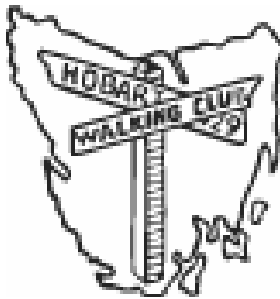


**79th
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(October 2007 to October 2008)

President:	Tony Rae (to July 2008) David Leaman (from July 2008)
Vice President:	David Leaman
Vice President:	Andrew Davey
Secretary:	Denis Elwell (to Dec 2007) Ruth Raward (from Dec 2007)
Assistant Secretary	Ruth Raward John Adams
Treasurer:	Rupert Manners
Walks Secretary:	Vicki Martin
Ski & Hut Secretary:	Liz Gillian
Membership Officer:	Stephanie Schulz
Committee Members:	John Adams (from Dec 2007) Pam Elwell (to Dec 2007) Rob Hill Phil Donnelly (from Dec 2007)
Auditor:	Richard James B.Bus., M.T.M.A.

Club Delegates as at 30 June 2008

Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs

Tony Rae, David Leaman

Southern Tasmanian Ski Association (STSA)

John Adams, Andrew Davey, Liz Gillian

Tasmanian Bicycle Council Inc

Tony and Linda Cook

Clarence Tracks and Trails Committee

Barry Ford, Bob Wyatt

Wellington Park Management Trust Committee

David Hardy, John Cannon

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank everyone who has worked to ensure that the Club functions and provides walks and other activities which give pleasure to so many. Special thanks to all those on Executive who manage affairs, to all on Committees, to those who help produce the vital circular, and to all those who offer to coordinate activities. There would be no Club without such people.

2007-8 has been a difficult year to manage due to changing circumstances. Executive has attempted to resolve these issues whilst keeping the Club operational and on an even keel. But, there will be changes in future. The legal environment is one of the most important.

Insurance is an example. We have been required to define our core activities and the associated risks. In doing this we found that we did not need affiliation with umbrella organizations such as Bush Walking Australia – who do not yet seem to know quite what their reason for existence is. At the same time we have obtained cheaper policies with no capitation transfers – a considerable saving. A side issue of this, however, is that special variations or non-core activities will require individual notice and a specific premium adjustment. Such proposals must be submitted to Executive for approval, then insured and finally advertised to members. The days of anything goes, any time, are gone. No one should feel any personal factor here; quite simply anything novel or distinct from a walk in our range of walk types will need to be notified in order to be insured.

All members will have noted the additional wording on the membership renewal forms. The matter of risk and risk waivers will become an increasingly contentious issue. I urge everyone to think about what is involved in a shared walk and to understand that we take any risks on our own account.

Our hut at Mt Field has also been subject to review, licensing and upgrades. Standards and requirements will be on-going issues.

Our computer systems have now been modernised and standardised but elements of various data bases remain to be checked. Gremlins still occur as a result.

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Some other contributions should be noted.

With the financial support of Lindsay Whitham, Clodagh Jones completed indexing of Tramp issues to date and the result will be made available to members in the near future.

Rob Hill arranged an impressive range of entertainments for the general meetings during the year and his imagination and persistence is much appreciated.

Finally, it was with great sadness that we lost Denis Elwell – a true stalwart of the Club and someone always prepared to help in its management.

Tony Rae was President from October to the report date of June 30 but then resigned both as President and member of Executive. We thank him for his service. Within the terms of the existing constitution I was promoted by Executive decision to the role of President until elections in October 2008. I prepare this report under those terms.

I hope everyone remains fit and healthy: keep walking.

D E Leaman Interim President

SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Members: Pam Elwell, Gill Fitzgerald, Toni Hill and Vicki Martin

Many members enjoyed the Annual Dinner in November held at Howrah Recreation Centre, Howrah, the Christmas BBQ at the home in Mt. Nelson of Tony Rae, President, and the Orana Picnic where the brave went in for a swim! All 3 events were well attended. Nibbles at the December General Meeting made for a festive night. A Trade Table has been reinstalled at the General Meetings for members to be able to sell/buy items.

Vicki Martin, Social Convener

CIRCULAR SUB-COMMITTEE

Co-ordinator: Val Linsell & Warwick Risby (from January 2008)

Editors: Brian Kearsley, Rupert Manners, Denis Elwell (dec'd),
Doug McLean, Tony Rae

Walks Data Entry: Vicki Martin

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Mailing Officer: Lawrence Hemsley
Emailing Officer: Stephanie Schulz
Circular Production Hosts & Hostesses, Team Helpers & Cover Artists & Photographers

Grateful thanks are acknowledged for Val Linsell's many years service as Co-ordinator.

Thank you also for the above-mentioned for a sterling effort producing the monthly circulars.

Since taking over as Co-ordinator we have had an average of 11 volunteers per month at production homes, some of whom are regulars travelling all suburbs. Perhaps others could assist when production is near their home. Preparation only takes a couple of hours maximum.

Warwick Risby, Circular Production Co-ordinator

WALKS SUB-COMMITTEE

Walks Data Entry: Vicki Martin

Walks Co-ordinators:

Overnight Walks - John Cannon ('til Nov '07) Paul Geeves;

Weekend SE+Day Walks - Margaret Gould ('til Nov '07) Judith Holmes/Jeanette Brown;

Weekend+Day MM Day Walks - Chris Rathbone;

Tuesday Walks - Heather Hurd;

Wednesday Walks - Bonnie Tilley;

Thursday Walks - Malcolm Sherlock;

Midweek SE - Felicity Walch;

Midweek SCNQ - John Pickmere;

Exec. Rep. - David Leaman

A big thankyou to all trip programmers and trip coordinators who have volunteered to plan and coordinate all walks published. Some walks were cancelled through lack of numbers or inclement weather. On the whole the numbers appear to average out fairly similar to last years. Choosing October to look at, this year one can see the numbers are up. Participation figures for SCNQ, SM SR, MM, and MR are all up. Many peaks were conquered, some for the first time for some walkers! A real joy. Day, weekend and extended walks are enjoyed by all, especially when the weather is just right!

Vicki Martin, Walks Secretary

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WALK STATISTICS

Walks Organised

Month	SCNQ	NQ	SE	SM	SR	ME	MM	MR	LM	LR	Var
Jul	4	0	10	3	0	2	20	0	3	0	1
Aug	5	0	10	4	0	0	23	0	1	0	2
Sep	4	0	8	8	0	2	18	3	0	1	3
Oct	4	0	8	5	1	2	22	4	0	0	1
Nov	5	0	10	2	0	2	14	8	2	0	0
Dec	4	0	10	5	0	1	13	6	5	0	1
Jan	4	0	10	3	1	0	19	2	4	0	2
Feb	5	0	10	1	0	2	17	1	4	1	4
Mar	4	0	13	2	1	0	18	5	2	0	3
Apr	4	0	10	4	1	1	21	1	3	0	2
May	5	0	10	5	1	1	22	0	0	0	3
Jun	4	0	11	2	1	1	19	1	3	0	1
Total	52	0	120	44	6	14	226	31	27	2	23

Note: Ungraded walks tabled as "VAR"

Walk Participation

Month	SCNQ	NQ	SE	SM	SR	ME	MM	MR	LM	LR	Var
Jul	59	0	66	35	0	0	196	0	17	0	0
Aug	30	0	94	25	0	0	241	0	8	0	9
Sep	52	0	50	90	0	21	144	11	0	5	9
Oct	52	0	89	20	9	7	175	30	0	0	4
Nov	50	0	67	10	0	34	160	35	20	0	0
Dec	52	0	111	55	0	0	144	18	33	0	0
Jan	49	0	97	23	5	0	212	18	24	0	0
Feb	71	0	97	0	0	11	159	0	15	0	36
Mar	42	0	111	16	9	0	181	35	9	0	9
Apr	47	0	107	49	11	8	211	0	11	0	17
May	59	0	65	42	0	7	207	0	0	0	15
Jun	41	0	109	6	0	6	214	0	5	0	9
Total	604	0	1063	371	34	94	2244	147	142	5	108

Note: Ungraded walks tabled as "VAR"

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Midweek and Weekend Walks and Walkers

Month	Midweek Walks		Weekend Walks		Totals	
	Organised	Walkers	Organised	Walkers	Organised	Walkers
Jul	23	281	20	92	43	373
Aug	25	293	20	114	45	407
Sep	22	274	25	108	47	382
Oct	29	301	18	85	47	386
Nov	24	283	19	93	43	376
Dec	21	259	24	154	45	413
Jan	26	308	19	120	45	428
Feb	24	270	21	119	45	389
Mar	24	248	24	164	48	412
Apr	28	305	19	156	47	461
May	26	260	21	135	47	395
Jun	23	284	20	106	43	390

PUBLICATIONS

Tramp 36 is all but sold out in readiness for the launch of Tramp 37. Stock of back issues of Tramp continue to slowly reduce and there are now only limited supplies of Tramp 21 available. We have ample numbers of Club metal badges, however there are no cloth badges available.

Doug McLean

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership has grown a little in the past year, however women still outnumber men.

41 prospective members qualified for full membership during the year and 16 former members rejoined the Club. There are still only a handful of young members in the Club.

Membership Statistics at 30 June 2008

Category	2008	2007	2006
Hon. Life Members	11	12	12
Hon. Assoc Members	1	1	1
Associate Members	3	2	1
Members	764	755	780
Prospective Members	68	40	65
TOTAL	847	810	859

Age Group Statistics at 30 June 2008

Age group	2008			2007		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
16-18	4	0	4	3	0	3
19-24	3	4	7	3	0	3
25-29	0	4	4	2	5	7
30-39	19	17	36	12	14	26
40-49	51	65	116	58	66	124
50-59	118	162	280	120	160	280
60-69	129	117	246	120	96	216
70-79	60	48	108	56	46	102
80-89	18	22	40	20	23	43
90+	2	1	3	1	1	2
UNK	2	1	3	2	2	4
TOTAL	406	441	847	397	413	810

Stephanie Schulz, Membership Officer

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EDITORIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The editorial committee consisting of: John Adams, John Cannon, Catharine Errey and Roy Goldfinch have been exceptional in their diligence, commitment and support. Each member has different areas of expertise and when brought together as a group, has made the editing and production of this edition of Tramp very seamless.

Tramp 37 is now complete and is another excellent publication. The quality of our journal is due to a large number of people who contribute stories, photographs, sketches and poems. Without this ongoing support, the committee would find the task of putting Tramp together an onerous one! Tramp 36 is almost sold out and I feel that this edition maintains the tradition of being a high quality publication and supports the continued production of future Tramps.

I am not going to name people at this point but there were well over 30 people who assisted in some way in the overall production. The committee members enjoyed the production so much that they have all volunteered for Tramp 38! I wholeheartedly thank the committee for their help and support and will continue as convener (unless someone else would like the position).

Helen Daly - Editorial Convenor

SEARCH, RESCUE & TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE

Members: Pam Powell (Convenor), Vicki Martin (Exec Rep), Greg Downer, Glen Kowalik, Franz Rader, Chris Rathbone, Stuart Whitney

The committee is responsible for the organisation and conduct of introductory training trips, maintenance of a call-out list for rescue activities, organisation of search groups, training of club members and monitoring the overall safety of the Club's activities.

Training Trips. The committee organised 6 training trips between July 2007 and June 2008 for 45 prospective members. This is compared with 40 prospective members being trained in 2006/7. This is the first year in sometime that where we did not have to cancel a training trip. We plan to continue to schedule training trips in the months of March, April, May, July and November with one mid-week trip in January unless higher demand occurs.

Training Activities. The only training activity planned for the year was the annual training weekend at the Steppes Reserve held in May 2008 with only 14 members attending. Training was given in basic bushwalking first aid by Liz

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Gillian. We also had some map reading and compass work. The training was generally limited due to the Jack Thwaites book launch which was held on the same day. The Police SAREX was also on the same weekend. The numbers of trainees was disappointingly low. The committee will be reviewing training to be offered prior to next year.

Search and Rescue. The committee maintains a search and rescue call-out list (about 40 members at the moment), from which we are able to mobilize searches when alerted by the Police. The expectation is that we will mainly be called upon to assist in more remote areas where our knowledge and experience is particularly valuable. We need to continue to encourage experienced members, who can be available at short notice for some if not all call-outs, to enlist.

We participated in the annual search and rescue exercise (SAREX) organised by the Police Search and Rescue Squad. The exercise took place in the Gordon Gorge area over the weekend of 3 & 4 May. HWC was represented by 4 searchers. It was a very quiet year for searches with no alerts.

Thanks. We once again want to record our thanks to those who led training trips, ran training activities and participated in searches during the year.

Pam Powell, Convenor

ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The 2007-08 year has been a busy one for the Environment Committee, P Geeves, D Leaman, A Davey, R Goldfinch, M Jones, D Jupe, P Watson. Eight submissions were prepared in response to various planning documents produced by Parks and Wildlife, the Hobart City Council and The Cradle Coast Authority. These Reports were: -

Hobart City Council Draft Bushland Management Strategy

Hobart City Council Draft Springs Zone Master Plan

Parks and Wildlife Pumphouse Point Development Plan Environmental Management Plan and Site Plan

Parks and Wildlife Alterations to the Tasman Management Plan due to the Three Capes Walks Proposal

The Cradle Coast Authority Tarkine Tourism Master Plan

Parks and Wildlife Survey on Southern Caves and Karst

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The diverse interests of committee members has assisted in providing comprehensive submissions which have addressed conservation and environmental issues of interest to our members as well as the opportunities for a wide range of Club recreational activities including walking, cycling, kayaking and caving.

Comments were provided on campsites, track location and future recreation opportunities and the environmentally impacts of developments.

My thanks to Committee members for their assistance and insightful comments.

Paul Geeves
Convenor

SKI & HUT SUB-COMMITTEE

L Gillian, J De Burgh, A Holding, A Jowett, L Koolhof, V Linsell, I Picken, F Rader, R Rader, R Reed, A Davey

There have been several highlights during 2007/2008:

- 1) – A hut inspection undertaken by Parks and Wildlife and the Derwent Valley Council and Tony Rae and Phil Donnelly from HWC to review our environmental impact resulted in a good report with comments such as a ‘model hut’, and in terms of value the hut was described by one officer as ‘priceless’. They were duly impressed with the hut’s inclusion on the National Heritage Register.
- 2) - The upright gas stove was finally connected by a qualified gas plumber in Blandfordia, along with new gas lights that had to be imported from Canada.
- 3) – The ski tows did run for one weekend and a small profit was made.
- 4) - Two successful working bees were held, although attendance was small.

As I am standing down as Ski & Hut Secretary, I sincerely wish to thank the members of the Ski & Hut Sub-committee for their time and commitment over the last three years, and members of the HWC Executive for their support with Ski & Hut business. A big thank you to all the club members who have stayed throughout the year for keeping the hut clean, and replacing the wood stocks for the next group.

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I would like to take this opportunity to remind Club members of the hut security, safety and environmental procedures. Please remember to follow these: ensure both front and back doors are locked when leaving the hut – even if you are just going for a short walk; do not leave valuables in the hut unattended; do not give your hut key to non-members for return to YHA; ensure you understand how to turn on/off the gas and water, ensure guards are kept in place around the wood heaters when fires are in use; do not cut down or use fallen timber in the National Park for fire lighting; take your rubbish home with you, especially food scraps and fat/oil from cooking (do not tip down the sink!); do not put anything down the environmental toilets other than human bi-products, and lastly, please let the Ski & Hut Secretary know if you encountered any problems during your stay.

Liz Gillian, Ski and Hut Secretary

WEB MANAGER

The website was rewritten in June, with additional information added. In addition to the displays for prospective members and the world at large, there is now a page called “Walking Trip Guides”. If there are things you regularly look up on the web when planning trips, or would like to have available at the touch of a fingertip please let me know and I can add them to the pages. At present links to such things as bus timetables and tides and sunrise/sunset are there. The peak baggers guide and notes about parts of Tasmania are there too. There is also a “Members Page” waiting to be filled with things especially for Club members. This Annual Report is to be its first entry. Members sent some very good pictures to add to the album this year.

Midj Jones, Web Manager

GENERAL MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

MONTH	PRESENTER	TOPIC
July	*Minister Paula Wriedt MHA	ALP State Government Policies
August	Pam Elwell	Second Hand Gear Sale
September	*Will Hodgman MHA	State Liberal Opposition Policies
October	Jessie Luckman & Barry Ford	Club Trips: 1940,50 & 60

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November	Armin Howald	Japan: Temples & Trekking
December	*Graham Thompson	Olegas Truchanas & Lighthouse films
February	*Mark Karla	Ranger on Overland Track 1950s
March	Gill Fitzgerald Alan Wilson, Ruth Raward	New Zealand Dolomites
April	*Lord Mayor Rob Valentine	Hobart City Council policies
May	*David Obendorf	Native Animals
June	Fred Lakin	Austrian & Swiss Alps

Thanks to the presenters for their entertaining and informative lectures. Thanks to Wally & Robyn Mounster, John Adams and Pam Elwell for assistance running the entertainment.

Rob Hill, Entertainment Co-ordinator.

EQUIPMENT

The club has items of equipment available for overnight walks and camping:

- (a) free of charge for training trip participants.
- (b) for hire by members for other club trips and for private trips/activities within Tasmania.

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The equipment includes:

6 tents - 4 x 2 person - 2 Macpac "Olympus", 1 Macpac "Minaret", 1 Fairy Down "Trilogy" and 2 x 1 person Macpac "Microlight"

7 rucksacks - 2 Aiking, 2 Karrimor "Jaguar" and 3 Macpac.

2 Trangia cooksets with fuel bottles.

2 Pains-Wessex "Mini Res-Q-Sat" EPIRB units.

Other equipment donated to the club and available include :

3 tents - 1 x 3 person dome, 1 x 2 person tapered and 1 x 1 person A frame with separate floor.

2 inflatable mattresses - 1 single, 1 double.

2 sleeping mats - 1 self inflating, 1 closed cell foam.

2 sleeping bags - 1 mummy type with zip closure sewn up, 1 lightweight type suitable for summer use.

Several tarpaulins and poles for awnings. Most of this equipment is more suitable for car camping.

The club also has an Audio Telex AT20R P.A./Cassette Recorder with extension speaker, tapes, vinyl records and a Linda "Hostess" 6 litre urn from the defunct dance group, a Siemens 2000 16mm sound projector with reels and a Waterworth 35mm slide projector.

Equipment usage: Tents and rucksacks were used slightly less than for 06/07 year

Tents were used: 5x for t/trips and 5x for private trips.

Rucksacks " 5x for t/trips, 1x for club trip and 1x for private trip.

Cooksets " 5x for t/trips and 1x for club trip.

S/Mats " 3x for t/trips.

EPIRBS " 7x for club trips and 6x for private trips.

Brian Haas, Equipment Custodian

CYCLING GROUPS

Short/Easy Rides

Maximum number in the group: 22. There were 51 rides during the year out of 52 programmed. One only cancelled due to weather.

This gave a total of 608 person/rides (588 last year) with an average of 12 persons per ride. Greatest number of riders: 17 on one occasion – 16 on two occasions.

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Base camps were held at Bicheno (Aug 10), Port Sorell (Nov 10) and Dover (April 15).

There are 14 females and 8 males in the group. Approximate average age of group members 78. (8 over 80).

John Pickmere, Co-ordinator

Tuesday Rides

In January 2008 I replaced John Cornwell as the co-ordinator for the Tuesday group. I would like to thank John and his predecessor, Reg Williams, for their commitment over the preceding years.

Our numbers have varied on our weekly rides. Over the winter months some of our regular riders head overseas, which affects our turnout. We have had a couple of new riders join the group and the one under 60 will help lower the average age.

Three Tuesday riders organised tours in the summer/autumn period, all of which were well supported with the riders having an enjoyable week.

This year, on suitable rides, we have introduced double-header outings. Our first was to Bruny Island and where we had two nights at Adventure Bay with a day ride on the island on the Wednesday. The second effort was the Derwent Valley circuit after which the group drove to Maydena and stayed at the Giants Table. The next day we rode the Styx Valley via Westerway and Karanja. The success of this ride was greatly assisted by the help and consideration given by Forestry Tasmania, Norske Skog and forest contractors.

More of these rides are planned for the future, along with camps and tours.

Bruce Wilkinson

Tuesday Group Convenor

Thursday Moderate Rides

There were 50 rides out of 52 programmed, 2 were cancelled due to inclement weather. There were 767 person rides, an average of 15 riders per trip with a maximum of 26 on a ride in June, numbers slightly higher than last year.

The usual Base Camp at Hawley/Port Sorell was held in late October with 17 persons.

Brian Haas, Co-ordinator

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CYCLING TOURS

Penny farthing – seven cyclists 24th February – 1st March

North/North West – six cyclists 5 – 11th April

Tour de Vineyard – eight cyclists 6th – 8th October

Caveside Easter Camp 20 – 25th March – twenty three campers, cycling & Bushwalking.

Linda & Tony Cook

DELEGATES' REPORTS

FEDERATION OF TASMANIAN BUSHWALKING CLUBS (FTBC)

FTBC met twice during this year and the Club delegates were newly appointed (T. Rae as President, D. Leaman as Vice President). Delegates were selected, as senior members of Club Executive, in order to observe and monitor the very important matters which have arisen in recent times.

Some of these complex issues have been noted in the President's Report and they affect the operation of clubs and their members. The FTBC, as a peak body, has also been required to consider its position, legal status and its attitudes to many of these matters.

Such matters have included the question of incorporation for legal protection, risk management policies, insurance and general management. Executive has urged FTBC to incorporate, and with passage of a motion to that effect in March this will now happen, and to review its general accounting procedures and practices related to circulation of Minutes so that proper discussions can ensue. As the largest Club in FTBC we have been concerned that any deficiencies may rebound either on officers of FTBC or its member organisations with results which may affect all Club members. These concerns have led to our independent approach to insurance and risk, with separation, as of June 30, 2008, from the umbrella previously provided by FTBC and Bushwalking Australia.

The review studies relating to risk management and Adventure Activity proposals assigned to Andrew Davey have been completed and both FTBC and this Club have examined them. Elements of the review have been discussed and already included in current Club documents.

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Further developments are certain after FTBC completes the process of incorporation and fully revises its constitution.

D E Leaman, T Rae **Delegates**

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN SKI ASSOCIATION

L. Gillian, A Davey, J Adams

The 2007 ski season was disappointing, with no skiable snow until two successive weekends on October 6/7 and October 13/14.

Summer working bees concentrated on essential maintenance and servicing of the tow equipment with a reasonable attendance by members.

Ski patrol (Andrew Davey and Liz Koolhof) also need a big thanks for being willing and ready to go throughout the season, as do those who did Tow Manager training (Tim Metcalfe and Andrew Davey).

Skiing on 2 weekends so far this year, July 5/6 and July 12/13.

Ski tow operation was interrupted by rope breakages on the 1st weekend and rope replacement on the next weekend.

Promising start to the season for 2008.

John Adams
HWC Delegate

TASMANIAN BICYCLE COUNCIL INC.

During the 2007/08 year the T.B.C. has continued formulating ideas and regulations to further the bicycling networks in Tasmania.

Some of the more relevant items have been :-

Bicycle Paths and Lanes - have been extended and improved during the year. This has included the usual up-keep, line marking and extensions.

Global Warming – This has been discussed and cycling is in the alternate methods of transport to be included in all future planning.

Hobart Wharf Area – This subject has been discussed by many different committees and it seems to be an on-going debate. What seems clear is that cycling needs will be accommodated in the final plan.

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Eastern Shore – While the cycle path over the bridge is far less than desirable, it is always under discussion with DIER and the councils involved. Plans are under way for the Bellerive Boardwalk to be extended to join up with the new Bellerive to Howrah cycle path.

If anyone has any queries, please call us on 6228 4986

Linda and Tony Cook

CLARENCE TRACKS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

Most of the tracks that have been used by walkers have now been added to the Clarence City Council database and can now be referred to when new subdivision applications are received. A Tracks and Trails Action plan has been prepared and funding has been allocated for several projects.

Committee members have been re-appointed for another two years and a system of volunteering to assist council with track assessment and liaison with landowners has been introduced.

A proposal for a Mountain Bike park at Mornington is being investigated and a small mountain bike park is being established in the Waverley Flora Park.

The committee has continued to liaise with developers on Single Hill and other areas have been observed to ensure that provision is made for access to public open space.

A trip along the Meehan Range in May was very successful and a Meehan Range Skyline Trail is proposed to complement the Clarence Foreshore Trail. A portion of the trail is included in the revised booklet 'Popular Walks in Clarence'. Further information can be obtained from the council website at www.ccc.tas.gov.au - go to Recreation/Tracks and Trails.

Barry Ford, Bob Wyatt

HWC Delegates

WELLINGTON PARK MANAGEMENT TRUST COMMITTEE

The tracks reference committee of the Wellington Park Management Trust met during the year.

Work progressed very well on the section of the Multi-Use Track between Shoobridge Bend and Junction Cabin, and it was officially opened in June.

Some of the challenges installed for mountain bike riders look rather fearsome. A report on the cultural heritage values of the Park was presented to a meeting

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by the Trust's Cultural Heritage Co-ordinator, Anne McConnell.

Another development that raised comment on Club walks was the clearing of the old pine forest at Merton upstream from the Tolosa Reservoir. This was carried out as part of a wildfire and weed minimisation strategy.

David Hardy and John Cannon

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of this Committee the accompanying financial statements and the notes thereto fairly represent the financial position of the Hobart Walking Club Inc. at 30 June 2008 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:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Leaman".

David Leaman, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R.H. Manners".

Rupert Manners, Treasurer

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TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE for the year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
Income			
Members subscriptions		26,738	26,043
Sale of publications & badges		692	3,308
Hut fees		1,110	786
Interest received		3,099	2,672
Annual dinner		1,740	1,863
Equipment hire		248	178
Sundry income	2	22	-2,015
		33,649	32,835
Less Expenditure			
Administration	3	6,841	13,058
Publications	4	1,132	8,221
Stock reduction (increase)	5	2,835	8,045
Lake Dobson Memorial Hut	6	3,133	1,778
Social functions		2,187	2,277
Circular	7	10,401	10,326
Insurance		4,876	4,944
Sundry		990	1,175
		32,395	49,824
Surplus (Loss) for the year		\$ 1,254	\$-16,989
Add accumulated surplus		98,492	115,481
Accumulated surplus 30/6/08		\$99,746	\$ 98,492

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BALANCE SHEET at 30 June 2008

	Notes	2,008 \$	2007 \$
Members Equity			
Accumulated surplus		99,746	98,492
		\$ 99,746	\$98,492
Represented by:			
Current Assets			
Commonwealth Bank chq a/c		9,308	5,219
Term deposits	8	40,000	40,000
Publications stock	5	10,220	13,055
		59,528	58,274
Non-current Assets			
Lake Dobson Memorial Hut	9	43,540	43,540
		43,540	43,540
Total Assets		103,068	101,814
Less Current Liabilities			
Funds held In trust	10	3,322	3,322
		3,322	3,322
Nett Assets		\$ 99,746	\$98,492

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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 and badges has been valued at the lower of historical cost and estimated realisable value.

(c) The Lake Dobson Memorial Hut is located on a site which is retained by the issue of an annual licence. A longer term lease is not available. The hut and its contents are recorded at book value of \$43,540 as at 30 June 2005. The hut is unlikely to have any market value.

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
2. Sundry income		
Brenda Hean funds		-2,322
Steppes restoration funds		-
other	22	307
	<u>22</u>	<u>-2,015</u>
3. Administration		
Post, phone, stationery, audit, a/report	5,011	4,181
Website, email, computers	210	2,167
Office rent (3 years)	500	5,205
Room hire for meetings	946	1,339
Taxes & bank fees	175	166
	<u>6,841</u>	<u>13,058</u>
4. Publications & sales expense		
Printing Tramp 36	0	8,076
Indexing	1,000	
Sundry costs Tramp 36	132	145
	<u>1,132</u>	<u>8,221</u>

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5. Stock adjustment

Stock at 30/6/07	13,055	21,100
Safety in the Bush reduction	2,474	-
Tramp & other adjustments	361	-8,045
Stock at 30/6/08	<u>10,220</u>	<u>13,055</u>

Stocks of Tramp prior to edition 37 have been written off as having no value

6. Lake Dobson Memorial Hut

Gas & Firewood	373	677
New stove & general hut maintenance	1,303	253
Crown Land Licence Fee	495	495
Commission	546	
Derwent Valley Council fire levy & rates	417	353
	<u>3,133</u>	<u>1,778</u>

7. Circular

Postage	2,351	2,749
Printing	7,971	7,533
Other	79	44
	<u>10,401</u>	<u>10,326</u>

8. Term deposits

Perpetual Trustees No.1 Account	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
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9. Funds held in trust

The current balance is the Leo Luckman hut maintenance fund of \$1,000 and \$2,322 of Brenda Hean funds

AUDIT REPORT

To the members of the Hobart Walking Club Inc

I. Scope

I have audited the attached financial report of the Hobart Walking Club Inc for the year ended 30 June 2008. The Committee are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. The financial report has

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been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee of Management's financial reporting requirements under its constitution.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian accounting concepts and relevant statutory and other requirements.

2. Qualifications

As is common for organisations of this type, it was not practicable to extend my examination of income derived from its fund raising activities beyond accounting for amounts received as shown by the books and records of the organisation.

3. Audit Opinion

In my opinion, and subject to the qualifications contained in paragraph 2 above, the financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Hobart Walking Club Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2008 and the results of its operations of the year then ended in accordance with Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards and the Corporations Law.

To the best of my belief and knowledge, all relevant information and explanations required have been obtained and rules relating to the administration of funds appear to have been observed.



Richard H James
AUDITOR

29 August 2008