

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF RACEWALKING CLUBS
SECOND FEDERATION CARNIVAL
SYDNEY
SATURDAY 19 MAY 1973

At the annual conference of the AFORWC in June 1972, it was decided to reduce the distance of the Alexander Cup from 30km to 20km. Thus the 1971 Alexander Cup was a once off, with its 30km distance. From now on, it would be contested over 20km, starting in 1973.

Alas, only a partial report, based on what I could find in the VAWC magazine HEEL AND TOE and in the 1973/1974 VAWC Annual Report.

With ideal weather conditions prevailing and a large representation from all States, everybody was set to enjoy a day of keen competition and good racing.

Unfortunately, NSW was the only State able to field a team and obviously won the event.

CLAUDE KNIGHT MEMORIAL TROPHY U14 Girls 3km

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| 1. | A. Pembroke | NSW | 16:11 |
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Teams

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| 1. | NSW 1 | 7 Pts | A Pembroke, R Thompson, P Houlahan |
| 2. | NSW 2 | 14 Pts | A Patmore, C Hartnig, S Melene |
| 3. | NSW 3 | 24 Pts | L Williams, K Osborne, V Osborne |
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This was the main event from a Victorian perspective, as any teams chance for the seniors had disappeared when Alan Lucas was forced to withdraw with an injured foot. Any thoughts of an easy victory were dispelled by the way the opposition was walking and the Victorian boys were going to have to pull out all stops to win.

In a desperate sprint for the line, Ron Pilcher (VIC) and Richard Noonan (NSW) hit the line together in 25:00. However, Noonan was disqualified after the finish, thus ruining their teams chances. P. Webber (SA) and B. Cook (QLD) finished next but were not included in the points as their States had insufficient numbers for a team. John Cullen (VIC) battled hard to hold out M Keogh (NSW) and Peter Sharman (VIC) was next to finish, thus ensuring a teams victory for VIC.

JUBILEE SHIELD U17 Boys 5km

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| 1. | Ron Pilcher | VIC | 25:00 |
| 2. | P. Webber | SA | 25:10 |
| 3. | Bruce Cook | QLD | 25:40 |
| 4. | John Cullen | VIC | 26:08 |
| 5. | M. Keogh | NSW | 26:18 |
| 6. | Peter Sharman | VIC | 26:24 |
| | Mark Nugent | VIC | 26:45 |
| | Dave Gaff | VIC | 27:30 |

Teams

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|----|-------|--------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | VIC | 7 Pts | R Pilcher, J Cullen, P Sharman |
| 2. | NSW 1 | 15 Pts | M Keogh, J Duffy, P Thompson |
| 3. | NSW 2 | 23 Pts | R Huxley, C Stone, C Cranney |
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Interest in the women's 5km centred on the battle between Alison Nicholls (VIC) and Lillian Harpur (SA). Lillian led clearly to the half way mark, after beating off a determined challenge from Bev Wilkins (NSW) but failed to make a turn at the right place and ended up doing an extra 400m or so, eventually finishing in 7th place. Alison took over the lead when Lillian went off course and finished strongly for a creditable 26:23 to win the race.

LORNA CARRINGTON CUP Open Women 5km

1.	Alison Nicholls	VIC	26:23
2.	Bev Wilkins	NSW	27:07
	Megan Pye	VIC	29:20
	Debbie Hughes	VIC	32:38
	Shirley Jones	VIC	33:01
	Sue Benson	VIC	33:58

Teams

1.	NSW 1	11 Pts	B Wilkins, M Behan, J Tully
2.	NSW 2	19 Pts	B Patmore, G Woolley, L Cade
3.	VIC	20 Pts	A Nicholls, M Pye, D Hughes

The interest here was to see how the NSW aces would go against South Australian Peter Fullager.. However, Fullager soon put any thoughts of a close race out of mind in the first lap, when he opened up a large break. He kept extending this lead as the race progressed, finishing first with 94:02.

ALEXANDER CUP Open Men 20km

1.	Peter Fullager	SA	94:02
2.	Robin Whyte	ACT	99:12
3.	Steve Hausfeld	NSW	99:53
4.	Lindsay Carrucan	NSW	101:17
5.	Don Cox	SA	101:17
6.	Eddie Dawkins	NSW	103:05
7.	Logan Irwin	NSW	103:07
8.	Colin Campbell	NSW	103:30
	Ian Jack	VIC	111:53
	Ralph Field	VIC	118:08
	Randall Kingsley	VIC	118:30
	Robin Wood	VIC	DNF

Teams

1.	NSW 1	12 Pts	S Hausfeld, D Cox, L Carrucan
2.	SA	21 Pts	P Fullager, T Thompson, D Knight
3.	NSW 2	23 Pts	E Dawkins, P Deale, F Overton