

Box Hill Athletic Club Inc. Annual Report 2024-25



This report was presented at the Annual General Meeting of Box Hill Athletic Club Inc.

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Chris O'Connor



Above photo: Grace Brown 2024 Paris Olympic Gold Medalist Women Road Time Trial

Cover photo: Todd Hodgetts- State Track and Field Championships

Box Hill Athletic Club Mission Statement:
“Box Hill Athletic Club supports athletes to achieve their goals in a fun and social atmosphere”.



LIFE MEMBERS

Year	Name	Year	Name
1960	M Fraser +	1984	H J Summers
1963	G B Stringer +		S F Tutchener +
1964	R Barlow +		D Mann
	H Logan +		I Mann +
	B Thorpe	1987	J Hamilton +
1965	A E Barlow +		D Filling
	J D Leach +	1988	K Armstrong
1966	R P Lees		V Armstrong
	W M Leach +		F T Cron +
	J Grigg		G Crouch +
	P Monahan		S Livingston
1967	M Carroll		M Wall
1968	T C Kelly +	1989	I Jones
	R J Hansen +	1990	M Fielding
	N R Twitt		J Towers
	G Dell	1991	L Armstrong
1969	J Pekin		T Collie
1971	W Collins		B Lewry
	A J Fraser		C O'Connor
1972	R E Beal		I Sloane
	R W Ramadge +	1992	R Harrison
1973	D A Barlow		T Lucas
	G J Duthie		S Miller
	R W Haywood		M Stewart
	J D Ramadge	1993	D Cross
	K T Routley +		R Falkenberg
1975	N H Gardner		G Ford
1977	A G Chambers	1994	J Collyer
	S J Fraser +		A Cross +
	B J Layh		R Fraser+
	W J Leach	1997	G Olden
1979	J Hines +	2003	J Milner
	D Cook+	2005	A Robbie
1982	M A Blundy +	2006	A Pepper
	D J Bourne	2008	J. Meagher
	F E Fell	2009	S Hooker
	V J Fox	2012	C Organ
	P T Grant	2018	B Johnson
1983	P Mann +	2019	M Sloane
	A O Gusbeth A		E George
	B Stewart		

+ Deceased





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report 2024/25

I am pleased to present the President's Report for the 2024/25 year. It has been a highly successful season both on and off the track.

Finances:

Our club's financial status remains strong, with our reserves peaking at over \$80k, but we have earmarked large portions of this to fund the shade structure and the pacing lights. Our events, the Box Hill Classic, Box Hill Twilight and the Box Hill Burn, with the addition of our sponsors and donors, have been key in ensuring we have a solid financial base.

Pleasingly, the Club recorded near-record memberships. This is particularly pleasing given the previous impact of COVID on overall numbers.

New Infrastructure – Shade Structures, New Lights and Pacing Lights:

The Club has been busy over the last couple of years overseeing the installation of some key infrastructure for our members. New lights and pacing lights have recently been installed, and this year, we have had new shade structures installed thanks to a grant from the Suburban Rail Link Authority.

Club Records:

Our Club records continue to be broken by our athletes, and this year was not any different. I would like to congratulate the following athletes on their outstanding achievements:

- Georgia Griffith: Open 1500m (3:58.40)
- Georgia Griffith: Open 5000m (15:02.92)
- Sarah Billings Open 800m (1:57.83)
- Eva Wilson: Open, U20 Hammer Throw (51.86m)
- James Gebert U20 100m (10.46)
- Kelsey Loudon U14 Javelin (43.78)
- Cooper Brancatisano U16 100m (11.16)
- Arianna Di Martino U14 100m (12.64)
- Arianna Di Martino U14 200m (26.35)
- Addie Taylor U14 800m (2:17.3)
- Addie Taylor U14 1500m (4:41.6)

Special mention to Sarah Billings who ran a sub-4 min (3:59.59) 1500m, making her the 4th fastest Australian ever over 1500m.

International Representation

The Club was very proud of Georgia Griffith representing Australia over 1500m at the recent 2024 Paris Olympics. In addition, both Georgia and Sarah Billings represented Australia at the World Indoor championships held in China in 2025.

Andre Di Medio and Georgia Tayler have been selected in the U23 squad to tour Taiwan later in 2025.

Sponsors:



As mentioned, we are delighted to have gained strong sponsors such as Tradetech Service Australia, Bendigo Bank, Athletics International, and Bread Street. Their support has been invaluable to our Club's success.

Volunteers:

Our dedicated volunteers have been instrumental in organising successful events throughout the year. We extend our gratitude to all the volunteers, including Committee members, who have dedicated their time and effort.

Coaches:

Our coaches continue to play a pivotal role in supporting our athletes' growth and development, and are a key contributor to the growth and success of the Club. We appreciate their expertise and guidance.

This will be my last year as President due to our family relocating. I would like to thank the Committee members, coaches and members who made my role very enjoyable and rewarding.

Jeremy Griffith
Club President

SUMMER REPORT

Box Hill athletes produced many outstanding performances again this year.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

It is always exciting to see our athletes represent Australia and this past year Georgia Griffith performed with



distinction in the 1500m at the Paris Olympic Games, running close to a personal best in her heat and then being very competitive in her semi-final.

In March 2025, Georgia Griffith (1500m) and Sarah Billings (800m) both represented Australia at the World Indoor championships in Nanjing, China. Georgia again performed brilliantly, finishing 2nd in her heat and then ran an Australian indoor record of 4:00.80 to narrowly miss a medal in the final, while Sarah also ran extremely well running in the fastest heat and missing out on progressing by just 0.04s.

We also had some of our masters athletes competing internationally. At the world Masters Athletics Championships in Gothenberg, Sweden, Karen Carah won a gold medal in the F55 Heptathlon, John Meagher won two gold and two silver medals in the M60 distance events and Rob Mayston won two silver medals in the M65 sprints. While Cate McCowan (35-39) won gold, silver and bronze in the throwing events at the world indoor championships in the USA.

John Meagher also set a world age group record (60+) for the 10,000m before he left for the world championships running an amazing 33:32.09.

Congratulations also to Sarah Billings who has been named to compete in the 1500m in the first round of selections for the Tokyo World Championships to be held later this year. Selection in the World Championships team is a well deserved honour for Sarah who has shown outstanding form over the past 12 months and was unlucky to miss the Olympic team last year.

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

In Athletics Victoria competition, the Club finished a disappointing 8th in the Athletics Victoria Shield League, but our true strength was shown by the way Box Hill dominated the H. H. Hunter Shield (an award to the best performing club at the Victorian track and field championships) for the second year in a row.

The list below shows the enormous number of state championship medals won by Box Hill Athletes. Congratulations to all the athletes on their outstanding performances.

Gold Medals

Alana Chapman	Open F Heptathlon	5135 points
Rachel Limburg	Open F Triple Jump	12.53m
Dalton Di Medio	Open M Pole Vault	5.40m
Ally Brooks	U20F 1500m	4:36.08
Hannah Plant	U20F Javelin	37.50m
Tahlia Grace	U20F Pole Vault	3.10m
Johnny Suares	U20M Pole Vault	4.80m
Felix Hattwisch	U18M Pole Vault	4.25m
Harrison Dolman	U17M Long Jump	6.31m
Ella Fallen	U15F 800m	2:20.37
Sophie Hall	U15F 1500m	4:36.02
Kelsey Loudon	U15F Javelin	40.66m
Stanley Moore	U15M High Jump	1.83m
Stanley Moore	U15M Long Jump	5.94m
Stanley Moore	U15M Triple Jump	12.14m
Addie Taylor	U14F 1500m	4:41.62
Frederick Quilty	U14M 800m	2:10.68
Frederick Quilty	U14M 1500m	4:26.18
Felix Burrell	U14M Triple Jump	10.06m

Ava Keele	U13F High Jump	1.45m
Kiyara Munasinghe	U13F Shot Put	9.22m
Arnav Shanbhag	U13M Shot Put	7.52m
Todd Hodgetts	AMB M Shot Put	14.85m
Sarah Hewitt	50-54F Discus	29.50m
Sarah Hewitt	50-54F Hammer	30.06m
Karen Carah	55-59F 400m	65.65
Karen Carah	50+ Heptathlon	4192 points
Cameron Baker	45-49M 110mH	18.80
Cameron Baker	45-49M High Jump	1.30m
Cameron Baker	45-49M Pole Vault	3.70m
Stewart Dobrzynski	50-54M 400m	56.67



Paul Foster	60-64M 100m	13.24
Paul Foster	60-64M 200m	27.81
Paul Foster	60-64M 400m	65.08

Silver Medals

Georgia Tayler	Open F Pole Vault	4.00m
Sophie Zarafa	Open F Triple Jump	12.41m
William Seton	Open M Discus	44.01m
Ally Brooks	U20F 3000m	10:17.62
Monique Williams	U20F 3000m Steeple.	11:47.11
Eva Wilson	U20F Hammer	49.52m
Freya Wilson	U18F Hammer	37.70m
Lacey Williams	U17F 800m	2:19.83
James Gebert	U20M 100m	10.80
Kalan Luong	U20M 3000m	8:39.69
Tom Warhurst	U17M High Jump	1.80m
Mia Nardelli	U15F Shot Put	10.15m
Arianna Di Martino	U14F 100m	12.64
Arianna Di Martino	U14F 200m	26.35
Felix Burrell	U14M 400m	59.00
Kiyara Munasinghe	U13F 200m	29.40
Kiyara Munasinghe	U13F 400m	63.56
Kiyara Munasinghe	U13F 80mH	14.25
Arnav Shanbhag	U13M Discus	25.73m
Sarah Hewitt	50-54F Shot Put	9.00m
Cameron Baker	45-49M 100m	13.00
Cameron Baker	45-49M Javelin	33.09m
Cameron Baker	45-49M Long Jump	4.77m
Andrew Wilcox	55-59M 100m	13.13
Andrew Wilcox	55-59M 200m	26.31
Andrew Wilcox	55-59M 400m	60.85
Brett Randall	60-64M Pole Vault	2.80m

Bronze Medals

Ally Brooks	Open F 1500m	4:35.29
Alana Chapman	Open F 100mH	14.55
Amelie Holah	Open F 400mH	63.82
Georgia Hansen	Open F 5000m	16:27.74
Penny Giddy	Open F Shot Put	12.19m
Andre Di Medio	Open M Pole Vault	5.10m
Dale Carroll	Open M 5000m	13:56.28
Alannah McInnes	U20F 100m	12.49
Mariah Pezos	U20F Discus	34.80m
Aislinn Jansen	U20F High Jump	1.60m
Amelia Paice	U18F Javelin	26.89m
Lacey Williams	U17F 400m	61.11
Harrison Dolman	U17M 200m	23.48
Sammy Kentwell	U17M Pole Vault	3.40m
Madeleine Sekias	U16F 800m	2:17.84
Maya Pendrigh	U16F 2000mSt.	8:17.33
Joshua Waldren	U16M Pole Vault	3.10m
Ella Fallen	U15F 1500m	4:47.16
Juliette Liu	U15F Triple Jump	10.41m
Addie Taylor	U14F 800m	2:17.76
Gemma Marrone	U14F Javelin	31.23m
Lucca Walter	U14M 200m	26.71
Lucca Walter	U14M Long Jump	4.58m
Jake Reed	U14M 1500m	4:27.62
Arnav Shanbhag	U13M Javelin	8.83m
Grant Murfett	55-59M 400m	62.48

Relay Championships



The Club's strength is also shown by the number of medals won at the state relay championships. Box Hill finished 9 gold medals, 3 silver medals and 6 bronze medals.

Gold Medals:

4x1500m 40+ M

(Luke Nelson, Patrick O'Keefe, Tom Waters, Steve Dinneen)

4x1500m 60+ M

(Andrew Egginton, Chris O'Connor, Garth Calder, John Meagher)

Long Jump Relay U16 M

(Harrison Dolman, Chellian Kanthasamy, Luke De Valle)

4x400m U20 F

(Amelie Holah, Ally Brooks, Ava Plant, Sienna Kurdian)

4x400m 50+ M

(Andrew Wilcox, Rob Mayston, Grant Murphett, Stewart Dobrzynski)

4x100m 50+ M

(Andrew Wilcox, Rob Mayston, Andrew Watts, Stewart Dobrzynski)

Distance Medley 40+ M

(Luke Nelson, Cameron Baker, Tom Waters, Steve Dinneen)

4x200m 50+ M

(Andrew Wilcox, Rob Mayston, Andrew Watts, Stewart Dobrzynski)

4x400m 40+ Mixed

(Karen Carah, Cameron Baker, Kaman Ip, Stewart Dobrzynski)

Silver Medals

4x100m U16 M

(Harrison Dolman, Chellian Kanthasamy, Ario Sakhaie, Luke DeValle)

Distance Medley 50+ M

(Andrew Telburn, Rob Mayston, David Dougan, Kynan Dawes)

4x200m U16 M

(Harrison Dolman, Chellian Kanthasamy, Ario Sakhaie, Luke DeValle)

Bronze Medals

4x1500 Open F

(Lauren Tay, Madeleine Sekias, Sophie Hall, Ally Brooks)

4x800m Open M

(James Taranto, Robbie Petrie, Mackye Morrison, Will Leslie)

4x400m U14 M

(Lucca Walter, Felix Burrell, Eric Plant, Lachlan Baxter)

4x100m U14 M

(Lucca Walter, Felix Burrell, Eric Plant, Lachlan Baxter)

4x400m U14 F

(Faith Madawala, Eliza Griffin, Gemma Marrone, Arianna Di Martino)

Distance Medley 40+ M (B)

(Justin Jeffrey, Grant Murphett, Paul Farquhar, Patrick O'Keefe)

Victorian All Schools track and field championships

We also had many of our members performing brilliantly at the Victorian All Schools Championships.

Gold Medals

Eva Wilson	U20 Discus	34.37m
Eva Wilson	U20 Hammer	50.55m
Campbell Brooks	U20 5000m	15:45.42
Johnny Suares	U20 Pole Vault 4.90m	
Ally Brooks	U18 800m	2:11.57
Ally Brooks	U18 1500m	4:35.69
Khushi Deol	U18 3000m	9:52.32
Felix Hatwich	U17 Pole Vault 4.30m	
Cooper Brancatisano	U16 200m	22.21
Sophie Hall	U15 3000m	10:04.56
Kelsey Loudon	U14 Javelin	42.70m

Silver Medals

Joshua Carlin	U18 3000m	9:04.47
Erin Marriner	U17 1500m	4:37.15
Erin Marriner	U17 3000m	10:10.50
Freya Wilson	U17 Hammer	34.33m
Cooper Brancatisano	U16 100m	11.16



Jasmine Giret-Faila	U16 Long Jump	5.23m	2:15.53
Lauren Tay	U15 800m		
Bronze Medals			
Aislinn Jansen	U18 High Jump	1.60m	
Tahlia Grace	U18 Pole Vault	3.50m	
Kalan Luong	U18 3000m		9:08.00
Harli Lennon	U16 High Jump	1.50m	
Jasmine Giret-Faila	U16 Triple Jump		10.92m
Luke De Valle	U16 200m Hurdles		27.96
Lauren Tay	U15 1500m		4:45.31
Kelsey Loudon	U14 Hammer		31.02m

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Box Hill athletes also put in some tremendous performances at the Australian Track and Field Championships in Perth.

Sarah Billings and Georgia Griffith finished 2nd and 3rd (behind Olympic Silver medalist Jess Hull) in the 1500m and then Georgia ran an amazing 5000m debut, winning the silver medal in a Club Record of 15:02.92.

Dalton Di Medio jumped a PB of 5.51m in the pole vault to win a bronze medal, while Georgia Tayler won bronze in the women's pole vault, clearing 4.10m. Previously Dalton and Georgia had both won pole vault gold medals at the inaugural Australian "short course" championships.

16yo Felix Hattwich jumped a PB of 4.64m in the U20 pole vault to win the bronze medal after previously winning the gold in the U18 age group.

18 year old Eva Wilson threw PB and club open and U20 record of 51.86, just missing a medal in the open hammer throw and James Gebert broke the club U20 record with a blistering 10.46 in the 100m.

Kelsey Loudon won gold in the U15 javelin with a throw of 40.71m and Sophie Hall won two silver medals in the U15 1500m and 3000m races.

All Schools

At the Australian All Schools championships held in Brisbane in December, Felix Hattwich leapt 4.50m to win gold in the U17 pole vault and Kelsey Loudon who won the U14 javelin gold with a throw of 43.78m. Cooper Brancatisano also performed superbly winning a silver medal in the U16 200m with a brilliant time of 21.84(w) and silver again as a part of the Victorian 4x100m relay team.

Congratulations also to Erin Marriner who ran 10:00.63 to win a bronze medal in the U17 3000m.

WINTER REPORT 2024

Box Hill finished the 2024 Athletics Victoria cross country and road racing season (XCR'24) in fourth place in both the men's and the women's premier division. Although this was less than we were hoping for, it was still a good result. In fact our women's team was victorious in two of the biggest events of the season, the Lakeside 10 road race and the Tan relays. Congratulations to Melissa Duncan, Donve Viljoen, Izzy Cotham, Julie Fitt, Amelia Morton, Andrea Seccafien and Isobel Hume who were a part of these winning teams.

In the age group divisions, our overage men were dominant, with our over 40 men, over 50 men and over 60 men all winning premierships!

Individually, Dale Carroll and Andrea Seccafien won the men's and women's gold medals at the Lakeside 10, state road racing championships. Melissa Duncan won the state 10km cross country title at Bundoora and followed that up by winning the Burnley half-marathon.

Steve Dinneen (45+) and John Meagher (60+) were the AV champion winter athletes in their age groups, both proving to be unbeatable throughout the entire XCR season.

Some of our junior athletes also excelled with Amelia Morton (U20), Monique Williams (U16) and Jae Hao Chan (U15) all winning medals at the Victorian All Schools Championships, while Addie Taylor (U13) also medalled at the Australian Championships.

We are hoping that in the next few years that Box Hill can get back to the top of the table in the men's



premier division and that our women's team can finally break through to win that elusive premier division title that we have not won since 1985.

The most pleasing aspect of the 2024 XCR season was the fact that Box Hill averaged almost 50 runners at each of the ten events and had well over sixty athletes taking part in each of the Melbourne based relays (Jells Park, Sandown and the Tan). If we can continue to boost these numbers then the Club will continue to thrive and better placings will also follow.

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers who helped throughout the winter season, in particular Ian and Megan Sloane, whose continued presence and support is appreciated by all the runners.





BOX HILL ATHLETIC CLUB Inc.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE: YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024	Notes
Balance carried forward from previous year (31 March)	\$ 125,509	\$ 92,591	
Receipts			
Box Hill Burn	\$ 8,595	\$ 8,425	
Box Hill Classic	\$ 8,520	\$ -	
Canteen, Bar, BBQ	\$ 4,037	\$ 8,274	
Donations	\$ 4,998	\$ 5,235	
Grant for Shades	\$ -	\$ 88,000	
Sponsorship	\$ 26,400	\$ 16,440	
Interest	\$ 1,748	\$ 1,434	
Membership fees	\$ 12,025	\$ 8,764	
Uniforms	\$ 3,245	\$ 2,497	
Gym	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,625	
BH Twilight	\$ 4,655		
Other	\$ 1,125	\$ 195	
Total Income	\$ 76,598	\$ 141,889	
Expenditure			
Athletics Victoria	\$ 650	\$ 650	
Audit fee	\$ 455	\$ 431	
Bank and merchant fees	\$ 465	\$ 592	
Box Hill Burn Expense	\$ 11,373	\$ 6,073	
Box Hill Classic Expenses	\$ 13,059	\$ 473	
Box Hill Twilight	\$ 1,671	\$ 2,522	
Canteen	\$ 4,061	\$ 4,108	
Elite Athlete Support	\$ 6,737	\$ 3,156	
Equipment and facilities (BHMC)	\$ 6,750	\$ 9,000	
Shades	\$ -	\$ 23,950	
Pacing Lights	\$ 15,510	\$ 42,675	
Life Member Memberships	\$ 634	\$ 752	
Presn. Night, Honour Board & Trophies	\$ 426	\$ 909	
Relay entries	\$ 7,554	\$ 6,501	
Uniform	\$ 1,109	\$ 5,178	
Other	\$ 2,968	\$ 2,001	
Total Expenditure	\$ 73,423	\$ 108,971	
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	\$ 3,174	\$ 32,918	
<u>Bendigo Bank and term deposit at year end</u>	<u>\$ 128,683</u>	<u>\$ 125,509</u>	
Represented by			
Bendigo Bank operating Account	\$ 83,819	\$ 82,388	
Bendigo bank Term Deposit	\$ 44,864	\$ 43,121	
Total cash and Deposits at Bendigo Bank	\$ 128,683	\$ 125,509	
Treasurer's Report			
It was good to achieve a small cash surplus in 2025, especially as we paid the final instalment for pacing lights.			
At financial year end (31st March, 2025), we are in a strong financial position but we are shortly to pay out the balance of the \$88,000 grant received from the State Rail Loop Authority for the 4 new shade structures.			
Once again, the generous sponsorship from Tradetech and Bendigo Bank, government grants and donations should be highlighted as they are enabling us to provide elite events and improve facilities.			
Simon Evans, Honorary Treasurer, CPA 736942			



