

Tradition Day continues at Geelong

Geelong Cross Country 23rd June 23rd 2007



A reminder to all clubs and athletes that Athletics Victoria will once again be recognising the rich heritage of Victorian distance running with a Tradition Day at the Geelong Cross Country events to be held on Saturday 23rd June 2007.

Believed to be Australia's longest continuously run distance race, the Victorian 16km (10 mile) Cross Country Championship dates back to 1892. The winners list is a who's who of Australian distance running and has even seen assaults from across the Tasman and interstate for the prestige of leading the field home.

More recent title holders include Olympians Lee Troop from Geelong and Glenhuntly's Nick Harrison.

To recognise Tradition Day, athletes are encouraged to wear historic club uniforms for any of the distances being contested as the usual uniform regulations will be relaxed.

Combine clubs are welcome to wear the uniforms of their constituent clubs, whilst clubs that have merged or absorbed folded clubs may wear the historic uniform associated with any of the former teams.

In 2006 a number of clubs did well to dust off the old gear and deck out the new generation in the natural fibres of years gone by.

If any clubs would like to contribute stories about the historic 10 mile cross country, or provide information about athletes still competing who may have a strong association with the event, please contact tim@athsvic.org.au