

AUSTRALIAN CENTURION AMATEUR RACE WALKERS

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Welcome to all fellow members of the Australian Centurion Club. A long time has passed since any activity has been seen in the club but hopefully this newsletter may signal the start of renewed interest.

What signalled this burst of activity? Blame Mike Porter and Ronnie Miller. Mike must have been doing some cleanups at home and came across all the bits and pieces he had as club secretary. He arranged to get them all passed onto Ronnie Miller (secretary of the VAWC) in the hope that we could be resurrected. Ronnie got on the phone to as many Victorian based members as he could contact and the rest is history.

We have had our first official meeting since 1975 (I think) and I enclose a copy of the minutes of said meeting.

Below are various points for your consideration and action.

1. Club Presidency.

Clarrie has advised me that he was in fact president from 1979 onwards and represented the club in that capacity at the Centurions walks in 1979 when Ian Jack, Terry O'Neill and Bill Dillon joined our ranks. He feels it would be more appropriate for the succession to pass on to the next Centurion in line, namely Stuart Cooper (No 5). I have spoken to Stu on the phone and he has accepted the Presidency. Thus the Vice Presidency passes to Tim Thompson (No 6) in SA. This is good from an Australian viewpoint as it spreads the club leadership over 2 states instead of just concentrating it here in Victoria.

2. Member details.

If you have a look at the Australian Centurion details sheets enclosed, you will see that some members details are not complete. We need

- dates of birth for Gordon Smith, John Harris, Claude Martin, Bill Dyer, John Smith, Terry O'Neill.
- dates of death for Gordon Smith, Stan Jones and Fred Redman.

If you have a look at the address sheet, you will notice that some addresses have a (?) next to them. I do not know if these are still current. Can anyone help here? Also, check your own details and advise me if any are incorrect or incomplete. I do not have phone numbers for all members. Can you help here?

3. Next Centurions Race.

Ronnie Miller advises that the VAWC have scheduled a 100 Mile Centurion Walk event to be held at the Collingwood Track in Melbourne on 8-9 October 1994. It will feature

- 100 mile event
- 50 mile event
- 50 km event
- 30km event
- 100 mile relay

Initial advice is that at least 4 persons from interstate are interested. There must be lots of people out there who are interested in having a go. They just need some gentle persuasion, a confidence producing chat and the right advice. What can we do about it as a club? Each of us should be active on this front and perhaps we can produce a list of possible starters whom we can approach. I have had a chat with Gerard Feehan (Heel and Toe editor) about some regular contribution from us to the magazine leading up to the 100 mile race to generate interest.

4. A New Member?

Clarrie advises me that some time ago, he received notification that a WA walker had joined our ranks. He is forwarding to me the full details including lap sheets and official details. We need to action this ASAP. I will let you know the full details when I get them.

5. Club Finances.

Our assets are as follows

- Westpac Bank Account - \$184 (account currently being reactivated)
- 6 remaining Centurion Badges (nos 21 - 26)
- Lots of official club letterhead
- Lots of Centurion Certificates
- Lots of the Club Constitution (contact me if you want a copy)

Now that will not go far in this modern day and age. We need to get some more badges made up for starters and I suggest that a further 20 would be sufficient for the immediate future.

6. Affiliation

I have had a chat with Ian Fletcher about our possible affiliation with the Federation of Australian Race Walking clubs and have sent him an official letter of interest. This will now be put on the agenda for the annual meeting of this organization to be held in Canberra on the Queens Birthday weekend in June. We may need someone to officially represent us there at this meeting. Anyone going?

Ian advises me that the normal affiliation fee is \$30 per year and a service fee of approximately \$1 per member. That would mean we would be up for some \$50 per year unless we can work something out. The difference between us and normal clubs is that our members are already members of affiliated clubs and this is really a sort of second claim club. Perhaps they need to create some sort of special category for us. This can hopefully be discussed in June.

7. Points for action.

- ◆ We need to confirm Stuart and Tim as President and Vice-President (all).
- ◆ We need to update our club details (see point 2) to make sure all details are correct (all).
- ◆ We need to make sure we are accredited with the Federation of Australian Race Walking Clubs (Tim).
- ◆ We need to get our constitution up to date (Brian).
- ◆ We need to plan some affirmative action for the forthcoming 100 mile event in October (all).
- ◆ We need to look at our club finances and plan accordingly (all).

8. Next meeting.

With so much going on, we will need to convene a further meeting at a date in the near future and we need as many members present as possible.

I suggest *Sat June 18 at Albert Park Clubrooms at 3:45 PM* (after the walks).

See you then....Tim Erickson (No 13).