

AUSTRALIAN CENTURION RACE WALKERS

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1999 ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

As our official Centurion year finished on 30 June, it is my pleasant duty to report on the activities that have taken place during the last 12 months and to reflect on the current state of the club and its continuing growth.

The 1998/9 year has been one of considerable activity. Some of the more important events have been

- The continuance of regular newsletters.
- The continuing enthusiastic contributions from many members.
- The continuing financial support being given to the club by members.
- The successful running of the Centurions 24 Hour event in September 1998 in Melbourne. This saw a fine field of 19 starters. Of these 19 starters, 6 completed the full 100 mile distance and a further 9 completed at least 100 km. Finishers were

1. Gerald Manderson	21:37:31	C31
2. Norm Morriss	22:32:47	C32
3. Yiannis Kouros	22:55:23	C33
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4. Roger LeMoine	23:04:51	C34
5. John Harris	23:10:36	
6. Sue Clements	23:58:40	C35 (2nd woman)

- The participation once again of a team of Victorian based Centurions in the Ballarat Ekiden relay in November.
- The participation of many of our members in various competitions during the year, both running and walking.
- The use of our Internet homepage information to let those far afield know of our existence and enthusiasm.
- The further strengthening of our international ties with the ultra-distance walking scene.
- The issuance of a 1999 Club Calendar, compliments of Merv Lockyer. This has now been distributed to just about all members and we are looking to produce a similar calendar for next year.
- The striking of the Jack Webber Trophy to honour the most outstanding Centurion performance in an Australian Centurions 24 Hour event.
- The striking of bronze and silver medallions for those who complete either 50 km or 100 km in an Australian Centurions 24 hour event.

As can be seen from this list of highlights, the year has seen a lot of work from many of us. All these performances and actions work to our advantage as a club. They bring the club into the spotlight within Australia and further afield. People start to know about us and eventually decide to have a go and try to join us by striving for that ultimate feat - walking 100 miles within 24 hours. The future indeed looks good with a large field set to contest our 1999 Centurions event. We have also awarded the 2000 Australian Centurions 24 Hour event to the Gosford Walkers Club in NSW. It will probably take place during the lead up to the Olympic Games.

This year, however, was marred by the sad death of Centurion Number 32, Norm Morris. Norm became a member only last year with a fine walk in our 1998 event. He was the winner of the inaugural Jack Webber Trophy. His death was both untimely and disturbing for all of us.

To fellow members, thanks for your support and friendship during the last 12 months. Let's hope that the next 12 months will be just as productive and exciting for the club.

Yours in walking

Tim Erickson (No 13)