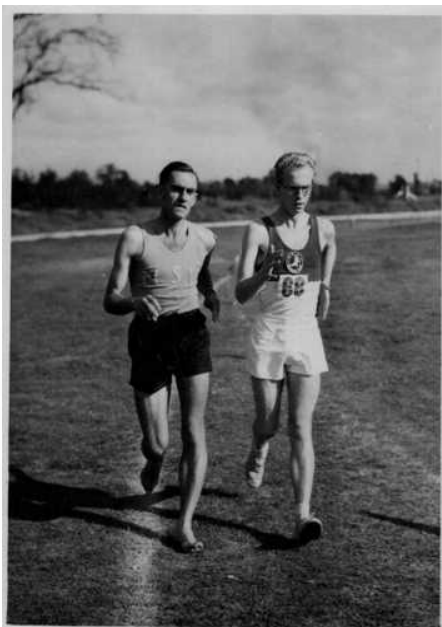


GLOVER SHIELD 10,000M WALK, WESTERN PARKLANDS, ADELAIDE, 15 MAY 1954

The 1954 Glover Shield was held on the Boys' High School Oval in the Western Parklands in Adelaide on Saturday 15th May of that year. Although cinders track were well and truly established by that time, this particular race was held on a grass track with most walkers choosing either flats or spikes and some choosing to walk in bare feet or socks.

The Open championship saw George Nevitt of Victoria win in 48:55.6 while the Junior championship went to Logan Irwin of NSW in 50:39. Further back in the junior field, a young Bob Gardiner finished 6th with 54:39. Bob went on to represent Australia in 2 Olympic Games and is still walking each week at Middle Park! Honours were fairly evenly spread with the Open Teams event won by Victoria and the Junior Teams event won by NSW



*Left: The start of the 1954 Glover Shield 10,000m on the grass track in Adelaide
Right: NSW walker Ted Edwards, in bare feet, walks alongside Victorian Ron Flint*

Open

1.	George Nevitt	VIC	48:55.6
2.	D. Melzer	QLD	49:14
3.	John McDougall	NSW	49:31
4.	Keith Guyot	VIC	50:22
5.	Logan Irwin	NSW	50:39
6.	E. Edwards	NSW	51:05
7.	C. Francis	SA	51:53
8.	Ron Flint	VIC	51:58
9.	P. Alsop	VIC	52:03
10.	K. Keogh	NSW	52:14
11.	Ralph Field	VIC	52:28
12.	Ray Dunstan	VIC	52:56
13.	G. Adair	SA	53:14
14.	L. (Peter) Waddell	NSW	53:27
15.	Graham Davies	VIC	53:55
16.	Bob Gardiner	VIC	54:39
17.	John Smyth	SA	54:57
18.	Jack Webber	SA	54:58
19.	W. McAllister	NSW	57:14
20.	E. Kirby	NSW	57:19
21.	B. Bowden	SA	60:19
22.	R. Muller	SA	61:34
23.	B. Day	SA	61:35
	Frank Leonard	SA	DQ
	C. Fraser	VIC	DQ

Juniors

1.	Logan Irwin	NSW	50:39
2.	C. Francis	SA	51:53
3.	K. Keogh	NSW	52:14
4.	Ray Dunstan	VIC	52:56
5.	Graham Davies	VIC	53:55
6.	Bob Gardiner	VIC	54:39
7.	W. McAllister	NSW	57:14
8.	B. Bowden	SA	60:19
9.	R. Muller	SA	61:34

Teams Race - Seniors

1.	VIC	19 pts	Nevitt, Guyot, Flint, Alsop
2.	NSW	20 pts	McDougall, Irwin, Edwards, Keogh
3.	SA	39 pts	Francis, Adair, Smyth, Webber

Teams Race - Juniors

1.	NSW	11 pts	Irwin, Keogh, McAllister
2.	VIC	15 pts	Dunstan, Davies, Gardiner
3.	SA	19 pts	Francis, Bowden, Muller

A not insignificant number of the Victorian officials and walkers travelled over on the cheap, all squashing into Gus Theobold's electrical van. The following photo shows them returning from the championships after their successful sojourn.



*Back: Alf Robinson, Gus Theobold, Bert Gardiner, Jack Larkin and Graham Davies
Front: Ron Flint, Ray Dunstan, George Nevitt and Bob Gardiner*