

VICTORIAN RACE WALKING CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT

2013

VRWC COMMITTEE FOR 2012/2013

OFFICERS

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

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Club Captain - Women	Marlaine Stanway
Club Captain – Men	Russ Dickenson
Junior Club Captain	Stephanie George
Publicity Officer	Stuart Cooper
Raceday Registrar	Damien Elms
Race Secretary	Tim Erickson
Handicapper	Mark Donahoo
Delegate to Athletics Victoria	Peter Vysma
Judging Coordinator	Peter Vysma
Canteen Coordinator	-
Club Coach	Don McLaren
Racewalking Australia Liason Officer	Mark Donahoo
Maintenance Sub Committee	Bob Gardiner, Peter Vysma, Tim Erickson
Uniforms Officer	Heather Carr
Records Officer	Terry Swan
Ordinary Members on Committee (3)	Tony Doran, Michael Bodey
Auditor	Timothy Matthews

LIFE MEMBERS			PRESIDENTS		
1928	Frank O'Rourke *	1971	Radcliffe Grace *	1923-1925	Robert Croll *
1933	Alfred Robinson *	1975	Elsie Jacobson *	1925-1928	William Dickenson *
1933	Frank Byrne *	1978	Mabel Robinson *	1928-1929	Rexx Merrick / Frank Byrne *
1933	William Billsborrow *	1983	Ray Smith *	1929-1931	Frank Byrne *
1936	James McDonald *	1987	Robert Gardiner	1931-1937	Edward Drayton *
1938	Rupert Blackley *	1987	Ronald Miller	1937-1941	Alfred Robinson *
1946	Edward Drayton *	1990	Thomas Daintry *	1946-1976	Alfred Robinson *
1948	Herbert Gardiner *	1990	Harold Summers	1976-1983	Raymond Smith
1948	Jack Larkin *	1998	Alan Johnson	1983 -2013	Harold Summers
1955	James Gaylor *	2001	Mark Donahoo		
1955	Norman Goble *	2005	Tim Erickson		
1955	Fred O'Grady *	2007	Peter Vysma		
1956	Frank McGuire *	2008	Marlaine Stanway		
1959	Charles Jacobson *	2008	Barbara Gardiner **		
1960	Jack Cummins *	2008	Joyce Summers **		
1961	Augustus Theobald *	2009	Lloyd Nichols		
1964	Ralph Field *	2010	Kate Suich **		
1964	George Knott *	2012	Stuart Cooper		
* 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	1946-1947	Ben Blakey
1941	Douglas Murrell	1947-1949	Alex Philpotts
1946-1947	Ben Blakey	1949-1950	Noel Bomford
1947-1949	Alex Philpotts	1950-1952	Vic Sharp
1949-1950	Noel Bomford	1952-1973	Norm Goble
1950-1952	Vic Sharp	1973-1982	Charles Jacobson
1952-1971	Norm Goble	1982-1983	Elsie Jacobson
1971-1974	Alan Lucas	1983-1990	Ray Smith
1974-1975	Bruce Thorne / Greg Ellis	1990-1994	Bob Gardiner
1975-1976	Greg Ellis	1994-1998	Tony Barrett
1976-1984	Alan Minter	1998-1999	Brian Glover
1984-1988	Doris Waters	1999-2007	Michael Bodey
1988-2000	Ron Miller	2008-	Ralph Bennett
2000-	Tim Erickson		

HARRY SUMMERS STEPS DOWN AS PRESIDENT

This AGM signals the end of an era as club President Harry Summers steps down after 30 years in this vital role. During this time, he has seen highs and lows, guiding the club through a period of great growth (1980s and early 1990s), then helping us cope with the loss of our clubrooms with its the resulting instability and drop in numbers (1995) and finally overseeing our subsequent rise to become Australia's strongest walking club once again.



Harry was one of the strong Victorian walking squad who came to the fore in the 1950s. He began racing in 1953 as a 17 year old and joined the Victorian Amateur Walkers' Club the following year.

Within two years, he had won his first national medal (a bronze) in the 1955 Australian 10,000m championship in Brisbane (49:21). He gained a second place in the Australian track 2 mile title in 1956 (14:15) and a third in 1960 (15:00) and featured in many clashes with Bob Gardiner and Ted Allsopp in the 1960s. He was also a fine cyclist and successfully mixed the two sports in his early career. Among his cycling victories was the Grafton to Inverell classic.

Harry returned to serious walking with the advent of the Veteran movement and won gold and silver in the 1981 World Veterans Championships in New Zealand. He was also selected in Australia's 1981 Lugano Cup team and rates that selection as the "personal highlight of my career". He was the oldest athlete, at 46, to represent Australia. He was selected again in 1985 in the team to the Isle of Man when 50 years of age – a remarkable achievement.

He was VAWC Vice Captain in the 1958-60 timeframe and when he returned to walking later in his career, he was elected as Club Captain in 1982. In 1983, he was elected to the position of Club President, a position he has held now for 30 years. He was awarded his VRWC life membership in 1990.

Harry has worn many other hats and has had many milestones during his long career in athletics

- He competed in the 1981 World Veterans Champs in NZ (M45), winning gold (5000m) and silver (20 km)
- He competed in the 1981 Lugano Cup 50 km walk in Valencia (aged 46) and in the 1985 Lugano Cup 50 km walk in the Isle of Man (aged 50)
- He managed the 1983 Lugano and Eschborn Cup teams to Bergen and the 1987 Lugano and Eschborn Cup teams to New York
- He managed the first walk team to visit China in 1985, comprising Sally Pierson, Kerry Saxby and Anne Ryan
- He is a Level 5 walks coach (he was one of the first to achieve this status) and has coached a long list of Australian walkers to international status
- He has been on the executive of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association for the past 20 years
- He was appointed the Australian National Walks Coach in 1998
- He was President of Racewalking Australia from 2002 to 2004

This year, Harry celebrates 60 years of involvement in athletics and he continues to mix his many portfolios and contribute to the sport at so many levels. We thank him for his huge contribution to our club and look forward to his continuing involvement as a valued club member. Perhaps he will now find some time to actually race!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This will be my last report as President. I believe I have exceeded my use-by date. I'm not going anywhere, I hope to continue the friendships and camaraderie for many years (old walkers never die, they just get slower).

When I joined the walkers club circa 1954, the club was controlled by a strong and progressive committee including Alf Robinson, Norm Goble, Bert Gardiner, Frank McGuire, etc. They laid the foundation for the great club we have today. They believed that we needed a base (clubrooms) and succeeded in building the original rooms at Albert Park. The rest is history.

Today we have the best facilities and courses in Australia, we have the world's leading walkers and a strong group of juniors and little juniors who are, or soon will be, world ranked. We have some of the world's best veterans and strong fields starting in our regular races.

We also have Tim Erickson and a good committee. Tim's enthusiasm and dedication has brought our club to the attention of walking clubs world wide and continues to improve the standard and achievements of VRWC.

My thanks to all those who have served on our committees over the years and to the judges and volunteers. Without you, we would not be able to function.

Harry Summers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

2012/2013 was another bumper year for the club in every possible way.

From a membership perspective, we improved slightly from 188 to 192. The good news is that we have been hovering around the 200 mark since 2008. That means 6 years of very strong and active participation. There is of course considerable churn in our membership with many people signing up, giving our sport a try and then finding it is not for them. Although we do try to make our club as attractive as possible to our members, this sort of turnover is a fact of life in any sporting club and our aim is to ensure that overall, our numbers are maintained.

We acknowledge the hard work of the many coaches and club administrators who bring new blood into our sport and who then point their aspiring walkers to our club. This is a very big factor in our large membership. In this regard, I must also acknowledge our close liaison with Little Athletics Victoria via LAVic Development Officer Shane Bertrand.

This winter, our winter season racing numbers were slightly up on last year - in the 2012 winter season we averaged 65 walkers per week over the 19 weeks of the winter season with a high of 89. This winter season, we averaged 68 walkers per week over the 19 weeks of the winter season with a high of 100 (on 4th May).

With the continuing strong income from large membership subscriptions and steady racing fees, the club was able to push considerable monies back to its membership. This included

- \$1000 spread between Nathan Brill, Rhydian Cowley, Rachel Tallent and Jess Rothwell for international representations
- \$450 distributed to members via the Club Teams Fund
- \$450 distributed to members via the Merrifield Award
- \$3154 spent on trophies and prizes (5 prize days were held during the winter season with prize pools in the vicinity of \$250 and the annual presentation day was held at the end of the winter season)
- \$3200 in Honoraria, spread between Secretary, Treasurer, Handicapper, Judging Coordinator and Equipment officer.

Money was also spent on various ways to improve our infrastructure

- New RFID Chip Timing System (approx \$15,000) - spearheaded by Ralph Bennett
- AIMS certification of our regular racing course (\$1000). Proper course certification is now necessary for any record attempts and international teams qualification.
- Printout stopwatch repairs
- New judging booklets

- New walkie-talkies
- 4 new stopwatches
- New Blinds for the women's changerooms
- New paper dispenser for the women's bathroom
- Refurbishment of VRWC and RWV club uniforms and ordering of new RWV hoodies

In particular, the purchase of a new RFID chip system and related hardware and software (new laptop, generator, chips, etc) was our most significant purchase for many years. Under the guidance of Ralph Bennett and Terry Swan, it has been used during the winter season and will be finetuned over the summer. We hope that by the start of the 2014 winter season, it will be fully functional and able to be used for all our races. On a related note, we have increased the club memberships by \$5 per category to help offset the large RFID purchase price.

Neil Ryan, the proprietor of Runners World Kew, continued with his generous sponsorship of our summer and winter seasons, with major awards totalling \$5000!

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| • Summer – Top Male | Nathan Brill | \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Summer – Top Female | Kelly Ruddick | \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Winter - Open Men: | Chris Erickson | \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Winter - Open Women: | Kelly Ruddick | \$500 cash and \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Winter - Junior Men: | Kyle Swan | \$500 Runners World gift voucher |
| • Winter - Junior Women: | Emily Hamilton | \$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 Saturday 27 April. In 2014 we do not expect to start racing at our Middle 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

- All 5 days of the 2013 Athletics Victoria roadwalking championships (May-September 2013)
- The 2013 Athletics Victoria Schools roadwalking championships (June 2013)
- The 2013 Victorian Masters Association roadwalking championships (May and July 2013)
- The 2013 Australian Masters Association 20km roadwalking championships (June 2013)
- Our own VRWC club championships (five sets in all).

We also hosted a highly successful 24 Hour Carnival in September 2013. This was our first venture into this highly complex sort of event and it required the help of many club members and was backed financially by the Australian Centurions. From our perspective, it was cost neutral.

We also hosted the Victorian Masters 5000m track championships in March 2013 and helped Athletics Australia run the Australian 50 km roadwalk championship in December 2012 at Fawkner Park, providing equipment and manpower on both occasions. We charge AA and AV for helping to run their championships and we received \$150 (AA) and \$675 (AV) for our efforts.

We donated all takings from the RWA Interstate Challenge race day (13 July 2013) to the International Brain Tumour Alliance. What with race fees and donations and a top-up from the club, \$539 was forwarded to the organization.

VRWC participated in both major Racewalking Australia Carnivals this year as part of RWV. In June, 67 Victorian walkers travelled to Canberra for the Lake Burley Griffin Carnival, with many of the walkers participating in more than one event to help in the teams competitions. As usual, RWV vied with NSWRC at the top of the table, winning 6 individual golds and 4 team golds. We then backed up with a team of 25 walkers for the Second Federation event in Launceston, held in conjunction with the Australian roadwalk championships, and we did well there also, winning 7 individual golds and 2 team golds.

Communication continues to be one of our strongest assets. This year, the Heel & Toe newsletter was published 52 times to a distribution list of some 400 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 continued with her role as our official club video coordinator, producing a number of race excellent videos which were uploaded to YouTube for general consumption. Stuart Cooper fed our weekly results to the Press and ran our Facebook page for internal club communication. Finally club member David Armstrong continued with his role as athsvicTV producer with an ongoing selection of high quality videos that captured the atmosphere at our big championship days. What a team!

Our Club Records continued to take a hammering this year with 57 new ones set. Our most prolific record breakers were Kelly Ruddick (11), Gwen Steed (9) and Nathan Brill (7). Certificates, designed by Emily Swan, were presented to every record breaker and the current list of club record holders is maintained on our website.

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

- Australian Schools T&F Championships, Hobart, 30 November - 4 December 2012

Nathan Brill	U18 3000m	21:05.74
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- Australian Summer 20km Roadwalk Championships, Hobart, 24 February 2013

Jared Tallent	20km	1:22:10
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- Australian U14-U18 T&F Championships, Perth, 12-17 March 2013

Nathan Brill	U20 10000m	42:48.70
Adam Garganis	U17 5000m	23:50.57
Nathan Brill	U18 5000m	20:33.90
Kyle Swan	U15 3000m	16:36.95
- Australian Roadwalk Championships, Hobart, Sunday 1 September 2013

Kelly Ruddick	20km Open	1:33:15
Jesse Osborne	10km U20	44:32
Nathan Brill	10km U18	43:34
Kyle Swan	5km U16	23:52
Corey Dickson	2km U12	10:22

Our Masters walkers led by example again this year. The main trend setters had to be Kelly Ruddick whose onslaught on the W40 World Records continues unabated and Andrew Jamieson who broke more of his own M65 world records on the track last summer season. Other Masters walkers to set new club records this year included Gwen Steed (W70), Margaret Beaumont (W75), Michelle Laufer (W40), Heather Carr (W60) Pam Tindal (W50) and Ralph Bennett (M70). Then to top things off, our Masters walkers excelled in the World Masters Championships in Porto Alegre in Brazil last month with Andrew Jamieson, Heather Carr, Ralph Bennett, Russ Dickenson, Pam Tindal, Liz Feldman and Margaret Beaumont all winning individual medals and even more of our walkers in the mix from a teams perspective. If the likes of Bob Gardiner, Kelly Ruddick, Simon Evans, Gwen Steed and Michelle Laufer had been on the start line, the medal tally would have been even bigger. As Russ Dickenson put it, it was "the VRWC show in Brazil. Our club produced more walks gold than just about any other Country!"

This year saw international representations by a lot of our elite walkers, spearheaded as usual by Jared Tallent

- Summer Universiade, Kazan, Russia, July

Rachel Tallent	DNF in the Women's 20km
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- World Youth Championships, Donetsk, Ukraine, July

Nathan Brill	5 th in the Junior 10km in 42:54
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- IAAF World Championships, Moscow, August

Jared Tallent	3 rd in Men's 50km in 3:40.03
Chris Erickson	16 th in Men's 50km in 3:49.41
Jess Rothwell	54 th in Women's 20km in 1:38:03
Rhydian Cowley	50 th in Men's 20km in 1:33:35

We are privileged to have as club members so many of Australia's current international representative walkers. 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.

All this 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.

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. My apologies to anyone I have missed.

- Harry, Bob, Damien and Mark 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, Kate, Wendy and Marlaine who provide for us all in the canteen and kitchen.
- Paul, Ian, Natalie, Stuart, Harry, Bob, Don, Matt, Mark, Michael, Craig, Susan and the many helpers and parents who look after the timekeeping and recording and equipment setup and pulldown each week
- Terry and Frances who man the cameras each week
- Justin who rides the bike on racedays
- Peter, Gordon, Lloyd, Shane, Michael, Judy, Brenda, Kathleen, Terry and Frances who form the backbone of our judging panel, with some of them on deck nearly every week

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 of the range and they give us a headquarters which is the envy of other clubs. Parks Victoria 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.

Tim Erickson
Secretary, VRWC, 10th November 2013

VRWC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Five 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, 18 NOVEMBER 2012

VRWC 20 km Open Men - Gus Theobald Mem. 1. Chris Erickson 1:29:59 2. Andrew Jamieson 1:46:11 3. Simon Evans 1:47:15	VRWC 10 km Vet. Women – Heather Carr Trophy 1. Pam Tindal 54:32 2. Kylie Irshad 1:02:08 3. Donna Elms 1:05:19
VRWC 5 km Under 20 Men 1. Connor McShanag 29:08	VRWC 5 km Under 20 Women 1. Jemima Montag 25:27 2. Stephanie George 27:43 3. Jade Sanders 29:18
VRWC 3k Under 15 Boys 1. Kyle Swan 14:10 2. Reese Walmsley 14:43	VRWC 3k Under 15 Girls 1. Philippa Huse 17:10
VRWC 1.5k Under 12 Boys No starters	VRWC 1.5k Under 12 Girls 1. Jemma Peart 08:06 2. Alanna Peart 08:38
VRWC 1.5k Under 9 Boys No starters	VRWC 1.5k Under 9 Girls No starters

ALBERT PARK, 18 MAY 2013

	VRWC 15 km Open Women Elsie Jacobson Memorial Trophy 1. Kelly Ruddick 1:13:23 2. Michelle Laufer 1:20:40 3. Sarah Brennan 1:22:44
15km Under 20 Men 1. Jesse Osborne 1:08:36 2. Adam Garganis 1:21:49 3. Cody McNicol-Davidson 1:40:30	15km Under 20 Women 1. Cassie Raselli 1:41:46 2. Nicole Hallett 1:45:05
5km Under 16 Boys 1. Reese Walmsley 25:29	5km Under 16 Girls 1. Emily Hamilton 27:01 2. Paige De Lisen 28:17 3. Lauren Collis 36:43
3km Under 14 Boys 1. Kyle Swan 13:50 2. Lachlan Feain 18:03	3km Under 14 Girls 1. Philippa Huse 16:45 2. Jessica Lillie 17:53
Under 12 2 km Boys 1. Corey Dickson 10:11 2. Nikola Mandic 10:19 3. Bede Collis 11:08	Under 12 2 km Girls 1. Mackayla Davison 10:56 2. Mikhala Hodges 11:01 3. Kathleen O'Mahony 11:17
Under 9 1 km Boys 1. Jared Hodges 05:28 2. Marcus Byron 05:32 3. Angus Hay 09:01	Under 9 1 km Girls 1. Hayley Woolfe 05:48 2. Brianna Briet 05:53 3. Gemma Lillie 06:01

ALBERT PARK, 30 JUNE 2013

VRWC 20 km Open Men - Alf Robinson Trophy 1. Chris Erickson 1:23:28 2. Jesse Osborne 1:32:43 3. Stuart Kollmorgen 1:45:56	
VRWC 1.5 km Under 12 Boys 1. Corey Dickson 07:18 2. Nikola Mandic 07:26	VRWC 1.5 km Under 12 Girls 1. Tegan Miller 07:58 2. Kathleen O'Mahony 08:06 3. Alanna Peart 08:09
VRWC 1.5 km Under 9 Boys 1. Marcus Byron 08:20 2. Jared Hodges 11:27 3. Scott Peart 12:06	VRWC 1.5 km Under 9 Girls 1. Hayley Woolfe 08:50 2. Brianna Briett 09:00 3. Gemma Lillie 09:17

ALBERT PARK, 4 AUGUST 2013

	VRWC 10 km Open Women Mabel Robinson Trophy 1. Kelly Ruddick 46:15 2. Natalie Laurie 51:43 3. Sandra Geisler 54:04
VRWC 2 km Under 12 Boys 1. Nikola Mandic 10:27 2. Tom Hockley-Samon 11:42	VRWC 2 km Under 12 Girls 1. Rebecca Henderson 10:28 2. Mackayla Davison 10:56 3. Alanna Peart 11:26
VRWC 2 km Under 9 Boys 1. Marcus Byron 12:36 2. Fraser Saunder 13:41 3. Scott Peart 19:31	VRWC 2 km Under 9 Girls 1. Hayley Woolfe 11:55 2. Brianna Briett 12:03 3. Gemma Lillie 12:53

ALBERT PARK, 15 SEPTEMBER 2013

VRWC 35 km Open Men Ray Smith Trophy 1. Ian Rayson (NSWRWC) 2:42:55	
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ATHLETICS VICTORIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

VRWC hosted all five A.V. championship days during the winter season as well as the 5km Teams Championships during the summer season. Our officials and judges form an expert pool on which A.V. can rely and we provide a key service to that organisation 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.

A.V. 50 KM OPEN MEN, 15/09/2013 No finishers	
A.V. 30 KM OPEN MEN, 04/08/2013 1. Chris Erickson ATE 2:22:16 2. Terry O'Neill GPA 3:10:54	
A.V. 20 KM OPEN MEN, 30/06/2013 1. Chris Erickson ATE 1:23:28 2. Jesse Osborne BOH 1:32:43 3. Stuart Kollmorgen COL 1:45:56	A.V. 20 KM OPEN WOMEN, 30/06/2013 1. Tanya Holliday SA 1:36:03 2. Kelly Ruddick BHA 1:36:46 3. Michelle Laufer COL 1:47:51 4. Sarah Brennan BYC 1:49:22
A.V. 15 KM OPEN MEN, 18/05/2013 1. Chris Erickson ATE 1:06:18 2. Jesse Osborne BOH 1:08:36 3. Brad Simpson ANW 1:11:25	A.V. 15 KM OPEN WOMEN, 18/05/2013 1. Kelly Ruddick BHA 1:13:23 2. Michelle Laufer COL 1:20:40 3. Sarah Brennan BYC 1:22:44
A.V. 10 KM OPEN MEN, 04/05/2013 1. Chris Erickson ATE 41:37 2. Jesse Osborne BOH 43:41 3. Brad Simpson ANW 47:54	A.V. 10KM OPEN WOMEN, 04/05/2013 1. Michelle Laufer COL 52:41 2. Sarah Brennan BYC 54:21 3. Heather Carr EAG 58:38
A.V. 5 KM TEAMS EVENT MEN, 20/01/2013 1. ANW 12 B Simpson, F Bertei, R Antidormi 2. ATE 21 M Donahoo, D Knox, C McShanag 3. COL 21 S Kollmorgen, D Smyth, D Best	A.V. 5KM TEAMS EVENT WOMEN, 20/01/2013 1. KNA 12 T Feiner, P De Lisen, E Hamilton 2. EAG 14 A Heard, H Carr, E Whiley 3. WES 23 K Shaw, R Shaw, J Hodgart

The Victorian Underage roadwalking championships were also keenly contested.

A.V. 10 KM U20 MEN, 04/08/2013 1. Jesse Osborne BOH 45:07	A.V. 10 KM U20 WOMEN, 04/08/2013 1. Cassandra Raselli CCA 1:01:56 2. Ebony Whiley EAG 1:02:07 3. Mikhala Hodges KNA 1:05:36
A.V. 10 KM U18 MEN, 04/08/2013 1. Nathan Brill BOH 42:33 2. Adam Garganis COL 51:33	A.V. 5 KM U18 WOMEN, 04/08/2013 1. Jade Sanders CCA 30:31
A.V. 5 KM U16 BOYS, 04/08/2013 1. Kyle Swan ANW 22:54 2. Reese Walmsley KNA 24:52 3. Ross Darlow EKA 25:19	A.V. 5 KM U16 GIRLS, 04/08/2013 1. Emily Hamilton KNA 27:21 2. Paige De Lisen KNA 28:07 3. Jessica Lillie KNA 31:42
A.V. 3 KM U14 BOYS, 04/08/2013 1. Nikola Mandic CCA 16:03 2. Harry Hockley Samon CHI 18:06 3. Hayden Walmsley KNA 19:28	A.V. 3 KM U14 GIRLS, 04/08/2013 1. Rebecca Henderson CCA 15:20 2. Jemma Peart BYC 15:33 3. Zahra Hayes SBE 15:47

The Victorian All Schools roadwalks were held on 30th June 2013, with good fields in nearly all age groups.

AV SCHOOLS 10KM U120 MEN, 30/06/2013 No starters	AV SCHOOLS 10KM U20 GIRLS, 30/06/2013 1. Mikhala Hodges 1:08:52
AV SCHOOLS 5KM U18 MEN, 30/06/2013 1. Adam Garganis 25:02 2. Lucas Taylor 26:48	AV SCHOOLS 5KM U18 GIRLS, 30/06/2013 1. Stephanie George 27:09 2. Jade Sanders 28:46 3. Emily Swan 29:25
AV SCHOOLS 3KM U16 BOYS, 30/06/2013 1. Kyle Swan 13:53 2. Reese Walmsley 14:10 3. Cody McNicol-Davidson 17:03	AV SCHOOLS 3KM U16 GIRLS, 30/06/2013 1. Emily Hamilton 15:59 2. Paige De Lisen 17:24 3. Jessica Lillie 17:38
AV SCHOOLS 3KM U14 BOYS, 30/06/2013 1. Corey Dickson 16:12 2. Harry Hockley-Samon 17:52 3. Hayden Walmsley 19:36	AV SCHOOLS 3KM U14 GIRLS, 30/06/2013 1. Zahra Hayes 16:05 2. Brodie Richardson 16:34 3. Jemma Peart 16:37

47th AFRWC WALKING CHAMPS, WESTON PARK, CANBERRA, 9 JUNE 2013

The 47th Lake Burley Griffin Racewalking Carnival in June was a huge success in every way - big fields (over 200 walkers all together), exciting races, great performances and good weather - it was foggy and cool in the morning but cleared to a fine sunny day.

With nearly 70 RWV walkers competing in a variety of events, it was a big Victorian representation ever and the Racewalking Victoria team performed admirably, winning 17 individual medals and 17 teams medals. The RWV honour list read as follows:

Gold	Jared Tallent	20M Open Men	2:20:42	
	Karyn O'Neill	20M Open Women	3:51:00	
	Jesse Osborne	10M Open Men	1:10:57	
	Alanna Peart	U10 Girls 1km	5:06	
	Rebecca Henderson	U12 Girls 2km	10:03	
	Stephanie George	U18 Girls 5km	25:44	
Silver	Chris Erickson	20M Open Men	2:21:12	
	Terry O'Neill	20M Masters	3:29:26	
	Rachel Tallent	10M Women	1:16:45	
	Jemma Peart	U12 Girls 2km	10:10	
	Adam Garganis	U16 Boys 3km	13:46	
	Michelle Laufer	Masters Women 5km	26:20	
Bronze	Scott Nelson	10M Masters Men	1:29:51	
	Jared Hodges	U10 1km Boys	5:36	
	Corey Dickson	U12 2km Boys	9:57	
	Kyle Swan	U16 Boys 3km	14:09	
	Adam Garganis	U18 Boys 5km	24:16	
Teams Gold	Open Men 20 Mile	Jared Tallent 7 Chris Erickson 5 Bradley Simpson 3		
	U10 Girls 1km	Alanna Peart 16 hayley Woolfe 13 Brianna Briet 12		
	U12 Girls 2km	Rebecca Henderson 22 Jemma Peart 20 Zahra Hayes 18		
	U16 Boys 3km	Adam Garganis 14 Kyle Swan 13 Reese Walmsley 12		
	Open Women 10 Mile	Rachel Tallent 10 Michelle Laufer 5 Sarah Brennan 4		
Teams Silver	U10 Boys 1km	Jared Hodges 4 Fraser Saunder 2 Scott Peart 1		
	U12 Boys 2km	Corey Dickson 8 Nikola Mandic 7 Ethan Wright 3		
	U14 Girls 2km	Jemma Peart 17 Brodie Richardson 16 Kathleen O'Mahony 13		
	U16 Girls 3km	Jade Sanders 12 Emily Swan 11 Philippa Huse 10		
	U18 Boys 5km	Adam Garganis 10 Kyle Swan 9 Reese Walmsley 8		
	Teams Bronze	Open Men 10 Mile	Jesse Osborne 10 Scott Nelson 3 Bernie Keirl 2	
		U10 Girls 1km	Gemma Lillie 10 Mia Darlow 8 Ruby Saunder 6	
U12 Girls 2km		Kathleen O'Mahony 16 Mikhala Hodges 15 Brianna Lillie 14		
U14 Boys 2km		Corey Dickson 9 Rodney Davis 4 Ethan Wright 2		
U16 Boys 3km		Ross Darlow 10 Corey Dickson 8 Cody McNicol-Davidson 2		
U18 Boys 5km		Lucas Taylor 7 Ross Darlow 5 Cody McNicol-Davidson 1		
Open Women 5km		Michelle Laufer 15 Simone McInnes 10 Cassie Raselli 7		

RWA WALKING CARNIVAL, LAUNCESTON, SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2013

RWV sent only a relatively small team to Launceston to contest the Second Federation Carnival but the Victorians performed excellently, taking 14 individual medals and 4 teams medals. It was a strong performance but not quite strong enough as we narrowly surrendered the Brennen Shield to NSWRC.

Gold	Kelly Ruddick	20km Open Women	1:33:15
	Jesse Osborne	10km U20 Men	44:32
	Nathan Brill	10km U18 Men	43:34
	Kyle Swan	5km U16 Men	23:52
	Zoe Boldiston	5km U18 Women	24:44
	Corey Dickson	2km U12 Boys	10:22
	Alanna Peart	1km U10 Girls (Invit)	5:06
Silver	Rachel Tallent	20km Open Women	1:38:06
	Reese Walmsley	5km U16 Men	24:59
	Alanna Peart	2km U12 Girls	11:06
Bronze	Rhydian Cowley	20km Open Men	1:29:31
	Adam Garganis	10km U18 Men	49:20
	Emily Hamilton	5km U16 Women	27:21
	Carissa Brook	2km U12 Girls	11:26
Team Gold	Open Women 10km U16 Men 5km	Kelly Ruddick, Rachel Tallent, Natalie Laurie Kyle Swan, Reese Walmsley, Cody McNicol-Davidson	
Team Silver	Open Women 10km U14 Girls 3km	Sarah Brennan, Simone McInnes, Donna Elms Zahra Hayes, Jemma Peart, Madison Hill	

2013 WINTER SEASON AWARD WINNERS

ATHLETICS VICTORIA TROPHY WINNERS

NORM GOBLE TROPHY	Most points earned in Mens AV Championships	Chris Erickson
BETTY NEWMAN TROPHY	Womens Walking Team Champions	Collingwood Harriers
AVIS REDMAN TROPHY	Best Under 16 Girl Walker	Emily Hamilton
TOM DAINTRY TROPHY	Best Under 14 Girl Walker	Rebecca Henderson

VRWC RUNNERS WORLD SPONSORSHIPS

Open Men	Chris Erickson
Open Women	Kelly Ruddick
Under 20 Men	Kyle Swan
Under 20 Women	Emily Hamilton

VRWC FASTEST TIMES POINTS & HANDICAP POINTS COMPETITIONS

Masters Women	Fastest Times Points	Heather Carr
Masters Women	Handicap Points	Donna Elms
Masters Men	Fastest Times Points	James Christmass
Masters Men	Handicap Points	John Morrison
Open Women	Fastest Times Points	Sandra Geisler
Open Women	Handicap Points	Sandra Geisler
Open Men	Fastest Times Points	Jason Kozica
Open Men	Handicap Points	Jason Kozica
Under 20 Women	Fastest Times Points	Emily Swan
Under 20 Women	Handicap Points	Emily Swan
Under 20 Men	Fastest Times Points	Cody McNicol-Davidson
Under 20 Men	Handicap Points	Cody McNicol-Davidson
Under 15 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Paige De Lisen, Emily Hamilton
Under 15 Girls	Handicap Points	Brodie Richardson
Under 15 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Kyle Swan
Under 15 Boys	Handicap Points	Kyle Swan, Reese Walmsley
Under 12 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Kathleen O'Mahony
Under 12 Girls	Handicap Points	Kathleen O'Mahony
Under 12 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Corey Dickson
Under 12 Boys	Handicap Points	Corey Dickson
Under 9 Girls	Fastest Times Points	Hayley Woolfe
Under 9 Girls	Handicap Points	Brianna Briet
Under 9 Boys	Fastest Times Points	Marcus Byron
Under 9 Boys	Handicap Points	Marcus Byron

VRWC JACK LARKIN TROPHY - HIGHEST POINT SCORING COUNTRY ATHLETES

Men	James Christmass
Women	Heather Carr

VRWC MERRIFIELD AWARDS - COMBINED FASTEST TIMES AND HANDICAP POINTS

Masters Men	John Morrison
Masters Women	Heather Carr
Open Men	Jason Kozica
Open Women	Sandra Geisler
Under 20 Men	Cody McNicol-Davidson
Under 20 Women	Emily Swan
Under 15 Men	Kyle Swan
Under 15 Women	Brodie Richardson

VRWC STYLE AWARDS

Open/U15 Men	Mark Donahoo	Open/U15 Women	Paige De Lisen
U12/U9 Boys	Nikola Mandic, Corey Dickson	U12/U9 Girls	Brianna Lillie

VRWC CLUB TEAM FUND RECIPIENTS

28 walkers competed in the Teams Events in the LBG Carnival in age groups from Under 18 and down:
 Brianna BRIET, Corey DICKSON, Stephanie GEORGE, Adam GARGANIS, Rebecca HENDERSON,
 Mikhala HODGES, Jared HODGES, Philippa HUSE, Brianna LILLIE, Jessica LILLIE, Gemma LILLIE,
 Nikola MANDIC, Chloe McNICOL-DAVIDSON, Cody McNicOL-DAVIDSON, Tegan MILLER, Arnika

NELSON, Kathleen O'MAHONY, Brodie RICHARDSON, Jade SANDERS, Kyle SWAN, Emily SWAN, Lee TAYLOR, Lucas TAYLOR, Hayden WALMSLEY, Reese WALMSLEY, Hayley WOOLFE, Ethan WRIGHT, Leah WRIGHT

12 walkers competed in the Teams Events in the Launceston Carnival in age groups from Under 18 and down: Carly BERTRAND, Nathan BRILL, Corey DICKSON, Adam GARGANIS, Emily HAMILTON, Tom and Harry HOCKLEY-SAMON, Cody and Chloe McNICOL-DAVIDSON, Tegan MILLER, Kyle SWAN, Reese WALMSLEY

VRWC PLACE GETTERS, POINTS COMPETITIONS

Fastest Time Points – Women				Handicap Points – Women			
Masters	1	Heather Carr	49	Masters	1	Donna Elms	48
	2	Donna Elms	32		2	Gwen Steed	40
	E3	Liz Feldman	28		3	Heather Carr	35
	E3	Alison Thompson	28				
Open	1	Sandra Geisler	34	Open	1	Sandra Geisler	31
	2	Natalie Laurie	26		2	Donna Urquhart	27
	3	Donna Urquhart	21		3	Natalie Laurie	23
U20	1	Emily Swan	37	U20	1	Emily Swan	38
	2	Jade Sanders	31		2	Chloe McNicol-Davidson	27
	3	Cassie Raselli	24		3	Cassie Raselli	24
U15	E1	Paige De Lisen	39	U15	1	Brodie Richardson	35
	E1	Emily Hamilton	39		2	Gabbie Crea	31
	3	Brodie Richardson	35		3	Karla Bulte	29
U12	1	Kathleen O'Mahony	57	U12	1	Kathleen O'Mahony	46
	2	Brianna Lillie	42		2	Caitlyn Rudston-Brown	38
	3	Mikhala Hodges	30		3	Alexandra Hay	32
U9	1	Hayley Woolfe	63	U9	1	Brianna Briet	52
	2	Brianna Briet	50		2	Hayley Woolfe	46
	3	Gemma Lillie	44		3	Charlotte Hay	44
Fastest Time Points – Men				Handicap Points – Men			
Masters	1	James Christmass	46	Masters	1	John Morrison	57
	2	Mark Donahoo	38		2	Barrie Wicks	41
	3	John Morrison	38		3	James Christmass	39
Open	1	Jason Kozica	30	Open	1	Jason Kozica	15
	E2	Gerard Feain	17		2	Aaron McDonough	13
	E2	Aaron McDonough	17		3	Nicholas Mirarchi	11
U20	1	Cody McNicol-Davidson	24	U20	1	Cody McNicol-Davidson	35
	E2	Nathan Brill	21		2	Paul Tremigliozi	17
	E2	Jesse Osborne	21		3	Nathan Brill	12
U15	1	Kyle Swan	61	U15	E1	Kyle Swan	56
	2	Reese Walmsley	57		E1	Reese Walmsley	56
	3	Lachlan Feain	42		3	Lachlan Feain	49
U12	1	Corey Dickson	63	U12	1	Corey Dickson	54
	2	Nikola Mandic	54		2	Hayden Walmsley	48
	3	Hayden Walmsley	38		3	Nikola Mandic	42
U9	1	Marcus Byron	61	U9	1	Marcus Byron	52
	2	Angus Hay	36		2	Angus Hay	41
	3	Jared Hodges	27		3	Jared Hodges	27

TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL YEAR: 1 October 2012 - 30 September 2013

The period October 2012 to September 2013 was another solid financial year for the Club. We finished the year with a reasonable loss of \$1,101, leading to a relatively small decline in Club assets to \$158,890.

Membership numbers and attendant race fees remained consistently high.

Our return on investments in the form of bank term deposits has declined in line with the general downturn in 'risk-free' investment interest rates.

When this year's expenses are compared to last year, it should be noted that honoraria for 2011-12 were paid in the previous financial year, that donations totalling \$2,000 were made to Race Walking Australia for the support of national activities and events, and that this year saw the start of a depreciation expense for our new race chip timing system.

The race chip timing system should be fully functional by the start of the 2014 winter season and will reduce our need to 'press gang' supporters and parents into helping run and officiate at races. At times when the timing system is not required by VRWC, we are considering making the system available to other athletics organisations for a moderate fee that will help us to recoup some of the system costs.

The amount allocated for honoraria this year includes a new honorarium for a Timing System Coordinator as this will be a key responsibility in the recording and reporting of our races.

I acknowledge the valuable services of Mark Donahoo, the Elms family, Michael Bodey, Russ Dickenson, Stu Cooper, and others who have helped with the recording of race entries and the collection of fees. Our canteen ladies, Barbara, Kate, and Wendy - and Marlaine when she is not too busy on other duties - have continued to provide a welcoming and very valued service to our race-day participants.

In summary, the Club's financial position is sound.

The accompanying statements of accounts have not been audited.

Ralph Bennett

VRWC Honorary Treasurer

9th October 2013