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You are invited to the Bushwalking NSW February Special General Meeting Keynote Presentation:

## **Exploring with Teenagers and Young Adults**

To be presented by Chris Gersch, Blue Steel Dash club, walks leader

On Tuesday 18th Feb, 2020 at Redfern Town Hall

Chris will be sharing how Blue Steel Dash managed to take a group of teenagers away for 3 weeks walking across Nepal's Annapurna Circuit.

Chris will go into some of the prior preparation that allowed for this, the attitudes of the group members whilst in Nepal, and the dynamics between the older and younger members.

Chris will also cover approaches Blue Steel Dash took to create a safe environment for the younger members and instil that level of trust from not only those members, but

their parents as well.

Finally, a post-trip debrief on what worked well and what didn't.



Blue Steel Dash members learning wilderness first aid



Our presenter, Chris Gersch has been hiking and trail running for many years now, having successfully taken on the likes of Kilimanjaro, Kokoda, and, (though not quite as successfully), the UTA trail races in the Blue Mountains. He is married with one 8 month old son who gets very excited whenever he looks at trees, and Chris hopes that never changes.

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#### **AGENDA**

#### **BUSHWALKING NSW SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday 18th Feb, 2020

To be held at Redfern Town Hall Small Hall - 73 Pitt Street, Redfern.

Official proceedings to commence at 7:30pm

- 7:00 Meet and greet refreshments provided
- 7:30 Welcome and introduction President (Alex Allchin)

Acceptance of Minutes of General Meeting of 19th November 2019

- 7:35 Update from clubs
- 7:50 Keynote speaker: Chris Gersch, Blue Steel Dash club, walks leader

### **Exploring with Teenagers and Young Adults**

8:45 Update from Bushwalking NSW
Election of President of Bushwalking NSW
The Bushwalking NSW Constitution – current draft
Acknowledgement of Risk Forms

9pm Close and give-aways

We also look forward to seeing you at the following Bushwalking NSW General Meetings:

7pm Tuesday, 19th May, 2020 AGM: 7pm Tuesday, 19th August, 2020 7pm Tuesday, 17th November, 2020 7pm Tuesday, 16th February, 2021

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