

**90th  
ANNUAL REPORT**

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## **Executive Committee**

5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

President:	Geoff O'Hara
Vice President/New Members:	Storm Foulkes
Vice President:	Philip Le Grove
Secretary:	Carlin Dowling
Assistant Secretary:	Hilary Dawkins
Treasurer:	John Kerrison
Trips Secretary:	Rupert Manners
Ski & Hut Secretary:	Andrew Davey
Membership Officer:	Andrew Furminger
Committee Members:	Jill Finch
	Midj Jones
	Vicki Martin

## **Club Delegates** as at 30 June 2019

Bushwalking Tasmania:	Andrew Davey
	Geoff O'Hara
STSA:	Andrew Davey
	Fred Koolhof
	Liz Koolhof
Clarence Tracks and Trails:	Barry Ford
Auditor:	Geoff Morffew
Annual Report Editor:	Carlin Dowling

## **PRESIDENT**

The Hobart Walking Club (HWC) conducts a broad and extensive range of bushwalking, cycling, kayaking and skiing activities, coordinated by, and for, Club members. This, plus the effort by Club volunteers to achieve the many and varied tasks needed to keep the Club active and managed, is a true indication of the vitality of the Club. In our 90<sup>th</sup> year, the Club remains vibrant, active, and focussed.

HWC membership remains strong and the Club is the walking club of choice in Tasmania, with over 100 new members joining each year. Plus, the HWC remains the largest bushwalking club in Tasmania. However, the Club annual non-renewal rate of around ten to fifteen percent, is a persistent concern and challenge.

Financially the HWC is in a sound position with a significant Net Assets base. Importantly, income basically equalled expenses. This is noteworthy, as there was an additional financial cost this year for Hut insurance and our biennial magazine *The Tasmanian Tramp*.

HWC outdoor activities are offered seven days per week, with Club walking trips, day and multiday, conducted throughout the State. The range of walks presented and the places visited, displays the tenacity of Club members to visit anywhere in the State, and further shows the strength of walking in the Club. Bushfires over the summer caused many trip cancellations, although curiously, walking trip numbers increased from previous years. HWC cycling continues to expand with an extensive program conducted. The Club offers this program in a non-competitive, capability based, friendly manner, which enhances cycling attractiveness. HWC Kayaking has progressed significantly with kayaking trips a regular event in the Club Calendar. This HWC outdoor program is achieved through dedication by Programmers, Coordinators, and a committed support team, meeting the needs of the membership.

During the past year the Executive worked on a number of actions, programs, processes, and events to advance and improve the Club. These included:

- Taking out full comprehensive insurance for the Club Hut at Mt Field;
- Reviewing the Joining Process for new members;
- Producing a Personal Locator Beacon policy;
- Creating a New Member position on the Executive Committee (following a successful 12-month trial);
- Introducing a Next of Kin form for members to carry in their packs;
- Revising and updating the Club's Safety Guidelines for Cycling;
- Revising and updating the Club's Annual Awards;
- Advancing the new Club website;
- Hosting the Bayside Bushwalking Club;
- Approving a budget of \$2000 for Club managed track clearing in support of Parks;
- Modifying the HWC Membership Card to a cut out version in the Club Circular;
- Conducting a survey on membership views on the Club position on the proposed Mt Wellington Cable Car;
- Forwarding a submission on the Lake Malbena/Halls Island standing camp;
- Forwarding a submission on the Cradle Mt Lake St Clair Parks Huts Redevelopment Project;
- Forwarding a submission on the Dove Lake Visitor Centre Development;
- Forwarding a letter on the Kingborough Tracks and Trails Strategy and Funding;
- Forwarding a letter on Hunting in National Parks;

- Planning for a submission for the TWWHA Tourism Master Plan;
- Planning a letter to Parks on heating in huts on the Overland Track; and
- Planning a submission should a Development Application be lodged on the Mt Wellington Cable Car.

The Hut at Mt Field is a significant HWC asset for use by Club members. A dedicated team of volunteers manage the Hut, which, due to its age, legislative demands, and occupancy, is a demanding task. A condition of the Lease Agreement is that the Hut must be comprehensively insured. This is a financial burden on the Club as the policy needs to cover a remote area Hut in a bushfire zone, and a communal facility.

The HWC sub-committees are the true administrative engine room of the Club, providing beneficial resources, disseminating information and honing and maintaining skills. This can be observed in the breadth of reports provided by each sub-committee.

The HWC links with Government, Agencies, and the community through delegates, each of whom advocates Club needs and wants, while monitoring proposed policy updates, or development, which may impact HWC activities.

Two HWC members, Barry Ford and Geoff Morffew, were recognised with Honorary Life Membership (HLM). Both are outstanding Club members who have contributed significantly to the activities, management, and administration of the Club over many years.

The HWC offers a broad range of outdoor activities, meets the interest, information and training needs of its members, provides social contact, and is well managed by around 90 volunteers. Club Objects were met during FY 2018-2019.

**Geoff O’Hara, President**

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the HWC was 893 members on 30 June 2019; a decline of 49 members on FY 2017-18. We had 102 new members join the Club, plus 15 members re-joining after a short absence. 166 members did not renew their membership.

More than 95% of members are utilising paperless renewal, which continues to streamline the process. Also more members are joining the Club via the Members Area of our website. However, members are yet to fully utilise the Members Area. This area enables members to update their Club membership personal details and access member only information.

A summary of the key membership statistics follow.

### MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS BY CATEGORY

as at 30 JUNE 2019

Membership Category	Number of Members			
	2019	2018	2017	2016
Hon. Life Members	10	8	10	10
Hon. Associate Members	1	1	1	1
Associate Members	0	1	1	4
Members	760	798	806	781
Prospective Members	122	134	129	114
<b>Total</b>	<b>893</b>	942	947	910

**MEMBERSHIP COUNT BY AGE AND GENDER as at 30TH JUNE 2019**

Age	FY 2018-2019			FY 2017-2018			FY 2016-2017		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
16-18	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	2	<b>2</b>	0	1	<b>1</b>
19-24	0	2	<b>2</b>	1	4	<b>5</b>	2	5	<b>7</b>
25-29	4	3	<b>7</b>	5	4	<b>9</b>	3	4	<b>7</b>
30-39	11	12	<b>23</b>	7	14	<b>21</b>	7	18	<b>25</b>
40-49	15	29	<b>44</b>	22	39	<b>61</b>	22	35	<b>57</b>
50-59	64	104	<b>168</b>	67	116	<b>183</b>	68	122	<b>190</b>
60-69	139	177	<b>316</b>	148	211	<b>359</b>	157	215	<b>372</b>
70-79	127	131	<b>258</b>	120	121	<b>241</b>	123	103	<b>226</b>
80-89	35	25	<b>61</b>	31	25	<b>56</b>	28	27	<b>55</b>
90+	2	0	<b>2</b>	2	3	<b>5</b>	3	4	<b>7</b>
Not Given	0	0	<b>13</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	397	483	<b>893</b>	403	539	<b>942</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>947</b>



### **35 Year Membership Certificates**

Fourteen members attained 35 years Club membership during the year. They are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
David Townend	02/08/1983	Coralie Sallans	01/01/1984
John Richmond	01/09/1983	Meredith Inglis	20/03/1984
Chris Creese	01/09/1983	Barbara Johnson	20/03/1984
John Dalco	23/09/1983	Anne Bevan	26/03/1984
Rhonda Tongs	28/09/1983	Robyn Loughhead	23/04/1984
Penelope Curtis	10/11/1983	Nina Brown	30/04/1984
Sandra Pullen	08/12/1983	Rosemary Cannon	30/05/1984

### **50 Year Membership Certificates**

Three members attained the significant milestone of 50 years Club membership during the year. They are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
Doug Mclean	19/05/1969
Graeme Watt	01/05/1969
Graeme Nichols	10/02/1969

### **Long and Significant Service Award Recipients**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year Awarded</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Year Awarded</b>
Margaret Knight	2011	Roger Reed	2011
Stuart Whitney	2011	Phyl Wyatt	2011
Hillary Goodwin	2011	Barry Ford	2012
Sylvia Ledger	2011	Jenny Ford	2012
Anna Rau	2011	Gloria Barnes	2012

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year Awarded</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Year Awarded</b>
Adrian Jowett	2012	Paul Geeves	2015
Margaret Gould	2012	Linda Cook	2016
John Adams	2013	Tony Cook	2016
Jim Anderson	2013	Helen Daly	2016
Rosalie Davis	2013	Gill Fitzgerald	2016
David Hardy	2013	Storm Foulkes	2016
Fred Koolhof	2013	Heather Hurd	2016
Pam Powell	2014	Roger Hurd	2016
Chris Rathbone	2014	Rupert Manners	2016
Vicki Martin	2014	Doug Mclean	2017
Midj Jones	2014	David Pears	2017
Geoff Morffew	2015	Ruth Raward	2018
Tony Rae	2015	Philip Le Grove	2018

### **Honorary Life Members**

John Cannon  
 Andrew Davey  
 Barry Ford  
 Brian Haas  
 Val Linsell

Geoff Morffew  
 Chris Rathbone  
 Sheila Reynolds  
 Stephanie Schulz  
 Bob Wyatt

**Andrew Furminger, Membership Officer**

## TRIPS SUB-COMMITTEE

<b>Trips Secretary</b>	Rupert Manners
<b>Trips Data</b>	Jill Finch
<b>Trips Data Assistants</b>	Antonia Dunne Vicki Martin
<b>Walk Programmers</b>	
Overnight	Paul Geeves
W/E SE+ Day Trips	Carole Nodder/Judy Bond
W/E MM+ Day Trips	Trish Colles
Monday (Toddles)	John Gora
Tuesday	Brett O'Halloran/John Dargue
Wednesday	Christine Philbrick
Thursday	John Kerrison
Midweek SE/SM	Judith Holmes
Midweek SNQ	Erika Shankley/Rinda Burgess
Dog Walks	Dawn Hendrick
<b>Cycle Programmers</b>	
Tuesday Int	Chris Howard
Thursday SE	Cecilia Eriksson
Thursday Mod	Helen Daly
Thursday ME	Margaret McDonald and David Pears

There were 737 trips (2018: 711) that went ahead in the year with a participation of 8,135 individuals (2018: 8,253). We should all congratulate and thank the Trip Programmers and the many Coordinators who together, give us this very exciting program.

There were at least 80 trips cancelled because of weather, or the bushfires which hit Tasmania in the summer. Luckily we had kunanyi/Mt Wellington to fall back on, but the fires severely limited our range of destinations.

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

The spread of trips undertaken is similar to last year with the dominant grade being day walks in the MM category (192 trips

with 2,505 participants) (2018: 162 trips 2,203 participants). There was a reduction in participation of SE walks in 2019 to 1,129 (2018: 1,543). Participation per trip is down slightly to 12.0 (2018: 13.1).

This year the Club introduced kayaking trips to the programme. A special thank you to Barry Plews who has put the programme together and coordinated the trips.

There were 178 different coordinators this year compared to 186 in 2018. The Club held another coordinator training day in May and we had 8 future coordinators attend this session, many have since led walks.

Thanks to all who have assisted me throughout the year in making this role a much smoother process.

### **The leading Trip Coordinators for the year are:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Trips</b>	<b>No of Days</b>
Helen Daly	walks & cycle	22	30
Nick Hume	walks & cycle	15	29
Geoff O'Hara	walks	6	27
Patricia Colles	walks	20	26
Barry Plews	kayaking	6	26
Rupert Manners	walks	15	26
Carlin Dowling	walks	11	20
John Kerrison	walks	10	20
Vicki Martin	walks	12	19
Dawn Hendrick	walks	17	17
Carolynne Smith	walks	7	16
Stacy Kirkby	walks	6	16
Linda Cook	walks & cycle	5	16
Rob Hill	walks	14	14
Andreas Hack	walks	2	14
Dale Carney	walks	7	14

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Trips</b>	<b>No of Days</b>
Kent Lillico	walks	3	14
Carol Nodder	walks & cycle	14	14
Margret Mosmann	walks & cycle	14	14
Angela Devine	walks	13	13
John Gora	walks	13	13
Chris Rathbone	walks	11	13
Felicity Walch	walks	12	12
Judy Bond	walks	12	12
Hans Svennsen	walks & cycle	12	12
Brian Haas	cycle	4	11
Paul Geeves	walks	2	11
Helen Dalla	walks	11	11
Sylvia Ledger	walks	11	11
Jim Anderson	walks	10	10
Kerry Scott	walks	10	10
Jenny Ford	walks & cycle	6	10

## **Awards**

The *Golden Boot Award* goes to the Club member who accrues the most days walking as a Coordinator. Minimum 10 trips across 12 months. Qualifying trips must include 4+ people. The winner is Patricia Colles.

The *Silver Saddle Award* goes to the Club member who accrues the most days cycling as a Coordinator. Minimum 10 trips across 12 months. Qualifying trips must include 4+ people. The winner is Helen Daly.

Summary statistics of the number of trips and participant numbers by category is provided in the following two tables.



**NUMBER OF TRIPS AND PARTICIPANT NUMBERS BY CATEGORY**

<b>Day Trips - Walking</b>	<b>FY 2018-2019</b>			<b>FY 2017-2018</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Average</b>
Long Rough	13	100	7.7	7	49	7
Medium Rough	31	253	8.2	32	287	9
Long Medium	22	206	9.4	43	470	10.9
Medium Medium	192	2505	13.0	162	2203	13.6
Short Rough	4	38	9.5	3	40	13.3
Short Medium	22	356	16.2	27	380	14.1
Short Easy	73	1129	15.5	82	1543	18.8
Short Non-Qualifying	48	370	7.7	47	377	8
Non-Qualifying	46	655	14.2	49	658	13.4
Dog Walk (NQ)	26	127	4.9	12	50	4.2
Kayaking	2	21	10.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Day Walks</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>5760</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>6057</b>	<b>13.1</b>

**NUMBER OF TRIPS AND PARTICIPANT NUMBERS BY CATEGORY**

<b>Extended Trips-Walking</b>	<b>FY 2018-2019</b>			<b>FY 2017-2018</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Average</b>
Long Rough	8	38	4.7	10	56	5.6
Medium Medium	26	180	6.9	18	125	6.9
Medium Rough	13	82	6.3	14	90	6.4
Short Medium	3	25	8.0	1	11	11
Long Medium	4	17	4.2	1	9	9
Kayaking	4	16	4	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Extended Walks</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>Cycling Trips</b>	<b>FY 2018-2019</b>			<b>FY 2017-2018</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Trips</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Average</b>
Intermediate	42	429	10.2	40	428	10.7
Moderate	59	637	10.8	66	610	9.2
Medium Easy	48	595	12.4	43	448	10.4
Short Easy	42	247	5.9	43	290	6.7
Challenging	1	9	9.0	5	47	9.4
Tour	5	71	14.2	6	64	13.7
<b>Total Cycling Trips</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>TOTAL TRIPS</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>8135</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>8253</b>	<b>11.6</b>
Total Weekend Trips	158	1389	8.8	151	1400	9.3
Total Midweek Trips	579	6746	11.6	560	6853	12.2

## **Programmer Reports**

**Paul Geeves; Overnight walks.** The 2018-2019 overnight walks program was very strong. There was an exceptionally good summer extended trips program in terms of both the number of trips offered and the variety of destinations and types of walks offered. A number of extended trips were cancelled due to the bushfires causing road and track closures and access issues and the related closures of remote areas by the Parks and Wildlife service during the summer bushfire period.

The number of coordinators offering overnight and extended walks has grown in recent years, which has assisted in providing a strong and varied program.

My thanks to the overnight and extended trips coordinators who now make this role of coordinator so easy to undertake.

**Trish Colles, Weekend MM walks:** 2018-2019 has been a very successful year for weekend walks. This is due to the excellent coordinators who have willingly offered to lead walks resulting in a full and varied programme. There have been some old favourites and new walks not previously offered as weekend walks, giving members lots of weekend walking opportunities. My thanks and appreciation to all members who respond readily to my requests for coordinators. Looking forward to another successful year.

**Brett O'Halloran, Tues MM walks:** Another good year for the Tuesday walkers. Thanks to John Dargue who provided such a smooth transition for my first year as programmer. Thanks also to Kerry Scott our most prolific and adventurous coordinator who moved north this year. There was a good variety of interesting walks offered with the Tasman Peninsula, Mt Field/Florentine and the kunanyi/Wellington range all prominent. There were a couple of new walks and many old favourites. Thanks to the 20 very generous coordinators, the wonderful regulars and also the occasional Tuesday walkers who make this such a memorable experience every week.

**Christine Philbrick, Wednesday MM walks:** As usual the Wednesday MM walks have been popular with about 20



attending walks close to the city and roughly 6 to 10 attending walks further afield. A few walks had to be changed due to the summer bushfire road closures but another location was found each time; no walks were cancelled. A big thank you to all coordinators who volunteered for walks. We look forward to some new coordinators as some of the current coordinators are looking to the SE/ME walks. The division between walks close to Hobart and those at a distance was about 50%.

**Dawn Hendrick, Dog walks:** In the 12 months from July last year 27 walks were conducted of which 17 were FLASH dog walks which were planned for good forecast weather days. 129 humans participated with 70 canines enjoying the experience too! Fred was the most frequent walker with Cleo coming a close second!

Walks were led along Tranmere Foreshore (most popular walk this year with 11 humans attending plus 7 dogs!), Howrah/Bellerive Beach, New Norfolk, Lauderdale Beach, Lowestoft to Windermere Bays, Opossum Bay, Montrose Bay, Seven Mile Beach and new walks on the Natone Hill Circuit, and Geilston Creek & Pilchers Hill Track.

My thanks to Rob Hill for programming 9 of the walks in the last year whilst also leading SE walks for the Club.

Having a dog is not a requirement. Some people “borrow” dogs for these walks – whilst others come along for the sheer enjoyment of watching dogs having fun. We are always looking for new coordinators – so if you have a dog or know of a good dog-friendly walk please get in touch.

**Margaret McDonald and David Pears, Thursday ME rides:** In a year when we saw three cancellations due to rain and one because of smoke from bushfires, group numbers have remained consistent with previous years. The average number of cyclists was 12 with a maximum of 24. Riding distances varied between 20 and 40kms with an average of 31.7kms. This very social group has enjoyed mid-ride lunches at Bangor Vineyard and the Cheese Company on Bruny Island, as well as two morning teas at a Tarooma café. We continue to enjoy Christmas lunch with the SE cycling group. Seven new rides have been

introduced in the past year taking us as far afield as Dover, Pirates Bay and Nubeena. In the 13 weeks prior to July the average number of riders was 15 prompting the recent introduction of a tail end rider which has proved most satisfactory and been well accepted.

**Chris Howard, Tuesday Intermediate.** It has been another great year of cycling for the Tuesday group. Out of the 52 available Tuesdays there were 7 cancellations, 5 due to poor weather and 2 from bushfire smoke and Xmas Day was a no-ride day. We rode a total of 2,745km with an average distance of 62km yielding an average of 10 cyclists per ride. This a manageable number. However, we did have 20 once. Although we range all over southern Tasmania the majority of the rides are in the eastern and southern districts.

**Helen Daly, Thursday Moderate rides:** 52 rides offered, 3 cancelled due to poor weather conditions, total number of riders 593 so average of 12.1 per ride. I coordinated 10 rides, one more than John Cornwell who had 9. Numbers have decreased due to illness and slowing down. Several have joined the ME group as they generally offer shorter, easier rides at a slower pace. However, their numbers have ballooned and are high as ours once were.

**Helen Daly, Tuesday Urban rides:** 12 rides were programmed of those 8 ran. Twenty riders participated over these 8 rides.

**Erika Shankley, Short Non Qualifying walks.** Thanks to past coordinator, Rinda Burgess, SNQ walkers have enjoyed a variety of walks throughout the year. Rinda has now passed the baton to Erika Shankley who, with help from Rupert Manners and Jill Finch, has developed a comprehensive programme of Friday walks. A call for volunteers to lead the walks was over-subscribed! I look forward to seeing you on the track.

**Barry Plews, Kayaking Programmer.** Official HWC kayaking activities got underway in October 2018 after the Club's new insurance policy included kayaking for the first time. As a walking club of 90 years standing, kayaking will always be a niche Club activity, but as several members enjoy kayaking it may, in the future, join the ranks of cycling and skiing as one of the activities

to be regularly offered to members. HWC kayaking activities are focussed on overnight touring, principally on inland rivers and lakes (and harbours, of course), but also includes some day paddling. Trips included Lake St Clair (with ascents of Mount Olympus and Mount Ida), Gordon River, Birch's Inlet and Macquarie Harbour (with a visit to Sarah Island) and Lake Pedder. Unfortunately, a number of trips had to be cancelled due to weather and water conditions (Schouten Island) and access roads being closed due to bushfires (Lake Pedder). The Club's kayaking activities are publicised in the HWC Circular, on the Club website and on the HWC Facebook page.

### **Track Clearing**

**Rupert Manners:** This year we renewed our authority with PWS but three tracks were removed from the list because of the fires and PWS needed to assess the damage. The tracks we can work on are:-

- Arthurs Peak Track
- High Yellow Bluff Track
- Cape Surville Track
- Slide Track
- Kermandie Track
- Mt Wedge Track
- Clarkes Cliff Track
- Mt Mueller Track
- Mt Sprent Track

During the year we had four working bees and some of the other tracks were walked and were in reasonable condition.

Thank you to all who participated in these working bees.

**Rupert Manners, Trips Secretary**

## **SEARCH, RESCUE & TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Members:** Rupert Manners (Convenor and Exec. Rep.), Pam Powell, Stuart Whitney, Sue Denman (Police Liaison), Chris Rathbone, Andrew Davey, David Young, and Kerry Scott.

The sub-committee is responsible for the organisation and conduct of introductory training days, maintenance of a call-out list for rescue activities, organisation of search groups, training of club members and monitoring the overall safety of the Club's activities. In addition, we write and update 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 New Members**

The sub-committee continued to run the Essential Skills training days required for new members to gain full membership in the Club. This program covers all aspects relating to day walking trips. During 2018-2019 we scheduled six Essential Skills Days with 64 prospective members attending. This compares with 72 for the previous year. One training day was cancelled.

### **Other Training Activities**

**Real Navigation.** We had two Real Navigation days with 17 members heading to the top of Mt Wellington to learn how to use their maps, compasses and GPSs. The second day was very clagged in, so it really was Real Navigation.

**First Aid.** 21 members attended a first aid course the Club put on with Red Cross. This was a non-accredited course and was tailored to help members deal with incidents in the bush.

**Coordinator Training.** The Club repeated the Coordinator Training day. We had 8 participants. The aim of the course is to encourage and support members to become Coordinators.

## **Search and Rescue**

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

## **Incident Monitoring**

The sub-committee has a role in monitoring incidents occurring on club walks and if necessary making recommendations to the Executive regarding action. There was only one incident during the year, and the injured person walked out. The incident was handled appropriately.

## **Safety in the Bush**

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

## **Thanks**

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

**Rupert Manners, SRT Convenor**

## **CIRCULAR SUB-COMMITTEE**

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

Circular production numbers as at 30 June 2019 are:-

<b>Circular Style</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Print	260	6	266	32.0
Email	561	3	564	68.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

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

In 2019 we had an average of 8 mailing helpers per month at production homes, some of whom are regulars travelling to all suburbs. Perhaps others could assist when production is near their home. Addressing and wrapping the monthly circular is a pleasant social event which takes a couple of hours at most.

**Jim Anderson, Circular Coordinator**

## PUBLICATION SALES

Sales figures as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 are:

<b><i>The Tasmanian Tramp:</i></b>	<b>Shops</b>	<b>Individuals</b>	<b>Total</b>
No.31		3	3
No.32		2	2
No.34		2	2
No.35		3	3
No.36		2	2
No.38		4	4
No.39		3	3
No.40		3	3
No.41		4	4
No.42	102	6	108
<b>CD 'Tramp' Nos.1-23</b>	0	4	4
<b><i>Safety in the Bush</i></b>	4	0	4
<b><i>Emergency Management</i></b>	2	1	3

### Total items remaining:

#### *The Tasmanian Tramp*

No.21 – 16	No.23 – 40	No.24 – 22	No.25 – 30
No.26 – 31	No.27 – 4	No.31 – 29	No.32 – 41
No.34 – 38	No.35 – 28	No.38 – 48	No.39 – 69
No.40 – 72	No.41 – 94	No. 42 – 38	

*The Tasmanian Tramp* index 1-23 - 16

*Safety in the Bush* - 15

*Emergency Management* - 600

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. The HWC car stickers are free and available at General Meetings. There are also a number of second-hand back copies. Please contact me via the sales@hobartwalkingclub.org.au email if you would like to obtain one of these. The price will depend on the quality of the copy.

**Dawn Hendrick, Publications Sales Officer**

## CLUB MEETINGS - ENTERTAINMENT

### JULY 2018 – JUNE 2019 CLUB MEETINGS

Month	Presenter	Topic
July	Midj Jones	Clouds
Aug	Rosie Berger	The Log Hut - Lake Ina
Sept	Kevin Doran	Peaks around the world in 80 years
Oct	Vicki Martin	Maatsuyker Island
Nov	Max Bichsel	Hiking the Via Alpina
Dec	Vonda Kerrison & all	My favourite walk/cycle/kayak
Feb	Jim Gandy	Kayaking in Port Davey/Bathurst Harbour
March	Peter Fehre	Tasmanian Orchids
April	Dawn Hendrick	National Parks of Utah
May	Charles Chadwick	Himalayan Mountains
June	Ben Masterman	Wellington Park

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

**Vonda Kerrison, Entertainment Coordinator**

## SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

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

The Annual Dinner was held on 17 November at the Rosny Bowls Club with Tornies' catering. Members and guests enjoyed a pleasant sociable evening. Always interesting to see everyone in their fine attire! Awards were presented to those who have made a significant contribution to the Club.

The Annual Christmas BBQ is another opportunity for Members to get together, whether walkers of different grades, cyclists, or those not so active but still a part of our Club. The venue for 2018 was the home of Alan Wilson & Ruth Raward in Bellerive and the



group enjoyed a pleasant evening around the BBQ. Thank you Alan & Ruth.

On 24 Jan it was the Annual Picnic at Orana. It was a beautiful warm, sunny day and a large group converged on the venue for a BBQ or picnic lunch. The majority were cyclists, but this year there was a walk programmed from Roches Beach to Seven Mile beach and back which was enjoyed by a small group. Hopefully, more walkers will attend next year. It was good to see many people going for a swim too. Thank you to Vicki Martin for organising this event.

**Gill Fitzgerald, Social Convenor**

## **EDITORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Members:** Helen Daly (Convenor), Jill Finch (Exec. Rep.), John Cannon, John Adams, Karen Marriott, Gill Fitzgerald, Gladys Seymour and David Seymour.

Last year, September 2018, saw a successful launch of *The Tasmanian Tramp*, number 42. A wonderful photo of Lake Rhona by Charles Chadwick adorned the cover. We were not to know that the Lake Rhona shores were to be extensively burnt during the summer bushfires of 2018/2019. Once again I would like to thank contributors of photos, poems, sketches and stories; without their efforts we would not be able to produce such a wonderful Journal. The committee members remain the same and have a wealth of experience, and different skill sets that all contribute to the production of *The Tasmanian Tramp*. *The Tasmanian Tramp* number 43 is under-way and will be launched September 2020.

**Helen Daly, Editorial Convenor**

## ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

**Members:** Paul Geeves (Convenor), David Jupe, Phil Watson, Grant Kench and Andrew Davey (Exec. Rep.).

The 2018-2019 year was a busy one for the Environment Committee. During the 2018-2019 year the Environment Committee prepared detailed formal submissions on the following matters:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Recipient of Submission</b>
Lake Malbena/Halls Island Development – (Further Information Provided by Proponent)	Commonwealth Department of Environment
Lake Malbena/Halls Island Development Application	Central Highlands Council
Cradle Mountain Lake St Clair National Park Huts Redevelopment Project	Parks And Wildlife Service
Dove Lake Visitor Centre Development	Parks And Wildlife Service
The Kingborough Tracks and Trails Strategy And Funding	Candidates For Kingborough Local Government Elections
Hunting in National Parks	The Premier and Minister for Parks
Mount Wellington Cable Car Development – Principles For Consideration By HWC Executive	HWC Executive Committee

The Committee has also commenced the drafting of submissions on the Mount Wellington Cable Car Development planning application and the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Tourism Master Plan.

The Committee also provided comments on the Bushwalking Tasmania draft policy on shared use of walking tracks by mountain bikes.

The Committee considered the draft Cockle Creek Precinct Site Plan but did not make a formal submission.

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

**Paul Geeves, Convenor**

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

**Members:** Andrew Davey (Ski & Hut Secretary; Exec. Rep.), Fred Koolhof, Liz Koolhof, Paul Vince, Simon Benham, Margaret Benham, Sebastian Rainer, Joanna de Burgh and Alan Holding.

It was another big year for hut works, which were delayed due to the summer bushfires. Restumping of the worst stumps was completed. This was followed by considerable drainage improvements; a little more remains to be done. Cleaning, painting, renovation, repairs, maintenance and restocking occurred during three major working bees. Wood was carried and stacked on the third working bee. We had a good turn out to help move the four tonne of wood; many thanks. More maintenance work is planned.

Sadly, we have suffered quite a few problems due to careless use of the hut (e.g., many broken flexible gas lines; burnt boards left on stoves; running tanks empty in a few days when full and not many persons; no kindling; poor cleaning; etc.). This occurs although there is a laminated instruction sheet at the hut. Many users appear to not realise there are certain safety checks that must be made and recorded each visit now. It seems a physical induction is really needed, including for some longer term users.

Overall hut use was near steady, with the exception of the forced cancellation by PWS over almost three months due to possible bushfire threat or adverse weather.

The new electronic lock received no complaints – just a chore for the person responsible for changing entry codes as a multistep sequence of codes must be entered within a very limited time.

The tow duty weekends were adequately attended; operations proceeded without glitch. Andrew, Paul and Liz also maintained their frequent ski patrol efforts. Paul helped a lot with the internal set-up of the new STSA section of the new Mawson shelter.

For the first time in some years, the hut was fully insured in accordance with the new 10 year lease. The lengthy five yearly fire and risk management plan (with structural checks) was passed. This involves 15 documents to be scrutinised by TFS. Those conducting a trip to the hut must familiarise themselves with some of these documents, and have some extra/compliance duties to perform during their hut visit. The material is at the hut and can be emailed. Waivers on risk awareness and accepting it (and prepared appropriately for it) are also required by the insurer.

**Andrew Davey, Ski and Hut Secretary**

## **FACEBOOK**

The Hobart Walking Club created its Facebook group on the 14 May 2010.

As at June 2019, Facebook membership is 1758; consisting of 55.9% women, 43.5% men and 0.6% undisclosed. A break down into age reveals 1% under 17 years; 18 to 24 year olds – 1.9% women and 2.1% men; 25 to 34 year olds – 12.3% women and 9.5% men; 35 to 44 year olds – 9.8% women and 8.7% men; 45 to 54 year olds – 10.5% women and 7.9% men; 55 to 64 year olds – 11% women and 7.3% men; 65+ year olds – 10.5% women and 7.9% men. Members are mainly from Australia (1700), UK (21) and USA (18). Each month there are approximately 98 posts, 150 comments, with 1200 reactions (i.e., likes or similar). There are approximately 37 new members added each month with approximately 1,300 active members.

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

- Club members to:

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

- Non Club members to:

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

The Club Facebook Administration provides:

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

**Gill Mosmann, Facebook Administrator**

## **WEB MANAGER**

In mid-2018 HWC purchased an 'instance' of the website initially developed for Canberra Bushwalking Club. This new generation website was developed specifically for use by walking clubs and includes functions such as online payments, automated alert lists, and embedded location maps. Throughout the year a small group of HWC members worked slowly but surely to modify the Club copy of the website to the HWC environment. Modification has taken longer than initially expected. Members will be updated when the new website is close to being launched.

The existing HWC website continued business-as-usual during this time.

**Chris Rathbone, Web Manager and  
Jane Long, New Website Facilitator**

## **EQUIPMENT**

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

The equipment includes:

- 4 tents - 1x2 person Macpac "Olympus"; 1x2 person Macpac "Minaret"; 2x1 person Macpac "Microlight". These tents are suitable for use in all seasons.
- 5 backpacks - 2 Aiking – 1 Universal, 1 Womens; 2 Macpac - 1 Cascade, 1 unnamed; 1 Berghaus 30+10 daypack.
- 2 Trangia cooksets c/w fuel bottles.
- 2 sleeping mats - 1 Thermarest self-inflating 3/4 length; 1 closed cell foam full length.
- 2 PLBs "kti" SAFETY ALERT.
- 1 compass - Silva Starter.
- 1 pair waterproof overpants.
- 1 pair knee length gaiters.

Other equipment includes:

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

Equipment usage for 2018-2019 was similar to previous years: there were 13 bookings (5 were subsequently cancelled). The 8 completed bookings utilised 5x PLBs, 4x single tents and 1 each for a rucksack, a cook-set and a sleeping mat.

**Brian Haas, Equipment Custodian**

## **DELEGATES' REPORTS**

### **Bushwalking Tasmania (BWT)**

**Delegates:** Andrew Davey & Geoff O'Hara (part of year).

BWT represents all Tasmanian walkers, not only clubs. It was a particularly busy year as BWT further promoted maintaining access, affordability and customary use by Tasmanians as priorities. Tasmanian bushwalkers are not to be subsumed into tourism as if a mere commercial undertaking, or be treated as if we are overseas visitors who have no association with our walking areas. Bushwalking Tasmania also fosters, and members perform, considerable voluntary work on walking-related infrastructure that benefits the entire Tasmanian community.

Again, the national insurance statistics show Tasmania has more than three times the per capita walking club membership than the next nearest State. This longstanding higher proportion of bushwalking by Tasmanians lends strong support to it being seen as a living traditional or cultural practice.

The Work As You Walk program was signed off by Parks for another five years. Two more track marking working bees were held for the previously neglected Cuvier Valley Track. There is only a little more to do from near Lake Petrarch northwards, scheduled for 29 Nov – 1 Dec 2019 with ferrying offered by Parks. All welcome. Parks have been extremely helpful by dropping off items by helicopter and providing tools, a house, extra showers and large covered BBQ area to use.

During the course of the year, BWT made several submissions, chiefly: intended relatively exclusive developments on Halls Island in Lake Malbena, Overland Track huts development, Overland Track Guidelines, TWWHA & tourism planning, excessive closures allegedly because of bushfire threats and walking access to Marriotts Lookout. BWT also reinforced the wish to retain private vehicle access to and parking at Dove Lake and avoid (or minimise) requirements for Tasmanians to book walks. For several Tasmanian walker issues, BWT strongly encouraged individuals to also submit. At least three clubs, including HWC, asked members to do this for the proposed TWWHA Tourism Master Plan. This resulted in a number of private submissions from club members. The consistency in submission points gave credence to what BWT has been saying and resulted in an (extra) opportunity for BWT to provide detailed input to encapsulate the issues of concern.

For the intended TWWHA Tourism Master Plan input BWT cited the considerable exploration and track, hut, environmental and other work done by many Tasmanian walkers over 200 years, as well as the many ways that attach us to the TWWHA. Generations of local families are involved, for whom the TWWHA is much more than a pretty place. The TWWHA is an integral part of many lives, we co-own it and the relating of our appreciation of the TWWHA has led to others (tourists) being able to enjoy the area. BWT wants protection for bushwalking by Tasmanians written into all future plans, especially to avert threats by developments and other changes.

At a key TWWHA Tourism meeting, a group claiming Tasmanian Aboriginal status asserted they wish to own the TWWHA. This would entail their having the last word on what could be accepted



in the TWWHA. BWT quickly followed up with a strong case for retaining ownership of the area by all Tasmanians and respectfully co-existing, cooperating to mutual benefit.

A mountain bike policy was agreed due to the considerable ingress of certain bike types onto walking tracks in hitherto walking areas. The policy has been presented to Parks to aid a number of discussions by local walker groups.

BWT continued making thanks for and highlighting some of the work walkers and Clubs do for the public benefit, including naming Clubs and individuals to the Premier and the head of Parks. This helped persuade Authorities that we Tasmanian walkers have interests and associations with parks different to tourists.

Parks built a small free bookable platform for walkers at Waterfall Valley, but it may be unavailable while renovations to the newer hut are undertaken. It was agreed that once building finishes, we would also be welcome to use the older hut. Please use (book via [cradle@parks.tas.gov.au](mailto:cradle@parks.tas.gov.au)). Another set of platforms with toilet was completed in April along the Cape Pillar track near Bare Knoll. It was promised both camping sites will be expanded should there be enough use.

It was agreed Andrew Davey will address all Overland Track Rangers each year concerning traditional bushwalking by Tasmanians in the area. Discussion commenced on revamping the Overland Track Guidelines and signage to better represent what is wanted and allowed (and to avoid loss of tracks that have been overgrowing when use was effectively prohibited). Alternatively, a separate agreement may be possible for walks other than walking the entire Overland Track.

On a few occasions, PWS called on the BWT President to discuss snow-related deaths and difficulties several walkers encountered in the Overland Track area. This was done to provide better advice and consider reasonable limits of help from rangers/Parks. Several media interviews on parallel themes also occurred. The President of BWT was also called as an expert for an inquest into a death on the Overland Track. The President

stressed bushwalkers must set out fully self-reliant for all reasonably expected eventualities.

BWT has arranged its next State-wide gathering at Gowrie Park under the auspices of the North West Walking Club.

Andrew Davey remained President of Bushwalking Australia, and organised the annual national conference which was held in Brisbane. The main topics related to attracting members, especially younger ones; what a peak body is for; and eliciting strategic direction(s). Bushwalking Victoria has undertaken to write an updated bushwalking risk management and good practices manual that all States can use. Some additional components are to be written by other States to cover relatively local risks. The manual will be available on the web. The manual will be something like *Safety in the Bush*, but with a few more aspects covered.

**Andrew Davey, Delegate.**

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

**Delegates:** Andrew Davey (also head of ski patrol), Fred Koolhof, and Liz Koolhof.

**Key helpers:** Paul Vince and Tim Metcalfe

The last season had four weekends of downhill skiing at Mt Mawson. The snow was fairly good to start with, then gradually waned. Tow use mostly required the persistent digging out of a small area higher up the Mawson Tow line where a large bank of drift snow often accumulated. University Tow ran on several days. Cross-country skiing was mostly limited.

Our Club participated well in running tows on their duty weekends and continued as the mainstay of ski patrol. There was only one serious accident, requiring the casualty to be helped from the skiing area to the car park.

The three web cams continued to help prevent unnecessary trips to potentially unskiable snow. The cameras provided more reliable information on whether to operate tows and to check the progress of the new building replacing former Sitzmark. The new building, completed in late March, is a vast improvement on the

former facilities, especially the public shelter with its terrific heating. With the completion of the new heated shelter, more people have offered to join and train as ski patrollers.

Last winter we had to use a largely unheated part of the 'under construction' new building for ski patrol. Tickets were sold in the existing STSA building for the last time. More than ever the ski patrol looked forward to overcoming iced-over locks, doors and floors when the new shelter was completed and fitted out.

Mid-summer fires impeded tow and new building works. More had to be done during autumn to early winter to ensure all tows were in good running order, batteries charged and items transferred to the new quarters; the latter was largely completed just in time for the new skiing season.

Andrew asked the Premier to open the building and present awards to volunteers. The awarded skiers (patrol and tow work) and walkers (track work) have made upwards of 20 years effort each in the Mt Field area. The Premier officially opened the new buildings on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019. It was quite a celebratory occasion attended by old and new interested parties, heads of the national ski patrol and bushwalking representatives. HWC members, Andrew Davey and Liz Koolhof received 25 year service awards from the national ski patrol association (ASPA). Following the opening, the Mt Mawson Ski Patrol garnered support from the Premier to fit-out the STSA part of the new building.

STSA hopes that the new facilities will attract more people to the area to ski as, in recent years, there was no place to warm anyone or adequately shelter more than about 12–15 persons from poor weather.

STSA meetings were attended by HWC members, Fred Koolhof, Liz Koolhof, Paul Vince and, sometimes, Andrew Davey. The latter three also considerably assisted with patrols additional to their rostered patrols. Thanks are due to Tim Metcalfe who managed our tow operation weekends. Tim, Paul, Andrew and others also helped overcome tow machinery issues.

**Andrew Davey, Delegate**

## CLARENCE TRACKS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Clarence City Council continues to promote the development of an extensive system of tracks and trails within the municipality. The long-term aim is to have a continuous trail (where practical) along its maritime and riverine boundaries.

**Cremorne to Mays Point** (Calverts Hill) is a popular track with Club members. As reported last year, the Council is awaiting final approval by the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) before track work can proceed. In broad terms the proposal is to lay an approximate one metre wide red gravel track over the existing pad which, because of its soil structure, becomes boggy and sticky after rain. The majority of the track is within Council administered land with the PWS section through open paddock containing no *eucalyptus morrisbyii* (which is all on the western side of Calverts Hill.). The bureaucratic requirements of the PWS are for a survey of the track to be undertaken by a licenced surveyor after which the status of the track can be changed from nature reserve to nature recreation reserve. Approval of the Governor is required, then gazetted and submission to both houses of Parliament for 15 sitting days! In the interim, the Council is to proceed with track improvements within its own foreshore reserve.

Approaches to PWS for Council to rehabilitate the track to Cape Deslacs has not been supported because the management plan has similar limitations as Calverts Hill. This is even though the original track work was developed by the former Department of Lands, Parks and Wildlife and officially opened by the then Minister, John Bennett, in October 1988.

**Single Hill** – despite the proposed reserve being fenced, the area still has not been transferred to Council control. Negotiations are still continuing.

**Potters Hill** – access from Fort Beach is now available following construction of a track through the western boundary of Fort Direction.

**Mortimer Bay to Goat Bluff** – negotiations are continuing with the property owner to avoid the need to walk along the South Arm Highway.

**Flagstaff Hill** – track construction is currently underway to link the Caves Hill track by a less steep route. Council is also looking at the problem of parking at Mornington and Belbins Road.

It is recommended Club members obtain a free booklet entitled Popular Trails in Clarence from the Council. This booklet contains details and location of many of the tracks within its jurisdiction.

**Barry Ford, Delegate**

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

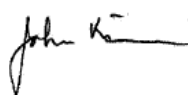
### STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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 2019 and the results of the Club's financial performance for the year ended on that date.

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



Geoff O'Hara, President



John Kerrison, Treasurer

### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE *for the year ended 30 June 2019*

	Notes	2019	2018
		\$	\$
<b>Income</b>			
Member Subscriptions		33 607	30 766
Donations		0	98
Sale of Publications		2 022	278
Lake Dobson Hut Fees		2 250	2 230
Interest		2 778	2 560
Social Functions		1 800	2 240
Equipment Hire		155	315
Sales to Members		594	2 440
		<b>43 206</b>	<b>40 927</b>

	Notes	2019	2018
		\$	\$
<b>Less Expenditure</b>			
Post, Printing, Stationery		1 033	1 282
Website		2 141	3 164
HWC Office Rent		2 869	2 835
Meeting Room Hire		710	713
Bank Fees		84	84
Travel Expenses		206	485
General Meeting Expenses		373	261
Printing <i>The Tasmanian Tramp</i>		9 982	0
Posting <i>The Tasmanian Tramp</i>		1 629	0
Other Publication Expenses		409	631
Stock Reduction	2	1 695	578
Lake Dobson Hut	3	6 632	3 030
Social Functions		2 186	2 483
Volunteer Recognition		1 436	729
Printing Circular		4 485	5 496
Posting Circular		2 544	3 515
Insurance		3 413	3 484
Cost of Sales to Members		685	1 980
Training		778	1 493
Affiliation Fees		1 182	1 179
Marketing & Promotion		0	132
Track Clearing		1 237	1 534
		<b>45 710</b>	<b>35 088</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period</b>		<b>(2 504)</b>	<b>5 839</b>
Prior Period Accumulated Surplus		43 975	38 136
<b>Accumulated Surplus at End of Period</b>		<b>41 470</b>	<b>43 975</b>

**BALANCE SHEET**  
as at 30 June 2019

	Notes	2019	2018
		\$	\$
<b>Members Equity</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		41 470	43 975
Lake Dobson Memorial Hut Fund		60 000	60 000
		<b>101 470</b>	<b>103 975</b>
 Represented by:			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Commonwealth Bank Chq. Account		20 466	9 732
Tasmania Perpetual Trustee (Long Term Fund)		90 000	90 000
Payments in Advance		255	5 455
Publications Stock	2	1 447	3 142
		<b>112 168</b>	<b>108 330</b>
 <b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
 <b>Total Assets</b>			
		<b>112 168</b>	<b>108 330</b>
 <b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Subscriptions Prepaid		(10 698)	(4 355)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>(10 698)</b>	<b>(4 355)</b>
 <b>Net Assets</b>			
		<b>101 470</b>	<b>103 975</b>



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### 1. Statement of accounting policies

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

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

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	\$	\$
<b>2. Stock Adjustment</b>		
Stock at 30/6/2018	3 142	3 720
<i>Safety in the Bush</i> reduction	(1 695)	(578)
Stock at 30/6/2019	<u><b>1 447</b></u>	<u><b>3 142</b></u>

### 3. Lake Dobson Memorial Hut

Gas & Firewood	1 323	1 009
General Hut Maintenance	454	782
Crown Land Licence Fee	855	792
Derwent Valley Council Fire Levy & Rates	497	447
Insurance for Hut	3 503	0
	<u><b>6 632</b></u>	<u><b>3 030</b></u>

## **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 2019, together with explanatory notes. The Executive Committee of the Club is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Club and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

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

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

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

### **Limitation of Scope**

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

### **Audit Opinion**

In my opinion the special purpose financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Hobart Walking Club Inc as at 30 June 2019, and the results of its financial performance for the year then ended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Morffew', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Geoff Morffew, FCPA**  
16 August 2019