

AUSTRALIAN CENTURION WALKERS Inc

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2019 ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

As our Australian Centurion Financial Year finished on 31st December 2019, it is our pleasant duty to report on the year that was and to reflect on the current state of the club and its continuing growth.

We were excited to welcome five new Australian Centurion members this year, after strong walks at our annual qualifying event at Coburg in April.

Kim Janssens	BEL	C76	22:19:38	Coburg, VIC	13-14 April 2019
Marco Bloemerts	NED	C77	22:42:30	Coburg, VIC	13-14 April 2019
Jurgen de Waart	NED/AUS	C78	23:13:03	Coburg, VIC	13-14 April 2019
Martin Vos	NED	C79	23:20:17	Coburg, VIC	13-14 April 2019
Gertrude Achterberg	NED	C80	23:36:28	Coburg, VIC	13-14 April 2019

Additionally, Justin Scholz and David Billett completed additional walks of 100 miles within the required 24 hours in other competitions .

Justin Scholz	AUS	C61	22:40:08	Canberra, ACT	15-16 Mar 2019
David Billett	AUS	C50	22:47:45	Canberra, ACT	15-16 Mar 2019
Justin Scholz	AUS	C61	22:43:53	Balatonfüred, HUN	09-10 May 2019

Many of our overseas based Centurion members also completed hundreds during the year in various foreign climes. Of these, one walker stands head and shoulders above the rest. In 2018, Sandra Brown (C36) completed an amazing 11 hundreds to take her grand total to 197. This year she continued her relentless march onward, completing a further 9 hundreds to pass 200 and take her overall tally to 206. This is a record that will never be matched by another walker.

This year also saw a number of new Australian Masters Age Group records, compliments of David Billett (C50), Michelle Thompson (C58) and Justin Scholz (C61), as well as two Open Residential records by David.

David Billett	6 Hour Walk	M45 Residential Record	50.239 km	Canberra	15-17/03/2019
David Billett	12 Hour Walk	M45 Residential Record	92.357 km	Canberra	15-17/03/2019
David Billett	24 Hour Walk	M45 Residential Record	162.406 km	Canberra	15-17/03/2019
David Billett	48 Hour Walk	M45 All Comers / Residential	275.673 km	Canberra	15-17/03/2019
David Billett	100 km Walk	M45 Residential Record	13:01:24	Canberra	15-17/03/2019
David Billett	100 Miles	M45 Residential Record	22:47:45	Canberra	15-17/03/2019
David Billett	200 km	M45 All Comers / Residential	30:44:52	Canberra	15-17/03/2019
Michelle Thompson	50 km Walk	W50 Residential	5:41:14	Coburg	13-14/04/2019
Michelle Thompson	6 Hour Walk	W50 Residential	52.594 km	Coburg	13-14/04/2019
Michelle Thompson	50 Miles Walk	W50 Residential	9:36:29	Coburg	13-14/04/2019
Michelle Thompson	12 Hour Walk	W50 Residential	98.177 km	Coburg	13-14/04/2019
Michelle Thompson	100 km Walk	W50 Residential	12:14:49	Coburg	13-14/04/2019
Justin Scholz	500km	M40 All Comers / Residential and Open Residential	4D 23H 4sec	Hungary	09-15/05/2019
Justin Scholz	6 Days Walk	M40 All Comers / Residential and Open Residential	572.127 km	Hungary	09-15/05/2019

A number of our Australian based members were active on the ultra running front

- Anyce Melham (C65) ran 166km in the Sri Chinmoy 24 Hour Carnival in Sydney on 15-16 June.
- David Billett (C50) ran 192.674km in the Adelaide 24 Hour Run on the weekend of 13-14 July.
- David also ran a 6 Day Run PB of 680.810km in the Adelaide 6 Day Carnival, held from 29th Sept to 5th Oct.
- Sharon Scholz (C63) won the 3 Day Run in the Adelaide 6 Day Carnival with 403.088km.

I must also acknowledge the wonderful performance of New Zealand based Australian Centurion Gerald Manderson (C31) who added to his long list of athletic achievements by completing a solo walk from Perth to Melbourne in 80 days. His challenge was to complete the walk by the coastal roads like the pioneers - no cell phone, no emergency beacons, no GPS, no support crews, no camels and no way of contacting his family.

He headed off from Perth with the first day's temperature reaching 35°C. He was carrying a 37kg backpack (much of it filled with water) and the experience left him shattered. He soon swapped his backpack for a small trolley which he pulled for the remainder of the trip. He averaged 100 hours per week pulling his trolley, with a typical day taking 15 hours at 4 kph. There were occasions when he walked all night in an effort to beat the heat. Not a bad way to celebrate your 75th birthday!

The list of perpetual trophy winners reads as follows

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| • Gordon Smith Memorial Award (Best centurion performance of the year) | Gerald Manderson (C31) |
| • Jack Webber Trophy (Most meritorious performance in annual qualifying event) | Gertrude Achterberg (C80) |
| • The Jim Gleeson Trophy (Australian 100km walk championship winners) | Kim Janssens (C76)
Sharon Scholz (C63) |

Other Centurion clubs also held their own qualifying events during the year, with the British Centurions welcoming 16 new members (C1196-C1211), the Continental Centurions welcoming 23 new members (C471-C484), the American Centurions welcoming 3 new members (C92-C94), the New Zealand Centurions welcoming 1 new member (C27) and the African Centurions welcoming 2 new members (C38-C39). This meant that all six active centurion clubs welcomed new members this year.

Sadly, 2019 saw a couple of our older members doing it tough

- Deryck Skinner (C51) is in palliative care in Adelaide as I write, seeing out the last chapter in his long life, his battle with cancer now seemingly getting on top of him.
- Merv Lockyer (C30), who won his badge at Clifton Hill in 1996, aged 65, has had a series of recent setbacks, including a bad fall, which necessitated a hip replacement, and a serious stroke. He has consequently been moved into care in Red Cliffs, the country Victorian town where he has lived for many years.

We produced 10 newsletters this year to report on our activities and to keep everyone in the loop. The flow of news increases each year, an indication of the health of our sport. Given our geographic spread across the world, a formal and regular means of communication is a must for us and the newsletter ably fulfils this role.

Indeed, we fight above our weight for a small specialist club. We have become the official voice of ultra distance walking in Australia and administer the records for all long distance walking categories.

The club also continues to maintain a healthy bank account (more of that in the Treasurer's report) due to the ongoing generosity of our members and supporters.

Personally, we, the Executive, thank you all for your support and friendship during the last 12 months. Let's hope that the next 12 months will be a productive and exciting period for our club.

Yours in Centurion walking

Terry O'Neill	(C 18)	President
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Lois Erickson		Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019

I am pleased to report that the Australian Centurions have enjoyed a financially viable year with the number of generous donations by members and supporters balancing our expenditure.

This year, we again shared our annual qualifying event with the Coburg Harriers as part of their 2019 Coburg 24 Hour Carnival. All entry fees went to our co-hosts and they paid for the big ticket items like chip timing, track hire and facilities. As usual, we covered the Centurion specific items such as centurion and RWA medals, centurion perpetual trophies and honour board updating.

In addition, our Secretary Tim Erickson looked after the Coburg 24 Hour Carnival website and race entries for the Coburg Harriers and acted as overall event coordinator.

Overall, the club incurred total Carnival related costs of \$357.00 but our return was immeasurable – 5 new centurion members.

Our assets (bank balance, tshirts, trophies, medals, etc) are valued at \$6,322.22, an improvement of around \$500 from last year. The asset increase was due to the purchase of 60 new Australian Centurion badges. We now have sufficient stock to last into the foreseeable future.

The club newsletter continues to be nearly cost neutral. Three members opted to receive the newsletter in hardcopy form. All other members and supporters opted to receive the newsletter by email, at zero cost to the club. In total, 10 separate newsletters were posted or emailed this year to a distribution list of 85 members and supporters.

I must acknowledge substantial donations from Fred Brooks (\$516.20) and David Billett (\$283.50). Those two donations were complemented by smaller donations from 10 other members, for a net amount of \$1249.70. Apart from a very small amount of bank interest, these donations form our sole income.

Overall, our income of \$1,252.33 almost exactly matched our expenditure of \$1,259.77, ensuring a cost neutral year.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing financial and moral support.

Lois Erickson
Treasurer, Australian Centurion Walkers Inc.
1st January 2020

AUSTRALIAN CENTURION WALKERS INC

TRANSACTION REPORT FOR PERIOD 01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019

01/01/2019	Opening Balance			2,419.66
13/01/2019	Cathy Cox	Donations		50.00
31/01/2019	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest		0.20
03/02/2019	Stuart Cooper	Donations		50.00
03/02/2019	Michelle Thompson	Donations		100.00
03/02/2019	Terry and Karyn O'Neill	Donations		50.00
28/02/2019	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest		0.20
01/03/2019	Fred Brooks	Donations		516.20
04/03/2019	David Billett	Donations		283.50
06/03/2019	Aldi	Equipment Purchases	- 21.00	
06/03/2019	Australia Post	Postage Costs	- 10.00	
06/03/2019	256 Officeworks	Photocopying	- 5.00	
29/03/2019	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest		0.26
30/03/2019	257 Keyhole Engraving	Engraving	- 30.00	
30/03/2019	258 Bunnings	Equipment Purchases	- 32.75	
18/04/2019	Claude Martin	Donations		50.00
30/04/2019	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest		0.29
02/05/2019	258 Hanson Signwriting	Honour Board Update	- 121.00	
15/05/2019	259 V. F. Trainor	Engraving	- 44.00	
27/05/2019	260 RWA	RWA Affiliation Fee	- 100.00	
31/05/2019	261 Australia Post	Postage Costs	- 10.00	
31/05/2019	262 Officeworks	Photocopying	- 10.00	
31/05/2019	263 Australia Post	Postage Costs	- 59.95	
31/05/2019	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest		0.27
26/06/2019	Awards and Trophies	Centurion Badge Order	- 579.90	
30/06/2019	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest		0.23
30/07/2019	264 Dept Of Consumer Affairs	Incorporation Payment	- 59.20	
31/07/2019	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest		0.22
01/08/2019	265 Crazy Domains	Website Costs	- 119.98	
30/08/2019	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest		0.19
24/09/2019	Deryck Skinner	Donations		50.00
30/09/2019	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest		0.19
30/10/2019	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest		0.20
09/11/2019	266 Officeworks	Photocopying	- 20.00	
09/11/2019	Australia Post	Postage Costs	- 36.99	
29/11/2019	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest		0.18
18/12/2019	Mike Porter	Donations		50.00
19/12/2019	Tim Erickson	Donations		50.00
31/12/2019	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest		0.20
31/12/2019	Closing Balance			
31/12/2019	CLOSING BALANCE			2,412.22
	TOTAL INCOME			1,252.33
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE			1,259.77
	NET TOTAL			- 7.44

DONATIONS FOR PERIOD 01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019

13/01/2019	Cathy Cox	50.00
03/02/2019	Stuart Cooper	50.00
03/02/2019	Michelle Thompson	100.00
03/02/2019	Terry and Karyn O'Neill	50.00
01/03/2019	Fred Brooks	516.20
04/03/2019	David Billett	283.50
18/04/2019	Claude Martin	50.00
24/09/2019	Deryck Skinner	50.00
18/12/2019	Mike Porter	50.00
19/12/2019	Tim Erickson	50.00
		1,249.70

CASH FLOW REPORT FOR PERIOD 01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019

INCOME	
Bank Interest	2.63
Donations	1,249.70
TOTAL INCOME	1,252.33
EXPENSES	
Centurion Badge Order	579.90
Engraving	74.00
Equipment Purchases	53.75
Honour Board Update	121.00
Incorporation Payment	59.20
Photocopying	35.00
Postage Costs	116.94
RWA Affiliation Fee	100.00
Website Costs	119.98
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,259.77
OVERALL TOTAL	- 7.44

2019 24 HOUR CARNIVAL COSTS

6 Centurion badges (C76-80 plus one un-numbered one)	48.00
RWA 100km Medal engraving	30.00
Engraving – Jack Webber Trophy	20.00
Engraving – Jim Gleeson Trophy	24.00
Purchase of new measuring wheel	33.00
Purchase of new witches hats	21.00
Postage – new Centurion certificates, medals, etc	60.00
Honour Board update (5 new lines)	121.00
TOTAL	357.00

ASSETS

Cash in hand or in the bank	2,412.22
Centurion Tee Shirts (61 @ \$16.00)	976.00
Centurion Polo Shirts (6 @ \$15)	90.00
Centurion Badges (110 @ \$8.00)	880.00
Centurion Silver and Bronze Medallions (39 @ \$8.00)	312.00
Centurion Cloth Badges (13 @ \$4)	52.00
Centurion Honour Boards (2)	1,000.00
Perpetual Trophies (3)	600.00
TOTAL ASSETS	6,322.22
LIABILITIES	0.00
ASSOCIATION'S EQUITY	6,322.22
