

# Bushwalking NSW

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## 16<sup>TH</sup> Nov, 21 BNSW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Time & Date** 7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

**Location:** Zoom Video Conference

### Attendees:

First Name	Last Name	Club	Attendance
Bill	Boyd	NRBC	Attendee
Lynda	Paju	Bankstown Bushwalkers	Delegate
Allan	Mikkelsen	Brindabella Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Margaret	Covi	WAtaGAN WANDERERS	Delegate
Beth	Holroyd	None	Attendee
Marie	Oakley	Bega valley Bushwalkers	Attendee
Paul	Bateman	Newcastle Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Doug	Nicholls	Blue Mountains Conservation Society	Delegate
Ruth	Campbell	Watagan Wanderers Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Barbara	Carter	Hillview BUSHWALKERS	Attendee
Yvonne	Everett	Coffs hikers	Attendee
Ian	Napier	Walking Volunteers	Attendee
Paulus	Wijngaarden	Catholic Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Kirsten	Mayer	Bushwalking NSW Inc.	Attendee
Heather	Ferguson	Dalmeny Narooma Bushwalkers	Delegate
Shaune	Walsh	Sutherland Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Therese	Nilsson	NO	Attendee
Colin	Wood	armidale vushwalkers	Delegate
Keith	Maxwell	CPW, Bush and Upper Blue Mountains	Delegate
Joy	Butler	Watagan Wanderers	Attendee
Samantha	Newton	NPA	Attendee
Cathy	Kelly	Mountain Devils Bush Walking & Social Group	Attendee
Danuta	Hulajko	Women's Walks Southern Highlands	Delegate
Jim	Collier	Sydney Bush Walkers	Delegate
Robert	Lewin	bega valley, dalmeny narooma	Attendee
Robert	Stevens	Bushwackers	Attendee
Maarten	van der Wende	NPA Central Coast	Delegate
Lynne	Hodson	Springwood	Delegate
Sahar	Van Dyk	Bankstown bushwalking club	Attendee
Bee	Lee	Bankstown	Attendee
David	Morrison	Newcastle Ramblers, Watagan Wanderers, NPA	Delegate
Paul	McCann	Armidale Bushwalking Club	Attendee

Quorum: 5 delegates present in person or by proxy, representing at least 3 approved organisations constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting.

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Susan	So	UTS Outdoor Adventure Club	Attendee
Leah	Taylor	All Nations Bushwalkers	Delegate
Leonie	Bell	Sydney Christian Bushwalkers/Sutherland Bushwalkers	Delegate
Zyra	McAuliffe	NSW Nordic Ski Club	Delegate
john	baird	walking volunteers	Attendee
Terrylea	Reynolds	Canberra Bushwalking Club, Brindabella Bushwalking Club, Coast & Mountain Walkers, NPA (ACT) and NPA (NSW)	Delegate
David	Mutton	Visitor	Attendee
David	Springthorpe	CMW of NSW	Delegate
Sam	Garrett-Jones	National Parks Association (delegate), Illawarra Ramblers (member)	Delegate
Julie	Pettit	Brindabella Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Thais	Turner	Catholic Bushwalking Club, Springwood Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Linda	Hurford	Central West Bushwalking club	Delegate
Jon	Gray	Bankstown BWC	Attendee
David	Bell	Sydney Bush Walkers	Attendee

### Apologies:

NAME	Club
Peter Jack	Illawarra Ramblers BWC
Bruce Lyman	Bankstown BWC

## Minutes

The meeting commenced at 7:36pm with Bill Boyd (BB) as Chair. The meeting was duly constituted.

BB did Acknowledgement of Country. KM to send out Acknowledgement of Country wording out to club who may like to add them to their website and meetings.

### *Meet the Bushwalking NSW Management Committee*

- Bill Boyd, President
  - Member of a club of very active old people
  - Experienced in governance
  - Former mountaineer from Scotland where they call bushwalking mountaineering.
  - Encouraging bushwalking in all forms is vital to the community
  - Volunteers to help enhance clubs we have, grow the pool of bushwalkers across the state, and help ensure we have quality places to walk
- David Bell, Vice-President, Conservation & Tracks & Access Officer

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- Affiliation through a few clubs. Has been a member of Sydney Bush Walkers for the longest period.
- Currently walking from the Tweed to Newcastle
- Has been updating Natural Areas Policy
- Works on campaigns most recently:
  - Kosciuszko NP Activation plan
  - Feral horses in KNP
  - Warragamba Dam Wall
- Provides input on National Parks Plans of Management
  - Royal NP PoM
  - Blue Mountains NP PoM
  - Kanangra Boyd NP
- Get involved with NSW Nature Conservation
- Working on the Great Escarpment Trail (GET)
- Bruce Lyman, Secretary sent his apologies
- Peter Jack, Treasurer
- Margaret Covi, Risk Management Officer
  - Member of Watagan Wanderers and member of Newcastle Ramblers
  - Gets out on walks as often
  - Started attending Confederation meetings in 1990 and became part of the committee.
  - Then great insurance crisis came along. Insurance companies not wanting to insure many activities because some individuals were using the civil liabilities to make huge claims on insurance companies. Curtailed what clubs could do.
  - Government fixed situation with the Civil Liabilities Act which meant people had to take responsibility for themselves.
  - So then Risk Management became required. Risk Management became the norm so that we no longer see injury and death as we once saw.
  - Worked with committee to develop the Bushwalking NSW Risk Management Guidelines.
  - Have since developed Discrimination and Harassment Guidelines & Child Protection policy
  - No longer the insurance officer
  - Did 4 years as president of BNSW
- Jon Gray, Young People in Clubs officer + Bushwalking Australia Representative
  - Raised in Canberra has always loved the outdoors and natural environment. Joined the Canberra BWC as
  - In late 20s move to Sydney and joined Span and then Bankstown BWC
  - Geologist and Soil Scientist with NSW Government
  - Will retire soon to bushwalk more with wife
  - Has volunteered on several committees
  - Joined BNSW to encourage bushwalking to be more relevant to younger people. The bushwalking movement needs a strong image that is seen as cool, exciting and adventurous. Would like to see the bushwalking movement using more exciting terminology such as outdoor adventure. Would like to see terms like hiking and trekking. This terminology will

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encouraged more engagement by young people. Our Strategic Plan has this included in Themes 1 & 3

- Jon would be keen to hear your thoughts about how to engage younger people – he can be contacted via Kirsten Mayer
- Paul McCann
  - Started bushwalking with the Cubs and Scouts. Joined National Parks Association of NSW when 18 in 1972 and did lots of walks with them. Then walked with YHA bushwalkers. Then moved to Armidale and joined 2 local clubs before forming the Armidale BWC in 2004. Have been the secretary of Armidale BWC for 18 years. Been bushwalking for 50 years.

### *Updates on the Bushwalking NSW Strategic Plan*

Kirsten provided an update:

- **The Great Escarpment Trail (GET)** – Gavin Dale volunteering
- **The Bushwalking Manual** – encouraging our clubs to adopt
- **Reconciliation Statement** – now on website, newsletter, docs
- **Better Bushwalking Australia presence** – 2 delegates, President role, Insurance officer (Alan Sauron (Bush Club))
- **Operations improvements** – Gavin Dale, applying for grants, mentoring, joined Outdoors NSW & ACT, more strategic in operation, new committee member

### *Club Delegates*

Role of delegates discussed:

- Keep BNSW updated with your club news/updates
- Share pertinent club magazine articles with us
- Share club walks – we promote your club
- Attend & vote at our General Meetings
- Join Bushwalking NSW Committees

How clubs can help deliver the BNSW Strategic Plan:

- **The Bushwalking Manual** – use & adopt it
- **The Great Escarpment Trail (GET)** – ground truthing
- **Tracks & Access** – identify maintenance issues, coordinate club trackwork, private land walking
- **Conservation** – Luxury Lodges = Wilderness Lost
- **Health** – promote clubs, Risk Management

Delegates Introduced:

- Jon Gray, Bankstown BWC
- Paul Bateman, Newcastle BWC Treasurer will share Delegates info with his committee
- Doug Nichols, Blue Mountains Conservation Society
  - BMCS have a bushwalking manual themselves – issued to all new members

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- Heather Fergusson, Dalmeny Narooma BWC – walk leaders familiar with the Bushwalking Manual
- Colin Wood, Armidale BWC
- Keith Maxwell, Cumberland Plain BWC & The Bush Club
  - The Bush Club has a new member officer to encourage new walks leaders
- Danuta, Women's Walks Southern Highlands – 130 members from very broad area, The Bushwalking Manual is useful
- Maarten van der Wende, NPA of NSW – Field Activities committee
- Sam Garrett-Jones, NPA of NSW – Chair of Field Activities committee
  - NPA aware of The Bushwalking Manual
    - NPA used The Bushwalking Manual (in previous form) to develop Bushwalking 101
    - NPA developing own training material to allow new leaders to check their 'competencies'
    - Interested in having a mentoring programme
- David Morrison, Newcastle Ramblers
  - Club has comprehensive risk management procedures – developed and updated regularly by a retired engineer
  - Have The Bushwalking Manual content in their own documentation
- Leah Taylor, All Nations Bushwalkers – have link the The Bushwalking Manual on their website and will raise at next committee meeting
- Leonie Bell, Sydney Christian Bushwalkers – will promote TBM in club newsletter
- Zyra McAuliffe, NSW Nordic Ski Club – will look at TBM
- Linda Hurford,
- Ian Napier
- Julie Pettit, Brindabella Bushwalking Club

### ***Wild Magazine Winner***

- David Morrison

### **Next Meeting**

The next Bushwalking NSW General Meeting shall be held at:

**7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February via Zoom**

Meeting ended at: 9pm