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Executive Committee

(October 2017 to October 2018)

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| President: | Geoff O'Hara |
| Vice President: | Storm Foulkes |
| Vice President: | Philip Le Grove |
| Secretary: | Jane Long |
| Assistant Secretary: | Hilary Dawkins |
| Treasurer: | John Kerrison |
| Trips Secretary: | Kerry Scott |
| Ski & Hut Secretary: | Andrew Davey |
| Membership Officer: | Andrew Furminger |
| Committee Members: | Henk Broisma Carlin Dowling Jill Finch |

Club Delegates (at 30 June 2018)

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| Bushwalking Tasmania: | Andrew Davey Philip Le Grove |
| STSA: | Andrew Davey Fred Koolhof Liz Koolhof |
| Tasmanian Bicycle Council Inc | Linda and Tony Cook |
| Clarence Tracks and Trails: | Barry Ford |
| Auditor: | Geoff Morffew |
| Annual Report Editors: | Jane Long Geoff O'Hara |

PRESIDENT

Another excellent year for the vibrant Hobart Walking Club, a Club that fulfils the needs of our members. Walking tracks throughout the state are slowly being upgraded and other outdoor activities, which Club members join, are expanding. The Club offers a wide variety of walks, from easy and short day walks, through to 7-9 day extended trips to the most remote parts of Tasmania. This variety is the key to the success of walking program, however it is the around 90 members who fulfil the vital coordination and administrative roles that make the Club function. The Coordinators are there seven days a week generating, and then directing the walks. The strong Executive Committee provides management of the Club, the many Sub-Committees are the engine for the Club, and the various delegates, Information Technology, Social Media, and Circular members, ensure the Club fulfils obligations and provides real time information to our members.

Club membership remains strong and this year the Club managed 508 Club walking trips to all parts of Tasmania; a sign of a very healthy walking Club. In addition, cycling is another key success for the Club, as many members combine walking with other sports to enjoy the outdoors from a different perspective. There were 203 cycle trips undertaken during the year, displaying the strength of cycling in the Club. Snow skiing was again offered to Club members over the winter months, and the Club Hut at Mt Field, is well utilised during the ski season. Finally, the Club now offers kayaking as another option for members and there were a couple of trips offered including a 12-day paddle in Bathurst Harbour.

The Executive Committee worked on a number of programs to improve the Club for members, and also to improve administration, information technology, safety, and training. These included:

- Creation of a New Members Officer – the workload on the Membership Officer was recognised and a trial of a member

- to specifically cater for members joining the Club commenced in late 2017. The trial continues.
- Review of Club Meetings – as part of our Club Member Survey, two Club monthly meetings commenced at 6.30pm vice the usual 7.30pm. Members suggested the 7.30pm timeframe was a more suitable timeframe.
 - Review of Prospective Membership – Prospective Membership is a membership category for membership joining the Club. The review is looking at the need for full oversight of joining members. The review continues.
 - Constitution Change Minimum Age – the policy permitting persons to join the Club at 16 years was reviewed in line with current Working with Vulnerable People legislation. Only persons 18 years and older may join the Club.
 - New Web Site – The Canberra Bushwalking Club has developed a new Club web site and the HWC has purchased a copy of the program. Over the next 12 months our new website will be updated and formatted to meet HWC needs. This site will enable our members to be more involved in the Club program and better able to manage their membership and walking needs.
 - Hut Update – the entry for the Hut in the Tasmanian Heritage Register was updated, the lease for the Hut was extended a further 10 years out to October 2028, and the five yearly hut safety review was undertaken and signed off by the Tasmanian Fire Service.
 - Track Clearing Safety – the Club recognises the need to give back to the bushwalking community and conducts up to six track clearing activities each year. The Club meets all WHS legislative and Parks safety requirements during track clearing.
 - Review of the Member Survey – a Club membership survey was conducted in 2017 and the outcomes of the survey were reviewed to ensure tasks accepted have been commenced or completed.

- Kayaking Insurance – the Club was able to update our insurance policy to reflect non-ocean kayaking as an activity undertaken by Club members.
- The Club provided responses to Wellington Park Springs Master Plan, Frenchmans Cap RZ draft management plan, and the proposed development of Halls Island at Lake Malbina.

The Club Hut at Mt Field was again well utilised during the year and the working bees were well supported. The Hut Committee contribute so much to the upkeep and booking of the Hut and deserve special thanks for their efforts.

Chris Rathbone was recognised by the Club with Honorary Life Membership. Chris has been a stalwart of the Club for decades and is currently web manager and walk Coordinator.

HWC hosted the annual Tasmanian Interclub walking weekend in March. This was a good weekend and although numbers from other Clubs were low, everyone enjoyed walks offered. In April, the Club conducted an interclub visit with the Bayside Walking Club to the Daylesford area in Victoria. A very successful week of walking and HWC will host a return visit by Bayside Walking Club to Hobart in March 2019.

The Search Rescue and Training committee have again had a busy year conducting Essential Skills Training for new members, Coordinator Training to develop the skills for members wanting to coordinate Club walks, GPS and navigation training, and offering overnight walks for members interested in learning or improving their overnight walking knowledge.

It is very pleasing to see the Club develop and expand to meet the changing technological and personal needs of our members.

Enjoy the outdoors.

Geoff O’Hara, President

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the HWC was 942 members on 30 June 2018, a reduction of 5 members on FY 2016-17. We had 97 new members and also some re-joining after a short absence with 99 people not renewing their membership.

Sadly Club members Dean Ambroz, Gloria Barnes, Shirley Redmond and Honorary Life Members Bruce Davis, David Leaman and John Wythes passed away during the year.

More than 90% of the Club members utilised the paperless renewal of membership for FY18-19. Also more members are joining the Club via the Members Area of our website. However members are yet to fully utilise the Members Area which enables members to personally update their Club membership personal details, and access closed Club information.

Below are the membership statistics for the past three years.

Age Group Statistics at 30th June 2018

| Age | FY 2017-2018 | | | FY 2016-2017 | | | FY 2015-2016 | | |
|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| | M | F | Total | M | F | Total | M | F | Total |
| 16-18 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 19-24 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 25-29 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 30-39 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 7 | 18 | 25 | 6 | 11 | 17 |
| 40-49 | 22 | 39 | 61 | 22 | 35 | 57 | 21 | 35 | 56 |
| 50-59 | 67 | 116 | 183 | 68 | 122 | 190 | 80 | 126 | 206 |
| 60-69 | 148 | 211 | 359 | 157 | 215 | 372 | 159 | 208 | 367 |
| 70-79 | 120 | 121 | 241 | 123 | 103 | 226 | 112 | 83 | 195 |
| 80-89 | 31 | 25 | 56 | 28 | 27 | 55 | 24 | 22 | 46 |
| 90+ | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 403 | 539 | 942 | 413 | 534 | 947 | 408 | 502 | 910 |

Membership Statistics at 30 June 2018

| Category | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Hon. Life Members | 8 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 10 |
| Hon. Associate Members | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Associate Members | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Members | 798 | 806 | 781 | 762 | 723 |
| Prospective Members | 134 | 129 | 114 | 111 | 127 |
| Total | 942 | 947 | 910 | 889 | 864 |

35 Year Membership Certificates

Six members attained 35 years in the Club and were awarded Certificates. They are:

| | Date joined |
|-------------------|-------------|
| David Jupe | 11/01/1983 |
| Stephen Webber | 01/02/1983 |
| Elizabeth Ruthven | 03/03/1983 |
| Jan Cooper | 05/04/1983 |
| Robin Cooper | 05/04/1983 |
| Malcolm Macleod | 08/04/1983 |

50 Year Membership Certificates

Two members attained the significant milestone of 50 years membership in the Club and were awarded a Gold Certificates. They are:

| | Date joined |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Bernd Janisch | 01/10/1967 |
| Stephanie Schultz | 07/06/1968 |

65 Year Membership Certificates

One member attained the significant milestone of 65 years membership in the Club and was awarded a Gold Certificate. The member is:

| | Date joined |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Margaret Proudlock | 01/01/1953 |

Club recipients of Long and Significant Service Award are:

| | | | |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Margaret Knight | 2011 | Pam Powell | 2014 |
| Stuart Whitney | 2011 | Chris Rathbone | 2014 |
| Hillary Goodwin | 2011 | Vicki Martin | 2014 |
| Sylvia Ledger | 2011 | Midj Jones | 2014 |
| Anna Rau | 2011 | Geoff Morffew | 2015 |
| Roger Reed | 2011 | Tony Rae | 2015 |
| Phyl Wyatt | 2011 | Paul Geeves | 2015 |
| Barry Ford | 2012 | Linda Cook | 2016 |
| Jenny Ford | 2012 | Tony Cook | 2016 |
| Gloria Barnes | 2012 | Helen Daly | 2016 |
| Adrian Jowett | 2012 | Gill Fitzgerald | 2016 |
| Margaret Gould | 2012 | Storm Foulkes | 2016 |
| John Adams | 2013 | Heather Hurd | 2016 |
| Jim Anderson | 2013 | Roger Hurd | 2016 |
| Rosalie Davis | 2013 | Rupert Manners | 2016 |
| David Hardy | 2013 | Doug McLean | 2017 |
| Fred Koolhof | 2014 | David Pears | 2017 |

Club Life Members are:

John Cannon
Andrew Davey
Brian Haas
Val Linsell
Chris Rathbone
Sheila Reynolds
Stephanie Schulz
Bob Wyatt

Andrew Furminger, Membership Officer

TRIPS SUB-COMMITTEE

Trips Secretary

Kerry Scott

Trips Data

Jill Finch

Trips Data Assistants

Antonia Dunne

Vicki Martin

Walk Programmers

Overnight

Paul Geeves

W/E SE+ Day Trips

Judy Bond

W/E MM+ Day Trips

Trish Colles

Monday (Toddles)

John Gora, formerly Helen

Dalla-Fontana

Monday SE/SM

Rob Hill

Tuesday

John Dargue

Wednesday

Christine Philbrick; formerly

Mary Jolly

Thursday

John Kerrison

Midweek SE/SM

Judith Holmes

Midweek SNQ

Rinda Burgess

Dog Walks

Dawn Hendrick

Cycle Programmers

Tuesday Int

Chris Howard

Thursday SE

Cecilia Eriksson

Thursday Mod

Helen Daly

Thursday ME

Margaret McDonald and

David Pears

Another year has passed and although numbers are down on last year, we have had the opportunity to participate in many varying and fantastic activities offered by the club.

There were 711 trips (2017: 758) that went ahead in the year with a participation of 8253 individuals (2017: 8518). We should all congratulate and thank the Trip Programmers and the many Coordinators who together, give us this very exciting program.

There were 81 trips not included in the trips data as they were either cancelled or no report submitted. This could be a contributing factor to the drop of 47 trips reported this year. If we

want more accurate statistics then the need to get all trip reports entered is essential.

A special thanks to Jill Finch, Vicki Martin, Antonia Dunne and Chris Rathbone who keep the administration side of the program under control in a very timely manner.

The spread of trips undertaken is similar to last year with the dominant grade being day walks in the MM category (162 trips with 2,203 participants). Participation per trip is up slightly to 13.1 (2017 11.6). Helen Daly introduced a new cycle program on a Tuesday to offer club members another option to select from the cycling calendar.

There were 186 different coordinators this year compared to 185 in 2017 and 181 in 2016. The club held another coordinator training day in May and we had 19 future coordinators attend this session, many have since led walks.

Thanks to all who have assisted me throughout the year in making this role a much smoother process. Also, for your continual effort in trying to reduce accidents on our hazardous adventures.

The leading Trip Coordinators were as follows:

| Name | Description | No of Trips | No of days |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| Geoff O'Hara | walks | 5 | 29 |
| Helen Daly | walks & cycle | 21 | 28 |
| Rupert Manners | walks | 13 | 25 |
| Patricia Colles | walks | 19 | 22 |
| Paul Geeves | walks | 4 | 21 |
| Vicki Martin | walks | 13 | 20 |
| Judy Bond | walks | 17 | 17 |
| Josephine Castillo | walks | 3 | 17 |
| Rob Hill | walks | 16 | 16 |
| Linda Cook | cycle | 5 | 16 |
| Carolynne Smith | walks | 4 | 16 |
| Helen Dalla-Fonta | walks | 14 | 14 |
| John Kerrison | walks | 11 | 14 |
| Nick Hume | walks | 10 | 13 |
| Felicity Walsh | walks | 12 | 12 |
| Dale Carney | walks | 5 | 12 |
| Brian Haas | cycle | 5 | 12 |
| Sue Lovegrove | walks | 3 | 12 |
| Carole Nodder | walks & cycle | 11 | 11 |
| John Gora | walks | 11 | 11 |
| Chris Howard | cycle | 11 | 11 |
| Jill Finch | walks | 8 | 11 |
| Carlin Dowling | walks | 7 | 11 |
| Stacy Kirkby | walks | 5 | 11 |
| Kerry Scott | walks | 10 | 10 |
| Angela Devine | walks | 10 | 10 |
| Chris Rathbone | walks | 10 | 10 |
| Rinda Burgess | walks | 10 | 10 |
| Carmen Walker | walks | 10 | 10 |

Programmer Reports

Paul Geeves, Overnight walks: The 2017-18 overnight walks program was very strong. There was an exceptionally good summer extended trips program in terms of both the number of trips offered and the variety of destinations and types of walks offered. The number of leaders offering overnight and extended walks has grown in recent years, which has assisted in providing a strong and varied program. My thanks to the overnight and extended trips leaders who now make this role of coordinator so easy to undertake.

Trish Colles, Weekend MM walks: MM weekend walks have included a wide range of trips from local on the mountain to as far afield as Parson and Clark in the north of the state. My thanks to all those members who readily respond to my requests for coordinators to contribute to a varied and interesting program. It would be great to see new coordinators being willing to run MM weekend walks. I am available to mentor anyone who is keen but unsure of what is required.

Rob Hill, Monday SE/SM walks: I stopped organising Monday SE/SM walks towards the end of 2017. Reasons: 1. Small numbers of walkers attending; 2. difficulty in recruiting leaders as few walked on Mondays & it always seemed an imposition to ask; 3. I could not always attend as had other prior commitments. As the numbers on Wednesday SEs are often high [in 30s] I still think another mid-week SE/SM would be good. Our age demographic is still rising producing a demand for easier walks.

John Dargue, Tuesday MM walks: The Tuesday walkers had another great year, only repeating 3 walks during the year. The walks included the old favourites, plus 6 new ones. The coordinator training was very successful, resulting in 6 new coordinators who have already successfully led a number of walks. Popular walk locations continue to be: Bruny Island, Tasman Peninsula, Mt Field/Maydena area, Mt Wellington and the greater Hobart area. The programming of the year's walks

was simplified by the 24 enthusiastic coordinators who made the walking year so enjoyable.

Judith Holmes, Wednesday SE/SM walks: A variety of walks both in duration and location have been included in the Wednesday SE/SM walks. A much appreciated core group of walks Coordinators and now some newer leaders has made this possible and helped make the putting together of the program quite straight forward. Thanks to all who have led a walk or walks.

Christine Philbrick, Wednesday MM walks: After taking over from Mary Jolly at the beginning of the year, the Wednesday MM walks have continued to run smoothly due mostly to Mary's careful instructions and sorting out walk coordinators until the end of February. Numbers on walks have continued to vary from the high twenties for walks closer to home to around twelve for walks further afield. There has been a great crew of coordinators including two first time coordinators. All is well with Wednesday MM walks so far.

Dawn Hendrick, Dog walks: 10 Dog Walks were planned, including one Flash Dog walk. 50 humans participated on these walks with 30 recorded canines enjoying the experience too! The walk along Mays Beach in October had the highest attendance with 6 people and 5 dogs participating. My thanks to Rob Hill who should be awarded the Golden Lead award for conducting 6 of the 10 walks. Having a dog is not a requirement. We are always looking for new leaders, so if you have a dog or know of a good dog-friendly walk please get in touch.

Chris Howard, Tuesday rides: The Tuesday Cycling group had another successful year. Total distance ridden = 2,808km. 47 rides undertaken, 5 cancelled. Average distance ridden = 60km. Out of interest, in the previous year we rode 2,469km with an average of 57km/ride, however there were 9 rides cancelled. Over the 2017-18 year 492 riders participated in 47 rides, yielding an average of 10 cyclists for each ride. There were two rides with 19 participants. The most popular venues are in the

East (19) and the South (15), with the North (7), West (7) and Hobart (4) proving less utilised.

Margaret McDonald and David Pears, Thursday ME rides: The Medium Easy cycling group continues to go from strength to strength. To June 30th 2018 the average participation rate was 9.2, with a maximum of 20 riders, slightly down from the previous year. Poor weather conditions meant that rides were cancelled on five occasions and on four occasions there were only four riders. Riding distances have varied between 23-40kms with an average of 31.5kms. Several new rides have been introduced since the group's inception thanks to interest and input from Coordinators. On a few of our trips electric bikes have outnumbered pedal powered bikes.

Helen Daly, Thursday Moderate rides: The Thursday Moderate cycling group remains strong and well attended. We are constantly adding to our range of ride destinations. Summer rides are for obvious reasons more popular and swimming seems to have become an inclusion on these hotter days! Our average attendance has dropped to 10 but this is due to several winter rides (July and August in particular) where the weather was very poor. Riding distances between 35–60 km but the average distance around 42km.

Helen Daly, Tuesday Urban rides: Seventeen rides were offered between February and May 2018 for Tuesday Moderate Urban Rides - five ride destinations within the greater Hobart area. 50 riders attended with an average of 4 per ride. The program was suspended over the winter months as many cyclists intended to be travelling. This ride program will commence again, beginning of October 2018, and be offered over summer / autumn period. I don't believe there is enough participation to offer this program year round at this stage.

Linda and Tony Cook, Cycle tours and Overnight trips: Four cycling tours were held in 2017-18. Tamar River Tour: 3 days and 180km – 9 cyclists enjoyed this popular tour of northern Tasmania which is always held in the springtime. Southern Tour:

4 days and 170km – 3 cyclists on an undulating and scenic tour around the Channel. NW Tour: 8 days and 250km – 9 cyclists on this tour of a wonderful rural part of Tasmania. Caveside Easter Camp: 12 campers and great cycling.

Track Clearing

Report from Rupert Manners: At the beginning of 2018 Malcolm Sherlock and Rupert Manners had a meeting with the Tasmanian Parks & Wildlife Service to discuss the HWC track clearing program. Parks offered to give us an open authority to maintain the tracks we had been working on for the last few years. After a bit of hassling we got permission to work on the following ten tracks:

- Arthurs Peak track
- High Yellow Bluff track
- Cape Surville track
- Slide track
- Kermandie track
- Mt Wedge track
- Clarkes Cliff track
- Mt Mueller track
- Timbs track
- Huon track to Blakes Opening.

PWS also asked if we could add Mt Sprent track and the Lake Judd Track. Our authority was valid to 1st March 2019. During the year we had six working bees on some of these tracks.

HWC purchased a hedge trimmer during the year and now has 2 chainsaws and one hedge trimmer. The licenced operators are Rupert Manners, Malcolm Sherlock, Henk Brolsma and Miles Dowling. Rupert Manners, Malcolm Sherlock and Trish Colles obtained level 2 first aid certificates.

Thank you to all who participated in these working bees.

The following tables provide statistics on HWC Trips.

Kerry Scott, Trips Secretary

SUMMARY OF TRIPS

| <i>Day Trips - Walking</i> | | 2018 | | | 2017 | | |
|----------------------------|------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | | Trips | Participants | Average | Trips | Participants | Average |
| | LR | 7 | 49 | 7 | 7 | 70 | 10 |
| | MR | 32 | 287 | 9 | 29 | 270 | 9.3 |
| | LM | 43 | 470 | 10.9 | 38 | 463 | 12.2 |
| | MM | 162 | 2203 | 13.6 | 171 | 2349 | 13.7 |
| | SR | 3 | 40 | 13.3 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| | SM | 27 | 380 | 14.1 | 27 | 263 | 9.7 |
| | SE | 82 | 1543 | 18.8 | 126 | 1401 | 11.1 |
| | SNQ | 47 | 377 | 8 | 51 | 404 | 7.9 |
| | NQ | 49 | 658 | 13.4 | 45 | 638 | 14.2 |
| | DWNQ | 12 | 50 | 4.2 | 25 | 168 | 6.7 |
| Total Day Walks | | 464 | 6057 | 13.1 | 529 | 6138 | 11.6 |

| Extended Trips-Walking | | 2018 | | | 2017 | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | | Trips | Participants | Average | Trips | Participants | Average |
| | LR | 10 | 56 | 5.6 | 8 | 46 | 5.8 |
| | MM | 18 | 125 | 6.9 | 16 | 147 | 9.2 |
| | MR | 14 | 90 | 6.4 | 19 | 121 | 6.4 |
| | SM | 1 | 11 | 11 | | | |
| | LM | 1 | 9 | 9 | | | |
| Total Ext'd Walks | | 44 | 291 | 6.6 | 43 | 314 | 7.3 |
| Day Trips - Cycling | | 2018 | | | 2017 | | |
| | | Trips | Participants | Average | Trips | Participants | Average |
| | Int/cyc | 40 | 428 | 10.7 | 41 | 406 | 9.9 |
| | Mod/cyc | 66 | 610 | 9.2 | 55 | 817 | 14.9 |
| | ME/cyc | 43 | 448 | 10.4 | 35 | 420 | 12 |
| | SE/cyc | 43 | 290 | 6.7 | 49 | 359 | 7.3 |
| | CHA/cyc | 5 | 47 | 9.4 | | | |
| | Tour | 6 | 82 | 13.7 | 6 | 64 | 10.7 |
| Total Cycle Trips | | 203 | 1905 | 9.4 | 186 | 2066 | 11.1 |
| TOTAL | | 711 | 8253 | 11.6 | 758 | 8518 | 11.2 |
| Weekend | | 151 | 1400 | 9.3 | 165 | 1522 | 9.2 |
| Midweek | | 510 | 6480 | 12.7 | 364 | 4616 | 12.7 |

SEARCH, RESCUE & TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE

Members: Rupert Manners (Convenor from October 2017) Pam Powell (convenor to October 2017), Jamie Cotton (retired June 2018), Stuart Whitney, Sue Denman (Police Liaison), Chris Rathbone, Andrew Davey, David Young (from June 2018), Kerry Scott (Exec Rep)

The sub-committee is responsible for the organisation and conduct of introductory training days, maintenance of a call-out list for rescue activities, organisation of search groups, training of club members and monitoring the overall safety of the Club's activities. In addition, we write and update club booklets (Safety in the Bush and Emergency Management), review and make recommendations regarding incidents and accidents, and log trips for PLBs used on club walks.

Training for New Members

The sub-committee continued to run the Essential Skills training days required for new members to gain full membership in the Club. This program covers all aspects relating to day walking trips. During 2017/2018 we scheduled six Essential Skills Days with 72 prospective members attending. This compares with 65 for the previous year. One training day was cancelled.

Other Training Activities

Real Navigation. 10 members headed up to the top of Mt Wellington to really learn how to use their maps, compasses and GPSs. It was a really great day, fun and informative.

First Aid. 16 members attended a first aid course the Club put on with Red Cross. This was a non-accredited course and was tailored to help members deal with incidents in the bush.

Coordinator Training. The Club repeated the Coordinator Training day. We had some 20 participants. The aim of the course is to encourage and support members to become Coordinators. We judge the success of the course by seeing how many of the participants become Coordinators. The success rate for the 2017 course was 75%.

Search and Rescue

The sub-committee maintains a search and rescue call-out list from which we are able to mobilise searches when alerted by the Police. These callouts can range from remote difficult searches to local one-day searches. In recent years the police have tended to use helicopters to fly over wide spread search areas, sometimes locating the lost person in the process. This has resulted in more one-day searches or multi-day searches where the searchers go home each night. The sub-committee has continued to update and revamp our call-out lists using mobile phone technology. We currently have two primary police contacts who can send a text message to our expanded search list and a follow-up message to the member's email address with details of the search. The secondary contacts get in touch with those who are not on mobile phone or email. This enables us to get the message out quickly and get responses back quickly.

Callouts/alerts: Many Club members participated in the search for a lost bushwalker in Southern Tasmania.

Incident Monitoring

The sub-committee has a role in monitoring incidents occurring on club walks and if necessary making recommendations to the Executive regarding action. There were four incidents during the year, two were serious and involved helicopter rescue. Two other incidents happened in the environs of Hobart. One involved calling an ambulance and one involved some minor first aid performed by members. All incidents were handled appropriately.

Safety in the Bush

The sub-committee started the process of updating Safety in the Bush. The book is given to Prospectives when they join the Club. The plan would be that when completed we would publish it as an E-book.

Thanks

I want to record my thanks to those who led training days, ran training activities and maintained readiness for searches during

the year. A particular thanks to Pam who has led the committee for some 30 years.

Rupert Manners, SRT Convenor

CIRCULAR SUB-COMMITTEE

Co-ordinator: Jim Anderson
Editors: Helen Bethune Moore, Nola Errey, John Gora, Stephanie Schulz
Walks Data Entry: Jill Finch, Antonia Dunne, Vicki Martin
Mailing Officer: Lawrence Hemsley
Emailing Officer: Andrew Furminger
Circular production hosts & hostesses; mailing helpers; cover artists & photographers.

Circular production numbers as at 30 June 2018 are:-

| Circular style | Members | Others | Total | % |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Print | 286 | 3 | 289 | 35.2 |
| Email | 525 | 7 | 532 | 64.8 |
| Total | 811 | 10 | 821 | 100.0 |

Members who pay to receive a printed circular are now offered an email version as well. In this table, those members subscribing for print and email are counted in the Print category while members who subscribe for email alone are counted in the Email category.

Thank you to all the above-mentioned team for their dedication in producing the monthly circulars. In 2018 we have had an average of 10 mailing helpers per month at production homes, some of whom are regulars travelling to all suburbs. Perhaps others could assist when production is near their home. Addressing and wrapping the monthly circular is a pleasant social event which takes a couple of hours at most.

Jim Anderson, Circular Co-ordinator

PUBLICATION SALES

Sales figures for the financial year ending 30th June 2018 were as follows:-

| The Tasmanian Tramp: | Shops | Individuals | Total |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| No.31 | | 1 | 1 |
| No.34 | | 1 | 1 |
| No.35 | | 1 | 1 |
| No.38 | | 1 | 1 |
| No.39 | | 2 | 2 |
| No.40 | | 1 | 1 |
| No.41 | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| CD Tramp Nos.1-23 | | 2 | 2 |
| | | | |
| Safety in the Bush | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| Emergency Medicine | 6 | 2 | 8 |

Total items remaining:

Tramps

| | | | |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| No.21 – 16 | No.23 – 15 | No.24 – 39 | No.25 – 60 |
| No.26 – 49 | No.27 – 4 | No.31 – 54 | No.32 – 36 |
| No.34 – 39 | No.35 – 22 | No.38 – 47 | No.39 – 77 |
| No.40 – 77 | No.41 - 20 | | |

Tramp index 1-23 - 50

Safety in the Bush - 300

Emergency Medicine - 640

A list of current prices of all Club publications is shown on the HWC website, with all back copies of *Tramp* selling to members for only \$2. Car stickers – free.

There are also a number of back copies of second hand *Tramps*. Please contact me by phone or via the sales email if you would like to obtain one of these. The price will depend on the quality of the copy as some are facsimiles.

The Tasmanian Tramp No.42 will be launched in September 2018 and I would like to thank the Editorial sub-committee for

putting together what should be another interesting and informative bi-annual publication.

Ruth Raward, Publications Sales Officer

CLUB MEETINGS - ENTERTAINMENT

| | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|--|
| 2017 | | |
| July | Les Wood | Video – climbing Cape Huay |
| Aug | Suellen Jones | The Spires with Andrew Davey |
| Sept | Helen Daly | Historical huts of Mt Wellington |
| Oct | Kevin Doran | Mountains I have slept on |
| Nov | Chris Rathbone | Frenchmams Cap, Mt Anne & Gould Plateau |
| Dec | Vonda Kerrison & all | My most memorable walk/cycle |
| 2018 | | |
| Feb | Darren Cullen | Carnivorous plants |
| March | Jo Castillo | Cape Barren Island |
| April | Helen Daly & Kevin Smith | Cycling touring in New Zealand & NE Tasmania |
| May | Cancelled | Due to bad weather |
| June | Amanda Spong | The Norolds with Tony Woolford |

A big thank you to all guest speakers and others who helped in any way to make the monthly entertainment possible.

Vonda Kerrison, Entertainment Coordinator

SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Members: Gill Fitzgerald (Convenor), Trish Colles, Vonda Kerrison, Vicki Martin, Margaret Williams, Storm Foulkes (Exec Rep).

The Annual Dinner was held on 11th November 2017 and about 60 Members & guests enjoyed a pleasant evening. It is always good to see young and old, walkers and cyclists, and those less active, all getting together for a social occasion. The Dinner is an

important date on the calendar, as it is also when we recognize those in the Club who have made significant contributions.

The HWC end of year BBQ was held in December at Roger & Heather Hurd's home in Blackmans Bay. Participants enjoyed cooking on the barbeque, chatting and relaxing as the sun went down. Thank you to Roger & Heather Hurd.

The Annual January Picnic at Orana was a great success this year. A fine sunny day saw a good turnout, mostly cyclists. This was probably due to no walk being programmed, something we will have to address next year.

Gill Fitzgerald, Social Convener

EDITORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The committee has been joined by Gill Fitzgerald and Exec rep; Jill Finch. The committee now includes Helen Daly; Convener, John Cannon, John Adams, Karen Marriott, David Seymour, Gladys Seymour, Jill Finch and Gill Fitzgerald.

The Tasmanian Tramp No 42 is completed and due for launch September 2018. Once again, it looks to be an excellent Journal and continues in the tradition of celebrating the Club's members and activities.

I could not achieve this outcome without the support of a fantastic committee including; Gill Fitzgerald, Exec rep; Jill Finch, David and Gladys Seymour, John Cannon, John Adams and Karen Marriott. This is a very cohesive group who have a wide range of talent, knowledge and skills which combined together makes the process run smoothly.

Helen Daly, Editorial Convener

ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Members: Paul Geeves (Convener), D. Jupe, P. Watson, A. Davey (Exec Rep).

During 2017-18 the Environment Committee prepared detailed formal submissions on the Frenchmans Cap Draft Recreation Zone Management Plan and on the Development proposal for Halls Island Standing Camp, Lake Malbena.

In addition to these formal submissions, there were other assessments conducted that did not result in a formal submission.

The Draft Meehan Range Nature Recreation Area (Redgate Section) Management Statement 2017 was reviewed but no submission was lodged as no significant issues were identified. The new Tasmanian Place Names Bill was reviewed but no further submission was needed as the Hobart Walking Club's previous comments had been addressed in the Bill.

I would like to thank the Committee members for their assistance and valuable contributions.

Paul Geeves, Convenor

SKI & HUT SUB-COMMITTEE

Members: Andrew Davey (Secretary), Margaret Benham Simon Benham, Alan Holding, Fred Koolhof, Liz Koolhof, Paul Vince and, later Christina Nebel.

A big thanks to all who helped with the upkeep of the hut. Thanks also go to Dr David Griffiths who issued keys for some months when the key safe failed us – somehow someone changed to an unknown code.

It was another big year for works due to a few pending failures due to aging, wear and tear after the thorough check on the state of the hut last year. Water, some poor drainage and lack of flashing has not been kind to some of the structure. Considerable cleaning, renovation, repairs, maintenance and restocking occurred during three major working bees and wood carried and stacked on the third working bee. We had a decent turn out to help move the 4 tonne of wood, done in a day – many thanks.

Much more maintenance work is to be done over the next few years, continuing with foundation piers and front gutter drainage.

Overall hut use seemed fairly steady, but for a lull during mid-Spring – early summer in contrast to last year. After the earlier than usual cleanout, as the toilet was near maximum capacity, it has ran well.

A new easier-to-use electronic lock was fitted on the rear door. Comments have been very favourable about it. It has a precaution built in, a key over-ride in case of electronic failure or lost code, and a reset to original factory codes.

The hut was first put in to benefit the club's skiers. It was quite some time since we saw a busy hut at any time in winter, but it did improve somewhat during the 2017 snow. The hut was all but buried at one point. Given the bookings, it is good to see the possibility of some younger (and new older) skiers.

Work has been completed ahead of time for the large file of documents and checks forms that are now required to run the hut to meet safety standards. 13 documents are in the file! These must be reviewed by the Tasmanian Fire Service and other entities.

Andrew Davey, Ski and Hut Secretary

FACEBOOK

HWC created its Facebook group on the 14 May 2010. In 2017-18, the Club Executive developed guidelines to assist Members in determining appropriate posting to the FB feed. There are three Facebook Administrators including the current President.

As at June 2018, Facebook membership increased to 1473 consisting of 54% women, 44% men and 4% undisclosed. A break down into age reveals:

- under 17 years - 1%
- 18 to 24 year olds – 2.3% women and 2.8% men;
- 25 to 34 year olds – 12.3% women and 9.7% men;
- 35 to 44 year olds – 9.7% women and 9.1% men;

- 45 to 54 year olds – 9.5% women and 8% men;
- 55-64 year olds – 10.4% women and 7.1% men;
- 65+ year olds – 10.6% women and 8% men.

Members are mainly from Australia (1400), UK (14), USA (12) and New Zealand (6). Each month there are approximately 80 posts, 190 comments, with 1400 reactions (i.e. likes or similar). There are approximately 35 new members added each month with approximately 1000 active members.

The Club Facebook continues to keep members entertained, connected and informed of relevant matters by allowing:

- Club members to:

- share photos
- cancel and provide updates on activities
- organise Flash Walks, Flash Dog Walks and track clearing / working bees
- sell gear and equipment
- promote interest in interstate and overseas trips
- share relevant Club information and links to websites

- Non Club members to:

- become aware of the Club and what it has to offer in the way of activities through photos and links
- request information on how to join the Club and a point of contact to follow-up on membership questions
- access to the Club website

The Club Facebook Administration provides:

- a welcome message and link to the Club website for new Facebook members
- information on Club activities and creation of an events calendar
- links to Local and State Government and other organisations websites – including Parks and Wildlife Service, Forestry, Fire, Police and Bureau of Metrology
- links to websites providing information on track / road closures, weather reports / warnings and projects and proposals of interest to the Club.

Gill Mosmann, Facebook Administrator

WEB MANAGER

It has now been 5 years since the club's current web site started and 4 years since on-line trips management was introduced. It has proved to be effective although not without problems - both of confusion about operation and shortcomings in the design. Unfortunately, development support has effectively ceased for all but critical problems so most shortcomings have not been addressed. It is becoming essential to move to a new system where we can be confident of getting timely changes and support when needed. To this end the club has now committed to a new web site with the same developers as used by the Canberra Bushwalking Club (CBW). The 'off the shelf' website is now being examined and tested in detail by the web review committee. This committee is led by Jane Long with other members: Geoff O'Hara, Jill Finch, Carlin Dowling, Storm Foulkes, Judy Micklewright and Chris Rathbone.

Problems were also encountered with the Club's email service so the provider was changed in October to a once Australian owned company: Digital Pacific, which still is based in Australia. The new email service has allowed any number of additional emails to be added - so far one for hut and one for new members. The new provision also includes hosting of a web site and this is where the new web site is now based. The new service allows considerable control and access to the web based operations and data.

Chris Rathbone, Web Manager

EQUIPMENT

The Club has gear for hire to members for both club and private trips or activities within Tasmania.

The equipment includes:

- 4 tents – 2x2 person Macpac "Olympus"; 2x1 person Macpac "Microlight". These tents are suitable for use in all seasons.
- 5 rucksacks - 2 Aiking – 1 Universal, 1 Womens; 2 Macpac - 1 Cascade, 1 unnamed; 1 Berghaus 30+10 daypack
- 2 Trangia cooksets c/w fuel bottles

2 sleeping mats - 1 Thermarest self-inflating 3/4 length; 1 closed cell foam full length
1 PLBs - GME Accusat
1 compass - Silva Starter
1 pair waterproof overpants
1 pair knee length gaiters

Other equipment also available includes:

1 Siemens 16mm sound projector c/w spare reels.
1 Leica P2000 35mm slide projector c/w spare magazines.
1 Waterworth 35mm slide/strip projector.
1 Linda Hostess 6 litre urn.
1 Audio Telex P.A./Cassette Recorder c/w extension speaker.
1 Realistic FM Wireless Microphone System.
Cassette tapes and vinyl records of "folk" and other dance music.

Equipment usage continues in a similar pattern as previous years. 11 bookings were made during 2017-18: 5 for tents, 5 for the PLB and 1 for a rucksack.

Brian Haas, Equipment Custodian

ARCHIVE

A Club Archivist has not yet been appointed. The search continues.

DELEGATES' REPORTS

BUSHWALKING TASMANIA (BWT)

Delegates: Andrew Davey & Philip Le Grove

BWT represent all Tasmanian walkers, not only Clubs; the former helps with influence. BWT promotes having access, affordability and retaining customary use by Tasmanians as priorities for locals, not to be subsumed into tourism as if a mere commercial undertaking. Bushwalking Tasmania fosters and members perform considerable community works on walking-related infrastructure. This differentiates us from tourism / tourists and commercial interests.

For the second year we were able to increase membership of BWT by an additional club. The national insurance statistics show Tasmania has more than three times the per capita walker membership than the next nearest State.

In March we ran a track marking working bee on the neglected Cuvier Valley Track. This was very successful, but there is more to do, now pencilled for 17-18 November 2018. All welcome. Parks were extremely helpful in dropping off items by helicopter, providing a house, extra showers and large BBQ area to use.

During the course of the year we made several submissions, chiefly: Frenchmans Cap area, Halls Island of Lake Malbena, the wish to retain private vehicle access to and parking at Dove Lake, no wish for the NAAAS to apply to amateur bushwalking.

Again, we wrote and reminded a number of Authorities of the importance of maintaining traditional practices by Tasmanians, of which bushwalking is a key activity. We pursued providing better recognition of Bushwalking Tasmania and acceptance of what Tasmanian walkers want.

As part of this, we embarked on making thanks for and highlighting some of the work walkers and Clubs do for the public benefit. We included the Premier and the head of Parks. This resulted in the head of Parks returning a note of thanks and his telling us he'd remember to mention the good work to others. The Premier took the initiative to get more information so he could report on the good works of the Hobart Walking Club to Parliament as part of Volunteers Week.

Subsequently, a first, we received an invitation to accompany the Premier to the opening of the new hut at Lake Tahune, via helicopter. Weather intervened so we met at his offices in a friendly atmosphere. We met there again within three weeks when he expressed willingness to attend a Bushwalking Tasmania meeting.

Parks have built a free bookable platform for walkers at Waterfall Valley. Another set of free bookable platforms for us is also to be built this winter along the Cape Pillar track near Bare Knoll. Both will be expanded if there is enough use.

Andrew Davey remains President of Bushwalking Australia. In that position, he had to organise a national conference which was held at Katoomba, and successful. The topics mainly related to what a peak body is, should do and what can be reasonably expected of it in the bushwalking context. In answer to the National Australian Adventure Activity Standards, Bushwalking Australia has decided to write its own Manual, much like an updated Safety in the Bush.

Andrew Davey, Delegate.

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN SKI ASSOCIATION (STSA)

Delegates: Andrew Davey, Fred & Liz Koolhof

Other key helpers: Paul Vince and Tim Metcalfe

The last season had nine weeks of downhill skiing at Mt Mawson. The snow was the best since 1992. Tows and/or ropes were buried in places at times. The snow held well, and remained skiable for a couple of weeks after operations ceased. Good cross-country skiing was available too. For several days, it was easily skiable directly through the bush from the top of the ski field to the Hobart Walking Club Hut. The Golden Stairs were also popular with a few.

Sadly, there was so much snow it damaged Rodway Tow a few weeks into the season. The three web cams continued to prevent unnecessary trips before there was skiable snow and provide a more reliable decision on whether to operate tows or not.

HWC participated well in running tows on their duty weekends and continued to be a mainstay of ski patrol. There were no serious accidents, perhaps because there was less chance for the usual errant skier meeting rock.

We again had to use unheated containers to house public visitors and ski patrol. Work on the proposed 'Alpine Visitors Centre' to replace the former Sitzmark building and Belt Issue commenced, but was not ready for the 2018 season. More than ever the ski patrol looks forwards to overcoming the iced up locks and doors, often frozen or muddy floors of the containers used for shelter and handling casualties. Next season we expect there to be good facilities once more for walkers and skiers to enjoy near the foot of the Mawson ski run.

Summer to late autumn works ensured all tows were in good running order and batteries kept charged via solar panels. Rodway Tow received more attention than usual, unbending some poles bent under the huge load. There was thorough motor servicing on two tows. Some persons put in more days than reasonably expected to ensure readiness for a good 2018 season. Let's hope the snow obliges.

Formal STSA meetings were attended by Fred & Liz Koolhof, Paul Vince and, sometimes, Andrew Davey, all of whom have again helped patrol additional to their roster. Thanks are due to Tim Metcalfe who managed our tow operation weekends. Tim, Andrew and Paul have also helped overcome some tow machinery issues.

Andrew Davey, Delegate

TASMANIAN BICYCLE COUNCIL INC

All southern councils are supporting the implementation of cycling lanes across their municipalities. This encourages less cars on the roads, a healthier community and research is continuing to improve safer transport facilities. The State Government has become aware that Tasmania attracts interstate and overseas recreational and competitive cyclists.

Linda & Tony Cook, Delegates

CLARENCE TRACKS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Clarence City Council has continued to be an active supporter of tracks and trails development within its boundaries. Apart from a comprehensive internal tracks system, the long-

term aim is for a coastal trail, where practical, around its entire maritime and riverine boundary.

- Cremorne to Mays Point – for some two years the Committee has been waiting on Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) to give final approval to surface the existing pad and 4wd track through part of the nature reserve. I have been in active communication with PWS over what I consider to be a failing in its own management plan – so far without success. Hopefully Council will proceed with track works on its own land which comprises some two thirds of the length of the coastal track.
- Fort Direction – Council has negotiated a lease with the Army for access through its property to allow a track from the entrance gate to Fort Beach. This will provide for an extension from the Blessington track over Potters Hill and ultimately to Hope Beach. Unfortunately, the coastal trail cannot extend beyond Lone Pine around Cape Direction Beach because of extensive shearwater rookeries and possible surface ordinance.
- Mortimer Bay to Goat Bluff – negotiations are underway with the property owner to allow access to enable a track to be constructed.
- Tranmere – work has commenced to extend the coastal track beyond Pindos Point.
- Meehan Range – a track has been constructed to complete a circuit between Caves Hill and Flagstaff Hill. This is a shared route with bike riders. Work has also commenced on a track from the bike park to link with the Meehan Range skyline, thus avoiding the present steep approach.
- Single Hill – despite the reserve area having been fenced, the transfer to Council ownership has not yet taken place.
- Brinktop – a track from the Richmond township to the Brinktop reserve has been completed.
- Storm and Flood damage – considerable repairs to tracks and culvert pipes have been necessary following the April downpour.

The many minor track extensions/proposals are too numerous to be detailed in this brief report on activities over the last year.

Barry Ford, Delegate

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of this Committee the accompanying financial statements and the notes fairly represent the financial position of the Hobart Walking Club Inc. at 30 June 2018 and the results of the Club's financial performance for the year ended on that date.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of this committee and is signed on behalf of the committee by:



Geoff O'Hara, President



John Kerrison, Treasurer

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE *for the year ended 30 June 2018*

| | Notes | 2018 | 2017 |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| Income | | | |
| Members Subscriptions | | 30766 | 31219 |
| Donations | | 98 | 1188 |
| Sale of Publications | | 278 | 1411 |
| Lake Dobson Hut Fees | | 2230 | 3335 |
| Interest | | 2560 | 2510 |
| Social Functions | | 2240 | 2394 |
| Equipment hire | | 315 | 330 |
| Sales to Members | | 2440 | 4236 |
| | | 40927 | 46623 |

Less Expenditure

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Post, Printing, Stationery | 1282 | 1618 |
| Website | 3164 | 0 |
| HWC Office Rent | 2835 | 2655 |
| Meeting Room Hire | 713 | 791 |
| Bank Fees | 84 | 104 |
| Travel Expenses | 485 | 377 |
| General Meeting Expenses | 261 | 618 |
| Printing Tramp | | 7838 |
| Posting Tramp | | 730 |
| Other Publication Expenses | 631 | 39 |
| Stock Reduction | 2 578 | 820 |
| Lake Dobson Hut | 3 3030 | 3555 |
| Social Functions | 2483 | 2352 |
| Volunteer Recognition | 729 | 883 |
| Printing Circular | 5496 | 5217 |
| Posting Circular | 3515 | 3859 |
| Insurance | 3484 | 0 |
| Cost of Sales to Members | 1980 | 6760 |
| Training | 1493 | 1325 |
| Affiliation Fees | 1179 | 1179 |
| Marketing & Promotion | 132 | 277 |
| Office Equipment | | 90 |
| Track Clearing | 1534 | 629 |
| Donations | | 2000 |
| | 35088 | 43716 |
| Surplus for the year | 5839 | 2907 |
| Accumulated surplus 30/06/17 | 38136 | 88769 |
| Transfer to Hut Replacement Fund | | -10000 |
| Asset Revaluation | | -43540 |
| Accumulated surplus 30/6/18 | 43975 | 38136 |

BALANCE SHEET at 30 June 2018

| | Notes | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|-------|---------------|---------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| Members Equity | | | |
| Accumulated surplus | | 43975 | 38136 |
| Lake Dobson Memorial Hut Fund | | 60000 | 60000 |
| | | 103975 | 98136 |
| Represented by: | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Commonwealth Bank chq a/c | | 9732 | 16764 |
| Tasmania Perpetual Trustee – Long Term Fund | | 90000 | 90000 |
| Payments in Advance | | 5455 | 200 |
| Publications stock | 2 | 3142 | 3720 |
| | | 108330 | 110684 |
| Non-current Assets | | | |
| | | 0 | 0 |
| Total Assets | | 108330 | 110684 |
| Less Current Liabilities | | | |
| Subscriptions Prepaid | | 4355 | 12549 |
| | | 4355 | 12549 |
| Net Assets | | 103975 | 98136 |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Statement of accounting policies

(a) The financial statements are special purpose reports specifically prepared for distribution within the club. The Executive Committee has determined that the club is not a reporting entity as defined in the Statement of Accounting Concepts 1: Definition of a Reporting Entity and therefore application of all accounting standards is not mandatory.

(b) The stock of publications has been valued at the lower of historical cost and estimated realisable value.

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| 2. Stock adjustment | | |
| Stock at 30/6/2017 | 3720 | 4540 |
| Safety in the Bush reduction | 578 | 820 |
| Stock at 30/6/2018 | 3142 | 3720 |
| 3. Lake Dobson Memorial Hut | | |
| Gas & Firewood | 1009 | 1317 |
| General Hut Maintenance | 782 | 1034 |
| Crown Land Licence Fee | 792 | 792 |
| Derwent Valley Council Fire Levy & Rates | 447 | 412 |
| | 3030 | 3555 |

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of the Hobart Walking Club Inc

Scope

I have audited the special purpose financial report of the Hobart Walking Club Inc (the Club) comprising a Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2018, together with explanatory notes. The Executive Committee of the Club is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Club and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Club. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purposes than for which it was prepared.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies adopted so as to present a view that is consistent with my understanding of the financial position of the Hobart Walking Club Inc and the results of its financial performance.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Limitation of Scope

It was not possible for the Executive Committee to establish complete accounting control over cash received until its initial entry in the accounting records, nor was it practicable to perform audit procedures to satisfy myself that all income had been received and recorded. Verification therefore has been limited to the receipt of funds recorded in the Club's financial records.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the special purpose financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Hobart Walking Club Inc as at 30 June 2018, and the results of its financial performance for the year then ended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Morffew', written in a cursive style.

Geoff Morffew, FCPA
20 August 2018