



Ballarat Road Race Report - Sat June 18, 2011



Lake Wendouree is finally full and so was our marquee given the rain that greeted us intermittently throughout the day. For the 37 Geelong runners competing, conditions were otherwise ideal with a slight wind but cool conditions.



The juniors led off with a 5km loop and there were a number of great performances. Annabelle Wilson led the Geelong women home and finished 2nd in the U20's – a great effort. Montana Jones (4th) & Georgia Quick (5th) also had great races in the U14 age group.



In the junior men, the only full team we had was in the U16's (Isaac Hockey, Jack Stekelenburg & David McPhee). Just as at Flemington, they narrowly missed the win finishing 3rd just one point behind Eureka & Glenhuntly who tied for first. In other individual results, Tom Hardham just missed the podium in the U20 race finishing 4th and Harry Hockley Samon demonstrated that he's rapidly becoming a very handy runner finishing 5th in the U14's.



Geelong was very well represented in the open ranks over the 15km multilap circuit. The Men's Div 1 team was not as strong as in recent weeks but still managed to put in a solid performance to finish 2nd to Box Hill and move 5 pts clear on the season ladder given Knox finished 6th. We were aided nicely by the return of Rowan Walker to the team who finished 5th overall. Box Hill certainly laid down the challenge though giving us a thumping and having their top 5 runners in the top 12! Div 3 Men recorded another strong victory to make it 4 from 4 for the season – great work! We also fared very well in the O40 Men again helped by the fact that Rowan is now 40! They finished 3rd to remain in 3rd spot for the season.



The open women had a great day out and were very strong with another 3rd placing in Div 1 and another win in Div 4. Kristen Wyatt led the women home and the team was boosted by the return of Natalie Mensch off the back of her GOR Marathon win in May. It's fantastic to see such depth in the women's team this year – well done to all! And with Knox failing to fill their Div 1 team, our Div 1 Women move to 2nd overall for the season!



A big thanks to Brad & Renee Fuller who organized a postrun BBQ on behalf of BBQs Galore Ballarat. Despite the rain, it was a great postrun treat!

Next Race:

- Sat July 9: XCR11 Rd 5: Brimbank Park XC. Entries close via AV online Fri July 1.

Check the next page for our Round 4 prize winners.





Awards



The **Steigen Team Player Award** goes to **Brad & Renee Fuller** for their generous postrun BBQ that was greatly enjoyed by all. Ross Young was the first nominator (of many!) but decided to pass the Complete Meal award on to **Harry Hockley Samon** for a fantastic run.



The "**Complete Meal Award**" goes to **Harry Hockley Samon** as above as well as the 3 closest to their predicted times that were Cathryn Hoare (1 sec), **Jmara Hockley Samon** (6 sec) & **Isaac Hockey** (9 sec). Well done all!



The **Steampocket Lunch Award** was again enjoyed by **everyone** present. A big thanks to Steampocket for their ongoing support & generosity.