

# Bushwalking NSW

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## 2021 BNSW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Time & Date** 7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

**Location:** Zoom Video Conference

### Attendees:

NAME	Club	Nominated Delegates
Alan Dixon	Coast & Mountain Walkers	Attendee
Alison Harvie		Attendee
Alison White		Attendee
Barbara Wright	The Coast and Mountain Walkers	Attendee
Barry Williams		Attendee
Bill Gibson	Brindabella Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Bill Boyd	Northern Rivers Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Bruce Lyman	Bankstown Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Bruce Spry	NPA of NSW	Attendee
Christine McColl		Attendee
Colin Wood	Armidale Bushwalking Club Incorporated	Attendee
Danuta Hulajko	Women's Walks Southern Highlands Inc	Delegate
David Springthorpe	Coast & Mountain Walkers	Delegate
David Bell	Sydney Bush Walkers	Attendee
Diana Terry	Canberra Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Frank Bakker	Geehi Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Heather Ferguson	Dalmeny Narooma Bushwalkers	Delegate
Heather Hughes	Sutherland Bushwalking Club	Delegate
James McCormack	Wild Magazine	Visitor
Jamie Bond	Geehi Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Jennifer Kauter	Newcastle Ramblers	Attendee
Joan Germany	Inverell Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Joanne Armstrong	Upper Blue Mountains BWC	Attendee
Jon Gray	Bankstown Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Julian Ledger	Rogaining	Visitor
Julie Kelly		Attendee
Keith Maxwell + ***	The Bush Club	Delegate
Kerrie McLean	Sutherland Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Kirsten Mayer	Bushwalking NSW Executive Officer	Staff
Laurence Outim	Central West Bushwalking Club Inc	Attendee
Leah Taylor	All Nations Bushwalkers	Delegate
Leonie Bell	Sydney Christian Walkers	Delegate
Les Higgins (Dr)	Yarrowood Bushwalking Club	Attendee

Quorum: Member delegates present in person or by proxy, representing at least 7 approved organisations constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting.

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Linda Mallett	The Bush Club	Attendee
Linda Hurford	Central West Bushwalking Club Inc	Delegate
Loïc Lacombe	Up and Downers	Attendee
Lori Modde	Outdoors NSW ACT	Visitor
Lucy Baker	Byron Hikers	Attendee
Maarten van der Wende	National Parks Association of NSW	Delegate
Margaret Covi	Watagan Wanderers	Delegate
Matt McClelland+***	National Parks Association of NSW	Delegate
Meg Shirlow		Attendee
Paul Jennings	NSW Nordic Ski Club	Delegate
Paul McCann	Armidale Bushwalking Club Incorporated	Delegate
Paul Wijngaarden	Catholic Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Peter Spring		Attendee
Peter Jack	Illawarra Ramblers	Delegate
Rachel Grindlay	Sydney Bush Walkers	Attendee
Robert Gillam	Yarrowood Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Rod Gilbert	Central West Bushwalking Club Inc	Delegate
Rosemary Nichols		Attendee
Russell Harding		Attendee
Sam Garrett-Jones	National Parks Association of NSW	Delegate
Thaïs Turner	Bankstown Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Ute Foster	The Coast and Mountain Walkers	Delegate
Yvonne Everett		Attendee
Gavin Dale	Bushwalking Queensland Inc	Presenter

### Apologies:

NAME	Club
Lynda Paju	Bankstown Bushwalking Club

### Chair & Quorum

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm with Bill Boyd as chair. The meeting was duly constituted. (Member delegates present representing at least seven (7) member organisations constitute a quorum)

### Minutes

Bill Boyd opened with an acknowledgement of country.

### *Barrington to Boonah Trail Presentation*

Gavin Dale, Secretary, Bushwalking Queensland presented the Barrington to Boonah long distance walking trail. The idea for the trail originated with a festival held in the scenic rim that drew attention to the Gondwanan World Heritage rainforests. Gavin, together with John Marshall, President, Bushwalking Queensland thought it would be

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good to have a trail which connected all the Gondwana Rainforests which extend along the Great Escarpment all the way south to Barrington.

Trail commences in Barrington National Park and extends to the trail hub of Boonah.

Trail has been identified by connecting existing tracks, trails, fire trails and some road. Minimising road.

Trail passes through numerous existing campsites which can be used by walkers.

Other features of the trail are a fault line, and interesting place names such as Divers Puzzle and The Magistrate. Trail traverses highest peak in New England. Also, an old gold mining township.

Walk accessible for day walks, weekend walks, multi-day walks. Will encourage tourism. People could stay at accommodation near the trail.

Minimalist trail with minimal infrastructure. Signs will be provided but kept to a minimum. End to end walkers expected to be good navigators.

Will rank as one of Australia's best long-distance walking routes.

Lori Modde, from Outdoors NSW ACT shared their support for the trail.

There will need to be a governance model to ensure maintenance is organised so that trail is used and can remain open.

### ***Bushwalking NSW Annual General Meeting***

Minutes of the 2020 Bushwalking NSW Annual General Meeting were approved.

Annual Report was presented and approved.

Financial Report was presented, discussed and approved.

Election of committee members:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Elected member:</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
President	Bill Boyd	Peter Jack	Matt McClelland (NPA of NSW)
Vice-President	David Bell	Written self-nomination	Matt McClelland
Secretary	Bruce Lyman	Matt McClelland	Bill Boyd
Treasurer	Peter Jack	Margaret Covi	Sam Garrett-Jones (NPA of NSW)
Ordinary member	Jon Gray	Margaret Covi	Peter Jack
Ordinary member	Margaret Covi	Jon Gray	Bill Boyd
Ordinary member	Paul McCann	Bill Boyd	Joan Germany (Inverell Bushwalking Club Inc.)

## ***Thanks***

The EO thanked all volunteers including the Management Committee and behind the scenes volunteers.

## ***Chardon Award***

The Chardon Award was awarded to:

### **Keith Maxwell**

Keith has been bushwalking since his first walk with the YMCA Ramblers in 1969. For much of this time he has also been involved with Bushwalkers Search & Rescue (the Search & Rescue Section of Bushwalking NSW (BNSW) now the NSW SES Bush Search and Rescue unit – BSAR). It was in the Ramblers (like so many other bushwalkers) that he met his wife Rosemary.

Keith has done multiday walks in Tasmania, New Zealand, the ‘Snowies’, Victoria, Blue Breaks and Northern Blue Mountains. So, he has also climbed mountains in Tasmania and all mainland States including NT and ACT.

Before children he was also active in Sydney University Bushwalkers (SUBW) where he was involved in exploratory trips of the Northern Blue Mountains and their canyons. The Kanangra Boyd National Park has seen many visits from Keith including its major canyons plus the “Three Peaks” in 48 hours. Keith (often with Rosemary) has also done weekend walks in many of the fabulous National Parks that surround the Sydney area.

In 1977 after many years as a bushwalking volunteer, who had attended many emergency incidents for Bushwalkers Search & Rescue, he was invited to join their organising Committee as a Field Officer (search teams organiser). In 1984 he was appointed as its “Director”. Thus, as an Office Bearer to BNSW he continued his involvement as a Committee Member of BNSW until 2020. He is now their Honorary Historian.

The nature of search and rescue changed considerably over the years to 2001 so Bushwalkers S&R was incorporated by Keith as a separate body to BNSW with Keith as its President. In 2018 Keith was part of a leadership team that moved BSAR from the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) into NSW SES as their “Bush Search and Rescue unit” For many years he was also accredited in VR (vertical / cliff rescue).

An important role that Keith has encouraged, from his position in Bushwalkers S&R, is bushwalking safety and spreading First Aid knowledge within bushwalking clubs. In 1988 Bushwalkers S&R Secretary, John Tonitto and Keith established the annual NavShield as a map & compass remote area navigation exercise for bushwalkers and emergency

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services. 'From humble beginnings' it has grown to have over 500 participants each year. Keith holds a Certificate III in Public Safety (SES RESCUE)

The National Medal recognises long and diligent service by members of recognised government and voluntary organisations that risk their lives or safety to protect or assist the community in enforcement of the law or in times of emergency or natural disaster. Keith received the National Medal in 2007 and a clasp to his medal in 2021.

For many years Keith has had an interest in early Australian 20<sup>th</sup> century history and the back stories of WWII. In 2014 Belinda Keir encouraged him to place Splendour Rock on the register of NSW War Memorials. Thus, research on Splendour Rock naturally followed. Also, his long association in bushwalking meant he had gathered unique knowledge about Splendour Rock and its plaques that should be shared. He finds it hard to tire of the walk through the Wild Dog Mountains to Splendour Rock.

Keith is currently a member of the Bush Club, Upper Blue Mountains BWC plus Secretary of Cumberland Plain Walkers.

## **Brian Harvey**

Brian Harvey is worthy of being remembered via the BNSW Chardon Award for 2021. He made a significant contribution to his club and adopted country plus had a strong association with Splendour Rock, the bushwalkers war memorial.

Brian was born on 15 March in Dublin, Ireland but by 1936 had joined Sydney Bush Walkers (SBW) where he enjoyed their company, particularly of a fellow strong walker, Jean Caroline WEST. In 1938 Brian and Jean were involved with the publication committee for the club magazine. On 1 December 1939 Brian enlisted in the RAN with next of kin (NoK) as "wife", Jean Caroline which was eventually true after 1942. He continued in SBW after his demobbing on 24 May 1946 to eventually serve as SBW President from March 1956 to March 1958.

The selection of Splendour Rock for the memorial plaque was not obvious. Initially, a memorial park was proposed for Narrow Neck. Discussion raged across the clubs but in many ways Brian was the 'midwife' to establishing the memorial plaque at the southern end of Mt Dingo of the Wild Dog Mountains. From 1948 onwards Brian encouraged bushwalkers to attend the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day at Splendour Rock. "Honorary Life Membership" of SBW was conferred on Brian in October of 1995.

Jean and Brian had a long life together with Brian dying in March of 2003 and Jean passing on in November of 2004.

***Lucky door prize***

Wild magazine was won by: Heather Hughes

**Next Meeting**

The next Bushwalking NSW General Meeting shall be held at:  
**7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

Meeting ended at 9pm