

VICTORIAN RACE WALKING CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT

2002

VRWC COMMITTEE FOR 2001/2002

OFFICERS

President	Harry Summers
Senior Vice President	Mark Donahoo
Junior Vice President	Bob Gardiner
Treasurer	Michael Bodey
Secretary	Tim Erickson

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	Ron Miller
Club Captain	Tracy Rosengrave
Club Vice Captain	Ezo Girgin
Publicity Officer	Ray Smith
Race Secretary	Ron Miller
Handicapper	Mark Donahoo
Delegate to Athletics Victoria	Peter Vysma
VRWC Selectors (2)	Ron Miller, Mark Donahoo
Judging Coordinator	Diane Lowden
Social Secretary	Barbara Gardiner
Development Officer	Mark Donahoo
General Committee	Paul Kozaris, Heather Carr
Auditor	Alan Cater

LIFE MEMBERS

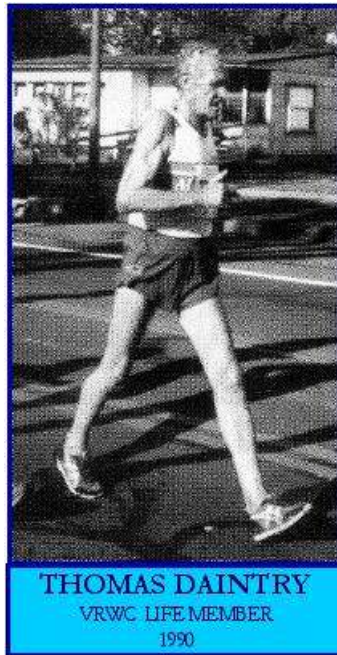
1928	Frank O'Rourke *	1960	Jack Cummins *
1933	Alfred Robinson *	1961	Augustus Theobald *
1933	Frank Byrne *	1964	Ralph Field
1933	William Billsborrow *	1964	George Knott *
1936	James McDonald *	1971	Radcliffe Grace *
1938	Rupert Blackley *	1975	Elsie Jacobson *
1946	Edward Drayton *	1978	Mabel Robinson *
1948	Herbert Gardiner *	1983	Ray Smith
1948	Jack Larkin *	1987	Robert Gardiner
1955	James Gaylor *	1987	Ronald Miller
1955	Norman Goble *	1990	Thomas Daintry *
1955	Fred O'Grady *	1990	Harold Summers
1956	Frank McGuire	1998	Alan Johnson
1959	Charles Jacobson *	2001	Mark Donahoo

* Deceased

PRESIDENTS

1923-24	Robert Croll
1925	
1926	William Dickenson
1927	
1928	Rex Merrick
1929-30	Francis Byrnes
1931-36	Edward Drayton
1937-41	Alfred Robinson
1942-45	
1946-76	Alfred Robinson
1977-83	Raymond Smith
1983-	Harold Summers

VALE TOM DAINTRY – 1911-2002



I was saddened to hear in September of the death of Tom Daintry, VRWC Life Member and walker extraordinaire. Tom was born in Sydney in April 1911 and had an athletic career covered over 70 years of active competition.

In 1925, he started his career as a sprinter when he was 14 at the South Sydney Athletic Club. One day he was induced by the club's walking champion to walk in the club's championship to make help up the field. After ten minutes instruction he went out and beat his teacher in the one and three mile walks.

After this early success, he never looked back. At 15 years of age he won the New South Wales Junior championship and repeated this for the next 2 years. When he was 18, he represented NSW in the Australian Championships held in Melbourne at the MCG in 1930. He met with stiff opposition in the form of Bert Gardiner and Horace Wilson from South Australia. But by setting a cracking pace on the early laps, he was able to burn off the opposition. Bert Gardiner recalled the event: "I remember that well as I was disqualified when in the lead with South Aussie, Horrie Wilson, and he was also scrubbed. As we were under the world record on the third lap, we probably deserved it."

In the late 1930s, as Australia was still in a world wide depression, Tom headed to the north of New South Wales to seek employment. With no competition or training facilities, Tom assisted in the formation of a club at Kyogle. But for top competition, Tom had to go to Brisbane each year and finally he made the move there. He then won all the Queensland Walking Championships for 23 years plus 2 marathon runs.

Business reasons again dictated a relocation and in 1956 he moved to Melbourne. It gave him a chance to compete in the trials for the Olympic Games. Unfortunately due to lack of training and the building of a factory, he failed to gain an Olympic berth.

It was at this time that he joined the Victorian Amateur Walking Club and quickly became one of our leading walkers. He was club captain for many years and his association with this club covered over 30 years as an athlete and club leader.

Tom was one of the main workers who helped build the Alf Robinson Hall at Albert Park in the early sixties. Being a tradesman, he did much of the work to lay the wooden floor.

In 1967, he built the partitioning to extend the male change-rooms in Robinson Hall. When major renovations were done in 1976, it was Tom once again who did the timberwork for an extra dressing room.

I first met Tom when I started race walking in 1966. In those days Tom was already over 50 years of age but was still a fine walker and regularly shared the weekly style award with Bob Gardiner. My first Victorian representation was in 1973 when I made the Victorian team for the Australian 50 km championships in Queensland. Tom was the team captain - at over 60 years of age. I am not aware of anyone representing their state at such an age. It was a great privilege to have had him as a team leader.

Tom is one of the very few athletes who represented 3 states.

The Tom Daintry Trophy was instituted by Athletics Victoria in 1976 and is awarded annually to the best A. V. Under 14 First Year girl walker.

In the early 1970's Tom was one of 4 walkers who decided to start an Australian Chapter of the Centurions club. The 4 founders put up the money for the initial medallions and got the ball rolling. Tom was keen to become a Centurion himself and he tried on several occasions during the early seventies. He got to the 70+ mile mark but age was against him and he failed. It was a great disappointment for him. No doubt he would have done it easily in his prime.

Tom worked in the wood industry and the Centurion Honour Board hanging in the VRWC clubrooms is a fine example of his work. It was hand crafted by Tom as a fitting medium for recording Centurion membership. The fine ingrained woods belie the fact that Tom was over 80 years of age when he produced it.

As the Veteran Athletics movement gained momentum, Tom turned his thoughts to it and set new world standards in each age division as he worked his way up through the age groups. At one stage, the Master Age Record Book showed Tom holding 16 world records for various distances from 5000m to 50 km. He travelled to a number of World Veteran Championships and regularly won his age group in convincing fashion.

His performances as an over sixty walker have never been equalled by Australians. He still holds two world bests as well as thirteen Australian bests. Tom passes away undefeated over these distances

M65	3km Walk	14:57	1878	M70	3km walk	15:51	1982
	5km walk	25:44	1979		5km walk	27:02	1982 (WR)
					10km walk	54:17	1981 (WB)
	20km walk	1:51:18	1981		20km walk	2:00:16	1985
M75	3km walk	17:07	1987	M80	3km walk	18:44	1992
	5km walk	28:02	1987				
	10km walk	64:39	1990		10km walk	64:23	1993
	20km walk	1:59:20	1986				

In the many years he competed, he was disqualified once. To quote Tom "The only disappointment in my sporting life was the only time I was disqualified by an ex-rival when only one judge was required to disqualify. I represented Queensland in the Australian Championships in New South Wales. He had spread the word two weeks beforehand that I and Don Keane would be put out. Which he did in the first 50 metres."

However, the doyen of Australian athletics, Bert Gardiner, himself a great walker, rated Tom Daintry as the best stylist who ever won an Australian Championship. You cannot get any higher recommendation. For his services to racewalking in Victoria Tom was made a life member of the Victorian Race Walking Club in 1990.

In the early 1990's, Tom moved back to Queensland with Betty to be with his family. It was a great loss to Victorian walking as he had spent the last 40 years competing as a Victorian. He died quietly in the early morning hours of 4 September 2002, aged 91 years. For those of us in VRWC, it is a great loss. Tom was not only an inspirational walker and a wonderful coach and motivator, he was a gentleman in every sense of the word.

Members can send condolences to Betty Newman, Woodlands Park, 34 Free St, Newmarket Qld 4051

Tim Erickson
Secretary, Victorian Race Walking Club

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have enjoyed a successful year with a membership of 130 enthusiasts which included a strong contingent of vets. It is also encouraging to see the tiny tots enjoying the sport.

Our sport has been under attack since the 2000 Olympics with the controversy surrounding the Jane Saville and the Mexican disqualifications. A sub committee has suggested that the sport be dropped from the Olympic program, however the IAAF have rejected the proposal and have suggested the problem was caused by the Olympic organisers rejecting a proposal to install a communication system between the judges and the chief judge which would have prevented the problems.

We have been saddened by the loss of some of our stalwarts in recent times; the passing of George and Judy Knott will be remembered by their generous bequest to the club which have enabled us to acquire valuable coaching aids and other vital improvements.

We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic and active committee led by Tim Erickson and I hope the members appreciate their efforts in keeping the club running in an efficient manner and catering to the members needs.

Our social secretary of many years Barb Gardiner will not be standing for the committee this year. Barb has given sterling service to the club, leading her social committee to successful fundraising and organising many functions.

Harry Summers

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

THE SPORT in Australia occasionally receives media coverage, good and bad, when Australians are competing at the International level.

THE CLUB will only receive general media publicity if the club collectively has a major achievement. Individual achievers often receive publicity through their first claim clubs and local newspapers.

VRWC WEBSITE is well established. Race Fixtures and Competition Rules are featured. All results are posted on a weekly basis and the results pages are building a valuable archive for all time. Visitors to the IAAF, Athletics Australia and Athletics Victoria internet websites can link through to the VRWC site.

VRWC NEWS was produced regularly throughout the year with weekly editions during the winter season. Total production is being taken from the newsstand in the clubrooms. Main feature is results summary from previous fixture.

Whilst the VRWC News is mainly for race day attenders the Internet Newsletter from the Secretary's Office features local and overseas news items and reaches a worldwide audience via internet mailing.

Ray Smith

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Social Committee, comprising Joyce Summers, Kate Suich and Barbara Gardiner, has continued to supply the important cup of tea, coffee, soft drink and a hot snack on race days. We all give our time as volunteers to provide this service for competitors, officials and spectators.

Our big expense for this financial year was the 80th Anniversary Luncheon which was a great success, with many people enjoying the food, the memorabilia and the company of old and new friends. With the agreement of the general committee the cost to members was kept to a minimum Expenses to conduct this function were \$1050.40, while income totalled \$520.00. A contribution of \$530.40 from the Social Committee covered the balance. We were pleased to subsidise this important milestone in the clubs history.

Financial Report

Year ending 30 th September 2001		Year Ending 30 th September, 2002	
Income	\$2138.00	Income	\$2753.60
Expenses	\$1312.45	Expenses	\$2530.57
Surplus	\$825.00	Surplus	\$223.03

As I am retiring as Social Secretary this year, I wish to express my gratitude to Joyce and Kate for their help. We have enjoyed each other's company over many years and have become firm friends. My thanks to all members of the Victorian Race Walking Club Committee for their support.

Occasional help - Your help is needed in the canteen on an occasional basis, to allow volunteers to take it in turns to have a break from their duties. Help at the larger functions would also be appreciated.

Please speak to Joyce Kate or myself if you can give us a hand now and again..

Barbara Gardiner.

CLUB COACH'S REPORT

This season saw a continuation of the coaching sessions held at the club before or after races on Saturday during the winter and Sunday during the summer. The turn up was satisfactory, however the session is available for everyone and it would be nice to see more turn up.

Most coaches do not attend these sessions, and I believe this is mainly due to coaches thinking that they probably won't pick up anything new in the session. This is probably correct, however, their expertise would be much appreciated. My speciality is in coaching women, however, it is necessary to have the thought of other coaches, those who specialise in juniors, or the elite or beginner walkers. I would appreciate assistance from them in joining me to run a session, or for them to conduct a session themselves.

Another innovation this year by the club was to video tape the races and then play them back afterwards. This proved quite popular. Everyone is reminded that the idea of this replay is to look at yourself and see how good you are walking and if any problems are arising. If you want to see it in slow motion and check out problems, both Ray Smith or I are willing to work with athletes in private. It is also possible to make copies of parts of tapes if anyone would like them, especially for style analysis.

A new idea being tried is to begin the group training session in at the Tan, near Government House on Sunday mornings beginning at 9.00am Again everyone is welcome, just see me or Tim for details.

The coming year will continue to see the sessions run and the races video taped, however it further assistance is required, please ask.

Mark Donahoo

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This year, our club membership was 126, 6 more than last year and very healthy indeed. This membership was split between 114 competitive members and 12 non-competitive members who were in various categories – general supporters, officials and life members.

The 114 competitive members were split into age groups as follows

Age Group	Total	Female	Male
U10	4	6	10
U12	3	4	7
U14	6	5	11
U16	2	5	7
U18	4	4	8
U20	2	2	4
20+	3	11	14
30+	5	3	8
40+	8	5	13
50+	15	5	20
60+	5	5	10
70+	2	0	2
	59	55	114

Nearly half our competitive membership is Under 20 or younger. While that augurs well for the future of the club, the challenge is always to provide an environment for these young walkers that will nurture their development and keep them in the sport.

This year it was very pleasing to see a number of former members renewing their membership and walking in the Veteran levels. The scheduling of the World Masters Games in Melbourne in October 2002 also had a very positive effect on our membership as a number of new walkers joined in preparation for these Games.

During the course of the year, many non members also walked at Albert Park in special events such as Victorian Championships, Victorian Veteran Championships or Schools Championships or simply as visitors giving competitive walking a try. Every year, a number of these decide to become members of VRWC and the constant trickle of new members ensures our membership remains high.

But there is always scope for increasing our membership even further. Various areas remain relatively untapped. These include

- the summer walkers who compete in Interclub but who do not choose to enhance their walking with a winter season of roadwalking
- the many veteran walkers who compete at their local veteran venues
- school and Little Athletics based walkers.
- fitness walkers.

Our challenge is to continue to build our membership and remain a strong and active force in Victorian athletics.

I can report that our current Committee form a very experienced and hard working group who have ensured that the Club remains a club for the members. The social atmosphere each Saturday is a reflection on the team spirit that pervades the club at the moment. Thanks to everyone who has made the year such a successful one from an administrative point of view.

Those who toe the line every weekend for another race do not perhaps realise the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to make it all happen. I wish to personally thank all those who perform above and beyond the course of duty. This list includes

- Harry, Bob and the others who set up and dismantle the courses
- Barb, Joyce and Kate who provide for us all in the canteen and kitchen
- Michael and Ron who take the race entries and look after all money matters
- Paul, Lou and the various helpers who look after the stopwatches and lapsheets
- Mark who does the handicapping and coaching sessions
- Ray who mans the camera, shows the results after the race and produces the weekly newsletter

- Gordon, Ray, Peter, Marion, Alan, Judy, Lloyd, Rhonda, Sue, Michael, David, Ece, Ezo, Don, Dennis and the other judges without whom we would have no sport.

My apologies to anyone I have missed. There are so many people who make our club tick.

This year, we embarked on a number of capital expenses. These included

- A large trophy cabinet (thanks to Richmond Harriers) which Bob and Harry refurbished. It now holds pride of place in the clubrooms.
- The initial purchase of the George Knott Trophy which has been instituted by AV as a perpetual trophy for the winner of the AV Men 5000m Track Walk.
- Purchase of a laptop computer and printer. Hopefully this will help us simplify our race administration amongst other things.
- The purchase of a new die for club medallions
- A new television and digital video camera. This is to be used in club coaching and on race days. Ray Smith has done a sterling job this season filming the walks each week and replaying the footage afterwards. The large number of walkers staying to study their form indicates the benefit of this as an ongoing activity.
- The setting up of trophies for all our Special Races. We now have Perpetual Trophies for the following VRWC events which are held each year

Gus Theobald Memorial	20 km for Open Men	Summer Season
Stella Murname Memorial	10 km for Veteran Women	Summer Season
Alf Robinson Memorial	20 km for Open Men	Winter Season
Mabel Robinson Trophy	10 km for Open Women	Winter Season
Elsie Jacobson Trophy	15 km for Open Women	Winter Season
Ray Smith Trophy	35 Km for Open Men	Winter Season

Our thanks to Ray Smith who donated trophies for the Mabel Robinson, Elsie Jacobson and Ray Smith trophies. These are now all on permanent display in the clubrooms.

The money for many of these once-off purchases was made possible due to a very generous bequest of \$5000 from the Estate of George Knott who passed away last year. Rather than put the money in the bank, the Committee decided to use it to benefit the club membership in visible ways.

Club communication was a big plus for us this year. Ray Smith produced a weekly newsletter which was handed out each race day. This was complemented by an Internet based email newsletter that I also produced on a weekly basis. The VRWC website was also updated weekly with the latest results and information. Added together, we had a communications network that is second to none.

Our current club headquarters are unique amongst Australian walking clubs. The facilities lease from Middle Park Bowling Club guarantees us our own headquarters and allows us to develop top racewalking courses on the surrounding service roads. It is generally acknowledged that our courses are the best in Australia and Interstate walkers regularly come to Albert Park in the hope of good times on guaranteed courses.

Once again we combined with our sister walking clubs in Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong to field strong teams in the Australian Federation of Race Walking Clubs Carnivals in Canberra (45 members competed) and Ballarat (62 members competed). Indeed our country members now make up a significant proportion of our club membership.

VRWC also hosted a series of championships during the course of the year. These included

- The Australian 50 Km Championship and Selection Trial for the 2002 Commonwealth Games.
- All except one of the Athletics Victoria Roadwalking championships
- The Athletics Victoria Schools Roadwalking championships
- The Victorian Veteran Assn Roadwalking championships
- Our own VRWC club championships.

Thus we can indeed lay claim to be at the centre of Melbourne and Victorian based walking.

Here are the main results of these various championship races.

VRWC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Six separate sets of VRWC club championships were run during the year. These events covered a variety of distances and age groups. Medallists are as follows

ALBERT PARK, 16 DECEMBER 2001

VRWC 20K OPEN MEN GUS THEOBOLD MEMORIAL 1. Daniel Thorne 87.20 2. Brad Malcolm 91.11 3. Frank Bertie 93.35	VRWC 20K OPEN WOMEN 1. Lynne Ventris (WA) 94.44 2. Kylie Bonney 113.04
VRWC 5K UNDER 20 MEN 1. Tom Barnes 23.23	VRWC 3K UNDER 15 WOMEN 1. Katie Ditchfield 18.33
VRWC 1.5 KM UNDER 12 GIRLS 1. Daine Nielsen 8.55	VRWC 10K VETERAN WOMEN STELLA MURNANE MEMORIAL 1. Heather Carr 59.09 2. Janet Holmes 61.41 3. Celia Johnson 62.13

ALBERT PARK, 5 MAY 2002

VRWC 35 KM OPEN MEN - RAY SMITH TROPHY 1. Mark Donahoe 3.34.03	VRWC 15KM OPEN WOMEN 1. Kylie Bonney 1.23.33 2. Nardene Loveday 1.24.58 3. Ezo Girgin 1.34.40
VRWC 15 KM UNDER 20 MEN 1. Travis Middlemiss 1.20.07	VRWC 15 KM UNDER 20 WOMEN
VRWC 5KM UNDER 16 BOYS	VRWC 5KM UNDER 16 GIRLS 1. Sarah Alexander 27.32 2. Kylie Vandenheiligenberg 34.47
VRWC 5KM UNDER 14 BOYS 1. Chase Lurati 42.22	VRWC 5KM UNDER 14 GIRLS
VRWC 1KM UNDER 12 BOYS 1. Timucin Girgin 5.04 2. Chase Lurati 5.08 3. Nicholas Mirarchi 6.01	VRWC 1KM UNDER 12 GIRLS 1. Eda Girgin 5.20 2. Daina Nielsen 5.28
VRWC 1KM UNDER 9 BOYS 1. Ergenekon Girgin 6.37	VRWC 1KM UNDER 9 GIRLS 1. Josephine Mirarchi 8.05 2. Candice Kriegler 8.13 3. Jasmine Irshad 8.29

ALBERT PARK, 30 JUNE 2002

VRWC 1500 M U12 BOYS 1. Chase Lurati 8.33	VRWC 1500 M U12 GIRLS
VRWC 1.5 KM U9 BOYS 1. Jayson Stoddart 8.53 2. Ergenekon Girgin 9.25	VRWC 1.5 KM U9 GIRLS 1. Josephine Mirarchi 12.53

"HAROLD STEVENS" TRACK, COBURG, 20 JULY 2002

VRWC 2 HOUR OPEN MEN 1. Chris Erickson 23.827 km 2. Mark Donahoo 21.647 km 3. John Bunker 20.845 km	
VRWC 20km MEN ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL 1. Chris Erickson 98.58 2. Mark Donahoo 106.51 3. John Bunker 113.11	VRWC 10km WOMEN MABEL ROBINSON MEMORIAL 1. Kylie Bonney 52.38 2. Nardene Loveday 55.49 3. Rebecca Wilkie 56.52
VRWC 1 HOUR OPEN MEN 1. Travis Middlemiss 12.523 km 2. Murray Dickinson 10.965 km 3. Bob Gardiner 10.428 km 4.	VRWC 1 HOUR OPEN WOMEN 1. Kylie Bonney 11.133 km 2. Mardene Loveday 10.383 km 3. Nicole Sansonetti 10.000 km
VRWC UNDER 20 MEN 10KM 1. Travis Middlemiss 47.42	VRWC UNDER 20 WOMEN 1. Rebecca Wilkie 56.52 2. Kylie Vandenheiliegenberg 65.15
VRWC UNDER 15 30 MINS BOYS 1. Leigh Fawkes 6.147 km 2. Daniel Lineen 5.563 km	VRWC UNDER 15 30 MINS GIRLS 1. Sarah Alexander 5.578 km 2. Siobhan Donovan 5.547 km 3. Daina Nielsen 5.379 km

ALBERT PARK, 4 AUGUST 2002

VRWC 2 KM U12 BOYS 1. Chase Lurati 11.46	VRWC 2 KM U12 GIRLS 1. Natalie Laurie 12.18
VRWC 2 KM U9 BOYS 3. Jayson Stoddart 11.14 4. Ergenekon Girgin 11.27	VRWC 2 KM U9 GIRLS 1. Chloe McNicol-Davidson 17.02 2. Josephine Mirarchi 17.59 3. Jasmine Irshad 19.29

VRWC LAKE CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALBERT PARK, 17 AUGUST 2002

VRWC 5 MILE OPEN MEN 1. David Armstrong 43.03 2. Bob Gardiner 46.15 3. Harold Boddy 49.43	VRWC 5 MILE OPEN WOMEN 1. Kylie Bonney 41.40 2. Nicole Sansonetti 41.48 3. Sandra Geisler 43.55
VRWC 3 MILE UNDER 15 BOYS 1. Nicholas Mirarchi 33.04	VRWC 3 MILE UNDER 15 GIRLS 1. Tyne Boddy 27.41 2. Daina Nielsen 29.03
VRWC 1 MILE UNDER 12 BOYS 1. Ergenekon Girgin 8.15	VRWC 1 MILE UNDER 12 GIRLS 1. Eda Girgin 8.15 2. Natalie Laurie 10.10
VRWC 1 MILE UNDER 9 BOYS 2. Jayson Stoddart 8.40 3. Ergenekon Girgin 9.25	VRWC 1 MILE UNDER 9 GIRLS 3. Candice Kriegler 13.29 4. Chloe McNicol-Davidson 13.30 5. Josephine Mirarchi 14.43

ATHLETICS VICTORIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

VRWC hosted 4 of the 5 A.V championship days during the winter season. Our officials and judges form an expert pool from which A.V. can draw and we provide a key service to A.V. in hosting these events.

A.V. 50 KM OPEN MEN, 15/09/2002 No starters	
A.V. 30 KM OPEN MEN, 04/08/2002 1. Frank Bertei 2:29:29 2. Chris Erickson 2:38:36	
A.V. 20KM OPEN MEN, 30/06/2002 1. Frank Bertie 1.34.20 2. Chris Erickson 1.34.41 3. Mark Donahoo 1.35.38	A.V. 20 KM OPEN WOMEN, 04/08/2002 1. Wendy Muldoon 1.47.08 2. Megan Peters 1.49.27 3. Kylie Bonney 1.53.18
A.V. 15 KM OPEN MEN, 26/05/2002 1. Chris Erickson 70.32 2. Duncan Knox 83.25	A.V. 15KM OPEN WOMEN, 26/05/2002 1. Wendy Muldoon 76.49 2. Megan Peters 82.48 3. Annette Major 97.40
A.V. 10KM OPEN MEN 20/04/2002 C.H. "BERT" GARDINER MEDAL 1. Jared Tallent 45.55 2. Paul Van Kopplen 46.23 3. Chris Erickson 46.27	A.V. 10KM OPEN WOMEN, 30/06/2002 1. Wendy Muldoon 49.16 2. Kellie Wapshott 51.24 3. Megan Peters 52.13
A.V. 20 KM U20 MEN, 04/08/2002 1. Travis Middlemiss 47.12 2. Jamie Barnes 55.48 3. Adam Barnes 59.26	
A.V. 10 KM U20 MEN, 30/06/2002 4. Jared Tallent 1.40.21 5. Travis Middlemiss 1.42.27	A.V. 10 KM U20 WOMEN, 04/08/2002
A.V. 8 KM U18 MEN, 04/08/2002 1. Jamie Barnes 41.35	A.V. 8 KM U18 WOMEN, 04/08/2002 1. Rebecca Wilkie 45.16 2. Kylie Vandenheiligenberg 55.10
A.V. 5 KM U16 BOYS, 04/08/2002 1. Leigh Fawkes 24.46 2. David Stevenson 28.08	A.V. 5 KM U16 GIRLS, 04/08/2002 1. Fauve Jacobs 28.02 2. Tyne Boddy 28.47 3. Siobhan Donovan 30.23
A.V. 3 KM U14 BOYS, 04/08/2002 1. Kyle Bryant 15.57 2. Timucin Girgin 16.22 3. David Ranger 17.07	A.V. 3 KM U14 GIRLS, 04/08/2002 E1 Sarah Alexander 16.04 E1 Jessica Rothwell 16.04 3. Eda Girgin 16.18
A.V. U19 BOYS 10 KM SCHOOLS, 30/06/2002 1. Adam Barnes 59.26 2. David Stevenson 62.50	A.V. U19 GIRLS 10 KM SCHOOLS, 30/06/2002 1. Rebecca Wilkie 56.02
A.V. U17 BOYS 5 KM SCHOOLS, 30/06/2002 1. Jamie Barnes 27.49 2. Tim Stevenson 28.15	A.V U17 GIRLS 5 KM SCHOOLS, 30/06/2002 1. Tyne Boddy 28.34 2. Fauve Jacobs 28.44 3. Kylie Vandenheiligenberg 33.00
A.V. U15 BOYS SCHOOLS, 30/06/2002 1. Leigh Fawkes 14.40 2. Timucin Girgin 16.45 3. John Platt 16.55	A.V. U15 GIRLS 3 KM SCHOOLS, 30/06/2002 1. Sarah Alexander 16.17 2. Siobhan Donovan 16.58 3. Eda Girgin 17.17

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The main Athletics Australia winter championships were held in Nowra in NSW in August with only a small Victorian representation.

Athletics Victoria hosted the annual A.A. 50 km title and VRWC helped conduct the event at Albert Park. This resulted in all 5 finishers producing top performances and qualifying for the Racewalking World Cup. In addition, first 2 also qualified for the Commonwealth Games team.

A.A. OPEN MEN 50 KM, 05/05/02, ALBERT PARK 1. Liam Murphy SA 3.55.20 2. Duane Cousins VIC 3.59.27 3. Luke Adams NSW 4.04.03 4. Darren Bown SA 4.12.53 5. Frank Bertie VIC 4.19.28	
A.A. OPEN MEN 30 KM, 24/08/2002, NOWRA 2. Frank Bertie VIC 2:32.50	A.A. OPEN WOMEN 10 KM, 24/08/2002, NOWRA 3. Wendy Muldoon VIC 50.55 5. Justi Tonti-Filippini VIC 57.13 5. Nardene Loveday VIC 58.30
A.A. U20 MEN 20 KM, 24/08/2002, NOWRA 1. Jared Tallent VIC 1.53.03	
A.A. U20 MEN 10 KM, 09/06/02, CANBERRA 1. Jared Tallent VIC 45.18 4. Travis Middlemiss VIC 47.57 7. Jamie Barnes VIC 56.12	A.A. U20 WOMEN 10 KM, 24/08/2002, NOWRA
A.A. U18 MEN 8 KM, 24/08/2002, NOWRA	A.A. U18 WOMEN 8 KM, 24/08/2002, NOWRA
A.A. U16 MEN 5 KM, 24/08/2002, NOWRA 2. Leigh Fawkes VIC 24.37	A.A. U16 WOMEN 5 KM, 24/08/2002, NOWRA 8. Brooke Palfreyman VIC 32.09
A.A. U14 MEN 3 KM, 24/08/2002, NOWRA 2. Kyle Bryant VIC 15.26 8. Daniel Lineen VIC 16.13	A.A. U14 WOMEN 3 KM, 24/08/2002, NOWRA 3. Jessica Rothwell VIC 15.42 5. Sarah Alexander VIC 16.14 10. Jessica Rothwell VIC 17.19

36TH AFRWC WALKING CHAMPS, WESTON PARK, CANBERRA, 9 JUNE 2002

A big contingent of Victorians travelled to Canberra for the annual AFRWC carnival in Canberra. Once again we were well supported by the Ballarat Race Walkers Club who added great depth to our team. Thanks to Daryl Biggin for his help and support. We had 44 walkers as well as officials and supporters. For once, we did not have sub zero temperatures but it was still cold for competitors with a strong wind blowing off the lake. There were many fine performances and we won the perpetual team trophies for the Open men 20 miles team, the Veteran men 20 mile team and the Under 20 men 10,000m team. We also had a number of individual winners in Jared Tallent, Timucin and Ergenekon Girgin and Tim Erickson. As usual, the NSW Race Walking Club dominated with both numbers and quality, especially in the U12, U15 and U17 age groups. One day.....

<p>AFRWC OPEN 20 MILES (32KMS)</p> <p>4. Frank Bertie 2:42:54 5. Chris Erickson 2:44:37 6. Andrew Jamieson 2:47:48 8. Mark Donahoo 3:03:58 9. Duncan Knox 3:10:02 12. Peter Blood 3:23:22 13. Andrew Blood 3:26:53 14. Daryl Biggin 3:31:42</p> <p>Teams 1. VRWC (F Bertie, C Erickson, A Jamieson) 2. VRWC (M Donahoo, D Knox, P Blood)</p> <p>Vet Tm 1. VRWC (A Jamieson, M Donahoo, D Knox)</p>	<p>AFRWC WOMEN'S 10 MILES</p> <p>2. Nardene Loveday 1:31:43 4. Justi Tonti-Filippini 1:36:19 9. Lili-Ann Kriegler 1:42:02</p> <p>Teams 2. VRWC (N Loveday, J Tonti-Filippini, L Kriegler)</p>
<p>AFRWC MEN'S 10 MILES</p> <p>1. Tim Erickson 1:24:59 5. Bob Gardiner 1:34:03 6. Clarrie Jack 1:35:22 7. Harold Boddy 1:43:06</p>	<p>AFRWC WOMEN'S 5,000M</p> <p>10. Ezo Girgin 29:28 21. Belinda Platt 32:59</p>
<p>AFRWC UNDER-20 10,000M</p> <p>1. Jared Tallent 45:18 4. Travis Middlemiss 47:57 7. Jamie Barnes 56:12 Adam Barnes DNF</p> <p>Teams 1. VRWC (J Tallent, T Middlemiss, J Barnes)</p>	
<p>AFRWC BOYS UNDER-17 5,000M</p> <p>4. Jamie Barnes 25:16 8. David Stevenson 27:15</p>	<p>AFRWC GIRLS UNDER-17 5,000M</p> <p>5. Tyne Boddy 29:42 8. Alex Dickson 32:18</p>
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<p>AFRWC BOYS UNDER-12 2,000M</p> <p>1. Timucin Girgin 10:29 6. Nicholas Mirarchi 12:13 7. Ergenekon Girgin 12:22 10. Joshua Platt 12:57</p> <p>Teams 2. VRWC (T Girgin, N Mirarchi, E Girgin)</p>	<p>AFRWC GIRLS UNDER-12 2,000M</p> <p>3. Eda Girgin 10:35 11. Lana Boddy 12:12 12. Rachel Tallent 12:34</p> <p>Teams 3. VRWC (E Girgin, L Boddy, R Tallent)</p>
<p>BOYS AND GIRLS UNDER 9 1,000M</p> <p>1. Ergenekon Girgin 5:50 6. Ebony Tallent 6:47 8. Chloe McNicol-Davidson 7:06 10. Josephine Mirarchi 7:46</p>	

AFRWC WALKING CHAMPS, BALLARAT, 1 SEPT 2002

The second AFRWC carnival for the year was hosted by the Ballarat Race Walking Club and VRWC benefited from an influx of country based walkers who wished to compete in the event and chose to do so as members of our club. Over 60 of our walkers competed on a day that saw the honours evenly spread between VRWC and NSWRC.

Even the Ballarat weather was fine and sunny. There were many fine performances in a very high quality carnival and some 140 walkers contested a large variety of Federation, Ballarat and V.V.A.C championship events. The organisation was spot on and I am sure that everyone had a very satisfying day. Well done to everyone at the Ballarat end for a very professional job.

Of the 21 events contested on the day, there were 8 AFRWC Championships and VRWC won the 2 Open Shields on offer.

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AWARD WINNERS

2002 ATHLETICS VICTORIA TROPHY WINNERS

NORM GOBLE TROPHY:	Most points in Mens AV Championships:	Chris Erickson
BETTY NEWMAN TROPHY:	Womens Walking Team Champions:	Knox Sherbrooke
AVIS REDMAN TROPHY:	Under 16 Most Improved Girl:	Fauve Jacobs
TOM DAINTRY TROPHY:	Best Under 14 First Year Walker:	Jessica Rothwell

2002 VRWC TROPHY WINNERS

FASTEST TIMES POINTS & HANDICAP POINTS COMPETITIONS

Open Women	Fastest Times Points :	Kylie Bonney
Open Women	Handicap Points :	Sandra Howorth
Open Men	Fastest Times Points :	Mark Donahoo
Open Men	Handicap Points :	Harold Boddy
Under 20 Women	Fastest Times Points :	Rebecca Wilkie
Under 20 Women	Handicap Points :	Kylie Vandenheiligenberg
Under 20 Men	Fastest Times Points :	Jamie Barnes
Under 20 Men	Handicap Points :	Jamie Barnes
Under 15 Girls	Fastest Times Points :	Sarah Alexander
Under 15 Girls	Handicap Points :	Sarah Alexander
Under 15 Boys	Fastest Times Points :	Leigh Fawkes
Under 15 Boys	Handicap Points :	Leigh Fawkes
Under 12 Girls	Fastest Times Points :	Natalie Laurie
Under 12 Girls	Handicap Points :	Lana Boddy
Under 12 Boys	Fastest Times Points :	Nicholas Mirarchi
Under 12 Boys	Handicap Points :	Nicholas Mirarchi
Under 9 Girls	Fastest Times Points :	Josephine Mirarchi
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Under 9 Boys	Fastest Times Points :	Ergenekon Girgin
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Veteran Men	Fastest Times Points :	Tim Erickson
Veteran Men	Handicap Points :	John Bunker
Veteran Women	Fastest Times Points :	Heather Carr
Veteran Women	Handicap Points :	Gwen Steed

2002 VRWC JACK LARKIN TROPHY

HIGHEST POINT SCORING COUNTRY ATHLETES

Men:	Harold Boddy
Women:	Tyne Boddy

2002 VRWC MERRIFIELD AWARDS

COMBINED FASTEST TIMES AND HANDICAP POINTS

Open Men:	Mark Donahoo
Open Women:	Sandra Howorth
Under 20 Men:	Jamie Barnes
Under 20 Women:	Rebecca Wilkie
Under 15 Men:	Leigh Fawkes
Under 15 Women:	Sarah Alexander
Veteran Men:	John Bunker
Veteran Women:	Heather Carr

TREASURER'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present my third report as Treasurer. Although on paper, the club made a loss for the year of \$5175, this bears some analysis.

\$5021 was spent during this financial year on equipment comprising a trophy cabinet, video camera, television and a computer. This must be balanced against the \$5000 George Knott bequest which was tabled as income in last year's annual report. I think the benefits and enjoyment of viewing technique after racing will be of benefit in the years to come.

Further, the large amount of money under the category of Trophies consists of a number of once off or special payments. This year we set up a number of new perpetual trophies and brought a number of other trophies up to date with regard to engraving. We also purchased a new die for our club medals (at a cost of \$748) and did not pay for our 2001 Winter season trophies (\$363) until this financial year. This adds up to well over \$1000 in special items.

Thus, in terms of expenditure and income, we are actually in a good position and our income exceeds our recurrent expenditure. This enabled us to enhance the club via the capital expenditures mentioned above.

There was a good increase in subscriptions, race fees and canteen while there was no money from bequests and little from donations. Money from running major events has also decreased.

The expenses were relatively the same as the previous year, which is promising. I hope this continues in the coming year.

Public Liability was not renewed because the club is now covered by the Athletics Australia Public Liability policy which covers athletes Australia wide.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the club either financially or helped manage the books or club funds when I was absent.

Michael Bodey

