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# A.E.M. 2000 CALENDAR

<b>Cohuna Bridge to Bridge Festival</b>	February 20th 2000	8 km swim 1.2km swim 6.5km run 25km bike 50km bike 35km paddle
<b>Sussan Women's Classic</b>	April 2nd 2000	5km & 10km run/walk
<b>Sussan Women's Classic (Auckland)</b>	April 16th 2000	5km & 10km run/walk
<b>Sussan Women's Classic (Sydney)</b>	May 7th 2000	5km & 10km run/walk
<b>Half on the Park</b>	August 2000	21km & 7km run/walk
<b>Melbourne Marathon Festival</b>	October 8th 2000	42km, 21km & 6km run/walk
<b>THE Age / AFL Fun Run</b>	November 5th 2000	4km & 8km run/walk

Please note these dates are subject to confirmation. Please contact the AusFit office for more details.



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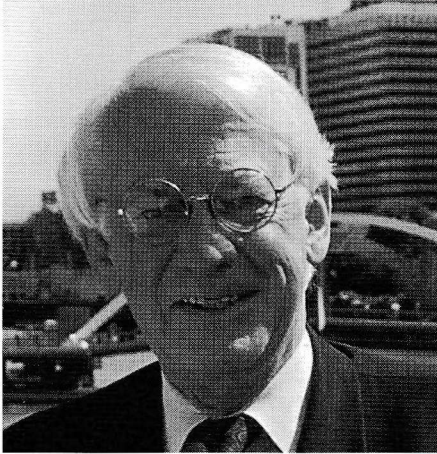
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## **A message from The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Cr Peter Costigan**

The City of Melbourne is proud to have been a major sponsor of the 1999 Melbourne Marathon Festival. In fact the City of Melbourne has supported this marvellous event since its inception in 1978. This is the second year that the City has been the naming rights sponsor.

Support for events like the City of Melbourne Marathon underlines our aim to boost participation and enjoyment in sport and recreation at all levels. We are determined to maintain and reinforce Melbourne's well-earned reputation as the sporting capital of the nation.

The Melbourne Marathon Festival also provides an ideal opportunity to showcase our beautiful city to the many international competitors from places such as Japan, America, The Netherlands and South Africa. I am confident there is no more enjoyable marathon course in the world than ours, which winds through Melbourne's beautiful streets and parklands.

I would like to congratulate the 4,756 competitors who took part in this year's Melbourne Marathon Festival. Whether you came first, last, or somewhere in between, you are to be commended for your efforts.

Cr Peter Costigan  
Lord Mayor of Melbourne

Dear Entrant,

## AUSFIT EVENTS MANAGEMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all who took part in the 1999 City of Melbourne Marathon and the associated events that make up the Melbourne Marathon Festival.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors and supporters of the Melbourne Marathon Festival as without their assistance the event would not be possible. A special mention to the City of Melbourne who has shown a commitment to the Melbourne Marathon and shares our vision in continuing the tradition of the event.

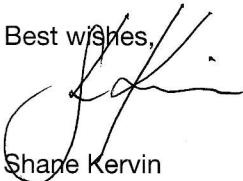
Congratulations to Michael McIntyre and Sue Hobson on their respective wins in the main event. Although Sue narrowly missed an 'A' qualifying time for the 2000 Olympic Games, all involved with the marathon wish her and other Olympic hopefuls every success between now and September, 2000.

To all the staff and volunteers involved with the conduct of the Marathon Festival I would like to pass on my sincere thanks and few could comprehend the tireless hours put in by the Marathon 'Crew'.

All at AusFit look forward to the staging of the 23rd City of Melbourne Marathon on Sunday October 8th 2000, one week after the staging of the Men's Olympic Marathon.

We hope to see you all toeing the line in 2000.

Best wishes,



Shane Kervin  
Manager  
AusFit Events Management

## AusFit Events Management

Dear Entrant,

## AUSFIT EVENTS MANAGEMENT

Congratulations on your recent efforts in the 1999 Melbourne Marathon Festival. Despite rather adverse weather conditions the Festival was again well attended with competitor numbers almost identical to previous years.

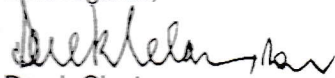
The theme of participation was further promoted this year with involvement from the government's newest initiative, "Active Australia Day". Sharing similar philosophies in regards to participation in physical activity, "Active Australia Day" and the Melbourne Marathon Festival established a mutually beneficial partnership that we hope will continue for many years to come.

Without the support of all our sponsors and in particular the City of Melbourne, Eastern Energy and Active for Life/VicHealth the event would not be possible and we look forward to their continued support. Secondly but just as important, a special thank-you to our dedicated staff and the many loyal volunteers that make it all happen.

As many of you know, John Mallinder, AusFit Events Management's General Manager for five years, lost his battle with cancer early in the year. John was very passionate and knowledgeable about our sport and I will miss not being able to tap into his vast knowledge of road racing and track and field. He was a tireless worker towards ensuring the survival and success of the Melbourne Marathon. His energy and enthusiasm will be difficult to replace. It was great to see John represented at this year's event by his wife, Rhonda and their children, Brianna and Mitchell.

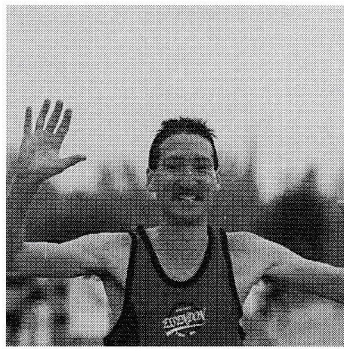
Planning is already well under way for next year's event, which will be the first City of Melbourne Marathon of the new century and all involved hope to see you return to continue the tradition of the City of Melbourne Marathon.

Kind regards,

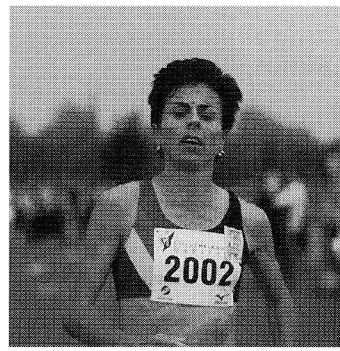


Derek Clayton  
Director  
AusFit Events Management

## AusFit Events Management



*Michael McIntyre  
Marathon Winner  
2:25:04*



*Sue Hobson  
First Female  
2:33:27*

## Melbourne Marathon Hall of Fame

### MALE

1978	Bill Scott	Australia	2:21:04
1979	Andrew Lloyd	Australia	2:26:44
1980	Andrew Lloyd	Australia	2:17:37
1981	Andrew Lloyd	Australia	2:19:03
1982	Bill Rodgers	USA	2:11:08
1983	Juma Ikangaa	Tanzania	2:13:50
1984	Juma Ikangaa	Tanzania	2:15:31
1985	Fred Vandervennet	Belgium	2:12:35
1986	Richard Umberg	Switzerland	2:17:21
1987	Ric Sayre	USA	2:14:16
1988	Tommy Hughes	Ireland	2:18:44
1989	Takeshi So	Japan	2:18:13
1990	Russell Foley	Australia	2:20:35
1991	Victor Muzgovi	Russia	2:17:02
1992	Slawomir Gurny	Poland	2:16:04
1993	Jerry Modiga	South Africa	2:15:07
1994	Manabu Kawagoe	Japan	2:19:02
1995	Osamu Monoe	Japan	2:17:19
1996	Zerihun Gizaw	Ethiopia	2:22:40
1997	Greg Lyons	Australia	2:15:49
1998	Daniel Radebe	South Africa	2:12:48
1999	Michael McIntyre	Australia	2:25:04

### FEMALE

Elizabeth Hassell	Australia	2:53:38
Jane Kuchins	Australia	3:12:35
Rosemary Longstaff	Australia	2:46:15
Jackie Turney	Australia	2:42:12
Sue King	USA	2:37:57
Rhonda Mallinder	Australia	2:37:56
Margaret Reddan	Australia	2:43:40
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Tani Ruckle	Australia	2:36:06
Jackie Turney	Australia	2:44:18
Coral Farr	Australia	2:47:38
Colleen Stephens	Australia	2:49:18
Alevtina Chasova	Russia	2:39:00
Irina Petrova	Russia	2:39:57
Alena Peterkova	Czech	2:33:02
Dominique Rembert	France	2:44:22
Winnie Ng	Hong Kong	2:47:37
Lynn Clayton	Australia	2:38:50
Sylvia Rose	Australia	2:41:53
Tracey Newton	Australia	2:48:32
Sherryn Rhodes	Australia	2:37:56
Susan Hobson	Australia	2:33:27

## Melbourne Marathon Race Records

### MALE

Open	Bill Rodgers	USA	1982	2:11:08
Under 20	Glen Devers	VIC	1983	2:26:36
40-44	Michael McIntyre	VIC	1998	2:20:24
45-49	Bill Raimond	NSW	1982	2:25:51
50-54	Barry Brooks	VIC	1994	2:38:13
55-59	Barry Brooks	VIC	1996	2:39:57
60 +	Gordon McKeown	VIC	1984	2:56:09

### FEMALE

Open	Alena Peterkova	TCH	1992	2:33:02
Under 20	Susan McNish	VIC	1983	3:03:34
40-44	Sue Hobson	WA	1999	2:33:27
45-49	Colleen Stephens	VIC	1997	2:51:01
50-54	Margaret Ellis-Smith	VIC	1990	3:12:14
55-59	Jean Albury	VIC	1984	3:09:14
60+	Shirley Young	VIC	1992	3:27:40

# 1999 City of MELBOURNE MARATHON

By Chris McKenzie

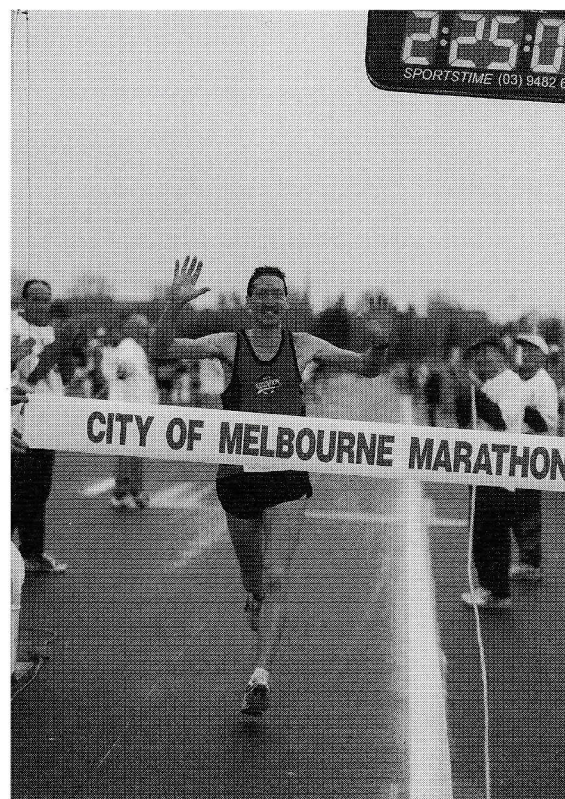
When the skies opened up the day before the 1999 City of Melbourne Marathon, race organisers didn't know whether to cry or sigh with relief. On one hand the rain was making a small lake of the finish venue and would definitely detract from participant numbers in the recreational events and volunteer numbers on the day. On the other hand it dropped temperatures dramatically from the unseasonably hot days experienced earlier in the week, which for marathon runners could have been disastrous, if not dangerous.

For Perth's Susan Hobson there was no indecision at all, it was a God send. Sue was running the race with one aim in mind, an Olympic Games "A" qualifier, a time under two hours and thirty three minutes and a ticket to her third Olympic Games. These days most of our top distance runners feel the need to run overseas to achieve a quick time, but Sue chose Melbourne so as not to upset her routine too much and minimise the time away from her two young boys. The fact she holds the Australian residents record, the fastest time by an Australian woman in Australia, in a personal best of 2:32 also helped.

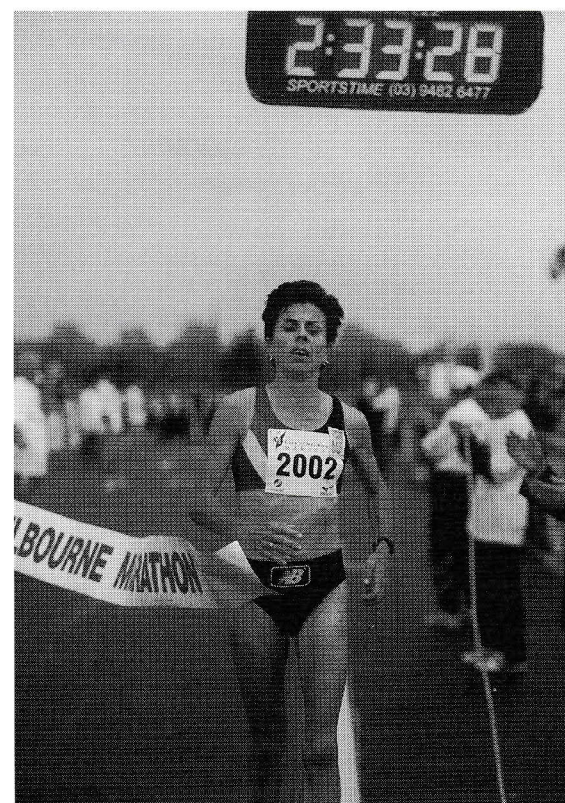
The late withdrawal of a top South African entrant due to visa problems left the men's field wide open and while a fast time was probably out of the question, a real race for line honours was a distinct possibility. Of the contenders, last year's second place getter Michael McIntyre was probably the pick of the bunch mainly due to his consistency and durability. When the race started at 8:00am conditions were close to ideal for marathon runners, although there was a slight wind that would be magnified along the beach section of the course.

In recent years the City of Melbourne Marathon has had a winner who has run a great deal of the race solo. The chance to start the half marathon with the marathon this year not only gave leaders some pace setting for nearly 14km, but also freed city streets up earlier than previous events. As the pack passed through the first 5km lap of the Lake, the half marathon leaders had dragged David Mead, who finished sixth last year but is better known in triathlon circles, to a handy break in the marathon. Not far from the front Sue Hobson already had a good lead over her competitors and was on track for her goal.

As intermittent reports from out on the course filtered back to the finish area it appeared Mead held a comfortable lead in the men's race from Jean-Michel Coulomb, a international currently based in South Australia and Michael McIntyre. Susan Hobson was still on track but with such a long way to go it was difficult to get too excited yet. Place getters from last year's women's event, Nelly Marmy-Conus



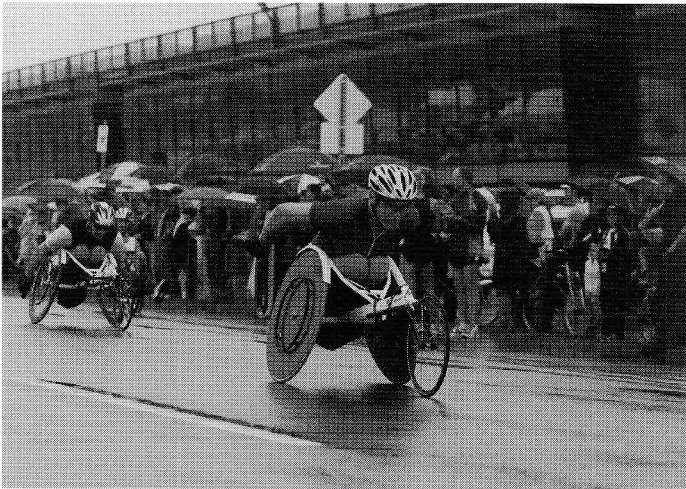
A jubilant Michael McIntyre crosses the line.



Sue Hobson became the fastest woman on the Albert Park course.



*Half and Full Marathon runners round the bend after their initial lap of Albert Park Lake.*



*Taking an early lead in the Wheelchair race.*



*Competitors exiting Albert park onto St. Kilda Road.*

and Emma Jackowski were battling it out with Sandra Timmer-Arends for the minor places in '99. Nearing the business end of the race David Meade began to tire and as expected it was Michael McIntyre who kept his pace and swept into the lead. The further the race went the bigger his lead grew. When he crossed the line in 2:25:04 an elated but spent McIntyre was more than two and half minutes clear of Jean-Michel Coulomb in 2:27:45. The bold David Meade held on for third in time of 2:28:54 from Rory Walsh and Damien Angus.

In a remarkable performance Susan Hobson had run into sixth place overall, but it was becoming clear as everyone watched the clock that she may just miss out on her qualifier. Coming up the home straight the large crowd cheered her all the way to the line recognising the huge effort but also sharing some of the disappointment as she finished in 2:33:27, less than 30 seconds outside the qualifying mark. Put in perspective it's like a 100m runner missing the mark by two hundredths of second.

As is often the case following the excitement of a big run, some of the gloss is unfairly taken off the minor places. Gippsland's Sandra Timmer-Arends finished strongly to take second place, two better than last year's fourth, in a time of 2:44:41. Third place went to Nelly Marmy-Conus, second in 1998, in 2:49:20 from Kate Harris. A disappointed Emma Jackowski rounded out the top five, hoping to do much better after an excellent debut last year.

Contrary to some of the post race publicity, Hobson was philosophical about her near miss, taking solace in the fact that she knows she is in good shape and certainly in the ball park. Speaking after the race, Hobson thought she had more time up her sleeve and that although the twists at the end had slowed her a little, not half a minute. She also knew before the event that organisers didn't have much choice in the matter and given the constraints they work with, went with the best option for this one off occasion.

In a strange twist, for the first time in the event's history, both men's and women's winners were veterans and both 41 years of age. Hobson's time was in fact a new 40-45 year age best and only 25 seconds outside the overall race record. Hopefully records will fall across the board in next year's event which is scheduled to be run only one week after the close of the Sydney Olympic Games. This date represents an exciting opportunity for the 23rd annual Melbourne Marathon, so join us on Sunday, October 8, 2000 and keep the tradition going.

# 1999



## Marathon Prize Winners

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Michael McIntyre</b>	<b>(41)</b>	<b>2:25:04</b>
<b>1st Female</b>	<b>Susan Hobson</b>	<b>(41)</b>	<b>2:33:27</b>
<b>2nd Male</b>	Jean-Michel Coulomb	(30)	2:27:45
<b>2nd Female</b>	Sandra Timmer-Arends	(32)	2:44:41
<b>3rd Male</b>	David Meade	(24)	2:28:54
<b>3rd Female</b>	Nelly Marmy-Conus	(24)	2:49:20

### First 10 Males

1. Michael McIntyre	2:25:04
2. Jean-Michel Coulomb	2:27:45
3. David Meade	2:28:54
4. Rory Walsh	2:31:45
5. Damian Angus	2:32:54
6. Gary McGregor	2:35:12
7. Leigh Stokes	2:36:20
8. Darren Franken	2:36:55
9. Terry Cox	2:38:30
10. Mike McHugh	2:39:30

### First 10 Females

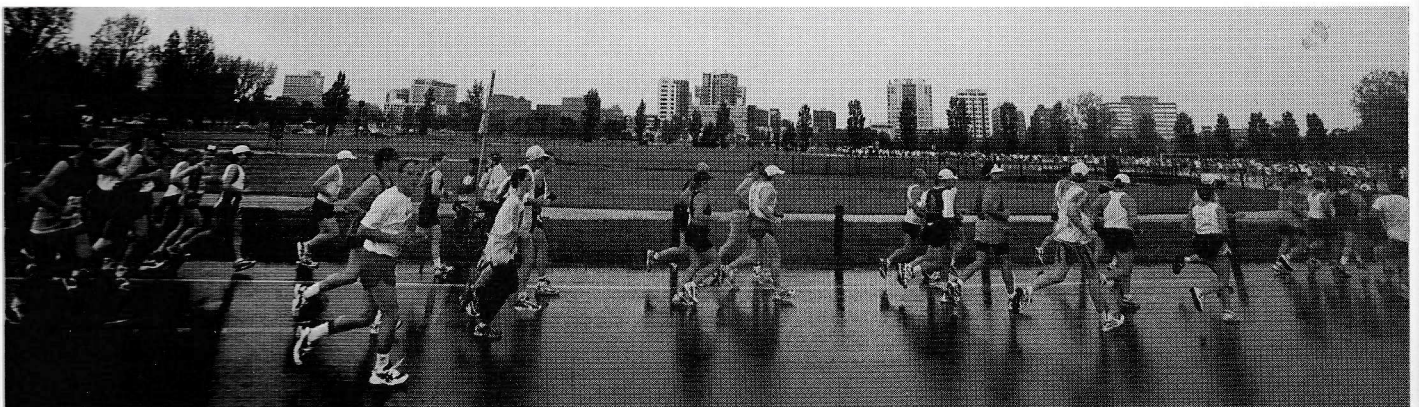
1. Susan Hobson	2:33:27
2. Sandra Timmer-Arends	2:44:41
3. Nelly Marmy-Conus	2:49:20
4. Kate Harris	2:52:35
5. Emma Jackowski	2:54:36
6. Stella Dohle	2:56:50
7. Linda Fox	2:59:22
8. Leanne Healey	3:00:26
9. Stacey Madgwick	3:01:50
10. Carmel Kahlefeldt	3:03:57



*Cr. Wellington Lee, Deputy Mayor of the City of Melbourne presents Michael McIntyre with the winners perpetual trophy.*



*Sue Hobson is presented with her winners trophy.*



*5 km down, a long way to go.*



# Age Groups

## 18 - 19 Years

First Male Leigh Stokes (18) 2:38:20  
 First Female No Finishers

## 20 - 24 Years

First Male Rory Walsh (23) 2:31:45  
 First Female Leanne Woodward (23) 3:12:25

## 25 - 29 Years

First Male David Meade (29) 2:28:54  
 First Female Kate Harris (27) 2:52:35

## 30 - 34 Years

First Male Jean-Michel Coulomb (30) 2:27:45  
 First Female Nelly Marmy-Conus (33) 2:49:20

## 35 - 39 Years

First Male Dennis Boyle (37) 2:46:50  
 First Female Sandra T-Arends (36) 2:44:41

## 40 - 44 Years

First Male Michael McIntyre (41) 2:25:04  
 First Female Susan Hobson (41) 2:33:27

## 45 - 49 Years

First Male Peter Hall (45) 2:47:03  
 First Female Geraldine Robinson (45) 3:06:26

## 50 - 54 Years

First Male Vic Potter (51) 2:55:12  
 First Female Wanda Kelly (51) 3:52:14

## 55 - 59 Years

First Male Barry Brooks (59) 3:05:42  
 First Female Mayumi Aihara (58) 3:38:03

## 60 - 64 Years

First Male Frank Furlan (60) 3:38:06  
 First Female Barbara Dalglish (63) 3:43:04

## 65 - 69 Years

First Male Roy Barrett (67) 3:16:59  
 First Female Shirley Young (69) 3:54:09

## 70 - 74 Years

First Male Anthony Martin (71) 4:32:34

## 75 - 79 Years

First Male Ken Matchett (77) 4:48:32

## Oldest Male Finisher

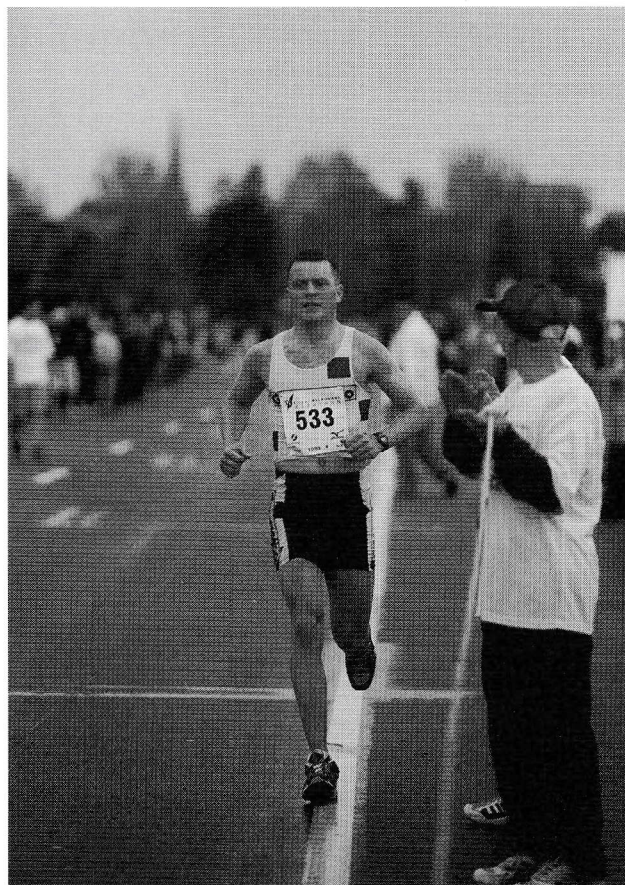
Ken Matchett (77) 4:48:32

## Oldest Female Finisher

Shirley Young (69) 3:54:09



*Sandra Timmer-Arends closing in on the finish line and 2nd place.*



*David Meade eyes the finish line and a 3rd place finish.*

### Interstate Finishers

First Male	Jean-Michel Coulomb	2:27:45
First Female	Susan Hobson	2:33:27

### Novice Marathoners

First Male	Damian Angus	2:32:55
First Female	Stacey Madgwick	3:01:50

### Wheelchair

First Male	Michael Taylor	1:52:24
Second Male	Ian Gainey	2:15:50
Third Male	Scott Mackay	2:35:03
Fourth Male	Chris Doulton	2:53:36

### Spartan

First Male	Colin Heywood	2:50:51
First Female	Lorraine Devonport	3:26:32

## Team Categories

### C. Sporting Club/Gymnasium - Male

<b>The Cowan Cruisers</b>	<b>11:17:11</b>
Lewis Gaha	3:37:02
Phillip Nash	3:44:47
Andreas Falkenau	3:56:22

### E. Corporate / Work - Male

<b>Hazlewood Power</b>	<b>10:36:50</b>
Ian Twite	2:55:23
Peter Grixti	3:41:55
Steve Rienets	3:59:32

### H. Open Men's Team

<b>E.P.M.L</b>	<b>7:58:02</b>
Rory Walsh	2:31:45
Mitch Anderson	2:42:05
Angus Webb	2:44:12

### L. Veteran - Female

<b>Wild Women Do</b>	<b>11:40:33</b>
Gisela Hamacher	3:24:00
Pam Jonas	3:55:29
Heather McBride	4:21:04

### M. Social - Male

<b>Knox Road Runners</b>	<b>9:26:39</b>
Rohan Merrett	3:04:43
Phil Kennington	3:07:05
Sean Hill	3:14:51

### N. Social - Female

<b>Knox Road Runners</b>	<b>10:50:02</b>
Denise Hearn	3:27:18
Elvira Petracca	3:37:17
Anna D'Alberto	3:45:27

## Family Categories

### O. Husband & Wife

<b>Bolger</b>	<b>6:37:01</b>
John Bolger	3:02:27
Sharon Bolger	3:34:34

### R. Father & Son

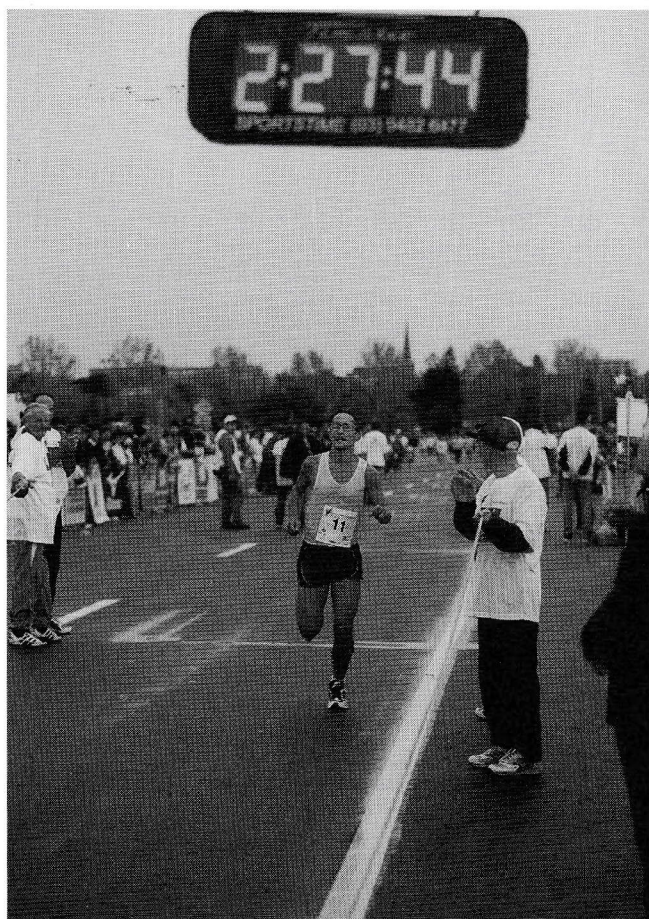
<b>Symons</b>	<b>7:10:50</b>
Mark Symons	3:23:38
George Symons	3:37:12

### S. Father & Daughter

<b>Walsh</b>	<b>7:02:14</b>
Melinda Walsh	3:25:35
Brian Walsh	3:36:39

### T Brother & Sister

<b>Flegg/Hannah</b>	<b>7:42:39</b>
Sue Hannah	3:47:08
Bryan Flegg	3:55:31



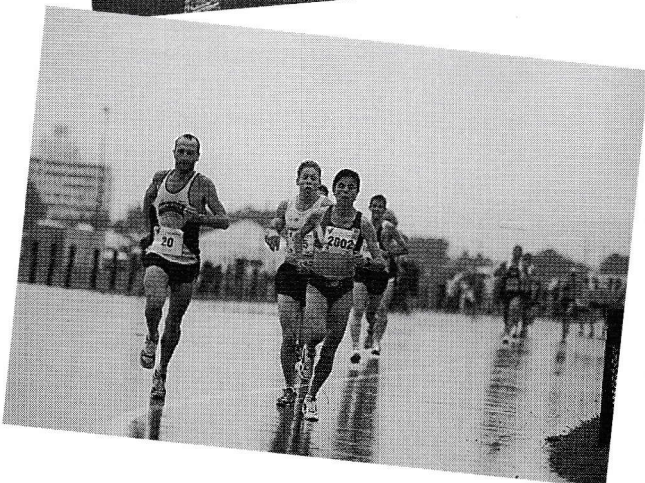
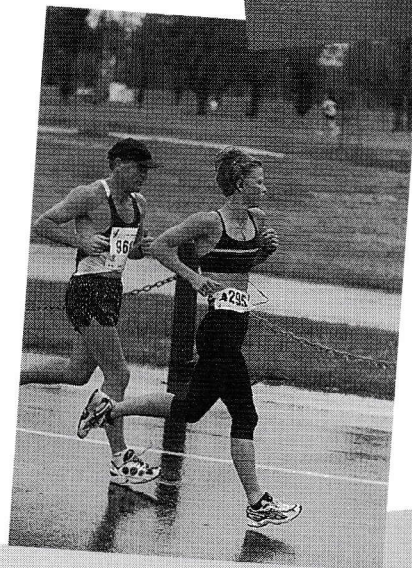
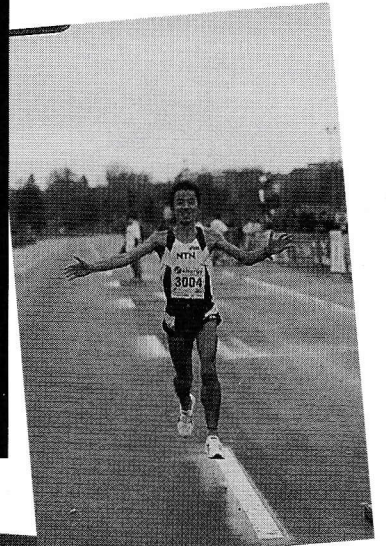
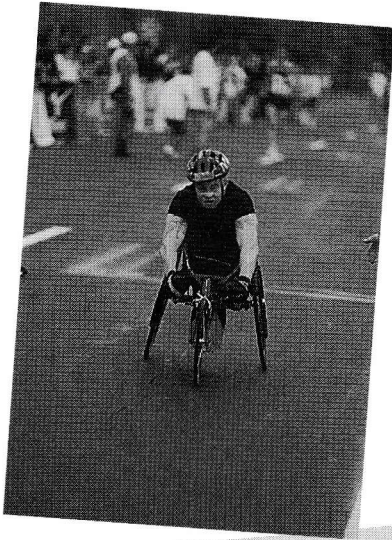
Jean-Michael Coulomb about to cross the line for 2nd place in the Marathon.



See you at next years

# Melbourne Marathon Festival

Sunday 8th October 2000



# Melbourne Marathon Spartans Club

Congratulations to the following runners who have been granted life membership to the Melbourne Marathon Spartans Club following the completion of their tenth Melbourne Marathon this year.

Paul Basile S874, Stephen Bigarelli S879, Peter Bishop S855, Jim Brenthall S61, Stephan Brown S880, John Butler S863, Ken Carter S871, David Freeman S853, Paul Green S856, Eric Heine S872, Robert Hinton S858, Jim Ingham S865, Andrew Jensen S857, Morris Joffe S852, David Jones S862, Gregory Jones S860, Shaun Kemp S850, Wayne Kirkwood S851, Bill Knight S873, Ron Ledingham S877, Bob Lewis S878, Chin Lim S866, Tony Loving S876, Kelvin Marshall S849, Terence Millis S868, Matthew Petrucci S864, Howard Rowe S870, John Thompson S854, Clive Thomson S867, Bruce Treagus S881, Gerard Twining S875, Ivan Yates S848, Karyn Bollen SF003, Christine Hodges SF032, Lyn Nugent SF035, Shayne Walthers SF031, Maureen Wilson SF034

On behalf of the Spartans club we apologise to Shayne Walthers who qualified as a Melbourne Marathon Spartan last year but was accidentally omitted from the new Spartans list in the 1998 results book.

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Did you miss out on purchasing Official 1999 event merchandise?

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**1999**  
**City of MELBOURNE**  
**Marathon Relay**  
**Challenge**

**A. Open Men's**

Team Mothky 3:36:04

**C. Social Team - Mixed**

Team Blood 3:04:30

Peninsula Hash 3 3:27:00

Sixess 3:35:33

Road Runners 3:45:24

5 Girls & a Guy 3:53:34

**D. Sporting Club / Gymnasium - Men**

Flowerpot Men 3:13:33

Lifestyle 1 3:14:45

OH's Taekwondo 3:16:52

**E. Sporting Club / Gymnasium - Women**

2 Good Personal Trainers 3 4:27:30

**F. Sporting Club / Gymnasium - Mixed**

Maroondah Masters 2:55:30

1on1 Personal Trainers 1 3:28:08

1on1 Personal Trainers 4 3:30:52

1on1 Personal Trainers 3 3:31:55

2 Good Personal Trainers 2 3:32:56

1on1 Personal Trainers 2 3:35:06

Executive Fitness Mgt 3:35:58

2 Good Personal Trainers 1 4:06:14

**G. Corporate / Work - Male**

Corning "Speed of Light" 2:41:24

Corning "Parkers" 3:16:40

**I. Corporate / Work - Mixed**

Nike 1 3:19:50

**Active For Life**  
**Bike Ride &**  
**Family 6K Walk / Run**

Despite shocking weather conditions The Active For Life Bike Ride kicked off the 1999 Melbourne Marathon Festival at Albert Park. The Cyclists took off promptly at 7.00am beginning with a lap around Albert Park Lake before exiting the park for the completion of the remainder of the course.

There were several alterations to the course from last years race due to construction of a number of roads within the City of Melbourne. However the riders still managed to take in many of Melbourne's famous landmarks and maintain its reputation as one of the few recreational bike rides which are held in traffic free conditions.

The 'sister' event to the Active For Life Bike Ride would have to be The Active For Life 6km Family Walk Run. Both have enjoyed growing participation in recent years and if not for the constant rain would have increased further in 1999.

The course for the Active For Life 6km Family Walk / Run uses the paths around Albert Park Lake which given the right type of weather is a perfect event for the whole family to enter as the event still enables everyone to watch the runners from both the Half and full Marathons finish along Pit Straight.

The Melbourne Marathon Festival will in future be held on what will be now known as "Active Australia Day." This is a government initiative aimed at encouraging everyone to undertake in the many health related activities available to all Australian's. By the end of the day over 1000 people had entered these two events, which given the conditions was a credit to everyone who took part.

*By Ben Jesse*



# 1999 EASTERN energy HALF MARATHON

*By Chris McKenzie*

For the third year in succession the 1999 Eastern Energy Half Marathon attracted a record field. With a new starting time of 8:00am more than 1500 entrants were joined at the line by their marathon counterparts as they headed off to cover the first 14km of their journeys together. Apart from allowing city roads to be cleared earlier, the new start time gives lead marathon runners some valuable support for the first section of the race.

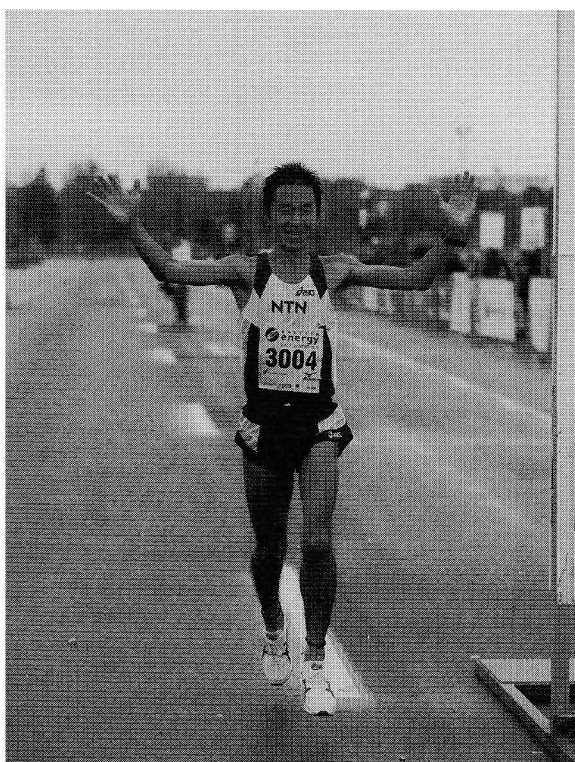
After completing the first 5km lap of the Albert Park circuit a pack of seven runners had broken clear of the field including Masami Tsujinaka of Japan who's personal best time of 1:03:42 made a clear favourite for the event. Perhaps the biggest threat in the bunch was Melbourne's David Eadie whose strong finishing kick makes him a danger in any race if he is close to the front in the closing stages.

As the race progressed however, Tsujinaka's overall strength proved to be the deciding factor as he blew the pack apart, spreading the top five places over two and a half minutes. Finishing in a time of 1:05:57, the Japanese runner was left more than a minute clear of second placed Eadie who crossed the line in 1:07:07. Third place went to Shane Nankervis in 1:07:26 with Roydon Patterson not far behind in 1:07:38.

In the women's race a closer contest had developed between locals Joanne Lambert and Judy McDowall. Despite not having won the event before Judy has been a regular contender in the race traditionally dominated by Japanese runners since it's addition to the marathon day in 1994.

At the finish it was Joanne Lambert that prevailed in a time of 1:21:17 from Judy McDowall in 1:21:54. Completing an all Victorian top three was Marita Daniell who crossed the line in 1:25:43. As this year's marathon results suggest, veteran status is no barrier to winning, giving McDowall hope to try again next year.

Hopefully next year's half marathon will continue to attract new runners, while some of this year's field will move on to the marathon. Both events represent a significant challenge and we look forward to seeing record fields taking the challenge again next year on October 8, 2000.



*Masami Tsujinaka recorded an excellent winning time of 1:05:57.*



*Joanne Lambert, 1st female in the Eastern Energy Half Marathon.*

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