

# Bushwalking NSW

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## FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2017 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Time & Date** 7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**Location:** Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt St, Redfern NSW 2016

### Attendees:

NAME	Club	Nominated Club Delegate (Y/N/ [ _ ])
Jon Gray	Bankstown Bushwalkers	Y
Murray Scott	Sutherland Bushwalkers	[ _ ]
Lynn Cummings	Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club	[ _ ]
Halina Kraski	Sutherland Bushwalkers	[ _ ]
John Mickan	SPAN Outdoors	Y
Charles Bowden	All Nations Bushwalkers	Y
	Bankstown Bushwalkers; Sydney Catholic	
Thaïs Turner	Bushwalking Club	[ _ ]
Vince Murtagh	Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club	Y
Cheryl Fletcher	WEA Ramblers	Y
Stuart Corner	Sydney Bush Walkers	N
Elaine Prior	Bush Club	N
Linda Egginton	Sydney Bush Walkers	N
Margaret Covi	Watagan Wanderers	Y
Richard Darhu	Sydney Bush Walkers; Bush Club	[ _ ]
Michael	Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club; Coast &	
Pritchard	Mountain Walkers	[ _ ]
Jayne Daniels	Sydney Bush Walkers; Sutherland Bushwalkers	[ _ ]
Andrew Price	Sydney Bush Walkers	[ _ ]
Peter Stanford	Coast & Mountain Walkers	[ _ ]
David Bell	Sydney Bush Walkers	[ _ ]
David		
Springthorpe	Coast & Mountain Walkers	Y
Spiro		
Haginikitas	Sydney Bush Walkers	N
Jenny		
Donoghoe	Wanderers Bushwalking Club	N
Bill Donoghoe	Wanderers Bushwalking Club	N
	Cumberland Plain Walkers; Bushwalkers	
Keith Maxwell	Wilderness Rescue Squad	Y
Greg Kirk	ASNSW (Speaker)	N
Anthony Parker	Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club	N
Drew Stones	Coast & Mountain Walkers	N
Colin Halpin	Coast & Mountain Walkers	N
Helge Lewerenz	BWOC; Bush Club; National Parks and Wildlife	Y

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	Service	
Paul and Jane		
Millgate	Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club	N
Ute Foster	Coast & Mountain Walkers	Proxy Delegate
Linda Hager	Sydney Catholic Bushwalking Club	N
Kirsten Mayer		[ _ ]
Alex Allchin	Sydney Bush Walkers	Y
George Quinn		[ _ ]
Mitchell Isaacs	Sydney University Bushwalkers	Y
	Sydney University Bushwalkers; Sydney Bush	
Sierra Classen	Walkers	[ _ ]

**Apologies: NONE received.**

NAME	Club

### ***Chair & Quorum***

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm with Alex Allchin as chair.

The chair announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting was duly constituted.

### ***Previous Minutes***

Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous General Meeting was postponed to the next GM.

### ***How bushwalkers can prepare for rescue operations***

Greg Kirk, NSW Ambulance Paramedic gave a presentation on “how bushwalkers can prepare for rescue”

### ***George Quinn: The Bushwalker Update***

*The Bushwalker* history: started with SBW, has had many forms.

George Quinn did an evaluation of *The Bushwalker* along with Alex Allchin and Kirsten Mayer.

Costs 15% of our budget.

2% of members read it online.

Team:

- Roger Caffin: editor
- Barry Hanlon: Design
- Roy Jameison: Proofreader

The team has been doing the Bushwalker unsupported for many years. No reviews. Always on time. Writing articles, vetting them.

Relationship to The Bushwalker since 1937

While The Bushwalker can be the only point of contact for some with BNSW, it does not necessarily represent BNSW's true activities.

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BNSW is trialing The Bushwalker online. Decisions need to be made over the formatting and between newsletter and The Bushwalker.

Online Copy: could alienate older readers, but bring in newer readers.

800 copies go to shops and government agencies. Introduces people to BNSW who aren't already involved in clubs.

There should be some other publication to replace this.

**End Presentation.**

### **Alex Allchin: interlude**

Request: Please fill out the club survey online.

### **Kirsten Mayer: Update on BNSW activities**

Newsletter Format Renewal

Presentation of new format for newsletter.

*Newsletter will be sent to 300-400 newsletter subscribers and club delegates.*

### Activities

Meetup Group outreach

Club website reviews

Club Website/Online Presence Survey: still open

Winners of movie prize have been drawn.

Alexandra, new BNSW volunteer will reach out to all clubs, especially club delegates and committees. Alexandra is our new Community Liaison volunteer.

### It's Sweet to Walk Soft Project Update

'Train the trainers' event will be held on the long weekend in June.

The training is free. New Trainers will then train 10 Meetup group members and their own bushwalking club.

BNSW is looking for 20 applicants. Spread the word in your clubs.

### BNSW Volunteers

Kirsten Mayer expressed gratitude on behalf of BNSW to BNSW's many volunteers for their incredible work.

**End Presentation.**

### **Alex Allchin: Crown Lands Roads Reserves Sell Off Issue**

Road reserves are: A roughly road sized gap between two properties, a reserved space for building access roads, if needed. Provide legal access routes to national parks and natural areas for bushwalkers.

Sometimes landholders don't like people using the road reserves.

Landholders need to lease the space currently because it often bisects their land.

Landholders can apply to have road reserves that cross or border their land closed, so they can purchase them.

The road reserve closure will be advertised for 28 days before it can go ahead.

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Alex Allchin has signed up to receive email alerts. He receives an email if any road reserve closure application comes in.

### Steps for checking road reserve sell off application:

Check website (Link in Power Point Presentation: [www.roads.crownlands.nsw.gov.au](http://www.roads.crownlands.nsw.gov.au) ).

Check six maps for location: <https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au/>

Check off whether or not it's important to bushwalkers and make a submission about this if it is

Also, let BNSW know by emailing: [TracksAndAccess@bushwalkingnsw.org.au](mailto:TracksAndAccess@bushwalkingnsw.org.au)

### Invitation:

Bushwalkers should join the mailing list that receives notifications about road reserve sell offs.

How many submissions are needed to cause a road not to be sold?

### Mitch Isaacs: Road Reserves

Processing time used to be months or even years to process the road reserve sell off requests.

Recreational fishing access routes are monitored. NPWS monitors the Road Reserve Sell Off applications, but will not know what is important always. It is important for bushwalkers to write quick submissions about why a given road reserve (to potentially be sold) is important to them. That way NPWS and Crown Lands will know and be able to ensure the sale does not proceed.

**End Presentation.**

### Mitch Isaacs: AAAS Update

We have only joined the negotiations recently because originally we thought they would be more of an abbreviated amalgamation of state standards. Thinking it was more of a Bushwalking Australia matter if anything, we stood back. Unfortunately, we were notified that clubs and state peak bodies were concerned about the standards becoming too large, unwieldy and complex, unpleasant and unhelpful for bushwalking clubs to adhere to. That's when we began to take a more active role in the AAAS development.

Background: 1.5 years ago it was proposed that a new set of national standards be produced. BNSW was under the impression initially that these new standards would be similar to the NSW standards, which we had endorsed. However our member clubs drew our attention to the standards more recently, as they were unhappy with the direction the AAAS negotiations seemed to be taking.

The new draft standards were over 3 times longer than NSW standards in just the first chapter.

Bushwalking Victoria has called for an exemption for bushwalking clubs from the AAAS.

BNSW thinks it's better to have the AAAS apply to clubs and support better safety for clubs without inhibiting activities.

BNSW recommends to the AAAS development committee that the risk management guidelines for NSW standards as a model for shorter standards that are more workable.

**End Presentation.**

### Club Updates:

Alex: SBW is turning 90 this year.

## **Bushwalking NSW Inc.**

Door Prize Draw: Halina Kraski won a copy of *Wild Swimming*.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Bushwalking NSW General Meeting shall be held at:

**7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt St, Redfern NSW 2016**

Meeting ended at: 9:00pm