

AUSTRALIAN CENTURION RACE WALKERS

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2000 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 1999/2000 year has, as usual, been one of active participation by many of our members. Some of the more important events have been

- The continuing enthusiastic contributions from many members towards our regular newsletter.
- The continuing financial support being given to the club by members.
- The successful staging of the Centurions 24 Hour event in September 1999 in Melbourne. This saw a fine field of 23 starters which included 9 overseas walkers. Of these 23 starters, 7 completed the full 100 mile distance and a further 4 completed at least 100 km. Finishers were

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| Sandra Brown | England | 100 miles | 19:14:56 | C36 *** |
| Herbert Neubacher | Germany | 100 miles | 21:03:07 | C37 *** |
| Jill Green | England | 100 miles | 21:15:35 | C38 *** |
| Gerald Manderson | NZ | 100 miles | 21:36:09 * | C31 |
| Robin Whyte | ACT | 100 miles | 21:34:48 * | C29 |
| Carol Baird | ACT | 100 miles | 22:16:43 | C39 *** |
| Gerrit de Jong | Holland | 100 miles | 22:51:24 | C40 *** |

- The participation once again of a team of Victorian based Centurions in the Ballarat Ekiden relay in November. Our team was finally successful and won the handicap race.
- The participation of 2 Centurions in the Colac 6 Day Race.
- The emergence of Carol Baird as the new force in Australian women's walking. Carol now holds the Australian womens walking records for all our recognised ultradistance walks from 50 miles to 24 hours.
- The participation of many of our members in various competitions during the year, both running and walking.
- The further strengthening our international ties with the ultra-distance walking scene.
- The issuance of a 2000 Club Calendar. 30 copies were produced and all were sold.

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 good field set to contest our 2000 Centurions event. We have also awarded the 2001 Australian Centurions 24 Hour event to the Gosford Walkers Club in NSW.

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)