



## Coliban Relays Report - Sat Aug 27, 2011



After a constant downpour at Coliban 2010, the 2011 event produced perfect, cloudless conditions. Geelong had 2 Men's & 2 Women's teams that as usual had a few last week changes but fortunately none in the eleventh hour.



The Men's Div 1 team started the day 1 point down on Box Hill on the season ladder and were looking for a solid result having finished a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2010. Julian Spence kicked off and was happy not to encounter any stampeding horses this year that saw him ducking for cover in the bushes in 2010! He came in a close 2<sup>nd</sup> to hand over to Nick Wightman. From there on, the team was never headed after some inspiring middle runs by Nick, Jase Antonelli, Rowan Walker and Brady Threlfall to win by over 90secs. Box Hill finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, just edging out a very fast finish by City 2 Surf winner Liam Adams from Essendon. The unexpected win moves us back to the top of the ladder with 2 rounds remaining but just 1 point up!



The Men's Div 3 team also posted a great result finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall after a successful sprint to the line by Simon Gower to edge out the Ballarat Harriers. A big thanks to Leigh Stabryla who came into fill the team at late notice and to Isaac Hockey for making the big jump into the senior ranks for the day!



The Women's Div 1 team also recruited some juniors in Annabelle Wilson & Jmara Hockley Samon. Annabelle showed she enjoys the hills taking the team into 3<sup>rd</sup> place after the first leg. Some interesting navigation did occur during that time by other team members but Jmara arrived for the change over with at least a few seconds to spare! The team finished a solid 6<sup>th</sup> overall with a big thanks to Kristen who ran the anchor leg just 1 week after winning the Noumea Marathon!



The Women's Div 4 team recorded another great win and the girls were very excited by that! Reports were that Eliesha had a sprint finish for the win though the results display an almost 60s winning margin!

**Next Race:** Sun Sep 4: Burnley Half Marathon

**Check the next page for our Round 8 prize winners.**





## Awards



The **Steigen Team Player Award** goes to **Leigh Stabryla** in recognition of his great team spirit to swap out of work last minute to be able to complete the Div 3 Men's team. And he did so with a nasty cold that meant he didn't really enjoy the long climb that is Coliban stage 1!



The "**Complete Meal Award**" goes to Jamie Rowan for her Steigen nomination as above. Logistics didn't allow time for a closest to predicted time competition but look out for its reintroduction in the coming rounds!



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