

100 Marathon Club

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Bob's Run

2010 – A new year has begun

Let me start by wishing all members of the Australian 100 Marathon Club a Happy New Year. Hopefully you will enjoy another great year of marathon running.

It's been a while since I issued the last newsletter, and for this I apologise. I have been kept rather busy of late with work, moving house, organizing Southside Masters' events, and training.

Approaching 200

As many of you would know I am now approaching the personal milestone of completing 200 marathons. My 200th will be the Macleay River Marathon held at South West Rocks (near Kempsey) on 13 June 2010.

I would love for you to join me as I celebrate this special achievement.



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Canberra Marathon

2010 Canberra Marathon

The long standing Canberra Marathon that has been held in April each year is currently the subject of a bitter and protracted legal dispute between the ACT Cross Country Club (ACTCCC) and Cundy Sports Marketing (CSM).

ACTCCC "owns" the event, and had contracted CSM to conduct it each year. The terms of the contractual relationship are now the subject of a court case that will be held in the Federal Court at a future date that is yet to be set – but this won't occur prior to the planned 2010 event. The dispute hinges around CSM's claimed right to continue to conduct the event, and ACTCCC's claimed right to terminate the contract.

The Chief Minister of the ACT Government has announced via a Press Release that no road closure permits will be granted in relation to this event until the legal dispute is finalized. Effectively, this means that it is highly unlikely that the Canberra Marathon will be held in 2010, and entries have now been suspended.

There is further information available at

- www.canberramarathon.com.au and
- www.canberrarunner.com.au

2010 Canberra Road Running Festival

ACTCCC has launched it's own event for the weekend of 1-2 May 2010. This will include a new event – the "National Capital Marathon" – as well as a 50km ultra marathon, half marathon, 5km fun run, and 2km kids event. The courses as published are almost identical to the Canberra Marathon course.

The organizers have advised that this event will count towards "Griffin" counts.

Entry details and further information is available at www.canberrarunner.com.au/festival

Newest Members

Congratulations to the latest inductees to the Australian 100 Marathon Club:

Brian Gawne

Brian's 100th marathon was the 2009 Shepparton Marathon, held on 30 August. Brian is the President of the Shepparton Runner's Club where he has been a member since 1979. Brian ran a great 3hrs 48mins 33secs. We forward to receiving Brian's list of marathons and a photo of his 100th good on you mate and welcome to the 100 Marathon Club.



Brian Glover

Brian's 100th marathon was the 2009 Melbourne Marathon, held on 11 October. Brian is the first member of the Australian 100 Marathon Club to have race-walked all of his marathons. In the time I have known Brian I have never seen him run a marathon so it's a fantastic effort on Brian's part. It's hard enough to run 100 marathons let alone race walk 100.

Congratulation Brian and we welcome you to the 100 Marathon Club. I like Brian's bright orange outfit, it stands out and you can't miss him in a crowd.

Brian's time was 5hrs 7mins 35secs.



Website

Over the past year we have moved the website to a new home and worked at expanding the site's content.

Visit us at www.fickelab.southsidemasters.org

We have added profile pages for each member. These record all the marathons, ultra marathons, half marathons and other events that have been completed.

We have added a news section, expanded photo gallery, and an events directory with links to many Australian races of marathon distance or greater.

Thank you for your assistance in providing regular updates, photos and other content for the website.

Marathon Happenings

Jane Sturzaker rang me a few weeks ago. Jane thought her friends were kidding when they told her that the Canberra marathon was cancelled - see article above. It was to be Jane's 60th marathon before she turns 60, a goal Jane set herself but she still has a bit of time up her sleeve.

Julia Thorn had plans to make Canberra her 100th marathon so her family could be there. Julia will become our 1st lady in the Australian 100 Marathon Club. I haven't heard from Julia for a while so I don't know what her plans are.

As you know the ACTCCC is running a marathon with their ½ marathon in May. For the marathon they are giving a discount to Griffins (10 Canberra marathons or more) and counting it towards our tallies. I think this is unfair to CSM as this matter is in the Federal court - this is only my opinion. But, it leaves me no choice but to run, as I am Griffin no 4 on 25 Canberra marathons. I have 3 buggers in front of me on 26 and if they decide to run (which I know they will) - well I can't let them get any further ahead of me. I think it's great as it gives us an incentive to keep going. It's the Canberra marathon that keeps me motivated along with my 200th marathon and chasing 24 Six Foot Track Marathons to get my permanent number which will also be number 4 - I have 3 years to go.

Below is a photo of Lester Smith, Ray James and myself at the finish of our 1st marathon for 2010. The Cadburys Hobart Marathon. Lester ran a great time of 3hrs 14mins 57secs, Ray just broke 4hrs and I ran 4hrs 26mins 41secs.

Before I finish up I would like thank Michael for the fantastic job he is doing with the website. He also has Southside Masters and St George Athletic clubs to look after as well and work.

There are still a few members' lists of marathons and photos we would like to receive so could you please send them before I start naming them.

Many Thanks Bob Fickel

