CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE	
Meeting:	Castlemaine Gift
Date:	Sunday 22nd February 2026
Venue:	Camp Reserve, Castlemaine
Weather:	Started ok then heavy rain hit
Track:	400m grass track
Report Prepared By:	Richard Wearmouth (Chief Steward) 22nd February 2026

GENERAL COMMENTS

Well done to Daryl and crew on staging a very good meeting under difficult weather conditions.

Operational Reminder - Clubs must provide personnel to remove starting blocks from the track after all sprint races. Non-compliance causes delays between events and is not the responsibility of the starters.

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCES - NAPs (Non-acceptable performances)

Break:

- 120m Women: Andrea Hearne

Injury (14-day suspension):

- 100m Masters: Chris Brown & Srdjan Jovan

LOT (Loss of Time):

- 400m Men: Eric Sapac
- 800m Open: Charlie Sutherland

IE (Insufficient Effort):

- 120m Men: Lachlan Shanks
- 800m Open: Lachlan Perdon

ICP (Inconsistent Performance):

- 70m Open: Dash Muir
- 120m Women: Lucy Zotti
- 120m Men: Harrison Kerr, Hamish Lindstrom & Patrick Martin
- 800m Open: Peter O'Farrell

UP (Unsatisfactory Performance):

ATDR (Acceptable Time Deviation Ranges):

- 70m Open: 7.700 – 8.000
- 120m Men: 12.616 – 13.166
- 120m Women: 13.917 – 14.467
- 400m Men: 48.00 – 50.00
- 400m Women: 54.95 – 56.95

STEWARDING COMMENTS - Athlete Discussions and Feedback

Athletes who run in flats must now run in either flats or transfer to spikes for the remainder of the season.

Ingrid Woodward was given permission to change from flats to spikes because of the wet track.

Stewards spoke with Dash Muir after his performance in his 70m heat. He was issued with an *ICP (Inconsistent Performance)*

Srdjan Jovan was spoken to after his 100m Masters heat and his explanation was accepted.

Dominic Bruno was spoken to after his effort in the 800m heat. His explanation was noted and accepted.

Stewards spoke with Peter O'Farrell after an improved effort in the 800m heat and final. He was fined $200 and issued with an ICP.

Lucy Zotti and coach Kelvin Lubeck was spoken to about her race schedule and notified them they need to decide on her most important event. She was issued with an ICP.

First heat of the 800m was timed using a manual start. The Chief Steward has determined that these times will not be used for handicapping purposes.

The 1600m Open was also timed using a manual start.

Notice to Athletes and Coaches

Athletes and Coaches are advised not to participate in multiple events where doing so is likely to negatively affect performance outcomes.

Failure to adhere to this guidance may result in a sanction issued by a NAP, ICP, or UP. Sanctions may include:

- Recommendation for a Handicap Review
- Financial Penalty
- Suspension
- Or a combination of all three consequences

All participants are expected to act in the best interests of fair competition and the integrity of the sport.

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