

Hobsons Bay Running Club

Annual General Meeting Saturday 28th March 2026

Minutes

- **Acknowledgement of Country**

Meeting opened at 0955 by Secretary Brony Rowleson

Present Brony Rowleson, John Gray, Peter Buissink, Sarah Lowe, Di Donohue, Matt Loader, Jac Wainwright, Rob Falloon, Eero Keranen, Michael Slee, Belinda Fithie, Rae Carter, Helen Vaxevanis-Whyte, James Dwyer, Michael Musgrove, Katy Dillon, Tony Smith, Mario Valastro, Anna Bovdis, Linda Viberg, William Hart, Karli Smith, Lois Speakman, Neil Speakman, Philippe Delecheneau, WayyIn Turner, Kieran Leonard, Victoria Haritos, Ethan Orme, Tara Fairbrother, Ashley Sandison, Cat Muir, Helen Haralambous, Melissa Rutz, Ray Barnard, William McKenzie,

Apologies Susan Walker, Tameka Day, Cain Speakman, Terry Pearce, Brian Armstrong, Mick Beasley, Peter Whyte, Sara Keranen, Ken Smith and Mary Wong

- **Minutes of 2025 AGM and matters arising**

Proposal to accept the 2025 AGM Minutes with no matters arising.

Proposed Kieran Leonard **Seconded** Di Donoghue **Motion** to accept the Minutes of 2025 AGM was **passed without dissent**.

- **Coaching Report**

See Annex A (attached) Report from Brian Armstrong (presented by Brony Rowleson)

Proposal to accept the 2025 Coaching Report

Proposed Jimmy Dwyer **Seconded** Will McKenzie **Motion** to accept 2025 Coaching Report, **passed without dissent**

- **Treasurer's Report**

See Annex B (attached). Report from Peter Buissink

Proposal to accept the 2025 Treasurer's Report

Proposed Ray Barnard **Seconded** Rob Falloon

Motion to accept 2025 Treasurer's Report, **passed without dissent**.

- **President's Report**

See Annex C (attached). Report from Peter Buissink

Proposal to accept 2025 President's Report:

Proposed Cat Muir **Seconded** Peter Buissink

Motion to accept 2025 President's Report, **passed without dissent**.

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- **The 2025 Committee**

- John publicly thanked the 2025 Committee for their hard work and effort, which contributed to a very successful year, with great results in membership growth.
 - Retiring Committee members were thanked:
 - John Gray - President
 - Brony Rowleson - Secretary
 - Vanessa Coutts – General Member
 - Rae Carter – General Member
 - Stuart O’Neill – General Member

- **Election of Officers - 2026 Committee**

POSITION

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Handicapper
Assistant Handicapper
Editor
General Committee

NOMINATION

Jimmy Dwyer
Sarah Lowe
Peter Buissink
Mick Beasley
Peter Buissink
Michael Slee
Terry Pearce
Brian Armstrong
Tameka Day
Will McKenzie
Susan Walker
Melissa Rutze – new member
Vicky Haritos – new member
Tony Smith – new member
Katy Dillon – new member
Matt Loader – new member, and
Kieran Leonard – new member

Thanks to our returning Committee members and a big welcome to our new Committee members, Melissa Rutze, Vicky Haritos, Tony Smith, Katy Dillon, Matt Loader and Kieran Leonard. All members joined together to applaud the Committee for 2026.

Proposal to accept the 2026 Committee nominations:

Proposed Cat Muir **Seconded** Neil Speakman

Motion to accept the Election of the 2026 Committee **passed without dissent.**

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- **General Business**

- Peter addressed the meeting to outline a change in Membership fees. The categories of membership were stated:
 - Pensioner/concession
 - Adult, and
 - Children
- Peter explained that family memberships were now abolished. All children to be registered with a fee of \$15 per child. This was to ensure:
 - Everyone attending any HBRC event were registered and covered by insurance.
- Peter further explained that adding children as part of a family membership was difficult using REVSPORT.
- The change will ensure transparency and protection of all members.
- Proposed fees (unchanged from 2025)
 - \$70 for Adult
 - \$15 for children – new category
 - \$30 concession/pensioner
 - Other categories
 - Coach
 - Life Member/Coach, and
 - Life Member

Proposal to accept the change of membership categories, abolish family category and introduce a category for children

Proposed Ashley Sandison **Seconded** Lois Speakman

Motion to accept the change of membership categories was **passed without dissent**.

- Ashley Sandison queried the age range of a child's membership
 - Response was under 18 was considered a child for membership purposes. From age 18, adult memberships were payable
- Ashley then asked:
 - Are children able to vote at an AGM
 - Are children entitled to be on the Committee
- Robust discussion ensued. With a suggestion to align the eligibility the same as that for TJ Cup. Jimmy responded:
 - Junior members only covered for insurance
 - No voting rights
- **ACTION ITEM for new Committee:** to define the rules and promulgate to members
- Peter presented a special Certificate of Appreciation for Graham Edwards, to recognise his significant contribution to the Club that at the age of 90, he was still turning up to monthly Handicaps.
 - The Certificate will be presented to Graham Edwards at the next Handicap.
- Will addressed the meeting regarding the implementation of formal recognition for volunteers.
 - Currently members running handicaps are the only people recognised with formal volunteering credits.

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- Those who volunteer monthly (handicappers/results processing/MC) don't receive volunteering credits.
- Will requested this to be a formal goal for 2026

Proposal to Design and Implement a formal policy to recognise ALL volunteering

Proposed Will McKenzie

Seconded Vicky Haritos

- **Motion** to design and implement a formal Volunteering Recognition Policy **passed without dissent**.
- **ACTION ITEM for new Committee:** to design and implement a formal Volunteering Recognition Policy for volunteers who don't run in a monthly Handicap.
- Michael Musgrove addressed the meeting regarding the December Handicap falling on Boxing Day, asking if the date could be changed to the 19th December 2026.
- Some discussion ensued, with the consensus that the Handicap Rules would need to be examined and expanded.
 - **ACTION ITEM for new Committee:** to interrogate the Handicap Rules and update, to include fall back plan for December Handicap falling on Boxing Day.
- Di Donoghue addressed the meeting regarding the rules surrounding a change of discipline and the current requirement of starting from scratch when you change from running to walking. Di further stated that it wasn't right after an individual's significant commitment to attend events.
 - Peter responded detailing his opposition of the current system, and discussions had already been had with the 2025 Executive.
 - **ACTION ITEM for new Committee:** to look at the Ted Joy Rules and consider amending the Rules/create new Rules surrounding the number of qualifying Events needed to be competitive, when changing disciplines....from running to walking.
- Ashley Sandison addressed the meeting regarding other means of communication for advertising events, besides fb.
 - Jimmy responded letting the meeting know that the 2025 Committee had been trialling Team App as an alternative to fb, recognising awareness that not everyone has or wants access to fb.
 - Jimmy further explained that in April, the trial would expand across the Club.
 - Discussion ensued about the ads that run on TeamApp and the cost of having the App run WITHOUT ads.
 - General agreement that paying extra to have the ads removed would be money well spent.
 - **ACTION ITEM for new Committee:** to investigate the cost of having ads removed from Team App and implement, as part of expansion through the Club.
- Kieran addressed the meeting regarding provision of a better guide regarding the 8 week blocks and the Mona Fartlek....and WHY we do this. He went on to amplify:
 - Could this be a topic raised in the newsletter – brief explanation?
 - How are sessions run?
 - What is the progression?

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- Many members are not aware, but very curious why the program is set up like it is...
- Discussion turned to the Newsletter being available on TeamApp
 - Archive Newsletters are on the website
 - **ACTION ITEM for new Committee:** to investigate new ways to communicate the Newsletter rather than fb.
- Mario addressed the meeting querying a Policy or Guidelines surrounding cancellation of session.
 - Mario further explained that each coach has a different threshold and without a definitive policy or guidelines it's difficult to know what to do if presented with a weather event (for eg).
 - Robust discussion ensued with various views on:
 - Air quality during bushfires or dust storms
 - Temperature – subjective – up to the individual
 - Thunderstorm safety
 - Weather events in different locations (Williamstown different from Altona, different from Newport)
 - Should be some formalised policy
 - What would be the mechanism for cancellation
 - **ACTION ITEM for new Committee:** to investigate AV's policies/guidelines on cancellation of sessions/events due to extreme weather and incorporate those policies/guidelines into a Hobsons Bay Running Club Policy or set of Guidelines.
- Cat addressed the meeting regarding recognition/acknowledgement of ALL members milestones, not just the few who have done 100/200 plus, without taking anything away from those magnificent achievements.
 - Peter responded to explain that the number of individual runs is now recorded in Home Runs. Peter has started to acknowledge other milestones at Handicaps.
 - Peter will be more cognisant of doing this at future Handicaps.

Meeting closed – There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1115

Bronwyn Rowleson

B. Rowleson
Secretary

Attachments:

- 2025 Coaching Report – Annex A
- 2025 Treasurer's Report – Annex B
- 2025 President's Report – Annex C

2025-2026 AGM Coaching Team Details

Recreational running has certainly grown over the years, along with our club, which is now **+240 members**. Hobbos coaching team has ensured that we have grown ahead of this, and now **has 19 coaches** to safely deliver our sessions.

Committee would like to acknowledge the voluntary repetitive effort by our coaching team, and thank them all.

Over the year, the coaching team has safely delivered the following, with no major safety issues or injuries, which is testament to the professionalism of our team.

- Monday evening Yoga sessions.
- Adaptive Load planned track sessions, delivered in a safe, social, and challenging Tuesday track cardio session, to approximately 80 members (AM & PM Session) each week, for the entire year.
- A 7k social run offering from Willamstown Kiosk on Wednesday mornings to an average of 6 members.
- A social, Thursday morning Newport Lakes hills session to approximately 10 members a week.
- A social Thursday night 100 Steps Altona Hill session to approximately 10 members a week.
- The opportunity for endurance members to run with company at various locations on Sundays.
- Parents and Childrens Sunday fun day sessions , with attendances up to +50.
- We provided direct Toyota team coaching for 10 male and 10 female members to represent Australia and compete in the Japan Toyota Ekiden Relays.
- Coaching team have also been actively engaged in the background with many races and events, like the summer and winter series, pharlap, Bels Paced to Perfection, Wellbeing sessions, XCR, etc,etc.
- This season I also delivered our normal marathon workshop, and Bel delivered a Womens running workshop.
- Gait analysis was also recorded at track and professionally analysed for any interested members
- L2 coaches and even some L1 coaches were actively engaged in direct member coaching, assisting members with their race or Wellbeing goals.
- I coached around 10 members average consistently this year for endurance races, and know others coached various other member events.

What a great coaching team we have.

2025-2025 Season Changes

Anna Bovdis joined the coaching team and obtained her L1 certification to replace a gap left by Kate Milnes (L2), who left to tour Australia. While we miss Kate, Anna is a great add to the team. Anna has taken on the Tuesday night runleader roster and Thursday night hills

Over the year we had **Laura Smethurst** leave the coaching team due to family commitments. Laura will be missed by everyone, but we are so happy that she remains with the club as a member.

Laura led some Tuesday sessions, and was also a major leader at the Parents & Childrens session. We were then very lucky to immediately add a very keen **Wendy Maas** to the coaching team, who has taken the lead for the parents and childrens fun day Sunday session. Wendy is such a natural with the children and has continued to make the sessions fun and engaging.

This year also seen us add a trial junior coach assistant to the Sunday Childrens sessions coaching team. **Freya Rees and Olly Rees**, assisted by leading some of our earlier sessions. It was great to see some young leaders taking the session. This was a trial, and we may leverage some junior coach assistants again in future sessions.

We also had **Daryl Sadgrove (L2)** leave the coaching team after his family had to relocate to Queensland for family career advancement. Daryl provided specialised hill training and gait analysis, as well as runleading at hill and track sessions, and will be missed.

Will McKenzie was then trained up and added to the coaching team to assist with Hills and track runleading sessions. Will is a committee member and also helps with timing and handicapping, a great addition to the team.

Mario Valestro advanced his personal training and paid and trained himself up to L2, offering direct coaching to club members, at no training cost to the club. Mario has raced a few marathons, has some great experience, and is keen to coach in these areas.

Cat McCrae trained and obtained her L2 coaching certificate for direct coaching, and is keen to assist members with coaching and trail running. Cat is actively involved in ultra trail running, so will add some excellent experience to this area.

Coach Team Gender Balances

Athletics Australia offers various Recreational certification levels (up to L3 and more now), however as a club we only see two levels required, being minimal L1 for runleading, and L2 for a runleader and direct member coaching.

Our current gender coach team balance is adequate :

9 Female

10 Male

At present our L1/L2 balance is:

7 Female L1

6 Male L1

2 Female L2

4 Male L2

While our overall coaching team is fairly balanced, including our L1 certifications, our level 2 coaching certifications balance is still slightly out.

The main reason our L2 balance is not even at this stage is mainly due to a couple L2 coaches leaving, and partly because we believe that a runleader must hold a L1 coaching certification for a minimum of 2 years. I believe this experience is required prior to obtaining a L2 certificate and guiding members. An experienced L1 coach (+2 years), must also want to study and obtain a L2 certification, knowing that they will be volunteering more time to our club by direct coaching (club expectation for L2). The additional time is likely to be a full day extra commitment.

All those currently applicable to obtain a L2 certification this year, have been offered the option to train for L2. As part of the plan to evenly balance L2, I have set a 2 year plan, which will ensure this L2 balance is achieved. We will likely have another Female L2 coach later this year.

Not all members may be aware, but club coaches also pay the same full membership fees, so it's all fully voluntary and dedicated to assist our great club, as a pay forward .

Thank You all for your wonderful dedication.

Brian Armstrong

HBRC Head Coach & Coach Co-ordinator

As there is more to coaching than just runleading a session, with lots of background time volunteered everyday, please give a huge shout out to the following coaches who helped lead this club throughout this season.

Alison Sanders: - Tuesday Night Track & Children's Sessions

Anna Bovdis – Tuesday night track & Thursday night hills

Belinda Fithie – Tuesday morning session, Wednesday morning recovery, Thursday morning and night hills, direct coaching.

Cat McRae (L2) – Yoga instructor, Tuesday morning/night track, Thursday morning/night hills, Toyota Coaching

Brian Armstrong (L2)– Tuesday night track, Wednesday morning recovery, Thursday night hills, Sunday local long runs, track series design, direct coaching, coaching Runleader handover, coach co-ordination, Toyota coaching

Daryl Sadgrove (L2)–Tuesday morning track, Thursday morning hills, Hill knowledge sessions, Coaching plan guidelines, direct coaching **(Left coaching 2025)**

Freya Rees – Junior Childrens coach assistant **(2025 sessions)**

John Gray – Tuesday morning & night track, XCR, Summer & Winter Series, Toyota coaching, XCR

Kevin Aldred – Tuesday night track, Thursday night hills

Kieran Leonard (L2)– Tuesday morning track, Thursday morning hills, track series design, direct coaching

Laura Smethurst – Childrens and Parents sessions**(Left coaching 2025)**

Luke Beck – Tuesday night, hills, Trail series promotion, direct coaching.

Mario Valastro (L2)– Tuesday night track, Thursday night hills, direct coaching.

Melissa Rutze – Tuesday morning, Tuesday night, track series design

Olly Rees – Junior childrens coach assistant **(2025 sessions)**

Peter Buissink – Tuesday night track, Handicap run director, event handicaper

Rob Falloon (L2)– Tuesday night track, Sunday long runs Newport Lakes, track series design, direct coaching

Sarah Lowe – Tuesday night track, Thursday morning hills

Tamara Petrov – Yoga, Tuesday morning track **(temporary not runleading)**

Tameka Day (L2)– Tuesday morning track, Thursday morning hills, Sunday local long runs, track series design, direct coaching, Toyota coaching

Terry Pearce – Tuesday night track, NPL Sunday long runs

Will Mckenzie – Tuesday night track & Thursday night hills, Timing system administrator, Handicapper

Wendy Maas – Parents & Childrens Sessions



Treasurer's Report – 28th March, 2026- For Period 1st January 25 to 31st Dec 2025.

The Hobson's Bay Running Club ended up with an operating margin of 4.4K vs last year being \$0 margin.

We have had 245 (vs 190- 2025) paid up members as of 31st Dec 25 and the Athletics Victoria season ends at the end of March 26 and 257 for the season-2nd April 2025-31st March 26. That is an exceptional increase of 30%.

We have a nett operating margin of \$ 4.4K against \$16.60 margin. This excludes \$3.3 K worth of stock that has been paid for and will be realized as cash once sold.

Insurance Cost and Rev Sport fees (Platform we use) are not included as they are taken by Athletics Victoria from Members fees and then disbursed by A/V and approximate \$4K

Our biggest costs were and Coaching accreditation /training cost of 1.8K, cleaning \$1000 and ITCosts – Domain Hosting and Race Results credits \$1.67 K .

Grants and Sponsorship totalled \$2.39K

2025 revenue was \$17.55 K, down from \$21.6 (which included A/V Insurance) which includes the 30 year celebrations in FY24 and 5K Westgate Grant in FY24.

Membership income was \$11.743K up Vs adjusted incomeFY24 of \$8.07K and this will need to be at this level in the future to ensure we continue our investment in coaching and members services. Having said that, we also need to continue to be very diligent in grant applications as this should be a rich source of funds for the club. If any member can assist with this, the grants team would love your help.

We have continued to save on insurance cover premium. Our affiliation to Athletics Victoria (AV) covers the cost of insuring members for significant injury. This \$15.00 per member is still well worth it. This is likely to increase next financial year and we anticipate recovering this via membership fees. And no fee increases for 2026-2027 A/V season.

We have a bank balance of \$16.62 Kas at 31st Dec 24 with \$3.25K of uniforms that will covert to\$3.25 K in sales as we sell them at cost. As we are not for profit, we aim to maintain that balance each year and spend on member services as we receive funds.

Peter Buissink- Treasurer 23rd March 2026



Treasurers Report

FY 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2025

Opening Bank Balance	1st Jan 2025	\$	12,196.00	
Cash brought forward		\$	-	
Total Cash and Bank	1st Jan 2025	\$	12,196.00	
Income 2024/25 year				
Memberships 2025		\$	11,743.50	245
Shirt sales 2025		\$	1,570.00	
AVF Grant First Aid		\$	225.00	
Hobsons Bay Council Grant 22/6		\$	548.00	
Sport Power 2025 sponsorship		\$	330.00	
DJPR sponsorship for Uniform Subsidy		\$	957.00	
XCR Members fee recovery 1st 2 relays		\$	475.00	
XCR Members fee recovery Tan Relays		\$	387.50	
Symmetry 2025 sponsorship		\$	330.00	
Maribynong Run Sept Volunteers		\$	1,000.00	
Total Income 2025 year		\$	17,566.00	
Expenses 2025				
Refund of Membership (family overpaid)		\$	157.50	
BBQ requirements/Pizzas etc		\$	420.66	
First Aid Expenses Courses		\$	450.00	
Affiliation to Athletics Victoria (1 season)		\$	350.00	
Recreation Running all members with AV	AV Insurance			
Newport P Athletic Track- summer use 24/25		\$	132.20	
Newport P Athletic Track- winter use		\$	133.36	
Newport P Athletic Track- summer use 25/26 (1 and 2nd Instalment)		\$	132.20	
PMT Annual Statement-Incorporated Association		\$	49.00	
Purchase of Hobbo T shirts Plus 9 Hoodies 12/12/25 (\$668.80)		\$	1,359.11	
Entry in Winter Cross Country 3 teams Jells Park 7th June		\$	596.00	
Entry Sandown X Country 28th June		\$	458.00	
Entry 12 team Tan Relays		\$	916.00	
Pharlap Pizza and plate expenses/drinks		\$	423.02	
Hobsons Bay City Council Use of Altona Ford Reserve for Pharlap Hcp		\$	180.00	
Laura Boylan - Kids material for Sunday sessions		\$	87.50	
Trivia Night expenses		\$	107.90	
Prizes DSS series		\$	189.00	
Milestone Shirts		\$	125.00	
Medals/Trophies plus engraving		\$	282.50	
Bank Charges (\$15 p/m)		\$	180.00	
Tea/Coffee/Milk/fuel		\$	169.55	
Post Office Box and postage		\$	159.00	
Domain Hosting and Crazy Domains (3 years)		\$	1,072.00	
Flowers for Will MacKenzie mother/ Kate Milnes/ Funeral Coutts		\$	312.19	
Flowers Sarah Lowe's Mum		\$	134.05	
BBQ Kate Milnes 11/3		\$	47.00	
Race Results Credits		\$	412.50	
Coaching Training Accreditation		\$	1,859.49	
NPAT Cleaning		\$	1,000.00	
First Aid replenishments		\$	43.00	
Beach Buggy for Equipment		\$	109.99	
Kenyon Eggs purchased 20/2 18No.		\$	370.51	
Office works /Printing/Frames		\$	723.28	
		\$	13,141.51	
Nett Margin Jan 25-to end 25		\$	4,424.49	
Bank Balance		\$	16,620.49	
Bank balance Start Balance plus income - expense	31st Dec	\$	16,620.49	
		\$	1,710.00	33 No.
		\$	1,100.00	Special order And Hoodies
Stock value of Shirts	31st Dec	\$	2,810.00	

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Presidents Report 2025

We completed another successful year, with another new record membership of 247 (up from last year's 210), thanks to the great work of our coaching team and committee. I believe that our ongoing membership growth is due to both our offerings of coach-led sessions and events, and to the friendly welcome we offer to potential new members.

When I first joined the club 13 years ago it was after a period of hesitation and procrastination, and I hear the same from some new members who take a while to summon the courage to attend a session, only to find a warm welcome and an expectation from us that they would want to keep coming back. And they do come back. I've made a point over the last few years of attending both Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening track sessions, to run, coach or just hang out, with the aim of spotting, welcoming and introducing new potential members, to keep people coming back. I sometimes get feedback from new members, and this message from last month I think sums us all up perfectly: "It was lovely to meet you all! I had heard about what a lovely group of people/club you are!"

As always, we strive for a diverse, inclusive and welcoming club, by setting the example with a gender and age balanced committee and coaching team.

Coaches & Committee gender balance

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Coaches (f)	6	7	7	6	9	8	9	9	9
Coaches(m)	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
	17	16	15	14	16	15	17	19	19
Committee (f)	2	3	3	6	4	3	4	6	6
Committee (m)	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
	13	17	17	18	12	10	11	12	15

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Highlights of 2025

- Our Tuesday morning and evening track sessions continued to grow, with new record attendances of 59 at morning sessions (last month), 48 at evening sessions, and 93 1-day record (earlier this month), up from last year's records of 48 (mornings), 46 (evenings) and 84 (1-day). These attendances continue to feed and reflect our strong membership growth.
- On coaching, this year we farewelled Daryl Sadgrove from the coaching team, who left us to move to Brisbane with his family, and Laura Smethurst who stepped down to focus on family and career. We were joined during the year by newly trained coaches Anna Bovdis, Will McKenzie and Wendy Maas, keeping us at a record 19 coaches, with fresh enthusiasm.
- On behalf of the committee, I'd like to thank the coaching team for their enthusiasm and for volunteering their time. In particular, thanks to Brian for recruiting new coaches, coaching the Toyota team and the marathon group, as well as championing the Sunday parents & kids sessions. We ran two 8-week blocks of Sunday afternoon kids & parents' sessions during the year, with new record attendances of up to 50.
- We had yet another record participation in the Athletics Victoria XCR Relays despite only 3 events, with some great team results. We had 86 runners and 26 teams across the 3 events, culminating in 40 runners and 12 teams at the Tan Relays. I'll be back and I hope to see you all back again in this year's relay teams.
- I'm proud to report that we were yet again the most represented recreational running club at XCR, and we will provide the opportunity for all members again this year to enjoy the fun and camaraderie of these team events.
- We continued to expand our branding with the creation of the Hobbos hoodies thanks to Jimmy, with a great uptake, and I expect to see a lot of us sporting them this winter!

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- We continue to explore improved communication channels to members with the coaches and committee trialing TeamApp
- Our major fundraiser last year was again providing volunteers for the Maribyrnong River Run, and we expect to continue this with PB Events at Werribee Mansion next month, the Maribyrnong River Run and possibly a third event later this year, to maintain the club's excellent financial position.
- We aim to maintain a big emphasis on our marquee Phar Lap event, the Daylight Savings Series and our traditional monthly handicap and the Greenwich & Ted Joy Cup competitions. Speaking of which, congratulations to our leading milestoners, Michael Musgrove just ran his 277th handicap, Ken Smith his 220th and John Becroft his 215th.

The 2025 committee

A thank-you to your 2025 committee

Thanks to our retiring (but not shy) club Secretary of the last 6 years, and thank you for your support over these years

- Bronwyn Rowleson

To our committee members who stepped down during the year

- Rae Carter
- Vanessa Coutts
- Stuart O'Neil

To our returning committee members (to be confirmed shortly)

- Peter Buissink (Treasurer)
- Tameka Day
- Jimmy Dwyer
- Sarah Lowe
- Sue Walker
- Brian Armstrong (Head Coach)
- Mick Beasley (Handicapper)
- Michael Slee (Editor)
- Terry Pearce
- Will McKenzie

And to our off-committee supporters

- Mary-Ellen Brierly (Member Protection Officer)
- Helen Haralambous & Mary Wong (Volunteer Roster)

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And finally a huge thank you to

- Michael Slee, Home Runs editor since November 2017.

After 8 years, and 100 editions, Michael is hanging up his mouse(!), as soon as he has trained you as his successor!

The 2026 committee

If you're passionate about running and about your club, and if any of the things we do sound like something you would like to contribute to or lend your expertise, please consider joining the committee later in this meeting, new committee members are always welcome.

To help members with busy family or work commitments;

- Our committee meetings are normally held every 8 weeks, which we have continued to hold virtually for everyone's convenience
- We accommodate family circumstances and individual availability, and committee members aren't expected to attend every meeting
- It's also possible to help the club in an off-committee role

Thanks to all

And lastly. It has been my great privilege to have been your president, and to have led our wonderful club over the last 6 years. I truly believe we are one of the leading recreational running clubs in Melbourne – it's not just a slogan.

Best of luck to the new committee which we will be electing shortly, and no pressure!

Thank you all for your support, and your friendship over the last 13 years and into the future.

John Gray
President 2019-2025
28/03/2026