

VICTORIAN RACE WALKING CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT

2010

VRWC COMMITTEE FOR 2009/2010

OFFICERS

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| President | Harry Summers |
| Senior Vice President | Mark Donahoo |
| Junior Vice President | Bob Gardiner |
| Treasurer | Ralph Bennett |
| Secretary | Tim Erickson |

GENERAL COMMITTEE

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| Club Captain – Women | Marlaine Stanway |
| Club Captain – Men | Russ Dickenson |
| Junior Club Captain | Natalie Laurie |
| Publicity Officer | Stuart Cooper |
| Raceday Registrar | Ron Miller |
| Race Secretary | Tim Erickson |
| Handicapper | Mark Donahoo |
| Delegate to Athletics Victoria | Peter Vysma |
| Judging Coordinator | Peter Vysma |
| Social Secretary | - |
| Uniforms Officer | Heather Carr |
| Club Coach | Mark Donahoo |
| Racewalking Australia Liason Officer | Mark Donahoo |
| Maintenance Sub Committee | Bob Gardiner, Peter Vysma, Tim Erickson |
| Ordinary Members on Committee | Paul Kozaris |
| Auditor | - |

| LIFE MEMBERS | | | | PRESIDENTS | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------|---------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 1928 | Frank O'Rourke * | 1964 | George Knott * | 1923-1925 | Robert Croll * |
| 1933 | Alfred Robinson * | 1971 | Radcliffe Grace * | 1925-1928 | William Dickenson * |
| 1933 | Frank Byrne * | 1975 | Elsie Jacobson * | 1928-1929 | Rexx Merrick / Frank Byrne * |
| 1933 | William Billsborrow * | 1978 | Mabel Robinson * | 1929-1931 | Frank Byrne * |
| 1936 | James McDonald * | 1983 | Ray Smith * | 1931-1937 | Edward Drayton * |
| 1938 | Rupert Blackley * | 1987 | Robert Gardiner | 1937-1941 | Alfred Robinson * |
| 1946 | Edward Drayton * | 1987 | Ronald Miller | | |
| 1948 | Herbert Gardiner * | 1990 | Thomas Daintry * | 1946-1976 | Alfred Robinson * |
| 1948 | Jack Larkin * | 1990 | Harold Summers | 1976-1983 | Raymond Smith |
| 1955 | James Gaylor * | 1998 | Alan Johnson | 1983 - | Harold Summers |
| 1955 | Norman Goble * | 2001 | Mark Donahoo | | |
| 1955 | Fred O'Grady * | 2005 | Tim Erickson | | |
| 1956 | Frank McGuire | 2007 | Peter Vysma | | |
| 1959 | Charles Jacobson * | 2008 | Marlaine Stanway | | |
| 1960 | Jack Cummins * | 2008 | Barbara Gardiner ** | | |
| 1961 | Augustus Theobald * | 2008 | Joyce Summers ** | | |
| 1964 | Ralph Field * | 2009 | Lloyd Nicholls | | |
| * deceased | | | | | |
| ** honorary life members | | | | | |

| SECRETARIES | | TREASURERS | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 1923-1924 | Victor Dowling | 1923-1926 | Rex Merrick |
| 1924-1925 | Rex Merrick | 1926-1928 | Ern Fitzgerald |
| 1925-1926 | Frank O'Rourke | 1928-1931 | Jack Coffey |
| 1926-1927 | Rex Merrick / Fred O'Grady | 1931-1936 | Rupert Blackley |
| 1927-1931 | Alf Robinson | 1936-1937 | Rupert Blackley / Ian McDougall |
| 1931-1932 | Alf Robinson / Rupert Blackley | 1937-1939 | Ian McDougall |
| 1932-1936 | Rupert Blackley | 1939-1940 | Ben Blakey |
| 1936-1937 | Rupert Blackley / Ian McDougall | 1940-1941 | Clem Marshall / Rupert Blackley |
| 1937-1940 | Ian McDougall | 1941 | Douglas Murrell |
| 1940-1941 | Clem Marshall / Rupert Blackley | | |
| 1941 | Douglas Murrell | | |
| | | 1946-1947 | Ben Blakey |
| 1946-1947 | Ben Blakey | 1947-1949 | Alex Philpotts |
| 1947-1949 | Alex Philpotts | 1949-1950 | Noel Bomford |
| 1949-1950 | Noel Bomford | 1950-1952 | Vic Sharp |
| 1950-1952 | Vic Sharp | 1952-1973 | Norm Goble |
| 1952-1971 | Norm Goble | 1973-1982 | Charles Jacobson |
| 1971-1974 | Alan Lucas | 1982-1983 | Elsie Jacobson |
| 1974-1975 | Bruce Thorne / Greg Ellis | 1983-1990 | Ray Smith |
| 1975-1976 | Greg Ellis | 1990-1994 | Bob Gardiner |
| 1976-1984 | Alan Minter | 1994-1998 | Tony Barrett |
| 1984-1988 | Doris Waters | 1998-1999 | Brian Glover |
| 1988-2000 | Ron Miller | 1999-2007 | Michael Bodey |
| 2000- | Tim Erickson | 2008 - | Ralph Bennett |

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am very pleased to report yet another successful year for the club which saw record numbers of starters, many of our members successful in international competition and some exciting new talent emerging.

We are members of one of the world's best race walking clubs. Few clubs can boast the clubrooms, courses and facilities that we enjoy. All successful clubs must have an energetic and efficient prime mover. We are fortunate that we have Tim.

Tim has backing from an effective committee and a team of volunteer judges, officials, canteen staff and support from parents and partners who are available when needed.

Tim's newsletters are legendary here and overseas. The communication, photos, results, overseas news and fixtures keep us fully informed at all times. We must appreciate the time and effort needed to research and collate this valuable recourse.

Club coach, Mark, continues to keep our members informed of the latest developments and basics with his well attended workshops.

Our healthy membership has allowed us to improve our facilities and equipment. You will notice some improvements as a result of our recent working bee with more to come.

The club suffered a sad loss with the passing of Ray Smith. Ray was one of our longest serving members. A past president and treasurer, successful Olympian and a senior IAAF judge. He was active to the end with his advice and weekly videos. He will be missed and remembered.

My thanks to the committee and all those that has contributed to keep this club successful.

Harry Summers.
Harry Summers
President, VRWC

14th November 2010

SECRETARY'S REPORT

2009/2010 was another bumper year for the club in every possible way.

The previous year saw an all time membership high of 210 and this year we managed to just about match that with 209 members. Of these 209 members, 51 were first timers (that does of course mean that 52 of last year's members chose not to re-register with us this year). The majority of these new memberships were in our younger age groups. In fact, 65 of our current members are aged 12 or younger. This does have implications for us as a club and we continue to look for ways to make our club an ever more attractive for our young walkers.

Much of this increase is due to the work of the many coaches, both suburban and country, who bring new blood into our sport and who then point their aspiring walkers to our club. The following figures shows the upward membership trend over the last 9 years:

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| 2001 | 120 | 2004 | 145 | 2007 | 179 | 2010 | 209 |
| 2002 | 126 | 2005 | 138 | 2008 | 187 | | |
| 2003 | 146 | 2006 | 155 | 2009 | 210 | | |

A number of our members are country based walkers who join us as 'second claim' walkers and compete with us when they can. But the majority of our members continue to be Melbourne based with many turning up nearly every week to enjoy the keen racing and fine social atmosphere in the club.

Our race fields were the largest ever this winter and we averaged 81 walkers per week (last winter, we averaged an all time high of 80 per week). Some years ago, 81 would have been a very large raceday field. This winter, it was our average over the 21 Albert Park race days. I am pleased to say that our many officials handled the large numbers very efficiently and racedays were on time and ran smoothly. The start line did get congested at times but we tried different strategies to lessen the impact.

With the continuing strong income from large membership subscriptions and steady racing fees, the club was able to feed back over \$7000 to its members. This included

- \$1000 in financial grants, spread between Rachel Tallent, Beth Alexander and Rhydian Cowley (from the Ray Smith International Competition Travel Fund)
- \$700 distributed to members via the Club Teams Fund
- \$440 distributed to members via the Merrifield Award
- \$2645 spent on trophies and prizes (5 prize days were held during the winter season - on each day, the designated winners were able to choose from prize pools in the vicinity of \$200 – and the annual presentation day was held at the end of the winter season)
- \$2800 in honoraria which were paid to the Secretary, Treasurer, Handicapper and Judging Coordinator.

Money was also spent on various ways to improve our infrastructure

- New gas heater in the main clubroom
- New photocopier/printer
- New TV fitted to wall
- New stopwatches
- An additional club bike and new bike helmets
- New club racing numbers
- A club uniforms refresh – with a new material now being used for our club uniforms
- A club medal refresh (300 medals at a total cost of \$3300).

A recent working bee has also reactivated the roller door on the Bowling Club equipment shed. This will make it easier to move equipment to and from our start/finish line on race days.

Neil Ryan, the proprietor of Runners World Kew, continued with his generous sponsorship of our summer and winter seasons, with major 2009/2010 awards as follows

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| • Summer – Top Male | Rhydian Cowley | \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Summer – Top Female | Heather Carr | \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Winter - Open Men: | Stuart Kollmorgen | \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Winter - Open Women: | Heather Carr | \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Winter - Junior Men: | Nathan Brill | \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Winter - Junior Women: | Jmara Hockley-Samon | \$500 Runners World gift voucher. |

Once again, our winter season was delayed due to the March scheduling of the Australian Motor Racing Grand Prix and our first races could not be scheduled until Sunday 24 April. In 2011 we do not expect to start racing at our Albert Park headquarters until the same time or later. We have learnt to live with this intrusion into our yearly calendar but the winter and summer seasons both remain shorter than they used to be and this does have an impact on our finances and on the overall enjoyment of our walkers.

As usual, VRWC hosted a large number of championships at Albert Park. These included

- Four of the five days of the 2010 Athletics Victoria roadwalking championships (May-August 2010)
- The 2010 Athletics Victoria Schools roadwalking championships (June 2010)
- The 2010 Victorian Masters Association roadwalking championships (May and June 2010)
- The 2010 Australian Masters Association 20km roadwalking championships (June 2010)
- Our own VRWC club championships (four sets in all)

In amongst these various championships were the inaugural Victorian 5km Teams Roadwalk Championships in May 2010. These were very well supported and will now become a yearly fixture. This was a VRWC initiative.

We also hosted the 2010 Victorian Masters 5000m track championships in March 2010 and helped Athletics Australia run the Australian 50 km roadwalking championship in December 2009 at Fawkner Park, providing equipment and manpower on both occasions.

I must also acknowledge the fine work of Simon Baker and Brent Vallance. Simon ran a very successful racewalking camp at Easter at Falls Creek. Some of our very best young walkers participated and I know that they got a lot out of it. The good news is that he is organizing another Falls Creek camp for early January. Add to that the annual racewalking camp at the AIS that Brent runs and our elite and aspiring walkers are indeed well catered for. To top it off, VRWC hosted a very successful Racewalking Seminar in June 2010 with Simon Baker, Tim Erickson and Mark Donahoo as the main speakers.

We donated all takings from the RWA Interstate Challenge race day (25 July 2010) to Brain Tumour Research. What with race fees and donations and a top-up from the club, \$600 was forwarded to the Royal Melbourne Hospital Neuroscience Foundation.

VRWC participated in both major Racewalking Australia Carnivals this year. In June, over 80 walkers travelled to Canberra for huge Lake Burley Griffin Carnival, with many of the walkers participating in more than one event to help the club in the teams competitions. Overall, we were the dominant club, winning 9 individual golds and 5 team golds. We then backed up with a team of over 50 walkers for the Second Federation event in Brisbane which was held with the Australian roadwalking championships and we continued our domination there, winning 6 individual golds and 7 team golds. To top it off, we won the RWA State Challenge even after the weighting calculations were brought into play. So we can confidently lay claim as the top walking club in Australia at the moment.

Communication continues to be one of our strongest assets. This year, the Heel & Toe newsletter was published 53 times in 52 weeks to a distribution list of over 300 email addresses. Terry Swan ably wielded the camera as our official club photographer, adding large numbers of photos weekly to our online gallery. Frances Attard took over from Ray Smith as our official club video maestro, producing weekly race videos that took us to a new high in production excellence. Stuart Cooper fed our weekly results to the Press and setup our own Facebook page for internal club communication. Finally club member David Armstrong produced a number of excellent AthsVic TV productions that captured the atmosphere at our big championship days. What a team!

All this activity ensures that Victoria remains the State of choice for racewalkers and major championships and it gives our Victorian walkers maximum opportunity to achieve their sporting goals.

Congratulations to club members Michael Bodey and Chris Erickson who were acknowledged by Racewalking Australia with RWA 15 Year Merit Awards at the RWA AGM in June 2010. I was also granted a RWA Life Membership, an award which I am honoured to receive.

The club boasted a whole swag of Australian Champions during this last 12 months

- Australian 50km Championship, Melbourne, Sunday 22 November 2009
Jared Tallent 50km 3:38:56
- Australian Schools T&F Championships, Hobart, 4-7 December 2010
Beth Alexander U18 5000m 25:00.70
Rachel Tallent U17 5000m 24:42.58
Amy Burren U16 3000m 14:18.07

- Australian Summer 20km Roadwalk Championships, Hobart, 13 February 2010
Jared Tallent 20km 1:19:15
- Australian U14-U18 T&F Championships, Brisbane, 11-14 March 2010
Amy Burren U17 5000m 25:00.80
Billy Allamby U14 1500m 7:06.74
Regan Lamble U20 10,000m 48:21.71
- Australian Roadwalk Championships, Brisbane, Sunday 22 August 2010
Chris Erickson Open Men 20 km 1:24:45
Pam Tindal Masters Women 10km 0:55:59
Beth Alexander U20 Women 10km 0:50:29
Nathan Brill U16 Boys 5km 0:22:59
Jmara Hockley-Samon U16 Girls 5km 0:25:59
Rachel Tallent U18 Girls 5km 0:25:12

Our Masters walkers led by example with records galore during the year. The main record setter had to be Heather Carr who has been rewriting the W60 World Records over all distances over the past 12 months. Not to be outdone, Pam Tindal set a series of W50 Victorian records and Marlaine Stanway set a new W70 Victorian record for 20km. Heather also won two golds in the World Masters Indoor Championships in Canada.

We are also privileged to have as club members many of Australia's current top walkers, including open walkers Nathan Deakes, Jared Tallent, Chris Erickson, Tom Barnes, Duane Cousins, Kellie Wapshott (who has just announced her retirement) and Jess Rothwell and junior walkers Regan Lamble, Beth Alexander, Rachel Tallent and Rhydian Cowley.

Internationally, our elite walkers represented Australia with distinction in 2010

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| World Racewalking Cup | Mexico | Jared Tallent | 50km walk | 3 rd | 3:54:55 |
| | | Chris Erickson | 50km | 15 th | 4:03:56 |
| | | Tom Barnes | 50km | 33 rd | 4:16:17 |
| | | Rhydian Cowley | 10km | 15 th | 46:57 |
| | | Jess Rothwell | 20km | 9 th | 1:35:04 |
| | | Beth Alexander | 10km | 12 th | 50:56 |
| | | Regan Lamble | 10km | 15 th | 51:16 |
| World Junior Championships | Canada | Rachel Tallent | 10km | 27 th | 56:19 |
| | | Regan Lamble | 10,000m walk | 8 th | 47:55:67 |
| | | Rhydian Cowley | 10,000m walk | 17 th | 44:49.92 |
| Commonwealth Games | India | Jared Tallent | 20km | 1 st | 1:22:18 |
| | | Chris Erickson | 20km | 8 th | 1:28:35 |

These elite club members are backed up by a large pool of talented youngsters who will hopefully provide the next generation of champions. Our challenge is to provide a nurturing environment in which they can continue to develop and hone their walking skills until they are ready to take over the mantle.

And, of course, there are the many club members who race for the love of the sport and to maintain their health and well being in a constructive and enjoyable way. All are vitally important to the club.

It takes many people working together to run a successful club like ours. It is always difficult to single out particular people but I would like to mention

- Harry, Bob, Mark and Ron who shoulder much of the burden of race day coordination with me
- Peter who fulfils the role as VRWC Chief Judge and is on deck every week to coordinate and oversee this vitally important task.
- Barb, Joyce, Kate and more recently Wendy who provide for us all in the canteen and kitchen
- Paul, Ian, Natalie, Stuart, Harry, Bob, Don, Matt, Mark, Michael, Craig and Peter and the many helpers and parents who look after the timekeeping and recording and equipment setup and pulldown
- Mark who runs the handicapping and points competitions and runs our coaching sessions
- Terry and Frances who man the cameras each week
- Damien, Jason and Justin who ride the bikes on racedays
- Gordon, Peter, Lloyd, Frances, Elke, Brian, Kathleen, Terry, Shane, Graham, Brenda and Michael who form the backbone of our judging panel with many of them on deck nearly every week

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

Finally, thank you to our VRWC committee who are all quiet achievers. We meet monthly to review and plan and guide the club forward. All the initiatives you take for granted are the results of committee review and deliberation and planning.

I would also like to acknowledge the Middle Park Bowling Club and Parks Victoria. MPBC are very supportive landlords, their facilities are top notch and they give us a headquarters which is the envy of other clubs. PV allow us to use the service roads around Middle Park for our races and, like the Bowling Club, the Albert Park rangers are uniformly supportive and value us as park users.

Thank you one and all for making this year such a successful one. I look forward to returning next financial year and helping us become an even bigger and better club.

And so long Ray. Your memory continues to burn brightly within us.

Tim Erickson
Secretary, VRWC
14th November 2010

VALE RAY SMITH 1929-2010

The club was deeply saddened when life member Ray Smith died overnight on Thursday 3rd June 2010 at his home in St Kilda, aged 80 years. Ray was one of the most well known and deeply respected members of the Australian racewalking community and of the Victorian Race Walking Club. His accolades were many and included

- 1956 Olympian (6th in the 50km racewalk)
- Australian 50km champion and former Australian 50km record holder
- IAAF racewalk judge (1977-1995)
- IAAF Race Walking Committee member (Oceania)
- Athletics Australia Life Member
- Athletics Victoria Life Member
- Coburg Harriers Life member
- Victorian Race Walking Club Life Member and past President and Treasurer
- Athletics Victoria 50 year Membership Award (2004)
- Athletics Victoria 50 Year Officiating Award (2004)
- Race Walking Australia 40 Year Merit Award (2009)
- Australian Sports Medal (2000).

Ray's judging activities saw him judge international events in Australia, China, England, Germany, the Isle of Man, Italy, Korea, New Zealand, Scotland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, USA and the former USSR.

He remained active in the Victorian Race Walking Club throughout his later years, judging there regularly until he eventually decided to hang up the paddles locally in 2006. At the same time, he finally stopped producing his weekly VRWC news bulletin on race days and retired from his position as club Communications Officer. But Ray was never one to sit back quietly so he simply moved to the video camera, experimenting as he went, and producing high quality weekly videos of all VRWC races right up till the end of the 2009 winter season. He was in his element sitting in the clubrooms the following week and explaining the intricacies of the walking technique and how each could improve his/her style. His knowledge of the sport was encyclopedic and his enthusiasm never slowed with the passing years. This willingness to 'put in' made him a highly valued member of the VRWC Committee and the club and we shall all miss him greatly.

Ray's funeral was a fitting farewell for one of the giants of Australian racewalking and many were the people whose lives had been touched by Ray over the years.



Ray in grass track racing mode in 1955



Ray in recent times, camera around the neck, chatting and filming

The club has embarked on a couple of initiatives to ensure that Ray's name is remembered

- The Ray Smith 35km Club Championship to be extended to be '35km or 3 Hours' so that we are more likely to award it each year.
- The 'VRWC International Fund' is to be renamed 'The Ray Smith International Competition Travel Fund' and awards are to be made annually. Ray was the driving force behind this fund and left a significant amount of money towards it by way of bequest.

VRWC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four separate VRWC club championship days were run during the year. These events covered a variety of distances and age groups and involved a number of perpetual trophies. There were four separate sets of Under 9 and Under 12 championships during the year and this ensured that our youngest club members were able to contest their own championships alongside the older walkers on Victorian championship days. Medallists are shown below.

ALBERT PARK, 15 NOVEMBER 2009

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| VRWC 20 km Open Men - Gus Theobald Mem. 1. Jamieson, Andrew 1:43:45 2. O'Neill, Terry 2:00:52 | VRWC 10 km Vet. Women – Heather Carr Trophy 1. Tindal, Pam 55:59 2. McIntyre, Gayle 59:23 3. Carr, Heather 59:23 |
| VRWC 5 km Under 20 Men | VRWC 5 km Under 20 Women 1. Laurie, Natalie 29:21 2. Gatens, Georgia 35:25 |
| VRWC 3k Under 15 Boys 1. Tremigliozi, Paul 19:40 | VRWC 3k Under 15 Girls 1. Hockley-Samon, Jmara 14:36 2. Finnegan, Amelia 14:39 |
| VRWC 1.5k Under 12 Boys 1. Swan, Kyle 08:32 2. Candotti, Sam 10:13 | VRWC 1.5k Under 12 Girls 1. Crea, Gabriella 09:32 |
| VRWC 1.5k Under 9 Boys 1. Candotti, Noah 13:48 | VRWC 1.5k Under 9 Girls |

ALBERT PARK, 23 MAY 2010

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| VRWC 35 km Open Men Ray Smith Trophy 1. Karyn O'Neill 33.0km | VRWC 15 km Open Women Elsie Jacobson Memorial Trophy 1. Tindal, Pam 1:22:45 2. Carr, Heather 1:25:43 3. Hammond, Nardene 1:30:34 |
| 15km Under 20 Men 1. Cowley, Rhydian 1:11:23 2. Simpson, Brad 1:20:55 | 15km Under 20 Women 1. Attard, Bianca 1:37:45 |
| 5km Under 16 Boys 1. Brill, Nathan 23:27 2. Dillon, Josh 24:16 3. Kaiser, Joshua 26:23 | 5km Under 16 Girls 1. Hockley-Samon, Jmara 26:48 2. Finnegan, Amelia 27:05 3. Campbell, Caitlin 27:43 |
| 3km Under 14 Boys 1. McShanag, Connor 14:49 2. Swan, Kyle 15:32 | 3km Under 14 Girls 1. George, Stephanie 15:09 2. Irshad, Jasmine 16:01 3. Hamilton, Emily 17:12 |
| Under 12 1 km Boys 1. Swan, Kyle 04:44 2. Owen, Cooper 04:54 | Under 12 1 km Girls 1. Hamilton, Emily 04:56 E2 Sanders, Jade 05:04 E2 De Lisen, Paige 05:04 3. Kay, Shelby 05:24 |
| Under 9 1 km Boys 1. Hockley-Samon, Harry 05:25 2. Wright, Ethan 06:45 | Under 9 1 km Girls 1. Richardson, Brodie 05:20 2. Hodges, Mikhala 05:23 3. Lillie, Brianna 05:31 |

ALBERT PARK, 27 JUNE 2010

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| VRWC 20 km Open Men - Alf Robinson Trophy 1. Kollmorgen, Stuart COL 1:46:09 2. McDonough, Aaron PTN 1:50:36 3. Donahoo, Mark ATE 1:55:07 | |
| VRWC 1.5 km Under 12 Boys 1. Swan, Kyle 7:23 2. Owen, Cooper 7:30 3. Walmsley, Reese 8:14 | VRWC 1.5 km Under 12 Girls 1. Bertrand, Georgia 8:05 2. Kay, Shelby 8:13 E3. Crea, Gabriella 8:25 E3. Collins, Lauren 8:25 |
| VRWC 1.5 km Under 9 Boys 1. Walmsley, Hayden 9:32 2. Wright, Ethan 9:45 | VRWC 1.5 km Under 9 Girls 1. Richardson, Brodie 8:23 2. Hodges, Mikhala 8:29 3. Owen-Smith, Chelsea 9:05 |

ALBERT PARK, 8 AUGUST 2010

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| | VRWC 10 km Open Women Mabel Robinson Trophy 1. Ruddick, Kelly 47:09 2. Tallent, Claire 48:33 3. Tindal, Pam 53:27 |
| VRWC 2 km Under 12 Boys 1. Swan, Kyle 10:24 2. Owen, Cooper 10:45 3. Walmsley, Reese 11:35 | VRWC 2 km Under 12 Girls 1. Eastwood, Jessie 10:48 2. Collis, Lauren 10:54 3. Kay, Shelby 11:15 |
| VRWC 2 km Under 9 Boys 1. Hockley-Samon, Harry 11:01 2. Walmsley, Hayden 12:39 3. Wright, Ethan 12:52 | VRWC 2 km Under 9 Girls 1. Hodges, Mikhala 11:50 2. Lillie, Brianna 11:57 3. O'Mahony, Kathleen 12:14 |

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.

The Open Championships saw starting fields in all events but our longer distance events continue to be a challenge to which few of our walkers seem to aspire. This is something that continues to vex the VRWC committee and we continually work on new strategies to redress this issue.

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| A.V. 50 KM TO BE HELD 14/12/2010 Not yet contested | |
| A.V. 30 KM OPEN MEN, 08/08/2010 1. Tallent, Jared BYC 2:08:27 2. Erickson, Chris ATE 2:09:29 3. Evans, Simon BOH 3:10:45 | |
| A.V. 20KM OPEN MEN, 27/06/2010 1. Kollmorgen, Stuart COL 1:46:09 2. McDonough, Aaron PTN 1:50:36 3. Donahoo, Mark ATE 1:55:07 | A.V. 20 KM OPEN WOMEN, 27/06/2010 1. Tindal, Pam CDN 1:51:08 2. Irshad, Kylie 1:55:50 3. Carr, Heather 1:56:42 |
| A.V. 15 KM OPEN MEN, 18/07/2010 1. Barnes, Thomas MUU 1:09:07 2. Jamieson, Andrew OSC 1:16:55 3. Knox, Duncan ATE 1:24:54 | A.V. 15KM OPEN WOMEN, 18/07/2010 1. Ruddick, Kelly BHA 1:12:02 2. Carr, Heather EAG 1:24:48 3. Hammond, Nardene ATE 1:29:03 |
| A.V. 10 KM OPEN MEN, 15/05/2010 C.H. "BERT" GARDINER MEDAL 1. Kollmorgen, Stuart COL 0:48:55 2. Donahoo, Mark ATE 0:49:48 3. Evans, Simon BOH 0:52:00 | A.V. 10 KM OPEN WOMEN, 15/05/2010 1. Ruddick, Kelly BHA 0:49:46 2. Tindal, Pam CDN 0:52:19 3. Carr, Heather EAG 0:54:23 |
| A.V. 5 KM TEAMS EVENT MEN, 01/05/2010 1. ATE M Donahoo, C McShanag, D Knox 29 2. KNA B Simpson, B Allamby, M Felton 20 3. BOH S Evans, B Dyer, H Summers 16 | A.V. 5KM TEAMS EVENT WOMEN, 01/05/2010 1. SCA K Irshad, S George, C Raselli 30 2. EAG H Carr, E Whiley, A Major 22 3. ATE C Campbell, N Hammond, D Elms 18 |

The Victorian underage roadwalking championships were also keenly contested. The numbers were large, especially in the younger age groups, an indication of the healthy nature of our athletic discipline.

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| A.V. 10 KM U20 MEN, 08/08/2010 1. Cowley, Rhydian GHY 45:42 2. Tam. Aaron KNA 58:00 | A.V. 10 KM U20 WOMEN, 08/08/2010 1. Alexander, Beth KNA 49:05 2. Shaw, Kirstin WES 59:01 3. McInnes, Simone GHY 65:26 |
| A.V. 10 KM U18 MEN, 08/08/2010 1. Clark, Lewis CHI 49:19 2. Felton, Matt KNA 50:29 3. Simpson, Brad KNA 51:08 | A.V. 5 KM U18 WOMEN, 08/08/2010 1. Tallent, Rachel BYC 24:45 2. Brazel, Hilary ANW 26:14 3. Rasselli, Cassie SCA 26:29 |
| A.V. 5 KM U16 BOYS, 08/08/2010 1. Brill, Nathan BOH 22:29 2. McShanag, Connor ATE 25:17 3. Walker, Jared COR 25:29 | A.V. 5 KM U16 GIRLS, 08/08/2010 1. Hockley-Samon, Jmara CHI 26:08 2. George, Stephanie SCA 26:13 3. Finnegan, Amelia KNA 26:37 |
| A.V. 3 KM U14 BOYS, 08/08/2010 1. Swan, Kyle KNA 15:52 2. Owen, Cooper DIV 16:47 | A.V. 3 KM U14 GIRLS, 08/08/2010 1. Boldiston, Zoe SBE 14:37 2. Montag, Jemima MAC 14:45 3. Hunt, Tahlia TAS 16:24 |

The Victorian All Schools roadwalks were held on 27th June 2010, with good fields in nearly all age groups.

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| <p>AV SCHOOLS 10KM U20 MEN, 27/06/2010 No competitors</p> | <p>AV SCHOOLS 10KM U20 WOMEN, 27/06/2010 1. Alexander, Beth 51:34 2. Raselli, Cassie 57:23 3. Attard, Bianca 58:02</p> |
| <p>AV SCHOOLS 5KM U18 MEN, 27/06/2010 1. Dillon, Josh 23:38 2. Clark, Lewis 23:58 3. Felton, Matt 24:09</p> | <p>AV SCHOOLS 5KM U18 GIRLS, 27/06/2010 1. Burren, Amy 24:18 2. Tallent, Rachel 24:35 3. Brazel, Hilary 26:11</p> |
| <p>AV SCHOOLS 3KM U16 BOYS, 27/06/2010 1. Brill, Nathan 13:38 2. Antidormi, Ryan 15:03 3. McShanag, Connor 15:22</p> | <p>AV SCHOOLS 3KM U16 GIRLS, 27/06/2010 1. Finnegan, Amelia 14:51 2. Hockley-Samon, Jmara 15:31 3. Heard, Amanda 15:46</p> |
| <p>AV SCHOOLS 3KM U14 BOYS, 27/06/2010 1. Swan, Kyle 15:11 2. Allamby, Billy 15:35 3. Owen, Cooper 15:54</p> | <p>AV SCHOOLS 3KM U14 GIRLS, 27/06/2010 1. Montag, Jemima 14:47 2. Boldiston, Zoe 15:10 3. Irshad, Jasmine 16:21</p> |

44th AFRWC WALKING CHAMPS, WESTON PARK, CANBERRA, 13 JUNE 2010

The 44th annual Lake Burley Griffin walking carnival lived up to its reputation as Australia's best of class as we were treated to some fantastic quality walking by over 300 competitors in events ranging from Under 10 1km to Open 20 Miles. After a very frosty and cold morning, we enjoyed a warm and sunny day, our best LBG weather for many years. Thanks to the huge team who make this such a successful carnival each year. With over 80 VRWC walkers competing in a variety of events, we had our best ever Canberra result sheet, winning 30 individual medals and having 20 different teams winning medals. This is unprecedented! The VRWC honour list reads as follows:

| | | | |
|-----------------|--|--|---------|
| Gold (11) | Open Men 20 Mile | Jared Tallent | 2:26:55 |
| | Masters Men 20 Mile | Stuart Kollmorgen | 3:06:07 |
| | Open Women 10 Mile | Regan Lamble | 1:19:04 |
| | Fitness 5 Miles Men | Damien Elms | 56:06 |
| | Fitness 5 Miles Women | Chloe McNicol-Davidson | 57:22 |
| | U10 Girls 1km | Brodie Richardson | 05:06 |
| | U12 Boys 2km | Kyle Swan | 09:42 |
| | U14 Boys 2km | Cooper McShanag | 09:49 |
| | U14 Girls 2km | Jemima Montag | 09:41 |
| | U18 Girls 5km | Rachel Tallent | 24:44 |
| Silver (13) | Open Men 20 Mile | Chris Erickson | 2:27:59 |
| | Masters Women 10 Mile | Heather Carr | 1:33:23 |
| | Masters Men 10 Mile | Ralph Bennett | 1:33:01 |
| | Fitness 5 Miles Men | Jason Elms | 56:06 |
| | U20 Men 10km | Rhydian Cowley | 44:01 |
| | U10 Girls 1km | Hayley George | 05:19 |
| | U12 Boys 2km | Reese Walmsley | 10:17 |
| | U14 Boys 2km | Billy Allamby | 09:53 |
| | U16 Boys 3km | Josh Dillon | 13:12 |
| | U16 Girls 3km | Jmara Hockley-Samon | 15:05 |
| | U18 Girls 5km | Amy Burren | 24:55 |
| Open Women 5km | Regan Lamble | 23:14 | |
| Bronze (7) | Masters Women 10 Mile | Kylie Irshad | 1:37:20 |
| | Masters Men 10 Mile | Daryl Biggin | 1:38:34 |
| | U10 Girls 1km | Mikhala Hodges | 05:25 |
| | U12 Boys 2km | Cooper Owen | 10:40 |
| | U16 Boys 3km | Nathan Brill | 13:16 |
| | U16 Girls 3km | Amelia Finnegan | 15:09 |
| | U18 Girls 5km | Hilary Brazel | 25:06 |
| Team Gold (10) | Open Men 20 Mile | Jared Tallent, Chris Erickson, Stuart Kollmorgen | |
| | U10 Girls 1km | Brodie Richardson, Hayley George, Mikhala Hodges | |
| | U12 Boys 2km | Kyle Swan, Reese Walmsley, Cooper Owen | |
| | U14 Boys 2km | Cooper McShanag, Billy Allamby, Kyle Swan | |
| | U14 Girls 2km | Jemima Montag, Jasmine Irshad, Emily Hamilton | |
| | U16 Boys 3km | Josh Dillon, Nathan Brill, Matt Felton | |
| | U16 Girls 3km | Jmara Hockley-Samon, Amelia Finnegan, Cassie Raselli | |
| | U18 Girls 5km | Rachel Tallent, Amy Burren, Hilary Brazel | |
| Open Women 5km | Regan Lamble, Beth Alexander, Rachel Tallent | | |
| Team Silver (6) | Open Women 10 Mile | Regan Lamble, Heather Carr, Kylie Irshad | |
| | U10 Boys 1km | Harry Hockley-Samon, Hayden Walmsley, Ethan Wright | |
| | U10 Girls 1km | Brianna Lillie, Anaya Hodges, Chelsea Owen-Smith | |
| | U12 Girls 2km | Paige De Lisen, Shelby Kay, Mikhala Hodges | |
| | U16 Girls 3km | Stephanie George, Bianca Attard, Caitlin Campbell | |
| | U18 Boys 5km | Nathan Brill, Michael O'Mahony, Josh Dillon | |
| Team Bronze (4) | U10 Boys 1km | Ethan McShanag, Noah Candotti, Harley Davidson | |
| | U14 Boys 2km | Lucas Taylor, Jeremiah Jones, Jacob Richardson | |
| | U16 Boys 3km | Connor McShanag, Aaron Tam, Jeremiah Jones | |
| | U18 Boys 5km | Matt Felton, Joshua Kaiser, Billy Allamby | |

33 of the VRWC walkers walked in two events – the list includes Billy Allamby, Bianca Attard, Nathan Brill, Caitlin Campbell, Josh Dillon, Matt Felton, Amelia Finnegan, Emily Hamilton, Jmara Hockley-Samon, Harry Hockley-Samon, Anaya Hodges, Mikhala Hodges, Jasmine Irshad, Jeremiah Jones, Shelby Kay, Regan Lamble, Katelyn Lotherington, Cody McNicol-Davidson, Jemima Montag, Shae Ohlsen, Cooper Owen, Brodie Richardson, Brad Simpson, Emma Smith, Kobie Somerfield, Kyle Swan, Rachel Tallent, Aaron Tam, Lucas Taylor, Anna Wallace, Hayden Walmsley, Reese Walmsley and Ethan Wright.

Like last year, Connor McShanag went one better and actually raced in 3 separate events – U14 2km, U16 3km and U18 5km.

RWA STATE CHALLENGE, SATURDAY 24 JULY 2010

Our annual Racewalking Australia Interstate Challenge day went off well with 74 walkers racing in perfect conditions at Albert Park on 24th July. This fixture was also our fundraising day for the International Brain Tumour Alliance (see <http://www.theibta.org>) and we raised \$600 from race fees, canteen takings and donations.

With a large variety of RWA events to be filled and with all our events running concurrently, walkers had to nominate their distance and age group and they all seemed to get it right as, for the first time in a number of years, we had at least one finisher in every division.

This ensured that, even after the club weightings were calculated (we get marked down significantly because of our large club base) we still won this annual shield by 2.5 points. This is the 4th time in the 6 years of its lifetime that we have won this competition.

RWA WALKING CARNIVAL, BRISBANE, SUNDAY 22 AUGUST 2010

With a strong team of over 50 walkers, VRWC put on a dominant display, winning 7 of the 12 Teams events on offer as well as snatching the Brennen Shield which acknowledges the best RWA team performance over the two major carnivals for 2010. This meant a clean sweep for us in all RWA competitions this year.

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|
| Glover Shield | 20 km Open Men (Teams) | VRWC | C Erickson, R Cowley, D Payne |
| Jane Saville Trophy | 10 km U20 Women (Teams) | VRWC | B Alexander, K Shaw, B Attard |
| Jacobson Trophy | 5 km U18 Girls (Teams) | VRWC | R Tallent, H Brazel, C Raselli |
| Goble Trophy | 5 km U16 Boys (Teams) | VRWC | N Brill, J Walker, C McShanag |
| Knight Trophy | 5 km U16 Girls (Teams) | VRWC | J Hockley-Samon, S George, A Finnegan |
| Ron Crawford Trophy | 3 km U14 Boys (Teams) | VRWC | C Owen, J Jones, C McNicol-Davidson |
| Deanna Rahill Trophy | 3 km U14 Girls (Teams) | VRWC | J Irshad, E Hamilton, M Walker |
| Brennen Shield | Overall Competition Winners | VRWC | |

The VRWC team was ably led by our many individual medallists

| | | | |
|--------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Gold | Chris Erickson | Open Men 20 km | 1:24:45 |
| | Pam Tindal | Masters Women 10km | 0:55:59 |
| | Beth Alexander | U20 Women 10km | 0:50:29 |
| | Nathan Brill | U16 Boys 5km | 0:22:59 |
| | Jmara Hockley-Samon | U16 Girls 5km | 0:25:59 |
| | Rachel Tallent | U18 Girls 5km | 0:25:12 |
| Silver | Kirstin Shaw | U20 Women 10km | 0:55:52 |
| | Georgia Bertrand | U12 Girls 2km | 0:11:25 |
| Bronze | Kelly Ruddick | U20 Women 20km | 1:42:32 |
| | Hayley George | U12 Girls 2km | 0:12:06 |
| | Hilary Brazel | U18 Girls 5km | 0:26:00 |

2010 WINTER SEASON AWARD WINNERS

2010 ATHLETICS VICTORIA TROPHY WINNERS

| | | |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| NORM GOBLE TROPHY | Points earned in Mens AV Championships | TBA |
| BETTY NEWMAN TROPHY | Womens Walking Team Champions | Eaglehawk |
| AVIS REDMAN TROPHY | Best Under 16 Girl | Jmara Hockley-Samon |
| TOM DAINTRY TROPHY | Best Under 14 Walker | Zoe Boldiston / Jemima Montag |

2010 RUNNERS WORLD SPONSORSHIPS

| | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Open Men | Stuart Kollmorgen |
| Open Women | Heather Carr |
| Under 20 Men | Nathan Brill |
| Under 20 Women | Jmara Hockley-Samon |

2010 VRWC TROPHY WINNERS

FASTEST TIMES POINTS & HANDICAP POINTS COMPETITIONS

| | | |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Open Women | Fastest Times Points | Kylie Irshad |
| Open Women | Handicap Points | Kylie Irshad |
| Open Men | Fastest Times Points | James Seid-Christmass |
| Open Men | Handicap Points | Jason Kozica |
| Under 20 Women | Fastest Times Points | Hilary Brazel |
| Under 20 Women | Handicap Points | Kirstin Shaw |
| Under 20 Men | Fastest Times Points | Joshua Kaiser |
| Under 20 Men | Handicap Points | Joshua Kaiser |
| Under 15 Girls | Fastest Times Points | Amelia Finnegan |
| Under 15 Girls | Handicap Points | Megan Walker |
| Under 15 Boys | Fastest Times Points | Nathan Brill |
| Under 15 Boys | Handicap Points | Aaron Tam |
| Under 12 Girls | Fastest Times Points | Emily Hamilton |
| Under 12 Girls | Handicap Points | Bronte Segota |
| Under 12 Boys | Fastest Times Points | Kyle Swan |
| Under 12 Boys | Handicap Points | Kyle Swan |
| Under 9 Girls | Fastest Times Points | Mikhala Hodges |
| Under 9 Girls | Handicap Points | Tegan Miller |
| Under 9 Boys | Fastest Times Points | Ethan Wright |
| Under 9 Boys | Handicap Points | Ethan Wright |
| Masters Women | Fastest Times Points | Pam Tindal |
| Masters Women | Handicap Points | Jan Morrey |
| Masters Men | Fastest Times Points | Mark Donahoo |
| Masters Men | Handicap Points | Gordon Onley |

2010 VRWC JACK LARKIN TROPHY - HIGHEST POINT SCORING COUNTRY ATHLETES

| | |
|-------|--------------|
| Men | Nathan Brill |
| Women | Heather Carr |

2010 VRWC MERRIFIELD AWARDS - COMBINED FASTEST TIMES AND HANDICAP POINTS

| | |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| Masters Men | Mark Donahoo |
| Masters Women | Pam Tindal / Heather Carr |
| Open Men | Jason Kozica |
| Open Women | Kylie Irshad |
| Under 20 Men | Josh Kaiser |
| Under 20 Women | Hilary Brazel / Kirstin Shaw |
| Under 15 Men | Connor McShanag |
| Under 15 Women | Amelia Finnegan |

2010 STYLE AWARDS

| | | | |
|------|---------------------|-------|----------------|
| Men | Nathan Brill | Women | Pam Tindal |
| Boys | Harry Hockley-Samon | Girls | Emily Hamilton |

2010 CLUB TEAM FUND RECIPIENTS

55 walkers competed in the Teams Events in the Canberra Carnival in age groups from Under 18 and down:
 Billy Allamby, Bianca Attard, Hilary Brazel, Nathan Brill, Amy Burren, Sarah Burren, Caitlin Campbell,
 Rebecca Campbell, Noah Candotti, Samuel Candotti, Harley Davidson, Paige De Lisen, Josh Dillon, Matt

Felton, Amelia Finnegan, Hayley George, Stephanie George, Emily Hamilton, Jmara Hockley-Samon, Harry Hockley-Samon, Anaya Hodges, Mikhala Hodges, Jasmine Irshad, Jeremiah Jones, Joshua Kaiser, Shelby Kay, Brianna Lillie, Jessica Lillie, Katelyn Lotherington, Ella Mason, Livinia Mason, Connor McShanag, Ethan McShanag, Tegan Miller, Jemima Montag, Piper Montag, Shae Ohlsen, Michael O'Mahony, Cooper Owen, Chelsea Owen-Smith, Jemma Peart, Cassie Raselli, Jacob Richardson, Brodie Richardson, Brad Simpson, Kobie Somerfield, Emily Swan, Kyle Swan, Rachel Tallent, Aaron Tam, Lee Taylor, Lucas Taylor, Hayden Walmsley, Reese Walmsley, Ethan Wright

34 walkers competed in the Teams Events in the Brisbane Carnival in age groups from Under 18 and down: Bianca Attard, Carly Bertrand, Georgia Bertrand, Hilary Brazel, Nathan Brill, Amy Burren, Sarah Burren, Caitlin Campbell, Rebecca Campbell, Lewis Clark, Amelia Finnegan, Hayley George, Stephanie George, Emily Hamilton, Amanda Heard, Harry Hockley Samon, Jmara Hockley Samon, Jasmine Irshad, Jeremiah Jones, Chloe McNicol-Davidson, Cody McNicol-Davidson, Connor McShanag, Tegan Miller, Chelsea Owen-Smith, Cooper Owen, Emily Payne, Cassie Raselli, Joshua Savage, Kyle Swan, Rachel Tallent, Lucas Taylor, Jared Walker, Megan Walker, Ebony Whiley

PLACE GETTERS, POINTS COMPETITIONS

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|-----------------------|------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------|
| Fastest Time Points – Women | | | | Handicap Points – Women | | | |
| Masters | 1 | Pam Tindal | 37 | Masters | 1 | Jan Morrey | 43 |
| | 2 | Heather Carr | 30 | | 2 | Heather Carr | 40 |
| | 3 | Donna Elms | 16 | | 3 | Maryanne Harrison | 38 |
| Open | 1 | Kylie Irshad | 32 | Open | 1 | Kylie Irshad | 33 |
| | 2 | Gayle McIntyre | 11 | | 2 | Anna Wallace | 31 |
| | 3 | Anna Wallace | 9 | | 3 | Gayle McIntyre | 23 |
| U12 | 1 | Emily Hamilton | 33 | U12 | 1 | Bronte Segota | 28 |
| | 2 | Paige De Lisen | 26 | | 2 | Charlee Harrison | 27 |
| | 3 | Shelby Kay | 16 | | E3 | Paige De Lisen | 26 |
| U15 | 1 | Amelia Finnegan | 32 | U15 | E3 | Emily Hamilton | 26 |
| | 2 | Jmara Hockley-Samon | 28 | | 1 | Megan Walker | 37 |
| | 3 | Jemima Montag | 24 | | 2 | Caitlin Campbell | 28 |
| U20 | 1 | Hilary Brazel | 31 | U20 | E3 | Amelia Finnegan | 26 |
| | 2 | Kirstin Shaw | 17 | | E3 | Jmara Hockley-Samon | 26 |
| | 3 | Cassandra Raselli | 10 | | 1 | Kirstin Shaw | 39 |
| U9 | 1 | Mikhala Hodges | 24 | U9 | 2 | Hilary Brazel | 25 |
| | 2 | Brianna Lillie | 21 | | 3 | Annemaree Gerlich | 22 |
| | 3 | Brodie Richardson | 15 | | 1 | Tegan Miller | 26 |
| Fastest Time Points – Men | | | | Handicap Points – Men | | | |
| Masters | 1 | Mark Donahoo | 39 | Masters | 1 | Gordon Onley | 51 |
| | 2 | Simon Evans | 15 | | 2 | Harry Summers | 40 |
| | 3 | Gordon Onley | 11 | | 3 | Alan Lucas | 38 |
| Open | 1 | James Seid-Christmass | 25 | Open | 1 | Jason Kozica | 43 |
| | 2 | Jason Kozica | 22 | | 2 | James Seid-Christmass | 32 |
| | E3 | Stuart Kollmorgan | 13 | | 3 | Lindsay Harrison | 25 |
| | E3 | Aaron McDonough | 13 | 1 | Kyle Swan | 39 | |
| U12 | 1 | Kyle Swan | 30 | U12 | 2 | Reese Walmsley | 33 |
| | 2 | Reese Walmsley | 22 | | 3 | Cooper Owen | 27 |
| | 3 | Cooper Owen | 19 | | 1 | Aaron Tam | 51 |
| U15 | 1 | Nathan Brill | 40 | U15 | 2 | Connor McShanag | 48 |
| | 2 | Connor McShanag | 30 | | 3 | Nathan Brill | 33 |
| | 3 | Aaron Tam | 22 | | 1 | Joshua Kaiser | 35 |
| U20 | 1 | Joshua Kaiser | 20 | U20 | 2 | Jason Elms | 17.5 |
| | 2 | Josh Dillon | 15 | | 3 | Michael O'Mahony | 17 |
| | 3 | Rhydian Cowley | 14 | | 1 | Ethan Wright | 43 |
| U9 | 1 | Ethan Wright | 31.5 | U9 | 2 | Hayden Walmsley | 35 |
| | 2 | Hayden Walmsley | 21.5 | | 3 | Noah Candotti | 31 |
| | 3 | Harry Hockley-Samon | 20 | | | | |

VICTORIAN RACE WALKING CLUB INC - TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1st October 2009 – 30th September 2010

Again, another financially sound year for the Club. Membership numbers and, consequently, race fees have remained at a high level. I would like to acknowledge the continued valuable services provided by Ron Miller (ably assisted at times by Russ Dickenson and Natalie Laurie) in recording race entries and collecting payments.

This year, as there were sufficient funds in our trading accounts to cover operating costs, and we have a reasonably predictable cash flow, the Committee has again decided to reinvest all interest earned on our three term deposits. Next year is likely to see interest earned on term deposits improve to more than \$6,000. This year the low interest rates adversely affect the amounts available for Club grants and other monetary awards.

We have been unsuccessful in obtaining significant grants this year but will be reapplying in the next financial year.

The surplus of receipts over expenditure in our operating accounts of \$5,810 is significantly more than last year [\$3,500], but it includes the very generous donation of \$10,000 made by Ray Smith. The Club has improved its financial position this year by \$11,375 [including a Surplus of \$5,810 + Interest Earned of \$5,554].

Our canteen ladies, Joyce, Barbara, Kate and Wendy, continue to provide a welcoming and very valued service to our race-day participants, while returning a good profit on canteen and catering operations of \$1,140.

The Club's financial position is sound. Our reserve, primarily in the form of a term deposit of some \$79,000 is considered to be necessary to allow for improvements to the existing clubrooms (eg, air-conditioning) and other expenditures that are contingent on the availability of suitable race courses and, possibly, accommodation. Uncertainty is heightened by the unknowns associated with the move of the main athletics venue from Olympic Park to Albert Park.

The accompanying statements of accounts have not been audited.

Ralph Bennett

VRWC Treasurer
14th November 2010

VICTORIAN RACE WALKING CLUB

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

As at 30th September 2010

| | CURRENT YEAR | PREVIOUS YEAR | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| | Oct '09 - Sep 10 | Oct '08 - Sep 09 | |
| Ordinary Income | | | |
| Apparel | 1,282.00 | 1,489.00 | |
| Campaign Income | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Canteen | 3,696.00 | 3,267.85 | |
| Event Services | 520.00 | 750.00 | |
| External Event | 2,575.00 | 1,734.00 | - LBG Carnival |
| Gifts and Donations Income | 10,043.50 * | 411.20 | * Incl \$10,000 donation from Ray Smith |
| Grants | 0.00 | 3,129.09 | |
| Membership Dues | 4,110.00 | 4,228.50 | |
| Miscellaneous Income | 113.55 | 52.40 | |
| Publications | 15.00 | 20.00 | |
| Race Fees | 8,063.00 | 7,447.30 | |
| Reimbursed Expenses | 550.00 | 0.00 | |
| Total Income | 30,968.05 | 22,529.34 | |
| Expense | | | |
| Books and Publications | 0.00 | 30.00 | |
| Canteen Expenses | 2,556.31 | 2,320.42 | |
| Clothing | 3,655.30 ** | 390.90 | ** New design/material |
| Dues and Subscriptions | 490.00 | 252.00 | |
| Event Support Expenses | 0.00 | 70.00 | |
| Expensed Equipment | 576.95 | 3,592.23 | |
| External Entry Fees | 2,808.00 | 1,829.00 | |
| Gifts and Donations | 539.50 | 600.00 | |
| Governance | 50.90 | 65.60 | |
| Grants and Awards | 2,394.20 | 2,355.00 | |
| Honoraria | 2,800.00 | 0.00 | New item |
| Miscellaneous | 572.50 | 0.00 | |
| Office Supplies | 62.81 | 192.33 | |
| Postage and Delivery | 433.15 | 305.50 | |
| Printing and Reproduction | 336.82 | 331.90 | |
| Rent | 0.00 | 3,300.00 | |
| Repairs | 803.45 | 0.00 | |
| Subscriptions | 0.00 | 160.00 | |
| Track Hire | 522.59 | 540.67 | |
| Trophies and Prizes VRWC | 5,945.18 *** | 2,391.23 | *** 3 years trophy stock |
| Utilities | 490.55 | 477.00 | |
| Web Presence | 119.40 | 0.00 | - VRWC web site |
| Total Expense | 25,157.61 | 19,203.78 | |
| Net Ordinary Income | 5,810.44 | 3,325.56 | |
| Other Income/Expense | | | |
| Other Income | | | |
| Interest Income | 5,554.60 | 9,524.50 | - Low interest rates in 2010 |
| Other Income | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| Total Other Income | 5,564.60 | 9,524.50 | |
| Net Other Income | 5,564.60 | 9,524.50 | |
| Net Income | 11,375.04 | 12,850.06 | |

VICTORIAN RACE WALKING CLUB

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

As at 30th September 2010

| PREVIOUS YEAR 2008-09 | | CURRENT YEAR 2009-10 |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| | ASSETS | |
| | Cash: | |
| 7,765.51 | General Account Bank Balance | 1,615.73 |
| - | less Unpresented Cheques | - |
| | General Account Cash Book Balance | 1,615.73 |
| 5,327.14 | Canteen Account Bank Balance | 5,755.43 |
| - | less Unpresented Cheques | - |
| | Canteen Cash Book Balance | 5,755.43 |
| | Merchandise (incl Uniforms, Books) | TBA ¹ |
| | Canteen Stock | TBA ¹ |
| | Equipment | TBA ¹ |
| | Trophies, Honour Boards | TBA ¹ |
| | Investments: | |
| 15,822.32 | Merrifield Award Term Deposit | 16,696.26 |
| 32,358.25 | Club Teams Award Term Deposit | 17,072.33 |
| | Ray Smith International Travel Fund | 17,072.32 |
| | Travel Funds - Other | 11,545.90 |
| 76,329.30 | Investment No 1 Term Deposit | 79,219.59 |
| 124,509.87 | Total Investments | 141,606.40 |
| 1,000.00 | Bond with Parks Victoria ² | 1,000.00 |
| <u>138,602.52</u> | TOTAL ASSETS | <u>149,977.56</u> |
| | LIABILITIES | |
| | Balance of Loans | - |
| | Other Liabilities ³ | - |
| | TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u>-</u> |
| <u>138,602.52</u> | NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) | <u>149,977.56</u> |
| | EQUITY | |
| 124,752.46 | Opening Balance Equity | 124,752.46 |
| - | Retained Earnings | 13,850.06 |
| 13,850.00 | Net Income | 11,375.04 |
| <u>138,602.52</u> | TOTAL EQUITY | <u>149,977.56</u> |

- Note:*
- 1 TBA - To be advised when inventory/stocktake completed.
 - 2 Includes Security Deposit (+ \$400) for sportsground licence.
 - 3 Invoice for Clubroom rental of \$3,300.00 for 2009-10 yet to be received.