

1979 AUSTRALIAN ROADWALK CHAMPIONSHIPS, CANNING VALE, WA, 11-12 AUGUST 1979

The 1979 Australian Roadwalk Championships, which were held in Canning Vale, WA, on 11-12 August of that year, consisted of the following events

- Senior Men 50km Roadwalk
- Senior Women 5km Roadwalk
- Junior Men 10km Roadwalk
- Junior Women 3km Roadwalk
- Sub-Junior Women 1.5km Roadwalk

The Senior Championships were seen as fairly open as the meet was held the month before the 1979 Lugano Cup, to which we sent our first ever team. The Australian Lugano Cup team had been named as follows

Men 50km Team: Willi Sawall (VIC), Tim Erickson (VIC), John Sheard (VIC), Greg Sockhill (QLD)
Men 20km Team: David Smith (VIC), Peter Fullager (SA), Rod Huxley (NSW), John Smith (NSW)
Women 5km Team: Sue Cook (VIC), Karen Iselin (QLD), Lorraine Young (VIC), Sally Pierson (VIC)

and many of the team members chose to bypass the Perth Championships.

Sadly, our VRWC newsletter, which would normally have reported the Perth based meet, produced its last issue for that era in late 1978 and did not recommence until 1991. So we have a bit of a blank on further commentary.

The Australian 50km championship was the first event to be contested, on Saturday 11th August. The results note 19 starters so it was still a big field, but would have been even bigger, except for the Lugano Cup clash. Missing their top guns, the Victorians were still untroubled, taking the first 3 places and winning the Teams Race.

Australian 50km Men Roadwalk Championship, August 11 1979

1.	Bruce Cook	VIC	4:29:19
2.	Terry O'Neill	VIC	4:31:15
3.	Clarrie Jack	VIC	4:33:53
4.	Terry Jones	WA	4:35:53
5.	Robin Whyte	NSW	4:44:03
6.	Bill Dyer	VIC	4:54:07
7.	Harry Summers	VIC	4:56:06
8.	John Harris	QLD	5:03:22
9.	Alan Hancock	NSW	5:10:18
10.	Jim Smith	WA	5:11:36
11.	Duncan Faux	WA	5:17:33
12.	Peter Waddell	NSW	5:18:12
13.	Roy McFadden	SA	5:20:04
14.	Steele Beveridge	NSW	5:31:40
15.	Frank Overton	NSW	5:32:58
16.	Tony Goodluck	SA	5:33:00
17.	Paul Dorsett	NSW	5:34:35
18.	Russel Willis	SA	6:45:08

Veterans 50km Roadwalk Championship

1.	Harry Summers	VIC	4:56:06
2.	Jim Smith	WA	5:11:36
3.	Peter Waddell	NSW	5:18:12

Teams: VIC (6pts), WA (19 pts), NSW (20 pts)

The remaining championships were contested on Sunday 12th August, with results as shown below.

Australian 10km Junior Men Roadwalk Championship, August 12 1979

1.	Michael Woods	NSW	47:10
2.	Michael Harvey	VIC	48:29
3.	Tim Stone	NSW	49:35
4.	Barrie Birtchenell	VIC	50:03
5.	Ian Jaques	NSW	52:09
6.	David Savage	WA	52:30
7.	Paul Lilly	NSW	53:13
8.	Dean Cruise	VIC	53:28
9.	Robert Brown	VIC	54:56
10.	Chris Lewis	WA	55:08
11.	Chris Lee-Frampton	WA	56:03
12.	Ian Martins	WA	57:22
13.	Michael Carter	WA	58:17

Australian 3km Junior Women Roadwalk Championship, August 12 1979

1.	Anne Miller	VIC	15:00
2.	Frances Burke	NSW	15:06
3.	Helen Burke	NSW	15:10
4.	Anne Ryan	NSW	15:24
5.	Margaret Reddish	WA	15:34
6.	Amanda Pallier	NSW	15:43
7.	Karen Cantatore	WA	16:15
8.	Kelli McBride	WA	16:23
9.	Tanya Clarke	NSW	16:34
10.	Gail Miller	WA	16:45
11.	Sharon Franklin	WA	16:56
12.	Leanne Castle	SA	17:04
13.	Greta Larsen	SA	17:16
14.	Susan Narby	WA	17:26
15.	Jode Cross	WA	19:06
16.	Beryl Hymus	WA	19:33

Australian 1.5km Sub-Junior Women Roadwalk Championship, August 12 1979

1.	Sarah Miller	VIC	7:04
2.	Helen Burke	NSW	7:15
3.	Amanda Pallier	NSW	7:18
4.	Belinda Castle	SA	7:27
5.	Kathryn Gilbert	NSW	7:30
6.	Tanya Clarke	NSW	7:31
7.	Karen Cantatore	WA	7:33
8.	Kelli McBride	WA	7:41
9.	Joanne Pallier	NSW	7:51
10.	Susan Narbey	WA	7:55
11.	Lesley Miller	WA	8:10
12.	Beryl Hymus	WA	8:53
13.	Paula Blaymire	WA	9:08
14.	Michelle Miles	WA	9:29

Australian 5km Women Roadwalk Championship, August 12 1979

1.	Sue Orr	VIC	24:48
2.	Lillian Harpur	SA	24:55
3.	Sally Pierson	VIC	25:04
4.	Lorraine Young	VIC	25:28
5.	Anne Ryan	NSW	26:44
6.	Kathryn Gilbert	NSW	26:58
7.	Frances Burke	NSW	27:26
8.	Margaret Reddish	WA	27:40
9.	Gail Miller	WA	30:12
10.	Paula Blaymire	WA	30:15
11.	Michelle Miles	WA	30:52