## BILL GRANDY - A BRIEF ADDITION TO VICTORIAN RACEWALKING

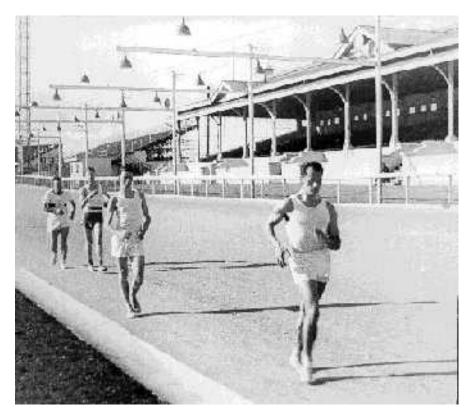
Waldemar Skujing-Grandy (or Bill Grandy as he was known in Australian circles) emigrated to Australia from Sweden in 1948 and settled in Melbourne. A former Swedish University champion, he was first cited in winning the Melbourne University Freshers Meeting 1 mile walk in a new University record of 7:12.8. 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	$1^{\rm st}$	VAWC 1 Mile Championship	
	$1^{\rm st}$	VAWC 3 Mile Championship	
	$2^{nd}$	Victorian 10 Mile Walk Championship	1:25:38
1949	$1^{\mathrm{st}}$	VAWC 20 Mile Champioship	
	$2^{nd}$	Victorian 10 Mile Walk Championship	1:25:58
1950	$1^{\mathrm{st}}$	VAWC 5 Mile Championship	
	$2^{nd}$	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.









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

## Walk Record at Varsity

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