

Bushwalking NSW

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15TH FEBRUARY 2022 BNSW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Time & Date 7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, 15th February, 2022

Location: Video Conference

Attendees:

NAME	Club
Robyn Counsell	NSW Nordic Ski Club
Alan Dixon	Coast & Mountain Walkers
Alison White	Canberra Bushwalking Club
Ana Vrancic	Canberra Bushwalking Club
Angela Longworth	Newcastle Ramblers
Annie Heppell	
Barry Williams	
David Morrison	Newcastle Ramblers, Watagan Wanderers, NPA
David Bell	Sydney Bush Walkers
David Springthorpe	Coast & Mountain Walkers
Derek Synnott	
Diane Celnikier	
geoff martin	Sutherland BWC
Heather Ferguson	Dalmeny Narooma Bushwalkers
John Friedman	
John Tonitto	The Bush Club
John Gardiner	
john baird	The Walking Volunteers
Jon Gray	Bankstown BWC
Keith Maxwell	Cumberland Plain Walkers, The Bush Club
Leonie Bell	Sydney Christian Bushwalkers, Sutherland Bushwalkers
Les Higgins	Yarrowood
Maarten van der Wende	NPA of NSW
Margaret Covi	Watagan Wanderers
Neil Grill	WEA Ramblers
Paulus Wijngaarden	Catholic Bushwalking Club
Robin Baird	
Rosemary Nichols	
Sam Garrett-Jones	NPA of NSW
Shaune Walsh	Sutherland BWC
Stephanie Allen	

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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Thais	Turner	
Ute	Foster	Coast & Mountain Walkers
Kirsten	Mayer	Bushwalking NSW Inc.

Apologies:

NAME	Club
Bill Boyd	Northern Rivers Bushwalking Club

Chair & Quorum

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm with David Bell as chair.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of 16th November, 2021 were accepted.

LOST

Leonie Bell presented her book called *LOST: Tales of getting lost in the NSW bush*. Leonie selected the tales from the 19,000 historic reports of people getting lost in NSW.

Leonie described how the Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Squad was formed by bushwalking club members.

A recording of Leonie's presentation is available here: https://youtu.be/2m4h7Y_ISJA

A copy of Leonie's ebook can be obtained by emailing Leonie at LNBell@inet.net.au

Connect with Nature

Dr Les Higgins presented his book: *Connect with Nature: One of the Best Things You Can Do for Yourself, Others and Planet Earth*

Les shared his journey via bushwalking, trekking and other nature activities which lead him from having an acquaintance with nature to having a deep subjective connection with it.

Les also explained how he came to write this book which is both a practical manual and a book with a message for our times – that connecting with nature is good for everyone and good for nature.

A recording of Les' presentation is available in the second half of this video:

https://youtu.be/2m4h7Y_ISJA

Les' book is available in bookstores and by contacting Les directly at:

<http://connectwithnatureguide.com/>

Bushwalking NSW Update

Kirsten Mayer outlined current projects:

- Great Escarpment Trail (GET) needs people to ground-truth the trail. Paddy Pallin has generously supplied prizes for the GET ground-truthing competition. Contact Gavin Dale - Bushwalking NSW Operations operations@bushwalkingnsw.org.au to receive maps and track notes to get you started ground-truthing the GET.

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- BNSW won a grant to run a project to attract more leaders to clubs and increase club activity/engagement. Contact Kirsten if interested in participating:
admin@bushwalkingnsw.org.au
- BNSW is running a photo competition with great prizes donated by Paddy Pallin. To enter, send you best photos to Justine Bourke - Bushwalking NSW Newsletter Sub-editor newsletter@bushwalkingnsw.org.au

Next Meeting

The next Bushwalking NSW General Meeting shall be held at:

7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, 17th May, 2022

Meeting ended at 8:48pm