



Victorian Athletic League Inc.

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SEASON 2006 - 2007**

**SATURDAY JULY 28th 2007**

**QUALITY HOTEL  
265 MICKLEHAM RD  
TULLAMARINE 3043**

**Commencing at 10.00 am**

**For a 10.30 Start**



## Victorian Athletic League Inc.

# CORPORATE DIRECTORY

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Andrew McManus	

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Mark Howard	Chief Executive Officer
Frances McDonald	Office Assistant
Terry O'Donnell	Sprint Handicapper
Mark O'Brien	Distance Handicapper
Rick Trusler	Chief Steward
John Holloway	Assistant Steward
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## **1 OPENING AND WELCOME**

## **2 VOTING ELIGIBILITY**

ARARAT, BACCHUS MARSH, BALLARAT, BURRAMINE,  
BENDIGO, CASEY SCORPIONS, DANDENONG,  
DAYLESFORD, GEELONG, KEILOR, MARYBOROUGH,  
MITCHELL SHIRE, NORTHCOTE, NOBLE PARK,  
RINGWOOD, RYE, SANDRINGHAM, STAWELL, ST  
BERNARDS, VRTA, WANGARATTA, WAVERLEY

## **3 APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCES**

Apologies - Zoy Frangos, Justin Templar, Max Martin

## **4 ACCEPTANCE OF 2006 MINUTES**

A copy of those minutes is included in this document for your information.



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### Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting Held at Quality Hotel 265 Mickleham Rd Tullamarine

#### 1 Opening and Welcome

Meeting opened at 10.30am

#### 2 Voting Eligibility

Ararat, Ballarat, Burramine, Bendigo, Dandenong, Daylesford, Geelong, Keilor, Maryborough, Mitchell Shire, Northcote, Noble Park, Ringwood, Rye, Sandringham, Stawell, St Bernard's, VRTA, Wangaratta, Waverley

#### 3 Apologies and Attendance

##### Present

Steve Hocking	Bendigo	Neil Macdonald	Bendigo
Peter Lawless	Burramine	Carol Lawless	Burramine
John Crichton	Dandenong	Adrian Tinetti	Daylesford
Chris Tuohy	Daylesford	George Underwood	Geelong
Max Martin	Maryborough	Robert Gordon	Mitchell Shire
Bill Sutton	Noble Park	Rick Dunbar	Northcote
Bob Woodbridge	Ringwood	William Meechan	Rye
Rupert Arnold	Sandringham	Bob Wishart	Sandringham
Yohan Amerasekera	Waverley	Darren McGee	Waverley
Andrew McManus	VRTA	Andrew Muhlhan	VRTA
Terry O'Donnell	Handicapper	Rick Trusler	Chief Steward
Matthew Webster	Starter	George Flack	President
Graeme Ireland	Vice President	Sue Dunbar	Director
James King	Director	George Underwood	Director
Brian Marantelli	Director	Michael Kelly	Director
Noel Rexter	Director	Mark Howard	CEO
Robert Lehmann	Observer	John Henry	Observer
Tom Burke	Observer	Robert Astill	Observer

##### Apologies

John Holloway, Rod Matthews, Frances Connell, Pat Connell, Bernie Comerford, Brian Morgan



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### Apologies Accepted

**Moved** Nobel Park **Seconded** Sandringham

Carried

### Acceptance of 2004/05 Minutes

**Moved** Bendigo **Seconded** Northcote

Carried

### Reports

Reports 6.1 Presidents Report, Report 6.2 Chief Stewards, 6.3 Sprint Handicappers, 6.4 Distance Handicapper and 6.5 Chief Executive Officers Report were all presented to the gallery.

**Moved** Maryborough **Seconded** Keilor

Carried

### Constitutional Motions

There were no Constitutional Motions put forward

### Vale

Bob Stinger, Len Williams, Cyril Ogier, Hal Thomas, Neil Colston, Gilbert Hills, Kevin Hilet, Alan Cumming, Richard (Dick) Wicks, Frank Muldoon

**A minutes silence was observed to remember those lives and their contribution to our sport.**

### Presentation of Awards

Life membership awards were presented to Max Martin (Maryborough) and Jim Pearce (Ararat)



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### **Election of Directors**

The nominations for the board were Robert Astill and Robert Lehmann. Three reinstatements to the board were elected unopposed - They were George Underwood, Wally Meechan and Graeme Ireland. There were no more nominations to the board.

**Moved**                                      Bendigo                      **Seconded**                                      Mitchell Shire

### **Calendar**

Mitchell Shire decided to change their allocated date from December 3 to January 6. This was changed due to the clash with the interstate meeting at Mount Gambier.

Sandringham expressed their disappointment at St Bernard's wanting to hold their meeting the day before their meeting. It was noted that Sandringham have run a meeting for 25 years and it may not be able to survive if St Bernard's are to run their meeting on the date suggested. This may be resolved with St Bernard's looking at holding their meeting the week before Stawell.

### **General Business**

Women's/Veterans races

Issues were raised by both the board and the clubs. Both have different views on the matter. The issue will be further discussed at the board meeting on Monday 14th August where a decision will be made on the future of these events.

Novice 1600 races

The board put up a proposal to run a series of Novice mile events for runners - Clubs that are interested will express their interest to the office in the coming weeks.

Mitchell Shire put up a proposal to advertise the VAL through signage on the freeways. Mark will discuss further with Robert Gordon.

Max Martin put a proposal up to the board by suggesting that each club send a letter to the VAL expressing the need for sponsorship to the club.



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### **Finance Reports**

The VAL reported a \$9,869 loss for the last financial year - The chairman explained that exceeded costs of accounting bills, superannuation and employee payouts, van purchase and expenses were all contributing factors to this loss. The board expects to make a substantial profit next financial year as we have cut back on many expenses from last year.

**Moved** Mitchell Shire **Seconded** Keilor

**Carried**

### **Election of President to the board**

George Flack was elected President of the board

**Moved** Graeme Ireland **Seconded** George Underwood

**Carried**

### **Close of Meeting**

Meeting Closed at 12.03pm



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### **6 REPORTS**

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#### **6.1 President's Report**

I am pleased to report on some outstanding issues that I raised in last year's report to you as well as how the last season progressed.

I'll start with the State Government's non recognition of the VAL as an approved sporting body, and our move to introduce Professional Athletics into New Zealand.

The State Government's non recognition of the VAL has somewhat been resolved – when Mark Howard and myself met with Mr James Merlino the newly appointed Sport's Minister and his adviser Mr Aaron Lord at their offices on Tuesday 29 May 2007.

The Minister wasn't in a position to grant a third State athletics body – the VAL when there were already two others – being AV and Little Aths. Apparently usually there is ONE body recognised in each sport. The others are expected to go through a type of “chain of command” to gain various funding grants, subsidies etc etc.

He is agreeable to AV supporting any submissions the VAL makes. Mark and I then met with Nick Honey later that afternoon and Nick is acceptable of the arrangements going forward and that AV would support any VAL submissions.

New Zealand – well what do you want to know? The idea of introducing Professional Athletics to NZ was initially raised by a Scotsman Stuart Dempster with Mark Howard over a coffee at the Commonwealth Games last March 2006. Stuart was employed by SPARC (Sport & Rec NZ) in Wanganui (about 200kms north of Wellington. From there a delegation consisting of Mark Howard, Wally Meechan and myself visited Wanganui on 30 November-3 December 2006.



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Four groups were interested in forming a franchise agreement arrangement with the VAL. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was then prepared by the VAL and whilst I was holidaying in Tauranga (visiting relatives) I trekked across to Rotorua on Boxing Day and the MOU was signed by myself on behalf of the VAL and Mr Philip Kearney on behalf of the four groups.

The next phase was establishing a franchise agreement and I personally delivered it on 26 February 2007 (the deadline being 28 February) to Wanganui. In mid-March I returned there to fully explain each and every paragraph (25 page document). I was back in Wanganui on 12 April and the agreement was eventually signed by Cooks Gardens Trust Board (they are the responsible entity looking after the \$NZ9million sports complex which includes a synthetic track and Velodrome). The other three groups realised that they could create some conflicts of interest going forward and so they graciously withdrew from the arrangements.

I have since been to Auckland to discuss support from Air NZ (during June 07) and Mark and I are in the final stages of completing the submission to them. Two weeks ago Mark and I returned to Wanganui for what turned out to be four days (originally planned two days) to present them with how to run a professional athletics meeting (two 2 hour presentations were made on Sat 14 July).

On Sun 15 July we met with both athletics and cycling officials and these meetings were quite positive. From there we met the Cooks Gardens Trust Board and they authorised Stuart Dempster as their Promotions Manager. We assisted Stuart in establishing spreadsheets etc and some fundraising ideas, sponsorship and advertising material including VAL posters as well as forming various sub-committees to work closely with the Cooks Gardens Trust Board (as “the Club”).

There has been excellent and accurate press coverage by David Ogilvie the Wanganui Chronicle’s Sports Reporter during each and every visit.

Going forward we have to finalise the airline support (hopefully flying Melbourne to Palmerston North – 40 mins from Wanganui then coach transport), accommodation is under control, Cooks Gardens Trust Board have fundraising, a suggested layout of the programme and arrangements for a cycling madison (possibly a three series event involving Northcote Velodrome in December, Wanganui on 2 February 08 and finishing at Bendigo on Labour Day), and I’m liaising with Tourism Victoria – in Auckland.



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It's a matter of "watch this space" – the website will bring you up to date as we move through.

On other matters it's pleasing to report a decline in the numbers of transgressions and a much clearer understanding of the handicapping system that is still being finely tuned. The vast majority of Clubs saw increases in entries culminating in Nathan Allen's win in the Australia Post Stawell Easter Gift 2007.

I wish to pay special thanks to all members of the VAL Board, Handicappers, Chief Steward and Judges, operators and assistants for their untiring work especially over a drought-stricken summer plagued by hard grounds, lack of water and high temperatures – even smokey conditions at Cricket Willow in December due to the North East bushfires. Jobs well done. To Mark Howard as Administrator – you're doing a fine job – thanks so much.

To all the clubs – I am fully aware of the valuable work you do behind the scenes to make each of your events successful – and mostly under trying conditions – gaining sponsorship support is often the most difficult.

We have an exciting 12 months ahead and I firmly believe we will all be pleased with the outcomes at the next AGM in 2008.

George Flack  
President



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### **6.2 Chief Stewards Report**

The season 2006/2007 has been one change and as such augers well for the future of professional athletics as a whole. In particular our proposed entrance into the New Zealand scene which is keenly anticipated by all and I for one am most excited by this development.

The Board is to be congratulated for its foresight. Again this year we saw the benefits of our handicapping system flowing in greater participation rates than previous and surely the negative aspersions cast upon it be laid to rest. The athletes accept it, the Board continues to back it and the handicappers are in full agreement with it. This year did however throw up a number of interesting matters such as the handling of protests and the withdrawing from events. Such matters have been studied by the Stewards and a number of recommendations have been put forward to the Rules sub-committee for discussion.

This year was witness to some of the closest finishes across most distances including heats and finals. It is becoming a priority that the ongoing upgrading of the technical aspects of our judging equipment continue to be carried on.

On the whole, we witnessed greater participation at most meetings from athletes and this trend does auger well for the future of not only our member clubs but also for our sport in general. This I believe can be directly attributed to the handicapping system. There is no benefit from not running but very great opportunities available the more an athlete participates. And thus our sport and our member clubs gain.

I wish to express my thanks for the tireless work of Mark Howard and his prompt assistance. Thanks must also be given to the Board, whose members work with the interests of our great sport and for the most part gain very little recognition for their considerable efforts.

Lastly, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to Terry O'Donnell, Mark O'Brien and John Holloway for their unswerving support and assistance in the somewhat thankless tasks that the Stewarding panel face on a weekly basis.

I look forward to the next season and have expressed my intention to re nominate for the position again.

Rick Trusler  
Chief Steward



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### **6.3 Sprint Handicapper's Report**

Now that the handicapper system has settled down we saw some of the closest finishes ever seen throughout the year. The Ballarat gift was disputed due to the close finish between three runners including the backmarker who just failed to edge out the winner Nick Sampieri and although only finishing third would have won with one more stride. The Keilor gift finished with only centimetres separating all finalists – the camera could not split them and it was left to the finish machine to decide all placings. Again we saw a disputed finish at Burramine due to the closeness of the runners. The Stawell gift saw one of the closest ever with semi final results being unpredictable. Usually by this stage a runner stands out but at no time was any runner able to confidently say the race was his.

However it was not only the gift distance that saw the results of the handicap system taking effect with most 70 metre races ,100 metres with a dead heat at Sandringham (veterans) and the 400 metres especially our premium race at Bendigo where most of the field were in the finish and again the camera deciding the result. The above events have now forced us to look at the protest system more closely to stop the problem we had at Ballarat where presentations could not be made until after the meeting had finished which resulted in the negative exposure for the club and sponsors.

Also pleasing was the fact that winners during the year were competitive still at Stawell with two finalists having won open races during the year. In the past it was understood that in most cases if you won early on you were usually not competitive at the end but under the system now operating this has been eliminated. This is good for the sport which will show people that you do not have to “lie low” during the season to be competitive at the end.

The other pleasing aspect was that interstate runners are now competitive provided they turn out in Victoria during the year. Too many times in the past interstate runners have been critical that they were not competitive and they did not perform during the season so that they would be there at the end. This is now not the case as a number found out and this also will help clubs with interstate runners electing to come across and run at their meetings. We need to do a little work on this area as there are a few problems that can be fixed by some small changes to the interstate rule.



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### **6.3 Sprint Handicapper's Report**

Once again registrations and entries increased with a lot of young ones taking advantage of the new runner registration that the board introduced this year. We decided to set separate handicaps for the veterans and this proved a winner with veterans taking advantage of the new handicaps to compete on a regular basis. Once again the 300 metre races proved popular with them and they continued to attract good entries. The women's races continue to provide a source for the ladies to compete and a lot also took advantage to compete against the men as a second race on the day in either the 70 or 300/400 metres.

I would like to thank my fellow officials in Mark O'Brien, Rick Trusler, John Holloway and Bill Sutton and the help always from Nila and Sue together with the various starters during the year. Also special thanks to the review panel particularly Graeme Ireland who was able to pick up small discrepancies that occur when a large number of handicaps need to be done. This year we have tried to help the clubs with entries by declaring handicaps very late which sometimes puts clubs under pressure with printing and certainly puts the handicappers under pressure with a very small timeline. This area will have to be looked at next year and a longer time frame be allowed to declare. Under the handicap system now a lot of time is spent imputing the previous meetings prior to declaring handicaps and credits need to be checked so that runners get their entitlements at the correct time. Thanks also to Mark Howard for his work during the year and finally a big thanks again to my family who continue to put up with the time I spend doing this work.

Terry O'Donnell  
Sprint Handicapper



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### **6.4 Distance Handicapper Report**

Overall I was reasonably satisfied with the outcome of the distance events for the 2006/07 season, with some reservations. Statistically numbers were up on the previous season with a 6.7% increase in the number of starters in distance events despite 1 less meet. In total there were 202 athletes that competed in distance events throughout the season, 28 of which were female. Of this total 52 were first year registrations, 30 were under 21 years of age, 42 were over 40 years of age and 28 from interstate. The 800 was conducted on 11 occasions this season, as against 13 last season, with an increase in the average number of starters from 33.2 to 39.6. The 1600 was run at 23 meets (same as 2005/06) with the average number of starters increasing from 32.7 to 37.1. There was also a significant changing of the guard with a number of retiring veterans being replaced by younger novice runners. In fact there is no doubt that without the VAL's innovative initiative to provide free registration to new young and female competitors, our numbers would've been significantly less and the trend very different.

Other initiatives of the VAL in 2006/07 that proved successful were the novice and women's miles. The Novice series provided 6 races throughout the season culminating in a most entertaining Restricted 1600 at Stawell. The entry requirements for VAL athletes was that they must have had a start in at least one of the novice 1600s during the season. This meant that those athletes that recorded a win in the series or in any other race after they had started in the series, were still able to compete in the Stawell Restricted mile. This resulted in 28 starters out of 32 entrants and included a number of the form distance athletes for the season. This restricted rather than novice concept really encouraged athletes to win during the season rather than the reverse and in my opinion should be considered for the novice sprint also. The women's 1600s, although not big in numbers, was a solid platform for the future and introduced some real quality new female athletes to the VAL ranks including the likes of Kate Sly, Renee Wilmink, Olivia White and Sarah Klein .

Racing throughout the season was generally tight and competitive with some memorable finishes and performances at a number of meets. Congratulations to Corey Lawson who was the standout distance runner for the year culminating in Athlete of the Year honours. There were also a number of other athletes who had great seasons, many starting out as novices. To be honest seeing the development, improvement and growth in confidence of these athletes is the biggest highlight of the position.



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### **6.4 Distance Handicapper Report**

However there were issues I wasn't so happy with. I am concerned about the tick chasing and constant handicap creep of a number of our athletes and believe this needs to be addressed. The high level of scratchings that persist in the distance events in particular are also a concern and raises questions regarding our programming. I would encourage the VAL to in turn encourage the clubs to take a more coordinated approach to the selection of events, aiming at a wider variety of distances and options from meet to meet and decrease the doubling up of the same distance with adjoining meets. This could include for example, a women's 800 event at a number of carnivals and the swapping of some 1600s for 3200 at a few of the city meets, where we are more likely to attract competitors. I believe the distance programs at Stawell and Bendigo in particular could be significantly improved to assist both the clubs and the athletes. I would certainly welcome the opportunity to assist any of the clubs when they are considering their distance events.

In terms of a personal appraisal of my performance, I certainly believe that if I continue in the position I need to improve in a number of areas but most particularly in the stewarding of the distance events. In hindsight there were a few performances during the year that were sufficiently inconsistent with the athlete's ability and output at Stawell to have warranted action and I take responsibility for that. I believe we need to take a more proactive, considered and communicative approach, consistent amongst all distances, that promotes a greater level of understanding and acceptance of what is required by the athlete.

Finally I would like to thank the entire VAL community for their support and understanding in my novice year as Distance Handicapper. I am most grateful to Mark Howard and the other officials for their help and patience with the "new kid", and the board also for its support and encouragement. In particular I would like to express my gratitude to the athletes and coaches for their tremendous acceptance of myself in this role. I have really enjoyed my involvement with all of you throughout the season in sharing our common passion of professional athletics.

Mark O'Brien  
Distance Handicapper



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### **6.5 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Season 2006/2007 was an extremely successful year for all involved with the Victorian Athletic League. The Victorian Athletic League conducted twenty seven meetings including two series at the Geelong greyhounds which will again be on the calendar next season. We also saw the inclusion of our newest meeting to the calendar at Casey Fields. The meeting was run under lights on Friday 23rd February and was most welcomed by all athletes who competed. Casey will again be on board next season with a bigger and more exciting event.

Last season saw the introduction of some new initiatives for the enhancement of our sport. The free registration category attracted a number of young new athletes to our sport. This initiative will again be implemented next season. Our program of events included a range of new novice mile races with the completion of the series being run at Stawell. These events were very successful as was evident of the quality of field that was assembled at Stawell. Our overall registration count was 731 this figure was up from last season.

The VAL will next season introduce an online entry system which will enable registered runners to enter events, pay for entry fees online and they will also have access to view all events that they have entered. Athletes can also change events as long as the event closing date has not expired. A new website will also be implemented in late August so that the online entry system can be added to it. The website will be easier to use and will have a search icon so that you can locate anything with ease.

Our monthly newsletter was again well received last season. The monthly newsletter is emailed to every member on the email list and is also posted to our website each month. Athletes were able to view information on upcoming events, view the latest news and changes and it also provided sponsors the opportunity to advertise their business on a monthly basis.

Runners were also treated to a detailed monthly analysis of the distance events from the distance handicapper Mark O'Brien. Mark provided helpful feedback to all the runners who appreciated being kept informed. I thank Mark for all his contributions to the newsletter last season. This first edition of our newsletter will be released in mid to late August.



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### **6.5 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Due to the Easter being early next year the Victorian Athletic League calendar has been a nightmare to assemble. Although we haven't lost any meetings from last season we may be faced with the dilemma of having two meetings on the same weekend, we would like to avoid this happening as the meeting held on the next day usually suffers with scratchings

The handicapping system seems to be working well and it is supported by the majority of the athletes. This is evident by the close finishes that have occurred over all distances. Over the years there has usually been an athlete who gets under the guard of the handicappers, but this season apart from the performances of Corey Lawson, who improved dramatically each time he won a race off a tighter mark, there was no athlete who dominated throughout the season.

Our newest meeting on next year's calendar is the meeting in Wanganui, New Zealand. The meeting will bring us international exposure and will open up the opportunity for a whole new market of New Zealand athletes to compete in our carnivals over the summer. We have also gained Terang as a new meeting which will be on a smaller scale and will probably be run on Sunday 2nd December the day after the Mount Gambier meeting in South Australia.

The 2006 Stawell Gift saw a sensational win to long time supporter of professional running Nathan Allen. I wish Nathan success in the upcoming season with his main goal being selection for the Australian Olympic sprint team.

Finally I wish to thank the board for all their support throughout the season along with Terry O'Donnell, Mark O'Brien, Rick Trusler, John Holloway, Nila Blennerhasset, Sue Dunbar, Ian and Joy Cox, Matthew Webster, Bill Sutton, Robert Astill and the Stawell starters who all give up their weekends to support the sport. All the best of luck to all involved in season 2007/2008

Mark Howard  
Chief Executive Officer



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### **7 Constitutional Motions**

None

### **8 Vale**

### **9 Presentation of Awards**

Life Member Awards

Stewart Bradley

Wally Meechan

### **10 Election of Directors**

There is one new nomination for the board Andrew McManus

Reinstatements to the board are George Flack, Sue Dunbar, Brian Marantelli, Noel Rexter.



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### 11 Draft Calendar

<b>V. A. L. Meetings</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>
Geelong Greyhounds	TBA
Bacchus Marsh	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
Dandenong Show	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
Cranbourne	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
Mitchell	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
Meadowglen (VRTA)	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
Terang	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2007
Casey	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Northcote	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Maryborough	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2008
Daylesford	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
Rye	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
Ringwood	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
Wangaratta	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
Sandringham	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
New Zealand	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2008
Ballarat	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Ararat	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Keilor	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Noble Park	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Burramine	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2008
Bendigo	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> 2008
Waverley	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2008
Stawell	22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2008
Geelong	No date confirmed
St Bernard's	No date confirmed
Meeting After Stawell	1 <sup>st</sup> April to be considered



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