

ST STEPHENS HARRIERS

ATHLETIC CLUB INC



ANNUAL REPORT

2020 – 2021

ST STEPHENS HARRIERS ATHLETIC CLUB INC

Registered No. A0023951P

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020 / 2021

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 10th November 2021

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2020/2021

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SSH OLYMPIANS

1924	H.A.Austin, M.V.Boyd, D.V.Duigan, J.C.Lane, J.H.Newman
1928	T.H.Morris
1936	G.Backhouse
1948	R.Weinberg, C.Green
1952	R.Weinberg
1956	R.Blackney
1964	I.Tomlinsom
1968	D.J.Clayton, R. Weinberg (official)
1972	D.J.Clayton, B.W.Field, R. Finlay
1976	D.Hanly, R.Mitchell
1980	R.Mitchell
1984	M.Hillardt, R.Mitchell
1988	M.Hillardt (selected, but withdrew due to injury)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we now all know 2020 was a year that threw up some surprises and challenges for us as individuals and for us as a club.

Following the success of the previous year with a Premiership in the Mens Division 1 Cross Country, SSH was very much looking forward to the 2020 season to defend the premiership title and to show our growth across both the womens and junior divisions. Plenty of work had gone into building our depth across the genders, and to develop a sense of team pride, which we felt would put us in a good position come the start of the season. Unfortunately, right on the eve of the season just as we were about to hold our XCR season launch party, COVID hit and sadly put an end to the cross country season. Alas we still remain reigning premiers.

Through what could have been a dreary year of all training and no racing, there was still plenty to keep us all upbeat and looking forward to what might come when racing returned. The introduction of a monthly long run (restrictions allowing) enabled that sense of community, Stewart McSweyn was doing what he does best, setting national records and displaying what a force he is on the international scene, and the sense that all the work and fitness gains through the winter were going to pay dividends in summer. Fortunately the summer sun did come out, the SSH tent was back on the hill at Box Hill, and we were able to witness the talent, depth, and camaraderie we have at the club which we look to show off in the coming year.

And then the Olympics. Firstly I am in absolute awe and proud that once again, and not since 1984 with Mike Hillardt and Rick Mitchell, we as a club are part of this great event. The postponement of the Olympics threw off plans for some of our aspiring hopefuls, but in credit to them without the slightest complaint or pity story they were able to quickly re-adjust, re-focus, and plan how they were going to be even better in another 12 months. Stewart McSweyn has already got his ticket and choice of three events (1500, 5000, 10000), while after a dominant domestic season besides a little hiccup at nationals, Ben Buckingham looks to cement his spot on the team with a strong showing internationally for the 3000 steeplechase. We also have new member Melissa Duncan looking to make her first Olympic Team after achieving a qualifying time in 2016 but sadly having to withdraw due to injury.

2020 also saw the long overdue awarding of six new life members in Greg Schofield, Stu Cooper, Gus Puopolo, Derek Clayton, Mike Hillardt, and Rick Mitchell. All have made a wonderful contribution on and off the track to help build the club to the standing it has now, and have helped add to the story of SSH. We had looked forward to hosting a function to properly honor these great stalwarts in October 2020, but due to restrictions we have to be flexible and look to hosting this in the near future.

Unfortunately, and it is with great sadness, that this event will be missing the great Rick Mitchell who passed in May this year. Much has already been written and said about Rick and his long association with athletics and SSH (including three Olympic Games a silver medal in 1980 and 4 commonwealth games medals) and in life with his business and family. Stu Cooper has provided a lovely passage of his memories of Rick, and we once again send our condolences to Christine, Alex, Joe, Edward, and Oliver.

Lastly I wish to thank Greg Nolan who passed on the role of Club President following his outstanding work over the previous decade overseeing the re-emergence of the club from a forgotten club, to one of the most dominant clubs in distance running in Australia. As we look to the 2021-22 season we look forward to again showing our strength and depth that we are building as a club. We stay committed to building a club whose culture is the envy of all others, where fun and team spirit are our key traits, and success is a by-product of this investment.

Kevin Craigie (SSH President)

IN MEMORIAM

Rick Mitchell (1955-2021)



There may not be many around who remember - with any clarity, at least – Rick Mitchell's words in a trackside interview immediately following his silver medal presentation after the Olympic 400m final in Moscow.

I do. In fact, my recollection begins a moment beforehand, when Rick comprehensively shrugged off a heavy-handed Soviet official who tried to block his path to the Aussie media: "No! No! They're my country, I'm talking to my country! Go to buggery!"

Having thus consigned his adversary to (wherever), Rick was asked how he felt with the silver around his neck. "Not good enough," he replied.

Assured by the interviewer (it might even have been Bruce McAveney – you'd like to think so) that Australia would be proud and delighted with his silver, Rick answered "It's still

not good enough. But I can't complain, conditions were perfect, I had a trouble-free preparation, and I just wasn't good enough."

Such candour is seldom expressed in elite sport these days, with publicists and media coaches stifling any admission of personal 'failure' for fear of advantaging opposition or negative sponsor reactions. But it's hard to imagine Rick Mitchell – who passed away on May 30 - being kept from saying anything he wanted to, not least about himself or his failings. Immense self-belief led him the podium in Moscow – fearless self-honesty helped make him the grounded, respected athlete and man who was so admired.

Few club athletes in 2021 could count a truly world-class runner among their club mates, one who'd reached the heights of even one Olympic final, never mind three. Fewer would expect to see such a runner, at the apex of their career, competing with them every summer Saturday in local competition, running the same events as themselves. And fewer still would find that runner relaxing with them, joking around and contributing to club camaraderie between events, as any club mate might do.

Rick Mitchell was such a runner – one who prized his fellowship with other athletes alongside his elevated goals and achievements. As a St Stephens Harrier at interclub meets, Rick was one of the team on competition days, delighting in friendly banter and sharing interests, commending his clubmates on their efforts and the points they'd earned for the club, however few. Rick hit his peak at a time when amateurism, though doomed internationally, still held sway as it does today in community sport. Full professionalism had yet to take hold, and most Olympians and other internationals still relied on day jobs or government support for their living. Nor were they as free as today to pick and choose the events they ran in. National team selection was everything. If they wanted to attract the selectors' notice, they had to race well and race often - at home. They had to know HOW to race.

For Rick – and others of his standing – that meant lining up most Saturdays, hardening body and mind by competing over a range of distances, honing the skills of racing. It was an approach inculcated in him by coach Norm Osborne, and it paid off for him at every level of competition. It also paid off for those who saw him race each week, the aspiring juniors especially. He was

one of their models, a yardstick indicating what could be achieved with talent and dedication, and it was on show week after week. “Hey, Rick Mitchell’s on the blocks! Come and watch!”

Elite athletes these days live in a rarified world of sponsorships, training camps, peaking for this or that championship or overseas trip, and accruing financial rewards for results. Most have left their interclub competition days far behind – time constraints (and fear of injury) simply don’t allow it. The recreational athlete or fan – particularly the junior – rarely sees them in action beyond televised meets.

Those of us who saw Rick in action so often, on indifferent suburban tracks, were lucky to have done so. Watching him take his mark in Montreal, Moscow, Edmonton and Los Angeles, we felt a connection with him that was forged from more than simply being in the same club. Through his regular engagement with SSH activities and fellow members, he took us with him to those starting blocks in imposing stadia alongside the world’s great runners, and he had us all running with him. When he talked to his country that day in Moscow, he was talking to us – and no official was going to stop him.

Run in peace, Rick.

Written by Stu Cooper



TROPHY WINNERS 2020-2021

Men

Best Performance Trophy
(Highest IAAF points)

Stewart McSweyn
(3000km: 7:28.02-1252 IAAF points)

Gerald Backhouse Memorial
(Fastest 1500/mile)

Stewart McSweyn
(3:30.51- 1500m)

J. W. Bannister Trophy
(Highest Aggregate in Cross Country)

N/A

George Langford Memorial Trophy
(Club 8k Cross Country)

N/A

Women

Wal Robinson Perpetual
(Highest IAAF points)

Melissa Duncan
(1500m: 4:10:40- 1123 IAAF points)

Fastest 1500/ mile

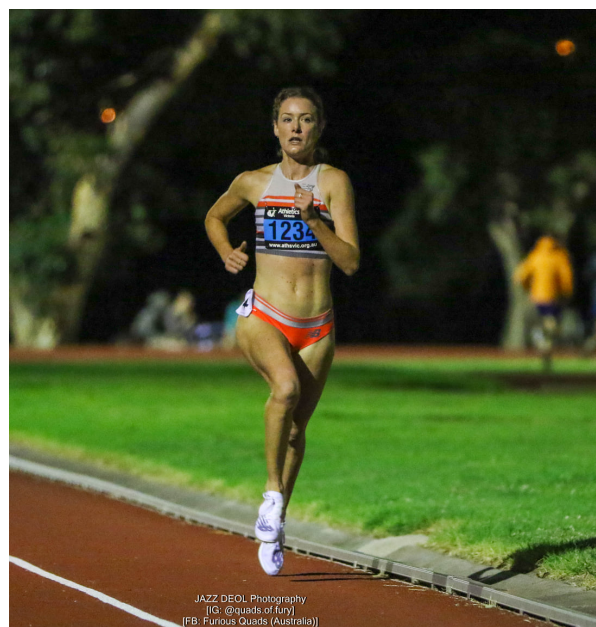
Melissa Duncan
(4:10.40- 1500m)

Highest Aggregate in Cross Country

N/A

Pat Robinson Perpetual
(Club 8km Cross Country)

N/A



TRACK AND FIELD SUMMER REPORT

It's been a challenging 18 months – not solely just from a training/racing perspective, but for many, also on a number of other levels. We have really admired the resilience of not just our own members, but of all those athletes across the country who have continued to support one another and show up to training day in, day out, often with no end goal in sight.

With COVID continuing to wreak havoc on the world, our SSH contingent took full advantage of every opportunity we had to line up on a start line.

A few highlights, in no particular order:

- Ben Buckingham finishing 2nd at nationals and putting himself in serious Olympic contention. Bucks went on to have a super consistent next few months, made some massive improvements, took some big scalps and got himself on the plane to Tokyo (more to come on this in the next annual report).
- Tom Thorpe, our Victorian 5000m champion. Also ran a 3:45 1500 (worth a watch if you haven't seen it) and has selflessly made himself available for some clockwork like pace making duties throughout the year. Also does a bit for the club (and no, Thorpey didn't write this part...).
- Sam Quirk's huge improvement over the summer. Started with a 15:17 5000m at the Victorian Championships and finished with a 14:51 at Box Hill. On that trajectory, he's looking to challenge Stewy at Zatopek in 2022.
- Juliet McBurney and Doc Toby O'Brien, our two other full time steeplers/part time flat runners. Both fly under the radar a bit but are two of our most consistent racers and have had some standout performances this year.
- Aiden Harvey, our token – and highly valued - field athlete. Has absolutely dominated the shot putting circuit this season, ending with a bronze at nationals with a 'put' of 18.30m, which is precisely about 4 metres more than Whit and Simone threw in discus at uni games in 2013.
- Our junior numbers keep increasing, which Nick Bowden deserves a massive thanks for. In particular, a big shout out to Liv, Daniel, Emily, Andrea and Alexander. These five seem to be on every start line there is and have been rewarded with state medals, personal bests and seasons bests etc etc.
- Aiden Du Buisson has made the big step up to seniors this season and has had a huge summer of racing.
- We'll mention Stewy McSweyn (surname probably not necessary), because well, Stewy. Male Athlete of the Year, a 3:50 mile in December, a national 1500m record back in September last year. Repped the green and gold at Tokyo and just needs to watch out for Quirky at Zatopek next year.

There's so many others who we haven't mentioned but a big, big thanks to every single person who has competed this season. We're always so proud to see a SSH singlet on the start line and we look forward to carrying the momentum into this year's (hopefully uninterrupted) summer season.

Simone and Thorpey

CLUB RANKINGS 2020 - 2021 - WOMEN

800m		
Clare Beaton-Wells (U17)	2:30.15	09/02/2021
1000m		
Madeleine Murray	2:39.61	02/03/2021
1500m		
Melissa Duncan	4:10.40	01/04/2021
Madeleine Murray	4:16.00	18/03/2021
Emily Bartlett	4:53.33	18/03/2021
Andrea De Jong	4:55.70	18/03/2021
Olivia Da Costa-Alves (U16)	5:06.33	18/03/2021
Clare Beaton-Wells	5:25.09	18/03/2021
3000m		
Juliet McBurney	9:33.69	01/04/2021
Annabelle Eastman	9:38.02	22/12/2020
Andrea De Jong (U20)	10:32.63	17/04/2021
Emily Bartlett (U20)	10:39.56	27/02/2021
Olivia Da Costa-Alves (U16)	10:48.57	27/02/2021
3000m steeple		
Natalie Rule	10:07.92	20/02/2021
Juliet McBurney	10:46.72	20/02/2021
5000m		
Whitney Sharpe	16:55	25/03/2021
Simone McInnes	17:07.19	02/03/2021
Andrea De Jong (U20)	18:21.70	15/04/2021
Sophie Carne	18:35	25/03/2021
Emily Bartlett (U20)	19:18.4	11/02/2021
4X1500m relay		
Juliet McBurney, Emily Bartlett, Andrea De Jong, Whitney Sharpe	19:29.39	30-31/01/2021



CLUB RANKINGS 2020 - 2021 - MEN

100m		
Alexandar Argyropoulos	12.36	10/12/2020
200m		
Alexandar Argyropoulos	25.41	26/02/2021
800m		
Aiden Du Buisson	1:58.99	09/02/2021
Daniel Chiba-Lynch (U16)	2:00.81	27/02/2021
Austin Fernanda	2:08.76	09/02/2021
1000m		
Toby O'Brien	2:32.76	02/03/2021
1500m		
Stewart McSweyn	3:30.51	25/09/2020
Ben Buckingham	3:40.02	01/04/2021
Tom Thorpe	3:45.08	18/03/2021
Toby O'Brien	3:58.17	18/03/2021
Aiden Du Buisson	3:58.82	19/02/2021
Xavier Smith	4:02.70	14/01/2021
Lachlan Aspinall	4:07.99	18/03/2021
Cameron Clayton	4:09.69	18/03/2021
Sam Quick	4:10.25	14/01/2021
Daniel Chiba-Lunch (U16)	4:21.97	18/03/2021
Austin Fernando	4:40.51	03/12/2020
Mile		
Stewart McSweyn	3:50.61	29/12/2020
3000m		
Stewart McSweyn	7:27.02	17/09/2020
Ben Buckingham	7:57.81	22/12/2020
Tom Thorpe	8:10.50	22/12/2020
Jamie Wagstaff	8:35.38	22/12/2020
Aiden Du Buisson	8:46.18	22/12/2020
3000m steeplechase		
Ben Buckingham	8:27.38	27/03/2021
Toby O'Brien	9:01.89	19/04/2021
5000m		
Stewart McSweyn	13:05.87	02/03/2021
Ben Buckingham	13:40.15	02/03/2021
Tom Thorpe	14:13.92	11/02/2021
Toby O'Brien	14:46.30	11/02/2021
Sam Quirk	14:51.85	02/03/2021
10,000m		
Tom Thorpe	30:12.61	26/02/2021
Sam Quirk	31:29	25/03/2021
Shot put		
Aiden Harvey	18.32	25/03/2021

WOMEN'S CLUB RECORDS (as at 1st April 2021)

100m	G. Mackie	12.19 e	24/10/2009
200m	G. Mackie	25.46 e	07/11/2010
400m	B. Mignot	55.86 e	05/04/2009
800m	W. Sharpe	2.06.13 e	04/03/2017
1000m	W. Sharpe	3.06.5 h	19/11/2013
1500m	M. Duncan	4.10.40	01/04/2021=NCR
Mile	W. Sharpe	4.46.6 h	06/02/2018
3000m	N.Rule	9.11.66	08/06/2019
5000m	N.Rule	15.39.33	17/07/2019
10000m	N.Rule	34.15.41	14/12/2019
Half Marathon	A. Craigie	1:26.03	04/09/2012
Marathon	J. Kutchins	2hr 49min 50sec	12/10/1980
50kms Track	S. Young	4hr 28min 45sec	07/07/1992
50 miles Track	S. Young	7hr 32min 44sec	21/06/1992
100kms Track	S. Young	11hr 30min 56sec	08/04/2000
100 miles Track	S. Young	20hr 39min 17sec	08/04/2000
6 Hour Run Track	S. Young	63.425kms	27/10/1991
12 Hour Run Track	S. Young	103.600kms	08/04/2000
24 Hour Run Track	S. Young	176.810kms	08/04/2000
80m Hurdles (U14)	K. Heppner	13.5 h	01/03/1980
90m Hurdles (U16)	J. Pecsovszky	14.3 h	13/11/1982
100m Hurdles	B. Mignot	15.12 e	20/02/2010
200m Hurdles (U16)	J. Stone	31.7 h	02/02/1975
200m Hurdles (U14)	A. Spence	34.0 h	20/01/1998
300m Hurdles (U16)	S. Llewellyn	52.0 h	08/11/1986
400m Hurdles	B. Mignot	61.30 e	17/04/2010
2000m Steeple (U18)	A. Schofield	7.32.8 h	09/02/2002
3000m Steeple	A. Schofield	12.15.8 h	01/02/2001
800m Walk	L. Young	5.59.5 h	02/02/1974
1500m Walk	L. Jachno	6.25.1 h	04/02/1984
2000m Walk	S. Brown	11.47.4 h	08/10/1994
3000m Walk	L. Jachno	12.48.76 e	15/02/1992
5000m Walk	L. Jachno	22.17.0 h	20/01/1990
10000m Walk	L. Jachno	45.26.0 h	15/05/1992
Pole Vault	J. Bull	3.40m	31/03/2012
High Jump	C. Soanes	1.62m	02/11/1983
Long Jump	J. Bull	5.93m	10/01/2009
Triple Jump	J. Geyer	11.43m	01/12/2007
Discus 1 kg	J. Kerr	37.78m	14/12/1974
Hammer 4 kg	A. Rose	32.36m	24/10/1998
Javelin 600 g	R. Fellowes	36.94m	13/02/1988
Shot Put 4 kg	R. Fellowes	12.54m	07/11/1987
Shot Put 2.724 kg (U15)	I. Saifoloi	10.57m	22/10/1988
Heptathlon	J. Bull	3375 points	27-28/01/2010
4 x 100m Relay	J. Geyer B. Mignot A. Nolan E. Marriner	51.00 e	23/02/2008

4 x 200m Relay	J. Geyer G. Mackie E. Marriner B. Mignot	1.45.0 h	29/11/2008
4 x 400m Relay	J. Naylor J. Gole A. Nolan S. Hall	3.59.20 e	18/12/2005
4 x 800m Relay	W. Sharpe A. MacCallum S. Hall B. Mignot	9.27.80 e	28/01/2010
4 x 1500m Relay	A. Schofield C. Fritze S. Armstrong S. Hall	20.30.59 e	15/12/2002
Medley Relay	800m - S. Hall 400m - J. Gole 200m - A. Nolan 200m – J. Naylor	4.09.83 e	17/12/2005



MEN'S CLUB RECORDS (as at 1st April 2021)

100m	B. Smith	10.3 h	19/01/1985
100 yards	G. Richards	9.5 h	06/01/1968
200m	R. Mitchell	20.8 h	29/02/1976
220 yards	G. Richards	21.7 h	06/01/1968
400m	R. Mitchell	44.84 e	30/07/1980
800m	M. Hillardt	1.45.74 e	19/03/1983
1000m	M. Hillardt	2.17.49 e	18/08/1984
1500m	S. McSweyn	3.31.81	12/07/2019
Mile	M. Hillardt	3.51.82 e	28/08/1985
2 Mile	S. McSweyn	8.16.28	30/06/2019
3000m	S. McSweyn	7.28.02	17/09/2020=NCR
5000m	S. McSweyn	13.20.21 e	21/07/2018
10000m	S. McSweyn	27.23.80	14/12/2019
20k Track	I. Blackwood	60.00.0 h	27/10/1965
1 hour Track Run	I. Blackwood	20050.47m	27/10/1965
Half Marathon	J. Coleman	63.54	02/02/2020
Marathon	D. Clayton	2h.08.33.6	30/05/1969
2000m Steeple	A. Garnham	6.14.5 h	20/01/1979
3000m Steeple (91.4cm)	B. Buckingham	8:27.51	03/09/2019
110m Hurdles (3'6"/106.7cm)	M. Wilson	13.9 h	07/02/1984
200m Hurdles	R. Weinberg	23.3 h	
400m Hurdles (91.4cm)	B. Field	49.32 e	29/01/1974
1500m Walk	C. Clayton	7.34.52 e	11/10/2005
2000m Walk	S. Hunter	9.01.7 h	14/10/1989
3000m Walk	P. Bethune	13.12.0 h	04/03/1978
5000m Walk	S. Cooper	29.45.0 h	04/03/2006
10k Walk	R. Field	49.40.0 h	08/08/1953
20k Walk	S. Cooper	1h.44.31.0 h	02/07/1978
30k Walk	S. Cooper	2h.38.28.0 h	14/05/1978
50k Walk	S. Cooper	4h.48.52.0 h	26/07/1981
High Jump	M. Hawkey	2.15m	23/02/1991
Long Jump	B. Field	7.79m	17/03/1970
Triple Jump	I. Tomlinson	16.23m	17/03/1970

Pole Vault	B. Randall	4.40m	11/11/1986
Discus (2.0kg)	B. Tucker	48.51m	13/02/1965
Discus (1.5kg) 50-59 yrs	G. Rose	44.80m	16/07/1995
Discus (1.0kg) 60-69 yrs	G. Rose	41.96m	13/08/2006
Hammer (7.260kg)	G. Puopolo	65.16m	06/03/1982
Hammer (6.0kg) 50-59 yrs	G. Rose	50.48m	22/07/1995
Hammer (5.0kg) 60-69 yrs	G. Rose	50.43m	13/03/2004
Javelin (800g)	S. Ellis	62.02m	20/02/1977
Javelin (700g) 50-59 yrs	G. Rose	50.38m	13/04/2001
Javelin (600g) 60-69 yrs	G. Rose	48.98m	14/03/2004
Shot Put (7.260kg)	A. Harvey	17.51m	06/02/2020
Shot Put (6.0kg) 50-59 yrs	G. Rose	13.91m	06/10/1997
Shot Put (5.0kg) 60-69 yrs	G. Rose	13.27m	25/03/2005
Decathlon	B. Field	7195 points	31/01/1972
4 x 100m Relay	B. Weinberg R. Mitchell B. More B. Aelo	41.0 h	08/03/1975
4 x 100m Relay	P. Blackaby R. Mitchell B. More D. Hanley	41.0 h	03/02/1980
4 x 200m Relay	P. Blackaby D. Hanley B. More R. Mitchell	1.24.4 h	07/02/1978
4 x 400m Relay	P. Blackaby D. Hanley B. More R. Mitchell	3.06.5 h	07/02/1978
4 x 800m Relay	R. Brown D. Hanley D Robertson M. Hillardt	7.32.0 h	07/12/1983
4 x 1500m Relay	M. McColl P. Sutton G. Kipp	15.56.6 h	05/03/1982

	A. Garnham		
Mile Medley Relay	880yd – B. K. Tregenza 440yd – B. J. Stanton 220yd – S. W. Scurr 220yd – G. H. Kelly	3.30.7 h	29/01/1962
Medley Relay	800m – L. Aspinall 400m – S. Dewan 200m – C. Pathirana 200m – J. Barr	3.29.73 e	28/02/2009



CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

Unfortunately cross-country season was cancelled as a result of COVID-19.

SSH Annual Financial Report

St Stephens Harriers Athletics Club Inc (Registered No.
A0023951P)

For the year ended 31 March 2021

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Treasurer's Report

St Stephens Harriers Athletics Club Inc (Registered No. A0023951P) For the year ended 31 March 2021

Financial Report

The Treasurer, with support of your committee members, submit the financial report of St Stephens Harriers Athletics Club for the financial year ended 31 March 2021.

Operating Result

The operating result for the period was a deficit of \$1,093, down from a deficit of \$568 in 2020. The operating result comprises two elements:

General Fund

The General Fund ran at a deficit of \$995 in 2021, down from a surplus of \$698 in 2020. The deficit during the current year primarily relates to the downturn in membership fee income during the 2020-21 season, with the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in the cancellation of the XCR Season, as well as ongoing disruption to the Summer Track & Field Season.

Uniform Fund

The Uniform Fund ran at a deficit of \$98 in 2021, up from a deficit of \$1,267 in 2020. The improvement is primarily as a result of the prior year being skewed by a significant number of uniforms provided to new members in an effort to grow and support the club along with the write-down of the value of a portion of old uniform stocks deemed no longer in a saleable condition.

Member Numbers

Member numbers decreased significantly to 20 competing members for season 2020-21, down from 35 for season 2019-20.

As noted above, the downturn in members during the 2020-21 season primarily relates to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the 2020-21 Season, which saw the cancellation of the XCR Season as well as ongoing disruption to the Summer Track & Field Season.

The sharp reduction in member numbers resulted in membership fee income decreasing to \$1,940 for the 2020-21 season, down from \$4,400 for the 2019-20 season. This decrease was further impacted by the 50% discount to the club fee rates charged to members, with the fee reduced in recognition of the shortened season.

A summary of our member profile is included below:

Category	2020-21	2019-20
Open Athletes	13	27
Under 20	3	3
Under 18	1	1
Under 16	2	1
Under 14	1	3
Total	20	35
Male	11	28

Female	9	7
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Accumulated Funds

The accompanying Statement of Financial Position shows that the Club has total accumulated funds of \$22,906 as at 31 March 2021 compared with total accumulated funds \$23,998 as at 31 March 2020.

Total accumulated funds also include a Sponsorship Fund of \$8,000 (Note 6). Interest earned on the term deposit supporting this fund is transferred to the General and Uniform Funds to cover the cost of subscriptions and uniforms for eligible athletes selected by the Committee.

Luke Frazzetto

TREASURER

Sign date: 31 October 2021

Statement of Financial Performance

St Stephens Harriers Athletics Club Inc (Registered No. A0023951P)
For the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
Income		
Member's Fee Income		
Membership Fee Income	1,940	4,400
Other Fee Income	-	1,025
Total Member's Fee Income	1,940	5,425
Other Income		
Net Social Function Income	(305)	-
Donations Received	250	220
Interest Income	85	462
Total Other Income	30	682
Total Income	1,970	6,107
Expenditure		
Athletics Victoria Fees		
AV Affiliation Fee	550	510
Cross Country Relay Entries	-	1,657
Track Relay Entries	240	160
Total Athletics Victoria Fees	790	2,327
Club Development Expenses		
Athlete Subsidies - Memberships	648	1,082
Coaching Fees - Run Ready	1,000	2,000
Marketing Costs	60	-
Trophies & Penants	408	-
Total Club Development Expenses	2,116	3,082
Administrative Expenses		
Interest Expense	-	-
Filing Fees	59	-
Total Administrative Expenses	59	-
Total Expenditure	2,965	5,409
General Fund Surplus/ (Deficit)	(995)	698
Uniform Fund		
Sales	62	1,555
Less Purchases & Write-offs	(160)	(2,822)
Total Uniform Fund	(98)	(1,267)
Uniform Fund Surplus / (Deficit)	(98)	(1,267)
Total Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(1,093)	(568)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Statement of Financial Position

St Stephens Harriers Athletics Club Inc (Registered No. A0023951P)

As at 31 March 2021

	NOTES	31 MAR 2021	31 MAR 2020
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	7,773	10,786
Financial Assets	3	11,413	11,333
Uniform Stocks	4	3,720	3,880
Total Current Assets		22,906	25,998
Total Assets		22,906	25,998
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	5	-	2,000
Total Current liabilities		-	2,000
Total Liabilities		-	2,000
Net Assets		22,906	23,998
Member's Funds			
Sponsorship Fund	6	8,000	8,000
Accumulated Funds			
Opening Balance		15,998	16,567
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		(1,093)	(568)
Total Accumulated Funds		14,906	15,998
Total Member's Funds		22,906	23,998

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

St Stephens Harriers Athletics Club Inc (Registered No. A0023951P) For the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Association Incorporation Act (Victoria).

The financial statements have been prepared under the Australian Accounting Standards on an accrual basis, are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values except where specifically stated.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by St. Stephens Harriers Athletic Club Inc. in the preparation of its financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) The assets have been recorded at cost and the policy of the Committee is to annually reassess the market value of the uniform stock and record it at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

(b) Revenue has been recorded when it is due and recoverable.

(c) The Club is exempt from Income Tax by virtue of Section 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(d) If appropriate, comparative amounts have been amended to reflect any current changes in the presentation of the figures.

Stevens Harriers Athletic Club Inc. is an incorporated entity under the Associations Reform Act of 2012 and as revenue is below \$250,000 per annum is regarded as a Tier 1 association. In accordance with the legislation the accounts are not required to be audited or reviewed.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue from ordinary operations encompasses subscription fees received from athletes and other affiliated members of the organisation. These fees are net of the amounts payable by the athletes for their Athletics Victoria membership/s.

Proceeds from the sale of uniforms are recognised as part of the Uniform Fund on the Statement of Financial Performance.

Revenue from other sources include, but are not limited to:

(a) Proceeds from club fundraising functions and events.

(b) Donations to the club.

(c) Interest earned on cash savings accounts and other financial investments.

(d) Sales of club merchandise, including the SSH Centenary Book.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Term deposits invested for fixed terms have been classified separately as Financial Assets to reflect their reduced liquidity.

	2021	2020
2. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Bank Accounts At Call		
Operating Account - Westpac	3,688	6,703

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

	2021	2020
Savings Account - Westpac	4,085	4,083
Total Bank Accounts At Call	7,773	10,786
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	7,773	10,786

Financial Assets

Investments in financial assets are initially recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value, which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movements in fair value are recognised through an equity reserve.

	2021	2020
3. Financial Assets		
Term Deposit - Westpac		
Sponsorship Fund Investment	8,000	8,000
Accumulated Interest	3,413	3,333
Total Term Deposit - Westpac	11,413	11,333
Total Financial Assets	11,413	11,333

Uniform Stocks

Uniform stocks are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The accompanying Statement of Financial Performance shows a deficit of \$98 in the Uniform Fund for 2021 compared with a deficit of \$1,267 for 2020. The improvement is primarily as a result of the prior year being skewed by a significant number of uniforms provided to new members in an effort to grow and support the club along with the write-down of the value of a portion of old uniform stocks deemed no longer in a saleable condition.

	2021	2020
4. Uniform stocks		
Uniform stocks at lower of cost and net realisable value	3,720	3,880
Total Uniform stocks	3,720	3,880

Trade and Other Payables

Trade payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability, or in line with the relevant credit terms.

	2021	2020
5. Trade and Other Payables		
Run Ready Fees Payable - Season 2019-20	-	2,000
Total Trade and Other Payables	-	2,000

Sponsorship Fund

Each year the Club determines if a promising under 20 Wesley College male and or female athlete, or Club athlete is to be awarded a sponsorship from interest earned on the \$8,000 donated to the Club in 2009 from an old boy of the Club and invested by the Club in a short-term deposit.

Sponsorship covers the costs of the athlete's Club subscriptions and uniforms.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Because the Club has sufficient funds to pay for sponsorships the interest received is reinvested back into the sponsorship short term deposit. The accumulated interest received to date totals \$3,413 which has been recognised as interest income.

	2021	2020
6. Sponsorship Fund		
Funds Contributed	8,000	8,000
Total Sponsorship Fund	8,000	8,000

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Statement by the Committee

St Stephens Harriers Athletics Club Inc (Registered No. A0023951P) For the year ended 31 March 2021

Stephens Harriers Athletic Club Inc. is an incorporated entity under the Associations Reform Act of 2012 and as revenue is below \$250,000 per annum is regarded as a Tier 1 association. In accordance with the legislation the accounts are not required to be audited or reviewed.

In the opinion of the Committee the attached financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of St. Stephens Harriers Athletic Club Inc. for the year ended 31 March 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that St. Stephens Harriers Athletic Club Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Kevin Craigie

PRESIDENT

Luke Frazzetto

TREASURER

Sign date: 31 October 2021