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TIM'S WALKER OF THE WEEK

Last week's Walker of the Week saw a large number of votes for each of **Jesse Osborne** (who walked 43:18 to win the Junior 10km invitational walk at Fawkner Park) and **Peter Bennett** (who walked the 240km Coast to Kosci ultra challenge in a time of 37:17:57, finishing 17th out of the field of 34, the others all being runners). A review now shows that Jesse has taken the overall honours ahead of Peter. However, Jesse emailed me during the week to say "If I happen to win Walker of the Week, I would like you to give it to Peter Bennett as I think his walk was an outstanding achievement."

Well, I think the best thing to do in that case is to jointly award it to both these Queensland walkers. That recognizes both achievements and also partly honours Jesse's request.

I have reviewed this week's races and one performance stands out - that of **Rhydian Cowley** whose 1500m time at our VRWC track races last Wednesday night was fantastic - a 9 sec PB of 5:29. That is one of the fastest ever times done in Australia and I was there and can confirm that Rhydian looked fantastic. Well done Rhydian on a great walk.



Rhydian powers through to 5:29 last Wednesday evening at Clifton Hill

FINAL SNIPPETS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN 50KM CHAMPIONSHIP

A couple of links to finish off reporting from last week's Australian 50km championship meet at Fawkner Park

- IAAF article on Luke Adams http://www.iaaf.org/news/report/different-luke-adams-clinches-moscow-selectio
- athsvicTV 50km video produced by David Armstrong http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qe2cH1RIXz4

AV SHIELD COMPETITION, THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER

AV Shield Round 8 - Geelong Zone, John Landy Athletic Field, Geelong

I found out that the Round 8 Shield competition at Geelong last week was cancelled - this explains why I could not find any results on the AV website

SAMA TRACK WALKS, SANTOS STADIUM, MILE END, ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Thanks to Colin Hainsworth for the latest results from the South Australian Masters in Adelaide. Colin commented that it was HOT!

3000m Y	acht Hand	icap		
1.	M69	Roger Lowe	21:38	67.23%
2.	M62	Phil Coles	23:55	56.27%
3.	M60	Jack Russell	17:36	74.93%
4.	W52	Marie Maxted	19:21	68.63%
5.	M82	Colin Hainsworth	22:31	77.32%
6.	M67	George White	16:51	84.32%
7.	M76	Paul Boyce	24:35	64.74%
8.	M66	Geoff Byham	19:32	71.91%
9.	M56	Richard Moyle	23:01	55.16%
10.	M65	Graham Harrison	20:41	70.32%
	M79	David Robertson	DNF	

VRWC TRACK RACES, GEORGE KNOTT RESERVE, CLIFTON HILL, WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Our last VRWC races for the calendar year were held last Wednesday evening at the George Knott Reserve in Clifton Hill. Unfortunately a very hot night with temperatures in the mid thirties meant that the going was very tough for those who came along. But we still saw some very good walks - special mentions to **Kyle Bird** 24:24 and **Adam Garganis** 24:59 in the 5000m and to **Nathan Brill** 12:49 and **Jemima Montag** 14:33 in the 3000m. Our one PB for the night was reserved for **Rhydian Cowley** who zoomed through the 1500m walk in a 9 sec PB of 5:29 and he looked fantastic. In fact, Rhydian's time is a new VRWC U23 club record, breaking Nathan Deakes' 1996 time of 5:32.9 (Nathan was still U20 at the time so his U20 record still stands).

5000m V	Valk			
1.	Bird, Kyle	M	24:24	
2.	Garganis, Adam	M	24:59	
3.	Lacase, Mathilde	F	28:31	
4.	Geisler, Sandra	F	29:37	
5.	Smyth, David	M	30:44	
6.	Sanders, Jade	F	31:25	
7.	Gardiner, Bob	M	31:40	
8.	Dickinson, Murray	M	33:59	
3000m V	Valk			
1.	Brill, Nathan	M	12:49	
2.	Montag, Jemima	F	14:33	
3.	Christmass, James	M	15:33	
4.	George, Stephanie	F	15:40	
5.	Clarke, Patrick	M	18:22	
6.	Best, David	M	20:15	
1500m V	Valk			
1.	Cowley, Rhydian	M	05:29	PB 0:09
2.	Christmass, James	M	07:08	
3.	Swan, Kyle	M	07:47	
4.	Erickson, Tim	M	07:56	
5.	Collis, Lauren	F	08:00	
6.	Taylor, Michael	M	08:03	
7.	Langford, Taylor	F	08:08	
8.	Clarke, Eliza	F	08:13	
9.	Burgess, Liam	M	08:26	
10.	Elms, Donna	F	08:44	
11.	Collis, Bede	M	09:16	
12.	Collis, Hugh	M	09:40	
	Collis, Frances	F	10:08	
14.	,	F	10:25	
15.	Garganis, Clare	F	10:34	

Thanks as usual to the various people who rolled up their sleeves and helped out in various roles.

Officials: Tim Erickson, Damien Elms, Jason Elms, Craig Brill Judges: Peter Vysma (Chief), Terry Swan, Michael Bodey

Drinks Table: Kylie and Jasmine Irshad, Beck Bird

Photos: Sabby George

Terry Swan has uploaded a selection of photos to the web - see our gallery at http://www.vrwc.org.au/coppermine/.







James Christmass, Rhydian Cowley and Nathan Brill in action at Clifton Hill



Kyle Bird, Adam Garganis and Jemima Montag

ACT WALKERS CLUB TRACK WALKS, AIS TRACK, BRUCE, THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

Thanks to Robin Whyte for the latest results from Canberra. Queenslander Jesse Osborne was in town and took overall honours in the 5000m with a fast 22:54 ahead of Brendon Reading with 24:00. Spencer Burns won the 1000m with 5:01.

5000m Track Walk

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1.	Jesse Osborne	22:54
2.	Brendon Reading	24:00
3.	Colin Heywood	26:44
4.	Thomas Hopkins	27:46
5.	Zoe Hunt	28:22
6.	Harry Bates	28:51
7.	Emily Hopkins	31:32
8.	Helena Bialecki	31:45
9.	Robin Whyte	31:50
10.	Callum Burns	33:15
11.	Karina Hopkins	33:46
12.	Geoff Barker	34:07
13.	Bryan Thomas	34:16
14.	Rod Gilchrist	34:54
15.	Jennifer Gilchrist	37:52
16.	Sheryl Greathead	39:14
17.	Val Chesterton	41:36

1000m Track Walk

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1.	Spencer Burns	05:01
2.	Jordan Bardsley	05:36
3.	Tom Hunt	06:57
4.	Laura Burns	07:09
5.	Lorna England	08:59
6.	Carmen Carlon	10:30

18. Robert Kennelly 41:50 Ashleigh Resch DNF

RWCWA ROAD WALKS, WILSON, SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

Thanks to Rick Cattermole for the latest from the Racewalking Club of Western Australia. They raced in Perth on Sunday.

10km Open		1.5km Open
1. Breanna Brown	61.29	1. Jasmin Burgess 8.35
		2. Ryan Kezic 10.12
5k Open		3. Tina Kezic 10.40
 Caitlin Gerken 	31.30	4. Tim Kezic 10.41
		5. Bailey Burgess 14.20
3k Open 1. Christopher Gerken	20.00	
2k Open		
 Summer Brown 	11.18	
2. Daniel Turner	12.08	

ATHLETICS VICTORIA SHIELD COMPETITION, SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER

Last Saturday saw our final Athletics Victoria Shield round for this calendar year and it was a huge one for walkers with well over 120 of them in action (without counting Geelong whose results are not yet up). Conditions were good and it was a final chance for a hitout before the Christmas break so many walkers made the most of the opportunity.

AV Shield Round 9 - East Zone, Hagenauer Reserve, Box Hill

An amazingly big field of 51 walkers set off with the gun at Box Hill (I am sure this is a Shield biggest ever) and Nathan Brill led from the front, finishing with a fine 7:59.1. Jason Kozica 8:40.5 and Emmet Brasier 8:54.9 were also under 9 minutes in a very high quality finish. It was also great to see former Victorian Colin Heywood back for an invitation walk and recording 9:54.1. Sandra Geisler 9:54.1 and Michelle Laufer 9:55.4 fought out the women's event with Sandra finishing just one second ahead.

Mixed 2	000m Walk				
1.	Brill, Nathan	M16	BOX HILL AC	7:59.1	
2.	Kozica, Jason	M25	ST KEVINS AC	8:40.5	PB 0:04
3.	Brasier, Emmet	M14	DIAMOND VALLEY AC	8:54.9	
4.	Evans, Simon	M52	BOX HILL AC	9:23.7	
5.	Simpson, Bradley	M19	ATHLETICS NU	9:27.7	
6.	Geisler, Sandra	W35	RINGWOOD AC	9:54.1	
7.	Heywood, Colin	M58	UNATTACHED	9:54.1	
8.	Laufer, Michelle	W43	COLLINGWOOD	9:55.4	
9.	Keirl, Bernie	M49	DIAMOND VALLEY AC	10:29.7	
10.	Cochrane, Andrew	M57	OLD SCOTCH C	10:57.5	
11.	Dyer, Bill	M51	BOX HILL AC	11:02.0	
12.	Gardiner, Bob	M76	COLLINGWOOD	11:18.7	
13.	Dyer, Chelsea	W19	BOX HILL AC	11:19.5	
14.	Schwerkolt, Zoe	W14	BOX HILL AC	11:19.8	
15.	Noonan, Patrick	M34	ST KEVINS AC	11:26.0	
16.	Wright, Jacob	M18	ATHLETICS NU	11:54.8	
17.	Jack, Clarrie	M67	RICHMOND HAR	11:55.7	
18.	Walshe, Kerryn	W50	DIAMOND VALLEY AC	12:00.8	
19.	Benke, Geza	M56	OLD MELBURNIANS AC	12:04.2	
20.	Hunter, Pia	W46	BOX HILL AC	12:28.0	
21.	Garside, Emilie	W17	CROYDON AC	12:34.0	
22.	Best, David	M49	COLLINGWOOD	12:44.4	
23.	Owen, Cooper	M14	DIAMOND VALLEY AC	12:59.9	
24.	Handasyde, Ian	M59	OLD SCOTCH C	13:05.5	
25.	Clarke, Eliza	W12	DIAMOND VALLEY AC	13:18.5	
26.	Owen-Smith, Chelsea	W12	DIAMOND VALLEY AC	13:31.7	
27.	Walburg, Kirsten	W14	DONCASTER AC	13:39.1	
28.	Laufer, Josephine	W13	COLLINGWOOD	13:42.0	
29.	McCann, Adam	M36	ATHLETICS NU	13:53.3	
30.	Garganis, Clare	W42	COLLINGWOOD	14:02.6	
31.	Neale, Anthony	M14	COLLINGWOOD	14:05.2	
32.	Lui, Yuan Chow	M13	DONCASTER AC	14:08.5	
33.	Watson, Nick	M17	DONCASTER AC	14:08.5	
34.	Derby, Shane	M52	COLLINGWOOD	14:42.3	
35.	O'Keefe, Jessica	W14	DONCASTER AC	14:44.4	

36.	Bassett, Charlotte	W14	DONCASTER AC	14:46.7
37.	Camilleri, Brent	M11	DIAMOND VALLEY AC	15:25.2
38.	Page, Kirsty	W49	COLLINGWOOD	15:30.9
39.	Imbriano, Dino	M38	ST KEVINS AC	16:14.1
40.	Clarke, Monica	W15	OLD XAVERIANS AC	16:16.3
41.	McKay, Campbell	M19	OLD XAVERIANS AC	16:44.3
42.	White, Leah	W19	ATHLETICS NU	17:17.9
43.	Laurie, Natalie	W21	ATHLETICS NU	17:18.2
44.	Finch, Rob	M15	DONCASTER AC	17:18.6
45.	Power-Priede, Octavian	M16	DONCASTER AC	17:19.5
46.	Jarvis, Heather	W48	COLLINGWOOD	17:23.4
47.	Meagher, John	M49	BOX HILL AC	17:32.9
48.	Antonelli, Jason	M32	OLD XAVERIANS AC	18:11.6
49.	Coumaros, Conrad	M17	DONCASTER AC	21:44.7
	O'Callaghan, Brian	M72	RICHMOND HAR	DQ
	David, John	M54	IVANHOE HARRIERS AC	DQ

AV Shield Round 9 - South East Zone, Dolomore Reserve, Mentone

It was a case of the young walkers to the fore at Mentone with Kyle Swan 10:09.6, Paige De Lisen 10:13.8 and Emily Hamilton 10:17.5 showing a clean pair of heels to their older counterparts.

Mixed 2000m Walk

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1.	Swan, Kyle	M13	KNOX AC	10:09.6	
2.	De Lisen, Paige	W14	KNOX AC	10:13.8	PB 0:10
3.	Hamilton, Emily	W14	KNOX AC	10:17.5	
4.	Carr, Heather	W63	EAGLEHAWK YMCA AC	10:44.0	
5.	McInnes, Simone	W21	GLENHUNTLY AC	10:45.8	
6.	Riddoch, Clyde	M59	ATHLETICS WAVERLEY	11:00.4	
7.	Bennett, Ralph	M71	VICTORIAN MA	11:19.7	
8.	Swan, Emily	W15	KNOX AC	11:25.1	
9.	Vasiljevic, Taylor	W13	CASEY CARDIN	11:25.9	
10.	Gourlay, Marlene	W61	VICTORIAN MA	11:34.2	
11.	O'Neill, Terry	M56	CASEY CARDIN	11:36.8	
12.	Van Dongen, Rupert	M38	CASEY CARDIN	11:55.4	
13.	Lillie, Jessica	W13	KNOX AC	12:03.4	
14.	Eastwood, Jemma	W12	OAKLEIGH AC	12:23.4	
15.	Osmand, Kym	M30	OAKLEIGH AC	12:30.2	
16.	Steed, Gwen	W70	VICTORIAN MA	12:39.7	
17.	Barrow, Geoff	M63	MENTONE AC	12:56.7	
18.	O'Neill, Karyn	W57	CASEY CARDIN	13:01.4	
19.	Chapman, Kahlia	W25	ATHLETICS WAVERLEY	13:05.6	
20.	Eastwood, Jessie	W15	OAKLEIGH AC	13:12.6	
21.	Johnson, Celia	W65	VICTORIAN MA	13:13.6	
22.	Buller, Peter	M68	GLENHUNTLY AC	13:31.4	
23.	Morrison, John	M73	SANDRINGHAM AC	13:36.8	
24.	Ross, Andrew	M50	GLENHUNTLY AC	14:34.8	
25.	Molnar, Jo	W51	ATHLETICS WAVERLEY	15:05.3	
	Zeleznikow, John	M62	GLENHUNTLY AC	DQ	
	Robertson, Neil	M37	HAILEYBURY AC	DQ	

AV Shield Round 9 - North West Zone, Moonee Valley Athletics Track, AberfeldieThe Aberfeldie numbers were swelled by a group of 20 Malaysian school students who are over here on a sporting exchange. Two of them joined us in the walk and they certainly walked impressively, Mohd Jamaraszaman and Elena Goh both headed off fast and stylishly and finished well up. Chris Erickson won overall with 8:25.3 ahead of Mohd with 9:22.7 while Elena faded slightly to finish with 10:41.6, second woman behind Kirstin Shaw with 10:15.2.

Mixed 2000 metres Race Walk

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1.	Erickson, Chris	M31	ATHLETICS ESSENDON	8:25.3
2.	Kamarazaman, Mohd	M	MALAYSIA	9:22.7
3.	McDonough, Aaron	M40	PRESTON AC	9:27.0
4.	Hawkins, Trenton	M33	PRESTON AC	9:59.4
5.	Shaw, Kirstin	W21	WESTERN ATHL	10:15.2
6.	McShanag, Connor	M16	ATHLETICS ESSENDON	10:32.7
7.	Kondogonis, John	M51	KEILOR ST BE	10:41.6
8.	Goh, Elena Ling Yi	W	MALAYSIA	10:43.8
9.	Erickson, Tim	M62	COBURG HARRIERS AC	10:45.7
10.	Knox, Duncan	M53	ATHLETICS ESSENDON	10:56.9
11.	Shaw, Robyn	W51	WESTERN ATHL	11:35.1
12.	Elms, Donna	W51	ATHLETICS ESSENDON	11:52.1
13.	Smithson, Kimberle	W27	PRESTON AC	12:01.4
14.	Crea, Gabriella	W13	ATHLETICS ESSENDON	12:28.1

15.	Ryan, Maeve	W23	WILLIAMSTOWN AC	13:12.4
16.	Matthews, Rhiannon	W11	KEILOR ST BE	13:35.2
17.	Law, Rosa	W44	SOUTH MELBOURNE AC	13:52.6
18.	Baric, Amanda	W44	KEILOR ST BE	13:54.2
19.	Murphy, Stephen	M51	ATHLETICS ESSENDON	13:56.7
20.	Casilli, Anthony	M13	PRESTON AC	14:18.8
21.	Ireland, Roslyn	W29	BRUNSWICK AC	14:27.7
22.	Aplin, Elise	W24	KEILOR ST BE	14:32.0
23.	Sykes, Dominic	M11	KEILOR ST BE	14:33.8
24.	Cashin, Brenda	W48	WESTERN ATHL	15:59.1
25.	Colley, Jamee-Leig	W22	PRESTON AC	16:11.1
26.	Hamond, Tamara	W31	ATHLETICS ESSENDON	16:15.2
27.	Arnold, Madison	W18	PRESTON AC	16:15.9
28.	Mclaren, Donald	M43	ATHLETICS ESSENDON	16:18.4
29.	Ireland, Olive	W52	BRUNSWICK AC	16:40.5
30.	Scott, Caroline	W31	SOUTH MELBOURNE AC	16:51.8
31.	Rickard, Ian	M56	BRUNSWICK AC	17:24.9
	Baker, Gail	W55	BRUNSWICK AC	DQ
	Neale, John	M61	PRESTON AC	DQ
	Pathak, Laura	W23	ATHLETICS ESSENDON	DQ
	Coventry, Catherin	W22	ATHLETICS ESSENDON	DQ
	Morgan, Alison	W22	ATHLETICS ESSENDON	DQ

AV Shield Round 9 - Ballarat Zone, Llanberris Reserve, Ballarat

Only two walkers in action in Ballarat with Kevin Ruddick fastest with 13:10.78

Mixed 2000m Walk

1.	Ruddick, Kevin	M62	BALLARAT HAR	13:10.78
2.	Govan, Lee	M57	WENDOUREE AC	13:15.84

AV Shield Round 9 - Bendigo Zone, La Trobe University Track, Bendigo

Duane Cousins fronted for another walk in Bendigo, taking line honours with 9:18.16 ahead of Paul Rance whose time of 9:31.17 was very impressive for someone who toes the line only rarely.

Mixed 2000m Walk

1.	DUANE COUSINS	MOP	EAG	9:18.16
2.	PAUL RANCE	M50+	SBE	9:31.17
3.	ZAHRA HAYES	WU14	SBE	11:06.92
4.	MADISON HILL	WU14	SBE	12:23.26
5.	JOSHUA SAVAGE	M18	EAG	12:46.18
6.	JOHN CARTER	M60+	SBE	13:24.42
7.	JOHN WATSON	M60+	BYM	15:14.85

AV Shield Round 9 - Geelong Zone, John Landy Athletic Field, Geelong

Alas, no results from Geelong again this week. Not sure what that means.

BRWC GUESS YOUR TIME DAY, NORTH GARDENS, LAKE WENDOUREE, BALLARAT, SUN 16 DEC

Thanks to Sarah Brennan for the latest results from the Ballarat Racewalkers Club. She explained

The track was wet but the sun came out for the inaugural Guess Your Time Day hosted by the BRWC. It was great to see some of our new junior members in action, all of whom walked faster than predicted in their first hit out on the North Gardens track. Youngster Bailey Ohlsen claimed victory, walking 9:56 for 1km, 4 seconds faster than his estimated 10:00.

Guess Yo	our Time Race	Distance	Est. Time	Act. Time	Difference
1.	Bailey Ohlsen	1km	10:00	09:56	00:04
2.	Mia Darlow	1km	07:10	07:04	00:06
3.	Jessika Bridges	1.5km	11:55	11:36	00:19
4.	Sarah Brennan	3km	16:20	15:48	00:32
5.	Mia Lepair	1km	08:00	07:24	00:36
6.	Rex Brennan	1km	09:30	10:07	00:37
7.	Ross Darlow	1.5km	07:30	08:11	00:41
8.	Kasey Bishop	1.5km	12:25	11:35	00:50
9.	Josh Dillon	3km	14:00	14:52	00:52
10.	Eliza Lepair	1.5km	12:00	10:55	01:05
11.	Kayla Bridges	1km	09:10	08:04	01:06
12.	Alice Lepair	1km	09:15	07:31	01:44

GOLD COAST MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS, SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

Thanks to Robyn Wales for these results from the Gold Coast Masters in Queensland. She commented: I met Isle of Man walker Michael George at Park Run on Saturday and was excited to see another walker there. He's visiting from the Isle of Man for a few weeks so I invited him to race at the Gold Coast Masters championships on Sunday as a visitor. It was really hot and humid so great results all round. Sally Lynch crossed the line in the 5000m and declared it her last ever walk. However, she lined up 3 hours later for the 1500! Here's a photo of Christiane Dauphinet showing great technique for a woman in her 80's!

5000m Walk

1.	Michael George	INV	26:35.34
2.	Nyle Sunderland	W45	30:22.49
3.	Paul Lindenberg	M50	31:41.44
4.	Donna Beikoff	W45	33:36.83
5.	Sally Lynch	W65	35:22.04
6.	Bert Janes	M75	36:44.20
7.	Christiane Dauphinet	W80	37:25.12



Christiane Dauphinet in action in the 5000m walk

ZENONAS SVEIKAUSKAS CUP, KAUNAS, LITHUANIA, WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Brigita Virbalytė (Vilnius, Alytus) won the women's 3,000m indoor walk at Kaunas in Lithuania with 12:46.88 while Genadij Kozlovskij won the men's 5,000 meters with 21:44:30. The events, run by the Winter Sports University of Lithuania, were aimed at student athletes of various ages and posthumously honored Zenonas Sveikauskas, university professor and track coach, who was also linked to racewalking via several published works about training methodologies.

Men's 5000m Race Walk Indoor

1.	Genadiy KOZLOVSKIY	LTU	91	21:44.30
2.	Artur MASTIANICA	LTU	92	22:09.43
3.	Normantas PETRISA	LTU	94	22:27.61
4.	Paulius ABASEVIČIUS	LTU	96	23:24.48
5.	Tomas PAGIRYS	LTU	96	23:34.62
6.	Martynas JARUSEVIČIUS	LTU	96	24:37.95
7.	Arnoldas BUDRYS	LTU	96	24:37.96
	's 3000m Race Walk Indoor			
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1.	Brigita VIKBALI LE-DIMSIENE	LIU	83	12:40.88
2.	Agne KLEBAUSKAITE	LTU	92	14:05.83
3.	Gintarė VAICIUKEVIČIŪTĖ	LTU	94	14:11.50
4.	Inga MASTIANICA	LTU	89	14:15.35
5.	Živilė VAICIUKEVIČIŪTĖ	LTU	96	14:25.72
6.	Monika VAICIUKEVIČIŪTĖ	LTU	96	14:46.70
7.	Austėja KAVALIAUSKAITĖ	LTU	00	15:17.77
8.	Sandra LAURYNAITE	LTU	97	16:27.86

JOHN WALKER NIGHT OF MILES MEET, LLOYD ELSMORE PARK, AUCKLAND, SAT 15 DEC

Thanks to David Sim for these results from the John Walker Night of Miles walk

1 Mile Walk

1.	Mike Morresey	SM	Egmont	07.16.81
2.	Miguel Ángel Blanco Rodriguez	SM	SPAIN	07.24.53
3.	Cirrine Smith	SW	Whangerie	07.57.04
4.	Jared Free	MU18	WKTC	07.58.91
5.	Nathan McDougall	MU15	HillB	09.27.35
6.	Sarah-Amy Rhind	WU20	RWA	09.28.00
7.	Emma Dunbar	WU15	HILLB	10.04.91
8.	Katie Tahere	\mathbf{SW}	Egmont	10.28.82
9.	Mesha White	WU15	WTKC	10.30.27

2013 IAAF RACE WALKING CHALLENGE DATES NOW FINALISED

The full race calendar for the 2013 IAAF Race Walking Challenge has now been published and reads as shown below (see http://www.iaaf.org/competitions/iaaf-race-walking-challenge). In a significant change, the final event (the IAAF Challenge Final which was scheduled for China) has been cancelled with the final event now assigned to the World Championships in Moscow.

9- 10 Feb 2013	Pan American Race Walking Cup	Lima
23 Feb 2013	Circuito Internacional de Marcha Chihuahua 2013	Chihuahua
24 Feb 2013	Oceania Race Walk Championships	Hobart
1 Mar 2013	2013 IAAF Race Walking Challenge - Taicang China	Taicang
10 Mar 2013	Asian 20km Race Walking Championships	Nomi City
17 Mar 2013	Lugano Trophy - Memorial Mario Albisetti	Lugano
6 Apr 2013	African Race Walking Championships	Maurice
6 Apr 2013	22° Grande Prémio Internacional de Rio Maior em Marcha Atlética	Rio Maior
13 Apr 2013	Podebrady 2013	Podebrady
1 May 2013	Coppa Città di Sesto San Giovanni	Sesto S. Giovanni
19 May 2013	10th European Cup Race Walking	Dudince
1 June 2013	XXVII Gran Premio Cantones de La Coruña	La Coruña
29 June 2013	Dublin Grand Prix of Race Walking	Dublin
10-18 Aug 2013	14th IAAF World Championships in Athletics	Moscow

SHORTS

And to finish off, assorted links for articles and videos of general interest

- European junior race-walking champion Tatyana Mineyeva has been banned for two years after failing a drugs test, the Russian athletics federation said on Friday - http://www.supersport.com/athletics/article.aspx?Id=1716894
- Irish Olympic 50km walker Colin Griffin reflects on what is next for him post-London. http://www.colingriffin.ie/my-future/
- And finally lots of links from last week's Malaysian 24 Hour championship

 $Frans\ Leijtens'\ photo\ gallery:\ \underline{https://picasaweb.google.com/centurion949/VakantieMaleisieEn12UurVanPutrajaya}$

Caroline Wong Siew Leng's photo gallery:

http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151214203541849.447227.703736848&type=1

The official Malaysian Racewalking Assn photo gallery:

 $\underline{https://picasaweb.google.com/race.walker.association.malaysia/RWAM3rdPutrajaya12HourWalk2012}$

And 3 videos from Malaysia, compliments of Emmanuel Tardi

video 1: in the middle of the night: http://youtu.be/f0VMrGt6UKw

video 2 : refreshment : http://youtu.be/oZhfa8TMKZc video 3 : in daylight : http://youtu.be/7aZUn6SOgag

VRWC CLUB RECORD UPDATE

And more VRWC club records have been broken - with more great walking by Kelly Ruddick and Rhydian Cowley.

Kelly Ruddick W35 20km Road Walk 1:38:32 Fawkner Park, Melbourne 09/12/2012 Rhydian Cowley Men U23 1500m Track Walk 5:29.0 George Knott Reserve, Clifton Hill 12/12/2012

TALKING STAMPS

It's funny how articles pop up at just the right time for the newsletter. Today I received a Christmas parcel from VRWC walkers Margaret and Ian Beaumont and it contained a number of very interesting items including

A new racewalking stamp that has come to light. In the 2008 Beijing Olympics, hosts China produced stamps celebrating
each of their gold medallists - and that included Chinese walker Chen Ding who became the first ever Chinese to win
Olympic gold in a racewalk event - the 20km. Here is the stamp which I will add to my stamps page http://www.vrwc.org.au/vrwcstamps.shtml



 A First Day Pre-Stamped Envelope from Romania (1982) featuring postmen racewalking. Although strictly not a stamp (pre-stamped envelopes are a different kettle of fish) it is another great addition to our racewalking stamps page. Here it is.



Also included in the package were a number of articles from the internet on the subject of Postman's Walks, a unique form of British and European racewalking championship with a long history and one that I have written about previously. So here goes with a revamp.

Thanks so much Margaret and Ian!

THE POSTMAN'S WALK - A POTTED HISTORY

The following information on the Postman's Walk is sourced from the British Postal Museum & Archive website - see http://postalheritage.wordpress.com/tag/race-walking/

The British Post Office has had a long history of participation in sports – much of which was initiated as a way of coping with split shifts. Postmen in the late 19^{th} Century worked long hours, and often found their duties split into three or four attendances in a single day – meaning that many would start work at 6am and not finish until 10pm. Whilst some postmen took to the pub, others took up sports.

By the 1930s, most large towns had Post Office football, cricket and tennis teams and were starting to develop the more recent spread of sports and recreation Associations.

In 1952, Mr. K. A. Richmond, Night Telephonist (London Telegraph Region Directory Enquiries) was selected for the Heavyweight Wrestling at the Helsinki Games and took a bronze medal. Richmond was a former whale ship crewman in Antarctica, turned wrestler, with another significant claim to fame: he was the shirtless man seen banging the enormous gong which preceded the opening credits of the Rank Organisation's films, such as Great Expectations and Kind Hearts and Coronets

Race walker Ray Middleton, of Golders Green sub-district Office, competed in the Tokyo Olympics in 1964, finishing 12th in the 50km walk. Ray was a notable Post Office athlete, with a career spanning the 1960s and extending into the 1970s, during which he won 2 golds, 8 silvers and 4 bronze medals in British Championships and represented England internationally on 11 occasions. He won silvers at the 1963 Lugano Cup and the 1966 Commonwealth Games and was the first winner of a postal sporting event that has taken place annually since 1962: the Postman's Walk.

The Postman's walk is a competitive racewalking event which is open to postal workers across the UK, from novices to trained athletes. Covering laps of a one mile circuit around Coram's Field near Mount Pleasant in London, participants originally wore full uniform and carried a sack. Nowadays, the rules are a little more relaxed – the sack is no longer required and shorts and trainers are allowed.

In 1970, 35-year old Ray Middleton led a team of British postmen to victory in the European Postal Road Walking Championship at Crystal Palace – beating teams of competitors from 13 other countries. An article in The Daily Mirror celebrated the success, whilst Ray was later named as one of the top celebrities of the year by comedian Charlie Chester. In September 2011, Middleton attended the 50th Annual Postman's walk, seeing Dave Allen win for the sixteenth time – making him the most successful competitor in the event ever.

2012 marked the fiftieth anniversary of that first Postman's Walk in London and the 2012 British event was held in Douglas on the Isle of Man on October 21st. It was open to postmen and women across the country and 80 people participated in a 6 mile walk, including teams from York, Isle of Man, Edinburgh and London. This year, women walked over 3 miles and the men walked over 6 miles. Ray Middleton, the winner of the inaugural event in 1962, was on hand to welcome the finishers. You can read about it at http://postalheritage.wordpress.com/2011/09/26/50th-annual-postman%E2%80%99s-walk. And you can see the results at http://www.racewalkuk.com/EventDetails.asp?id=4505&race=Isle of Man Postmans Walk.

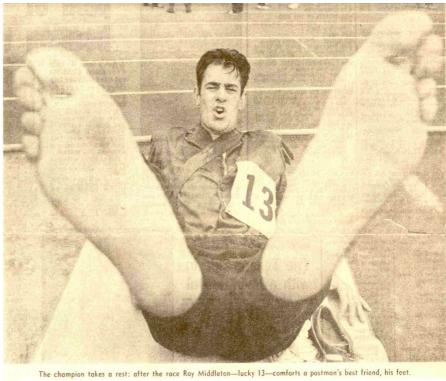
To finish, a couple of items related to past Postman's Walks.

Ray Middleton, the winner of the inaugural 1962 event, won the European Postman's Walk Championship in 1970. That win was captured by a very nice article in the Daily Mirror on Wednesday 16 September 1970.

Britain's postmen show that they have the fastest feet in the West

The fastest postman in Europe is Ray Middleton. He has had his eye on the title for years. Ray is so keen on walking that he regards his daily postal round as no more than a stroll. Yesterday in London, 35-year-old Ray led a team of British postmen (see photo below) to victory in the Postman's Walk – postal code for the European Postal Road Walking Championship. They took on the cream of postmen from thirteen other countries. For nine and a quarter miles, they walked around the Crystal Palace circuit in full uniform. Ray took his win modestly. He examined his feed for sores and went home to Hendon. His daughter Lesley was much more excited. She was seven yesterday and Daddy's win was as thrilling as a birthday parcel.





In 1971, the European Postman's Championships were held in Stuttgart in Germany with a track walk over 10,000m. The photo below show eventual winner Len Duquemin of Guernsey leading while Ray Middleton is in third place. But I am a bit disappointed that they were all wearing normal racing gear rather than postal uniforms - very bad form, guys!



Len Duquemin on his way to a win in the European Postman's Championship in Stuttgart in 1971

CHRIS ERICKSON GETS HIS NAME ADDED TO THE ATHLETICS ESSENDON OLYMPIANS BOARD

I was at the Aberfeldie Athletics track tonight to watch the Athletics Essendon Christmas Gift and to see a new 2012 Olympians plaque added to the Athletics Essendon Olympians Honour Board. There was only one name on the board - that of Chris Erickson. Chris was there as well to see the new addition and I captured the occasion for the newsletter.

Athletics Essendon boasts walk representatives at 7 of the last 8 Olympic Games - what an astonishing feat for one single club. The list reads as follows

1984	Andrew Jachno	20km
1988	Andrew Jachno	20km and 50km
1992	Andrew Jachno	20km
1996	Dion Russell	20km
2000	Dion Russell	20km and 50km
2008	Chris Erickson	20km
2012	Chris Erickson	20km



Chris Erickson in front of the Athletics Essenson Olympians Honour Board

CARLO BOMBA DIES

Last week saw the passing of Italian walker Carlo Bomba. While he was not a major player on the world walking scene, he was one of those many people who give their lives so completely to the sport that they become legends themselves.

It was in Alberto Sordi's 1951 movie "Mamma mia che impressione" that he first came to prominence as a character who participates in a foot race in an effort to woo a beautiful woman. The following YouTube video shows the fun of the final moments of the race, with Carlo walking side by side with a group of actual walkers from sports team ACLI: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00COHqMZS28. It was one of several files he made with Sordi and he always played the part of a walker.

Born September 13, 1921, he died on December 11th, aged 91 years. His style of walking was certainly not classical but he never complained if disqualified and he showed a lifelong love of the sport. Indeed he never married, prompting people to say he was in fact married to the sport itself!

For half a century it was common to see his small and dynamic figure at the start of Italian walking races. His only big wins were in the Castel Gandolfo in 1956 and four regional titles, but he often made the podium in the Castel Gandolfo, in the Tour of Rome and in other classics. In 1953 and 1954 he made the Italian national team in Italy vs Switzerland matches.

It was as a veteran that he did his best walking, collecting seven World Veteran titles and eight Europeans Masters titles. In 1987, at 66 years years of age, he set three M65 World Records - 25:31.5 for 5000m and 48:41 for 10,000m and 1:48:32 for the 20km, times that are still impressive today. His last major races were in 2007 when he competed in the World Masters Championships in

Riccione, racing in the M85 5000m track walk and 10km road walk.

We remember a walking legend.



Carlo Bomba competes in the 2007 World Masters champs in Riccione, Italy (Photo from http://www.atleticanet.it/master/news/27067-ci-lascia-carletto-bomba.html)

AV 5KM ROADWALK TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS COMING UP SOON - SUNDAY 20 JANUARY

Last week I reminded people of the upcoming Victorian 5km Teams Championships on Sunday 20 January. AV has now opened its online entry panel at http://www.athsvic.org.au/events/detail/2013-av-walks-series-5km-team-walk

As mentioned last week, now is the time to start socializing the date and organizing your team of 3 walkers. We hope that this event can grow to be one of our major Victorian walk fixtures.

WHAT'S COMING UP - FALLS CREEK CAMP

Wow, the racing calendar is completely clear now for 3 weeks. But that does not mean that all is quiet on the Victorian front as we have a large group of walkers who will be travelling to Falls Creek on Saturday 29 December for 2 weeks of high altitude training. We also have a number of interstate walkers who are joining us there. I will be there so look forward to reporting back via the newsletter on how things are going. In the meanwhile, you can read a bit about the camp at our web page http://www.vrwc.org.au/vrwc-fallscreek.shtml

DATES...DATES

As usual, I finish with a list of upcoming events on the local, national and international fronts. Let me know of any errors/omissions.

2012/2013 Victorian/Australian Summer Season Key Dates

Sat 12 Jan, 2013	AV Shield re-commences with Round 10
Jan 16-20, 2013	Australian Youth Olympic Festival, Sydney
Sat 19 Jan, 2013	AV Shield Round 11
Sun Jan 20, 2013	Victorian 5km Teams Championships, Middle Park
Jan 26-28, 2013	Victorian Country T&F Champs, Geelong
Sat Feb 2, 2013	AV Shield Round 12
Sun Feb 3, 2013	VRWC Road Walks, Middle Park
Thurs Feb 7, 2013	AMA 4 x 800m Walk Relay, Victorian section, East Burwood Athletics Track, East Burwood
Feb 8-10, 2013	Victorian Junior T&F Champs, Albert Park
Sat 16 Feb, 2013	AV Shield Final, Albert Park
Sun Feb 17, 2013	VMA 5000m Walk Championships & VRWC races, Dolomore Reserve, Mentone
Sun Feb 24 2013	Australian 20km Summer Championships Hobart TAS

Victorian Open F&F Champs, Albert Park Mar 1-3, 2013

Mar 12-17, 2013 Australian Junior Athletics Championships, Perth, WA

Mar 16-17, 2013 VMA State T&F Championships, East Burwood Athletics Track, East Burwood

Mar 29-Apr 1, 2013 Australian Masters T&F Champs, Canberra, ACT April 11-14, 2013 Australian Open Athletics Championships, Sydney, NSW

October 5-12, 2013 Australian Masters Games, Geelong, See http://www.australianmastersgames.com

2013 International Fixture

July 6-17, 2013 27th Summer Universiade, Kazan, Russia (see http://www.kazan2013.com)

July 10-14, 2013
Aug 10-18, 2013

8th World Youth T&F Championships, Donetsk, Ukraine
14th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Moscow, Russia

October 15-27, 2013 World Masters Athletic Championships, Porto Alegre, Brazil. See http://www.wma2013.com

2013 IAAF Race Walking Challenge

9- 10 Feb 2013	Pan American Race Walking Cup	Lima
23 Feb 2013	Circuito Internacional de Marcha Chihuahua 2013	Chihuahua
24 Feb 2013	Oceania Race Walk Championships	Hobart
1 Mar 2013	2013 IAAF Race Walking Challenge - Taicang China	Taicang
10 Mar 2013	Asian 20km Race Walking Championships	Nomi City
17 Mar 2013	Lugano Trophy - Memorial Mario Albisetti	Lugano
6 Apr 2013	African Race Walking Championships	Maurice
6 Apr 2013	22º Grande Prémio Internacional de Rio Maior em Marcha Atlética	Rio Maior
13 Apr 2013	Podebrady 2013	Podebrady
1 May 2013	Coppa Città di Sesto San Giovanni	Sesto S. Giovann
19 May 2013	10th European Cup Race Walking	Dudince
1 June 2013	XXVII Gran Premio Cantones de La Coruña	La Coruña
29 June 2013	Dublin Grand Prix of Race Walking	Dublin
10-18 Aug 2013	14th IAAF World Championships in Athletics	Moskva

2013 European Athletics Permit Meets

March 17, 2013 Mario Albisetti Memorial Meet, Lugano, Switzerland

April 6, 2013 Rio Maior Grand Prix, Rio Maior, Portugal April 13, 2013 Podebrady Meet, Podebrady, Czech Republic

June 29, 2013 Dublin Grand Prix, Dublin, Ireland

2014 International Fixture

Looking even further forward

2015 **28**th Summer Universiade, Gwanju, Korea

2015 9th World Youth T&F Championships, Cali, Colombia
August 22-30, 2015 15th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Beijing, China
July/Aug 2015 20th World Masters T&F Champs Stadia, Lyon, France

2016 21st World Masters T&F Champs Stadia, Perth, Australia. See http://www.perth2016.com/ Aug 2016 31st Olympic Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. See http://www.rio2016.org.br/en/Default.aspx

2017 **29**th Summer Universiade, Taipei

August 5-13, 2017 16^h IAAF World Championships in Athletics, London, UK

July 2020 32nd Olympic Games City TBA: Baku, Doha, Istanbul, Madrid, Rome, Tokyo

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