

AUSTRALIAN CENTURION WALKERS Inc

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2024 ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

Our Australian Centurions Financial Year finished on 31st December 2024 and we can now report on the year that was.

With the Coburg 24 Hour Carnival not held in 2024, a series of Australian based ultra distance races were designated as opportunities for walkers to gain qualification as an Australian Centurion. These resulted in two new members being added to our ranks

- C86 Sabina Hamaty NSW 23:40:16 11-12 May 2024 Gold Coast, Queensland,
- C87 Allicia Heron ACT 23:15:33 3-4 Oct 2024 Adelaide, SA

Local centurions David Billett (C50), Justin Scholz (C61) and Sharon Scholz (C63) also added to their centurion tallies with other fine walks during the year.

- C50 David Billett SA 23:29:10 11-12 May 2024 Auckland, New Zealand (NZC 31)
- C50 David Billett SA 23:35:21 8-9 Jun 2024 Adelaide, SA
- C50 David Billett SA 23:39:56 29-30 Sept 2024 Adelaide, SA
- C61 Justin Scholz VIC 21:20:49 24-25 Aug 2024 Gloucester, ENG
- C63 Sharon Scholz VIC 21:45:25 24-25 Aug 2024 Gloucester, ENG

I must also highlight the performances of 3 of our Australian based members in the 85 Mile Isle of Man Parish Walk, held on 22-23 June. Justin Scholz (C61) and Sharon Scholz (C63) finished together in 17th place with 18:51:58 while Geoff Hain (C49) finished 125th with 23:44:01. Geoff, at age 78 years, became the oldest ever finisher to beat the 24 Hour limit in this annual event.

We are pleased to acknowledge the following new Australian Open records which were set in 2024

Alicia Heron	200km	Open All Comers and Residential	32:27:40	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
Alicia Heron	48 Hours	Open All Comers and Residential	270.086 km	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
David Billett	500km	Open All Comers and Residential	4:18:42:38	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
David Billett	6 Days	Open All Comers and Residential	625.018 km	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
Sabina Hamaty	500km	Open All Comers and Residential	4:21:46:36	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
Sabina Hamaty	6 Days	Open All Comers and Residential	623.182 km	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024

These also set new age group records, as did performances by Marie Boyd and Albin Hess.

Sabina Hamaty	100 Miles	W55 Residential	23:40:16	Gold Coast	1-2 Jun 2024
Sabina Hamaty	24 Hours	W55 Residential	162.998 km	Gold Coast	1-2 Jun 2024
Alicia Heron	200km	W40 All Comers and Residential	32:27:40	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
Alicia Heron	48 Hours	W40 All Comers and Residential	270.086 km	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
David Billett	500km	M50 All Comers and Residential	4:18:42:38	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
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Sabina Hamaty	6 Days	W55 All Comers and Residential	623.182 km	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
Marie Boyd	100 Miles	W75 All Comers and Residential	2:02:21:04	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
Marie Boyd	200km	W75 All Comers and Residential	2:14:22:07	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
Marie Boyd	48 Hours	W75 All Comers and Residential	149.252 km	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
Marie Boyd	6 Days	W75 All Comers and Residential	402.166 km	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
Albin Hess	200km	M60 All Comers and Residential	2:08:45:00	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024
Albin Hess	6 Days	M60 All Comers and Residential	404.058 km	Adelaide	29/09-5/10 2024

The other Centurion clubs also held qualifying events in 2024. The Zealand Centurions welcomed 2 new members in May (to take their count to 31 members), the Continental Centurions welcomed 5 new members in June (to take their count to 503), the USA Centurions welcomed 1 new member in June (to take their count to 102). and the English Centurions welcomed 2 new members in August (to take their count to 1220).

The Jack Webber and Jim Gleeson trophies were not awarded this year as we did not have an official Australian Centurions qualifying race. The 2024 Gordon Smith Memorial Award will be awarded once voting finishes.

- Jack Webber Trophy Not Awarded
- Jim Gleeson Trophy Not Awarded
- The Gordon Smith Memorial Award Sabina Hamaty

We produced 8 newsletters in 2024 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 2025 promises to be another challenging year for us, with no official qualifier in place as yet. Our challenge, as always, is to fill the void and ensure that the club remains the go-to organisation for both current and prospective ultra distance walkers.

Yours in Centurion walking

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

2024 was a healthy year from a financial perspective.

With the Coburg 24 Hour Carnival no longer in place, we did not have a specific Centurion Qualifier. Thus we were spared the costs associated with supporting such an event. But any potential savings in this regard were offset by the need to support walkers in 5 designated events, in which we announced we would recognise any walk records and any Centurion qualifications.

Club Secretary Tim Erickson attended 3 of these 5 events, travelling to the Gold Coast for the BUTTER 24 Hour, to Sydney for the Southern Sydney 24 Hour and to Adelaide for the Australian 6 Day Championship. These events saw Sabina Hamaty qualify as Australian Centurion C86, Allicia Heron qualify as Australian Centurion C87 and saw a whole swag of Australian Walk Records.

The Executive agreed to subsidise some of Tim's costs to enable him to fly to Queensland to support the walkers in the BUTTER 24 Hour event. He bore the costs himself for his other 2 trips. This is not really a feasible long term solution, so we need to look to reinstate our annual qualifier as soon as possible.

Our only other significant cost this year was a refurbishment of our Centurion Polo Shirts, with 50 newly designed polo shirts purchased for \$1,750.00. Thanks to Bill Dyer for coordinating this initiative. Eleven of the new polo shirts were sold as the year progressed and we have 39 remaining in stock.

Our bank account shows a healthy balance of \$9,878.89. Given such a good figure, we did not call for further donations this year.

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, 8 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 2025

CASH FLOW REPORT FOR PERIOD 01/01/2024- 31/12/2024

INCOME

Centurion Polo Shirt Sales	455.00
Donations	50.00
Newsletter Postage Subscription	10.00

TOTAL INCOME **515.00**

EXPENSES

Airfare Reimbursement	265.82
Annual Incorporation Payment	47.70
Centurion Polo Shirt Order	1,750.00
Honour Board Update	140.00
Postage Costs	19.95
RWA Affiliation Fee	86.00
Website Costs	108.38

TOTAL EXPENSES **2,417.95**

NET TOTAL **- 1,902.85**

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TRANSACTION REPORT FOR PERIOD 01/01/2024 - 31/12/2024

Date	Payee	Category	Expense	Income	Balance
01/01/2024	Opening Balance				11,781.74
22/01/2024	Clarrie Jack	Newsletter Postage Subscription		10.00	11,791.74
20/02/2024	Consumer Affairs Victoria	Annual Incorporation Payment	47.70		11,744.04
10/05/2024	Looking Smart	Centurion Polo Shirt Order	1,750.00		9,994.04
03/06/2024	AFORWC	RWA Affiliation Fee	86.00		9,908.04
05/06/2024	Tim Erickson	Airfare Reimbursement	265.82		9,642.22
03/07/2024	Tim Erickson	Centurion Polo Shirt Order		40.00	9,682.22
03/07/2024	Sabina Hamaty	Centurion Polo Shirt Order		40.00	9,722.22
03/07/2024	Joffrid Mackett	Centurion Polo Shirt Order		40.00	9,762.22
03/07/2024	Crazy Domains	Website Hosting Cost	60.00		9,702.22
05/07/2024	Terry and Karyn O'Neill	Centurion Polo Shirt Order		80.00	9,782.22
08/07/2024	Clarrie and Ian Jack	Centurion Polo Shirt Order		80.00	9,862.22
10/07/2024	Bill Dyer	Centurion Polo Shirt Order		40.00	9,902.22
11/07/2024	Stuart Cooper	Centurion Polo Shirt Order		40.00	9,942.22
15/07/2024	Michelle Thompson	Centurion Polo Shirt Order		40.00	9,982.22
28/08/2024	Mark Wall	Centurion Polo Shirt Order		55.00	10,037.22
03/09/2024	Crazy Domains	Website Domain Name Cost	48.38		9,988.84
22/11/2024	Australia Post	Postage	19.95		9,968.89
11/12/2024	Hanson Signwriting	Honour Board Update	140.00		9,828.89
27/12/2024	Tim Erickson	Donations		50.00	9,878.89
30/12/2024	Closing Balance				9,878.89
TOTAL INCOME					515.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE					2,417.95
NET TOTAL					- 1,902.85

ASSETS

Cash in hand or in the bank	9,878.89
Old Centurion Tee Shirts (60 @ \$16.00)	960.00
Old Centurion Polo Shirts (6 @ \$15)	90.00
Old Centurion Silver and Bronze Medallions (38 @ \$8.00)	304.00
Old Centurion Cloth Badges (11 @ \$4)	44.00
Current Centurion Polo Shirts (39 @ \$40.00)	1,560.00
Current Centurion Badges (93 @ \$8.00)	746.00
Centurion Honour Boards (2)	1,000.00
Shelters and other equipment	1,000.00
Perpetual Trophies (3)	600.00
TOTAL ASSETS	16,182.89
LIABILITIES	0.00
ASSOCIATION'S EQUITY	16,182.89
