

AUSTRALIAN CENTURION WALKERS Inc

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

Our Australian Centurions Financial Year finished on 31st December 2023 and we can now report on the year that was.

The 2023 Coburg 24 Hour Carnival in April (our official Australian Centurions qualifying event) saw a record entry list of 145 athletes (126 runners and 29 walkers). Of course, not everyone makes it to the start line and this year saw 132 athletes in attendance for the 10AM countdown.

The final 24 Hour Walk field included 11 men and 2 women and boasted international walkers Arie Kandelaars and Thomas Lietjens of the Netherlands, along with Christer Svensson of Sweden. Add in Australian Centurions David Billett and Michelle Thompson and we looked set for some very competitive and high quality walking.

Of course, not everyone is successful in such an endeavour and this was the case in 2023, with only three of the walkers completing 100 Miles within the requisite 24 Hours. Overall, we welcomed new Australian Centurion Arie Kandelaars (C85), alongside existing centurions Michelle Thompson and David Billett.

- C58 Michelle Thompson VIC 22:16:55
- C50 David Billett SA 23:05:12
- C85 Arie Kandelaars NED 23:28:07

Local centurions Joffrid Mackett (C82) and David Billett (C50) also added to their centurion tallies with other fine walks during the year.

- C82 Joffrid Mackett ACT 23:47:02 Canberra, March 2023
- C50 David Billett SA 23:51:18 Canberra, March 2023
- C50 David Billett SA 23:55:46 Adelaide, June 2023

Nearly all the other Centurion clubs were able to hold qualifying events in 2023. The Continental Centurions welcomed 3 new members in June (to take their count to 498), the English Centurions welcomed 3 new members in August (to take their count to 1218) and we welcomed 1 new centurion in April (to take our count to 86). Unfortunately no new centurions qualified in the USA Centurions and the Zealand Centurions.

We are pleased to acknowledge the following new Australian Open records which were set in 2023

Joffrid Mackett	48 Hours Walk	Open All Comers and Residential	294.973 km	Canberra	25-27 Mar 2023
Sabina Hamaty	200 km Walk	Open All Comers and Residential	35:36:17	Sydney	10-12 Jun 2023
Sabina Hamaty	48 Hours Walk	Open All Comers and Residential	250.820 km	Sydney	10-12 Jun 2023
Sabina Hamaty	500 km Walk	Open All Comers and Residential	5D16:17:31	Adelaide	1-7 Oct 2023
Sabina Hamaty	6 Days Walk	Open All Comers and Residential	537.513 km	Adelaide	1-7 Oct 2023

These were all, of course, new age group records, as was Karyn O'Neill's W65 6 Hour Walk

Joffrid Mackett	48 Hours Walk	M50 All Comers and Residential	294.973 km	Canberra	25-27 Mar 2023
Karyn O'Neill	6 Hours Walk	W65 All Comers and Residential	42.972 km	Coburg	15-16 Apr 2023
Sabina Hamaty	200 km Walk	W50 All Comers and Residential	35:36:17	Sydney	10-12 Jun 2023
Sabina Hamaty	48 Hours Walk	W50 All Comers and Residential	250.820 km	Sydney	10-12 Jun 2023
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All 3 of our perpetual trophies have now been awarded.

Jack Webber Trophy	Arie Kandelaars
Jim Gleeson Trophy	Michelle Thompson and David Billett
The Gordon Smith Memorial Award	Joffrid Mackett

We produced 10 newsletters in 2023 to report on our activities, with a distribution list of 90 members and friends. 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.

Unfortunately 2024 promises to be a challenging year for us, with the Coburg 24 Hour Carnival now ceasing operations, leaving us with no official qualifier. Our challenge will be to fill the void and ensure that the club remains active for both current and prospective walkers.

Yours in Centurion walking

Terry O'Neill	(C 18)	President
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Tim Erickson	(C 13)	Secretary
Stuart Cooper	(C 5)	Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

2023 was a healthy year from a financial perspective, with expenses capped at \$382.20 and easily offset by donations totalling \$713.50.

This relative small impost to our bottom line was due to our continuing association with the Coburg 24 Hour Carnival. By hosting our annual qualifying race in conjunction with their event, our financial contribution was limited to a small number of additional unfunded items directly related to our Australian Centurion qualifier. It continues to be the only way in which we can hold such an annual event. To try to do it on our own would be cost prohibitive.

As this event will not be held in 2024, we will need to look to a new model if we wish to continue to grow our club.

We received a very generous bequest of \$10,000 from the estate of the late Gladys Gleeson, the widow of the great Jim Gleeson (C3). One of the tasks of the new Committee will be to consider how to use this money to further the club and the sport of ultra distance walking in Australia.

Our assets (bank balance, tshirts, trophies, medals, etc) are valued at \$16,539.74 and our bank account shows a healthy balance of \$11,781.74.

The club newsletter continues to be nearly cost neutral, with only one member receiving the newsletter in hardcopy format. All other members and supporters opt to receive the newsletter by email, at zero cost to the club. In total, 10 separate newsletters were posted or emailed this year to a distribution list of 90 members and supporters.

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

Stuart Cooper
Treasurer, Australian Centurion Walkers Inc.
1 January 2024

CASH FLOW REPORT FOR PERIOD 01/01/2023- 31/12/2023

INCOME

Bequest from Gladys Gleeson	10000.00
Donations	713.50

TOTAL INCOME **10713.50**

EXPENSES

Annual Incorporation Payment	61.20
Engraving	140.00
Honour Board Update	30.00
Postage Costs	16.00
RWA Affiliation Fee	86.00
Website Costs	49.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **382.20**

OVERALL TOTAL **10331.30**

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TRANSACTION REPORT FOR PERIOD 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023

01/01/2023	Opening Balance			1,450.44
03/01/2023	Carol Baird	Donations	100.00	1,550.44
07/03/2023	Consumer Affairs Victoria	Annual Incorporation Payment	-61.20	1,489.24
18/03/2023	Keyhole Engraving	Engraving (RWA 100km medals)	-54.00	1,435.24
18/03/2023	Keyhole Engraving	Engraving (Gordon Smith Award)	-16.00	1,419.24
20/03/2023	Lachlan Wilkinson	Donations	50.00	1,469.24
21/03/2023	Geoff Hain	Donations	100.00	1,569.24
21/03/2023	John Kilmartin	Donations	100.00	1,669.24
05/04/2023	Ian Valentine	Donations	63.50	1,732.74
11/04/2023	Stuart Cooper	Donations	100.00	1,832.74
17/04/2023	Joffrid Mackett	Donations	50.00	1,882.74
26/04/2023	AFORWC	RWA Affiliation Fee	-86.00	1,796.74
17/05/2023	Gladys Gleeson	Bequest	10,000.00	11,796.74
25/05/2023	Mike Porter	Donations	100.00	11,896.74
14/07/2023	Crazy Domains	Website Costs	-49.00	11,847.74
21/07/2023	V. F. Trainor	Engraving	-70.00	11,777.74
21/07/2023	Australia Post	Postage Costs (24H trophies)	-16.00	11,761.74
08/10/2023	Hanson Signwriting	Honour Board Update	-30.00	11,731.74
19/12/2023	Tim Erickson	Donations	50.00	11,781.74
31/12/2023	Closing Balance			11,781.74
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TOTAL INCOME				10713.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				382.20
NET TOTAL				10331.30

2023 CENTURION QUALIFIER EVENT COSTS

3 Centurion badges (C85 plus two un-numbered ones)	\$ 24.00
RWA 100km Medals (6) purchase	\$ 41.55
RWA 100km Medals (6) engraving	\$ 54.00
Engraving – Jack Webber and Jim Gleeson Trophies	\$ 70.00
Postage – new Centurion certificates, medals, etc	\$ 16.00
Honour Board update	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$ 235.55

ASSETS

Cash in hand or in the bank	11,781.74
Centurion Tee Shirts (60 @ \$16.00)	960.00
Centurion Polo Shirts (6 @ \$15)	90.00
Centurion Badges (95 @ \$8.00)	760.00
Centurion Silver and Bronze Medallions (38 @ \$8.00)	304.00
Centurion Cloth Badges (11 @ \$4)	44.00
Centurion Honour Boards (2)	1,000.00
Shelters and other equipment	1,000.00
Perpetual Trophies (3)	600.00
TOTAL ASSETS	16539.74
LIABILITIES	0.00
ASSOCIATION'S EQUITY	16539.74
