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CLUB NEWS and RESULTS

See the advert below for Race entry, Race schedule and information re accommodation and the Sunday night dinner:

\*\* 57th LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN CARNIVAL Sunday 9 June \*\*

# LATE FEES WAIVED

Note that entries are now accepted until Wednesday 29 May, and no late fee will now be charged. Visit the Entry Portal at https://www.athleticsintheact.com.au/events/236847.

#### **Race Schedule:**

All races, distances, age groups and start times are posted at <a href="https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/events/jh3qqrm1linzdxsl.pdf">https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/events/jh3qqrm1linzdxsl.pdf</a>

# Sunday night dinner & accommodation – Statesman Hotel

If you would like to join the ACTRFWC members and other interstate visitors after the races, contact lbgcarnival@gmail.com to reserve a seat and see the menu. You can also do this via the VRWC website at vrwc.org.au. See the Entry Portal for discount details if you want to book accommodation at the Statesman.

# **VRWC MEMBERS ATTENDING LBG 2024 (so far ...)**

7.30am	Robin Whyte Classic Men 35km	Corey Dickson, Fraser Saunder, Rhydian Cowley
7.30am	Val Chesterton Classic Women 35km	Rebecca Henderson
8.00am	RWA Open Men's 15km	Alejandro Stephens, Andrew Jamieson, David Smyth,
		Gerard Feain, Kyle Swan, Marcus Wakim
8.00am	RWA Open Women's 15km	Alanna Peart, Kate Siviour
10.30am	RWA U20 Women's 10km	Emily Smith
1.05pm	RWA U14 Boy's 2km	Angus Shuttleworth
2.40pm	RWA U18 Boy's 5km	Angus Shuttleworth
3.10pm	RWA Open Men's 5km	Kyle Swan, Marcus Wakim

This squad, while certainly high-calibre, is pretty light-on for numbers with many events (the younger age groups in particular) having no Victorian presence at all.

There's still a window open for entries until 5pm tomorrow, and as mentioned above there is no longer a late fee. So, if you're undecided and it's still a feasible proposition for you, take the opportunity to enter now and wear the VRWC colours at Stromlo Forest Park, to bolster our Brennan Shield campaign!

# VRWC Club points results, 25 May – Middle Park



Kyle leads the 8, 6 and 4km fields out in the sunshine.

A total of 31 starters took advantage of another beautiful autumn afternoon to race on the 2km course for the first time this season. Most walkers appreciated the opportunity to stretch out on the longer northern loop sections and some excellent times resulted.

Paris Olympian **Kyle Swan** made one of his (these days) infrequent trips to Middle Park to contest the 8km, a distance he hasn't raced since 2022. His 2:04 PB of **31:55** was no surprise as he would have done faster *en route* to some of his quickest 10km times. **Alejandro Stephens** bounced back well from his 35km debut last week for a PB of his own, by 41secs for **40:28**.

Mark Blackwood's white fibres were firing quickly, giving him a snappy 28:30 win over 6km. Max Davidson's first outing on the 2km course saw him clock an impressive 4km time of 19:30 ahead of Angus Shuttleworth whose 20:57 smashed his PB by over a minute. Ariana Pashutina has made a positive start to the season and on this occasion took the female 4km points convincingly with 21:16.

8km Open Male 1 Kyle Swan 2 Alejandro Stephens 3 Terry O'Neill 4 Andrew Jamieson 5 Gerard Feain	Op Op 60+ 60+ 60+	31:55. PB 2:04 40:28. PB 0:41 50:17 50:43 51:23	<b>8km Open Female</b> 1 Karyn O'Neill	60+	59:17
<b>6km Open Male</b> 1 Mark Blackwood 2 Kevin Cassidy David Smyth	40+ 60+ 40+	28:30 35:20 DNF	<b>6km Open Female</b> 1 Gwen Steed	60+	45:28
<b>4km Open Male</b> 1 Max Davidson 2 Angus Shuttleworth 3 Steven Haverly	U16 U14 60+	19:29 20:57 PB 1:02 36:25	4km Open Female 1 Ariana Pashutina 2 Char Hay 3 Grace Louey 4 Sandra Geisler 5 Donna-Marie Elms 6 Heather Carr	U18 Op Op 40+ 60+	21:16 22:14 23:40 24:15 26:17 26:21

The 2km and 1km races saw three PBs recorded, most impressively that of **Caitlyn Shipham** who is fast getting the hang of the sport and will keep improving. **Addison Frenken**, also in her first VRWC season, made big inroads with her 2km effort while **Brodie Welsh** and **Arthur Robinson** tested themselves successfully over the distance for the first time. **Abby Fowler** was the fastest of the 1km campaigners with another good PB.

2km Open Male			2km Open Female		
1 Brodie Welsh	U12	13:22 First 2km	1 Emily Smith	U18	10:53
2 Arthur Robinson	U16	14:29. First 2km	2 Addison Frenken	U12	11:28 PB 0:24
			3 Amelia Vernal	U18	13:06
			4 Caitlyn Shipham	U12	13:47 PB 1:14

1km Open Male

1km Open Female 6:24 PB 0:01 U10 6:36 U10 1 Dimitri Pashutin 1 Abby Fowler

2 Georgia Walters U10 6:44 3 Aria Di Benedetto U10 7:51 4 Payton Welsh U10 8:01

















#### \*This week's action models:

Heather, Caitlyn, Arthur, Dimitri, Angus, Brodie, Amelia, Max, Sandra, Georgia, Andrew, Payton and Alejandro.

See more of Terry Swan's great photos at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/media/set?set=oa.434253449519546&type=3">https://www.facebook.com/media/set?set=oa.434253449519546&type=3</a>

As is always the case, none of this would happen were it not for the input from our officials, helpers and supporters. (Note: If you assist in any way during the season, please sign the Officials check-in at the Club so that we can recognize your contribution.)

We thank the following for their efforts in providing a rewarding competitive and social experience for our athletes:

Manager Mark Donahoo Referee: Terry Swan Race check in Mark Donahoo Timekeeper Ian Laurie

Recorders Bob Gardiner, Mark Donahoo, Darlene Swan, Alla Pashutina, Dylan Shuttleworth Judges: Michael Bodey (Chief), Stu Cooper, Gordon Loughnan, Brenda Felton, Di Lowden

Set up, Pack up: Terry Swan, Ian Laurie, Stu Cooper, Bob Gardiner, Gerard Feain, Terry O'Neill, Tim Erickson,

**Photos** Terry Swan

Canteen Donna Marie Elms, Gwen Steed

Walkers:

#### \*Next weekend ...

Our Points competitions continue next Saturday, with our final races before Canberra. Come along and have a good, solid hit-out before the long weekend and the big Carnival!

# \*\* Saturday 1 June - Middle Park

2.00pm
2.00pm
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2.00pm
5km points race
Open
Open
3km points race
Open
1km points race
Open
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Entries will be accepted up until 6.00pm on Friday 31 May. Enter online at <a href="https://www.revolutionise.com.au/vrwc/">https://www.revolutionise.com.au/vrwc/</a>

## \*Saturday 15 June ... 'Guess Your Time' day\*

#### **BBQ** and Raffle

As well as the usual Prizes offered for winners of the various GYT races, this year we plan to hold a Raffle and a BBQ after the races.

If any of our parents or supporters is a dab hand at flipping sausages and burgers, and is happy to help out at the hot plate, please contact Stu or Terry Swan at <a href="mailto:stuwalks@yahoo.com">stuwalks@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="mailto:secretary@vrwc.org.au">secretary@vrwc.org.au</a>





#### \*VISITORS ENTERING VRWC RACES

If you are a visiting walker from interstate or elsewhere, or a non-member wishing to compete in a VRWC club race, please be aware that you **do not** have to register as a member.

Simply go to the entry portal at <a href="https://www.revolutionise.com.au/vrwc/">https://www.revolutionise.com.au/vrwc/</a>, and select the race day you want from 'Upcoming Events'. Enter as a 'guest' and put down '999' as your bib number. You will be issued with a real racing number on the day.

Terry Swan, Secretary

#### \*\* VRWC RACE FEES

#### Seasons ticket 12 months:

Financial members: \$110.00 paid by the **end of May**. **VRWC Club Races:** 

Race fee: \$12.00. Non-financial: \$17.00. Family: \$24.00

VRWC Championships:

Race fee: \$17.00 Family: \$34.00

A family race entry rate is available to any family of 3 or more financial members.

Non-members may pay a reduced financial member rate for the first race they attend but pay the higher,

non-financial rate for subsequent races. Season's ticket: all VRWC races, not Little Athletics, AV, VMA, RWA.

# \*\* VRWC ANNUAL FEES

These are reviewed at the Annual General Meeting each year. Below are the current fees as of 1st April 2024:

Senior (Open and Masters) \$30.00 Under 20: \$25.00 Under 16: \$15.00 Associate (Officials who assist with races

throughout the year): \$ 0.00 Family membership: \$50.00

Annual Subscriptions are due on April 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. Inner metro and outside ring metro members pay full fees. Country members, pay 50% of the annual fee. (The outside ring of metropolitan councils are: Wyndham, Melton, Hume, Whittlesea, Nillumbik, Yarra Ranges, Cardinia,

Casey, and the Mornington peninsula down to Mornington. Outside of these areas are considered country area.)

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# AROUND THE COUNTRY

# \*\* WALKER OF THE WEEK \*\*

When somebody rips over 7 minutes from a PB at any distance, that's a measure of improvement to make anyone sit up and take notice; it is usually only achievable through hard work. Such must be the case with South Australia's **Liam Freundt**, who clocked **29:10** – a PB by 7:34! – to win the U16 State title in the SA Road Walk championships last weekend. Liam's performance earns him the SARWC's second WOTW in succession.

First attracting notice in the ASA T&F championships, winning the U16 3000m title, and later the Australian U16 3000m in which he took bronze, Liam was a consistent racer throughout the SA interclub season and improved steadily. Now that he is increasing his distances and showing promise there, he will be a walker to watch as he gains in strength and experience.

Well done, Liam. Keep it up, and have a great season.



(Photo: The Bunyip)

#### \*Honourable mentions

- **Kyle Swan (VIC)** his **31:55**, an 'official' PB by 2:04, is the fastest stand-alone 8km race walked at Middle Park (and likely elsewhere in the country) for quite some time.
- Angelina Legrand (SA) another big improver, this time by 3:23 to win the ASA U18 8km title in 46:35.

#### **CORRECTION**

In last issue's WOTW it was incorrectly stated that Sebastian Richards' coach was Kim Mottrom. While this used to be the case, Sebastian is now coached by Mathew Bruniges.

Apologies to both Mathew and Sebastian.

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# NEW SOUTH WALES NSWRWC results, 25 May – Chipping Norton

## Frank Overton reports:

A very pleasant afternoon it was for the NSWRWC events which saw a good attendance of 43 walkers. Some good times were recorded across the events.

Long Division 12km 1. Brendan Pospischil (M) 2. Ciara Cassilles (F)	1:09:07 1:12:04	Medium Division 10km 1. Jessey Bektas (F) 2. Aiden Pospischil (M)	1:02:20 1:04:31
Joel Byatt (M) Laelia Byatt (F)	DNF DNF		
Short Division 5km		Under 16 years Division. 3km	
1. Dylan Richardson (M)	20:53	1. Christopher Nilon (M)	16:52
2. Jack McGinniskin (M)	22:38	2. Ashleigh Farrugia (F)	18:44
3. Chelsea Roberts (F)	24:14	3. Georgia Watson (F)	20:28
4. Jessica Loring (F)	28:40		
5. Ema Hoskins (F)	29:20		
6. Erin Cassilles (F)	29:23		
7. Lilly Twigden (F)	33:05		
8. Carmel Parker (F)	37:51		
9. Nicolle Calinor (F)	41:10		
10. Emily Challinor (F)	47:46		
11. Sarah Challinor (F)	47:46		
Laura Sotomayor (F)	DNF		
Under 14 years Division 3km		Under 12 years Division 2km	
1. Nate Appleyard (M)	16:01	1. Stella Wade (F)	11:43
2. Mitchell McCarthy (M)	16:08	2. Hugo Siciliano (M)	12:44
3. Noah Vela (M)	16:11	3. Veronica Dennett (F)	13:05
4. Sagan Jones (M)	16:49	4. Addison Jenkins (F)	13:29
5. Hannah Hewitt (F)	17:25	5. Chloe Farrugia (F)	14:00

6. Michael Mathison (M)	17:33	6. Caitlin Allum (F)	14:56
7. Sienna Wade (F)	17:35	7. Milana Sorokin (F)	16:38
8. Madeline Kot (F)	18:06	8. Amelie Barakat (F)	17:44
9. Alexander Dennett (M)	18:56		
10. Luca Barakat (M)	23:40		
Under 10 years Division 1km			
1. Nasrin Hewitt (M)	7:00		
2. Kostya Peart (M)	7:17		
3. Huxley Jones (M)	8:42		
4. James Barakat (M)	9:51		

# **QUEENSLAND** QRWC Handicap #4, Saturday 25 May – Aurora Park, North Lakes

# Robyn Wales reports from Brisbane:

Today's races were held on the north side of Brisbane in a park with winding paths and other suitable facilities. The temperature was an amazing 23 with the sun shining.

Our athletes are starting to return after a bit of a break and we're looking forward to more joining us as the season progresses and school cross country finishes up.

A Grade 10km		B Grade 5km	
Men:		Men:	
(1) P. Bennett	1:13:45	(1) Noah Cooke	28:16
Women		(2) Kai Dale	31:02
(1) Phoebe Chadwick	1:14:41	(3) Eli Melinz	33:48
(2) Jasmine Rose McRoberts	1:22:14	Women:	
(3) Joy Dale	1:24:16 SB	(1) Summer Millard	32:39
(4) Noela McKinven	1:36:43	. ,	
C Grade 3km		D Grade 2km	
Women:		Men:	
eq (1) Abigail Rogers		(1) Leo Hyde	11:09
Eliza Kelly	16:50 SB both	Women:	11.09
eq (3) Savannah Dunleavy,	10.50 35 0011	(1) Jessica Gorham	14:32
Kiara Waterman SB	19:40	(1) Jessica Gornani	14.32
Kiara waterman SB	19.40		
E Grade 1km		F Grade 0.5km	
Women:		Women:	
(1) Clara Hermus	6:36.5	(1) Piper Dunleavy	3:49 SB
(2) April Kelly	6:36.9 SB	(2) Harper Waterman	4:05 SB
•		(3) Matilda Wales	8:57

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA ASA Kim Mottrom reports on the SA State road titles:

 $ASA\ State\ Road\ walk\ championship\ results, 25\ May-South\ Parklands$ 

We had our state champs today, with 4 PB's and 3 people stepping up to a longer distance for the first time. It was 20c and lovely again, highlights were **Fraser Saunder** doing his first 20km and **Liam Freundt** doing a 5km PB by 7:34!

ASA State Championships	š	Support Races		
Open Men 20km		Open 20km		
Kim Mottrom	1:37:20	Fraser Saunder	1:34:19	First 20k
Peter Crump	2:20:14			
Tristan Camilleri	DQ	Open 10km		
		Greg Metha	1:07:12	
Open Women 20km		Di Camilleri	1:27:06	
Olivia Sandery	1:35:31			
Samantha Findlay	1:43:27	Open 5km		
		Bill Starr	43:24	
Over 35 Women 20km				
Melissa Grantham	2:13:28	Open 1.5km		
		Caleb Camilleri	9:23	
Over 50 Men 10km		Liliana Templer	9:37	

Alex McEwan	1:34:18		Robert Crabb Kristy Templer	11:39 11:40	PB 0:40
Under 20 Men 10km Cooper Rech	54:28	PB 0:05	Martin Crabb	15:56	1 D 0.40
Under 20 Women 10km Nellie Langford	52:01				
U18 Men 8km Sebastian Richards	42:15	First 8km			
U18 Women 8km Angelina Legrand	46:35	PB 3:23			
U16 Boys 5km Liam Freundt	29:10	PB 7:34			
U16 Girls 5km Matilda Rech	33:18	PB 1:40			
U14 Boys 3km Zachery Freundt	19:58	First 3km			

# **TASMANIA** TRWC results, 25 May – Perth (Youl Rd)

#### **David Moore** reports from Hobart:

Cool, calm, and brilliant sunshine for a Sunday Walk at our Northern Venue.

Accolades this week for Devonport Walker Eva **Parker** in a stylish effort and smart time over 3km, for **Cacia Charles** and **Adele Woodward** for their technically sound walking, and finally to **Lani Broad** (a TRWC Major Trophy holder from 2020) for a nice cameo, a zippy 500m in a tick over 3 minutes.

<b>2km</b> 1. Elsie Woodward	Huon LA	15:56
3km		
<ol> <li>Eva Parker</li> </ol>	Devonport LA	17:46
2. Cacia Charles	Newstead	19:31
3. Adele Woodward	OVA	20:42
4. Eugene Gerlach	TMA	20:52
5. Dave Moore	TMA	29:02
5km		
	NT 4 1	22.17
<ol> <li>Sam Lindsay</li> </ol>	Newstead	23:17

Deserving of special mention this week is **Maxine Lindsay** who was awarded the **Domestic Official of the Year for Tasmania** award by Athletics Tasmania. Presenting Maxine with her award at our Perth Walk was Sandra Speers, president of Northern Tasmanian Athletics.

#### **Congratulations Maxine!**





Left: Maxine Lindsay presented with her award by Sandra Speers. Right: The TRWC group celebrate Maxine's honour, with a proud son on her left.

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA WARWC results, 26 May, Woodbridge

**Terry Jones** reports that the weather was perfect: cool, sunny, no wind, on a flat course along the banks of the Swan River. They also had a visitor, **Will Bottle**, from Launceston.

14K		3K	
Will Bottle	1:08:57	Darcy Bramwell-Kays	17.39
Ali Griffin	1:14:28	Fiona van Heerwaarden	20.33
Andrew Duncan	1:19:11	Addison Roots	20.52
Melissa Lewis	1:28:34	Wendy Farrow	21.56
Karyn Tolardo	1:33:12	Steve Travell	25.52
		Glenys Duncan	28.37
10K Anne Murray	Trophy U20	1.5K	
Kaytee Bogaers	58.33	John Ronan	8.29
		Willow Wheeler	8.39
		Savannah Carnaby	12.52
		Tammy Bogaers	14.38
		railling Bogacis	14.30
8K		Tailing Bogacis	14.30
<b>8K</b> Brad Mann	45.11	ranning Bogaers	14.36
	45.11 56.45	raininy bogacis	14.30



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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SLOVAKIA: Zahoracka Dvadsiatka (WA Tour Silver), 25 May – Borsky Mikulas

# Linke and Ramos prevail in Slovak Silver meeting

(report reprinted from **sport.sk** ... 26 May)

The winners of Saturday's Záhorác 20s walking race in Borský Mikuláš were the German **Christopher Linke** with a time of **1:19:55** min and the Mexican **Sofia Ramosová** (Ramos Rodrigues) with a performance of **1:31:32** min. **Ema Hačundová** took 8th place with a time of **1:36:37** and gained important points for the World Athletics rankings.

The event had a World Athletics Tour Silver status and this attracted pedestrians from all over the world to Záhorie. "It was definitely the best race in the history of the event. From the point of view of collecting points for the ranking, I am most satisfied with Ema's performance. According to our calculations, she will advance to the European Championships in Rome. She managed it excellently," expressed the satisfaction of the Head Coach of the Slovak Athletics Association (SAZ) Roman Benčík according to *atletika.sk*.

In addition to the Olympic twenties, Borský Mikuláš also hosted a decathlon, in which national titles were also awarded.

Men 20 kilometres				Women 20 kilometres			
1.	Christopher LINKE	GER	1:19:55	1.	Sofia RAMOS RODRIGUEZ	MEX	1:31:32
2.	Isaac PALMA	MEX	1:20:35	2.	Karla Ximena SERRANO	MEX	1:31:34
3.	Akshdeep SINGH	IND	1:20:52	3.	Mirna ORTÍZ	GUA	1:31:58
4.	Érick Bernabé BARRONDO	GUA	1:21:07	4.	Olga CHOJECKA	POL	1:33:41
5.	Wayne SNYMAN	RSA	1:21:08	5.	Christina PAPADOPOULOU	GRE	1:34:30
6.	Suraj PANWAR	IND	1:21:52	6.	Viktória MADARÁSZ	HUN	1:35:27
7.	Paramjeet Singh BISHT	IND	1:22:10	7.	María Fernanda PEINADO	GUA	1:36:30
8.	Alexandros PAPAMICHAIL	GRE	1:22:16	8.	Ema HAČUNDOVÁ	SVK	1:36:37
9.	Servin SEBASTIAN	IND	1:22:20	9.	Kate VEALE	IRL	1:42:19
10.	Andres Eduardo OLIVAS NÚÑEZ	MEX	1:23:03	10.	Ada JUNGHANNß	GER	1:44:27
11.	Karl JUNGHANNß	GER	1:23:19		Ivana RENIĆ	CRO	DNF
12.	Raivo SAULGRIEZIS	LAT	1:23:25		Hanna SHEVCHUK	UKR	DNF
13.	Bernardo Uriel BARRONDO	GUA	1:23:36		Inês MENDES	POR	DNF
14.	Miroslav ÚRADNÍK	SVK	1:24:01				
15.	Vikash SINGH	IND	1:24:10				
16.	Arshpreet SINGH	IND	1:24:23				
17.	Mukola RUSHCHAK	UKR	1:24:45				
18.	Yehor SHELEST	UKR	1:26:20				

19.	Jonathan EKBERG	FIN	1:27:20
20.	Andreas PAPASTERGIOU	GRE	1:31:42
21.	Bruno ERENT	CRO	1:39:43
22.	Dávid TOKODI	HUN	1:41:18
	Şahin ŞENODUNCU	TUR	DNF
	Michal MORVAY	SVK	DNF
	Manuel Esteban SOTO	COL	DNF
	Ioannis KAFKAS	GRE	DNF
	José MONTANA	COL	DNF
	Jonathan HILBERT	GER	DNF
	Jaakko MÄÄTTÄNEN	FIN	DQ

The Polish **Artur Brzozowski** won the 10km race in **39:28** min and the Czech **Eliška Martínková** with a performance of **43:24**. Both moved to Záhorie from Banská Bystrica, where they triumphed at the PTS meeting on the 5000 m course. The Slovak champions were **Michal Duda** in a personal record of **44:25** and **Mária Katerinka Czaková** in a Slovak record of **44:06**.

Men 10 kilometres			Women 10 kilometres				
1.	Artur BRZOZOWSKI	POL	39:28	1.	Eliška MARTÍNKOVÁ	CZE	43:24
2.	Ivan BANZERUK	UKR	39:36	2.	Mária KATERINKA C'KOVÁ	SVK	44:06
3.	Norbert TÓTH	HUN	40:18	3.	Tiziana SPILLER	HUN	46:00
4.	Jerry JOKINEN	FIN	40:26	4.	Barbara OLÁH	HUN	46:22
5.	Lucas MAZZO	BRA	40:42	5.	Valeriya SHOLOMITSKA	UKR	46:51
6.	Vít HLAVÁČ	CZE	41:34	6.	Jekaterina MIRTVORTSEVA	EST	46:58
7.	Jakub JELONEK	POL	42:47	7.	Agnieszka ELLWARD	POL	47:01
8.	Michal DUDA	SVK	44:25	8.	Ana MONTEIRO	POR	47:15
9.	Johannes FRENZL	GER	45:17	9.	Kristína ZÁMECNIKOVA	SVK	49:51
	Milan RÍZEK	SVK	DNF	10.	Karin DEVALDOVÁ	SVK	53:50
	Adam ZAJÍČEK	CZE	DNF	11.	Meabh O'CONNOR	IRL	54:54
					Arnika NELSON*	NZL	DNF
					Anett TORMA	HUN	DO

(\*It was good to see **Arnika Nelson** entering this event. While it appears the conditions may not have been favourable to her on this occasion, it is nevertherless valuable racing experience to be learned from for the goals ahead.)

Footage and interviews of the event can be seen at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/podebrady.walking/videos/1395344524514483">https://www.facebook.com/podebrady.walking/videos/1395344524514483</a>

# UNITED KINGDOM: 9th Cecil Gittins Memorial Walks (inc. ERWL) 27 May - Gravesend

Veterans AC were pleased to host the nineth running of this event on a dedicated cycle circuit which is designed like a large Scalextric set, with many gradients and bends.

In all there were 22 paid entries which was about average, with 18 on the line. The weather was ideal, with a mixture of sun and cloud cover, the predicted rain in the end never happened.

There was a new winner of the ladies 5k, **Sheila Leavy** (N Herts RR), and the men's 5k was won for the 3rd year running by the present RWA President, **Chris Hobbs** (Ashford AC).

The winner of the ladies' 10k was **Jacqueline Benson** (Ashford AC) in **56:51**, just a few seconds short of her personal best. There was also a winner of the men's 10k was Olympian **Ian Richards** who moved up from last year's third place.

There was one newbie, **Helen Giffin**, also from N Herts RR who performed well on the testing course. It probably wasn't a PB scenario, however **Shaheda Arthur** (VAC) managed one.

VAC were very pleased to see Pauline Wilson again, this time acting as part of the recording team.

Place 2.5k F	Name	Age Gp	Club	Time
1	Ellin Wilson	U15G	Ashford AC	14:37
2	Lily-Ann Cooper	U13G	Newmarket Joggers	17:42
5k F 1 2 3	Sheila Leavy Helen Giffin Shaheda Arthur Celia Cordran	W70 W50 W65 W45	North Herts RRC North Herts RRC Veterans AC Metropolitan Police AC	40:41 43:37 48:31 DNS
M				
1	Christopher Hobbs	M65	Ashford AC	34:53

2 3	Edmund Shillabeer David Ainsworth Man Biu Lam	M80 M75 M65	Ilford AC Ilford AC Metros RC	53:02 55:24 DNS
10K M				
1	Ian Richards	M75	Steyning AC	58:23
2	Colin Harle	M65	Belgrave Harriers	1:03:20
3	Stuart Bennett	M65	Brentwood Beagles	1:04:43
4	Simon Morgan	M55	Ilford AC	1:07:42
5	John Borgars	M75	Loughton AC	1:08:55
6	Steve Allen	M65	Ilford AC	1:09:13
7	Graeme Heaton	M60	Heathfield RRC	1:15:53
8	Christopher Flint	M75	Surrey Walking Club	1:25:01
	David Hoben	M70	SyWC	DNS
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1	Jacqueline Benson	WSEN	Ashford AC	1:02:04
2	Fiona Bishop	W60	Woking AC/Veterans AC	1:11:28
	Chik Ha Kwok	W45	Metros RC	DNS

#### MARCIADALMONDO & O MARCHADOR ROUNDUP

The Portuguese race walking blog **O Marchador** posts news reports and results as they come to hand. The page has dozens of links to articles on race walking, featuring both domestic events and those from abroad.

- Tuesday, May 28, 2024 Mexican Sofia Ramos Rodríguez wins 20 km in the «Záhorácka Dvadsiatka» https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2024/05/mexicana-sofia-ramos-rodriguez-vence-20.html
- Monday, May 27, 2024 Christopher Linke triumphs in the 20 km of the «Záhorácka Dvadsiatka», in Slovakia https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2024/05/christopher-linke-triunfa-nos-20-km-do.html
- Sunday, May 26, 2024 1999, impulse of young people in wedding year <a href="https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2024/05/1999-impulso-dos-jovens-em-ano-de-bodas.html">https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2024/05/1999-impulso-dos-jovens-em-ano-de-bodas.html</a>
- Sunday, May 26, 2024 Italian National University Championships Molise 2024 (results) https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2024/05/campeonatos-nacionais-universitarios-de.html
- Saturday, May 25, 2024 Central Asian Under-18 Athletics Championships Tashkent 2024 (Results) <a href="https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2024/05/campeonatos-de-atletismo-sub-18-da-asia.html">https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2024/05/campeonatos-de-atletismo-sub-18-da-asia.html</a>
- Friday, May 24, 2024 Central American Under-18 and Under-20 Athletics Championships Costa Rica 2024 (results) https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2024/05/centro-americanos-de-atletismo-sub-18-e.html
- Thursday, May 23, 2024 EMACNS Porto Santo 2024: 20 km women's W35+ (results) https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2024/05/emacns-porto-santo-2024-20-km-femininos.html
- Wednesday, May 22, 2024 EMACNS Porto Santo 2024: 20 km men's M35+ (results) https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2024/05/emacns-porto-santo-2024-20-km.html
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Marchers from the Algarve and the Azores win at the Youth Olympics Lagoa 2024 https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2024/05/marchadores-do-algarve-e-dos-acores.html

<u>Note</u>: The O Marchador blog is written in Portuguese. To access an English version, open the page in Google Chrome – if you haven't already – at <a href="https://omarchador.blogspot.com">https://omarchador.blogspot.com</a>, then right click on any empty space (not on text) on the page. A window will appear with the option to translate the page. Click on it, and the page should reload in English.

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# WHAT'S UP AHEAD?

# Victorian & National Key Dates - 2024

Sun 9 Jun 2024	RWA 57th Annual Lake Burley Griffin Carnival – Canberra ACT
Sat 22 Jun 2024	AV 15km & Little Athletics Victoria Road c'ships – Middle Park
Sun 14 Jul 2024	AV, VMA & VRWC c'ships – Middle Park
Sat 27 Jul 2024	<b>RWA Postal Challenge</b> – state-based venues (Middle Park – also Twilight Trivia fundraiser)
Sun 11 Aug 2024	AV Country Road walk c'ships – Middle Park
Sat 24 Aug 2024	AA/RWA Walk judging course – Lakeside Stadium (Cathy Freeman Room)
Sun 25 Aug 2024	RWA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Carnival – Middle Park
Sat 7 Sep 2024	AV 5000m teams c'ship, VMA 5000m Track c'ship - Mentone
Sun 15 Sep 2024	VRWC Relay race & Winter presentations – Middle Park

# **International Dates**

26 Jul- 11 Aug 2024 XXXIII Summer Olympics – Paris, FRA 13-25 Aug 2024 24th World Masters T&F Championships

13-25 Aug 2024
20-24 Aug 2024
3-21 Sep 2025

24<sup>th</sup> World Masters T&F Championships – Gothenburg, SWE
WA World Junior T&F Championships – Lima, PER
20<sup>th</sup> World Athletics Championships – Tokyo, JPN

30 Oct-15 Nov 2026 Youth Olympic Games – Dakar, SEN

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