Club members finish in top ten at Melbourne Marathon
14 October; Rod Warnecke

Former Triathlon Club President Antony Rickards finished sixth in yesterday’s Samsung Melbourne Marathon, stopping the clock in 2h32m24s. Alumni and Athletics Club member Andrew Selby-Smith finished just behind Rickards in seventh place in a time of 2h34m27s. While these two results place Rickards and Selby-Smith amongst the elite marathoners in Australia, the University of Melbourne was also well represented by the fun-runner and the fitness-fanatic.

Some 306 students, 12 staff and 11 alumni representing the University of Melbourne participated across the 5.5km, 10km, Half Marathon and Marathon distances of the event.

This year’s event saw record numbers participate. No doubt the chance to finish the event on the hallowed turf of the MCG was an attraction for many first-time and repeat participants. Information Services staff member Scott Tregoning, who ran in the 10km event with colleague Kirsty Waring, was one such participant.

“The entire event had a great atmosphere, but running through the concourse and onto the turf of the MCG was my highlight”.

“And it was also great to meet up with other University runners afterwards and have a drink and a couple of pieces of fruit at the University of Melbourne marquees”, said Mr. Tregoning.

The Melbourne Marathon also doubled as the 2008 Australian University Championship – Distance Running. While results have yet to be confirmed, Team Melbourne is hopeful of adding this national title to the ten titles already won at this year’s Australian University Games, as well as the Surfing, Snow Sports and Women’s Rowing Australian University Championships.

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