

Geelong Region Cross Country Jells Park Relays Report - Sat May 1, 2010



Glorious weather met us for round 1 of the XCR10 competition - the Jells Park Relays. And most pleasingly, we had the largest team we've had in years. Unfortunately the new team marquee wasn't ready in time but hopefully it will make a debut at Lardner.



The Div 1 Men finished 4th overall just 30 secs shy of 2nd place that saw a sprint finish between Knox & Box Hill. Glenhantly easily took first place & appear to be the team to beat in 2010 with a few new recruits. Welcome to David Carver who had his first run with us to record the 2nd fastest time of the day & a big thanks to Rohan Perrot who stepped up to fill the Div 1 team after it was dismantled by injury!



The Div 4 Men also featured a few new faces with Tim Anderson & Michael Low making their debuts & having a great time in the process. It's great to see some added depth to the team from 2009. Our O'40 Men team finished a very credible 5th with Darren Riviere making a come back after a few years out - great to see!



Having had no open women's team for a few rounds in 2009, it was great to see 2 teams at Jells. All ran well with our Div 1 team finishing 10th against strong competition & our Div 4 team finishing 9th.



The Geelong Juniors stole the show on the weekend with the U16 girls recording the best result with 2nd overall & the U18 & U14 boys both placing 3rd. And to prove the depth in our juniors girls, we even had a 2nd U16 team that finished 9th - great work juniors!



A big thanks to Mandy Cole, Nicole Spehar, Wendy Talbot, Sharon Hockley, Peter Samon, John Stekelenburg & Julian Spence for helping out on the day.

Next Race: Lardner Park XC, Sat May 8 – check [website](#) for details.



Check the next page for our Round 1 prize winners.



Awards



The **Steigen Team Player Award** goes to **Cathryn Hoare**. Cathryn recruited all of our officials for Jells & in total organised the travel of a team of 7. Brilliant work - no need to say more!!



The **Barking Dog Award** goes to **Scott Rantall**. Scott had not initially planned to run at Jells given his preparations for the upcoming GOR Marathon. But upon hearing our plight of a lack of Div 1 runners, he put up his hand to run along with the next round at Lardner Park. Thanks to Scott who recorded the fastest time of the day of our Geelong crew & best of luck at GOR.



The "**Complete Meal Award**" is a 2010 innovation. What more could you ask for than a great **Subway** sub & great **MuzzBuzz** coffee! These vouchers go to each of our 3 officials (**Mandy Cole, Nicole Spehar & Wendy Talbot**). Thank you for your time!



The **Steampacket Lunch Award** was enjoyed by **everyone** present. The sandwiches were fantastic & numerous & the desserts divine! A big thanks to Steampacket for their generosity.