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WORLD ATHLETICS SET TO BELATEDLY RECOGNISE SOME OF SUE COOK'S WORLD RECORDS

Following on from **John McPherson's** article about Sue Cook and Kerry Saxby-Junna in last week's newsletter, I reproduce the second part of the story, thanks to John's ongoing investigations.

On the weekend of 22/23 May 1982, **Sue Cook** produced one of the most outstanding achievements in Australian athletics history.

On the Saturday, competing in the Melbourne suburb of Box Hill, she broke the world record that she had set a month earlier in Adelaide by 13.2 seconds, stopping the clock at **22:32.4**. The world record documentation was duly filled out and signed off by the chief judge Ray Smith, the five other judges and official lap counter and sent to the appropriate official at the AAU.

She then hopped on a plane so that she could compete in Adelaide the following morning. This time the distance was 10,000 metres, a women's track event, like the women's 5,000 metres walk, that the IAAF had finally recognised as eligible for world record ratification from 1981. Sue recorded **46:42.6**, beating both Sweden's Ann Jansen's 1981 world record of 47:58.2 and Sue's own time of 47:13.0 that she had set in Melbourne on 28 February, three months earlier than her Adelaide world record. Her Melbourne time was a world's best for the distance but uncertainty existed for its world record eligibility due to it being a mixed gender event.

As part of developing a yet-to-be-published manuscript, earlier this year, I sent Sue a list that I had developed of the astonishing 34 world's best times she achieved during her career.

I asked Sue to look over the list, also posing the question: was she aware that it was this many. She replied that she wasn't but noted I had a typo for her Adelaide 10,000 metres time. To confirm this she sent me a photo of a gold plaque that the IAAF had sent her, acknowledging both her Melbourne and Adelaide times as world records.

I immediately realised that neither of these 10,000 metre walks were included in the World Athletics Progression of Athletics World Records, a book that is updated every few years, that includes every athletics world record ever recognised by the IAAF (now World Athletics). Additionally the Progressions book also notes world best times for world record distances that, for one reason or another, did not achieve world record ratification. Neither of her 10,000 metres walk times appeared in that list.

Looking at the picture of the plaque I realised why. For some reason a bureaucratic mis-step at the IAAF had resulted in them referring to both races on the plaque as 10km races. As the term 10km implies that they were road races, for which there weren't world records, neither race was formally acknowledged in their official Progressions book and, as a result, were lost to history.

I immediately contacted World Athletics and had an email exchange with one of their officials. Sue sent me press clippings of the Adelaide event which proved that it was a track event, which I then forwarded to the official, pressing for the record to once again be recognised.

She also told me that about six months after her Box Hill record a new records official took office at the headquarters of the Australian Athletics Union. Going through various documents in his new office he discovered the record application paperwork for her 22 May 1982 5,000 metres record. It had never been sent to the IAAF and,

as such, was not ratified. This meant that now, neither of the world records from Sue's incredible weekend were recognised.

Discussing the 10,000 metres issue with Mark Wall, Sue decided to contact Australian Athletics statistician Paul Jenes, who holds the position of Chairman of the global body: the Association of Track and Field Statisticians. Paul immediately got in touch with Richard Hyman, the editor of the World Records Progression book.

Overnight, Australian time, after looking at the evidence and the email sent by his organisation's chair, Hyman sent an email to all involved and said that the records will be corrected in the next edition of the book. Sue's forgotten record from May 23 1982 is to be revived!

I sent a further email to Richard asking about the February 28 time, which was acknowledged in the IAAF plaque. While his reply wasn't specific, it appeared as though this too will be recognised.

Currently Australian Athletics listing credits Sue with just two ratified world records. The next edition, due "in about 2028" will tell us if Sue Cook is now recognised as having three, and possibly four, ratified world records.

John McPherson
6 September 2026

Thanks once again John. To complete this discussion, here are the World Best / World Record progression lists for the 5000m and 10,000m track walks, as per the 2024 IAAF book (<https://iaafmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/ebooks/world-records-progression/index.html>).

Note that, although the Fédération Sportive Féminine Internationale (FSFI) and the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) amalgamated in 1934, allowing the IAAF to take control of all women's international track and field events, women's walking world records were not officially recognised by the IAAF until 1981. The records that the IAAF has recognised from then on are shown in **bold**. The performances of Sue and Kerry are in **yellow**.

WOMEN 5000M TRACK

25:48.8	Linnea Olsson (SWE)	Kristinehamn	25.09.1938
25:34.8t	Birgit Frisk (SWE)	Örebro	07.06.1942
25:13.4	May Holmén (SWE)	Tidan	12.07.1942
25:12.4	Linnea Olsson (SWE)	Uppsala	20.09.1942
24:57.4	May Johansson (SWE)	Varberg	11.07.1943
24:56.8	May Bengtsson (Johansson) (SWE)	Kumla	10.09.1944
24:47.2	May Bengtsson (SWE)	Örebro	01.10.1944
24:45.0	May Bengtsson (SWE)	Varberg	01.09.1946
24:27.5	Ingrid Johansson (SWE)	Borås	07.10.1951
24:18.0	Margareta Simu (SWE)	Sala	04.08.1974
24:16.2	Sue Brodock (USA)	Stockholm	24.08.1974
24:03.8	Jacqueline Delassaux (FRA)	Rennes	09.06.1975
23:58.8	Jacqueline Delassaux (FRA)	Nancy	21.06.1975
23:58.0	Jacqueline Delassaux (FRA)	Epinay sur Seine	11.04.1976
23:48.2	Margareta Simu (SWE)	Lyngby	14.08.1976
23:33.7	Britt Holmquist (SWE)	Stockholm	26.07.1977
23:25.0	Siv Gustavsson (SWE)	Göteborg	31.07.1977
23:17.5	Thorill Gylder (NOR)	Oslo	04.08.1978
23:11.2	Carol Tyson (GBR)	Östersund	30.06.1979
22:53.2	Sue Cook (AUS)	Adelaide	21.03.1981
22:50.0	Aleksandra Deverinskaya (URS)	Leningrad	24.07.1981
22:31.5	Sue Cook (AUS)	Canberra	09.03.1982
22:45.6	Sue Cook (AUS)	Adelaide	24.04.1982
22:41.4	Aleksandra Deverinskaya (URS)	Fana/Bergen(NOR)	15.05.1982
22:32.4	Sue Cook (AUS)	Melbourne	22.05.1982
22:32.4	Aleksandra Deverinskaya (URS)	Oryol	09.07.1982
22:04.0	Olga Yarutkina (URS)	Dnepropetrovsk	21.08.1983
21:51.85	Giuliana Salce (ITA)	L'Aquila	01.10.1983
21:40.3	Yan Hong (CHN)	Fana/Bergen (NOR)	05.05.1984
21:36.2	Olga Krishtop (URS)	Penza	04.08.1984

21:35.25	Giuliana Salce (ITA)	Verona	19.06.1986
21:33.8	Wang Yan (CHN)	Jinan	09.03.1986
21:34.37	Li Sujie (CHN)	Beijing	07/09/1986
21:26.5	Guan Ping (CHN)	Qingdao	17.10.1986
21:20.2	Yan Hong (CHN)	Xinglong	29.03.1987
21:16.4	Kerry Saxby (AUS)	Sydney	04.04.1987
20:55.0	Kerry Saxby (AUS)	Sydney	10.01.1988
20:45.32	Kerry Saxby (AUS)	Perth	27.03.1988
20:32.75	Kerry Saxby (AUS)	Brisbane	19.03.1989
29:27.59	Ileana Salvador (ITA)	Trento	03.06.1989
20:17.19	Kerry Saxby (AUS)	Sydney	14.01.1990
20:07.52	Beate Anders (GDR)	Rostock	23.06.1990
20:03.0	Kerry Saxby-Junna (AUS)	Sydney	11.02.1996
20:13.26	Kerry Saxby-Junna (AUS)	Hobart	23.02.1996
20:02.60	Gillian O'Sullivan (IRE)	Dublin	13.07.2002

WOMEN 10,000M TRACK

52:06.6	May Johansson (SWE)	Motala	12.09.1943
52:01.9	Mary Nilsson (SWE)	Sala	14.09.1958
51:06.8	Eivor Johansson (SWE)	Östersund	22.08.1971
49:46.8	Siv Gustavsson (SWE)	Örnsköldsvik	01.08.1976
48:59.0	Margareta Simu (SWE)	Västerås	16.04.1977
48:40.3	Siv Gustavsson (SWE)	Göteborg	30.04.1977
48:37.6	Marion Fawkes (GBR)	Hornchurch	31.03.1979
48:11.4	Marion Fawkes (GBR)	Härnösand	08.07.1979
47:58.2	Ann Jansson (SWE)	Falkenberg	17.10.1981
47:13.0 *	Sue Cook (AUS)	Melbourne	28.02.1982 (to be upgraded in next ed'n)
46:42.6 *	Sue Cook (AUS)	Adelaide	23.05.1982 (to be upgraded in next ed'n)
46:15.6	Rosa Underova (URS)	Oryol	28.08.1983
45:47.0	Sue Cook (AUS)	Leicester	14.09.1983
45:39.5	Yan Hong (CHN)	København	13.05.1984
45:31.9	Xu Yongjiu (CHN)	Jian	10.03.1986
44:59.2	Xu Yongjiu (CHN)	Fuxin	30.03.1986
44:32.50	Yelena Kuznetsova (URS)	Bryansk	16.08.1986
44:26.5	Xu Yongjiu (CHN)	Xinglong	31.03.1987
43:52.1	Chen Yueling (CHN)	Guangzhou	24.10.1987
42:14.2	Kerry Saxby (AUS)	Canberra	26.01.1988
43:36.5	Yelena Nikolayeva (URS)	Fana/Bergen	07.05.1988
43:36.41	Yelena Nikolayeva (URS)	Kiev	30.07.1988
43:26.12	Kerry Saxby (AUS)	Canberra	26.01.1989
43:08.4	Nadezhda Ryashkina (URS)	Fana/Bergen	28.04.1989
42:39.2	Ileana Salvador (ITA)	Roma	17.06.1989
42:25.2	Kerry Saxby (AUS)	Fana/Bergen	26.05.1990
41:56.23	Nadezhda Ryashkina (URS)	Seattle	24.07.1990
41:37.9	Gao Hongmiao (CHN)	Beijing	07.04.1994

John has pointed out that there are two times done by Kerry that should be on the list but are currently missing.

45:08 Kerry Saxby (AUS) Moscow, USSR 09.07.1986.

This was faster than the ratified world record. It is uncertain as to why this Goodwill Games result was not ratified as the judging procedures were no doubt appropriate. Xu Yongjiu had done a faster time three months earlier in Fujin, but it was not ratified. Kerry was under the impression her effort was a world record, so it is possible that it didn't get lodged by officials, similar to Sue's Box Hill 5000m record in 1982.

42:46.45 Kerry Saxby (AUS) Sydney 14.01.1989.
(not listed in the IAAF book, but confirmed with Paul Jenes)

And finally, what article would be complete without a couple of pics. I am being very cheeky and choosing ones with me in them as well!!!



*Left: Kerry and Tim at the 2018 Australian 10,000m walk championship in Canberra
Right: Sue and Tim – a 1982 promo shot for the Westgate Bridge Fun Run*

WALKER OF THE WEEK

This week's WOTW went to Victorian **Ela Uzun** for her dominant performance in the Victorian All Schools U16 3000m track walk on Sunday. Her winning time of **12:57.08** set new Victorian and VRWC records for U16, U17, U18 and U20. Although she already held the U16-U18 records with her previous best time of 13:11, her new time also bettered the U20 record of 13:02 which was set way back in 1982 by Sally Pierson. It seems Ela is in record breaking mode just about every time she races. Last Sunday was no exception!



Ela celebrates her win in the AV All Schools U16 3000m on Sunday morning (photo Athletics Victoria)

WHAT'S COMING UP

AVSL Shield Round 1, Saturday 17th October

Athletics Victoria Shield returns on Saturday 17th October, with 5 venues in operation: Doncaster, Murrumbena, Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong. See more at <https://athsvic.org.au/avsl/>.

VRWC Summer Season returns, Sunday 15th November

It's a bit more of a break as we wait for our VRWC summer season to kick off on Sunday 15th November. See the fixture timetable at <https://www.vrwc.org.au/vrwcs27.shtml>.

Note that once the races on that day are done and dusted, we will hold our VRWC Annual General Meeting. One of the key items on the agenda will be the election of a new Executive and Committee to guide us through the next 12 months. Our current committee (<https://www.vrwc.org.au/vrwccommittee.shtml>) has done a sterling job but we always welcome new ideas and new people to help guide the club forward.

VICTORIAN RACE WALKING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday 16 November 2025, 11.00am
at
Club HQ, Middle Park Bowling Club

All Executive and Committee positions* will be declared open:

EXECUTIVE	Club Captain – Men
President	Club Captain – Women
Senior Vice-president	AV Delegate
Secretary	Judging Coordinator
Treasurer	Club Coach/Coaching Coordinator
	Prizes/Awards Secretary
GENERAL COMMITTEE	RWA Liaison Officer
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	Club Records Officer
Race Secretary/Meet Director	First Aid Officer
Publicity Officer	General members (up to 2)
Handicapper	
Uniforms Steward	

(* The position of Club Junior captain will remain occupied and not declared open.)

Anyone wishing to nominate should do so via the **nomination form** which will be issued to all members via email.

Nominations or proxy voting forms must be forwarded to Club secretary Terry Swan by
Sunday 9th November.

All members are entitled to attend the AGM and **new committee members are welcome**. However, voting is restricted to those who have been **financial members** in the year immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting (i.e. from April 1 2025), or those who are Life members.

Stu Cooper
President

AV ALL SCHOOLS T&F CHAMPIONSHIPS, LAKESIDE STADIUM, ALBERT PARK, 1-4 OCTOBER

Our competition break has come to an end, as the Victorian T&F Summer Season getting kicked off last weekend with the AV All Schools Track & Field Championships at Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne. The U16-U18 5000m walks were held on Thursday evening in wet and cold conditions which then set in and lasted for most of the 4 day meet. **Matilda Read** was the standout walker with a quick 23:58.74.

U18 5000m Walk

1. Mietta Morgan	VRQA	26:36.40	PB 0:31
2. Aangi Shah	MRGH	32:08.08	

U17 5000m Walk

1. Damian Baldy	HBYC	28:50.04	First 5000m walk
1. Matilda Read	KRNC	23:58.74	PB 0:08

The U14-U16 3000m walks were contested on Sunday morning, in better conditions, as the rain finally cleared. **Ela Uzun** led the way with a new U16-U20 Victorian record time of 12:57.8. Excellent times also by **Mya McClure** 14:29.58 and **Indigo Marshall-Moodie** 15:04.35 and lots of PBs.

U16 3000m Walk

1. Ela Uzun	STMC	12:57.08	VRWC/AV U16-U20 records
2. Mya McClure	HZGC	14:29.58	
3. Havana Ali	STMC	15:58.70	

U15 3000m walk

1. Tate McQueen	MRCB	16:06.69	
1. Bethany Franzke	CAWC	16:42.56	
2. Lunah Ibrahim	ALIC	16:50.02	PB 0:54
3. Addison Frenken	CSTE	17:06.97	
4. Caitlyn Shipham	AKSC	18:44.19	

U14 3000m Walk

1. Logan Allison	SJFC	16:12.29	PB 0:15
2. Jack Greyling	CYFP	19:18.84	
1. Indigo Marshall-Moodie	PENG	15:04.35	PB 0:43
2. Georgia Walters	PTVC	16:06.48	PB 0:35
3. Ella Harris	VUSC	16:55.16	
4. Annika Downey	LTCB	17:37.38	PB 0:32
5. Kobe Lewis	VRQA	18:16.53	
Alaska Bremner	SMYP	DQ	



Ella Harris, Aangi Shah, Matilda Read and Tate McQueen in action (photos Athletics Victoria)

DUTCH ROADWALK CHAMPIONSHIPS, TILBURG, NETHERLANDS, SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

Thanks to Emmanuel Tardi for these results from the Netherlands. He was there as one of the judges for their national Marathon (Men) and Half Marathon (Women) Championships. The races were held on a road circuit which is more normally used for speed skating, so it was flat and in perfect condition. The weather was also kind - 20° and windless. Walkers who walked as unjudged competitors are shown with an *.

Dutch Marathon Walk Championship Men

1.	Edwin van Wijngaarden	NED	4:09:47
2.	Matthias Holtermann	GER	4:29:07
3.	André van Slooten	NED	4:36:39
4.	Rob Tersteeg	NED	4:42:58
	Robin Jans *	NED	5:11:10
	Remco Luhrman *	NED	5:19:21
	Corina Riezebos *	NED	5:23:22 (39km066)
	Wilfried van Bremen	NED	DNF

Half Marathon Men

1.	Remco de Bruin	NED	2:01:42
2.	Ulrich Brämer	GER	2:09:16
3.	Stefan Lehmann	GER	2:35:34
4.	Bernd Ocker Hölter	GER	2:41:34
1.	Andreas Ritzenhoff	GER	DNF

Dutch Half Marathon Walk Championship Women

1.	Elisabeth Olding	GER	2:04:38
2.	Ines Hammerl	GER	2:18:49
3.	Liesbet De Smet	BEL	2:24:15
4.	Jacqueline van Drongelen	NED	2:24:51
5.	Loes van Bremen	NED	2:27:35
6.	Sandra Maas	NED	2:32:48
7.	Larissa Droogendijk	NED	2:34:07

10km Men

1.	Jerome Caprice	MRI	46:14
2.	Valentin Kräling	GER	47:03
3.	Yvonne Bonneß	GER	1:04:27
4.	Han Holtslag	NED	1:10:11
5.	Uwe Tolle	GER	1:10:32
6.	Birgit Komoll	GER	1:13:26
7.	Wolf-Dieter Giese	GER	1:15:39
8.	Dietmar Seel	GER	1:17:11
9.	Renate Köhler	GER	1:18:11
	Rinie Terhaard *	NED	1:12:07



Jerome Caprice, Edwin van Wijngaarden, Ines Hammerl and Elisabeth Olding



Remco de Bruin (left) and the judges (right) - All photos from Emmanuel Tardi

OMARCHADOR AND MARCIADALMONDO ROUNDUP

The Portuguese race walking blog *O Marchador* posts news reports and results as they come to hand – normally one braoadsheet per day. The website features articles on race walking, as well as results from both domestic and international events.

Mon Oct 5 - Rio Maior Race Walking Grand Prix: 35 years of history made of vision, talent and steps.

<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2026/10/grande-premio-de-marcha-atletica-de-rio.html>

Sun Oct 4 – Results of Slovak 5000m Track Walking Championships in Banská Bystrica

<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2026/10/campeonatos-da-eslovaquia-de-5000-m-em.html>

Sat Oct 3 - Porto de Mós Walk meet on this Sunday

<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2026/10/porto-de-mos-marchar-neste-domingo.html>

Fri Oct 2 – 2028 European Veterans Championships scheduled for Galway, Ireland

<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2026/10/europeus-de-veteranos-emacs-em-2028.html>

Thu Oct 1 - José Manuel Pérez and Aixa Hidalgo triumph in Nerja, Spain

<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2026/10/jose-manuel-perez-e-aixa-hidalgo.html>

Wed Sep 30 - Walkers at the International U16 Meeting (CRO-CZE-HUN-SLO-SVK) in Ptuj

<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2026/09/marchadores-no-encontro-internacional.html>

Tue Sep 29 – Results of French Masters 10km Race Walking Championships in Juvaincourt

<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2026/09/campeonatos-masters-de-franca-de-10-km.html>

Marciadalmondo, the voice of Italian Racewalking, has only one post this week and its the focus of the next article.

THE ONGOING SAGA OF ALEX SCHWAZER



Doping, Schwazer changes strategy: requests counter-analysis and waives right to "third sample" testing.

marciadalmondo.com

Sometimes a story just keeps on giving and that is the case with that of Alex Schwazer. Nicola Maggio reports in his latest Marchiadalmundo edition that he is continuing to fight his 8 year ban for doping - read the full gory story at <https://marciadalmondo.com/edit-news/2026/doping-schwazer-changes-strategy-requests-counter-analysis-and-waives-right-to-third-sample-testing/>.

Schwazer, an Italian race walker, was the 2008 Olympic 50k walk champion and had what can only be described as a stellar period from 2007 to 2012. Just before the 2012 Summer Olympics, we found why, when he was disqualified for two years for doping with EPO. He immediately admitted his guilt and retired. We all thought - good riddance!

He subsequently decided to resume training after his ban finished, but in the leadup to the 2016 Olympics, he was found positive to micro-doping with testosterone and disqualified for eight years. It was a case of good riddance again!

Yet Schwazer claimed his innocence of this second offence and appealed the disqualification, starting a complex judicial case. His appeals to the Court of Arbitration for Sport were unsuccessful. However, an Italian criminal court investigating the case acquitted him in 2021 *per non aver commesso il reato* ("for not committing the offence"), with Italian prosecutors accusing the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the IAAF of tampering and procedural fraud. WADA and IAAF have denied the allegations. Schwazer is currently still fighting the disqualification. It is probably the longest ever drugs case that we have seen, and it's not over yet.

Thanks Nicola!

PHD RESEARCHER SEEKING RACE WALKERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY

In one of our July 2025 VRWC newsletters (<https://www.vrwc.org.au/newsletters/heelandtoe-2025-num28.pdf>), Stu published a call from UK based PhD researcher Lloyd Emeka who was after volunteers to help his then research project which was titled: *The relationship between chronic pain and psychological well-being in endurance athletes: A longitudinal mixed method study*. Lloyd has come back to VRWC Secretary Terry Swan just this week with a further request for volunteers to help him in the next stage of his PhD thesis. He explains

Dear Terry,

Firstly, thanks again for your support last year with the 2nd study of my PhD thesis. The study is progressing well and should be reaching conclusion by the end of this year.

I have just commenced the final study of my PhD which is titled *Chronic Pain and the Endurance Athlete: Experiences of social support providers*. For this study, I am recruiting endurance athletes with chronic pain and the primary person that provides them with support (i.e., partner, family member, friend, coach, etc).

If you are happy to share details about the study with members of Victorian Race Walking Club, you can share the below information and attached recruitment flyer.

Background information:

The study seeks to understand the experiences of people that provide support to endurance athletes with chronic pain and how endurance athletes with chronic pain make sense of their experiences of social support. For this study, we are focussing on the primary person that provides support.

The eligibility criteria for the study is:

- Endurance athlete undertaking 6 hours+ of training per week.
- Living with persistent or recurrent pain for 3 months or longer
- 18 years of age or above
- Must have a primary person that provides them with support (i.e., coach, partner, family member) that would be willing to participate in the study

Let me know if any questions.

Thanks and best wishes,

Lloyd

Lloyd Emeka MSc, GMBPsS
PhD Researcher, St Mary's University
<https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/staff-directory/lloyd-emeka-staff-profile>

For completeness, you can review the project recruitment flyer at
https://www.vrwc.org.au/documents/2026%20Lloyd%20Emeka_Recruitment%20Flyer%20for%20PhD%20study.pdf.

DATES...DATES...DATES

Victorian & National Key Dates – 2026/2027

Nov 16 (Sun), 2026	VRWC Summer Championships and AGM Includes VRWC Half Marathon Open Championships	Middle Park, VIC
Dec 4-6, 2026	AA All Schools T&F Championships	Perth, WA
Dec 6 (Sun), 2026	VRWC Roadwalks Includes AV Marathon and VRWC Half Marathon	Middle Park, VIC
Jan17 (Sun). 2027	VRWC Road Races	Middle Park, VIC
Jan 23-24,2027	AA 10,000m Race Walking Championships, Supernova	Woden Park, Canberra, ACT
Feb 11-14, 2027	AV Junior T&F Championships	Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park VIC

Mar 11-13, 2027	AV U20, Open & Overage T&F Championships	Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park VIC
Mar 21 (Sun) 2027	AA Half Marathon Race Walking Championships	Hobart, TAS
Apr 1-4, 2027	AA T&F Championships	SOPAC, Sydney, NSW
Wed 21-Fri 23 Apr 2027	AA UniSports Championships	Gold Coast, QLD
Aug 22 (Sun), 2027	AA Junior Race Walking Championships	Ballarat, VIC

AVSL Round Dates – 2026/2027

Oct 17 (Sat), 2026	AVSL Rd1 – Metro venues
Oct 24 (Sat), 2026	AVSL Rd2 – Metro venues
Oct 31 (Sat), 2026	AVSL Rd3 – Metro venues
Nov 7 (Sat), 2026	AVSL Rd4 – Metro venues
Nov 14 (Sat), 2026	AVSL Rd5 – Metro venues
Nov 21 (Sat), 2026	AVSL Rd6 – Metro venues
Nov 28 (Sat), 2026	AVSL Rd7 – Metro venues
Jan 9 (Sat), 2027	AVSL Rd8 – Metro venues
Jan 16 (Sat), 2027	AVSL Rd9 – Metro venues
Feb 6 (Sat), 2027	AVSL Rd10 – Metro venues

Country venues are Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong. Metropolitan venues vary from week to week.

International Dates

Oct 25 (Sun), 2026	All Japan Race Walking Championships	Takahata (JAP)
Oct 30-Nov 15, 2026	Youth Olympic Games	Dakar, SEN
Mar 20, 2027	46 th Dudinska 50	Dudince (SVK)
Apr 17, 2027	6 th Korzienowski Warsaw Race Walking Cup	Warsaw (POL)
Jun 12, 2027	XL Gran Premio Cantones de A Coruna de Marcha	La Coruna (ESP)
Jun 14-18, 2027	2027 Oceania Cup	Majuro (MHL)
Aug 1-12, 2027	FISU World University Games	Chungcheong (KOR)
Sep 11-19, 2027	2027 World Athletics Championships	Beijing (CHN)
Apr 9, 2028	World Athletics Race Walking Teams championships	Hefei (CHN)
Jul 14-30, 2028	XXXIV Summer Olympic Games	Los Angeles (USA)
Sept 2029	World Athletics Championships	Nairobi (KEN)
Sept 2031	World Athletics Championships	Munich (GER)
23 Jul- 8 Aug 2032	XXXV Summer Olympic Games	Brisbane (AUS)

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