

2nd LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN CARNIVAL
SUNDAY 10 JUNE 1968

On this second staging, the LBG Carnival was extended to include a number of subsidiary events. The list included

- Sub Junior & Senior Men 6 Miles
- Sub Junior, Junior and Senior Women 2 Miles
- Under 14 ³/₄ Mile.

Unfortunately, the Olympic Trail and Australian 50km Championship a fortnight beforehand meant that the 20 Mile field was reduced in both quality and quantity.

The reports and race results are taken from an article by editor John McDougall in the national magazine *The Australian Race Walker* of July 1968.

20 Miles Walk

Jim Gleeson of Victoria scored a convincing win in Canberra's second annual twenty mile walk around Lake Burley Griffin. Second home was fellow Victorian Bob Steadman, with Peter Waddell of Sydney taking out the third placing. For the first few miles, the field was very closely packed, only 2 or 3 yards separating Gleeson, Brown, Steadman, Waddell, Smith, Whyte, Tormey and Wade, with Townsend, Lucas, De Bondi, Coxhead, Francis, Parsons, and Theobald close behind.

Once the two mile peg had been passed however, the field started to spread, with Gleeson and Brown opening up a thirty yard gap on the others. By five miles, this pair was 50 seconds ahead of Whyte, Waddell and Steadman. At the 10 mile peg, Gleeson and Brown were still together and had recorded 91:15. Nearest competitors were Whyte 93:10, Steadman and Waddell 93:15, and smith 93:35. The 10 mile also saw local walker Geoff Francis decide that he had walked far enough for one day.

The next 5 miles saw Robin Whyte record the fastest 5 mile leg of the race to clock 63:25 and cut 3:30 off Gleeson's lead. It also saw brown drop from equal first to fifth placing, and Lucas, Smith and Tormey and Smith retire at 13, 15 and 15 miles respectively.

In the last 5 miles, Robin Whyte started feeling the effects of his earlier burst and slowed down considerably to be overtaken by Steadman and Waddell. At the finish, it was Gleeson all on his own, recording 181:22 for the distance. Second home was Bob Steadman in 183:39, reducing Gleeson's lead by 40 seconds in the last 5 miles. In third place was Peter Waddell in 183:52, followed by Canberra's only walker to finish, Robin Whyte. A strong finishing Les Wade manage to defeat Vic Townsend after being behind at the 15 mile peg, to fill fifth place.

1.	Jim Gleeson	VIC	3:01:22
2.	Bob Steadman	VIC	3:03:39
3.	Peter Waddell	NSW	3:03:52
4.	Robin Whyte	ACT	3:06:46
5.	Les Wade	NSW	3:10:07
6.	Vic Townsend	NSW	3:11:38
7.	Murray Brown	VIC	3:17:55
8.	Justin Coxhead	VIC	3:20:40
9.	Dave Du Bondi	VIC	3:31:45
10.	Gus Theobald	VIC	3:39:23
11.	? Parsons	VIC	3:46:05
	John Tormey	ACT	DNF
	Ray Smith	VIC	DNF
	Alan Lucas	VIC	DNF
	Geoff Francis	ACT	DNF

Men Sub Junior and Senior 6 Miles Walk

This event turned out to be a battle between Robin Wood of Victoria and Frank Overton of NSW. However, Wood pulled away in the latter stages of the race to record 52:04 for a fine win. Overton was second home in 52:45, followed by sub junior P. Gourgaud in third place.

1.	Robin Wood	VIC	52:04
2.	Frank Overton	NSW	52:45
3.	P. Gourgaud	NSW	54:43

4.	G. Makon		55:47
5.	A. Haldane		56:16
6.	K. Menser		57:53
7.	John Busst	VIC	1:00:42
	J. Murtagh		DQ
	Ian Henderson	VIC	DQ

Women Sub Junior, Junior and Senior 2 Miles Walk

These 3 divisions combined to form one race, the victors being Rhonda Whitehorn (senior) with a time of 18:33, Christine Ironside (junior) with 19:21 and Angela Cook (sub junior) with a good time of 18:43. Angela was second overall and only 10 seconds away from first place.

Senior Women

1.	Rhonda Whitehorn	NSW	18:33
2.	L. Wade	NSW	20:15
	E. Laglies		DQ

Junior Women

1.	Christine Ironside	NSW	19:21
2.	H. O'Connor	NSW	19:50
3.	Helen Littlejohn	VIC	19:50

Sub Junior Women

1.	Angela Cook	NSW	18:43
2.	J. Peebles	NSW	19:23
3.	J. Phillips	NSW	19:50
	D. Patmore		DQ

Under 14 ¾ Miles Walk

The event for the future stars was won by Jill Phillips in a time of 4:48. Next home was B. Patmore 7:02, followed by M. Halburne 7:18 in third place. All times in this event were good for children of this age, I feel, Young Canberra star Jenny Mills had the misfortune of being disqualified after starting well. With a bit more competition and coaching, Jenny should have no trouble at all with her style.

1.	Jill Phillips		6:48
2.	B. Patmore		7:02
3.	M. Haldane		7:18
4.	M. Rahill		7:28
5.	N. Eade		8:58
	Jenny Mills	ACT	DQ

The races were followed by a social get together and prize giving evening, which included the annual prize for the oldest competitor to finish being won by Gus Theobald, who was years ahead of his nearest rival. The day was once again a very successful one.

The Canberra club wishes to convey its thanks to all Victorian and NSW competitors and officials who helped make this such a successful meeting. We also hope that you will all be back again next year.