1988 VICTORIAN 24 HOUR TRACK RACE, COBURG, 13-14 FEBRUARY

The V.V.A.C. 24 Hour Championship left the Box Hill track to the Coburg Harriers Track in 1988. It has remained there ever since, with the Coburg Harriers initially helping race director Dot Browne and then eventually taking over the event themselves.

Ultra running now was enjoying great popularity and this event was 41 runners making the start line. Such races were still an almost exclusively male domain. In this case, 39 of the 41 starters were men.

35 year old ACT runner Nick Read, better known for his shorter distance exploits, won with 208.859 km, ahead of NZ runner Sue Andrews with 202.890km. I am guessing that Sue's distance was an Australasian record? Sue had finished 15th in the 1987 Colac 6 Day run (538km) and would return there to finish 13th in 1988 with a much improved 701km. They were the only two runners to better 200km. Again, the event was of a very high standard with 20 runners in excess of 100 miles.

24 Hour Run

NICK READ SUE ANDREWS ROBERT NASH RONALD SMITH PETER NILNE JOHN BENCZE	M F M M M	208.859 km 202.890 km (Australasian record?) 197.778 km 195.382 km
ROBERT NASH RONALD SMITH PETER NILNE JOHN BENCZE	M M	197.778 km
RONALD SMITH PETER NILNE JOHN BENCZE	Μ	
PETER NILNE JOHN BENCZE		195 382 km
JOHN BENCZE	М	175.562 KIII
		191.634 km
	Μ	189.052 km
GERRY RILEY	Μ	188.652 km
TONY DIETACHMAYER	Μ	184.000 km
DAVID YEAMAN	Μ	183.514 km
GREG WISHART	Μ	180.804 km
STEPHEN GRANT	М	179.898 km
CLIFF YOUNG	М	179.081 km
TONY TRIPP	Μ	177.027 km
GRAHAM STENNER	М	169.231 km
	М	168.038 km
GRAHAME KERRUISH	М	167.612 km
	М	166.466 km
TONY RAFFERTY	М	165.540 km
WANDA FOLEY	F	165.055 km
	М	163.063 km
	М	154.787 km
	М	147.003 km
PETER ARMISTEAD	М	146.603 km
	М	141.200 km
	М	139.387 km
	М	139.105 km
	М	138.348 km
	М	135.191 km
RAYMOND CARROLL	М	133.333 km
	М	131.325 km
	М	130.800 km
	М	125.296 km
	М	124.981 km
	М	121.599 km
	М	115.600 km
	М	105.025 km
	М	100.000 km
	М	84.400 km
	М	76.400 km
	М	68.400 km
DAVID WARREN	Μ	43.600 km
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