

## **2021 Tasmanian All Schools Walks Championships & State Senior Short Titles Saturday 19 June at Tunbridge**

After a week of bad weather walkers were treated to a calm and sometimes sunny day at Tunbridge for our All Schools and Short Course Titles.

Race organisers were pleasantly surprised by a larger than expected number of entries of some 20 plus walkers (a figure that hasn't been matched for over a decade).

Our numbers were bolstered by walkers who had only competed on the track in Little Athletics competitions. The challenge for these walkers was to step up to race distances they weren't used to - and step up they did.

In the **1.5k** events **Macy Devine** led the field home with a strong performance taking out the gold for the Under 12 event. There was a tighter battle for next across the line between eventual **U/11 Boys** winner **Max Kull** and **Girls U/11** winner **Amelia Watson** with honours going to Max with a strong surge in the last 500m. Silver medals in the Boys went to **Dylan Broad** and to **Freya Oates** in the Girls event.

The **2km U/14 event** saw **Samuel Lindsay** take out the gold for the Boys event in a controlled performance in the knowledge that he would be lining up for the 3km not long after the 2k.

**The Girls U/14 2km event** was one of the highlights of the day.

The girls set off at a cracking pace. **Kasia Taylor** from Latrobe led the field through the 1km mark with **Gabby Hay** and **Lani Broad** hot on **Kasia's** heels, while **Emily Kull** was just managing to hang on to the leading group. At the 1.5 turn it was anybody's race especially as **Emily Kull** had caught up with the leaders. Disaster was to strike **Lani Broad** who had an asthma attack mid race and would be lucky to even finish. Soon after **Kasia Taylor** managed to break away and head for home with a handy lead. Chasing her down was **Emily Kull** who couldn't quite bridge the gap and had to be content with the silver medal. Coming in third and gritting her teeth with shin splints was **Gabby Hay**. Finishing a courageous fourth was Lani Broad and in fifth place with a technically sound effort was **Milah Hatten**.

**In the U/16 3km Men's event** **Oliver Morgan** and **Samuel Lindsay** produced the closest finish of the day. Oliver Morgan just managed to hold out a rapidly closing Samuel Lindsay by a mere two seconds. In the **Women's event** **Hannah Kull** took out the gold and looked untroubled by the 3km distance.

**Will Bottle** was the only entrant in the **Men's U/18 5km** and was amusingly accompanied by the local sheep dog for about 3km. **Will** took out the gold in a respectable 25:47 but more importantly got through the event injury free.

In the **O/40 Women's 5km** **Teresa Hatten** put her injury worries from a few weeks ago behind her to take out the gold with a new **PB**.

**In the Men's O/40 5km Race Ron Foster** was a clear winner from **Wayne Fletcher** and **David Moore**. **The surprise packet was Brendan Kull** who did exceptionally well for his first ever Walk in the **Invitation event**.

Thanks to all who assisted in the running of the day's events.

## **RESULTS**

### **Under 11 – 1.5k**

#### **Girls**

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| 1. Amelia Watson | Lauderdale   | 9:49  |
| 2. Freya Oates   | Sacred Heart | 10:23 |

#### **Boys**

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| 1. Max Kull    | St Aloysius | 9:28  |
| 2. Dylan Broad | Summer Hill | 14:07 |

### **Under 12 – 1.5k**

#### **Girls**

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| 1. Macy Devine | Corpus Christi | 9:02 |
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### **Under 14 – 2k**

#### **Girls**

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| 1. Kasia Taylor | Latrobe High     | 12:24 |
| 2. Emily Kull   | St Aloysius      | 12:30 |
| 3. Gabby Hay    | Calvin Christian | 13:01 |
| 4. Lani Broad   | Prospect High    | 15:43 |
| 5. Milah Hatten | Home             | 16:22 |

#### **Boys**

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| Samuel Lindsay | St Patrick's | 11:03 |
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**Under 16 - 3k****Women**

1. Hannah Kull	St Aloysius	19:15
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**Men**

1. Oliver Morgan	St Virgil's	15:54
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2. Samuel Lindsay	St Patrick's	15:56
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**U18 - 5k****Men**

1. Will Bottle	Riverside	25:47
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**Over 40 5k****Women**

1. Teresa Hatten	TMA	37:12:00
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**Men**

1. Ron Foster	TMA	37:39:00
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2. Wayne Fletcher	NS	42:41:00
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3. David Moore	TMA	48:30:00
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**Invitation 5k**

1. Brendan Kull	Invitation	36:39:00
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