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Executive Committee

(October 2014 to October 2015)

President:	Storm Foulkes
Vice President:	Geoff O'Hara
Vice President:	John Kerrison
Secretary:	John Street
(Lee Parker was acting Secretary from 28 May to 16 August)	
Assistant Secretary	Lee Parker
Treasurer:	Philip Le Grove
Walks Secretary:	Andrew Davey
Ski & Hut Secretary:	Simon Benham
Membership Officer:	Rupert Manners
Committee Members:	Trish Colles Andrew Furminger Henk Brolsma
Auditor:	Geoff Morffew
Annual Report Editor:	John Street

CLUB DELEGATES (at 30 June 2015)

Bushwalking Tasmania STSA	Andrew Davey Fred Koolhof, Andrew Davey, Liz Koolhof
Tasmanian Bicycle Council Inc Clarence Tracks and Trails	Linda and Tony Cook Barry Ford Bob Wyatt

President

At the end of my second year as President of this wonderful Club of ours, I reflect with pleasure on how much activity has been packed into the year, and on all the members who have contributed their time and expertise to make it possible.

For a start – what an amazing amount of walking – our participation was up by 4 per cent to some 7900 participant days. This was despite some very ordinary weather before Christmas. The number of walks and cycle trips on offer was the same as last year.

Membership has increased by 25 to 889 with 118 new members joining the Club. Our age demographics remain similar with the bulk of our members in the 50-70 age bracket. New members joining the Club also tend to be in this age bracket. The important thing is that we are renewing ourselves and if we can maintain this it means the future of the Club is assured.

At the beginning of the Club year, the Executive Committee agreed on four strategic priorities, carried over from last year's improvement agenda, on which we would focus in the 2014 – 2015 Club year. These were:

1. *Review of Constitution, Rules and By-Laws:* Our new Constitution and By-Laws came into effect on 6 June 2015, following the June General Meeting where 83 per cent of the members who were present and entitled to vote, voted in favour of the motion. This was the culmination of two years of work. The strong mandate was an excellent result. The new Constitution and By-Laws supports the Executive Committee to move with the times and to run the Club in the way that members say they want us to run the Club. Following the vote at our June meeting, I advised that a small sub-committee would be established to polish the new document. I must say here a special thank you to Philip Le Grove, who devoted many hours to this priority.

2. *Promotion of Club interests:* We have put in a lot of work in implementation of our action plan, developed in 2014. We prepared a submission on the draft management plan for the Tasmanian World Heritage Area (TWWHA) and forwarded this to National Parks and Wildlife, as well as other relevant organisations and MPs. Rupert Manners and I met with the Minister's office and PWS to promote HWC interests, covering a range of topics. One important outcome was agreement to improved processes for obtaining appropriate authority to undertake track maintenance work on a volunteer basis; this will lead to the HWC being able to make more active contributions to track clearing into the future. There were various media references to the HWC, as we were approached for comment on a range of bushwalking-related topics. This helps to promote awareness of the Club and what we offer.
3. *Encourage walkers to become trip coordinators:* While certainly not a problem across all walks categories, the downturn in members offering to coordinate some sorts of trips remains an issue. I encourage all members to consider how you can contribute by offering to coordinate walks; there is always plenty of support available to new coordinators from our more experienced members.
4. *Risk management:* The Executive Committee endorsed a risk management plan, analysing major risks to the Club and checking that we have in place mitigation strategies.

The year saw a change of premises: in June 2015, we moved from our old office space at the Conservation Volunteers Office to our new space at Sustainable Living Tasmania, first floor, 71 Murray St.

Walking safely remains a priority. While most of our trips are memorable for all the right reasons, enjoying this beautiful State of ours with like-minded friends, there were a few incidents during the year which could have been prevented if

our basic walks protocols were followed. So I would like to once again remind all our members ... please observe our walks protocols and walk safely.

Finally, I wish to say a very big thank you to all the volunteers who have put in time and effort to keep our Club running so successfully. Subcommittees, delegates and custodians, walks programmers and walks coordinators: you have all done a great job for a great Club. It is only by sharing the jobs that we manage to sustain so much activity. Last but certainly not least, I come to our Executive Committee, a strong mix of continuing and new members with an impressive range of talent and expertise. Thank you for putting this talent and expertise to work for the Club with such dedication.

I strongly encourage members to become involved in the different aspects of running our Club; putting something back into the Club which gives us so much pleasure is most rewarding.

Happy (and safe) walking!

Storm Foulkes, President

SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Gill Fitzgerald, Trish Colles. Vicki Martin, Gill Mosmann, Ruth Raward.

In November 2014 Hobart Walking Club reached another milestone – 85 years! To celebrate the occasion we had a lunchtime event attended by 99 guests. Ages ranged from toddlers to those over 90 years old. It was wonderful to see the different generations together; surely a positive sign for the future. Between courses the Club presented a Life membership and other awards for members who have contributed to the club, some less serious than others.

There was a photo montage running continuously which brought back memories of walks, people and the bush; thanks to Geoff O'Hara. Bob Wyatt set up an excellent display of historical

artefacts and records, going back over many years. We finished with a beautifully decorated cake made by Helen Daly.

The Christmas B.B.Q. was held in December at Christine Philbrick's home on the banks of Brown's River. It was an enjoyable evening in spite of the coolish weather. (But walkers are always prepared for all conditions....)

There was better weather for the annual Australia Day Picnic at Orana, which was a success again. This is a wonderful opportunity for walkers, cyclists and the less active, to get together for a B.B.Q., chat, and maybe a swim. Thanks to Phyl Wyatt for arranging the venue.

Gill Fitzgerald, Social Convenor.

CIRCULAR SUB-COMMITTEE

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

Circular production numbers as at 30 June 2015 are:-

Circular style	Members	Others	Total	%
Print	349	7	356	43.8
Email	453	3	456	56.2
Total	802	10	812	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 of the above-mentioned team for their dedication in producing the monthly circulars.

In 2015 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

Secretary Andrew Davey
Walks Data: Vicki Martin (primarily) & Rupert Manners
Walks Programmers:
Weekend day MM+: Chris Rathbone
Overnight Walks: Paul Geeves
Weekend day SE / SM: Judy Bond & Jeanette Brown earlier
Tuesday Walks: Heather Hurd
Thursday SE CYC Cecilia Eriksson
Wednesday Walks: Mary Jolly
Thursday Walks: John Kerrison
Midweek SE / SM: Felicity Walch
Toddlers Toddles: Helen Dalla Fontana
SNQ (midweek): Bob & Phyl Wyatt & Rinda Burgess from April 2015
Flashwalks: Rohan Hutchison

Thank You.....

(1) Vicki Martin (and husband Marty) & Rupert Manners. Walk Data Officer is very demanding, involving reading Walk Descriptions, contacting Coordinators to adjust details, logging all trips, meeting important deadlines and much other, making it the Club's largest job. All associated have put in a good effort for walks data. Vicki and Chris Rathbone organised the basic data extracts for this report.

(2) Walks Programmers (above). Others may have significantly helped in other ways or during absences, including Gill Mossman, Geoff Morffew, Judith Holmes. New to the job for the year are Mary Jolly, Judy Bond, John Kerrison and Rinda Burgess. For cycling: Cecilia Eriksson, Brian Haas, Chris Howard – well done all of you. Any other persons due thanks whose names have not been given to me; a big thanks to you too. Please let's know.

(3) those who offered and coordinated walks, bicycling and other activities; only 172 members did this. Per Table 4, the most active organising trips are Brian Haas, Rupert Manners, Bruce Wilkinson, Helen Dalla Fontana, Alan Wilson, Paul Geeves & Bob & Phil Wyatt. Rupert followed by Paul Geeves, Brian Haas, Linda Cook & Geoff O'Hara had the most days away running trips. To all Trip Coordinators, thank you! Please keep up the excellent work; without you we would have a much diminished Club. Members are much indebted to you. You who have not coordinated a trip please thank them too, and make a trip offer or two. Every offer is welcome.

Trip Activity; Summaries of all trip data received are presented below. The data reveal an error of about 1% in some totals for the two methods of extracting data from File-Maker Pro* [eg the participation totals for Tables 2 (7837) & 3 (7916)]. Thus, some figures quoted may not precisely match those from a different data extract. A check counting all walks and CYC in the Circular showed table 3 more accurate for trip offers. Figures for bicycling only are shaded as here.

About 7900 (~7500 in 2013 / 14) participated in a total of 716 cycling and walking trips for the year (same trip total as last year). The year had slightly fewer official walking trips than last year (540 vs 551), while cycling trips increased from 154 to 164. 6176+ attended the walks (5829 in 2013 / 14), up 4 percent. For cycling trips 1661 participated, a faint decrease from 1669 in 2013 / 14.

The number of persons on a walk averaged 11.4 (up from 10.6), for bike rides it was fewer at 10.3, a small decrease from 10.8 of last year. Most categories of walks and cycling occurred weekly or better, the main exceptions were SR, ME, LE, LR & FB (and extended). A few of the harder walks were shared with other Clubs or vice versa. The most common kinds of trips remain MM walks and moderate bicycling, followed by SE, then MR & SNQ walks. Surprisingly, the best-attended trips on average (Av/trip in table 1) are ME, NQ, SM & SE – note that while SR shows 20 as the best attended, it is based on one trip.

In general rough trips and Facebook walks are the least popular. Fewer Facebook / Flashwalks trips and lower participation in them occurred. The walks data are heavily weighted by the well-attended MM, SE, NQ & SNQ that are the most frequently ran types of walks. The aging of the Club demographic proceeds and is a major reason for relatively low interest in rough, long or extended trips, although the harder walks remain similarly offered and popular in recent years. Of these, extended trips offered, and participated in, rose by 22%. More LR offerings and participation occurred during the year than last year.

Many members still do their Club trips as a particular variety of trip on a particular weekday or days.

Walks Issues A few more incidents than average occurred on some trips; some preventable. The Walks Report and Guidelines for Walks Coordinators were amended to alert Coordinators and Participants to some preventative measures, most to be read out at the start of the trip. In addition, an Incident Reporting form, available on the Club website, is referred to in the Walks Report. A few incidents were not reported officially until the Coordinator was asked for a report. It is imperative that all attending a Club event / trip are recorded, and the record submitted, in case of an incident – occasionally report submission was tardy. The Guide (of

two) will be sent to Coordinators when they run their first walk for the year.

Several needed prompting to properly describe the start of their trip(s). A newcomer may not know there is a usual starting place or exactly where it is. Grading of walks was sometimes erroneous, yet is well described in both the Circular and the update Guide to Coordinating Trips. This important area needs more attention. It is especially important to those just able to participate in some trip categories. Largely an accurate grading is more important the easier the walk or cited grade. Some may be able to walk several kilometres, but can only ascend the gentlest of slopes, a very short 'easy' steep slope equivalent to several steps, etc...

Many requests for information arrive via the website. Many must go unanswered as they are from non-members seeking considerable information and help, from maps to transport and a free guide.

Bicycling (based on figures in programmer reports)

See the relevant section of the annual report. In brief here: Tuesday intermediate cycling was enjoyed by 510 riders for 53 offered rides of which 5 were lost to poor weather. For Thursday moderate rides, 581 rode 45 trips held, while 5 were lost to wet weather. Five multiday trips around the State were successfully ran attracting 61 participants. Participation shows the Thursday moderate rides to be the most popular.

Ride Type	Rides	Days	% of Rides	Riders	% of Riders
SE	51	51 did?	33.1	471	28.36
Mod	50	50 did 45	32.5	692	41.66
Int	48	53 did 48	31.2	456	27.45
Tour	5	26 did 24	3.25	42	2.529
Totals	154	180 did ≤168	100	1661	100

Table 1 HWC TRIPS ORGANISED 2014 - 2015

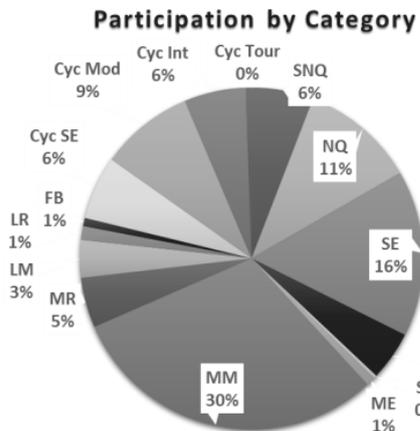
Month	WALKS											BICYCLING				ALL
	SNQ	NQ	SE	SM	SR	ME	MM	MR	LM	LR	FB	SE	Mod	Int	Tour	
July	4	4	7	2	0	0	18	2	2	2	2	5	5	3	0	56
Aug	5	4	7	3	0	0	20	2	2	0	1	4	6	2	0	56
Sept	4	5	8	0	0	1	15	3	4	1	2	4	6	3	0	56
Oct	5	4	8	1	0	0	17	5	4	0	1	5	5	3	2	60
Nov	4	4	7	4	0	1	10	10	3	1	1	3	6	3	1	58
Dec	3	5	6	4	0	0	16	4	2	1	1	3	4	5	0	54
Jan	6	3	8	2	0	0	13	5	3	4	2	5	5	4	0	60
Feb	4	4	7	1	0	0	13	9	4	4	0	4	6	4	1	61
Mar	4	5	7	1	0	0	17	8	1	4	3	4	5	5	1	65
April	4	3	7	4	1	1	15	4	1	2	5	5	5	4	0	61
May	5	5	8	2	0	1	16	2	5	0	1	5	5	4	0	59
June	4	5	8	0	0	0	20	4	2	0	1	4	4	6	0	58
Total	52	51	88	24	1	4	190	58	33	19	20	51	62	46	5	704
%	9.6	9.4	16	4.4	0.2	.74	35	11	6.1	3.5	3.7	31	38	28	3	
Av/trip	8.8	17	14	15	20	17	12.5	6.4	8.5	5.4	3	9	11	10	8.4	
<u>2014</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Cyc</u>	=	<u>154</u>	<u>705</u>

TABLE 2 SPECIFIC CATEGORY PARTICIPATION 2014 - 2015

Month Mo.	WALKERS											BICYCLERS				ALL
	SN Q	NQ	SE	SM	S R	ME	MM	MR	LM	LR	F B	SE	Mod	Int	Tour	
July	34	79	64	37	0	0	226	18	0	20	7	41	59	26	0	611
Aug	49	70	75	45	0	0	236	18	37	0	2	34	74	8	0	648
Sept	43	103	142	0	0	20	190	26	28	0	9	26	42	19	0	648
Oct	54	72	113	12	0	0	178	31	34	0	4	46	59	23	20	646
Nov	22	65	91	32	0	9	126	78	15	5	2	40	96	34	6	621
Dec	19	55	87	59	0	0	194	25	22	0	0	39	69	69	0	638
Jan	45	101	90	21	0	0	204	15	30	15	17	40	65	55	0	698
Feb	33	73	92	13	0	0	221	52	32	27	0	48	83	47	0	721
Mar	18	56	132	5	0	0	211	39	5	22	4	19	39	50	16	616
April	39	43	138	80	20	34	198	39	5	13	12	59	59	51	0	790
May	54	66	113	62	0	7	177	14	48	0	4	39	32	34	0	650
June	47	66	96	0	0	0	207	16	23	0	0	40	15	40	0	550
Total	457	849	1233	366	20	70	2368	371	279	102	61	471	692	456	42	7837
%	7.4	14	20	6.0	.3	1	38.3	6	4.5	1.7	1	28	41.7	27	2.5	
<u>2014</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>1005</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>2376</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Cyc</u>	=	<u>1669</u>	<u>7498</u>

Table 3 OVERVIEW OF TRIPS & PARTICIPATION - walks & bicycling combined, then walkers only

Month	Midweek		Weekend		Extended		Totals		Total
	Trips	Attendee	Trips	Attendees	Trips	Attendee	Trips	Attendee	Walkers
July	41	489	16	137	0	0	57	626	485
Aug	36	450	19	194	2	14	57	658	532
Sept	40	521	16	123	1	9	57	653	561
Oct	41	522	13	74	6	50	60	646	498
Nov	36	475	18	129	5	22	59	626	445
Dec	38	529	14	100	3	15	55	644	461
Jan	40	543	17	148	4	16	61	707	538
Feb	40	589	14	80	8	56	62	725	543
Mar	41	440	17	135	8	41	66	616	492
April	42	610	16	143	5	45	63	798	621
May	42	432	17	210	1	19	60	661	545
June	41	412	15	130	3	14	59	556	455
Total	478	6012	192	1603	46	301	716	7916	6176
% 2015	66.8	75.9	26.8	20.25	6.42	3.80	100	100	79.5
<u>2014</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>5795</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>1420</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>366</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>7581</u>	<u>5829</u>
<u>Total</u>									(76.9%)

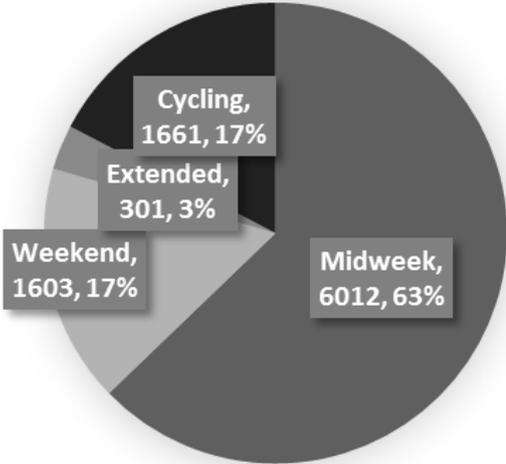


Category	No.	% of All	
SNQ	1	457	5.83
NQ	2	849	10.8
SE	3	1233	15.7
SM	4	366	4.67
SR	5	20	0.26
ME	6	70	0.89
MM	7	2368	30.2
MR	8	371	4.73
LM	9	279	3.6
LR	10	102	1.3
FBk	11	61	0.78

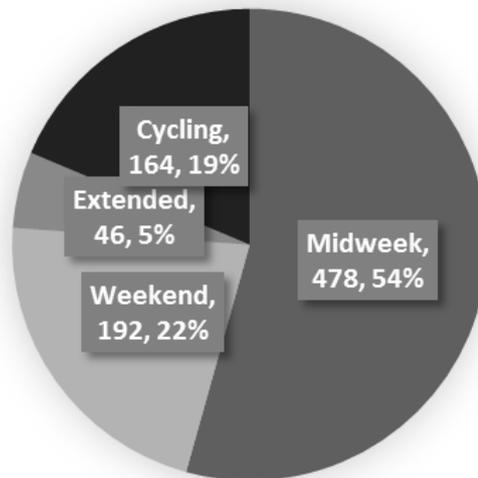
Cyc SE	12	471	6.0
Cyc Mod	13	692	8.83
Cyc Int	14	456	5.82
Cy Tour	15	42	0.54

6176 walkers + 1661 bicyclers = 7837 reported on official club trips for the
2014 - 2015 year

Overview of Participation weekend, weekday & extended



Overview of Trips Types



Changes: During the year the subcommittee and Executive again discussed and made some small changes to the guidelines for Trip Coordinators, the Walk Report (yellow form) and the Circular prologue to the Walks Program to better guide walk descriptions in previews. As under “Issues”, this was to improve good management and safety of trips. The website author (in Queensland) was mainly otherwise occupied. Thus, the website facility for Walks had but few adjustments, more is to occur, soon. The full walks program was maintained and viewable on the web. An Incident Report and some document updates were added to the website as well as some GPS plot files to the walks information.

The Future

It is up to you. We have an excellent setup to handle further improvements and offer more trips. The Club is active, but has some downward trends in offers of certain types of trips, surprisingly the easier, much harder and some weekend trips. The Club depends on its members. If you attend trips a few times or more a year, you should conduct some trips. If you feel a bit unsure about coordinating a trip, we offer mentoring for Trip Coordinators who want help – contact the appropriate Walks Programmer or the Walks Secretary. You may like activities we do not offer currently - how about offering or helping to arrange them. All positions need backing up (illness, accident, need for a break), so please offer help there too. Please be very mindful to encourage new-comers to participate in running things, and offer help.

The existing paper and email means to program walks continues while more can be entered directly onto the web. We may need some more web-able persons to help some Walks Programmers when more is to be performed on-line.

Routes Database (RDB) We are improving trip information held by the Club via the RDB. We have a wealth of GPS plots and seek more. We also have much other data, but it requires far more work to extract and put all into the intended format – time consuming skilled effort is required. Invariably a

GPS file and, at times, very brief notes suffice for requests of information. The RDB effort will continue concentrating on amassing GPS data that is easily plotted onto topographical maps as this is far more productive for limited time.

The RDB is intended to help Trip Coordinators find trip starts, use better routes and find known bashed scrub. Progress getting it onto the web has been minimal (not a Club fault) although the Routes Database format was finalised last year. A few sample GPS files were placed on the web and a list of files held commenced. Irrespective of the website, many have asked for and received trip information that enabled a successful trip, usually just an email with a GPS file (*.gpx). In the meantime a few of us have agreed to supply our GPS files which are readily emailed and entered onto maps, so supplying all the information a walker wants in the vast majority of cases. This builds our RDB. The intended website information is available on request, regardless of the website status. Those running official club walks may request maps. We invite members to send walks details and GPS plot and waypoint files to the Walks Secretary or Andrew (h_a_davey@yahoo.com.au).

Table 4 OUR TOP TRIP ORGANISERS of 2014 – 15

Trips	Days	Name	Main Type(s) of Trip
16	61	Rupert Manners	Ext/MM/MR/NQ
12	42	Paul Geeves	Ext/MR/MM
19	26	Brian Haas	CYC
9	24	Linda Cook	CYC/MM/SE
5	19	Geoff O'Hara	LR/MR
7	17	Carolynne Smith	MR/MM/LR
5	17	David Young	LR/FB
4	17	Alison Street	MR/FB/ME
14	14	Helen Dalla Fontana	Toddle-SNQ/NQ
2	14	Tony Woolford	MR
13	13	Alan Wilson	Toddle-NQ/LM/MM/
9	13	Nick Hume	MM/CYC/SE

12	12	Bob & Phyl Wyatt	NQ/CYC
2	12	Dawn Albert	MM
11	11	John Cannon	DWNQ/MM/SM
11	11	Felicity Walch	SE/SNQ
11	11	Jon Grey	CYC/SNQ
11	11	Carmen Walker	SNQ
9	11	Chris Rathbone	LR/MR/MM
6	11	John Kerrison	MM/LR
10	10	Judy Bond	SM/SE
10	10	Roger Hurd	MM
10	10	Patricia Colles	LM/MM/MR

We applaud those listed above, especially Rupert, Paul, Brian & Linda for a great effort. They are terrific exemplars of club Trip Coordinators – something for us all to emulate. Others worthy of mention are Hans Svenson, Diane Martin, Geoff Morffew, Robyn Everist, Stacy Kirkby, Rob Hill, Carole Nodder, Jim Baptist, Cecilia Eriksson, Helen Daly, Rohan Hutchison, John Cornwell, Gill Fitzgerald, Brian Garland, Chris Howard & Jocelyn Darby.

Very happy, safe and interesting walking, bicycling, kayaking, skiing, etc...

Andrew Davey, Walks Secretary

PUBLICATION SALES

Issue 40 of “The Tasmanian Tramp” was published in September 2014. Congratulations to the Editors for another superb production. For all those “peak baggers” it includes a revised list compiled by Geoff Morffew. There are also a range of excellent articles and photos too. Sales have slowed down with 85 being sold to retail outlets, members and non-members. It would be worth considering giving away a copy to fully qualified new members in the future, in order not to be left with unsold copies as in previous years.

Only a few old Tramps have been sold in the last year, and as the office has been moved to smaller premises it has been necessary to cull some of these.

CD Tramp 1-23 continues to sell well and this includes the index, which may be why paper copies of the index hardly sell at all.

Safety in the Bush and Bushwalking Emergency Medicine are selling slowly, particularly to shops and walking clubs.

Ruth Raward, Publications Sales Officer

EDITORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Tasmanian Tramp

The committee reconvened in April of this year and is busily working away on submissions for The Tasmanian Tramp No. 41 due for release September 2016. Photos and articles are trickling in, and it appears at this early stage to be shaping up to be as good a publication as previous *Tramps*. The committee comprises; Helen Daly - Editorial Convener, John Cannon, John Adams, Karen Marriott, Gladys Seymour and David Seymour. I would like to thank the committee members for their hard work, ongoing support and also like to thank people who submit articles, poems, sketches and photos.

Helen Daly, Editorial Convener

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the HWC was 889 members on 30 June 2015; an increase of 25 on FY 2014. 118 new Members applied to join the Club. This is a healthy increase on last year. 79 prospectives became full members. During the year I did a survey to find out why prospectives who joined the Club did not continue. The result was very positive, all but one of the respondents was very happy with what the Club had to offer

but had not been able to continue principally because of family or work commitments.

65% of our members are in the 50 -70 age bracket. 68% of members joining are also in this age bracket. 49% of our members have been in the Club for less than 10 years.

My interpretation of this is that we are renewing ourselves very successfully with active retirees but it will be up to those new members to take positions of responsibility for the management of the Club (and to coordinate walks) fairly quickly after joining. The Club will not be able to rely on those members who have been in the Club for donkey's years to continue the management of the Club. So don't be shy and put your hand up.

Age Group Statistics at 30th June 2015

Age	FY 2014-2015			FY 2013-14			FY 2012-13		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
16-18		1	1	0	3	3	1	1	2
19-24	2	2	4	1	1	2	1	1	2
25-29	3	7	10	4	8	12	3	4	7
30-39	13	20	33	11	15	26	9	23	32
40-49	21	38	59	26	44	70	29	43	72
50-59	80	118	198	82	122	204	71	123	194
60-69	169	215	384	154	192	346	154	170	324
70-79	90	64	154	91	65	156	73	57	130
80-89	22	20	42	17	20	37	17	16	33
90+	2	3	5	3	4	7	1	5	6
Unk	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
Total	402	487	889	389	475	864	359	444	803

Membership Statistics at 30 June 2015

Category	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Hon. Life Members	11	10	11	13	11	10
Hon. Associate Members	1	1	1	1	1	1
Associate Members	4	3	1	1	1	2
Members	762	723	702	695	703	692
Prospective Members	111	127	87	58	45	61
	889	864	802	768	761	766

35 Year Membership Certificates

These members attained 35 years in the Club and were awarded Certificates

David Tucker	7/12/1979
Dennis Bewsher	1/01/1980
Tim Jones	1/01/1980
Wilma Koolhof	13/1/1980
Warwick Ashley	7/04/1980
Barbara Ditcham	15/04/1980

50 Year Membership Certificates

These members attained 50 years in the Club and were awarded Certificates

Philip Rogers	20/01/1965
John Whelan	10/03/1965
Anthony Coupe	7/05/1985

Life Members

John Cannon
Andrew Davey
Brian Haas
Sheila Reynolds
Bob Wyatt
Allan Christian
Bruce Davis
Val Linsell
Stephanie Schultz
John Wythes
David Leaman

Long and Significant Service

Margaret Knight Adrian Jowett
Stuart Whitney Margaret Gould
Hilary Goodwin John Adams
Sylvia Ledger Jim Anderson
Anna Rau Rosalie Davis
Roger Reed David Hardy
Phyl Wyatt Fred Koolhof
Barry Ford Pam Powell
Jenny Ford Chris Rathbone
Gloria Barnes Vicki Martin
Midj Jones

Rupert Manners, Membership Officer**SEARCH, RESCUE & TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Members: Pam Powell (Convenor), Malcolm Sherlock (Police Liaison), Tony Rae, Jamie Cotton, Stuart Whitney, Ian Draper, Sue Denman, Chris Rathbone, John Kerrison (Exec Rep)

Vale Glen Kowalik our long standing committee member who died during the year.

The 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.

Training Trips

The 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 the 2014/2015 year we scheduled seven Essential Skills 1-day training events with 91 prospective members attending. This compares with 61 for the previous year. This is another increase in numbers of prospective members being trained which reflects the popularity of the day training program.

Training Activities

We organised the annual training weekend at the Steppes Reserve in April. This was scheduled earlier than our normal May weekend to try for better weather. The weekend was better, but we did have a little snow and rain. As we were able to access the house, we could manage the planned training. We did, however, have a good number of club members attending both the training and the Sunday walk. Members especially enjoyed the first aid training provided by Mark Nelson, the navigation refresher and exercises, and the equipment displays.

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 1-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 now have 3 primary police contacts who are able to 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.

We had one call-out to search for a young boy. 12 club members responded. The search was called-off at the assembly point in Sorell.

A number of the callout members participated in the annual winter search and rescue exercise (SAREX) organized by the Police Search and Rescue Squad. This was held at Wayatinah. HWC was represented by six volunteers.

Incident Monitoring

The committee has a role in monitoring incidents occurring on club walks and if necessary making recommendations to the Executive regarding action. There have been a number of incidents reported this year, mainly involving breaks, sprains, falls and the like. One issue of concern to us has been that of club members attempting walks beyond their capacity and causing problems for themselves and the other members of the walking party. We also provided advice on an incident where a member of a walking group left the party, became lost and required rescuing.

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

During the 2014-15 year the Tasmanian Government undertook a major review of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA) Management Plan. Due to the impact of this Plan on Club activities an executive subcommittee was formed to undertake the review. As Convenor of the Environment Committee I participated on the subcommittee and coordinated comments into a draft

submission which was circulated to the subcommittee for further comment.

The Environment Committee prepared submissions in response to various planning documents including:-

- Submission on the Wellington Park Management Plan Amendment Proposal for the Mount Wellington Summit development Zone
- Preliminary Comments on the Frenchmans Cap Recreation Zone Plan
- Reiteration of the official Club Position on the Three Capes Track
- Comments on the TASMAL Future Directions proposals
- Information gathering on the Parks Overland Track Access Policy for Club Walks
- Club discussions on Cradle Mountain Access issues, priorities for road and track access to the TWWHA and access to tracks and campsites impacted by the Three Capes Track development.

I would like to thank the Committee members A Davey, D Jupe & P Watson for their assistance and valuable contributions on Club submissions.

Paul Geeves, Convenor

SKI & HUT SUB-COMMITTEE

Members: Simon Benham (Secretary), J De Burgh, A Holding, L Koolhof, F Koolhof, F Lawrence, I Picken, F Rader, R Rader, R Reed, A Davey, S Newbold.

We have had a good year at the hut, with income exceeding expenditure.

Two working bees provided necessary maintenance, and the turnout for stacking five tonnes of firewood was very gratifying.

There have been some reinforcements to the flooring, and the water tank outside Hewardia thanks to Simon Dalco. The 12 volt LED lighting system and solar panels have been installed thanks to Paul Vince, and at the time of writing I await the clearing of the road to Lake Dobson and the hut so that I can install the batteries which have been purchased.

The ski season was brief and made briefer by the impassability of the road to Lake Dobson to all but 4 wheel drive vehicles with chains. I look forward to another good year and encourage members to use the hut.

Simon Benham, Ski and Hut Secretary

FACEBOOK

At 9.07 pm 14 May 2010, the Hobart Walking Club (the Club) commenced the initiative to attract new members, especially younger people to the Club, through Facebook.

Between July 2014 and June 2015, 20 Flash walks were posted and membership is at approximately 600.

Facebook is used by

- HWC members to:
 - share trip photos
 - cancelled walks
 - organise Flash walks,
 - advertise walking gear for sale
 - distribute information on track clearing / working bees
 - arrange overseas trips
 - share gps maps for walks

- provide links to webcams
- Facebook Administration provides:
 - a summary for Club activities
 - information from Government Departments – including Parks and Wildlife Service, Forestry, Police and Bureau of Metrology on track / road closures, weather reports/warnings and projects and proposals relating to wilderness areas
 - relevant topics on cycling
 - prospective members with information / links on joining the Club
 - help to Club members with setting up on Facebook

Gill Mosmann, Facebook Administrator

WEB MANAGER

(Chris Rathbone) No significant developments.

GENERAL MEETINGS ENTERTAINMENT

2014

July.	Tony Rae.	From the Pound to the Daintree.
Aug.	Helen Daly & Vicki Martin	Mera Peak in Nepal.
Sept.	Rupert Manners & John Kerrison.	Frankland Range.
Oct.	Andrew Davey.	Highlights of Ossa, Thetis & Pelion.
Nov.	Ian Wallace.	Adventures with a camera.
Dec.	Garry Hulme.	Trekking in Russia.

2015		
Feb.	Kevin Doran	Tibet
Mar.	John Street	Ski, paddle, cycle & walk, in Europe
April	Pat Quilty	Geology of Mt. Field
May.	Andrew Davey	Some special places in Tasmania.
June.	Discussion on new Constitution . plus Andrew Davey.	Short presentation on HWC people & places.

Thank you to all who have provided a varied and entertaining program over the last year. Also grateful thanks to the technical experts for the smooth running of the equipment.

Gill Fitzgerald, Entertainment Co-ordinator

EQUIPMENT

The Club has some items of equipment for overnight/extended walks and camping available for hire for club and private trips or activities within Tasmania.

The equipment includes:

- 4 tents - 4 "Macpac" - 2x2person and 2x1 person.
- 5 rucksacks - 2 "Aiking"; 2 "Karrimoor" and 1 "Berghaus". **
- 2 cooksets - "Trangia" with fuel bottles.
- 2 sleeping mats - 1 "Thermarest" self-inflating 3/4 length and 1 closed cell foam full length.
- 2 PLBs - GME "Accusat".
- 1 compass - Silva "Starter". **
- 1 pr. overpants and 1 pr. knee length gaiters. **
- ** 4 items donated to the Club.

Usage of this equipment has continued to drop since the cessation of the overnight training trips.

- Tents 1x club trip; 2x private trip
- R/sacks 1x p/trip
- S/mats 2x p/trip
- PLB#2 1x c/trip; 2x p/trip
- PLB#1 refer R Manners.

The Club also has some other equipment that is available :-
1 Audio Telex P.A. /Cassette Recorder with extension speaker.

- 1 Siemens 16mm sound film projector with spare reels.
- 1 Leica P2000 35mm slide projector with spare magazines.
- 1 Waterworth 35mm slide/film strip projector.
- 1 Linda "Hostess" 6 litre urn.
- Several cassette tapes and vinyl records of "folk" and other dance music.

Brian Haas, Equipment Custodian

LIBRARY

I quote Keith from last year's report: "It was another very quiet year for the Library Custodian. No requests were received."

However although again, no requests were received, some valuable preliminary behind-the-scenes work was started. A stocktake of books, journals and audio-visual materials at the Club Office and the Lake Dobson Hut was taken. Some 'new' journals and books were donated to the Club.

On behalf of the Club, thanks to:

Bonnie Tilley for freighting and to Harry Tilyard for a donation of books and old Tramps;

Liz Koolhof for helping with the Dobson Hut stock-take; and John Cannon for identifying the more valuable items worthy of safe storage and reviewing the Club's historic photographic collection.

A few of the books identified as important could not be found - probably borrowed from the Hut. More importantly, some historic and decaying, sometimes unique, photographic items have been found. They need restoring and safe storing. In the absence of an active lending function, this position may be better focussed on identifying and securing important Club records.

Tony Rae, Librarian

CYCLING GROUPS

Tuesday Riding Group

It has been another fantastic year for the Tuesday Cyclists. The riding group have lead rides all over southern Tasmania ranging from Bothwell to Oatlands to Eaglehawk Neck to Geeveston. New rides continue to be sourced which makes for an interesting variation. We constantly push the boundaries on proposed rides. As most cyclists in the group own at least a Mountain/Touring bike and a Road bike then all types of road surfaces can be ridden. Ride distances varied from 90Km thru to 35Km. The average distance on the longer rides was 65Km with 40Km for the shorter rides. Over the year there were 53 Tuesdays. Of these we lost 5 days due to inclement weather; 510 riders participated in 48 rides, an average of 10 riders per day which is a good size to manage on the road. Naturally participation rates are higher in summer. During the cooler Winter months there are members of the group cycling in the Kimberley's and others in Far Northern Queensland.

Chris Howard, Coordinator

Thursday Moderate Bike Rides

During the year 50 rides were programmed of which 5 were cancelled due to wet weather. A total of 581 person rides covering 1797 kms, averaging 12 riders and 39kms/trip for the remaining 45 rides. During December, 28 riders participated on a ride on the Eastern Shore Cycleway followed by a barbecue.

There are now regular volunteers leading these rides easing the load on the coordinator however more of the usual riders are also urged to volunteer.

The usual cycle camp at Hawley/Port Sorell was held from 18th - 25th October last year. Up to 20 persons participated

over the 6 days of cycling programmed over a total distance of 243kms. There were 81 person rides with an average of 14 riders and 41kms/trip.

Brian Haas, Thursday (Moderate) Rides Co-ordinator

Thursday Easy Bike Rides

Our wheels have travelled many enjoyable kilometres again this year, and our eastern boundary increased to include a ride in the Orford area. Several "new" people have again sampled this group's cycling style and our numbers on rides have been "averaging out nicely".

Carole Nodder, Thursday (Easy) Rides Coordinator

CYCLING TOURS

We are happy to report that all our tours had good participation and it is heartening to have new cyclists quickly learning from our wonderful regulars.

The Tamar Valley Three Day 180km Tour held in October, heralds the start of the season and fifteen cyclists experienced this region at its glorious best. We departed Evandale for the Paper Beach campsite via Longford, then Exeter. The second day included vineyards and cafes of course before returning on the last day to Evandale via Launceston.

The Southern Six Day 260 km Tour held in November is a little toughie. From Hobart, six cyclists headed via Taroona to Woodbridge, Petcheys Bay, and Port Huon to Dover. The plan was returning home in two days via Ranelagh but with very unpleasant weather forecast, it was necessary to return home in one long day.

The North East Seven Day 290 km Tour held in February was the most demanding and over a week's duration, we climbed

on fully loaded bicycles from sea level to the top of Mt Wellington three times! Eight cyclists departed Humbug Point for Weldborough, Derby, and Bridport for two nights, Gladstone, and then finally Weldborough to Humbug Point.

The North West Seven Day 260 km Tour was held in March and because of increased traffic concerns, a few successful changes were made. The plan was for the sixteen cyclists to depart Valley Field for Bracknell, then Caveside for three nights and one at both Westbury and finally Longford before returning to Valley Field. Unfortunately and due to the heavy rains plus cold weather forecast on the last two days, it was necessary to shorten the tour by two days.

The Caveside Easter Three Day Camp combined glorious walking and cycling conditions for the sixteen campers. Dear Wynn and Joe Parsons have placed a very large bus down in the paddock for us to use, and because it has a wood heater plus more of life's electrical luxuries, we were very spoilt.

Linda & Tony Cook, Coordinators

DELEGATES' REPORTS

BUSHWALKING TASMANIA

Another extremely busy year. Issues arose in relation to the Overland Track (especially Waterfall Valley area), Walls of Jerusalem, Three Capes, commercial operations, PWS not holding to agreements, power tool use, private vehicle parking in the Cradle area, potential displacement of the traditional walker (Tasmanians) here and many other things. This entailed letters (emails nowadays), visits to a Minister or their relevant Advisor and several PWS / DPAC staff.

Some traction has been gained for the Tasmanian walker, a different cohort to the overseas tourist. Many of us have family associations with certain areas, an area may be named

accordingly and many help maintain walker infrastructure and help with search and rescue. This heavily contrasts tourist walkers, like from Beijing, New York, Mecca, etc... Recently PWS told us we are generally much less a problem than tourists.

A significant submission on the TWWHA was made, heavily in line with that of our Club. The main thrust was to retain existing walking by Tasmanians for Tasmanians without added costs, and be part of relevant consultations at the management level.

Considerable dialogue occurred in an effort to iron out difficulties for walks using parts of the Overland Track. There were signs along the track conflicting with PWS guidelines, different interpretations of the guidelines by PWS staff and over-reach by a few staff at times. A few changes useful to Tasmanian walkers occurred as a result. It is likely further dialogue will occur. The intended all-year booking season for the Overland Track was put on hold until it is really needed.

A series of discussions and a field trip with PWS occurred (ongoing) with a view to achieving a written agreement to retain the walking we traditionally do in the Three Capes Track area. This has proven very productive to date.

Other areas where we have expressed potential concern have resulted in pre-plan discussions to head off omission of, or misunderstanding, the needs of Tasmanian walkers. Once at a plan stage it is much harder to make significant changes. It became apparent the issues for PWS stem entirely from other cohorts. Our main concerns were limiting groups using the Walls of Jerusalem (and fees and bookings) and possibly stopping private vehicle use of the Cradle Valley area. Our current understanding with PWS, based on suggested solutions, is that we will be catered for in a manner which will not diminish our access to and amenity in the relevant areas.

After considerable effort by Andrew, BWT finally got a scheme by which Clubs may use power tools on land under the stewardship of PWS. Our Club quickly proceeded to get two members licenced to use chainsaws. The North West Walking Club quickly had six approved, then seven, mainly to look after the long Penguin – Cradle Track (PCT).

The existing Work As You Walk, whereby a member may snip scrub, etc... still applies, and does not require specific permission (as a project) unlike the use of power tools.

Both the head of PWS (Manager, Peter Mooney) and a second in charge (Ashley Rushton) have agreed to attend meetings of Bushwalking Tasmania to brief attendees, consider issues and take questions. This will occur in November and August respectively. All Delegates, Club Secretaries and Presidents will be invited to the November meeting.

Henk Brolsma was appointed the second HWC delegate to BWT and able to attend the November meeting.

Andrew Davey, Delegate

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN SKI ASSOCIATION

Our Club is a member / part owner of STSA. This dates back to the days when skiing was far more reliable here. In fact, our hut at Lake Dobson was built to improve the opportunity to ski weekends without too much discomfort.

The 2014 season had one weekend of tow operations, which involved a complex heli-evacuation of a French casualty (walker) in which three Club members figured prominently and professionally. It was a busy year for the STSA with a number of working bees conducted over summer to maintain and improve infrastructure at Mt Mawson Ski Field. Six formal and a few informal working bees yielding about 50 man-days of work were put in to prepare for the 2015 Winter season. Key achievements included the construction of new snow

fences, the installation of a new rope on Rodway tow, upgrades to the web camera system to allow remote viewing of snow and weather conditions along with effort to ensure safe and fairly easy to operate systems in a harsh environment.

Our club now provides half the fully trained ski patrol (last year it was 4 of 11) as well as a Tow Manager and head of Ski Patrol. During the year ski patrol underwent the major three yearly accreditation to current national standards. Our Club had three succeed: Paul Vince, Liz Koolhof and Andrew Davey. The qualification allows one to patrol in many other places in the World. The paucity of snow over many years has decreased interest and opportunity to ski in Tasmania. Thankfully, Tim Metcalf remained willing to help us with tow operations.

STSA wrote a sizeable submission to the Draft TWWHA MPlan.

The STSA has continued its advocacy for a new Alpine Visitors Centre and Day Shelter to replace Sitzmark Lodge which was demolished by the Government two years ago. There is an urgent need for the Government to provide a custom designed, thermally efficient, day shelter and associated facilities at Mt Mawson commensurate with the World Heritage status of the beautiful national park to enhance the experience of visitors to the area year- round. STSA recommended one facility in lieu of Sitzmark and the ticket hut at the base of the skifield. The one building would cater for tourists as well as skiers and walkers. History and some displays of natural features of the area would be key attractions. STSA engaged architects to develop a design brief and concept plans. To keep up with developments at Mt Field one can go to the Mt Mawson website www.mtmawson.info and subscribe to receive free email updates. Financially the year (mainly 2014) was a small net loss.

Andrew Davey, Delegate

TASMANIAN BICYCLE COUNCIL INC.

The Kingsborough Council have recently gained funding which will assist motorists and cyclists' daily passage over Bonnet Hill.

Sadly, the Hobart City Council has denied its community cyclists and walkers rights of their safe passage along the proposed Battery Point Promenade due to a very small numbers of residents. Fortunately, there are a number of Aldermen who will not give up the battle.

The Pipeline Track has been improved with the removal of two old and narrow bridges and replaced them with wider and level crossings. Safe passage around the docks area has also seen big improvements.

The Glenorchy City Council is in development stage with the Lutana Links Action Group whose aim is to convert the disused railway corridor from Nystar to the Moonah School. Plans are also underway to continue extending the Intercity Cycleway to Austins Ferry.

The Clarence Council have received two awards and are The 2014 Medibank Active Tasmanian Award and The Local Government Award for implementation a 14.5 km Clarence Foreshore Trail which now has up to 4000 daily usage.

The Brighton Council have been very active this year by adding 150m of track to the southern end of Andrew Street, plus a further 100m track has been added to the northern end of Blackburn Avenue.

It is encouraging to see that the current state government, have begun to embrace the huge green tourism potential that unique Tasmania has to offer, and the north east region now have three new trails which are acknowledged to be of world class standards. These tracks and trails are bringing much needed financial prosperity and infrastructural upgrades to those townships.

Linda & Tony Cook, Delegates

CLARENCE TRACKS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

Bi-monthly meetings have continued, with a number of special meetings to discuss specific issues also held.

- The Popular Tracks in Clarence booklet has been reprinted and enlarged and is available at no cost from the public counter at the Council Chambers.
- A Constitutional framework and Five Year Action Plan has been prepared.
- Planning for sufficient walking trails through and around the proposed golf course at Seven Mile beach continues.
- Negotiations being considered with property owners for a coastal trail – Rokeby to Lauderdale.
- Upgrading and reconstruction of tracks in the Mortimer Bay area has continued.
- Pilchers Hill Circuit – surface upgrading with no downhill cycling – separate downhill track has been provided for cyclists.
- A Unisex toilet block will be provided at the Roches Beach car park.
- A Meehan Range Skyline link trail to be provided at Flagstaff Hill to by-pass the quarry workings.
- Rosny Hill – provision of a circuit track & track to the summit.
- Mays Beach to Cremorne Coastal Trail – survey and planning underway with the aim of track construction to commence next year.
- Priority to be given for the construction of the Blessington Coastal Trail for South Arm to Fort Beach.
- Geilston Bay Coastal Trail – upgrading and reconstruction to lift the track above high water mark and to combat wash from the Mona Ferry.

It is pleasing that the Clarence Council is supportive of the Committee and is prepared to provide funds and commit staff to create a track network throughout the Municipality.

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 2015 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:



Storm Foulkes, President



Philip Le Grove, Treasurer

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

for the year 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

	Notes	2015	2014
		\$	\$
Income			
Members Subscriptions		28,498	28,780
Donations		52	165
Sale of Publications		2,511	1,024
Lake Dobson Hut Fees		3,994	2,940
Interest		2,721	2,895
Social Functions		3,543	4,240
Equipment hire		90	200
Sale of Clothing		219	198
Sundry		430	
		42,058	40,442

Less Expenditure

Post, Printing, Stationery		4,191	2,430
Website		0	1,901
HWC Office Rent		2,747	2,631
Meeting Room Hire		714	566
Bank Fees		159	151
Travel Expenses		557	566
General Meeting Expenses		324	146
Printing Tramp		7,995	
Posting Tramp		673	
Other Publication Expenses		194	
Stock Reduction	1	820	912
Lake Dobson Hut	2	3,762	3,037
Social Functions		4,350	4,968
Volunteer Recognition		605	387
Printing Circular		4,664	4,365
Posting Circular		2,774	2,450
Insurance		832	873
Clothing Expenses		0	229
Training		1,521	875
Affiliation Fees		1,090	849
Marketing & Promotion		90	902
Office Equipment		1,206	389
Track Clearing		1,188	0
		40,456	28,627

Surplus for the year**1,602 11,815**

Accumulated surplus 30/06/14		129,707	117,892
Transfer to Hut Replacement Fund	4	50,000	

Accumulated surplus 30/6/15**81,309 129,707**

BALANCE SHEET *at 30 June 2015*

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
Members Equity			
Accumulated surplus		81,309	129,707
Hut Replacement Fund	4	50,000	
		131,309	129,707
Represented by:			
Current Assets			
Commonwealth Bank chq a/c		19,147	16,712
Tasmanian Perpetual		70,000	70,000
Trustees – Long Term Fund			
Publications stock	1	5,281	6,101
		94,428	92,813
Non-current Assets			
Lake Dobson Memorial Hut	1(c)	43,540	43,540
		43,540	43,540
Total Assets		137,968	136,353
Less Current Liabilities			
Payments in Advance		6,659	3,324
Funds held In trust	3	0	3,322
		6,659	6,646
Net Assets		131,309	129,707

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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.

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
1. Stock adjustment		
Stock at 30/6/2014	6,101	7,013
Safety in the Bush reduction	820	912
Stock at 30/6/2015	5,281	6,101
2. Lake Dobson Memorial Hut		
Gas & Firewood	1,406	918
General Hut maintenance	1,223	995
Crown Land Licence Fee	792	792
Derwent Valley Council Fire Levy & Rates	341	332
	3,762	3,037

3. Funds held in trust

During the year funds from the Leo Luckman hut maintenance fund of \$1,000 and the Brenda Hean Trust monies of \$2,322 were allocated to the installation of solar lighting In the Lake Dobson Hut.

4. Hut Replacement Fund

During the year the Executive decided to allocate \$50,000 towards the cost of replacing the Lake Dobson Hut should it be destroyed and require rebuilding or the site to be rehabilitated. The Hut cannot be insured and this provision is a form of self-insurance.

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 2015, 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 have 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 2015, and the results of its financial performance for the year then ended.



Geoff Morffew, FCPA

7 September 2015

