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Anybody seen June?

It appears, to paraphrase 'Carousel', that June definitely did 'bust out' ... and vanish!

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I just realised that May managed to outstay its lease and occupy June's space in the banner for all of last month's issues. Did anyone else notice? My apologies. As punishment, I've now got that song stuck in my head!

****WALKER OF THE WEEK****



It's a real pleasure to present this issue's WOTW award to **Abby Fowler (VIC, 10yo)**, one of the Club's most conscientious youngsters. Abby has earned this gong with two jaw-dropping improvements ... in Saturday's 2km 'Guess Your Time' race, in which she took over a minute – 1:04 to be precise – from her previous best time in recording **12:23**, and an even bigger 2km PB demolition three weeks ago in Canberra, where she hacked 1:22 from it in the bitter cold of Stromlo Park.

By any measure, these were big steps up. Joining the VRWC in May 2023 at the age of 8, Abby's learning curve has been a steep and, at times, daunting one as she slowly adapted to the demands of the sport, absorbing its skills and building her fitness. Frequently she found herself on her own, gamely plugging on long after bigger, older competitors had finished. Along the way she began to produce bursts of speed she found she could put to effective use, especially at the end of her races.

We've seen these bursts from Abby often this year, but little would have indicated the gains in endurance she has made to underpin that speed. In May her 2km times were in the 14:40s. Now, a mere month later, sub-12:00 is within her reach. Congratulations, Abby! You are a model of perseverance and you deserve your success.

CLUB NEWS and RESULTS

Can you help with loading, setting up and packing up on Sunday?

If anyone is willing and able to get to the Club early this Sunday morning (i.e. at around 6:00am!) to help pack the trailer with essential equipment such as tents, tent weights, tables, chairs etc, then help set it up on the Aughtie Drive course for the *AV Championships*, your aid would be most valuable. Many hands make light work!

Please let Terry Swan or Stu know if you can be there.

*AV,	VMA 8	Sunday 6 July – Middle Park VRWC 20km & Winter Champion A World Athletics calendar event	nships
8.30am	20km 20km 20km 20km 20km 20km 20km	VRWC C'ship – Ray Smith Trophy VMA & VRWC Championships AV Championship VRWC C'ship – Elsie Jacobson Trophy	Open Men Open Men Masters Men Open Women Open Women Masters Women Open
8.40am	10km 10km 10km 10km 10km 10km	AV Championship AV Championship AV Championship VRWC Championship VRWC Championship	U20 Men U20 Women U18 Men U20 Men U20 Women U18 Men
9.15am 9.55am	5km 5km 5km 5km 5km 3km	AV Championship AV Championship VRWC Championship VRWC Championship Non-championship	U18 Women U16 Boys/Girls U18 Women U16 Boys/Girls Open U14 Boys/Cirls
	3km	VRWC Championship	U14 Boys/Girls U14 Boys/Girls
10.30am 10.45am	1.5km 2km 2km	VRWC Championship VRWC Championship Non-championship	U10 Boys/Girls U12 Boys/Girls Open
11.00am 11.30am	BBQ br Present	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

*Entry for all AV championships must be finalised by 11.59am on Wednesday 2 July, via the AV Entry portal at https://athsvic.org.au/events/victorian-race-walking-club/

*Entries for all VRWC and VMA events close on Friday 4 July at 6.00pm at https://www.revolutionise.com.au/vrwc/

BBQ Cook Wanted !

As it's approaching mid-winter and something hot on a cold Sunday morning is in order, we plan to provide a BBQ for our competitors, officials and anyone else who'd hungry this coming Sunday. But it won't happen without a cook.

WE NEED SOMEONE TO TURN THE SNAGS!

A couple of competitors have offered to assist before and after their races, and we thank them. However, as the races will be across at the Championship course, we really need a dedicated BBQ operator to ensure it all runs smoothly.

If you can help, or if you know someone who'd be happy to take it on, please contact Stu or Mark as soon as possible.



Do you have specific food needs?

If you have a special request regarding BBQ food – vegetarian, vegan, allergen-free etc – please contact **Karyn O'Neill** at <u>treasurer@vrwc.org.au</u>, to let her know for the ordering. You are welcome to provide your own food for the hot plate if you prefer.

Stu

VRWC Club points results: 'Guess Your Time', 28 June – Middle Park

Great weather for our 'Guess Your Time' races last Saturday a fine, crisp winter afternoon, free of wind! 32 starters assembled with the aim of hitting their guess time 'bull's eye' and snaffling some goodies.

For Aria di Benedetto and Shaun Lewis in the 2km it was double success, each collecting a nice, shiny PB along with their GYT prize. It was a different 'double' for Anna Dubar and Cory Lewis, with both girls landing within 2 secs of their guess times and thus taking a prize each in the 1km.

Abby Fowler's GYT radar probably needed a new battery, but who cares when you've destroyed your 2km PB by over a minute? Abby's guess time was an ambitious target but she's unlikely to have expected a result that good. Great work, Ab! Another to walk off with a big PB (by 50 secs) was Alejandro Stephens whose sub-40 8km was welcome after a frustrating run of near misses.



Our GYT winners: John, Aria, Anna, Dimitri, Karyn, Shaun, Emilie, Cory, Andrew, Emily, Jordan. (Yes, some missing.)

It was nice to welcome back two more 'prodigals',

Mya McClure and Andrew Jamieson, for their first Club races of the season, with Mya announcing her return via a 4km PB. Andrew, a multiple Word Masters champion and record holder, is largely occupied with nature photography these day (his native bird shots are wonderful), so it's a treat to see him make even an occasional return to the VRWC 'nest'.



The 2km field hits its stride.





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Open					
nitri Pashutin	MU10	6:07	1	+0:14	
/ Bowkett	FU10	5:34	4	+0:17	
na Dubar	FU12	5:43	e1	- 0:02	
sy Hooper	FU10	5:48	7	+0:23	
y Nicholls	FU12	6:35	e5	- 0:20	PB 0:16
	3				

5 Cory Lewis 6 Summer Patten 7 Ava Pravednikov	FU10 FU10 FU10	6:45 6:45 7:25	e1 e5 3	+0:02 +0:20 +0:15	
2km Open					
1 Shaun Lewis	MM40+	10:24	1	- 0:16	PB 0:25
2 Harrison Ryan	MU14	11:42	3	+0:43	
3 Bowie Clarke	MU10	13:35	2	+0:25	
1 Indigo Marshall-Moodie	FU14	10:50	2	- 0:08	PB 0:08
2 Addison Frenken	FU14	11:06	4	- 0:10	
3 Aria Di Benedetto	FU12	11:53	1	- 0:07	PB 0:06
4 Caitlyn Shipham	FU14	12:19	7	+0:19	
5 Abby Fowler	FU12	12:23	8	- 0:37	PB 1:04
6 Kobe Lewis	FU14	12:24	5	- 0:11	
7 Heather Carr	FM60+	14:22	6	+0:12	
8 Merilyn Reynolds	FM40+	14:49	3	+0:09	





4km Open 1 Jordan Galbraith 2 Arthur Robinson 1 Mya McClure 2 Emily Smith 3 Gwen Steed

MOp	20:17
MU18	29:24
FU14	19:51
FU20	22:13
FM60+	31:24

+0:12 +0:28 +0:14 PB 0:04 +0:03 +1:29











okii Open				
1 Andrew Jamieson	MM60+	39:39	1	+0:09
2 Gerard Feain	MM60+	40:24	2	- 0:36
1 Ariana Pashutina	FU20	36:51	3	+3:51
2 Emilie Garside	FOp	41:17	1	+0:12
3 Donna-Marie Elms	FM60+	42:44	2	+1:24
8km Open				
1 Karyn O'Neill	FM60+	57:15	1	0:00
1 Alejandro Stephens	MOp	39:22	2	+0:56 PB 0:50
2 John Nottle	MM60+	53:40	1	+1:40

*This week's action models:

Mya, Gerard, Ava, Gwen, Alejandro, Harrison, Lily, Daisy, Dimitri, Ruby, Summer, Jordan, Emilie, Donna-Marie, Andrew, Anna, John, Emily, Cory, Ariana.

Female - Name		Age Gp	H pl	Male - Nar	ne	Age Gp	H pl
Merilyn	Reynolds	M40+	1	Shaun	Lewis	M40+	1
Karyn	O'Neill	M60+	1	John	Nottle	M60+	1
Heather	Carr	M60+	2	Gerard	Feain	M60+	2
Donna-Marie	Elms	M60+	3	Andrew	Jamieson	M60+	NPT
Gwen	Steed	M60+	4	Alejandro	Stephens	Op	1
Emilie	Garside	Op	1	Jordan	Galbraith	Op	2
Cory	Lewis	U10	1	Bowie	Clarke	U10	1
Daisy	Hooper	U10	2	Dimitri	Pashutin	U10	2
Summer	Patten	U10	3	Harrison	Ryan	U14	1
Lily	Bowkett	U10	4	Arthur	Robinson	U18	1
Ava	Pravednikov	U10	5				
Abby	Fowler	U12	1				
Aria	Di Benedetto	U12	2				
Ruby	Nicholls	U12	3				
Anna	Dubar	U12	4				
Indigo	Marshall-Moodie	U14	1				
Mya	McClure	U14	2				
Addison	Frenken	U14	3				
Caitlyn	Shipham	U14	4				
Kobe	Lewis	U14	5				
Emily	Smith	U20	1				
Ariana	Pashutina	U20	2				

*Handicap results

And once again, many thanks to the judges, officials and helpers whose work made for a successful day's racing. Apologies if your name was omitted – we appreciated your contribution.

If you help out in any way, please write your name on the Official's list (located on the Canteen bench in the clubroom), so that we can acknowledge you.

Manager	Mark Donahoo
Referee:	Mark Donahoo
Race check in	Mark Donahoo
Timekeeper	Ian Laurie
Recorders	Duncan Knox, Kevin Cassidy, John Lyons, Kris Shipham
Judges:	Stu Cooper (Chief), Terry O'Neill, Bec Lewis, Brenda Felton, Danielle Clarke (Observer)
Set up, Pack up:	Ian Laurie, Stu Cooper, Terry O'Neill, Karyn O'Neill, Duncan Knox
Photos	Therese Smith
Canteen	Donna Marie Elms, Gwen Steed
Presentation	Mark Donahoo
Walkers:	32



• We were sorry to hear that **Di Lowden**, who has appeared in this column on a couple of happy occasions owing to honours she has earned, was hospitalised last week for a cardiac procedure. Happily, Di is back home and likely to be at the Club on Sunday ... we hope she'll have the all-clear to enjoy a sausage and bread!

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AROUND THE COUNTRY

A.C.T. ACTRFWC Points 7 results, 21 June – Lake Tuggeranong

Results taken from ACTRFWC newsletter:

7km 1 John Kennedy	Fitness	Masters	49:35
3km 1 Jillian Ryan	Race	U16F	17:01
2km 1 Sebastian Ryan 2 Geoff Barker	Race Fitness	U14M Masters	13:09 21:04

1km			
1 Tindra Helgstedt	Race	U14F	6:01
2 Katharina Johnson	Race	U14F	6:03
3 Clare Rice	Race	U14F	6:08
4 Jess Robson	Fitness	Masters	8:13

QUEENSLAND QRWC Handicaps #6, 29 June – Kalinga Park

Thanks to Robyn Wales for sending through the latest QRWC results:

A Grade 10km Men:		B Grade 5km Men:	
(1) Ignacio Jimenez	53:13	(1) Simon Cartwright	43:43
(2) Kai Dale	1:02:07	Women:	
(3) Peter Bennett	1:08:50	(1) Eliza Kelly	31:20
Women:		(2) Nyle Sunderland	32:30
(1) Brenda Gannon	1:06:38	(3) Anne Weekes	35:29
(2) Joy Dale	1:18:26 SB	(4) Kate Morris	35:34 SB
(3) Noela McKinven	1:40:52		
Phoebe Chadwick	DNF		
C Grade 3km		D Grade 2km	
	18.31		13.25
(1) Leo Rainsay	10.51	(1) Jessiea Gomani (2) Willa Sio	14:53
F Grade 1km			
Boys:			
(1) Yoshua Lee	6:31		
Girls:			
(1) Lilli Chu	6:05 SB		
Men: (1) Leo Ramsay F Grade 1km Boys: (1) Yoshua Lee Girls:		Girls : (1) Jessica Gorham	13:25 14:53

TASMANIA TRWC Road walk results, 29 June – Wentworth Park

David Moore reports from Hobart:

Spoilt again by very mild winter conditions for our Walk at Wentworth Park today. New PB's to Elsie Woodward 1km, Gaberiel Dix 2km, and Sam Leitch 3km. Nice walks also from Sophia Carr and Sara Leitch, going beyond the distances they have walked up until today.

1km			2km		
1. Elsie Woodward	OVA	6:20 PB	1. Gaberiel Dix	Clarence LA	19:19 PB
2. Anne Travis	UTAS	10:03	2. Dot Sussmilch -Leitch	Hobart LA	19:51
3. Sophia Carr	Kingston LA	12:34 FT	3. Dave Moore	TMA	22:51
3km			4km		
1. Adele Woodward	OVA	20:26	1. Elizabeth Leitch	TMA	29:02
2. Sam Leitch	ESAC	24:00 PB	2. Sara Leitch	TMA	38:48 FT
7km					
 Wayne Fletcher 	NSAC	64:33			





INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FRANCE: Track Race walk meeting, 29 June - Caen

Emmanuel Tardi reports from Caen, one of the Normandy cities pivotal in the liberation of France in WWII. From Emmanuel's message, it sounds as if it provided another kind of 'liberation' on Sunday.

I was in Caen (250km to the west of Paris, near the seaside), last Sunday. It was the only place in France where the sun was not too 'hard.'

The local club organised a racewalking meeting. It was one of the last opportunities to realize the standards for our national championship. Races took place on the track of Helitas Stadium.

In the 20k, Vanessa Denisselle walked with Dorian Lomonier for the first half, but decelerated in the second half. In the ancillary events, Marine Rottier (my teammate \cong) produced a very strong 22.19 for 5000m. She became No 6 in the French all-time list.

2000	00m : 8h00			
1	LOMONIER Dorian	ESM/03	Esm Gonfreville L'orcher	1h39'42"08
2	DENISSELLE Vanessa	MAF/84	Val-De-Reuil Ac	1h44'39"99
3	BOUTRAIS Andy	SEM/91	Us Talence	1h48'42"17
4	MOTIR Agathe	ESF/05	Caen Ac	1h52'15"37
-	DEBASLY Benoit	MAM/73	Caen Ac	DO
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	00m : 8h00			
1	LEMONNIER Leo	JUM/07	Caen Ac	52'54"82
2	CANU Manon	JUF/06	Caen Ac	57'53"65
3	RICHER Ninon	JUF/07	Stade Sottevillais 76	58'50"55
4	LEMOIS Carole	MAF/76	Caen Ac	1h00'20"85
5000	0m : 9h30			
1	ROTTIER Marine	SEF/00	La Postillonne Longjumeau	22'18"39
2	HANNOT Juliette	JUF/06	As Tourlaville	23'54"67
3	FOUCHARD Johnny	MAM/76	Athlé Marais Carentan	28'05"'97
4	LE GUELTE Antoine	CAM/08	Caen Ac	28'48"'08
5	BELLOC Herve	MAM/75	Aigle Mortagne 61	29'26"13
6	BELLANGER Stephane	MAM/61	Caen Ac	29'37"39
7	AMBLARD Victoria	MAF/80	Val-De-Reuil Ac	29'48"71
8	DUQUESNE Diane	SEF/95	As Tourlaville	30'53"96
9	ALDEBERT Sophie	MAF/67	Aigle Mortagne 61	31'25"31
10	ROGUE Jacques	MAM/61	Le Bretteville Sur Odon	35'12"'49
2000	0m : 10h16			
1	COUSIN Garance	MIF/10	Stade Saint-Lo	14'43"66
2	RACINE Lena	MIF/11	Ac Barentin	16'16"55
$\frac{2}{3}$	HEUGHEBAERT Elsa	ESF/03	Ca Lisieux	17'10"35
3 4	GERALDES Felicie	CAF/03	Uso Mondeville	171033
5	SORIN Veronique	MAF/62	Sc Herouville Athlé	17'56"60
6	FOUCHARD Anaelle	CAF/02	Athlé Marais Carentan	20'52"46
7	BANCE Elyne	CAF/09 CAF/08	Ac Barentin	20 32 40 22'52"31
8	TARDI Emmanuel	CAF/08 MAM/67		
8	TARDI Emmanuel	MAM/0/	La Postillonne Longjumeau	23'36"75
	0m : 10h16			
1	DUCHEMIN Lino	MIM/11	As Tourlaville	9'21"84
2	JEANNE Marius	BEM/12	Stade Saint-Lo	10'38''96
3	BRIET MASSE Oceane	BEF/12	Stade Sottevillais 76	12'10"17
4	LE GUELTE Jeanne	BEF/12	Caen Ac	14'03"58



Marine Rottier

Lomonier and Denisselle

(Photos: Emmanuel Tardi)

MARCIADALMONDO & O MARCHADOR ROUNDUP

The Portuguese race walking blog **O Marchador** posts news reports and results as they come to hand. The page has dozens of links to articles on race walking, featuring both domestic events and those from abroad.

- Monday, June 30, 2025 Celestino Pacheco and Ana Sofia Santos are national champions in under-18 race walking Beja 2025 <u>https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2025/06/celestino-pacheco-e-ana-sofia-santos.html</u>
- Sunday, June 29, 2025 CONADE 2025 Tlaxcala, Mexico (under-16 and under-18 results) https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2025/06/conade-2025-tlaxcala-mexico-resultados.html
- Friday, June 27, 2025 Nitin Gupta shines in Indian U-20 Championships Prayagraj 2025 https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2025/06/nitin-gupta-em-grande-destaque-nos.html
- Thursday, June 26, 2025 Saul Fernandes (1938-2025) passed away <u>https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2025/06/faleceu-saul-fernandes-1938-2025.html</u> A tribute to a much-revered official and worker for Portuguese walking.
- Wednesday, June 25, 2025 César Herrera and Naomi Garcia excel in the 35,000m in Chula Vista, CA
 https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2025/06/cesar-herrera-e-naomi-garcia-destacam.html
- Wednesday, June 25, 2025 Óscar Patín and Lauren Harris dominate in the 20,000m in Chula Vista, CA https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2025/06/oscar-patin-e-lauren-harris.html
- Tuesday, June 24, 2025 Canadian 10,000m Race Walk Championships and Royal City Inferno 2025 (results) <u>https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2025/06/campeonatos-de-10000-m-marcha-do-canada.html</u> A regulation win and another title for Evan Dunfee.

<u>Note</u>: The O Marchador blog is written in Portuguese. To access an English version, open the page in Google Chrome – if you haven't already – at <u>https://omarchador.blogspot.com</u>, then right click on any empty space (not on text) on the page. A window will appear with the option to translate the page. Click on it, and the page should reload in English.

** H&T Online - NOTICE BOARD **

DOGS OFF LEASH

At our championships day on Sunday 18 May, one of our race judges had cause to lodge a formal report concerning several dogs whose owners had seen fit to let them run untethered in a 'KEEP DOGS ON LEASH' area, very close to the northern turn of our course. At least one dog had been free to roam onto the path itself.

There is official signage on the path next to the Bowling Club fence in that area, requiring that dogs be kept on leash. Whether it was unseen or ignored by the dog owners, it resulted in a safety risk and was a source of anxiety for our competitors.

The incident was reported to Parks Victoria, who will advise their rostered rangers to patrol the area and undertake dog education measures if necessary.

VRWC members, supporters and parents who notice similar incidents should notify myself, Mark Donahoo or Terry Swan.

Stu Cooper President

**** VRWC RACE FEES**

<u>Seasons ticket 12 months</u>: <u>VRWC Club Races:</u> <u>VRWC Championships:</u>

Financial members: \$110.00 paid by the <u>end of May</u>. Race fee: \$12.00. Non-financial: \$17.00. Family: \$24.00 Race fee: \$17.00 Family: \$34.00 Pamily of 3 or more financial members

A family race entry rate is available to any family of 3 or more financial members. Non-members may pay a reduced financial member rate for the first race they attend but pay the higher non financial rate for subsequent races. Season's ticket: all VRWC races, not Little Athletics, AV, VMA or RWA.

**** VRWC ANNUAL FEES**

These are reviewed at the Annual General Meeting each year. Below are the current fees as of 1st April 2025: Senior (Open and Masters) \$30.00 Under 20: \$25.00 Under 16: \$15.00 Associate (Officials who assist with races throughout the year): \$ 0.00 Family membership: \$50.00 Annual Subscriptions are due on April 1st of each calendar year. Inner metro and outside ring metro members pay full fees. Country members, pay 50% of the annual fee. (The outside ring of metropolitan councils are: Wyndham, Melton, Hume, Whittlesea, Nillumbik, Yarra Ranges, Cardinia, Casey, and the Mornington peninsula down to Mornington. Outside of these areas are considered country area.)

*UNIFORMS - Remember also that all competing members are required to wear the current Club **racing uniform** (singlet, racing top or crop top), in order to be eligible for Time or Handicap points and to race in Club championships. The cost of each item is \$45. (Families: \$45 for the first child, \$35 for siblings.)

2025 WINTER SEASON FIXTURE

JULY		
Sunday 6 th July	AV & VRWC CHAMPIONSHIPS & EVENTS	Middle Park
Saturday 12 th July	VRWC Points races and Interval races	Middle Park
Saturday 19th July	VRWC Points races	
Saturday 19 th July	Coaching seminar for parents, athletes and coaches	Middle Park
Saturday 26 th July	Racewalking Australia Postal Challenge event &	
	VMA 10km	Middle Park
<u>AUGUST</u>		
Saturday 2 nd August	VRWC Points races	Middle Park
Saturday 9 th August	AV Championship & VRWC Championships & events	Middle Park
Saturday 16 th August	VRWC Last points race	Middle Park
Sunday 24 th August	Australia Athletics championships	Ballarat
Saturday 30 th August	VRWC non points race day	Middle Park
September		
Saturday 6 th September	AV 5km teams championship, VMA 5km track championship &	v VRWC events
		Mentone Track
Sunday 14 th September	VRWC relay race and Seasons Presentations	Middle Park



WHAT'S UP AHEAD?

Victorian & National Key Dates – 2024/2025

Sun 6 Jul 2025 Sat 19 Jul 2025 Sat 26 Jul 2025 Sat 9 Aug 2025 Sun 24 Aug 2025 Sat 6 Sep 2025 Sun 14 Sep 2025 AV & VMA 20km, AV age group & VRWC Club c'ships – Middle Park Coaching seminar (athletes, parents, coaches) & Points races – Middle Park RWA Postal Challenge & VMA 10km c'ship – Middle Park AV 15km & VRWC c'ships (Alf Robinson & Mabel Robinson trophies) – Middle Park AA Junior road championships – Ballarat AV 5000m Teams c'ship & Club races – Mentone Relay race, BBQ lunch, Winter presentations – Middle Park

International Dates

16-27 July 2025	World University Games – Bochum, GER
13-21 Sep 2025	20th World Athletics Championships – Tokyo, JPN
4-9 Aug 2026	World U20 Athletics Championships – Eugene OR, USA
30 Oct-15 Nov 2026	Youth Olympic Games – Dakar, SEN

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