

**3<sup>rd</sup> LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN CARNIVAL**  
**SUNDAY 15 JUNE 1969**

This report on the LBG Carnival is taken from the VAWC Heel & Toe Magazine article by editor Justin Coxhead. Alas, I have not been able to source any other reports, so this remains an incomplete results set.

A group of about 20 Victorians ventured to the icy area of the Capital Territory for the Queens Birthday weekend, which proved to be a great success for the organisers and competitors alike. The race was easily won by Frank Clark in the good time of 2:41:23, a course record. Graeme Nicholls looked like taking second but took off on a cross country trip, well off course. From the gun Geoff Laycock, Justin Coxhead, Peter Waddell (NSW) and Robin Wood formed into a group until 10 miles when Woody dropped off. Waddell broke away at this stage, but with a big team effort, Geoff and Justin pulled him back to be 20 secs up at 15 miles.

Geoff with his great strength went on to take second place with 2:57:28, but Peter found even more and kicked on for a good third with 2:57:42. Justin was battling even to finish the last 5 hilly miles, reaching the tape in 3:02:08. Next across the line was Ian Henderson in his best performance ever with 3:05:48, followed by Ray Smith in 3:10:08, after walking solidly all the way. Ray's big moment was when he roared past Robin Wood over the final 3 miles. At the finish, Ray was heard to remark to Laycock and Coxhead "*You young blokes might be able to walk faster than me but you can't walk any b... harder*".

Other Victorians to finish the gruelling race were Robin Wood 3:12:03, Clarrie Jack 3:13:51 and Gus Theobald who made it 3 years in a row that he has completed the race, this time taking 3:39:45.

Greg Carter finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the junior 6 miles with 57:54, held on a hard scenic course. Kay Pittman was third in the girls' 2 miler with 19:25.

A good weekend was had by all, and we hope that the Canberra people concerned with the running of the events were pleased enough with the good response by the Victorian walkers to see fit to conduct this carnival again next year. It was brought up at the Presentation supper by Mr John McDougall NSW that a State Teams event be conducted in conjunction with the 20 miles in future years. This was supported by our President Mr Alf Robinson who agreed to sharing the cost of a shield or some such trophy.

So that is all I can find. The very incomplete results read as follows

**20 Miles Walk**

1.	Frank Clark	NSW	2:41:03
2.	Geoff Laycock	VIC	2:57:28
3.	Peter Waddell	NSW	2:57:42
4.	Justin Coxhead	VIC	3:02:08
5.	Ian Henderson	VIC	3:05:48
6.	Ray Smith	VIC	3:10:08
7.	Robin Wood	VIC	3:12:03
	Clarrie Jack	VIC	3:13:51
	Gus Theobald	VIC	3:39:45

**Junior Men 6 Miles Walk**

6.	Greg Carter	VIC	57:54
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**Women 2 Miles Walk**

1.	Gail Syrratt *	NSW	?
2.	?	?	?
3.	Kay Pittman	VIC	19:25

I welcome any additions to this very incomplete report.

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