



Brimbank XC Report - Sat July 9, 2011



Brimbank Park played host to round 5 of the XCR11 series and is certainly one of the tougher XC courses on the calendar. Maybe that was part of the reason that our team was decimated compared with previous rounds! The drop in numbers was also due to the large number of runners recovering from the Gold Coast Marathon events or still enjoying the sun up north!



It was time for the open women to shine this round and out do the open men for the first time in a long time! The Div 1 women finished 3rd again (for the 4th time this season) to keep them in 2nd spot overall for the season with Ellie O'Kane our first runner home in 3rd place. The Div 4 Women finished 2nd & 6th to take us to 2nd & 3rd on the season ladder – fantastic depth!



The open men were decimated compared with previous rounds and finished 6th that could easily have been 8th with just 5 points separating 5th to 8th places. First home was Nick Wightman to continue a great season. We remain on top of the season ladder but now by only 1 point from Box Hill who have been very strong in recent rounds. After 4 previous wins, unfortunately we didn't have enough runners to field a Div 3 team but courtesy of those wins, we still remain on top of the ladder in Div 3!



The junior ranks were also down with no complete underage teams. The standout performances were 5th placings to all of Isaac Hockey (U16), Geogria Quick (U14) & Harry Hockley Samon (U14). Harry's efforts in particular are amazing given he is just 10 yrs old!!

Next Race:

- Sat July 23: XCR11 Rd 6: Bundoora XC. Entries close via AV online Wed July 20.

Check the next page for our Round 5 prize winners.





Awards



The **Steigen Team Player Award**, by popular demand, goes to **Ellie O'Kane** for her mid run acrobatics and 3rd place overall! **Sharon Pederson Jones** gets the **MuzzBuzz / Subway** vouchers for this nomination.



The "**Complete Meal Award**" goes to our 3 officials - Nicole Spehar, Tania Curtis & Peter Samon. Thanks so much for helping out on the day and well done to Pete who ran the 16k at the end of that!



The **Steampocket Lunch Award** was again enjoyed by **everyone** present. A big thanks to Steampocket for their ongoing support & generosity.