40 YEARS OF RUNNING in the BUNBURY MARATHON AND HALF MARATHON (Now the Bunbury 3 Waters Running Festival)

The Next Decade Begins 1992 - 1993

After a solid grounding the Bunbury Runners Club (BRC) had now established the premier Regional Marathon in WA. Hard work and determination of a core team including Henk and Margaret Stoffers, Brian Kennedy, Dennis Devereaux, Don Mason, Ian Parker, Steve and Marylin Jones, Sharon Wright, Ian Gibbs and many others.

With the fantastic support of the WA Marathon Club (WAMC) and WA Veterans Athletic Club. It has been recognised the primary participation came from these clubs and the BRC are forever grateful for their support.

To name just a few John Pellier had ran all but the first marathon, Joan Pellier, Jim Barnes, Barry Robinson, Chris Maher, Laurie Naylor, Mark Faithfull, Robert Hayres, Graham and Margery Thornton, Joanne Collins, Tessa Brockwell, Brian Danby, Bob Frost, Bob and Lyn Schickert and many, many others had became regulars in Bunbury. (Apologies if you are missed.)

It should be mentioned at this point the support provided by Bob and Jan Braid, through their shop Runners World, provided a mechanism for the BRC to advertise and provide access to distribute entry forms to Perth based runners. Bob went on to assist in the accurate measurement of the Bunbury Course and continues with support 40 years later.

During the next 20 years the WAMC and the BRC worked closely together in promotion and event date planning.

1992

The 11th Running and the start of the next decade



In 1992 there was a 'request for Ambulance form' was completed along with several other letters for permits to hold the event and permission for road closures for the first time on part of the course.



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The Bunbury Runners Club will

Henk wrote series of Marathon Tips for the South Western Times.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS				
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The event had a good year, financially and set the platform for the future.

Conditions for the event this year were extremely windy and numbers were down on previous years with 40 in the full marathon and 165 in the half marathon.

Ray Brown won the Marathon in a 2:35:18, followed by Martin Van Voorthuizan 2:37:01 and Michihito Mouri 2:38:44. Lyn Caporn won the ladies Marathon 3:44:54 (The only lady in the event) George Garland 2:59:38 was the first local home in the full distance, just under the 3 hours.

■ ATHLETICS ■

Brown masters windy conditions to march to marathon victory

PERTH veteran Ray Brown gave an excellent display to win the Bunbury Medihank Private Marathon last Sunday.

The 40-year-old handled the difficult conditions superfully to take line honours in two hours, 35 minutes and 18 seconds.

Martin Vanveershulzen ran

Martin Vanveerhutzen ran strongly to cross the line in second placeinthe very good time of 2:37,01. He was followed in by Misori Mischibio (2:38.44).

The local numers would have been generally disappointed with their re-

sults, which could be attributed to 6 blustery winds that prevailed.

George Garland was the best of the locals, finishing in just under the three hour barrier, 2.59.38.

Bothory Runners Club president Kieran Boothman ran determinedly on little training to record a time of 3 on 45

Kevin Martin and Dong Wright performed-courageously but were we'll outside their best.

A highlight of the race was John Peiller contesting his 10th consecutive Burbury marathon, He was presented with a special award to mark the achievement.

In the women's marathon Lyn Capeara won comfortably from Susan Coldbian.

They were the only two entrains and their times were 3:44.54 and 4:06.30 respectively.

Penh runner Rod Barnes performedheilliandytowinshe half marathen in 1:12.06 from Myles Ferrell.

Bushury's Keith Yardley finished thirdin 1: 15.13, which was almost six minutes outside his best.

Karen Gobby continued her come-

back from injury to blitz the womes' field and finish seventh outright.

Gotby's time of 1:17.07, while well outside her best, was still magnificent given the circumstances.

Sally Vaughon and Jounne Collins filled, the minor placings.

Other numers club members to perform well in the balf marathon were Gay Peace 1:16-55 (1st wineran 40), David Dye 1:18-27, Alan Helmes 1:19-24 (personal best), John Vestager 1:23-31, Judy Lesson 1:48-47 (bit viteran 40), Jo Moore 1:41-03 and Belinda Sharp 1:48-41.

Karen Gobby 1:17:57 was a sizzling 8th outright and won the women's half marathon, her 4th in a row, followed by Sally Vaughn 1:32:08 and Joanne Collins 1:33:01

Rod Barnes 1:12:06 and Myles Ferral 1:12:46 had a very close race followed by our own Keith Yardley 1:15:13 came in the 3rd in the men's half.

John Pellier completed his 10th consecutive Bunbury Marathon.



Event Shirt designs has always been a challenge

Sport REPORTER

ROY WESTON

FOCUS ON SPORT

Bunbury Marathon to take high profile

By STEVE BUTLER

SOME of the biggest names in Australian athletics could be included in next year's Medibank Private Bunbury Marathon.

Although the 1992 race to be held this Sunday will be low-key, plans are already underway to make next year a spectacular event.

The Bunbury Runners Club is so confident the event will attract high-profile runners that they are negotiating to have the course sanctioned by Athletics Australia.

That will mean the traditionally fast course could boast a world record for either the marathon or half marathon.

Included in the plans for the guest list next year are Australian heroes Robert De Castella and Cliff Young as well as reknowned coach Pat Clohessy.

Organiser Brian Kennedy also is confident the event will attract a number of veteran runners from the Masters Games which will be held in Perth in the week leading up to the Bunbury event.

Kennedy hopes the event will attract at least 200 of the 7000 competitors in the games.

"We haven't planned anything really big for this Sunday's event because we are channeling a lot of energy into next year."

Kennedy said other plans included setting up a 10km race the day before the marathon to cater for those who weren't accustomed to the longer distances.

The club will promote next year's race in the top athletics magazines all around Australia and will be looking to get support from the Bunbury community to help with costs.

"We are looking for the community as a whole to get involved in what will be a big event," Kennedy said.

This Sunday's race will be held through the city centre on the same course as last year and will still boast some top competitors.

As an extra novelty, runners will be able to purchase souvenir shirts with their personal times printed on the front at the end of the frace. The race starts at 7am at Hay Park this Sunday.

HOT SHOT AIMS FOR TOP



IT'S BEEN a big season of success for the Bunbury Little Athletics Association on both individual and team levels. Three of the association's athletes, including Andrew Monson (pictured) were chosen in to try out in state teams. The country championships were a highlight for Bunbury, winning 117 medals and daking out the overall title. The State Multievents was also good for Bunbury with Scott Cummings winning a gold medal. Bunbury also performed well at the state championships collecting 20 medals.

There were also 70 club records broken during the season.

SBL banks on new sponsor

AFTER weeks of anxiety the State Basketball League has signed a new major sponsor for 1992.

With three rounds of the sea-son already played the signing of the R&I Bank of WA as the official major sponsor of the SBL was crucial.

Perth Wildcats coach Murray Arnold and forward Andrew Vlahov were joined by WABF chief executive Alan Marshall and SBL chief commissioner John Gardiner at the cere-

R&I retail banking general manager David Taylor said the group was attracted to the sponsorship as it had similar interests and goals to the SBL.

He cited the impressive local programs and loyalties of Bunbury and Mandurah bas-ketball schemes as reasons for the bank's decision to sign up.

He believed the one-year contract would be or mutual benefit to the SBL and R&I.

And maybe Mr Taylor may be able to improve on his own

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■ATHLETICS ■ In-form Gobby has race record in her sights

DAVID Dye and Karen Gobby are Bunbury's best chance of home town victories in tomorrow's Medibank Private Marathon and Half

The events start at 7am at Hay Park Recreation Centre.

Park Recreation Centre.

Dye is in superb form and poses a big threat to John West, winner of the past two marathons. West won last year in two hours, 33 minutes and 52 seconds, well outside the record set in 1985 by David Eltringham (2.24.17).

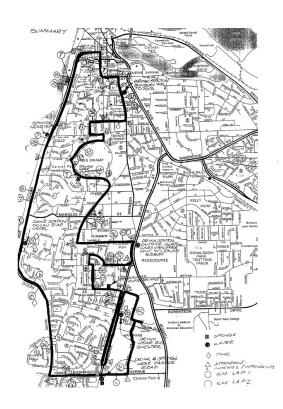
Gin Gin runner Jacqui Clarke is favoured to win her second successive women's marathon. But she will need to improve by almost 40 minutes if she is to beat the record of 2,50,03 set by Tessa Brockwell in 1984. 1984.

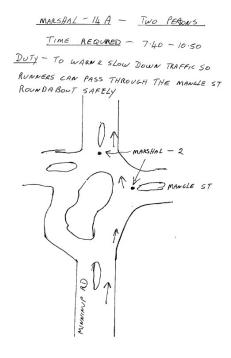
But Brockwell's record in the half marathon is in danger of being smashed by the in-form Karen

Gobby, rated the best female distance runner in Western Australia and the best veteran female distance athlete in Australia, won last year's half marathon in 1.20.42, which was only 45 seconds outside Brockwell's record set in 1987.

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Even in 1992 Everything was meticulously planned every drink station every marshal given explicit instructions 5 drink station, (40 scouts) 2 sponge stations(6 scouts), 37 marshals





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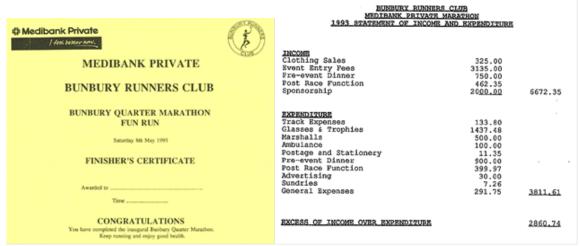
Brian Kennedy is made a Life Member of the Bunbury Runners Club and fitting reward for his energy and passion for the club and the Bunbury Marathon



Michael Jennings, Brian Kennedy and Stephen Jones "Brian gets Life"



A 'quarter marathon' was held in 1993, on the day before the main event.



Financial Report Medibank Private Marathon 1993

The Quarter Marathon was for the benefit of the organisers and crew to enable them to have a run on the weekend. The rain and wind were relentless and only a small field participated.

The Marathon was put back a week, to Mother's Day, because the Masters Games were being held in Perth on the first weekend in May.

This event was the first in WA to be given Athletics Australia certification and meant that records set would receive worldwide recognition.

Steve Jones had measured the course and was therefore required to be one of the lead cyclists, along with Steven Caygill

The timers were accommodated in the trailer borrowed from Cross Country.

Len Huff (The BRC went on to purchase Lens Sound Van many years later and it is still present at all our events), Brian Kennedy provided the commentary.

Presentations were held at the Runners Club room for the first time followed by a BBQ with meat packs, salads and drinks available, thanks to Brian's organisation.

lan Parker was in charge of entries which suggests they were all entered into a computer programme for the first time, this was another step in the development of the event.

The club had now purchased it's own Chronomix clock, purchased through Runners World in Perth. This was one of the biggest investments the club had made to date.

Two weeks before the marathon, one sunny afternoon children belonging to the club were encouraged to clean the drinks bottles and sponges to be used on marathon day. They had a wonderful time on the oval in front of the new clubrooms.

A \$100 cash incentive was offered to those runners who broke any of the existing course records.

The course was changed this year, in order to make it safer and more interesting for the competitors

John Gilmour 1:31:01 set another world record for over 70s.

Ray Brown 2:30:39 won his second Bunbury marathon, with Martin Van Voorthuizan 2:34:37 placing second again, Basil Hanna 2:44:48 was 3rd.

Mary Morgan 2:56:33 won the ladies marathon in 7th outright position and was about to embark on a stella running career, Jaqui Robinson 2nd 3:08:32, Carolyn Brinsdon 3:36.18

Keith Yardley 1:12:02 won the half in what he reported to be ideal conditions from Gary Hetherington 1:12:09 2nd and Rod Barnes 1:15:37 3rd.

Jill Chambers 1:26:47 1st, Sally Vaughn 1:28:14 2nd, Joanne Collins 1:32:39 3rd.

This course, in part, followed Ocean Drive and was the last to start at Hay Park

A letter from John Gilmour expressed congratulations to the club and Brian in particular, for the progress being made within the club and the acquisition of the new club premises.

Jill Chambers also wrote congratulating the Club and accepting the invitation to run the following year, she particularly mentioned the marking of the course and the organisation of the run.

Jill and other winners of the 1993 event were all invited back for 1994.

The Second Bunbury Sea Scouts, who had became a integral part of the Bunbury marathon, supplying drink/sponge station attendants and course marshals, wrote congratulating the club and requesting an increased fee to be involved the following year. This request was aligned to the number of man-hours involved and included a comment on the next event being held on Mother's Day!

President Report:

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Achievements in 1992
* CC Classic introduced as major club event
* Brian Kennedy became first club Life Member
Achievements in 1993
* Clubrooms - Securing of the club rooms is seen as a
significant development in the clubs future
* Marathon / Half Marathon, huge success on new course
  Congratulations to Brian Kennedy, Steve Jones, Ian
  Gibbs, Ian Parker
  Club will aim to hold 1994 State and Country
  championship
* Thursday night programme is extremely successful
  and all series are well attended 70 - 80 starters each
  week
Thanks to S. Jones, M. Jones, S. Wright
* The close association of the Cross Country and
  Triathlon Clubs has been beneficial for all involved
* Record Membership 229- 1993, 165- 1992
* Thanks to all committee for their support and hard work
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Big marathon seeks international boost

THE popular Medibank Private Bumbury Marathon will turn international next year if an invitation to Japanese runners is successful.

The Bunbury Runners Club wrote to the Setagaya Sister City committee several months ago seeking help in attracting Japanese athletes to the event.

While club stalwart Brian (the Sctagaya committee) can get, with maration now 20 weeks away. Busell said.

Type as still hopeful of a positive "I'd say it's likely some runners response." he was still hopeful of a positive response.

Marathons are big news in Japan with the Tokyo Marathon rated as

athletics.

Chairman of the Sister City Clitizens' Committee, Cr Mike Buswell, moed the prospects of Japanese ranners making the Bunbury Marathen an international event as "more than positive".

By RON McDONALD

He said the sister city committee had now played its part and that it was most likely Forciga Affairs would deal directly with the runners with the runners club.

"We'd prefer them to be in the 2hrs 30min-3hrs 30min bracket because that seems to be the norm in WA and is one of the reasons why so many people enjoy rusning down there." Kennedy said.

"The initial idea in approaching Japan was to build the race up over the next couple of years.

"Next May will be our 13th annual running and we want our 15th to be the big one.

would deal directly with the runners clab.

Kennedy said the Bunbury Runners Clab was not seeking Japan's best-Zkum specialists for the marrathon at this stage.

"We'd prefer them to be in the Zhris Somin-Shris 30min beacket."

Last year's course around Bunbury was the first in WA to be officially tertified as a marathon course, meaning times run around it will be accepted anywhere in the world.

The local club is hoping to entice the 10 Perth runners wanting to

qualify for the 90km Comrades race in South Africa next year to try and attain the standard in Bunbury.

The 'Comrades' attracts 10,000-12,000 entrants and is growing rapidly in stature around the world since the breakdown of apartheid.

The Bunbury Runners Club is riding a boom in popularity since scening clubrooms at the recreation ground, with membership up from 187 to almost 250 this season.

It has been attracting big fields for Thursday evening races and has also secured "the State Track Championships for the 50km and 100km distances on the Aqua Spectacular weekend in March.