

## 1998 COBURG 6 HOUR TRACK RACE, HAROLD STEVENS ATHLETICS TRACK, COBURG, 18 JULY

This special 6 Hour track event was not widely advertised and was put on mainly to test out a new computer lapscore system to be used at the 24 hour race 6 weeks later. A couple of small problems occurred but were soon rectified and the new lapscore system worked well in the 24 Hour event. The later July race scheduling was needed as a major track refurbishment had been undertaken over the summer months. The runners could now race on a brand new synthetic track.

It was initially proposed to be a 6 Hour event for relay teams but was eventually extended to include a 6 Hour event for individuals. The weather was perfect with cloudless skies and windless cool conditions. The six relay teams included a group of walkers and a team from the local High School. As the relay had no real rules, it allowed runners to run when and how they wished so final results are not very relevant, however there were some good efforts put in.

The Ultra Competitors all relished the good conditions. A special mention should go to both Roy McKenzie and Mark Kelly, these two guys enjoy a short run at the Coburg track each Thursday night and had never done anything that remotely resembles what they took on last Saturday. It was only after a few beers the previous night that they dared each other to have a go. With plenty of good old Guts and Determination they never left the track during the entire six hours and finished, despite numerous blisters, in what were very good efforts.

### 6 Hours Run/Walk

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| 1. | Kevin Cassidy   | 68.695 km |
| 2. | Dawn Parris [f] | 58.899 km |
| 3. | Brian Glove5    | 50.918 km |
| 4. | Arthur O'Keefe  | 42.400 km |
| 5. | Mark Kelly      | 38.525 km |
| 6. | Bev Carr [f]    | 35.760 km |
| 7. | Roy McKenzie    | 35.728 km |
| 8. | Ken Carter      | 31.790 km |