett (VRTA), Mathew Boyes, Matthew McDonough (President), Taylah Perry (Executive Officer).*

**VAL Committee Apologies** – *Keely Henderson & Simon Jackson.*

**VAL Club Attendance in person** – *Braybrook (Terry O'Donnell), Cobden (Jacob Densley) Essendon (Dom Condello), Frankston (Colin Lane), Geelong (Graeme Watkins), Mortlake (Jacob Densley), Rye (Wally Meechan), St Albans (John Henry), Stawell (Rob McIntosh), Terang (Stephan O'Connor), Waverley (Todd Ireland). **Online** – Ballarat (Peter O'Dwyer), Castlemaine (Darryl Nettleton), Cobden (Sharon Finlayson), Keilor (Matthew Webster), Wangaratta (Anna Pasquali), Warrnambool (Gill Hayden).*

**VAL Club Apologies** – *Beachside (Tim Mason), Maryborough, NSWAL (Brian Wright), Ringwood (Steve Johnson), Shepparton (Gerrard Adams).*

**Life Members/Athletes/Trainers/Observers/Nominee attendance** –

*Brian Marantelli (Life Member), Nila Blennerhassett (Life Member), Noel Rexter, Sue Dunbar (Life Member), Tim Rosen (athlete), and Adrian Bender (athlete - online).*

#### **4. ACCEPTANCE OF 2022 AGM MINUTES (*see Annual Report*)**

Moved: John Henry

Seconded: Sue Dunbar



## **5. REPORTS** (see Annual Report)

### **5.1 President's Report**

*Matthew McDonough - Provided a brief overview of his report included in the Annual Report.*

*Apologised for the delay in distributing Annual Report. Advised we will be changing the formatting to assist us in getting it out sooner. Thanked – Taylah (EO), Officials, volunteers and Board members for their time and contribution this season.*

*Special thanks to VAL Board member, Andrew McManus for his 17 years of service on the Board. Noted, he is a legend of our sport (Olympian, Stawell, Bay Sheffield and Botany Bay Gift winner), he has been a solid sounding board and has provided his extensive experience and knowledge across many areas of our sport.*

Moved: Rob McIntosh

Seconded: Dom Condello

### **5.2 Executive Officers Report**

*Taylah Perry – Provided a brief overview of her report included in the Annual Report.*

*Thanked Graeme Goldsworthy for his 13 years as Handicapper and Julianne, Ashton, Leah and Emma Macdonald for their combined efforts as officials over a number of seasons, we have some big shoes to fill ahead of the 23/24 season.*

*Key focus this season was on increasing online visibility and marketing efforts, will be looking to continue next season through online content and consistent livestream across the whole season.*

#### **Questions -**

*Gill Hayden – Queried the sponsorship amount decreasing from the last financial year to this year?*

*Mathew Boyes, responded - We held more of our own events last season (Geelong, Docklands & Bendigo) which each contributed to the higher sponsorship amount for the last financial year. VAL only hosted Geelong this season, however, in both instances the sponsorship amounts came in and were paid straight back out to athletes in prizemoney.*

*Gill Hayden – Clubs are sourcing sponsorship; the League should be trying to find more sponsorship also.*

*Matt McDonough, responded - We are certainly looking to provide greater focus on finding funding/sponsorship through corporate partnerships & Government funding, particularly to provide greater support to the office and to the League as a whole. Agreed with Gill, that we need to do more around sourcing sponsorship/funding.*

Moved: John Henry

Seconded: Dom Condello

### **5.3 Director of Handicapping/HRP Report**

## **6. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:**

**NIL**

## **7. FINANCIAL REPORT** (see Annual Report)

*Mathew Boyes - Highlighted 'Events/Conferences' expenses may look anomalous to the previous financial year, this is due to two VRTA/VAL Awards nights landing in this financial year. At this stage we're essentially only covering our expenses but happy to report a modest profit for the 22/23 season.*

Moved: Rob McIntosh

Seconded: Terry O'Donnell

*Matthew Boyes – Requested a motion to re-appoint Graeme Flemming from Audax Consulting for the 23/24 financial year.*

Moved: Colin Lane

Seconded: John Henry



#### Questions -

*Wally Meechan – queried the increase in travel expenses.*

*Matthew McDonough – Clarified expenses were mainly from VAL officials travelling to Newcastle & Jack Giddy Gifts. As it was the first time VAL has facilitated events in NSW, we can now recognise where travel expenses can be reduced and how many officials we will actually need in the future.*

*Gill Hayden – Mentioned the new VAL Board & officials uniforms look great but queried why there are no expenses listed under uniforms for the financial year.*

*Matthew McDonough – Confirmed the uniforms were donated by an anonymous donor to the League.*

*Gill Hayden – Queried the amount listed under ‘Event Expenses’ and why it had significantly increased from the last financial year.*

*Mathew Boyes – Confirmed as per the financial report, the two VAL/VRTA events fell in this financial year, the amount was then paid out to vendors. Also, the Stawell Last event function held on Easter Monday at Central Park contributed to the amount, again, the ticket prices simply covered the food and drinks provided at the function.*

#### 8. LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

*The VAL Board nominated – Andrew McManus.*

#### 9. VALE

*Sean Quilty, George Nelson, Rupert Arnold, Desmond John Howe, John Toleman, Noel Pattison, Ken Eales, Ken Trewick, Jack Boase, Gary Mowat, Paul Elliott, Norm Searle, Les Goody, Leo Coffey, Peter Donovan (Life Member), Denis Moore.*

*Matthew McDonough - recognised those from our community that we sadly lost in the past 12 months.*

*Wally Meechan – Request we add his former coach who recently passed, Denis Moore.*

*Matthew McDonough – Motioned for a moment of silence.*

#### 10. PRESIDENTS AWARD

*Awarded at 2023 VAL & VRTA Awards night on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, to Tony O'Shea.*

*Matthew McDonough - Tony has been a long-time supporter of the VAL and is friends with all, he epitomises what our sport is about. Friendship, camaraderie, having a go and community. Tony was emotional and gratefully accepted the award, he thanked the VAL community and vouched for how the sport has truly shaped his life.*

#### 11. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – 4 nominees to be elected.

*Craig Burnett (nominee), Mathew Boyes (re-election), Les Williams (nominee), Richard Wearmouth (nominee), Simon Jackson (re-election) and Todd Ireland (nominee).*

*Matthew McDonough - Thanked unsuccessful nominees and congratulated the following nominees on their successful appointment, all four are appointed for the 23/24 and 24/25 seasons –*

- Craig Burnett*
- Mathew Boyes*
- Les Williams*
- Todd Ireland*

### 12. 2023-24 SEASON CALENDAR

23-24 Draft Season Calendar	
October	
Cobden Gift	14th
Mortlake Gift	15th
Berwick Gift	28th
November	
Essendon Gift	11th
Geelong Gift	18th
Mt Gambier Gift (partner event with SAAL)	25th
December	
Warrnambool Gift	2nd
Terang Gift	3rd
Waverley Gift	10th
January	
Maryborough Gift	1st
St Albans Gift	6th
Rye Gift	13th
Frankston Gift	20th
Wangaratta Gift	27th
Shepparton Gift	28th
February	
Beachside Gift	3rd
Ballarat Gift	10 -11th
Keilor Gift	17th
Castlemaine Gift	25th
March	
Braybrook Gift	3rd
Bendigo Madison	9 -10th
Ringwood Gift	16th
Stawell Gift	30th - 1st

#### Questions –

Tim Rosen – Asked if the VAL intend on continuing their partnership with the NSWAL and will there be the same number or more events in NSW?

Taylah Perry – Confirmed that the VAL/NSWAL partnership is going well, and the Leagues are looking to host 3 events in NSWAL during the 23/24 season – Macksville, Newcastle & Jack Giddy.

NSWAL is currently confirming dates but will confirm as soon as possible, once confirmed they'll be added to our season calendar.

Wally Meechan – Queried if Hastings is likely to return?

TP – hopefully, they did indicate as such last season but will be following up with them to see where they're at before confirming anything.

Matthew McDonough – Mentioned VAL recently met with SAAL to discuss co-hosting Mt Gambier Gift in November – the two Leagues are looking to work closer together. He also noted we will touch base with the QAL to discuss if there is any opportunity to work together or assist.





### 13. QUESTIONS / Open Forum

Warrnambool (Gill Hayden) - Open handicaps, especially to enable older athletes to continue to compete, particularly in Masters and Open distance events.

*Terry O'Donnell – responded that rather than extending handicaps, the category would be better being split into 35 – 45 y/o and 45+*

*Mat Boyes – Added that we have a duty of care for officials and the length of programs, we would need to be aware of the impact on timetables and perhaps not be able to accommodate every week.*

*Taylah Perry – Added that the Handicappers have had discussions around ways to make our Master's athletes more competitive, including the possibility of Front and Back Marker 300m races. The item is set to be raised with the Rules Committee prior to the 23/34 season.*

Warrnambool (Gill Hayden) - All athletes should be eligible to vote at the AGM.

*Matthew McDonough – Clarified that the VAL currently operates under a club-based model, hence the voting is only eligible to Clubs. SAAL have an athlete-based model but fewer members to account for. Both models have pros and cons.*

*Terry O'Donnell – Added that the VAL is run by the Clubs, so that's why voting is with the Clubs – if it went to members, we'd have over 700 voters to account for.*

*Taylah Perry – Added that athletes/coaches etc. are also able to join Club committees should they wish to contribute and vote.*

*Gill Hayden – Stated that she feels we have too many Clubs that vote together.*

*Dom Condello – Responded that even if you opened voting to all athletes, athletes/training groups would still vote together.*

*Mat Boyes – Noted that if it were to change, all Clubs would have to vote to change the constitution and model that has been in place for over 120 years.*

Warrnambool (Gill Hayden) - Athletes to be rewarded with a handicap lift on top of their normal ticks e.g. athletes who attend 5-10 meetings receive a bonus handicap lift. This would encourage more athletes to enter at more meetings.

*Matthew McDonough – Advised that the ticks/movement system is on the Rules Meeting agenda for review.*

Castlemaine (Darryl Nettleton) – Queried Regulation 15 'Stewards Responsibilities and Duties' section 15.13 ('The Stewards shall not be required to make any explanations to individuals as to any action taken') – Darryl asked why does it state 'no justification needs to be given'?

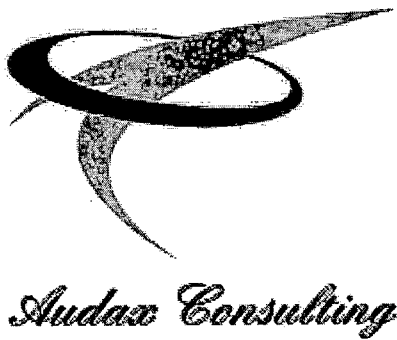
*Matthew McDonough – Clarified that reason can be sought and asked for, if an action is taken the individual has avenues for review and/or appeal.*

Braybrook (Terry O'Donnell) – Queried if the League are looking to get more stewards and officials, particularly with more meetings to give officials weekends off?

*Taylah Perry – Responded that ideally we have 3 stewards at a minimum this coming season, we also have a number of other key official roles to fill prior to the season starting. However, it is going to take active recruitment to find more volunteers.*

*Matthew McDonough – Added, we're aiming to have more officials to spread the load and provide greater support.*

**MEETING CLOSED – Time: 12.30pm**



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**VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**

**Victorian Incorporated Association Number – A0037046B**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024**

**VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**

Victorian Incorporated Association number A0037046B

**REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 MAY 2023 TO 30 APRIL 2024**

# **VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**

Victorian Incorporated Association number A0037046B

## **REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 APRIL 2024**

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**VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**  
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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The directors submit their report together with the audited financial statements of the association for the period from 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024.

**DIRECTORS**

The directors of the association in office at the date of this report are:-

- Matt McDonough - President
- Katie Moore - Vice-President.
- Mathew Boyes – Director
- Keely Henderson - Director
- Katie Moore - Director
- Dominic Condello – Director
- Todd Ireland – Director
- Les Williams - Director
- Kirrily Burnett - Director/VRTA Representative
- Taylah Perry – Executive Officer

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activities of the association during the period, being 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024 were the organisation of professional running events within Victoria for the benefit of Athletic Clubs and their members.

**DIVIDENDS**

The directors did not offer any dividends or distributions to the members as such action is prohibited by The Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

**REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
• Operating Revenue, excluding Capital Gains	408,691	388,964	320,750
• Capital Gains	0	0	0
• Operating Profit/(Loss)	3,597	4,864	(18,370)
• Net Assets	77,662	74,065	69,201

Income and expenditure have restored to be in line with previous years, which is reflected in the small profit made during the financial year.

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS**

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the association during the 2024 year, taking into consideration comments in this report.

### **MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE YEAR**

There have been no circumstances or matters identified or that the directors are aware of that will impact on, have an effect on:

1. the operations of the association in future years;
2. the results of those operations in future years; and
3. the association's state of affairs in future years.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS**

Apart from current ongoing Covid issues, there are no significant environmental regulations likely to impact on the association.

The safety and wellbeing of members and families, employees and the community in general have, and will be monitored. The directions and instructions provided by Governments and the Health Department have, and will continue to be followed, ensuring the safety of all to the best of the association's ability to operate.

### **INSURANCE OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

A strategic decision was made by the Directors that insurance cover for claims made against individual association officers should not be taken out during the year. This decision was made on the grounds that minimal, or no risk of claims being made exists. This matter may be reviewed. This personal insurance cover is for alleged wrongful acts committed by them in the management of the association and reimbursement to the association for those amounts which it is legally obliged to pay to directors and officers for losses caused by such wrongful acts.

### **PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION**

No person has applied to the court under Section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001* for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the association, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the association is a party, for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the association for all or part of those proceedings.

No proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of the association with leave of the court under Section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### **DIRECTORS' CONTRACTUAL BENEFITS**

Except as disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, since the date of incorporation, no member of the Board of Directors has received or become entitled to receive a benefit which is required to be disclosed by reason of a contract made by the association or a related corporation with the member of the Board of Directors or with a firm of which he or she is a member, or with an association in which he or she has a substantial financial interest.

## AUDITORS

The accounts for the period 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024 were reviewed by Graeme Fleming in accordance with Section 96 of The Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. A resolution has been passed by the members of Victorian Athletic League Inc. that Graeme Fleming be appointed as Auditor for the 2024 year. This resolution is to remain in force until an amending resolution is passed by the members.

On behalf of the Board of Directors



.....  
**Matt McDonough**  
President



.....  
**Taylah Perry**  
Executive Officer

Dated 22 May 2024

**VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**  
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**ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION  
UNDER SECTION 96(1) OF THE ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION  
REFORM ACT 2013 TO THE DIRECTORS OF  
VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 April 2024 there has been:

- i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in The Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 in relation to the audit, and
- ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Signed 22 day of May 2024



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**Graeme J. Fleming B.Bus (Acctg) MIPA FGIA**  
Professional membership number 230990  
83 High Street  
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**VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**  
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**STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS**

In the opinion of the directors of Victorian Athletic League Inc.:-

- (a) the accompanying balance sheet, income statement and statement of changes in equity together with the notes thereto are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association as at 30 April 2024 and the results of the business and changes in equity of the association during the year ended 30 April 2024; and
- (b) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The directors have, on the date of this statement, authorised these financial statements for issue.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Signed 22 May 2024



.....  
**Matt McDonough**  
President



.....  
**Taylah Perry**  
Executive Officer

**VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 APRIL 2024**

	Note	A\$ <u>2024</u>	A\$ <u>2023</u>
<b>Members Equity</b>			
• Accumulated Funds		74,065	69,201
• Total Income for the Year		<u>3,597</u>	<u>4,864</u>
• Total		\$77,662	\$74,065
<b>Current Assets</b>			
• Cash on Hand and in Bank	7	74,673	102,998
• Trade and Other Receivables	6	13,157	15,099
• Financial Assets/Investments	9	0	0
• Inventories	5	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
• Total		\$87,830	\$118,097
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
• Trade and Other Payables	8	14,050	49,737
• Bank	7	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
• Total		\$14,050	\$49,737
Net Current Assets/ (Liabilities)		\$73,780	\$68,360
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
• Financial Assets/Investments		0	0
• Plant & Equipment (WDV)	4	<u>7,682</u>	<u>10,194</u>
• Total		\$7,682	\$10,194
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
• Other Loans		3,800	4,100
• Government Grant Provisions		0	
• Hire Purchase		<u>0</u>	<u>389</u>
• Total		\$3,800	\$4,489
Net Assets/ (Liabilities)		\$77,662	\$74,065

The annexed notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM  
1 MAY 2023 TO 30 APRIL 2024**

		A\$ <u>2024</u>	A\$ <u>2023</u>
• Revenue	Note 10	408,691	388,964
• Gross Earnings		408,691	388,964
• Operating Expenses		405,094	384,100
• Miscellaneous Income		0	
• Miscellaneous Expenses		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
• Net Operating Profit/(Loss)		3,597	4,864
• Extraordinary Item		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
• Net Profit/(Loss)		3,597	4,864
• Taxation		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
• Net Profit/(Loss) After Tax		\$3,597	\$4,864

The annexed notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

**VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM  
1 MAY 2023 TO 30 APRIL 2024**

	A\$ <u>2024</u>	A\$ <u>2023</u>
<b>Members Equity</b>		
• Balance as at 1 May 2023	74,065	69,201
• Profit/(Loss) for the Period	<u>3,597</u>	<u>4,864</u>
• Balance as at 30 April 2024	\$77,662	\$74,065

The annexed notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

**VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**  
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(Incorporated in Australia)

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024**

	A\$ <u>2024</u>	A\$ <u>2023</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
• Receipts from member clubs and contestants	391,421	380,439
• Sponsorships and Fundraising	18,600	14,000
• Other Income		0
• Interest received	612	493
• Interest paid	(0)	(135)
• Payments to suppliers & employees	(438,269)	(392,298)
• Net Cash flow from operating activities	\$(27,636)	\$2,499
<b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
• Purchase of plant & equipment	0	0
• Proceeds from sale of property plant and equipment	0	0
• Purchase of investments	0	0
• Net cash flow/(outflow) from investing activities	\$0	\$0
<b>CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
• Net Proceeds/(Repayment) from borrowings	(689)	1,900
• Net cash flow/(outflow) from financing activities	\$(689)	\$(1,900)
• Net increase/(decrease) in cash	\$(28,325)	\$4,399
• Cash in Bank 1 May 2023	\$102,998	\$98,599
• Cash in Bank 30 April 2024	\$74,673	\$102,998



**VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 APRIL 2024**

**1. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the association is to organise and operate professional running events for the benefit of the Athletic Clubs and their members.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Victorian Athletic League Inc. is an association incorporated and domiciled in Australia with its registered office at Lakeside Stadium Albert Park

**(a) Statement of Compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the disclosure requirements of Chapter 2M of the Corporations Law.

**(b) Basis of Financial Statements Preparation**

The financial statements, expressed in Australian dollars, are prepared on the historical cost basis.

**(c) Non-current Assets**

Non-current assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on a diminishing value basis so as to write off the cost of plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives as follows:-

- |                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| • Plant and Equipment | 9-11 years |
| • Office Equipment    | 3-5 years  |
| • Database            | 5 years    |

The above rates are consistent with the prior period and are reviewed annually to ensure they reflect the remaining useful life of each asset.

**(d) Taxation**

The Association is registered as a “not for profit organisation” in accordance with of The Income Tax Assessment Act (ITAA97 and ITAA36) and is not required to lodge income tax returns.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 APRIL 2024 (CONT'D)**

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

**(e) Inventories**

The association does carry any inventories at this time. In the event that it becomes necessary; Inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is calculated using the first-in, first-out method and comprises all cost of purchases and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their location and condition at that time. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

**(f) Other Receivables**

Other receivables are stated at the actual recoverable amounts.

**(g) Other Payables**

Other payables are stated at cost.

**(h) Revenue Recognition**

Provided it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the association and the revenue and costs, if applicable, can be measured reliably, revenue is recognised in the income statements when goods/services are delivered at the customers' nominated premises which is taken to be the point in time when the customer has accepted the goods/services and the related risks and rewards of ownership.

**(i) Translation of Foreign Currencies**

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into Australian dollars at rates of exchange closely approximate to those ruling at the balance sheet date and transactions in foreign currencies during the year are translated at rates closely approximate to those ruling on transaction dates. Translation differences are dealt with through the income statement.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 APRIL 2024 (CONT'D)**

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(j) Impairment**

The carrying amounts of the association's assets, other than inventories, are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. For intangible assets that are not yet available for use, the recoverable amount is estimated at each balance sheet date. An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. All impairment losses are recognised in the income statement. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is only reversed to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised. All reversals of impairment are recognised in the income statement.

**(k) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the association has a present obligation as a result of a past event where it is probable that it will result in an outflow of economic benefits that can be reasonably estimated.

**(l) Financial Instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities carried on the balance sheet include cash and cash equivalents, other receivables and payables. The accounting policies on recognition and measurement of these items are disclosed in the respective accounting policies found in these Notes.

**(m) Related Parties**

For the purposes of these financial statements, parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the party in making financial and operating decisions, or vice versa, or where the parties are subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 APRIL 2024 (CONT'D)**

**4. NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

	A\$ <u>2024</u>	A\$ <u>2023</u>
• Plant & Equipment	63,907	63,907
• Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(59,801)</u>	<u>(58,481)</u>
• Computer Equipment	0	0
• Accumulated Depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
• Database	0	0
• Accumulated Amortisation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
• Motor Vehicle	44,951	44,951
• Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(41,375)</u>	<u>(40,183)</u>
• Total	\$7,682	\$10,194

**5. INVENTORIES**

No inventories are carried at this time.

**6. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

The amounts receivable represents deposits and balances outstanding on payments due from Member Clubs

	A\$ <u>2024</u>	A\$ <u>2023</u>
• Current to 30 Days	13,157	15,099
• 30-60 Days	0	0
• 60-90 Days	0	0
• Over 90 Days	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
• Total	\$13,157	\$15,099

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 APRIL 2024 (CONT'D)**

**7. CASH AND EQUIVALENTS**

The amount of Cash and Equivalents represents funds held in bank accounts on behalf of the association and any cash on hand.

	A\$	A\$
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
• Cash on Hand	0	0
• Bendigo Bank	57,951	87,206
• Bendigo Bank – Cash Card	1,626	503
• La Trobe	15,000	15,000
• Pay Pal	<u>96</u>	<u>289</u>
• Total	\$74,673	\$102,998

**8. TRADE CREDITORS AND OTHER PAYABLES**

The amounts payable represents deposit and balance outstanding payable to member clubs and other statutory payables, as stated.

	A\$	A\$
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
• Trade Creditors	10,311	43,551
• GST Payable/(Refundable)	(2,285)	(1,000)
• Withholding Taxes	5,712	4,241
• Superannuation Payable	<u>312</u>	<u>2,945</u>
• Total	\$14,050	\$49,737

**9. INVESTMENTS**

	A\$	A\$
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
• Current	0	0
• Non-Current	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
• Total	\$ 0	\$ 0

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 APRIL 2024 (CONT'D)**

**10. REVENUE**

Revenue represents invoiced value of fees charged to the participants in professional running events organised on behalf of member clubs, various fundraisings and other associated earnings, as stated.

	A\$ <u>2024</u>	A\$ <u>2023</u>
Income		
• Event Entry Fees etc.	256,210	236,418
• Registration Fees	95,673	100,668
• Club Deposits	5,182	5,532
• Sponsorship and Grants	18,600	14,000
• Fines and Appeals	366	150
• Interest Received	612	493
• Government Grants Received	0	0
• Other Revenue	<u>32,048</u>	<u>31,703</u>
• Total	\$408,691	\$388,964
 Total Revenue	 \$408,691	 \$388,964



## **11. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **Credit risk**

Credit risk refers to the risk that debtors will default on their obligations to repay the amounts due to the association, resulting in a loss to the association. The association has adopted procedures in extending credit terms to customers and in monitoring its credit risk. The credit policy on extending credit terms to customers includes assessing and evaluating of customers' creditworthiness and financial standing. Management also closely monitors all outstanding debts and reviews the collectability of trade debtors periodically. The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset in the balance sheet.

### **Foreign exchange risk**

The association does not carry any foreign exchange risk.

### **Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk refers to the risk in which the association is unable to meet its short-term obligations. Liquidity risk is minimal and is managed by matching the payment and receipts cycles. The association's operations are financed mainly through trade financing and member clubs' funding.

### **Fair values**

The carrying amounts of the financial assets and liabilities approximate their fair values as at balance sheet date due to their relatively short-term maturity.

## **12. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

Comparative figures for the association for the year ended 30 April 2023 are provided in these financial statements.

**VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**  
Victorian Incorporated Association number A0037046B


**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

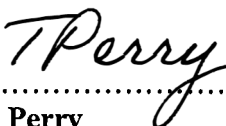
The directors have determined that this financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the association declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 8 to 17, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, and:
  - (a) comply with Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 April 2024 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

  
.....  
**Matt McDonough**  
President

  
.....  
**Taylah Perry**  
Executive Officer

Dated 22 May 2024



**Auditors and Consultants**

ABN 27 423 269 971

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**INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT**

**TO:**

**THE MEMBERS OF**

**VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE INC.**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024**

**Report on the Financial Report**

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report for the year ended 30 April 2024 of Victorian Athletic League Inc., which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 April 2024, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a statement or description of significant accounting policies, other selected explanatory notes and the declaration of the Board of Directors

**The Board of Directors Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The Board of Directors of the Incorporated Association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Rules of Association. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### **Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with *Standard Review Engagements ASRE 2400 - Review of a Financial Report Performed by an Assurance Practitioner Who is Not the Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report is not presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. ASRE 2400 requires me to comply with the requirements of the applicable code of professional conduct of a professional accounting body. A review of an annual financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

### **Independence**

In conducting my review, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

### **Conclusion**

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report of Victorian Athletic League Inc. does not present fairly, in all material respects, or give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Incorporated Association as at 30 April 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In undertaking this review there is nothing that has come to my attention that leads me to believe that the Board of Directors has not complied with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 or any other statutory obligation that I am qualified to comment on.

### **AUDAX CONSULTING**



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**Graeme J. Fleming B.Bus (Acctg) MIPA FGIA**  
Professional membership number 230990

Dated 22 May 2024

**Profit and Loss**  
**Victorian Athletic League Inc**  
**For the 12 months ended 30 April 2024**

**30-April-2024    30-April-2023**

<b>Income</b>		
Club Deposits	5,181.87	5,531.77
Comp Singlets	0.00	490.44
Entry Fees	256,210.35	236,417.65
Fines & Appeals	366.00	150.00
Interest Income	611.78	492.60
Other Revenue	32,048.21	31,213.79
Registrations	95,672.73	100,668.18
Sponsorship & Grants	18,600.00	14,000.00
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>408,690.94</b>	<b>388,964.43</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>408,690.94</b>	<b>388,964.43</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Audit Fees	1,900.00	1,850.00
Bank Fees	188.95	104.88
Club Payments	162,234.26	135,034.40
Depreciation	2,512.00	3,372.00
Entertainment	214.98	0.00
Equipment	6,868.70	1,270.64
Events/Conferences	5,813.51	8,707.73
General Expenses	2,558.79	3,840.95
Hire Purchase Charges	0.00	135.02
Insurance	8,380.20	5,520.67
Meeting/Event Costs	1,411.67	0.00
Motor Vehicle Expenses	2,383.29	3,012.92
Office Expenses	1,230.99	1,922.45
Officials Remuneration	75,690.00	76,557.04
Parking	17.91	0.00
Prizemoney	0.00	5,320.00
Rent	19,741.88	19,578.32
Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	1,381.00
Sashes & Singlets	2,959.00	1,685.70
Subscriptions	1,700.96	1,147.53
Sundry Expense	10.57	505.92
Superannuation	8,046.77	7,681.72
Telephone & Internet	503.27	642.23
Tolls - Citylink	272.73	909.10
Travel - National	14,009.66	11,909.90
VRTA Payment	0.00	2,403.58
Wages - Staff	73,797.36	73,700.31
Website/IT/Podcast	10,860.95	14,152.16
Workers Compensation	1,785.88	1,754.51
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$405,094.28</b>	<b>\$384,100.68</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$3,596.66</b>	<b>\$4,863.75</b>

**Balance Sheet**  
**Victorian Athletic League Inc**  
**As at 30 April 2024**

**30-April-2024      30-April-2023**

**Assets**

<b>Bank</b>		
Cashcard	1,625.89	503.72
Cheque Account	57,951.25	87,205.80
Latrobe	15,000.00	15,000.00
VAL Pay Pal	96.08	288.86
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>74,673.22</b>	<b>102,998.38</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Sundry Debtor	13,156.54	15,098.73
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>87,829.76</b>	<b>118,097.11</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment	(59,801.00)	(58,481.00)
Less Accumulated Depreciation Vehicle	(41,375.00)	(40,183.00)
Motor Vehicle	44,951.18	44,951.18
Office Equipment	63,906.53	63,906.53
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>7,681.71</b>	<b>10,193.71</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>95,511.47</b>	<b>128,290.82</b>

**Liabilities**

<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
GST	(2,285.00)	(1,000.42)
PAYG Withholdings Payable	5,712.00	4,241.00
Sundry Creditor	10,311.00	43,551.37
Superannuation Payable	312.22	2,945.11
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>14,050.22</b>	<b>49,737.06</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>		
Bendigo HP-Van	0.00	389.17
Loan	3,800.00	4,100.00
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>	<b>4,489.17</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>17,850.22</b>	<b>54,226.23</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>77,661.25</b>	<b>74,064.59</b>

**Equity**

Current Year Earnings	3,596.66	4,863.75
Retained Earnings	74,064.59	69,200.84
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$77,661.25</b>	<b>\$74,064.59</b>