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TIM'S WALKER OF THE WEEK

My Walker of the Week this time around is 19 year old Victorian walker **Rebecca Henderson** who produced another top performance at Fawkner Park last Sunday. Competing in the Athletics Australia Invitational 20km roadwalk at that venue, she finished just behind winner Jemima Montag with a PB 1:31:53. Consider her summer season of racing.

| 10 Jan 2021 | 10,000m Track Walk | Clifton Hill | 46:25 | PB |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------|---------|----|
| 31 Jan 2021 | 10,000m Track Walk | Clifton Hill | 45:20 | PB |
| 27 Feb 2021 | 5000m Track Walk | Albert Park | 22:05 | PB |
| 27 mar 2021 | 20km Road Walk | Fawkner Park | 1:32:12 | PB |
| 15 Apr 2021 | 10,000m Walk | Sydney | 45:13 | PB |
| 02 May 2021 | 20km Road Walk | Fawkner Park | 1:31:53 | PB |

She has risen from our best U20 walker last year to being a serious Olympic contender in 2021. Up till this year, Bec had juggled triathlon, long distance swimming and race walking. This summer, she has finally knuckled down to a solid walking program, under her coach Simon Baker, and the results have been wonderful. The sky's the limit for this super talented young walker.



Rebecca Henderson shares the lead with Jemima Montag at Fawkner Park last Sunday (photo Terry Swan)

WHAT'S COMING UP

 Next Saturday afternoon sees us back at Middle Park for the next round of our VRWC winter season. Race info as shown below.

| Saturday 8 th May 2021, Middle Park VRWC Events. If entering online, entries close Wednesday 11.59pm. If entering in person, entries close for all events at 1.40pm sharp. | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------|--|--|--|
| 2.15pm | 8km Points Race | Open | | | |
| 2.15pm | 6km Points Race | Open | | | |
| 2.15pm | 4km Points Race | Open | | | |
| 2.30pm | 2km Points Race | Open | | | |
| 2.30pm | 1km Points Race | Open | | | |

For ongoing races, see our full fixture at http://www.vrwc.org.au/vrwcw21.shtml

• Entries for the 54th RWA Lake Burley Griffin / Stromlo Carnival have now been open for a few weeks and entries are strarting to come in from VIC and NSW and SA, but we are yet to see any entries from TAS, WA, QLD or ACT. Let's all ensure that the event remains our biggest carnival for the year. Get your entry in – 3 weeks to go before entries close.



Race Details: RWA LBG Stromlo Carnival, Sromlo Forest Park, Canberra

Date: Sunday 13th June Entries Close: 5PM, Friday 28th May

Carnival Link: http://www.rwa.org.au/wp/2021/04/20/54th-annual-lbg-stromlo-walking-carnival/

Entries: https://tinyurl.com/4sanp3zs

General Info: http://www.rwa.org.au/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-LBG-Information-Sheet-Revised-19-April-

FINAL.pdf

VRWC, AV, VMA AND AA ROADWALKS, FAWKNER PARK, SUNDAY 2 MAY 2021

Fawkner Park in Melbourne was the venue for our VRWC races on Sunday morning, with the meet also hosting the Victorian 20km and Victorian Masters 20km Championships, along with an Athletics Australia Invitational 20km walk. Conditions were overcast with temperatures in the low twenties so pretty good overall.

The 20km walkers headed off together at 8:30AM, with **Rhydian Cowley** going to an immediate lead, shadowed as usual by **Declan Tingay** and **Kyle Swan**. Rhydian soon cleared away, going on to win with an excellent 1:21:49, yet another quality performance from our top male walker. **Quentin Rew** is returning to good form (it looks like he is timing things nicely to return to top form for the Olympic 50km in early August) and came through to take second with 1:24:37, ahead of Kyle who finished third with 1:25:37. Declan faded to finish fourth with 1:27:59, the victim of a badly timed a gastric issue. **Mitch Baker** was another who was well up early but he also faded and eventually retired. It has been a very long summer for our all elite walkers, with one race after another, and a lot of training camps in between, so it was perhaps not surprising that times were a bit down overall.

We only had three women in attendance, but they were our top three so a high quality race ensued. **Jemima Montag** walked with 19 year old **Rebecca Henderson** for the entire race, Jemima winning overall with 1:31:51, while Rebecca doing a 19 sec PB to finish with 1:31:53. **Katie Hayward** was not far behind for most of the race but slowed a bit in the last couple of laps to finish with 1:36:16. **Sarah Brennan** (1:54:32) and Rhydian won the Victorian Championship and a number of additional walkers filled out the field in the Victorian Masters Championships.

AA Invitational 20km Walk Men

| 1. | Rhydian Cowley | VIC | 1:21:49 |
|----|------------------|-----|---------|
| 2. | Quentin Rew | NZL | 1:24:37 |
| 3. | Kyle Swan | VIC | 1:25:37 |
| 4. | Declan Tingay | WA | 1:27:59 |
| 5. | Carl Gibbons | NSW | 1:28:25 |
| 6. | Tyler Jones | NSW | 1:30.49 |
| 7. | Tim Fraser | ACT | 1:34:58 |
| 8. | Dylan Richardson | NSW | 1:36:43 |
| | Mitch Baker | ACT | DNF |
| | Corev Dickson | VIC | DNF |

| AA Invi | tational 20km Walk Women | | | |
|---------|--------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | Jemima Montag | VIC | 1:31:51 | |
| 2. | Rebecca Henderson | VIC | 1:31:53 | PB 0:19 |
| 3. | Katie Hayward | QLD | 1:36:16 | |
| AV 20kı | m championship | | | |
| 1. | Sarah Brennan | BYC | 1:54:32 | |
| 1. | Rhydian Cowley | GHY | 1:21:49 | |
| 2. | Kyle Swan | ANW | 1:25:27 | |
| 3. | Pramesh Prasad | VMA | 1:51:23 | |
| | Corey Dickson | KNX | DNF | |
| VMA 20 |)km championship | | | |
| 1. | Sarah Brennan | W45-49 | 1:54:32 | |
| 1. | Kylie Irshad | W45-49 | 2:11:15 | |
| 1. | Pramesh Prasad | M45-49 | 1:51:23 | |
| 1. | Kevin Cassidy | M60-64 | 1:51:47 | |
| 1. | Terry O'Neill | M65-69 | 2:11:48 | |
| | Gunther Ilgoutz | M80-84 | DQ | |









Rebecca Henderson, Jemima Montag, Kyle Swan, Declan Tingay, Rhydian Cowley, Sarah Brennan and Quentin Rew

A number of our VRWC walkers contested shorter distances. The stars were our top U20 walkers **Will Thompson** (42:00) and **Alanna Peart** (49:15) in the 10km event. Special mentions also to **Marcus Wakim** (another PB – 23:38 in the 5km), **Maddison Nash** (PB 27:59 in the 5km) and **Ela Uzun** (10:13 for 2km at 9 years of age).

| VRWC | 10km Walk | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| 1. | Will Thompson | VRWC | 42:00 | | | | |
| 2. | Alanna Peart | VRWC | 49:15 | | | | |
| 3. | Jemma Peart | VRWC | 55:05 | | | | |
| 4. | Char Hay | VRWC | 55:42 | | | | |
| 5. | Andrew Jamieson | VRWC | 1:03:43 | | | | |
| VRWC | 5km Walk | | | | | | |
| 1. | Jason Kozica | VRWC | 23:12 | | | | |
| 2. | Marcus Wakim | VRWC | 23:38 | PB 0:43 | | | |
| 3. | Maddison Nash | VRWC | 27:59 | PB 2:23 | | | |
| 4. | Emily Smith | VRWC | 28:56 | | | | |
| 5. | Jade Chitty | VRWC | 29:51 | | | | |
| 6. | Grace Louey | VRWC | 30:10 | | | | |
| VRWC 2km Walk | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Ela Uzun | VRWC | 10:13 | | | | |
| 2. | Havana Ali | VRWC | 11:26 | | | | |

3. Violet Froon VRWC 15:16









Alanna Peart, Will Thompson, Maddison Nash and Marcus Wakim (all photos Terry Swan)

It's an enormous job to shift all our infrastructure away from Middle Park and set up elsewhere, so a big shout out to the volunteers and helpers and judges and officials.

Officials: Mark Donahoo, Ian Laurie, Karyn O'Neill, Wayne Peart

Judges: Zoe Eastwood- Bryson (C), Lisa Colquhuon (A), Gordon Loughnan (V), Shane Dickson (V), David Cash (V)

Kirsten Crocker (N), Di Lowden (V), , Fran Attard (V), Ralph Bennett (V)

Set up & Pack up: Stu Cooper, Gerard Feain, Karyn O'Neill and others

Penalty Zone Stu Cooper

Photos: Terry Swan (see https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10224820692645432&set=pcb.10159053893378911)

Next Saturday, we return to Middle Park for more VRWC Roadwalks.

SARWC ROADWALKS, ADELAIDE PARKLANDS, ADELAIDE, SATURDAY 1 MAY 2021

Thanks to Kim Mottrom for this week's results from Adelaide. He comments: Good turnout today with a PB from Sebastian Richards.

| 8km Wa | ılk | | 4km Walk | | |
|--------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1. | Kim Mottrom | 36:38 | 1. Er | mily Lynch | 24:30 |
| 2. | Darren Bown | 47:10 | 2. Ka | atie De Ruvo | 24:30 |
| 3. | Peter Crump | 48:52 | 3. Li | iz Downs | 29:28 |
| 4. | Greg Metha | 51:46 | 4. St | tephen Downs | 30:30 |
| 5. | Alix Harlington | DNF | | | |
| | | | 2km Walk | | |
| 5km Wa | lk | | 1. O ₁ | rlando Grantham | 11:13 |
| 1. | Sebastian Richards | 25:36 | 2. A1 | rchie Braithwaite | 12:41 |
| 2. | Daisy Braithwaite | 29:13 | 3. Ta | anveer Dunduli | 14:19 |
| 3. | Nellie Langford | 30:07 | 4. A1 | nanpreet Singh | 14:33 |
| 4. | Cooper Rech | 32:53 | | | |
| 5. | Di Camilleri | 39:15 | | | |

ACTRWC ROADWALKS, LAKE GINNINDEERA, CANBERRA, SATURDAY 1 MAY 2022

Thanks to Val Chesterton for this week's results from Canberra.

| 7km Walk | | | 2km Wa | ılk | |
|----------|-------------|-------|--------|----------------|-------|
| 1. | Sidney Shaw | 50:21 | 1. | Hannah Manning | 12:48 |
| 2. | Jane Bates | 55:26 | 2. | Julia Grocott | 12:54 |

| 3. | Bryan Thomas | 55:26 | 3. | Jack Thackray | 18:44 |
|----|--------------------|-------|----|---------------|-------|
| 4. | Doug Fitzgerald | 55:58 | | | |
| 5. | Rod Gilchrist | 57:55 | | | |
| 6. | Jennifer Gilchrist | 59:04 | | | |
| 7. | Pat Fisher | 59:17 | | | |
| | Owen Toyne | DNF | | | |
| | Kodi Clarkson | DNF | | | |

SAMA ROADWALKS, FELIXSTOW, ADELAIDE, SATURDAY 1 MAY 2021

Thanks to Colin Hainsworth for this week's results from the South Australian Masters in Adelaide. He tells me that this is his last report and that Graham Harrison will take over as of next week. Thanks Colin for your many years of service. His comments on this weekend's races: Lovely afternoon at a well landscaped venue.

| 6km Wa | ılk | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|---------|--|--|--|
| 1. | GIL MCINTOSH | 42:28 | M70 | 71.44% | | | |
| <i>(</i> 1 <i>(</i> 2) | | | | | | | |
| 6km Cli | ıb Walk | | | | | | |
| 1. | MARGARET MCINTOSH | 52:13 | W68 | 63.85% | | | |
| 2. | DAVID ROBERTSON | 57:33 | M87 | 68.36% | | | |
| 4km Wa | ılk | | | | | | |
| 1. | SABINE ORCHARD-SIMONIDES | 30:43 | W54 | 59.72% | | | |
| 4km Cli | ıb walk | | | | | | |
| 1. | JAN LAYNG | 34:32 | W72 | 66.18% | | | |
| 2. | KRISTINE FREEMAN | 34:52 | | | | | |
| 3. | ROGER LOWE | 34:54 | M78 | 63.45% | | | |
| 4. | DOUG SMART | 37:03 | M77 | 58.91% | | | |
| 5. | CATHIE HORE | 37:18 | W70 | 59.48% | | | |
| 6. | EDNA BATES | 37:31 | W68 | 57.49% | | | |
| 2km Cli | 2km Club Walk | | | | | | |
| 1 | COLIN HAINSWORTH | 23:40 | M91 | 48.60% | | | |
| 1. | COLITITION ORTH | 23.10 | 1,171 | 10.0070 | | | |

TWRC ROADWALKS, SEVEN MILE BEACH, HOBART, SATURDAY 1 MAY 2021

Thanks to Dave Moore for this week's results from Tasmania. He reports: A balmy 23 degrees greeted our walkers for today's event at Seven Mile Beach. The standout performance of the day came from **Samuel Lindsay** who breezed through the 4.5km in his first effort for the 2021 Road Walk season.

| 4.5km Walk | 3km Walk | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|----|------------------|-------|
| Samuel Lindsay | 26:33 | 1. | Elizabeth Leitch | 21:23 |
| 2. Ron Foster | 35:21 | 2. | Dave Moore | 32:18 |
| Wayne Fletcher | 38:05 | | | |

QRWC ROADWALKS, LOGAN RIVER PARKLANDS, BEENLEIGH, SUNDAY 2 MAY 2021

Thanks to Robyn Wales for this week's results from Queensland.

| C Grade | e 3km Walk | | | A Grade 10km Walk |
|---------|------------------------|---|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | Bailey Housden | M | 15.28 | 1. Iggy Jimenez M 54.12 |
| 2. | Makenna Clarke | F | 17.12 | 2. Brenda Gannon F 1.00.57 |
| 3. | Destinee Pickvance-Yee | F | 18.09 | 3. Argenis Guevara M 1.02.30 |
| 4. | Kai Dale | M | 19.32 | 4. Peter Bennett M 1.05.45 |
| 5. | Skye Presland | F | 19.51 | 5. Jasmine-Rose McRoberts F 1.09.22 |
| 6. | Blake Gee | M | 19.53 | 6. Jenny Stuckey F 1.11.09 |
| 7. | Lily Housden | F | 20.55 | 7. Noela McKinven F 1.27.02 |
| 8. | Siaan Fisher | F | 21.02 | |
| 9. | Isabella Gee | F | 21.17 | B Grade 5km Walk |
| 10. | Lily Goulding | F | 22.04 | 1. Sam McCure M 25.06 |
| | | | | 2. Lyla Williams F 27.28 |
| | | | | 3. Anika Clarke F 28.40 |

| D Grad | e Walk | | | 4. | Tamika Gee | F |
|---------|-------------------------|---|-------|----|-----------------|---|
| 1. | Natasha Flahey | F | 11.15 | 5. | Mia Bergh | F |
| 2. | Maya Barron | F | 12.32 | 6. | Nyle Sunderland | F |
| 3. | Korbyn Bricknell-Hewitt | M | 13.08 | 7. | Torryn Fisher | F |
| | | | | 8. | Sophie Porter | F |
| F Grade | e 1km Walk | | | 9. | Patrick Sela | M |
| 1. | Katya Martin | F | 5.14 | | | |
| 2. | Kiara Waterman | F | 6.29 | | | |
| 3. | Freya Williams | F | 6.59 | | | |
| 4. | Tully Fisher | F | 7.27 | | | |









28.44 29.02 31.24 33.27 35.06 42.04

Action at Beenleigh last Sunday (photos from Robyn Wales)

WARWC ROADWALKS, SHELLEY, PEWRTH, SUNDAY 2 MAY 2021

Thanks to Terry Jones for this week's results from Perth.

| 10km Walk | 5km Walk | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----|-----------------|-------|
| Andrew Duncan | 54:10 | 1. | Ashlyn Spence | 30.40 |
| Karyn Tolardo | 1:07:51 | 2. | Marcel Ruiz | 37.33 |
| 3. Victor Munoz | 1:07:59 | | | |
| | 1.5km Walk | | | |
| 3km Walk | | 1. | Keaton Bailey | 7.45 |
| John Ronan | 14.23 | 2. | Lataya Lawrence | 7.47 |
| 2. Ben Reid | 16.23 | 3. | Luke Lawrence | 9.26 |
| 3. Kaytee Bogaers | 18.54 | 4. | Linkin Lawrence | 9.50 |
| Glenys Duncan | 26.58 | 5. | Lucia Bailey | 13.56 |
| · | | 6. | Sylvia Byers | 14.15 |

NSWRWC ROADWALKS, CHIPPING NORTON, SATURDAY 24 APRIL 2021

Finally, back a week for the NSWRWC walk results from Sydney. A great turnout with 35 walkers in action.

| [/] alk | | U12 1.51 | km Walk | |
|---------------------|--|--|---|---------------|
| Hannah Bolton | 1.07.23 | 1. | Roi Costis (INV) | 8.00 |
| Bridget Bell | 1.12.45 | 2. | Ella Van Der Meer | 8.01 |
| | | 3. | Gemma Dixon | 8.01 |
| /alk | | 4. | Sophie Polkinghorne | 8.05 |
| Paul Wilson | 1.05.44 | 5. | Erin Cassilles | 8.17 |
| Antoinette Woodward | 1.09.14 | 6. | Alexia Mathieson | 8.20 |
| Emma Thomas | DNF | 7. | Michael Mathieson | 8.48 |
| | | 8. | Emma Hoskins | 8.51 |
| ılk | | 9. | Ashleigh Farrugia | 9.07 |
| Elizabeth McMillan | 25.01 | 10. | Cacia Charles | 10.01 |
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| 2. 3. 4. | Milly Boughton Brendon Pospischil (INV) Nicolle Challinor | 26.21 30.10 43.36 | 12. | Lilly Twigden Luke Challinor Maverick Andrews | 10.25 13.07 14.00 |
|----------------|---|-------------------------|---------|---|-------------------------|
| U16 4kı | m Walk | | U10 1ki | m Walk | |
| 1. | Samantha Torrens | 24.46 | 1. | Luca Barakat | 7.02 |
| 2. | Jai Horton | 25.12 | 2. | Zoe Zantiotis | 7.05 |
| 3. | Abbey Bektas | 27.11 | | | |
| 4. | Aiden Pospischil | 27.37 | | | |
| 5. | Jessey Bektas | 27.41 | | | |
| 6. | Amelia Crocker | 34.21 | | | |
| 7. | Sarah Challinor | 35.14 | | | |
| | Maxwell Mayhew | DNF | | | |
| U14 2kı | m Walk | | | | |
| 1. | Thomas Varga-Strike | 11.07 | | | |
| 2. | Danelia Samuel | 11.08 | | | |
| 3. | Jaxson Horton | 11.20 | | | |
| 4. | Christopher Nilon | 12.04 | | | |

MARCIADALMONDO AND OMARCHADOR ROUNDUP

It is great to see so much racewalking activity around the world. Marciadalmondo has 9 reports.

- Mon 3 May Update on Agnieska Dygacz http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=4073
- Sun 2 May Melbourne (AUS): Rydian Cowley and Jemima Montag win Australian roadwalks http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=4072
- Sat 1 May Marciadalmondo's thoughts on the "so-called rule B" http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=4071
- Fri 30 Apr Robert "Bob" Bowman passes away http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=4070
- Wed 28 Apr Rachel Seaman (CAN) announces her retirement http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli-news.aspx?id=4069
- Tue 27 Apr Lousada, Oporto (POR): "Torneio de Marcia em Pista" http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=4068
- Tue 27 Apr Albufeira, Algarve (POR): Resuls of the Portuguese Race Walking Cup http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli-news.aspx?id=4067
- Tue 27 Apr Braganca Paulista (BRA): Caio Bonfim's South American record in the 20,000m track walk http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=4066
- Mon 26 Apr Leeds (GBR): Victories of Tom Bosworth (GBR) and Agata Kowalska (POL) http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=4065

Omarchador was also busy, with 8 press releases

- Sun 2 May Bob Bowman (1940-2021) https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2021/05/bob-bowman-1940-2021.html
- Sun 2 May Villanueva de la Serena: 10km Championship of the Autonomous Community of Extremadura (Spain) https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2021/05/campeonato-da-estremadura-de-10-km.html
- Fri 30 Apr Portuguese Selections for Podebrady 2021 https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2021/04/selecao-de-portugal-para-podebrady-2021.html
- Fri 30 Apr Rachel Seaman end her career as a walker https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2021/04/rachel-seaman-poe-fim-carreira-de.html
- Thu 29 Apr María Pérez and Iván Pajuelo the best on day 1 of the Spanish Club Championships

https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2021/04/maria-perez-e-ivan-pajuelo-os-melhores.html

- Wed 28 Apr Results of Slovalian track meet in Banská Bystrica https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2021/04/meeting-de-marcha-pista-em-banska.html
- Wed 28 Apr Grosseto awarded the European Road Veterans (EMACNS) in 2022 https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2021/04/grosseto-recebe-o-europeu-de-veteranos.html
- Tue 27 Apr César Herrera and Sara Pulido 20,000m Colombian champions in Ibagué https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2021/04/cesar-herrera-e-sara-pulido-campeoes-da.html

OUT AND ABOUT

- One for the statistics buffs. The latest edition of the *Progression of World Athletics Records*, published in 2020 by World Athletics Heritage, is now available as an ebook. Surf to https://www.worldathletics.org/heritage/news/progression-of-world-athletics-records-on-sal and click on the link. I have downloaded a copy for myself. It is very comprehensive.
- Canadian walker Evan Dunfee is interviewed by German Sports magazine sportschau and he pulls no punches. See https://www.sportschau.de/olympia/dunfee-olympia-tokio-100.html.
- Athletics Australia announced last Saturday that it will not send a team to the World U20 Championships in Nairobi, Kenya this August, and will instead provide selected athletes with international competition experience at home in Australia. Some of the factors include the heightened risk of terrorism throughout Kenya, the impacts of COVID-19 and quarantine rules surrounding under age athletes, as well as insurance implications when travelling to Kenya. My opinioin it should never have been awarded to Nairobi in the first place. Little has changed there since the granting decision. It was wrong then and it is still wrong. Read more at https://www.athletics.com.au/news/junior-champions-to-don-the-green-and-gold-on-home-soil/.
- For Olympic host cities, one of the keys to a successful Games is the army of volunteers cheerfully performing a range of duties; like fetching water, driving Olympic vehicles, interpreting for athletes or carrying medals to ceremonies. If the rescheduled Tokyo Games go ahead as planned, roughly 78,000 volunteers will have another responsibility: preventing the spread of the coronavirus, both among participants and themselves. Yet for protection, the volunteers are being offered little more than a couple of cloth masks, a bottle of sanitiser and mantras about social distancing. Unless they qualify for vaccination through Japan's slow, age-based rollout, they will not be inoculated against the coronavirus. See https://www.smh.com.au/sport/how-can-the-olympics-protect-78-000-volunteers-from-the-coronavirus-20210503-p57ocm.html.

DATES...DATES

As usual, I finish with a list of upcoming events on the local, national and international fronts. Let me know of any errors/omissions. It continues to change quickly as a result of COVID-19 issues.

Victorian Key Dates -2021

May 8 (Sat), 2021 VRWC Winter roadwalk season continues Middle Park, VIC Jun 13 (Sun), 2021 LBG Stromlo Carnival, Mt Stromlo Forest Park Canberra, ACT

2021 World Athletics Race Walk Challenge

June 6 (Sat), 2021 Gran Premio Cantones de La Coruña, La Coruna, ESP

Aug, 2021 Olympic Games, Sapporo, JAP

Oct 9 (Sat), 2021 RW Challenge Meet, Mexico City, MEX

Oct 16 (Sat), 2021 Invitational Race Walking Meeting, Coatzacoalcos, MEX

Other International Dates

May 16 (Sun), 2021 European Race Walking Team Championships, Podebrady, CZE

July 23 – Aug 8, 2021 32nd Olympic Games, Tokyo and Sapphoro

Aug 8-19, 2021 World University Summer Games, Chengdu, China (POSTPONED TILL 2022)

Aug 20-21, 2021 18th World Athletics U20 T&F Championships, Nairobi, Kenya (POSTPONED FROM 2020)

Nov 5-14, 2021 Pan Pacific Masters Games, Gold Coast, QLD (https://mastersgames.com.au/ppmg/)

Jan 2022 Oceania Masters Championships, Norfolk Island (CANCELLED)
TBA, 2022 9- Jul 10, 2022 23rd World Masters T&F Championships, Tampere, Finland
23rd World Masters T&F Championships, Tampere, Finland

Apr 23-24, 2022 **29th World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships**, Minsk, Belarus

July 15-24, 2022

July 27 - Aug 7, 2022

Aug 11-21, 2022

18th World Athletics Championships, Eugene, USA

XXII Commonwealth Games, Birmingham, GBR

European Athletics Championships, Munich, GER

TBA, 2022 19th World Athletics U20 T&F Championships, Cali, Colombia

24th World Masters T&F Championships, Gothenburg Sweden 19th World Athletics Championships, Budapest, Hungary TBA, 2023 Aug 2023 (TBC)

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