

Taranaki Race Walking Club

Wind Wand Walk

8 April 2018

Welcome all to the opening TRWC event for 2018.

There's something about our opening race of the season which for some reason, I always seem to be late and today was no exception. It was only Dave B banging on my door and Marlene breaking all records in her car, which got us there, just as our members were walking to the start line.

Quite a large turnout today, with 18 walkers and five helpers. Dave W gave us a pep talk and then we were away in a mass start. The weather was glorious, sunny and quite warm with no wind; I was glad I wore my long sleeved thermal under my club shirt!

Bringing up the rear initially was Kim, Sue & myself, with Tanya just in front. Half a km further on, Kim had moved ahead of us last two and Tanya had passed Marlene and Anne. Sue stopped to have a chat with a friend and I kept going.

As we were approaching the Windwand, the pace setters were on their way back. Serena was leading the field with Peter who appeared to be walking slow for him in second place. Tony was third and Alan & Sherryn also walking slow to me following, closely tracked by Jeff. Helen was leading Ross and then it was Tanya, Dave B, Marlene, Gaylene & Michelle, Anne, MaryAnne, Kim, Brian and Sue.

Rounding the Windwand for the second time Serena was still ahead of Peter but Alan decided he'd had enough and had slotted into third position. Jeff was right behind Tony with Sherryn still not showing her hand. Ross had moved ahead of Helen and Gaylene was in front of Marlene who was tiring. Then we had Michelle, MaryAnne, Anne and Kim. Sue still hadn't caught up with me. By the time I was about 1km from the finish, I couldn't see anyone ahead of me and then Sue came alongside me having made up for her 4min stop.





Going by the times, there must have been some great battles up front. Jeff was just 2secs behind Tony. Sherryn was just 3secs behind Alan, so she must have motored to nearly catch him. Ross held his lead over Helen. Tanya had overtaken Dave, Gaylene was still ahead of Marlene, Michelle stayed ahead of MaryAnne & Anne. Kim stayed ahead of Sue & Brian with the later two crossing the line together.

An ideal day to have a picnic and the table was full of goodies. Our resident dentist won the Easter Egg (I hope you aren't going to eat it MaryAnne?), Kim the large bag of chocolates and Anne the smaller Easter Egg. The rest of us got to share the small eggs & chocolates from a basket.

Trevor hasn't been well lately and our new Club Captain Dave W stepped into the breach to assist Peter D with the timing, assisted by Frances, whilst Arthur laid the table.

One thing that was reported back to a committee member, was a cyclist who complained that some of our members were walking three abreast, making it awkward for him/her to pass. Whilst I know there was a group walking four abreast, we were all in club uniform, so an easy target for a complaint.

Next race is at Serena's Farm and the time is back to 9.30am

VIEW FROM THE BACK

What a great couple of races from Quentin & Alana and for her to get a silver, what will that do for race walking's profile? We were so hoping a couple of the blokes would get DQ'd so Quentin could get a medal but doing 20km in 1h 21m 47s and coming 5th must make him feel good?

Today's Points

Mary Anne 8 pts

Kim 7 pts

Anne 5 pts

Tony 5 pts

Dave B 4 pts

Michelle 3pts

Points Trophy Standing

Mary Anne 8 pts

Kim 7 pts

Anne 5 pts

Tony 5 pts

Dave B 4 pts

Michelle 3pts

Style Trophy Standings

Today's Results

Member	Grade	Distance	Estimated time	Actual time	Difference	Points
Senior men						
Peter Fox	M	5	0:29:30	0:31:31	0:02:01	2
Tony Burrell	M	5	0:32:30	0:32:41	0:00:11	5
Jeff Wells	M	5	0:34:50	0:32:43	0:02:07	2
Alan Clarke	M	5	0:33:55	0:33:10	0:00:45	2
Ross Allen	M	5	0:32:45	0:33:27	0:00:42	2
Dave Barrett	M	5	0:37:00	0:36:48	0:00:12	4
Vets						
Marlene White	V	5	0:38:00	0:37:21	0:00:39	2
Sue Park	V	5	0:43:50	0:45:39	0:01:49	2
Brian O'Shea	V	5	0:44:30	0:45:39	0:01:09	2
Senior Women						
Serena Coombes	W	5	0:31:45	0:31:00	0:00:45	2
Sherryn Hardy	W	5	0:34:00	0:33:13	0:00:47	2
Helen Baverstock	W	5	0:35:35	0:34:01	0:01:34	2
Tanya Campbell	W	5	0:38:40	0:34:59	0:03:41	2
Gaylene Phillips	W	5	0:38:20	0:36:57	0:01:23	2
Michelle Nicholson	W	5	0:37:00	0:37:35	0:00:35	3
Mary Anne Costello	W	5	0:39:00	0:38:56	0:00:04	8
Anne Fraser	W	5	0:39:25	0:39:14	0:00:11	5
Kim Fougere	W	5	0:43:11	0:43:18	0:00:07	7
Helpers						
Peter, Dave W, Arthur, Frances, Trevor						2