

# Coburg Harriers/HAT Run for Tanzania

VIC - 16<sup>th</sup> October

Perfect conditions greeted runners and walkers for the second running of the Coburg Harriers/HAT Run for Tanzania charity fun run. HAT-Health Australia & Tanzania (Inc) was set up to raise funds for development projects that improve the health of Tanzanians.

This year's event saw over seventy people on the starting line supporting this worthy cause. Consisting of three race distances across three different categories, this race had something for everyone with conventional 12 km and 6 km runs, but with a 4 km run/walk/pram push event that made this a truly unique and family friendly affair.

In the twelve kilometre event, 46 year old Dragan Isailovic started somewhat conservatively, bunching up with three other runners until he made a break at the three kilometre mark. Isailovic was never headed as he left all comers in his wake. A very strong last half saw Isailovic home in a quality time and race record of 40.34, one that will take some beating. It was later discovered that Isailovic is a former Yugoslav national distance champion with a personal best time of 28 minutes for ten kilometres.

The women's race was dominated by Louise Turnham who led from start to finish. Margaret Lawrence was not far off the pace to finish second, while Julie O'Mahoney was third.

In the 6 kilometre run event, Kynan Dawes led the large field and was soon out of sight as he burnt the Merri Creek bike path with his speed. Left in his wake was Don Baker who came home in second and Coburg fun run regular Doug Wheeler who picked up a well deserved third placing.

The women's 6 km race was a good battle with fun run regular Samantha Lock edging out Rachael Murphy, with Maria Barbetti not much further back.

The 4 kilometre race was won by a former member of the Wellington Harriers in New Zealand – Warren Burke. In the women's section, Kath Gawthorn was outstanding as the first female home and fourth overall.

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12km	
Men	
1. Dragan Isailovic	40.34
2. Gerard Large	43.04
3. Jeremy Grey	43.30

Women	
1. Louise Turnham	61.19
2. Margaret Lawrence	64.52
3. Julie O'Mahony	72.20

6km	
Men	
1. Kynan Dawes	19.56
2. Don Baker	26.01
3. Doug Wheeler	27.06

Women	
1. Samantha Lock	28.23
2. Rachael Murphy	29.35
3. Maria Barbetti	31.12

4km	
Men	
1. Warren Burke	14.58
2. Nick Iliopoulos	15.33
3. Jay Blake	16.17

Women	
1. Kath Gawthorn	22.08
2. Dot Henning	22.34
3. Matoula Wicks	23.51



Margaret Lawrence



Dragan Isailovic

