



### Taranaki Race Walking Club: Open Walks 2014

Below you can read a summary of this year's Open walk at the velodrome; here as well is a preamble for the Club.

This year's Open walk was very successful, I feel proud as President of this club that we managed to put together such a great event. It was particularly pleasing to have so many club members walk in front of the Judges rather than take the easy alternative. Well done to those first time A graders – Sherryn 1 and Sherryn 2. I felt I couldn't preach to walkers without actually walking my first A grade for a few years and in fact my first one over 15K. There were very few red cards from the judges and nobody was DQd on the day.

Many thanks for all the helpers, giving up your time made it the great success it was. Many thanks to Eric (McGyver), Harry (Two wheels Hannibal) and team for the setup on the day and all the other practical jobs that are a total mystery to desk drivers like me.

Sherryn No.2 was a very deserved winner of the Campbell cup, 66m50s under the Judges scrutiny was a fantastic effort. Problem is you have to keep improving now because you beat the Handicapper to the line over 10K and have upset the pecking order. Tony Burrell and Dave Barrett are two others that have destroyed future handicap times after becoming joint winners of the Trevor Suthon Cup.

Tony did 1h2m7s for his 10K and Dave Barrett forgot the times he is meant to do and confused himself with Craig Barrett in doing his 10K in a time of 1h12m52s. The less said about the Hawera cup the better maybe; I as handicapper will once again be accused of being a burglar for sure! In reality though I would give up the cup in exchange for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the RWNZ 15km championship – oh so close. Still I now have the cup after winning it for 1 day, 12 years ago.

It was also pleasing to see 2 Juniors racing for the Bird cup – Hannah Gilberd (winner once again) and Laura Kehely who managed a respectable 14m1s for the 2K. Laura is Graeme Harvie's grand-daughter – we would of course like to see her eventually racing for TRWC!

To me the most exciting part of the walk was the race between Vanessa and Rachel. They were together for the first 5K and then Rachel pulled away. We have all seen this race before, Rachel pulling away and then Vanessa catching in the last few K. Seeing them both 2 times per lap I was beginning to think that Rachel was going to have the edge this time; no Rachel tired and the slightly competitive Lowl came storming through.







Finally the support and atmosphere was the best it has been at the Open walk. It really lifted us each time we came through the start/finish area. Rozie Robinson also commented that the support was just fantastic, that people were calling out her name, people she didn't know at all.

#### **Newspaper**

Taranaki Race Walking Club's annual Open walk was held on the outside track of the Cycle park at Bell Block on Saturday. The hot mix surface is perfect for Race Walking and shows the versatility of the Cycle Park's facilities.

30 Race Walkers from Taranaki; Wellington Auckland and Christchurch, were racing for a series of cups; as well as the Race Walking New Zealand (RWNZ) 15km Championship.

In the Men's 15km Championship, Mike Morresey (Egmont Athletics) for the second year running had a gun to tape win taking out the RWNZ 15km Championship in a time of 1h23m44s. This was a pleasing time for Morresey who is starting to regain his fitness after a long layoff due to injury. Harry Terwiel of Taranaki Race Walking Club (TRWC) was second in 1hr30m2s. There was an excellent race for 3<sup>rd</sup> place between David Sim (Auckland) and Alan Clarke (TRWC). Sim by halfway had a 200 metres gap, but during the second half Clarke gradually reduced the lead until they were together with 200 metres to go. Sim managed to put in a last effort to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1hr39m51s.

In the women's RWNZ 15km Championship it was a dominating display by Rozie Robinson of Christchurch. Robinson easily won in a time of 1hr25m35s, a walker who is again recovering from injury. The real race though was for second place between two walkers representing TRWC – Rachel Gilbert and Vanessa Lowl. Gilbert and Lowl were neck and neck for the first 5km. In the next 5km Gilbert took the lead out to nearly a minute and looked likely for second. Lowl though is known for her tenacity and started to close. By the bell there was a gap of just 18 seconds; Lowl came storming home to win in 1hr33m22s with Gilbert another 40 seconds back.

The Hawera cup is awarded for the first walker, male or female (on handicap) in the 15km event. Alan Clarke (TRWC) was just 18 seconds ahead of Terri Grimmett (Wellington) on handicap time.

The Campbell Cup is awarded to the best female performance against handicap over 5 or 10km. This was a very strong field, with the cup being taken out by Sherryn Wilson (TRWC) – her first time racing in front of Judges; Wilson was only 5 seconds ahead of Daphne Jones (Wellington) on handicap

## Times

	Handicap	Actual Time
<b>Women 5/10K - Campbell Cup</b>		
Sue Park	0:39:45	0:40:45
Serrena Coombes	0:15:10	1:04:42
Sherryn Hardy	0:12:15	1:06:24
Sherryn Wilson	0:10:30	1:06:50
Katie Morresey-Tahere	0:11:00	1:09:43
Anne Fraser	0:06:30	1:11:45
Helen Baverstock	0:07:25	1:12:14
Daphne Jones	0:04:00	1:13:25
Michelle Nicholson	0:04:30	1:14:34
Marlene White	0:09:00	1:17:03
Vicky Jones	0:00:00	1:18:29
Theresa Large	0:10:00	DNF
Kim Fougere	0:01:30	DNS

### Men/Women 15K - Hawera Cup

Mike Morresey	0:19:00	1:23:44
Rozie Robinson	0:17:30	1:25:35
Harry Terwiel	0:11:00	1:30:02
Vanessa Lowl	0:07:00	1:33:21
Rachel Gilbert	0:07:00	1:34:15
Terri Grimmer	0:03:20	1:36:56
David Sim	0:07:00	1:39:51
Alan Clarke	0:00:00	1:39:58

### Men 60 plus - 5/10K - Trevor Suthon Cup

Tony Burrell	0:23:30	1:02:07
Jeff Wells	0:26:15	1:02:13
Dave Barrett	0:12:45	1:12:52
Geoff Iremonger	0:15:00	1:12:58
Peter Tearle	0:00:00	1:28:55
Neil Fagan	0:15:15	DNS

### G12 2km Bird Cup

Hannah Gilbert	0:13:50	0:13:55
Laura Kehely	0:13:50	0:14:01

### Non Championship

Robyn Iremonger	0:45:00	0:45:35
Philip Grimmer	1:12:15	1:10:47

The Trevor Suthon Cup is awarded to best performance against handicap for the over 60s. Tony Burrell (TRWC) and Dave Barrett (TRWC) put in their best performances for a couple of years and ended up in joint 1<sup>st</sup> place to share the Trevor Suthon Cup for the first time in it's history.

The Bird Cup was keenly contested over 2km between Laura Kehely (Egmont) and Hannah Gilbert (TRWC). They were neck and neck for most of the race, with Gilbert showing her extra years of race walking by winning in a time of 13m55s, just 6 seconds ahead of newcomer Kehely.

### Open Walks Summary

#### Women 10K Campbell Cup

1<sup>st</sup> S.Wilson,

2<sup>nd</sup> D.Jones

3<sup>rd</sup> A.Fraser

Fastest Time – S.Coombes – 1h4m42s

#### 15K Hawera Cup

1<sup>st</sup> A. Clarke

2<sup>nd</sup> T.Grimmett

3<sup>rd</sup> V.lowl

#### Masters Men Trevor Suthon Cup

1<sup>st</sup>= T. Burrell and D. Barrett

3<sup>rd</sup> G. Iremonger

Fastest time – T. Burrell – 1h2m7s

#### G12 2K

1<sup>st</sup> H. Gilbert – 13m55s

2<sup>nd</sup> L.Kehely – 14m1s

#### RWNZ Mens 15km championship

1<sup>st</sup> M.Morresey – 1h23m44s

2<sup>nd</sup> H.Terwiel – 1h30m2s

3<sup>rd</sup> D.Sim – 1h39m51s

#### RWNZ Womens 15km championship

1<sup>st</sup> R.Robinson – 1h25m35s

2<sup>nd</sup> V. Lowl – 1h33m21s

3<sup>rd</sup> R. Gilbert – 1h34m15s.

Alan Clarke

TRWC President

## Points Trophy

Name	Total	Wind	Ivor's	Serena	Norm	Odd Ball	Ekiden	Open
		Wand	Oakura	Sprint	Read	Relay		Walk
Sue Park	26	2	6	2	8	6		2
Arthur Lester	22	6	4	2	8	2		
Brian O'Shea	22	2	8	2	2	4	2	2
Dave Barrett	21	2	2	7	6	2		2
Denise Clark	19	7	5	2	2	2		1
Mary Hastie	19	2	2	8	4	2		1
Tony Burrell	18	8	2		2	2	2	2
Alan Clarke	17	2	2	2	5	2	2	2
Marlene White	17	2	2	2	3	4	2	2
Michelle Nicholson	17	3			2	8	2	2
Helen Baverstock	16	2	2	2	2	6		2
Mike Nield	16		7	6			2	1
Gaylene Phillips	15	2	3	5	2	3		
Ivor Ellis	15	2	2	2	2	6		1
Jeff Wells	15	2	2	3	2	2	2	2
Serena Coombes	15	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
Vanessa Lowl	14		2	2	2	8		2
Dave Wackrow	13	2	2	4	2		2	1
Eric Kemsley	13	4		2	2	2	2	1
Frances Kemsley	13	6		2	2	2		1
Harry Terwiel	12	2		2	2	2	2	2
Trevor Suthon	11	2	2	2	2	2		1
Anne Fraser	10			2	2	2	2	2
Peter Fox	10	2		2	2	2	2	
Sherryn Hardy	10	2	2		2	2		2
Peter Dent	9	2		2	2	2		1
Kim Fougere	8	2	2	2	2			
MaryAnne Costeloe	8		2	2	2	2		
Rachel Gilbert	8			2	2		2	2
Sandra Moratti	8			2	2	2	2	
Dennis Hastie	7			2	2	2		1
Neil Fagan	6	2	2			2		
Sherryn Wilson	4				2			2
Tanya Campbell	4						2	2
Theresa Large	4						2	2
Alex Terwiel	3						2	1
Joelle Xavier	3		2					1
Julie Gardner	2	2						
Lorraine Eldershaw	2	2						
<b>Juniors</b>								
Hannah Gilbert	8			3	3			2