

## AUSTRALIAN CENTURION DETAILS

47. **Bob Lee (21/02/55)**  
22:44:44  
17-18 April 2004  
Coburg Harriers Track, Coburg, Vic

When **Bob Lee (C 47)** moved to Melbourne from his native New Zealand in 2002, he was already a New Zealand Centurion (Number 5), achieved with a time of 22:06:26 in July 2000. He had also completed the 100 mile run within 24 hours on two occasions so was one of that rare breed of ultra distance competitors who seemed equally at home walking or running.

Although residing in St Kilda, he joined Coburg Harriers and soon became aware of the annual Coburg 24 Hour Carnival which hosted our annual Australian Centurion qualifying event. Hence it was no real surprise to us when he nominated for the 2004 event and declared himself a starter.

The 2004 qualifying event was memorable for a number of reasons.

Firstly, The number of older runners and walkers in this event – Ken Matchett (82), Stan Miskin (78), Shirley Young (74), Ellwyn Miskin (74), David Padgett (72), Fred Brooks (70), George Audley (68), Ron McGregor (62), David Jones (62) and John Timms (61) – must have been some sort of record!

Secondly, the walkers provided their own particular brand of excitement with two new Centurions completing the 100 mile walk within 24 hours. Bob walked confidently to his second Centurion badge, passing the 50 mile mark in 10:20:41 and reaching the 100 miles in **22:44:44** for a comfortable victory. His finish was never really in doubt.

Behind him, young Melbourne walker Graham Watt, after 5 unsuccessful attempts, finally achieved his goal with a nail biting finishing time of 23:59:23.



**Left: Bob reaches the 100 mile mark in his 2004 centurion walk**  
**Right: Graham Watt (C 48) and Bob - successful centurions in 2004**

Bob, who works in the construction industry, has worked all around Australia since then but he pops up every now and then in some sort of ultra run. He keeps himself fit but I think we are unlikely to see him feature in any further centurion walks.