

Bushwalking NSW

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2020 BUSHWALKING NSW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Time & Date 7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, 18th August, 2020

Location: Zoom Video Conference

Attendees:

Name	Club	Nominated Club Delegate
Alex Allchin	Sydney Bush Walkers	Attendee
Belinda Keir	Representative of St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Scouts NSW Division	Attendee
Bill Boyd	Northern Rivers Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Bruce Lyman	Blue Steel Dash	Delegate
Bill Donoghoe	Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoors Club	Attendee
Clarissa Wilkes	Springwood Bushwalking Club	Attendee
David Bell	Sydney Bush Walkers	Attendee
David Morrison	Newcastle Ramblers	Delegate
David Springthorpe	The Coast and Mountain Walkers	Delegate
Diana Terry	Canberra Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Elaine & Ivan Mayer	None	Attendee
Fiona Campbell	Nordic Ski Club	Attendee
Ian Napier	The Walking Volunteers	Delegate
Jayne Daniels	Sutherland Bushwalking Club	Apology
Jenny Donoghoe	The Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoor Club	Attendee
Jim Muldoon	Brisbane Waters Outdoor Club	Delegate
Joan Germany	Inverell Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Jon Gray	Bankstown Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Keith Maxwell + ***	The Bush Club	Delegate
Kerri McLean	Bankstown Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Kirsten Mayer	Bushwalking NSW Executive Officer	Attendee
Laurence Outim	Central West Bushwalking Club Inc	Attendee
Leah Taylor	All Nations Bushwalkers	Delegate
Les Higgins (Dr)	Yarrowood Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Linda Groom	Canberra Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Linda Hager	Catholic Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Linda Hurford	Central West Bushwalking Club Inc	Delegate
Margaret Covi	Watagan Wanderers	Delegate
Matt McClelland+***	National Parks Association of NSW	Delegate

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.

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Nabamita Bhattacharjee	Bushwalking NSW Volunteer	Attendee
Paul Jennings	NSW Nordic Ski Club	Delegate
Paul Millgate	Canberra Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Paul Wijngaarden	Catholic Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Peter Conroy	Canberra Bushwalking Club	Attendee
Peter Jack	Illawarra Ramblers	Delegate
Robert Gillam	Yarrowood Bushwalking Club	Proxy
Robert Waring	Manly Spit Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Rod Paintner	Newcastle Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Sam Garrett-Jones	National Parks Association of NSW	Delegate
Thaïs Turner	Bankstown Bushwalking Club	Delegate
Ute Foster	The Coast and Mountain Walkers	Delegate
Vanessa Hicks	Sutherland Bushwalking Club	Delegate

Apologies:

NAME	Club

Chair & Quorum

1. The meeting commenced at 7:31pm with Bill Boyd as chair.
2. The Chair advised the meeting was being recorded and welcomed and thanked attendees for the participation in the meeting. The Chair also welcomed non delegates.
3. The Chair announced a quorum present and that the meeting was duly constituted.
4. The Chair articulated “Welcome to Country & Acknowledgement of Country” .

Apologies

5. There were no apologies submitted to the meeting.
6. Guest Speaker: Linda Groom on “Reclaim Kosci Campaign”
The Chair welcomed Linda Groom (winner of the Bushwalking NSW’s 2019 Chardon Award)for significant contributions to bushwalking) and her support team and welcomed Linda to address the meeting as the 2020 AGM guest speaker.
7. Linda updated the audience on the campaign to address feral horse damage in Australian alpine areas. Linda spoke of the specific areas of damage, the protest walk in 2018, the 2019 petitions, artwork being undertaken in support of the campaign, and horse survival rates after the 2019/2020 bushfires. Linda noted the strong support of the campaign by the NSW Minister for Energy and the Environment, Matt Kean. On political matters Linda also noted the pitch to represent the issue to candidates in the Eden Monaro by-election.

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Linda also spoke to the legal actions undertaken by feral horse supporters in Victoria and NSW. In both states the representations were rejected by the courts of those states.

8. At the conclusion of her presentation Linda invited questions. You can find Linda's talk [here](#).

General Business

9. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a. At the conclusion of the guest speakers presentation the Chair opened the meeting to General Business, and moved that we accept the minutes of the previous AGM. In so doing the Chair acknowledged the significant role played by Alex in the position of President and thanked him for the contribution he has made to BNSW.
- b. Moved, seconded, no discussion.

Approved

10. Annual Report

- a. The [Bushwalking NSW 2019-20 Annual Report](#)
- b. The Chair noted the Annual Report tabled prior to the meeting and circulated to all members. It was moved that the report be accepted.
- c. Moved, seconded, no discussion.

Approved

11. Treasurer' Report

- a. The Chair acknowledged Peter's contribution to the role of Treasurer and highlighted the order and discipline he brought to the role. He moved acceptance of the tabled financial report for FY19/20 .
- b. Moved and seconded.
- c. Discussion
 - i. It was observed that the brokers fee (insurance) looks like a large percentage of the premium. The observer asked why their fee was not included in the premium.
 - ii. The Treasurer responded by noting he prefers to the the fee broken out rather than lost in the overall fee, but was unable to comment on the scale of this fee versus what a standard brokerage fee might look like.
- d. There was no further discussion.

Approved

Constitution

12. The Chair introduced the subject of the Constitution to the meeting and noted that:
 - a. The Management Committee (MC) has continued to work on the document,
 - b. The MC had hoped to have it submitted to this meeting but,
 - c. The document was not quite ready, and
 - d. Asked for patience for one to two months by which he anticipated an EGM would be called to approved the new Constitution.
13. The Chair reminded the meeting of the need to amend the document, in particular drawing attention to;
 - a. The need to be current with current laws and statutes
 - b. Be aligned with community expectations about expressions of gender and otherwise be aligned with other social expectations, and
 - c. To reflect changes within the organisation itself, and to therefore reflect how we want to do business.
14. The Chair extended an invitation to all to ‘one last chance’ to have input into the revised Constitution.

Strategic Plan

15. The Chair spoke to the Strategic Plan work being done and suggested delegates provide input and direction to same.

2020 Committee

16. The Chair handed over the meeting to Keith Maxwell in his capacity of Returning Officer.
17. The Returning Officer declared all positions vacant and open.
18. No written nominations were submitted to the meeting for any of the positions declared vacant.
19. The Returning Officer invited nominations from the floor for each position filled, sought confirmation of willingness to stand from each nominee, and ensured all nominations were seconded. Second and third calls for each position were made.
20. The 2020-21 Bushwalking NSW Inc. elected Committee members are:

President	Bill Boyd (Northern Rivers Bushwalking Club)
Vice President, Conservation, and Tracks & Access Officer	David Bell (Sydney Bushwalkers)
Secretary	Bruce Lyman (Blue Steel Dash)
Treasurer	Peter Jack (Illawarra Ramblers)
Risk Management Officer	Margaret Covi (Watagan Wanderers)
YPIC Project Officer	Jon Gray (Bankstown Bushwalking Club)

Volunteers

21. The Executive Officer thanked all the volunteers, including the committee but especially those who help behind the scenes, including Nabamita, Lisa, Ashlee and Alexandra.

Chardon Award

22. Keith Maxwell spoke to the Chardon Award, named after Harold Chardon who in 1932 called bushwalking clubs together to form a Federation which was dedicated to the preservation of Blue Gum, Forest. The Chardon Award was first presented in 2017.
23. The 2020 [Chardon Award](#) was presented to the late Brian Walker and to Belinda Keir.
24. The Executive Officer acknowledged Keith's 40 years of contribution to the NSW Bushwalking scene.

Next Meeting

25. The next Bushwalking NSW Inc. Special General Meeting shall be held at:

7:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, 17th November, 2020

Location to be advised

26. **Note the 17th November, 2020 meeting will be a Special General Meeting to vote on the Bushwalking NSW Constitution**
27. Meeting ended at 8.57pm