

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF RACEWALKING CLUBS
SECOND FEDERATION CARNIVAL
DAVIES PARK, BRISBANE
SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST 1981

Alas, another carnival for which results are limited. Luckily, I found a handwritten note in Bert Gardiner's archives, documenting the results of the Alexander Cup 20km (see below).

Alexander Cup 20km Walk – Open Men

1.	Keith Knox	NSW	1:38:57.6
2.	Michael DeClifford	ACT	1:40:11.8
3.	John Harris	QLD	1:40:38.8
4.	Greg Rowe	NSW	1:41:51
5.	Rod Huxley	NSW	1:44:26
6.	Robin Whyte	ACT	1:44:26
7.	Bruce Cook	QLD	1:49:03
8.	P. Lilley	NSW	1:55:39
9.	W. Cook	QLD	1:55:26
10.	D. Savage	NSW	1:56:19
11.	Frank Overton	NSW	1:57:23
12.	G. Strachan	NSW	1:58:32
13.	M. Truswell	NSW	1:59:11
14.	Peter Waddell	ACT	2:00:13
15.	John Tormey	QLD	2:03:55
16.	T. Andrews	ACT	2:05:08
17.	P. Dorsett	NSW	2:07:44
18.	Noel Philpott	VIC	2:10:43
19.	Keith Heness	QLD	2:11:51
22.	Reg Tarte	NSW	2:12:06
23.	K or P Davis	QLD	2:19:29
24.	T. Michelsen	NSW	2:21:45

Teams

1.	NSW 10	2.	QLD 18	3.	ACT 22
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Events contested were

Event 1	Claude Knight Trophy	U14 Girls 3km	10.00AM
Event 2	Goble Trophy	U14 Boys 3km	10:45AM
Event 3	Lorna Carrington Cup	Women 4km	11:30AM
Event 4	Jubilee Shield	Sub/Jnr Boys 5km	12:30PM
Event 5	Alexander Cup	Men 20km	1:15PM

The following report is taken from the VAWC Annual Report of club secretary Allan Minter for the 1980/1981 Year. Amongst other things, it raises concern with the mix of events and the yearly scheduling of the Shields.

Finally, we had the Federation events, conducted in Brisbane during the August School holidays.

Due to the distance, cost and the impending trip to Spain, none of our International competitors could attend. In fact, very few Victorians attended, mainly for the same reasons, and none of our senior competitors travelled to Brisbane to compete in the 20km.

To those who did go to the expense of travelling all that way, I must offer my congratulations. They all did their best to represent the club in the way we expect of our top competitors. In the Open 20km, we had only one entrant, Noel Philpott, who had never done the distance before. Noel finished 18th in a creditable 2:10:42.3 in the event which was won by Keith Knox of NSW in 1:38:57.5.

Again, we had only one competitor in the U17 Boys 5km. Steve Richardson finished in 23:27, following Alan Muir of NSW, 22:09.6. Only NSW had sufficient starters in the 6 man field to constitute a team and obviously won the teams race.

Ken Miller won the Under 14 Boys' Goble Trophy, in a time of 14:46.4, for the 3km distance, and was followed by Craig Brill in 14:52.3, with Stuart Walters 3rd in 15:22.9, to give the team a clean sweep with 6 points. The other member of that team, Kevin Lowden, finished 9th in 16:01.

We had another win in the Girls' Under 14 Knight Trophy (3k), with Yvonne Waters and Julie Styles finished 1st and 2nd in 15:09.2 and 15:31.0 respectively, and DJ Goodall 4th in 15:58, for 7 pts. Melissa Warr was the 4th member of the team and finished 8th in 17:08.

The Women's 5km Carrington Cup was also lacking in its top competitors, but managed to finish in 2nd place. Shiela Miller finished 4th with 26:23.1, Roseanne Smith 5th in 27:06, Frances Doove 11th in 29:36 and Jenny Smith 12th in 31:03.

The setup of Federation events, I feel, should be revised. To start with, a few years ago the events were transferred from the May School holidays to August. I think this has ruined the value of the events to senior competitors, who previously may have been able to use the events as a buildup to other events during the winter. It has also changed things for some under 20 and under 17 competitors who are reluctant to travel interstate in August as they are concentrating on studies. Besides, the season is over by the end of August, and most walkers are having a let-down before starting the inter-club season.

Also the schedule of events leaves something to be desired. Very few senior walkers to whom I have spoken would travel interstate to compete in a 10km event, particularly in August. However, they would be happy to go interstate to compete in a 20km in May.

In addition, in some years there are no events for some age groups. This means that those competitors either have to compete in the group higher than their age group or miss out completely. In a new schedule suggested and to be raised at our AGM in relation to a proposed new trophy to be competed for at the Federation event and Canberra Carnival, the Under 20 Robinson Shield, 10km is to be competed for only every 3rd year.

The 5km Under 17 Jubilee Shield will be conducted in 2 consecutive years and then miss a year. The 20km Seniro Alexander Cup will be held in the 1st and 3rd year and this would mean that in years 1, 3, 4 and 6, Seniors would contest that event, and in years 2 and 5, the 10km Glover Shield.

In my view, all events should be conducted every year, with the 10km Glover Shield dropped altogether. This would mean a schedule consisting of: Senior 20km Alexander Cup, U10 10km Robinson Shield, U17 Jubilee 5km, U14 Goble 3km, Women's Open 5km Carrington and Girls' U14 Knight 3km.