

# Bushwalking NSW

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## 16 MAY 2023 BNSW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Time & Date** 7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, 16 2023

**Location:** Zoom Videoconference

### Attendees:

First Name	Last Name
Paul	Bateman
Phil	Keech
Kristy	Rollinson
Leonie	Bell
Terrylea	Reynolds
Peter	Jack
Bruce	Haigh
Yvonne	Everett
John	Evans
Alan	Thomas
Leah	Taylor
Denise	Breen
Meg	McKone
Thais	Turner
John	Lock
Tony	Marsh
Alan	Thomas
Linda	Mallett
Andrew	Meers
Shaune	Walsh
Jan	Douglas
Harwood	Lockton
jeanette	learned
Jan	Gatenby
Sam	Garrett-Jones
Jocelyn	Williams

First Name	Last Name
Kerrie	McLean
Heather	Hughes
jessie	burke
Vanessa	Hicks
Andrew	Stanger
David	Morrison
Alan	Page
Nam	Giang
Angela	Begg
robin	stuart
thomas	Cordingley
bevan	Calliess
Robyn	Lang
Dale	Graham
Peter	Whitely
keith	maxwell
margaret	simpson
Russell	Baker
Barbara	Gernetzky
Paulus	Wijngaarden
Robert	Clifton
Carmel	Limpus
Bob	Todd
Sam	Nerrie
Jeanette	Robertson
Greg	Simmonds

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.

Merrilee	Harris
Charlene	Cavanough
Robin	Baird
David	Bell
Christine	Harvey
Elizabeth	Binet
Geoff	Bovard
David	Springthorpe
mary	gotham
John	Hughes
Charisma	Judge
Anne	Scott
Sandy	Charbonneau
Tracy	Cleary
Joan	Germany
Bruce	Spry
Adrian	Crawford
Bernard	Hunt
Derek	Synnott
Tomás	Dowling
Peter	Lock

Jutta	Bradley
Linda	Williams
Bronwyn	Muller
Anne	Plowman
Doug	Nicholls
Phil	Murray
Ian	Ryan
Margaret	Covi
Paul	Jennings
Rachel	Grindlay
Terence	Herbert
Trevor	Caldwell
Sandy	Charbonneau
Peter	Lock
Jonathan	Gray
Dodie	Green
Scott	Griffith
David	Bell
Keith	Thomas
Kirsten	Mayer
Jon	Gray

## Chair & Quorum

The meeting commenced at 7pm with David Bell as chair. The chair announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting was duly constituted.

## Previous Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of Tuesday 21st February 2023 were accepted.

## Agenda item/topic

### Member Jungle: Making club management easier

Presented by Peter Whitely Northern Rivers Bushwalking Club (NRBC) Membership Officer who was instrumental in implementation of membership automation. While Member Jungle has delivered many time saving benefits, achieving this has not been without challenges. Peter discussed issues previously faced by NRBC and demonstrated the Member Jungle system. Benefits of the new system include:

- more time for membership work (53 new members joined in 9 weeks)

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- reduced President overhead
- reasonable cost - \$7 per member for full automation package
- time savings - 40hrs to renew 350 members reduced to 1-2 hours
- ease of joining events and discussing weather
- attract new committee members as less work is involved.

To learn more see Peter's presentations [slides](#) and meeting [video](#).

Kirsten Mayer thanked Peter for his very informative presentation.

### **Bushwalking NSW Update**

Update from BNSW President and Conservation Officer David Bell. TRC Consultants were commissioned by Destination North Coast to assess the feasibility of developing a NSW North Coast walking track from the Tweed to Newcastle. David has spoken to TRC staff about his experience walking the track.

BNSW made a submission to the Federal Government's Feral Horse Inquiry. We were very glad to see that our clubs also made submissions and are hoping for a good outcome.

BNSW is monitoring inappropriate developments in Gardens of Stone NP eg luxury lodges, zip lines as the new government is planning to advertise leases. BNSW supports a multi day walk with only basic infrastructure ie camping platforms, toilets, shelters. BNSW will be meeting quarterly with NPWS to discuss these issues further.

We have moved out of the Chippendale office. Notwithstanding our AGM will be held face to face at Redfern Town Hall. We look forward to many club members attending and are hoping to run a hybrid event.

Upcoming in November is the Symposium on Aboriginal ownership of National Parks. Next year we will hold an event to encourage new club members.

We are currently developing a leadership training video with Caro Ryan.

BNSW has a full committee at the moment including Tracks and Access officer John Flint.

### **PRIZE**

- Meeting attendee Thais Turner was awarded a prize.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Bushwalking NSW Annual General Meeting shall be held at:

**7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 on Zoom conference**

Meeting ended at: 8.22pm