

2001 COBURG 24 HOUR CARNIVAL, HAROLD STEVENS ATHLETICS TRACK, COBURG 8-9 APRIL

Numbers continued to build in 2001 with a large field of over 30 runners and walkers competing in 3 separate races over 6 hours, 12 hours and 24 hours. The race started at 10 AM on Saturday 7 April and ended at 10 AM on Sunday 8 April. The venue was once again the Coburg Athletics Track in Melbourne and the weather was kind – it stayed mild and mostly overcast for the full 24 hours of the event.

61 year old Tasmanian Vlastic Skvaril won the 24 Hour race with 193.087km, well ahead of Jerry Zukowski and Howard Neville. Warren Holst won the 12 Hour race with 115.214km and Yiannis Kouros made a surprise appearance to win the 6 Hour race with 73.977km.

Special mention to 75 year old Stan Miskin. After a long and illustrious ultra runner career, he retired in the early 90's and moved from Melbourne to Queensland. In 2000, he sold up and returned to Melbourne and found himself living near ultra walker Fred Brooks. So it was back into the training shoes - he had already been toying with the idea of a final big effort. In October 2000, he travelled to Adelaide and completed 120 km in the Sri Chinmoy 24 hour event. Then back to some more training and onto this event in April 2001. His target was to break the Australian M75 running records. Of course, these were running records and Stan would be walking, but they seemed achievable targets. And Stan was successful in his aim. His final distance was 142.791 km, blitzing the previous record of 132.8 km, held by Aussie running legend Drew Kettle. Along he way, he also broke Drew's records for 12 hour, 50 miles and 100 km. A fitting achievement at the age of 75!

Also on the walking front, Michael Harvey and Fred Brooks both walked 100 miles, thus entering the Centurion ranks.

Overall, an excellent weekend.

24hr Results

			Laps	Additional	Final Distance
1.	Vlastic SKVARIL	M	482	0.287	193.087 km
2.	Jerry ZUKOWSKI	M	440	0.014	176.014 km
3.	Howard NEVILLE	M	430	0.040	172.040 km
4.	Michael HARVEY (walker)	M	406	0.000	162.400 km
5.	Fred BROOKS (walker)	M	402	0.134	160.934 km
6.	Allan DEVINE	M	360	0.059	144.059 km
7.	Stan MISKIN (walker)	M	356	0.311	142.711 km
8.	Peter ARMISTEAD	M	355	0.197	142.197 km
9.	Don MACLUCAN	M	330	0.013	132.013 km
10.	David JONES	M	309	0.118	123.718 km
11.	Peter GRAY	M	294	0.040	117.640 km
12.	Chris NIKOLAIDIS	M	265	0.000	106.000 km
13.	Tony COLLINS	M	254	0.000	101.600 km
14.	Shayne DEAN	F	247	0.262	99.062 km
15.	Andrew LUCAS	M	156	0.000	62.400 km
16.	Spiros DELLAPORTAS	M	124	0.000	49.600 km

12hr Results

1.	Warren HOLST	M	288	0.014	115.214 km
2.	Bill BEAUCHAMP	M	241	0.041	96.441 km
3.	Dawn PARRIS	F	238	0.140	95.340 km
4.	Steve APPELBY	M	229	0.073	91.673 km
5.	Steve SONNEVELD	M	222	0.046	88.846 km
6.	Karyn BOLLEN (walker)	F	198	0.233	79.433 km
7.	Bruce OHLENROTT	M	192	0.170	76.970 km
8.	Ken RICHES (walker)	M	196	0.270	78.670 km
9.	Phil ESSAM (walker)	M	123	0.355	49.555 km

6hr Results

1.	Yiannis KOUROS	M	184	0.377	73.977 km
2.	Ken MARSH	M	168	0.041	67.241 km
3.	Ron CAMPBELL	M	155	0.193	62.193 km
4.	Aaron MADSEN	M	97	0.027	38.827 km
5.	Ken CARTER (walker)	M	74	0.075	29.675 km
6.	Belinda ESSAM (walker)	F	59	0.050	23.650 km