

**Meeting:** Mortlake Gift, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Weather:** Mild to sunny day with strong head winds later in the day.

**Track:** 400m grass track

**Commentator:** Ed Sadler

**Wind Gauge:** Automatic

**Starters:** Rob McIntosh and Graeme Humphrey

**Photo Finish:** Chloe Blennerhassett + Shane Roberts

**Results:** Nila Blennerhassett

**Stewards:** Chief Richard Wearmouth, Chad Ryan & John Henry

**Handicappers:** Colin Lane

**Official Media:** Neil Jameson, Didier Le Miere & Max Blennerhassett

**Colour Stewards:** Di Tzilantonis

**NAP's:**

**Break:** 400m Womens-Jazmyn Cartledge

**LOT (Loss of Time):** 70m Open-Zane Eddleston, Dominic Hoskins, Jake Ireland + 120m Womens-Elizabeth Melrose, Hannah McMeel + 120m Mens-Jack Johnston, Luke Mitchell, Kevin Brittan, Jack Wolff

**OTR (Outside time Range):** 70m Open- Chloe Kinnersley, Jennifer King, Alex Tzilantonis, Daniel Martin, Chris Diegan + 120m Women-Liv Ryan, Kelsey Roberts, Tiana Shillito, Laura McDougall, Chloe Kinnersley, Halle Martin, Olivia Barry + 120m Men-Darcy Ireland, Matthew Warren, Paul Tancredi, Cameron Moss, Matt Burleigh, Jack Wolff + 120m Masters-Paul Tancredi, Jeff Sargent, Vic Sharma + 300m Masters-Martin Amour + 400m Womens-Chloe Kinnersley + 400m Mens-Dion Paul, Jack Wolff, Nathan Livistanos, Jesse Patterson:

**UP's:** 800m 45+- Rob Italia- Stewards determined that his performance was anomalous with the athlete's previous performance history and the athlete did not give a full effort throughout the race.

**Stewards Notes from the day:** Congratulations to Mortlake Recreation Reserve of Management on their excellent effort. Well, done to Jacob D for organisation and 400m track setup with all handicaps marked. This being a requirement for each VAL meeting. Also, great effort by Jacinta Wareham and her crew.

As in the with the previous day, we had quality athletes from across Australia providing a great spectacle.

It was great to see that our new VAL program system worked well throughout the day.

Well done to all involved, to have the digital system up and working for Mortlake.

We thank you Nila, Chloe, Shane and the SAAL crew for their tireless efforts.

In the 1600 Open-Stewards spoke with Mark Tapping, Charlie Sutherland & Rob Irwin about running on the line in circular events and were informed that this can result in disqualification.

The 300m Masters Final-Davina Strauss ran out in the straight which forced athletes behind to change their direction. She was warned to take more care, in future this will not be tolerated.

**Stewarding Comments:** It is the runner's responsibility to ensure they are at the start line for their heat.

It is the responsibility of runners to ensure their performance history outside of the VAL has been declared prior to a meeting. PB's should be notified immediately to the office and new

runners should ensure their performance history is accurate. Failure to do so may result in sanctions being applied.

Runners are advised to re-read the Stewarding notes that were issued at the commencement of last season, particularly in regard to 'winning intent' and also competing with consistency from week to week. You can read the notes [HERE](#)

Registered Runners and Trainers only, should be on the ground and this should be limited to warming up and competing. Anyone outside of registered Runners and Trainers will be requested to leave the infield.

Breaking in a heat or semifinal and not progressing will result in an NAP at best. Breaking in a final is an automatic NAP at best.