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Executive Committee

2 October 2021 to 7 October 2022

President:	Jill Finch
Vice President:	Helen Daly (<i>Oct–Jul</i>)
Vice President:	Andrew Davey
Secretary:	Annette Picone
Assistant Secretary:	Christina Nebel
Treasurer:	Rupert Manners
Trips Secretary:	Philip Le Grove
Ski and Hut Secretary:	Keith Simmonds
New Members:	Storm Foulkes
Membership Officer:	Ian Welch
Committee Members:	Midj Jones Margaret Williams

Club Delegates

as at 30 June 2022

Bushwalking Tasmania:	Andrew Davey Jill Finch
Southern Tasmanian Ski Association:	Andrew Davey Fred Koolhof Liz Koolhof
Clarence Tracks and Trails:	Barry Ford

President's Report

Jill Finch

I am pleased once again to report a busy and successful year for the Club. The achievements of the Club are due in large part to the many volunteers who contribute through the Club's excellent system of committees, delegates and officers. Thank you all.

Membership has grown slightly by about 2% and membership of our Facebook page has again increased, by about 10%. We are indebted to our Facebook Administrator for ensuring a good public impression on Facebook. The Club is also in a sound financial position. You will find more detail in the reports by our Membership Officers and the Treasurer in these pages.

The Trips Secretary's Report shows similar participation in our trips to last year. There was a big increase in extended walks and base camp trips, possibly a reflection on more people staying in Tasmania rather than travelling outside of the State, but pleasing nevertheless.

Club Nights are more comfortable now that we meet in a well-lit and warm hall, and some memorable talks have been organised by the Entertainment Officer. The Social Subcommittee puts in a lot of work planning for Club dinners and other social gatherings.

Major improvements have been made to the Lake Dobson Hut, by an energetic Ski and Hut Subcommittee. If you visit the hut you will notice much improved interiors. I encourage members to visit and enjoy the ambience, warmth and comfort of this Club treasure.

The Search, Rescue and Training Subcommittee has worked hard to produce the ninth edition of *Safety in the Bush*. This is a major achievement and provides a significant addition to bushwalking knowledge in Tasmania and further afield, reflecting well on our Club.

The Club's biennial publication *The Tasmanian Tramp* is being launched in September this year, thus maintaining a tradition begun in 1933. We thank the Tasmanian Tramp Subcommittee whose work goes on steadily over the two years.

The website development team has been working towards a new look website for the Club. Much basic groundwork has been completed and, like a house, we can now expect to see visible evidence of improvements forthcoming.

The Executive Committee has been busy. Our prime task is spelt out in our working motto: 'making it easier to go walking'. A key focus is therefore track development and promotion. We have had talks with Councils, meetings with Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, and lodged submissions on various topics. These include Maria Island National Park Management Plan Review, Tasman Bridge Pathway Upgrade, the Kentish Rifle Club Development Application and the Cradle Valley Cableway proposal. Thanks to the Environment subcommittee for their work on submissions, and to the Track Clearing team for keeping paths open.

Behind the scenes, the Executive Committee has

- revised the Club's policies and procedures
- developed new policies for the Volunteer Thank You Night and for Club service awards (Honorary Life Membership and Long and Significant Service Awards)
- upgraded equipment for hire with the Equipment Manager
- prepared Duty Statements for all Executive positions
- developed an Acknowledgement of Country statement
- begun the process of instituting term limits for Executive Committee members
- promoted work on our archives, including the scanning of all existing Tramps – thanks to our Archivist and our Publications Officer.

Club members at last year's AGM in October 2021 voted to confer an Honorary Life Membership on Storm Foulkes. This is a thoroughly well-deserved award which recognises the long-term contribution in administration and other initiatives that Storm has led during her time with the Club. Congratulations Storm.

I would like to thank members of the Executive Committee for their hard work and constructive contributions during the past year. Our Club is in good hands while we continue to attract talented members to help run the Club smoothly.

New Members Report

Storm Foulkes

The position of New Members Officer was established on the Executive Committee in October 2019, following a trial of two years. The role of the New Members Officer is to provide support to new members from their initial enquiry until they move from prospective to full membership status. This has worked well, especially since the post COVID-19 increase in new members.

This year, the club welcomed a total of 127 new members. This included 106 prospective members, 12 new members who had their prospective stage waived because they were current members of other Australian bushwalking clubs and could demonstrate appropriate bushwalking experience, and 9 rejoining members for whom the prospective stage was also waived.

The Executive Committee elected 91 people to full membership of the club, comprised of 70 who qualified through completing their prospective member requirements and 21 for whom prospective requirements were waived. The number of prospective members at 30 June 2022 was 104.

Membership Report

Ian Welch

There were 960 Members at June 2022 which is the highest number for at least 20 years. 55.4% of these joined the Club in the last ten years (532 people) with a further 15.2% becoming Members between ten and twenty years ago. Only 29.4% have been Club members for more than twenty years.

A summary of the key membership statistics follows.

Membership Numbers by Category as at 30 June

Membership Category	Number of Members			
	2022	2021	2020	2019
Honorary Life Members	13	13	12	10
Honorary Associate Members	1	1	1	1
Associate Members	1	1	1	0
Members	841	788	726	760
Prospective Members	104	136	96	122
Total	960	939	836	893

Membership Count by Age and Gender as at 30 June

Age	FY 2021-2022			FY 2020-2021				FY 2019-2020		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Not given	Total	M	F	Total
19-24				1	1		2	1	0	1
25-29	3	4	7	2	5		7	1	3	4
30-39	6	12	18	8	10	1	19	9	9	18
40-49	13	24	37	18	22	1	41	14	22	36
50-59	65	106	171	59	104		163	62	87	149
60-69	143	203	346	127	186		313	125	152	277
70-79	143	151	294	143	155	1	299	126	141	267
80-89	46	31	77	52	33		85	45	31	76
90+	2	1	3	2	1		3	1	1	2
Not Given	1	6	7	1	5	1	7	1	5	6
Total	422	538	960	413	522	4	939	385	451	836

35 Year Membership Certificates

Eight members attained 35 years Club membership during the year.

Jan Tindall	27 Aug 1986
Midj Jones	22 Sep 1986
Bill Tindall	28 Sep 1986
Jean Rothero	28 Sep 1986
Anne Bliss	6 Jan 1987
Marcia Solomon	30 Mar 1987
Darrell Vincent	18 May 1987
Glenis Townsend	18 May 1987

50 Year Membership Certificates

Two members attained the significant milestone of 50 years Club membership during the year.

Sylvia Ledger	7 Jan 1972
Sheila Reynolds	1 Feb 1972

Honorary Life Members

1979	Bob Wyatt
1990	John Cannon
1994	Sheila Reynolds
2001	Val Linsell
2010	Andrew Davey
2011	Brian Haas, Stephanie Schulz (<i>dec'd</i>)
2017	Chris Rathbone
2018	Geoff Morffew, Barry Ford
2019	Rupert Manners, Midj Jones
2020	Vicki Martin
2021	Storm Foulkes

Long and Significant Service Award Recipients

2011	Margaret Knight, Stuart Whitney, Hilary Goodwin, Sylvia Ledger, Anna Rau, Phyl Wyatt (<i>dec'd</i>)
2012	Barry Ford, Jenny Ford, Adrian Jowett, Margaret Gould
2013	John Adams, Jim Anderson, Rosalie Davis, David Hardy, Fred Koolhof
2014	Pam Powell, Chris Rathbone, Vicki Martin, Midj Jones
2015	Geoff Morffew, Tony Rae (<i>dec'd</i>), Paul Geeves
2016	Linda Cook, Tony Cook, Helen Daly, Gill Fitzgerald, Storm Foulkes, Roger Hurd, Rupert Manners
2017	Doug Mclean, David Pears
2018	Ruth Raward, Philip Le Grove
2019	Margaret Williams, Liz Koolhof
2020	Alison Bowling, John Kerrison, Geoff O'Hara
2021	Judy Bond, Felicity Walch

President's Award

2013	Vicki Martin
2019	Barry Plews

Trips Report

Philip Le Grove

Subcommittee Members

Trips Secretary

Philip Le Grove

Tripsdata Team

Antonia Dunne

Judy Micklewright

Lee Parker

Walk Programmers

Overnight

Paul Geeves

Monday Toddlers Toddle

John Gora

Tuesday MM+

David Picone

Wednesday SE/SM

Judy Bond

Wednesday MM+

Graham Sargison

Wednesday MM alternative

Helen Daly

Thursday MM+

John Kerrison

Thursday MM alternative

Alan Wilson

Friday SNQ

Erika Shankley (*Jul-Feb*)

Jeanette Brown (*from Mar*)

Saturday SE/SM

Carole Nodder (*July-Nov*)

Leone Cripps (*from Dec*)

Saturday MM+/ Sunday MM+

Trish Colles

Cycle Programmers

Tuesday L/Int

Chris Howard (*July-May*)

Sue Headley/

Anne McLean (*from June*)

Thursday SE

Cecilia Eriksson

Thursday ME

Daryl Stewart/

Stephen Robinson

Thursday MM

Chanchal Foxen

Kayak Programmer

Barry Plews

It has been a busy year with a diverse and interesting program on offer across our different activities. Whilst we have not maintained the significant growth in trips and participants achieved during COVID-19 restrictions in the previous year the results show our members this year were still very active. The number of walking trips 597 (633:2021) and the number of walking trip participants 6,763 (6,839:2021) illustrate the level of activity. Participation per trip was up across all types of walks 11.3 (10.7:2021)

A standout result this year has been the extended walks program with almost a 20% increase. An analysis of the program shows that there was a strong interest in multi day base camping, both from coordinators wanting to organise trips and from members wanting to participate. Most base camping trips filled very quickly.

The growth in base camps as well as the ongoing strong interest in our short easy walks program - participants per SE trip rose from 15:2021 to 16.9 this year - highlights a changing trend in the demographics of members.

Our kayak program continues to be well supported – the weather unfortunately forced the cancellation of a number of trips. This year the program included a training day for members.

The cycling program maintains a strong following by members and saw growth in the number of trips 192 (181:2021) and a similar level of participation to the previous year.

Our diverse and interesting program across all the activities is put together by our team of Trip Programmers and Coordinators. They all deserve a special mention and a thank you for their efforts. There were 186 different coordinators.

The hardworking Tripsdata team prepare and format the trips program each month for the Circular. Thank you Antonia Dunne, Judy Micklewright, Lee Parker and Web Manager Chris Rathbone who helped at short notice with any fixes required.

The leading Trip Coordinators for the year are:

		No. of Trips	No. of Days
Geoff O'Hara	walks	23	66
Rupert Manners	walks	20	54
Vicki Martin	walks	23	38
Carolynne Smith	walks	9	38
Helen Daly	walks	25	37
Kent Lillico	walks	6	33
Judy Bond	walks	22	22
Dale Carney	walks	5	21
Trish Colles	walks	15	21
Chanchal Foxen	cycle	13	19
Jane Long	walks	13	19
John Kerrison	walks	11	19
Keith Simmonds	walks	14	19
Geoff Morffew	walks	9	17
Stephen Robinson	cycle	5	16
Paul Baker	walks	11	15
Stacy Kirkby	walks	4	15
Helen Dalla-Fontana	walks	13	13
Nick Hume	walks & cycle	13	13
David Picone	walks & cycle	11	13
Nina Brown	walks	5	12
Jim Gandy	walks	2	12
John Gora	walks	12	12
Wayne Hawkins	walks	2	12
David Pears	walks & cycle	12	12
Jo Castillo	walks	4	11
Linda Cook	walks & cycle	4	11
Nola Errey	walks	4	11
Chris Leithner	walks	11	11
Gill Mosmann	walks	11	11

Awards

The **Golden Boot Award** goes to the Club member who accrues the most days walking as a coordinator, doing a minimum 10 qualifying trips across 12 months. Trips must include four or more people. The winner is:

Rupert Manners

The **Silver Saddle Award** goes to the Club member who accrues the most days cycling as a coordinator doing a minimum 10 trips across 12 months. Qualifying trips must include four or more people.

Chanchal Foxen

Number of Trips and Participant Numbers by Category

Category	FY 2021 - 2022			FY 2020 - 2021		
	Trips	Participants	Average	Trips	Participants	Average
Day Walking Trips						
Long Rough	4	33	8.3	7	47	6.7
Long Medium	39	313	8.0	34	311	9.1
Medium Rough	30	269	9.0	37	329	8.9
ME and MM	224	2,428	10.8	265	2,755	10.4
Short Rough	3	38	12.7	4	60	15.0
Short Medium	34	514	15.1	12	177	14.8
Short Easy	83	1,404	16.9	96	1,441	15.0
Short Non-Qualifying	46	549	11.9	50	563	11.3
Toddles Non-Qualifying	48	634	13.2	48	670	14.0
Dog Walk Non-Qualifying	0	0	0	7	43	6.1
Total Day Walks	511	6,182	12.1	560	6,396	11.4

Number of Trips and Participant Numbers by Category

Category	FY 2021 - 2022			FY 2020 - 2021		
	Trips	Participants	Average	Trips	Participants	Average
Extended Walking						
Long Rough	18	75	4.2	16	45	2.9
Long Medium	3	16	5.3	3	12	4.0
Medium Rough	23	123	5.3	24	151	6.3
SE, SM and MM	42	367	8.7	30	235	7.8
Total Extended Walks	86	581	6.8	73	443	6.1
Cycling						
Long/Int	48	474	9.9	44	448	10.2
Moderate/MM	46	418	9.1	42	454	10.8
Medium Easy	51	767	15.0	47	659	14.0
Short Easy	42	134	3.4	43	199	4.6
Tour	5	87	17.4	5	108	21.7
Total Cycling Trips	192	1,880	9.8	181	1,868	10.3
Kayaking						
Day trips	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kayak tour	5	31	6.2	6	40	6.7
Total kayaking trips	5	31	6.2	6	40	6.7
TOTAL TRIPS	794	8,674	10.9	820	8,747	10.7

Programmer Reports

Overnight walks

Paul Geeves

2021-22 was another strong year for overnight and extended walks with a wide variety of trips offered. The summer program remained strong and there were also excellent extended trips over winter. The only deficit was a lack of extended walks over Easter so I would be grateful for walk offers for Easter 2023.

My thanks to all the overnight and extended walk coordinators for their contribution to ensuring the Hobart Walking Club continues to offer such a good overnight and extended walks program.

Monday Toddlers Toddle

John Gora

The toddlers are continuing to enjoy their toddles, with the basic premise: "Why take an easy path when there is a perfectly good hard path available?" Rocky walls and muddy puddles always take preference over a nice, smooth footpath. However, with many of the older toddlers now at school, we have tended to have more adults than kids on the walks. More toddlers would be most welcome. We have introduced a few walks that are a little bit out of the greater Hobart region, and despite the slightly longer driving time, these have been quite successful. The annual Sixpence Cave campfire with sausages and marshmallows continues to attract retired toddlers.

Tuesday MM+ walks

David Picone

There were 69 walks completed on Tuesdays, with only two weather-related cancellations. We were often blessed with conditions much better than forecast.

Numbers were down to an average of just over 13 per walk but satisfaction level remained high.

The program intends to provide good variety of location and degree of difficulty.

Sincere thanks to all loyal regular coordinators, and the folk who were co-opted into coordinating for the first time.

Wednesday SE/SM walks**Judy Bond**

It was a busy year with high numbers attending walks on the program. Thank you to all members who coordinated walks, allowing us to enjoy so many various and interesting venues. I look forward to the next twelve months filling the program with the help of everyone. Thank you to all my fellow walkers.

Wednesday MM walks**Graham Sargison**

With the able assistance of Helen Daly, two medium walks were provided for most Wednesdays this year. In most cases, I put together the schedule for Wednesday medium walks and Helen filled the gaps with alternative walks, which complemented the basic program. These varied in length, difficulty, or distance from Hobart, whichever was required.

So far, this system has worked well and we managed to keep walker numbers below 20 on most walks, which seemed to suit the coordinators.

With a number of our more senior regular walkers opting for SE walks on Wednesdays, we have had to look to our newer, younger members to coordinate walks, which they have done with enthusiasm.

Wednesday Alternative walks**Helen Daly**

It was necessary to add additional walks during COVID-19 due to large numbers of walkers. Due to ongoing border restrictions and limited overseas travel, walkers are still staying close to home. The extra walks are programmed to reduce the extremely large numbers of walkers, and also offer a choice of destinations, different levels of difficulty, and length. The first half of 2022 has seen about two additional Wednesday walks each month. I thank all coordinators who have willingly programmed and given their time to run these walks.

Thursday MM+ walks**John Kerrison**

A big thank you to all coordinators and others who helped in any way to make the walks possible and enjoyable.

Again this year we had an extra two walks every month (separately programmed by Alan Wilson), providing more choice for those wanting to walk on a Thursday.

Fifty walks went ahead with an average participation of 8.8. Only three were cancelled – all in a six week period in late September to early October.

Surprisingly, the lowest participation rate was in the January - March quarter (six). Perhaps people away on extended trips?

Thursday Alternative walks**Alan Wilson**

We are now into our third year of providing “alternative” walks on Thursdays and the number participating has steadily increased. We usually have two or three each month with the aim of offering a reasonably challenging walk at a moderate, comfortable pace. We always allow enough time to enjoy the views, study the fungi, sniff the flowers and take photographs.

Winter walks tend to be closer to home while in summer we’ll happily take advantage of the longer days to go farther afield.

Friday SNQ walks**Erika Shankley**

SNQ walks continue to be well attended with 564 members enjoying the Friday walks during the year. I thank the number of willing Club volunteers who have responded to my pleading emails for coordinators. I have now passed the baton to Jeanette Brown to continue organising these popular outings. Thank you everyone - see you on the track.

Saturday SE/SM walks**Leone Cripps**

I took over programming in 2022, many thanks to Carole Nodder for her work as the previous programmer. The walks have been many and varied with some new and revived walks included. Numbers have been good ranging from four to twenty. Quite a few Prospective members joined us, which is good to see. A big thank you to the coordinators who keep the program running and interesting. Two walks were cancelled, one due to the Covid lockdown and one very rainy day.

Saturday MM+ and Sunday MM+ walks**Trish Colles**

Another successful and enjoyable year of MM weekend walks. We offered a variety of destinations, depending on the time of the year and amount of daylight hours. With spring and summer approaching, we will be able to wander further afield, expanding the choice of walk offered. My thanks to all coordinators for your generous support to the program, including several new members who have taken on the coordinators' role this year.

Tuesday L/Int cycling**Chris Howard**

The Tuesday cycling group has had another sensational year. Rides are offered all over SE Tasmania from Oatlands to Dover and Waddamana to Orford. There is a core group of regulars and there are others from the 25 riders who participate from time to time. There was an average of 10 participants per ride which is in keeping with previous years and is a more manageable number for the coordinator. 52 rides were planned of which 5 were cancelled due to poor weather which was two less than the previous year. The total distance for the 47 rides was 2,746km which equates to an average of 58km per ride.

Thursday SE cycling**Cecilia Eriksson**

refer to statistics tables for details.

Thursday ME cycling**Daryl Stewart and Stephen Robinson**

Statistics for the ME Cycling Group are very similar to last year with an average of 14.6 cyclists per ride.

Distances varied between 22km and 38km with an average distance of 30.2km. There were 51 rides for the year and only two cancelled due to the weather.

It was another great year for the ME Group with good numbers attending and willing volunteers to lead each ride. Riding camps proved popular.

Stephen and I thank all members for their friendship and cooperation again this year and hope next year is just as enjoyable.

Thursday MM rides**Chanchal Foxen**

The MM Thursday cyclists had a very good year overall. Attendance continues to be good, particularly on the familiar rides and averages 10 participants a ride. This is a manageable number for coordinators and a pleasant amount for being sociable. There have been a variety of rides from 35km to 60km, usually averaging 45km, even including an easier mountain bike ride. This year the programme included a week at St Helens for cyclists and walkers. Unfortunately, more rides than normal were cancelled due to bad weather in Spring.

The group is in a fluctuating stage of change as some of the longstanding members gradually change to e-bikes or shorter rides and we gain some new participants.

I thank all ride coordinators for their continuing help and to all participants on a Thursday. It really is such a pleasure to ride with you all.

Kayaking**Barry Plews**

This year's kayaking program was impacted by extended bouts of rather bad weather but we did realise trips to Lake St Clair, Freycinet Peninsula and Schouten Island, Southport Lagoon, Ida Bay and Recherche Bay. For the first time, we conducted two-week trips to both Bathurst Harbour and Flinders Island, the former attracting 12 paddlers. Unfortunately, planned trips to Lake Burbury, Cockle Creek and Bruny Island were cancelled due to challenging weather forecasts whilst a Lake Pedder trip only got under way after two weather-enforced revised re-schedulings. The extended two-week trips to Bathurst Harbour and Flinders Island, both organised and coordinated by Paul Wilkinson, were a first for the kayaking program. Kayaking remains a niche Club activity but continues to attract a dedicated core of Club paddlers and we offer trips each month through spring, summer & autumn with members particularly attracted to the summer trips.

Ski and Hut Report

Keith Simmonds

Subcommittee Members: Keith Simmonds (Secretary & Exec Rep), Andrew Davey, Jill Finch, Liz Koolhof, Paul Vince, Christina Nebel, Joanna de Burgh, Sebastian Rainer, Nina Brown, Vicki Martin and Alastair Nicolson.

I would like to thank Andrew Davey again for the considerable time and assistance he gives to the hut. He continues to assist me in the safety check lists and more complicated maintenance issues. I would like to welcome Alastair Nicolson to the subcommittee.

The year was very busy with many improvements that would not have been possible without a team effort from all subcommittee members especially Christina for arranging carpets to be cut to size and be transported to the hut and with the assistance of Sebastian, Andrew and Liz of laying the carpets, Andrew and Liz for taking bookings, Sebastian, Alastair and Liz for using their vehicles and everyone that assisted with the working bees and open days.

Improvements during the year included laying of carpet, replacement of old floor lino, storage cupboards being lined with lino and laying of carpet runners as well as many maintenance improvements at the working bees.

Club Trips: Five club trips were held during the year so thanks to those who organised the hut overnight trips with Nina Brown conducting two, Janine Thompson two and myself one. Members attending numbered between seven and twelve with inductions being conducted. Special thanks to Janine who for the first time organised two SE overnight walks that were well attended and appreciated.

It was pleasing that the North West Walking Club made use of the hut for a three-night stay in October.

Open Days: One very successful open day was held for members to familiarise themselves with the hut and be inducted entitling HWC members to book overnight stays for club activities or

family/friends gatherings. A variety of walks were offered plus the opportunity for the necessary induction.

Eleven members attended the open day on December 4 and 5. Eight inductions and two day walks were conducted.

Another open day will be conducted later in the year and it is hoped that prospectives and new members take the opportunity to visit the hut, be inducted and do qualifying walks.

Working Bees: A very successful weekend with 17 members attending and 8 staying overnight. A lot was achieved including transporting and stacking three tonnes of wood, lino laying, various hut maintenance and cleaning, repair wire on boards, gutter cleaning, painting and change mattress covers. Thanks to Alastair for installing a handrail to toilets making it safer when using the stairs especially at night time.

Wood: Collection and stacking of wood occurred on February 19 and 20 by hut subcommittee members and volunteers. To save delivery costs, vehicles and trailers were used to collect the wood from Westerway. Thank you to those who helped especially Sebastian, Alastair and Liz who used their own vehicles. It is hoped this will continue, saving costs to the club and allowing us to replenish the wood supply twice a year instead of the current arrangement of one large yearly exercise.

Future: Contact has been made with Tasmanian Walking Company with the possibility of them providing mattresses for all beds. Many thanks to TWC for already providing eight mattresses.

Working bees twice a year to continue with supplying wood and gas, general hut maintenance, repainting and replacement of curtains.

Open days twice a year encouraging members to familiarise themselves with the hut and undertake inductions.

Promote use of overnight stays to other walking clubs.

Hut Use Statistics

Other than working bees or rostered duties

Financial Year	2022	2021	2020
Nights Hut Booked—per person*	383	349	267
Nights Hut Occupied	79	83	100
*Number of persons x number of nights they stayed			

41 inductions conducted

There has been a steady decrease in hut use for purely snow recreation purpose, while duties associated with tow operations remain the same.

Track Clearing Report

Rupert Manners

This year we renewed our authority with Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Services. The tracks we can work on are:-

▪ Arthurs Peak Track	▪ Mt Wedge Track
▪ High Yellow Bluff Track	▪ Clark Cliffs Track
▪ Cape Surville Track	▪ Mt Mueller Track
▪ Macgregor Peak Track	▪ Timbs Track
▪ Clemes Peak Track	▪ Lichen Hill Track
▪ Slide Track	▪ Balts Spur Track
▪ Kermandie Track	

During the year we had eight working bees and most of the other tracks were walked and were in acceptable condition. We have six members with chainsaw accreditation and five members with the required First Aid Certificates.

We are trying to get permission to work on the track between Cape Connella and Fluted Cape on Bruny Island. This has full support from the Bruny Islanders and has been called the best walk on Bruny. The Bruny Island Community Association donated \$500 for our work on Bruny.

Thank you to all who participated in these working bees.

Facebook Report

Wendy Fletcher

The Hobart Walking Club created its Facebook Page on the 14 May 2010. The Page is private, but anyone can request to join. Membership is vetted.

The membership continues to grow and at the end of June 2022 Facebook membership was approx 2300. This is an increase of approx 200 new members since the end of June last year. There are on average about two requests a day to join. The majority of new Facebook members are not Club members. Requests to join the Page indicate that quite a few people are looking for likeminded people to walk with and places to walk. I have added in a note to those joining the Page that they need to join the Club to be able to take part in activities. I often send a personal message to those who indicate they want to walk with others encouraging them to join the Club with a link to the website.

There has been a continual stream of requests from a scammer who has stolen genuine profiles to try and join the Page.

There are more than twice the number of Facebook only members compared to Club members. It is not possible to ascertain how many look at the Page or how many active Facebook members there are, but it does highlight the fact that many join the Page but do not join the Club. In the Featured section of the Page there is a post encouraging people to join the Club with a link to the Club website.

Updated rules were approved by the Executive this year. Most users are respectful and keep to the rules.

The Page keeps HWC members up to date on Club matters, particularly those that arise after the publication of the Circular and changes to activities due to, for instance, bad weather, floods and fires. Flash walks advertised are included in the Featured section. The Page also keeps members connected.

The page shares information which may impact Club activities from Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, Tasmania Police,

Tasmania Fire Service, Bureau of Meteorology, Sustainable Timber Tasmania and Local and State Government.

The posting of photos of recent Club activities continued to be very popular and generates a lot of interest.

Equipment Report

Brian Haas

Tents	1x 2person Macpac "Olympus" 1x 2 person Macpac "Minaret" 4x 1 person Macpac "Microlight"
Backpacks - overnight	2 Aiking – 1x Universal, 1x Womens 2 Macpac – 1x Cascade, 1x un-named
Backpacks - day	2 Berghaus – 1x 30L, 1x 10L
Sleeping mats	1x "Thermarest" self-inflating ¾ length 1x closed cell foam full length 1x "Nemo" Tensor 20S, 240
Trangia	2x cooksets with fuel bottles
Jetboil	3x gas cylinders required
PLBs	2x "KTI" Safety Alert PLB available for hire from the convenor, SR&T subcommittee
Compass	1 Silva Starter
Overpants	1 pair – waterproof
Gaiters	1 pair – knee length

The usage of the equipment over the last year was similar to previous years, there were 23 bookings of which 4 were cancelled, the remaining 19 bookings were made up of 14 for single tents, 2 for double tents, 4 for rucksacks, 2 for sleeping mats, 2 for Jetboil cookers and 1 for a Trangia cookset.

With the extra 2 Microlight tents being slightly "lighter" in weight than the original 2, there has been a preference for the hire of these if available when making bookings.

Web Manager Report **Chris Rathbone/Ross Stephens**

After several years where the website was not able to be changed because of lack of support from the original web developer, the improvements to the website as foreshadowed in the last Annual Report have been implemented. These were relatively minor changes compared with the planned upgrade explained below by the incoming Web Manager.

Thanks to Chris Rathbone for all the work he has done over many years to support the Club website. He has handed that role over to me now, and he has made it exceptionally easy. He has given me detailed instructions that even I can follow.

Work has commenced on development of a new Club website. The look and feel of the website will be modernised. It will look equally good on laptop, tablet, and mobile phone. There will be a new, curated routes database replacing the current spreadsheets. All the existing content will remain.

Cascade Blaze are the developers. They are the same company that built and supports our current website. John Lock has joined his brother Peter in the company, bringing many years of IT management experience.

The new website is scheduled for completion in Spring 2023.

There will be several releases of the website over the next 12 months. It will allow members to benefit sooner and give feedback. The first release will include the routes database and the public website. Further releases will improve validation and make circular extracts more robust.

Thanks to Geoff O'Hara, Garry Rose, Lee Belbin, Philip Le Grove, Annette Picone and Jill Finch for tirelessly pushing through all the tanglefoot and bauera of this project. It has been a long slog, but we can now see the summit. There is still more work to be done governing the development, migrating data and content, and testing the new site.

Circular Report

Jim Anderson

Subcommittee Members:

Coordinator: Jim Anderson

Editors: Nola Errey
John Gora
Renate Griffiths

Tripsdata Team: Antonia Dunne
Judy Micklewright
Lee Parker

Mailing Officer: Jim Anderson

Emailing Officer: Ian Welch

Circular production mailing helpers, cover artists and photographers.

Circular production numbers as at 30 June 2022 were -

Circular style	Members	Others	Total	%
Print	223	2	225	23.4
Email	733	2	735	76.6
Total	956	4	960	100.0

In this table, members subscribing for print and email are counted in the Print category while members who subscribe for email only are counted in the Email category. A further 9 members receive no circular by request.

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

From March 2020, the practice of hosting working bees at members' homes to prepare circulars for the mail was discontinued to comply with COVID-19 social isolation rules. While those rules prevail, the pleasant task of addressing and wrapping the monthly circular is being carried out by a volunteer member couple.

Search, Rescue and Training Report **David Young**

Subcommittee Members: David Young (Convenor), Rupert Manners (Exec. Rep.), Sue Denman (Police Liaison), Kirsten Bennett, Andrew Davey, Storm Foulkes, Pam Powell, Stuart Whitney.

The subcommittee is responsible for organising and conducting 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. We write and update the Club booklets *Safety in the Bush* and *Emergency Management*, review and make recommendations regarding incidents and accidents, and log trips for PLBs used on Club walks.

Training for Prospective Members – Essential Skills Days

The subcommittee ran the Essential Skills training days required for prospective members to gain full membership of the Club. This program covers all aspects relating to day-walking trips. During 2021-22 we scheduled nine Essential Skills Days, 91 prospective members attended. This compares with 2020-21, when 120 prospective members attended eleven ESDs.

Other Training Activities

Real Navigation

Two Real Navigation Days, in which participants learn how to use maps, compasses and GPSs in the context of a walk, were planned for 2021-22. One had to be cancelled on account of bad weather and the closure of the Mt Wellington road at the Springs. Four members attended the other. This compares with 2020-21, when two Real Navigation Days were planned, with one having to be cancelled because of low numbers and five members attending the other.

GPS Training

Two training days to assist members in the use of their GPSs were held. Nine members attended. Last year two GPS training days were held, with eight members attending.

Introductory Overnight Walks

Two introductory overnight walks were held, one to Shadow Lake and one to the Walls of Jerusalem. A total of 12 members attended, three fewer than in 2020-21.

First Aid

In 2021-22 the Club ran two non-accredited first aid courses, tailored to help members deal with incidents in the bush. These took place almost a year apart. The first was run in conjunction with the Red Cross, and the second in conjunction with an independent trainer. A total of 38 members attended the two courses. This compares favourably with 2020-21, when the single planned course had to be cancelled because of COVID 19 restrictions.

Coordinator Training

Coordinator Training continues to be an important component of the Club's training programs. A one-day Coordinator Training Course was delivered on 1 August 2021 with eight participants. In November 2021 the Club introduced a new concept for training coordinators with the launch of the Coordinator Training Walk – this one-day program provides a practical insight helping members to coordinate a walk. There were two Coordinator Training Walks conducted in November and March with a total of 13 participants. During the year the SR&T Subcommittee took coordinator training under its wing.

Navigation with Smart Phone Apps

In June 2022 the SR&T Subcommittee ran its first course on several of the navigational phone apps that have recently become popular. Nine members attended.

Search and Rescue

The subcommittee maintains a search and rescue call-out list from which we are able to mobilise searches when alerted by the Police. These callouts can range from remote difficult searches to local one-day searches. In recent years the police have tended to use helicopters to fly over wide-spread search areas, sometimes locating the lost person in the process. This has resulted in more

one-day searches or multi-day searches where the searchers go home each night. The subcommittee has continued to update and revamp our call-out lists using mobile phone technology. We currently have two primary police contacts who can send a text message to our expanded search list and a follow-up message to the member's email address with details of the search. The secondary contacts get in touch with those who are not on mobile phone or email. This enables us to get the message out quickly and get responses back quickly.

Incident Monitoring

The subcommittee has a role in monitoring incidents occurring on Club walks and if necessary making recommendations to the Executive regarding action. There were five incidents during 2021-22, compared with six last year. PLBs were activated for two of the incidents, resulting in helicopter evacuations. No ambulances were called for the others, members' own cars being used to evacuate the injured members. Fortunately, no lasting injuries resulted from any of the incidents.

Safety in the Bush

The subcommittee has updated and published the ninth edition of *Safety in the Bush*. Prospective members receive a copy when they join the Club. *Safety in the Bush* is available to Club members online in PDF format; there are multiple copies available at Libraries Tasmania and also in a few Hobart bookshops.

Thanks

I thank those who led training days, ran training activities and maintained readiness for searches during the year.

Environment Report

Paul Geeves

Subcommittee Members: Paul Geeves (Convenor), Helen Daly (Exec Rep *Oct-Jul*), Andrew Davey, David Jupe, Phil Watson, Grant Kench, John Cannon, Charles Chadwick

The 2021-22 year was a fairly busy one for the Environment subcommittee. During the 2021-22 year the Environment subcommittee prepared detailed formal submissions on the following matters:

Topic and Recipient of Submission
Development Application from Kentish Rifle Club for a shooting range at Mount Maggs - Meander Valley Council
Cradle Valley Cableway - Minister for Parks, Jacqui Petrusma and Coordinator-General, John Perry
Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service Walker Registration System - Letter to Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service
Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service Walker Registration System - Comments to HWC Executive for a future meeting with Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service

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

The Tasmanian Tramp Report

Helen Daly

Subcommittee Members: Helen Daly (Convenor. Exec Rep *Oct-Jul*), John Cannon, John Adams, Karen Marriott, Gill Fitzgerald, Gladys Seymour, David Seymour.

The Tasmanian Tramp No. 44 will be launched in September 2022. Once again it is full of great stories, poems, sketches and photos. This Club Journal is a biennial publication with a long history and is part of Club tradition. However without members' stories, poems, sketches and photos this Journal would not be possible, so once again I thank the fantastic committee for their huge commitment pulling it all together and of course all contributors. The committee is now in recess and will re-form in April 2023 to begin working on Tramp No. 45.

Archives Report

Brendon Bowes

Highlights July 2021 – June 2022

- As part of a larger Club history project, interviews were conducted with three longstanding Club members. Subsequently, written articles were created from this oral history and submitted for publication in the 2022 Tasmanian Tramp.
- Copy made of the 1960 documentary film, “Five South West” taken from the Club’s VHS copy. It was shown at the monthly Club Night in February 2022. An article on the production of this documentary was submitted for publication in the 2022 Tasmanian Tramp.
- Scanned photos from an album of historic photos, circa 1938, showing a bushwalking expedition to the south-west coast.
- Continued cataloguing and review of Club archive materials held at its New Town storage facility.

Club Night Entertainment Report

Vonda Kerrison

2021

Jul	David Picone	Tour de Mont Blanc
Aug	Rosie Barry	Cycling in Korea
Sept	Stacy Kirkby	Cycling the Mawson Track
Oct	Margaret Williams	Walking in Morocco
Nov	Grant Kench	Heemskirk Coast & other things
Dec	Kevin Smith	Photography presentation

2022

Feb	Brendon Bowes	Melaleuca & archival footage of HWC Lake Pedder trip
Mar	Joseph Brooks	Podiatry
Apr	Elizabeth Barsham	HWC trip to Japan
May	Jeff Leis	Mediterranean meanders
June	Rosie Barry	Family trips around Tasmania

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

Publication Sales Report

Dawn Hendrick

Sales figures as at 30 June 2022 are:

Publications	Shops	Individuals	Total
The Tasmanian Tramp No. 43	24	10	34
Safety in the Bush	27	3	30
Emergency Management	2	0	2

Total items remaining:

The Tasmanian Tramp							
No. 21	17	No. 23	25	No. 24	22	No. 25	29
No. 26	31	No. 27	3	No. 31	28	No. 32	25
No. 34	25	No. 35	26	No. 38	25	No. 39	64
No. 40	70	No. 41	76	No. 42	23	No. 43	31
The Tasmanian Tramp index (1-16)					16		
The Tasmanian Tramp index (17-23)					101		
Safety in the Bush				Booklets are now retained			
Emergency Management				by SR&T subcommittee			

A list of current prices of all Club publications is shown on the HWC website, with all back copies of *The Tasmanian Tramp* selling to members for \$5.

There are a number of second-hand back copies of *The Tasmanian Tramp*. Please email publications@hobartwalkingclub.org.au if you would like a copy. The price will depend on the quality, as some are copies.

In order to reduce our holdings of some older issues Executive agreed that excess copies be given away at Club Night. New Members who have walked regularly during their first year of membership have also been offered copies of the most recent edition (No.43).

All issues have now been scanned. Numbers 1-23 have now been through OCR (Optical Character Recognition) software changing them from graphics to text documents which can be searched using a key word. Numbers 24-42 have been scanned via Philip

Wyatt's document feeder. I then processed all the files through OCR and compression software to reduce the file sizes. All digital versions have been locked so that they can be read but not printed. The files can be loaded on e-Readers e.g. Kindle or Kobo. It is hoped that they will be available for download by Members from the Club's new website.

The next issue of *The Tasmanian Tramp* (No. 44) is due to be launched in September.

A revised edition of *Safety in the Bush* (9th edition) was published. It has been well received by the bookshops.

Social Report

Margaret Williams

Subcommittee Members: Margaret Williams (Convenor and Exec Rep), Vicki Martin, Trish Colles, Vonda Kerrison, Gill Fitzgerald, Dianne Jenkins (part of year) and Katherine Munday.

Our **92nd Annual Dinner** was held on 13 November at Rosny Bowls Club. The Dinner is a great opportunity to catch up with friends. It is also the forum for recognising major contributors to the Club, and many awards being presented.

We chose Chefaholic Cooking School and Truffle Farm Catering with a very satisfactory outcome.

Site Nine at the Waterworks Reserve was again the site for our **Christmas-in-July** celebration. About 25 members partook of the two walks offered and remained to enjoy a BBQ lunch.

Orana 2022 was a special occasion, marking the 40th anniversary of the event. Cyclists and walkers both attended after having participated in activities in the morning. To mark the occasion Vicki Martin decorated the site with bunting and made a celebratory cake. She also spoke about the history of the involvement of Phyllis and Bob Wyatt, long term Club members and the Girl Guide movement in the facility. Check out *Tramp 44*, to be released shortly, for an article by Vicki.

Club Delegates Reports

Bushwalking Tasmania

Andrew Davey

Jill Finch and Andrew Davey were the HWC delegates to BWT, and attended all BWT meetings. Andrew is also President of Bushwalking Tasmania.

A meeting of relevant Clubs was called by PWS to introduce a registration system for some popular 'overnight walk' areas, but only a few walking Clubs could attend. BWT showed that some registration quotas did not take account of all usual routes, campsites and variations to the most popular walk in an area. Some quotas were increased and an extra platform placed at each of Lakes Cygnus and Oberon. The registration system was very poorly advertised, so failed largely. Most walkers who complied were members of clubs who had attended the meeting with PWS, as they knew about the system. In preparation for a PWS review of the registration system later this year, BWT is consulting walkers seeking ideas for a more walker-friendly system. To date members agree that quotas must be an absolutely last resort.

Overland Track (OT) area negotiations were finalised in December with the head of PWS, but not implemented until the following April. BWT pushed to have camping and hut limitations removed in line with the expiry of most COVID constraints, and to allow some once allowed walks in the OT area that were being stopped at times.

Immediately prior to the OT 'booking season', a BWT officer was again invited to discuss issues and traditional recreation with OT rangers and make a presentation at the Cradle Mountain PWS headquarters. The presentation included a history of the huts and tracks in the greater OT area; this was much appreciated, resulting in an invitation to give another presentation in 2022. A few months later, BWT had an officer attend the 100th anniversary celebration of the reserving of the Cradle Mountain area. This allowed a chance to speak with the Minister.

BWT was asked to submit a list of tracks of highest priority for track-work by the Minister to go into the State budget. After clubs' input, a list of 25 tracks was submitted.

In 2021 BWT asked members about priorities for BWT. By far the most common item was advocating on behalf of bushwalkers.

BWT argued against the siting of a rifle range in the Maggs Spur area near the entry to the Arm River Track. The proposal was rejected by the local Council. BWT made representations on a few other proposals, eg shared use of a Coles Bay track.

In late March BWT held a very successful Get Together weekend in the Chauncy Vale area. The walks were well attended by the HWC and other clubs. Several of us enjoyed the combined dinner at the Woodfield Centre.

BWT, supported by PWS (use of tools, free BBQ and free ferrying) planned to revamp the Cuvier Track. Disappointingly, the effort had to be cancelled due to abysmal weather.

BWT officers investigated insurance issues, especially getting club membership numbers for the national body, subsequently allocating costs to members to reflect membership numbers, and chasing up late payments.

Southern Tasmanian Ski Association Andrew Davey

2021–22 saw a mere five days of skiing - one day in 2021 (the only day for the season) and an unusually early four days in June 2022. The skier interest was very good, but the snow did not last long enough, hence not enough customers to break even given the cost of insurance.

In preparation for the season, HWC members helped with STSA maintenance – Paul Vince, Tim Metcalf, Sebastian Rainer, Liz Koolhof and Andrew Davey. Fred, Liz and Paul attended most STSA meetings. Tim was our official Tow Manager. Andrew, Liz and Paul attend the Police Search & Rescue liaison meetings.

For the 2022 season, STSA installed an EFTPOS system that worked well when put into action in early June.

Four HWC members are ski patrol qualified. Three attended most skiing days as rostered patrollers or as substitutes. Fortunately there were only a few incidents, all relatively minor, but for one face gash. All will have to requalify in 2023 – anyone interested in the national qualification, please contact Andrew. In addition to his maintenance efforts, Paul is our only official ski patrol (Australian Ski Patrol Association) trainer, requiring several mainland trips each year to assist other patrols.

In 2021 and 2022 the Police Search & Rescue squad asked the patrol to join with them in co-training to help improve snow and ice skills, mountain survival, navigation in fog, etc., and to see what Mount Mawson Ski Patrol can do for an emergency in our high country.



Lake Dobson Club Hut

Clarence Tracks and Trails Committee **Barry Ford**

The Clarence City Council has an official committee to advise on the city's tracks and trails system.

Regrettably the significant rains in April and May caused major damage to some tracks and will require considerable resources to repair.

Lauderdale – Seven Mile Beach

Work has commenced on reconstruction. It has been widened from the stone arch bridge to Seven Mile Beach and is awaiting resurfacing.

Single Hill

A boom gate has been installed to prevent 4wd vehicles accessing the top. Planning for a track is underway.

Mays Point

Funds are available to construct a new track between Lauderdale and Mays Beach once negotiations with a private property owner are finalised.

Cremorne to Mays Beach

Still no work on the section through the PWS land. Last report stated that it was six years since action was commenced to allow Council to construct the track – it is now seven years!

Natone Hill

Seating has been provided at a number of sites along the perimeter track with three seats on the summit. Unfortunately parts of the uphill track have been scoured by heavy rain and need repair.

Geilston Bay – Shag Bay

Work should start soon to reconstruct this track with a ramped lookout over the Aboriginal Cave. Art installations are also planned with some funds provided by State Government.

There are many short tracks and linkages that have been completed, or started, too many to list individually.

Barry Ford, Delegate

Hobart Walking Club Inc.

ABN 49 779 622 718

Financial Statements

Declaration by the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has determined that the Hobart Walking Club Inc (the Club) is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies prescribed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Executive Committee declares that:

1. The financial statements and notes, present fairly the Club's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Executive Committee and is signed by:



Jill Finch
President



Rupert Manners
Treasurer

Dated – 03 August 2022

Statement of Income and Expenditure

year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
Income		\$	\$
Members Subscriptions		41570	38532
Donations		720	0
Sale of Publications		821	1630
Lake Dobson Hut Fees		4320	3978
Interest		1007	1090
Social Functions		2745	2205
Equipment hire		489	325
Sales to Members		1244	1098
		52916	48858
Less Expenditure			
Post, Printing, Stationery		1185	2430
Website		4639	3859
HWC Office Rent		2430	2855
Meeting Room Hire		825	1010
Bank Fees		63	72
Travel Expenses		0	144
General Meeting Expenses		345	353
Printing Tramp		0	8333
Posting Tramp		0	1260
Other Publication Expenses			1550
Safety in the Bush	2	5685	931
Lake Dobson Hut	3	2928	7561
Social Functions		2979	2722
Volunteer Recognition		1482	1518
Printing Circular		4691	4439
Posting Circular		2732	2568
Insurance		4127	3852
Cost of Sales to Members		1199	1585
Training		915	1793
Marketing & Promotion		0	145
Affiliation Fees		1438	1331
Office & Camping Equipment		1140	
Track Clearing		780	2089
Donation		0	1000
		41133	52547
Surplus/Deficit for the year		11783	-3689
Accumulated surplus 30/6/21		44866	48555
Transfer to Lake Dobson Hut Memorial Fund (note 4)		10000	
Accumulated surplus 30/6/22		46649	44866

Balance Sheet

at 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		\$	\$
Members Equity			
Accumulated surplus		46649	44866
Lake Dobson Memorial Hut Fund		70000	60000
		116649	104866
 Represented by:			
Current Assets			
Commonwealth Bank chq a/c		32764	26304
Pay Pal		100	100
Tasmania Perpetual Trustee – Long Term Fund		100000	100000
Publications stock	2	4378	221
		137242	126625
 Non-current Assets			
		0	0
Total Assets		137242	126625
 Less Current Liabilities			
Subscriptions Prepaid		20593	21759
		20593	21759
Net Assets		116649	104866

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 printing cost only and does not include the set up cost of \$4420

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
2. Safety in the Bush		
Stock 1/7/21	221	1152
Write off of old stock	-221	
Set up Costs on new Edition of SITB	4420	
Printing Costs (500)	5422	
Less Stock at 30/6/2022 (printing cost only)	-4378	221
Stock at 30/6/2021	5685	931
3. Lake Dobson Memorial Hut Expenditure		
Gas & Firewood	699	1617
General Hut Maintenance	1200	839
Crown Land Licence Fee	528	330
Derwent Valley Council Fire Levy & Rates	501	442
Insurance for Hut	0	4333
	2928	7561

4. Hut Replacement Fund

During the year the Executive decided to allocate an extra \$10,000 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 2022, together with explanatory notes. The Executive Committee of the Club is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Club and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

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

The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies adopted so as to present a view that is consistent with my understanding of the financial position of the Club 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 2022, and the results of its financial performance for the year then ended.

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

Geoff Morffew, FCPA

20 July 2022