

CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE	
Meeting:	Beachside Gift
Date:	Saturday, 31st January 2026
Venue:	Mentone Reserve Mentone
Weather:	Nice day & evening with light showers & very little wind
Track:	350m grass track
Report Prepared By:	Richard Wearmouth (Chief Steward) 24 th January 2026

GENERAL COMMENTS

Thank you to Tim and crew for staging the Beachside Gift.

The overall condition of the ground was in good condition with handicaps well marked on the circular and straight tracks.

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:

- 70m Women: Richelle Ingram & Georgia Goss 2 breaks disqualified
- 100m U18 Boys Luke Rollinson & Harry McDonough
- 100m U/14: Henry Anderson
- 70m Men: Atilla Baranyay
- 300 Masters: Josephine Gaisie
- 400m Women: Declyn Tanner & Ameya Sommer Allie

Injury (14-day suspension):

- 400m Mens: Harmann Dhiman
- 70m Women: Shu Qin Oh Raine

LOT (Loss of Time):

- 100m Women: Taylah Spackman
- 300m Masters: John Mackay
- 400m Women: Ameya Sommer Allie
- 400m Mens: Cooper Smith

IE (Insufficient Effort):

- 300m Masters: Robert Vidler
- 800m Open: Ben McShane
- 1600m Open: James Crome Smith

ICP (Inconsistent Performance):

UP (Unsatisfactory Performance):

- 120m Masters: Marita Downes
- 800m Open: Lachlan Perdon

ATDR (Acceptable Time Deviation Ranges):

- 70m Open: 7.696 – 7.996
- 70m Women: 8.509 – 8.809
- 100m Men: 10.706 – 11.156
- 100m Women: 11.843 – 12.293
- 400m Men: 48.932– 50.932
- 400m Women: 53.971 – 55.971

STEWARDED COMMENTS - Athlete Discussions and Feedback

Stewards spoke with Mr. Ben McShane about looking around and easing up in his 800m heat after he was subsequently defeated through doing so. He was informed that he must run through the line with intent and was issued with an IE (Insufficient Effort).

Mr Daniel Sammut was spoken to after easing up noticeably in winning his 100m Masters heat, and was issued with a warning.

Stewards spoke with Mrs Marita Downes regarding her performance in the 100m Masters final, due to a significant improvement from her previous 100/120m runs. Mrs Downes was issued with a UP. This was subsequently overturned by the VAL Appeals Tribunal

Mr Robert Vidler was spoken to after his performance in his 300m Masters heat. Stewards were not satisfied with his response and issued him with an IE (Insufficient Effort).

Reminders to Athletes and Trainers

The VAL is very clear that it is the responsibility of the athletes to submit all performances, and if they don't, it could lead to penalties including disqualification, fines or re-handicapping.

Stewards will be monitoring athletes' consistency in future meetings. Inclement weather and soft tracks inhibited consistent performances at earlier meetings. Now with good conditions and surfaces we will be looking more intently.

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