CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE	
Meeting:	Geelong Gift
Date:	Saturday 15th March 2026
Venue:	Western Oval, North Geelong
Weather:	Mild with light winds, then Cool with moderate wind
Track:	351m grass track
Report Prepared By:	Richard Wearmouth (Chief Steward) 15th March 2026

GENERAL COMMENTS

Congratulations to Matt, Mark and crew for staging a very good Gift.
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 U18 Girls: Billie Grayling & Mia Hetherington
- 70m Men: Daniel Iacuone
- 120m Men: Kipp Wilson & Matt Stanfield
- 120m Masters: Peter Angelini & Sarah No
- 300m U14: Jack Anderson

Injury (14-day suspension):

- 120m Men: Marco Spagnuolo
- 300m Masters: Damien Wapshott
- 800m Women: Anna Kasapis

LOT (Loss of Time):

- 120m U18 Boys: Cody Lyon
- 120m Women: Shakira Lual, Cassandra Wang Le couter, Andrea Hearne, Olivia Ponchard, Aris Patsouras & Kaylah Barrett
- 120m Men: Noddy Angelakos, Spencer Browne, Kristepher Kardakoviski, Dash Muir, Tim Rosen, Adrian Faraja Wilson, Matt Stanfield, Zane Eldeston, Jack Lacey & Chris Diegan
- 120m Masters: Laura McDougall
- 300m Men: Murray Goodwin

ICP) (Inconsistent Performance):

- 120m Men: Harry Kerr

IE): (Insufficient Effort):

- 120m Men: Sky Hunter Robertson

UP (Unsatisfactory Performance):

ATDR (Acceptable Time Deviation Ranges):

- 70m Women: 8.469 – 8.769
- 70m Men: 7.775 – 8.075
- 120m Women: 14.187 – 14.737
- 120m Men: 12.559 – 13.109
- 400m Women: 14.187 – 14.737
- 400m Women: 56.949 – 58.949

STEWARDING COMMENTS - Athlete Discussions and Feedback

Stewards spoke with Declan Gould about interference on the home turn in the 550m Final and he was issued with a warning.

Sky Hunter Robertson was spoken to after 120m mens heat and he was issued with an *IE) (Insufficient Effort):*

Stewards spoke with Georgia Mills after her 120m women's heat and she scratched from the semi final through injury.

Marco Spagnuolo was spoken to after missing his 70m semifinal. It was his first final in the VAL so he was given a warning, not a fine.

Stewards spoke with Harrison Kerr after the 120m Mens heat and he was issued with an *ICP) (Inconsistent Performance):*

Kaylah Barrett was disqualified after the womens 400m final. She started off the wrong mark and the onus is on all athletes to start off the correct mark. Rule 14.3.

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 (Non-acceptable performances)**

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.

R. Wearmouth

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