

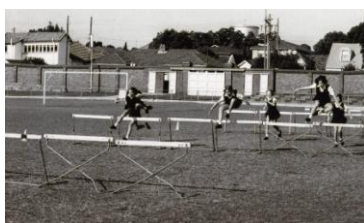
## Stories from the Archives: Athletics Carnivals

IN THE 1920s athletics carnivals were called “Annual Sports Meetings” and they were generally held in July or August.

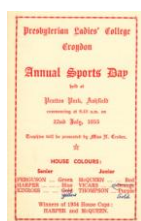
The earliest program held in the Archives’ collection is from 1922, when the event was held at Pratten Park, Ashfield. There were 56 events, including novelty events such as the Orange Race, Sack Race, Siamese Race and the Staff, Old Girls ‘and School Relay Race.

Pratten Park was a popular venue for the Annual Sports Meeting throughout the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s, although sometimes St Luke’s Oval or the PLC Hockey Field, Etonville Parade, Croydon hosted the event.

Today the Athletics Carnival is usually held in April and the venue is the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre at Homebush. There are nearly 50 track and field events including running, hurdles, relays, high jump, long jump, shot put, discus throw and javelin throw – but no novelty events.



*1980 Athletics Carnival,  
Pratten Park, Ashfield*



*1955 Program*



*1994 Athletics Carnival, Auburn Athletics Field*