

Australasian 7 Mile Walk Championships

1923 - 1937

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INTRODUCTION

There had been a number of specialist racewalking clubs in existence since the early 1900's and Australia's first Olympic walker **Bill Murray** (1912) had been a member of the Victorian Walkers and Field Games Club, formed in 1911. The Sydney Amateur Walkers Club had also been formed in 1911 and racewalking was also strong in South Australia and Queensland.

The First World War put everything on the backburners with the Melbourne based walking club actually ceasing activities in 1915 as all of its Executive had enlisted. It was not until 1921 that the Victorians reformed, now calling themselves the *Victorian Amateur Walkers' Club* (VAWC).

Late in 1921, officials from the NSW and Victorian walking clubs met with a view to instigating an interstate walking race. An offer was made by Footscray jeweller *Mr T. Glover and Son* (the son was a sprinter with the Footscray Harriers) to donate a perpetual trophy to be known as the *Glover Shield*¹.

The proposed championship date was October 1922 and N.S.W. requested A.A.U. to hold a postal vote amongst member States to validate the championship.

Whilst the majority of States voted in favour of the concept, a number of V.A.A.A. officers were opposed to the event and voted against the motion. Thus it did not win the day. With the A.A.U. refusing to sanction the event, the walking clubs continued with their own planning, targeting a date of 14th July 1923 and billing the event as the *Australasian 7 Mile Walk Championship*.

The *Australasian 7 Mile Walk Championship* was held 8 times in total before being replaced with a 10,000m championship in 1939. The medallists from these Australasian 7 Mile championships were:

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|------|-----------------|-----|-------|------------------|-----|-------|----------------|-----|-------|
| 1923 | Ernest Austin | NSW | 55:44 | Victor Dowling | VIC | 57:25 | William Murray | VIC | 57:27 |
| 1924 | George Parker | NSW | 53:07 | Albert Kitchen | NSW | 55:17 | Ernest Smith | NSW | 57:30 |
| 1925 | Bert Gardiner | VIC | 57:03 | Joseph Mulcahy | VIC | 57:09 | William Pitt | NSW | 58:11 |
| 1926 | Eric Sunderland | VIC | 55:16 | Robert Osborne | VIC | 55:58 | Thomas Wyatt | SA | 56:05 |
| 1927 | George Parker | NSW | 53:53 | Raymond Latham | NSW | 54:32 | Bert Gardiner | VIC | 54:45 |
| 1929 | Horace Wilson | SA | 53:17 | Tom Daintry | NSW | 53:26 | Joseph Mulcahy | VIC | 54:43 |
| 1931 | Glen Houghton | SA | 54:16 | Joseph Mulcahy | VIC | 54:18 | Jack Cummins | VIC | 54:28 |
| 1933 | William Clark | NSW | 54:45 | Joseph O'Farrell | VIC | 54:50 | Jack Cummins | VIC | 54:54 |
| 1937 | Alan Reid | VIC | 55:17 | Keith McCluskey | VIC | 56:12 | Sydney Sheedy | NSW | 56:22 |

Read on for reports from each of these carnivals.

1 The Glover Shield is still contested in the second Racewalking Australia carnival each year and remains our oldest and most significant walking trophy – see <http://www.vrwc.org.au/documents/Glover%20Shield%20History.pdf>.

1923 AUSTRALASIAN 7 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP, MELBOURNE, 14 JULY 1923

The first ever *Australasian 7 Mile Walk Championship* was held on Saturday 14th July 1923.

Each walking club was to select its own team (the Victorian team was Vic Dowling, Ted Drayton, Norman Asker, Rex Merrick, Lionel McMillan, Bill Murray, Bert Gardiner, Eric Sunderland, Bob Osborne, Frank O'Rourke, Jack Merrifield and Ted Winstanley) and the race would be held in Melbourne at the Malvern Cricket Ground. NSW and Victoria selected full teams while South Australia sent George Wilson (later to move to Victoria and compete for VAWC), the current holder of the Victorian 25 Mile Championship.

There would be Senior and Junior (Under 21) teams races, with 4 finishers required for team points.

The following historic photo was passed onto me by VRWC life member Ray Smith some years ago and shows the Victorian team that contested that historic first Australian longer distance national walking championship².



*The 1923 Victorian Walking Team - photo taken outside the Yarra Yarra Rowing Club Sheds
Back: Eric Sunderland, Les Nicholson, Bert Gardiner, Rex Merrick, Edward Winstanley, Lionel McMillan, Bill Murray
Front: Vic Dowling, Ted Drayton, Frank O'Rourke*

Unfortunately the grass track was water logged after continuous rain so times were very slow. NSW walker **Ernie Austen**³ led early from **Bert Kitchen** and **Vic Dowling**. After covering two miles, he led them by 100 yards and was untroubled from then on, winning in 55:44. Austen, who was the dominant walker of the period, was subsequently selected to represent Australia in the 1924 Olympics in Paris, where he would contest the 10,000m track walk event the following year.

1912 Olympian **Bill Murray**⁴ showed his experience, moving up through the field to pass all the chasers except for Vic Dowling who finished 2 seconds ahead of him in second place with Murray taking third. Victoria won both the Open

2 1 Mile and 3 Mile track walks were held with the bi-annual Australian Track and Field Championships but this was the first attempt at staging a longer distance walk championship.

3 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wa-ernie-austen.pdf>

4 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-bill-murray.pdf>

Teams event and the Junior Teams event.



1923 Silver medallist Vic Dowling (left) shakes hands with winner Ernie Austin

The VAWC Annual Report that year described the meet as follows

Seven Mile Australasian Championship

It is a fitting tribute to the progress of the Club, that in its second season since the revival it was entrusted with the control of an Australasian Championship. This race marks the beginning of a new period of race walking in Australia, it being the first event in which Interstate Teams comprised solely of walkers have met in competition.

The race was held on the Malvern Cricket Ground on Saturday, July 14th 1925, and proved a triumph for E. E. Austen of New South Wales, who on a track sodden with the continuous race of the preceding day, walked faultlessly and won easily in the excellent time of 55 min 44.35 secs; the minor places being filled by V. A. Dowling and W. Murray, both of Victoria.

Fine team work, under the captaincy of Ted Drayton, resulted in Victoria winning the teams race and thus holding the "Glover Shield" for 12 months. The Victorian Junior Team also proved superior to its opponents, finishing its four in the first five positions.

For the record, the results read as follows

Australasian Open 7 Mile Walk Championship, Malvern Cricket Ground, Melbourne, 14th July 1923

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------------|-----|---------|
| 1. | Ernie Austen | NSW | 55:44.2 |
| 2. | Vic Dowling | VIC | 57:25 |
| 3. | Bill Murray | VIC | 57:27 |
| 4. | Bert Kitchen | NSW | 58:25 |
| 5. | Norm Asker | VIC | 58:47 |
| 6. | Eric Sunderland | VIC | 58:55 |
| 7. | George Wilson | SA | 59:10 |
| 8. | Ernie Smith | NSW | 59:20 |
| 9. | Ted Drayton | VIC | 59:52 |
| 10. | Rex Merrick | VIC | 60:10 |
| 11. | Mick ("Joe") McNamara | NSW | 60:58 |
| 12. | Bert Gardiner | VIC | 61:03 |
| 13. | Frank O'Rourke | VIC | 61:10 |
| 14. | Lyle Brown | NSW | 63:07 |
| 15. | Bob Osborne | VIC | 63:14 |
| 16. | Jack Merrifield | VIC | 63:17 |
| 17. | Ted Winstanley | VIC | 63:52 |
| 18. | Jack Parker | NSW | 63:59 |

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| 19. | Reg Foster | NSW | 64:10 |
| 20. | Lionel McMillen | VIC | 65:24 |
| 21. | Harry Campbell | NSW | 67:23 |
| | F. Johnson | NSW | DNF |
| | M. Watson | SA | DNF |

Australasian Junior (U21) 7 Mile Walk Championship, Malvern Cricket Ground, Melbourne, 14th July 1923

| | | | |
|----|-----------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | Vic Dowling | VIC | 57:25 |
| 2. | Eric Sunderland | VIC | 58:55 |
| 3. | Lyle Brown | NSW | 63:07 |
| 4. | Bob Osborne | VIC | 63:14 |
| 5. | Ted Winstanley | VIC | 63:52 |
| 6. | Jack Parker | NSW | 63:59 |
| 7. | Reg Foster | NSW | 64:10 |
| 8. | Lionel McMillen | VIC | 65:24 |

Senior Teams Victoria 33 NSW 52
Junior Teams Victoria 10 NSW DNQ

In the evening following the event, a dance was held, followed by a Sunday trip on the Puffing Billy, then going right through to Gembrook.

1924 AUSTRALASIAN 7 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP, SYDNEY, 8 NOVEMBER 1924

The good form of 1923 Australasian 7 Mile title holder Ernie Austen continued into 1924. In February he easily won the Australian Track championship walks in Hobart – the One Mile Walk in 6:45 and the Three Mile Walk in 22:33. A correspondent commented that “*his wins reminded one of W. Murray in his prime*”. Then in March, he won the NSW track walks in similar style. He was now the unchallenged champion on both road and track.

The veteran walker’s efforts were rewarded with Olympic selection and Austen, now in his thirties, proudly made the trip to Paris for the 10,000m track walk. Amazingly and controversially, he was warned in the first lap by the French judge who thought his gait doubtful. In the second lap the American judge ordered him off when he was lying third and was doing well.

Disillusioned, he returned to Australia and retired from racewalking. This sad fact coincided with the return to competition of the 1920 Olympic silver medallist **George Parker**⁵ who set to work with a will, got his weight back to normal and, in quick succession, turned in a series of very high quality performances that rewrote the record books.

First in early November 1924 he won the NSW 7 Mile championship in pouring rain. On this occasion he broke the Australasian records for 4 miles (29:58), 5 miles (37:40), 6 miles (45:19.5) and 7 miles (53:02.2).

A week later he fronted for the second Australasian 7 Mile Walk Championship which was held at the Sydney Sports Ground on 8th November 1924.

Unchallenged, he won the the championship by over 2 minutes, creating new State records for all distances from 2 to 7 miles and setting new Australasian records for 4 miles (29:42), 5 miles (37:28), 6 miles (45:17) and 7 miles (53:07). A strong field of 25 walkers contested the race, with NSW taking the first 3 places.

The annual report of the VAWC for that year commented as follows

Despite the fact of the senior teams defeat, the tour proved successful in as much as lasting friendship was established between the States and considerable progress was made towards the establishment of an Australasian Walking Union. The expenses incurred were heavy but the whole amount, with the exception of £3.14.4, was collected by a social Committee under the control of F. J. O'Rourke and C. Prichard, ably assisted by the Victorian Ladies Walking Club and was not a direct charge upon the Club funds.

Australasian Open 7 Mile Walk Championship, Sydney Sports Ground, Sydney, 8 November 1924

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | George Parker | NSW | 53:07 |
| 2. | Albert Kitchen | NSW | 55:17 |
| 3. | Ernest Smith | NSW | 57:30 |
| 4. | Victor Dowling | VIC | 57:52 |
| 5. | William Morse | VIC | 57:23 |
| 6. | Joseph Mulcahy | VIC | 58:41 |
| 7. | Jack Parker | NSW | 59:04 |
| 8. | Herbert (Bert) Gardiner | VIC | 59:20 |
| 9. | Robert Heathwood | NSW | 59:23 |
| 10. | Lyle Brown | NSW | 59:34 |
| 11. | Reginald Foster | NSW | 59:44 |
| 12. | Jack Batger | NSW | 59:54 |
| 13. | Robert Osborne | VIC | 60:20 |
| 14. | Ernest Pritchard | VIC | 60:20 |
| 15. | George Wilson | VIC | 60:52 |
| 16. | Edward Drayton | VIC | 61:00 |
| 17. | Edward Winstanley | VIC | 61:10 |
| 18. | Raymond Latham | NSW | 61:31 |
| 19. | Leslie Moroney | VIC | 61:34 |
| 20. | Jack Larkin | NSW | 61:44 |
| 21. | James Cole | SA | 62:50 |
| 22. | Hugh Collins | VIC | 64:07 |
| 23. | Frederick Chapman | NSW | DNF |
| 24. | William Pitt | NSW | DNF |
| 25. | William Hayward | NSW | DNF |

5 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wa-george-parker.pdf>

Australasian Junior 7 Mile Walk Championship, Sydney Sports Ground, Sydney, 8 November 1924

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|-----|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | Victor Dowling | VIC | 57:52 |
| 2. | William Morse | VIC | 57:23 |
| 3. | Jack Parker | NSW | 59:04 |
| 4. | Robert Heathwood | NSW | 59:23 |
| 5. | Reginald Foster | NSW | 59:44 |
| 6. | Robert Osborne | VIC | 60:20 |
| 7. | Ernest Pritchard | VIC | 60:20 |
| 8. | Edward Winstanley | VIC | 61:10 |
| 9. | Raymond Latham | NSW | 61:31 |
| 10. | Jack Larkin | NSW | 61:44 |
| 11. | Hugh Collins | VIC | 64:07 |

Senior Teams NSW 32 VIC 50
Junior Teams VIC 16 NSW 21



George Parker exuded power as a walker. At 6 feet in height and weighing in at 12 stone 10 lbs when fully fit, he physically intimidated his rivals and could have excelled at most sports.

1925 AUSTRALASIAN 7 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP, ADELAIDE, 15 AUGUST 1925

1925 saw 1924 winner George Parker expand his repertoire in winning the NSW 20 Mile walk title, one of a series of good walks in what was a strong winter. Yet, he chose to bypass the third Australasian 7 Mile Championship which to be held at the Adelaide Cricket Ground as a curtain raiser to the Australian Rules football final on Saturday 15th August 1925.

His absence, along with the retirement of Ernie Austen, opened the door up for a new champion, and it was young Victorian **Herbert ("Bert") Gardiner**⁶ who took up the challenge. Walking in front of a crowd of 60,000 spectators, the largest crowd to watch an Australian athletic championship, Bert scored a 6 second victory over fellow Victorian **Joe Mulcahy**, with **William Pitt** of NSW in third place. Overall, Victoria dominated, winning both the Senior and Junior Shields. Once again, the championship saw walkers from Victoria, NSW and SA only.

It was uncertain for a while as to whether Victoria would be in a position to send a team. The VAWC had been in turmoil during that year, with much dissension amongst club members. In fact, it looked likely to disband at one stage. Luckily the issues were resolved, a new Hon. Secretary-Treasurer was appointed in the person of Rex Merrick and a full team travelled to Adelaide.



Start of 3rd Australian 7 Mile Championship at the Adelaide Oval - winner Bert Gardiner with x over head



Bert Gardiner wins

Australasian Open 7 Mile Walk Championship, Adelaide Cricket Ground, Adelaide, 15 August 1925

6 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-bert-gardiner.pdf>

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|-----|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | Herbert ("Bert") Gardiner | VIC | 57:03 |
| 2. | Joseph Mulcahy | VIC | 57:09 |
| 3. | William Pitt | NSW | 58:11 |
| 4. | Robert Osborne | VIC | 59:15 |
| 5. | Raymond Latham | NSW | 59:51 |
| 6. | George Isbister | VIC | 59:55 |
| 7. | George Wilson | VIC | 60:00 |
| 8. | Jack Harris | NSW | 60:24 |
| 9. | William Hayward | NSW | 60:29 |
| 10. | Frederick Chapman | NSW | 61:05 |
| 11. | Victor Dowling | VIC | 61:07 |
| 12. | Leslie Moroney | VIC | 61:10 |
| 13. | Patrick McNamara | SA | 61:16 |
| 14. | Jack Larkin | NSW | 62:25 |
| 15. | Edward Drayton | VIC | 63:05 |
| 16. | Edward Winstanley | VIC | 63:09 |
| 17. | Thomas Grandison | VIC | 63:14 |
| 18. | Pryce Parham | SA | 63:25 |
| 19. | Jack Batger | NSW | 64:16 |
| 20. | John McCormack | SA | 64:23 |
| 21. | Philip McCavanagh | SA | 64:49 |
| 22. | Francis Penny | SA | 64:59 |
| 23. | Thomas Wyatt | SA | 65:05 |
| 24. | Philip Campbell | SA | 65:16 |
| 25. | Roy Campbell | SA | 65:20 |
| 26. | P. Bald | SA | 65:51 |
| 27. | Richard Winstanley | NSW | 68:32 |

Australasian Junior 7 Mile Walk Championship, Adelaide Cricket Ground, Adelaide, 15 August 1925

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|-----|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | Robert Osborne | VIC | 59:15 |
| 2. | Raymond Latham | NSW | 59:51 |
| 3. | George Isbister | VIC | 59:55 |
| 4. | William Hayward | NSW | 60:29 |
| 5. | Frederick Chapman | NSW | 61:05 |
| 6. | Victor Dowling | VIC | 61:07 |
| 7. | Leslie Moroney | VIC | 61:10 |
| 8. | Jack Larkin | NSW | 62:25 |
| 9. | Thomas Grandison | VIC | 63:14 |
| 10. | Pryce Parham | SA | 63:25 |
| 11. | John McCormack | SA | 64:23 |
| 12. | Philip Campbell | SA | 65:16 |
| 13. | Roy Campbell | SA | 65:20 |

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|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Senior Teams | VIC 31 | NSW 48 | SA 92 |
| Junior Teams | VIC 17 | NSW 19 | SA 42 |

As a matter of record, on 21 November 1925, George Parker went on another record breaking spree in winning the NSW 7 Mile championship, continuing on for the full hour on a specially prepared track (5 laps to the mile). In winning, he broke six NSW and Australasian records. These included 4 miles (29:31.8), 5 miles (37:09.8), 6 miles (44:50.4), 10000m (46:32), 7 miles (52:45.2) and 1 hour (7 miles 1649 yards 1 foot 9 inches). His 10000m time was over a minute faster than the winning time of Frigerio in the 1924 Olympics and does really raise the question – could anyone have beaten Parker if he had chosen to train for a second Olympics?

1926 AUSTRALASIAN 7 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP, MELBOURNE, 28 AUGUST 1926

Short at 5' 3" in height and slimly built, **Eric (Mo) Sunderland**⁷ had burst onto the local Victorian walking scene in 1923. In his first season, he had made the Victorian team which contested the inaugural 1923 Australasian 7 Mile Championship, coming a gallant sixth in 58:55, only 90 seconds behind NSW winner Ernie Austen. But he did not build on this solid start, preferring instead to mix it with the runners.

It was not until 1925 that he returned to walking, quickly proving himself unassailable on the Victorian front. Surprisingly, he opted to bypass the trial walk set by the Victorian selectors and was controversially left out of the Victorian team for the 1925 Australasian 7 Mile Championship in Adelaide. But this proved to be but a blip on the horizon and 1926 saw him in record breaking mode.

He foreshadowed his intentions with a 6 mile walk at the Mildura Recreation Reserve (he lived in Mildura). His time of 43:42.4 was well under the current Australasian record but was not ratified by VAAA due to the nature of the meet. Then in March, he produced one of the greatest walks ever seen in Australia when he won the Victorian 10 Mile Track Walking Title in the new World Record time of 1:14:39.6. He was some 6 minutes ahead of second place getter Bert Gardiner and well below the current world best of 1:15:57.4, set by George Larner in London in 1908. In fact, his walk smashed all Victorian and Australasian records for 5 Miles onwards. This winning time would not be beaten on the local front until 1952 when Ted Allsopp won the title with 1.14:37 – it took 26 years for a Victorian walker to match his time.

He showed in August 1926 that this walk was no fluke when he travelled to NSW to contest the NSW 7 Mile Walking Championship at the Sydney Showgrounds. 1920 Olympic silver medallist George Parker was expected to win but Sunderland beat him on his own home ground with a time of 55:45.2.

It was only a couple of weeks before he was back in action, this time in the 4th annual Australasian 7 Mile Walk Championship in Melbourne. Interestingly, while large numbers of Victorians and SA walkers competed, NSW was conspicuous by its absence.

This proved an easy win for Sunderland, his time of 55:16.6 seeing him finish some 42 seconds ahead of fellow Victorian **Bob Osborne**. Without the usual strong NSW team against which to compete, Victoria easily won both the Senior and Junior Teams competitions.

7 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-eric-sunderland.pdf>



Eric Sunderland wins the 1926 Australasian 7 Mile Championship in Melbourne

The VAWC annual report for that year commented

AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – The Fourth Seven Miles Walking Championships – Teams and Individual – of Australasia was conducted on the Amateur Sports Ground, Melbourne, on 28th August 1926. The strongest available team represented your Club in this event and succeeded in retaining all four titles, despite strong competition from the South Australians, who although only the “Baby” member of the Union, have made considerable enhancement and will be a formidable proposition in the coming seasons. New South Wales was only represented by two individual members, and although New Zealand also entered an individual, he failed to compete.

New South Wales did not enter a team in either division, and grave concern was felt by the other competing States, at the failure of the “Mother” State to be fully represented in these events for the second year in succession.



*Victorian Bert Gardiner is handed the Glover Shield at the conclusion of the 1926 Australasian 7 Mile Championship
 From left to right are Ted Drayton (Vic), Snowy McCavanagh (SA), unknown, Bill Dickinson (Sec. VAAA), Rex Merrick
 (Vic Judge), Bill Billsborrow (VAAA Official), Jim Cole (SA), Frank O'Rourke (Judge), Bert Gardiner (Vic Capt), Harry
 Fitzgerald (SA Judge), Bob Osborne (Vic).*

Australasian Open 7 Mile Walk Championship, Amateur Sports Ground, Melbourne, 28 August 1926

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-----|---------|
| 1. | Eric Sunderland | VIC | 55:16.6 |
| 2. | Robert Osborne | VIC | 55:58 |
| 3. | Thomas Wyatt | SA | 56:05 |
| 4. | Joseph Mulcahy | VIC | 56:27 |
| 5. | Bert Gardiner | VIC | 56:30 |
| 6. | James Allen | VIC | 56:50 |
| 7. | Jack Merrifield | VIC | |
| 8. | Thomas Terrill | SA | 57:20 |
| 9. | Walter Mansfield | SA | |
| 10. | Philip Campbell | SA | |
| 11. | Edward Winstanley | VIC | |
| 12. | Ronald McDonald | VIC | |
| 13. | James Cole | SA | |
| 14. | Roy Campbell | SA | |
| | William Morse | VIC | DQ |

Others to race included SA walkers Philip McCavanagh, Alan Miller (Junior), Pat McNamara, A Treeaven and John Lerner, Victorians A Davies, Cliff Fort, Aub Eve and Harry Vine and two NSW walkers. Alas, the results are incomplete.

Australasian Junior 7 Mile Walk Championship, Amateur Sports Ground, Melbourne, 28 August 1926

| | | | |
|----|------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | Robert Osborne | VIC | 55:58 |
| 2. | Thomas Wyatt | SA | 56:05 |
| 3. | James Allen | VIC | 56:50 |
| 4. | Walter Mansfield | SA | |
| 5. | Ronald McDonald | VIC | |
| 6. | Roy Campbell | SA | |
| 7. | Leslie Moroney | VIC | |
| 8. | Pryce Parham | SA | |

Senior Teams VIC 25 SA 57
Junior Teams VIC 16 SA 20

1927 AUSTRALASIAN 7 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP, SYDNEY, 24 SEPTEMBER 1927

1927 saw 1926 Australasian 7 Mile Walk winner Eric Sunderland testing himself over the longer distances. First he won the annual Frankston to St. Kilda 25 mile classic in an Australasian best time of 3:53:16.4, beating Bill Murray's record by 5 minutes. Considering the appalling weather conditions, this was a remarkable feat, yet it was accomplished by training for three nights a week for three weeks. He then followed this up with a win in the VAWC 20 Mile Championship, becoming the first Australian walker to break 3 hours. His time of 2:57:06 was well ahead of Murray's best time of 3:06:36.

Yet, he chose not to defend his Australasian 7 Mile Walk title, such was his seeming ambivalence towards walking. With the discipline excluded from the 1928 Olympics, what was left for a man of his ability to pursue. It is not surprising that he looked for other ways to make the papers. Amongst the most astounding was his dance of 50 Miles from Geelong to Melbourne in 1928.

Sunderland was a pork butcher at a time when people worked hard and leisure time was non-existent. His job meant early hours and long days and, from our modern perspective, his training was intermittent and minimal. He flitted into and out of the sport and never really put more than 6 months of training together at any one time. Yet his performances stand out in their brilliance. He was indeed one of our greatest walkers and we can only wonder what he could have done if he had experienced the opportunities that are on offer in the modern era.

If Sunderland had opted to contest the 1927 championship, there was no certainty he would have retained his title, as 1924 winner and Australian 7 Mile record holder **George Parker** had returned for yet another tilt at the title. And he did this in fine style on the Manly Oval in Sydney, with a dominant performance, his winning time of 53:53.4 well ahead of his rivals.

He led his NSW team mates to significant teams victories in both the Senior and Junior races.

Bert Gardiner improved from 5th in 1926 to third this time around, with a much faster time of 54:45 (especially compared with his 1925 winning time of 57:03). The meet is also significant for introducing 16 year old **Tom Daintry**⁸ (NSW) and 17 year old **Jim Gaylor**⁹ (VIC). They would on to become legends of our sport in later years.

Australasian Open 7 Mile Walk Championship, Manly Oval, Sydney, 24 September 1927

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-----|---------|
| 1. | George Parker | NSW | 53:53.6 |
| 2. | Raymond Latham | NSW | 54:32 |
| 3. | Bert Gardiner | VIC | 54:45.4 |
| 4. | Frederick Chapman | NSW | 55:56 |
| 5. | Robert Osborne | VIC | 56:27 |
| 6. | Reginald Foster | NSW | 56:54 |
| 7. | Thomas Wyatt | SA | 57:17 |
| 8. | Philip Campbell | SA | 57:20 |
| 9. | Ernie Austin | NSW | 57:30 |
| 10. | Thomas Daintry | NSW | 57:31 |
| 11. | Alan Hart | VIC | 57:41 |
| 12. | Clifford Fort | VIC | 57:55 |
| 13. | James Gaylor | VIC | 58:00 |
| 14. | Harry Vine | VIC | 58:23 |
| 15. | Alan Miller | SA | 59:03 |
| 16. | Francis O'Rourke | VIC | 59:04 |
| 17. | Aubrey Eve | VIC | 59:12 |
| 18. | Thomas Terrell | SA | 59:19 |
| 19. | Roy Campbell | SA | 59:43 |
| 20. | John Larner | SA | 59:56 |
| 21. | Philip McCavanagh | SA | 59:58 |
| 22. | Allan Davies | VIC | 60:13 |
| 23. | John Richmond | NSW | 62:12 |
| 24. | Edward Hingston | NSW | 65:30 |

Australasian Junior 7 Mile Walk Championship, Manly Oval, Sydney, 24 September 1927

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|----|----------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | Raymond Latham | NSW | 54:32 |
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8 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-tom-daintry.pdf>

9 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-jim-gaylor.pdf>

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|-----|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 2. | Frederick Chapman | NSW | 55:56 |
| 3. | Thomas Daintry | NSW | 57:31 |
| 4. | Alan Hart | VIC | 57:41 |
| 5. | Clifford Fort | VIC | 57:55 |
| 6. | James Gaylor | VIC | 58:00 |
| 7. | Harry Vine | VIC | 58:23 |
| 8. | Alan Miller | SA | 59:03 |
| 9. | Aubrey Eve | VIC | 59:12 |
| 10. | Roy Campbell | SA | 59:43 |
| 11. | John Richmond | NSW | 62:12 |

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|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Senior Teams | NSW 32 | VIC 58 | SA 81 |
| Junior Teams | NSW 14 | VIC 22 | |

1929 7 MILE TEAMS PREMIERSHIP, ADELAIDE, 21 SEPT 1929

After five Australasian 7 Mile Championships in 5 years (1923-1927), the Australian Walking Clubs decided to make it a biennial affair, with the carnival to be held in odd years, starting with 1929. It was also renamed as *The 7 Miles Team Premiership of the Walking Clubs of Australia*. The concept of an Australasian Championship had now been dropped. No New Zealand walkers had ever attended and the push was now to grow the event as a national one.

That meant walkers had to wait 2 years before the next Australian 7 Mile Walk Championship was scheduled. Like the five before it, this one featured walkers from Victoria, NSW and SA but none from further afield.

It is significant for a number of reasons. Firstly, it was the first time that a South Australian had won the championship, with junior walker **Horace Wilson**'s winning time of 53:17 an impressive debut. Secondly, the race saw junior walkers filling three of the first four places, with NSW walkers **Tom Daintry** second with 53:26 and **Jack Campbell** fourth with 54:54. Finally, it saw SA win both the Senior and Junior teams events. The State had come of age with regard to racewalking.



Medallists Horrie Wilson, Tom Daintry (right of middle photo) and Joe Mulcahy

Open 7 Mile Teams Premiership of the Walking Clubs of Australia, Adelaide, 21 September 1929

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|-----|------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | Horace (Horrie) Wilson | SA | 53:17 |
| 2. | Thomas Daintry | NSW | 53:26 |
| 3. | Joseph Mulcahy | VIC | 54:43 |
| 4. | Jack Campbell | NSW | 54:54 |
| 5. | Roy Campbell | SA | 54:59 |
| 6. | Jack Coffey | VIC | 55:19 |
| 7. | John Larner | SA | 55:58 |
| 8. | Bert Gardiner | VIC | 56:03 |
| 9. | Philip McCavanagh | SA | 56:29 |
| 10. | Alan Hart | VIC | 56:50 |
| 11. | Jack Pretty | VIC | 57:21 |
| 12. | Philip Campbell | SA | 57:33 |
| 13. | John Richmond | NSW | 57:35 |
| 14. | Alan Miller | SA | 57:54 |
| 15. | Francis Collins | NSW | 58:33 |
| 16. | John McCormack | SA | 58:34 |
| 17. | Victor Cocks | SA | 58:36 |
| 18. | Frank Scully | VIC | 58:37 |
| 19. | William Jennings | SA | 58:44 |
| 20. | Leonard Brady | SA | 58:56 |
| 21. | George Northcote | SA | 59:07 |
| 22. | Aubrey Eve | VIC | 59:51 |
| 23. | James Gaylor | VIC | 60:13 |

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| 24. | Jack Leydstrom | NSW | 61:05 |
| 25. | R. Obern | SA | 61:44 |
| 26. | Ronald Hester | VIC | 63:00 |
| 27. | E. Cumins | NSW | 63:29 |
| | Frederick Chapman | NSW | DQ |
| | K. Godfrey | SA | DQ |
| | William Clark | NSW | DQ |

Junior 7 Mile Teams Premiership of the Walking Clubs of Australia, Adelaide, 21 September 1929

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|----|------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | Horace (Horrie) Wilson | SA | 53:17 |
| 2. | Thomas Daintry | NSW | 53:26 |
| 3. | Jack Campbell | NSW | 54:54 |
| 4. | Alan Hart | VIC | 56:50 |
| 5. | Alan Miller | SA | 57:54 |
| 6. | Frank Scully | VIC | 58:37 |
| 7. | George Northcote | SA | 59:07 |
| 8. | James Gaylor | VIC | 60:13 |

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| Senior Teams | SA 48 | VIC 54 | NSW 69 |
| Junior Teams | SA 21 | NSW 27 | VIC 30 |



The Victorian team at the 1929 Australasian 7 Mile Championships in Adelaide

*Back: Jack Coffey, Jim Gaylor, Frank Scully, Ron Hester
Middle: Alan Hart, Mr Byrnes (judge), Joe Mulcahy, Alf Robinson (Manager), Aub Eve
Front: Jack Pretty, Bert Gardiner*

1931 7 MILE TEAMS PREMIERSHIP, MELBOURNE, 29 AUGUST 1931

The 1931 Australasian 7 Mile Championship had been allocated to Victoria but by now the Great Depression had bitten deeply into Australian society, with unemployment rising towards 30% and with poverty and unrest widespread.

A decision was made to continue with the meet, choosing a shell grit track at the Royal Showgrounds in Melbourne in preference to the usual grass surface. Victorians would certainly be in attendance but what of the interstaters? As it turned out, SA send a good contingent of walkers, but NSW was sadly but understandably missing.

The 7 Mile race was again won by a Junior, namely **Glen Houghton** of SA, in a good 54:16, ahead of Victorians **Joe Mulcahy**, **Jack Cummins** and **Jack Pretty**. Victoria won the Senior Teams competition while SA won the Junior teams competition, helped considerably by Houghton's winning performance. The meet also saw the first appearance of 20 year old Victorian **Frank McGuire**¹⁰, then in his first year of racewalking. Frank would go on to have a wonderful career as a coach and as an international judge.

Victorian **Jim Gaylor**, way down in 19th place, would find his true calling some 6 weeks later in the VRWC 50 mile championship at the Showgrounds in October 1931. The event had been put on the track to allow Jack Lewis to attack his various State records and Jim had been talked into participating simply to help Jack. But it was Jim who won the event and set new Victorian records for all distances from 15 miles to 50 miles. His 50 mile time of 8:49:33 beat the Lewis's State record by a massive 32 minutes.

Open 7 Mile Teams Premiership of the Walking Clubs of Australia, Royal Showgrounds, Melb, 29 August 1931

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | Glen Houghton | SA | 54:16 |
| 2. | Joseph Mulcahy | VIC | 54:18 |
| 3. | Jack Cummins | VIC | 54:28 |
| 4. | Jack Pretty | VIC | 55:30 |
| 5. | Jack Deere | SA | 55:39 |
| 6. | George Isbister | VIC | 55:40 |
| 7. | Philip Campbell | SA | 55:47 |
| 8. | Francis Scully | VIC | 56:03 |
| 9. | Ralph Reynolds | SA | 56:15 |
| 10. | John Larner | SA | 56:28 |
| 11. | Jack Coffey | VIC | 56:40 |
| 12. | Milo Bottroff | SA | 57:26 |
| 13. | Joseph Farrelly | SA | 57:28 |
| 14. | Roy Campbell | SA | 57:31 |
| 15. | Leslie Stanton | VIC | 57:44 |
| 16. | Francis McGuire | VIC | 57:50 |
| 17. | Ronald McDonald | VIC | 58:10 |
| 18. | Robert Osborne | VIC | 59:30 |
| 19. | Jim Gaylor | VIC | 59:57 |
| 20. | William Marston | VIC | 60:05 |
| 21. | Brian Oke | VIC | 60:40 |
| 22. | Con Shanahan | VIC | 61:01 |
| 23. | Harry Roche | VIC | 62:13 |

Junior 7 Mile Teams Premiership of the Walking Clubs of Australia, Royal Showgrounds, Melb, 29 August 1931

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|-----|-----------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | Glen Houghton | SA | 54:16 |
| 2. | Jack Deere | SA | 55:39 |
| 3. | Ralph Reynolds | SA | 56:15 |
| 4. | Milo Bottroff | SA | 57:26 |
| 5. | Joseph Farrelly | SA | 57:28 |
| 6. | Francis McGuire | VIC | 57:50 |
| 7. | Jim Gaylor | VIC | 59:57 |
| 8. | William Marston | VIC | 60:05 |
| 9. | Brian Oke | VIC | 60:40 |
| 10. | Con Shanahan | VIC | 61:01 |
| 11. | Harry Roche | VIC | 62:13 |

10 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-frank-mcguire.pdf>

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| Senior Teams | VIC | 34 | SA | 44 |
| Junior Teams | SA | 10 | VIC | 26 |

1933 7 MILE TEAMS PREMIERSHIP, SYDNEY, 9 SEPTEMBER 1933

The 1933 Australasian 7 Mile Championship had been allocated to NSW with the Great Depression still biting into the Australian economy and into Australian families.

On this occasion, Victoria was able to send a team but SA opted out. Hence the meet became a two way contest between Victoria and NSW. The venue was Weigall Oval in Rushcutters Bay, Sydney.

NSW walker **William Clark** had been disqualified in his only Australian 7 Mile Championship previous appearance in 1929 but went into the 1933 7 Mile Championship as a clear favourite. He had won the 1933-1934 Australian 3 Mile and 1 Mile walks in Adelaide in January of that year and had dominated the NSW scene, winning the 1 Mile, 3 Mile and 7 Mile walk titles and setting a State record of 13:55.6 for the 2 Mile, easily breaking the previous record of 14:03.2, held by 1920 Olympic silver medallist George Parker.

He made no mistakes on his home turf, winning with 54:45.2, ahead of a duo of Victorians in **Joe O'Farrell** and **Jack Cummins**.

The walker way down in 10th place, **Athol Stubbs**¹¹ of NSW, would go on to become the dominant Australian walker of the 1930s and 1940s. This was his first interstate appearance and it gave little inkling of what was to come.

Alex Philpott¹² was part of the Victorian team that travelled to Sydney to contest the Victoria vs NSW 7 Mile Teams Race which was held at Weigall Oval. Although he only came 18th with a time of 61:11, it must have been a wonderful experience for a 19 year old athlete.



The 1933 Victorian team at Manly beach in Sydney; AlexPhilpott is on the far right.

Open 7 Mile Teams Premiership of the Walking Clubs of Australia, Weigall Oval, Sydney, 9 September 1933

| | | | |
|-----|------------------|-----|---------|
| 1. | William Clark | NSW | 54:45.2 |
| 2. | Joe O'Farrell | VIC | 54:50 |
| 3. | Jack Cummins | VIC | 54:54 |
| 4. | Tom Daintry | NSW | 55:35 |
| 5. | William Marston | VIC | 56:59 |
| 6. | Jim Gaylor | VIC | 57:56 |
| 7. | Lindsay Guy | VIC | 58:43 |
| 8. | Brian Oke | VIC | 59:10 |
| 9. | Keith McCluskey | VIC | 59:43 |
| 10. | Athol Stubbs | NSW | 60:22 |
| 11. | Francis Collins | NSW | 60:34 |
| 12. | Lloyd Bransgrove | VIC | 60:35 |
| 13. | George Gosling | NSW | 61:08 |
| 14. | Albert Stafford | VIC | 61:10 |
| 15. | Norman Anstee | VIC | 61:16 |
| 16. | Leo Patterson | VIC | 61:22 |
| 17. | Jack Nixon | NSW | 62:11 |

11 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wa-athol-stubbs.pdf>

12 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-alex-philpott.pdf>

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| 18. | Alex Philpotts | VIC | 62:11 |
| 19. | William London | NSW | 62:56 |
| 20. | Sydney Sheedy | NSW | 63:32 |
| 21. | J. Donaldson | NSW | 68:04 |
| 22. | Arthur Scanlon | NSW | 68:06 |
| | Frederick Chapman | NSW | DNF |
| | Laurence Mink | NSW | DNF |
| | O. Manning | NSW | DNF |

Junior 7 Mile Teams Premiership of the Walking Clubs of Australia, Weigall Oval, Sydney, 9 September 1933

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| 1. | William Marston | VIC | 56:59 |
| 2. | Keith McCluskey | VIC | 59:43 |
| 3. | Lloyd Bransgrove | VIC | 60:35 |
| 4. | Albert Stafford | VIC | 61:10 |
| 5. | Norman Anstee | VIC | 61:16 |
| 6. | Jack Nixon | NSW | 62:11 |
| 7. | Alex Philpotts | VIC | 62:11 |

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| Senior Teams | VIC 31 | NSW 47 |
| Junior Teams | VIC 10 | NSW 26 |

1937 7 MILE TEAMS PREMIERSHIP, MELBOURNE, 11 SEPTEMBER 1937

No Biennial Teams Championship was contested in 1935, so it was 4 years before the next Australasian 7 Mile Championship was held at the Royal Showgrounds in Melbourne, and it produced a new champion in the person of Victorian **Alan Reid**. His time of 55:17 was considered to be excellent, "considering that the track was not in the best condition".

Alan Reid had burst onto the Victorian scene in that year, winning a number of State titles. The Australasian 7 Mile Championship win was definitely a further rung up the ladder in terms of his standing and, over the next 4 years, he would win a whole swag of State titles, up till when the club was disbanded in 1942, a casualty of WWII.

The field was the smallest ever (only 17 walkers) and only Victorian and NSW walkers participated. In fact, it was only after some weeks of uncertainty that the small NSW team eventually arrived. Their team was certainly undermanned, with the withdrawal of captain and manager William Hayward and with the unavailability of Athol Stubbs.

The Junior race proved rather a fiasco, as only one of the Victorian Juniors, Laurence Grinter, completed the course, while NSW filled the first 3 places but did not field a fourth competitor to complete a team.

The visitors were accommodated in the Y.M.C.A. during their stay in Melbourne and were entertained at dinner after the race, also being escorted to various places of interest before their departure after their 5 day sojourn down south.



A young Alan Reid with training partner Jim Gaylor

Open 7 Mile Teams Premiership of the Walking Clubs of Australia, Royal Show Grounds, Melb, 11 Sept 1937

| | | | |
|-----|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | Alan Reid | VIC | 55:17 |
| 2. | Keith McCluskey | VIC | 56:12 |
| 3. | Sydney Sheedy | NSW | 56:22 |
| 4. | Jack Cummins | VIC | 56:25 |
| 5. | Raymond Rogers | VIC | 57:50 |
| 6. | Athol Scanlon | NSW | 59:15 |
| 7. | R. Williamson | NSW | 59:59 |
| 8. | Jim Gaylor | VIC | 60:10 |
| 9. | Lloyd Bransgrove | VIC | 60:21 |
| 10. | Richard Holmes | NSW | 60:40 |
| 11. | E. Harvey | NSW | 62:49 |
| 12. | Laurence Grinter | VIC | 65:07 |
| | Jack Carland | VIC | DNF |
| | Colin Munro | VIC | DNF |
| | William Silversides | NSW | DQ |
| | Douglas Atherton | VIC | DQ |
| | James Palmer | VIC | DQ |

Junior 7 Mile Teams Premiership of the Walking Clubs of Australia, Royal Show Grounds, Melb, 11 Sept 1937

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|----|------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. | R. Williamson | NSW | 59:59 |
| 2. | Richard Holmes | NSW | 60:40 |
| 3. | E. Harvey | NSW | 62:49 |
| 4. | Laurence Grinter | VIC | 65:07 |

Senior Teams VIC 12 NSW 24

Junior Teams No teams finished

SUBSEQUENT FEDERATION CARNIVALS

1937 was the final *7 Miles Teams Premiership of the Race Walking Clubs of Australia*. It had been announced by the IOC in May 1938 that the 1940 Olympic Games would have two racewalks, the current 50km roadwalk and a new 10,000m track walk. It was duly decided by the Australian Race Walking Clubs that the *Glover Shield* competition distance would be altered from 7 Miles to 10,000m.

The new distance was still refused Australian Championship status and its inaugural scheduling in August 1939 had the status of *Glover Shield Interstate Carnival*, promoted by the NSW, Victorian and SA walking clubs.

1939 Athol STUBBS (NSW) 46:01 George KNOTT (VIC) 46:06 Alan REID (VIC) 57:22

After only one scheduling, the carnival was curtailed due to WWII and did not resurface until after hostilities had ceased. Further Glover Shield 10,000m walks were eventually held in 1946 and again in 1947.

1946 Alan REID (VIC) 48:40 Ted ALLSOPP (VIC) 53:35 Alex PHILPOTTS (VIC) 54:08
 1947 George KNOTT (VIC) 49:48 Sydney SHEEDY (NSW) 51:16 Ted ALLSOPP (VIC) 52:53

In 1948, the AAU of A finally decided to schedule its own Australian 10,000m Track Walk Championship. Eight Australian 10,000m track walk championships were held over the subsequent years until in 1962 the distance was increased to 20km and the format changed from track to road.

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| 1948 Ted ALLSOPP (VIC) 49:09.0 | Ray GOULDING (VIC) 49:29.0 | Frank MCGUIRE (VIC) 50:34.0 |
| 1950 Ted ALLSOPP (VIC) 47:48.6 | Donald KEANE (WA) 48:19.4 | Athol STUBBS (NSW) 48:38.0 |
| 1952 Ted ALLSOPP (VIC) 46:08.0 | Ernie RYALL (VIC) 48:34.0 | George NEVITT (VIC) 48:49.0 |
| 1953 Ted ALLSOPP (VIC) 46:40.0 | George NEVITT (VIC) 47:23.0 | Keith GUYOT (VIC) 48:08.0 |
| 1955 Ted ALLSOPP (VIC) 47:10.0 | Edward FOLLAND (SA) 49:02.0 | Harry SUMMERS (VIC) 49:21.0 |
| 1957 Ted ALLSOPP (VIC) 46:12.0 | Noel FREEMAN (VIC) 46:51.8 | Ronald CRAWFORD (NSW) 47:19.8 |
| 1959 Ted ALLSOPP (VIC) 47:07.8 | Noel FREEMAN (VIC) 47:58.8 | Donald KEANE (WA) 50:37.6 |
| 1961 Ron CRAWFORD (NSW) 48:20.4 | Bob GARDINER (VIC) 49:05.0 | Logan IRWIN (NSW) 49:37.6 |

The Glover Shield continued to be held in non-championship years, ensuring that a major interstate 10,000m walking championship was on offer each calendar year.

1949, Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Sydney, 28th May
 1951, Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Melbourne, 26th May
 1954, Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Adelaide, 15th May
 1956, Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Sydney, 28th April
 1958, Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Brisbane, 10th May

After 1958, major changes were made by the newly formed *Australian Federation of Amateur Walking Clubs*. The *Glover Shield* became a purely senior event under the auspices of AFAWC and a separate Federation shield (the *Robinson Shield*) was contested for juniors, also over 10 km. The Glover Shield was now alternated bi-annually with the *Alexander Cup* which was contested over the 50 km distance.

1960, Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Melbourne, 18th June
 1962, Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Sydney, 26th May
 etc

The Alexander Cup had been held intermittently before WWII. After the war, it was scheduled biennially. The following schedulings have been found

1930, Alexander Cup 50km, Bankstown (in conjunction with NSW 50km), 6th September
 1934, Alexander Cup 50km, Melbourne (in conjunction with VIC 50km)
 1936, Alexander Cup 50km, Sydney (in conjunction with NSW 50km), 5th September
 1938, Alexander Cup 50km, Melbourne (in conjunction with VIC 50km)
 1946, Alexander Cup 50km, Melbourne (in conjunction with VIC 50km), 28th September
 1948, Alexander Cup 50km, Sydney (in conjunction with NSW 50km), 18th September
 1950, Alexander Cup 50km, Adelaide (in conjunction with SA 50km), 16th September
 1952, Alexander Cup 50km, Melbourne (in conjunction with VIC 50km), 27th September
 1953, Alexander Cup 50km, Adelaide (in conjunction with SA 50km), 3rd October
 1955, Alexander Cup 50km, Sydney (in conjunction with NSW 50km), 17th September

1957, Alexander Cup 50km, Melbourne (in conjunction with VIC 50km), 28th September
1959, Alexander Cup 50km, Brisbane, 9th May
1961, Alexander Cup 50km, Sydney (in conjunction with NSW 50km), 16th September
1963, Alexander Cup 50km, Melbourne (in conjunction with VIC 50km), 28th September

After the 1963 carnival, the Alexander Cup was changed to 20km and continued to be contested over this new distance until it was finally decommissioned after the 1989 Federation Carnival.

These are discussed separately.

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Thursday 20th June 2019