



CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE	
Meeting Name:	REYNELLA GIFT CARNIVAL – REYNELLA OVAL
Date:	FRIDAY 13/02/2026
Weather Conditions:	HOT/HUMID & Sunny (Twilight: 31-32 degrees)
Track Conditions:	Sprint (120m): Head wind on the straight track Circular (400m): Good surface
Report Prepared By:	Chris Dimitrak
Conduct of Meeting:	<p>A fantastic twilight evening hosted by Reynella Athletics Club. Special acknowledgment to Gary Thompson for his incredible mentorship across junior athletes, open and senior athletes, always showing patience and compassion to every ability level. Once again, congratulations on an extraordinary 58 years of dedicated service to athletics — truly inspiring commitment. Also, to the committee, volunteers and the Reynella football community for their part in delivering such a great event.</p> <p>I also want to extend a big thank you to our Race Day Team. They won't love me for naming them — they're the kind of people who quietly roll up their sleeves and just get it done— but it simply doesn't happen without them.</p> <p>Special thanks thou to Jenny, Gordon, Liberato, Trevor, Phil and Tricia - stepping into multiple roles (once again, this season) and keeping the meeting moving smoothly is no small task and then helping dismantle track!</p> <p>It's a real team effort, and we're fortunate to have such dedicated group of volunteers in our league.</p> <p><i>Congratulations to all the athletes who were successful in making it onto the presentation podium during the twilight meeting</i></p>

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OVERALL: 43 RACE PROGRAM from 120m to 800metres

SCRATCHINGS: 22 in total over eleven race categories

WIND READINGS - higher than anticipated in 120m events – south/easterly wind!

UNFORTUNATELY, we had many runners pull out of finals for various reasons (mainly, soreness and tightness, not feeling well enough to compete were given).

IMPORTANT NOTE Please remember to advise Chief Steward or any other Steward before competing of any reason that you may not be able to perform to the best of your ability at the carnival.

300 metre Under 14 Junior Invitational – only the winning time was captured in the system, back up failed on this occasion, others received **NTR** no time recorded.

Event 34: HEAT 2 / 300 Metre Women

5 started, 4 scratching's

Rachael Kean (**NAP**) -1.5 seconds slower than Loxton 2025, with 14 m lift.

Courtney Ryder (**NAP**) - 7 seconds slower than average metres per second time.

Event 35: HEAT 3 / 300 Metre Women

6 started, 3 scratching's

Kirsten Fantinel (**NAP**) - 5 seconds slower than her average mps time

Rosie Williamson (**NAP**) - .45 second slower than last run at Westerns meeting 16/11/2025, with a 12m lift.

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OVER 35's: FINAL - 300 Metre

O35's 300metres, the top 5 finalists ran on or close to expected metres per second, many of those who missed the final (criteria was winner only plus 5 fastest) including the last 3 in the final ran between .25 to .5 mps slower than expected based on an average recent mps data.

Event 4: HEAT 1 / 120metre Under 18 Girls

Tully Allen ran well under expected mps in the Under 18 Girls 120m, ran at schools' sports day **(NAP)**

Event 6: HEAT 1 / 120metre Under 18 BOYS

To ensure a "better competitive balance" in the handicaps, and in line with standard procedure when a runner competes off scratch, the Handicapper may adjust the **target time** to appropriately accommodate the scratch athlete-Ebomo Joel Cedric.

The approved target time was 13.00 sec /normally 13.20 secs

Heat 1 Lachlan Fanning under target time, Handicapper to review

Heat 1 Oliver Baker under target time, Handicapper to review

Heat 2 Sydney Lambert under target time, Handicapper to review.

All athlete's that participated in the final, all ran slower times when compared to heat times.

Event 9: HEAT 2 / 120 metre NOVICE

Austin Botha ran well under expected mps average and best mps, even with a 1.25m lift from last 120metre races **(UP)**. Spoke to his coach Frank McHugh.

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120M UNDER 18 GIRLS FINAL

Eliana White - approached with coach not feeling well

Mykah White - approached with coach not feeling well

120 metre WOMENS FINAL

Tigerlily Kovacic – ran below best average mps 7.97 and ran 7.47 mps **(NAP)**

120 metre MENS FINAL

Bradley Ramsey – scratched due to sore hip flexor, will need to provide medical certificate if running at Loxton (makes the 14-day clearance with certificate)

300 metre MENS FINAL

Joel Cedric Ebomo Zoalang– feeling unwell after the heat, will need to provide medical certificate if running at Loxton (makes the 14-day clearance with certificate)

300 metre UNDER 14 FINAL

Zoi Sardelis – scratched due to glute soreness after heat

300 metre OVER 35 FINAL

James Grant – scratched due to minor calf strain, will need to provide medical certificate if running at Loxton (makes the 14-day clearance with certificate)

Due to being two Stewards short, this race was noted as having a race incident 125-150 metres from finish. The matter did not impact the official result; however, the Chief Steward will review the footage thoroughly and speak with the athlete as appropriate.

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800m Women's – Average drop on PB MPS of 4.9 seconds.

Target time: 2:10.00, race won in 2:15.88, by Madison Brown.

Mercedes Tierney ran 2nd in the event, running 2:17.26, although was 4.8 sec down on her best run this season. Noting she was a winner over the distance at the last meeting and didn't get a pull as non-penalty.

Isabel Hobbs ran 3rd in the event, running 2:18.40, although was 4.3 sec down on her best run this season.

Maddy Humphry ran 5th in the event, running 2:23.99, and was 8.6 sec down on her best run this season. This is at the higher end, (Maddy did win the bay 800m race this season) . **NAP**.

Chloe Wall finished 6th in the event. A relative newcomer to the sport, will need handicap assistance to become competitive in time.

Rachael Kean ran 7th in the event, running 2:28.63, and was 14.6 sec down on her best run this season. This was high on this occasion for an athlete who finished 2nd over the distance last start. **NAP**.

Lily Potter was 18 seconds behind the winner in the event running 2:32.79.

Lily's form this season has been down somewhat this season **NAP**

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800m Men's – Average drop on PB MPS of 4.3 seconds, most runners felt track on very slow side

Target time: 1:54.00, race won in 1:58.90, by Cameron Konnis

James Grant ran 5th in the event, running 2:03.11, and was 8.8 sec down on his best run this season. This is high for an athlete who finished 2nd in the Bay 800m and recently won the Camden 1600. **NAP.**

Gianny Scoleri ran 6th in the event, running 2:04.06, and was 6.2 sec down on his best run this season. This is high for an athlete who consistently makes 800m finals. **NAP**

Daniel Oddie finished 8th in the event. A relative newcomer to the sport, needs handicap assistance to be competitive in due time.

Bennett Maxwell's placed 9th in the event, running 2:10.84 (12 sec behind winner), and was 5.4 sec down on his best run this season. **NAP**

Oscar Norman ran 2:21.90, (23 seconds behind the winner). Has shown so much improvement this season but didn't run well on this occasion **NAP**

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