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DONCASTER ATHLETIC CLUB ANNUAL REPORT



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Office Bearers

President: Kate Downward (April-December 2009)

President: Adrian Patti/Stuart McLay (December-April 2010)

Vice Presidents: Adrian Patti/Stuart McLay

Secretary: Charmaine Smith

Treasurer: Graeme Down

Committee: Phil Allen, Samantha Carberry, Chris Gange, Ivan Harding, Tom Kelly, Will Power, Peter Ruff, Allan Watson

Life Members

- 1982 - Allen Stevens
- 1983 - William Chambers
- Joan Mahoney
- 1984 - Judith Banks
- 1986 - Jeff Chambers
- Ellen Perry
- Debra Tomsett
- 1987 - Peter Ruff
- 1988 - Richard Davis
- Brian Pierson
- Graham Russell
- John Yarranton
- 1989 - Tom Hassall
- Michelle Pain
- 1990 - Mark Tomsett
- 1991 - Diane Pain
- Peter Stewart
- 1992 - Johh Hirst
- 1993 - Ivan Harding
- Ed Oakley
- 1994 - Tom Kelly
- 1997 - Sean Quilty
- 1999 - Adam Robertson
- 2000 - Murray Harding
- 2002 - Scott Young
- 2003 - Dean Paulin
- Charmaine Smith
- 2007 - Kate Downward
- Adrian Patti
- 2008 - Roderick DeHighden

Presidents Report

As we conclude another athletics year we all have an opportunity to celebrate the many highs that DAC has experienced throughout 2009/10 as well as reflect upon the low points that have sadly affected the Club.

The year got off to a fantastic start back in the winter season with Bronwyn Walburg leading the U14 Girls to the Cross Country Premiership. Natalie Rule and Grace Thek both won AV Best Athlete Awards. Grace showed her immense ability by going on to finish 2nd at the National Cross Country Trials which gained her selection for Australia at the World Cross Country Championships in Poland where she finished 73rd. On a disappointing note the Men's Open team finished the winter in last place and were relegated to Division 2.

At the Athletics Victorian Annual General Meeting, some of the officials that have formed part of this Club and Athletics Victoria for decades were recognised. Ivan Harding was awarded Life Membership while Barbara Rumble, Diane Pain and Ellen Perry received Merit awards.

The high point of the summer for the Club was the Victorian Championships weekend. DAC athletes achieved an incredible 17 gold, 16 silver and 15 bronze medals in Open and Age events. In addition to this we were represented in 38 finals.

Life Member and Club President Kate Downward swapped her presidential duties for those of parenthood at the beginning of 2010. Kate and her husband Scott announced the birth of their daughter Hannah on February 23. We would like to take this opportunity to once again publicly thank Kate for her tireless efforts for DAC over many years. We wish you and Scott the very best of luck and hope to see you around the Club again soon.

The athletic successes of our Club don't happen by accident. On behalf of the Executive, Committee, Members and supporters of the Doncaster Athletic Club, we would like to acknowledge and extend thanks to our coaches and officials. It is the efforts of these individuals on a weekly basis that ensures our athletes can train and compete throughout the year.

Coaches – Patrick Ashkettle, Andrew Cron, Tom Kelly, Daryl Marchant, Osei Owusu-Ofridie, Adam Robertson, Allan Watson and Peter Ruff.

Officials - Ivan Harding, John Yarranton, Barbara Rumble, Ellen Perry, Diane Pain, Jean Gell, Martyn Kibel, Phil Allen, Allan Watson, Simon Ware.

Thanks to the Shield leadership group this year; Daniel D'Bortoli, Harry George, Claire Walpole and Natasha Lane. Their assistance in getting the relay teams entered and athletes organised each week was greatly appreciated. We must also thank the dedicated group of volunteers who regularly put their hand up to assist the Club when needed. From working on competition days to assisting with our annual Bunnings BBQ, your deeds do not go unnoticed and it is people such as you who make wonderful contributions to the running of our sport. DAC rarely has enough volunteers so please think about when it may be "your turn" to raise your hand in 2010/11.

As we look forward to the new athletics year, the Club is excited about the prospect of revamping the lighting at the track as well as the possibility of adding a photo finish facility. Both of these projects would enable us to attract more major competitions to our venue. Such ventures come at a huge cost and are another reason why we urge all of you to support our fundraising efforts. The Committee must also acknowledge the assistance and support we've received so far from the Manningham City Council, Doncaster Little Athletics and Athletics Victoria.

The Doncaster Athletic Club owes much to its Executive and Committee who spend countless hours each year managing our Club affairs. On behalf of all Club members and supporters we extend our gratitude.

In closing our Presidents' Report for another year, we would like to reflect on something that has been a low point in the long history of the Doncaster Athletic Club. While many are probably not aware of the divisive nature of an ongoing issue the Committee has been forced to deal with, it is nevertheless very important that we acknowledge its existence.

Suffice to say the Doncaster Athletic Club does not and will not condone the behaviour of individuals who work to undermine the great work that a sporting and

community club such as ours does. Our Club is bigger than any one individual, it has been around for far longer than nearly all of us have been connected with it, and it will hopefully be around long after the involvement of all of us.

DAC is not about individuals, it is a collective. When we celebrate and recognise the successes of our athletes, coaches and volunteers we are doing so because we have all been a part of that.

As we do in all aspects of our lives - whether that is in education, work, sport or other pursuits - we cross paths with those whose opinions, ideas, feelings and practices are quite different to ours, we must

nonetheless accept each other as individuals. It is not our right to judge, criticise, harass or place our values and morals upon others.

This holds true for the Doncaster Athletic Club.

Good luck for season 2010/11.

Stuart McLay and Adrian Patti

Acting Presidents



Daniel D'Bortoli passing baton to Nick Finch 4x400m Relay

Cross Country

While the winter season did not bring the usual open men success we are used to, there were plenty of positives from the winter season. A total of 50 members competed either in an individual event or part of a relay. This compares well with last year and things still appear to be moving in the right direction in regards to participation. The WU14 team was extremely strong this season and had so many members, Bronwyn Walburg is recruiting very well which is great for our future. In total 11 U14 girls competed throughout the season, fantastic effort girls and team manager.

Overall the Open Men Div 1, finished bottom and unfortunately has been relegated to Division 2 for 2010. The Division 5 team remains. The open women also did not fair that well finishing 2nd bottom and have also been dropped to Division 3 for 2010.

The U14 girls won an Athletics Victoria Premiership scoring three first place rounds and well in the other 3 of 7 rounds contested only pipping out Western Athletics who finished with the same number of points but DAC recorded more wins.

Athletics Victoria XC Champion rankings saw in MOP Rod DeHigden (40-45 Age Group) finish 4th, MU18 Joel Tobin-White, 8th, WOP Fiona Nash, 6th, WU20 Grace Thek, 1st and WU14 Natalie Rule, 1st, Ashlee Walburg and Laura Powell tied in 9th.

Round 1 – Jells Park CX Relays:

27 members fronted for the opening meet of the season with teams entered in Men's Open Div 1 & 5, Women's Div 2, WU20, WU18, WU16, WU14 (X2) & MU14. The men's open teams finished 10th in Div 1 and 1st in Div 5. The women's Open Div 2 earned themselves a win in their one and only outing for the season. The MU14 finished 3rd with the U14 women team 1 also finishing 3rd. The 2nd WU14 team finished 12th. The WU18 team finished 4th and the WU20 finished 2nd.

Round 2 – Lardner Park XC:

Much small numbers travelled to Warragul for this event, with 5 open men competing in this 8km event (6 required to score team points), Matthew Johnsen finished 9th, Joel Tobin-White 97th, Pat Forno 127th,

Stuart Walpole 197th and Chris Thek 23rd (45-50 Age Group) . Natalie Rule won the U14 girls 2km event with Laura Powell 3rd in the same event. Other girls competing in that event were Ashlee Walburg in 8th, Isabella Dalla Costa 11th, Megan Pengelly 15th, Matilda Dennison 19th and Kirsten Walburg 29th. In the WU16 Courtney Goodwill finished 29th and Maree Tunnecliffe 33rd. In the WU18 Jemima Bourke finished 29th. Grace Thek won her first of many races for the season in the WU20 3km event, with Sam Carberry in 6th.

Round 3 – Sandown Road Race:

Quite a few members turned out for this event, 23 in total. In the open men Matthew Johnsen continued to run well finishing 11th, Stuart Walpole 133th, Pat Forno 173rd, Chris Thek 34th (45-49 Age Group). In the open Women Fiona Nash ran very well and finished 9th and Charmaine Smith in 138th. There were 9 girls competing in the WU14 3km event with Natalie Rule finishing 2nd, Ashlee Walburg 7th, Isabella Dalla Costa 14th, Megan Pengelly 15th, Moinca Clarke 16th, Charlotte Bassett 20th, Matilda Dinnison 22nd, Ally Rose Ogden 25th and Kirsten Walburg 29th. In the MU16 Joel Tobin-White won the 3km event, WU16 Rachel Lyster finished 31st, WU18 Alexandra Lyster finished 13th. In the MU18 Nyoun Nyoun finished 8th and in the WU20 Grace picked up another victory, Claire Walpole finished 7th, Alexandra Spangaro finished 16th and Laura Dawson 20th.

Round 4 - Lake Wendouree Road Race:

Only a small number of members travelled to Ballarat on this cold and windy day.

In the open men's 15km road race, Ben Ashkettle got up for his first ever open victory, in the same race Matthew Johnsen was up there again in 12th, Allan Failla in 19th, and Stuart Walpole in 110th. Rod DeHighden finished 6th (40-45 Age Group) and Chris Thek 36th (45-49 Age group). Unfortunately the men did not score any points here because Ben's registration had not been finalised.

In the WU20 Grace Thek clocked up her third victory and Natalie Rule finished 5th in U14 5km event.

Round 5 – Coliban Ekiden Relay:

Unfortunately we did not enter a male or female team for this event.

Round 6 – Bundoora Park XC:

In the Open men's 12km event, Allan Failla ran well to finish 9th, Stuart Walpole 163rd, Rod DeHighden 4th (40-45 Age Group). In the Open Women Fiona Nash grabbed her first ever open age victory, Katherine Katsenevakis 21st and Charmaine Smith 121st. No junior competed in this event as this was coupled with the Victorian All School Championships.

Round 7 – Geelong CX:

Twelve members travelled to Geelong. In the open men 16km event Allan Failla finished 19th, and Stuart Walpole 86th, Rod DeHighden won his age group (40-45) and Chris Thek finished 14th (45-49 age group). In the open women 6km, Fiona Nash continued her strong form finishing 3rd and Charmaine Smith 117th. In the WU14 4km, Natalie Rule was good in 3rd, Ashlee Walburg in 10th, Isabella Dalla Costa in 13th, Megan Pengelly in 14th and Kirsten Walburg in 17th. Grace Thek took out her fourth victory for the season in the WU20 4km event.

Round 8 – Sandown Road Relays:

Eighteen members contested these relays. The Open men went into this event with a strong team and

finished 4th. The WU20 had two teams, the first finished 3rd and the 2nd finished 6th. The WU16 finished 6th and the WU14 finished 5th.

Round 9 – Half Marathon:

While this event is not everyone's cup of tea we did have four men contest the Half Marathon. Rod DeHighden ran well to pick up his 2nd victory in his age group of 40-45 years this season, Matthew Johnsen ran well in 10th, Allan Failla in 31st and Pat Forno in 184th.

Round 10 – Tan Relays:

Thirty four of our members competed in this almost 4km relay event at the famous Melbourne icon that is the tan track around the Botanical Gardens in the city. The men's open team was in action again finishing 10th, we also had a Men's Div 5 team which finished 8th, MU14, 10th, WU20 (team 1) finished 2nd & team 2 finishing 10th, WU18, 8th, WU16, 11th and WU14 finished the season in 1st place winning them the Athletic Victoria Winter Premiership. There were two other WU14 teams that competed that day finishing 6th and 13th.



Matthew Johnsen – Tan Relays 2009

Shield Competition

Competition participation:

	Males	Females
MU14	6	
WU14		16
MU16	10	
WU16		15
MU18	16	
WU18		10
MU20	12	
WU20		6
MOP	11	
WOP		5
Total	55	52

Event participation:

	Males	Females	Total
100m	25	31	56
200m	22	34	56
400m	26	34	60
80mH		2	2
90mH	2	1	3
100mH	3	5	8
110mH	1		1
200mH	4	4	8
400mH	3	2	5
800m	23	25	48
1500m	19	18	37
3000m	5	11	16
5000m	2		2
2000mS	1	1	2
3000mS		1	1
1500mW	1		1
2000mW	2		2
3000mW	1		1
DT	4	10	14
HJ	5	8	13
HT	4	6	10
JT	12	6	18
HT	4	4	8
LJ	10	13	23
SP	9	2	11
PV	4		4

Shield Review:

One hundred and seven members scored points throughout the Shield season. Most weeks DAC was well represented across a vast majority of events as shown above. It is great to see more and more members having a go at the events DAC is not renowned for. Eight members participated in the Hammer Throw which in the past has been poorly represented (which could have something to do with the recruitment Andrew Cron). Also four members participated in Pole Vault, all men though, which is more than any other season, but it would be good to see some women getting involved. The other throws were well represented but compared to the number of athletes competing on the track the numbers are still low. While we do have a handful of athletes participating in the hurdles it would be good to see more.

All teams made the finals this year except for Open Men, Open Women and U16 men. All teams performed very well at the Shield Region Final with the WU14 premiers.

WU16 – 4th, WU18 – 3rd, WU20 – 3rd, MU14 – 3rd, MU18 – 3rd, MU20 – 2nd. The WU14 and MU20 progressed to the Shield Final held at Doncaster. The U14 women finished 7th and the MU20 3rd.

Claire Walpole was the athlete that participated in the most events this season. She participated in 13 different events, which is almost all the events on offer, the only events she did not participate in was the SP, DT, JT or PV. The club had 22 athletes participate in more than 5 different events throughout the season. They included Ashlee Walburg (10), Breanna Large (9), Kiandra Lane (9), Tamara Lane (9), Danny Schneider (9), Maree Tunnecliffe (9), Kirsten Walburg (9), Natasha Lane (8), Nicholas Finch (8), Campbell Cromb (8), Mikaela Lane (8), Natalie Rule (7), Connor Gist (6), Brock Goodings (6), Mitchell Cromb (6), Wesley Spargo (6), Thomas rose (6), Darcy Goodings (6), James Poulter (6), Natalie Exon (6), Charlotte Bassett (6) and Matthew Johnsen (6). A wonderful effort all and a lovely club example.

A big thank you to the club captains for organising relays each week and encouraging athletes on the day. A big thankyou also to the parents who fulfil their duty and assist the one afternoon called upon for duty.

Treasurer's Report

The Club registered 154 members for the 2009/10 season which is slightly up on last season but consistent with recent years. The breakdown of membership is:

	Total	Female	Male
Open	36	10	26
U 20	51	20	31
U 16	53	35	18
Official/Coach	14	4	10
Total	154	69	85

The Club has recorded a (modest) profit of \$834.83 for the 2009/10 year. However, canteen earnings only show the income from the various Club run bar-b-ques, and income from the canteen operation during the Region Shield competition held at Doncaster was not available at the end of the Club's financial year. This income is expected shortly and will mean the Club has enjoyed a successful season financially.

Once again the Bundoora Cross Country bar-b-que has proven to be a very important fund raiser as was the bar-b-que at the Association Final in February. Charmiane Smith also seized on the opportunity to run a bar-b-que at the post season Throwers meet held at Doncaster in March which also boosted the coffers. The Club owes a great deal to Charmaine and Kate Downward for their huge efforts in organising and running these fund raisers, without them our financial state would be very different. I know Charmaine and Kate would be quick to point out that they do get plenty of help and to all of you who have supported

our bar-b-ques and canteen roster, thank you very much, your efforts are appreciated and vital to our Club's operation.

Looking forward, the Club has some significant capital works ahead of us. We are currently negotiating with the Manningham Council regarding the replacement of the track lighting and we are also investigating the installation of photo finish equipment. Needless to say these are significant financial commitments. These looming expenses coupled with the fact that we are only just managing to keep our financial head above water, has lead to the Committee recommending an increase to Club Membership fees. This will be the first increase in six seasons.

It is recommended fees for the 2010/11 season are as follows:

	Athletics Victoria Fee	Doncaster Fee	Total Fee
Open	\$140	\$60	\$200
Under 18/20	\$120	\$60	\$180
Under 14/16	\$100	\$60	\$160
Dual Little Aths	\$30	\$10	\$40

Remember, Membership fees are now due.

Graeme Down

Treasurer



DONCASTER ATHLETIC CLUB FINANCIAL FORECAST

Profit & Loss Statement 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010

	2009/10	2008/09
INCOME		
General Income		
Registration Fees	\$15,975.00	\$15,997.30
Bank Interest	\$0.15	\$0.62
Canteen Earnings	\$5,421.53	\$11,044.94
Uniform Sales	\$1,021.49	\$2,810.00
Hire of Equipment/Track	\$3,450.00	\$3,800.00
Special events - Fun Runs		\$0.00
Social Club	\$495.00	\$1,374.52
Donations	\$90.00	\$4,932.67
Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$26,453.17</u>	<u>\$39,960.05</u>
EXPENSES		
Athletics Victoria		
Registration Fees	\$10,300.00	\$10,975.00
Affiliation Fees	\$400.00	\$380.00
AGM		
Trophies/Dinner etc	\$1,141.08	\$1,732.18
Competition Expenses		
Winter Season	\$645.00	\$1,040.74
Summer Season	\$575.00	\$425.00
General Expenses		
Bank Fees	\$50.65	\$29.60
Coaches subscriptions	\$761.00	\$590.00
Clubroom Expenses	\$200.00	\$2,859.00
Equipment	\$408.59	\$9,320.75
Floodlighting	\$478.97	\$566.81
Hire of Track	\$1,811.00	\$1,819.00
Insurance	\$1,611.39	\$1,878.31
Postage	\$82.95	\$292.35
Printing & Stationery	\$56.68	\$23.15
Equipment Maintenance	\$408.59	\$303.76
Uniform Expenses	\$4,048.34	\$5,299.60
Sundry Expenses	\$39.70	\$865.75
Canteen Expenses	\$1,819.40	\$3,129.93
Social Club expenses	\$60.00	\$1,068.39
Travel Assistance	\$600.00	\$1,000.00
Newsletter/Website	\$120.00	\$445.00
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$25,618.34</u>	<u>\$44,044.32</u>
<u>NET PROFIT/(LOSS)</u>	<u>\$834.83</u>	<u>-\$4,084.27</u>
Cheque Account balance	\$644.84	\$4,057.36
Debit Card balance	\$274.82	\$788.32
Investment Account Balance	\$15,542.08	\$14,955.91

Coaches Report

This was the first year we appointed a Coaching Coordinator to oversee coaching activities within the club.

A coaching forum was conducted in June 2009 to bring all club coaches together to raise and discuss issues. Issues included, coaching fees, defining club coaches including their role and expectations, facilities, new athletes, coach development and working with children checks.

To date nowhere near all these issues have been resolved but at least they are on the agenda. We did resolve what a club coach is and this resulted in the acknowledgment of 'Club Coaches' and 'Associate Coaches'.

Club Coach:

- Must be open to coaching any club member (regardless of age, goals or ability)
- Do not charge club members directly but are welcome to charge non club members they may be training.
- Has use of the track and facilities in club times (including for non club members).
- Club to pay ATFCA and AV fees.
- Coaches to ensure their Working With Children Check is up to date and provide expiry dates to the Club Secretary.

Associate Coach

- Has an association with the club – possibly through coaching DAC athletes.
- Eligible to use the track during club times at the discretion of the Committee.
- Must ensure they are themselves ATFCA and AV registered as well as hold a current Working With Children Check. Provide evidence of these registrations/checks to the Club Secretary annually.
- Free to charge/not charge club athletes.
- Free to limit squad size.

Based on these definitions, currently **Patrick Ashkettle** and **Osei Owusu-Afridie** are Associate Coaches and **Tom Kelly, Peter Ruff, Adam Robertson, Allan Watson, Daryl Marchant** and **Adrian Patti** are club coaches.

The committee discussed a number of times during the season how to attract new coaches and offer more coaching alternatives to our athletes. This is a slowly evolving project but already **Andrew Cron** has started coaching hammer and assisting me with discus and shot. **Andrew** is now also a club coach.

We searched for a pole vault coach to make the most of our wonderful facility but haven't been successful to date. We still require a walks coach and perhaps more jumps and throws coaches.

Track coaching has been a little contentious this past season and we will work hard to ensure we have sufficient well qualified coaches to meet the needs of the club.

Currently none of our club coaches are remunerated by the club. This is against the recommendation of the Australia Track and Field Coaches Association (ATFCA) but right now the club doesn't raise enough money through fees to reward coaches or any of the clubs volunteers. Fees to coaches is an issue to resolve, especially if we are wanting to attract new coaches.

I pass on my sincere thanks to the wonderful group of coaches who give so much of their time and energy. We are rewarded by the performances of our athletes and for a number of us these have been outstanding.

Well done coaches let's work together cooperatively to ensure DAC remains a strong club for many years in to the future.

Allan Watson

Coaching Coordinator

Officials Report

The Club is very lucky to have a dedicated band of officials who give up their time to officiate at athletic meetings in all weather conditions. Athletes usually compete for a couple of minutes during an athletic meeting but please spare a thought for the officials who are out there for the entire meeting with little or no rest. They are all volunteers and receive no payment for their tireless work.

This year some of our officials received Athletics Victoria achievement awards. Ivan Harding received life membership, with Diane Pain, Ellen Perry and Barbara Rumble all receiving merit awards.

I would to thank the ten officials listed below for their great work throughout the year and wish to convey the Club's appreciation for their commitment and dedication to the sport. Some other athletic clubs larger than ours provide no officials at all so this makes our band of officials even more special.

Ivan Harding
John Yarranton
Barbara Rumble
Ellen Perry
Diane Pain
Jean Gell
Martyn Kibel
Phil Allen
Allan Watson
Simon Ware

PHIL ALLEN



Athletics Victoria award recipients: L to R - Diane Pain, Ivan Harding, Ellen Perry, Barbara Rumble

Handicap Summary

Bill Chambers Handicap: The Bill Chambers Handicap was conducted in April 2009 at Ruffey Lake Park in Doncaster. The course was 6km in length, consisting of two undulating 3km laps, plus a 3km one lap fun run. Ashlee Walburg one of three front markers took off and never looked back completing the course in 25.38, one minute ahead of the next runner Harry George. Claire Walpole followed 30 seconds later.

Place	Name	Handicap	Time	Adj Time
1st	Ashlee Walburg	0:49	25:38	26:27
2nd	Harry George	3:30	23:54	27:24
3rd	Claire Walpole	0:52	27:0	28:01

Peter Ruff Handicap:

Finalists were:

Rowan Bourke – 1m

Ryan O’Shea – 11.5m

1. George Barboutov – 12.5m

Matthew Clark – 16m

Brock Goodings – 16.5m

Alex Lyster – 19m

2. Sarah Woodgate – 22m

3. Rachael Lyster – 22m

Darcy Goodings – 23m

In a tough race, George took an early lead and never looked beaten winning in a time of 10.45, over Sarah Woodgate and Rachel Lyster.

Tom Kelly 2000m Steeple:

Three girls took the lead early and then it was a case of who was going to take the title out. Ashlee Walburg (8.14.81) finished stronger than Natalie Rule (8.15.40) and in third was Claire Walpole (8.19.70).

Ivan Harding 800m Handicap:

A very exciting race saw the front marker once again hang onto the lead even though there were some very strong finishers.

Matthew Woodgate 1st – 2.28

Pat Goodwill 2nd – 2.08

Pat Forno 3rd – 2.05

Ed Vining 4th - 1.55

Andrew Reddie 5th – 2.01

Adam Robertson Javelin:

This event was hotly contested again this year. Last year’s winner Ed Vining went down fighting but it was Breanna Large who throw over 40 metres for the first time ever that took the event out.

1st Breanna Large – 40.34

2nd Andrew Duck – 45.46

3rd Ed Vining - 38.78



Start Tom Kelly Female 2000m Steeplechase Handicap

Website

www.doncaster.org.au is five years old in May 2010.

This year we increased the capacity of the site from 100mb to 500mb so it is easier to manage and hold more information (photos mainly, as these occupy a great deal of space). Special thanks to **Jenny Watson** who provided a great deal of time and energy as the entire website had to be re built. I'm still amazed that we couldn't just copy it over to the new server but we couldn't and page by page it had to be rebuilt.

Total 'hits' as at the date of the AGM is approx. 41,600. In the first 2 years we had around 5,000 hits each year and since then approx. 10,000 hits per year. This year it is closer to 12,000 hits.

Although the website does not raise any money the sponsors on the homepage are all good supporters of the club.

Bendigo Bank make contributions towards significant purchases.

Family Chiro and **Greg Varigos** offer special deals to DAC members.

Bunnings allow us to run a BBQ fund raiser each year.

Coates Hire give us great prices on lifting equipment when we service the track lights.

Strapp Ford donated a tent a couple of years ago.

Patti's massage and **Northern Foot Clinic** are club member's businesses.

Please support our supporters if you can.

Thank you to regular contributors to the web site especially photos from **Jenny Watson** and **Patrick Ashkettle**, information from **Kate Downward** and **Charmaine Smith**, newsletters from **Heather Allen**. There are more contributors and I appreciate everything I receive. Feel free at any time to send information to me.

Allan Watson

Webmaster



James Poulter – Shield Pole Vault @ Doncaster

Records

Since April 2009 there was only one claim for a club record. The claim was from outstanding junior **Natalie Rule** who bettered the U13 Women's 400m record when she competed at the Australian Little Athletics Championships. Unfortunately, the performance was not approved as a DAC record because performances at Little Aths cannot be considered for DAC club records.

The only approved record this past year is a new record in the **Open Women's long jump**. Our gold medal winning team of **Mikaela Lane** (4.74m), **Tamara**

Lane (4.63m) and **Natasha Lane** (4.51) set the new mark at **13.88m**.

To view club records, read the criteria for setting a record or to print a copy of the record claim form visit http://www.doncasterac.org.au/page_Records.htm

Allan Watson

Club Records Committee Convenor



L to R: Natalie Rule, Connor Gist & Grace Thek