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Executive Committee

5 October 2019 to 2 October 2020

President:	Philip Le Grove
Vice President:	Jo Castillo
Vice President:	Midj Jones
Secretary:	Annette Picone
Assistant Secretary:	Hilary Dawkins (Oct – Jun) Vicki Martin (Jul – Sep)
Treasurer:	Rupert Manners
Trips Secretary:	Jill Finch
Ski & Hut Secretary:	Andrew Davey
New Members:	Storm Foulkes
Membership Officer:	Ian Welch
Committee Members:	Grant Kench Vicki Martin (Oct – Jun) Keith Simmonds (Jul – Sep)

Club Delegates as at 30 June 2020

Bushwalking Tasmania:	Andrew Davey Philip Le Grove
Southern Tasmania Ski Association:	Andrew Davey Fred Koolhof Liz Koolhof
Clarence Tracks and Trails:	Barry Ford
Auditor:	Geoff Morffew
Annual Report Editor:	Annette Picone

President

There's no denying that 2020 has been an extraordinary year as we adjust to the implications of a global pandemic. Our first 7 months of the reporting period from July 2019 to February 2020 were business as usual and then we learnt about COVID-19 and the enormous impact it was to have on our lives.

In these unusual times I am going to begin this report in a different way. That is rather than wait until the end of the report I want to make sure that your Club Executive are thanked for the outstanding job they did during COVID-19 to deliver to members, the best possible outcomes during a challenging 4 month period to allow the continuation of activities you enjoy so much. Regular Zoom Meetings became the norm as the Executive Committee responded to the directions and changes from the State and Federal Government. We used Facebook and email to communicate on a regular basis to keep members updated with every change.

As well I want to thank the Trip Programmers, Coordinators and Tripsdata who responded and complied with directions from the Executive Committee in a timely way to change programs, manage trips and meet requirements laid out by the State Government.

Judging by the feedback I receive from members I know you appreciated the efforts of everyone involved in keeping our trips program alive and meeting the mission of the Executive Committee – ***Making it Easy to go Walking.***

As we emerge from lockdowns where our activities were suspended or limited for periods of time, the Club's future is looking very positive. As I write this report the Club is experiencing the highest participation rates for a long time with record numbers of new member applications and members renewing their subscriptions at record speed. Thank you for your support.

This Annual Report is an opportunity to reflect on what we achieved for the year. Besides COVID-19 the Executive Committee

worked hard making our Club even better. During the rest of the year there were activities going on within the Club. Key items included:

- Development of the new Website continued to progress
- Improvement Projects were undertaken looking at lifting the profile of HWC including the review of the key messages used when promoting our Club to Government and media. Another project looked at how to better manage bookings for extended walks.
- Submissions were made to
 - Hon Sussan Ley, Federal Minister for Environment on Halls Island, Lake Malbena
 - Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) on Tasmanian World Wilderness Heritage Area Tourism Master Plan
 - Department of Justice on Major Projects Amendment Bill
 - Hobart City Council on Riding the Mountain: Proposed Mountain Bike Network Plan
 - Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) on Fly Neighbourly Advice
 - Department of State Growth about the feasibility of extending the shared cycle pathway from Kingston to Margate and beyond
 - Wellington Park Management Trust on parking at the Upper Springs
- Launched a Code of Conduct for members
- Made ongoing modifications to the Circular. Launched a COVID Circular during lockdown
- Expanded the extended walks program
- Celebrated the Club's 90th Birthday with a luncheon. 90 people attended.
- Members participated in the 'Reclaim Malbena' walk

- Met with PWS to negotiate a Track Clearing Agreement and to provide input to the Bushfire Recovery Program
- Added additional walks on Tuesdays and Thursdays to meet demand

Some of our planned activities were deferred as a result of COVID-19. The First Aid and the Coordinator Training had to be rescheduled.

Congratulations to members Midj Jones and Rupert Manners who were elected Honorary Life Members at the last AGM for their significant contribution across the activities, management and administration of our Club.

The Club's many sub-committees continued to deliver outstanding services to members. With over 90 volunteers contributing to our program we are fortunate to have such dedication and interest and you can read throughout this report the many things they have achieved.

Philip Le Grove, President

Membership

The Club had 836 members at 30 June 2020 which was the lowest for several years.

- 137 people did not renew their membership although that was 29 fewer than in the previous year.
- 87 joined the Club in the twelve months to June, a decline of 25 on the prior year.
- The most prevalent year of birth was 1950 with 22 women and 19 men sharing it.
- 83% of members are aged from 50 to 79.
- Women outnumber men in most age groups except 80-89. There is one male and no females aged 19-24 whilst the 30-39s are evenly balanced.

A summary of the key membership statistics follows.

Membership Numbers by Category as at 30 June

Membership Category	Number of Members			
	2020	2019	2018	2017
Honorary Life Members	12	10	8	10
Honorary Associate Members	1	1	1	1
Associate Members	1	0	1	1
Members	726	760	798	806
Prospective Members	96	122	134	129
Total	836	893	942	947

Membership Count by Age and Gender as at 30 June

Age	FY 2019 - 2020			FY 2018 - 2019			FY 2017 - 2018		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
16 - 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
19 - 24	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	4	5
25 - 29	1	3	4	4	3	7	5	4	9
30 - 39	9	9	18	11	12	23	7	14	21
40 - 49	14	22	36	15	29	44	22	39	61
50 - 59	62	87	149	64	104	168	67	116	183
60 - 69	125	152	277	139	177	316	148	211	359
70 - 79	126	141	267	127	131	258	120	121	241
80 - 89	45	31	76	35	25	61	31	25	56
90+	1	1	2	2	0	2	2	3	5
Not Given	1	5	6	0	0	13	0	0	0
Total	385	451	836	397	483	893	403	539	942

35 Year Membership Certificates

Twelve members attained 35 years Club membership during the year.

John Young	5 Jul 1984
Anne Brown	6 Jul 1984
Dawn Albert	15 Jul 1984
Wendy Pearson	17 Jul 1984
Carolynne Smith	28 Aug 1984
Pam Powell	28 Oct 1984
Clodagh Jones	1 Nov 1984
Roger Cox	1 Jan 1985
Laura De Wit	1 Jan 1985
Christine Edmondson	30 Jan 1985
Lee Douglas	11 Mar 1985
Carole Nodder	19 Mar 1985

50 Year Membership Certificates

Five members attained the significant milestone of 50 years Club membership during the year.

Jennifer Reid	23 Sep 1969
John Reid	23 Sep 1969
Chris Rathbone	15 Jan 1970
Geoff Morffew	3 Mar 1970
Fred Koolhof	18 Mar 1970

Presidents Award

Vicki Martin	2013
Barry Plews	2019

Long and Significant Service Award Recipients

Margaret Knight	2011	Geoff Morffew	2015
Stuart Whitney	2011	Tony Rae	2015
Hilary Goodwin	2011	Paul Geeves	2015
Sylvia Ledger	2011	Linda Cook	2016
Anna Rau	2011	Tony Cook	2016
Roger Reed (<i>dec</i>)	2011	Helen Daly	2016
Phyl Wyatt	2011	Gill Fitzgerald	2016
Barry Ford	2012	Storm Foulkes	2016
Jenny Ford	2012	Heather Hurd	2016
Adrian Jowett	2012	Roger Hurd	2016
Margaret Gould	2012	Rupert Manners	2016
John Adams	2013	Doug Mclean	2017
Jim Anderson	2013	David Pears	2017
Rosalie Davis	2013	Ruth Raward	2018
David Hardy	2013	Philip Le Grove	2018
Fred Koolhof	2013	Margaret Williams	2019
Pam Powell	2014	Liz Koolhof	2019
Chris Rathbone	2014	Alison Bowling	2020
Vicki Martin	2014	John Kerrison	2020
Midj Jones	2014	Geoff O'Hara	2020

Honorary Life Members

John Cannon	Rupert Manners
Andrew Davey	Geoff Morffew
Barry Ford	Chris Rathbone
Brian Haas	Sheila Reynolds
Midj Jones	Stephanie Schulz
Val Linsell	Bob Wyatt

Ian Welch, Membership Officer

Trips Sub-Committee

Trips Secretary	Jill Finch
Tripsdata	Jill Finch
Tripsdata Team	Antonia Dunne Vicki Martin Lee Parker

Walk Programmers

Overnight	Paul Geeves
Monday Toddlers Toddle	John Gora
Tuesday MM	Brett O'Halloran
Wednesday MM	Christine Philbrick
Wednesday SE/SM	Judith Holmes
Thursday MM	John Kerrison
Thursday MM alternative	Alan Wilson
Friday SNQ	Erika Shankley
Weekend SE day walks	Carole Nodder
Weekend MM day walks	Trish Colles
Dog Walks	Dawn Hendrick

Cycle Programmers

Tuesday L/Int	Chris Howard
Thursday SE	Cecilia Eriksson
Thursday ME	Margaret McDonald/David Pears
Thursday MM	Helen Daly (Oct-Dec) Phil Whitham (Jan-Sep)

Kayak Programmer	Barry Plews
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This year, Covid-19 restrictions reduced the number of trips. All Club trips were suspended from Wednesday 25 March to Sunday 17 May, a total of 7.5 weeks and 115 trips. Trips resumed with a maximum of 10 participants from Monday 18 May, and with 20 participants after Monday 7 June. The Club was ready to go as soon as restrictions were eased, largely due to our Trip Programmers and Coordinators who worked hard to put on trips at short notice, and the Tripsdata Team who put in extra hours during April and May.

We were in a 'good place' post COVID-19 restrictions partly because the programmers of Tuesday and Thursday groups had already set up a system of alternative walks on their days. These 'alternative' walks have proved popular and will continue.

Outside of COVID-19, the number of trips run by the Club was very healthy. A total of 689 trips (2019: 737) went ahead in the year, with the participation of 7278 individuals (2019: 8,135). 62 trips were cancelled, mostly because of bad weather (2019: 80). Some destinations were still out of bounds because of the 2018 bushfires. We should all congratulate and thank the Trip Programmers and Coordinators who give us such a diverse and interesting program.

The spread of trips was similar to last year with the dominant grade being day walks in the MM/ME category, which had 181 trips with 2,155 participants (2019: 192 trips 2,505 participants). There were 196 different coordinators this year compared to 186 in 2019. The Coordinator Training planned for May was postponed until September.

The kayaking program has grown further this year, thanks to Barry Plews, Programmer and Coordinator.

Special thanks go to Antonia Dunne, Vicki Martin and Lee Parker (Tripsdata Team) and Chris Rathbone (Web Manager) who ensure that trips appear properly on the website and in the Circular.

Thanks to all who have assisted me in this role throughout the year.

The leading Trip Coordinators for the year are:

		No of Trips	No of Days
Geoff OHara	walks	22	60
Barry Plews	kayak	9	39
Rupert Manners	walks	16	37
Dale Carney	walks	6	33
Dawn Hendrick	dog-walks	32	32
Helen Daly	walks & cycle	22	31
Nick Hume	walks & cycle	12	24
Paul Geeves	walks	5	22
Patricia Colles	walks	17	19
Charles Chadwick	walks	6	19
John Kerrison	walks	9	18
John Gora	walks	14	14
Linda Cook	walks & cycle	5	14
Carolynne Smith	walks	8	14
Helen Dalla-Fontana	walks	13	13
Margaret McDonald	cycle	9	13
Cecilia Eriksson	cycle	12	12
Felicity Walch	walks	12	12
John Cannon	walks	12	12
Paul Baker	walks	12	12
Carole Nodder	walks & cycle	12	12
Judy Bond	walks	11	11
Angela Devine	walks	10	10
Rob Hill	walks	10	10
Philip Le Grove	walks	7	10
Stacy Kirkby	walks	3	10

Awards

The **Golden Boot Award** goes to the Club member who accrues the most days walking as a coordinator, doing a minimum 10 qualifying trips across 12 months. Trips must include 4 or more people. The winner is:

Rupert Manners

The **Silver Saddle Award** goes to the Club member who accrues the most days cycling as a coordinator doing a minimum 10 trips across 12 months. Qualifying trips must include 4 or more people. The winner is:

Cecilia Eriksson

The following tables provide statistics of the number of trips and number of participants by category. Trips with a double classification (e.g. SE/SM) have been included in the higher grade (e.g.SM).

Number of Trips and Participant Numbers by Category

Category	FY 2019 - 2020			FY 2018 - 2019		
	Trips	Participants	Average	Trips	Participants	Average
Day Walking Trips						
Long Rough	5	52	10.4	13	100	7.7
Long Medium	27	253	9.4	22	206	9.4
Medium Rough	20	190	9.5	31	253	8.2
ME and MM	181	2155	11.9	192	2505	13
Short Rough	4	32	8	4	38	9.5
Short Medium	19	307	16.1	22	356	16.2
Short Easy	73	1024	14	73	1129	15.5
Short Non-Qualifying	41	354	8.6	48	370	7.7
Non-Qualifying	43	611	14.2	46	655	14.2
Dog Walk (NQ)	35	232	6.6	26	127	4.9
Total Day Walks	448	5210	11.6	477	5739	12

Number of Trips and Participant Numbers by Category

Category	FY 2019 - 2020			FY 2018 - 2019		
	Trips	Participants	Average	Trips	Participants	Average
Extended Walking						
Long Rough	9	33	3.7	8	38	4.7
Long Medium	2	9	4.5	4	17	4.2
Medium Rough	24	117	4.9	13	82	6.3
Medium Medium	19	116	6	26	180	6.9
Short Medium	1	4	4	3	25	8
Total Extended Walks	55	279	5.1	54	342	6.3
Cycling						
Long/int	40	449	11.2	43	438	10.2
Moderate/Med-Med	44	468	10.6	59	637	10.8
Medium Easy	47	508	10.8	48	595	12.4
Short Easy	41	214	5.2	42	247	5.9
Tour	5	86	17.2	5	71	14.2
Total Cycling Trips	177	1725	9.6	197	1988	10.1
Kayaking						
Day trips	2	16	8	2	21	10.5
Kayak tour	7	48	6.9	4	16	4
Total kayaking trips	9	64	7.1	6	37	6.2
Extended Trips						
Total extended trips	67	413	6.2	63	429	6.8
TOTAL TRIPS	689	7278	10.6	737	8135	11.6

Programmer Reports

Paul Geeves, Overnight walks

There was a good summer extended trips program in terms of both the number of trips and the variety of destinations and types of walks offered. Ongoing road and track closures and access issues due to the previous summer bushfires limited possible destinations.

The number of coordinators offering overnight and extended walks has grown in recent years, which helps provide a strong and varied program.

The Club is developing strategies to increase the number of walks coordinators for popular overnight walks, especially for base camping walks.

My thanks to the overnight and extended trips coordinators for making the coordinator's role so easy.

John Gora, Monday Toddlers Toddle

Toddles have continued with a core group of adults and children, and we have attempted to explore a number of new walks. Unfortunately, since many former toddlers are now at school, numbers of children have decreased except during holidays when retired toddlers return with enthusiasm. One of the issues seems to be that willing grandparents have access to children on days other than Monday, so there has been some discussion of changing the day.

Brett O'Halloran, Tuesday MM walks

Another solid and varied program of walks for the Tuesday group this year. The walking year was marked by two significant and overlapping developments, the COVID-19 disruption and the experiment with a program of multiple walks on Tuesdays. There was a good variety of interesting walks offered predominantly on kunanyi/Mt Wellington (15), on Kingborough Tracks and Trails (7), on the Tasman Peninsula (6), in the Mt Field area (5) and on Bruny Island (4). Interestingly the pre lockdown Tuesday average was 16 walkers but the post lockdown average has been 24, often over two or three different walks, reflecting both the increased variety

of walks on offer and perhaps a little pent up cabin fever. The multiple walks will continue with a second walk matched with a more difficult or far flung walk every couple of weeks or so. A great strength of the Tuesday group is the generosity of its coordinators of which there were 37 different individuals this year including a dozen who offered Tuesday walks for the first time. Thanks to you all and special thanks to those who volunteered walks at short notice when restrictions were lifted.

Judith Holmes, Wednesday SE/SM walks

The walks for Wednesday SE/SM have generally attracted between 15 to 25 except for disruption and restrictions due to COVID-19. Thanks to the small group of regular coordinators and others who offered to lead. The program has covered most areas close to Hobart and beyond although there are now fewer walks permissible on private properties.

Christine Philbrick, Wednesday MM walks

Apart from the COVID-19 enforced stoppage, no walks were cancelled due to bad weather, an average of 20 members attended each walk, less on those further afield. Many thanks to all the very proficient coordinators who willingly lead walks. Especially thank you to Helen Daly and Jo Castillo who stepped in to coordinate extra walks when numbers were limited to 10.

John Kerrison, Thursday MM walks - no report provided

Erika Shankley, Friday SNQ walks

The SNQ walkers have enjoyed many varied walks, thanks to the number of Club members who volunteered to co-ordinate trips. Thanks to Jill Finch & Antonia Dunne for their help while I was laid up after a major operation. I look forward to seeing you all on the track.

Carole Nodder, Weekend SE walks – no report provided

Trish Colles, Weekend MM walks

Leading up to the March/April break, the Weekend walks program was varied, reflecting the change from winter to summer temperatures. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm shown by

members offering to coordinate walks once we were allowed to get out and about again in May. The 30 kilometre restriction meant that the mountain became a popular destination. Luckily, we are now able to range further afield. There have been some new members on some weekend walks. It is always great to show people places that you know well but it is a first visit for new club members. My thanks to all the generous coordinators who support the Weekend walks program, responding readily to requests to offer walks.

Dawn Hendrick, Dog walks

In the 12 months, from July last year, 36 walks were conducted of which 33 were FLASH dog walks which were planned for days when the weather was forecast to be good. 233 humans participated on these walks with 157 canines enjoying the experience too! Fred and Ellie were the most frequent dogs attending. On 3 occasions there were more dogs than humans – which just proves how popular these walks are!

Walks were led along:

- Bridgewater Foreshore Trail
- Geilston Creek & Pilchers Hill
- Jordan River Trail
- Kingston Beach/Alum Cliffs
- Kuynah Bushland Reserve & Rokeby Hills
- Lowestoft to Windermere Bay
- Mays Beach
- Mortimer Bay - Tangara Trail
- Natone Hill Circuit
- New Norfolk
- New Town Rivulet & Mt Wellington Park
- Penna Beach
- Peter Murrell Reserve
- Shag Bay Heritage Trail
- Swan Park Trail, Gagebrook
- Upper Domain and Soldiers Memorial walk
- Waverley Flora Park

My thanks to Rob Hill for programming 3 of the walks in the last 12 months whilst also leading SE walks for the Club too.

Having a dog is not a requirement. Some people “borrow” dogs for these walks – whilst others come along for the sheer enjoyment of watching dogs having fun. We are always looking for new coordinators so if you have a dog or know of a good dog-friendly walk please get in touch.

Chris Howard, Tuesday L/Int cycling

The Tuesday cycling group has had another great year. Rides are conducted all over SE Tasmania on a variety of road surfaces. Participation remains strong. 53 rides were planned of which 13 were cancelled, most due to the restrictions enforced by the pandemic. There were 6 cancellations due to poor weather which is normal in any given year. The total distance for the 40 rides was 2,436km which equates to an average of 61km per ride. There was an average of 12 participants with a high of 24 on the Christmas ride.

Cecilia Eriksson, Thursday SE cycling – no report provided

Margaret McDonald and David Pears, Thursday ME cycling

Another enjoyable year for the ME group where the participation rate remained consistent with previous years. The average number of cyclists was 11.3 with a maximum of 22. Riding distances varied between 24 and 38kms with an average of 29.5kms. We had a total of 43 rides, five cancellations due to weather and eight cancellations due to restrictions during the lockdown. On four occasions two different rides were scheduled on the same day because of number limits imposed during this period. This was appreciated as it meant no one missed out when we were given the go ahead to ride again with a limit of ten cyclists.

Phil Whitham, Thursday MM rides

Thanks to Helen Daly who completed 4 years as MM/cyc programmer in December 2019.

56 rides were programmed but 4 were cancelled due to bad weather and twelve were cancelled due to COVID-19. The 44 rides

that proceeded were led by 14 different coordinators and the average number of cyclists on a trip was 11. Interestingly following the resumption of cycling after the COVID-19 “lock-down”, the average number of MM cyclists each Thursday was 16. (For the first three of these there were two MM rides each Thursday.) Normally the number of cyclists declines during winter but this year, they have not been able to escape to the mainland or northern hemisphere.

Barry Plews, Kayaking

This year’s kayaking program included trips to Lake St Clair, Fortescue Bay, Bruny Island, Macquarie Harbour, Gordon River, Lake Pedder, Lake Burbury and Maria Island. Unfortunately, scheduled trips to the Pieman River and Schouten Island were cancelled due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Whilst the 2019 program included both overnight trips and day paddles, (the latter for the first time), the day paddle program was restricted by some bouts of poor weather resulting in a decision to focus on overnight touring in 2020 with day paddles arranged as Flash activities responding more closely to favourable weather and water forecasts. Whilst kayaking is still a niche Club activity, the numbers of participating members increased this year, and we even had new members joining the club specifically to enjoy the developing kayaking program. The Club’s kayaking activities continue to be publicised in the HWC Circular, on the Club website and on the HWC Facebook page and we expect kayaking numbers to increase during 2020/21.

Jill Finch, Trips Secretary

Circular Sub-Committee

Coordinator: Jim Anderson
Editors: Helen Bethune Moore, Nola Errey, John Gora
Tripsdata Team: Jill Finch, Antonia Dunne, Vicki Martin,
Lee Parker
Mailing Officer: Lawrence Hemsley, Philip Le Grove,
Jim Anderson
Emailing Officer: Ian Welch

Circular production hosts & hostesses; mailing helpers; cover artists and photographers.

Circular production numbers as at 30 June 2020 are -

Circular style	Members	Others	Total	%
Print	219	7	226	28.0
Email	576	4	580	62.0
Total	795	11	806	100.0

Members who pay to receive a printed circular are now offered an email version as well. In this table, those members subscribing for print and email are counted in the Print category while members who subscribe for email alone are counted in the Email category. A further 41 members receive no circular by request.

Thank you to all the above-mentioned team for their dedication in producing the monthly circulars.

In the eight months to February 2020 we have had an average of 7 mailing helpers per month at production homes. From March 2020, the practice of hosting working bees at members' homes to prepare circulars for post was discontinued to comply with COVID-19 social isolation rules. While those rules prevail, the pleasant task of addressing and wrapping the monthly circular is being carried out by volunteer member couples.

Jim Anderson, Circular Coordinator

Track Clearing

Rupert Manners: This year we renewed our authority with PWS and added three tracks. The tracks we can work on are:-

- Arthurs Peak Track
- High Yellow Bluff Track
- Cape Surville Track
- Slide Track
- Kermandie Track
- Mt Wedge Track
- Clarkes Cliff Track
- Mt Mueller Track
- Mt Sprent Track
- Timbs Track
- Lichen Hill Track
- Balts Spur Track

During the year we had three working bees and most of the other tracks were walked and were in reasonable condition. We had opportunity to run more working bees but PWS were impossibly slow to respond to requests and then we were out of action because of fires and then COVID-19.

Thank you to all who participated in these working bees.

Rupert Manners, Track Clearing Convenor

Search, Rescue & Training Sub-Committee

Members: David Young (Convenor), Rupert Manners (Exec Rep), Pam Powell, Stuart Whitney, Sue Denman (Police Liaison), Chris Rathbone, Andrew Davey

The sub-committee organises and conducts introductory training days, maintains a call-out list for rescue activities, organises search groups, trains club members and monitors the overall safety of the Club's activities. We write and update the club booklets *Safety in the Bush* and *Emergency Management*, review and make recommendations regarding incidents and accidents, and log trips for PLBs used on club walks.

Training for New Members

The sub-committee ran Essential Skills training days required for new members to gain full membership. This program covers all aspects relating to day walking trips. During 2019 - 2020 we scheduled eight Essential Skills Days but had to cancel one because of low enrolment and two because of COVID-19 restrictions. 53 prospective members attended compared with 64 the previous year.

Other Training Activities

Real Navigation - Two Real Navigation days, in which participants learn how to use maps, compasses and GPSs in the context of a walk, were planned for 2019-20. Unfortunately, both had to be cancelled, one on account of low numbers and poor weather, the other because of COVID-19 restrictions.

First Aid - The Club in conjunction with Red Cross planned to put on a non-accredited first aid course that was tailored to help members deal with incidents in the bush. This was postponed because of COVID-19 restrictions and will now be held in 2021.

Coordinator Training - The Club's planned Coordinator Training day, the aim of which is to encourage and support members to become Coordinators, was postponed until September 2020.

GPS Training – We held two training days to assist members in the use of their GPSs. Ten members attended.

Search and Rescue - The sub-committee maintains a search and rescue call-out list to mobilise searchers when alerted by the Police. These callouts range from remote difficult searches to local one-day searches. In recent years the police have tended to use helicopters to fly over wide-spread search areas, sometimes locating the lost person. This has resulted in more one-day searches or multi-day searches where the searchers go home each night. The sub-committee continued to update and revamp our call-out lists using mobile phone technology. We have two primary police contacts who can send a text message to our expanded search list and a follow-up message to the member's email address with details of the search. The secondary contacts get in touch with those who are not on mobile phone or email. This enables us to get the message out quickly and get responses back quickly.

Incident Monitoring - The sub-committee monitors incidents on club walks and if necessary makes recommendations to the Executive regarding action. There were no incidents during the year.

Safety in the Bush - The sub-committee has almost completed the process of updating Safety in the Bush. The book is given to Prospectives when they join the Club. When completed we will publish it as an e-book.

Thanks to those who led training days, ran training activities and maintained readiness for searches.

David Young, Search Rescue & Training Convenor

Environment Sub-Committee

Members: Paul Geeves (Convenor), Andrew Davey (Exec Rep), David Jupe, Phil Watson, Grant Kench, John Cannon, Charles Chadwick

The 2019-2020 year was a busy one for the Environment Committee. The committee prepared detailed formal submissions on the following matters:

Topic	Recipient of Submission
Lake Malbena/Halls Island Development Application - Further Submission	Federal Minister for Environment
Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Tourism Master Plan Preliminary Draft	DPIPWE - 3 separate submissions during the drafting process
Fly Neighbourly Advice – Tasman National Park	PWS
Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Major Projects) Bill 2020	Department of Justice

The Convenor attended a zoom meeting on the proposal for a commercial hut at Lake Rodway and provided feedback on the proposal.

The Committee also provided comments to Bushwalking Tasmania on the Lower Gordon Recreation Zone Plan.

The Committee considered the Cradle Mountain Discovery Holiday Park Expansion but did not make a formal submission.

I would like to thank the Committee members for their assistance and valuable contributions.

Paul Geeves, Environment Convenor

Tramp Sub-Committee

Members: Helen Daly (Convenor), Jill Finch (2019 Exec Rep), Hilary Dawkins (2020 Exec Rep), John Cannon, John Adams, David Seymour, Gladys Seymour, Karen Marriott, Gill Fitzgerald.

The committee was excited to release *The Tasmanian Tramp* No.43 in September 2020. Once again it has many great articles, poems, sketches and photographs sent in by mostly Club members to contribute to the creation of this biennial publication. Without the support of Club members and a skilled committee this publication would not be possible. During this COVID-19 pandemic it was difficult to find a local printer open and able to assist us, so I thank A&J Printers for their excellent work. I would also like to thank all contributors and hope that readers enjoy this latest edition.

Helen Daly, Tramp Convenor

Club Meetings - Entertainment

Jul 19	Helen Daly and Jeff Leis - Travel in Alaska
Aug 19	Vonda Kerrison - Walls of Jerusalem NP
Sept 19	Gail Anderson - Kamchatka
Oct 19	Andrew Davey - A short history of the HWC and notable members
Nov 19	James Hattam - Tasmanian Land Conservancy
Dec 19	Heidi Krajewsky and Stephen Anstee - Kayaking the Murray River
Feb 20	Rosie Barry - Trekking with family in Nepal
Mar 20	Sue Jones - Tasmanian Birds
Apr, May, Jun 20 - Covid-19 lockdown	

A big thank you to all guest speakers and others who helped in any way to make the monthly entertainment possible.

Vonda Kerrison, Entertainment Coordinator

Web Manager

The existing HWC website continued business-as-usual with basic maintenance during this time. During the COVID-19 lock down period the Trips & Events Database proved an invaluable resource as conditions related to booking requirements, group sizes, travel distances etc. could be modified swiftly and communicated in real-time to members.

Work continued on the development and modification of the new website. All work which could be undertaken by club volunteers has been completed, primarily using WordPress web content management system. Other required programming work has taken longer than anticipated, and complications caused by COVID-19 have contributed to delay the work. However, the work is nearing completion and we look forward to the new website becoming operational. Members will be updated when the new website is close to being launched.

In July 2020 Jane Long handed over completion and implementation of the new website to Geoff O'Hara.

Chris Rathbone, Web Manager

Jane Long and Geoff O'Hara, New Website Facilitators

Facebook

The Hobart Walking Club created its Facebook Page on the 14 May 2010. I took on the role of Administrator from Gill Mosmann in October 2019. Her contribution in setting up the Page and administering it in this period is acknowledged and special thanks go to Gill.

The Page is private, but anyone can request to join. Membership is vetted.

At the end of June 2020 Facebook membership was 1985. This is an increase of 227 new members since the end of June last year. The majority of new Facebook members are not Club members although some have joined recently. The Pandemic saw a large increase in the number of requests to join the Page but this does

not appear to have translated in a noticeable increase in membership of the Club.

The number of HWC members at the end of the financial year was 836. Not all of these are Facebook members which highlights the fact that there are more than twice that number who are Facebook only members. It is not possible to ascertain how many look at the Page or how many active Facebook members there are, but it does highlight the fact that many join the Page but do not join the Club. In the Announcements section of the Page there is a post encouraging people to join the Club and this is often the top Announcement. The link to the Club website is included in this post. Comments made when requesting to join the Page often refer to wanting to meet likeminded people interested in the outdoors or to seek information on walks or other outdoor activities. Thoughts are needed on how to encourage Facebook members to join the Club.

Most users are respectful and keep to the rules. There was one attempt to hack the Page with a stolen Facebook account.

The Page keeps HWC members up to date on Club matters, particularly those that arise after the publication of the Circular and changes to activities due to, for instance, bad weather, floods and fires. Flash walks advertised are included in the Announcements section. These were particularly important in the period when lockdown restrictions were being eased and walks were being organised hastily. The Page also keeps members connected, and once again, this was particularly important during lockdown. Memories of past walks were popular during lockdown.

The page shares information which may impact Club activities from Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, Tasmania Police, Tasmania Fire Service, Bureau of Meteorology, Sustainable Timber Tasmania and Local and State Government.

The posting of photos of recent Club activities is very popular and generates a lot of interest.

Wendy Fletcher, Facebook Administrator

Ski & Hut Sub-Committee

Members: Andrew Davey (Secretary), Jill Finch (Exec Rep), Fred and Liz Koolhof, Simon and Margaret Benham, Paul Vince, Allan Holding, Christina Nebel, Joanna de Burgh, Sebastian Rainer

The year was rather busy until COVID-19 arrived when hut work and use ceased, losing the open day scheduled for April. This made two consecutive years when hut use and work was interrupted, in early 2019 it was the bushfire threat. Thus, there remain a few relatively urgent hut jobs for the coming year.

A big thanks to members of the sub-committee who helped with gas and firewood resupply, painting, further stump replacement and hard rockwork to improve drainage. A little more improvement to drainage is required, this work will be harder than previously. Thanks to Sebastian Rainer who was always ready to help, particularly with the slow-going rock work. The hut track required some work where a supporting bearer had rotted. Many small maintenance and repair jobs were done at short notice to make up for time lost due to park closures. The firewood resupply booked for autumn was postponed a few times due to COVID-19 then again in June when Lake Dobson froze. In July after some hours of de-icing our hut track and parts of the jeep track 5t of firewood was brought in and stacked by 4 members in drizzly weather. For all the work done, most users see very little change, just a functioning comfortable hut.

A COVID-19 Plan was implemented for hut use to meet the required WorkSafe requirements for accommodation places. Members are deemed staff, to be trained in, and practice COVID-19 precautions. The Plan involved painting some surfaces, a COVID-19 Precautions information sheet and a waiver. Existing information on hut use was updated and posted at the hut. This included a map of other shelter and huts in the area as well as mobile 'phone coverage.

Unfortunately, some members made illicit use of the hut entry code for an unbooked or, possibly, a cancelled stay. Users now need a key. While we have some excellent hut visitors, there is a

higher percentage nowadays who less understand, are less careful with and less actively look after the hut, ensuring all is fully ready as feasible for the next visitor. This includes breakages and shortages that are not reported.

There has been a steady decrease in hut use for purely snow recreational purposes, while duties associated with tow operations remain about the same. There was low use mid-winter to early spring - despite a relatively big snow year. Many cancelled in early summer because they were worried about possible frost or snow* on Lake Dobson Road, although it was usually open and clear. A few cancelled mid-summer afraid of distant bushfire, then came COVID-19. Some groups double-booked and several booked for significantly more persons than visited. Many cancellations were not reported to the booking officers, leaving detection to when payments were checked sometime later. Some cancellations cost another member being able to use the hut, hence income for the Club. Overall hut use would have been near steady if cancellations had been 50% fewer.

To help overcome the many 'cancellations' and over-booking, a pre-payment to hold a booking is now required. If Lake Dobson Road is closed or more than 14 days' notice is given of cancellation, a credit or return of the prepayment is offered.



Hut Use Statistics			
other than working bees or rostered duties			
Financial Year	2018	2019	2020³
Person Nights Booked ¹	201 ⁶	299 ⁶	267 ^{3, 6}
Person Nights Assumed Stayed ²	139 ⁷	185 ^{4,7}	100 ⁴

¹ all bookings, whether cancelled or not; 1 group of 5 booked for 2 nights is 10 person nights

² this includes a number of unreported cancellations yet to be fully determined at the time of reporting

³ the hut was closed for 3 months so no stays during that period

⁴ much more effort was made 2019-20 FY to track down unreported cancellations, fewer related to COVID-19. The figure does not include unbooked access using the entry code.

⁶ the figure includes double bookings for the same trip

⁷ previous years would have some unreported cancellations

*Some wished to avoid the use of chains, many did not have chains (and could not get any) and others preferred not to use their 4WD in snow. Several years ago a much higher proportion were happy to drive on snow or ice. In addition, many do not want to go outdoors in, or walk in snow or wet weather. This may reflect aging of the club and newer members less used to harsh conditions.

Andrew Davey, Ski & Hut Secretary

Social Sub-Committee

Members: Margaret Williams (Convenor), Vicki Martin (Exec Rep), Trish Colles, Vonda Kerrison, Gill Fitzgerald.

Our club celebrated a significant milestone with the 90th Anniversary Luncheon at Buckingham Rowing Club in November. Vintage sketch maps from the era before Tasmaps topographical series were displayed around the venue and maps abstracted from the HWC publication *'The Tasmanian Tramp'* were used in preparing placemats for the occasion. Midj Jones extracted the images from the relevant issues and turned them into something suitable for production of placemats. The vintage maps and placemats were a great hit as were the distinguishing table cards, prepared by Vonda Kerrison, celebrating our Life Members. The address by Barry Ford reaffirmed the pride we have in our Club and its long history, also celebrated with a continuous digital photo display running during the luncheon. One of the highlights of the event was the anniversary cake decorated by Helen Daly. This was served with tea and coffee after being ceremonially cut by our 90+ year old guests, Rosalie Davis and Peter Schott.

We realised our 2019 dinner was doubly significant as it was our final year with Anne Milbourne and her Tornies Catering staff looking after us.

Our Christmas BBQ was held at the Fitzgeralds' residence in December. You know you are in Hobart when the local wildlife, in the form of pademelons, entertain the guests on a fine summer evening.

What started out as a very wet January morning turned into a very pleasant time at the Roches Beach Orana Picnic. Twenty-four attended, a mixture of walkers and cyclists and some who just wanted to join in the lunchtime chatter and friendship. Highlight for the picnic coordinator was sighting 4 long nosed bandicoots!

Margaret Williams, Social Convenor

Publication Sales

Sales figures as at 30 June 2020 are:

Publications	Shops	Individuals	Total
The Tasmanian Tramp No. 42	6	1	7
Safety in the Bush	6	0	6
Emergency Management	6	1	7

Total items remaining:

The Tasmanian Tramp							
No. 21	16	No. 23	40	No. 24	22	No. 25	30
No.26	31	No. 27	4	No. 31	29	No. 32	41
No. 34	38	No. 35	28	No. 38	48	No. 39	69
No. 40	72	No. 41	94	No. 42	31		
The Tasmanian Tramp index (1-23)					16		
Safety in the Bush				Booklets now retained by SR&T Sub-Committee			
Emergency Management							

A list of current prices of all Club publications is shown on the HWC website, with all back copies of *The Tasmanian Tramp* selling to members for \$5.

HWC car stickers are free and available at Club Nights.

There are a number of back copies of secondhand Tramps. Please contact me via the sales@hobartwalkingclub.org.au email if you would like to obtain one of these. The price will depend on the quality of the copy as some are copies.

The next issue of Tramp (No. 43) is due to be launched on 9 September 2020.

Dawn Hendrick, Publications Sales Officer

Equipment

Tents <i>suitable for use in all seasons</i>	1x 2person Macpac "Olympus" 1x 2 person Macpac "Minaret" 3x 1 person Macpac "Microlight"
Backpacks -	2 Aiking – 1x Universal, 1x Womens 2 Macpac – 1x Cascade, 1x un-named 2 Berghaus – 1x 30L, 1x 10L daypack.
Cooksets	2 Trangia spirit c/w fuel bottles 2 Jetboil gas - cylinders required
Sleeping mats	1 Thermarest self-inflating ¾ length 1 closed cell foam full length
Compass	1 Silva Starter
Overpants	1 pair – waterproof
Gaiters	1 pair – knee length
PLBs	Now available for hire from Search, Rescue & Training Sub-Committee

Other equipment available:

Sound Projector - 1 Siemens 16mm c/w spare reels
Slide Projector - 1 Leica P2000 35mm c/w spare magazines
Slide/Strip Projector - 1 Waterworth 35mm
Urn - 1 Linda Hostess 6 litre
Cassette Recorder/Audio Player - 1 Audio Telex c/w extension speaker
FM Wireless Microphone System – 1 Realistic
Cassette tapes and vinyl records - "folk" and other dance music.

Equipment usage for 2019-2020 was similar to previous years with 14 bookings of which 4 were cancelled. The remaining 10 bookings utilised 5x PLBs, 2x single tents, 3x double tents, 2x rucksacks and 1x gaiters, overpants, sleeping mat and cookset.

Brian Haas, Equipment Custodian

Delegates' Reports

Bushwalking Tasmania (BWT)

It was a particularly busy year as tourism wants and COVID-19 brought about more time for planning commercial developments in parks, and COVID-19 allowed more PWS field personnel to concentrate on planning. For a period all Parks were closed because of COVID-19, and some huts remain closed or require booking to ensure 1.5m interpersonal spacing. This means tenting may be required for some 'hut walks' for some time. A few areas remain closed due to fire damage of the prior summer (e.g. Farmhouse Creek walks).

Submissions supporting Tasmanian walkers and protecting our traditional use continued. We made major submissions on the various stages towards a tourism master plan for the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA) as the original draft had many worrying points and assertions. BWT spent a full day concerning commercial TWWHA development with Aboriginal interests and commercial operators, both of whom very much outnumbered the many more ordinary recreational Tasmanians. Subsequently, BWT met with the Minister who, fortunately, largely understood our concerns. The ensuing Draft TWWHA Master Plan reflected some of what BWT presented to the Minister.

Other submissions concerned: the Lower Gordon Recreation Zone, mountain bikes in the Dial Range, Tyndall Range tourism track and huts proposal, Lake Malbena, hut changes along the Overland Track (chiefly Waterfall Valley and Windermere), the proposed Major Project Legislation, a Lake Rodway commercial hut proposal, informal feedback re Frenchmans Cap area access and use by Tasmanian walkers.

BWT examined regaining road and walking access to Marriotts Lookout and environs, and which bushfire affected tracks and roads should PWS open first. The BWT President addressed

several Rangers on traditional use by Tasmanian walkers in order to facilitate a better understanding of what we expect and do.

The AGM of August 2019 saw more change in office bearers than usual; mostly because some were departing Tasmania for an extended period; later COVID-19 barred all these intentions. The then Secretary (David Atkins) declined re-election but was interim secretary until Rodney Walker of NWWC took on the position. Kent Lillico took over as Treasurer from Brian O'Byrne. Andrew Davey was re-elected President.

At the Bushwalking Australia annual meeting it was decided to work towards having a part-time Executive Officer. Definitions of riskier outdoor activities were agreed, as was the kind of organisations that could be included under the national insurance policies. This is to prevent organisations whose primary function is not bushwalking from joining and increasing insurance costs for walkers.

A very successful Get Together was held at Gowrie Park, over 50 attended and walked, very likely 70 were at the Saturday evening BBQ. The only, yet a key issue, was the late release of the walks program that is important for those who have a long travelling distance. Launceston Walking Club ran a walk of its own to overcome the issue.

Andrew Davey, Delegate

Southern Tasmania Ski Association (STSA)

Tow operations occurred over 8 weekends from 19 Jul 19 with surprisingly few incidents. All tows could have operated, but the Rodway Tow snow was marginal most of the time. Yet, for the first few weekends the Mt Mawson tow line had to be dug out higher up the slope, while the last couple of weekends had very marginal snow. Unfortunately, an increase in insurance premiums took away the possibility of a commensurate surplus for leaner years.

The season saw the 'permanent' move into the new Ski Patrol facilities at the Mt Mawson Public Day Shelter. Ice continued to be an issue on the concrete entry platform, STSA entry keyhole

and gas cage lock. The excessive venting built into the STSA part kept things cool but was remedied by autumn 2020. A little rock removal was carried out near the loading area of Mawson Tow in cooperation with PWS who arranged the non-explosive rock splitting chemical.

Tasmania was the only State to be able to have its three-yearly full “advanced Emergency Care” course due to the wide spread of COVID-19 in Australia soon after. Once there was a lengthy record of no cases in Tasmania, a COVID-19 Plan was written for STSA and accepted by PWS. The head of Patrol also assisted in writing national guidelines for Australian ski fields for which there was much more pressure to operate.

The ski patrol area was further furnished with some good equipment, largely thanks to the national Australian Ski Patrol Association, with a little more furniture and equipment donations from DHHS and Tas. Ambulance arranged via the previous Premier.

By the end of this reporting year there had been a couple of weeks of very cold conditions (-4 to -5 C at Lake Dobson which froze), but limited snow and no tow operations.

The stalwart HWC volunteers of the year were again Paul Vince, Andrew Davey, Liz Koolhof and Tim Metcalfe. Several others from HWC assisted with our enjoyable tow duty weekends – many thanks to all who helped.

Andrew Davey, Delegate

Clarence Tracks and Trails Committee

In 2002 The Clarence City Council formed a group to advise on development of a tracks and trails system within the Municipality. The original group was chaired by Club member Midj Jones and is now an official Committee of the Council, with alderman Dean Ewington as chairperson.

The Club is fortunate to have a Council keen on the development and promotion of a tracks system. Considerable funds are

provided each year for both initial construction and subsequent maintenance. Funding is likely to be tight for new track construction in the coming year as monies will be required to repair the considerable damage from heavy rains in June.

Single Hill – ownership of the fenced reserve has been transferred to Council and it is hoped to commence track work on the Seven Mile Beach slope in the coming year.

Cremorne – Mays Beach – Lauderdale - work on the Council controlled reserve between Cremorne and Mays Beach is now virtually complete and has become a very popular walk. PWS controlled section still requires construction. Council cannot do this until bureaucratic actions are finalised by PWS (now some 5 years!). A track alignment has been determined between Mays Beach and Lauderdale (Mays Point) and it is hoped that construction will commence in the coming year.

Mortimer Bay – to Goat Bluff - negotiations are still continuing with the adjoining property owner to avoid the need to walk along a section of the South Arm Highway.

Barilla Rivulet Track Cambridge – work has commenced on a short section near the rivulet.

Rosny Point – funds have been received to upgrade the walking/cycling track from Montagu Bay to Rosny College to a concrete surface similar to that between Montagu Bay and Lindisfarne. Re-alignment near the sewage works will be considered.

Tracks generally – there have been many upgrades and realignments within the tracks system, including the Tangara Trails. Club members can get the excellent free *Popular Trails in Clarence* booklet from the enquiry desk at the Council Chambers.

Barry Ford, Delegate

Hobart Walking Club Inc.

ABN 49 779 622 718

Financial Statements

Declaration by the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has determined that the Hobart Walking Club Inc (the Club) is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies prescribed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Executive Committee declares that:

1. The financial statements and notes, present fairly the Club's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and its performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Executive Committee and is signed by:



Philip Le Grove
President



Rupert Manners
Treasurer

Dated - 5 August 2020

Statement of Income and Expenditure

for the year ended 30 June 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
		\$	\$
Income			
Members Subscriptions		33740	33607
Donations		427	
Sale of Publications		142	2022
Lake Dobson Hut Fees		895	2250
Interest		1877	2778
Social Functions		3570	1800
Equipment hire		383	155
Sales to Members		630	594
		41664	43206
Less Expenditure			
Post, Printing, Stationery		1513	1033
Website		2249	2141
HWC Office Rent		3373	2869
Meeting Room Hire		639	710
Bank Fees		75	84
Travel Expenses		317	206
General Meeting Expenses		226	373
Printing Tramp		0	9982
Posting Tramp		0	1629
Other Publication Expenses		708	409
Stock Reduction	2	295	1695
Lake Dobson Hut	3	6230	6632
Social Functions		4243	2186
Volunteer Recognition		1028	1436
Printing Circular		4574	4485
Posting Circular		2513	2544
Insurance		3162	3413
Cost of Sales to Members		0	685
Training		581	778
Affiliation Fees		1435	1182
Office & Camping Equipment		1204	

Track Clearing	214	1237
	34579	45710
Surplus/Deficit for the year	7085	-2504
Accumulated surplus 30/06/19	41470	43975
Accumulated surplus 30/6/20	48555	41470

Balance Sheet *At 30 June 2020*

	Notes	2020	2019
		\$	\$
Members Equity			
Accumulated surplus		48555	41470
Lake Dobson Memorial Hut Fund		60000	60000
		108555	101470

Represented by:

Current Assets

Commonwealth Bank chq a/c	23333	20466
Pay Pal	100	
Tasmania Perpetual Trustee – Long Term Fund	90000	90000
Payments in Advance	8332	255

Non-current Assets

0	0
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Total Assets

122917	112168
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Less Current Liabilities

Subscriptions Prepaid	14362	10698
	14362	10698

Net Assets

108555	101470
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Statement of accounting policies

(a) The financial statements are special purpose reports specifically prepared for distribution within the club. The Executive Committee has determined that the club is not a reporting entity as defined in the Statement of Accounting Concepts 1: Definition of a Reporting Entity and therefore application of all accounting standards is not mandatory.

(b) The stock of publications has been valued at the lower of historical cost and estimated realisable value.

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
2. Stock adjustment		
Stock at 30/6/2019	1447	3142
<i>Safety in the Bush</i> reduction	295	1695
	<u>1152</u>	<u>1447</u>
Stock at 30/6/2020	<u>1152</u>	<u>1447</u>

3. Lake Dobson Memorial Hut Expenditure

Gas & Firewood	231	1323
General Hut Maintenance	443	454
Crown Land Licence Fee	792	855
Derwent Valley Council Fire Levy & Rates	442	497
Insurance for Hut	4322	3503
	<u>6230</u>	<u>6632</u>

Independent Audit Report

To the members of the Hobart Walking Club Inc

Scope

I have audited the special purpose financial report of the Hobart Walking Club Inc (the Club) comprising a Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2020, together with explanatory notes. The Executive Committee of the Club is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Club and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Club. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purposes than for which it was prepared.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies adopted so as to present a view that is consistent with my understanding of the financial position of the Club and the results of its financial performance.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Limitation of Scope

It was not possible for the Executive Committee to establish complete accounting control over cash received until its initial entry in the accounting records, nor was it practicable to perform audit procedures to satisfy myself that all income had been received and recorded. Verification therefore has been limited to the receipt of funds recorded in the Club's financial records.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the special purpose financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Hobart Walking Club Inc as at 30 June 2020, and the results of its financial performance for the year then ended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Morffew', written in a cursive style.

Geoff Morffew, FCPA
27 July 2020