

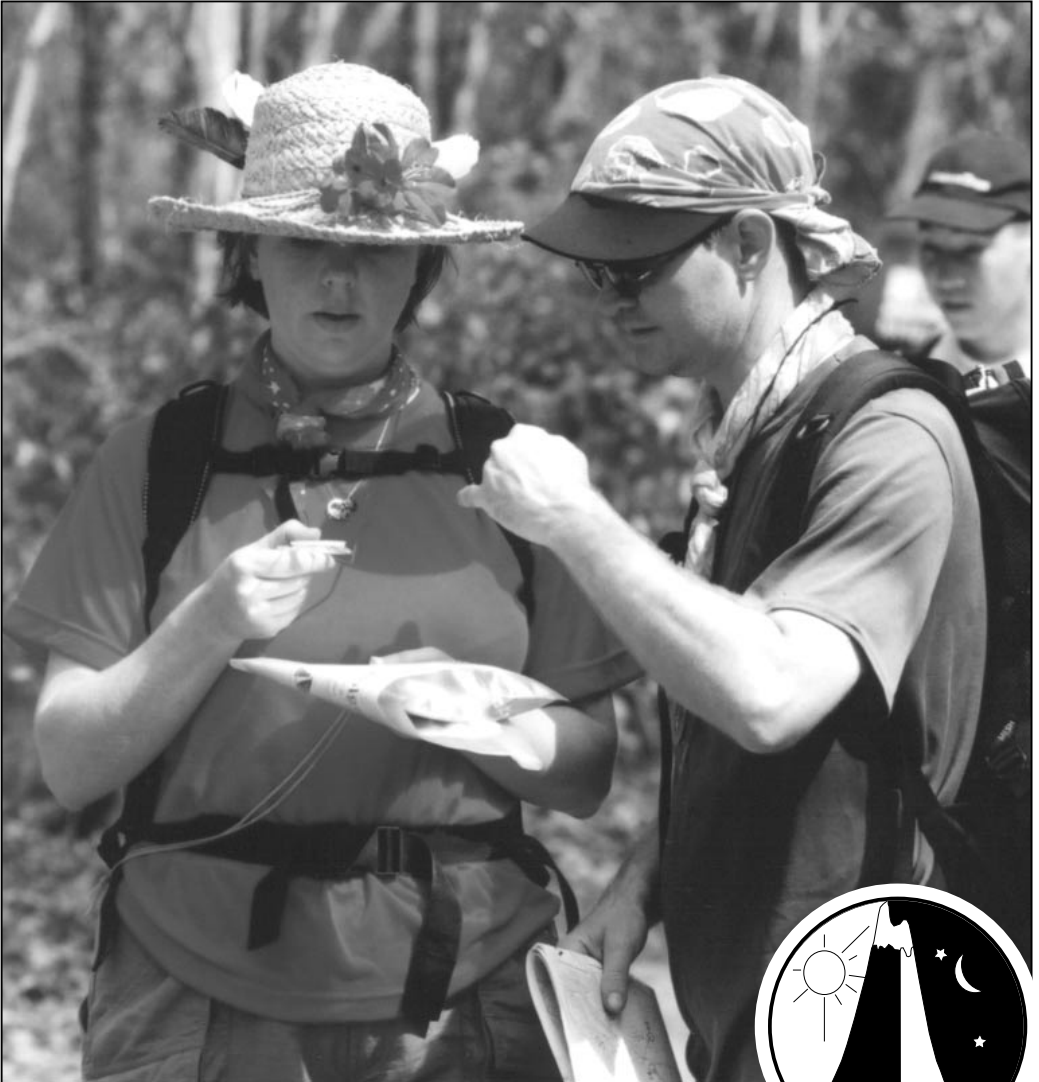
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# 2002 New South Wales & ACT Rogaines

	Date	Event	Location	Contact
NSW	23-24th March	'Ecogaine' 15 in 24 Hours	Northern outskirts of Sydney	Paul Batten 0403 176 716
	27-28th April	Australian Champs	ACT	(02) 6251 6908
NSW NSW	16th June	Paddy Pallin 6 Hour	Western Blue Mountains	Andy Mein (02) 9879 4464
	6-7th July	NavShield '02	TBA	Organised independently by Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue
<b>World Championships:</b>			<b>25-28th July - Czech Republic</b> <a href="http://top.cz/wrc2002">http://top.cz/wrc2002</a>	
NSW	24th August	6 / 12 Hour	Lake Macquarie	Bert van Netten (02) 4975 3693
	1st or 8th September (to be confirmed)	Cyclegaine	ACT	(02) 6251 6908
NSW	19-20th October	NSW Champs 12/24 Hour	Nowendoc	Graeme Cooper (02) 6772 3584
	16-17th November	ACT Champs 6/12/24 Hour	ACT	(02) 6251 6908
NSW	24th November	Socialgaine 6 Hr	North Shore	TBA
	December (date to be confirmed)	Spring 6/12 Hour	ACT	(02) 6251 6908

## Rogaining in other States

Date	State	Event	Location	Contact
23rd March	Western Australia	Autumn 6 hr	TBA	(08) 9342 9213
23rd March	Victoria	12 hr	TBA	(03) 9438 6626
20-21st April	Victoria	2 x 6 hr	TBA	(03) 9438 6626
27th April	Western Australia	Autumn 12 hr	TBA	(08) 9342 9213
25-26th May	South Australia	12 / 24 hr	TBA	(08) 8271 2712

# President's Piece :

## 2001 - The Year in Review

### As presented to the 2002 AGM - Wollongong Metrogaine:

2001 was a strong year for the NSWRA. A full calendar of events was supported and participation was healthy. The Association has been able to consolidate on work undertaken in previous years, to show significant results, including our largest ever event and highest membership. However, we face uncertain times. September 11 has impacted on Rogaining and our insurances are set to rise. We also face increasing challenges in our ability to access suitable land and, within our Association, the ability to generate the continuous stream of volunteers needed to maintain our activities.

The 2001 event calendar was diverse and memorable not only for the range of courses, but importantly the kindness shown to us by the weather. Our first event, the Pelicans Roost Metrogaine was urban Northern Beaches with icecreams and hot bitumen. The Wolgan Wander by contrast was rugged sandstone country on the Newnes Plateau. The 2001 Paddy Pallin was memorable for its stunning views, perfect weather and 690 entrants; a record number for any NSW event, but also raising important issues for debate such as appropriate limits on the size of such events and the pressures from landowners on the availability of locations for courses. The bush fire emergency over the Christmas-New Year period has serious implications for course options in the immediate future.

The 2001 Lake Macquarie event was memorable for the Hash House location, again for the perfect weather, and for some of us, the challenge of Rogaining during a hazard reduction burn-off. In late October, the NSW Championships "Back to Bungonia" was held on the margins of the Shoalhaven River, adjacent to a previous event course. This is a practise that is likely to recur; the revisiting of areas previously recognised as good Rogaining territory. Like most resources in this new millennium, good Rogaining territory is a limited commodity. We need make the best use of what is available to us, and we need to take care of that resource to ensure its long-term viability and our continuing access to it.

2001 finished with a warm and social Socialgaine on the shores of Lake Macquarie. Rounding out a year of challenging and diverse events, the Socialgaine again brought members together in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.

Continuing our practice of recognising significant contributions to the sport of Rogaining, and to keep alive the memory of one who was formative in the development of Rogaining in NSW, the Warwick Marsden Award was presented at the Paddy Pallin Event to Stephen Castle for his efforts over many years including newsletter editor and currently as webmaster.

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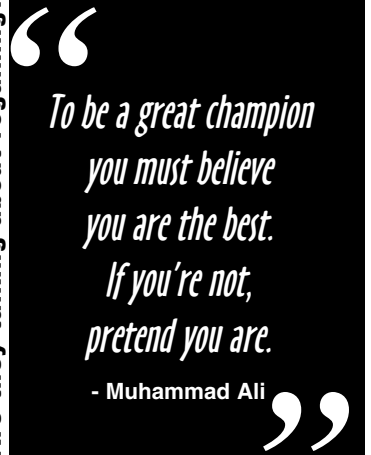
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Oz Champs entry form
Oz Champs Bus booking form
Paddy Pallin entry form
Trailwalker Brochure

Are they talking about rogaining?



- Muhammad Ali

## 'The Ecogaine':

Event name: **The Wilderness Challenge Ecogaine**  
Date: **23-24th March 2002**  
Location: **20 minutes from Hornsby**  
Event length: **Any 15 in 24 hours**

The Ecogaine will be both a wild experience and have some terrific creature comforts!

The 15 in 24 hour format means you can sink your teeth into the navigation (good prep for the Oz Champs), and also have an enjoyable 9 hours of rest.

The course is 100% awesome forest and dramatic landscapes (so close to Sydney - amazing!), yet there is also an extensive track network for beginners.

Information about the heritage of the course area will be incorporated into the rogaine itself.

You can also absorb that info whilst you take a breather with a nice drink at one of the two on-course 'cafes'.

Finally, it has some mind blowing views that will inspire your soul!

You can enter the event or find out more info online at: [www.nswrogaining.org](http://www.nswrogaining.org)

*Paul Batten*

**\* See page 9 for more details.**



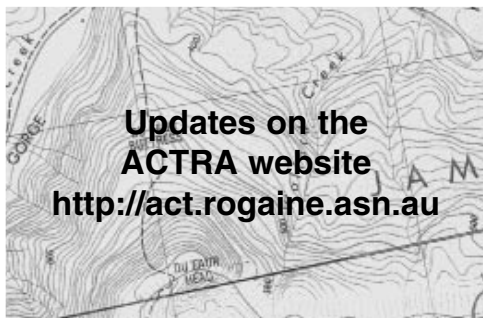
## 'Oz Champs':

Event name: **'NAASTY but CLEAR' Oz Champs**  
Date: **27-28th April**  
Location: **South of Canberra**  
Event length: **24 hours**

This years Australian Rogaining Championships curiously named 'NAASTY but CLEAR' is being organised by the ACT Rogaining Association. The course is approximately 90 minutes south of Canberra and features undulating to steep native forest with sections of open country. The forest generally allows for reasonable travel with an open heath understory and some thicker sections. The entire event area is in National Park with some sections that are ex-grazing land. The Hash House is centrally located. All water drops will be at controls. Altitude ranges from approximately 1100m to 1500m.

Further details and online entry with BPay (or post a cheque or money order) available at the ACTRA web site <<http://act.rogaine.asn.au/>> The preferred means of entry is via the online entry but there is also a paper entry form in this newsletter or they can be downloaded from the web site.

**\* See enclosed flyer for details about the NSWRA bus to the event.**



# Annual General Meeting:

The 2002 Annual General Meeting was held at the conclusion of the Mountain & Sea Metrogaine Sunday 24th February, in the grounds of the University of Wollongong. Approximately 200 members of the NSWRA were present. The meeting opened at approximately 4pm.

The first item on the agenda called for the adoption of the minutes of the 2001 AGM. This was proposed by David Griff and seconded by John May, and therefore the motion was carried.

The second item was the Presidents report for 2001, which in the absence of the President Richard Sage, Vice President Alan Mansfield verbally summarised. Copies of the report had been circulated at the event registration, and can be read in this newsletter on page 2. The Vice President also spoke of the Treasurer's Report and accounts which show that the Association has strengthened its financial position over the year (see page 13). It is hoped that we will now be in an adequate position in the occurrence of a forced cancellation of an entire event, to be able to settle all associated costs.

The third item was the motion to adopt the President's Report and the Accounts incorporating the 2001 Financial Statements as approved by the Committee and tabled at the meeting. This was proposed by Steve Harrison and seconded by Julian Ledger and therefore carried.

The fourth item was the election of Office Bearers for 2002. Nominations had been called for in the previous newsletter. The committee of 2001 was re-elected and is as appears in the adjacent column. No general committee members were nominated for election. All members are welcome to attend committee meetings.

The final item was the awarding of the Warick Marsden Award for contributions to the NSWRA. The recipient for the award in 2002 is Tony Maloney. The award was awarded to Tony for his services over many years in setting, organising and vetting events together with his ongoing role as treasurer for the Association over the past 8 years. As Tony was unable to be present at the event, the Award will be presented to him at the next NSW Rogaine.

There was no other business raised and the meeting closed at approximately 4.30pm.

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# Mountain & Sea Metrogaine Coordinators Review:

In 1998 I suggested that Wollongong would provide a pretty good metrogaine site, and was told by the Committee that my "bid" was in and we'd get the job in about four years! I offered a few free holidays for NSWRA committee members and their families - even enhanced placement at the local university for a senior committee member's son, but you'll be pleased to know that your committee is above such shenanigans. An amazing situation - we had to wait four years to stage an rogaine.

It's such a complex structure. You mix many people's skills, ideas & labour together, add some geographical and meteorological uncertainties, then a large set of competitors or participants to try it out. Not surprising that every rogaine is different.



The Hash-house making good use of the grounds of Wollongong Uni.

Photo: Andy Mein

In this case the skills, ideas and labour started with Ted Booth and myself but snow-balled as many volunteers joined in, for which I express gratitude aplenty. Ted enlisted Phil Allen, John Guilly & Bob Bartle to set the foot course. Steve Thompson and Steve Cliffe offered to help, and so acquired a cycle course to set. Then we needed to check and refine course accuracy, which SteveT, Darryn Welham, Ros and Ron Perry and I did through the hot, bushfirey, then wet and sodden summer. Meanwhile another volunteer, Ian Almond, took on the Administration and Kay Gollan took on catering. Ted also carried tricky stuff like promotion, land access negotiations, prizes and sponsorship.

Come the day and we were overwhelmed by more helpers. Apart from those mentioned above, there were the families - Joc & Rob Booth, Peter, Matthew & Jenny Almond, Alex & Maddie Gollan; and the friends - Judy Hall, Ros & Jim Williams, Alan and Andy (Sean's neighbours), Steve's two friends whose names I don't know, Julian Ledger with the trailer; and those who just turned up and offered help - Steve Williams and Eric Smith, Paul & Bronwyn. (Sincere apologies if I've neglected to mention you.)

In hindsight? Well there were a few problems. I certainly supplied too much food. Ian suffered a stress attack when the results program didn't work as planned. Many teams didn't find the four girders at #92 (there must be another track to the west of that marked on the map). The glossary didn't say that a rotunda is "a circular bandstand, especially one with a dome". (Hmmm, a dome with ridge tiles?)

But there were many, many more positives. Chris & Emma from St Johns treated a couple of skinned cyclists knees but no serious injuries. Almost everyone discovered something new, and went home weary after a satisfying outing. And here's some supportive e-mails received since the event.

*"My son and I participated in the Wollongong Cyclegaine yesterday, and had a great time. Congratulations to the committee and other volunteers on setting the course and organising everything else so well. It was our first such event, and we look forward enthusiastically to the next Cyclegaine."*  
[Andy Fowler]

*"Our team came in after about 5 hrs with a good score for us. The food was even better. This was my son's first event and he loved it, but is a bit sore."* [Harry Goyen]

*"Congratulations on a wonderful event and weather made to order. We took the scenic route and the rain and cooler morning made the mountain tracks a breeze. The views were awesome and most impressive. Both of us had been to Wollongong many times in the past and never bothered with the Mountain, so the sensational views were a very pleasant surprise. We were also surprised to walk through some very*

pleasant quality suburbs in the south of Wollongong and were struck by the friendliness of the residents. One enjoyed telling us how she helped four lost rogainers whom she found in her back garden. Fortunately there was no big dog or frightened old lady, just a bemused and amused family. A great day, a few points that are not complaints... there was only one pipe at #55 or at least in the culvert we found, perhaps it was the wrong culvert; the flag had gone from #27 by about 1:30pm if it was there at all, but the red ribbon was on the branch of the tree (only knew about the ribbon because we helped Mike and George at Bungonia); and at #116, Damien loves Taryce is the correct answer, because Taryce loves Littlefoot is the other way round." [Richard Smyth]



Cyclists tallying their scores.  
Photo: Andy Mein

"Thanks to you and everyone who helped you. Our team had a great days riding and visited parts of the Wollongong metropolis which I never knew existed." [Andy Simpson]

Finally, a muse upon coursesetting. It was an interesting and entertaining experience to set a metro-gaine. To find unambiguous questions while accentuating the parks meant quite a few play-equipment and pole-counting clues. Some of Phil's engineering questions had to be revised - I especially regretted losing the "number of diagonal structural members" question. Most "what tree is that" clues disappeared because we knew many entrants to be botanically challenged. My favourite clues were the pit ponies, the highest angel, Bendigo apprentices, Boof, and the jack-of-all-trades.

*Trevor Gollan*



**Thank you to everyone involved. A great start to the year.**

Team	Cycle Course	Score	Time	Overall	Men	Women	Mixed	Veteran	Mixed/Vet	Junior	Family
16	Peter Garran, Lisa McGinnigle, Andy Simpson	1860	15.14	1			1				
76	Scott Finlayson, Andrew Johnstone, Mark Powell	1830	15.16	2	1						
107	Dean Martin, Glenn Schw arzel	1760	15.25	3	2						
83	Marck Norret, Andrew Scott	1710	15.11	4	3						
109	Peter Marshall, Andy Walters	1710	15.14	5	4						
91	Peter McConaghy, Wendy McConaghy	1690	15.28	6			2				
103	Bruce Fenton, Conny Warn	1590	15.29	7			3				
87	Helen Jeffs, Shane O'Brien	1500	15.28	8			4				
44	Georg Hausw irth, John Holland	1490	15.17	9	5			1	1		
85	Brett Pound, Stuart Clark, Heather Selw yn	1440	15.21	10			5				
80	Wendy Hird, Rosemary Seberry, Joanne Vanderstok	1280	15.20	11		1					
95	Gary Grech, Andrew Maris	1180	15.23	12	6						
29	Glen Harrison, Jim Meek	1170	15.17	13	7						1
102	Geoff Charnock, Nathan Chang, Michael McCauley	1070	15.19	14	8						
90	Lou Vaccari, Nick Vaccari	1040	15.27	15	9					1	
75	S.Dow ideit, P.Duffy, B.Lancaster, G.Lancaster, M.Lindsay	1000	15.12	16			6				
65	Andrew Fow ler, Matthew Fow ler	980	15.00	17	10						2
43	Jemima Trappel, Lynne Trappel	980	15.02	18		2					3
49	Heather Richardson, Judy Richardson	980	15.02	19		3					4
78	Nigel McDonald, Nicole Sellin, Peter Washington	960	15.05	20			7			2	
94	Matthew Almond, Gavin Wilson	800	13.46	21	11					3	
100	Denise Connors, Blanka Golebiow ski, Andrea Warr	770	15.32	22		4					
7	Peter Morris, Julie Ross	760	15.26	23			8				



# Results



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Team	Walk/Run Course	Score	Time	Overall	Men	Women	Mixed	Veteran	Mens Vet	Women Vet	Mixed Vet	Super Vet	Family
15	Alan Garde, Andrew McLeod	4640	15.56	1	1								
35	Paul Batten, Bronwyn Lawton	3780	16.05	2			1						
58	Graeme Hill, Anne Newman, Mark Shingler	3480	15.55	3			2	1			1		
61	David Cochrane, Jacqui Cochrane	3360	16.01	4			3						
113	George Collins, Stuart Ford	3320	15.59	5	2								
67	Ron Junghans, Russell Taylor	3320	16.08	6	3								
1	Ross Barr, Ian McKenzie	3260	16.29	7	4			2	1				
68	Shaun Howard, Ben Robinson	3170	15.50	8	5								
115	Gavin Lyon, Ian Robinson	3110	15.47	9	6								
40	Sue Clarke, Walter Kelemen	3090	15.54	10			4	3			2		
31	Mike Hotchkis, Arthur Kingsland	3090	16.04	11	7			4	2				
64	David Brown, John Moore	2870	15.57	12	8			5	3				
34	J.Barnes, A.Perry, S.Simpson, A.Troedson	2870	15.59	13			5						
53	Ross Duker, Eric Smith	2780	15.55	14	9			6	4				
5	Lynn Dabbs, Kevin Williams	2660	15.52	15			6	7			3		
26	M.Costin, C.Ephick, A.Grime, D.Massa, W.Roden	2620	15.53	16	10								
36	Jason Finlay, Dan McGrath	2620	15.55	17	11								
32	Mike MacNeill, Rosalie Wood	2520	15.50	18			7						
70	Kellie Martin, Alice Owen, Derek Waters	2520	15.58	19			8						
69	L.Cooke, T.Pellicci, J.Prior, M.Piper, T.Smolennars	2510	15.52	20			9						
60	Nina McMahon, Tom Richards	2510	15.54	21			10						
96	Leigh Sullivan, David West	2480	15.50	22			11						
10	Lee Lowe, Susan Moore	2470	15.52	23		1		8		1			
25	Neil Chappell, John Keats	2440	15.50	24	12			9	5			1	
81	Barbara Barnes, Richard Barnes	2410	15.56	25			12	10			4		
21	Tony Martin, Terry Murphy	2400	15.50	26	13			11	6				
99	Sean Ireland, Judith LeBreton	2400	15.51	27			13						
92	Robert Bradley, Erika van Lennepe	2380	16.04	28			14						
52	Jo Gifkins, Mick Lo Monaco, Joel Stewart	2370	15.56	29			15						
72	Michael Hanratty, John Oakley	2270	15.52	30	14								
19	Erin Barr, Adam Fossati	2240	15.57	31			16						
20	Andrew Hassall, Amber Hassall	2240	15.57	32			17						
2	Judy Young, Lindsay Young	2210	15.55	33			18	12			5		
77	Kirk Bendall, John Clancy, Anna Clarke	2160	15.57	34			19						
12	Graham Millar, Richard B Smyth	2150	15.52	35	15			13	7		2		
11	Deborah Byers, Lyn Jones, Andrew Lumsden	2130	16.14	36			20	14			6		
104	Malcolm Beaton, Alison Fogarty, Elizabeth Roediger	2100	15.52	37			21						
93	Kerryn & Scott Morrison, Bronwyn & Graham Wilson	2080	16.01	38			22						
98	David Hill, Jon Latham	2060	15.49	39	16								
9	Sandra Marder, Janet Morris	2060	15.55	40		2		15		2	3		
41	Andy Cairns, Malcolm Hughes	2050	16.10	41	17			16	8			4	
101	J.Bowles, C.Fulton, J.Ledger, W.Mumford	2040	15.48	42			23	17			7		
47	George Kriflik, Lynda Kriflik	2000	15.49	43			24	18			8		
84	Ken Cromwell, Simon McCartney	1960	16.06	44	18			19	9				
4	Gail Barr, Sandra Souter, Vic Souter	1880	15.45	45			25	20			9	5	
13	Zuzu Burford, Jitka Kopriova	1880	15.54	46			26	21			10		
3	Bill Gribble, Leslie Steinhau	1840	15.58	47	19			22	10				
119	P.Heffron, A.Hordicek, D.Marland, C.White	1830	15.56	48			27						
108	Catherine Cooney, Paul Marsh, Sharon Phillips	1820	15.58	49			28						
17	Christine Mooney, O.Robertson, J.Samuels, J.Tamawski	1750	15.45	50			29						



Team	Walk/Run Course	Score	Time	Overall	Men	Women	Mixed	Veteran	Mens Vet	Women Vet	Mixed Vet	Super Vet	Family
111	Ian Gregory, Owen, Kathy & Clinton Smalley	1740	15.57	51			30						
24	David & James McFarlane, Craig & Jenny Starling	1700	15.35	52			31						
110	Camilla Back, Jens Mitts	1700	15.47	53			32						
33	Robyn Bevvitt, Geoff Silburn, Mardi Silburn	1700	15.52	54			33						
97	Kerri Edwards, Paula, Neville, Brooke & Leighton Hill	1660	15.56	55			34						1
59	Katherine Crawford, Phil Holman, Mariana von Lucken	1630	14.56	56			35						
79	Ron, Rose, Sue, Steve & Tom Hutchings	1630	15.43	57			36						2
56	Lyn Berg, Tony Bond, Alan Garner, Jon Marsden	1610	15.55	58			37	23			11		
28	Bo Bajic, Rob Lucas	1600	15.55	59			38						
45	David, Deborah, Jenny, Rebecca & Rachael Noble	1600	16.01	60			39						3
6	Penny Allen, Marie Kibble	1590	15.46	61		3		24		3		6	
62	Ken Bunnnett, Paul & Harry Goyen, Douglas McClibben	1560	14.42	62	20			25	11				
42	Ian Crakanthorp, Julie Gray, Peter Gray	1560	15.35	63			40						
27	Alison Hanratty, Therese Oakley	1550	15.51	64		4							
46	Alan, Chani, Raymond & Tania Barrett	1530	15.22	65			41						4
117	Emma Griffith, Clare Watson	1530	15.43	66		5							
82	Nila Sarma, Simran Thind, Paramuir Thind	1510	15.50	67			42						5
74	Gillian, Kitty, Paul & Steve Harrison	1470	15.44	68			43						6
86	John May, Julie Mitchell, Bruce O'Brien	1470	16.00	69			44						
73	Emma & Martin Mansfield, Jamie & Jessica Simpson	1470	16.01	70			45						7
71	Christian Meek, Helen Meek	1430	14.50	71			46						
66	Melissa Grant, Francisca Matheson, Norman Matheson	1330	15.53	72			47						
105	Lynne McNairn, R McNairn, Martin Robinson	1290	15.58	73			48						
14	John Cole, Sophie Cole	1280	14.55	74			49						8
30	Penny Field, Geoff Ritchie, Tom Thomas	1240	15.42	75			50	26			12		
118	Matthew Mara, Eriko Mara	1210	15.12	76			51						
39	Andrew Pope, Belinda Pope, Stephen Pope, Shaun Pope	1210	15.20	77			52						9
54	Debbie Hotchkis, Barbara Noske	1210	16.01	78		6		27		4			
8	Amanda Matheson, Sharon Thomas, Vanessa Thomas	1200	15.56	79		7							
48	Chris Waring, Grace Waring, Julie Waring, Mies Waring	1180	15.48	80			53						10
22	Ian Kearns, Thais Turner	1160	15.48	81			54						
37	Sonia Kupina, Alan Mansfield, Louis Mansfield	1160	15.58	82			55						11
116	Katherine Hall, Abby Scott	1120	13.02	83		8							
38	Anthony, Michael & Michelle Allen, Michelle Dang	940	16.03	84			56						
51	Susan Ley, Lisa-Jane Taylor	900	15.19	85		9							
57	Peter Shea, Louise Shea, Judy Shea, Paul Shea	880	14.37	86			57						
55	Julie Gardner, Geoff Hall, Lachlan Hall, Sachin Hall	750	16.00	87			58						12
120	Rodger, Belinda, Grace, Georgina & Declan Wall	690	16.06	88			59						13
50	Talia Hawkes, Ian Hawkes, Melanie Hawkes	580	15.51	89			60						14
89	Nicky Herring, Jill Venables	570	14.30	90		10							
88	Rhonda Castle, Stephen Castle	210	11.08	91			61						



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<http://www.rogaining.com>  
 The International Rogaining Federation website  
 and rogaîne the world over.



## ~ The Wilderness Society Ecogaine ~

23-24th March 2002

The first ever Ecogaine is only three weeks away, and is shaping up to be a great event.

The Ecogaine is a 15-in-24 hour format event, which gives participants lots of time to explore the area, visit plenty of checkpoints, practice night navigation, and still have time to relax and socialise.

So, why an Ecogaine?

This event came about as a collaboration between the NSW Rogaining Association, Paul Batten and Bronwyn Lawton of the Macquarie University Bushwalking Club, and The Wilderness Society.

The event aims to celebrate the cross-over between the outdoor community - which spends much of its time enjoying the bush, and the environmental movement - which plays an important role in protecting it.

A rogaine seemed like the perfect event to bring these groups and ideas together, as well as an opportunity to welcome newcomers to the sport in a user-friendly event.

The focus for the Ecogaine is the surroundings in which the event will be held. There will be displays and information on the area and its natural heritage, as well as a portion of the entry fee going to local environmental projects.

Participants will also have the opportunity to directly support forest and land clearing campaigns in NSW, by getting friends and family to sponsor them, based on the number of points scored. All proceeds will go directly to campaigns by the Sydney office of The Wilderness Society. Sponsorship forms are available on the event website, and will be sent out with registration papers.

Event T-shirts are also available for \$20 each, and can be ordered by calling Michelle on 0402 876 376, or emailing [shellielindsay@hotmail.com](mailto:shellielindsay@hotmail.com).

For more information on this event, visit the Ecogaine website, at <http://www.clubs.mq.edu.au/macbushwalk/rogaining/ecogaine.htm> or call Paul on 9801 5257.

*Michelle Lindsay*  
The Wilderness Society

*Paul Batten*  
Event Coordinator

# Assistance from volunteers is essential to the sport.

No experience is necessary - detailed instructions are supplied.

 <b>Volunteer Requirements</b>	<b>The Ecogaine</b> <b>23/24th March</b>	<b>Paddy Pallin</b> <b>16th June</b>	<b>Lake Macquarie</b> <b>24th August</b>	<b>NSW Champs</b> <b>19-20th</b> <b>October</b>
<b>Event Co-ordinator</b>	Paul Batten	Andy Mein	Harry Goyen	Graeme Cooper
<b>Course Setter/s</b>	Paul Batten	Andrew Pope	Bert van Netten	Graeme Cooper
<b>Course Vetter/s</b>	Sue Clarke Mark Farac	Phil Holman	???	Richard Sage Nihal Danis
<b>Administration</b> Team leader plus 5 - 6 others  Team Leader indicated in <b>bold</b>	<b>Bronwyn Lawton</b> Michelle Lindsay  ???	<b>Belinda Pope</b> Tanya Chivers Jennie Bond	Dianne van Netten  ???	Richard Sage Nihal Danis  ???
<b>Hash-House</b> Team leader plus 6 - 12 others  Team Leader indicated in <b>bold</b>	Abigail Nield Rachel Sandwell Jason Tsui Dawne Algiz Joshua Hutley & the Macquarie Uni. Bushwalking and Orienteering Club	<b>1st.</b> <b>Waitara</b> <b>Scouts</b>	???	<b>Vicki Cooper</b>  ???
<b>Flag Retrieval</b>	???	???	???	???
<b>Contact Details</b>	Paul Batten 0403 176 716	Andy Mein 9879 4464	Harry Goyen 4973 3012	Graeme Cooper 6772 3584



If you are interested in organising your own event please contact our Event Manager, Mike Hotchkis (see committee contact listing), or if you are able to help on an existing event please contact the event organisers noted above.

# The last 10 years of New South Wales Rogaines:

Date	Length	Event Name	Locality / nearest town
25th May	24 hr	NSW Champs - Battle of Wuuluman	Wellington
14th June	6 hr	29th Paddy Pallin Rogaine	Mangrove Mt, near Gosford
18th July	12 hr	Plum Pudding 12 hour	Tamworth
19th Sept.	12 hr	The Lake Macquarie Rogaine	Lake Macquarie
28th Feb.	6 hr	Metrogaine	Homebush
10th May	24 hr	Bugs Bunny Rogaine	Weddin Mts NP, Grenfell
11th July	6 hr	Cataract Paddy Pallin Rogaine	Appin
28th August	24 hr	NSW Champs - Lake Tabourie	Ulladulla
30th Oct.	12 hr	2nd Annual Lake Macquarie Rogaine	Lake Macquarie Environs
27th Feb.	12 hr	UpsideDown	Wingello SF
10th April	6 hr	Metrogaine	E Suburbs, Sydney
21st May	24 hr	NSW Champs - Nowendoc	Nowendoc, near Gloucester
19th June	6 hr	Hellcat Mountain Paddy Pallin Rogaine	Hampton SF, Oberon
20th August	12 hr	3rd Annual Lake Macquarie Rogaine	Lake Macquarie Environs
15th Oct.	24 hr	Aust Champs - Land of Oz Rogaine	Bethungra, Cootamundra
26th Nov.	6 hr	Believe-it-or-not Socialgaine	Menai
19th Feb.	12 hr	UpsideDown	Newnes SF, Lithgow
23rd April	6 hr	Lane Cove River Metrogaine	Lane Cove
4th June	6 hr	32nd Paddy Pallin Rogaine	Bilpin, Blue Mts
12th August	12 hr	4th Annual Lake Macquarie Rogaine	Lake Macquarie Environs
9th Sept.	24 hr	NSW Champs	Capertee, near Lithgow
25th Nov.	6 hr	Socialgaine	Stanwell Park, Wollongong
10th March	12 hr	Cox's Crossing UpsideDown	Lithgow
28th April	6 hr	Sutherland Shire Metrogaine	Sutherland
16th June	6 hr	33th Paddy Pallin Rogaine	Patonga, Gosford
3rd August	24 hr	Pretty Beach Rogaine	Ulladulla
28th Sept.	12 hr	5th Annual Lake Macquarie Rogaine	Lake Macquarie Environs
26th Oct.	24 hr	NSW Champs	Cedar Brush, Scone
16th Nov.	6 hr	Socialgaine	Yengo NP, St Albans
25th April	24 hr	NSW Champs	Gurnang Gallop, Oberon
25th May	6 hr	Hornsby Shire Metrogaine	Pennant Hills
15th June	6 hr	34th Paddy Pallin Rogaine	Bargo, Campbelltown
24th August	12 hr	Spur of the Moment	Glenbrook, Blue Mts
20th Sept.	12 hr	6th Annual Lake Macquarie Rogaine	Lake Macquarie Environs
11th Oct.	24 / 50 hr	Bushwalker's Rogaine	Yalwal, Nowra
15th Nov.	6 hr	Spit Roast Socialgaine	Newcastle
8th March	6 hr	Foot and Ferry Metrogaine	Sydney Harbour
4th May	24 hr	Cookbundoon Rogaine	Goulburn
14th June	6 hr	Fortress Ridge Paddy Pallin Rogaine	Leura, Blue Mts
8th August	24 hr	NSW Champs - Lostock	Maitland
5th Sept.	12 hr	7th Annual Lake Macquarie Rogaine	Lake Macquarie Environs
5th Dec.	3 hr	Christmas Social	Como, Sutherland

28th Feb. 6 hr  
 27th March 24 hr  
 20th June 6 hr  
 28th August 24 hr  
 18th Sept. 12 hr  
 5th Dec. 6 hr

Macarthur Country Metrogaine  
 Yadborigaine  
 36th Paddy Pallin Rogaine  
 NSW Champs - Wollombi  
 8th Annual Lake Macquarie Rogaine  
 Mullo's walks socialgaine

Campbelltown  
 Yadboro, near Milton  
 Coolendel, Nowra  
 Wollombi, near Cessnock  
 Lake Macquarie Environs  
 Hornsby

5th March 6 hr  
 15th April 24hr  
 18th June 6 hr  
 15th July 24 hr  
 7th Oct. 12 hr  
 25th Nov. 12 hr

Pre-Olympic Metrogaine  
 NSW Champs - Six Brothers  
 37th Paddy Pallin Rogaine  
 Aust Champs - Bach in 24 hours  
 9th Annual Lake Macquarie Rogaine  
 Wingello Socialgaine

Homebush, Sydney  
 Colo Heights  
 Capertee, near Lithgow  
 Gundy, near Scone  
 Lake Macquarie Environs  
 Wingello SF

25th Feb. 6 hr  
 7th April 24 hr  
 17th June 6 hr  
 5th August 12 hr  
 27th Oct. 24hr  
 25th Nov. 6 hr

Pelican's Roost Metrogaine  
 Wolgan Wander  
 38th Paddy Pallin Rogaine  
 10th Annual Lake Macquarie Rogaine  
 NSW Champs - Back to Bungonia  
 Speer's Point Socialgaine

Northern Beaches  
 Newnes SF, Lithgow  
 Ben Bullen SF, Lithgow  
 Lake Macquarie Environs  
 Bungonia, Goulburn  
 Newcastle



**Any ideas on locations for future events? Let us know.**

## ~ Partner Finding Service ~

***Are you looking for a rogaining partner/s?***

**Maybe your old partner has called it a day or is not up to it anymore!  
 Maybe you just have difficulty finding someone who  
 is willing to go Rogaining on a regular basis.**

**Call Membership Secretary Belinda Pope 9484 1736 or email your request  
[ajbbpope@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ajbbpope@optusnet.com.au)  
 and Belinda will endeavor to help you find the partner/s  
 to suit your level of enthusiasm and experience.**

## Newsletter contributions:

Remember to keep those contributions coming. Put pen to paper or snap a few photographs at your next event and share them with your fellow rogainers. Take note of the submission dates and send your contributions to newsletter Editor Andy Mein. Written word via email would be appreciated (PC Word or 'text' file). Original copies of your photographs would be preferred and will be returned. See Committee listing for contact details.

Issue	Publication Date	Submissions Close
91	22nd May	17th May
92	24th July	19th July
93	25th September	20th September
94	6th November	1st November

# 2001 Financial Statements:

As presented and approved at the 2002 Annual General Meeting  
 Sunday 24th February 2002 - Mountain & Sea Metrogaine, Wollongong

## Profit and Loss for NSWRA

For Operating Year 2001

Administration	Equipment	-\$131.78
	ARA Levy + Insurance	-\$3,524.00
	Executive	-\$170.18
	Membership	\$7,710.00
	Promotion	-\$794.20
	Newsletter	-\$7,569.13
	Stock	\$0.00
Events		\$11,492.12
<b>Profit (Loss)</b>		<b>\$7,012.83</b>

## Balance Sheet for NSWRA

As at 31st December 2001

<b>Assets</b>		
	Current	Cash at Bank \$11,462.20
	Non Current	\$0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,462.20</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
	Current	\$0.00
	Non Current	\$0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Members' Equity</b>	Accumulated Surpluses	\$11,462.20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,462.20</b>

## Cash Movements for NSWRA

For Period 1st January 2001 - 31st December 2001

Opening Balance	\$5,185.64
Current Period Operating Result	\$7,012.83
Non Current Period Movements	-\$736.27
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$11,462.20</b>

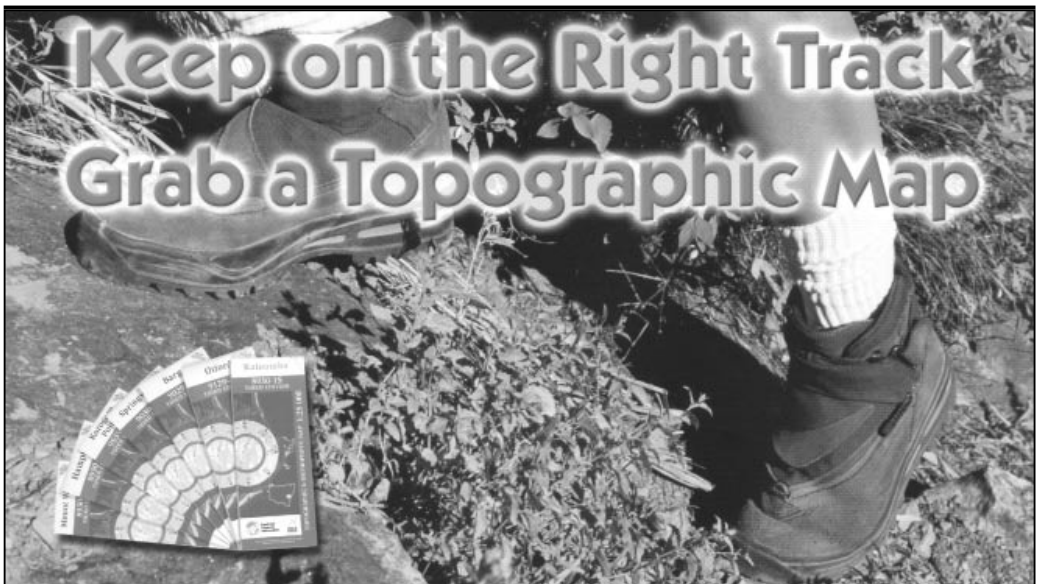
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The NSW Champs also saw a renewed interest in Rogaining by university students. Our sport has enjoyed popularity with tertiary students in the past, however this did drop off in recent years. The Eastern Australian University Championships - open to all NSW and ACT universities was run within the NSW Champs event. The NSWRA contributed trophies for each of the 3 classes; Mens, Womens and Mixed. This year, at the Australian Rogaining Championships in the ACT, the University Challenge will be Australia-wide. It is important that these traditional sources of support for the sport are retained, something which requires continual nurturing. The pastime of university student is increasingly transient and the networks between the Association and the universities must be regularly recreated as students become graduates and move on in life.

2001 saw the introduction of rolling memberships. In fact those of you here today will have shared in this new system, which is intended to retain more of the irregular and infrequent participants at our events, and to spread the renewal workload more evenly throughout the year. It is pleasing to be able to say that 2001 has seen a significant rise in membership and that we ended the year with a record 1070 members, up from 865 the year before. New entry and membership forms have also been introduced, and will be further fine-tuned throughout this year. The Association's web site is under continuous development and is capable of taking on-line entries and membership.

A strong volunteer support base is critical to the continued vitality and energy of the NSWRA. The demand for assistance in organising each event, preparing each newsletter as well as the on-going administrative requirements of the organisation is relentless and cannot be carried by a few. Active membership requires each of us to accept a responsibility to contribute on a regular basis. Fortunately, the opportunities are diverse and the skills required generally modest.

I would like to conclude these comments by saying that we have had a good year in 2001 and we can look forward to another strong year in 2002. ☺



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## What is Rogaining?

Rogaining is the sport of long distance cross-country navigation, in which teams of two to five people visit as many checkpoints as they wish in a set time period. The traditional rogaine is 24 hours in duration, however, there are shorter events of 6, 8 and 12 hours. Most NSW events are held within 2/3 hours travelling time of Sydney.

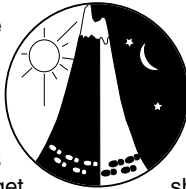
Most rogaines are on foot and held in attractive bush and farmland locations, however, some events are held in metropolitan areas ('metrogaines'), or on bikes ('cyclegaines'). Rogaining is a challenging adventure sport and is a lot of fun.

## Who is it for?

Rogaining is a team activity for people of all ages and levels of fitness. Everyone from elite athletes to families with young children can enjoy rogaining. New rogainers are always welcome and assistance is always available from organisers to help get novices started.

The parts of the course you visit are entirely up to you and your team members. There are no set routes and you don't have to spend the whole time on the course. You can return to the "hash house" at any time for hot food and a rest around the campfire, or a sleep, before heading out again.

Some competitive teams may cover 50 km in a 12 hour event and even more in an event of 24 hours duration. However, the distance you travel is entirely up to you. The satisfaction comes in finding your way around the course according to the route that you have chosen, and navigating back to the finish within the time limit.



## What do you need?

Rogaining is good value for money; all you need is basic bushwalking gear including a compass, whistle, pencil, water bottle, comfortable and warm clothes and shoes, a waterproof jacket and a basic team first aid kit. On 12 and 24 hour events you may also wish to bring along camping gear and spend overnight at the hash house.

## What does it cost?

In New South Wales the entry fees vary from \$20 to \$40 depending on the event. This covers hot food during the event, your map, information sheets and facilities at the hash house. Family teams need only pay two adult entry fees.

A modest annual membership fee is charged to cover among other things a regular bi-monthly newsletter. Membership fees are currently \$13 for individuals and \$17 for a Family membership. A household membership is also available where all members share the same address. In this instance there is an additional \$4 for each person on top of the initial individual membership. You can join when you enter your first event.

## Contact information:

If you are interested in trying Rogaining then get in touch with one of those listed below or the contact specified for the next event on the calendar.

**NSWRA Voicemail** 9990 3480

### **NSWRA Public Officer**

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julianl@yhansw.org.au

### **NSWRA Hon. Secretary**

Sue Clarke 9816 2508  
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