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Executive Committee

7 October 2022 to 6 October 2023

President:	Helen Daly
Vice President:	Jill Finch
Vice President:	Midj Jones
Secretary:	Sue Chapple
Assistant Secretary:	Christina Nebel
Treasurer:	Jo Castillo
Trips Secretary:	Paul Geeves
Ski and Hut Secretary:	Keith Simmonds
New Members:	Katherine Munday
Membership Officer:	Ian Welch
Committee Members:	Ross Stephens Alastair Nicolson

Club Delegates

as at 30 June 2023

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

President's Report

Helen Daly

President Jill Finch (July 2022 to October 2022)

The first three months of the financial year saw the following actions by the Executive Committee

- We consulted with Parks on registration for popular extended walks in National Parks. The Club achieved some improvements to the quota system.
- An informal member survey approved adding an Acknowledgement of Country message to the Club Circular front page.
- A submission was sent in opposing the Lake Malbena development.
- Training for members was offered in phone-based navigation methods for Memory Map and Gaia.
- Executive drafted a proposal to limit any member's Executive service to 10 years in any 14 years.
- The *Tasmanian Tramp* No. 44 was launched at the September Thankyou Function
- Website development continued.

President Helen Daly (October 2022 to present)

The AGM in October saw quite a few changes on the Executive Committee due to the changes in the constitution regarding term limits. The result was four long term members departing and four new members joining. We thank the retiring members for their commitment to governance of the Club over many years. The new team embraced the roles on the Executive with enthusiasm and vigour and we settled down to work.

The first issue to be dealt with was the realisation that the E-bike riders within the Club were not currently covered under the Public Liability Insurance policy from Bushwalking Australia. There was some concern amongst E-bike riders who felt that they were being discriminated against. The Executive quickly contacted an Insurance Broker and purchased an additional policy to provide

Public Liability Insurance for all cyclists while participating on a Club ride and protecting the Club from potential prosecution.

The Annual Dinner and Awards night was once again a pleasant event enjoyed by all. It is good to meet up with members from many of the different groups, enjoy a meal, compete in the quiz, and give out awards. Malcolm Sherlock and Trish Colles were awarded Long and Significant Awards and we thank them for their ongoing commitment to the Club.

By December we were finding our feet and worked towards getting the new website underway. Quotes were sought and the Executive felt that Getbusi (a local firm) was the way forward. We established timelines and benchmarks for progress and development and contracts were signed. A lot of preliminary work went into getting data ready to be transferred into a new system. Ross Stephens supported by Jill Finch, Garry Rose, Annette Picone and Philip Le Grove comprised the team to facilitate the new website. Many had been on the website committee for several years getting content together.

January was uneventful as the Executive doesn't meet and there was no Club night. A significant number of both day and extended walks were coordinated, so we thank all the coordinators who ran this program of events. Cycling and kayaking were also active pursuits with many participants, during these summer months. However, behind the scenes we were working on the website development and this was to become a consuming feature of most Executive Meetings.

The Executive committee sent a letter to NPWS Minister, Roger Jaensch to outline our concerns about the booking and quota system for both the Eastern and Western Arthurs, Frenchman's Cap, Walls of Jerusalem and Lake Rhona. Representatives of bushwalking Clubs have met twice (August 2021 and again August 2022) with NPWS, where we were given a lecture on what they plan to do, but there is little consultation. We have a number of concerns about the Club having fair and equal access to these destinations.

The Environment Subcommittee on behalf of the Club prepared a submission regarding the proposed development application for Lake Malbena and Halls Island. The Club opposed the original application as did the Kentish Council and the Tasmanian Law Courts. The proponent was using a different process where the Federal Minister for the Environment makes the decision. Overall, the Club opposes private/commercial developments in World Heritage National Parks which have the potential to damage pristine environments. We were pleased when the Federal Minister later declined the application, however I understand that the proponent has not given up so we may see further applications.

The Wellington Park Management Trust released a draft plan for kunanyi/Mt Wellington titled *Wellington Park Visitor and Recreation Strategy* and consultation was open until 31 January 2023. The Environment Subcommittee prepared a submission on behalf of the Club. kunanyi/Mt Wellington is a frequent destination for Club walks so access and proposed additional walking tracks and car parking are all of concern to us. The increasing numbers of visitors to the mountain has led to overcrowding and congestion and solutions need to be sought.

The Orana Picnic Day in January was attended by around 30 members. The weather was mild and many people had a swim. Unfortunately a SE walk was not offered this year, however there were two bike groups who attended. It was a pleasant social day and was the 41st time this event was held.

It is pleasing to see the continuous growth of the club. July 2023 saw us go over the 1000 full member mark – quite an achievement for a walking Club run by volunteers. Training activities have been run by Philip Le Grove to assist, inform and support members in becoming coordinators of activities either walking, cycling or kayaking.

Smiths Monument on kunanyi/Mt Wellington is to be removed and replaced by an information panel. The Club in the past has removed the metal cast plaque and had it refurbished. However it has been decided that the original monument, to stop any further weathering, will be housed at the Tasmanian Museum and Art

Gallery (TMAG). The design and detailed information for a panel is under negotiation with Hobart City Council. So in the near future if you go out to Smiths Monument it may not be there, but it will be replaced ASAP. A basic marker will be at the site in the meantime.

At the October 2022 AGM a suggestion was made to make further changes to the Club's constitution. The Executive drafted a proposal to have only one Vice President instead of two and this would create another general committee member. A Special General Meeting (SGM) was held early June and this proposal was passed. The SGM was also an opportunity for members to raise issues and have open discussions. I believe that this is very important and was pleased when several members raised issues for discussion. The Executive discussed items and provided feedback to people after the following Executive Meeting.

The new website was launched 19 June and looks great. We have identified a few issues and these will be addressed in the near future. We knew that it would need potential refinement and tweaks in some parts, but it has been an enormous task conducted over many years of planning, so to finally achieve this outcome is excellent.

To summarise my first nine months as the President I would like to say that without the support of many members this role would be even more demanding than it is! All subcommittees are represented by the Executive Committee members and we do our best to support and oversee all Club undertakings. The Club functions well because of all the people who contribute to the vast range of tasks we undertake, and this is why we are such a successful group. Thank you to all who contribute to Hobart Walking Club.

New Members Report

Katherine Munday

Another busy year for the Club. We welcomed 115 new members this year, only a slight decrease on last year. Of these members 11 were from other walking clubs and showed recent walking experience which meant they were then able to have their prospective period waived and became full members upon

nomination. This year's numbers also included 7 people who had previously been a HWC member and decided to re-join. At the end of June 2023, we had 104 current prospective members with over two thirds of these having done their Essential Skills Day or a qualifying walk/trip.

Our President, Helen Daly, and I contacted long term prospectives who had not completed their prospective requirements to see if we could offer assistance and encouragement. This worked well and we had several prospectives become full members. The new website also makes it much easier to follow the progress of prospective members and I can email members to confirm that they have completed the Essential Skills Day and three qualifying walks/trips if they forget to send in their completion form.

Membership Report

Ian Welch

There were 988 Members as at 30 June 2023, an increase of 3% year-on-year. 114 people joined during the year but the attrition rate for those with under ten years' membership is high with a net increase within that category of just 30 to 532, or 56% of membership, as at 30 June 2023. A handful may have moved into the ten to twenty years' membership category, offset by deaths or resignations, but the total number for that category is steady at 15%. Twenty or more years' membership is also unchanged at 29% of total membership.

A summary of the key membership statistics follows.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS BY CATEGORY at 30 JUNE

Membership Category	Number of Members			
	2023	2022	2021	2020
Honorary Life Members	14	13	13	12
Honorary Associate Members	0	1	1	1
Associate Members	2	1	1	1
Members	863	841	788	726
Prospective Members	109	104	136	96
Total	988	960	939	836

Age	FY 2022-2023			FY 2021-2022			FY 2020-2021			
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Not given	Total
19-24	0	2	2				1	1		2
25-29	3	1	4	3	4	7	2	5		7
30-39	5	13	18	6	12	18	8	10	1	19
40-49	16	24	40	13	24	37	18	22	1	41
50-59	58	100	158	65	106	171	59	104		163
60-69	151	199	350	143	203	346	127	186		313
70-79	158	165	323	143	151	294	143	155	1	299
80-89	47	33	80	46	31	77	52	33		85
90+	2	2	4	2	1	3	2	1		3
Not Given	1	8	9	1	6	7	1	5	1	7
Total	441	547	987	422	538	960	413	522	4	939

MEMBERSHIP COUNT BY AGE AND GENDER at 30 JUNE

35 Year Membership Certificates

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

Name	Date Joined	Name	Date Joined
Renate Schadack	20 Jul 1987	Allan Holding	5 Apr 1988
Bonnie Tilley	20 Jul 1987	David Walker	24 Apr 1988
Pamela Maher	2 Aug 1987	Sylvia Harman	25 Apr 1988
Terry Vince	13 Aug 1987	Roger Hurd	25 Apr 1988
Christine Saunders	17 Aug 1987	Margret Mosmann	25 Apr 1988
Tony Cook	20 Aug 1987	Duncan Hamilton	18 May 1988
Alison Bowling	9 Sep 1987	Helen Daly	19 May 1988

50 Year Membership Certificates

Four Members attained 50 years of Club membership during the year. They are:

Name	Date Joined	Name	Date Joined
Jane Hudspeth	1 Oct 1972	Brian Haas	29 Nov 1972
Gladys Seymour	16 Nov 1972	Liz Parkes	27 Feb 1973

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

Name	Year Awarded	Name	Year Awarded
Stuart Whitney	2011	Linda Cook	2016
Sylvia Ledger	2011	Tony Cook	2016
Margaret Knight**	2011	Helen Daly	2016
Hilary Goodwin** (dec'd)	2011	Gill Fitzgerald	2016
Anna Rau**(dec'd)	2011	Storm Foulkes	2016
Barry Ford	2012	Roger Hurd	2016
Jenny Ford	2012	Rupert Manners	2016
Margaret Gould** (dec'd)	2012	Doug Mclean	2017
Adrian Jowett	2012	David Pears	2017
John Adams**	2013	Ruth Raward (dec'd)	2018
Jim Anderson	2013	Philip Le Grove	2018
Rosalie Davis	2013	Margaret Williams	2019
David Hardy	2013	Liz Koolhof	2019
Fred Koolhof	2013	Geoff O'Hara	2020
Pam Powell	2014	John Kerrison	2020
Chris Rathbone	2014	Alison Bowling	2020
Vicki Martin	2014	Felicity Walch	2021
Midj Jones	2014	Judy Bond	2021
Geoff Morffew	2015	Trish Colles	2022
Paul Geeves	2015	Malcolm Sherlock	2022

**** former members**

President's Award

2013	Vicki Martin
2019	Barry Plews

Trips Report

Paul Geeves

Subcommittee Members

Trips Secretary

Paul Geeves

Tripsdata Team

Antonia Dunne

Judy Micklewright

Lee Parker

Walk Programmers

Overnight

Paul Geeves

Monday Toddlers Toddle

John Gora

Tuesday MM+

David Picone (*July-Oct*)

Jane Long (*from Nov*)

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

Jeanette Brown

Saturday SE/SM

Leone Cripps

Saturday MM+/ Sunday MM+

Trish Colles

Cycle Programmers

Tuesday L/Int

Sue Headley/

Anne McLean

Thursday SE

Cecilia Eriksson (*to Feb*)

Thursday ME

Daryl Stewart/

Stephen Robinson

Thursday MM

Chanchal Foxen

Kayak Programmer

Barry Plews

2022-23 saw a small drop off in trip numbers compared to the previous year with a total of 733 trips compared to 794 in 2021-22. The drop off was evident in both extended and day walking and in cycling.

There were a total of 558 walking trips for the year down from 597 the previous year. The shorter walk classifications held their numbers so the drop off was evident in the harder walking classification. Base camping walking has continued to prove popular with most base camping trips filled very quickly. Many extended trips were also booked out quickly.

Our kayak program was slightly down on trips and participants from 2021-22.

The cycling program maintains a strong following by members and saw a drop in members and participants but much of this was due to the Thursday SE cycling group ceasing in February 2023 as cycling trip numbers in other categories were only slightly less than the preceding year.

I would suspect that the increased interstate and overseas travel possible post COVID restrictions may explain some of the drop off in trip numbers and participant numbers across our trips program.

I would like to thank the trips programmers and coordinators for providing such an interesting and varied program.

I would also like to thank the hardworking Tripsdata team who prepare and format the trips program each month for the Circular. Thank you Antonia Dunne, Judy Micklewright and Lee Parker.

The Leading Trip Coordinators of the Year are:

		No. of Trips	No. of Days
Rupert Manners	walk	26	46
Helen Daly	walk	20	34
John Kerrison	walk	15	28
Vicki Martin	walk	14	27
Dale Carney	walk	6	27
Jane Long	walk	15	26
Kent Lillico	walk	7	26
Philip Le Grove	walk	14	23
Keith Simmonds	walk	14	22
Patricia Colles	walk	18	21
Paul Wilkinson	kayak	2	19
Carolynne Smith	walk	8	18
Stephen Robinson	cycle	5	16
Jo Castillo	walk	6	15
Barry Plews	kayak	2	15
Judy Bond	walk	15	15
David Pears	walk & cycle	12	14
John Cannon	walk	14	14
Chris Leithner	walk	13	13
Nick Hume	walk & cycle	11	13
Nina Brown	walk	6	13
Helen Dalla-Fontana	walk	12	12
John Gora	walk	11	11
Linda Cook	cycle	3	11
Bob Boocock	walk & cycle	10	10
Cecilia Eriksson	cycle	10	10
Dianne Martin	walk	10	10
Jeanette Brown	SCNQ	10	10
Jim Baptist	walk	10	10
Paul Baker	walk	8	10

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.

No member met the required criteria

Number of Trips and Participant Numbers by Category						
Category	FY 2022-23			FY 2021-22		
	Trips	Participants	Average	Trips	Participants	Average
Day Walks						
Long Rough	6	47	7.8	4	33	8.3
Long Medium	33	252	7.7	39	313	8
Long Easy	1	5	5	0	0	0
Medium Rough	20	150	7.5	30	269	9
ME and MM	210	2166	10.3	224	2428	10.8
Short Rought	4	28	7	3	38	12.7
Short Medium	35	480	13.7	34	514	15.1
Short Easy	82	1244	15.2	83	1404	16.9
Short Non Qualifying	53	564	10.8	46	549	11.9
Toddlers Non Qualifying	46	495	10.8	48	634	13.2
Total Day Walks	490	5431	11.1	511	6182	12.1

Number of Trips and Participant Numbers by Category						
Category	FY 2022-23			FY 2021-22		
	Trips	Participants	Average	Trips	Participants	Average
Extended Walking						
Long Rough	2	8	4	18	75	4.2
Long Medium	7	40	5.7	3	16	5.3
Medium Rough	18	97	5.4	23	123	5.3
SE, SM, MM	41	365	8.9	42	367	8.7
Total Ext. Walks	68	510	7.5	86	581	6.8
Cycling						
Long/Int	45	449	10	48	474	9.9
Moderate/MM	44	350	8	46	418	9.1
Medium Easy	47	576	12.3	51	767	15
Short Easy	29	103	3.6	42	134	3.4
Tour	6	109	18.2	5	87	17.4
Total Cycling Trips	171	1587	9.3	192	1880	9.8
Kayaking						
Day Trips						
Kayak Tour	4	21	5.3	5	31	6.2
Total Kayak Trips	4	21	5.3	5	31	6.2
TOTAL TRIPS	733	7549	10.3	794	8674	10.9

Programmer Reports

Overnight walks

Paul Geeves

The 2022-23 year was another strong year for the overnight and extended walks program. There was a good variety of trips ranging from basecamps for day walks through to long alpine traverses. Many trips were fully booked with waiting lists with basecamp trips being especially popular.

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 Toddle, with its short and relaxed walks, offers both parents and grandparents a chance to introduce preschoolers to the joys of walking in a variety of settings with a group of friends. Venues include easy bush tracks, beaches, and various gardens, and the picnics are usually at a point of interest which might include a playground, water, or rocks to climb. Some adults continue on the toddles even after children have gone to school, and "retired toddlers" often join the group during school holidays. A high point is still the annual campfire at Sixpence Cave where we boil cocktail sausages and roast marshmallows. Unfortunately, children are not always available on Mondays, so we often have more adults than toddlers. More participants are always welcome.

Tuesday MM+ walks

Jane Long

A varied program of walks was offered during the year, with an assortment of lengths, locations, and difficulty. When availability of coordinators and the time of year permitted, two walks a day were offered i.e., when a harder MM walk was offered or it was a long way out of town, we attempted to concurrently offer an easier MM walk or one closer into town. This proved to be popular, offering something for everyone walking on a Tuesday. It was great to enjoy some new walks along with returning favourites.

Thanks are well and truly due to all the coordinators who so generously contributed to the program throughout the year.

Wednesday SE/SM walks**Judy Bond**

Yet another year of interesting and varied walks on the program with good numbers attending. Thank you to all members who have stepped up to coordinate walks. I appreciate the enthusiasm that all members have shown me in helping keep the program the success it has been over my term and will afford Janine Thompson the same support as your next coordinator. Thank you one and all.

Wednesday MM walks Graham Sargison (assisted by Jeff Leis)

During 2022/23 the 53 Wednesday MM Walks offered a wide variety of lengths and locations ranging from Cape Raoul to Lake Belcher, including some new routes. These were coordinated by an equally broad range of walkers. Particular thanks to the eight people who coordinated more than two walks during the year: Alastair Nicolson and Helen Daly each coordinated four walks, with three walks each coordinated by John Cannon, Gillian Fitzgerald, Roger Hurd, Jeff Leis, Katherine Munday and Graham Sargison. The use of bimonthly email requests for members to nominate as coordinators has been very successful.

Wednesday Alternative walks**Helen Daly**

The program has been enhanced by additional walk choices on Wednesdays. Covid and its restrictions initiated this additional walk. I have however programmed a few less additional walks as group sizes have reduced and members are able to travel further afield. However, it is nice to have choice, smaller groups and at times a more challenging destination. I will continue to offer an extra walk on a Wednesday from time to time in the future. Thank you to coordinators who have offered to support this alternate walks program.

Thursday MM+ walks**John Kerrison**

A big thank you to all Co-ordinators 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) so more choice for those wanting to walk on a Thursday.

Forty-six walks went ahead with an average participation of 8.7. Only 4 were cancelled due to bad weather, three in September – October similar to last year. We also had a cancellation due to a late coordinator illness (luckily we were able to go on Alan’s alternative walk!) There were also a few venue changes due to bad weather forecasts.

Thursday Alternative walks

Alan Wilson

Thank you to the coordinators who help by leading these walks to what are varied and sometimes challenging destinations both near and far. They continue in their fourth year to be well supported and so providing an alternative of two or three each month seems appropriate. We walk at a comfortable but not a slow pace, taking time to enjoy the views, the flora and the fungi.

Friday SNQ walks

Jeanette Brown

The Friday SNQ walks have been very popular again this year with 553 members taking part.

We have had a few new walks and introduced some new walkers to old favourites which they have not been familiar with.

The weather has been kind to us with only one recent walk cancelled due to heavy rain.

Many thanks to the members who are willing to volunteer to coordinate walks as without you the walks would not go ahead.

Saturday SE/SM walks

Leone Cripps

The Saturday SE program is going well with some well-known regular walks and some new walks. Thanks to all the coordinators who have started leading walks. It’s great to have some new blood. Walkers average about 11-15 per walk, we’ve had quite a lot of perspective members which is encouraging. All walks went ahead this year.

Saturday MM+ and Sunday MM+ walks

Trish Colles

The MM Weekend program has again offered a variety of interesting walks, both in difficulty and length. Christmas and New Year once again fell over a weekend and I thank those members who led those walks over such a busy time. Numbers on walks have varied from 2 to 21 (to Bluff River Gorge - an unusual number for a weekend walk). Autumn walks were based around finding and photographing fungi, but as winter approached, some walks were

cancelled due to poor weather. However, Spring is on its way! The MM Weekend program has run smoothly this year thanks to the generous support of members willing to coordinate these walks. Thank you everyone and I look forward to another successful year.

Tuesday L/Int cycling

Anne McLean

The Tuesday cycling group has had a good year of trips. Rides over Southeast Tasmania, from Oatlands to Dover, Waddamana to Orford on offer. Some rides more specifically targeting gravel/mountain bikes and others directed to road bikes, with some catering for all, a good mix. A group of regular riders, some of whom are returning with the purchase of Ebikes, comprise a core of 10 - 12 participants, a good number for the traffic and the coordinator to manage. Some rides out of the 52 on offer have had to be cancelled because of weather and/or wind but only about 6 - 7 in total for the year. Rides, augmented by lively conversation at gathering points, lunch and coffee breaks have made for an enjoyable year.

Thursday ME cycling

Daryl Stewart and Stephen Robinson

22/23 Statistics for the ME Cycling Group are down on last year with an average of 12 cyclists per ride. We had a maximum of 20 riders on one ride and minimum number of 3 on one ride. Riding distances varied between 20 kms and 38 kms with an average distance for the year of 30 kms. There were 47 rides for the year and 5 cancelled due to the weather. It was another great year for the ME Group with willing volunteers to coordinate each ride. Riding camps for the year proved popular. Stephen and I would like to thank all members for their friendship and cooperation over the past 3 years and hope that Pieter Buining and Christine Spry enjoy their role as programmers as we have done.

Kayaking

Gary Durrant

The scheduled 2022-23 kayaking program comprised a half day rescue session, eight trips ranging from 3 to 7 days duration plus an extended 18-day trip to New South Wales. Unfortunately, several trips and the rescue session were cancelled due to poor weather conditions and other trips were impacted by late notice member withdrawals due to COVID-19.

Thankfully the summer/autumn weather provided much more stable kayak conditions and we completed a number of successful trips. These included expeditions on Lake Pedder, the Tamar and Gordon Rivers, as well as an extended expedition to NSW.

The 18-day expedition, organised and coordinated by Paul Wilkinson, was the first interstate trip for the kayaking program. The trip comprised 8 days paddling on the Myall Lakes and 10 days paddling Sydney Harbour. The trip took considerable planning, not the least involved getting 10 members to Sydney with their gear and kayaks plus arranging multi-site camp/accommodation.

On a more personal level, in January Barry Plews announced he was going to stand down as the HWC Kayaking Programmer in May, a role he had undertaken for some 4.5 years. Sadly, Barry suffered a stroke not long after his announcement and is now at home and undertaking rehab treatment.

The Kayak members are indebted to Barry's efforts getting our Kayak Program up and running and his hours of work as Kayak Programmer on and off the water. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back on the water.

Lastly, thanks to the Kayak Coordinators who planned and coordinated the kayak trips for 2022-23.

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, Alastair Nicolson and Tim Metcalfe.

I would like to thank Andrew Davey again for the considerable time and assistance he gives to the hut as he continues to assist me in the safety check lists and more complicated maintenance issues and for Sebastian and Alastair doing unscheduled maintenance trips. Also appreciation to Andrew and Liz for taking bookings and everyone that assisted with the working bees and open days.

Club Trips: Six club trips were held during the year so thanks to those that organised the hut overnight trips with Nina Brown conducting 2, Janine Thompson 1, Rupert Manners 1, Christina Nebel 1 and myself 1. Members attending numbered between 2 and 12 with inductions being conducted.

Open Days: One open day was held on 26-27 November with the purpose for members to familiarize 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.

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 12 members attending and 8 staying overnight, with lots achieved including transporting and stacking 3 tons of firewood, painting toilet and passage areas, installing wooden beading on walls and ceiling, replacement of curtains, roof maintenance and general cleaning.

Wood: Collection and stacking of wood occurred on 4 & 5 February by hut committee members and volunteers. To save delivery costs vehicles and trailers collected the wood from Westerway and delivered it to the hut. Thank you to those that helped especially to Sebastian, Alastair and Liz who used their own vehicles.

Future: Contact is continuing with Tasmania Walking Company with the possibility of them providing mattresses for all beds and many thanks to TWC for already providing 8 mattresses.

Continue working bees, continue with supplying wood and gas, general hut maintenance, repainting, and replacement of curtains. Continue open days encouraging members to familiarize themselves with the hut and undertake inductions. Continue promoting use of overnight stays to other walking clubs.

Hut Use Statistics

Other than working bees or rostered duties.

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Financial Year	2023	2022	2021
Person Nights Booked ¹	364	383	349
Person Nights Stayed ²	83	79	83

¹ all bookings, 1 group of 5 booked for 2 nights is 10 person nights

² actual nights occupied

24 inductions completed

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 PWS. This year they extended the time until October 2024. The tracks we can work on are:-

- Arthurs Peak Track
- High Yellow Bluff Track
- Cape Surville Track
- Macgregor Peak Track
- Clemes Peak Track
- Slide Track
- Kermandie Track
- Mt Wedge Track
- Clarkes Cliff Track
- Mt Mueller Track
- Timbs Track
- Lichen Hill Track
- Balts Spur Track
- Huon Track to Blakes Opening

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

Thank you to all who participated in these working bees.

Facebook Report

Katrina Staples

The Hobart Walking Club Facebook page was created on 14 May 2010. It is a private page, however anyone with a FB profile can request to join.

Membership requests are checked, and people are only approved if they have a genuine FB profile, have answered a set of questions and have agreed to the FB group rules.

The FB page continues to grow and new members to the page are encouraged to look at the Club's website and to consider joining to take part in the Club's activities.

The main purpose of the page is to keep HWC members up to date on Club news, particularly in relation to changes to activities and notification of flash walks. I also share information from organisations such as Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service & Tasmania Police which may be relevant to club activities.

Below is a snapshot of the FB membership data as at end June 23.

	Total number of members	Growth
End June 2023	2633	333
End June 2022	2300	200

Equipment Report

Brian Haas

Tents	1x 1person Wilderness equipment "Dart" 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	1 Berghaus – 30L Free Flow3 (30L x10L)
Sleeping mats	1x "Thermarest" self-inflating $\frac{3}{4}$ length 1x "Thermarest" self inflating, ultra light

	full 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 somewhat down on previous years, there were 12 bookings of which 3 were cancelled, the remaining bookings were made up of 6 for single tents, 1 for 2 double tents, 1 for rucksacks, 3 for sleeping mats, 1 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.

Environment Subcommittee

Paul Geeves

During the 2022-23 year the Environment Subcommittee prepared detailed formal submissions on the following matters:

Topic	Recipient of Submission
Revised Halls Island Lake Malbena Development Proposal	Australian Government Department of Environment
Draft Wellington Park Visitor and Information Strategy	Wellington Park Management Trust

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

Web Manager Report

Ross Stephens

- The club's new website was launched on June 19 this year.
- The modern style makes it easier for members to find out about club trips and other activities, as well as attract new members. There have been over 7000 unique visitors up to the end of July.
- It is easy to use on mobile phones and tablets as well as on browsers. 54% of usage has been from mobiles.
- There is a new walking routes database, which has had 283 visitors.
- Members can see their trip history and future nominations. It is automatically updated when coordinators record attendees.
- 530 members have renewed and paid their subs online.
- 24 new members have joined and paid online.

There is still more work to do. There are a few bugs and unforeseen issues that we are working to resolve over the next months. We are getting about 3 queries per week to the help desk. We also plan to implement a cycling routes database. The club will send out a survey in September to gauge member experience and guide future changes. Photos, news, and other content will be regularly updated. The website took longer to implement than we predicted in last year's annual report. At that time our website developer was Cascade Blaze. They were reluctant to commit to delivery dates. On recommendation from the Website Team, the Executive Committee took the decision to change vendors to Getbusi, a Hobart based website development company who had previously tendered. Getbusi offered a delivery time of seven months. Getbusi were more expensive than Cascade Blaze but their quote was commercially realistic given the complexity of the website. The club also engaged graphic designer Geraldina Dijkstra, who provided the page design and headings that you see now.

Once Getbusi started, it became apparent the club had made the right decision. Monthly targets were set. Fortnightly meetings ensured the project remained on track, and issues and questions were dealt with promptly. The Website Team and many other club members worked to define and document the club's requirements for Getbusi. The Content Manager role was set up, the search for photos began and the public and member pages were built. Data from the old website was cleansed ready for migration. The Website Team drew up a member communications plan, and developed training materials. Testing and training with Club officers was conducted, and finally an online help desk was set up to assist members.

It was a lot more work than we anticipated. The Website Team worked tirelessly: Jill Finch, Garry Rose, Annette Picone, and Philip Le Grove. We are now all looking forward to doing less admin and spending more time on the trail.

Circular Report

Jim Anderson

Circular Subcommittee

Co-ordinator: Jim Anderson

Editors: Nola Errey, John Gora, Renate Griffith

Walks Data Entry: Antonia Dunne, Judy Micklewright, Lee Parker.

Mailing Officer: Jim Anderson

Emailing Officer: Ian Welch

Circular production mailing helpers; cover artists & photographers.

Circular production numbers as at 30 June 2023 are:-

Circular style	Members	Others	Total	%
Print	209	2	211	22
Email	779	2	781	78
Total	988	4	992	100

Members who pay to receive a printed circular are now offered an email version as well. In this table, those members subscribing for

print and email are counted in the Print category while members who subscribe for email alone are counted in the Email category. 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 post 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.

Skills and Training Report David Young

Subcommittee Members: David Young (Convenor), Alastair Nicolson (Exec. Rep.), Andrew Davey, Sue Denman, Storm Foulkes, Tamara Gillies, Rupert Manners, Pam Powell and Stuart Whitney.

The subcommittee is responsible for the organisation and conduct of Essential Skill Days, training of Club members and monitoring the overall safety of the Club's activities. In addition, we write and update the Club books *Safety in the Bush* and *Bushwalking Emergency Management*, review and make recommendations regarding incidents and accidents that occur on Club trips and manage the Club's hire of PLBs to members.

The Subcommittee was formerly known as the Search, Rescue and Training Subcommittee, but in mid-2023 its name was changed to Skills & Training Subcommittee to reflect the fact that it had rarely been used for searches in recent years. A call-out list for rescue events and training activities will be maintained and updated in the event of requests for search groups. Later in 2023 year, the Club will determine how its search and rescue functions will be managed in future.

Training for New Members – Essential Skills Days

The subcommittee continues to run Essential Skills Days (ESDs), the completion of which is required for new members to gain full membership of the Club. This training program covers all aspects relating to day-walking trips. During 2022-2023 we scheduled six ESDs, with 72 Prospective members attending overall. This compares with 2021-2022, when 91 Prospective members attended nine ESDs. Numbers of Prospective members attending ESDs

peaked in 2020-2021 at 120 and has declined in each of the following years.

Other Training Activities

One Real Navigation Day, in which participants learn navigation by map and compass, and by smart phone app in the context of a walk, was planned for 2022-23. Six members attended. This compares with 2021-22, when two Real Navigation Days were planned, with one cancelled because of bad weather, 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 one GPS training day was held, with three members attending. We think it likely that the drop-off in attendance is due to members moving from GPSs to smart phone navigation apps.

Smart Phone Navigation Apps

The subcommittee has commenced running training courses in the use of various of these apps. Four courses were run in 2022-2023 with 21 members attending.

Introductory Overnight Walks

Two introductory overnight walks were planned for 2022-2023. The first was to Fortescue Bay, with four members and the coordinator taking part. The second had to be cancelled because the coordinator sprained his ankle.

First Aid

In 2022-2023 the Club ran one non-accredited first aid course, tailored to help members deal with incidents in the bush. It was provided by an independent trainer with 20 members attending. In 2021-2022 two courses were run with a total of 38 members attending.

Coordinator Training

Last year the subcommittee took Coordinator Training under its wing. In 2022-2023 three coordinator training sessions were planned with one having to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. A total of 9 members attended the other two. The numbers are slightly down on 2021-2022, when two Coordinator Training walks were conducted with a total of 13 members attended.

Incident Monitoring

The subcommittee has a role in monitoring incidents occurring on Club trips and if necessary, making recommendations to the Executive regarding action. There were 7 incidents during 2022-2023, compared with 6 last year. No PLBs were activated in any of the incidents. Ambulances were called in four of the cases, and all required hospital treatment.

Safety in the Bush (Ninth Edition)

This book, published at the end of 2021, is given to Prospective members when they join the Club. The complete book is also available on-line and as an e-book; there are multiple copies available at Libraries Tasmania and a few in Hobart bookshops.

Bushwalking – Emergency Management

The subcommittee fully revised this small waterproof booklet in 2022-2023. The new edition became available in July 2023. Like *Safety in the Bush*, it is given to Prospective members when they join the Club.

I wish to thank all those who led training days and ran training activities during the year.

The Tasmanian Tramp Report

Helen Daly

Tramp 44 was launched September 2022 and was once again an excellent publication. The subcommittee has received positive feedback with many people expressing how much they have enjoyed reading the stories and looking at the photos. *The Tramp 44* edition was a thicker volume as I think as most of us were confined to Tasmania, and we had a lot of time to reflect on experiences and put articles together. Once again without people's ongoing support the publication would not be possible. We are overwhelmed with excellent stories, poems, photos and sketches. We have some very talented contributors!

The first *Tramp* was published in 1933, and this year *Tramp* celebrates its 90-year anniversary. The war years and lack of funds in the early years meant that it was not published biennially (occurring every two years) but for many years this has been the case.

This publication would be an extremely difficult task without the support of a very skilled team of people. We have welcomed two new members: Erika Shankley and Wayne Goodwin, and farewelled John Adams. John was a great asset and supported the production of seven Tramps over fourteen years. The level of expertise within the group means that we can do a lot of the printing preparation ourselves and this helps to reduce costs. We have been able to use our expertise to assist in the updated version of the *Emergency Management* booklet and reduced production costs to the Club.

Once again, I would like to say that producing *The Tasmanian Tramp* it is a team effort. Tramp 45 is well underway and will be launched September 2024.

I would like to acknowledge the members of this sub-committee.

Helen Daly (Convener), John Cannon, Gill Fitzgerald, Karen Marriott, Gladys Seymour, David Seymour, Erika Shankley and Wayne Goodwin.

Archives Report

Brendon Bowes

Highlights July 2022 – June 2023

Writing of articles for *The Tasmanian Tramp*, including for the 50th anniversaries of building the High Camp Mountain Hut and the Tasman Trail.

As part of a larger project on Club history, more interviews were conducted with longstanding Club members. Articles based on previous interviews were published in *Tasmanian Tramp* number 44 in 2022.

History research on Club logo.

Scanning of historic photos, including some by founding member Jack Thwaites.

Continued cataloguing of Club materials held at storage facility. Larger space rented in March 2023 gives better access to materials.

Club Night Entertainment Report

Vonda Kerrison

2022		
July	Stacy Kirkby	Sea Kayaking
Aug	Andrew Davy	Walking in Tasmania from the 1800s.
Sept	Mary Jolly	Huayuash trek - Chile
Oct	AGM	
Nov	Midj Jones	Pack carrying in New Caledonia
Dec	Kevin Smith	Photography presentation – King Island +
2023		
Feb	Tim Gibbons	Physiotherapy for senior walkers
March	Vonda Kerrison	Three Lake Pedder trips
April	Helen Daly	Walking in WA
May	Ben Clark	Fire recovery in TWWHA (Special GM)
June	Helen Daly	SGM - Jack Thwaites historic slides

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 for the financial year ending 30th June 2023 were as follows:

<i>The Tasmanian Tramp:</i>	Shops	Individuals	Total
No.44	73	10	83
Scanned Tramps 1-43		6	6
<i>Safety in the Bush</i> (9 th edition)	6	1	7
<i>Emergency Management</i> (2023)	6	0	6

Total items remaining:

Tramps

No.21 – 21	No.23 – 32	No.24 – 26	No.25 – 34
No.26 – 35	No.27 – 6	No.28 – 2	No.29 – 5
No.30 – 5	No.31 – 29	No.32 – 22	No.33 – 2
No.34 – 25	No.35 – 26	No.36 – 10	No.37 – 2

No.38 – 25 No.39 – 60 No.40 – 64 No.41 – 83

No.42 – 21 No.43 – 31 No.44 – 102

Tramp index 1-16 – 17

Tramp Index 17-23 - 101

Safety in the Bush – 256

Emergency Management - 535

A list of current prices of all Club publications is shown on the HWC website, with all back copies of *Tramp* selling to members for only \$5. There are also a number of back copies of second-hand *Tramps*. Please contact me via the publications@hobartwalkingclub.org.au email if you would like to obtain one of these. The price will depend on the quality of the copy as some are copies.

In order to reduce our holdings of some older issues Executive agreed that excess copies be given away to members at General Meetings. Some copies have also been given to the new North Face Store in Hobart to promote HWC club activities in their Community Room. New Members who have walked regularly during their first year of membership have also been offered copies of the most recent edition (No.44)

All issues of *Tramp* are now available in electronic format (PDF). 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 latest issue of *Tramp* (No. 44) was launched in September 2022. A revised edition of *Bushwalking - Emergency Management* was published. It is available at a cost of \$10 to members and \$12 to non-members. The HWC car stickers are free and available at General Meetings.

Social Report

Margaret Williams

Subcommittee Members: Margaret Williams (Convenor), Vicki Martin, Trish Colles, Vonda Kerrison, Gill Fitzgerald part of the year, and Katherine Munday (Exec Rep from Oct 22).

Notable events have been the retirement of Gill Fitzgerald from the Subcommittee after many years of service and an almost disastrous Annual Dinner.

One of the first activities for the Subcommittee in 2023 was a lunch party to celebrate and honour the contribution made to the Club by Gill, first as a committee member, and then, its convenor for many years.

Twin Ovals Function Centre at Kingborough was booked for our 93rd Annual Dinner on 12 November 2022. Poor administrative procedures through a change in management of Kingborough Cricket Club saw the Centre double booked. A deposit paid 9 months before and checking our booking a week before the event did not prevent the committee being in the position of having 67 people booked for an event and no venue three days beforehand. Working the phones and checking alternative venues saw success rescued from the jaws of certain defeat when Rosny Bowls Club were able to host us on the night. From that point on all went smoothly. I must recognise that the Cricket Club bent over backwards to support us in finding an alternative venue and paying for same.

The Dinner is always a great opportunity to catch up with friends and is the forum for recognising contributors to the Club with major awards being presented.

Our 2023 Christmas-in-July celebration was almost a rerun of 2022. Site Nine at the Waterworks Reserve was again the site for a gathering of about 20 members and friends, some of whom partook of one of the two walks offered and then remained to enjoy a BBQ lunch, and convivial company.

Orana 2023, our annual Australia Day picnic, was a glorious, if somewhat cool, day for the time of year. No walks were scheduled this year so most participants were cyclists with a few members coming just for the picnic. Some hardy souls braved the water, others were content to chat in the sun.

Club Delegates Reports

Bushwalking Tasmania **Andrew Davey and Helen Daly**

Thanks go to Rodney Walker for his role as Secretary and to Kent Lillico for his diligence as Treasurer and Insurance Officer of BWT. BWT also thanks the Hobart Walking Club for arranging a venue and some walks for the March 2024 BWT Get-Together on Bruny Island.

2022 - 2023 was as busy as most recent years. After petitioning the previous Minister, PWS did implement the revised Overland Track Guidelines previously agreed with BWT. PWS Cradle track rangers were briefed about our traditional use of the greater Overland Track area, including the many pads, routes and huts that were built in there. BWT presented its views on the PWS registration system that PWS originally insisted was **not** a quota system, but merely a registration system in an attempt to dull criticism about quotas. In some areas the system has reduced actual access to significantly below what PWS say is OK.

Club e-bike trips were discussed at length with the insurer in an attempt to have the bikes covered under reasonable conditions. Success was achieved at no extra cost, but with some extra conditions on e-bike use (e.g., incidents related to charging not covered.)

Bushwalking Australia wanted to introduce extra responsibilities for coordinators that would make them less peer-like, like writing an individual risk assessment for each and every trip. BWT objected strongly as we have our own training and guides/ references like *Safety in The Bush*, in order to maintain the truly peer basis we enjoy throughout the BWT member clubs in Tasmania. Similarly, a very detailed Code of Conduct was pushed, but aborted. Some of the code elements were against walkers' best interests. BWT is considering a simpler code.

From the many discussions with PWS, Ministers and some other Government agencies, the overall picture is that PWS (and seemingly the current Minister) see the TWWHA as chiefly a wilderness area when it comes to bushwalkers, although there is the oxymoron by them of seeing it as lived in and changed by

Tasmanian Aboriginals for about 40,000 years. PWS, Tourism and the State Government also see the area as a potential tourism mecca so are willing to support developments by moneyed tourism business in the hope of attracting more visitors.

That Tasmanians have a long tradition of walking, camping and hut and track building in the TWWHA is becoming very secondary to 'wilderness'. As more tourists come, often deliberately attracted here, local walking under fixed low quotas and/or significant additional costs, mean locals are missing out more and more on their walking in the TWWHA. This trend is very likely to continue unless a good case can be put to UNESCO to accept that bushwalking by Tasmanians in our TWWHA is a traditional (customary) activity and important to us, hence should be protected. We Tasmanians have connections to the TWWHA, others do not. More in power need to be made aware of this, and of the work some of us do to look after walking infrastructure and, more generally, care for the TWWHA and other parks.

To help ameliorate decreasing access, BWT will need a stance even more supportive of bushwalking as there are many more entities that strongly support the environment, and with little heed to the bushwalker. Some in influential positions want fewer walkers, less infrastructure and some areas closed. This is tacitly supported by the current TWWHA key values that compel environmental care (wilderness) but ignore our long-established walking routes. This does not mean BWT wants to trash the environment, but it wants realistic access for those who live here to enjoy what is our land for bushwalking, rather than often missing out by competing with the rest of the World for places to walk.

To improve BWT's ability to do things for and on behalf of members, more people under the Bushwalking Tasmania banner need to actively help to achieve what walkers want.

Southern Tasmanian Ski Association Andrew Davey

The usual ski field maintenance was done, but FY 2022 – 2023 saw nil days of skiing, although there were four days in 2022 in June.

That early snow did not last. We strongly hope 2023 soon delivers skiable snow.

In preparation for the season, HWC members helped with STSA maintenance – Paul Vince, Tim Metcalf, Sebastian Rainer and Liz Koolhof. Paul and Tim put in a lot of effort. 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.

Four HWC members requalified for ski patrol over several days in early 2023. Another member intends to qualify. Anyone who wishes to qualify in the national qualification, please contact Andrew. Paul is our only official ski patrol (ASPA) trainer. This requires several mainland trips each year to assist other patrols.

In 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 MMSP can do for an emergency in our high country. Andrew attended and showed the Police around who stayed a night at our hut before camping up high.

Clarence Tracks and Trails Committee Barry Ford

In my report for 2022, I said that work should commence on the Lauderdale to Mays Beach track. This has now been completed as has the new track around Limekiln Point area of Geilston Bay. The track was largely financed by Commonwealth funds provided for First Nations interpretations. Work has also continued on the Lauderdale to Seven Mile Beach track.

The new Clarence City Council, following the elections, decided to disband the various committees and to create five new special committees and form working groups. The Club is awaiting advice on its representation on any new committee/group to discuss tracks and trails.

As I had completed 20 years on the former committee, I had decided that it was time to retire anyway.

Helen Daly has approached Clarence City Council and asked to fill this vacancy on the Tracks Committee.

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 2023 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:

Helen Daly
President

Josephine Castillo
Treasurer

Dated 2023

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		\$	\$
Income			
Members Subscriptions		43106	41570
Donations		155	720
Sale of Publications		1499	821
Lake Dobson Hut Fees		3675	4320
Interest		3777	1007
Social Functions		3250	2745
Equipment hire		740	489
Sales to Members		690	1244
		56892	52916
Less Expenditure			
Post, Printing, Stationery		1846	1185
Website		27727	4639
HWC Office Rent		2567	2430
Meeting Room Hire		1150	825
Bank Fees		63	63
Travel Expenses		208	0
General Meeting Expenses		269	345
Printing Tramp		12883	0
Posting Tramp		2142	0
Other Publication Expenses		627	1550
Safety in the Bush	2	1969	5685
Lake Dobson Hut	3	2890	2928
Social Functions		3551	2979
Volunteer Recognition		2194	1482
Printing Circular		4558	4691
Posting Circular		2628	2732
Insurance		5426	4127
Cost of Sales to Members		694	1199
Training		350	915
Marketing & Promotion		0	0
Affiliation Fees		1511	1438
Office & Camping Equipment		979	1140
Track Clearing		624	780
Donation		500	0
		77357	41133

	(20465)	
Surplus/Deficit for the year		11783
	46649	44866
Accumulated surplus 30/06/22	0	-10000
Transfer to Dobson Memorial Hut Fund		
Accumulated surplus 30/6/23	26184	46649

BALANCE SHEET at 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		\$	\$
Members Equity			
Accumulated surplus		26184	46649
Lake Dobson Memorial Hut Fund		70000	70000
		<u>96184</u>	<u>116649</u>
Represented by:			
Current Assets			
Commonwealth Bank chq a/c		16141	32764
Pay Pal		0	100
Tasmania Perpetual Trustee – Long Term Fund		86420	100000
Publications stock	2	2409	4378
		<u>104970</u>	<u>137242</u>
Non-current Assets			
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets		<u>104970</u>	<u>137242</u>
Less Current Liabilities			
Subscriptions Prepaid		8786	20593
		<u>8786</u>	<u>20593</u>
Net Assets		<u>96184</u>	<u>116649</u>

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.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
2. Safety in the Bush		
Stock 1/7/22	4378	221
Write off of old stock	0	-221
Set Up Costs on new Edition of <i>SITB</i>	0	4420
Printing Costs (500)	0	5422
Less Stock at 30/6/2023 (printing cost only)	-2409	-4378
Expense for the year	<u>1969</u>	<u>5685</u>
3. Lake Dobson Memorial Hut		
Gas & Firewood	697	699
General Hut Maintenance	881	1200
Crown Land Licence Fee	792	528
Derwent Valley Council Fire Levy & Rates	520	501
Insurance for Hut	0	0
	<u>2890</u>	<u>2928</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 2023, 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 2023, 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

6 July 2023