

The following people were elected to the Committee for 2009:

President	Joel Mackay	Publicity Coordinator	Robin Cameron
Secretary	Alexa McAuley	Membership Secretary	Neil Hawthorne
Treasurer	Mike Hotchkis	Archivist	Mike Hotchkis
Public Officer	Julian Ledger	Equipment Officer	Paul Stein
Volunteers and Events Coordinator	Phil Whitten	Webmaster	Graeme Cooper
ARA Representative	Gill Fowler	Additional Committee	Marty Middlebrook
Safety Officer	Peter Cox		Paddy Aicken

The following positions did not receive any nominations and remained unfilled at the conclusion of the meeting:

Vice President

5. General Business.

University students' participation in Rogaining and the intervarsity champs

- Paddy raised the issue that uni students often find it difficult to commit to a full weekend away (and transport is an issue for many students), however shorter, more local events occur at bad times (Metrogaine before semester begins, Paddy Pallin and Socialgaine around exams).
- The sponsorship available for the intervarsity champs is a good incentive, but it would also be helpful to offer more opportunities for uni students to participate in shorter events, to come and try rogaining
- We discussed the idea of a 3 hour "come and try it" event in local Sydney bushland

Safety co-ordination and response for Rogaines

- Dug has performed this role for the Lake Macquarie rogaie in the past and is also going to do so for the NSW champs this year
- Dug is a member of the Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Service (BWRS), who can potentially provide this service for our other bush events
- The role includes: preparation of a safety plan, provision of a safety officer (with first aid skills), communication equipment and suitable vehicle at the event, and co-ordination of the response team at the Hash House
- BWRS also offer first aid courses which rogainers may be interested in

Format of AGM

- Attendees agreed that this format was more productive than holding the AGM after the Metrogaine.

Meeting closed at approx. 8.00 pm.

President's Report for 2008

Events

In 2008, NSWRA hosted six rogaines. We kicked off the year in February with 300 people turning out for the now traditional metrogaine, this time taking in some of the scenery around the Northern Beaches of Sydney. Graeme Hill and Ann Newman set a splendid course that took us into parts of the area that I suspect most people didn't know existed. A highlight was the fabulous waterfall in a hidden gully – I must get back and have a look at that again!

In April, the NSW Champs 24-h event was held on the South Coast at Bendelong – a delightful spot on the coast with a great hash house and no shortage of scenery. Dave Baldwin and Julie Quinn cleaned that one up to take the NSW Championships title back to ACT.

The Paddy Pallin event returned to the Newnes Plateau area west of Sydney, where Nicole Sellin and Nigel McDonald had nearly 600 people haring around the forestry trails and plunging into the surrounding pockets of native bush. The turnout was a bit lower than our record ~800 in 2006, so we do need to keep thinking about what brings people to the sport – as well as what might be making them wander off. Any feedback on these issues from members is certainly welcomed.

NSWRA also hosted the Australian 24-h Championships this year, with a typically top notch course set by Graeme Cooper up in the Copeton Waters State Park near Inverell. Water levels were substantially lower in the dam than the previous time an event was held in this area (way back in the 90's) so we had new open ground to explore as well as the fabulous pristine bushland surrounding the dam. Turnout again was a bit lower than previous events, which we have attributed to a combination of several factors including the Friday-Saturday timing of the event although it is not clear how much of an impact this had on attendance. At any rate, those who didn't make it missed out on what really was a great course. Tragically, Dave and Julie again took the trophy back to the ACT, setting a bit of a pattern for 2008!

Bob Gilbert again ran our annual Lake Macquarie 6- and 12-h event in October and for once we ran an event that was not taken out by Dave and Julie (but perhaps only because they didn't enter). Roughly 230 people were well rinsed by a few isolated showers during the event and enjoyed some great views and the well-established tea-and-damper spot out on the course.

The year was capped off by the also traditional Socialgaine, set by Gillian Fowler and Matt Ryan, in the lower Blue Mountains. Again, ~240 of us had the chance to see some of the tracks and sights of the area that were probably new to many of the competitors in what was an excellent event.

On top of our usual events, we trialled a new initiative in 2008 – a Navigation Workshop, which was organized primarily by Phil Whitten and held in September at the Rydal showgrounds near Lithgow, with the able assistance of a dozen or so experienced rogainers. Attendance at the two-day workshop was capped at 50 people and was sold out prior to the event. Attendees had food and accommodation provided for the weekend and the chance to hone their skills in small group sessions, which included plenty of opportunities to get out into the bush and practise – even at night. By all accounts, the event was a roaring success, and we will certainly be having a repeat dose, most likely in 2010.

Membership and finances

2008 saw us change our membership scheme, to make life easier for event administrators and participants alike. In the new regime, there is no longer any need to independently join NSWRA – membership is automatically included for one year when you enter an event. Those of you who have previously tried to figure out who is a paid-up member when taking registrations at an event will definitely appreciate this change!

Overall, nearly 1800 registrations were received for NSWRA events in 2008 and we had approximately 1150 NSW residents compete in events. As indicated above, this was a little bit down on 2007 and 2006, and we are thinking about what the causes might be. Again, we welcome any input from members.

We have had a few hiccups with our online entry system this year, and are in the process of sorting out something that will serve us better in the future. Thanks to Graeme Cooper for his efforts there.

The treasurer has provided a report and financial statements to the AGM. The finances of the NSWRA are healthy, and are allowing us to maintain, repair and upgrade our equipment in addition to running events.

NSWRA volunteers and committee

All of our activities are run 100% by members who volunteer their time for the organization. Without them we wouldn't be running any events at all! I would like to thank all of the people who volunteered for events in 2008, and encourage people to think about helping out in 2009. I would also like to thank the members of the committee for the work that they have put in running the organization.

I hope to see you out on a course or around the hash house in 2009!

Joel Mackay
President, NSW Rogaining Association

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for 2008

The Association made a profit in 2008 of \$21,679.89 and now has accumulated assets of \$81,910.79 represented by cash at bank \$11,002.87 and cash management account \$70,907.92.

There are no known outstanding liabilities.

A lack of detailed information has made any detailed analysis impossible.

Attached are Association

- Balance Sheet as at 31 Dec 2008
- Summary level Profit and Loss for 2008

Anthony Maloney
Treasurer, NSW Rogaining Association

Membership Report for 2008

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- Membership data for 2008

Ian Almond
Membership Secretary, NSW Rogaining Association

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Balance Sheet

As of December 2008

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Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash On Hand			
Cheque Account	\$11,002.87		
Cash Investment Account	\$70,907.92		
Total Cash On Hand		\$81,910.79	
Total Current Assets		\$81,910.79	
Total Assets			\$81,910.79
Liabilities			
Net Assets			
			\$81,910.79
Equity			
Retained Earnings		\$35,088.32	
Current Year Earnings		\$21,679.89	
Historical Balancing		\$25,142.58	
Total Equity			\$81,910.79

NSWRA 2008 Summary Income Statement

Income

Memberships	\$	110.00
Events	\$	95,723.69
Total	\$	95,833.69

Expenses

Administration

Books	\$	680.00
Equipment	\$	4,022.39
Executive	\$	2,233.77
Newsletter	\$	559.59
Promotion	\$	1,349.75
Total	\$	8,845.50

Events

Metrogaine	3509.43
Paddy Pallin	14764.4
Lake Macquarie	8598.8
Social Weekend	2716.11
Training W/E	2429.33
NSW Champs	13450.44
Aus Champs	19839.79
Total	65308.3

Profit \$ 21,679.89

NSW Rogaining Association Membership / Entrants - 2008

Count of Person	Age				Grand Total
	Open	U18	Vet	#VALUE!	
0				1	1
1	42	2	24	3	71
2	576	104	462	21	1163
3			1		1
4	1		5		6
5			2		2
6	12		16		28
7	2		2		4
8	1				1
9	7		18		25
10	2		1		3
Grand Total	643	106	531	25	1305

State =0,2 = NSW
 State =1 = ACT
 State =0,2 = NSW
 State =3 = NT
 State =4 = NZ
 State =5 = UK
 State =6 = QLD
 State =7 = SA
 State =8 = TAS
 State =9 = VIC
 State =10 = WA

- Under 18 years	-106	
+ Paid membership and did not enter any event	29	
Total ARA Count	1228	minus any entrants that were members of another state