

## South Bendigo Athletic Club 2021 Club Run 7: Pearces Rd

The Champions Supa IGA South Bendigo Cross Country Club ran their 7<sup>th</sup> race on Saturday, 46 athletes started across the 4 races, many regretting not going away for their long weekend while they toiled over the undulating mountains found on Mandurang's "Pearces Rd".

All races started as a sealed handicap event with 1min waves separately groups to comply with covid regulations, the 2-lap new course suited Matt Barkla, who produced an excellent time only just finishing outside his estimated time by 4 seconds. Aaron Norton backed up from his last start to race home strongly for second, while Lara Pearce rounded out the place getters in the new 8500m, the club also welcomed first time athlete Charlotte Guy. Daniel Plowright, the architect of the increased distance was fastest overall.

In the 4000m 1 lapper, Genevieve Nihill and Logan Tickell could not be separated, both young guns secured equal first, and fastest female and male, respectively. Claude Guillou managed to out fox the remaining field to take home 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The under 10 800m race saw the up-and-coming Gemma Tuena narrowly edge out her older competitors Shay Pearce and Ned Bowe to nab 1<sup>st</sup>, Shay and Ned finished closely taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and fastest female and male, respectively.

The final race of the day had brilliant sprint finish, young gun Thomas McArthur smashed his estimated time to secure his first win of the season, Twins Belle and Allie Guillou were inseparable over the line with officials splitting hairs putting Belle just ahead for 2<sup>nd</sup>, leaving Allie 3<sup>rd</sup>. Plowright backed up for more punishment taking fastest time, and the improving Chelsea Tickell took out fastest female honours.

The next club run will take place at Crusoe Reservoir number 7, for more information head to the club website [www.southbendigoac.org.au](http://www.southbendigoac.org.au)

**Reilly's Designer Appliances 8500m:** Matt Barkla 42.34, Aaron Norton 37.26, Lara Pearce 45.40 (Fastest Female), Charlotte Guy (Inv.) 48.31, Daniel Plowright 34.27 (Fastest Time), Greg Hilson 37.06, Jackie Guillou 50.40, Sophie Hawken 48.59.

**3T Fitness 4000m:** Genevieve Nihill 17.32 (Fastest Female, = First Place), Logan Tickell 13.17 (Fastest Time, = First place), Claude Guillou 19.13, Sasha Pearce 19.11, Amanda Worthington 22.36, Peta Dawe 27.05, Carol Coad 24.37, Caitlin Campbell 19.37, Jake Hilson 16.06, Simon Nihill 24.02, Peter Hayes 25.36, Keenan Seymour 23.06, Leigh Browell 22.12, Kai Pearce 21.49, Gary Mahon 44.21.

**Curtis Family 800m:** Gemma Tuena 4.52, Shay Pearce 4.28 (Fastest Female), Ned Bowe 4.14 (Fastest Time), Cody Pearce 4.45, Drake Barkla 7.12, Ivy Brennan 7.12, Matilda Brennan 7.39, Peter Curtis III 14.08.

**Intersport Bicknell's 2000m:** Thomas McArthur 7.19, Belle Guillou 8.38, Allie Guillou 8.39, Daniel Plowright 7.17 (Fastest Time), Chelsea Tickell 8.30 (Fastest Female), Courtney Campbell 10.02, Bella Smart 12.20, Ned Bowe 11.35, Caitlin Campbell 9.14, Nathan Brennan 11.04, Bevan Smart 10.46, John Justice 12.35, Caitlyn Curtis 15.33, Kai Norton 10.16, Kaitlyn Bryce 12.54.