

Sport

Doncaster's medal spree at Victorian Championships

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GOLD MEDALS

Open W 800m: Katherine Katsanevakis
Open M 800m: Ed Vining
Open W Mile: Samantha Carberry
Open M 4 x 800: Nick Finch, Ed Vining, Pat Forno, James D'Alfonso
Open W Long Jump: Mikaela Lane, Tamara Lane, Natasha Lane
U20 W 800m: Bronte Gange
U20 W 3000m: Grace Thek
U20 M 4 x 800m: Ryan O'Shea, Nathan Down, Daniel De Bortoli, Andrew Reddie
U20 M 4 x 400m: Nathan Down, Rowan Bourke, Daniel De Bortoli, Mitchell Cromb
U18 M Long Jump: Nathan Ryan
U17 M 400m hurdles: Wesley Spargo
U17 M 110m hurdles: Wesley Spargo
U16 M 100m hurdles: Sam Lowson
U15 W 1500m: Natalie Rule
U15 W 800m: Natalie Rule
U14 W 1500m: Laura Powell
U14 W High Jump: Holly Cannizzo

SILVER MEDALS

U20 W 1500m: Sam Carberry
U20 M 200m: Mitchell Cromb
U20 W 100m: Breeana Walker
U20 M 400m: Mitchell Cromb
U18 M Triple Jump: Nathan Ryan
U18 W 400m: Alexandra Lyster
U18 W 800m: Rachel Fitt
U18 W 4 x 800m: Natalie Rule, Rachel Fitt, Claire O'Shea, Connor Gist
U16 W 4 x 200m: Kirsten Walburg, Sarah Woodgate, Ashlee Walburg, Rachel Lyster
U16 M 4 x 100m: Conrad Coumaros, Sam Lowson, Mathew Woodgate, Jimmie Gladman
U15 W 3000m: Laura Powell
U15 M 400m: Mathew Woodgate
U14 W Long Jump: Isabella Dalla Costa
U14 W 800m: Laura Powell
U14 W 80m hurdles: Sarah Fitt
U14 W Triple Jump: Isabella Dalla Costa

BRONZE MEDALS

Open M 200m: Mitchell Cromb
U20 W Javelin: Breanna Large
U20 W 400m: Breeana Walker
U20 M 1500m: Andrew Reddie
U20 W 4 x 400m: Breeana Walker, Samantha Carberry, Breanna Large, Natasha Lane
U18 W 400m: Hannah Papas
U18 W Sprint Medley: Danielle Princiotta, Claire O'Shea, Alexandra Lyster, Connor Gist
U18 W 4 x 200m: Hannah Papas, Alexandra Lyster, Danielle Princiotta, Mikaela Lane
U18 W 4 x 100m: Alexandra Lyster, Stefani Kochovski, Hannah Papas, Danielle Princiotta
U18 W 4 x 400m: Clare O'Shea, Alexandra Lyster, Hannah Papas, Connor Gist
U17 W 400m: Clare O'Shea
U17 W 800m: Clare O'Shea
U16 M Shot Put: Nick Cron
U16 W 4 x 400m: Courtney Goodwill, Ashlee Walburg, Rachel Lyster, Megan Pengelly
U14 W 80m hurdles: Gabriella Morgan



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DONCASTER Athletic Club excelled at the recent Victorian Track and Field Championships at Olympic Park, snaring a total of 48 medals.

Doncaster athletes took home 17 gold, 16 silver and 15 bronze, with three athletes managing to win dual gold — Ed Vining, Wesley Spargo and Natalie Rule.

The club's dominance in the middle-distance events was on display with Katherine Katsanevakis taking gold in the open women's 800m, Ed Vining in the open men's 800m and Bronte Gange in under-20 women's 800m.

Bronte's run would have qualified her for the World Youth Championships. Unfortunately, the window to qualify for this event had closed.

Doncaster won gold medals in every age group, in not only middle-distance events but long distance, sprints, hurdles, jumps and throws.

Meanwhile, the club had four representatives at the Australian Track and Field Championships this weekend, an event that doubled as the selection trials for the Commonwealth Games.

Katherine Katsanevakis and Bronte Gange contested the women's 800m, Ed Vining the men's 800m and James Alfonso the men's 400m.

Doncaster Athletic Club is, currently, recruiting for the coming winter cross-country season.

Anyone interested in long-distance running is urged to logon to the club's website www.doncasterac.org.au

Doncaster's Natalie Rule won the 800m/1500m double at the state titles recently. Picture: JOSIE HAYDEN N43PP100

Quarter-million upgrade for Zerbes



East Doncaster president Darren Bourke with groundskeeper Ron Makin at Zerbes Reserve. Picture: MARK WILSON N21DT511

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A NEW multi-purpose training facility will be built at Zerbes Reserve in East Doncaster.

Construction of the 24m x 40m all-weather synthetic surface is expected to start in July and will be floodlit and provide the East Doncaster Cricket Club with seven practice pitches and retractable netting.

If all goes to plan, the \$245,000 development — funded by the State Government, Manningham Council and East Doncaster Cricket Club — should be completed by October.

East Doncaster Cricket Club president Darren Bourke said the current concrete-based synthetic

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training pitches at the ground were around 20 years old.

With two practice pitches located at each end of the oval, Bourke said it was always difficult coordinating junior training sessions.

"The benefits are going to be enormous," Bourke said.

"Currently, we can only train one age group at a time at the club.

"When you are working with Monday, Wednesday and Friday training, to try and accommodate around 120 kids is very difficult.

"This will enable us to train up to two age groups at a time.

"It also takes training off the ground to give the ground a bit of a break throughout the season."

The new training facility will be used by the club's eight senior and 10 junior teams and for its Milo In2Cricket program.

Manningham mayor Charles Pick said the facility will be available for football clubs during winter.

"During the winter season it will

also accommodate the Beverley Hills Junior Football Club's 15 junior teams (and) Auskick sub-junior program and East Doncaster Football Club's three senior teams," Cr Pick said.

Bourke said the new nets will help expand its No Boundaries cricket program, which it runs with the Onemda Foundation, aimed at getting people with an intellectual or physical disability involved in cricket.

"Over the past two years we've been running a cricket program for kids with disabilities with Onemda at Heatherwood School. This facility will also give us the ability to run the program at Zerbes so other schools from outside Manningham can come to the facility," he said.