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BUSHWALKING NSW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 17 May 2016

Held at the Redfern Town Hall
73 Pitt St REDFERN

Meeting opened at 7:30pm – Chair: Mitchell Isaacs (President)

Apologies: Margaret Covi (Watagan Wanderers)

Attendees at May 2016 General Meeting of Bushwalking NSW

	NAME	
	Club	Nominated Club Delegate
Alex Allchin	Sydney Bushwalkers	Yes
David Trinder	Sydney Bushwalkers	Yes
Ed Youds	Span Outdoors Sydney University	Yes
Helen Smith	Bushwalkers	Yes
John Mickan	Span Outdoors	Yes
Keith Maxwell	Cumberland Plain Walkers	Yes
Kirsten Mayer	Bushwalking NSW	No
Mitchell Isaacs	Suboir United Bushwalkers Sydney University	
Sierra Classen	Bushwalkers	
Peter Stanfield	Coast & Mountain Walkers Sutherland Bushwalking Club	No
Halina Kraski		Yes Proxy for JF if John not there
David Bell	Sydney Bushwalkers	
Graham Spindler	Relative of Bill Orm	No
Pauline Goymour	Catholic Bushwalking Club Sutherland Bushwalking Club	Yes
Marie O'Connell	Club	no
Louise Archibald	Bush Club	no

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Belinda McKenzie	Bush Club	
Tony O'Sullivan	WEA Ramblers	yes
George Quinn	Coast & Mountain Walkers	No
Alan Webb	Sutherland Bushwalking Club	No
David Springthorpe	Coast & Mountain Walkers	Yes
Bryan Smith	Span Outdoors	Yes
Lucy Moore	Sydney Bushwalkers	No
Thilini Silva	Coast & Mountain Walkers	No
Robert Simms	Catholic Bushwalking Club	Yes
Cheryl Fletcher	WEA Ramblers	Yes
Chantal	Sydney University Bushwalkers	No
Bruce Lyman	Blue Steel Dash	Yes
Kavitha Lyman	Blue Steel Dash	Yes
Ute Foster	Coast & Mountain Walkers	Yes
Charles Bowden	All Nations Club	Yes
Dick Weston	Bush Club	Yes
Karen Kool	Sydney Bushwalkers	
Paul Jennings	NSW Nordic Ski Club	
Kate Minnett	NSW Nordic Ski Club	
Andrew Stranger	NSW Nordic Ski Club	

Welcome by the President Mitchell Isaacs

Keynote Speaker Anne McLeod

The Summit of Her Ambition: The Spirited Life of Maire Byles

Previous Minutes

Proposal that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 16 February 2016 be accepted was carried with no objections.

Update by the President

Chardon Award

BNSW has introduced the Chardon Award for the recognition of individual's outstanding contributions to bushwalking.

BNSW Membership Fees

BNSW has increased membership fees by \$2 PA. BW Australia is currently securing a new insurance broker. It is noted that insurance may be reduced by 7 cents per club member.

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Australian Activity Standards

The Standards were initially intended as a voluntary guide for the commercial sector. BNSW is formulating establishing a position in regards to the proposed standards as they may impact on non-commercial interests such as BW clubs. It is proposed that guideline elements relating to good guidance for safe and non-invasive walking be supported but that BNSW object to unreasonable imposition and administration requirements on clubs in this regard.

Keith Maxwell BWNSW & BW Search and Rescue

Splendour Rock Commemoration

Anzac Day 2018 Splendour Rock Commemoration will be the 70th anniversary of the 1948 dedication of the site. A BNSW committee will coordinate celebrations for this occasion.

NAV Shield

The Nav Shield will be conducted on 2&3 July. Details are on the website; bnsw.org.au. There will be easy checkpoints for teams new to bushwalking.

Kirsten Mayer BNSW Executive Officer

Grant application

BNSW have applied for a Department of the Environment and Heritage grant titled "It's Sweet to Walk Soft". The project is based on Leave No Trace principles. Details can be found on www.Int.org.au. It will target individuals new to bushwalking and encourage them to join bushwalking clubs to further develop their understanding and skill.

NPA of NSW reported on the Regional Forest Agreement.

Sierra Classen Conservation Officer Report

Biodiversity Legislation Review

The current Biodiversity Legislation Review will propose changes to NSW Biodiversity and Conservation Laws.

David Burgess from the Total Environment Centre spoke on the topic. He indicated that NSW and Australia has the worst extinction rates in the world. Threatened species have increased in the last five years mainly

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due to land clearing and the clearing of hollowed trees in particular. It is expected that the Natural Vegetation Act will be repealed after the review.

Alex Allchin Track and Access Officer Report

Draft Wild Horses Management Plan for Kosciusko NP

Alex noted the proposed Draft Wild Horses Management Plan for Kosciusko NP. NPWS has submitted a management plan and BNSW will be supporting this. Please contact Alex or Sierra if your club wants to comment.

Management Plan for Wattomulla (Royal National Park)

The management plan is available for comment. Wattomulla is one of the most popular picnic area in Australia. The plan includes improvements to sewerage and amenities, parking area, bridges and lookouts.

Club Report

Sydney Bushwalking Club will celebrate its 70th anniversary this year.

Meeting Closed at 9:10 PM