

# History of the Victorian Race Walking Club Incorporated



Race walking has been part of Track and Field since athletic clubs were founded in the 1890's. In the early days, the club members both race-walked and busk walked, however, in the early 1900's, the race walkers formed their own club, which developed into the Victorian Race Walking Club.

The history document has taken 4 years of research by Mark Donahoo and Tim Erickson, using the invaluable information left to us by Bert Gardiner, one of the original members when the club was re-formed in 1921.

The history explores the evolution of the club, the development of the clubrooms, explains the venues that have been used for races, looks at the women walkers in the club, describes the development of the rules for race walking and investigates many club officials and international representatives who have helped to steer the club into the sound position in now holds in Track and Field.

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