

For many this was the first look at the new home of Victorian athletics at Albert Park. Although not finished, the facilities seem to be pretty good, however the jury will remain out until the complex is completed. The cost of parking is going to annoy some although the weekend 'all day' tariff is not too bad. The Friday night session was conducted in almost perfect conditions, while Saturday got a little hot as the temperature rose with only a very rare breeze wafting across the track. The forecast scorcher on Sunday fortunately did not eventuate, although the humidity was a little unpleasant.

Collingwood had a stack of competitors over the weekend and there were some terrific performances recorded.

**Meaghan Gaunt** was one of the standouts with a 3 second PB in the U/14 1500mts in the Friday heat and then a further 10 second reduction in the real heat of the final on Saturday. Her time of just over 5:06 was a very classy effort and with another year in this age group one could think that there are bigger things ahead for Meaghan.

The **White boys** and **Miles Leyden** all made the finals of both the U/14 800mts and 1500mts. **Ben White** and **Miles** drew the hot heat of the 1500 on Friday which was won in 4:28+ while **Lachie White** got through as a fastest qualifier in the second heat. All three boys ran PBs (or very close to!) on Saturday morning in the heats of the 800, but the effects surfaced in differing ways later in the heat of the afternoon when the final of the 1500m was conducted. Ben ran a two second PB to gain 3<sup>rd</sup>. spot while Miles and Lachie were both a couple of seconds outside their bests. Miles grabbed a bronze medal on Sunday in the final of the 800 in a PB time. Ben White recorded his third PB of the meet in finishing 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Adam Garganis** cleared 2.95m, a big PB in the U/15 Pole Vault. He gained another silver in the 3k walk in the same age group later in the day. A PB in the javelin was a nice way to finish Sunday afternoon.

**Rebekah Corney** had a **win** in the U/15 Triple Jump with a very good leap of 11.23m. Just a little short of the mark with which she set a new Club Record in the opening round of the Shield this season, Rebecca is certainly in great form. On Sunday Rebekah grabbed a **second gold medal** with a PB of 5.24m in the long jump.

It was great to see **Pier Akec** back in action. He should be a real boost to the U/18s for the rest of the season. In the same age group **Nick Rosa** continued his great form in the pole vault with a terrific performance to gain 2<sup>nd</sup> against one of the country's leading junior athletes.

**Jacob McCormack** reinforced his potential with a terrific run in the U/17 800. A huge PB is just around the corner! A very even run saw Jacob sneak under 1:59 – 1:56 (or better) is not that far away.

New member **Sam Slater** recorded two bests in his first try at this level of competition.

**Officials:** Collingwood was very well represented by officials over the weekend. This was an event at which the Club was required to supply extras over and above our usual workers. Thanks to everyone who represented the Club at the Lakeside Track on one, two or even the three days. Included in this group were **Kevin Wigmore, Ian Fisher, Brian Moore, Judy Mason, Diana Barnett, Lyn Humphris, Tony Williams, Wendy Finerty, Brian Williams** and **Gary McBroom**.

## Performances of Collingwood athletes at the championships.

Sam Slater	U/14	100mts	Heat	8 <sup>th</sup> .	13.54secs	<b>PB</b>
		90m Hur	Heat	6 <sup>th</sup>	16.30secs	<b>PB</b>
Meaghan Gaunt	U/14	1500mts	Heat	6 <sup>th</sup> .	5:16.9	<b>PB</b>
			Final	7 <sup>th</sup>	5:06.88	<b>PB</b>
Miles Leyden	U/14	1500mts	Heat	4 <sup>th</sup>	4:44.99	
			Final	8 <sup>th</sup>	4:46.03	
		800mts	Heat	=1 <sup>st</sup>	2:14.50	
			Final	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:13.50	<b>PB</b>
Lachie White	U/14	1500mts	Heat	5 <sup>th</sup>	4:47.85	
			Final	8 <sup>th</sup>	4:51.53	
		800mts	Heat	5 <sup>th</sup> .	2:15.30	<b>PB</b>
			Final	8 <sup>th</sup>	2:16.60	
Ben White	U/14	1500mts	Heat	4 <sup>th</sup>	4:44.99	
			Final	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4:37.19	<b>PB</b>
		800mts	Heat	=1 <sup>st</sup>	2:14.50	<b>PB</b>
			Final	6 <sup>th</sup> .	2:14.35	<b>PB</b>
Chris Milne	U/17	400mts	Heat	4 <sup>th</sup>	55.33secs	<b>PB</b>
			Final	8 <sup>th</sup>	56.29secs	
		800mts	Heat	8 <sup>th</sup> .	2:19.10	
Zoe McWhinney	U/18	Triple Jump		2 <sup>nd</sup> .	10.94mts	
		Long Jump		2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.26mts	<b>=PB</b>
Pier Akec	U/17	Long Jump		5 <sup>th</sup> .	5.95mts	
Jessica Neale	U/16	Pole Vault		2 <sup>nd</sup> .	2.40mts	
		Hammer		3 <sup>rd</sup>	18.69mts	
Nick Rosa	U/18	Pole Vault		2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.80mts	<b>PB</b>
<b>Rachel Corney</b>	<b>U/15</b>	<b>Triple Jump</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup>.</b>	<b>11.23mts</b>	
		<b>Long Jump</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>5.24mts</b>	<b>PB</b>
Rachel King	U/15	Triple Jump		7 <sup>th</sup>	10.12mts	
		Long Jump		10 <sup>th</sup>	4.32mts	
Jacob McCormack	U/17	800mts	Heat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:00.01	
			Final	6 <sup>th</sup> .	1:58.90	<b>PB</b>
Jacob Barnes	U/16	2k Steeple	Final	7 <sup>th</sup>	7:34.71	
		3000mts	Final	12 <sup>th</sup>	11:26.58	
Rachel Barnes	U/18	2k Steeple	Final	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:24.80	
		3000mts	Final	3 <sup>rd</sup>	13:06.09	
Adam Garganis	U/15	Pole Vault		2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.95mts	<b>PB</b>
		3k Walk		2 <sup>nd</sup>	15:49.8	
		Javelin		6 <sup>th</sup>	32.44mts	<b>PB</b>
Jack Neale	U/15	Pole Vault		3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.20mts	
Jordan Minter	U/16	3000mts		8 <sup>th</sup>	9:57.61	