

LATROBE CITY COMMUNITY FUN RUN AND WALK

Held on Sunday 22nd March 2009

The Latrobe City Community Fun Run has again been hailed a success, with many families and individuals taking part in all sections of the now established local community event.

Traralgon Harriers president Allan Timmer-Arends said, "The junior run and the walks allowed people of all ages to take part in physical activity with friendly company, and were enjoyed by youngsters and adults."

"For beginners, as well as the regulars who always enjoy this popular recreation, the benefits of participation are improved health and well-being, and simple enjoyment," Timmer-Arends said

"The fun run helps the club fulfill its charter to encourage people of all ages, especially youngsters, to become involved in athletics."

"And this year there was the added bonus that all entry fees went to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund," he said.

"We were thrilled when a former Harrier, Shinichi Taniguchi, who has now returned to Japan, sent a donation of \$500 to the Harriers to pass on as bushfire assistance."

"We are also grateful to the many retailers who provided vouchers for spot prizes, and our sponsors for their support," Timmer-Arends concluded.

Fun Run organizer Ian Heafield said the perfect weather and large attendance ensured an enjoyable morning.

"There were some exciting tussles and close finishes in various divisions, and a number of youngsters ran very impressive times," Heafield explained.

"One of the highlights was Yinnar youngster Sam Quirk, in the 14-16 age group, who won the 5 km run outright ahead of impressive opposition in Nick Schilling and previous winner John Mackenzie," Heafield added.

Traralgon Athletics Victoria representative Melissa Jones was the women's 5 km winner ahead of Kate Scarlett and junior Lauren Marino.

Among the walkers, both aged 78 and still going strong, were Eugene and Hildegard Binz who initiated the 1990s Latrobe Valley Fun Run and Walk.

Results.

1.5 km walk: Caleb McRae, under 8 and outright male; Saskia Eenjes, 8 – 10 and outright female; Alec Truscott 12.33, Laura Truscott

13.01, Megan Stanway 16.08, Darcy Eenjes 16.08, Ruth Truscott 16.40, Jane Hanson 16.40, Brodie Eenjes 16.42.

1.5 km run: Isaac Van Rhine 6.38 9 (1st 10-12 and outright male), Bradley Semmler 7.28, Matt McLean 7.40 (1st under 8 male), Joelly Firmin 7.41 (1st 10-12 female), Kye Farley 7.42, Eilish Stockdale 7.52 (1st 8-10 and outright female), Thomas Stockdale 8.09, Maddison Harris 8.11, Thomas Harris 8.13, Genevieve Piercy 9.07 (1st under 8 female), Lachlan Wilson 9.30, Tom Northe 9.36 (1st 8-10 male), Corey Mackenzie 9.43, Kate Mackenzie 9.57, Stephanie 9.53, Cooper Brown 10.11, Jordyn Brown 10.17, Isla 10.30, Kayla Welsh 12.43, Linda Welsh 13.36, Emily Piercy 15.52.

5 km walk: Margaret Salisbury 39.39 (1st outright female), Simon Komen 41.13 (1st outright male), Geoff Morris 41.25, Jancey Crilly 45.10, Melissa Wieloch 45.10, Tenille Ellis 45.11, Slavko Wells 45.21, Louise Wells 45.21, Sarah Mota 45.56, Robyn Mihaly 45.56, Lee Graham 46.36, Rachel, Grace and Poppy Massaro 46.36, Donna Morris 48.55, Jenny Howell 48.55, Laura Roberts 49.56, Gwen Humphrey 50.28, Jenny Bourke 50.28, Liam Aquilina 50.43 (1st 12-14 male), Tom and Jack Duncan 50.43, Judy Aquilina 51.03, Janelle Duncan 51.04, Eugene Binz 52.30, Hildegard Binz 52.30, Doris Ellis 64.29, Ray Ellis 64.29, Rosie Sawyer 64.42, Marg Douglas 64.44, Dianne Reid 64.45.

5 km run: Sam Quirk 16.01 (1st outright and 14-16 male) , Nick Schilling 16.15 (1st open male), John Mackenzie 16.23(3rd outright male), Jesse La Grecca 16.37, Steve Quirk 17.07, Darrel Cross 17.23, Shane Pettingill 17.49, Des Paynter 18.12, Greg Semmler 18.33, Neil Firmin 18.44, Morgan Tucker 19.02, Matt Franke 19.04, Andrew Crozier 19.12, Steve McLeod 19.13, Shaun Pickett 19.06 (1st 12-14 male), Haydn Stead 19.16, Ian Twite 19.17 (1st 50+ male), Graeme Ferguson 19.20, Ben Quirk 19.23, Neil Griffiths 19.34, Melissa Jones 19.37 (1st outright and open female), Rob Semmler 19.46, Kate Scarlett 19.59 (2nd outright female), Mario Marino 20.05, Kevin Piercy 20.23, Ashley Lucas 20.00, Lauren Marino 21.16 (1st 14-16 and 3rd outright female), Mia Ross 21.36 (1st 12-14 female), Duncan Orr 21.50, Russell Northe 22.00, Matt Mullens 22.03, Jarryd Pickett 22.30, Terry Stokes 22.32, Anna Orr 22.37, Bruce Salisbury 22.43, Ian Hanson 22.45, Liz Kenny 22.56, Jarrod Lont 23.13, Aaron Bryce 23.20, Rodney Gilham 23.33, Jordan Aquilina 24.09 (1st under 12 male), Anne Maloney 24.21 (1st 50+ female), Ian Duncan 24.23, Donnalee Marino 24.22, Eran Schilling 24.27, Penny La Grecca 24.32, Simon Aquilina 24.45, Lisa McGirr 25.11, Zanthé Burke 25.21, Phoebe Stockdale 25.30, Mark Peek 25.34, Suzi Brock 25.43, Chris Pickett 25.46, Gavin Truscott 26.39, Sally Eenjes 26.39, John Jervis 26.43, Melissa Brown 27.08, Cameron Graham 27.28, Ros Matheson 27.45, Ken Lancaster 28.19, Kate French 28.20, Tina Mackenzie 28.31, Russell Mullens 29.05, Leanne Mullens 29.10, Sally Hanson 29.13, Kirrilee Hammond 29.26, Robert Gray 29.26, Ann Pawley

30.28, Kelly Gill 31.02, Lauren Gill 31.07, Kristy Davidson 31.07, Jenny Comber 32.01, Diana Van Rhine 32.18, Elspeth Stevens 39.52, Erin Graham 46.28 (1st under 12 female), Milly Sapkin 46.29.