

WILLIAMS Weekly Update 13/02/2026

We all get to take a breather this weekend and prepare for the run home to Stawell. For those not competing anywhere, enjoy the break. I know the officials will be.

Some news and updates:

Castlemaine Gift

The event will now commence at 10.45am. There have been some slight changes to the draft timetable, so please check the final timetable once posted.

Shepparton Gift

Please ensure that you have your entries in by **8pm on Sunday!**

Jack Giddy Gift - NSW

Entries have been extended – the new closing time is 12 noon on Wednesday Feb 18th.

Braybrook Gift

We regret to advise that the Braybrook Gift for 2026 has been cancelled.

Ringwood Gift

Please note that this event will be a non-penalty event. The Stawell Bonus and Stawell Retention incentives do not apply, and wins at Ringwood will not alter the qualification for these incentives. However, performances under ceiling time will affect any Stawell handicaps.

Race Entries

It is really important to check that you are successfully entered into your chosen event BEFORE entries close. If you do not receive an email confirmation for your entry, please check the 'View My Nominations' under the 'Athletes' tab on the website. If nothing is showing, please email val@val.org.au with a copy of your payment transaction receipt, as soon as possible. It is also a wise idea to ensure that you have completed your race entries well in advance of the closing date, in case something does go wrong.

Performance History

A further reminder that the onus rests with athletes to ensure that all performances outside the VAL or NSWAL are entered into the athlete's performance history, via the 'View Past Results & Enter New Results' under the 'Athletes' tab. This is particularly important if the performance is a personal best, as failure to declare these performances will likely result in a fine or disqualification, and/or leaves the athlete subject to handicap alterations on race day.