

**“THE ATHLETE’S FOOT”  
GEELONG ATHLETICS INC.  
ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Deakin University  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

“The Athlete’s Foot” Geelong Road Championships opened the 2008 Winter Season under cool, breezy conditions around the Deakin University outer road circuit.

In the junior race over three kilometres, Malvern Harrier’s Leigh Bruton was most impressive in streeting the field in a new course record time of 10.02 over the undulating Deakin course. First local to finish was Lewis Clark, while Jessie Shields had a titanic battle with Under 16 female winner, Clare Hodgson for the full three kilometre distance. Female silver and bronze medals went to talented junior recruits Jmara Hockley-Samon and Meg Smith.

In the senior men’s race, Lee Troop used the six kilometre circuit for a hard training session as he continues his build-up for the Beijing Olympic marathon. Content to run along with the lead pack for the opening lap, Troop picked up the pace over the final 3 kilometres to run out a convincing winner. A little further back in the field, Doncaster’s Allan Failla and Ryan Christian were fighting hard for supremacy. Eventually, the battle for second came down to a sprint finish, with Failla prevailing by a stride.

Former Commonwealth Game’s marathon medallist, Lisa Dick found the challenging Deakin University terrain to her liking as she slashed almost 2 minutes from the old womens’ course record. First local woman to finish was the consistent Kristen Wyatt, with Catherine Hoare and the much improved Freyja Troop filling the minor placings

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**Results:**

**Under 16 Men and Women.**

**3 km.**

1.	Leigh Bruton	Malvern H. (Inv.)	10.02 *
2.	Lewis Clark	Chilwell	11.08
3.	Jessie Shields	Bellarine	11.49
4.	Clare Hodgson	Deakin	11.52
5.	Jmara Hockley-Samon	Chilwell	12.28
6.	Meg Smith	Deakin	12.33
7.	Wendy Parish	Chilwell	12.47
8.	Shantelle Maurer	Deakin	13.15
9.	Samual Shields	(Inv.)	15.00
10.	Ainslie Smith	Deakin	16.14
11.	Gabriel Shields	(Inv.)	16.50

**\* Course Record**

**Junior Medal Winners:**

**Under 16 Women**

1.	Clare Hodgson	Deakin
2.	Jmara Hockley-Samon	Chilwell
3.	Meg Smith	Deakin

**Under 16 Men**

1.	Lewis Clark	Chilwell
2.	Jessie Shields	Bellarine

**Senior Men and Women.**

**6 km.**

1.	Lee Troop	Chilwell	18.16
2.	Allan Failla	Doncaster (Inv.)	18.58
3.	Ryan Christian	Deakin	18.58
4.	Brett Coleman	Chilwell	19.20
5.	Michael McNaughton	Deakin	19.34
6.	Colin Thornton	Chilwell	19.42
7.	Wes Benson	Chilwell	19.56
8.	Hugh Thyer	Deakin	21.11
9.	Rohan Perrott	(Inv.)	21.27
10.	Lisa Dick	Ringwood (Inv.)	21.32 *
11.	Geoff Purnell	(Inv.)	22.12
12.	Allan Jenkins	Chilwell	22.33
13.	Kristen Wyatt	Chilwell	22.54
14.	Andrew Chalmers	Chilwell	24.49
15.	Catherine Hoare	Bellarine	25.26
16.	Freyja Troop	Chilwell	26.49
17.	Eliesha Byrt	Guild	31.13

**\* Course Record**

**Senior Medal Winners:**

**Senior Men**

1.	Lee Troop	Chilwell
2.	Ryan Christian	Deakin
3.	Brett Coleman	Chilwell

**Senior Women**

1.	Kristen Wyatt	Chilwell
2.	Cathryn Hoare	Bellarine
3.	Freyja Troop	Chilwell