

## VICTORIAN WOMEN'S RACEWALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1947 - 2023

I have already written about the long time that Australian women had to wait before they could compete officially in amateur athletics competition (see [Australasian Championships Women 1933-1940.pdf](#)).

In summary, the general attitude of the male-dominated society in Australia was not conducive to women's athletics and women were actively discouraged from participating in sport. Nevertheless, there was no stopping the women and by 1928 three women's clubs had affiliated with the NSWAAA as part of men's clubs - Botany, Kensington and St George. In 1929, women's inter-club competition began in Sydney.

South Australian, Queensland and Victorian women also formed their own associations around this time. But it was not always easy. Early in 1929 a delegate from Glenhuntly AAC in Victoria moved that women's events be included in the state championships. The male delegates were shocked and the motion was soundly defeated. The women went their own way, forming the Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association (VWAAA) in December 1929. When the women's association subsequently tried to affiliate with the men, they were refused on the grounds that they would flourish better on their own. This resulted in Victorian men and women competing in separate associations until the late 1970's when they were finally amalgamated. Nationally, the women also went their own way, forming the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union (AWAAA) in 1932 and taking control of their own destiny.

The 1930/31 season saw the start of inter-club for women in Victoria at 3 venues - Williamstown and Glenhuntly Cricket Grounds and the Royal Showgrounds. It was not until 1936 that the VWAAA was able to obtain Royal Park from the Melbourne City Council. By 1939 they had a proper cinder track and dressing room accommodation there and they competed at that venue until the merger with the men in the late 1970s.

Interestingly, the Victorian Women's Championships continued throughout the war, with their usual schedule of events, except for the 880 Yards Walk which had been removed. It would not reappear until the 1947 edition.

### 1943 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Royal Park

### 1944 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### 1945 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### 1946 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### 1947 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Royal Park

Finally in 1947, the women walkers were able to participate once again in the Victorian T&F Championship at Royal Park, with Elsie Capel the winner of the 880 yards event. As was the norm during those time, only the winner's time was recorded.

#### 880 YARDS WALK

1.	Elsie Capel	Melbourne	4.09.2
	Lyn Parry	Coburg	
	K Roberts	VRI	
	N Cox	VRI	
	J Parry	Coburg	
	Joy Hutchinson	Glenhuntly	

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## 1948 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Royal Park

Elsie Capel won the event again in 1948, with a faster time of 4:02.0. Alas, the walk was then removed from the Victorian T&F Championships and was not reinstated until the 1958/1959 season. Thus Elsie Capel's short career was over almost before it was started.

### 880 YARDS WALK (6 Mar)

1.	Elsie Capel	Melbourne	4.02.0
	N Cox	VRI	
	L Hughes	St.Kilda	
	H King	Coburg	
	J Parry	Coburg	
	K Roberts	VRI	

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## 1959 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Royal Park

Finally, after an 11 year hiatus, the 880 Yards Walk was reintroduced to the T&F Championships in 1959, with Bev Viney of Williamstown winning the first of 6 State titles in a row. Williamstown quickly became the dominant women's walking club, with Bev's sister Judy Viney and others normally taking the minor medals as well.

### 880 YARDS WALK (28 Feb)

1.	Beverley Viney	Williamstown	3.59.2
2.	Joan Dodson	Brunswick	
3.	A Lambie	Coburg	

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## 1960 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Royal Park

### 880 YARDS WALK (26 Mar)

1.	Bev Viney	Williamstown	4.09.0
2.	M Cooper	Williamstown	
3.	Joan Dodson	Brunswick	
4.	S Page	Melbourne	
	S Joyce	Williamstown	

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## 1961 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Royal Park

### 880 YARDS WALK (4 Mar)

1.	Bev Viney	Williamstown	4.06.5
2.	Judy Viney	Williamstown	
3.	J Eades	Williamstown	

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## 1962 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Royal Park

### 880 YARDS WALK (6 Jan)

1.	Bev Viney	Williamstown	4.10.0
2.	J Eades	Williamstown	
3.	Judy Viney	Williamstown	
	Joy Burow	Eastern Suburbs	
	Angela Ferguson	Eastern Suburbs	

Betty Newman  
S Joyce

Footscray  
Williamstown

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### 1963 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Royal Park West

#### 880 YARDS WALK

1.	Bev Viney	Williamstown	3.59.0
2.	J Eades	Williamstown	
3.	Lyn Parry	Sandringham	
	N Marks	University High	
	Judy Viney	Williamstown	

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### 1964 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Royal Park West

#### 880 YARDS WALK (8 Feb)

1.	Bev Viney	Williamstown	3.59.2
2.	Judy Viney	Williamstown	
3.	Judy Fisher	South Bendigo	

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### 1965 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Royal Park West

In 1965, a second walk, contested over 1 Mile, was added to the T&F Championships, with Judy Fisher of South Bendigo taking the double. She also won both events the following year.

#### 880 YARDS WALK (13 Mar)

1.	Judy Fisher	South Bendigo	3.57.2
2.	Lyn Parry	Sandringham	
3.	Judy Viney	Williamstown	

#### 1 MILE WALK (20 Mar)

1.	Judy Fisher	South Bendigo	8.40.3
2.	Judy Viney	Williamstown	
3.	Marion Parkinson	Glenhuntly	

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### 1966 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Royal Park West

#### 880 YARDS WALK (15 Jan)

1.	Judy Fisher	South Bendigo	4.04.3
2.	Margaret Slater	Footscray	
3.	Carol Bryce	Glenhuntly	

#### 1 MILE WALK (9 Jan)

1.	Judy Fisher	Sth.Bendigo	8.56.4
2.	Margaret Slater	Footscray	
3.	Carol Bryce	Glenhuntly	

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## 1967 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Royal Park West

In 1967, the mantle was passed to Bernadette Jeacle of Footscray who won the walk double with much faster times than had been previously recorded. From then on, the names are familiar to me. Walkers like Bernadette, Lorraine Stafford, Helen Littlejohn and Kay Pittman were regulars with the Victorian Amateur Walkers' Club at Albert Park. They raced at Royal Park on the track with the Victorian Women's Assn in the summer and at Albert Park on the road in the winter, revelling in the opportunity to attack the longer distances on offer.

#### 880 YARDS WALK (14 JAN)

1.	Bernadette Jeacle	Footscray	3.45.5
2.	Margaret Slater	Footscray	
3.	Judy Fisher	South Bendigo	
4.	Betty Newman	Footscray	

#### 1 MILE WALK (7 JAN)

1.	Bernadette Jeacle	Footscray	8.14.7
2.	Margot Slater	Footscray	8.42.0
3.	Judy Fisher	South Bendigo	
4.	Betty Newman	Footscray	

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## 1968 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Royal Park West

#### 800 METRES WALK (FEB 10)

1.	Bernadette Jeacle	Footscray	7:10.0
2.	Lorraine Stafford	Ringwood	
2.	Helen Littlejohn	Brunswick	

#### 3KM ROAD WALK (FEB 17)

1.	Lorraine Stafford	Ringwood	15.58.0
2.	Bernadette Jeacle	Footscray	16.00.0
3.	Helen Littlejohn	Brunswick	16.42.0

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## 1969 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

### Royal Park West

#### 800 METRES WALK (1 Feb)

1.	Kaye Pittman	Oakleigh	3.36.2
2.	Lorraine Stafford	Ringwood	
3.	Helen Littlejohn	Brunswick	

#### 1,500 METRES WALK (8 Feb)

1.	Lorraine Stafford	Ringwood	7.31.6
2.	Helen Littlejohn	Brunswick	7.32.7
3.	Bernadette Jeacle-Cox	Footscray	

#### 3KM ROAD WALK

1.	Lorraine Stafford	Ringwood	15.58.0
2.	Bernadette Jeacle	Footscray	
3.	Helen Littlejohn	Brunswick	

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## 1970 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Royal Park West

#### 800 METRES WALK

(14 Jan)

1.	Kaye Pittman	Oakleigh	3.47.1
2.	Diane Ball	Ballarat YCW	
3.	Megan Pye	Beaumaris	

#### 1,500 METRES WALK (21 Jan)

1.	Kaye Pittman	Oakleigh	7.55.2
2.	Lyn Jenkins	VRI	

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## 1971 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Royal Park West

#### 800 METRES WALK (9 Jan)

1.	Diane Ball	Ballarat YCW	3.35.2
2.	Helen Littlejohn	Brunswick	
3.	Robyn Knape	Collingwood	

#### 1,500 METRES WALK (16 Jan)

1.	Helen Littlejohn	Brunswick	7.48.5
2.	Kaye Pittman	Oakleigh	
3.	Margaret Maddicks	Essendon	

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## 1972 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Royal Park West

Alison Nicholls of Ballarat burst onto the scene in 1972, dominating both track and road during her short career. Over the next few years, she regularly won at both State and National levels and set World Best times for the 1 Mile Track Walk and the 3000m Track Walk. She was the first of our female superstars and her retirement in 1976 saw the mantle handed to a bevy of younger walkers coming up through the ranks.

#### 800 METRES WALK (8 Feb)

1.	Alison Nicholls	Wendouree	3.35.3
2.	Kaye Pittman	Oakleigh	
3.	Lyn Jenkins	VRI	

#### 1,500 METRES WALK (15 Feb)

1.	Alison Nicholls	Wendouree	
2.	Lyn Jenkins	Glenhuntly	
3.	Kaye Pittman	Oakleigh	
	Jane Davies	Sth Bendigo	

#### 3KM ROAD WALK

1.	Alison Nicholls	Wendouree	15.40.0
2.	Shazron Clencie		
3.	Annette Williams	Geelong Guild	
4.	Stephanie Redman	Glenhuntly	

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## 1973 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Royal Park West

Over the next few years, other talented young walkers joined Alison, firstly Sue Orr (later Sue Cook) and then Lorraine Young (later Lorraine Jachno) and finally Sally Pierson. Sue, Lorraine and Sally all went on to become international walkers, with Sue and Sally battling out the major championships up till the mid eighties.

#### 800 METRES WALK

1.	Alison Nicholls	Ballarat-Wendouree	3.32.0
2.	Sue Orr	Ringwood	3.44.6
3.	Megan Pye	Beaumaris	4.09.5
	Debbie Hughes	Collingwood	
	Maureen Clamp	Diamond Valley	
	Anne Williams	Geelong Guild	
	Robyn Knape	Collingwood	

#### 1,500 METRES WALK (24 Feb)

1.	Alison Nicholls	Ballarat-Wendouree	7.05.4
2.	Anne Williams	Geelong Guild	7.39.7
3.	Megan Pye	Beaumaris	7.59.1
4.	Debbie Hughes	Collingwood	8.00.0
5.	Robyn Knape	Collingwood	8.44.8
6.	Maureen Clamp	Diamond Valley	8.44.8
	S Jones	Springvale/NP	
	Sue Orr	Ringwood	

#### 5KM ROAD WALK

1.	Alison Nicholls	Ballarat/Wendouree
2.	Betty Newman	Collingwood
3.	Stephanie Redman	Glenhuntly

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## 1974 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Aberfeldie

#### 1,500 METRES WALK (23 Feb)

1.	Jane Davies	South Bendigo	7:08.3
2.	Donna Caudry	Coburg	7:45.7

#### 5KM ROAD WALK

1.	Alison Nicholls	Ballarat-Wendouree	27.16.0
2.	Betty Newman	Collingwood	
3.	Mandy Clamp	Diamond Valley	

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## 1975 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Aberfeldie Park

#### 1,500 METRES WALK (19 Jan)

1.	Sue Orr	Ringwood	7.07.4
2.	Joan Davies	South Bendigo	7.07.4
3.	Alison Nicholls	Ballarat-Wendouree	7.20.4
	Lorraine Young	SSH	
	Debbie Hughes	Collingwood	
	Janette Whimpey	Springvale NP	
	Donna Caudry	Coburg	
	S Jones	Eastern Suburbs	
	Robyn Knape	Collingwood	

**3,000 METRES WALK (11 Jan)**

1.	Joan Davies	South Bendigo	15.07.2
2.	Alison Nicholls	Ballarat-Wendouree	15.46.8
3.	Donna Caudry	Coburg	16.30.4
	Debbie Hughes	Collingwood	
	Robyn Knape	Collingwood	
	Sue Orr	Ringwood	

**1976 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS****Aberfeldie Park and Olympic Park****1,500 METRES WALK (14 Feb)**

1	Alison Nicholls	Ballarat-Wendouree	7:21.7
2	Sheila Miller	Knox-Sherbrooke	
3	Robyn Knape	Collingwood	
	Sue Orr	Ringwood	
	Leanne Johnston	Ringwood	
	Kerrie Neville	Collingwood	
	Ann Miller	Knox-Sherbrooke	
	Jan Whimpey	Collingwood	
	Sally Pierson	Doncaster	
	Christine White	Geelong Guild	
	Marcia Egan	Ringwood	
	Tracy Wallace	Box Hill	

**3,000 METRES WALK (28 Feb)**

1.	Alison Nicholls	Ballarat/Wendouree
2.	Sheila Miller	Knox-Sherbrooke
3.	Robyn Knape	Collingwood

Sue Orr of Ringwood, born 1958, confirmed her early potential in November 1976 when she broke the Victorian Open 3,000m walk record in a sensational 13.54.4, only 4.8 seconds outside Anne Pembroke's Australian record. Within two months, on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1977, she clocked 6:35.1 to break the World 1500m walk record. In February 1977, Sue again lowered the Australian and World records to 6:29.4. She would dominate the Australian scene for many years to come.

By this stage, the two walks were contested over 3000m and 5000m.

**1977 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS****Aberfeldie Park and Olympic Park****3,000 METRES WALK**

Not contested due to insufficient entries.

**5,000 METRES WALK**

1.	Sue Orr	Ringwood	26.14.0
2.	Sheila Miller	Knox	
3.	Debbie Hughes	Collingwood	

**1978 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

I designate all championships from 1978 onwards as "Victorian Championships" rather than as "Victorian Women's Championships". The women and the men had finally amalgamated in Victoria. While the women's championships would continue to be held separately (mainly at Aberfeldie Park) for the next few years, the merger slowly moved into a full integration.

**3000m Walk, Aberfeldie Park, Aberfeldie, Sunday 5 February 1978**

1.	Sue Orr	Ringwood	13.47.5
2.	Sheila Miller	Knox	
3.	Mandy Smith	Heidelberg	
4.	Lorraine Young	St.Stephens	

**5000m Walk, Aberfeldie Park, Aberfeldie, Sunday 12 February 1978**

1.	Sue Orr	Ringwood	24.29.5
2.	Sheila Miller	Knox	
3.	Mandy Smith	Heidelberg	
4.	Lorraine Young	St.Stephens	
5.	Joan Russell	Knox	

**1979 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS****3000m Walk, Aberfeldie Park, Aberfeldie, Saturday 17 February 1979**

1.	Lorraine Young	SSH	15.22.6
2.	Jackie Stent	Knox-Sherbrooke	16.14.8
3.	Joan Russell	Knox-Sherbrooke	16.21.7
	Caroline Hall	Williamstown	
	Mandy Smith	Heidelberg	
	Marlaine Stanway	Independent	

**5000m Walk**

1.	Lorraine Young	St Stephens	27.26.1
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**5km Road Walk**

1.	Sue Cook	Ringwood	
2.	Sally Pierson	Doncaster	
3.	Lorraine Young	SSH	

By 1979, our top 3 Victorian walkers were Sue Cook, Lorraine Young and Sally Pierson. Sue and Lorraine were obvious, given their placings in various open championships up till then. But Sally Pierson had not really featured on the open medal tables, given that she was still only 16 at that time. But what a talented walker she was. In February 1978, she had set Australian and Victorian Under 15 and Under 16 3000m walk records at Aberfeldie with 14:13.2. This time stood as a Victorian record for over 20 years. She followed this up in Perth with wins in the 1979 Australian track Open and Junior championship double. She was amongst the youngest ever to win an Australian Open championship, just days short of her sixteenth birthday.

Sue, Sally and Lorraine were selected to represent Australia in the 1979 Eschborn Cup. They performed superbly, Sue finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in 23:10, Sally 10<sup>th</sup> in 24:10 and Lorraine 15<sup>th</sup> in 24:35. Australia finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the women's team competition, confirming our position as one of the top women's walking nations

**1980 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS****5000m Walk, Aberfeldie Park, Aberfeldie, Saturday 9 February 1980**

1.	Sue Orr-Cook	Ringwood	23.32.8
2.	Lorraine Young	SSH	25.33.5
3.	Marlaine Stanway	Dandenong	26.36.5
	Joan Russell	Knox	

**3000m Walk, Aberfeldie Park, Aberfeldie, Saturday 16 February 1980**

1.	Sue Orr-Cook	Ringwood	13.44.3
2.	Lorraine Young	SSH	14.48.1
3.	Marlaine Stanway	Dandenong	15.24.0
	Joan Russell	Knox	



## 1981 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5000m Walk, Aberfeldie Park, Aberfeldie, Saturday 7 February 1981

1	Sue Orr-Cook	Ringwood	25.26.9
2	Lorraine Young	St.Stephens	25.37.7
3	Sheila Miller	Knox-Sherbrooke	27.12.7
4	Joan Russell	Knox-Sherbrooke	27.44.6

### 3000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Sunday 22 February 1981

1	Sue Orr-Cook	Ringwood	13.28.8
2	Lorraine Young	St.Stephens	14.39.7
3	Ann Miller	Invitation	15.03.4
4	Sheila Miller	Knox-Sherbrooke	15.13.3
5	Joan Russell	Knox-Sherbrooke	15.37.4
6	Frances Toohey	Invitation	17.07.3

Sue Orr (now Sue Cook-Orr) was one of the inaugural scholarship recipients when the AIS opened its doors for business in 1981. She retained her scholarship until her retirement in 1987. However, she returned regularly for the various Victorian Championships which she fought out with Sally and Lorraine.

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## 1982 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 3000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Sunday 21 February 1982

1.	Sally Pierson	Doncaster	13.02.71
2.	Sue Orr-Cook	Ringwood	13.11.11
3.	Lorraine Young	St.Stephens	14.25.42
4.	Anne Miller	Knox-Sherbrooke	15.29.0
	Sheila Miller	Knox-Sherbrooke	DQ

### 5000m Walk, Aberfeldie Park, Aberfeldie, Saturday 6 March 1982

1.	Sally Pierson	Doncaster	23.03.6
2.	Sue Orr-Cook	Ringwood	24.29.0
3.	Lorraine Young	St.Stephens	24.35.1
4.	Marlaine Stanway	Dandenong	28.45.4
	Anne Miller	Knox-Sherbrooke	DNF

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## 1983 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

In 1983, the 3000m track walk was decommissioned in favour of a 10,000m track walk.

### 10,000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Monday 31 January 1983

1.	Lorraine Young	SSH	51.12.0
2.	Frances Toohey	Sherbrooke-DR	51.39.0
3.	Rosanne Smith	Werribee	54.47.8
	Marlaine Stanway	Dandenong	DNF

### 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Sunday 20 February 1983

1	Sue Orr-Cook	Ringwood	23.29.82
2	Lorraine Young	St.Stephens	24.34.44
3	Sheila Miller	Knox-Sherbrooke	26.28.52
4	Marlaine Stanway	Dandenong	26.52.75
	Rosanne Smith	Werribee	

### 10km Road Walk (22 May), Albert Park

1	Sue Orr-Cook	ACT	46:40.1
2	Lorraine Young	St.Stephens	50:30.5
3	Rosanne Smith	Werribee	50:42.3
4	Frances Toohey	Sherbrooke-DR	51:14.4

5	Marlaine Stanway	Dandenong	54:19.1
6	H Wellard		58:04.0

### 20km Road Walk, (15 Aug) , Albert Park

1	Sally Pierson	Doncaster	1:39:06.1
2	Sarah Miller	Knox-Sherbrooke	1:55:13
3	Marlaine Stanway	Dandenong	1:59:51

## 1984 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 3 March 1984

1.	Sue Cook	Ringwood	22.06.34	World Record
2.	Sally Pierson	Doncaster	22.53.06	
3.	Lorraine Young	SSH	23.35.79	
4.	Monica. Gunnarsson	Sweden	24.11.08	
5.	Ann Jansson	Sweden	24.22.82	
	Marlaine Stanway	Box Hill		

In 1984, the 10,000m track walk was changed to a 10km roadwalk championship and it has stayed in that road format for most years since then.

### 10km Walk, Albert Park, Saturday 7 April 1984

1.	Sally Pierson	Doncaster	47:12
2.	Lorraine Young	SSH	49:01
3.	Carolyn Vanstan	Knox/S'brooke	54:47
4.	Teresa Buckingham	Glenhuntly	56:40
5.	Janine Goodall	Knox/S'brooke	1:08:52

A Victorian 20km roadwalk championship for women were added in 1984 and has been contested annually since. Sally Pierson was the inaugural winner, with a time of 1:36:19. Sally had already won the inaugural Australian 20km walk championship in 1983 with a time of 1:39:34, the first Australian woman to better 1:40:00.

### 20km Walk, Albert Park, Saturday 15 July 1984

1.	Sally Pierson	Doncaster	1:39:16
2.	Janine Goodall	Knox/S'brooke	2:01:27

## 1985 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 2 March 1985

1.	Sally Pierson	Doncaster	22.57.42
2.	Lorraine Jachno	SSH	24.07.00
3.	Roseanne Smith	Werribee	24.50.97
4.	Yvonne Waters	Sandringham	25.43.90
5.	Janine Goodall	Knox	26.17.36

### 10km Walk, Albert Park, Saturday 4 May 1985

1.	Sally Pierson	Doncaster	48:44
2.	Lorraine Jachno	SSH	48:56
3.	Karyn Iselin (INV)	QLD	53:52
4.	Sarah Miller	Knox/S'brooke	55:16
5.	Sheila Miller	Knox/S'brooke	58:35

Sharon Schynder is a walker whose name first appears in the 1985 Victorian 20km walk. Sharon, born 1964, hailed from country Victoria and would go on to represent Australia in the 1991 World Race Walking Cup. Her name appears regularly from now on in these listings until her eventual retirement in 1999.

### **20km Walk, Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 7 July 1985**

1.	Sally Pierson	Doncaster	1:42:20
2.	Lorraine Jachno	SSH	1:42:48
3.	Sharon Schnyder	Wendouree	1:50:23
4.	Karyn Iselin (INV)	QLD	1:52:26
5.	Sheila Miller	Knox/S'brooke	1:59:29
	Janine Goddall	Knox/S'brooke	DNF

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### **1986 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Two extremely talented young walkers appear for the first time in the 1986 Victorian 5000m walk results.

NSW walker Kerry Saxby, born 1961, had burst onto the national scene in 1983 with silver in the Australian 5000m walk championship. She would go on to win a record 27 National titles, set 32 World Best/Records in race walking and represent Australia in 24 major championships. By 1986, she was already at the top, as her Victorian 5000m Championship winning time of 21:53.36 indicates.

The other walker of note was a phenomenal underage walker from Geelong, Gabrielle Blythe. Gabrielle, born in 1989, had cut a swathe through the junior ranks, setting record after record and, by the time of these championships, had PBs of 6:20.2 (1500m) and 13:12.6 (3000m) and set a 5000m PB of 22:37.46 in this race. She would also spend 3 years as a scholarship holder at the AIS inc Canberra, from 1991 to 1993. It was during her time in Canberra that she would represent Australia in the 1992 Olympics.

### **5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Sunday 16 February 1986**

1.	Kerry Saxby (INV)	NSW	21.53.36
2.	Gabrielle Blythe	St. Joseph	22.37.46
3.	Lorraine Young-Jachno	SSH	23.37.95
4.	Sharon Schnyder	Wendouree	25.17.20
5.	Sarah Miller	Knox-Sherbrooke	26.18.71
6.	Rebecca Waters	Sandringham	27.53.84
	Samantha Paton	Keon Park	
	Julianne Bray	Springval-NP	
	Sally Pierson	Doncaster	
	Sue Orr-Cook	ACT	

### **10km Walk, Albert Park, Saturday 19 April 1986**

1.	Lorraine Jachno	St Stephens	49:05
2.	Sharon Schnyder	Wendouree	52:03
3.	Sarah Miller	Knox/S'brooke	52:56
4.	Debbie Robertson		55:15

### **20km Walk, Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 13 July 1986**

1.	Lorraine Jachno	St Stephens	1:43:28
2.	Sharon Schnyder	Wendouree	1:44:16
3.	Marlaine Stanway	Box Hill	2:09:05
	Debbie Robertson		DNF

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### **1987 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 21 February 1987**

1.	Kerry Saxby (INV)	NSW	21.52.39
2.	Lorraine Young-Jachno	St. Stephens	23.13.13
3.	Gabrielle Blythe	St. Joseph	23.57.80
4.	Sharon Schnyder	Wendouree	24.38.42
5.	Michelle Horne	Doncaster	26.15.04

## 20km Walk, Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 10 May 1987

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## 10km Walk, Fishermans Bend, Sunday 28 June 1987

1.	Sharon Schnyder	Wendouree	49:14
2.	Carolyn Vanstan	Knox/S'brooke	49:52
3.	Sheila Miller	Knox/S'brooke	54:04
4.	Yvonne Waters	Waverley	54:42
5.	Marlaine Stanway	Box Hill	58:54
6.	Kathy Gorman		1:06:26

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## 1988 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 5 March 1988

1.	Michelle Horne	Doncaster	25.49.88
2.	Yvonne Waters	Waverley	26.04.38
3.	Celia Massie	Ringwood	26.51.50
	Rebecca Waters	Waverley	
	Julianne Bray	Box Hill	
	Marlaine Stanway	Box Hill	
	Lorraine Young-Jachno	SSH	
	Gabrielle Blythe	St.Joseph	DQ
	Carolyn Vanstan	Knox-Sherbrooke	DQ
	Sharon Schnyder	Wendouree	DQ

### 20km Walk, Albert Park, Sunday 9 April 1988

1.	Michelle Horne	Doncaster	1:56:11
2.	Justine Young		2:03:56
2.	Julianne Bray	Box Hill	2:10:31

Heather McDonald was a new name in the Championships lists in 1988, as she finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Victorian 10km walk with a time of 53:08. Heather, now Heather Carr, would go on to become our most successful ever female Masters walker, setting world records and winning world championships in age group after age group. She also went on to win a lot of Victorian Open Championship medals over a long career (that is still ongoing at the time of writing, some 33 years later).

### 10km Walk, Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 7 August 1988

1.	Gabrielle Blythe	St Josephs	47:49
2.	Lorraine Jachno	SSH	48:30
3.	Sharon Schnyder	Wendouree	50:56
4.	Carolyn Vanstan	Knox-Sherbrooke	52:06
5.	Heather McDonald	Veterans	53:08
6.	Kathy Woodward	Veterans	56:31
6.	S. Paton	Collingwood	1:02:08

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Wendy Muldoon's name first appears in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 1989 Victorian 5000m Walk Championship. It would take her a few years to work her way to the top but, by 1994, she would be our dominant Victorian walker and would be winning just about everything on the local front. She would go on to represent Australia in the 1995, 1997 and 1999 Race Walking World Cups.

## 1989 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 4 March 1989

1.	Sharon Schnyder	Wendouree	24.10.2
2.	Gabrielle Blythe	St.Joseph	24.48.0
3.	Carolyn Vanstan	Knox-Sherbrooke	25.05.0
4.	Celia Massie	Ringwood	27.13.3
5.	Kylie Bonney	Keon Park	27.43.0

Wendy Muldoon	Knox-Sherbrooke
Marlaine Stanway	Ringwood
Michelle De Graaf	Chilwell
Shannon Cust	Diamond Valley
Michelle Horne	Doncaster
Lorraine Young-Jachno	SSH

#### 10km Walk, Albert Park, Saturday 7 May 1989

1.	Lorraine Jachno	St Stephens	46:02
2.	Carolyn Vanstan	Knox/S'brooke	49:07
3.	Celia Massie-Bertei	Ringwood	49:39
4.	Heather McDonald	Warragul	51:31
5.	Kathy Woodward	Glenhuntly	56:08
6.	T. Pakusch		1:00:04

#### 20km Walk, Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 23 July 1989

1.	Sharon Schnyder	Wendouree	1:42:10
2.	Celia Massie-Bertei	Ringwood	1:52:00
3.	T Pakusch		2:19:46

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Simone Wolowiec's name first appears in these listings with her 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 1990 Victorian 5000m Walk Championship. By the mid nineties, she would be fighting out the Victorian Championships with Wendy Muldoon and she would go on to represent Australia at the 1997, 1999 and 2004 World Cups, as well as in the 2002 Commonwealth Games.

### 1990 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Sunday 11 March 1990

1.	Lorraine Young-Jachno	St.Stephens	23.34.75
2.	Carolyn Vanstan	Knox-Sherbrooke	23.55.45
3.	Celia Massie-Bertei	Ringwood	24.15.92
4.	Wendy Muldoon	Knox-Sherbrooke	24.27.65
5.	Yvonne Waters	Waverley	25.10.53
6.	Natalie Davison	St.Joseph	25.17.00
7.	Simone Wolowiec	Knox-Sherbrooke	26.08.25
8.	Rebecca Waters	Waverley	26.30.55
9.	Michelle Horne	Doncaster	26.43.48

#### 10km Walk, Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 20 May 1990

1.	Carolyn Vanstan	Knox/S'brooke	48:09
2.	Wendy Muldoon	Box Hill	49:43
3.	Heather McDonald	Warragul	50:22
4.	Celia Massie-Bertei	Ringwood	51:51
5.	Michelle De Graff	Chilwell	53:22
6.	Kathy Woodward	Veterans	54:51

#### 20km Walk, Box Hill Track, Box Hill, Sunday 9 September 1990

1.	Carolyn Vanstan	Knox/S'brooke	1:42:49
2.	Heather McDonald	Warragul	1:56:00
	Lorraine Jachno	SSH	DNF

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### 1991 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 23 March 1991

1.	Celia Massie-Bertei	Ringwood	22.45.32
2.	Lorraine Young-Jachno	St.Stephens	23.12.71
3.	Wendy Muldoon	Knox-Sherbrooke	24.34.28

4.	Michelle De Graaf	Chilwell	26.12.46
5.	Kylie Bonney	Keon Park	26.26.88
	Gabrielle Blythe	St.Joseph	
	Natalie Davison	St.Joseph	
	Sharon Schnyder	Wendouree	
	Carolyn Vanstan	Knox-Sherbrooke	
	Shannon Cust	Diamond Valley	

#### **10km Walk, Monash University, Clayton, Sunday 4 August 1991**

1.	Kerry Saxby (INV)	NSW	44:37
2.	Sharon Schnyder	WEN	48:12
3.	Carolyn Vanstan	KSW	48:43
4.	Celia Massie-Bertei	RWD	50:49

#### **20km Walk, Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 8 September 1991**

1.	Carolyn Vanstan	KSW	1:40:49
2.	Celia Massie-Bertei	RWD	1:44:05
3.	Wendy Muldoon	KSW	1:52:40

### **1992 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 8 February 1992**

1.	Louise Nicholson	Ringwood	23.07.05
2.	Gabrielle Blythe	St.Joseph	23.43.78
3.	Wendy Muldoon	Knox-Sherbrooke	23.57.71
4.	Heather McDonald	Warragul	25.43.32
5.	Yvonne Waters	Waverley	26.14.49
6.	Monique Gorman	Ringwood	27.16.75
	Celia Massie Bertei	Ringwood	DQ

#### **20km Walk, Knox Industrial Estate, Knox, Sunday 12 July 1992**

1.	Carolyn Vanstan	COL	1:43:12
2.	Wendy Muldoon	KNA	1:48:17
3.	Heather McDonald	WAR	1:50:98

#### **10km Walk, Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 2 August 1992**

1.	Carolyn Vanstan	COL	47:53
2.	Wendy Muldoon	KNA	50:05
2.	Heather McDonald	WAR	50:30
4.	Yvonne Waters	WAV	52:12
5.	Kathy Woodward	GHY	53:52
6.	Glernys Jardine	RWD	1:00:18

### **1993 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 20 February 1993**

1.	Gabrielle Blythe	St.Josephs	21.55.52
2.	Carolyn Vanstan	Collingwood	23.24.13
3.	Yvonne Waters	Sandringham	24.00.73
4.	Wendy Muldoon	Knox-Sherbrooke	24.11.46
5.	Michelle Nichols	Nunawading	25.30.20

The women's Victorian 15km Roadwalk Championship was added in 1993 and was scheduled, like the men's 15km championship, in conjunction with the Victorian Country Roadwalks

#### **15km Walk, Lake Neangar, Eaglehawk, Sunday 30 May 1993**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	KNA	1:13:02
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2.	Carolyn Vanstan	KNA	1:14:14
3.	Yvonne Waters	SAN	1:22:12
4.	Heather McDonald	WAR	1:22:57
5.	Michelle Nichols	ANW	1:24:50

**10km Walk, Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 8 August 1993**

1.	Carolyn Vanstan	COL	48.26
2.	Wendy Muldoon	KNA	48.59
3.	Simone Wolowied	KNA	49.57
4.	Nichols Michelle	ANW	55.37

**20km Walk, Knox Industrial Estate, Knox, Sunday 12 September 1993**

1.	Heather McDonald	WAR	1:42:22
2.	Carolyn Vanstan	COL	1:43:54
3.	Wendy Muldoon	KNA	1:48:28
4.	Natalie Davison	St.Joseph	1:55:46
5.	Lisa Williams	KNA	2:07:05

**1994 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 19 February 1994**

1.	Gabrielle Blythe	St.Joseph	22.39.52
2.	Simone Wolowiec	Knox-Sherbrooke	22.53.08
3.	Wendy Muldoon	Knox-Sherbrooke	23.37.18
4.	Celia Massie-Bertie	Ringwood	23.54.96
5.	Sharon Schnyder	Wendouree	24.41.96
6.	Natalie Davison	St.Joseph	25.12.20
7.	Lisa Williams	Knox-Sherbrooke	28.39.38

**10km Walk, Knox Industrial Estate, Knox, Sunday 22 May 1994**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	KNA	46.45
2.	Simone Woloweic	KNA	48.47
3.	Natalie Davison	St.Joseph	49.49
4.	Heather McDonald	WAR	54.12
5.	Angela Cousins	BYC	58.47
	Celia Massie-Bertei	RWD	DNF

**15km Walk, Lake Neangar, Eaglehawk, Sunday 29 May 1994**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	KNA	1:12:53
2.	Melissa Scott	DON	1:21:54
3.	Heather McDonald	WAR	1:23:31

**20km Walk, Albert Park, Sunday 11 September 1994**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	KNA	1:37:37
2.	Simone Woloweic	KNA	1:41:35
3.	Heather McDonald	WAR	1:49:43
4.	Carmela Carassi	EBR	2:07:57
5.	Glenys Jardine	RWD	2:09:03
	Sharon Schnyder	WEN	DNF
	Celia Massie-Bertei	RWD	DNF

**1995 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 11 February 1995**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	KNA	22.43.92
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	23.35.71
3.	Sharon Schnyder	WEN	24.33.67
4.	Melissa Scott	DON	26.49.42

Gabrielle Blythe                      St.Joseph                      DQ

**10km Walk, Knox Industrial Estate, Knox, Sunday 7 May 1995**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	46.20
2.	Sharon Schnyder	WEN	47.32
3.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	47.45
4.	Heather McDonald	WAR	51.57
5.	Celia Massie-Bertei	RWD	52.28
6.	Angela Cousins	BYC	54.44

**15km Walk, Barwon River, Geelong, Sunday 4 June 1995**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	KNA	1:11:17
2.	Sharon Schnyder	WEN	1:12:47
3.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:14:37
4.	Heather McDonald	WAR	1:17:25
	Rosengrave Tracey	KNA	DNF

**20km Walk, Knox Industrial Estate, Knox, Sunday 15 July 1995**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	KNA	1:37:33
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:39:22
3.	Glenys Jardine	RWD	2:11:14

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**1996 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 17 February 1996**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	KNA	22.34.88
2.	Gabrielle Blythe	St.Joseph	23.22.07
3.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	23.25.51

**15km Walk, Lake Neangar, Eaglehawk, Sunday 30 June 1996**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:11:16
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:13:09
3.	Carolyn Vanstan	OLM	1:19:04
4.	Angela Cousins	YC	1:30:47
	Sharon Lowther	BYC	DNF

A new name appears in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the 1996 Victorian 10km Roadwalk Championship, namely Megan Peters (now Megan Szirom). Megan, born 1997, was still a junior at this stage. Although a regular from then on in Victorian Championships, Megan's career suffered a number of setbacks and it was not until 2008 that she finally gained her international vest, being part of the Australian team that contested the 2008 Race Walking World Cup

**10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 14 July 1996**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	46:27
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	47:34
3.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	50:36
4.	Sharon Schnyder	WEN	51:26
5.	Megan Peters	FKN	55:59
	Angela Cousins	BYC	DQ

**20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 18 August 1996**

1.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:37:31
2.	Franca Arcadi	ATE	2:01:46
3.	Carmela Carrassi	EBR	2:08:16
	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	DNF

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**1997 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 8 February 1997**



1.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	23.18.44
2.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	23.50.81
3.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	24.14.89
4.	Sharon Schnyder	WEN	24.40.29
5.	Carolyn Vanstan	OLM	25.17.17
	Justi Tonti-Filippini (INV)	WA	DQ

#### 15km Walk, Ballarat, Saturday 10 May 1997

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:14:07
2.	Carolyn Vanstan	KNA	1:19:08
3.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	1:21:59
4.	Megan Peters	FKN	1:25:27
	Heather McDonald	OLM	DNF
	Angela Cousins	BYC	DNF

#### 10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 25 May 1997

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	46:43
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	48:23
3.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	49:29
4.	Megan Peters	FKN	54:13
5.	Angela Cousins	BYC	54:33
	Carolyn Vanstan	OLM	DNF

#### 20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 6 July 1997

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:35:49
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:37:30
3.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	1:40:49
4.	Carolyn Vanstan	OLM	1:45:45
	Carmela Carrassi	EBR	DNF

### 1998 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

A new name appeared in the results sheet for the 1998 Victorian 5000m Walk Championship, with 24 year old Kelly Ruddick of Ballarat taking 5<sup>th</sup> place with 24:41.16. Alas, family commitments then put paid to Kelly's aspirations and we did not see her again until 2004. She eventually earned her Australian vests in the 2014 Race Walking World Cup and the 2015 IAAF World Championships, a true example of achieving your goals against all the odds.

#### 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Sunday 15 February 1998

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	22.49.74
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	23.13.59
3.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	23.48.86
4.	Justi Tonti-Filippini (INV)	WA	24.24.99
5.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	24.41.16
6.	Megan Peters	FKN	25.43.71
7.	Carolyn Vanstan	OLM	26.39.44

#### 15km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 21 June 1998

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:09:58
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:13:30
3.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	1:17:02
4.	Sharon Schnyder	WEN	1:17:56
5.	Kim Coltman	KNA	1:20:27

#### 10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 19 July 1998

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	45:22
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	46:04
3.	Sharon Schnyder	WEN	49:39
4.	Kim Coltman	KNA	52:29
5.	Megan Peters	FKN	53:08
6.	Shirley Hay	KNA	55:49

7. Angela Cousins BYC 58:04

**20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 16 August 1998**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:34:35
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:35:14
3.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	1:47:27
4.	Sharon Schnyder	WEN	1:51:31
5.	Megan Peters	GHY	1:52:44
6.	Celia Johnson	VRWC	1:53:05
7.	S. Thomson	GHY	2:05:25
	Angela Cousins	BYC	DNF
	Heather McDonald	OLM	DNF

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**1999 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 13 February 1999**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	23.05.93
2.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	24.07.79
3.	Justiana Tonti-Filippini (INV)	WA	24.47.49
4.	Yolanda Russell	GLG	25.33.89
5.	Benita Van Raaphorst	BYC	25.51.62

**15km Walk, Bendigo, Sunday 20 June 1999**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:12:46
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:15:04
3.	Sharon Schnyder	WEN	1:17:27
4.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	1:17:33
5.	Annette Major	EAG	1:20:46
6.	Carolyn Ferguson		1:21:22
7.	Megan Peters	GHY	1:21:36

**10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 18 July 1999**

1.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	46:41
2.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	48:08
3.	Sharon Schnyder	WEN	51:04
4.	Benita VanRaapHorst	BGO	52:35
5.	Annette Major	EAG	53:40
6.	Sara Tomlin	MILDURA	56:04

**20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 15 August 1999**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:35:58
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:37:10
3.	Megan Peters	GHY	1:54:25

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**2000 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Sunday 6 February 2000**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	22.57.51
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	23.26.43
3.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	24.07.09
	Justi Tonti-Filippini	ATE	DNF

**20km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 6 May 2000**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:43:01
2.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	1:46:43
3.	Alison Baker	OAK	1:54:34

**15km Walk, Ballarat, Sunday 21 May 2000**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:11:25
2.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:12:23
3.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	1:16:00
4.	Rachael Loone	CHI	1:17:17
5.	Megan Peters	GHY	1:24:05
	Alison Baker	OAK	DNF

**10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 3 September 2000**

1.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	47:36
2.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	50:00
3.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	50:21

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**2001 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS****5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 10 February 2001**

1.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	23.01.50
2.	Roisin Gleich	ATE	26.48.08
	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	DQ
	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	DQ

**15km Walk, Geelong Sunday 1 July 2001**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:15:11
2.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	1:15:29
3.	Megan Peters	GHY	1:19:32
4.	Justi Tonti-Filippini	AJM	1:33:22

**10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 15 July 2001**

1.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	48:11
2.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	48:19
3.	Erin Adamcewicz	ATW	53:26
4.	Justi Tonti Filippini	AJM	58:56

**20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 5 August 2001**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:42:33
2.	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	1:45:00
3.	Megan Peters	GHY	1:46:41

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**2002 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Kellie Wapshott's name first appears in these listings with her win in the 2002 Victorian 5000m Track Championship. It was the first of 3 consecutive victories she would achieve in this event, but her wins were done on natural talent rather than on regular training. She had been a wonderful underage walker and had finished her junior career in 2000 with 5 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals at Australian level and so many Victorian medals that I lost count. Alas, at that stage, she looked like yet another highly promising junior lost to the ranks. Thankfully, she eventually found motivation and went on to represent Australia in the 2006 and 2008 World Race Walking Cups and the 2008 Olympics.

**5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Sunday 3 February 2002**

1.	Kellie Wapshott	KNA	23.30.08
2.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	23.51.64
3.	Megan Peters	GHY	23.59.54
4.	Erin Adamcewicz	ATE	25.21.70
5.	Roisin Gleich	MUAC	25.39.70
6.	Justijana Tonti-Filippini	AJM	26.27.51
7.	Nadene Loveday	RIC	27.30.47
8.	Ezo Girgin	RIC	28.15.78
	Kylie Bonney	KNA	DNF
	Tracy Rosengrave	KNA	DQ

**15km Walk, Lake Neangar, Eaglehawk, Sunday 26 May 2002**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:16:50
2.	Megan Peters	GHY	1:22:49
3.	Annette Major	EAG	1:37:41

**10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 30 June 2002**

1.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	49:26
2.	Kellie Wapshott	KNA	51:54
3.	Megan Peters	GHY	52:13
4.	Nardene Loveday	RIC	52:40
5.	Kylie Bonney	KNA	54:55
6.	Rebecca Wilkie	KNA	56:02
8.	Justi Tonti-Filippini	AJM	56:32
8.	Annette Major	EAG	58:28
9.	Nicole Sansonetti	DIV	58:45
10.	Amanda Emmett	KNA	59:02

**20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 4 August 2002**

1.	Cheryl Webb (INV)	AIS	1:33:42
2.	Claire Woods (INV)	AIS	1:37:13
3.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	1:47:08
4.	Megan Peters	GHY	1:49:27
5.	Kylie Bonney	KNA	1:53:18
6.	Nardene Loveday	RIC	2:02:18
	Justi Tonti-Filippini	AJM	DNF

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**2003 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS****5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 7 March 2003**

1.	Kellie Wapshott	KNA	23.23.81
2.	Megan Peters	GHY	23.24.51
3.	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	24.10.26
4.	Kylie Bonney	KNA	24.34.19
5.	Rachael Loone	CHI	24.39.81
6.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	25.20.71
7.	Erin Adamcewicz	ATE	26.15.82
8.	Fauve Jacobs	DKN	27.27.47

**15km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 3 May 2003**

1.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:13:22
2.	Rachel Loone	CHI	1:19:25
3.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	1:23:33
	Kylie Bonney	KNA	DNF
	Megan Peters	GHY	DNF

**10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 29 June 2003**

1.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	48.38
2.	Megan Peters	GHY	48.57
3.	Kylie Bonney	KNA	51.48
4.	Kellie Wapshott	KNA	53.03
5.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	53.12
6.	Nicole Sansonetti	BOH	56.38
7.	Jenny Fawkes	ANW	57.25
8.	Annette Major	EYC	57.29
9.	Rebecca Wilkie	KNA	59.01
10.	Ezo Girgin	RIC	1:03.02

**20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 20 July 2003**

1.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:38:15
2.	Rachel Loone	ACW	1:46:29

3.	Kellie Wapshott	KNA	1:49:09
4.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	1:49:37
5.	Kylie Bonney	KNA	1:53:33
6.	Nicole Sansonetti	BOH	1:56:23
	Megan Peters	GHY	DNF

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## 2004 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 14 February 2004

1	Kellie Wapshott	KNA	25.35.31
2	Nicole Sansonetti	BOH	26.36.47
3	Wendy Muldoon	BOH	27.14.81
4	Roisin Gleich	MUU	29.47.11
	Kylie Bonney	KNA	DNF
	Erin Adamcewicz	ETE	DNF
	Rachael Loone	CHI	DNF
	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	DNF

### 15km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 1 May 2004

1.	Kylie Irshad	RWD	1:19:12
2.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	1:22:21
3.	Rachael Loone	ACW	1:22:58
4.	Nicole Sansonetti	BOH	1:29:39

### 10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 18 July 2004

1.	Kylie Irshad	RWD	52:14
2.	Carma Watson	ATE	52:40
3.	Erin Adamcewicz	ATE	54:14
4.	Rachael Loone	ACW	55:58
5.	Annette Major	EAG	58:50
6.	Carmel Drennan	KSB	61:52
	Sandra	RWD	DNF

### 20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 8 August 2004

1.	Carma Watson	ATE	1:51:59
2.	Kylie Irshad	RWD	2:02:02
3.	Justijana Roseman	ATE	2:13:24
	Sandra Geisler	RWD	DNF

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## 2005 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Friday 11 February 2005

1.	Kellie Wapshott	KNA	23:07.50
2.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	23:57.07
3.	Carma Watson	ATE	24:51.60
4.	Megan Szirom	RWD	26:08.83
5.	Erin Adamcewicz	ATE	26:28.12
6.	Jess Rothwell	SBE	27:25.17
7.	Fauve Jacobs	DKN	27:38.15
	Sandra Geisler	RWA	DNF

### 15km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 25 June 2005

1.	Simone Wolowicz	KNA	1:11:52
2.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	1:18:28
3.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	1:20:55
4.	Annette Major	EAG	1:34:02
5.	Carmel Drennan	KSB	1:40:29
	Rachael Loone	RWD	DNF

Megan Szirom	RWD	DNF
Erin Adamcewicz	ATE	DQ

#### 10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 17 July 2005

1.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	46:21
2.	Kellie Wapshott	KNA	47:11
3.	Carma Watson	ATE	51:45
4.	Megan Szirom	RWD	53:31
5.	Erin Adamcewicz	ATE	53:45
6.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	54:50
7.	Annette Major	EAG	57:40
8.	Carmel Drennan	KSB	64:41

#### 20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 7 August 2005

1.	Simone Wolowiec	KNA	1:36:25
2.	Kellie Wapshott	KNA	1:37:46
3.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	1:50:56
	Carma Watson	ATE	DNF

### 2006 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

With the Commonwealth Games to be contested in Melbourne in April 2006, the Victorian T&F Championships were swapped from Olympic Park to the Melbourne Cricket Ground. It was the first time that walkers had graced the hallowed turf since the 1956 Olympics and it saw the usual entry list swell from around 300 to over 1600, many from interstate. The 5000m walks had 28 and 30 entries in the men's and women's race respectively. After the Commonwealth Games, the MCG once again reverted to a football and cricket stadium so this was a wonderful once off occasion.

A new name appears in the document with this race, namely Jessica Rothwell, back in 8<sup>th</sup> place with 24:52. Jess, born in 1989 and hailing from a dairy farm in Katunga, in NE Victoria, was the top Australian U18 walker at that stage and was dipping her feet into Open competition for the first time. She would go on to have a stellar career, with 2 Race Walking World Cups, 1 World Junior Championship, 2 World Championships and 1 Commonwealth Games, before ongoing injuries put paid to her career in 2013.

#### 5000m Walk, Melbourne Cricket Ground, Saturday 18 February 2006

1.	Natalie Saville (INV)	NSW	21:51
2.	Michelle French (INV)	ACT	22:06
3.	Kellie Wapshott	KNA	22:35
4.	Megan Szirom	RWD	22:44
5.	Claire Bock (INV)	QLD	24:02
6.	Carma Watson	ATE	24:10
7.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	24:29
8.	Jessica Rothwell	SBE	24:52
9.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	25:05
10.	Natalie Laurie	ANW	25:35
11.	Tracy Feiner	KNA	25:36
12.	Lauren Drennan	KSB	25:57
13.	Sarah Vardanaga (INV)	QLD	25:58
14.	Natasha Sorenson (INV)	QLD	26:05
15.	Heather Carr	VMA	26:27
16.	Fauve Jacobs	DKN	26:34
17.	Eda Girgin	ATE	26:43
18.	Siobhan Donovan	ANW	26:51
19.	Annette Major	EAG	26:59
20.	Justijana Roseman	ATE	28:21
21.	Sandy Brunner (INV)	SA	28:34
22.	Caitlin Brunton	COR	28:50
23.	Janet Holmes	GHY	29:03
24.	Carmel Drennan	KSB	29:18
25.	Gwen Steed	VMA	30:46

Claire Woods (INV)	SA	DQ
Erin Adamcewicz	ATE	DQ

#### 15km Walk, Barwon River, Geelong, Sunday 28 May 2006

1.	Megan Szirom	RWD	1:12:20
2.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	1:18:57
3.	Annette Major	EAG	1:33:13
4.	Carmel Drennan	KSB	1:38:51
	Heather Carr (INV)	VMA	1:25:50

#### 20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 2 July 2006

1.	Megan Szirom	RWD	1:36:53
2.	Michelle French (INV)	NSW	1:38:36
3.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	1:53:20
4.	Heather Carr	VMA	1:55:30
	Justi Roseman	ATE	DNF

#### 10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 22 July 2006

1.	Megan Szirom	RWD	47:29
2.	Tracy Feiner	KNA	52:07
3.	Heather Carr	VMA	54:17
4.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	55:05
5.	Annette Major	EAG	57:14
6.	Carmel Drennan	KSB	1:01:07
7.	Celia Butler (INV)	TAS	1:01:08

### 2007 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne,, Saturday 24 February 2007

1.	Megan Szirom	RWD	22:20.90
2.	Tyne Boddy	COR	25:31.03
3.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	25:43.87
4.	Heather Carr	VMA	25:54.11
5.	Carmel Drennan	KSB	29:48.15
6.	Donna Elms	PTN	35:22.45

#### 5000m Walk U20Women

1.	Jessica Rothwell	SBE	23:26.55
2.	Caitlin Brunton	COR	26:19.55
3.	Laruen Drennan	KSB	27:54.18

#### 15km Walk, Barwon River, Geelong, Sunday 5 May 2007

1.	Megan Szirom	RWD	1:12:46
2.	Yolanda Russell	GLG	1:24:05
3.	Heather Carr	EAG	1:25:05
4.	Barbara Bryant	EAG	1:32:22
5.	Annette Major	EAG	1:35:56
6.	Carmel Drennan	KSB	1:42:54

#### 20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 1 July 2007

1.	Megan Szirom	RWD	1:36.55
2.	Yolanda Russell	GLG	1:52.33
3.	Lynette Bannister (INV)	TAS	1:54.38
4.	Heather Carr	EAG	1:56.45
5.	Barbara Bryant	EAG	1:59.58
6.	Annette Major	EAG	2:08.45

Regan Lamble first appears in these championships listings with a second place finish in the 2007 Victorian 10,000m Track Championship. Born 1991, Regan would go on to have a stellar international career, starting with the 2008 Race

Walking World Cup and extending to the 2017 IAAF World Championships, and taking in the 2012 and 2016 Olympics along the way. In fact, she was in just about every team from 2008 to 2017.

#### **10,000m Track Walk, George Knott Athletics Track, Clifton Hill, Saturday 25 August 2007**

1.	Jess Rothwell	SBE	51:18
2.	Regan Lamble	ANW	54:14
3.	Heather Carr	EAG	55:57
4.	Yolanda Russell	GLG	56:38

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#### **2008 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

##### **5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 9 February 2008**

1.	Kellie Wapshott	KNA	21.46.70
2.	Regan Lamble	ANW	24.35.90
3.	Lynette Bannister (INV)	TAS	24.45.34
4.	Justijana Roseman	ATE	26.35.31
5.	Tyne Boddy	COR	28.48.51
6.	Donna Elms	PTN	33.29.69
	Yolanda Russell	GLG	DQ

##### **15km Walk, Victoria Park, Ballarat, Sunday 18 May 2008**

1.	Megan Szirom	FKN	1:19:50
2.	Justijana Roseman	ATE	1:31:54
3.	Erin Adamcewicz	ATE	1:35:44
	Lynette Bannister	DKN	DNF

##### **20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 29 June 2008**

1.	Megan Szirom	FKN	1:38:10
2.	Heather Carr	EAG	1:55:50
3.	Justijana Roseman	ATE	1:58:59
4.	Donna Elms	PTN	2:24:17

Another two first timers appeared in the results of the 2008 Victorian 10km Roadwalk Championship, with Rachel Tallent winning with a time of 52:06 and Amy Burren taking second with 53:41. Rachel, born in 1993 and hailing from Ballarat, was aged 15 at this time, while Amy, born in 1994, was even younger, being only 14 years of age. They were great rivals during their junior days, with both gaining early international vests.

Amy represented Australia at the 2011 World Youth Championships and looked set for a promising longer term career, before a series of health issues forced her early retirement from the sport.

Rachel represented Australia in the 2012 and 2012 Race Walking World Cups, as well as the 2012 World Junior Championships, before going on to gain further international vests as a senior athlete. Overall, she repped at 3 Race Walking World Cups, 3 University Games, 1 World Junior Championship, 2 World Championships and the 2016 Olympics.

##### **10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 10 August 2008**

1.	Rachel Tallent	BYC	52:06
2.	Amy Burren	MAL	53:41
3.	Natalie Laurie	ANW	54:17
4.	Justijana Roseman	ATE	54:20
5.	Heather Carr	EAG	56:13
6.	Gayle McIntyre	VMA	57:03
	Megan Szirom	FKN	DNF

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#### **2009 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

A new name appeared in 6<sup>th</sup> position in the 2009 Victorian 5000m Track Championship, namely Beth Alexander. Beth, born in 1992, was a good example of a talented Little Athletics walker who continued to excel throughout her secondary



school years and who eventually made the jump from national to international walker, representing Australia in the 2010 World Race Walking Championships. A painful foot injury eventually put paid to her career soon after this, so she did not have the opportunity to replicate her early success in the senior ranks.

#### 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Friday 20 February 2009

1.	Rothwell, Jess	EAG	21:03.33	Victorian Record
2.	Szirom, Megan	FKN	22:36.34	
3.	Regan Lamble	ANW	23:15.73	
4.	Ruddick, Kelly	BHA	23:27.47	
5.	Rachel Tallent	BYC	23:42.03	
6.	Beth Alexander	KNA	23:44.54	
7.	Hilary Brazel	ANW	27:03.88	
8.	Kirstin Shaw	WES	27:45.43	
9.	Emily Payne	COR	29:12.97	
	Amy Burren	MAL	DNF	

#### 15km Walk, Bendigo, Sunday 24 May 2009

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	1:16:31
2.	Heather Carr	EAG	1:27:31
3.	Barbara Bryant	EAG	1:29:02
	Megan Szirom	FKN	DNF
	Jessica Rothwell	EAG	DNF

#### 20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 28 June 2009

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	1:43:57
2.	Heather Carr	EAG	1:59:49
	Tamara Attard	KNA	DNF
	Megan Szirom	FKN	DNF

#### 10km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 25 July 2009

1.	Megan Szirom	FKN	47:53
2.	Beth Alexander	KNA	50:39
3.	Rachel Tallent	BYC	51:08
4.	Emily Payne	COR	1:04:45
	Kylie Irshad	SCA	DNF

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### 2010 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Open 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Thursday 18 February 2010

1.	Kylie Irshad	SCA	26:38.61
2.	Heather Carr	EAG	27:04.50
3.	Caitlin Brunton	COR	28:57.72
4.	Anna Wallace	ATE	29:13.87
5.	Gwen Steed	MEN	29:58.62
6.	Donna Elms	ATE	30:30.78

#### U20 5000m Walk, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Thursday 18 February 2010

1.	Amy Burren	MAL	25:37.75
2.	Jmara Hockley Samon	CHI	26:25.48
3.	Caitlin Campbell	TE	28:08.04
4.	Ella Mason	BOH	29:54.27

#### 10km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 15 May 2010

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	49:46
2.	Pam Tindal	CDN	52:19
3.	Heather Carr	EAG	54:23
4.	Nardene Hammond	ATE	57:52
5.	Jmara Hockley-Samon	CHI	57:53
6.	Jmara Campbell	ATE	58:06

7.	Caitlin Brunton	COR	1:02:25
8.	Donna-Marie Elms	ATE	1:03:50
	Kylie Irshad	SCA	DNF

#### 20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 27 June 2010

1.	Pam Tindal	CDN	1:51:08
2.	Kylie Irshad	SCA	1:55:50
3.	Heather Carr	EAG	1:56:42

#### 15km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 18 July 2010

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	1:12:02
2.	Heather Carr	EAG	1:24:48
3.	Nardene Hammond	ATE	1:29:03

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### 2011 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

2011 saw the last Victorian T&F Championships at the old Olympic Park venue which was being taken over by the Collingwood Football club as its corporate headquarters. From 2012, the newly built Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park would be come the home of Athletics Victoria.

#### 5000m Walk Open Women, Olympic Park, Melbourne, Saturday 4 March 2011

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	23:17.03
2.	Amy Burren	MAL	23:52.18
3.	Pamela Tindal	CDN	25:07.71
4.	Tamara Attard	KNA	25:22.05
5.	Heather Carr	EAG	26:10.22
6.	Cassandra Raselli	SCA	26:16.53
7.	Kirstin Shaw	WES	26:25.73
8.	Amanda Heard	EAG	27:24.62
9.	Simone McInnes	GHY	27:34.14
10.	Anna Wallace	ATE	28:17.40
11.	Caitlin Campbell	ATE	29:14.57
12.	Donna-Marie Elms	ATE	31:13.60
13.	Gwen Steed	VMA	31:20.02
	Kylie Irshad	SCA	DNF
	Beth Alexander	KNA	DNF
	Ebony Whiley	EAG	DQ

#### 10km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 14 May 2011

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	47:34
2.	Cassandra Rasselli	SCA	55:09
3.	Heather Carr	EAG	55:20
4.	Tamara Attard	KNA	58:35
5.	Kirstin Shaw	WES	58:48
6.	Robyn Shaw	WES	1:04:00
7.	Annette Major	EAG	1:06:48

#### 15km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 25 June 2011

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BYC	1:13:05
2.	Heather Carr	GHY	1:25:30
3.	Kirstin Shaw	WES	1:27:15

#### 20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 10 July 2011

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	1:40:54
2.	Kirstin Shaw	WES	2:03:42
	Tanya Holliday (INV)	SA	DNF
	Tamara Attard	KNA	DNF

## 2012 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The new Lakeside Stadium was used for the 2013 Victorian T&F Championships.

### 5000m Walk Open Women, Lakeside Stadium, Friday 9 March 2012

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	23:03.47
2.	Michelle Laufer	COL	25:32.49
3.	Jmara Hockley Samon	CHI	26:19.49
4.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	26:53.66
5.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	27:12.14
6.	Heather Carr	EAG	27:31.47
7.	Kirstin Shaw	WES	28:17.49
8.	Tamara Attard	KNA	28:38.89
9.	Simone McInnes	GHY	29:11.99
10.	Marlaine Gourlay	VMA	29:54.01
11.	Donna-Marie Elms	ATE	31:44.59
12.	Gwen Steed	VMA	33:34.90
	Beth Alexander	KNA	DNF

### 10km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 19 May 2012

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	47:07
2.	Michelle Laufer	COL	52:51
3.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	54:33
4.	Kirstin Shaw	WES	54:50
5.	Amanda Heard	EAG	58:37
6.	Robyn Shaw	WES	1:03:42
	Jmara Hockley-Samon	CHI	DNF

### 20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 24 June 2012

1.	Lee Beki (INV)	NSW	1:36:45
2.	Laufer Michelle	COL	1:50:09
3.	Brennan Sarah	BYC	1:54:14
4.	Kirstin Shaw	WES	1:59:28
5.	Heather Carr	EAG	2:03:59
6.	Robyn Shaw	WES	2:17:49
7.	Donna-Marie Elms	ATE	2:20:29

### 15km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 7 July 2012

1.	Michelle Laufer	COL	1:21:10
2.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	1:24:28
3.	Kirstin Shaw	WES	1:25:22
4.	Marlaine Gourlay	VMA	1:31:30
5.	Robyn Shaw	WES	1:36:37

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## 2013 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5000m Walk Open Women, Lakeside Stadium, Friday 1 March 2013

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	21:50.13
2.	Beth Alexander	KNA	24:01.74
3.	Stephanie George	SCA	25:38.96
4.	Amanda Heard	EAG	25:52.78
5.	Kirstin Shaw	WES	27:08.30
6.	Rachael Guy	CCA	27:10.46
7.	Simone Mcinnes	GHY	27:26.73
8.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	28:04.92
9.	Natalie Laurie	ANW	29:31.87
10.	Donna-Marie Elms	ATE	31:17.24
11.	Carly Bertrand	KSB	31:37.47
12.	Gwen Steed	VMA	33:01.50

**10km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 4 May 2013**

1.	Michelle Laufer	COL	52:41
2.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	54:21
3.	Heather Carr	EAG	58:38

**15km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 18 May 2013**

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	1:13:23
2.	Michelle Laufer	COL	1:20:40
3.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	1:22:44
4.	Heather Carr	EAG	1:31:13

**20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 29 June 2013**

1.	Tanya Holliday (INV)	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
5.	Kirstin Shaw	WES	2:04:00
6.	Heather Carr	EAG	2:04:36

In 2013, the Victorian Men's 30km Championship was rebadged as an 'Open' championship, meaning that medals were now to be given to the first 3 finishers, regardless of gender. But it was not until 2016 that women finally medaled in this shared championship.

**30km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 4 August 2013**

There were no female walkers in this race.

**2014 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS****5000m Walk Open Women, Lakeside Stadium, Sunday 4 March 2014**

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	22:12.66C
2.	Beth Alexander	KNA	24:00.24
3.	Stephanie George	SCA	24:44.80
4.	Tayla-Paige Billington	BOH	25:29.58
5.	Eliza Clarke	DIV	25:43.13
6.	Zoe Boldiston	SBE	25:57.84
7.	Natalie Laurie	ANW	27:06.98
8.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	27:20.52
9.	Simone McInnes	GHY	28:18.09
10.	Jade Sanders	CCA	28:51.09
11.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	31:38.66

**15km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 24 May 2014**

1.	Pam Tindal	ANW	1:24:23
2.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	1:25:22
3.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	1:42:02

**20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 29 June 2014**

1.	Heather Carr	EAG	2:08:54
2.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	2:22:18
3.	Karyn O'Neill	GPA	2:22:32

**10km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 19 July 2014**

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	46:49
2.	Michelle Laufer	COL	51:42
3.	Heather Carr	EAG	58:31
4.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	1:03:49
5.	Karyn O'Neill	GPA	1:07:46

**30km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 3 August**

1.	Aaron McDonough	PTN	2:49:52
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2.	Simon Evans	BOH	3:07:16
3.	Terry O'Neill	GPA	3:07:45
	Karyn O'Neill (F)	GPA	DQ

In 2014, the Victorian Men's 50km Championship was rebadged as an 'Open' championship, meaning that medals were now to be given to the first 3 finishers, regardless of gender. Alas, no women medaled in this shared championship during its remaining lifetime, until it was dropped in favour of a 35km in 2021.

#### **50km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 14 September 2014**

There were no female walkers in this race.

### **2015 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

2015 saw 17 year old Jemima Montag make her first appearances in this listing, with silver in the 5000m walk (23:06.80) and gold in the 10km walk (48:02). An outstanding underage competitor, she had already repped in the 2014 Race Walking World Cup (as a 16 year old) and would back that up with a further vest for the 2015 World Youth Championships. She went on to take gold in the 2018 Commonwealth Games and 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 2020 Olympic Games, thus confirming her position as Victoria's greatest ever female walker.

Philippa Huse was also a first time name in the listing, with her 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 5000m walk. Philippa, born 1999, went on to represent Australia at the 2018 Race Walking World Cup and the 2019 World University Games.

#### **5000m Walk, Lakeside Stadium, Sunday 1 March 2015**

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	21:49.33
2.	Jemima Montag	MAC	23:06.80
3.	Megan Szirom	FKN	24:21.18
4.	Eliza Clarke	DIV	25:00.93
5.	Philippa Huse	SAN	27:27.06
6.	Taylor Langford	DIV	29:58.18
	Simone McInnes	GHY	DNF

#### **10km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 23 May 2015**

1.	Jemima Montag	MAC	48:02
2.	Barb Bryant	EAG	58:00
3.	Heather Carr	EAG	58:24
4.	Carolyn Rosenbrock	ANW	1:00:42
5.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	1:04:15
6.	Karyn O'Neill	GPA	1:07:09
7.	Justi Tonti-Filippini	ATE	1:09:13

#### **20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 21 June 2015**

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	1:36:45
2.	Courtney Ruske (INV)	NZL	1:44:07
4.	Heather Carr	EAG	2:07:10
5.	Karyn O'Neill	GPA	2:16:58
6.	Donna Elms	PTN	2:18:57

#### **15km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 4 July 2015**

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	1:10:12
2.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	1:28:21
3.	Heather Carr	EAG	1:29:14
4.	Carolyn Rosenbrock	ANW	1:30:38
5.	Karyn O'Neill	GPA	1:39:39
6.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	1:42:56

#### **30km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 2 August 2015**

There were no female walkers in this race.

#### **50km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 13 September 2015**

There were no female walkers in this race.

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## 2016 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5000m Walk Open Women, Lakeside Stadium, Sunday 28 February 2016

1.	Clarke, Eliza	DIV	24:24.62
2.	Szirom, Megan	FKN	24:28.24
3.	McInnes, Simone	GHY	24:41.94
4.	Huse, Philippa	SAN	25:50.92
5.	Noonan, Emily	COL	27:44.59
	Heard, Amanda	EAG	DQ

### 15km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 15 May 2016

1.	Megan Szirom	FKN	1:19:46
2.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	1:25:22
3.	Heather Carr	GHY	1:34:12
4.	Donna Elms	PTN	1:35:54
5.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	DNF

### 10km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 28 May 2016

1.	Simone McInnes	GHY	50:32
2.	Megan Szirom	FKN	50:45
3.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	54:22
4.	Michelle Laufer	COL	55:32
5.	Barbara Bryant	EAG	57:54
6.	Cassandra Knight	BOH	1:01:08
7.	Donna Elms	PTN	1:02:50
	Karyn O'Neill	GPA	1:09:25

### 20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 26 June 2016

1.	Heather Carr	GHY	2:09:02
2.	Donna Elms	PTN	2:11:14
3.	Margaret Beaumont	VMA	3:16:09
	Karyn O'Neill	VMA	DNF
	Michelle Laufer	COL	DNF

### 30km Walk (Women), Middle Park, Sunday 7 August 2016

1.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	2:58:36
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### 50km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 11 September 2016

There were no female walkers in this race.

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## 2017 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Another new name for 2017, with Rebecca Henderson taking silver in the 5000m walk with a time of 24:22.42. Born in 2001, she would go on to represent Australia in the 2018 Race Walking World Cup and the 2020 Olympic Games. Now one of our best female walkers, we wait with anticipation for her ongoing endeavours.

### 5000m Walk, Lakeside Stadium, Friday 3 March 2017

1.	Simone McInnes	GHY	23:51.70
2.	Rebecca Henderson	CCA	24:22.42
3.	Philippa Huse	SAN	25:35.17
4.	Emily Hamilton	KNA	26:57.24
5.	Cassandra Knight	BOH	29:56.93
	Tayla Billington (INV)	QLD	DNF
	Amanda Heard	EAG	DNF

**15km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 14 May 2017**

1.	Jemima Montag	MAC	1:13:37
2.	Megan Szirom	FKN	1:17:16
3.	Rebecca Henderson	MEN	1:18:52
4.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	1:25:34
5.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	1:42:24

**10km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 27 May 2017**

1.	Philippa Huse	SAN	51:28
2.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	56:36
3.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	58:44
4.	Barbara Bryant	EAG	1:02:18
5.	Heather Carr	GHY	1:03:40
6.	Karyn O'Neill	GPA	1:10:14
7.	Gwen Steed	GHY	1:16:41

**20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 25 June 2017**

1.	Roseanne Robinson (INV)	NZL	1:47:28
2.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	1:56:17
3.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	2:01:24
4.	Carolyn Rosenbrock	ANW	2:14:23
5.	Karyn O'Neill	GPA	2:23:13
6.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	2:27:28
	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	DNF

**30km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 6 August 2017**

There were no female walkers in this race.

**50km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 10 September 2017**

1.	Simon Evans	BOH	6:25:00
	Paul deMeester (INV)	USA	DNF
	Albin Hess	VMA	DQ
	O'Neill Karyn (F)	VMA	DQ

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**2018 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS****5000m Walk Open Women, Lakeside Stadium, Sunday 4 March 2018**

1.	Jemima Montag	MACCABI	21:32.68
2.	Simone McInnes	GHY	23:15.33
3.	Philippa Huse	SAN	23:50.04

**15km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 12 May 2018**

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	1:14:27
2.	Carolyn Rosenbrock	ANW	1:37:36
3.	Cassandra Knight	BOH	1:39:37
4.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	1:43:54

**10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 27 May 2018**

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	48:36
2.	Cassandra Knight	BOH	1:04:04
3.	Carolyn Rosenbrock	ANW	1:04:44
4.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	1:07:44

**20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 24 June 2018**

1.	Carolyn Rosenbrock	ANW	2:09:16
2.	Karyn O'Neill	VMA	2:24:34
3.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	2:27:52
	Margaret Beaumont	VMA	DQ
	Sandra Howorth	VMA	DQ

**30km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 29 July 2018**

1.	Kelly Ruddick (F)	BHA	2:37:36
2.	Pramesh Prasad	COL	2:46:51
3.	Tracy Feiner (F)	KNA	2:54:21

**50km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 9 September 2018**

There were no female competitors in this race

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**2019 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS****5000m Walk, Lakeside Stadium, Friday 8 March 2019**

1.	Jemima Montag	MUU	21:53.02
2.	Alanna Peart	BYC	23:54.79
3.	Philippa Huse	SAN	24:05.11
4.	Jemma Peart	BYC	24:54.89
5.	Emily Hamilton	GHY	25:51.95
6.	Kym Osmand	VMA	27:40.08

**15km Walk, Middle Park, Saturday 11 May 2019**

1.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	1:13:49
2.	Tracy Feiner	KNA	1:21:39
3.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	1:40:30

**10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 26 May 2019**

1.	Jemima Montag	MUU	44:38
2.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	47:39
3.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	57:43
4.	Sandra Geisler	RWD	59:07
5.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	1:05:06
6.	Heather Carr	GHY	1:06:15
7.	Marnie Grace	VMA	1:08:26
8.	Gwen Steed	GHY	1:17:10

**20km, Middle Park, Sunday 23 June 2019**

1.	Jemima Montag	MUU	1:35:55
2.	Simone McInnes	SSH	1:41:42
3.	Madeleine Feain	VRWC	2:00:54
4.	Donna Elms	VMA	2:25:20
	Tracy Feiner	KNA	DNF

**30km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 28 July 2019**

1.	Tracy Feiner	KNA	2:49:20
	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	DNF

**50km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 15 September 2019**

	Tracy Feiner	KNA	DNF (35km in 3:22:44)
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**2020 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS****5000m Walk, Lakeside Stadium, Friday 7 March 2020**

1.	Jemima Montag	MUU	21:34.19
2.	Rebecca Henderson	MEN	23:00.78
3.	Alanna Peart	BYC	23:21.48
4.	Charlotte Hay	KNA	25:41.23

No roadwalks championships were held during 2020 due to Covid-19 lockdowns.



## 2021 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5000m Walk, Lakeside Stadium, Saturday 27 February 2021

1.	Jemima Montag	MUU	20:51.03	Vic Open Record
2.	Alana Barber (INV)	NZL	21:55.62	
3.	Rebecca Henderson	MEN	22:05.82	
4.	Alanna Peart (U20)	BYC	22:45.96	
5.	Jemma Peart	BYC	24:35.46	
6.	Charlotte Hay (U20)	KNA	24:42.22	

### 20km Walk, Fawkner Park, Melbourne, Sunday 2 May 2021

1.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	1:54:32	
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### 10km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 23 May 2021

1.	Jemima Montag	MUU	43:25	
2.	Rebecca Henderson	MEN	46:34	
3.	Alanna Peart	BYC	50:25	
4.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	54:21	
5.	Carolyn Rosenbrock	ANW	1:02:09	
6.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	1:06:13	
	Jemma Peart	BYC	DNF	

### 15km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 27 June 2021

1.	Jemima Montag	MUA	1:05:29	Vic Open Record
2.	Rebecca Henderson	MEN	1:09:56	Vic U20 Recorded
3.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	1:18:38	
4.	Carolyn Rosenbrock	ANW	1:36:15	

### 30km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 1 August 2021

There were no female competitors in this race.

### 35km Walk (Mixed), Middle Park, Sunday 29 August 2021

This event was cancelled due to a State wide Covid-19 lockdown

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## 2022 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5000m Walk, Lakeside Stadium, Saturday 26 February 2022

1.	Jemima Montag	MUA	20:17.35	National Record
2.	Clara Smith	QLD inv.	21:30.86	
3.	Bec Henderson	MEN	21:42.44	
4.	Kelly Ruddick	BHA	22:47.17	W45 World Record
5.	Char Hay	KNA	24:52.14	
6.	Jemma Peart	BYC	25:36.22	
7.	Kaitlyn Siviour	WES	26:04.16	
8.	Emily Smith	KNA	26:20.21	

### 10km Walk, Victoria Park, Ballarat, Sunday 1 May 2022

1.	Jemma Peart	BYC	54:21	
2.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	55:43	
3.	Carolyn Rosenbrock	ANW	1:01:49	
4.	Heather Carr	GHY	1:08:42	
5.	Donna-Marie Elms	PTN	1:09:39	

### 35km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The newly minted Victorian 35km Championship (taking over from the 50km) was held in conjunction with the inaugural Australian 35km Championship at Middle Park on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. There were 4 starters, all finishing.

1.	Kelly Ruddick	VIC	3:00:04	
2.	Laura Langley	NZL	3:15:58	
	Sarah Brennan	VIC	DQ	

**15km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

1.	Jemima Montag	MUA	1:09:12 6
2.	Rebecca Henderson	MEN	1:09:50 5
3.	Char Hay	MUA	1:22:08 4
4.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	1:27:21 3
5.	Carolyn Rosenbrock	ANW	1:34:05 2
6.	Kelly Ruddick	BYC	DNF

**30km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

No starters

**20km Walk, Middle Park, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

1.	Sarah Brennan	BYC	1:56:06
2.	Carolyn Rosenbrock	ANW	2:05:25
3.	Heather Carr	GHY	2:23:59
	Kylie Irshad	VMA	DNF

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**2023 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS****5000m Walk, Lakeside Stadium, Sunday 5 March 2023**

The Women's Open championship went as expected to Jemima Montag who'd hoped to attack Kerry Saxby-Junna's national mark. It wasn't to be, however, and she had to settle for the title in 20:54.90. The interest was in the battle for second between Bec Henderson and Colombia's Sandra Lorena Arenas, with Henderson dictating terms until 1km out when Arenas forged ahead to cross 17secs ahead of the Aussie, 21:30.33 to 21:47.23.

1.	Jemima Montag	MUA	20:54.90
2.	Sandra Lorena Arenas	COL (INV)	21:30.33
3.	Rebecca Henderson	MEN	21:47.23
4.	Kaitlyn Siviour	WES	24:37.44
5.	Jemma Peart	BYC	26:36.32
6.	Char Hay	MUA	27:26.32
7.	Grace Louey	KNA	28:49.70
8.	Emily Smith	KNA	29:06.13

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