

# Bushwalking NSW

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## 24TH NOVEMBER, 2024 BNSW

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Time & Date** 7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, 18th February, 2025

**Location:** Video Conference

#### Attendees:

David Bell	Glenda Rothwell	Linda Mallett
Kirsten Mayer	Geoff McDonald	Keith Maxwell
Vanessa Wills	Karen Huchendorf	John Hungerford
Andrew McRae	Leonie Bell	Jonathan Gray
Ann Collins	Joh Hughes	John Marshall
Sharon O'Toole	Douglas Wilson	Thomas Bor
Sam Nerrie	Denise Kruse	Tim Fox
Barrie Ridgway	Paul Jennings	Michelle Johnson
Robin Stuart	Catherine Webb	

#### Apologies:

NAME	Club

### Chair & Quorum

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

### Agenda item/topic

#### Previous Meeting Minutes

- May meeting minutes were not distributed and will be reviewed in February.

#### Guest Speaker: Bill Boyd – “Freedom to Roam”

- Discussion on public access rights for bushwalkers in the UK and Europe.
- Scotland’s “**Freedom to Roam**” under the 2003 Land Reform Act.
- England’s “**Right to Roam**” and designated public footpaths.
- Differences between land access in the UK and Australia.
- Role of government and community in maintaining access.
- Q&A session with members.

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.

## **Bushwalking NSW Updates**

- **Life Member Recognition:** Deferred to next year.
- **Tracks & Access Advocacy:**
  - Members encouraged to report track issues for government funding requests.
  - Concerns about funding prioritization for “gold standard” tracks over local trails.
- **Commercial Development in National Parks:**
  - Collaboration with “Protect Our National Parks” group.

## **Leadership Training Promotion**

- Encouragement for club members to utilize Bushwalking NSW’s leadership training.

## **Club Updates & Member Contributions**

- Open floor for clubs to share news (no major updates reported).

## **Prize Draw**

- Three winners selected at random.

## **Meeting Closure & Next Steps**

- Wishing members a great summer and encouraging active participation in bushwalking initiatives.

## **Next Meeting**

The next Bushwalking NSW General Meeting shall be held at: **7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, Feb 18, 2025 on Zoom**

Meeting ended at: 8:55pm