

AUSTRALIAN CENTURION WALKERS Inc

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2021 ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

Our Australian Centurions Financial Year finished on 31st December 2021 and we can now report on the year that was. What another strange year it turned out to be, with covid-19 continuing to ravage everyone's plans and expectations.

After having to cancel the 2020 Coburg 24 Hour Carnival, we kept our fingers crossed with regard to the 2021 event and thankfully it was able to be held. It was in fact the largest ever, with a bumper entry list of 139 athletes, of whom 18 were walkers, all from Victoria. With overseas travel not possible during this covid-19 period, our event was missing its usual mix of overseas walkers, so it was wonderful to see the local walkers step up to the line and produce the goods.

Melbourne based racewalker Pramesh Prasad adding his name to our membership list, earning Australian Centurions badge C81 with a 100 mile walk time of 20:43:42. To add further icing to the cake, Victorian based ultra walker/runner Justin Scholz (C61) also covered 100 miles within 24 hours with a time of 21:32:28.

For Justin, it was one of four hundreds completed during 2021, to take his overall tally to 17.

- 22:50:00 26-27 Mar 2021 AIS Athletics Track, Canberra, ACT
- 21:32:28 17-18 Apr 2021 Coburg Harriers Track, Coburg, Victoria
- 23:10:55 14-15 Aug 2021 Bunbury, WA
- 21:31:52 26-27 Sep 2021-09-29 Thorndon Park, Adelaide, SA

Justin's yearly tally reads impressively, especially since his WA and SA walks came in the middle of a 5 month cycle around the coast of Australia, undertaken with Sharon Scholz (C63). They certainly kept us entertained with their many adventures. Their final stats: 16,162 km ridden in 153 stages, at an average speed of 25.7 km/hr, with 79km of climbing thrown in for good measure.

We were one of only 3 Centurion clubs to hold our qualifying event in 2021. The Continental Centurions welcomed 6 new members in June (to take their count to 490) and the USA Centurions welcomed 2 new members in October (to take their count to 96). The English Centurions and the New Zealand Centurions both had to cancel their events, while nothing was heard of the African Centurions.

The Australian Centurions introduced Merit Awards in 2021, to officially recognise other people (non-members) who have freely given of their time and expertise over an extended period of time. Initially, 5 people were recognised with Merit Awards: Our four founders (Fred Redman, Len Mathews, Brian Parkinson and Tom Daintry, all now deceased) along with Lois Erickson, our long standing treasurer and supporter, who died in August 2020.

Although the opportunities were few and far between in 2021, I am pleased to acknowledge the following new Australian Masters records.

Justin Scholz	24 Hour Walk	M45 Residential	166.000km	Canberra	27-29/03/2021
Pramesh Prasad	6 Hour Walk	M45 Residential	52.693 km	Coburg	17-18/04/2021
Pramesh Prasad	12 Hour Walk	M45 All Comers / Residential	100.652 km	Coburg	17-18/04/2021
Pramesh Prasad	100 km Walk	M45 All Comers / Residential	11:49:11	Coburg	17-18/04/2021
Pramesh Prasad	100 Miles Walk	M45 All Comers / Residential	20:43:42	Coburg	17-18/04/2021
Heather Lee	6 Hour Walk	W90 All Comers / Residential	26.358 km	Sydney	05-06/06/2021
Linda Christison	50 Km Walk	W60 Residential	6:46:44	Sydney	05-06/06/2021
Linda Christison	50 Miles	W60 Residential	11:19:51	Sydney	05-06/06/2021
Linda Christison	100 Km	W60 Residential	14:27:00	Sydney	05-06/06/2021
Linda Christison	12 Hour Walk	W60 Residential	85.100 km	Sydney	05-06/06/2021
Linda Christison	24 Hour Walk	W60 Residential	151.881 km	Sydney	05-06/06/2021

A number of the European ultra distance walk classics were also cancelled but at least the pickings were better than in 2020 when nearly all events were effected

Two of our three perpetual trophies have been awarded and the third will be finalised soon.

Jack Webber Trophy	Pramesh Prasad
Jim Gleeson Trophy	Pramesh Prasad
The Gordon Smith Memorial Award	Justin Scholz

Sadly, 2020 saw us say goodbye to another of our older members, with Jim Turnbull (C21) passing away in November, aged 85 years. We remember Jim with great fondness. His walk and run performances will continue to be remembered by us.

We produced 8 newsletters in 2021 to report on our activities but, as there were fewer 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

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

2021 was a relatively quiet year from a financial perspective. With a healthy bank balance, we did not need to put out a call for donations, but we still had a number of people who made generous financial contributions. Their efforts went most of the way to covering our 2021 expenses.

One expense in particular needs clarification. As a cost saving measure, our website hosting was changed to a cheaper plan, but this involved an initial payment to cover the next 3 years. When we make our next payment in 2023, the ongoing annual payment will be significantly less than in past years.

Our assets (bank balance, tshirts, trophies, medals, etc) are valued at \$6,093.04 and our bank account shows a healthy balance of \$2,187.04.

The club newsletter continues to be nearly cost neutral. Two members/supporters receive the newsletter in hardcopy form. All other members and supporters opt to receive the newsletter by email, at zero cost to the club. In total, 8 separate newsletters were posted or emailed this year to a distribution list of 91 members and supporters.

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

Stuart Cooper
Treasurer, Australian Centurion Walkers Inc.
25th January 2021

CASH FLOW REPORT FOR PERIOD 01/01/2021- 31/12/2021

INCOME		
Donations		338.96
TOTAL INCOME		338.96
EXPENSES		
Annual Incorporation Payment		59.20
Postage Costs		22.00
RWA Affiliation Fee		58.00
Website Costs (next 2 years)		279.50
TOTAL EXPENSES		418.70
OVERALL TOTAL		- 79.74

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TRANSACTION REPORT FOR PERIOD 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021

01/01/2021	Opening Balance			2,266.78
13/01/2021	Australia Post	Postage Costs	-11.00	2,255.78
20/01/2021	Crazy Domains	Website Costs	-279.50	1,976.28
25/03/2021	Stuart Cooper	Donation	50.00	2,026.28
25/03/2021	Michelle Thompson	Donation	50.00	2,076.28
25/03/2021	Clarrie and Ian Jack	Donation	25.00	2,101.28
25/03/2021	Bill Dyer	Donation	50.00	2,151.28
25/03/2021	Terry O'Neil	Donation	50.00	2,201.28
29/04/2021	AFORWC	RWA Affiliation Fee	-58.00	2,143.28
06/05/2021	Consumer Affairs Victoria	Annual Incorporation Payment	-59.20	2,084.08
09/07/2021	Australia Post	Postage Costs	-11.00	2,073.08
09/07/2021	Tim Kerr (USA)	Donation	63.96	2,137.04
30/12/2021	Tim Erickson	Donation	50.00	2,187.04
31/12/2020	Closing Balance			2,187.04
TOTAL INCOME				338.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				418.70
NET TOTAL				- 79.74

ASSETS

Cash in hand or in the bank	2,187.04
Centurion Tee Shirts (61 @ \$16.00)	976.00
Centurion Polo Shirts (6 @ \$15)	90.00
Centurion Badges (109 @ \$8.00)	872.00
Centurion Silver and Bronze Medallions (37 @ \$8.00)	316.00
Centurion Cloth Badges (13 @ \$4)	52.00
Centurion Honour Boards (2)	1,000.00
Perpetual Trophies (3)	600.00
TOTAL ASSETS	6,093.04
LIABILITIES	0.00
ASSOCIATION'S EQUITY	6,093.04