

President's Report

2014 was another successful year of NSW Rogaining events! We saw an increase in Rogainers coming along to our events, in particular to the 6 hour event. I do hope to see a few new faces take the next challenge and give a 12 or 24 hour rogaine a go in 2015.

For me, the 12-hour Rogaine is a great and fun length event. There's not so much need for speed, the weather starts to cool as evening sets in and there's a chance to explore the area by night. Time slips away quickly and before too long its back to the HH, to share stories around the fire and enjoy the catering before retreating to the tent for a good sleep. For the 24 hour events, there is no requirement to stay out all night either. Many teams come back and enjoy dinner at the HH, have a sleep and head out as it dawns to collect some more controls.

This is also the opportunity for me to acknowledge and say a big "THANK YOU" to the 2014 committee. Much work goes on behind the scenes to ensure you all experience enjoyable Rogaine events. So to: Mike Hotchkis, Trevor Gollan, Mark von Hubon, David Stanley, Dale Thompson, Jacqui Matthews, and especially Jason Tsui and Graeme Cooper, who are stepping down for a very well-earned rest. Jason has helped out with Publicity for many years, and also is a regular behind the rego table at events. Graeme is a stalwart of the NSWRA. He has helped out immensely, and Graeme's time and effort has helped shape and create NSWRA. Since I have been on the committee Graeme has been the 'go to' person for our event database system and the website. Prior to this Graeme also spent many years participating, course-setting and organising events. We will also fondly remember Vicki Cooper's smiling face, as a catering extraordinaire.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers that have put up their hand, or have accepted the call for help when asked last year. Our events can only go ahead with your help, and many hands make event planning easier. We are always in need of more help, so please get in touch with our Volunteer Coordinator or any of the committee, if you can assist.

2015 has already started strong. We had around 500 rogainers at the Metrogaine event last month. NSWRA will be hosting the Australasian Rogaining Championships in October, and we have new places to explore for our usual rogaines on the Calendar. So, I look forward to seeing you all out on a course this year!

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