

Points Awarded

Helen – 8 points
 Arthur – 7 points
 Dave B – 6 points
 Alan – 5 points
 Dave W – 5 points
 Michelle – 3 points

Points Trophy Standings

Jeff – 35 points
 Helen – 34 points
 Alan – 25 points
 Arthur – 25 points
 Brian – 25 points
 Mike – 24 points

*Helen approaches perfection—AGAIN!!*

The weather was about perfect for the Odd ball this year, a tad on the cool side, but very little wind. A shower of rain came through just before the start, but that was it. What a lot of odd balls we prove to be yet again. This year we only had 17 starters which would be the lowest for some years. In other years when we have had bad conditions there have been close to 30 starters – so perhaps the odd ballers aren't the ones that walked today, but the ones that didn't? I can expect a big field at Inglewood next week if it's wet, windy and cold.

We had a power cut at Jeff's just after we arrived, those of us were on time got a hot cup of tea; those that were still talking at Bell Block (come on guess who), got a more tepid one. I am sure that this power cut was significant – caused by the fact that Helen is not perfect. Yes I know, the surge of shock we all felt was enough to blow fuses all over New Plymouth. Power was restored when we realised that Helen was only 1 second out from estimate, which when you think about it, is about 99.99% perfect. So well done again Helen, still not sure how you do it but what a lucky husband living once again with the near perfect woman.

In second place today we had Mr Metronome himself (Arthur) who was only 5 seconds different to his estimated time. Please tell us your secret Arthur – do you sing to yourself or do you have as I have long suspected an implanted metronome. In third place was the fast improving Dave Barrett who managed a difference of 17 seconds.

At the start of today's race Jeff looked like he was aiming to beat Eric for fastest time. They were well clear of the field going round the first bend. Next up was Serena, followed by Tony and Wacky. After half a K of Tony talking, Wacky cleared out and chased after Serena. After 3 laps, Eric pulled up lame and Jeff had the lead. At this point he forgot that the race wasn't a race as he decided to go for the glory of fastest time. Wacky by now had gone past Serena and was in hot pursuit. Jeff and Wacky got faster as the event progressed and of course further away from their estimate (Jeffrey when will you learn).

Results

Name	Grade	Est Time	Actual	Difference	Points
Helen Baverstock	10.8K	1:17:18	1:17:17	0:00:01	8
Arthur Lester	6.2K	0:50:10	0:50:05	0:00:05	7
Dave Barrett	10.8K	1:20:05	1:20:22	0:00:17	6
Alan Clarke	6.2K	0:41:41	0:42:20	0:00:39	5
Dave Wackrow	10.8K	1:05:25	1:04:37	0:00:48	4
Michelle Nicholson	10.8K	1:21:18	1:22:10	0:00:52	3
Sue Park	6.2K	0:51:00	0:50:05	0:00:55	2
Brian O'Shea	6.2K	0:53:04	0:52:06	0:00:58	2
Ivor Ellis	3.1K	0:28:32	0:29:31	0:00:59	2
Jeff Wells	10.8K	1:05:55	1:04:31	0:01:24	2
Tony Burrell	10.8K	1:09:30	1:11:36	0:02:06	2
Serena Coombes	10.8K	1:08:01	1:10:18	0:02:17	2
Marlene White	10.8K	1:12:29	1:15:05	0:02:36	2
Frances Kemsley	6.2K	1:03:00	1:00:18	0:02:42	2
Lorraine Eldershaw	6.2K	0:51:05	0:46:00	0:05:05	2
Eric Kemsley	10.8K	1:01:45	DNF		2
Denise Clark	6.2K	1:03:00	DNF		2
Helpers					
Trevor, Peter, Harry					2

Jeff just managed to hold out Wacky in a time of 64m31s for the 10.85K – close to 2 minutes under last year's time and a minute 24 under estimate. Whoops – the current points leader is down to 1 point only ahead of oh perfect one.

Most people did well at estimating this year, 9 managed to be within 1 minute, so well done. Lorraine, well what can I say. She considered her recent weeks off, carefully examined her feet for state of well-being. Think I saw her checking the temperature; wind velocity and slip factor of the road surface. All to no avail, she must have forgotten to put her glasses on when using the slide rule and managed to walk 5 minutes quicker than calculations and that was for the 6.2K distance.

I somehow managed to win the odd ball last year, but alas not this year. I did get 4th and was only 39 seconds over my estimate but I never allowed for the amount of red wine consumed the previous night. There is a well-known theorem from Pythagoras called the exponential accumulative red wine additive. Just remember – 1 glass has no effect; 2 has a 2 second effect per K; 3 glasses is 5 seconds per K and 4 is 10 seconds. Please feel free to apply this theorem to your algorithms for the next estimated time event

Prize of the day goes to Peter Dent. He has mastered the art of keeping the estimates secret from everybody. I didn't even know the result until Peter read them out at morning tea. He seemed to enjoy his job a bit too much!

Many thanks to Kaye and Jeff for morning tea and the helpers Trevor, Peter, and Harry.

Points Trophy

Name	Total	Wind Wand	Ivor's Oakura	Serena Sprint	Helen's Special	Norm Read	Ekiden	Open Walk	Links	Odd Ball
Jeff Wells	35	7	2	4	7	2	2	2	7	2
Helen Baverstock	34	3	2	2	5	2	2	2	8	8
Alan Clarke	25	8	2	2	2	2		2	2	5
Arthur Lester	25	2	7	3	2	2		2		7
Brian O'Shea	25	2	2	5	2	6	2	2	2	2
Mike Nield	24	2	4	7	2	4	2	1	2	
Harry Terwiel	23	4	6	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
Sherryn Hardy	23	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	4	2
Tony Burrell	22	2	3	6		3	2	2	2	2
Dave Wackrow	21	2	2	2		2	2	1	6	4
Michelle Nicholson	21			2	2	8	2	2	2	3
Serena Coombes	21	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	2
Sue Park	21		2	8	3	2		2	2	2
Anne Fraser	20	2	2	2	8	2	2		2	
Dave Barrett	20		2		2	7		1	2	6
Eric Kemsley	20	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2
Peter Fox	18	2	8	2	2	2	2			
Ivor Ellis	17		2	2	6	2		1	2	2
Marlene White	17		2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2
Frances Kemsley	16	6			2	5		1		2
Lorraine Eldershaw	15	2		2	2	2	2	1	2	2
Peter Dent	15	2	2	2	2	2		1	2	2
Trevor Suthon	15	2	2	2	2	2		1	2	2
Denise Clark	12	5			2	2		1		2
Rachel Gilbert	10	2		2		2	2	2		
Tanya Campbell	10	2	2		2	2		2		
Kim Fougere	9	2	2		2	2		1		
Neil Fagan	6	2				2			2	
Sandra Moratti	6			2			2	2		
Marlaina Curtis	4	2	2							
Sherryn Wilson	4							2	2	
Vanessa Lowl	4					2			2	
Dennis Hastie	3		2					1		
Mary Hastie	3		2					1		
Gaylene Phillips	2		2							
Greg Chapman	2	2								
Joelle Xavier	2	2								
Juniors	0									
Hannah Gilbert	7	3				4				
Graydon	3				3					