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It was as far back as February that the Marathon Committee started the organising of the 2016 Cadbury Dunedin Marathon. By September it was down to the final week and a half of putting into place the preparations for race day - Sunday 11th September. Huge thanks to all those club members that helped with the Race Packs on the Thursday under the leadership of **David Jackson**. The Sargood Centre proved to be an ideal location for our Race Headquarters over the four days. Friday and Saturday with club members handing out Race Packs meeting up with the competitors and taking time to go "shopping" from the sponsors on display.

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Race Day - Sunday 11th September

Race day and at times little could be seen through the low fog that blanked the course. A highlight of starting to marathon is being able to point out the finish across the harbor and reminding competitors they have 42.2k to cover to get there. With little wind the conditions were ideal. Come 8.00am, they were sent on their way.

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Club Members in the Cadbury Dunedin Marathon



It was great to see so many "Cavy runners and walkers" taking part. Leading all the way, Jonah Smith in the marathon. Would have been amazing to have so many fellow club members all along the course to cheer everyone along.

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And there are those behind the ... scenes

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Just so many out there on the day to make it all happen. Some up as early as 4.30am and some still up after midnight.

Geoff Anderson took "tail-end charlie" to a new level.



Competitor Feedback

After 10 months of planning it all comes down the ... "the day" ... is everything covered and in place. Will the buses be at the Sargood Centre at 6.00am? Yes they were. Can we open the Sargood Centre at 6.00am? No, oh dear, a minor hiccup ... quickly solved. At the end of the day we are judged by those who have taken part.



"Just wanted to say thank you to the gentleman who made sure I did not get run over by an very arrogant driver in a large ute with bull bars (I know there were bull bars as I had my hands on them). He had asked that the driver stop (by the railway station) but the driver was extremely verbally abusive - which I heard and he continued. I had to be rather evasive to avoid being run over i.e. hold bull bars and side step. Please pass on to the Marshall that I really appreciated his efforts. He should not have had to put up with such a horrible driver who yelled at him very abusively and called him such a torrent of names, stating that drivers should be allowed anywhere they wanted to go and not runners." A very grateful competitor, high "fives" to the Marshall.

"Fantastic event and well run! It is an event where everyone is able to participate. Much to my frustration I trained for the marathon but due to illness was only able to manage the quarter. Some feedback: PLEASE tell people they will be disqualified if seen with listening devices during the event if you are going to print it is a race rule. Being someone that loves to run with music it's incredibly frustrating to find racegoers not taking this rule seriously"



"Just wanted to do a big shout out to all the great Cavvy members who put on a stunning event today. Phil Coakes - you and the team work tirelessly to make a safe and always enjoyable event. The work behind the scenes to pull off a race this big is perhaps bigger than most competitors realise. It was well worth the trip back from the West Coast to compete and support you guys. Thanks also to the many sponsors for their amazing support. Bring on 2017" 2016 Marathon winner Mel Aitken

"Hi, I'm emailing regarding the timing system you used for the race, as the time I recorded from my Garmin watch and the time shown in the official results differ by quite a bit. I recorded myself at 1:37:21 and your results show 1:38:03. Was there no timing mat at the start ? Ifso, why not ?? And if so, it's a good idea to let people know. As I weekend warrior we train quite hard for these events, so it's disappointing to pay all that money to not even record the time correctly." Jason



"Thanks for all ur hard work. First ever marathon. Beautiful scenery, lovely people, well organised . Looking forward to next year" **Helen**

"Hi folks, Firstly, congratulations on a great event again. My wife ran the full marathon in great conditions. A personal best so thank you. My role was the drink boy - making sure that her special drink was at the right place at the 30 and 35km markers. This was made a little difficult with changed locations and seemingly out of date maps. Perhaps up to date maps for next year could be provided. Kind wish ",
Bruce



"I felt very disappointed in my experience at thus race. I ran the quarter marathon, but could not find any sign indicating the proper finish line for the circuit. Clueless, I just kept on running until I fugged out I had already run more than 15km! The poor signalling and disconcerting lack of information really put me off any future events organized by Cadbury's. I had to drive up to Port Chalmers to retrieve my gear bag. Ludicrous... I definitely do not recommend it to anyone who is serious about running". **Leo**



"Hi there, Thank you so much for dropping of my prize pack. Thank you! I also like to say what a great event the marathon was. I was very impressed with the level of organisation. It was obvious that many people had worked very hard to put on such a great event!" **Thanks Sonya**

Children's Marathon Challenge



The fifth **Children's Marathon Challenge** was the curtain raiser to the starts for the quarter and half marathon events. 281 children from 23 schools participated in the event. St Clair School provided 70 runners which was a significant number. Active Families, a Sport Otago initiative registered 10 children. The course was changed as the children could not finish inside Forsyth Barr Stadium as in previous years because the stadium was being used for another event.

This year the children ran around part of Logan Park, along Butts Road and then did a lap of the Caledonian Ground to finish their marathon distance that had been accumulated over the previous six weeks. Feedback from the children, teachers, parents and marshalls thought the use of the Caledonian Ground was a positive move.

This year's guest starter was **Zara Gallivan**, an Otago and New Zealand gymnast. Zara met the participants at the end and helped give out apples to all of the children.

As in previous years **Mizuno shoes from Frontrunner** were given to ten lucky children chosen by ballot



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