

BAYS RELAY – 52ND and FINAL RUNNING

19.03.2020

The 50th running of the Bays Relay took place on Saturday afternoon 12th August 2017. The 52nd and final running took place on Saturday afternoon 17th August 2019. It is organised by the Wellington Harrier Athletic Club Incorporated (WHAC).

It was the third oldest road relay remaining in New Zealand. The Marton to Wanganui Relay started in 1931. The Takahe to Akaroa Relay started in 1935.

At its March 2020 meeting the WHAC Board decided to cease the event. The reasons were: safety concerns, with increasing traffic using the narrow roads; demands upon marshals and other officials, both the numbers required and the adverse weather conditions faced such as in 2018; traffic management costs. If the Shelly Bay development goes ahead, the disruptions caused by the 10-year construction period may have meant the demise of the Relay at that time.

The Bays Relay started in 1968. Wellington Harrier life member Mike Dickson created the relay on its current course from Island Bay to Evans Bay around the Miramar Peninsular. Initially it was for Junior Men and Colts, aged under 18. Mike structured the event to cater for a gap in the market, where there were no inter-club road relays for younger runners.

The inaugural winning club was Masterton, which won for the first two years in 1968 and 1969.

The following grades were added, with year and winning club in the inaugural year.

1976	Senior Women	Porirua	
1989	Masters Men	Wgtn Scottish	
1990	Junior Women	Wgtn Scottish	
1996	Masters Women	Wgtn Scottish	(WHAC entered a MW team in MM grade in 1990)
1996	Senior Men	WHAC	
2009	Masters Men 50	Wgtn Scottish	
2015	Masters Men 60	WHAC	
2019	Masters Women 50	WHAC	

Ages for Various Grades

The age for Junior Men was originally under 18. That later increased to under 20. Masters Men was 40+ until it changed in 2018 to 35+, matching the Masters Women age. Senior Women was always 20+; Junior Women under 20; Masters Women 35+ (except for 2016 only when, at request from Athletics Wellington, it was 40+); Senior Men 20+; Masters Men 50 and Masters Men 60 was 50+ and 60+ respectively. Masters Women 50 was 50+.

5 Laps

The Relay starts at Island Bay and continues around the Miramar Peninsula finishing at Evans Bay.

The Relay has 5 laps with distances varying between 3.845 km and 4.804 km. The total distance is 22.052 km. These distances were officially re-measured in May 2015.

Lap1 Island Bay to Lyall Bay 4.776 km

Lap 2 Lyall Bay to Eve Bay 4.649 km

Lap 3 Eve Bay to Scorching Bay 4.804 km

Lap 4 Scorching Bays to Shelly Bay 3.845 km

Lap 5 Shelly Bay to Evans Bay 3.978 km

Records 17.08.2019

WELLINGTON HARRIER ATHLETIC CLUB INC. Bays Relay Records

SENIOR WOMEN						
LAP	DISTANCE	RUNNER	CLUB	YEAR	TIME	
1	4.776	Melissa Moon	Wgtn Scottish	1999	15:39	
2	4.649	Anne Hare	WHAC	1994	14:51	
3	4.804	Melissa Moon	Wgtn Scottish	1994	15:47	
4	3.845	Anne Hare	WHAC	2000	12:43	
5	3.978	Anne Hare	WHAC	1990	12:47	
Team			WHAC	1992 & 1993	1:16:38	

MASTERS WOMEN						
LAP	DISTANCE	RUNNER	CLUB	YEAR	TIME	
1	4.776	Stephanie Mackenzie	Wgtn Scottish	2012	17:01	
2	4.649	Anne Hare	Wgtn Scottish	2006	16:54	
3	4.804	Katie Kemp	Wgtn Scottish	2014	16:54	
4	3.845	Anne Hare	Wgtn Scottish	2009	13:44	
5	3.978	Victoria Humphries	WHAC	2006	14:02	
Team			Wgtn Scottish	2013	1:24:33	

MASTERS WOMEN W50+						
LAP	DISTANCE	RUNNER	CLUB	YEAR	TIME	
1	4.776	Charlotte Kerr	WHAC	2019	19:14	
2	4.649	Michele Alison	Wgtn Scottish	2019	23:05	
3	4.804	Carline Thomas	WHAC	2019	21:26	
4	3.845	Helen Willis	Wgtn Scottish	2019	18:07	
5	3.978	Victoria Humphries	WHAC	2019	16:50	
Team			WHAC	2019	1:42:51	

JUNIOR WOMEN					
LAP	DISTANCE	RUNNER	CLUB	YEAR	TIME
1	4.776	Jean Kozyniak	WHAC	2013	16:47
2	4.649	Sarah Beresford	WHAC	2004	16:49
3	4.804	Kate McIlroy	WHAC	2000	17:04
4	3.845	Sarah Biss	WHAC	1995	14:04
5	3.978	Kate Inward	PNAHC	1994	14:10
Team			Olympic	2014	1:24:11

SENIOR MEN					
LAP	DISTANCE	RUNNER	CLUB	YEAR	TIME
1	4.776	Evan Cooper	WHAC	2013	13:59
2	4.649	Matt Dravitzki	Wgtn Scottish	2004	13:41
3	4.804	Tim Hodge	Wgtn Scottish	2008	13:59
4	3.845	Phil Starr	WHAC	1999	11:43
5	3.978	Tim Hodge	Wgtn Scottish	2012	11:44
Team			Wgtn Scottish	2010	1:08:00

MASTERS MEN					
LAP	DISTANCE	RUNNER	CLUB	YEAR	TIME
1	4.776	Brian Garmonsway	Trentham	2018	14:35
2	4.649	Stephen Day	Wgtn Scottish	2017	14:38
3	4.804	Ted McLachlan	Trentham	1994	14:07
4	3.845	Steve Hunt	Wgtn Scottish	1994	12:10
5	3.978	Graham Tattersall	WHAC	1990	12:10
Team			Wgtn Scottish	2018	1:11:28

MASTERS MEN M50+					
LAP	DISTANCE	RUNNER	CLUB	YEAR	TIME
1	4.776	Grant McLean	Wgtn Scottish	2018	16:02
2	4.649	Peter Stevens	Wgtn Scottish	2018	15:59
3	4.804	Peter Stevens	Wgtn Scottish	2016	16:33
4	3.845	David Creamer	WHAC	2017	14:26
5	3.978	Vaughan New	WHAC	2013	13:46
Team			Wgtn Scottish	2018	1:18:22

MASTERS MEN M60+					
LAP	DISTANCE	RUNNER	CLUB	YEAR	TIME
1	4.776	Paul Sharp	WHAC	2017	18:07
2	4.649	Richard Brent	WHAC	2016	19:21
3	4.804	Paul Sharp	WHAC	2016	17:37
4	3.845	Chris Harp	Wgtn Scottish	2019	17:09
5	3.978	Mike Winsborough	WHAC	2018	18:22
Team			WHAC	2018	1:37:11

JUNIOR MEN					
LAP	DISTANCE	RUNNER	CLUB	YEAR	TIME
1	4.776	Brent Ballantyne	Wgtn Scottish	1985	13:48
2	4.649	Phil Starr	WHAC	1991	13:44
3	4.804	Phil Starr	WHAC	1993	14:13
4	3.845	Geoff Gore	Kapiti	1990	11:56
5	3.978	Mark Higham	Hutt Valley	1983	11:52

The lap records list the runner who has run the fastest time over each lap, when competing for a team in the grade for which the record applies. The records do not include runners of a particular age category who have run in a team in another grade (eg an M35 competing in Senior Mens grade).