



Victorian Cross Country League 93rd Annual General meeting
Southbank November 23rd 2025 9.23 am

Apologies; David Page, Oscar Robinson

Present; Mark O'Brien, Brian Marantelli, Jim Berrington, Tony Rendina, Michael Marantelli, Joel Donnar, Fraser Murray, Janine McKerron.

President; Brian Marantelli

Secretary; Vacant

Treasurer; Mark O'Brien

Handicapper; Fraser Murray

Committee; Jim Berrington, David Page, Tony Rendina,
Michael Marantelli, Joel Donnar, Oscar Robinson.

President's Report 2025

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting for the 93rd season of the Victorian Cross Country League.

The club can start the 2025 season on the front row with the traditional powerhouse clubs after completing our best season to date. The season started slowly with hopes of promotion looking forlorn after three rounds and a best place finish of fifth. The next seven rounds provided three wins and three places including the barnstorming round ten relay win. The season belonged, not only to the six competitors on the final day but also to those that filled the gaps on days where vital points were won through the next "runner up". The women's team produced many tough performances finishing mid table although rarely have the required team numbers. Once again thanks to Marcus Boxall for his assistance with the website and the posting of results supplied each week by Fraser Murray. Janine McKerron continues to keep those afar updated with regular Facebook results and updates whilst Julian Harris provides video and photos.

Finally on behalf of the VCCL committee, a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year to all. Hope see everyone at Jells as we take on the big boys.

Moved Tony Rendina 2nd Jim Berrington

Registrar's report 2025

Registrations for 2025, 18 in total, 14 male and 4 women

Moved Mark O'Brien 2nd Joel Donnar



Handicappers Report; Handicap events discontinued

Facebook update

594 members 67% male, 33% female

Melbourne 81.7%

35-44 24% 45-54 29% 55-64 17% 64+ 30%

Election of committee for years 2026 & 2027

As the VCCL has a committee availability of 12 members (2 rotations of 6 members) and presently only have 7 committee members, there is no need of any ballots.

Up for re-election for the next 2 years are Michael Marantelli, Joel Donnar, Oscar Robinson and Brian Marantelli

Tony Rendina Mark O'Brien and Jim Berrington have one year of current term to run

Committee Elections;

Brian Marantelli, Moved Tony Rendina, 2nd Jim Berrington

Michael Marantelli, Moved Joel Donnar, 2nd Mark O'Brien

Joel Donnar, Moved Brian Marantelli, 2nd Michael Marantelli

Oscar Robinson, Moved Joel Donnar 2nd Brian Marantelli

Michael Marantelli has filled the position of interim secretary.

Awards

The Victorian Cross Country League had the pleasure of welcoming three new life members to honour board.

Tony Rendina; Member since 1970s, long time competitor, race sponsor and committee member.

Janine McKerron; Competitor since 2008, committee member and regular volunteer.

Fraser Murray; Competitor since 2014, Handicapper, volunteer and donor.

The entire VCCL community congratulates Tony, Janine and Fraser on their awards and thanks them for their tireless support of the club

General Business 2025

As per VCCL constitution

Statement of purpose

- (a) To control and develop cross country and road running in Victoria
- (b) To co-operate with other clubs throughout Victoria and Australia
- (c) To provide social functions for club members



Correspondence in

I'm not sure if this is something that's been covered in depth, but I'd be interested to hear the committee view on what the club identity is, and what our value proposition is. I'm aware growth has been a topic for a while, but I feel like this sort of discussion would be beneficial in finding those new runners.

Kind regards,
Joel D

Action: Website to be updated with more information on the club's future.
Unique benefits of VCCL, high end performance, flexibility in training expectations,

Recruitment for season 2026

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One topic that has come up a lot between VCCL runners since the promotion is the possible use of club funds to recruit new runners.

In particular, two ideas that were discussed were:

- Offering heavily/fully subsidised AV/club memberships to new runners who meet a certain benchmark (e.g. can run under 32min for 10km)
- Offering incentives to new runners to the club who meet a certain participation benchmark (run at least 6 times in a season) and are of a certain standard (under 32min for 10km). An incentive could be something like a \$250 gift voucher for Runners Paradise.

Regards
Alex B

Action: Incentives and registration refunds to assist in the recruitment of new runners, format to be discussed in January. VAL winter option, friends/family

Update website

New singlets have arrived from Runners Paradise \$50 Each. Old singlets to be offered at a discount of give aways.

2025 AGM closed at 10.06am