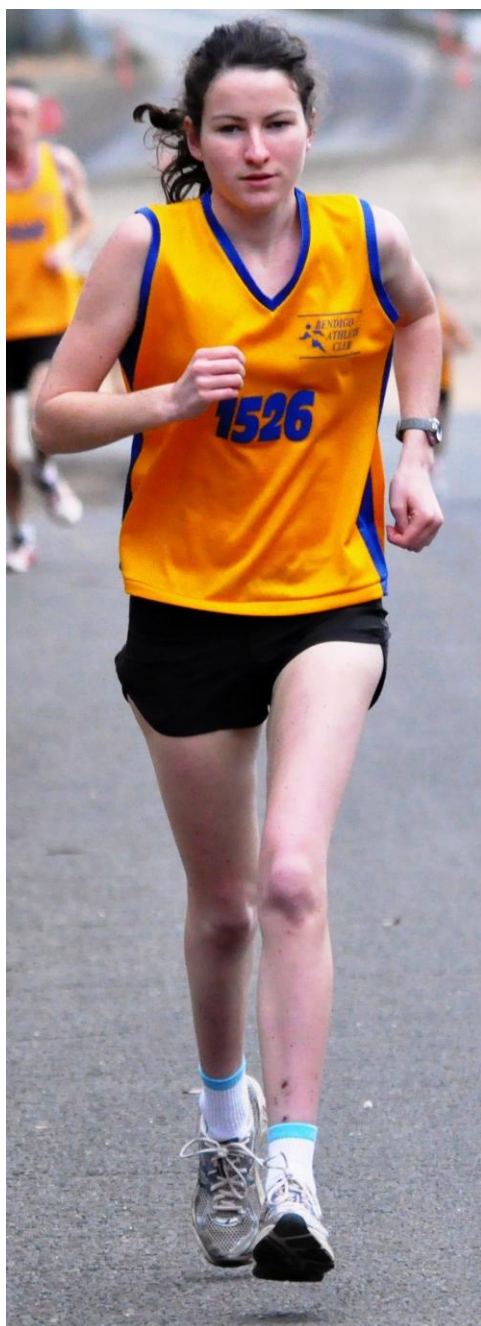




## O'HILLS CAN'T SLOW O'HARA

Seventeen year old Jessica O'Hara has raced to a hard fought victory on one of the toughest courses tackled by the Bendigo Athletic Club in recent years. Starting at the Mandurang Cricket Ground, athletes raced over never ending hills in the Rogan Family 8000 metre handicap, with O'Hara coming out the victor in 35.27 minutes, 20 seconds clear of Anthony Hutchinson & Phil Noden.



Backmarker Josh Sait, recorded the fastest time of 28.24 minutes, a mere two seconds ahead of Phil Noden 28.26 & Adam Parker 30.56. Fastest Female on the course was recorded by the winner, Jessica O'Hara, but was just one second in front of Shai O'Brien who recorded 35.28 minutes, with Rhonda Schultz the next best.

In the Bendigo's Original Pie Shop Women's Award, Jessica O'Hara, Rhonda Schultz & Shai O'Brien filled the placings.

Anthony Hutchinson was the first veteran to finish, capturing the top points in the Flack Advisory Veterans Award, in front of Phil Noden & Rhonda Schultz.

For the third time in a row, Jessica O'Hara snatched the top points from Josh Sait in the Liz & Mark Findlay Under 23 award, with Shai O'Brien claiming the third placed points.

In the 1000 metre Children's Race, Arabella Findlay recorded a strong win in a time of 4.49 minutes, over Molly Bryant & Ava Stewart, completing a trifecta for the girls.

Fastest time went to Kyle Hilson in 3.51 minutes, with Sydney Findlay, the Fastest Girl in 4.11 minutes.

Next Sunday is the richest club race on the calendar, the Rising Sun Hotel 6500 metres, starting over a new course at the Sedgwick Hall at 10.30am.

With \$500 going to the race winner & \$1,000 in overall prizemoney, it's sure to find some unseen energy amongst the runners.

The three main standouts seem to be Chloe Hetherington, Josh Sait & Brian Cornell.

Hetherington, who is likely to race off the frontmark, with Sait the likely backmarker in the event, look a strong possibility of running the quinella.

Outside chances go to Anthony Hutchinson & Tony Sait.

The main race will be preceded by the Children 1000 metres starting at 10.00am.

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### **Rogan Family 8000 metre Handicap**

Jessica O'Hara 35.27 (Fastest Female), Anthony Hutchinson 33.02, Phil Noden 28.26, Rhonda Schultz 46.03, Ron Threlfall 41.23, Tony Sait 35.37, Josh Sait 28.24 (Fastest Time), Scott Baxter 34.23, Terry Crome 32.51, Adam Parker 30.56, Austin Beamish 36.53, Shai O'Brien 35.28, Mark Stevens 36.09, Peter LeBusque 33.47, Richard Schultz 43.26, Ben Goode 31.10, Rod Skidmore 40.10, Chook Stewart 36.54, Brian Gawne 38.55, Brendan O'Brien 32.23, Mel Gilligan 47.08, Mark Perdon 37.52, Doug Tuhon 40.31, Joel LeBusque 38.54

### **Children's Race 1000 metres**

Arabella Findlay 4.49, Molly Bryant 5.23, Ava Stewart 5.06, Emily Maynard 4.29, Sydney Findlay 4.11 (Fastest Girl), Amila Carlile 4.13, Harry Findlay 4.16, Bronte Baxter 6.10, Kyle Hilson 3.51 (Fastest Time), Alice Bailey 4.23, Connor Findlay 4.44, Daniel Noden 4.56, Bailey Baxter 4.31, Riley Fitzpatrick 4.29, Jaymin Boulton 4.44