

# **Australian and Glover Shield 10,000m Walk Championships**

**1939-1962**

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## INTRODUCTION

1937 saw the final 7 Miles Team 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 a *Glover Shield Interstate Carnival*, promoted by the NSW, Victorian and SA walking clubs. It also hosted the official Australian 1940 Olympic trial and was won by Athol Stubbs.

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 carnivals were eventually held in 1946 and again in 1947, with wins to Victorias Alan Reid and George Knott.

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. This championship proved almost exclusively the property of Victorian Ted Allsopp, winning 7 of the 8.

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, 28<sup>th</sup> May  
1951, Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Melbourne, 26<sup>th</sup> May  
1954, Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Adelaide, 15<sup>th</sup> May  
1956, Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Sydney, 28<sup>th</sup> April  
1958, Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Brisbane, 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 18<sup>th</sup> June  
1962, Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Sydney, 26<sup>th</sup> May  
etc

## GLOVER SHIELD 10,000M WALK, SYDNEY, SATURDAY 19 AUGUST 1939

The 1940 Olympics had been awarded to Tokyo but, when Japan and China went to war in 1938, the city withdrew as host. Then began an incredible period in which the IOC became the ostrich of the sports world and refused to believe what it was seeing. Feeling it should stay out of world politics, it moved the Games to Helsinki, Finland. Even when the Russians invaded Finland, the IOC still continued with their planning. It was not until the Finnish Olympic Committee formally withdrew as host in April 1940 that the IOC finally shelved plans for any Games that year. In the midst of this shuffling, the IOC awarded the 1944 Games to London. With World War Two still raging, these Games were also eventually called off.

It was during this period of uncertainty that Australian walkers challenged for selection in the 1940 Olympic walks, with official trials to be held over 10,000m track and 50 km road. Victoria and NSW were the two walking powerhouses of the period and they were expected to fight out the official Australian Olympic 10,000m track trial, to be held on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> 1939 at Petersham Oval in Sydney. This 1939 Olympic trial was held in conjunction with the Glover Shield, a regularly scheduled interstate walking match, which was to be held on the **Petersham Oval in Sydney** on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 1929. On this occasion, it had been changed from 7 Miles to 10,000m and it continued over that new distance from that year forward.

The Victorians were led by **George Knott**<sup>1</sup> and **Alan Reid**, who was the defending champion, having won the last Glover Shield 7 Mile Championship in Melbourne in 1937. They had fought out the various Victorian titles for the past couple of years with Knott faster over the shorter distances and Reid stronger over the longer distances. The final Victorian championship before the trial was the Victorian 5 Mile walk championship at the Royal Melbourne Showground track. There Knott and Reid walked side by side throughout the event with the win going to Knott whose time of 37:15.0 saw him 0.4 secs ahead of Reid. Victorian hopes were high for their two star walkers.

The main NSW hope was **Athol Stubbs**<sup>2</sup>, holder of the world 1 mile walk record (6:18.2), and the holder of all NSW State titles from 1 Mile to 10 Miles.

And what a race it turned out to be, with Stubbs and Knott both breaking the Australian 10,000m record. The newspapers of the time recorded the race as follows:

*Stubbs moved off in front of the Victorians Knott and Reid, followed by Stephenson and Gosling. At the end of the first mile, Stubbs' time was 7 minutes and he had already overlapped some of the other competitors. By 3 miles, covered in 21m 45s, he had increased the margin to over a minute, with Knott and Reid together at 22m 54s. Knott then moved away from Reid and by the 4 mile mark, had reduced the lead to 35 secs with Reid 11 secs further back.*

*Knott was closing the gap between Stubbs and, at 5 miles, had reduced the margin to 12 secs. Stubbs' time was 37m 6s. Reid in third place was 38 secs behind Knott. To 6 miles, Stubbs led in 44m 34s and Knott was then 3 secs behind and 1m 10s in advance of Reid. Stubbs finished 5 secs ahead of Knott and Reid was 26 secs behind in third place.*

*Stubbs' final time of 46m 1s broke George Parker's Australian record of 46m 32s. Knott also broke the record.*

It is fair to say that both walkers would have been selected in the Australian team if the 1940 Olympics had gone ahead.

George Knott had age on his side and was able to make the Australian team for the 1948 Olympics, contesting the 10,000m walk in London. Athol Stubbs was not so lucky – this was his one big chance and the Second World War had put paid to it.

As this event illustrated, he was the dominant Australian track walker in the late 1930's. He twice created World Best Track performances for 1 mile (6:18.2 in Sydney on 25 February 1939 and 6:15.4 in Sydney on 17 February 1940) and was the reigning Australian 1 mile track, 3 mile track and 10,000m road champion at the outbreak of war. When championships were finally restarted in 1947, he resumed his walking career but, although he remained competitive on the national arena until the early 1950s, he never fully regained his pre-war form.

Interestingly, Victoria and NSW were the only two States which produced contenders. There were no entries from SA or QLD.

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1 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-george-knott.pdf>

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

For the record, the results were

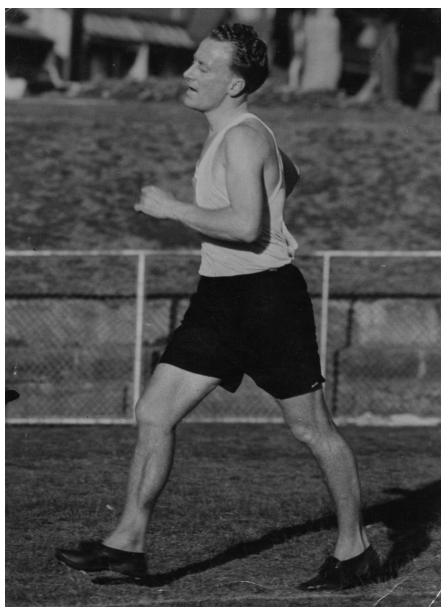
**1939 Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Petersham Oval, Sydney, 19<sup>th</sup> August**

1.	Athol Stubbs	NSW	46:01
2.	George Knott	VIC	46:06
3.	Alan Reid	VIC	47:22
4.	Keith McClusky	VIC	49:22
5.	Arthur Stephenson	NSW	50:00
6.	Alex Philpotts	VIC	50:09
7.	George Gosling	NSW	50:31
8.	Sydney Sheedy	NSW	50:39
9.	Jack Cummings	VIC	50:47
10.	Ian McDougall	VIC	51:03
11.	Mervyn Ray	NSW	51:21
12.	Sydney Rudman	NSW	52:09
13.	Laurence Mack *	VIC	53:15
14.	Eric Wilson *	NSW	53:56
15.	William Hall	NSW	54:07
16.	E. Harvey	NSW	55:00
17.	Claude Lowe	VIC	55:50
18.	Harry Sweet *	NSW	55:57
19.	Alick Priest *	VIC	56:09
20.	Gordon Stanley *	VIC	56:19
21.	Benjamin Blakey	VIC	56:23
22.	Kevin Mead *	VIC	56:24
23.	Michael Stannett	NSW	58:04
24.	J. Nolan	NSW	58:52

\* Junior

As this Olympic trial was also the 1939 Glover Shield, NSW and Victoria contested Senior and Junior Teams races, with results as follows

Senior Teams	VIC	34	NSW	44
Junior Teams	VIC	16	NSW	20



Just Walking In.—G. Knott, Collingwood (right), winning the five-mile championship walk from A. Reid, Footscray, at the show grounds on Saturday.

*Athol Stubbs, Alan Reid and George Knott – top Australian walkers of the late 1930's*

And now onto the newspaper cuttings. The first is a two page spread that focuses on winner Athol Stubbs

### ❖ ❖ THAT BEFORE AND AFTER



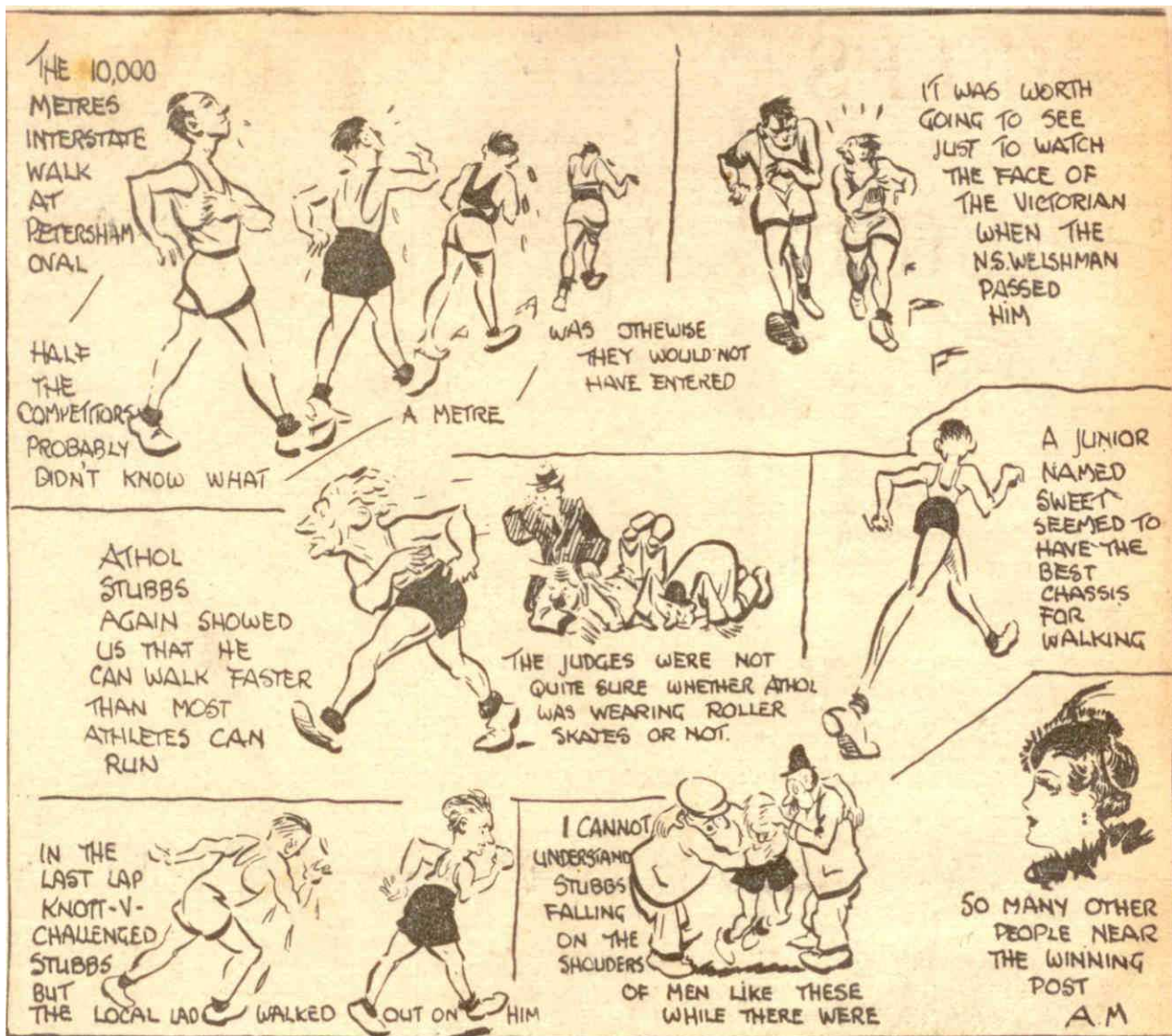
"What's 10,000 metres? I'll just get in a little exercise before I start." ATHOL STUBBS (N.S.W.), winner of the interstate 10,000 metres walk at Petersham Oval, kicks his legs to limber up before the start. That's the first picture. "What? Only 9000 metres to go?" Stubbs burns up the track in record time in the second picture. The third picture shows Stubbs burnt up after setting new Olympic and Australian records. Looks as though he's saying "I think I'll take a taxi to the start." In the fifth picture, S. SHEEDY (N.S.W.) is changing into his spiked shoes, getting ready for the start.

### FEELING IN THE BIG WALK ❖ ❖



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And the second is a great cartoon published in the Sydney paper the next day



## GLOVER SHIELD 10,000M WALK, MELBOURNE, SATURDAY 10 AUGUST 1946

It was a long wait indeed since the 1939 Glover Shield 10,000m Championship. WWII had put an end to all such competitions. The VAWC had shut down in February 1942, 2 months after the Pearl Harbour attack had brought the Japanese into the war. The other walking clubs and sporting organisations also took this action. Now that Australia was directly threatened, the time for sporting activities had passed and greater matters threatened.

It was not until general demobilisation commenced in October 1945 that thoughts could once again turn to sport, with VAWC recommencing activities with an AGM in March 1946.

The next Glover Shield 10,000m Interstate competition was duly scheduled for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1946 in Melbourne. The big question was now – who could get fit in time, who and how many would show, and would it be a success.

1939 title holder Athol Stubbs (NSW) was absent, so the win was expected to fought out between Victorians **George Knott** and **Alan Reid**. With Knott being disqualified, the win went to Reid in a relatively slow 48:40. While the time might have been slow, it was still nearly 5minutes ahead of second placed 19 year old Victorian **Ted Allsopp**<sup>3</sup>. The numbers were good but the quality in this immediate post-war race was wanting. Overall, Victoria dominated, with the first 12 places overall, and easily won the Senior and Junior Teams Championships.

Ted Allsopp would go on to become one of our greatest walkers and one of the most prolific medallists at the Australian level, in a career that extended from 1946 to 1972.



*The start of the 1946 Glover Shield 10,000m walk in Melbourne*

### 1946 Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Melbourne, 10<sup>th</sup> August

1.	Alan Reid	VIC	48:40
E2.	Edward (Ted) Allsopp *	VIC	53:35
E2.	AlexPhilpott	VIC	53:35
4.	Hugh Munro	VIC	54:08
5.	William Metcalf *	VIC	54:25
6.	Walter Knott	VIC	54:26
7.	Francis Morrison	VIC	55:10
8.	Benjamin Blakey	VIC	56:15
9.	Michael Gaylor	VIC	56:20
10.	Herbert Hagg	VIC	56:21
11.	Jack Merrifield	VIC	57:08
12.	James Railston	VIC	57:17
13.	Bruce Brew *	NSW	58:13

3 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-ted-allsopp.pdf>



14. James Gaylor	VIC	59:18
15. Jasmes Heatley *	NSW	59:50
16. Norman Bomford	VIC	60:09
17. William Tunaley	VIC	60:23
18. Raymond Smith	NSW *	62:30
19. Stanley Wisby	VIC *	63:21
T. Sincock	VIC	DNF
G. Lambert	NSW	DNF
M. Gordon	VIC	DQ
George Knott	VIC	DQ
Alan Brown	VIC	DQ
Andrew Yyurisich	VIC	DQ
Gus Theobold	VIC	DQ

\* Junior

The Senior and Junior Teams races, saw dominant wins to Victoria

Senior Teams	VIC	10	NSW	26
Junior Teams	VIC	9	NSW	12

## GLOVER SHIELD 10,000M WALK, MELBOURNE, SATURDAY 7 JUNE 1947

With Athletics Australia announcing that it would host an inaugural Australian 10,000m Track Walk Championship in 1948, it was decided to contest the next Glover Shield in June 1947, only 10 months after the 1946 edition. The program still referred to it as the *Biennial Teams Race Between the Walking Clubs of Australia* but it would prove somewhat rubbery with regard to its Biennial nature.



The choice of venue (the Sydney Sports Ground at Moore Park) proved a bad one, with the track described as waterlogged and totally unsuitable for a race of this importance. Further, with 6 laps to the mile, it was far too short and congested for the 21 walkers. Unsurprisingly, the times were all slow, with Victorian George Knott the only walker to better 50 minutes.

By failing to finish 4 walkers, the Victorian senior team forfeited the Glover Shield to NSW. It was a different story in the Junior event, where Victorians filled the first 3 places and secured the Junior Teams event with the minimum 6 points.

**George Knott**, perhaps remembering his disqualification the previous year, made no mistakes this time and walked to a comfortable win, albeit in the slow time of 49:58. **Sydney Sheedy** improved from his 6<sup>th</sup> place in 1939 to take silver this time around, 8 years later. Victorian juniors filled the next 3 places, with **Ted Allsopp**<sup>4</sup>, **Ray Smith**<sup>5</sup> and **James Pettigrove** all beating their older rivals. This marked the start of stellar careers for Smith and Allsopp.

Once again, the only two States to provide competitors were NSW and Victoria.

### 1947 Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Moore Park, Sydney, 7<sup>th</sup> June

1.	George Knott	VIC	49:58
2.	Sydney Sheedy	NSW	51:16
3.	Ted Allsopp *	VIC	52:53
4.	Ray Smith *	VIC	53:26
5.	James Pettigrove *	VIC	54:20

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

5 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-ray-smith.pdf>

6.	Francis Morrison	VIC	54:21
7.	Reginald Tarte	NSW	54:34
8.	George Kenyon	NSW	55:15
9.	George McCabe	NSW	55:43
10.	Benjamin Blakey	VIC Ind.	56:11
11.	William Beehan	NSW	56:58
12.	James Heathley *	NSW	58:17
13.	Kenneth Joyce	NSW	59:51
14.	P. Ashelford *	NSW	61:53
	Neil Dickinson	NSW	DNF
	Clifford Smith	NSW	DNF
	Donald Bridle	NSW	DNF
	Cliff Barling	VIC	DQ
	James Cox *	VIC	DQ
	William Metcalf	VIC	DQ
	Richard Coyle	VIC	DQ

\* Junior

The teams championships were spread between NSW and Victoria.

Senior Teams	NSW	20	VIC	DNQ
Junior Teams	VIC	6	NSW	DNQ



*The Victorian team: Back: Cliff Barling, Ted Allsopp, Dick Coyle, Ben Blakey, Ray Smith and Fred Morrison  
Front: Bill Metcalf, Jim Pettiegrove, Jim Cox and George Knott*

George Knott had come back into national focus with his win in this race. He was to quickly consolidate with subsequent eye watering performances.

Early in 1948, he set the crowds talking with wins in the inaugural Australian 2 mile track walk (13:37.2), the Victorian 1 mile track walk (6:23.2) and the Victorian 10,000m track walk (42:51.6). His 1 mile time was less than one second outside Bill Murray's Australasian record and his 10,000m time was a staggering world best. It was nominated for world record status but was not accepted due to technical deficiencies in the running of the event. It did however qualify as a new Victorian record, a record that lasted until 1979 when it was finally beaten by Willi Sawall with a time of 42:25.8.

Interestingly, his 10,000m Victorian record was not ratified as an Australian record either, for the same reasons. Thus other walkers chipped away at the Australian record with slower times – first Don Keane in 1952 (45:51.0), then Don

Keane again in 1956 (43:38.2) and then finally Willi Sawall in 1976 (43:35.9). It was not until 1979 that an Australian finally bettered his 10,000m track time, when Willi won the Victorian 10,000m track championship with 42:25.8.

George's 10,000m walk time may not have been fully ratified but it did earn him a berth in the Australian team to contest the 1948 Olympic Games. He was our sole walking representative in the London Games, where he finished 7<sup>th</sup> in his 10,000m Walk heat, failing to progress to the final.

## AUSTRALIAN 10,000M WALK, MELBOURNE, SATURDAY 28 AUGUST 1948

The inaugural Australian 10,000m Track Walk Championship was held at the R.A.S.V. Showgrounds in Ascot Vale, Melbourne, on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1948 but interestingly, it attracted a small field of only 12 walkers.

Victorian George Knott had won the 1947 Glover Shield competition and had represented Australia in the 1948 Olympic 10,000m Walk only a month previously. He had then decided to retire from competition and concentrate on his business interests. NSW walker George Sheedy who had been second in the 1947 Glover Shield race, was not in the same form as in 1947. Athol Stubbs was no longer the walker he had been in the pre-war period. This meant a relatively open field and a chance for someone new to win an Australian Championship gold medal.

Victorian walkers dominated. Captained by Frank McGuire, they filled the first 5 places, with the first 4 counting towards a fine teams championship win. **Ted Allsopp** won the first of what would be 11 Australian Championship gold medals with a time of 49:09. Further, this was the first of 7 consecutive Australian 10,000m Walk Championships that he would win. He was followed by **Ray Goulding**, **Frank McGuire**<sup>6</sup>, **Ray Smith** and **Ernie Ryall**.

### 1948 Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Royal Showgrounds, Melbourne, 28<sup>th</sup> August

1.	Ted Allsopp	VIC	49:09
2.	Ray Goulding	VIC	49:29
3.	Frank McGuire	VIC	50:34
4.	Ray Smith	VIC	50:42
5.	Ernie Ryall	VIC	52:15
6.	George Kenyon	NSW	52:31
7.	Bruce Brew	NSW	53:33
8.	Edward Edwards	NSW	53:41
9.	John Webster	NSW	54:01
10.	William Metcalf	VIC	55:07
11.	Sydney Sheedy	NSW	55:08
12.	Raymond Smith	NSW	55:13

Teams                      VIC      10      NSW      26



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

## GLOVER SHIELD 10,000M WALK, SYDNEY, SATURDAY 28 MAY 1949

Athol Stubbs bounced back from the disappointment of missing the 1948 Olympics, winning the 2 Mile Walk in the 1949 National Titles in Sydney. His win in the 1949 Glover Shield, at 39 years of age, showed he was not yet ready to retire. It was an all NSW finish, with Don Bridle second and George Kenyon third.

Fourth place went to Victorian **Bill Grandy** – well, he was actually a Swedish walker spending a few years in Australia before moving on to finally setting in America. It's an interesting story.<sup>7</sup> Further back in equal sixth was Alex Philpotts.<sup>8</sup>

Way back in 20<sup>th</sup> place was **Frank O'Rourke**. One of the legends of Australian racewalking and one of the founding members of the VAWC, he had moved back to NSW by this stage and was competing for that State, in one of his last competitions.<sup>9</sup>



*The start of the 1949 Glover Shield 10,000m walk in Sydney*

### 1949 Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Sydney, 28<sup>th</sup> May

1.	Athol Stubbs	NSW	50:45
2.	Donald Bridle	NSW	51:15
3.	George Kenyon	NSW	51:19
4.	William Grandy	VIC	51:47
5.	Bruce Brew	NSW	52:12
E6.	Alex Philpott	VIC	52:45
E6.	Richard Southee *	VIC	52:45
8.	Reg Tarte	NSW	52:49
9.	Francis Morrison	VIC	53:21
10.	John Freeman *	VIC	54:03
11.	Geoff Williams *	VIC	54:25
12.	H. Snellman	NSW	54:51
13.	Clive Mackay	VIC	55:16
14.	William Camden *	NSW	55:47
15.	John Webster *	NSW	56:40
16.	Edward Edwards *	NSW	56:41
17.	John Wallace *	VIC	57:17

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

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

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

18. Sydney Budman	NSW Ind.	59:19
19. William Sutcliffe	SA	60:08
20. Frank O'Rourke	NSW Ind.	62:48
21. William Silversides	NSW	DQ

\* Junior

The teams championships were spread between NSW and Victoria.

Senior Teams	NSW	14	VIC	22
Junior Teams	VIC	6	NSW	15

## AUSTRALIAN 10,000M WALK, SYDNEY, SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 1950

The 1950 Australian 10,000m championship in Sydney saw **Ted Allsopp** retain his title by just over 30 seconds. It was the second of 7 consecutive wins that he would accumulate in this event.

Second place went to a new name, with 19 year old **Don Keane** taking silver. He had come to national attention in sensational circumstances earlier that year, when he fought out the Australian 2 Mile Track Walk Championship with **Athol Stubbs**. They had staged a mighty battle to break the Australian 2 Mile Walk record (both were awarded the same time of 13:43.6 with Keane being declared the winner) in an event that generated a lot of media attention. They met again in this race, with Keane taking silver and Stubbs bronze.

Stubbs was now nearly 40 years of age and had, for the last 4 years, faced stiff competition from his interstate rivals. This was his last race; he now retired from top level competition.

### 1950 Australian 10,000m Championship, Sydney, 26<sup>th</sup> August

1.	Ted Allsopp	VIC	47:48.6
2.	Don Keane	WA	48:19
3.	Athol Stubbs	NSW	48:45
4.	Arthus Malpas	VIC	49:00
5.	Donald Bridle	NSW	49:10
6.	George Kenyon	NSW	50:29
7.	Ray Smith	VIC	50:58
8.	John Webster	NSW	51:10
9.	William Metcalf	NSW	52:12
10.	Geoff Williams	VIC	52:20
11.	William Grandy	VIC	52:22
12.	Frank McGuire	VIC	52:41
13.	Donald Waters	WA	53:45
14.	Ronald Cohen	WA	54:20
15.	Edward Edwards	NSW	56:43
	Victor Dawson	QLD	DNF

NSW won the Teams Championship from Victoria on a countback.

Senior Teams      NSW    18      VIC    18



*The victorious NSW team at the 1950 Australian 10,000m Walk Championship*



## GLOVER SHIELD 10,000M WALK, MELBOURNE, SATURDAY 26 MAY 1951

**Ted Allsopp** continued on his merry way, adding the Glover Shield crown to his two Australian 10,000m Walk Championship crowns. This was his fastest time thus far and indicated that he would be one of main contenders for the 1952 Olympic 10,000m Walk. Victoria was an easy winner in the teams race, with **Arthur Malpas** and **Ray Smith** taking the minor medals.

NSW walker **Ted Edwards** was the first Junior to finish. This was the start of a long and successful career for him. Also competing in the Junior race were Victorian **Gordon Doak**<sup>10</sup> and NSW walker **John McDougall**. Both had interesting stories.

This was the first time that walkers from Western Australia had competed.

### 1951 Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, Royal Showgrounds, Ascot Vale

1. Ted Allsopp	VIC	46:55.6
2. Arthur Malpas	VIC	49:12
3. Ray Smith	VIC	49:34
4. Edward Edwards *	NSW	50:40
5. Geoff Williams	VIC	51:05
6. Robert Gratton *	VIC	51:31
7. Gordon Doak *	VIC	52:13
8. Robert French	VIC	52:37
9. James Matthews	VIC	52:48
10. William Metcalf	NSW	52:54
11. Bruce Brew	NSW	53:08
12. John McDougall *	NSW	53:18
13. Ronald Cohen *	WA	53:23
14. Francis Melligan *	WA	53:54
15. Geoffrey Hall *	VIC	54:39
16. Peter Phelan *	VIC	55:36
17. Leslie Ryman *	NSW	56:21
18. William Sutcliffe	SA	56:21

The teams championships were spread between NSW and Victoria.

Senior Teams	VIC	11	NSW	25	SA and WA	DNQ
Junior Teams	VIC	10	NSW	11	WA	DNQ

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<sup>10</sup> See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-gordon-doak.pdf>

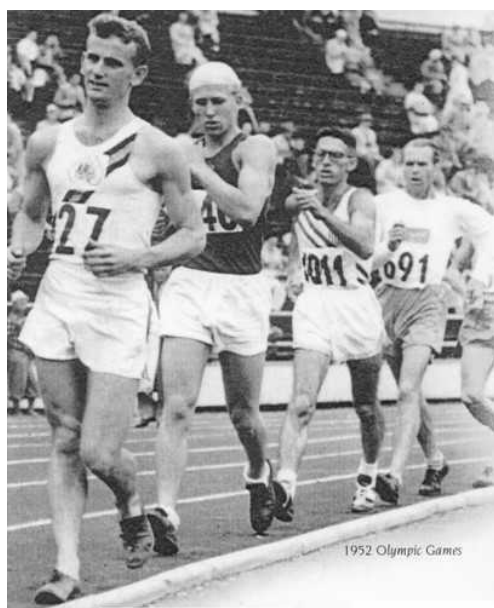
## 1952 AUSTRALIAN 10,000M WALK TRIAL, MELBOURNE, SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY 1952

The official 10,000m walk trial was held in Melbourne on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1952 and saw 21 year old **Don Keane** win by just over 1 minute from **Ted Allsopp**.

Keane was the only walker selected for the 1952 Olympics, coming 5<sup>th</sup> in his heat in the 10,000m (46:55.2) and 10<sup>th</sup> in the final (47:37.0).

### 1952 Australian 10,000m Walk Trial, Melbourne, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1952

1.	Don Keane	WA	46:11.8
2.	Ted Allsopp	VIC	47:16.4
3.	Arthur Malpass	VIC	49:36
4.	Edward Edwards	NSW	51:07
5.	John McDougall	NSW	52:15
6.	John Freeman	VIC	54:00
7.	James Matthews	VIC	56:24
8.	John Smyth	SA	59:51
	Ray Smith	VIC	DNF
	Raymond Monnery	VIC	DNF
	Robert Gratton	VIC	DNF
	George Nevitt	VIC	DNF
	Ernest Ryall	VIC	DQ



*Don Keane (27) in action in the 1952 Olympic 10,000m Walk*

**AUSTRALIAN 10,000M WALK, ADELAIDE, SATURDAY 23 AUGUST 1952**

Logan Irwin  
Vic Sharp

The 1952 Australian 10,000m Walk Championship was held at St. Peter's College Oval, Adelaide, on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, and conducted by officials of the SA. A.A.A. Teams from Victoria, NSW and SA competed, with some additional individual competitors from Queensland.

With Don Keane an absentee after his Olympic walk, **Ted Allsopp** won yet again in a fast 46:08. With fellow Victorians **Ernie Ryall** and **George Nevitt** taking the minor medals, the teams event was a fait accompli for the Vics.

This championship marked a first appearance for NSW walker **Logan Irwin**. He would go on to win a huge number of medals in NSW State Championship competition, with a career spanning many years.

**1952 Australian 10,000m Walk Championship, St. Peter's College, Adelaide**

1.	Ted Allsopp	VIC	46:08
2.	Ernie Ryall	VIC	48:34
3.	George Nevitt	VIC	48:44
4.	John McDougall	NSW	48:55
5.	Edward Edwards	NSW	49:30
6.	Keith Guyot	VIC	49:59
7.	George Kenyon	NSW	50:30
8.	Leslie Ryman	NSW	50:50
9.	David Melzer	QLD	50:59
10.	Logan Irwin	NSW	51:15
11.	Robert Gration	VIC	51:35
12.	John Webster	NSW	51:50
13.	Rex Michael	SA	52:45
14.	Victor Sharp	SA	53:35
15.	Colin Francis	SA	54:55
16.	Barry Day	SA	55:35
	Arthur Malpas	VIC	DQ

The teams championship saw an easy win to Victoria.

Senior Teams	VIC	12	NSW	24	SA	42
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## AUSTRALIAN 10,000M WALK, SYDNEY, SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 1953

The 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial 10,000m Track Walking Championship of Australia was conducted under control of the NSW. A.A.A. at the E.S. Marks Memorial Athletic Field, Moore, Park, Sydney on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1953.

Once again, defending champion **Ted Allsopp** proved his superiority as a track walker, winning in a time of 46:40. Six walkers had been chosen to represent Victoria (Allsopp, George Nevitt, Keith Guyot, Peter Bethell, Keith Short and Ernie Ryall) and their performances ensured that Victoria won the Teams Event with the minimum 10 pts.

### 1953 Australian 10,000m Walk Championship. E.S. Marks Field, Sydney

1.	Ted Allsopp	VIC	46:40					
2.	George Nevitt	VIC	47:23					
3.	Keith Guyot	VIC	48:08					
4.	Peter Bethell	VIC	48:32					
5.	John McDougall	NSW	48:49					
6.	David Melzer	QLD	49:52					
7.	George Kenyon	NSW	50:07					
8.	Tom Daintry	QLD	50:24					
9.	Keith Short	VIC	51:10					
10.	Frank Leonard	SA	51:14					
11.	William Metcalf	NSW	51:46					
12.	Logan Irwin	NSW	51:59					
13.	Donald Bridle	NSW	52:02					
14.	Edward Edwards	MSW	52:02					
15.	Colin Francis	SA	53:54					
16.	Barry Glover	QLD	53:56					
17.	Victor Sharp	SA	54:38					
18.	Garry Adair	SA	54:56					
19.	Richard Belson	QLD	55:37					
20.	Frederick Scorer	QLD	61:40					
	Ernie Ryall	VIC	DQ					
Teams	VIC	10	NSW	33	QLD	43	SA	50

## GLOVER SHIELD 10,000M WALK, ADELAIDE, SATURDAY 15 MAY 1954

1954 saw the Glover Shield competition being held in Adelaide, with teams from NSW, Victoria and SA, as well as a sole competitor from Queensland.

This year, a major naming change occurred, with the Junior Shield race being rebadged as the Robinson Shield. Now the Glover Shield would be awarded to the winning senior team and the Robinson Shield would be awarded to the winning junior team.

Victorian **George Nevitt** was the winner with 48:55, ahead of the lone Queenslander **David Melzer** (49:14) and NSW walker **John McDougall** (49:31).



*The start of the 1954 Glover Shield 10,000m Walk in Adelaide*

A number of new names were seen, all of whom have their own stories: Ralph Field<sup>11</sup>, Peter Waddell<sup>12</sup>, Bob Gardiner<sup>13</sup> and Jack Webber<sup>14</sup>

### **Glover Shield Open 10,000m Walk, Adelaide, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1954**

1.	George Nevitt	VIC	48:55
2.	David Melzer	QLD	49:14
3.	John McDougall	NSW	49:31
4.	Keith Guyot	VIC	50:22
5.	Logan Irwin	NSW	50:39
6.	Edward Edwards	NSW	51:05
7.	Colin Francis	SA	51:03
8.	Ronald Flint	VIC	51:58
9.	Peter Alsop	VIC	52:03
10.	Kenneth Keogh	NSW	52:14
11.	Ralph Field	VIC	52:28
12.	Raymond Dunstan	VIC	52:56
13.	Gary Adair	SA	53:14
14.	Peter Waddell	NSW	53:27
15.	Ronald Davies	VIC	53:55
16.	Robert Gardiner	VIC	54:39
17.	John Smyth	SA	54:57
18.	Jack Webber	SA	54:58

11 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-ralph-field.pdf>

12 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/VALE%20Peter%20Waddell%202002.pdf>

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

14 See <http://centurions.org.au/centprofiles/02%20jack%20webber.pdf>

19. William McAllister	NSW	57:14
20. William Kirby	NSW	57:19
21. Barry Bowden	SA	60:19
22. R. Muller	SA	61:34
23. Barry Day	SA	61:35

**Robinson Shield Junior 10,000m Walk**

1. Logan Irwin	NSW	50:39
2. Colin Francis	SA	51:03
3. Kenneth Keogh	NSW	52:14
4. Raymond Dunstan	VIC	52:56
5. Ronald Davies	VIC	53:55
6. Robert Gardiner	VIC	54:39
7. William McAllister	NSW	57:14
8. Barry Bowden	SA	60:19
9. R. Muller	SA	61:34

The teams championships saw two tight competitions, with Victoria winning in the Open and NSW winning in the Junior divisions. It was pleasing to see SA finishing teams in both divisions.

Senior Teams	VIC	18	NSW	20	SA	39
Junior Teams	NSW	11	VIC	15	SA	19

## AUSTRALIAN 10,000M WALK, BRISBANE, SATURDAY 9 JULY 1955

The 1955 Australian 10,000m Track Walk Championship was conducted on the Exhibition Oval in Brisbane on 9<sup>th</sup> July and attracted teams from QLD, NSW and Victoria, as well as a sole representative from SA.

It was not a simple case of flying in like nowadays. The large Victorian team travelled by train to Brisbane – the 6 official representatives Ted Allsopp, Harry Summers, George Nevitt, Ralph Field (Captain), Keith Short and Colin Fraser, along with VAWC President Alf Robinson with wife Mabel, club captain Frank McGuire and Mrs McGuire, along with Life Member and Vice President Jack Larkin.

Alf Robinson acted as Chief Lap Steward, while Messrs Larkin and McGuire acted as walking judges. All the other officials were provided by the Queensland A.A.A..



*The Victorian team Ted Allsopp, George Nevitt, Harry Summers, Col Fraser, Keith Short and Ralph Field*

**Ted Allsopp** won easily in the not conditons, ahead of **Eddie Folland** and first time representative **Harry Summers**<sup>15</sup>. **George Nevitt** struggled in the conditions, dropping to fourth but finishing valiantly. The meet also introduced NSW walker **Ron Crawford**<sup>16</sup>, who would go on to represent Australia in 3 Olympic.

### 1955 Australian 10,000m Walk Championship, Exhibition Oval, Brisbane, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

1.	Ted Allsopp	VIC	47:10
2.	Edward Folland	SA	49:02
3.	Harold Summers	VIC	49:21
4.	George Nevitt	VIC	50:12
5.	Kenneth Keogh	NSW	50:25
6.	Logan Irwin	NSW	50:38
7.	Peter Waddell	NSW	51:06
8.	Ronald Crawford	NSW	51:40
9.	David Melzer	QLD	51:49
10.	John McDougall	NSW	52:12
11.	Keith Short	VIC	52:13
12.	Ralph Field	VIC	53:30
13.	Tom Daintry	QLD	53:34
14.	William Kirby	NSW	54:57
15.	Eric Milgate	QLD	58:25

15 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-harry-summers.pdf>

16 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wa-ron-crawford.pdf>

16. Richard Belson	QLD	59:10
17. William Anderson	QLD	60:47
18. Raymond James	QLD	64:51
Colin Fraser	VIC	DQ

The teams championship saw a win to Victoria, ahead of NSW and Queensland.

Senior Teams	VIC	15	NSW	22	QLD	41
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## GLOVER SHIELD 10,000M WALK, SYDNEY, SATURDAY 28 APRIL 1956

The 10,000m Walk had been replaced in the Olympics by a 20km roadwalk, but the 1956 Glover Shield competition still attracted plenty of walkers. 1952 Olympian **Don Keane** had moved from Perth to Melbourne and spearheaded a strong Victorian team. Junior walker **Harry Summers**<sup>17</sup> not only won the Junior race, he finished second overall, putting Victoria in a strong position with regard to the teams race. Yet it was not sufficient, with NSW winning the Senior Teams competition on a countback.



*Don Keane wins the Australian T&F Championships walk earlier in the year. The signing reads: "To Perc and Nancy, Many thanks for helping me keep both feet on the ground. Don Keane 1956". Don was coached by Sorrento based super coach Percy Cerutti, as was fellow 1956 Olympic walker Ray Smith.*

The Junior race featured **Harry Summers, Ron Crawford, Bob Gardiner** and **Noel Freeman**<sup>18</sup> – what a group!

### Glover Shield Senior 10,000m Walk, Moore Park, Sydney

1.	Don Keane	VIC	47:03
2.	Harry Summers	VIC	49:23
3.	Kenneth Keogh	NSW	49:36
4.	Colin Walker	NSW	49:59
5.	David Melzer	QLD	50:15
6.	Edward Edwards	NSW	50:57
7.	William Kirby	NSW	51:03
E8.	Leslie Hellyer	VIC	51:16
E8.	Ron Crawford	NSW	51:16
10.	Bob Gardiner	VIC	51:42
11.	Cliff Barling	VIC	52:26
12.	Noel Freeman	VIC	52:40
13.	Peter Waddell	NSW	52:42
14.	Ralph Field	VIC	53:05
15.	Raymond Nixon	NSW	55:22
16.	Jack Fitts	VIC	56:49
17.	Robert Jeremy	NSW	57:27
18.	Bernard Claughton	VIC	57:58
19.	Sydney Bray	QLD	58:11
20.	Eric Milgate	QLD	60:01
21.	William Anderson	QLD	63:28

17 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-harry-summers.pdf>

18 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-noel-freeman.pdf>

22. James Pedder NSW DNF

**Robinson Shield Junior 10,000m Walk**

1.	Harry Summers	VIC	49:23
2.	Kenneth Keogh	NSW	49:36
3.	Ron Crawford	NSW	51:16
4.	Bob Gardiner	VIC	51:42
5.	Noel Freeman	VIC	52:40
6.	Raymond Nixon	NSW	55:22

The teams championships were exciting affairs with NSW winning the Senior event on countback to Victoria, and Victoria winning the Junior event by one point from NSW.

Senior Teams	NSW	20	VIC	20	QLD	38
Junior Teams	VIC	10	NSW	11		

## AUSTRALIAN 10,000M WALK, MELBOURNE, SATURDAY 29 JUNE 1957

The Australian 10,000m Walk Championship continued to be a small affair compared to its larger cousin, the Glover Shield.

The 1957 Australian Championship was held at Olympic Park in Melbourne on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. However, with the venue booked by the V.A.S.A. on Saturday afternoons, the walk had to be staged in the morning. Four States were represented – NSW and Victoria had full teams of six competitors, SA was represented by Eddie Folland and Queensland by Syd Bray. Tom Daintry was now resident in Victoria and part of the Victorian team.

1956 Olympian **Ted Allsopp** added yet another Australian title to his ever growing list with his winning time of 46:12. Behind him came 18 year old **Noel Freeman**, the walker of the future (46:51.8), and fellow 1956 Olympian **Ron Crawford** (47:19.8).

### Australian 10,000m Walk Championship, Olympic Park, Melbourne

1.	Ted Allsopp	VIC	46:12
2.	Noel Freeman	VIC	46:51.8
3.	Ron Crawford	NSW	47:19.8
4.	Donald Thompson	NSW	47:34
5.	Harold Summers	VIC	47:48
6.	Kenneth Keogh	NSW	48:06
7.	Peter Bethell	VIC	48:08
8.	Edward Folland	SA	48:10
9.	Colin Walker	NSW	48:55
10.	Harry Larchin	VIC	49:20
11.	Raymond Nixon	NSW	49:51
12.	Tom Daintry	VIC	51:01
13.	Sydney Bray	QLD	51:04
14.	James Rileigh	NSW	53:21

The teams championship saw Victoria win over NSW.

Senior Teams	VIC	15	NSW	21
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## GLOVER SHIELD 10,000M WALK, BRISBANE, SATURDAY 10 MAY 1958

The 1958 Glover Shield 10,000m Track Championship was contested on the grass track at the St. Lucia University Oval in Brisbane on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1958, with teams from NSW, QLD and Victoria participating. Although Victoria sent a record number of walkers – 2 Senior teams and 2 Junior teams – the opposition from NSW was too strong and that State won both Teams races. It was pleasing to see the progress made by Queensland, with their Senior team finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and their Junior team finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The event was conducted by the fledgling Queensland Amateur Walker's Club.

Although Victoria had sent lots of competitors, the cream of their walkers was sadly missing, and the overall title went to NSW walker **Ken Keogh**, with a time of 48:51.

### Glover Shield Senior 10,000m Walk, St Lucia University Oval, Brisbane, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May

1. Keogh, Kenneth	NSW	48:23
2. William Kirby	NSW	48:51
3. David Melzer	QLD	48:52
4. Harry Summers	VIC	49:23
5. Eugene Cichanowski	NSW	49:33
6. Edward Edwards	NSW	49:43
7. Raymond Nixon	NSW	49:48
8. Alan Hancock	VIC	49:50
9. Harry Larchin	VIC	49:58
10. Colin Walker	NSW	50:53
11. Bernard Claughton	VIC	51:19
12. Edward Thomas	QLD	51:31
13. Sydney Bray	QLD	51:38
14. Leslie Ryman	NSW Ind.	51:52
15. Norman Brown	VIC	52:33
16. Alan Lynch	QLD	53:16
17. Laurence Hehir	VIC	53:17
18. Noel Norris	VIC	53:17
19. Ralph Field	VIC	54:44
20. Kenneth Campbell	QLD	55:07
21. James Rileigh	NSW	55:30
22. James Short	VIC	55:39
23. Anthony Warren	VIC	56:22
24. Geoffrey Cawood	NSW	56:32
25. Ronald Davies	VIC	56:33
26. Irwin Saunders	VIC	57:21
27. Jack Laracy	QLD	57:28
28. James Morrison	VIC	57:32
29. Alex Tarr	VIC	57:46
30. Albert Atkins	VIC	60:19
31. John Howard	NSW Ind.	63:13

### Robinson Shield Junior 10,000m Walk

1. Eugene Cichanowski	NSW	49:33
2. Raymond Nixon	NSW	49:48
3. Alan Hancock	VIC	49:50
4. Edward Thomas	QLD	51:31
5. Sydney Bray	QLD	51:38
6. Norman Brown	VIC	52:33
7. Alan Lynch	QLD	53:16
8. Laurence Hehir	VIC	53:17
9. James Rileigh	NSW	55:30
10. James Morrison	VIC	57:32
11. Alex Tarr	VIC	57:46
12. Albert Atkins	VIC	60:19

Senior Teams	NSW	14	VIC	28	QLD	36	VIC "B"	58
Junior Teams	NSW	12	QLD	16	VIC	17	VIC "B"	33

## AUSTRALIAN 10,000M WALK, ADELAIDE, SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 1959

The 1959 Australian 10,000m Track Walk Championship was held at the E.S. Marks Field in Sydney on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1959 and conducted by the N.S.W.A.A.A.

With NSW Olympian **Ron Crawford** disqualified, it was a clean sweep for the strong Victorian team, with **Ted Allsopp** (47:07.8), **Noel Freeman** (47:58.8) and **Don Keane** (50:37.6) sweeping the medals. The conditions were warm and the times were obviously effected.

This meet also saw the first appearance for Victorian walker **Jim Gleeson**<sup>19</sup>. Jim would go on to become Australia's greatest long distance walking exponent.

### 1959 Australian 10,000m Track Championship, E.S. Marks Field, Sydney, Saturday 10 October

1. Ted Allsopp	VIC	47:07.8
2. Noel Freeman	VIC	47:58.8
3. Don Keane	VIC	50:37.6
4. Noel Norris	VIC	51:02
5. William Kirby	NSW	51:40
6. Alan Hancock	VIC	52:06
7. Eugene Chicanowski	NSW	53:01
8. Logan Irwin	NSW	53:29
9. James Gleeson	VIC	53:33
10. Keith Jolly	QLD	53:45
11. Edward Edwards	NSDW	53:55
12. Lawrence Hehir	VIC	54:03
Ron Crawford	NSW	DQ
Enzio Franchesci	NSW	DQ

The teams championship saw a huge win to Victoria which filled the first 4 positions

Teams:                   VIC    10       NSW    26



*The winning Victorian team of Ted allsopp, Don Keanw, Noel Freeman, Alan Hancock, Laurie Hehir, Noel Norris and Jim Gleeson*

<sup>19</sup> See <http://centurions.org.au/centprofiles/03%20jim%20gleeson.pdf>

## GLOVER SHIELD 10,000M WALK, MELBOURNE, SATURDAY 18 JUNE 1960

After 1958, the newly formed Australian Federation of Amateur Walking Clubs had made a number of changes, including the following

- As of 1960, the *Lorna Carrington Shield* would be contested by women, over a distance of 2 Miles.
- Teams Scoring would be changed for the Glover Shield and Alexander Cup, whereby it would no longer be necessary to designate which walkers were in which club team. For the Glover Shield, the first 4 to finish from any State would comprise the Number One team and the next 4 would comprise the Number Two team, and so on. For the Alexander Cup, the same rule would apply, except that teams of 3 would only be required.
- The Glover Shield meet would continue to be alternated bi-annually with the *Alexander Cup* which would continue to be contested over the 50 km distance.

Victoria was too strong on home turf, winning both the Glover Shield and the Robinson Shield easily. However, in the inaugural Lorna Carrington Cup, the NSW girls proved the steadier, taking the three first places. Key disqualifications to the key Victorians laid their plans low.

Two New Zealanders were in action – 1956 50km gold medallist **Norm Read**, along with **Lindsay Fortune**. Norm Read walked superbly, beating **Ted Allsopp**, but neither could challenge the youngster **Noel Freeman** who won with an impressive 45:21.6.

Some new names would become well known in succeeding years – Victorians **Gavan Breen**<sup>20</sup> and **Jim Henderson**, **Peter McCullagh** and **Ron Miller**<sup>21</sup>.

### 1960 Glover Shield Open Men 10,000m Walk, Melbourne University Oval, Saturday 18 June

1. Noel Freeman	VIC	45:21.6
2. Norman Read	NZL	46:55
3. Ted Allsopp	VIC	47:35
4. William Kirby	NSW	48:23
5. Gavan Breen	VIC	49:05
6. James Henderson	VIC	49:36
7. Lindsay Fortune	NZL	49:57
8. Peter McCullagh	VIC	50:05
9. Alan Hancock	VIC	50:09
10. James Gleeson	VIC	50:10
11. Francis Clark	NSW	50:12
12. Ian Taylor	VIC	51:24
13. Noel Norris	VIC	53:05
14. John Smyth	VIC	53:11
15. Peter Tierney	VIC	53:29
16. James Rileigh	NSW	54:21
17. Irwin Saunders	VIC	55:00
18. Brian Brennan	NSW	55:26
19. James Short	VIC	55:48
Adrian Jones	VIC	DQ
Ronald Miller	VIC	DQ
Kenneth Saunders	VIC	DQ

### Robinson Shield Junior Men 10,000m Walk

1. James Henderson	VIC	49:36
2. Peter McCullagh	VIC	50:05
3. Alan Hancock	VIC	50:09
4. Francis Clark	NSW	50:12
5. Ian Taylor	VIC	51:24
6. Noel Norris	VIC	53:05
7. Peter Tierney	VIC	53:29
8. Brian Brennan	NSW	55:26

20 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-gavan-breen.pdf>

21 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/vrwclifermiller.shtml>

**Lorna Carrington Shield Women 2 Miles Walk**

1. L. Hamilton NSW
2. B. Jeacle NSW
3. V. Stafford NSW

The teams championships saw easy wins to Victorian the men's events but NSW won the inaugural Carrington Cup Teams race.

Glover Shield Teams	VIC	12	VIC "B"	31	NSW	42
Robinson Shield Teams	VIC	6				
Carrington Cup Teams	NSW	6				



## AUSTRALIAN 10,000M WALK, BRISBANE, SATURDAY 22 JULY 1961

1961 saw the final Australian 10,000m Track Championship, held in Redcliffe, just outside Brisbane, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. From 1963, a 20km roadwalk championship would be contested in its place.

Ted Allsopp had won every Australian 10,000m title (1948, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1957 and 1959) up till now. Finally he stepped aside, allowing a new champion to be crowned, and that champion was **Ron Crawford**. Ron had achieved a number of second places in National titles but a first place had so far eluded him. This win, with a time of 48:20.4, ticked the box. Overall, NSW finished a very strong team and completely overwhelmed what had been thought to be a strong Victorian challenge. **Bob Gardiner**, second with 49:05, was the only Victorian to provide any real opposition.

Further down in fourth place was a NSW junior walker by the name of **Frank Clark**<sup>22</sup>. Frank would go on to represent Australia as the 1966 Commonwealth Games and the 1968 Olympics.

A feature of the contest was a Civic reception given to all competitors and officials by the Redcliffe Agricultural Society.

### 1961 Australian 10,000m Track Championship, Redcliffe, QLD, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

1.	Ron Crawford	NSW	48:20.4
2.	Bob Gardiner	VIC	49:05
3.	Logan Irwin	NSW	49:38
4.	Frank Clark	NSW	49:41
5.	Kenneth Keogh	NSW	50:25
6.	Alan Taylor	VIC	50:35
7.	Peter McCullagh	VIC	51:13
8.	James Henderson	VIC	51:14
9.	Rod Bambery	VIC	51:16
10.	Keith Jolly	QLD	51:25
11.	Raymond Reilly	NSW	51:29
12.	Lindsay Fortune	VIC	51:44
13.	Sydney Bray	QLD	53:16
14.	Edward Edwards	NSW	56:11
15.	Reg Tarte	NSW	56:17
	Peter Waddell	NSW	DNF
	Peter Tierney	VIC	DNF

The teams championship saw a comfortable win to NSW.

Teams	NSW	13	VIC	23
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22 See <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wa-frank-clark.pdf>

## GLOVER SHIELD 10,000M WALK, SYDNEY, SATURDAY 26 MAY 1962

This document finishes with the 1962 Glover Shield 10,000m Walk, held in Sydney on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1962. A number of the top Victorians chose to bypass the meet, ensuring favouritism now rested with the home team.

While the meet produced a breakthrough win for Victorian **Peter McCullagh**<sup>23</sup>, it was NSW's race, with NSW walkers **Frank Clark**, **Bill Kirby** and **Logan Irwin** taking the next 3 places. Overall, NSW made the most use of its home ground advantage, winning both The Glover Shield and the Robinson Shield teams championships.

The field was a large one, with 29 walkers contesting the combined junior and senior men's walk.

The meet also included the second scheduling of the Lorna Carrington Cup for women, being held over 2 Miles. Alas, I can't find any results from this race. I suspect it also hosted the inaugural Jubilee Shield race, over 1 Mile, for U16 Boys.

### Glover Shield Open 10,000m Walk, Sydney Athletic Field, Sydney, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May

1.	Peter McCullagh	VIC	48:35
2.	Frank Clark	NSW	48:58
3.	William Kirby	NSW	49:11
4.	Logan Irwin	NSW	49:12
5.	Gavan Breen	VIC	49:35
6.	Peter Waddell	NSW	49:54
7.	Ray Smith	VIC	51:00
8.	Kenneth Porter	QLD	51:45
9.	William McAllister	NSW	52:48
10.	Edward Edwards	NSW	53:03
11.	Reginald Tarte	NSW	53:10
12.	Leslie Buck	NSW	53:12
13.	Graham Russell	VIC	53:20
14.	Neil Mangels	NSW	53:31
15.	Alan Pomeroy	VIC	53:38
16.	Peter Tierney	VIC	53:45
17.	Raymond Hunt	NSW	53:55
18.	Leslie Wade	NSW	54:02
19.	Colin Hancock	QLD	54:30
20.	Barry Kendall	NSW	54:35
21.	Graham Abbott	VIC	54:38
22.	John McDougall	NSW	55:46
23.	Terence Yelland	VIC	56:19
24.	William McLean	VIC	56:36
25.	Neville Danrow	QLD	56:40
26.	Brian McMorrine	NSW	56:48
27.	James Thomas	NSW	57:25
28.	James Tray	QLD	60:23
	Lindsay Fortune	VIC	DQ

### Robinson Shield Junior 10,000m Walk

1.	Frank Clark	NSW	48:58
2.	Kenneth Porter	QLD	51:45
3.	Leslie Buck	NSW	53:12
4.	Graham Russell	VIC	53:20
5.	Neil Mangels	NSW	53:31
6.	Alan Pomeroy	VIC	53:38
7.	Colin Haylock	QLD	54:30
8.	Terence Yelland	VIC	56:19
9.	Neville Danrow	QLD	56:40

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23 Dr. Peter McCullagh was an extremely talented walker who chose career over sport. In 1963, at the top of his athletics career, he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and left for 3 years of study at Oxford. Upon his return in 1966, he settled in Sydney and returned to racewalking, although did not regain the heights of his younger years.

<b>Senior Teams</b>	NSW	15	VIC	22	QLD	41
<b>Junior Teams</b>	NSW	9	VIC	18	QLD	18

A splendid field of 21 women walkers took part in the second edition of the Lorna Carrington Cup competition, for Open Women. The NSW girls once again proved their superiority over their Victorian sisters, with a good Teams win. Sadly, event results are incomplete.

**Lorna Carrington Cup – Women 2 Walk Walk**

1.	G. Mangels	NSW
2.	G. Hagarty	NSW
3.	B. Viney	VIC
4.	Bernie Jeacle	NSW
5.	M. Redman	VIC
6.	Betty Newman	VIC

<b>Teams</b>	1.	NSW	7 Pts	(1,2,4)
	2.	NSW	13 Pts	(3,5,6)

The inaugural Jubilee Shield competition was held, with a 1 Mile walk for U16 Boys. This proved a good win for the Victorians and resulted in a schoolboy 1 Mile record being broken by Ross Hayward of Victoria, with a time of 7:57.8.

**Jubilee Shield – U16 Boys 1 Mile Walk**

1.	Ross Hayward	VIC	7:57.8
2.	Terry Jones	NSW	8:10.4
3.	R. Pell	VIC	8:33.3
4.	L.Perkin	VIC	8:53.3
5.	J. Wade	NSW	9:24.1
6.	L. Wheatley	NSW	9:44.4

<b>Teams</b>	1.	VIC	8 Pts	(1,3,4)
	2.	NSW	13 Pts	(2,5,6)