

**82nd
ANNUAL REPORT**

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(October 2010 to October 2011)

President:	Midj Jones
Vice President:	Andrew Davey
Vice President:	John Street
Secretary:	Dawn Hendrick (from December 2010)
Assistant Secretary	Judith Holmes
Treasurer:	Rupert Manners
Walks Secretary:	Chris Rathbone
Ski & Hut Secretary:	Fred Koolhof
Membership Officer:	Geoff O'Hara
Committee Members:	Gill Fitzgerald Chanchal Foxen Alison Street
Auditor:	Richard James B.Bus., M.T.M.A.
Annual Report Editors:	Dawn Hendrick, Rupert Manners

Club Delegates as at 30 June 2011

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

Here I am, sitting by the fire, while the snow falls outside (in Lindisfarne: but it isn't settling), very conducive to writing about our recent year. Once again I thank all the Members who have contributed to the Club's success, whether their contributions be large or small. I thank the Executive members for their work, some having taken on large tasks while still learning about the Club. Brian Kearsley and I worked on an 81 year history of the Club, with expert assistance from a few other Members. Thank you to all who helped. The history is now complete and available to Members.

With attendance at monthly general meetings remaining steadfastly below the quorum required for formal business, we have been able to concentrate on the social side of these evenings, with a shortened "business", most often no more than 20 minutes. This has not compromised the Club's administration as, in general, the sub-committees and Executive can do all that is necessary to keep things running smoothly. However, we welcome Members' input and suggestions at the monthly meeting. We are trialling two "dinners" this year – a midwinter luncheon and an evening annual dinner. If both are successful, we expect to make both annual events.

A very significant change this year was the replacement of the compulsory Overnight Training Trip with a training day (Essential Skills Day). At the same time we overhauled our information sheets for new Members and started distributing to shops and elsewhere a commercially produced advertising brochure about the Club. We shall see in the coming years what effect that has on the inflow of new members. In view of modern navigation, safety and communication systems we have abolished the compulsory minimum of 4 Club Members on Club walks. This will allow some very hard walks with few participants to appear in our statistics. The first year of running joint HWC – Tas Uni Bushwalking Club trips was successful, and the arrangement will continue for the coming year.

For the past few decades we have been a Big Club of around 800 to 1100 members. A growing proportion of our Members are now aging with reduced walking. These facts have given us administrative challenges that Members have met very well. Accordingly, we now have quite a few who have given a lot to the Club over many years, and it is

right that their efforts be recognised. At the 2010 Annual General Meeting Andrew Davey was elected an Honorary Life Member. Although very few of us will ever be Life Members the new Long and Significant Service Award is slightly more attainable, being available to Members who have given consistent and valuable service over several decades, without becoming eligible for life membership. I thank Mary Armsby for designing the badge.

Please enjoy reading the following pages, and think about joining our volunteer work force.

Midj Jones, President.

SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Members: Trish Colles, Linda Cook, Gill Fitzgerald, Diane Golden, Judith Holmes, Gill Mosmann and Ruth Raward.

Our 81st Annual Dinner was held on 13th November 2010 at Lindisfarne Rowing Club, with Tornies Catering. Over 70 members and guests had an enjoyable evening with excellent food in a good venue. It was a pleasant occasion, as the sun went down over the bay guests socialised and took part in two quizzes.

On December 10th 2010 the Christmas B.B.Q. took place at the home of Rupert & Wyn Manners at Gordon. Their extensive garden sloping down to the water provided a lovely backdrop for our end of year B.B.Q. Those that didn't want to drive back to town were welcome to camp overnight and enjoyed breakfast the next day. Thank you to Rupert & Wyn for sharing their home and garden.

Once again, the Australia Day picnic at Orana on January 27th was a popular day out for walkers and cyclists. Thanks go to Phyl Wyatt for arranging it.

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

Gill Fitzgerald. Social Convenor.

CIRCULAR SUB-COMMITTEE

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

Circular production numbers as at 30 June 2011 are:-

Circular style	Members	Others	Total
Print	378	8	386
Email	346	2	348
Total	724	10	734

During the year those members who paid to receive a printed circular were offered an email version as well; these figures do not reflect those who took up that offer.

Thank you to all of the above-mentioned team for their dedication in producing the monthly circulars.
 In 2011 we have had an average of nine 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
 Weekend MM+ : Chris Rathbone
 Midweek SE / SM: Felicity Walch
 SCNQ (midweek): Bob & Phil Wyatt

Thanks

Primary thanks must go to Vicki Martin for being the reliable and vital cog in the club machinery producing the walks program. She has to directly type or carefully cut and paste from email, all the incoming forward walks, previews and reports. These go into a data base which requires expert operation to ensure all goes smoothly and error free. Further, there is a critical deadline to meet each month to produce the program for the circular.

Also a big thank you to the walks coordinators, listed above, who draw up the forward walks program. This is also critical but thankfully this programming can be divided up into reasonably independent categories and thus shared out.

The years' activity - July 2010 to June 2011

Over the last year walking activity has modestly increased compared with a slow decline over the previous few years. This can be seen in the table below. Thanks to the initiative of Rupert Manners there were 35 Toddler's Toddles and this contributed about half the increase. These are counted under the "NQ" walk category. Also "Flashwalks" have become established and there were 15 of these. Perhaps the club's rejuvenation has begun!

Interestingly the average number of walkers per walk has gone up. Mainly because of the shift from weekend to midweek attendance which has a higher average. There were 51 walks cancelled and 21 where no report was returned. These are still counted so the average number of walkers per walk is a bit lower than the real case.

Year ending	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Walks	556	545	519	465	525
Walkers	4860	4812	4641	4000	4993
Average Num per Walk	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.6	9.5

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There were 129 different members who took at least one walk. Thank you to all these leaders. I hope more new leaders can be found by giving encouragement to tentative ones. Please do not hesitate to contact the walks secretary if you want help or advice to lead a walk. As for the most active leaders, congratulations to:

Patricia Colles 10
 Felicity Walch 11
 Malcolm Sherlock 11
 Carmen Walker 13
 John Cannon 14
 Roger Hurd 15
 David Leaman 18
 Alan Wilson 19
 Paul Geeves 25
 Rupert Manners 29

There were another 27 leaders who lead between 5 and 9 walks.

Below are the usual 3 tables of statistics given in each annual report. The first two are the numbers of walks organised (programmed) and number of walkers participating for each month for the last financial year. Note the new category of "FB" for "Flashwalks", ie: walks initiated using the internet / Facebook. Thirdly is the table with number of walks and walkers for the three categories of: midweek day walks, weekend 1 and 2 day walks, and extended walks.

Walks organised

Month	SCNQ	NQ	SE	SM	SR	ME	MM	MR	LE	LM	LR	FB	Total
July	5	0	10	1	0	0	17	1	0	3	0	1	38
August	4	0	8	3	0	2	17	2	0	1	0	1	38
September	4	0	8	5	0	0	17	3	0	3	1	3	44
October	5	5	8	4	0	1	13	11	0	1	0	0	48
November	4	5	11	1	1	3	14	2	0	4	1	2	48
December	4	3	8	3	0	0	14	8	0	4	1	1	46
January	3	5	9	0	0	0	13	2	0	4	4	2	42
February	4	4	8	1	0	0	14	6	0	4	1	0	42
March	4	4	11	1	1	1	12	8	0	6	0	0	48
April	5	3	8	3	0	1	15	7	0	2	1	1	46
May	4	5	6	5	0	0	13	5	0	4	0	2	44
June	4	4	6	4	1	0	17	1	0	2	0	2	41
Total	50	38	101	31	3	8	176	56	0	38	9	15	525

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Participation

Month	SCNQ	NQ	SE	SM	SR	ME	MM	MR	LE	LM	LR	FB	Total
July	56	0	84	18	0	0	201	7	0	32	0	5	403
August	25	0	81	14	0	25	205	5	0	15	0	5	375
September	28	0	55	69	0	0	190	9	0	10	0	20	381
October	45	29	67	61	0	14	190	78	0	0	0	0	484
November	51	31	96	9	14	26	168	18	0	52	4	6	475
December	46	24	57	50	0	0	163	26	0	29	4	0	399
January	15	64	63	0	0	0	163	11	0	43	5	7	371
February	37	36	76	0	0	0	192	42	0	18	3	0	404
March	32	32	102	3	0	0	147	35	0	42	0	0	393
April	39	13	99	22	0	22	121	37	0	14	0	2	369
May	36	42	49	66	0	0	208	43	0	22	0	6	472
June	31	67	63	49	4	0	225	5	0	17	0	6	467
Total	441	338	892	361	18	87	2173	316	0	294	16	57	4993

Midweek, weekend & extended

Month	Midweek		Weekend		Extended		Total	Total
	Walks	Walkers	Walks	Walkers	Walks	Walkers	Walks	Walkers
July	23	283	15	119	1	7	39	409
August	21	258	16	110	1	7	38	375
September	25	263	16	101	3	17	44	381
October	26	309	19	169	3	6	48	484
November	27	370	16	67	5	38	48	475
December	24	316	15	56	7	27	46	399
January	25	270	16	98	1	3	42	371
February	24	300	15	82	3	22	42	404
March	28	254	15	112	5	27	48	393
April	28	240	15	102	3	27	46	369
May	26	327	15	128	3	17	44	472
June	28	343	11	113	2	11	41	467
Total	305	3533	184	1257	37	209	526	4999

Wishing everyone safe, happy and healthy walking for 2011-2012

Chris Rathbone, Walks Secretary

PUBLICATION SALES

Tramp No 38 was launched late last year and local bookshops were supplied with copies to sell. For some reason retail sales of Tramp No. 38 have been slower than previous Tramps with original stocks still in stores. Maybe we need to consider producing Tramp as an eBook in addition to the current hard copy.

Some copies of Safety in the Bush have been sold to local shops as well as a local walking club. We continue to receive enquiries for past issues of Tramp and several requests have been made for PDF versions of Tramp to be made available on the Clubs website.

Doug McLean

EDITORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The next edition of the Tramp is underway and stories are trickling in after a slow start. Submission for Tramp will be received up until the end of January 2012. The diligent committee have been working hard and need to be commended for their efforts. I feel sure that this will be yet another quality publication due to the submissions received so far.

The committee consists of Helen Daly (Convener), Catharine Errey, Karen Marriott, John Adams, John Cannon and John Street (Executive representative)

Helen Daly - Editorial Convener

MEMBERSHIP

Membership remained basically static for the past year with member numbers reducing only by five for the year. 74 members did not renew their membership, one member rejoined after a long absence, while 68 Prospective Members applied to join the Club. 33 Prospective Members qualified for full membership during the year.

Senator Bob Brown remains our only Honorary Associate Member, and Andrew Davey joined the very distinguished Honorary Life Member list. Members were given more options to use electronic transfers during 2011 with members who receive the mailed Circular offered the option of receiving the email version at no extra charge. Also, all members

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were given the option of forwarding their Renewal Forms by email. Many members have taken up these options.

Below are the membership statistics for 2011 divided by membership category.

Membership Statistics at 30 June 2011

Category	2011	2010	2009	2008
Hon. Life Members	11	10	11	11
Hon. Associate Members	1	1	1	1
Associate Members	1	2	2	2
Members	703	692	767	764
Prospective Members	45	61	46	68
Total	761	766	827	847

Age Group Statistics at 30 June 2011

Age	2011			2010		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
16-18	0	0	0	0	0	0
19-24	4	3	7	3	0	3
25-29	3	1	4	2	2	4
30-39	8	13	21	10	17	27
40-49	29	46	75	33	55	88
50-59	90	113	203	102	126	228
60-69	147	156	303	133	139	272
70-79	62	48	110	59	45	104
80-89	16	16	32	15	21	36
90+	2	1	3	1	1	2
Unk	2	1	3	1	1	2
Total	363	398	761	359	407	766

Geoff O'Hara, Membership Officer

SEARCH, RESCUE & TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE

Members: Pam Powell (Convenor), Malcolm Sherlock, Greg Downer, Glen Kowalik, Stuart Whitney, Barry Mulheran, Sue Denman, Chris Rathbone (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. During 2011 the Club changed their procedures so that prospective members of the club could complete their membership obligations by doing a one-day only training course instead of the overnight training that we have been conducting. The last overnight training trip was held in November 2010 at Pelverata Falls. The committee have developed a program of training of "Essential Skills" required by new members to participate in club trips. This program covers all aspects relating to day walking trips.

We no longer provide training for overnight trips; however, this gap will be picked up by experienced members offering "introductory overnight walks".

During the 2010/2011 year we had 2 overnight training trips with 14 prospective members and 3 one-day Essential Skills Training trips with 31 prospective members for an overall total of 45 prospective members receiving training. This is compared with 27 for the previous year.

Training Activities. We organised the annual training weekend at the Steppes Reserve held in May. This year 37 members attended. The morning was devoted to navigation training (maps and compass refresher, short exercise and discussion of GPS and PLBs). After lunch we discussed first aid, concentrating on sprains, strains and breaks. In the afternoon we had a demonstration of packing for extended walking and a display of stoves and tips for cooking in the bush. The day concluded with a BBQ and discussions around the fire. Sunday we had a day walk to Goldie's Sugarloaf.

We are working on a part day training program for GPS owners which will be scheduled later in the year.

First aid training. HWC members who lead at least 6 trips in any year are eligible to claim up to 50% of the cost of first aid training up to a maximum of \$100. We hope that this encourages more walks leaders to enhance their skills in dealing with first aid incidents.

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 mobilise 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. However, we have in the last year been asked to assist with searches near urban areas. For some of the searches which go on for more than the initial callout, we have been calling upon experienced club members who are not on our list of volunteers to participate. We have asked for the note in the membership renewal to be changed to establish a list of local/day searchers to add to our list for remote/multi day searchers.

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. One of the searches was in the Waterworks area where the missing person (deceased) was found by a HWC group. Another search was on Bruny Island and went on for several days with the missing person not found. Much of the searching on this occasion was in dense scrub.

At other times, the club has been contacted to get people organized to search for a missing person, but the search has been called off prior to the party going into the field.

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

Safety in the Bush. We are slowly working on the back pack version of Safety in the Bush and are close to going to print.

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, SRT Convenor

ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

The 2010-11 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 response to the Hobart Mountain Water Supply System Conservation Management Plan

Submission in response to the Hanson's Construction Materials Pty Ltd Flagstaff Gully Quarry Expansion (D 2011/106)

Letter to Brian Wightman MP, Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage in response to the gating of the access road to Growling Swallett

In addition the Environment Committee has reconfirmed the Executive's position on the Three Capes proposal. This is based on the Club's previous submission on this proposal which included advice obtained through a survey of our members.

There has also been some discussion around HWC support for the Tasmanian Land Conservancy.

In recent weeks the committee has been approached for comment on biosecurity measures to prevent the carrying pests and diseases into World Heritage Areas.

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 when the major work needed to be done in particular, in very heavy rain,

stacking 4 tons of fire wood in the woodshed, while the fires were kept burning inside to keep us warm during the breaks. The mattress covers and curtains were all washed and put back in the hut, on the following sunny working bee. The wire mesh on the duck boarding was completed, making it safer to get to the hut.

The ski season was short with good cover but the weather was not so kind. The Tow Duty weekends were again very poorly attended, we do need helpers on these club occasions, it's only 3 weekend commitments with a cosy warm hut to come back to at the end of the day.

I thank the committee and all the members who assisted during the year with the hut maintenance and working bees: without you the hut would not be in such good condition.

Fred Koolhof, Ski and Hut Secretary

WEB MANAGER

Our website is still a first view of the Club for many people thinking of becoming Members. Members can now download renewal forms, look at the Club's Constitution, annual reports and find information about Facebook, as well as view links to other Members' bushwalking websites via our Members' Pages. The Photo Album contains a broad cross section of the types of trips we do and is not being updated with Members' photos now. Some Members are sharing photos using Facebook.

Midj Jones, Web Manager

FACEBOOK

In response to concerns about the lack of younger members, HWC set up a page on the internet social networking site Facebook. "Hobart Walking Club" is a club or society page and was set up on the 14th of May 2010. The site now has 128 members.

Facebook is a social networking service and website. Facebook users must register before using the site. Additionally, users may join common-interest user groups such as bush walking and cycling. The

Club's Facebook group is where it posts and shares last minute walks (flash walks), photos from recent club trips, monthly summaries of proposed club walks and general items of interest. If you are interested in seeing what is on offer (photos and walks) or posting a last minute walk yourself then join up to Facebook and become a "friend" of the HWC group.

Rohan Hutchinson & Gill Mossman Facebook Administrators

GENERAL MEETINGS ENTERTAINMENT

2010

July.	Erika Johnson.	Tasman Island
Aug.	Nick Fitzgerald.	S.P.R.A.T.S.
Sept.	David & Trauti Reynolds	Maria Island
Oct.	David Leaman	Travels in the North of England
Nov.	John Chapman	Bush Walking in Tasmania
Dec.	Rob Hill	Lycian Way

2011

Feb.	John & Alison Street	Cycling in France & Switzerland
Mar.	Dennis Turner	The Jane River
April	Midj Jones	South Island NZ
May	Anne Mc Connell	Management of Historic tracks on the Mountain
June	Andrew Davey	Eastern Arthurs

Thanks to all the presenters for giving up their time and expertise to inform and entertain us. Grateful thanks also to John Adams for all his invaluable technical support.

Gill Fitzgerald - Entertainment Co-ordinator.

EQUIPMENT

The Club has items of equipment for overnight walks/camping available for hire by members for club and private trips/activities within Tasmania, club trips having priority.

The equipment includes:

6 tents :- 4 x 2 person and 2 x 1 person.

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- 7 rucksacks of varying capacity.
- 2 Trangia cooksets with fuel bottles.
- 2 PLBs with inbuilt GPS.

Other equipment donated to the club and also available to hire, includes 3 tents – 1 x 3 person, 1 x 2 person and 1 x 1 person.
2 inflatable mattresses – 1 double and 1 single.
2 sleeping mats – 1 self inflatable and 1 closed cell foam.
2 sleeping bags – 1 mummy type with the zip enclosure sewn up and 1 lightweight type more suitable summer use.
1 Silva “Starter” Compass
Several tarpaulins and poles for awnings, this equipment more suitable for car camping.

The club has a P.A./Cassette Recorder with an extension speaker, tapes, vinyl records and a 6 litre electric urn from the defunct dance group.
A 16mm sound projector/ spare reels and a Waterworth 35mm slide projector.

Equipment usage was slightly less than last year with the exception that there was an increase in the use of the PLBs.

Tents were used	3 x training trips, 1 x club trips and 3 x private trips
Rucksacks	4 x t/trips, 1 x c/trip.
Cooksets	2 x t/trips, 1 x c/trip and 3 x p/trips.
Sleeping Mats	3 x t/trips, 1 x c/trip.
Sleeping Bags	1 x c/trip
Compass	1 x t/trip.
PLBs	17 x c/trips and 6 x p/trips.

Brian Haas, Equipment Custodian.

LIBRARY

A very quiet year for the Library Custodian. No requests were received and a stock-take on transfer was conducted.

Keith Brown, Custodian

CYCLING GROUPS

Tuesday Bike Rides

It was with great shock that the members of the Hobart Walking Club bike groups heard of the death on 7 April 2011 of Darby Munro. Darby was a stalwart of the Tuesday group and his dry wit and wise counsel will be greatly missed by us, along with all the HWC bike groups.

The last 12 months have been quite successful for the Tuesday group, averaging eight riders each week in varying terrain and weather conditions. We have added some new rides to our programme during the year. Dave Tucker has initiated and led several of these which have been well received by the members of our group. One of Dave's most memorable and enjoyable rides was a Coffee Ride covering the southern suburbs of Hobart and it attracted a large and enthusiastic field.

There have also been some new mountain bike rides, two of which were organised with the co-operation of Forestry Tasmania and logging contractors. FT made the loggers aware of our schedule and that we would have UHF radio, allowing contact with the log truck drivers and letting them know that we were in the vicinity. The first ride was through the Plenty Link Road from Judbury to New Norfolk and the second, the circuit ride from Judbury and back to Judbury via the Tahune Air Walk. After asking for feedback from FT as to how the rides were received by the contractors, I was told that they were pleased to see people using the forest for recreation.

In January Bob Boocock led a ride from Copping, through the spectacular coastal track crossing three properties, finishing at Rheban and then returning via the Wielangta Road to Copping. The ride was challenging with stunning scenery.

The biennial Liffey Camp was held in March with 12 riders of mixed abilities who teamed up to have enjoyable rides through the Longford/Cressy/Delorraine area. They had very good weather for the week and look forward to attending the camp again in two years' time.

Two new riders, Phil and Elaine Whitham, joined us over the summer period. Phil was previously a member of the Hobart Walking Club and

they came to Hobart this summer to escape the scorching Adelaide heat. Hopefully they will do so again in future summers.

Last December we had our Christmas ride starting from the Pelverata Community Hall, riding to the Red Velvet Lounge at Cygnet for morning tea and returning to Pelverata for our barbecue in beautiful weather. This coming December we will be riding from the Salmon Ponds to the Possum Hut at Westerway for morning tea then returning for the barbecue at the Salmon Ponds. All riders will be welcome to join us.

We have made a conscious effort this year to start and finish rides from or near a café to allow more socialising after the ride.

This year I have arranged for Hobart Walking Club Bike Group cycling tops, sponsored by four businesses in Hobart. The tops, featuring Mount Wellington, are bright and colourful, giving good visibility on the road. These have been purchased by riders from both the Tuesday and Thursday groups and I am in the process of gathering interest from riders for a second printing. If you are interested, please call me on 6223 5781 or 0418 120 942.

Bruce Wilkinson, Tuesday Rides Coordinator

Thursday Moderate Bike Rides.

There were 47 of 53 programmed rides that were held, 6 were cancelled due to weather during July, September, January, March, April and June. There were 689 person rides covering 1851 kms, with an average of 14 riders and 39.4 kms per trip. A maximum of 27 riders participated on a ride in February around the Tinderbox circuit.

The usual base camp at Hawley Beach/ Port Sorell was held over the last week in October, with up to 29 persons including 2 visitors attending.

6 rides were held covering 243km. There were 104 person rides with an average of 17 riders and 40.5 kms per trip.

Brian Haas, Thursday (Moderate) Rides Co-ordinator.

Thursday Easy Bike Rides

The past year for this group has had highs and lows. Unfortunately the death of our diligent co-ordinator, John Pickmere, occurred, and recently the death of one of our inaugural members, Jim Swain also occurred. Both are much missed by the group.

Rides have been organised for every week, with only 3 being cancelled due to rain. The number of participants has ranged between 4 and 13, with 10 being the most usual. We try to arrange routes and distances to accommodate the various abilities within the group, so that some members complete rides up to 40km, whilst others with the generous assistance of car drivers cycle various sections of the route which allows us all to meet at meal-breaks for sustenance and socialisation.

Carole Nodder, Thursday (Easy) Rides Coordinator

CYCLING TOURS

		People	Days	Km
October 2010	Tour de Tamar	9	3	180
February 2011	Penny Farthing Tour	12	8	400
March 2011	North, North West Tour	12	7	380
Easter 2011	Caveside walks & cycling	25	4	

Linda & Tony Cook, Coordinators

DELEGATES' REPORTS

BUSHWALKING TASMANIA

2010 - 2011 was a busy year for some. BWT has nine member clubs and is looking for a suitable independent walker representative. The Three Capes Walk (Tasman Peninsula) proposal gave concern for overnight walking. Meeting with Ministers and PWS have helped get the point over that established walking (and camping) should continue much 'as is' at no extra cost or constraints for Tasmanians. The current Minister was impressed when it was revealed that the HWC had done

well over 3,500 man-days work in the area to establish the walking potential of the area. Ironing out details is ongoing.

The annual BWT weekend was at Queenstown and extremely well attended by the HWC. The weather was superb and the weekend the most successful ever. To top it off, the HWC won the interclub trophy outright for the first time. HWC members also led several walks during the weekend.

Garnering more interest in maintaining walking infrastructure by land owners continues. We also expressed some interest in expanding 'Work As You Walk' to include some power tools in a few instances. Undoubtedly this will take considerable time to negotiate.

Bushwalking Australia (BAI) is to meet in Tasmania for the first time this November (18 - 20th) at Stewarts Bay on the Peninsula. Clubs have been asked to run some walks that weekend and Monday for delegates to see the area. BWT also invites members of member clubs to a combined BBQ on the Saturday evening.

BWT continues to remind BAI that we want value for money. We also ensured that BAI put in writing the way that Tasmanian clubs deal with risk management to avoid being assumed to follow what some other States are doing.

BWT intends to make the authorities aware of the need to maintain walker access to walking areas and maintain pressure on getting maintenance and repairs completed in a timely manner. For instance we have asked for the Cuvier Valley Track to be sufficiently well marked to allow walkers not to lose their way between good track sections. Bridge and other wash outs in the Western Tiers, Blue Tiers and Fisher Valley have been brought to the attention of Forestry Tasmania and the Government, and we have asked for replacements.

Finally we also regained access for clubs over the Gordon Dam into the southwest. Several clubs have an ascent cage key. A few of us put a key into action, within hours of receiving it, to visit the Nichols Range.

Andrew Davey, Peter Buining and Kay Mallinson, Delegates

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN SKI ASSOCIATION

2010 was a short season of five weekends, one of which HWC was on tow duty. The snow was good most of the time, but the weather was not so kind. The STSA working bees were well attended by members of clubs on the mountain.

The closure of Sitzmark Lodge at short notice by PWS created a lot of work for STSA after the end of the working bee season, re-locating Ski Patrol into a shipping container and arranging for power from the Sitzmark generator to be connected. The Belt Issue Hut had an interior face-lift with the removal of an internal wall which opened up more space for duty club use in ski season and storage. The Mawson tow rope was replaced ready for the new season and the webcam was upgraded to show the condition of the Mawson slopes.

For the Club to keep up with its share of duties, more people are required for tow working bees which in turn will enable workers to receive considerable discount on tow tickets. At present, our Club's tow duty obligations are carried out by a "hard core" of six or seven members, two of whom are also qualified ski patrollers.

Mount Mawson Ski Patrol (a part of STSA) is also in desperate need of more members (especially younger skiers and boarders) who have Certificate 2 in First Aid and are willing to be rostered on duty for several weekends during ski season.

For the upcoming ski season, Patrol numbers have dropped to only four fully certified, active members assisted by several first aiders. An ASPA ski patrol first aid course is due to be conducted in the Hobart area in autumn 2012. Anyone who has a current Certificate 2 in First Aid certificate and is interested in ski patrolling is welcome to contact me.

Fred Koolhof, Delegate

TASMANIAN BICYCLE COUNCIL INC.

The year started off well with many cycling activities held at various locations in Southern Tasmania and concluded with the very successful Bike Week Ride to Work Breakfast at Mawson Place. More than 1,000 cyclists participated in ages ranging from children to grandparents.

The TBA arranged for \$90,000 to be allocated for bicycle related infrastructure developments and improvements during the year. Cycling South, along with the five Southern Cycling Committees, has arranged enhancements & extensions to tracks and trails in all five Council areas:

- Hobart City Council is currently updating Tasmania's first City Cycling Map (thanks to the HWC cyclists who volunteered)
- They have installed wide bicycle ramps at the City end of the Tasman Bridge.
- They are developing safe cycle plans to address Hobart's future needs.
- Additional cycle lanes through some of Hobart's streets.
- Glenorchy City Council extensions to the Intercity Cycleway at Claremont.
- Montrose Park Foreshore development.
- Cycle tracks linking some streets and roads.
- Clarence City Council has made huge improvements to the Cycleway going through Wentworth Park from Bellerive to Howrah.
- The boardwalk at Bellerive and improvements to their end of the Tasman Bridge.
- Brighton Council has put in walking/cycling tracks.
- Kingborough City Council has made vast improvements to cyclist's safety with upgrades to Kingston and Blackman's Bay foreshores.
- Installing linking tracks between some streets and roads.
- Ongoing plans for road improvements from Kingston to Tarroona.

As you can see cycling continues to grow for many reasons and some of these are improvements to personal health and fitness, cycling to work and sharing time with family and friends. The five Councils are very much aware of the importance of the developing safer cycling and are supporting these issues to manage our needs.

Linda & Tony Cook, Delegates

CLARENCE TRACKS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

The following work on tracks in Clarence has been completed this year:

- a. Work on the Geilston Bay foreshore has been completed and has survived at least one high tide with very little damage to the built-up track around the shore. A gravel path has also been established to the car park at the Geilston Bay Yacht Club. Further work in this area has been approved including a bridge across the creek to eventually link up to the Shag Bay track.
- b. A new access track has been established from the car park at the Mornington Roundabout to the Clarence Mountain Bike Park. A barrier to prevent illegal access has been provided.
- c. A new track to bypass Tianna Rd has been completed thus creating a walking track around Natone Hill rather than having to walk on the road.
- d. Work has commenced on an extension of the bike path along Alexandra Esplanade and a short section near Ronnie St has been completed.
- e. A draft plan for the Tranmere Coastal Reserve has been completed.
- f. Work on tracks to Bedlam Walls track and around the coast at Blessington Rd is still waiting for 'permission to cover' some aboriginal sites. Steps that access an aboriginal cave on the foreshore at Bedlam Walls have been removed, as the area has been declared too dangerous for public access.
- g. New signage has been erected along the Tangara Trail and a five-year management plan is being prepared. Horse yards and roadway have been constructed at 27 Acton Crt.
- h. A new track has been established around Second Bluff. Two memorial seats have been provided along the realignment and a new lookout completed.
- i. The Derwent Estuary program has produced a new brochure showing walking tracks around the estuary.

- j. A new track from Ninabah St to the Waverly Flora Park has been completed as part of the Darwin Trail.
- k. Negotiations are continuing about a foreshore trail from Rokeby to Lauderdale.

Barry Ford, Bob Wyatt, HWC Delegates

WELLINGTON PARK TRACKS COMMITTEE

Wellington Park Management Tracks Committee

The committee met to consider a raft of proposals from the mountain biking community for track developments and re-classifications on Mt Wellington. These proposals should be available for public comment during the 2011/2 year.

Cultural heritage consultant Anne McConnell also sought committee members' input during the year on significant heritage sites and tracks on the mountain. Her report should also be available for public comment during the 2011/2 year.

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 2011 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 2010 to 30 June 2011*

	Notes	2011 \$	2010 \$
Income			
Members Subscriptions		25,991	25,367
Sale of Publications		3,884	658
Hut Fees		1,931	2,464
Interest received		2,977	2,376
Annual dinner		2,664	3,726
Equipment hire		284	205
Sundry income		8	55
		37,739	34,851
Less Expenditure			
Administration	2	5,668	13,835
Publications	3	8,022	153
Stock reduction	4	243	656
Lake Dobson Memorial Hut	5	2,336	1,989
Social functions		2,982	5,502
Circular	6	8,640	7,896
Insurance		735	713
Sundry		1,899	1,898
		30,525	32,642
Surplus (Loss) for the year		7,214	2,209
Accumulated surplus 30/06/10		103,758	101,549
Accumulated surplus 30/6/11		110,972	103,758

BALANCE SHEET at 30 June 2011

	Notes	2010 \$	2010 \$
Members Equity			
Accumulated surplus		110,972	103,758
		110,972	103,758
Represented by:			
Current Assets			
Commonwealth Bank chq a/c		13,927	4,572
Term deposits	7	50,000	50,000
Publications stock	4	8,725	8,968
		72,652	63,540
Non-current Assets			
Lake Dobson Memorial Hut	1(c)	43,540	43,540
		43,540	43,540
Total Assets		116,192	107,080
Less Current Liabilities			
Payments in Advance		1,898	
Funds held In trust	10	3,322	3,322
		5,220	3,322
Net Assets		110,972	103,758

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.

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
2. Administration		
Post, phone, stationery, audit, a/report	2,747	3,144
Website, email, computers	391	2,064
Office rent (3 years)	1,339	7,350
Room hire for meetings	900	959
Taxes & bank fees	157	158
Travel - FTBC/BATR	134	160
	5,668	13,835
3. Publications & sales expense		
Printing & Mailing Tramp 38	7,920	
Sundry costs Tramp 38	102	153
	8,022	153

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4. Stock adjustment

Stock at 30/6/10	8,968	9,624
Safety in the Bush reduction	243	656
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Stock at 30/6/11	8,725	8,968

5. Lake Dobson Memorial Hut

Gas & Firewood	638	446
General hut maintenance	855	711
Crown Land Licence Fee	528	528
Derwent Valley Council fire levy & rates	315	304
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	2,336	1,989

6. Circular

Postage	3,279	2,990
Printing	5,161	4,879
Other	200	27
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Total	8,640	7,896

7. Term deposits

Perpetual Trustees No.1 Account	50,000	50,000
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8. 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 period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. 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 2011 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'R. H. James', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Richard H James
AUDITOR

28th August 2011