

Bushwalking NSW

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16TH AUGUST, 2022 BNSW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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Date: 29/11/2022

Signed: MAREE JOY ROBINSON

Time & Date 7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, 16th August, 2022

Location: Via Teleconference and at L1, 79 Myrtle Street, Chippendale

Attendees:

A Justice of the Peace
New South Wales
Reg. No.: 141621

First Name	Last Name	club	delegate?
David	Bell	No	
Kirsten	Mayer	No	
Kristy	Rollinson	Yes	
Pete	Whiting	No	
ted	booth	No	
Dale	Graham	No	
Leonie	Bell	Yes	
Kerrie	McLean	No	
Paulus	Wijngaarden	Yes	
Ana	Vrancic	No	
Peter	Moyle	Yes	
Lisa	Parnell	No	
Anke	Hain	No	
margaret	simpson	No	
Christine	McColl	No	
Stuart	Corner	No	
Gabi	Furtenbach	No	
Robin	Baird	No	
Julie	Kelly	No	
Robert	Stevens	No	
Gareth	Hilton-Smith	No	
Michael	Harris	No	
Coleta	Richards	No	
geoff	martin	No	
Shaune	Walsh	Yes	
Philippa	Hodgins	No	
Kathy	Stanley	No	
Bruce	Spry	No	
Mark	Fletcher	No	
Jan	Steel	Yes	
Bee	LEE	No	
Jenny	Drewitt	No	
Samantha	Newton	No	
Thais	Turner	No	
Keith	Maxwell	Yes	
Noelle	Lynden-Way	Yes	
Heather	Ferguson	Yes	
Kate	Taylor	No	
BRON	STEPOWSKI	No	
		Don't	
		know. Not	
		applicable	
Karen	Huchendorf	No	
Clarence	Anthony	No	
Caroline	Milwright	No	
trevor	caldwell	No	
John	Whittingham	Yes	
Gillian	Smith	No	
		Don't kno	
		w. Not ap	
		plicable.	
Lucy	Baker	No	
cheryl	campbell	No	
Maree	Kennedy	Yes	
David	Heggie	No	
		Don't kno	
		w. Not ap	
		plicable.	
Kathy	Husselbee	No	
Suzi	Rosedale	No	
Catherine		No	
Chris	Biz	Yes	
Robyn	counsell	Yes	
	Steadman-		
Wendy	Jones	Yes	
Peter	Kubik	No	
Andi	Davey	No	
Terrylea	Reynolds	Yes	

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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Bob	Taffel	No	Joan	Germany	Yes
Rod	GILBERT	Yes	Terry	Fake	No
John	baird	No	chinmoy	mukerjee	No
		Don't	Ann	Munroe	No
		know. Not	Margery	Street	No
Rosemary	Nichols	applicable	Lucy	Moore	No
MELISSA	KILKELLY	No	Pauline	Bender	No
Jane	Melanie	No	Diane	McPhail	No
Jane	Geyle	No	Anne	Plowman	Yes
Sally	richards	No	Ann	Sharp	No
Glenda	Snape	No	Ann	Wykes	Yes
michele	crosthwaite	No	Sam	Garrett-Jones	Yes
Richard	Fornari	No	jimmu		Yes
Anne	Iverach	No	David	Mutton	No
Barry	Williams	No	Roger	Hunt	No
Therese H.	Nilsson	No	Robert	Waring	Yes
marie		No	David	Springthorpe	Yes
David	Morrison	Yes	Warwick	Counsell	Yes
Liz	Martin	Yes			Don't know.
Dianne	Thompson	No			Not applicable.
Murray	Brown	No	Laura	Waters	
Mary	Hoffmann	No	Paul	Jennings	No
Michael	Freemantle	No	Peter	JACK	Yes
Ute	Foster	Yes	Lori	Modde	Yes
Gillian	Carden	No	Caro	Ryan	No
Peter	Ford	No	Barbara	Bryan	No
Teri	Wood	No		van der	
Jeffrey	Coates	No	Maarten	Wende	Yes
Gavin	Dale	No			

Apologies:

NAME	Club
Jon Gray	Bankstown Bushwalking Club
Margaret Covi	Watagan Wanderers
Paul McCann	Armidale Bushwalking Club

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Chair & Quorum

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm with Bill Boyd as chair.
A quorum was present and the meeting was duly constituted.

Keynote Presentation

Laura Waters, author of the book *BeWILDered* shared the adventure and physical challenges of walking 3,000km down the length of New Zealand on the Te Araroa Trail. She also shared the lessons she learned along the way. The walk rewilded her and led to a fundamental life shift on her return.

Attendees asked Laura what gear she uses and Laura pointed us to her website:

<https://soultrekkers.com.au/gear/>

See a recording of Laura's presentation on our Youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCovFSV2gg2jB6CoOS9RzOjA>

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of August 2021 AGM were accepted.

David Bell moved, Terrylea Reynolds seconded. 19 voted for accepting the minutes accepted unanimously.

Minutes accepted

Annual Reports

Motion: To accept the annual report

Bill 1st Peter 2nd 16 for none against acceptance was unanimous

Accepted

Motion: To accept the financial report

Moved by Peter, seconded Terrylea Moved unanimously

Accepted

Election of Management Committee

Election of Management Committee for 2022-23:

Keith Maxwell assisted as returning officer.

President: David Bell – sole nominee

Vice-President: No-one nominated

Secretary: No-one nominated

Treasurer: Peter Jack – sole nominee

Ordinary committee members: Margaret Covi

Jon Gray

Paul McCann

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Chardon Award

Recipients of the 2022 Chardon Award were:

- Caro Ryan
- Ninian Melville

Caro Ryan

Caro gave a brief acceptance speech acknowledging that she has learned so much from so many people particularly in her club, the Sydney Bush Walkers. She felt so lucky and privileged to have been introduced to many beautiful places by bushwalkers.

Kirsten read out some of Caro's achievements:

- **Joined Sydney Bush Walkers Club in 2001-2002**

- Awarded *Honorary Life Member 2016*, 'in appreciation of exemplary and prolonged service across a broad range of activities.'
- Awarded *Formal Commendation 2011* 'in recognition for her conspicuous and extended contribution in the fields of:'
 - Leading innumerable trips
 - Serving on the Committee and in a number of volunteer roles
 - Revitalising and extending the Club's website and commencement club's use of social media
 - Crafting and implementing a sophisticated strategy to attract and engage with younger members, including creating the 'Tiggers' (<40 yr old social group).
 - Coaching and mentoring members to enhance their bush skills, inspiring many prospective members to become full members, and members, leaders.
 - Serving as a role model for many members.

- Contributing to BWRS
- Contributing to Confederation of Bushwalking Clubs
- Being known as a stalwart, resourceful and congenial member of trip parties.

- **Joined BWRS (now SES Bush Search and Rescue) 2003 - (First search was for a despondent at Govetts Leap.)**

- Made BWRS Recruitment Video pro bono from my production company Juicy Projects.
- Executed recruitment and marketing grant, which included website update and marketing collateral.
- Searched for and successfully lobbied for the land to build the current SES BSAR (formerly BWRS/BSAR) unit headquarters from NSW Lands Department.
- Certificate III (Rescue) and Certificate IV (Public Safety) SES Leadership
- Field Team Member
- Field Team Leader
- Search Commander for many searches over the years, including high profile cases such as: Sevak Simonian (Kanangra), Gary Tweddle (Leura), Elizabeth (Betty) O'Pray (Medlow Bath). These include the longest ever land searches in NSW history.
- Deputy Unit Commander (Blue Mountains)
- Media Liaison - represented BWRS and SES BSAR to Local, State and National media in print, TV and radio.
- Community Liaison - presented the BWRS/BSAR safe hiking message (with future recruitment message) to various Scouts and bushwalking groups across Sydney, Canberra and the Blue Mountains.

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- **Founder “LotsaFreshAir” // Youtube channel, website and social media (Facebook, Instagram) for lotsafreshair.com - 2012 - Self-funded**
 - Born out of frustration that people were going bushwalking (or hiking ;-)) and making common mistakes that triggered a search (or worse). With my professional communications thinking, I realised there was an education and communications gap. The ways people were gaining their info about bushwalks was changing. No longer was it from family, friends, clubs or scouts - they were getting their info online, without the traditional ‘training’ that went with it. ie: how to look after yourself and others, navigate, minimal impact bushwalking, etc
 - The LotsaFreshAir hub provides videos, articles and social media posts designed to connect people with nature and the outdoors in meaningful ways; being able to look after themselves, each other and our precious natural and wild places. I want people to fall in love with bushwalking, recognise the benefits of being involved and pass on the valuable knowledge I’ve learned in SBW and BSAR.
 - It’s about inspiring people to connect with nature, educate them on how to do it safely (for themselves, others and the environment) and encourage them that they *can* do it.
 - Today, the channel/website/social media audience is approx 75,000 across all channels.
- **Scouts Australia adopted LotsaFreshAir videos into their leader training intranet (pro bono)**
- **Became a casual Outdoor Guide for Duke of Edinburgh (through Sydney Coast Walks)**
- **And more**

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Ninian Melville

Keith Maxwell read out his summary of Ninian’s contributions to bushwalking:

Ninian (aka ‘Nin’) made an impressive contribution to bushwalking in NSW through mapping, forming clubs (yes, plural), holding senior positions in Bushwalking NSW (BNSW) plus long involvement in Search & Rescue (S&R). From CMW records we know that Nin trained as a Civil Engineer and survey draftsman. On 14 February 1934 Nin formed the Coast and Mountain Walkers (CMW – still going strong today.) In the early years he served as Club Manager as there was no secretary. Later while based in Newcastle, he established Newcastle Bushwalkers, another current strong club of BNSW. Among the maps Nin helped prepare were the *Port Hacking District Tourist*, *Colong Caves*, *Megalong Valley*, *Cox River and Narrow Neck Peninsular* plus numerous one day walking maps for the Railways Department.

As a Major in the AIF of WWII, he was heavily involved in locating war graves throughout the Pacific islands.

In 1936, Nin was a foundation member of S&R who, after Paddy Pallin, served for many years as Field Organiser (Field Officer) and Director. During his service S&R obtained its first HF radios (BSAR still uses HF radio today for effective remote area communication)

and did some big rescues in the Kanangra Gorge. (Today, helicopters would do the retrieval). In 1974, Nin received the British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to S&R. Nin filled several important roles within BNSW including President and Vice President. He was sorely missed by CMW when he died in 1986.

Next Meeting

The next Bushwalking NSW General Meeting shall be held at:

9:30 am – 4:30pm Saturday, 19th November, 2022

at NSW Teachers Federation **Conference Centre**, 23-33 Mary Street, Surry Hills NSW
with the topic:

Tourism development in protected areas: Are we on the right track?

Closing remarks

- Keith Maxwell alerted attendees to the upcoming 90 year Blue Gum Forest celebration
- Kirsten noted that Bushwalking NSW was also 90 years
- Peter Jack shared a vote of thanks to Bill Boyd for doing such a great job as President. Peter enjoyed serving with Bill on the committee.

Meeting ended at: 8:50pm

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