

# 100 Marathon Club

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## Bob's Run

### Hello Friends

Hello 100-marathon club members and friends. Yes I know it's been a while - I'm sorry about that - the only excuse I can come up with is life is so busy. I should have had a newsletter out after Julia's 100<sup>th</sup> and my 200<sup>th</sup>. Any way, I have a lot to get through.

### Celebrations

First of all, congratulations to Julia Thorn from Brighton in Victoria on completing her 100<sup>th</sup> marathon in Rotorua New Zealand on the 1st of May. Julia became the 1st woman to run 100 marathons in Australia. I haven't seen Julia in person since she ran her 100<sup>th</sup> but have congratulated her over the phone.

Thank you Bruce for arranging Julia's 100 Marathon Club t-shirt and many thanks to Jane Sturzaker who also ran in the marathon and presented Julia with her tshirt after they finished.

### ANZAC Sweep

Congratulations to Jane Sturzaker on the completion of a marathon in every Australian State & Territory & both New Zealand Islands.

### Australian Sweep

Congratulations to Nigel Barker & Gary Patrick on the completion of a marathon in every Australian State & Territory.

All runners who have run at least one marathon in all Australian States & Territories & New Zealand Islands are eligible for membership of the Australian All States Marathon Club.

## Canberra Marathon

### 2011 Canberra Marathon

I, like many other runners, have received an email from Cundy Sports Marketing (C S M) who won the court battle against the A.C.T. Cross Country Club. See [www.canberramarathon.com.au](http://www.canberramarathon.com.au) for the outcome. I ran the National Capital marathon put on by the ACTCCC for two reasons.

Firstly, I needed the number 198 to reach my goal of 200 marathons so I didn't have to travel too far like interstate.

Secondly, like a number of others, we didn't know what the outcome of the court battle was going to be. So we ran it as a Griffin count and we were given a discount. As has been stated before it is not the Canberra Marathon so it will be up to CSM to see if we get credited with the NCM against our Griffin number.

## Website

I hate hassling people but there are still a few members who have not sent either myself or Michael their list of marathons. If you have claimed you have run 100 marathons you must have some sort of records, so please forward them to us.

Jim Crawford has marathons dating back to 1957, and he was one of the 1st to run 100 marathons in Australia.

Peter Gray has sent me two exercise books with all his marathons listed. I have put his first 100 on my laptop and will work the rest which will total about 213.

To finish Peter's first 100 marathons we are missing two times so if anyone out there can help and may have old results they are 3 Bays Portland 20.11.88 and Traralgon 11.6.95 - it would most appreciated. Peter, like Kelvin Marshall, has run more ultra marathons than marathons and his ultra total is about 250.

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## Newest Members

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

### Julia Thorn

Julia's 100<sup>th</sup> marathon was the 2010 Rotorua Marathon, held on 1 May. Julia completed the ANZAC Sweep in June 2004 in just her 20<sup>th</sup> marathon.

Julia's time was 4hrs 32mins 17secs.



We now have about 36 members and it's growing with a number of runners approaching 100. Steve Mifsud is at the top on 93 marathons. Only 7 to go Steve: maybe Mudgee 2011?

We also have international runners now joining our 100-marathon club.

### Troy & Cathie Johnson

I would like to welcome Troy and Cathie Johnson from U.S.A. who I met at the M7 marathon in July. Troy and Cathie are members of U.S.A. 100 marathon club and have ran 50 marathons in 50 states.



### Christine Leahy

Christine Leahy from New Zealand, who in June became the 3rd woman in N.Z. and the 1st in her club the Hutt Valley Marathon Clinic to complete 100 marathons. Chris's husband Mike also joins us on 93 marathons.



### Paul Crouch-Chivers & David Cannings

Port Moresby runners Paul Crouch-Chivers and David Cannings, who I have met many times. I was surprised not to see them in the Sydney Blackmores marathon last weekend. I'm quite sure that they will email their list of marathons when they get this newsletter.



## Finding Results

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<http://www.athlinks.com/>

## Marathon Happenings

Lester Smith told me he had seen an article in a running magazine about a woman in Queensland who had ran 85 marathons but doesn't know if she went on to run 100 marathons and he can't find the article so we leave it at that for now. Can anybody help with more details?

One lady we think of and know is Shirley Young. Shirley's last marathon where she had to retire was Melbourne 2008 and I was told that it was her 70th or 71st marathon. Shirley is an inspiration to many women runners having competed in many events from fun runs to ultra marathons, and she often won her age group and may even hold some age records. In the 2008 Melbourne Marathon, Shirley was the only woman to have run every Melbourne marathon after 31 years. In 2010, only 10 of the 'Melbourne Marathon Legends' (runners who have ran every Melbourne Marathon), will front the starter, and two of them Bruce Hargreaves and Roger Weinstein are 100 club members.

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Now on a happier note: Gerry Riley once held the Australian record for most marathons with 133. When Gerry runs the St George Melbourne marathon on October 10, not only will he be celebrating his 146th marathon but also his 80th birthday.

I have no doubt Gerry will finish but to keep an eye on him Gerry's daughter Katherine Davies and his grandson Harry Dunlop who is 21yrs old will be running with him. It will be Katherine's and Harry's 1st marathon so maybe Gerry will be keeping an eye on them to help them finish.

We would like to wish Gerry a very happy 80th birthday and good luck in the marathon. Have a great day mate.

Kevin Cassidy, Jim Crawford and Peter Logan I know you will all be out there on the course somewhere. Don't forget to wish Gerry a happy birthday as he runs past. When Peter and Gerry ran their 100th marathon on the same day back in 1989, someone asked Peter why he didn't wait for his mate Gerry. Peter replied "because it's a race" and Gerry agreed.

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Sorry I will miss Melbourne marathon as Anni and I fly out to W.A. on the 9th October - one day before Melbourne. We are having a holiday and it's not holiday without a marathon of course. I will run Rottnest Island marathon on the 23rd and will meet Steve Dunn at the marathon. I hope to meet Jim and Pat Barnes as well. Jim and Steve are 100 marathon Club members.



2010 Macleay River Marathon  
Bob Fickel's 200th Marathon

Back: Brian Glover, Peter Gray, Steel Beveridge, Grahame Kerruish, Ray James, Chris Stephenson  
Front: Dennis Cunniffe, Bob Fickel, Bruce Hargreaves