

MAY 9, 2021

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IT WAS pleasing to observe the large contingent of MAWA members and visitors choosing to launch their Mothers' Day celebrations with the Sunday event at Curtin University.

Conducted around the picturesque Edinburgh Oval the 5km walk handicap and the 10km run handicap events attracted keen 'handicappers' seeking to win and take home one of the impressive trophies.

The weather was mostly overcast, conditions still, and the track, firm and fast.

It's not an easy assignment to win a handicap event as it often requires the successful athlete to put in a long and serious training preparation, dedication and meticulous planning of which events to target leading up to the big handicap event.

Additionally, you need to convince the club's handicapper, the honourable Tristan Bell, that your current form wouldn't be good enough to win an outback event in Yalgoo or Kookynie!

Tussles

So, the Curtin Classic Handicap, in its short history, has provided many stirring tussles between a plethora of like-minded athletes who are dedicated and meticu-



Top caterer and Mum of the Day, Melissa Lewis with baby Kathryn and Melissa's own mum Bev, whose regular help allows Melissa to excel in our events.

lous planners hoping to prevail on Mothers' Day!

Students of form are quick to point out, and rightly so, that no winner of the club's blue riband Age Graded Handicap has finished within a bull's roar of the handicap winner at Curtin!

Banjo Paterson would delight that a 'smokey' got up to win the Handicap! 'Share the prizes around he'd reckon' and hear hear, don't we agree?

Congratulations, to the 2021 Curtin winners: in the walk handicap, partners Jason Kell and Elizabeth Gomez, both currently walk-

ing MAWA events collected both trophies.

Among the runners, Bob Coligan and the delightfully effervescent Rashanthi Wanigasekera were winners.

Thanks

Sincere thanks to our marshals and dedicated helpers, especially Mark Kerr and John Ranger who stepped in at short notice, covering for helpers who couldn't be there - or simply forgot to check the electronic calendar app on their phones? Also, thanks David Adams for valuable assistance

with the early morning course set-up; and to Tristan Bell for his timely advice with the PA system at the pre-race briefing. It was his initiative to turn the volume up to MAX (see pic - right!)

Finally, an honourable mention and special thanks to Melissa Lewis for organising the morning tea. After the torrid battle on the race track everyone loved it!

I was heartened to see so many people socialising after the event enjoying a cuppa, goodies and a yarn or two while all the time keeping safe 1.5 metres apart.

Giovanni



Cold start, but not THAT cold! Campbell Till obviously took an early ice bath and kept some cubes down his shorts until the race started.





WINNERS



10KM RUN (HANDICAP)

1439	Bob Colligan	M60	CLOCK	1:03:01	H/CAP	13.16	TIME	49.45
1706	Rashanthi Wanigasekera	W45		1:04:58		5.28		59.30

5KM WALK (HANDICAP)

1487	Jason Kell	M45		41:25		7.44		33.41
1716	Elizabeth Gomez	W40		43:20		6.21		36.59

AGE-GROUP LEADERS

5KM RUN

1226	David Adams	M40	21:27
1522	Mark Kerr	M50	21:44
743	Ross Keane	M55	24:09



1639 Geoff Vine M70 26:34

468	Wayne Taylor	M60	28:43
136	Vic Waters	M75	35:43

WOMEN

739	Margaret Saunders	W65	27:14
1751	Shareenah Virahsawmy	W40	28:03



1711	Denise Cleasby	W60	29:28
1523	Ngaio Kerr	W50	31:38
1994	Lorna McGavock	W45	31:54

10KM WALK

1138	Lui Cecotti	M70	72.57
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