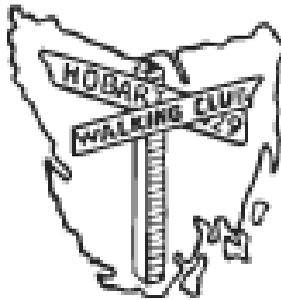


**81st  
ANNUAL REPORT**

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**Hobart Walking Club Inc.**

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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

(October 2009 to October 2010)

President:	Midj Jones
Vice President:	John Cannon
Vice President:	Pieter Buining
Secretary:	Ruth Raward
Assistant Secretary	Kay Mallinson
Treasurer:	Rupert Manners
Walks Secretary:	Andrew Davey
Ski & Hut Secretary:	Fred Koolhof
Membership Officer:	Stephanie Schulz
Committee Members:	Gill Fitzgerald Chanchal Foxen John Olle
Auditor:	Richard James B.Bus., P.N.A
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Editors:	Ruth Raward, Rupert Manners

### **Club Delegates as at 30 June 2010**

#### **Bush Walking Tasmania**

Pieter Buining, Andrew Davey, Kay Mallinson

#### **Southern Tasmanian Ski Association (STSA)**

John Adams, Andrew Davey, Fred Koolhof

#### **Tasmanian Bicycle Council Inc**

Linda and Tony Cook

#### **Clarence Tracks and Trails Committee**

Barry Ford, Bob Wyatt

#### **Wellington Park Management Trust Committee**

John Cannon

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome to the Hobart Walking Club's 81st annual report. As always, our Club Members continue to go walking and cycling in great numbers and we continue to attract new Members. We all belong to a Club we can be proud of.

This year's success is the result of much work by our army of administrative volunteers - near one hundred, and our walks leaders. I thank all these people for their contributions, however large or small, without which the Club would fade away. I thank the contributors to this report for their considered effort. I thank the conveners, constituents and aides of all the various committees for the smooth operation of Club functions this year. I thank our custodians, officers and delegates for their work. The reports you read in the following pages make a full and excellent history of our Club's year.

Some Presidential engagements were the Club's 80th Anniversary in November and the Northwest Walking Club's 50th Anniversary in April. I was interviewed by ABC radio and "The Mercury" on bushwalking topics, assisting to maintain HWC's public profile.

The 100th birthday of Jessie Luckman HLM was our May highlight. (And I can't help mentioning that I produced the birthday card, featuring HWC history.) Jessie is our first Club Member to reach 100, although two of her acquaintances, both now over 100, are former Club Members - Nancy Weaver (nee Shaw) and Eve Masterman.

It has been a busy and worthwhile year for the Executive Committee, with some of the Club's administrative achievements following. We made several essential alterations to the Constitution, Rules and By-laws. These addressed the Club's risk management; clarified some points regarding operation of the Executive and general meetings; limited the tenure of Executive office bearers; and incorporated privacy provisions into our Club Membership list, while allowing for the addition of email addresses.

Efforts to set future directions for the Club began in March, with results so far being a "Facebook" presence; joint walks with Tas. University Bushwalking Club; a review of the procedures and operation of Training Trips; and the suggestion of a cycling code of conduct. These ideas will be furthered in the coming year.

I have enjoyed this year, and look forward to next year being equally positive. Please enjoy reading this Annual Report, and maybe think about joining our volunteer work force.

**Midj Jones, President.**

## **SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

Members: Vicki Martin, Linda Cook, Gill Fitzgerald, Kay Mallinson, Bob & Phyl Wyatt

Our 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner (lunch this time) was held at Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009. There were 98 participants, who enjoyed presentations, quizzes and a display of HWC memorabilia set up by Bob Wyatt. It was a wonderful occasion with representatives from many eras of the club's history.

December saw a pleasant gathering for our Christmas Barbeque. Thank you to our hosts Alison and John Street for providing their lovely bush garden in South Hobart.

The Orana picnic was a great success as always with a lovely warm day encouraging many to take to the water.

Another successful social event was in March when the President invited guests to a musical afternoon to celebrate her house turning 100!

Prior to our General meeting in May many members and guests gathered to celebrate a happy occasion; the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of well known long time member, Jessie Luckman.

Thank you to all Club members who have helped with our social events in the last year.

**Gill Fitzgerald, Social Convener**

**CIRCULAR SUB-COMMITTEE**

Co-ordinator: Jim Anderson  
 Editors: Ken Chilcott, Brian Kearsley, Doug McLean,  
 Walks Data Entry: Vicki Martin  
 Mailing Officer: Lawrence Hemsley  
 Emailing Officer: Stephanie Schulz  
 Circular production hosts & hostesses; mailing helpers; cover artists & photographers.

Circular production numbers as at 30 June 2010 are:-

<b>Circular style</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Print	402	8	410
Email	264	2	266
Total	666	10	676

Thank you to all of the above-mentioned team for their dedication in producing the monthly circulars.

In 2010 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. Preparation is a pleasant social event which takes a couple of hours at most.

**Jim Anderson, Circular Co-ordinator**

**WALKS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Walks Data: Vicki Martin

Walks Coordinators:

Overnight Walks: Paul Geeves

Tuesday Walks: Heather Hurd

Wednesday Walks: Bernd Janisch

Thursday Walks: Malcolm Sherlock

Weekend SE / SM: Jeanette Brown & Judith Holmes (latter retired April)

Weekend MM+ day walks: Chris Rathbone

Midweek SE / SM: Felicity Walch

SCNQ (midweek): John Pickmere then Bob Wyatt

On many occasions I have received very favourable comments about our walks program, within and outside the club. Several new peaks were visited and a second member had “bagged” all the peaks. Many members are responsible for our excellent walks program. First and foremost great thanks are due to many who have coordinated walks sectors, lead or offered walks, assembled the walks program, entered preview and report data and checked walks descriptions. Above all we are a walking club, so without the above persons we'd be as useful as a castor on a desperately needed walking stick.

It is unfortunate that health recently caused John Pickmere to very reluctantly cease coordinating walks after many years of great service to the club in this and other ways: many thanks John. Judith Holmes has also had to depart her coordinating role, but, most kindly, agreed to help should there be an emergency - thanks Judith for your help with SM / SE walks. Without the considerable effort of Vicki Martin the orderly previewing, programming and reporting of walks would have been a disaster. In summer I was frequently away walking so relied on Vicki greatly - oh so many many thanks. Chris Rathbone and Paul Geeves also agreed to field queries about walks details in my absence. Chris Rathbone also learnt the ways of the walks data officer to allow our very hard working Vicki Martin a break.

What was new: to encourage younger membership by having a few walks where at least several under 25 year old walkers could be expected, we initiated combined walks with the Tasmania University Walking Club who have expressed thanks for our interest and the walks. Some of us were also made members of their club. We hope to produce an advanced program of such walks in future. An HWC Facebook site was commenced to allow walk offers at short notice AND to encourage younger members. Several successful HWC Facebook walks occurred. I began a long process of putting together extra information on walks where more detail is essential for success.

Participation: this is fairly even throughout the year, except perhaps for extended walks. It seems MM walks were the single most popular category, especially midweek, followed by SE, SCNQ, SM then MR; these walks averaged near ten per walk. It should be noted that several programmed walks occurred as programmed, but with fewer than four which allows the walks to be recognised as official club walks, thus club data shows these as having not occurred. The walks were usually

harder, faster or overnight in nature. It appears the club continues to steadily lose what were hard-core walkers due to age. The good news is that there are now have some younger peak baggers emerging who will join the club after having attended walks as guests.

Quite a few members also attend walks organised by email invitation between members. Some HWC members are also members of other clubs in order to extend their opportunity for easier walks / rambles.

We invite members to lead walks, rambles or other suitable activities, even if you never have. What ever your age or experience make an offer or talk to the Walks Secretary, a Walks Coordinator or the Walks Data Officer - you will be most welcome.

Communication: because of poor email reception at home (rural), I was mostly forced to use a private email address (when at Cygnet) which disallowed reading mail addressed walks@hobartwalkingclub.org.au. Fortunately Vicki can read mail to that address.

### Walks Organised for 1 / 7 / 09 to 30 / 6 / 10

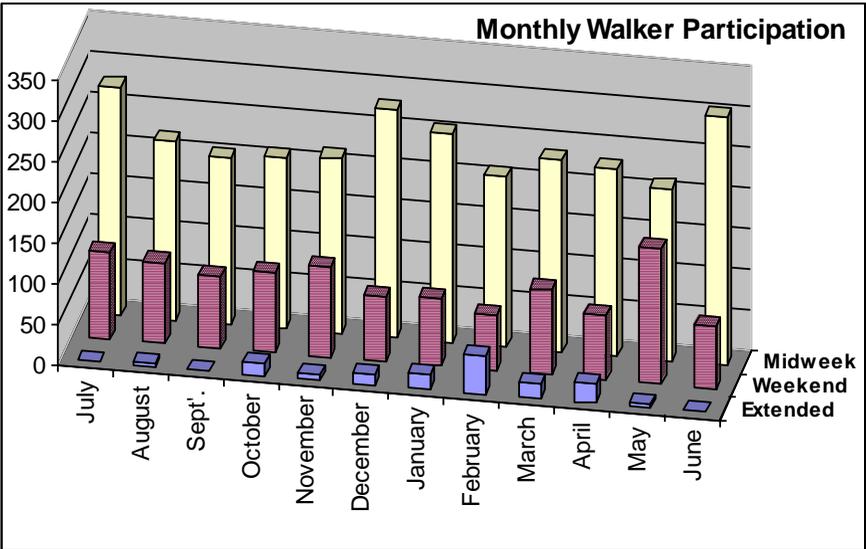
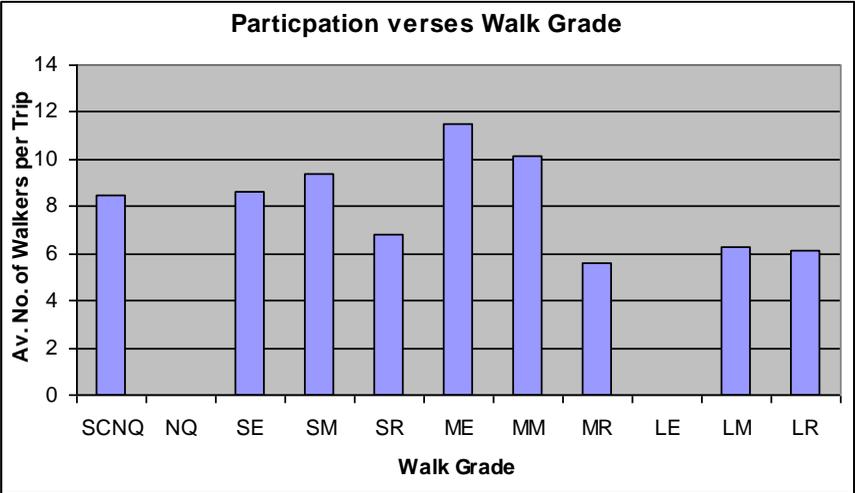
Month	SCNQ	NQ	SE	SM	SR	ME	MM	MR	LE	LM	LR
<b>July</b>	5	0	9	4	1	0	18	2	0	1	0
<b>August</b>	4	0	7	6	1	0	13	3	0	4	0
<b>September</b>	4	0	10	2	0	2	21	3	0	1	0
<b>October</b>	6	0	7	4	0	0	15	6	0	6	1
<b>November</b>	4	0	9	3	1	0	8	7	0	1	4
<b>December</b>	4	0	5	4	0	1	13	5	0	5	1
<b>January</b>	5	0	8	4	1	0	11	3	0	3	3
<b>February</b>	4	0	5	3	0	0	11	8	0	4	4
<b>March</b>	4	0	8	1	0	1	12	5	0	4	1
<b>April</b>	5	0	8	2	0	1	13	4	0	6	1
<b>May</b>	4	0	11	2	1	1	12	4	0	0	1
<b>June</b>	4	0	7	0	0	0	20	3	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	53	0	94	35	5	6	167	53	0	36	16

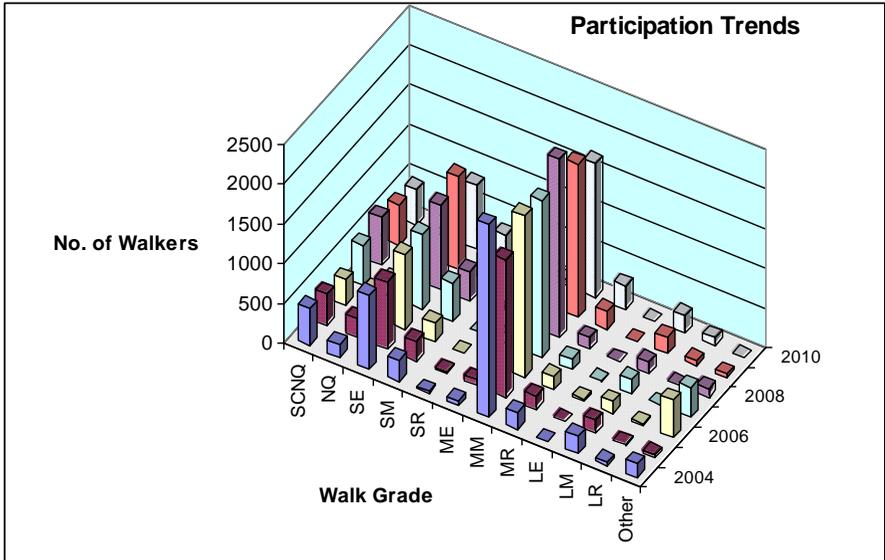
**Walk Participation for 1 / 7 / 09 to 30 / 6 / 10**

Month	SCNQ	SE	SM	SR	ME	MM	MR	LE	LM	LR
July	48	43	51	7	0	227	5	0	5	0
August	30	66	46	10	0	132	17	0	21	0
September	35	63	19	0	20	124	14	0	16	0
October	31	50	13	0	0	131	12	0	51	8
November	33	90	45	17	0	67	30	0	8	29
December	40	38	48	0	23	126	56	0	31	5
January	51	75	35	0	0	127	14	0	17	25
February	36	37	21	0	0	127	74	0	6	22
March	28	72	11	0	10	155	27	0	28	0
April	37	82	22	0	16	130	11	0	35	0
May	40	117	18	0	0	137	11	0	0	9
June	42	75	0	0	0	207	24	0	8	0
<b>Totals</b>	451	808	329	34	69	1690	295	0	226	98

**Midweek, Weekend & Extended Walks for 1 / 7 / 09 to 30 / 6 / 10**

	Weekend		Midweek		Extended		Total	Total
Month	Walks	Walkers	Walks	Walkers	Walks	Walkers	Walks	Walkers
Jul	17	106	23	280	0	0	40	386
Aug	17	99	20	219	1	4	38	322
Sep	17	88	24	203	2	0	43	291
Oct	21	97	23	210	3	15	47	322
Nov	18	109	20	214	1	7	39	330
Dec	13	80	23	279	3	12	39	371
Jan	15	83	22	256	3	18	40	357
Feb	14	68	20	209	5	46	39	323
Mar	15	104	23	235	2	18	40	357
Apr	15	79	23	230	4	24	42	333
May	19	167	20	211	1	5	40	383
Jun	13	77	24	304	0	0	37	381
<b>Totals</b>	194	1157	265	2850	25	149	484	4156





Very Safe and Happy Walking for 2010 - 2011,

Andrew Davey  
Walks Secretary

### PUBLICATION SALES

Sales of back issues of The Tasmanian Tramp continued at a slow pace during the year. A few were sold on Ebay to test the response. Some were sold, however, the price received and the time involved did not warrant continuing at this time. Again sales have been slow. The new Tramp index (1-36) is available in both hardcopy (\$25) and on CD (\$5).

Safety in the Bush has not been selling as well as in previous years and an attempt will be made to sell more copies of this excellent reference source through the local bookstores. Tramp No 38 is due out this year and the retail outlets will be keen to receive their allocation.

Doug McLean

## EDITORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The latest Tasmanian Tramp No. 38, is now complete and ready to be forwarded to members. While putting the Tramp together is quite an involved process that generally takes about 12 to 14 months, it is a rewarding experience.

The committee members of John Cannon, John Adams, Karen Marriott and Catherine Errey share the work load and make the process run quite smoothly. I would like to thank all people who sent in articles, photos, sketches and have supported the production of this latest Tasmanian Tramp. I feel that it is a worthwhile production and the HWC should be commended for being able to continuously produce this high quality journal over such an extended period of time.

**Helen Daly - Editorial Convenor**

## MEMBERSHIP

The decline in membership continued during the past year. This is a concern for the viability of the Club considering the ageing of the membership.

A small group of members is working on strategies to encourage people in the younger age groups to join the Club. This group deserves the support of all current members.

Sadly the number of Life Members was reduced with the death of Ken Iredale in April 2010.

### Membership Statistics at 30 June 2010

Category	2010	2009	2008
Hon. Life Members	10	11	11
Hon. Assoc Members	1	1	1
Associate Members	2	2	2
Members	692	767	764
Prospective Members	61	46	68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>847</b>

27 prospective members qualified for full membership during the year and 6 former members rejoined the Club.

**Age Group Statistics at 30 June 2010**

Age group	2010			2009		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
16-18	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>
19-24	3	0	<b>3</b>	4	3	<b>7</b>
25-29	2	2	<b>4</b>	2	4	<b>6</b>
30-39	10	17	<b>27</b>	18	16	<b>34</b>
40-49	33	55	<b>88</b>	43	60	<b>103</b>
50-59	102	126	<b>228</b>	113	141	<b>254</b>
60-69	133	139	<b>272</b>	131	133	<b>264</b>
70-79	59	45	<b>104</b>	64	52	<b>116</b>
80-89	15	21	<b>36</b>	17	22	<b>39</b>
90+	1	1	<b>2</b>	2	1	<b>3</b>
UNK	1	1	<b>2</b>	1	0	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	359	407	<b>766</b>	395	432	<b>827</b>

**Stephanie Schulz, Membership Officer****SEARCH, RESCUE & TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Members: Pam Powell (Convenor), Malcolm Sherlock, Greg Downer, Glen Kowalik, Chris Rathbone, Stuart Whitney, Vicki Martin, Barry Mulheran, Sue Denman, Pieter Buining (Exec Rep)

The committee is responsible for the organisation and conduct of introductory training trips, 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.

**Training Trips.** The committee organised 6 training trips between July 2009 and June 2010 for 27 prospective members. This is compared with 46 prospective members being trained in the preceding year. The training trips were held at Lime Bay and the Steppes.

**Training Activities.** We organised the annual training weekend at the Steppes Reserve held in May. This year 27 members attended, with only 3 of these being new members (trainees or having just completed their training trip). The morning was devoted to navigation training (maps and compass refresher, short exercise and discussion of GPS and PLBs). In the afternoon we discussed first aid, concentrating on

bites: snake, spider, leech, tick, and mosquito. We then had a short river crossing scenario and discussed trip planning when what you plan doesn't quite work out in the execution and lessons learned as a result. The day concluded with a BBQ and discussions around the fire. Sunday we had a day walk to Table Mountain.

**Search and Rescue.** The committee maintains a search and rescue call-out list (about 40 members at the moment), from which we are able to mobilize searches when alerted by the Police. The expectation has been that we will mainly be called upon to assist in more remote areas where our knowledge and experience is particularly valuable. We need to continue to encourage experienced members, who can be available at short notice for some if not all call-outs, to enlist.

Some of the callout members participated in the annual search and rescue exercise (SAREX) organized by the Police Search and Rescue Squad.

During the year there were two occasions when the police called for experienced bushwalkers to help in searching for lost people that did not require an overnight or remote commitment. The search around the Tahune Air Walk area went on for some days with sadly no sign found of the lost person.

As a result of a perceived need and police request, the Club is considering setting up a day-only volunteer list and a system for calling on these people at short notice.

**Safety in the Bush.** We are still working on the short version of Safety in the Bush and expect to have the published version available in the coming year.

**Thanks.** We once again want to record our thanks to those who led training trips, ran training activities and participated in searches during the year.

**Pam Powell, Convenor**

## **ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

The 2009-10 year has been a reasonably quiet one for the Environment Committee. Formal Club submissions prepared by the Committee in response to various planning documents were:-

Submission to the Wellington Management Trust draft sustainable transport system paper October 2009

Submission to the Coningham Nature Recreation Area Draft Management Statement 2009

Submission to the review of the *Survey Co-Ordination Act 1944*

In addition the Environment Committee indicated to the Executive its support for the Bushwalking Tasmania letter on the Three Capes proposal as this letter confirmed the advice previously provided in the Club's submission on this proposal.

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

**Paul Geeves, Convenor**

## **SKI & HUT SUB-COMMITTEE**

Members: Fred Koolhof, Liz Koolhof, Allen Holding, Adrian Jowett, Liz Gillian, Joanna de Burgh, Val Linsell, Ian Picken, Franz Rader, Robyn Rader, Roger Reed, Andrew Davey

The working bees at the Lake Dobson Memorial Hut were well attended this year. The main job was to paint all the window frames. This was achieved on the warm sunny days of the working bee weekends. The new vacuum cleaner was very useful for spring cleaning. The notice board of the history of the Hut was also upgraded. The usual maintenance and many other jobs were completed.

Members and visitors made more use of the Hut during the last year, including 20 visitors from the Victorian National Parks Association who stayed for a week in January. They enjoyed the atmosphere of the Hut, had a great time and did more walking than they bargained for. I'm sure they will be back some time in the future.

The ski season lasted 5 weekends, with a good cover for most of that time. Tow Duty weekends were poorly attended: we do need more helpers on these occasions. Helpers do not have to be skiers. I thank the Committee and all the members who assisted over the year with the Hut maintenance and working bees.

**Fred Koolhof, Ski and Hut Secretary**

**WEB MANAGER**

Our website is alive and well, still our main interface with the world, with much information for new and existing Members. I have added more photos too, kindly sent in following Club events. Also, there is interesting stuff for Members such as bus timetables, sunset and tide times on our "Trip Planning Links" page. Let me know of things you'd like added. It's there for you as well as the rest of the world.

While our "Facebook" presence is still under development there may be some overlap or deficiencies, but eventually the two sites should, in combination, be a great communication resource.

**Midj Jones, Web Manager.**

**FACEBOOK**

In response to concerns about the lack of younger members, HWC has set up two pages on the internet social networking site Facebook. "Hobart Walking Club" is a club or society page set up by Rohan Hutchinson on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2010, has 70 members, and "HWC Flashwalks" set up by Kay Mallinson, has 21.

Any interested person can join "Hobart Walking Club", but walks are to be posted by HWC members only, and any non compliers can be removed by the site administrators.

You have to join Facebook (free), before you can join the group The Hobart Walking Club.

Over the past two months it has evolved into a forum where the upcoming walks from the circular are posted (currently by Gill Mosmann), in a form modified to obscure start details, since everything is open to public view.

The other main use has been the sharing of photos and comments from club trips.

Rohan Hutchinson and a few others have posted the occasional "flashwalk" (walk organised at short notice) in the discussions section. HWC Flashwalks is set up as a "person", only open to Club members to befriend, and is intended to provide a forum for members to organise walks over a shorter timeframe than that allowed by the circular. This page is only visible to "friends".

Currently its intended function is being catered for on the Hobart Walking Club page.

Vicki "Walks Data" Martin is keeping an eye out for walks originating from Facebook, but since members have always organised private walks, ensuring Facebook walks are always "official" may not be necessary or desirable.

### **Kay Mallinson, Co-ordinator**

#### **GENERAL MEETING ENTERTAINMENT**

July	Andrew Davey	Western Arthurs; then & now
August	*Qug McKendrick-King	Port Davey
Sept	*John Biggs	Travels with Authority
Oct	Ruth Raward & Alan Wilson	Travels in Nepal
Nov	Bruce Davis	From Hillary to today – the impact of tourism on Nepalese Sherpas
Dec	John Adams	Bay of Fires walk & El camino del Rey
Feb	Fred Lakin & Barry Ford	The Spires 50 years ago
March	Jason Turvey	The 14 highest peaks in Australia by snow shoe
April	*Michael & Robyn Loughhead	The Kakoda Trail
May	*Dennis Turner	Memories of Adamsfield
June	Andrew Davey & Paul Geeves	Completing the Peak Baggers list

\*visitor



Rucksacks	5x for t/trips, 2x for c/trips and 1x for p/trip
Cooksets	3x for t/trips, 3x for c/trips
Sleeping mats	5x for t/trips
Sleeping bags	2x for t/trips
PLBs	1x for t/trip, 11x for club trips and 7x for private trips.

Overall equipment used slightly more than last year.

### **Brian Haas, Equipment Custodian**

## **LIBRARY**

The Club's library was augmented this year by the generous donation by Dorothy Pearce of her mountaineering library. As a result there have been more books taken out than ever before.

Some thought is being given to transferring some of the books from the Club office to the Lake Dobson Hut to enable members to read them on a more informal basis.

### **John Cannon, Custodian**

## **CYCLING GROUPS**

### **Short/Easy Rides**

Out of a possible 52 rides scheduled during the twelve months, 47 took place. 5 were cancelled – 3 for wet weather, 2 for temperatures over 30 degrees.

There were a total of 487 person/rides during the year, which was 70 less than 557 person/rides last year. The drop in rides is due to the maximum number in the group falling from 20 to 16. 4 previous riders are no longer able to participate. However, another 3 possible riders participate during school holidays.

Distances of weekly rides varied from 15 – 25 kms.

A base camp was held in Bicheno in August, during which 6 cyclists participated.

### **John Pickmere, Co-ordinator**

## **Tuesday Rides**

Numbers vary on our Tuesday rides, depending on who is touring overseas or on the mainland. We hold a regular 6 to 8 riders and, sometimes, as many as 12. In the last 12 months we have had two ladies join our group on a regular basis, Sue Hunt and Sue Newstead. They have had a calming effect and the testosterone levels have reduced somewhat.

In February we had a tour of the north-east and central north of Tasmania with 8 riders participating. The total distance covered was some 560km over the 6 days. Accommodation was in shearers' quarters, youth hostels and caravan parks enabling a hot shower and comfortable bed each night, something which our vintage appreciates greatly. The first two days of the tour were quite challenging, namely, the leg from Ross to Benham through Windfalls. On the second day the ride from Benham to Upper Blessington over Roses Tier was a real grunt. The two ladies in the group paid a local to drive them, with their bikes, to the top of Roses Tier. Unfortunately for them, they didn't have any change (and the driver didn't offer) so the cost of their ride turned out to be quite expensive. However, they felt it was money well spent!

We tried monthly Saturday rides but, due to lack of numbers, they did not continue. However, Helen Daly has picked it up and we wish her every success as we believe there are working people who would appreciate a weekend outing.

On one of our Tuesday rides I organised a tour of the Grote Reber Museum and telescope at Cambridge. This was well supported and I have plans for more visits of this type in the coming year.

Recently Dave Tucker retired and he is now riding with us on a regular basis. We welcome him back to the fold.

We have added some new rides to our list and varied other regular rides, giving us welcome fresh fields.

In mid March 2011 I am organising another bike camp at the Baptist Centre at Liffey. All riders and partners are welcome and there will be further information in future monthly circulars.

I would like to thank Chris Howard for organising the rides while I was away for 3 months last year. He added some new rides and, I am told, produced some great home cooking afterwards.

**Bruce Wilkinson, Tuesday Group Convenor  
Thursday Moderate Rides**

There were 50 of 52 programmed that were held, 2 were cancelled due to inclement weather during August 09.

There were 792 person rides covering 1881km, with an average of 16 riders and 37.6km per trip. A maximum of 30 riders participated on a ride in the Huon valley in late October.

Numbers were slightly higher than last year.

The Base Camp at Hawley Beach/Port Sorell was held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October with up to 24 persons including 2 visitors attending.

6 rides were held covering 262km. There were 107 person rides with an average of 18 riders and 43.6km per trip.

**Brian Haas, Co-ordinator**

**CYCLING TOURS**

		<b>People</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Km</b>
October 2009	Tour de Tamar	12	3	185
January 2010	Southern Tour	7	4	210
February 2010	Penny Farthing Tour	8	8	400
March 2010	North, North West Tour	17	7	340
Easter 2010	Caveside walks & cycling	25	4	

**Linda & Tony Cook**

**DELEGATES' REPORTS**

**Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs**

The last twelve months have continued to be a difficult time for the Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs (FTBC), lacking a complete committee. This has left an exceptional work load for the President. However, some significant achievements were made particularly in November 2009, when FTBC was incorporated as Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs Inc and now trading under the registered business name of Bushwalking Tasmania (BT).

Earlier this year, Andrew Davey was appointed as a HWC delegate to BT and was voted in as the Secretary of Bushwalking Australia. This has strengthened the executive of BT considerably with potential benefits to all member clubs.

The annual clubs get together for 2010 at Liawenee did not eventuate for a number of reasons, primarily the lack of a suitable lead time to organise the event. Plans for the 2011 clubs get together have been implemented, taking place at Queenstown. Details have already been posted in the HWC Circular and strong support from HWC is anticipated.

Member clubs continued to question the benefits of membership to Bushwalking Australia Inc (BAI) seeing BT as nothing more than BAI's club insurance collection agency. BT is continuing to investigate insurance cover but noted that cheaper insurance did not include cover for water or underground activities. This is a problem for some member clubs with strong kayaking groups. Insurance will be an ongoing issue for BT.

The position of walking clubs with respect to the planned Three Capes Walk by Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) has been made clear by BT, both in writing and with a meeting with Minister O'Byrne. Basically clubs wish to retain traditional walking rights on the tracks along the same lines as they have with the Cradle Mountain track. Follow up meetings with PWS and the minister are planned.

After considerable correspondences with the Hydro Tasmania and PWS it appears likely that walking clubs will be able to resume direct access via the Gordon Dam to the southwest tracks.

**Pieter Buining, Andrew Davey and Kay Mallinson, delegates.**

## **SOUTHERN TASMANIAN SKI ASSOCIATION**

2009 was a mediocre skiing season at Mt Mawson: almost four weekends were skied, including an HWC duty weekend. The snow was very good for most of the short season. Fortunately there were very few problems, largely due to new rope on Mawson and a good effort at maintenance. No new faces appeared among our usual few customary faces.

The webcam proved very useful when it operates well (no fog or ice) to prevent unnecessary trips to judge snow cover. Those of us who worked and skied enjoyed our efforts. The ability to generate electricity, heat the former day shelter and securely store items there was most welcome.

Some significant snow fence work occurred in summer. For the club to keep up with its share of duties more persons are required for tow duty, ski patrol and working bees. Attending the lattermost earns a considerable discount on tow tickets.

**Andrew Davey, Fred Koolhof**

## **TASMANIAN BICYCLE COUNCIL INC.**

States and local levels of governments are now taking much more seriously the need to advance safe cycling across our communities for a variety of reasons. Some of these reasons are the need to reduce the number of cars on the roads, therefore lowering carbon outputs, which have lead to development and improvement of new cycling lanes along Campbell and Argyle streets with Sandy Bay road, Taroona to Kingston being upgraded.

We would strongly urge all walking club members who may have family members or friends who cycle to have a look at the Hobart city council's proposed improvement designs for safer cycle along Sandy Bay road and development of the long awaited walking/cycle path from Castray to Marieville Esplanades. Kingborough Council are working on improving cycling to school paths and the Kingston to Taroona road problems. Clarence have made a lot of improvements around Bellerive. Glenorchy

Council have completed their end of the cycle way at Claremont and Brighton Council are implementing new cycling paths.

Local councils have installed numerous bike parking hoops at more locations around the city and suburbs during the year and H.C.C. have now a mesh cage inside Argyle street car park for parking bicycles.

The Hobart walking club continues to lead the way with its strong support of weekly cycling and touring programs and undoubtedly, would be the largest group of social cyclists in the State.

If anyone has any needs or concerns regarding cycling matters please inform your local council's bike committee or show your support and become a member yourself.

**Linda & Tony Cook, Delegates.**

## **CLARENCE TRACKS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE**

During the year work has been completed on : -

- The Waverley Park downhill mountain bike path and the Clarence Mountain Bike Park was officially opened by the Mayor, Jock Campbell, on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009. This is proving to be very popular and a new parking area has been established at the Mornington roundabout. Access to the park from the parking area has also been improved. The parking area is also of benefit for walkers commencing walks in the Meehan Recreation Area.
- The Charles Darwin Trail has been established with appropriate signage. One section along the South Arm Highway has not been finalised.
- In the Waverley Flora Park work on new steps and the access track from Waverley Street has been completed.
- Improvement and re-alignment of the foreshore track around second Bluff at Bellerive
- The Clarence City Council Tracks and Trails Action Plan was named the Tasmanian Overall Winner and received the category award for 'Planning for Active Living' in the 2009 Heart

Foundation Local Government Award. The \$2000 cash award from the Heart Foundation will be used for further development.

Work is continuing on the following projects : -

- Work on the Geilston Bay foreshore has commenced and is waiting on 'permission to cover' some Aboriginal middens along the way.
- There has been some discussion about names for features in the Meehan Recreation Area.
- The Rokeby to Lauderdale foreshore track is still waiting for permission for access along the foreshore.
- Discussions with developers on Droughty Point and Single Hill are continuing.
- A bypass around Flagstaff Hill on the eastern side has been investigated due to extensions to the quarry in Flagstaff Gully.
- A review of signage for the Tangara Trail is in progress.

**Barry Ford, Bob Wyatt, HWC Delegates**

## **WELLINGTON PARK TRACKS COMMITTEE**

Track work has progressed on several fronts this year. Most notably there has been work on the second stage of the multi-use/bike track from The Springs to Shoobridge Bend linking with the existing section from Shoobridge Bend to Junction Cabin. The Friends of Mt Wellington have installed some excellent marking on Thark Ridge towards Mt Montagu. When this report was prepared, a decision was still pending on the exact route of one section of the track from the Cascades into the Wellington Park.

**John Cannon, Delegate**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

### **STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

In the opinion of this Committee the accompanying financial statements and the notes thereto fairly represent the financial position of the Hobart Walking Club Inc. at 30 June 2010 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:



Midj Jones, President



Rupert Manners, Treasurer

**TREASURER'S REPORT****STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE***for the year 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010*

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Members Subscriptions		25,367	25,746
Sale of Publications		658	4,148
Hut Fees		2,464	1,404
Interest received		2,376	3,054
Annual dinner		3,726	2,010
Equipment hire		205	192
Sundry income	2	55	8
		<b>34,851</b>	<b>36,562</b>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>			
Administration	3	13,835	8,826
Publications	4	153	8,519
Stock reduction	5	656	596
Lake Dobson Memorial Hut	6	1,989	3,390
Social functions		5,502	2,773
Circular	7	7,896	8,351
Insurance		713	746
Sundry		1,898	1,558
		<b>32,642</b>	<b>34,759</b>
<b>Surplus (Loss) for the year</b>		<b>2,209</b>	<b>1,803</b>
Accumulated surplus 30/06/09		101,549	99,746
<b>Accumulated surplus 30/6/10</b>		<b>103,758</b>	<b>101,549</b>

**BALANCE SHEET at 30 June 2010**

	Notes	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>Members Equity</b>			
Accumulated surplus		103,758	101,549
		<b>103,758</b>	<b>101,549</b>
Represented by:			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Commonwealth Bank chq a/c		4,572	1,707
Term deposits	8	50,000	50,000
Publications stock	5	8,968	9,624
		<b>63,540</b>	<b>61,331</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Lake Dobson Memorial Hut	9	43,540	43,540
		<b>43,540</b>	<b>43,540</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>107,080</b>	<b>104,871</b>
<b>Less Current Liabilities</b>			
Funds held In trust	10	3,322	3,322
		<b>3,322</b>	<b>3,322</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>103,758</b>	<b>101,549</b>

**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.

(c) The Lake Dobson Memorial Hut is located on a site which is retained by the issue of an annual licence. A longer term lease is not available. The hut and its contents are recorded at book value of \$43,540 as at 30 June 2005. The hut is unlikely to have any market value.

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	\$	\$
<b>2. Sundry income</b>		
other	55	8
	<u><b>55</b></u>	<u><b>8</b></u>
<b>3. Administration</b>		
Post, phone, stationery, audit, a/report	3,144	2,633
Website, email, computers	2,064	4,944
Office rent (3 years)	7,350	-
Room hire for meetings	959	996
Taxes & bank fees	158	155
Travel - FTBC/BATR	160	98
	<u><b>13,835</b></u>	<u><b>8,826</b></u>
<b>4. Publications &amp; sales expense</b>		
Printing & Mailing Tramp 37		7,636
Indexing		803
Sundry costs Tramp 37	153	80

	<b>153</b>	<b>8,519</b>
<b>5. Stock adjustment</b>		
Stock at 30/6/09	9,624	10,220
Safety in the Bush reduction	656	596
Tramp & other adjustments		
Stock at 30/6/10	<b>8,968</b>	<b>9,624</b>
<b>6. Lake Dobson Memorial Hut</b>		
Gas & Firewood	446	1,021
General hut maintenance	711	1,152
Crown Land Licence Fee	528	528
Commission		
Legal		396
Derwent Valley Council fire levy & rates	303	292
	<b>1,989</b>	<b>3,390</b>
<b>7. Circular</b>		
Postage	2,990	2,570
Printing	4,879	5,781
Other	27	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,896</b>	<b>8,351</b>
<b>8. Term deposits</b>		
Perpetual Trustees No.1 Account	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>

**9. Funds held in trust**

The current balance is the Leo Luckman hut maintenance fund of \$1,000 and \$2,322 of Brenda Hean funds

## **AUDIT REPORT**

To the members of the Hobart Walking Club Inc

### **1. Scope**

I have audited the attached financial report of the Hobart Walking Club Inc for the year ended 30 June 2010. The Committee are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee of Management's financial reporting requirements under its constitution.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to 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 as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian accounting concepts and relevant statutory and other requirements.

### **2. Qualifications**

As is common for organisations of this type, it was not practicable to extend my examination of income derived from its fund raising activities beyond accounting for amounts received as shown by the books and records of the organisation.

### **3. Audit Opinion**

In my opinion, and subject to the qualifications contained in paragraph 2 above, the financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Hobart Walking Club Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2010 and the results of its operations of the year then ended in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards and the Corporations Law.

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To the best of my belief and knowledge, all relevant information and explanations required have been obtained and rules relating to the administration of funds appear to have been observed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. H. James".

Richard H James  
AUDITOR

6<sup>th</sup> September 2010