

## Luke Kneebone 'fires up' at Crusoe Reservoir



Full time fire fighter, Luke Kneebone has 'hosed down' his rivals to claim a close but convincing win at Crusoe Reservoir. Race 10, proudly sponsored by Viatek, saw athletes compete in the 8,000Metres Handicap. Kneebone, who can't compete every week because of his CFA commitments, relished the conditions to 'put out' the challenges from the pre race favorites to claim his first win with the club.

Kneebone ran a solid time of 31.40 minutes to claim victory just in front of Stacey Clakson who was only 8 seconds behind and Jacob Nolan a further 10 seconds back in third place.

Last year's Club Champion Josh Sait flexed his muscle again this week to run the fastest time in 27.54 minutes, ahead of Adam Parker 29.05 minutes and Ross Evans in 29.19 minutes.

Fastest of the women today was Stacey Clarkson in 32.58 minutes, ahead of Jess O'Hara in 34.40 minutes and Shai O'Brien in 39.25 minutes.

The Bridge Hotel Open Award saw maximum points go to the race winner Luke Kneebone, ahead of Stacey Clarkson and Adam Parker.

While in the Flack Advisory Veterans Award top honours went to Rhonda Schultz just clear of Ross Evans and Richard Schultz.

The Bendigo Original Pie Shop Ladies Award saw Stacey Clarkson on top just in front of Rhonda Schultz and young Jess O'Hara.

Rounding out the results today saw the Liz & Mark Findlay under 23 Award being taken out by Jacob Nolan, ahead of Jess O'Hara and Mitchell Hocking in only his second race for the season.

Next week's race is the Rising Sun Hotel 6,500 Metres Handicap at the Mandurang Cricket Ground and with a large \$500 going to the winner of this race, we are bound to see another close finish! As the season is drawing to a close athletes will be desperate to try and get in for some cash and a sash! We will watch with interest...

Bronte Baxter claimed a good win in the 1km Children's Race, holding off fastest time runner Jaymin Boulton, with Riley Fitzpatrick in third place.

The Children's Race over 1km will start at 10am, followed by the 6.5km at 10.30am.

Entries will close on the 11<sup>th</sup> August for the Kyneton Ridges Estate Winery 6500 metres, to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am.

With the end of season in sight, our presentation night is also closing in and will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August at Bendigo's Famous Shamrock Hotel, so please speak to Bev or Lyn for more information.

For more information about the Bendigo Athletic Club, please contact Club Secretary- Brendan O'Brien 54474764, otherwise check out the CLUB WEBSITE at; [www.bendigoathleticclub.org.au](http://www.bendigoathleticclub.org.au)

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## **Viatek 8000 metre Handicap**

Luke Kneebone 31.40, Stacey Clarkson 32.58 (Fastest Female), Jacob Nolan 29.28, Rhonda Schultz 46.15, Jessica O'Hara 34.40, Adam Parker 29.05, Ross Evans 29.19, Richard Schultz 42.17, Terry Crome 33.06, Ben Goode 30.03, Mark Perdon 35.54, Jeremy Boulton 32.05, Josh Sait 27.54 (Fastest Time), Chook Stewart 33.48, Scott Baxter 32.19, Bryan Watson 31.41, Geoffrey Graham 41.09, Lyn Crome 41.17, Mitchell Hocking 37.52, Brendan O'Brien 33.22, Shai O'Brien 39.25, Steve Emonson 44.49

## **Children's 1000 metres**

Bronte Baxter 5.26, Jaymin Boulton 3.56 (Fastest Time), Riley Fitzpatrick 4.10, Ava Stewart 4.39, Bree Heiden 4.01 (Fastest Girl), Abby Perdon 5.47, Harper Kneebone 9.21