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DATES...DATES...DATES

The number of ultra distance events in Australia is growing each year and 2013 will provide many opportunities for walkers and runners. The best source of information remains the Australian Ultra Runners Assn (AURA) website – check out <http://www.aura.asn.au/events.html>. Here is a selection of local and overseas walk events.

Feb 9-10, 2013	Caboolture Dusk to Dawn (12 Hours)	Caboolture, QLD
Feb 10, 2013	8 Heures de Charly	Charly, FRA
Feb 16-17, 2013	Injinji Stromlo 12 Hour Walk/Run (also 6H, 50km and 100km) See http://stromlorunningfestival.com.au/	Mt Stromlo, Canberra
Feb 23-24, 2013	24 heures de Bourges	Bourges, FRA
Mar 10, 2013	Coburg Carnival 6 Hour Walk/Run	Coburg, Victoria, AUS
Mar 23-24, 2013	24 heures de Chateau Thierry	Chateau Thierry, FRA
Apr 13-14, 2013	Coburg Carnival 24 Hour Walk/Run	Coburg, Victoria, AUS
Apr 27-28, 2013	Rond les Ducs 24 Hour Road Walk	Dijon, FRA
May 7-13, 2013	French Ultra Festival (6 Day, 3 Day, 2Day, 1 Day, 100 miles, etc) See http://french-ultra-festival.fr/	Le Luc, FRA
May 18-19, 2013	Continental Centurions 24 Hour Qualifying Walk	Weert, Netherlands
Jun 12-15, 2013	Paris Colmar Classic	FRA
Jun 15-16, 2013	Sri Chinmoy 24 Hour	Sydney, NSW
Jun 22-23, 2013	Parish Walk (80 miles)	Isle of Man, UK
Jul 19-20, 2013	100km de Binche	Binche, BEL
Jul 19-21, 2013	Caboolture 24 Hour and 48 Hour Championships	Caboolture, QLD
Sept 2013	Australian Centurions 24 Hour Qualifying Walk	Melbourne, AUS
Sept 21-22, 2013	Roubaix 28 Hour - 60th Anniversary	Roubaix, FRA
Oct 5-6, 2013	24 Heures de St Thibault des Vignes	St Thibault, FRA

I expect some of our Australian ultra walkers and club members to be in action in Caboolture and Canberra so I look forward to reporting on the early season form in the next newsletter.

NEWS ON OUR MEMBERS

Rudy Schoors (C 55) and **Caroline Mestdagh (C 56)** were in action in one of their regular December walking fixtures in Europe. Rudy explains

We walked this weekend the traditional Houffalize to Plombières 110 km walk. Sue Clemens was also one of the participants. The conditions were, as always, pretty hard. Lots of rains during the first seven hours. The road conditions were good on the main tracks but on the small paths it was very icy and slippery because of the snow and frost of the last week. So the combination of rain, ice and mud on that small tracks caused issues for a lot of walkers. One of them, the famous Duth walker Annie van der Meer, broke her ankle. The diagnosis at the hospital was a tough one: an operation and long revalidation. After this the rest of the group continued for the second part. Of course it was not the same atmosphere. It stopped raining and even the sun was shining during the last hours.

I had a phone call in December from Ellwyn Miskin to tell us that **Stan Miskin (C 23)** had suffered a stroke and was recovering in the Dandenong Hospital. The good news is that Stan has returned home and has started the long road to recovery. That being the case, we were very excited to see Ellwyn and Stan at our recent Centurion AGM. Stan is now 87 years old and has had a series of health setbacks over the last couple of years but he is not one to ever lay down and complain. He has long outlived the doctors' prognosis when his prostate cancer returned some years ago in a very aggressive form. He bypassed the normal chemo treatment (he said to me at the time that the treatment was much worse than the complaint!) and he has continued to hold it at bay with a lifestyle of fitness and walking and a mental outlook that remains uniformly positive. Stan - keep fighting!

AUSTRALIAN CENTURIONS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Centurions was held at the Leighoak Club in Oakleigh on Sunday 20 January 2013, followed by dinner. The main items of significance at the AGM included

- Receipt of reports including Treasurer's Report, Club President's Report, etc.
- Election of a new Executive and Committee to lead the club for the next 2 years
- A formal welcome to our newest members in **Justin Scholz (C 61)** and **Barry Loveday (C 62)** and the official presentation of their centurion badges and certificates.
- The announcement of the winner of the 2012 Gordon Smith Award for the top centurion performance in 2012.

I can now announce our new Executive - Terry and Lois and I and Rudolf are staying on in our current positions and we are joined by Peter Bennett and Karyn O'Neill. It makes a strong team and one that I am excited to be working alongside for year.

Club Executive	President Vice President Treasurer Secretary	Terry O'Neill Peter Bennett Lois Erickson Tim Erickson
General Committee	Records and Rankings Officer Assistant Secretary Up to two general members of Committee	Rudolf Skrucany - Karyn O'Neill, -

I wish to thank outgoing Vice President Geoff Peters for his support over the two years of his office.



**Centurions at the AGM - Front: Michelle Thompson, Stan Miskin, Terry O'Neill and Barry Loveday
Back: Tim Erickson, Stu Cooper, Bill Dyer, Clarrie Jack, Karyn O'Neill and Justin Scholz**



Tim and Terry with our newest Centurions Barry Loveday (C62) and Justin Scholz (C 61)

RECORD UPDATE

I have some further records to acknowledge from 2012 - those of Eddy Goeman and Caroline Mestdagh in our 2012 Australian Centurion qualifying race in Coburg. I had incorrectly acknowledged Rudy Schoors as our new M45 100 Miles All-Comers record holder with his time of 22:10:05. In fact, Eddy is in the same M45 division and reached the 100 mile mark before Rudy. Further, his 100km and 12 Hour splits were also M45 All-Comers records. And the same goes for Caroline Mestdagh whose intermediate times were also W45 All-Comers records. Thanks to records officer Rudolf Skrucany for his vigilance. The new records read

Eddy Goeman	M45	12 Hours	94.522 km	Coburg, VIC	14-15 April 2012
Eddy Goeman	M45	100 km	12:44:57	Coburg, VIC	14-15 April 2012
Eddy Goeman	M45	100 Miles	21:16:23	Coburg, VIC	14-15 April 2012
Caroline Mestdagh	W45	12 Hours	89.945 km	Coburg, VIC	14-15 April 2012
Caroline Mestdagh	W45	100 km	13:37:58	Coburg, VIC	14-15 April 2012

2012 GORDON SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD

Our Australian Centurions have now completed their voting to decide the winner of the 2012 Gordon Smith Memorial Award. This annual award, named after Australian Centurion Number 1, is awarded for the **Best Australian Ultra Distance Walking Performance of the Year**.

Previous winners are

- 2005 Deryck Skinner (C 51)
- 2006 Stan Miskin (C 23)
- 2007 Terry O'Neill (C 18)
- 2008 Deryck Skinner (C 51)
- 2009 Peter Bennett (C 24)
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- 2011 Michelle Thompson (C 58)

This year, we had three absolutely fantastic nominations (see the last newsletter for further details) and I am very pleased to announce that our winner is **Barry Loveday (C 62)**. Barry tried himself out in the Caboolture 48 Hour walk at the end of July (his first ever walking race), finishing second overall against the runners with 283.500km, the longest distance ever walked in Australia and some 3 km further than Peter Bennett's current Australian record. Along the way, he covered 163 km in the first 24 Hours to become Australian Centurion number 62. It was an amazing debut performance. Barry's splits read just so impressively for someone doing his first ever ultra walk event

12 Hours	86.887 km
100 km	13:50:38
100 Miles	22:37:56
24 Hours	167.500 km
200km	31:35:49
48 Hours	283.500 km New Australian All-Comers Record



Barry is presented with his award by Terry O'Neill and Tim Erickson

FINANCIAL NEWS

We start off our new financial year with a healthy bank balance which we will most likely need, given the need to take a more leading role in our Centurion qualifying walk this year at Middle Park. For those who have not donated in the last 12 months, now is the time to act.

Incoming	Donation - Claude Martin	30.00
	Donation - Jim Turnbull	50.00
	Donation - Jim Gleeson	20.00
	Donation - Fred Brooks	13.00
	Donation - Justin Scholz	50.00
	Donation - Michelle Thompson	50.00
Outgoing	Postage and Photocopying	60.80
Balance		\$1191.27

UNTIL OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

A short newsletter to start what promises to be a great year for long distance walking in Australia. With lots of active and keen walkers and a variety of events on offer, I am sure that this year's newsletters will be filled with inspiring feats.

Yours in Centurion walking ... Tim (C 13)