



SMR Relay Championships at Duncan McKinnon Reserve

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Congratulations to all our Athletes that competed in the regional relay championships on Saturday. The weather gods smiled on us at last but the real credit goes to the athletes and their families for making the day a huge success.

Moorabbin fielded teams in 37 events which is a phenomenal effort from our club and demonstrates the great spirit of participation that Moorabbin Little Athletics fosters. It can be a very long day with kids and parents often having to wait hours between events, so we appreciate your participation and patience. Competing in these team events, encourages the kids to learn about the responsibility that comes with being a team member, so well done everyone.

Whilst all athletes deserves congratulations for the great spirit of participation, I would like to give special mention to our teams that won medals on the day.

Out of 37 Events that MLAC entered we won an impressive 11 medals

- Gold 5
- Silver 1
- Bronze 5

Gold Medal Winners

Mixed under 9 – 4 X 200

Finn S, Devon R, Emilia F, Nicole C

Under 10 Girls - 4 X 200

Amber VE, Emily J, Adriana S, Kate A, Emily R (Emergency)

Under 10 Girls 4 X 100

Amber VE, Emily J, Adriana S, Emily R

Under 10 Girls Medley



Amber VE, Emily J, Adriana S, Emily R, Kate A (Emergency)

Mixed Under 14 - 4 X 200

Lachlan C, Oliver Q, Jada D, Grace L

Silver Medal Winners

Mixed 4 X 100

Lachlan C, Oliver Q, Jada D, Grace L

Bronze Medal Winners

Under 12 Girls 4 X 200

Sophie J, Elise C, Alexandra G, Jessica S

Under 12 Girls Medley

Sophie J, Elise C, Alexandra G, Jessica S

Under 13 Girls 4 X 200

Emma D, Kundali P, Hannah VE, Hope M, Sophie L (Emergency)

Under 9 Mixed 4 X 100

Finn S, Devon R, Emilia F, Nicole C

Under 13 Girls Medley

Nicolette B, Kundali P, Sophie L, Hope M

The turnout at training over the preceding weeks was just fantastic and further demonstrates the team spirit of our athletes. A huge thank you must go to Emily Marshall. Emily ran the relay training with enthusiasm and energy. What a fine young lady you are Emily. Thank you.

Also to another dedicated MLAC veteran, Charlotte Ruby Robinson who so happily shares her experience in helping with training. It is a testament to the character of these girls who volunteer their time so happily.



Anyone who's been around the club in previous seasons knows the tireless efforts of Club President, Chris Sharp. Sharpie's experience and expertise in honing our athlete's baton changings skills is just fantastic. It's a lot for the kids to remember and get right on the day so a massive thank you to Chris.

Both Michelle Jackson and Chris Sharp were instrumental behind the scenes in putting the teams together. Their experience with Athletics and their willingness to share that knowledge is fantastic. Although they were technically, 'assistant team managers' they were both involved every step (and every email along the way) and made my job so much easier. In replacement of equally experienced and dedicated 'race tactician', Mark Jackson) Michelle also looked after our under 10 girls team on race day. Thanks Michelle, you are a legend.

Putting the teams together can be a bit of a jig saw puzzle, and sometimes the pieces don't quite fit. As such, I apologise to the families that may not have had their preferred team placement. A couple of teams had to be scratched on the day and I am aware of the inconvenience and let down experienced by a couple of our athletes. I must say, that all our families were a pleasure to deal with and were very gracious when things didn't quite go to plan. You all made my job easier, so thank you.

There were several athletes that were asked to fill in for missing athletes during the day. I was very impressed by the willingness to help as it meant that potential scratchings were mostly avoided and that the athletes got to participate, where otherwise they may have missed out.

The teams that qualified to represent MLAC at the State Championships will be announced by LAVic soon, so we will keep you updated.