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DATES...DATES...DATES

The AURA calendar shows quite a few Australian ultra events that may suit serious ultra walkers – check it out at <http://www.aura.asn.au/events.html>. Most of the key European and Centurion dates are now also in place for 2015 so the calendar looks quite comprehensive. Some key races follow.

Mar 28-29, 2015	Chateau Thierry 24H (Paris-Alsace qualifier)	Chateau-Thierry, France
Apr 6-12, 2015	2015 ANZAC Ultra See http://www.anzacultra2015.com	Canberra, ACT
Apr 18-19, 2015	Coburg 24 Hour Carnival and AURA Championship Incorporating 2015 Australian Centurions 24H qualifying walk See http://www.coburg24hr.org	Coburg, VIC
Apr 25-26, 2015	Rond des Ducs 24 Hour Walk (Paris-Alsace qualifier)	Dijon, France
May 2-3, 2015	Isle of Wight Challenge (106km) See http://www.isleofwightchallenge.com/	Isle of Wight, GBR.
May 23-24, 2015	Continental Centurions 100 miles qualifying walk	Weert, Holland
June 3-6, 2015	Paris-Alsace Classic 430km (M), 320km (W)	Neully sur Marne to Ribeauville
June 6, 2015	Parish Walk (80 Miles)	Douglas, Isle of Man
June 6-7, 2015	American Centurions 100 miles qualifying walk See http://www.fans24hour.org/registration.html	St Paul, MN
June 13-14, 2015	Sri Chimnoy 12H/24H Track	Sydney, NSW
June 15, 2015	Fotrally (see www.fotrally.se)	Stockholm, Sweden
June 17-21, 2015	Paris to Strasbourg Stages Race CANCELLED	Paris to Strasbourg, FRA
Aug 2-8, 2015	6 Jours de France See http://www.6jours-de-france.fr/	Privas, FRA
Aug 15-16, 2015	104th Centurions 100 Miles qualifying walk See http://www.isleofman100milewalk.co.uk/index.html	Castletown, Isle of Man
Sept 19-20, 2015	28 Heures de Roubaix (with 28 Hour Individual, 24 Hour Relay)	Roubaix, France
Sept 19-20, 2015	50 th anniversary Nijmegen to Rotterdam 100 miles walk	Holland
Oct 3-4, 2015	St Thibault 24 Hour Walk	St Thibault, FRA
Oct 25, 2015	Ned Kelly Chase (50km and 100km)	Wangaratta, VIC
Aug 6-7, 2016	105 th English Centurions 100 mile qualifier (Redcar RWC)	Redcar, Teeside
Oct 22-23, 2016	USA Centurions qualifying walk, Owega, NY (TBC)	

Jean-Pierre Grange and Roger Quemener announced last month that the 2015 Paris-Strasbourg has been cancelled. Controversially this new event was announced last year for the week of 17-21 June and changed the concept of this classic ultra walk from a continuous walk to a walk with various stages, like the Tour de France. This was not a popular change in all quarters and others took up the challenge and reinstated the original ultra as the Paris-Alsace Classic (430km for men and 320km for women), to be staged 2 weeks before on 3-6 June. It was felt that the two events would not survive and that something had to give. We now have the answer.

OUT AND ABOUT

Eddie Goeman (C 60) was amongst the brave souls who tested themselves out in the 28th edition of the Bossche 100, a classic among long-distance trips, held each January in Holland. This year, it was held on the weekend of 23-24 January in old-fashioned harsh conditions - strong winds, rain at night and snow in the morning. Of the 120 participants, including 25 Centurions, there were only 9 dropouts so 111 finished the gruelling journey. They breed them pretty tough over there! See the event website at <http://www.bossche100.nl/> for further details. You can also check out the snow at http://www.bossche100.nl/wordpress/?wppa-occur=1&wppa-cover=0&page_id=494&wppa-album=6



The Bossche 100 – not for the faint hearted

Earlier this month, some of his many running and walking friends gathered at Edwards Lake in Reservoir, suburban Melbourne, to honour the memory of the late **Steve Jordan (C 64)** at the unveiling of a remembrance plaque under one of the BBQ shelters there. A number of our Melbourne based Centurion members were there to help in the celebrations.



In memory of the last Steve Jordan (C 64)

VALE GEOFF PETERS (C 20): 1927-2015

It is my sad duty to advise the death of South Australian centurion **Geoff Peters (C 20)** on Monday 21st February 2015.

Geoff, aged 88, and his wife Pat were both actively involved in athletics for over 60 years. Geoff started walking in 1942 when aged 15 and was, until his retirement a few years ago, the longest serving registered athlete and official in South Australia - a massive 66 years. Similarly, Pat was the longest serving of the women's officials - an equally impressive 64 years. Their involvement commenced well before the amalgamation of the men's and women's associations and well back before the 1956 Olympics.

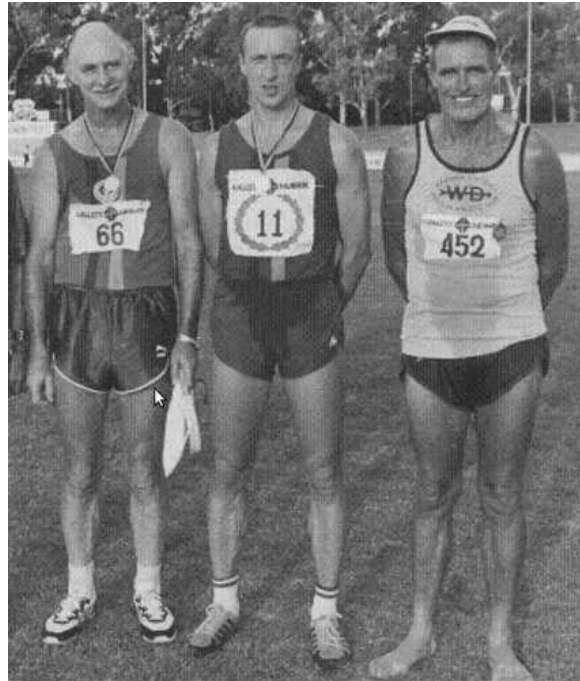
Geoff competed in a multitude of events over the years, initially in the throwing and walking competitions and the popular handicap mile runs at Adelaide Oval during breaks in the football matches. Like most men of his age, his

sporting career was interrupted by the Second World War and he enlisted and served out his time like everyone else.

Once the War had finished, he returned to civilian life and restarted his stalled athletics career. He was Club Captain for many years at Western Districts and won the State hammer throw in 1950. He eventually moved to distance and endurance events, running a marathon in 1956 and taking part in the Western Districts 1959 Adelaide to Port Pirie Relay event. He had success in the walks over a long period but, in 1980, he completed what he regarded as his greatest achievement, becoming Australian Centurion number 20 with a one hundred miles time of 23:34:10 on the old Adelaide Harriers cinders track in Adelaide.

I have updated his centurion biography and our centurions website to now reflect his passing. You can read my obituary at <http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wa-geoff-peters.pdf>.

To his wife Pat and to his family, we offer our condolences.



**Left: Geoff helping out at the South Australian Masters
Right: 1987 SA 5km title - Col Hainsworth 2nd, Don Cox 1st, Geoff Peters 3rd**



Geoff at SAMA competition in Adelaide

COBURG 6 HOUR TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS, COBURG, SUNDAY 8 MARCH

The weekend of 7-8 March was taken up with preparing for and then hosting the Coburg 6 Hour Track Championships at the Collingwood Harriers track at Clifton Hill. A late move from Coburg to Clifton Hill was needed due to council works being undertaken at our usual venue but it all worked out well on the day, thanks to the many volunteers and workers who roll up their sleeves annually for this event. The 6AM start time proved its worth once again as early cloud made for ideal conditions and the sun did not break through until some time after 10AM. The last 2 hours saw the temperature quickly climb but everyone was able to knuckle down in the sunny conditions and see it out.

With a full field of 45 runners and walkers (32 run entries and 13 walk entries), there was plenty of action on the track and the run, in particular, was of a high quality with the first two male finishers bettering the current Australian 6 Hour Run Record and 11 runners completing in excess of 70km. Full results at <http://www.coburg24hr.org/24hr/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/2015-6H-Final-Results.pdf>. Photos at <http://www.coburg24hr.org/coppermine/>.

The 6 Hour Walk Championships saw wins to **Michelle Thompson (C 58)** with an impressive 55.073km and **Robin Whyte (C 29)** with 50.741km and Australian Walk age group records to ACT partnership Robin Whyte (M70-74 50.741km) and **Val Chesterton (W70-74 39.965km)**. The men's walk saw a great battle between Robin and John Kilmartin with less than one lap separating them for almost the full event. But try as he might, John was not able to bridge the short gap and he had to settle for second place.

Justin Scholz (C 61) was also in action but as a runner, coming 13th with a fine 68.540km.

6 Hour Walk Women

1.	Thompson, Michelle	VIC	1968	55.073 km
2.	O'Neill, Karyn	VIC	1955	46.308 km
3.	Chesterton, Val	ACT	1940	39.965 km W70 record
	Howorth, Sandra	VIC	1963	DNS

6 Hour Walk Men

1.	Whyte, Robin	ACT	1942	50.741 km M70 record
2.	Kilmartin, John	VIC	1951	50.479 km
3.	Jack, Clarrie	VIC	1945	46.195 km
4.	Richardson, Saul	NSW	1973	43.492 km
5.	Turner, Gary	VIC	1953	38.639 km
6.	Whimpey, Michael	VIC	1953	38.247 km
7.	O'Neill, Terry	VIC	1956	37.738 km
8.	Carter, Ken	VIC	1952	26.111 km
	Hain, Geoff	VIC	1946	DNS



Robin Whyte, John Kilmartin, Michelle Thompson and Val Chesterton in action at Clifton Hill

HONG KONG 12 HOUR AND 6 HOUR WALKS, HONG KONG, SUN FEB 1, 2015

The inaugural Hong Kong 24 Hour Festival was held in Hong Kong on the weekend of 31 January – 1 February, with 6, 12 and 24 Hour Run categories and 12 and 6 Hour Walk categories. See the event website for more info about this new event: <http://www.ultramarathon.hk/page/events/2015.php> In summary, the men's 12 Hour walk was won by **Leung Ting Kin** with **93.2km** and the women's 12 Hour Walk was won by **Kwok Chik Ha** with **84.0km**. I am told by Bill Purves that the judging was strict, with many judges working in rotation and quite a few red cards. Full results can be seen at <http://racetecresults.com/Results.aspx?CId=16387&RId=166&EId=4>.

LES 8 HEURES DE CHARLY, CHARLY SUR MARNE, FRANCE, 8 FEBRUARY

Thanks to Emmanuel Tardi for his race report and photos from the Charly Sur Marne 8 Hour Walk which was held in early February in France. He explains:

Sunday was the usual first event for French long distance walkers. It was the 18th anniversary of the 8 hours of Charly and this year was a special one after the creator of this race, Pierre Gau, died in May last year. The temperature was around 6°C and there was a very cold wind when the 80 walkers were on the start line at 8am. The initial lap was 1.075km in length, followed by laps of 2.575km, allowing walkers to reach the 50km mark at the end of a lap. Every walker who reached the 50km mark under 6 hours is eligible to the national Championship.

In the men's event, Fabien Lombard took the lead after 2 hours, passing the 50km mark in 4:54:31 and winning the race easily with a distance of 78.325km. The women's race saw a big 5 way battle with all of the main contenders on the same lap. The main results follow:

8 Heures de Charly – Men (first 20)

1.	LOMBARD Fabien	Asm Bar-le-duc	78.325km	7:54:54
2.	ROZE Eddy	Amiens Uc	75.750km	7:52:25
3.	LETOURNEAU Florian	Ac Chateau Thierry	75.750km	8:03:21
4.	GILLES Philippe	Usm Montargis	73.175km	7:51:23
5.	THIBAUX Philippe	Club Athletique Ageen	73.175km	8:01:53
6.	RAULET Christophe	Ga Meusien	70.600km	7:46:31
7.	THIRIOT Louis	Asm Bar-le-duc	70.600km	7:55:16
8.	VARAIN Cedric	Ac Chateau Thierry	70.600km	8:01:53
9.	LABARRE Bertrand	Cs Provins Athletisme	68.025km	7:55:12
10.	BANO Jean-michel	Ajs La Garde	68.025km	7:58:51
11.	LABORIE Christophe	Nl Les Ulis	68.025km	7:59:15
12.	LASSALLE Emmanuel	Athletic Vosges Ec	68.025km	8:02:59
13.	GICQUEL Bernard	Plm Conflans	65.450km	7:49:53
14.	GEORGELIN Serge	Bruz Athletisme	65.450km	7:50:40
15.	LETESSIER Gilles	Plm Conflans Ste Honorine	65.450km	7:51:26
16.	LEIJTENS Frans	Rwv Amsterdam	65.450km	7:51:29
17.	VANDERCOILDEN David	Cm Roubaix	65.450km	7:52:02
18.	DELECOLLE Sebastien	Us Athletiques De Lievin*	65.450km	7:52:26
19.	PECOURT Jean-michel	Us Camon	65.450km	7:59:15
20.	TOUTAIN Eric	As Culturelle Francophone	65.450km	7:59:44

8 Heures de Charly – Women (first 10)

1.	LEPAGE Christine	Bruz Athletisme	62.875km	7:50:39
2.	SALOMEZ Benedicte	Neuilly Sur Marne Athle	62.875km	7:58:43
3.	MALOCHET Dominique	Asc Le Havre	62.875km	8:01:05
4.	DAVID Christine	Nl Villiers Le Bacle	62.875km	8:02:03
5.	PANNIER Josiane	Havre Ac	60.300km	7:47:04
6.	BIZARD PLANCHOT Emilie	Thiais Ac	60.300km	7:53:50
7.	ANXIONNAT Claudine	Athletic Vosges Entente	60.300km	7:55:26
8.	SONNOIS Martine	Racing Club Haut-jura Morez	60.300km	7:57:06
9.	PANNIER PILLE Magali	Havre Ac	60.300km	7:59:21
10.	QUINQUETON Bernadette	Am St Thibault Des Vignes	57.725km	7:46:44
11.	RODIER Nicole	Efs Reims A. *	57.725km	7:50:37



Eddy Roze, Fabien Lombard, Florian Letourneau and Christine Lepage (photos Emmanuel Tardi)



Dominique Malochet, Benedicte Salomez and cobblestones (ouch!)

24 HEURES DE BOURGES, BOURGES, FRANCE, 28 FEBRUARY – 1 MARCH

Our tireless European correspondent Emmanuel Tardi was in Bourges at the end of February for the French 24 Hour Walk championships, an annual event and a big one. He reported as follows:

I was in Bourges (250km in the south of Paris) this weekend for our National 24 Hour Walk Championships. 79 contenders were on the start line at 1pm on Saturday - 68 for the 24 Hour event and 11 for the 2x6 Hour event. The first lap was 540m long, followed by laps of 2.688km, with the lap being shortened to 639m for the final hour. This enabled walkers to get an exact 100km time in transit.

In the first part of the race, the weather was very good (8°C and sunny) and the pace was on early. Remi Bonotte immediately took the race lead, walking at a speed faster than 10km/h. He reached the 50km mark in around 5hours, some 40 minutes ahead of the field. It was a very impressive start and nothing seemed likely to stop him. But he had not counted on the weather which deteriorated drastically in the middle of the night, with very cold conditions and drenching rain which lasted for around 4 hours. Thibaux (2nd place) and Letourneau (3rd place) stopped during the rain and Bonotte was forced to reduce his speed significantly and was walking very slowly by

Sunday morning. But his lead was sufficient and he won the French title with 199.84km in front of Emmanuel Lasalle 192.22km and the unstoppable 65 years old Gilles Letessier 188.23km.

In the women's race, Russian walker Tatiana Maslova lead from beginning to end. Everybody thought that Sandra Brown would challenge but it was not to be with Tatiana winning with 183.62km ahead of Sandra 180.45km. The battle for the French title saw a battle between Maggy Labyllle and Martine Navarro, Maggy winning with 171.22km, less than 1km ahead of Martine with 170.49km.

The ancillary event saw walkers walk for the first 6 hours and the last 6 hours of the race. Cedric Varain won this race with 104.34km. There were over 100 walkers in this event.

Pl	Num	Name	Laps	Distance	Cat Place
1.	5	BONNOTTE Remi	74	199.84 km	1 M
2.	17	LASSALLE Emmanuel	70	192.22 km	2 M
3.	51	LHOEST Daniel	69	188.23 km	3 M
4.	18	LETESSIER Gilles	68	186.05 km	4 M
5.	24	OLIVARES Mathieu	67	183.77 km	5 M
6.	95	MASLOVA Tatiana	67	183.62 km	1 F
7.	42	GILLES Philippe	67	182.18 km	6 M
8.	91	BROWN Sandra	66	180.45 km	2 F
9.	49	LABORIE Christophe	65	178.77 km	7 M
10.	12	GUILLEMANT Franck	65	176.35 km	8 M
11.	4	BOCUZE Daniel	64	174.74 km	9 M
12.	77	LABYLLE Maggy	63	171.22 km	3 F
13.	80	NAVARRO Martine	63	170.49 km	4 F
14.	41	FORESTIERI Alexandre	63	169.60 km	10 M
15.	93	DAVID Christine	61	166.40 km	5 F
16.	47	GRASSI Alain	61	165.46 km	11 M
17.	53	MAUDUIT Christian	61	164.39 km	12 M
18.	79	MAISON Sylvie	60	163.67 km	6 F
19.	3	BIET Christophe	60	162.21 km	13 M
20.	8	DANDOY Jeremy	60	162.08 km	14 M
21.	82	SALOMEZ Benedicte	59	161.04 km	7 F
22.	83	SONNOIS Martine	59	159.89 km	8 F
23.	15	KIEFFER Pascal	58	158.03 km	15 M
24.	52	MACKINTOSH Tony	58	156.41 km	16 M
25.	71	ARNAULT Francoise	57	155.59 km	9 F
26.	55	PICOT Gérard	57	155.46 km	17 M
27.	31	THEVENIN Pascal	57	155.28 km	18 M
28.	26	PERAMIN Willy	57	154.07 km	19 M
29.	94	LAWRIE Karen	57	153.72 km	10 F
30.	7	BUNEL Pascal	56	151.50 km	20 M
31.	34	THOUMELIN Laurent	56	151.39 km	21 M
32.	57	SADET François	55	150.19 km	22 M
33.	20	LINARD Benoit	55	149.19 km	23 M
34.	81	QUINQUETON Bernadette	55	148.89 km	11 F
35.	22	MASSON Pascal	54	148.27 km	24 M
36.	76	FABRE Francoise	54	146.46 km	12 F
37.	84	VIGNAUD Annette	54	145.74 km	13 F
38.	73	BIZARD Claudie	53	143.70 km	14 F
39.	74	BIZARD PLANCHOT Emilie	51	140.50 km	15 F
40.	13	HASSEVELDE Sebastien	52	139.75 km	25 M
41.	45	BLANCHOUIN Gaston	51	137.33 km	26 M
42.	92	CRILLEY Kathy	49	133.74 km	16 F
43.	50	LACROIX Jean-louis	48	131.15 km	27 M
44.	10	ELIEZER Jocelyn	46	124.25 km	28 M
45.	19	LETOURNEAU Florian	47	124.19 km	29 M
46.	27	RASSAIND Andre	46	123.34 km	30 M
47.	72	BERTHAULT-KORZHYK Anni	45	122.59 km	17 F
48.	30	SPIESER Jean-paul	40	109.08 km	31 M
49.	43	AUVILLE Daniel	39	106.16 km	32 M

50.	109	VARAIN Cédric	38	104.34 km	33 M
51.	56	PIERRE Patrick	38	101.89 km	34 M
52.	105	LABARRE Bertrand	35	96.46 km	35 M
53.	101	CHABIN Frederic	35	96.38 km	36 M
54.	108	SEYNAEVE Serge	34	93.69 km	37 M
55.	114	MESMOUDI Anne-marie	33	91.75 km	18 F
56.	111	ANXIONNAT Claudine	33	90.85 km	19 F
57.	113	PANNIER Josiane	33	90.52 km	20 F
58.	11	GEORGELIN Serge	34	89.25 km	38 M
59.	107	PICHON Jean	29	79.85 km	39 M
60.	2	ARNAULT Jacques	29	75.81 km	40 M

Thanks to Emmanuel Tardi for the following photos. Lots more at <https://plus.google.com/photos/113493053302679203574/albums/6121656637009156465>. And check out the race video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4IVxaFiApU&feature=youtu.be>



Remi Bonnette, Emmanuel Lasalle and Daniel Lhoest



Tatiana Maslova, Sandra Brown, Maggy Labyille and Martine Navarro

6 HEURES DE LA GORGUE, LA GORGUE, FRANCE, SUNDAY 8 MARCH

An event on the European calendar that I haven't heard of before, the 6 Heures de La Gorgue saw plenty of entrants: 18 walkers (12 racewalking and 6 nordic walking), 64 runners and 3 running teams. The website advises that the event was held in very nice spring weather with a slight breeze. Top ultra walker Eddy Roze walked with his wife, both of them crossing the line together in equal 5th place.

Racewalk Division, 6 Heures de La Gorgue

1.	GAMAY Jacques	48.407 km
2.	SAKESYN Olivier	48.407 km
3.	LESCURE Frédéric	44.985 km
4.	MARRUCHO Antonio	44.231 km
5.	ROZE Cindy	42.635 km
6.	ROZE Eddy	42.635 km
7.	CADET Daniel	36.686 km
8.	BAS Bernadette	34.361 km
9.	PLOCKYN Véronique	32.428 km
10.	BOUZIN Cécile	32.428 km
11.	MEUNINCK Katrien	29.955 km
12.	VANDERLINDE Véronique	21.431 km

Photos on the event website at <http://www.ville-lagorgue.fr/fr/temps-forts/evenements/1002-6-heures-de-la-gorgue-2015#nanogallery/nanoGallery/6123917366093562561>.

HISTORIC NEWS IN THE RACEWALKING WORLD

Elliot Denham reported last week on a significant event in the world of racewalking. Here is what he had to say

As reported by Erin Taylor-Talcott as she accepted the "Women's Athlete of the Year" plaque at the annual Shore Athletic Club Awards Banquet, held Sunday 8th March 2015 at The English Manor, Ocean Township, NJ. The news: **There will be an official women's 50K Championship Racewalk at the Pan American Racewalking Cup event coming up in Arica, Chile, May 7-8, 2015.**

"Yes, the women will be lining up with the men," said Taylor-Talcott. This will be major history as the event becomes the first true international championship race....ever... for women's 50K racewalkers.

And Taylor-Talcott gave much credit to Bob Hersh, USA delegate to the IAAF Council and the IAAF Council's Senior Vice President, for fighting to make this happen. "Bob saw the need and worked hard seeing that justice be done," said Taylor-Talcott. "He deserves a world of credit for doing what was necessary to get this achieved."

This is terrific news for those many female walkers have tested themselves out over the 50km distance over the years but have never had the chance to have their efforts fully recognised. Will this be a first step in that process?

WALKING FROM MELBOURNE TO ADELAIDE

Colin Hainsworth of the South Australian Masters walkers emailed me a few weeks ago to tell us about a big walk being planned by SAMA member Leigh Smith. Leigh, who turns 80 in April, is planning to walk from Melbourne to Hahndorf, in the Adelaide Hills, a distance of around 700km. Colin commented:

*Tim. As you know Leigh Smith is to commence his fund raising walk from Etihad Stadium, Melbourne to Hahndorf, Adelaide Hills on **Monday 13th April 2015 at 6.30 am**. It would be encouraging if some Vic walkers could be there to see him off and maybe walk a few of the first k's with him. Although this is not a race it could be good publicity for Walking in Australia. Leigh aims to complete the walk at the Hahndorf Oval prior to the ANZAC Day football match, 2 days before his 80th birthday. It shows that 'age is no barrier'!*

I'll be trying to ensure that there are plenty of us there to see him off, Colin!

My Story

Following a triple bypass heart operation in 1992 it was suggested that walking would be of assistance in my recovery.

After several months it was apparent my recovery had progressed to the extent that a friend who competed in race walking encouraged me to join the SA Masters Athletics. After competing for a couple of years at a local level I branched into interstate and overseas events and at 65 I had gold medals for 10k walk at State, Australian and World Masters Games plus numerous other medals. I am still competing at Santos Stadium Adelaide in local events and will continue to compete in the Australian Masters when they are held.



Over the past 25 years my family and friends have been affected with cancer and heart disease.

It is also a walk to say Thank You for all those people who have been involved in the sporting groups over the years that have given me immense pleasure including my wonderful wife who has given me her total support.

The walk will commence on Monday 12th April 2015 at the Etihad Stadium Docklands Melbourne and ends Saturday 25th April 2015 at the Hahndorf Football Oval prior to the Anzac Day football match against Mt Barker which coincidentally is two days before my 80th birthday

In taking this walk it is hoped that funds can be raised for research for the treatment and prevention of Cancer and Heart Disease.

PTO for donation page

You can check out Leigh's facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Leigh-Smiths-Thank-You-Walk/1554995831383166>.

In 1979, Australian Centurion **Jack Webber (C 2)** walked from Melbourne to Adelaide and set the standard for others to follow. He set off from Melbourne on Wednesday 15th August 1979 and reached Adelaide on Saturday August 25th to set a new walk record of an epic 10 days 2 hours 30 mins. He regarded this as perhaps his greatest achievement and he had the privilege of being accompanied by former Olympian Marjorie Jackson over the last few hundred metres - amid a great reception - to the Adelaide Town Hall. Geoff Peters, soon to become a Centurion himself, took two weeks of work to accompany Jack, providing massages each night and attending to all his needs throughout the day. Check it out at <http://www.centurions.org.au/centprofiles/02%20jack%20webber.pdf>.

ENGLISH CENTURIONS AGM

A short report from secretary Chris Flint on the English Centurions AGM which was held in Southwark, England, in late January.

Prior to, and after, the Centurions' well-attended AGM (in Southwark) was a wonderful 20 minutes' Slide Show

Presentation on a large screen. It was compiled by archivist Sue Clements, mostly recording the past year. The Centurions have a new Captain (Kathy Crilley) and new Assistant Secretary (Sue Clements). Other Officers remain in post. Two new Committee members were elected - Sandra Brown, who'd just stepped down as Captain, and Essex man Steve Kemp. Steve takes on responsibility for promoting their series of enjoyable Centurions' Social Walks. One is planned for Thursday 3 September (most Centurions are now retired) of around 25 miles starting/finishing at Burford Car Park, taking in Bourton-on-the-Water and parts of Gloucestershire on a 3-sided route. Nearer home one is planned around Colchester - Britain's oldest recorded town. A good choice as leading Centurion, the late John Hedgethorne, was a Tour Guide in Colchester after retiring from his Police duties. The AGM voted to accept the 2015 Isle-of-Man 100 Miles as a qualifying event for Centurions' membership. Full AGM details and also IOM 100 Miles entry information is on The Centurions website. After business, a number enjoyed a post-meeting meal and drink at the nearby Union Jack Club.

Sue Clements (C 35) emailed me a couple of very interesting photos from the Centurion presentation ceremony where all the new centurions who had qualified at Garons Park in August 2014 were presented with their badges and certificates. Sue explained: *One of them was Richard McChesney who is a NZ Centurion. I took the opportunity to capture the moment and thought you would be interested in the photos I took:*



The 3 newly qualified Centurions who attended the AGM: from left - Richard McChesney C1131, Mark Haynes C1134 and Tony Hill C1133



The 4 Centurions who have also qualified in New Zealand: from left: Sue Clements NZ C10 (GB C950), Richard McChesney NZ C19 (GB C1131), Sandra Brown NZ C4 (GB C735) and Jill Green C8 (NZ C898)

FINANCIAL NEWS

A quiet time for the club at the moment and we continue to keep our heads above water. A reminder that since we have now started our new financial year, it might be time for your annual donation if you have not contributed recently.

Income	Ian Valentine – donation	48.33
Expenditure	Photocopying	- 7.00
	V.F.Trainor – Farmer Trophy Engraving	- 25.00
	Keyhole Engraving – Gordon Smith Shield engraving, etc	<u>- 40.00</u>
Balance		\$741.37

UNTIL OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

Another bumper edition of the newsletter but a sad one as we farewell Geoff Peters. Geoff was always a great club supporter and an enthusiastic reader of our newsletter. I am sure that he would have appreciated the ultra walking news from around the world in this edition.

Yours in Centurion walking

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