

**MINUTES OF BUSHWALKING NSW INC.
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ASHFIELD RSL CLUB, February 18, 2014**

1. The meeting commenced at 7.35 p.m.

Apologies: Mitchell Isaacs, Denise Kruse, Ed Youds, Gail Clifford (AO)

Present: David Trinder, Robert Gascoigne, Peter Hart, Keith Maxwell, Matt McLelland, David Morrison, Don Mulligan, David Springthorpe, Dick Weston, Margaret Covi

The following matters were resolved:

2. The MINUTES & the business arising were accepted. The business was that re appointing an auditor, Don Mulligan reported that the person he knew who might take on the position had declined, so we will seek someone else for the position. The President had not had an opportunity to talk to NPWS about NPWS camping fees & policies but will do as soon as possible. As the person concerned had been away, the letter to BMCC re fees had also not yet been sent. The Secretary advised the Annual Statement to the Dept of Fair Trading had been sent.

Moved David Morrison, seconded David Springthorpe.

3. CORRESPONDENCE – routine only, none tabled.

4. The FINANCIAL REPORTS made by our new book keeper were accepted. See Reports attached.

5. The PRESIDENT'S REPORT was given that consideration could still be given to BAI's ideas about club training, incorporation of non-club bushwalkers into our organisation to promote the activity & have contact with governments.

7. The CONSERVATION OFFICER reported that very well controlled hunting had re-started in one NP & would continue in a limited number of others. These parks would be closed during shooting & are not a threat to us. There was discussion of an issue raised on the internet which is a conservation matter for us as matters of this type may be covered by our Bushwalkers' Code. It concerns finding seemingly abandoned gear in the bush & what to do with it. As it is difficult to know the status of gear found, we can only carefully judge whether or not it is abandoned, & bring out what we can of what we judge to be rubbish.

8. The TRACKS & ACCESS OFFICER reported, that club leaders should check for the latest park closures before trips, & that there were current closures of some tracks in Bargo SCA & Blue Mountains NP & fire bans in Barrington Tops & Kosciuszko NPs. See report attached.

9. The INSURANCE OFFICER reported that he had been liaising with our broker, Cameron Douglas at Marsh. It was raised as to whether spectacles should be covered under the accident insurance policy, & David will inquire about this cover from the broker.

10. The BWRS REPORT was made, that there had been a call out to Bungonia Caves, a successful RAFA course had been conducted, & an Apply First Aid course was coming up, & Recruitment Day & CBT training had taken place. See report attached.

11. David reported that the WEBSITE is progressing, that our specifications have been revised to better suit our needs, a draft plan for structure had been set up, the calendar and

forum had been removed, and a database of clubs added to make it easy for clubs to update their information. The developer will begin work this week but will need content from us. See report attached.

It was moved by David Springthorpe & seconded by Dick Weston that all the reports (in Points 4 -10) be accepted.

12. The registration of our War Memorial at Splendour Rock as a war memorial was approved & Keith will follow this up, to complete the registration. Moved Keith Maxwell, seconded David Morrison.

13. The date of the next General Meeting is May 20, 2014.

14. The meeting closed at 9.15.

ACTIONS

1. President to talk to NPWS about NPWS camping fees & policies.

2. Seek auditor.

3. Website to progress.

4. Splendour Rock to be registered as a war memorial.