Great Ocean Road International Marathon
Festival of Distance Running, Walking and Wheeling

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COURSE RECORD SMASHED IN KENYAN MARATHON ONSLAUGHT

Kenyan James Kipkelwon smashed the course record in winning the seventh Great Ocean Road International Marathon from Lorne to Apollo Bay today.

Kipkelwon, 32, clocked 2hours 27mins 42secs on the 45.2km twisting, hilly trek to break Mark Tucker's 2010 milestone by more than two minutes.

Kenyans snared the first three placings after setting a cracking early pace in overcast, near-perfect marathon-running conditions.

Daniel Mwelu, fined $220 by Customs officials for non-declaration of wheat patties at Melbourne airport last Wednesday, finished second in 2:31:01, with 2009 winner Charles Muturi a further 45 seconds away third.

Best-placed Australian in the Great Ocean Road Real Estate-sponsored event was Melbourne's Magnus Michelsson who battled into fourth place in 2:40:06 after suffering a hamstring strain at the half-way mark.

Geelong's Natalie Mensch, wife of former Geelong footballer David Mensch, won the women's section in 3:20:17.

Kipkelwon, from a family of nine, hails from the village of Nyahururu, 200kms north of Nairobi, and was contesting only his second marathon after finishing seventh on debut in the Danzhou Marathon in China last year.

His next target is the Istanbul Marathon in October.

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"This is my biggest victory and I am very much happy," he said.

"I was in fear of the course because it is very hard and is also 45kms. But it is also very beautiful."

Muturi, making his fourth appearance at the fire-event Great Ocean Road distance running festival, set the early pace, with Kipkelwon sitting on his shoulder.

But Muturi, who adopted similar tactics last year and failed, began to fade around the 34km mark but was instrumental in seeing another course record tumble.

Canberrra-based Federal policeman Scott McTaggart won the Fagg's Mitre 10 23km half-marathon in 1:14:58 from Ethiopia's Geleta Wondwosen and St Kilda's Trent Harlow.

Irish distance-running legend Sonia O'Sullivan was third in the women's half-marathon to Middle Park's Kelly Jarrett.

Geelong's champion paralympian Richard Colman won a thrilling TAC Wheelchair Athletes' Challenge from New Caledonia's Pierre Fairbank on Saturday.

Colman and Fairbank, both gold medallists at Paralympic Games, went neck-and-neck over the 14kms of the Apollo Bay-Paradise course before the Australian triumphed by half a wheel.

Colman, who also won last year's race which carries an all-expenses paid trip to the Honolulu Marathon, generously donated his prize to Fairbank.

The festival, backed by Tourism Victoria, attracted more than 3500 contestants from 15 countries.

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RESULTS:

Great Ocean Road Real Estate Marathon: 45.2kms

MENS

1.	James KIPKELWON	Kenya	2:27:42
2.	Daniel MWELU	Kenya	2:31:01
3.	Charles MUTURI	Kenya	2:31:46
4.	Magnus MICHELSSON	VIC	2:40:07
5.	Adrian POLIDANO	VIC	2:56:27

WOMENS

1.	Natalie MENSCH	VIC	3:20:17
2.	Helen O'HAGAN	VIC	3:23:06
3.	Hanneke THOMAS	VIC	3:25:30
4.	Susan PETTERSON	WA	3:25:53
5.	Alexandra BURRIDGE	VIC	3:30:24

Fagg's Mitre 10 Half-Marathon: 23kms

MENS

1.	Scott McTAGGART	ACT	1:14:58
2.	Geleta WONDWOSEN	Ethiopia	1:17:07
3.	Trent HARLOW	VIC	1:18:19
4.	Dan HORNERY	VIC	1:18:19
5.	Tom RICKARDS	VIC	1:19:12

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Fagg's Mitre 10 Half-Marathon: 23kms

WOMENS

1.	Kelly JARRETT	VIC	1:26:17
2.	Gemma KENESSY	VIC	1:29:13
3.	Sonia O'SULLIVAN	Ireland	1:30:06
4.	Rhiannon SNIPE	VIC	1:31:22
5.	Magda KARIMALI-POULOS	NSW	1:32:11

TAC Wheelchair Athletes' Challenge: 14km

MALE

1.	Richard COLMAN	VIC	31:42
2.	Pierre FAIRBANK	New Caledonia	31:43
3.	Nathen ARKLEY	SA	33:21
4.	Matthew LACK	NZ	35:02
5.	Jake LAPPIN	VIC	37:47

FEMALE

1.	Jemima MOORE	VIC	40:37
2.	Ella SABLJAK	VIC	41:18

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Geelong Advertiser Paradise Run: 14km

MALE

1.	Liam ADAMS	VIC	40:56
2.	Geleta WONDWORSEN	Ethiopia	42:50
3.	Jason WOOLHOUSE	VIC	43:49
4.	Dan HORNEY	VIC	45:03
5.	Asamenew YESHANEW	Ethiopia	48:13

FEMALE

1.	Kate SEIBOLD-CROSBIE	VIC	50:38
2.	Susan MICHELSSON	VIC	51:59
3.	Kristen WYATT	VIC (Ocean Grove)	52:20
4.	Sara WINTER	VIC (Colac)	54:03
5.	Sinead DIVER	VIC	54:52

Mizuno: 6.5km

MALE

1.	Jason WOOLHOUSE	VIC	21:26
2.	Steve MONEGHETTI	VIC	22.08
3.	Andrew HESTER	VIC	25:37
4.	Harley LOGAN	QLD	27:22
5.	Shane PETTINGILL	VIC	27:25

FEMALE

1.	Erica SIGMONT	VIC (Newcomb)	25:11
2.	Coreena CLELAND	VIC (Geelong)	26:30
3.	Annabelle WILSON	VIC (Newtown)	27:09
4.	Bronwyn HUMPHRYS	VIC	27:23
5.	Carolyn Scott	VIC (Jan Juc)	28:12

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