

# NSW ROGAINING NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to report on the Association's Activities over the past 12 months. NSWRA is a 'not for profit organisation', incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act administered by the Department of Fair Trading. It is run entirely by volunteers for the benefit of its members and is self sufficient.

In 1998 the Association ran 6 events plus it entered a team in the TAB 2000 24 Hour relay. The events and key organisers were:

**North Shore 6 Hr Metrogaine:**  
Sue Clarke

**Cookbundoon 12/24 Hr:**  
Mike Hotchkis

**Paddy Pallin Fortress Ridge 6 Hr:**  
John Barnes

**Lostock and Barrel 12/24 Hr (NSW Championships):**  
Sonia Kupina, Alan Mansfield, Nihal Danis, Richard Sage

**Lake Macquarie 12 Hr:**  
Bert Van Netten

**Como Socialgaine 3 Hr:**  
Mike Hotchkis

As well as these events, in 1998 NSW Rogainers competed in the Search and Rescue Rogaine and in events organised by the ACT Rogaining Association, and in the Australian Rogaining Championships in Queensland and the World Rogaining Championships in British Columbia.

During the year the Association contributed ideas to a new ARA Environmental Policy; maintained good membership numbers; confirmed its bid to run the ARA Championships in July 2000 off the New England Highway; withdrew its bid to run the 2002 World Championships in favour of a northern hemisphere location; supported the Long O Orienteering Championships and the Daylight Saving 45 minute Summer Orienteering event program; distributed many Rogaining brochures including a new colour one; maintained a proactive effort in approaching members to help at events and not least made sure income exceeded expenditure.

Our thanks and sympathy went to Trish

Hamilton who founded the Ross Hamilton Award at the Paddy Pallin event in memory of her late husband who was a terrific person and a great contributor to Rogaining.

Our congratulations went to Bert and Dianne Van Netten who at the Como Socialgaine were presented with the 1998 Warwick Marsden Award for their outstanding contribution to Rogaining over many years.

Our Congratulations also went to all who won their categories in events and all who just rogained to their fitness and ability and enjoyed themselves.

In addition to those named above I must thank the army of people who helped set events, talked to landowners, vetted control locations, hung out and picked up control flags, organised car parking, planed catering, cooked and cleaned up, took entries, ran the administration at events, publicised Rogaining, wrote up experiences for the newsletter, and helped to collate the newsletter. Without you all and your friends and families who tolerated your enthusiasm for the great Australian sport of Rogaining it would not have happened and happen it did most successfully.

Finally I must acknowledge and thank in particular the committee members:

**Vice President:**  
Simon George;

**Secretary:**  
Sue Clarke who was also coordinator of our effort at the TAB relay and my partner at the World Championships;

**Treasurer:**  
Tony Maloney;

**Newsletter Editors:**  
Stephen Castle and Rhonda Monahan;

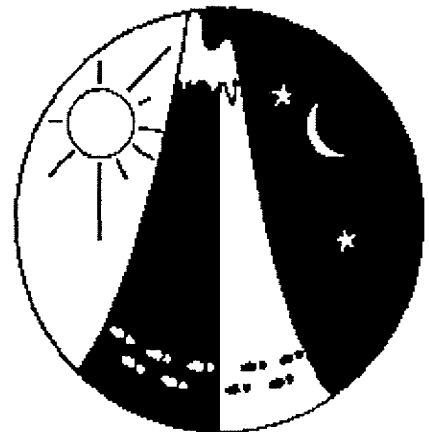
**Event Coordinator:**  
Alan Mansfield;

**Membership Secretary:**  
Graeme Cooper;

**Volunteer Coordinator:**  
Vicky Cooper;

**Representative to the Australian Rogaining Assoc:**  
Mike Hotchkis

**Other Committee members:**



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6 Hr Paddy Pallin  
Orienteering Long-O

Marnie Holmes, Ken Smith, Nihal Danis and Daniel Marlay.

It has been very enjoyable to work with a committed team who love the sport of Rogaining. I have served two years as President and have only missed one NSW event and that was when I was Rogaining overseas. I will not be re-standing for the President's position - the tradition of the club has been to avoid entrenched Presidents! I believe the club is in good shape and has a very strong and attractive program of events planned for the next 18 months.

*Julian Ledger*

## WHAT'S ON IN 1999

Event/Coordinator	Course Setters (4) Vettors (2)	Administration	Hash House
Yadborogaine 1999 Autumn 12/24hr 27-28 <sup>th</sup> March Daniel Marlay (02) 9314-6211	Matt Chamberlain  Mike Hotchkis (Vettor)	Jan Janmaat	
24hr Relay 1/2 <sup>nd</sup> May	—	—	—
ACT Championships 1/2 <sup>nd</sup> May	—	—	—
1999 Paddy Pallin Rogaine Shoalhaven 20 <sup>th</sup> June Julian Ledger (02) 9416-6423	Trevor Gollan	Stephen Castle Rhonda Monahan	1st Waitara Scouts
Search & Rescue 3/4 <sup>th</sup> July	—	—	—
NSW 1999 Championships 28-29 <sup>th</sup> August Bert van Netten (02) 4975-3693	Bert van Netten  Andrew Haigh (Vettor) Arthur Kingsland (Vettor)	Nicole Dynon	Bankstown Bushwalking & Social
Lake Macquarie Rogaine 18 <sup>th</sup> September Bert van Netten (02) 4975-3693	Robert Vincent  Robert Preston (Vettor)	Albie Arnott Sharon Arnott	
Socialgaine 5 <sup>th</sup> December Hawkesbury River Sue Clarke (02) 9816-2508	'Chippy' Le Carpenter		

*Join in the fun of working behind the scenes  
HELP always needed, contact :*

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**No experience is necessary - detailed instructions are supplied.**

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### 12/24Hr YADBROGAINE 27-28th March 1999

The Yadbrogaine will be situated near the south coast town of Milton. The terrain abounds in moderate ridges and gullies to provide a generous quantity of interesting navigation. Cutting through this are a number of cool rivers which will provide fantastic spots to rest along the way. To the far end of the course the terrain will be higher and more challenging to provide some interest for the advanced Rogainer. To cap it all off are the magnificent vistas of the Budawang which surround the area.

### NT ROGAINE 31st July

Greetings from rainy Darwin.

This is the formal notification of the dates for the first NT rogaire 31st July/1st August after consulting the various Rogaining calendars and moon charts (and of course our personal astrologers).

It is hopefully a 6 & 24 hr event located in Litchfield national Park, however we are still negotiating with the rangers.

Hope you are well and look forward to a few NSW visitors in July.

Andy Black

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### 6Hr PADDY PALLIN 20th June 1999

This year the Paddy Pallin rogaire moves southwards to the Shoalhaven district. Amid great bushwalking country, you'll encounter open forest, look-outs and mountains, abandoned gold-fields, panoramic vistas and perhaps a river crossing or two.

As usual for the PP, there will be plenty of easy controls and gentle track-walking for novices and geriatrics, but the course will be big enough to include some tough and dramatic terrain as well.

Allow three hours for a comfortable drive from central or the inner west of Sydney.

The hashhouse is an established campground which includes full shower (hot) and toilet (flush) facilities. There will be an extra fee if you stay over Saturday night, (\$8 per adult and \$4 per child) to be paid separately when you arrive on Saturday.

Given the luxurious camping, open fire-places, a range of short walks, and canoes available for hire, we recommend that you bring your tent and enjoy a full weekend with the whole family / gang.

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## WANTED!

### Equipment Officer for the Rogaining Association

Duties include keeping track of the Association's equipment which is mostly stored in the NSWRA trailer - a customised unit which allows a lot to be fitted into a small space.

If possible the Equipment Officer should host the trailer at their home and have a vehicle suitable for towing it - however this is not essential as there is are other vehicles available.

Main regular task is to ensure gas bottles refilled between events.

The equipment is presently in very good order thanks to the early work done by John Keats and more recent excellent efforts of Graeme Cooper.

Interested in helping the Assoc in this way?  
Please call President Sue Clarke or Secretary Julian Ledger.

## CATERING IN THE MUD

The Lake Macquarie Rogaine was my favourite event last year and I was looking forward to it again, when a letter arrived telling me it was our turn to volunteer! After several phone calls from Graeme Cooper, Martyn and I were somewhat reluctantly enlisted to the Hash House team.

The team consisted of: Dianne, Chris, Nick, Paola, Chris, Daniel, Lynne and Martyn. None of us had catered at a Rogaine before, but fortunately Vicki and Graham Cooper were on hand to provide experience, support and the wonderful trailer.

Martyn and I arrived at 12 noon just in time to see the event start. "That's funny" we thought "nobody is running" as the event got off to what looked a very sedate start. As soon as we got out of our car we realised why, MUD! It was to dominate our experience.

Dianne was terrific and soon had us organised, delegating us a dish each. In the cooks tent 6 people were already churning around in viscous mud when Martyn and I went in for our turn on the gas rings. All was not lost however, Graham appeared out of nowhere with a sheet of corrugated iron. Luxury and we all cheered! Somewhere perhaps a farmer had lost his shed but we did not care. The cooking continued in fine style. So did the rain.

The first Rogainers started coming in at about 4pm. It was interesting to look at them. Some breezed in looking like they had barely been for a stroll but most came in

with pale faces, vacant stares and hobbling gates. Is this really recreation you wonder?! It was so rewarding to see people actually EATING the vast amounts of food we'd prepared.

With the Rogainers returning and the rain continuing, the mud situation continued to worsen. The area just off the corrugated iron was ankle deep in mud. It was not really possible to walk and a sort of skiing action was necessary. Many people went for impressive slides but I did not see anyone actually fall. I suppose some could have fallen and sunk/been trampled into the mud - their fossilized bodies may be discovered in the distant future? The most common comment was "..... (insert expletive of choice), the mud is far worse here than it was anywhere on the course"!

The main rush of 6 hour Rogainers was over by about 7pm and then came the most difficult time as we waited for the midnight finishers. We were quite tired by then and the sleeping bags were calling. People started coming in just after 11pm. With people to serve we brightened up again and dished out more soup and stew. It was then time for the washing up! We got to our sleeping bags at about 2am with the knowledge that at 7am we had to prepare breakfast for the overnight campers.

Next morning we stumbled out of our tent looking and feeling very much the worse for wear. It had stopped raining!! The hash house area was still like a cattle yard but the sun was starting to come out. We cooked

lots of bacon, eggs and sausages and Martyn enjoyed himself by spelling out names with the sausages.

After breakfast it was time to pack up. It was now that the full beauty of the trailer could be appreciated. The cook tent is incredibly well equipped with everything the catering team could need. The tent is also well laid out with benches and wire shelves making it easy to work in. At the end of the event the whole thing packs into its specially designed trailer each item has its place and it fits together like magic. I'm sure Graham could make a whole house from a few fence palings and a role of fencing wire!

Finally it was time leave. The last task was pushing the cars out. It was still so slippery that we had trouble getting traction with our feet, but we got them moving. Exhausted and covered in mud we turned our heads for home.

In conclusion we enjoyed our stint on the Hash House team. We did lots of laughing and it was very satisfying see so many people get fed. Exhausted Rogainers are easy to please when you dish out hot food, and you receive plenty of thanks and complements. Vicki and Graham provided our team with wonderful support and their dedication to drive from Armidale with the trailer and oversee the operation of so many events deserves special appreciation.

Lynne McNaim

## Application for Membership or Renewal of Membership

I/We the undersigned, who live at the address given below, hereby apply to become members / renew membership of the above named incorporated association. In the event of my/our admission as members I/we agree to be bound by the rules of the association for the time being in force.

My/Our address (for delivery of one copy of each newsletter) is:

Full Name	Date of Birth	Fee (\$)	Renew (Y/N)	Signature

Name:.....

Address:.....

Town:..... Postcode: .....

E-mail:.....

Phone:..... (home) ..... (work) ..... (fax)

The fee per annum is \$12 for the first person on this form and \$3 for each additional person. The maximum fee for a family is \$15. The membership year starts on 1st January. A family is defined as one or two adults plus any number of dependant children each of who looks to one or both of the adults as a parent and who all live at the same address. Please send this form together with a cheque payable to "NSW Rogaining Association" to: Membership Secretary NSWRA , Graeme Cooper, Cluny Road, ARMIDALE 2350

## Treasurers Report

1998 was an encouraging year financially showing an operating profit of \$3,008.72. This is a solid turnaround from the last couple of years brought about by steady membership numbers, solid event returns and some associated membership / fee restructuring.

Unfortunately our assets (cash at bank) faced a significant hit from prior year expenses. These totalled \$3,870.75, leaving a cash at bank balance of \$2,184.21. Tighter controls on newsletter costs, finalisation of carry over liabilities, and the completion of the 1998 event calendar earlier in the year draws me to conclude there will be no such impost for the 1999 operating year.

Our (conservative) budget position for 1999 is a profit of \$3,500.00 so this should put us well on the way to our target of \$10,000 (which is sufficient to alleviate any cash flow problems and will allow us to embark on major projects such as World Champs).

### Audit

Whilst periodic informal reviews have been carried out by Accountants, for the first time in its history, the Association accounts were subject to a formal audit process in 1998. Accounts for 1997 were reviewed, and a formal (interim) audit conducted for the period 1/1/98 to 1/5/98. The audit was carried out voluntarily by Diana Peters (CPA). The formal findings were :-

\* Statements give a true and fair view of the Associations affairs,

\* Insufficient records to form an opinion as to whether all income is included (usual type of qualification when cash is received) and the associated report was made available to the committee / president for review.

Other suggestions were made such as all payments have a requisition completed with supporting documentation, structured authorities exist to authorise payments etc., all of which would improve the quality of our information, and tighten controls to prevent fraud. Whilst generally adhered to, any push to strictly enforce these, needs to be considered against the fact that we are an organisation of volunteers who run events and produce newsletters and sometimes in the interest of ensuring these things happen, rules are bent or not adhered to.

Advise was received to stay with cash? based, rather than accruals accounting model. We are essentially a cash operation with limited assets (other than cash) that would be subject to depreciation or stock control.

The committee needs to decide on :-

\* How tight it wants its financial controls, and

\* Future Audit program

Accounts for 1998 follow

*Tony Maloney*

### NSWRA Income and Expenditure Statement

For the Period 1/01/98 - 31/12/98

Function	Primary	Secondary	Amount		
<b>Administration</b>	Equipment	Insurance	-\$174.00		
		Purchases	-\$121.00		
		Registration	-\$213.00		
					(\$508.00)
	Executive	ARA Levy	-\$787.00		
		FID	-\$27.36		
		Food	-\$159.00		
		GDT	-\$51.10		
		Insurance	-\$1,219.85		
		Interest	\$5.57		
		Legislative	-\$70.00		
		Miscellaneous	-\$60.00		
		Postage	-\$45.45		
		Telephone	-\$84.50		
	Unallocated	\$183.67			
					(\$2,315.02)
	Membership	Household		\$3,060.00	
Individual			\$4,020.00		
				\$7,080.00	
Newsletter	Advance		\$0.00		
	Disposables		-\$41.00		
	Food		-\$50.00		
	Postage		-\$1,577.17		
	Printing		-\$3,804.00		
				(\$5,472.17)	
Promotion	Brochures		-\$367.00		
				(\$367.00)	
Stock	Costigans		\$20.00		
	Cross Country Book		\$120.00		
	First Aid Kits		\$36.00		
	Hire		\$26.00		
	Whistles		\$17.50		
				\$219.50	
			<b>Admin Total</b>	<b>(\$1,362.69)</b>	
<b>Events</b>				<b>\$4,371.41</b>	
				<b>\$3,008.72</b>	
				<b><i>Profit (Loss)</i></b>	

## World Champs Team Slit Up Protest (Reply)

Reply to article in last newsletter

In the last NSWRA newsletter, an open letter to the International Rogaining Federation was published that related to the 3rd World Rogaining Championships in Kamloops where an appeal was made against the conduct of a women's team. A reply has already been sent from the IRF to the authors of that letter, and a summary of the reply is included here.

Although protests and appeals are relatively uncommon in rogaining they do arise from time to time and as organizers and administrators we need to be prepared to address them seriously and thoroughly. This includes learning each time and modifying our rules, if necessary.

Some points from the Kamloops experience.

1. The event in Kamloops was the World Rogaining Championships of the

International Rogaining Federation, and hence separate panels representing the IRF heard the protest and the appeal.

2. The event class (i.e. mixed veterans) that a person is in is irrelevant as to their right to lodge a protest if they believe another team has breached rogaining rules. The way the

sport is run at the

moment where there is a strong reliance on individual honesty, and monitoring of the rules by all participants, there is a reliance on all teams to ensure standards of fair play are maintained. I personally commend the stance taken by the protesting team in reporting what they believed was a breach of the rules.

3. Peter Taylor, Peter Gagarin and I were asked to form a group to consider the appeal. Peter Taylor is the ARA president, and Peter Gagarin is one of the most experienced rogainers and orienteers in the USA: We were all somewhat removed from the details of the protest and not advantaged nor disadvantaged personally by any ruling. None of us are trained in law practice.

4. As a group of three, we treated the appeal as coming from the affected team and against the ruling made by the event organizers. Several of the concerns expressed in the 'open letter' appear to have arisen from the authors' misunderstanding that, as the protestors, they were 'one side' of the appeal. As this was not the case (as explained above), it was not appropriate to advise them earlier than others of the outcome (the decision was relayed to 3WRC organizers, and conveyed to all via IRF Newsletter 44 which goes on the website) nor was it necessary to inter-

view them further.

5. The authors have raised important issues regarding our rules. Richard Robinson chairs the sub-committee looking at the ARA rules at this moment. He is fully briefed on the protest and appeal proceeding from Kamloops and with his sub-committee will consider this when rewriting the rules prior to the 4th World Rogaining Championships.

6. I believe that in this instance the protestors, protest/appeal committees and rogaing organizers all acted in good faith with the best interests of the sport at heart. Rogaining relies upon volunteer organizers and participants to monitor fair play. We will be looking to clarify procedures to improve the protest/appeal sequence for future rogaines.

Sincerely,

Neil Phillips

President

## DON'T GET OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

### Services

**Surveying:** Control surveys for natural resource and construction projects, Global Positioning System surveys and services. Project management, geodetic and mapping control surveys as well as survey control information.

**Graphics:** Design, planning, layout and proofing, electronic publishing (Macintosh and IBM), image scanning, camera contacts, dylines, printing, bookbinding, planmounting and framing services are all provided for in-house and contract work.

**Scanning and Digitising:** collection of digital information from source data. Production of working copies from original documents. Data conversion and reformatting.

**Aerial Photography:** State-wide Photographic coverage, photomosaics and special purpose aerial photography and digital imagery.

**Thematic Mapping:** Thematic maps for any purpose using the Centre's base mapping or Client-supplied base.

**Image Processing:** Digital image processing analysis, Landsat sales.

**Information Systems:** Advisory services in information management and systems development



### Products

- Digital cadastral information for NSW
- Digitally derived cadastral map products
- Digital topographic data
- Aerial photography coverage of NSW
- Satellite imagery of NSW
- Topographic maps covering NSW
- Parish and county maps covering NSW
- Orthophoto maps
- Property maps
- Touring maps
- Tourist maps
- Historic map reproductions
- Geographic names gazetteer
- Special publication including: Official Road Directory of NSW  
Map Reading Guide  
Atlas of NSW
- Special use maps including: NSW base maps  
Aboriginal map of NSW  
Lord Howe Island Colour Photomap  
NSW Local Government Areas map  
Sydney CBD colour photomap
- Digital boundaries such as local government, suburb, electoral etc.

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