From: Craig Green – Publicity Officer, Athletics Bendigo
To: Nathan Dole - Bendigo Advertiser
Re: Media Release & results from Bundoora Park for the athletics section of the newspaper on Tuesday 29th July
Date sent: Sunday 27th July

Last Saturday 23 athletes from some of our local clubs represented either Athletics Bendigo or their schools at Bundoora Park.

The day commenced with the All Schools individual races. These under age events are part of the Victorian selection trials for the Australian Cross Country Championships on the 23rd August in Geelong. Young guns Leon Keely 2nd and Cody Williamson 7th should now both gain selection with Andrew Buchanan and Madeleine Evely both 12th still to be confirmed by selectors within their respective age groups.

It was a terrific effort by every one of the All School athletes representing Bendigo against runners throughout the state. Results for the All School Events and National selection trials were:

Girls F20 6Km's (field of 45 athletes)
Kirrily Burnett (24th) 27.38, Yvette Tuohey (27th) 27.46

Girls F15 4km's (field of 70 athletes)
Madeleine Evely (12th) 15.44

Girls F14 3km's (field of 127 athletes)
Celine Mountjoy (36th) 12.18

Boys M20 8Km's (field of 56 athletes)
Leon Keely (2nd) 25.47, Cody Williamson (7th) 27.03, Luke Hutchins (18th) 29.03

Boys M18 All Schools 6Km's (field of 75 athletes)
Andrew Buchanan (12th) 20.42, Jamie Cook (51st) 24.27

Later in the day the senior athletes continued the outstanding performances against all the athletics clubs and regions throughout the state.

Charles Chambers continued his brilliant form to be 2nd in the 50 plus 12km event to maintain his ranking in the top 3 in the state for his group age category during this winter season. Anne Buckley had a top 7 finish in the 40 plus age category for the 8km event.

The Women's team of Meredith Cook, Anne Buckley, Mandy Worthington and Penny Brown finished 2nd in their respective teams division on the day.

The other big news in the team's event was our Men's top team now leapfrogging Mornington into 2nd place and the promotion zone to the top Division of Athletics Victoria. Bendigo Region will need to maintain this position for the final 3 races to enter Division 1 for the first time in its history.

Results from the senior races were:
Women's Open 8Km's (field of 81 athletes)
Meredith Cook (21st) 31.05, Penny Brown (37th) 33.48, Mandy Worthington (51st) 35.27

Women's 40 plus 8Km's (field of 34 athletes)
Anne Buckley (7th) 33.34, Kerrieanne Hocking (24th) 37.36

Men's Open 12Km's (field of 171 athletes)
Brady Threlfall (20th) 39.16, Phil Noden (69th) 43.29, Lee McCullagh (139th) 47.33

Men 40 plus 12Km's (field of 91 athletes)
John Maher (21st) 44.53, Jim Russell (26th) 45.43, Peter Cowell (28th) 46.25, Craig Green (35th) 47.46, Ross Evans (57th) 49.49

Men 50 plus 12Km's (field of 74 athletes)
Charles Chambers (2nd) 44.57

If any registered Athlete from any of the Bendigo Region clubs is available to run at the Sandown team relays on Saturday 9th August, please inform your club or Athletics Bendigo.