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	Date	Event	Location	Contact
	1st April	ACT Paddy Pallin 6 Hour	ACT	(02) 6247 5334
NSW	7-8th April	12 / 24 hour	Western Blue Mts.	Sue Clarke (02) 9816 2508
	4-5th May	ACT Champs 24 Hour	ACT	(02) 6247 5334
NSW	17th June	Paddy Pallin 6 Hour	North-west of Lithgow	Julian Ledger (02) 9261 1111
NSW	7-8th July	NAV '01	TBA	Organised independently by Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue
NSW	25th August	6 / 12 hour	Lake Macquarie	Rob Vincent (02) 4956 7018
	9th September	Cyclegaine	ACT	(02) 6247 5334
NSW	27-28th October	NSW Champs 12 / 24 hour	Southern Highlands	Mike Hotchkis (02) 4294 1363
NSW	25th November	Socialgaine 6 hour	South of Newcastle	Ian Dempsey (02) 4943 5790
	1st December	Spring 6 / 12 Hour	ACT	(02) 6247 5334
NSW	24th February 2002	Metrogaine 6 hour	TBA	TBA

Rogaining in other States

Date	State	Event	Location	Contact
7th April	Western Australia	Autumn 12 hr	TBA	(08) 9342 9213
5-6th May	South Australia	12/24 Hour	TBA	(08) 8271 2712
5-6th May	Victoria	24 Hour	TBA	(03) 9438 6626
13th May	Queensland	Metrogaine	TBA	(07) 3351 6563
4-5th August	Western Australia	Oz Champs	TBA	(08) 9342 9213

Next World Championships

25-28th July 2002 Czech Republic

President's Piece:

Those of you, who participated in Anne and Merv's thoroughly enjoyable Metrogaine, would have discovered that I'm your new president. I've been Rogaining since the 1993 Paddy Pallin at Appin, mostly with my wife Nihal, who is becoming increasingly obsessed with entering every Rogaining event available. As I said back then 'we enter to make the winners look good'. But we enjoy it - enormously. The challenge of the event, new course locations, the social interaction with the friends we've made over the years, and continue to makeAll of that, AND I can choose my own tastefully clashing wardrobe.

The beginning of something is the end of something else. I'd like to thank Sue Clark for her enthusiasm as president for the last 2 years, and also to Ken Smith who has been our membership secretary. Welcome to Belinda and Andrew Pope who have now taken on that job. And welcome also to our newest member Louis, born a couple of weeks ago to happy novice parents Sonya Kupina and Alan Mansfield.

Introducing novices to the sport of Rogaining is important, not only as a way of gaining new members, but also as part of our task of informing the wider community about our purpose and existence. I like the idea of reducing the cost of entry for any member who introduces a novice, and would welcome comment on this or other ideas to encourage you to bring along new competitors from time to time.

We have a full event calender again this year, with many regular names involved. Rogaining relies on volunteers to run these events. The Sydney Olympics legitimised the value of volunteerism in the community. If you haven't yet become involved in the organisation and running of a Rogaine, I urge you to take the challenge. It's rewarding and it enriches one's appreciation of future events. **Information about volunteering can be found on page 10 of this newsletter.**

Our big event of last year was the Australian Rogaining Championships held at Gundy. Not only did we receive much favorable comment (thanks largely to the efforts of Graeme and Vicky Cooper) but also with interstate and international entrants, the use of on-line entry and access to the entry form on the web site were convenient for many competitors. We would like to improve these services as our resources [time and effort] allow. Your views, as the users, are important if they are to be a success. Send in your ideas on these or other issues for improving the Rogaine experience.

My last item is to encourage contributions to the newsletter. Andy Mein is our editor. He's keen, but that might start wearing a bit thin if he has to produce the copy as well. Photos, letters, articles - its amazing how good he can make it look! Send it in.

See you all at 'Walter's Wolgan Wander' in April.

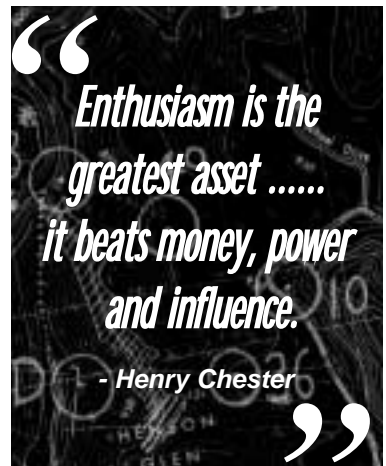
Richard Sage

President - NSWRA



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12/24 Hour:

Event name: **'Wolgan Wander'**
Date: **7 - 8th April 2001**
Location: **Western Blue Mountains**
Event length: **24 hours with a 12 hour option**

This event has it all - views, magnificent rocky outcrops to scramble over, tracks down most of the spurs to give you a rest from bush-bashing, beautiful spiders webs, and the occasional wallow holes well used on those hot Christmas/New Year days out course-setting.

The area is almost all native forest, with some magnificent views from the many rocky outcrops on which we just couldn't resist hanging our flags. Caesar (the course-setting dog) enjoyed developing his rock climbing skills, though they are not necessary to reach any of the controls.

The hardest part has been keeping the beer cold for the end of the day, and dragging ourselves back to the city at the end of the weekend. So fill out the entry form that came with this newsletter and send it off today. Or maybe tomorrow if you need time to finalise your team.

Walter, Sue & Caesar



Paddy Pallin:

Event name: **38th Annual Paddy Pallin Rogaine**
Date: **17th June 2001**
Location: **North-west of Lithgow**
Event length: **6 hours**

The 38th Annual Paddy Pallin 6 Hour Rogaine is happening on Sunday 17th June. Experienced Rogainers/Orienteers Ross Barr and Ron Jungans have set a course for this year on a great bit of country just north-west of Lithgow. Featuring track networks, open forest, some challenging pagoda country plus outstanding views, it promises to be an event not to be missed. Suitable for beginners and seasoned campaigners.

Its a nearly three hour drive so those coming from Sydney are recommended not to leave it until the Sunday morning. There will be free camping on the Saturday night along with a great meal courtesy of 1st Waitara Scouts. Or try a stopover at the new Blue Mountains YHA opening soon in Katoomba. The course is at around 1000 metres so bring your beanie. As the NSW's biggest rogaine it is always fully subscribed so enter early and bring along your friends.

Julian Ledger



Interstate Invitation:

OZ CHAMPS in Western Australia 4/5th AUGUST 2001

You must be a rogainer to read this and you must be thinking, "I wonder how good a rogainer the Western Australians will set?" Well, let me tell you that at no expense spared, we have set the rogainer in an idyllic spot just south of Perth. It has been set in lush, rolling countryside with little sheep leaping in meadows, butterflies fluttering by from flower to flower, frogs croaking in the gently babbling brooks and with birds flitting about the trees for such a joyous occasion. You will all want to bring your picnic rugs and baskets to enable you to take your time soaking up the wonderment of such a site. The hills have been carefully lowered so there will be less stress on your dear bodies but we have arranged a token cliff to be left in so all those who wish to go bungy jumping can also have some fun. All the farmers have agreed to lower their fences for the event so that all of you who have "Ducks Disease" won't have to stress yourself by lifting your feet too high.

There will be special items performed hourly by the untalented setters and veters to ensure that you don't get bored. Don't clap - throw money. We will put food and drinks on the course so your blood sugar levels don't drop by any attempt of physical exercise (orders will be taken prior to the start of the rogainer). There will be a great hash house with gourmet food and wine for the quaffing, French maids serving all the men and men in Gee strings serving the women. The map will be patrolled regularly by the organisers to pass out footy scores (except the Bombers), tips on how to get a reasonable score, and to pass on enthusiastic messages of encouragement. Good weather has been ordered, so shorts, T-shirts and thongs will be the midnight dress. Sooks who wear Polatec jackets will be scorned.

Can you imagine not enjoying such a great rogainer?? Get your entries in early so you won't be disappointed when it all fills up. Entry forms will be available during March or April via your state association newsletter. We welcome you all (including Tasmanians with their right head on) to come and enjoy our state - but make sure you have a return ticket!

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(Jeff Conrades and Vince Harding)

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'Pelican's Roost' Metrogaine Debrief:

The Pelican Roost Metrogaine, where did the name come from? You know, not one contestant asked. One assumes that rogainers; no, Metrogainers, are a clever bunch and had worked out the origin of the name for themselves. For those that didn't work it out, didn't ask or didn't go to the top half of the map, well we'll tell you. For those that travelled to the top half of the map, and nearly all the top teams did and crossed Narrabeen Bridge, the pelicans roost on the top of the metal street light posts on Narrabeen Bridge. The original idea for this event was to have the event a little further north but again due to the road bridge on Wakehurst Parkway the event was moved further south. You should have seen the controls that we abandoned; - waterfalls, creeks, "Red Hill", some more beaches and Elanora Heights.

This being our first attempt at organising a complete event, one observed previous Metrogaine events and very quickly realised that some of the controls and answers in those events were somewhat controversial. With this in mind we set out to ensure that it didn't happen in "our" event. Whilst we didn't have any major stuff-ups, it turned out there were a few controls that were misleading, difficult to interpret or just plain difficult to find. For those people that had trouble, we sincerely apologise.

Immediately after the event we went back and checked some controls that contestants had inquired about. We had no trouble in finding them and neither did the vetting team, prior to the event. What is very obvious to one person is a total mystery to someone else.

I always thought a skateboard ramp was a simple skateboard ramp. Judy and Lindsay Young participating in a Mixed Vets team pointed out that in fact the answer to control 63 is incorrect and the correct answer should be 2 half pipes and one complex and not 3 skateboard ramps. Thanks to Judy and Lindsay for the education in skateboard ramp design and terminology.



NSWRA President Richard Sage congratulating Merv English and Anne Newman on an excellent event.
Photo: Andy Mein.

Throughout the afternoon, several people reported that when they visited control 40 behind Harbord Diggers Club, a table and chair was covering the control. As the afternoon wore on, a tablecloth appeared on the table and contestants had to lift the tablecloth to get the answer they were looking for. Contestants that visited this control later in the day were asked to "rack-off" as a wedding was in progress and the wedding table was over "our" control. We have heard many far fetched stories over the years from rogainers as to why they couldn't get to the control, but who in their right mind would come back with a story such as this. Those that came back and told this story were accredited with the points for that control. We also heard that the wedding was quite a pleasant affair, however a bit disrupted by lots of people wanting to run through the place.

Several people came back and reported they had a swim at one of the many beaches, however one team took this one step further and felt that the quickest and easiest way to get to the controls on the northern side of Narrabeen Lake, was to swim the lake. A local no doubt. I couldn't quite work out why some teams wanted to laminate their control card, prior to the event. Now I know.

These events take a lot of organising and whilst Anne and I started working on the map over a year ago, one cannot do without the myriad of helpers on the day. Both Anne and I would like to thank all those that helped make this day enjoyable for all participants.

We would like to thank Michael Renvoie "The Chef", Craig, Leonie, Annie, Jann and Silvana and Trevor for their efforts with the catering and Lisa, Sandy, Paula, Doris Jenny, Eric and Terry for all their help with the administration. A special thanks to Andy Mein for dragging me out of the poo at the very last minute with the printing of the maps.

Whilst it was our first attempt at organising a Rogaining event, we did learn a lot, about little things. All in all we were pleased with the day, most people enjoyed themselves and we did receive many accolades on the day and since. Whilst it was a lot of work, Anne admits that we could be coerced into organising another Metrogaine, maybe the year after next and maybe we could do the event even better. We even have the area sussed out.

Anne Newman and Merv English

Team #	2001 Metrogaine Results										Score	Time In	Overall	Men's	Women's	Mixed	Men's Vets	Mixed Vets	Family	Junior	Super Vet
69	Andy Hill, Rob Preston	2980	2.55	1	1																
48	Mark Shingler, Alan Garde	2720	2.56	2	2																
115	Ian Cameron, James Lithgow	2720	3.00	3								1									
29	Peter Gordon, Andrew McLeod	2580	2.58	4	3																
72	Toby Cogley, Rosemary King, Julian Allport, Cameron McIntosh	2580	2.59	5	4																
22	Graeme Hill, Sue Clarke	2430	3.00	6									1								
66	Andrew Haigh, Nicole Haigh	2390	3.03	7							1										
110	David Jenkins, David Stuckey, Peter Wood	2340	2.55	8	5																
5	Ian McKenzie, Ross Barr	2260	2.56	9								2									
8	Ron Junghans, Eric Smith	2220	2.59	10																	1
94	Richard Barnes, David West	2190	2.49	11	6																
107	Robert Winn, Judy van der Geest	2180	2.54	12							2										
12	Ian Dempsey, Robert Lewin	2160	2.59	13								3									
62	Andy Mein, Chris Mein	2140	2.59	14	7																
24	Geoff Peel, Margaret Peel	2090	2.58	15							3										
93	John Barnes, Andrew Perry	2030	2.52	16	8																
95	Adam Hunter, Simon Rowe	1980	2.59	17	9																
102	Reddall Leslie, Julian Leslie	1970	2.59	18														1			
105	Julian Ledger, Toby Trappel	1960	2.50	19	10																
40	Campbell Wills, Andrew Wisnewski, Tony Maloney	1950	3.00	20	11																
33	Neil Chappell, David Lilley	1920	2.56	21								4									
116	Lindsay Young, Judy Young	1910	2.53	22									2								
36	Roderick Smith, Tony Lavis	1880	2.53	23																	2
119	Dave Cochrane, Jacqui Cochrane	1880	2.54	24							4										
31	Chris Stevenson, John Clancy	1860	2.55	25	12																
58	Jo Williams, Patrick Murphy	1840	2.27	26							5										
114	Julie Avakian, Michael Avakian	1830	2.55	27							6										
75	John Herb, John Linich	1820	2.54	28									3								
90	Phillip Holman, Neil Lefevre, Julia Zheng, Peter Bruce, Mattijs Perdeck	1760	2.54	29							7										
10	Michael Hanratty, John Oakley	1740	2.59	30	13																
1	Lynne Dabbs, Kevin Williams	1730	2.54	31										4							
59	David Brown, John Moore	1710	2.51	32								5									
16	Malcolm Hughes, Andrew Cairns	1680	2.54	33																	3
11	Russell Taylor, Seth Hertz, Caroline Atkinson, Carlee Flanagan	1630	2.57	34							8										
2	Dianne, Bert, Kim and Jamie van Netten	1620	2.57	35													2				
64	David Green, Richard Connors, Andrew Palmisano	1620	2.53	36	14																

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42	Robert Bradley, Ann Banham, Mark Banham	1610	2.53	37			9				
65	K Hefftner, L J Weiss	1610	2.54	38				5			
103	David Seaton, Rob Seaton, Maureen Jordan	1600	2.50	39		10					
74	Hal Benson, Jason Finlay	1590	2.38	40	15						
88	Chris Ryan, Thomas Ryan	1570	2.42	41					3		
27	David Ireland, Raymond Hand	1530	2.52	42			6				
6	Eliz Bunn, Thomas Bunn, Kate Morly	1510	2.53	43					4		
18	Alice Prudhoe, Felicity Brown, Kirilee Russell	1500	2.54	44						1	
23	Jenifer Borrell, John Keats	1470	2.47	45				6			
118	Martin Spink, Angela Searle	1470	2.56	46		11					
54	Thais Turner, Lynne Trappel	1440	2.51	47	1						
44	Andrew Lumsden, Debbie Byers, Ross Davies, Lyn Jones	1430	2.53	48				7			
55	Rod Tracey, Laura Tracey	1390	2.48	49					5		
43	Richard Smyth, Maggie Hart, Graham Mille, Rosaline Sunter	1380	2.41	50							4
87	Angela Hordichek, Sharon Toohey Joanne Hordichek, Deanna Marland	1360	3.02	51	2						
85	Clare Murphy, Peter Murphy	1330	2.53	52						2	
76	Leslie Steinhaus, Bill Gribble	1320	2.51	53			7				
77	Ted Booth, Joice Booth	1320	2.50	54				8			
113	Ben Newey, Greg Graham	1320	2.54	55	16						
68	Robert J Preston, Julia Preston	1290	2.55	56		12					
111	Tony Dyonon, Heather Dyonon	1290	2.40	57				9			
34	David Trinder, Jitka Kopřiva	1250	2.59	58				10			
56	Catherine Murphy, Damien Murphy	1230	2.52	59						3	
3	Lisa Lampe, Mark Wright	1220	2.56	60				11			
73	Phil Allen, Bob Bartle, John Guilly	1220	2.57	61				12			
108	Wal Mills, Bill Pilgram	1220	2.42	62				13			
82	Nadia Truninger, Anita Truninger, Adam Voigt, Phillip Hirshorn	1150	2.56	63		13					
80	Peter Tuft, Katherine Tuft, Colin Tuft	1130	2.59	64					6		
28	Geoff Silburn, Elizabeth Malouf	1110	2.55	65		14					
38	Andrew Pope, Belinda Pope, Stephen Pope	1110	2.35	66					7		
81	Gavin Wilson, Mathew Almond	1100	1.16	67						4	
26	Anna Pesten, Michael Smith	1090	2.51	68				14			
37	Maureen Fitzpatrick, Pip Brown, Debroah Smith	1080	2.51	69	3						
67	Nihal Danis, Richard Sage, Sema Danis	1050	2.45	70		15					
112	Alistair Monro, Dorian Devers, Joe Falco, Serren Callister	1030	2.49	71		16					
47	Tina Lie, Stewart Brooker	1020	2.39	72		17					
96	Melvyn Cox, Wayne Smith, Melissa White	1020	2.19	73		18					
97	Scott Bedingfield, Neil Davies, Karen Barnsley, Nicole Delridge	1020	2.41	74		19					
92	Scott Palmer, Mark Posford	1000	2.46	75	17						
17	David Dash, Willemina Dash	970	2.13	76							5
49	John Bishop, Karen Hunt, Helen Bishop, Mark Bishop	970	2.40	77					8		
39	Beck Myers, Kirilli Burton, Megan Colditz	960	2.45	78	4						
51	Peter Sharrock, Robin Sharrock	950	2.49	79				15			
52	Ronald Perry, Rosalind Perry	940	2.39	80				16			
84	Stuart Almond, Cindy Ryan, Bronwyn Wilson, Sue Kitchen, Alison Almond	900	2.46	81		20					
9	Harry Goyen, Margaret Covi	890	2.49	82							6
35	Penny Field, Suzy Field, Tom Thomas, Geoff Ritchie	870	2.56	83				17			
86	Lynne Berg, Jon Marsdon, Alan Gamer	870	2.54	84		21					
89	Norin Alam, Catherine Cooney, Nicole Hassett, Bridge Walton, Anna Wheelanan	860	2.57	85	5						
41	Diane Jaworski, Ashley Woods, Jackie Low, Peter Nelson	850	2.48	86		22					
21	Duncan Cross, Loina Cross, Arwen Cross, Elwin Cross	820	2.59	87					9		
71	Michael Weller, Peter Riordan, Jacob Riordan	820	2.30	88	18						
30	Mike Hotchkis, Debbie Hotchkis, Ron Lorenc	790	2.40	89				18			
61	Dayle Green, Carol Genssen	790	2.40	90		6					
78	Maria Tierney, Robyn Tierney, Kealan Tierney, Fintan Tierney	790	2.55	91					10		

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70	Vicki Cooper, Graeme Cooper	780	2.47	92								7
100	Martin Mansfield, Emma Mansfield, Jessica Simpson	780	2.54	93						11		
83	Ian Almond, Jenny Almond Peter Almond, Lessica Almond	770	2.55	95						12		
117	Fulvio Fabreschi, Ashley Fabreschi	770		96			23					
4	John Cole, David Chambers	760	1.45	97	19							
19	Melissa Grant, Bill Grant	760	2.56	98			24					
57	Terry Murphy, Patrick Murphy	750	12.20	99				8				
109	Kathy Campbell, Ross Campbell	730	2.15	100			25					
106	Subodh Apte, Mary Ann Apte, Gill Eaks	730	12.50	101			26					
109	Kathy Campbell, Ross Campbell	730	2.15	102			27					
99	Bert Lancaster, Paul Bourke, Sven Dowideit, Pam Duffy	720	1.58	103			28					
79	David Fallon, Anthony Fallon, Anthony Fallon, Daniel Fallon	630	1.06	104						13		
20	Pat Buckley, Ian Jones	590	2.51	105					19			
98	Steve Harrison, Kitty Harrison, Glen Harrison, Paul Harrison	590	2.53	106						14		
53	Ian McNichol, Maria Wilson	570	2.25	107					20			
60	Paul Shea, Judy Shea	570	2.43	108								8
63	Peter, Kate, Dominic, Luke, Hannah and Nicholas Yager	520	3.00	109						15		
45	David Noble, Deborah Noble	500	2.58	110						16		
46	Jenny Noble, Rachael Noble, Rebecca Noble	490	2.55	111						17		
32	Therese Oakley, Alison Gifford	480	2.39	112		7						
13	Mark Hall, Judith Hall, Katherine Hall, Lincoln Hall	430	2.13	113						18		
25	Russell Baker, Anne Baker, Holly Baker, Natalie Baker	390	2.45	114						19		
15	Dianne Stevenson, Karen Remedios	360	2.38	115		8						
104	Trevor Gollan, Kay Gollan, Alex Gollan, Maddie Gollan	360	2.50	116						20		
50	Rick Adams, Lyndall Durkin	330	2.57	117			29					
7	Naomi, Tony, Belle and Mitchell McCarthy	290	2.45	118						21		
101	Phillip Cowan, Karen Cowan, Michol Cowan	150	1.35	119						22		
14	Peter Morris, Julie Ross	DNS										

Northern Beaches 'Swim-gaine':

My partner Andrew Perry raised no objection to my course selection when he arrived at 8:52. After a quick stop at admin (I'd entered with a 'mystery partner' - a mystery at that stage to both the organisers and myself), we left on time and walked quickly to near the front of the group. No sign of 'Mayor on plaque beside tennis courts' (No. 10). We walked back against the crowd, none of whom seemed to be sharing our difficulty. Then we realised it was 'How many cricket practice nets are there' (No. 11). I passed the clue sheet to Andrew for the rest of the day.

Beautiful views from Dee Why Hd to Dee Why. Through the swarm of nippers on the beach. A group of footballers training with half a dozen laps up and down the hill between 49 and 74 (Long Reef). More great views. A quick snack and ice cream at home at Narrabeen. Then to Narrabeen Beach Surf Club, where Andrew knew there were free hepatitis shots that day. As we walked beside the entrance to the lake from Narrabeen pool (83) we considered resting by jumping into the swiftly flowing water going our way. Up to 102, the most distant part of our course and still not midday! 75, 84 and then the swim across the lake to Pipeclay Point.

From sailing on the lake we knew there was a shallow section out from Pipeclay Point. Waterproofing was the biggest issue. I'd warned Andrew we were swimming in his 8 minute preparation

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"Next time we'll do better!" Photo: Andy Mein

..... so we'd travelled light so as to have minimal things to get wet. In the rush at the start we'd only taken one clue sheet, so keeping it dry was a priority. We'd scrounged a seal lock bag at the start, put it in Andrew's non-waterproof map case, and sealed these in a bag Andrew found lying around on the course. (Doing our bit for Clean Up Australia a week early). I carried this load perched precariously under my hat, while Andrew carried some food and drink in his back pack and we set off. Swimming overarm with my head out caused my whole body to be at 45 degrees, so progress was slow. After only a third of the distance I wondered if we'd ever make it. Meanwhile Andrew seemed to cruise along at the same speed doing breast stroke, which I always think of as slow and inefficient. However I found that I could swim head in and balance my hat every few breaths, and so the last half was much easier, although it was still good to touch bottom. Out to the path to encourage the Haighs to swim too. They just shook their heads with a 'You're loony' look and kept to their higher scoring dry route.

My brother Richard and his partner David also swam the lake. David used 2 bags to protect his phone, which he used during the event to book a 4:30pm flight to Melbourne. They actually made it back with a few minutes to spare, something of a change for Rick.

With the great weather I've heard of many teams swimming, although I think most chose to swim at the beach or in the rock pools rather than as part of their course. Up to the great views from Collaroy Plateau. Seeing somebody waiting at a bus stop we pondered whether it would be possible to catch a bus, and delay it for sufficient time at bus stops adjoining checkpoints 62 and 57 to answer the questions. We walked on and the bus crawled by, door open, as the driver confirmed we were regaining, and announced he would have entered the rogain if he hadn't been rostered on.

We zigzagged our way through Dee Why, particularly 102, down to the creek and back to the Hash House. Another fun event thanks.

John Barnes

Newsletter contributions:

The newsletters are an invaluable communication of forthcoming or related events, results from previous events, and important issues within the sport. They also provide us all with a forum for sharing our personal experiences either as participants or as part of the organising teams. So lets see more of the following in future newsletters:

Issue	Publication Date	Submissions Close
85	16th May	9th May
86	18th July	11th July
87	19th September	12th September
88	7th November	2nd November

Articles:



Pen some of your experiences at a past event; compose a comic spiel on becoming geographically challenged; offer some healthy advice to newcomers; or a letter to the editor.



Photographs:

Remember the age-old adage: 'a picture tells a thousand words'. If you have a worthy photo depicting our sport we'd like to see it in the newsletter or perhaps on the next front cover

Send your contributions to newsletter Editor Andy Mein. Written word via email would be appreciated (PC Word '95 or 'text' file). Original copies of your photographs would be preferred and can be returned if requested. See Committee listing for Andy's contact details.

Assistance from volunteers is essential to the sport.

No experience is necessary - detailed instructions are supplied.

 Volunteer Requirements	12/24 Hour 7-8th April	Paddy Pailin 6 Hour 17th June	Lake Macquarie 6/12 Hour 25th August	NSW Champs 12/24 Hour 27-28th October
Event Co-ordinator	Sue Clarke	Julian Ledger	Rob Vincent	Mike Hotchkis
Course Setter/s	Walter Kelemen Sue Clarke	Ross Barr Ron Jungans	Rob Vincent	Mike Hotchkis
Course Vetter/s	Andrew Pope Andy Mein	Neil Prosser	Bert & Dianne van Netten	???
Administration Team leader plus 5 - 6 others Team Leader indicated in bold	Trevor Gollan ???	Trevor Gollan ???	Dianne van Netten ???	???
Hash-House Team leader plus 6 - 12 others Team Leader indicated in bold	???	1st. Waitara Scouts	???	???
Flag Retrieval	Not Required	???	???	???
Contact Details	Sue Clarke 9816 2508	Julian Ledger 9261 1111(w)	Dianne van Netten 4975 3693	Mike Hotchkis 4294 1363



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.

Your Committee in 2001...and their roles:



President: Richard Sage

- The central figure for the Association.
- Chairs the committee meetings of which we have 6 per year.
- Addresses event gatherings welcoming and thanking all concerned.
- Writes the 'Presidential Piece' for each newsletter often citing topics that have arisen at committee meetings.

Photograph unavailable at time of print as Alan and Sonia have just become novice parents!

Congratulations!

Vice President: Alan Mansfield

- Takes on the roles of the President when the President is absent.
- Provides back-up support for the President.
- Usually takes on the role of President at completion of President's term.



Public Officer/Publicity Coordinator: Julian Ledger

- The central contact for the Association, members and public alike.
- Receives and dispatches communications on behalf of the Assoc.
- Informs all concerned bodies of the composition of the NSWRA.
- Coordinates the active promotion of the sport of Rogaining via whatever avenues available.



Honorary Secretary: Sue Clarke

- Coordinates committee meetings prior to and during meetings.
- Assembles the agenda and provides copies to committee members prior to meetings.
- Minutes the committee meetings and promptly distributes those minutes to committee for action on decisions made.



Treasurer: Tony Maloney

- Keeps a close eye on the Association's budget.
- Ensures all expenses of Association are paid promptly.
- Provides advice on financial matters involved with events.
- Produces annual Financial Statements for Association.



Newsletter Editor: Andy Mein

- Produces timely, informative and entertaining newsletters.
- Solicits entry forms for NSWRA, ACTRA and Oz Champ events.
- Liaises with other Associations to advertise interstate events.
- Coordinates optimal methods of printing and postage.
- Collates, assembles and stuffs an ever growing number of newsletters into envelopes with the help of a dedicated few!



Event Manager/ARA Representative: Mike Hotchkis

- Sets the calendar for the following year ensuring it has lots of rewarding events in it, some of which are hosted by new faces.
- Encourages people to join organising teams for future rogaines.
- Assists organisers with all aspects of running successful events.
- Represents the NSW Rogaining Assoc. on the national level at the Australian Rogaining Association committee meetings.



Membership Secretary: Belinda and Andrew Pope

- Maintains the membership database, getting excited whenever a new member joins our ever growing sport.
- Receives membership renewals, deposits membership fees and reports all deposits to the treasurer.
- Determines the number of newsletters to be produced for the next mail-out (and provides heaps of assistance to the newsletter editor!).



Equipment Officer: Graeme Cooper

- Maintains the Association's event trailer and the equipment stored in the trailer.
- Makes arrangements to ensure the trailer is available at each event.
- Finds a home for the trailer between events.
- Maintains Association's supply of control flags and intention boards.



Photograph unavailable at time of print as Stephen and Rhonda were refining the details of their upcoming wedding.

All the best!

Webmasters: Stephen Castle / Rhonda Monahan

- Builds and maintains the Associations website posting regular updates.
- Upgrades and develops improved methods, using current technologies, for providing increased efficiency for association administration, such as On-line event entries.

Additional Committee Members: Nihal Danis, Daniel Marlay, and Paul Batten.

- These people don't have a specific duty. **12** They are ordinary rogainers who have some good ideas about encouraging the sport to grow and be enjoyed by all.

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Sir,

The scurrilous attack on my journalistic integrity contained in "President's Welcome" of Newsletter 83 must not go unchallenged. Ms Clarke not only described a rogaining story I had written as a "shocking expose", but also imputed that I had brought the good name of the "sport" into disrepute! These libelous assertions could not be more wrong. Firstly, it beggars belief that anyone who's ever punched an 80-pointer or had a chafed bum could have been shocked by the story. Secondly, and most importantly, the story was the very epitome of restraint because the real truth is much worse. You should have seen what the editor cut out!

I respectfully suggest that the marketing of rogaining has been misguided. By presenting it as all sweetness and light, full of family bonding in the bosom of the sunny outdoors, the Committee is doing the sport a great disservice. The poor benighted souls attracted by such rubbish will show up once and *never come again!* I reckon it would be far better to come clean, and thereby attract more of the wacko crazies, sado-masochists and offbeat astrophysicists that make rogaining such a colourful and fantastic sport!

Oh, and you'll be hearing from my lawyers.

Yours in shame,

Ian Brown

Sirs,

I must take exception with Mr Brown's allegations that the Committee has failed to represent the true colours of our glorious sport.

Articles written by myself and others have repeatedly highlighted the extreme nature of our sport. As for frightening potential rogainers away after just one outing, surely many a rogaining partnership thrives on revenge. If your partner gives you a bad time you just have to keep coming back until you can repay the favour. And just as soon as David gets back from South America, Julian stops throwing up, Buggy manages to stay awake, Chippy runs out of ribs to break and Helen, Sally, Jo - even Dawn who took pre-emptive action - stop breeding, I am sure they will be out for revenge too.

Indeed there are many indications that this man cannot possibly be a serious rogainer. "...anyone who's ever... had a chafed bum..." Has Mr Brown never heard of Vaseline? But perhaps not - his appearance alone is sufficient to deny him all credibility. He himself admits that rags are the most appropriate form of dress, yet I do not recall any organisers exhorting him to throw away his shirt as he passed through the finish. I myself, on the other hand, I am proud to say, have often received such requests.

If Mr Brown is looking for serious discomfort and adventure I suggest he get up off his chafed bum and get out there in the big wide world beyond the comfort of rogaining.

Sue Clarke

(Recently deposed President of the NSWRA)

Acknowledgements:

In the last newsletter we appealed for a rogainer to volunteer to overhaul our first aid kit and review the contents for appropriate remote area supplies. Thanks go to Dr. Rosemary Austen who has taken delivery of the red box down in Bungendore, and who will be ensuring all is up to date and in good order by the 'Wolgan Wander' 24 hour event in early April. Thank you Rosemary. 😊



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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.

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

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

Name:

Address:

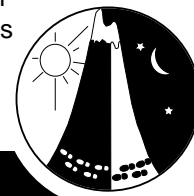
Town: Postcode:

E-mail:

Phone: (home) (work) (fax)

Interested in being a volunteer at an event this year? YES NO

The fee per annum is \$12 for the first person on this form and \$3 for each additional person. The membership year starts 1st January. The maximum fee for a family is \$15. A family is defined as one or two adults plus any number of dependent children each of whom 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: **NSWRA Membership Secretary, 97 Norman Avenue, Thornleigh NSW 2120**



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