

BUSHWALKING NSW Inc.

**Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 20th August 2013
Ashfield RSL Club**

Meeting opened 7:35pm

Chair: David Trinder

Attendees: Keith Maxwell (Mt Druitt), Don Mulligan (WEA Ramblers), Sandra Collier (WEA Ramblers), Jim Callaway (SBW), Ed Youds (SPAN), Robert Gascoigne (Newcastle R amblers), David Morrison (Newcastle Ramblers), Peter Hart (Sydney Christian Bushwalkers), Dick Weston (Bush Club), David Trinder (SBWalkers), Denise Kruse (SPAN), Mitchell Isaacs (SUBW)

Apologies - Margaret Covi, Gail Clifford, Lyn McMillan

- 1. Minutes of the 2012 AGM** were accepted as a true record of the 2012 AGM.

Moved Jim Callaway, Seconded Mitchell Isaacs. Carried.

- 2. President's report** - David Trinder

- Presidents' Day 20/7/13, 17 clubs attended.
- Shooting in national parks update. Abolishment of Game Council debate will be conducted in NSW Parliament this Thursday.
- Website update. Only one company provided a mock up - Working Planet.
- Written President's report tabled.

- 2a. BWRS report** - Keith Maxwell. Written report tabled.

Discussion around the remote area first aid course, and difficulty contacting the instructor - he has been overseas for 3 months but now back on deck. Details are online at BWRS website.

- 3. Treasurer's report.** Temporary Treasurer Ed Youds presented an unaudited financial statement. While we're not obliged to get it audited, Ed states that we should.

Roughly break even budget. Some losses in the insurance payments from clubs. This appears to have been largely resolved this year.
Brief discussion about magazine printing costs.

Motion that all reports be accepted. Moved Jim Callaway, seconded Peter Hart seconded. Carried.

4. Election of office bearers.

David Trinder vacated the chair. Keith Maxwell assumed the chair and declared all positions declared vacant.

President

David Trinder (N) Jim Callaway (S) Peter Hart

No further nominations, elected unopposed.

Vice President

Mitchell Isaacs (N) David Trinder (S) Jim Callaway

No further nominations, elected unopposed.

Treasurer

No nominations.

Discussion:

- Ed Youds can help train a new Treasurer
- Consideration will be given to paying a Treasurer or bookkeeper, or to provide training to Gail.

Secretary

Margaret Covi (N) David Trinder (S) Robert Gascoigne

No further nominations, elected unopposed.

Conservation officer

Robert Gascoigne (N) David Morrison (S) Ed Youds

No further nominations, elected unopposed.

Editor/webmaster

Roger Caffin (N) Jim Callaway (S) Ed Youds

No further nominations, elected unopposed.

Insurance officer

David Morrison (N) Robert Gascoigne (S) Peter Hart

No further nominations, elected unopposed.

Tracks and access officer

David Trinder (N) Jim Callaway (S) Ed Youds

No further nominations, elected unopposed.

Training officer

Meeting determined not to elect a training officer at this point in time but leave the position open for the future.

Publicity officer

Mitchell Isaacs (N) Ed Youds (S) Peter Hart

(Perceived conflict of interest declared by Mitchell Isaacs - will abstain from any matters relating to NSW Government Policy)

No further nominations, elected unopposed.

Ordinary committee members

Jan Wouters
Ed Youds
Jim Callaway
Denise Kruse
Keith Maxwell
Dick Weston

5. Public officer to sign annual statement.

6. Other delegates

Bushwalking Australia

David Trinder is *ex-officio* delegate

Ed Youds (N) Peter Hart (S) Robert Gascoigne

Nature Conservation Council

Jim Callaway (N) Ed Youds (S) Dick Weston

Robert Gascoigne (N) Ed Youds (S) Dick Weston

Motion that conservation officer be an *ex-officio* delegate to the Nature Conservation Council.

Moved Mitchell Isaacs, seconded Peter Hart. Carried

7. General business

Website

Bull artistry and working planet submitted applications, however only working planet were able to provide a dummy website for evaluation. Both quotes were similar cost, and within allocated budget.

General appreciation for the look and feel of the site, however content will take a fair bit of effort to upload.

Must ensure it's value for money. David Morrison to evaluate proposal - will follow up with Gail.

Motion that the contract be awarded to Working Planet *subject to* David Morrison's appraisal and report to management committee.
Moved Robert Gascoigne, seconded Jim Callaway. Carried.

Audit of financial statement

Don Mulligan raised concern about lack of audit. Suggested a potential auditor he knows within WEA Ramblers.

Don to discuss with her and provide feedback to Ed Youds.

Role of admin officer

Don Mulligan suggested that we should be providing more support for Gail rather than simply deferring as much to her as we do.

Privatising national parks

Don Mulligan raised concerns - some discussion in Victoria. BNSW to keep a watching brief on this issue.

Role of NPA vs BNSW

Don Mulligan queried the role of NPA in relation to promotion of Bushwalking, and BNSW in conservation lobbying. (NPA is a member of BNSW)

Leftover maps from navshield

Keith has lots of leftover maps from the 2013 Dunns Swamp Navshield. Very good country for Bushwalking.

BWRS Report for August 2013

Report tabled and will be circulated.

Motion that the President of BWRS to be an *ex-officio* member of the management committee of Bushwalking NSW

Moved Mitchell Isaacs, seconded David Morrison. Carried.

Meeting declared closed at 856 pm.

Minutes taken by Mitchell Isaacs.

ACTION TABLE

Action	Who	Status
Look at options for Treasurer position	Management Committee	
Evaluate final website proposal from Working Planet	David Morrison	
Make enquiries with auditor in WEA Ramblers	Don Mulligan	
Keep watching brief on possible moves to privatise National Parks	Conservation Officer	