

AUSTRALIAN CENTURION WALKERS Inc

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2020 ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

As our Australian Centurion Financial Year finished on 31st December 2020, we report on the year that was, and what a strange year it turned out to be.

The 2020 Coburg 24 Hour Carnival, which was due to host our annual Centurion Qualifier, was on schedule for April and had strong walk fields, especially in the 24 Hour division which boasted 8 overseas competitors. We were quietly confident of a number of centurion walk performances and of a number of new members. That was all turned on its head in late March when Australia went into covid-19 lockdown. Our event was among a large list of sporting casualties and it was not until towards the end of last year that Australia finally looked to have the situation under control.

We were not alone. The only Centurion brotherhood to hold an event was the New Zealand chapter when, in November 2020, they awarded badge C28 to New Zealander Richard Young who completed his 100 mile walk with a time of 22:57:55.

Most of the European ultra distance walk classics were also cancelled. It was indeed a year of slim pickings for our members.

So it's a very sparse annual report – no new Australian Centurion members, no additional 100 mile centurion walks by existing members and no new Australian Open or Masters ultra walking records.

Consequently, none of our perpetual trophies – The Gordon Smith Memorial Award, The Jack Webber Trophy and The Jim Gleeson Trophy - were awarded in 2020.

At the time of writing, the 2021 Coburg 24 Hour Carnival is expected to be held but probably as a purely local carnival, given the ongoing covid travel restrictions.

Sadly, 2020 saw us say goodbye to three of our older members, with Deryck Skinner C51, George Audley C22 and Merv Lockyer C30 all passing during the year. We remember them with great fondness. Their performances will continue to be remembered by us. Internationally, we lost two centurion legends, with the passing of English walkers Colin Young C317 and Ann Sayer C599.

One matter in particular did concern us in 2020. We became aware that in the 1937 race when Gordon Smith won his C1 badge, there had been one additional walker to reach the 100 mile mark. After a full review, the Executive accepted this additional performance and awarded Australian Centurion membership to NSW walker Jack Debert. He was posthumously awarded badge number C1A for his 100 mile walk time of 23:59:00.

We produced 10 newsletters this year to report on our activities but, as there were few races on which to report, the various editions were filled out with many interesting historical reports and biographies. 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 continue to be the official voice of ultra distance walking in Australia and administer the records for all long distance walking categories.

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
Robin Whyte	(C 29)	Vice President
Tim Erickson	(C 13)	Secretary and Acting Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

With the death in August of our long standing treasurer Lois Erickson, I have temporarily taken over the role of Acting Treasurer for the remainder of the 2020 year and present this annual Treasurer's Report on behalf of the Australian Centurions.

As the 2020 Coburg 24 Hour Carnival was cancelled due to the covid-19 pandemic, our major yearly outflow of funds did not eventuate. Consequently, the Treasurer's Report for 2020 is much simpler than usual, with few expenses apart from the usual annual payments for website hosting and incorporation, etc.

Our assets (bank balance, tshirts, trophies, medals, etc) are valued at \$6,176,82 and our bank account shows a healthy balance of \$2,266.78.

The club newsletter continues to be nearly cost neutral. Two 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 83 members and supporters.

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

Tim Erickson
Acting Treasurer, Australian Centurion Walkers Inc.
13th January 2020

CASH FLOW REPORT FOR PERIOD 01/01/20120- 31/12/2020

INCOME	
Bank Interest	1.96
Donations	160.00
TOTAL INCOME	161.96
EXPENSES	
Annual Incorporation Payment	59.20
Awards and Trophies	51.20
Photocopying	30.00
Postage Costs	10.00
RWA Affiliation Fee	65.00
Stationary	8.00
Website Costs	84.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	307.40
OVERALL TOTAL	- 145.44

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TRANSACTION REPORT FOR PERIOD 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020

01/01/2020	Opening Balance			2,412.22
02/01/2020	Officeworks	Photocopying	-10.00	2,402.22
02/01/2020	Australia Post	Postage Costs	-10.00	2,392.22
05/01/2020	Terry and Karyn O'Neill	Donations	50.00	2,442.22
17/01/2020	Cathy Cox	Donations	60.00	2,502.22
31/01/2020	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest	0.21	2,502.43
25/02/2020	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest	0.19	2,502.62
12/03/2020	267 Awards and Trophies	Gordon Smith Award	-12.00	2,490.62
12/03/2020	268 Officeworks	Stationary	- 8.00	2,482.62
17/03/2020	269 Awards and Trophies	RWA 100Km Medals	-39.20	2,443.42
31/03/2020	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest	0.21	2,443.63
30/04/2020	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest	0.20	2,443.83
27/05/2020	270 RWA	RWA Affiliation Fee	-65.00	2,378.83
29/05/2020	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest	0.19	2,379.02
19/06/2020	271 Crazy Domains	Website Costs	-84.00	2,295.02
30/06/2020	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest	0.20	2,295.22
30/07/2020	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest	0.19	2,295.41
31/07/2020	272 Consumer Affairs Victoria	Annual Payment	-59.20	2,236.21
30/08/2020	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest	0.18	2,236.39
30/09/2020	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest	0.16	2,236.55
30/10/2020	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest	0.16	2,236.71
30/11/2020	Westpac Bank	Bank Interest	0.07	2,236.78
29/12/2020	Officeworks	Photocopying	-20.00	2,216.78
31/12/2020	Tim Erickson	Donations	50.00	2,266.78
31/12/2020	CLOSING BALANCE			2,266.78
TOTAL INCOME				161.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				307.40
NET TOTAL				- 145.44

ASSETS

Cash in hand or in the bank	2,266.78
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	6,176.82
LIABILITIES	0.00
ASSOCIATION'S EQUITY	6,176.82
