

Asic's Adelaide Marathon Festival 2007 - Race Directors Report

Highlights

The first Adelaide marathon was held in 1978 and Peter Worley (4:51:41) has retained his unbroken record of having participated in every Adelaide marathon. John Bannon who had also completed every marathon withdrew after 5 kilometres.

Marathon winners were Matt White won in 2:39:23 and Eilis Connery in 3:06:03. Channel 7 television news showed Eilis finishing the marathon.



Moments after at the marathon start with eventual winner Matt White in the foreground

SA Road Runner members performed very well. Eilis Connery lead with a win in the womens' marathon in 3:06:02 with Mandy Towler 3rd in 3:18:42 and Melissa Beadman 4th in 3:29:31. In the men's marathon Mark Bloomfield (40 years) took second place in 2:49:54, a substantial improvement on 2006 when he ran 3:23:47. David Schmarr was 5th in 2:59:39.

Adelaide Marathon Warriors have completed 10 or more marathons. Those who competed this year and the number of marathons now completed are Peter Worley (29), John Bannon (28), Sue Worley (26), Ian Hill (23), Euan Downing (21), Lester Smith (21), Douglas Kewley (20), Douglas Smart (19), John Twartz (17),

John Bennett (16), Phillip O'Connell (15), David Elliott (15), George Bennett (13), Owen Lloyd (12), Jane Bennett (12), Kym Williams (12), Tim Kersten (12) and Dean Elliott (10).

The 29th Adelaide marathon was again held in mild conditions that gradually became warmer in late morning reaching a maximum of 24 degrees. Despite this there were only 3 withdrawals.

Course

This was the first year for a new course with the marathon and 10 km races starting and finishing at Santos Stadium. The half marathon started at Henley Sailing Club, West Beach. The course was flat with only short climbs under road bridges to contend with. The section along the River Torrens Linear Park was reduced to 8 kilometres compared with previous marathons.

The marathon course followed the Westside Bikeway, passing by the Old Gum Tree (the location of the reading of the Proclamation by Governor [John Hindmarsh](#) creating the colony of South Australia on [December 28, 1836](#), to reach the beach at Glenelg North. It followed the beach front for 14 kilometres to Grange before returning to West Beach and crossing into the River Torrens Linear Park. Once through the cemetery at Hindmarsh, it turned along the back of the Southwark Brewery through Thebarton to the finish.

The half marathon course started at the River Torrens outlet at West Beach and followed the marathon course. The 10 kilometre course started at Santos Stadium and followed a loop along Anzac Highway around the western Adelaide Parklands before crossing Port Road skirting the old Adelaide Gaol and joining the marathon course at Hindmarsh.

Two sections of the planned course were excised due to winter storm damage (rear of West Beach caravan park) and major road works (Glenelg Golf Course). These will be regained for 2008 which will require some minor adjustments to the course.

Jordan Spencer as Master of Ceremonies provided regular updates on the progress of the race, conducted interviews of finishers and ran the presentation ceremony smoothly.

SPONSORS

Thanks to Joggers World for supplying 6 running shoe vouchers as random draw prizes and for their support for our events right throughout the year.

Piccadilly Springs is our water supplier and appears on all of our course signage. Their support for this event and throughout the year is very important and greatly appreciated.

Office for Recreation and Sport for its continuing support of this and other SARRC events.

ENTRANT Numbers

41 marathon entrants came from Australian Capital Territory (5), France (1), New South Wales (3), New Zealand (1), Queensland (10), Tasmania (1) and United States of America (4), Victoria (10) and Western Australia (6).

The number of entrants remained steady at 652 -

Distance	Event	Total	Male	Female	Overseas	Interstate
10 km	Run	151	84	67	1	3
	Walk	6	1	5		
	Total	157	85	72	1	3
21 km	Run	298	182	116		23
	Walk	7	5	2		
	Total	305	187	118		23
Marathon	Run	184	140	44	5	35
	Walk	6	2	4		
	Total	190	142	48	5	35
All events	Run	633	406	227	6	61
	Walk	19	8	11		
	Total	652	414	238	6	61
2006		654	419	235	3	70
2005		535	348	187	5	54
2004		556	383	173	10	71
2003		546	376	170	10	NA



Male winner Matt White along the Torrens Linear Park Female winner Eilis Connery finishing at Santos.



Mens' Marathon winners - Mark Howard, Matt White and Mark Bloomfield.

Women's Marathon winners - Marni Roberts, Eilis Connery and Mandy Towler
That's the race director, Rod Williams in the background.

PLACEGETTERS

MARATHON RUNNERS (42 KM)

Male – 1st Matt White (2:39:23), 2nd Mark Bloomfield (2:49:54), 3rd Mark Howard (2:50:38)

Female – 1st Eilis Connery (3:06:02), 2nd Marni Roberts (3:16:25), 3rd Mandy Towler (3:18:42)

Fastest Novice Male - Anthony Albert (John Bannon trophy) – 7th in 3:01:23

Fastest Novice Female – Marni Roberts (Bob Wiese trophy) – 2nd in 3:16:25

(Novice trophies donated by John Bannon & Robyn Downey)



Anthony Albert, winner of the John Bannon trophy for the 1st novice male marathoner together with the John Bannon, who has completed 28 consecutive Adelaide marathons.



Marni Roberts, winner of the Bob Wiese trophy for the 1st novice female marathoner, is presented with the perpetual trophy by Robyn Downey.

MARATHON WALKERS

Male – 1st James Hoare (5:15:31), 2nd Rob Van Wageningen (5:49:52)

Female – 1st Cathy Cox (5:31:17), 2nd Cheryl Van Wageningen (5:49:52), 3rd Diana Marshall (6:19:32)

HALF MARATHON RUNNERS

Male – 1st Kevin Tankard (1:16:51), 2nd Ian Brade (1:17:03), 3rd Matt Dineen (1:17:10)

Female – 1st Karen Hilton (1:32:51), 2nd Georgina Goergalli (1:36:56), 3rd Alice Faunce-de-Laune (1:36:57)

HALF MARATHON WALKERS

Male – 1st Graham Harrison (2:24:45), 2nd Colin Rettos (2:45:39), 3rd Roger Lowe (2:52:11)

Female – 1st Helen Robinson (2:46:21), 2nd Chari Smith (3:14:07)

10 KILOMETRE RUNNERS

Male – 1st Duncan Marsden (34:15), 2nd Andrew Burns (35:56), 3rd Daniel Castle 37:32)

Female – 1st Maria Kosztovits (39:14), 2nd Jane Cashen (40:44), 3rd Stephanie May (42:34)

10 KILOMETRE WALKERS

Male – 1st Joe Colarich (1:09:12)

Female – 1st Barbara Cain (1:07:07), 2nd Donna Fitzgerald (1:11:40), 3rd Marg Beagley (1:24:55)

AGE CATEGORIES

Age Group Winners - Men's Marathon

Age	Time	Race No.	Surname	Given Name	Age	SARRC
Under 20						
20-29	2:58:30	123	DWYER	DYLAN	29	
30-39	2:39:33	1	WHITE	MATTHEW	30	
40-49	2:49:54	3	BLOOMFIELD	MARK	40	1299
50-59	3:13:04	22	ELLIOTT	DEAN	54	454
60-69	3:51:06	210	ZWECK	DEAN	61	
70+						

Age Group Winners - Women's Marathon

Age	Time	Race No.	Surname	Given Name	Age	SARRC
Under 20						
20-29	3:06:02	225	CONNERY	EILIS	25	1246
30-39	3:29:31	4	BEADMAN	MELISSA	32	405
40-49	3:18:42	5	TOWLER	MANDY	40	233
50-59	4:22:29	140	FREI	DALILA	50	
60-69	4:35:06	183	LAWRENCE	JANET	62	
70+						

Age Group Winners - Men's Half Marathon

Age	Time	Race No.	Surname	Given Name	Age	SARRC
Under 20						
20-29	1:17:10	3151	DINEEN	MATTHEW	20	
30-39	1:21:39	3018	VARNEY	MICHAEL	36	
40-49	1:16:51	3936	TANKARD	KEVIN	43	
50-59	1:24:07	3013	TAGELL	MICHAEL	51	
60-69	1:36:33	3959	TREGEAR	DAVID	60	

Age Group Winners - Women's Half Marathon

Age	Time	Race No.	Surname	Given Name	Age	SARRC
Under 20	1:42:59	3968	HOBBS	HELEN	15	
20-29	1:36:56	3016	GEORGALLI	GEORGINA	27	
30-39	1:32:51	3926	HILTON	KARIN	36	
40-49	1:37:59	3052	CULLEN	NANCY	49	459
50-59	1:39:17	3091	MCEVOY	MAUREEN	52	
60-69	2:09:44	3037	BOWDEN	CHRIS	60	

Age Group Winners - Men's 10 Km

Age	Time	Race No.	Surname	Given Name	Age	SARRC
Under 16						
16-19	0:38:36	1937	BELL	LUKE	16	
20-29	0:37:32	1912	CASTLE	DANIEL	21	1295
30-39	0:34:15	1890	MARSDEN	DUNCAN	33	
40-49	0:35:56	1951	BURNS	ANDREW	49	
50-59	0:40:59	1876	ATKINSON	JOHN	56	
60-69	0:52:28	1998	CAVIES	ROB	69	739
70+	1:09:12	7941	COLARICH	JOSEPH	73	492

Age Group Winners - Women's 10 Km

Age	Time	Race No.	Surname	Given Name	Age	SARRC
Under 16						
16-19	0:45:25	1927	MAHOMET	EMILY	14	
20-29	0:42:34	1923	MAY	STEPHANIE	16	
30-39	0:40:44	1960	CASHEN	JANE	28	
40-49	0:39:14	1950	KOSZTOVITS	MARIA	31	
50-59	0:46:23	1893	SKAWRONSKI	SANDRA	48	
60-69	0:46:21	1938	GOODWIN	CHRISTINE	55	
60-69	0:57:16	1970	ROYAL	ROSEMARY	66	530

PRIZES

ASICS shoe random draw prizes were won by John Bennett (25), Ray Schliebs (124), Dallas Wiles (190), Anita Schwarzbauer (240), James Donnelly (267), Caroline Smith (1885), Jayne-Anne Power (1892), Ian Brade (3117), Christopher Munday (3145), Rachel Acton (3909), David Ashfield (3919), Jill Ahmed (3938), Peter Murgatroyd (3941), David Tregear (3959) and Richard Torney (4096).

MDA Muscular Dystrophy prize winner of \$500 cash (from all entrants 18 years & over) was Jill Oldfield (159).

Muscle Team - return trip to London with guaranteed entry into the London marathon, drawn on 6 September 2007
The lucky winner of the draw was SARRC member, Andrew O'Connor (178). Andrew was also our highest fundraiser raising a massive \$5,535.00 which gave him 59 entries in the draw. Total raised so far is \$34,167 plus we still have another \$3,600 in pledged donations to come, giving us at total of \$37,767.

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

Thanks people who have supported this event -

- [ASICS](#) – naming rights sponsor & prizes
- [Office for Recreation and Sport](#) – joint main sponsor
- SA Police – traffic control (Harry McCallum & Chris Holland)
- Muscular Dystrophy Association – prizes & support
- Adelaide Fresh Fruiterers – fresh fruit in race bags
- [Piccadilly Springs Water](#) – water on course & finish

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- Joe Stevens, Athletics SA
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- Sports medicine & massage teams lead by Vivian Bing
- Henley Sailing Club
- 50 Course marshalls recruited by Kathy Vitkovsky
- Drink station delivery Jamie Shepherd & Ian Roberts
- Coning team of Wes Bray, Rob Rees & Kathy Vitkovsky
- 20 Start/Finish area volunteers
- Office volunteers & Office & Events Support Co-Ordinator (Ian Roberts)

Rod Williams Race Director