

## BILL GRANDY – A BRIEF ADDITION TO VICTORIAN RACEWALKING

Waldemar Skujing-Grandy (or Bill Grandy as he was known in Australian circles) emigrated to Australia from Sweden in 1948 and settled in Melbourne. A former Swedish University champion, he was first cited in winning the Melbourne University Freshers Meeting 1 mile walk in a new University record of 7:12.8. He quickly settled into the Victorian racewalking scene, joining Coburg Harriers and the Victorian Amateur Walkers' Club.

Although he was not fast enough to take any track medals, he did well on the road, taking a number of Victorian and VAWC medals over the next 3 years. His major performances included

1948	1 <sup>st</sup>	VAWC 1 Mile Championship	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	VAWC 3 Mile Championship	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Victorian 10 Mile Walk Championship	1:25:38
1949	1 <sup>st</sup>	VAWC 20 Mile Championship	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Victorian 10 Mile Walk Championship	1:25:58
1950	1 <sup>st</sup>	VAWC 5 Mile Championship	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Victorian 10,000m Walk Championship	51:34

He formed part of the strong Coburg Harriers walking team (along with Ray Smith) which took gold in the 1950 Victorian 5 Mile Walk Teams Race and silver in the 1948 and 1950 editions of that event. He also represented Victoria in the 1950 Australian 10,000m championship in Sydney, where he finished 11<sup>th</sup>.

After his few brief years of racing in Victoria, he moved on to America where he finally settled. It was not until 1987 that he returned here to compete in the World Veterans Championships and had a chance to renew old friendships.



A NEW mile walking record for Melbourne University was set yesterday by W. Skujing-Grandy at the Freshers' sports meeting. He is seen here breaking the tape. Skujing-Grandy, who holds a number of European records, also possesses a New Australian.





**YES, HE'S WALKING.**—W. Savjins-Grandy broke the mile walking record by 14 seconds when he won the event at the University freshers' sports yesterday. Right: Miss W. Cripps easily wins the 75 yards final.

### Walk Record at Varsity

First of a series of athletic fixtures, the freshers' sports, were held at the University last evening.

W. Savjins-Grandy knocked 14 sec. off the mile walk record previously held by R. Stanger. His time was 7 min. 22.5 sec.

Old North's sprinter D. Caneer was the winner 100 yards championship very easily in 23.5 sec.

**Results:**  
 100 Yards: D. Caneer, 23.5 sec.  
 200 Yards: R. Stanger, 51.5 sec.  
 300 Yards: R. Stanger, 1 min. 15.5 sec.  
 400 Yards: R. Stanger, 2 min. 1.5 sec.  
 500 Yards: R. Stanger, 3 min. 1.5 sec.  
 600 Yards: R. Stanger, 4 min. 1.5 sec.  
 700 Yards: R. Stanger, 5 min. 1.5 sec.  
 800 Yards: R. Stanger, 6 min. 1.5 sec.  
 900 Yards: R. Stanger, 7 min. 1.5 sec.  
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 1100 Yards: R. Stanger, 9 min. 1.5 sec.  
 1200 Yards: R. Stanger, 10 min. 1.5 sec.  
 1300 Yards: R. Stanger, 11 min. 1.5 sec.  
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 1500 Yards: R. Stanger, 13 min. 1.5 sec.  
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 1800 Yards: R. Stanger, 16 min. 1.5 sec.  
 1900 Yards: R. Stanger, 17 min. 1.5 sec.  
 2000 Yards: R. Stanger, 18 min. 1.5 sec.

### MIGRANT SETS RECORD

W. Savjins-Grandy, a former European open and Amateur champion was the victorious competitor at the University freshers' sports yesterday.

Competing in the 100 yard race, Savjins-Grandy took the lead from the start and finished 20 yards in front of his nearest rival. He broke the previous University record for the distance by 24 seconds.

Another highlight was the attack on the world's 100 yard record for women by "Maudie" (Maudie) and "Fanny" (Fanny).

After three false starts and some interference by their "old" opponents, the two contenders for the world title got away well, and were leading after 50 yards.

### "Foiled" by foot

At this stage however, Maudie and Fanny were abandoned by their "old" opponents. Unfortunately, Maudie tripped her foot, and fell 10 yards from the finishing line, giving her a "no" run. She failed to beat her record by a foot.

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STRIDING OUT  
BUT NOT  
TO VICTORY



Former Swedish champion W. Gunnar Lindberg competing in the Australian 10,000-metre walk championship at Sydney yesterday. Lindberg finished 11th. Walker was title holder E. J. Allen (VIC), D. A. Gange (West Australia) was second and veteran A. H. Gibbs (N.W. South).