

## 2016 Presidents Report Gill Fowler

It's been another fantastic and fun year of Rogaining in 2016 for NSWRA, yes, some of these words come from my 2016 Christmas wrap-up. 1658 Rogainers rocked up for a navigational challenge at one of our events, and many seasoned and new rogainers came back for two, three or more. There's been some creative new maps and courses to explore. In our longer bush events this included a more remote area in Tarlo River National Park, and some great open bushland at Kanangra Boyd National Park. Paddy Pallin Rogainers braved the rain to explore rock platforms around Catherine Hill Bay, and our metro and shorter events ventured to new suburbs in Sydney. I was excited to notice many of our regular Rogainers introducing new people to our sport at the socialgaine. I hope they are hooked return again!

Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey questions on the event entry form. We value your answers and feedback as it helps improve our events. This year we have modified our surveys and will have post event surveys on the website.

Our 2017 events are already in full swing, but it's really important we acknowledge last year's volunteers, as you know from the many e-bulletions no volunteers = no events.

I'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has helped out and enabled us to enjoy the seven successful NSW rogaines this year. All help is valued and welcome, both big and small, as permitting with your busy (or not so busy) lifestyle. I ask everyone, and in particular our the avid seasoned rogainers: Can you remember the last time you contributed to our great sport? And how many rogaines have you done since? (Hint: Is it time to raise your hand again?)

Behind the scenes in 2016, there was lots of activity from our "BIG" 12 member NSWRA committee. I'm sure you will have noticed the re-vamped website and the great new on-line volunteer booking system. We also continue to have a strong relationship with National Parks to enable us to secure new Rogaine sites. The only thing missing are a few more females on the committee (This is a another hint!).

After 5 years as President of the NSWRA (time flies!), I'm stepping down from this role. I have enjoyed being at the helm for a sport I am passionate about. My aspirations to lead have been to ensure NSWRA can consistently continue to host Rogaines, to reach out and introduce new people to our sport, and to assist and find efficiencies so our volunteers are not overburdened. I think I have achieved some of these, but only with the support of many strong committee members and I look back with fond memories, even to the challenges when time was scarce. It's time to give another keen Rogainer this opportunity! I'm not going too far.

I'm looking forward to the year of Rogaining ahead. There's more new places to explore dotted with orange and white flags.