

# Bidjigal Night Rogaine - 3 & 5 Hour

Saturday 16 July 2022

## PRE-EVENT INFORMATION PACK

### Location - of the Hash House

West Pennant Hills Valley Community Hall  
George Thornton Reserve  
42 Hill Rd, West Pennant Hills, NSW  
Onsite parking and street parking is available

### Timetable - on the day

3.30pm Registration opens (novice advice available)  
4.50pm Briefing – 5 hour event  
**5.00pm 5 hour event starts**  
5.20pm Briefing – 3 hour event  
**5.30pm 3 hour event starts**  
8.00pm Food and drink available  
**8.30pm 3 hour event finishes**  
9.00pm Presentation – 3 hour event  
**10.00pm 5 hour event finishes**  
10.30pm Presentation – 5 hour event

### Items and Equipment – what to bring

#### Registration

- Completed Indemnity form (with team number) signed by all team members
- Any outstanding payments

#### Route Planning

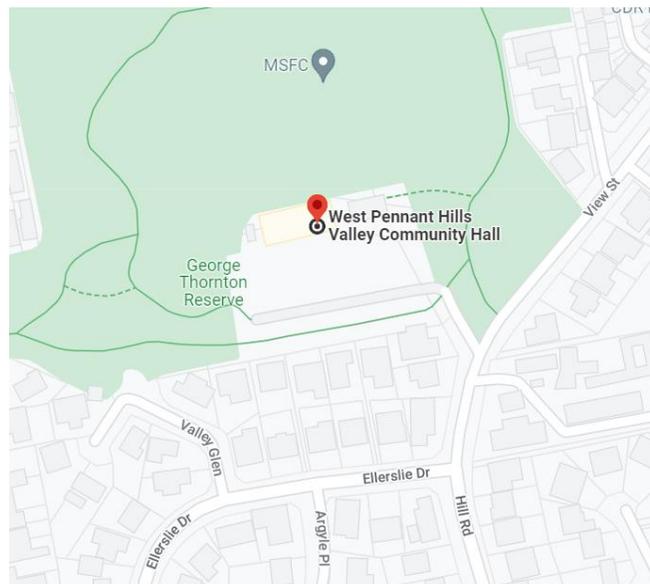
- Highlighters and pens to mark your map (which is on waterproof paper) as well as your flight plan intention sheet

#### On the course

- Head torch (plus spare batteries)
- Compass
- Day pack
- Food and water (1 – 2 litres)
- Basic first aid kit including a heavy crepe bandage (per team) – **COMPULSORY**
- A whistle and space blanket in case of emergency (per person) **COMPULSORY**
- Suitable clothing for the weather forecast, *note temperatures may drop to 5 deg C and it may rain*
- Gaiters are **NOT** required because use of tracks in the bush is mandatory
- Shoes and socks suitable for creek crossings
- Mobile phone (per team) for emergencies only

#### After the Event

- Change of clothes
- Utensils for consuming food and drink



### Novices

- Check out the Novices section on the NSWRA website here: <https://nswrogaining.org/novices/>
- Volunteers at the registration area will be available to help novices, so please ask if you are unsure of anything,

### Emergencies

- Life threatening or serious injury – call 000 and then call the Hash House. Martin is 0409 075 370 and Graham is 0400 103 974.
- We recommend having the “Emergency +” app installed on your phone – this allows you to quickly get your location and call 000 if needed.
- If late, lost, or hurt, call the Hash House and let them know your location.

### On the day you will receive ....

- A3 map, 1:15,000, 10m contours, waterproof paper, magnetic North lines drawn
- Control descriptions are on the map
- Course setter notes are on the back of the map
- A flight plan intention sheet to be completed and submitted before the start
- Navlight wrist sensor to record control visits
- Food and drink after 8.00pm

### Course conditions

- Bush tracks in the Bidjigal Reserve, plus suburban streets and parks, **NO** bush bashing
- There are numerous creek crossings
- It will be **DARK**, so visibility will be restricted

## Tips for Night Navigation in the Bush

### GENERALLY

- Be meticulous and know where you are at all times

### COURSE PLANNING

- Plan to move slower at night – maybe 2 – 3 kph
- A simple piece of string is an effective way to measure distance on the map
- The grid on the map has lines 1 km apart
- Use a yellow highlighter to mark the planned route on the map. (Yellow does not obscure map detail)
- Plan for “escape” routes back to the hash house in case travel is slower than expected

### COMPASS AND MAP

- Orient the map so the track being followed is the same orientation as shown on the map
- If the map orientation is correct, the red compass needle of a compass placed on the map will point to magnetic north on the map
- The orientation of major features such as creek lines will be more reliable than bush tracks which tend to meander

### STEP COUNTING DISTANCE

- Counting steps helps estimate distance covered. For example, a distance of 100 metres might take 60 right hand steps on a paved surface, and 75 on a bush track.
- With a map scale of 1:15,000, a distance of 1 cm on the map will 150 metres on the ground

## Scoring

- The aim is to achieve the highest score in the time available by visiting controls and using the Navlight punch to record each visit
- Controls marked on the map have values based on the first digit of their number. For example, control 55 is worth 50 points, and control 23 is worth 20 points.
- Penalties for being late are 10 points per minute. Teams more than 30 minutes late are disqualified
- All members of a team must use the Navlight punch at each control for the team to score points
- Refer to “Rules and Regulations” on the NSW Rogaining Association website for more detail

## Rules of Rogaining

- Refer to “Rules and Regulations” on the NSW Rogaining Association website here <https://nswrogaining.org/rules-and-regs/>
- Take particular note of Rule 7: “The only navigational aids that may be carried on the course are magnetic compasses, watches and copies of the competition map. The possession of other navigational aids, including pedometers, altimeters and GPS receivers on the course is prohibited. The possession, at the event site, of maps that provide additional information not shown on the competition map is prohibited.
- For this event, we will allow GPS enabled devices to be carried for emergencies, route recording or photography. They are NOT allowed to be used for any form of navigation, including pacing, average speed or distance.

## Queries

- If you have any queries about the course or your entry, please contact the Event Administrator - [admin@nswrogaining.org](mailto:admin@nswrogaining.org)



# New South Wales Rogaining Association Inc.

ABN 15 314 080 648

## DISCLAIMER / WAIVER

Event :

Team No.:

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We acknowledge that the Australian Rogaining Association Inc (ARA), with whom the organising body for this event (NSW Rogaining Association) is affiliated, holds Public Liability Insurance to the value of \$20 million in respect of all rogaining events conducted by ARA affiliated bodies. This insurance covers: organisers, landowners and other third parties for any damage caused by the organisers of, or participants in, any rogaining event in connection with that event. We also acknowledge that the ARA does not hold any Personal Accident Insurance in respect of participants in rogaining events conducted by ARA affiliated bodies. We accept that any personal accident cover required is our responsibility and entirely at our discretion.

Rogaining is an activity which can involve risk of personal injury or property damage. While it is acknowledged as a challenging activity, the risks ought not be discounted particularly navigating through potential dangers in a bush setting in daylight or darkness. Other, but less obvious, risks will occur because of the nature and type of terrain through which the activities are conducted. The NSW Rogaining Association (NSWRA) requires all participants to carry equipment such as suitable clothing, food, torches, compasses, water, first aid kit and any other allowed devices which will limit the inherent risks in the activity.

By participating in the activity, each participant acknowledges that the sport of Rogaining involves considerable risk and agrees that by entering this rogaine they do so at their own risk. The NSWRA does not accept any responsibility for death, injury, loss and damage to the participant and agrees to allow the participant to participate in the activity only on that basis.

The participant binds themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs, successors and assigns as follows:

a) The participant agrees to discharge and release the NSWRA, their volunteers, the owners and occupiers of land used in the event, event sponsors and producers, community organisations, State Federal and Local Authorities in which the event may be held and their (its) representatives from all liability for death, disability, personal injury, damage to property, theft, and all foreseeable risks, claims or actions of any kind, howsoever caused, resulting from their participation - directly or indirectly - in this event.

b) The participant agrees to further indemnify and hold harmless all entities and persons mentioned in the above clause (a) above from all liabilities, claims or action, as mentioned above, irrespective of whether the NSWRA or its employees or agents may have been negligent.

In particular, the participant agrees to indemnify the NSWRA for any loss or damage arising from participating in the event and agrees that this indemnity may be pleaded as a complete defence to any legal proceedings or any right the participant may claim against the NSWRA, its servants, agents or any owner or occupier of land used in the proceedings.

By the signing of this document, I acknowledge the risks of rogaining and agree to participate on the conditions as described above (participant must be 18 years or older to complete this section):

**Participant Name** (Please print clearly)

**Participant Signature**

**Date**

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This section to be completed by a responsible adult where participant is under 18 years of age. If more than one responsible adult signing please photocopy & submit separate forms.

**Name(s) of junior participant(s):**

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I acknowledge the risks of rogaining as described above and agree to indemnify the NSWRA for any injury or loss arising from the abovenamed minor(s) participating, and agree that by signing this indemnity or by permitting the minor to participate, I will accept complete responsibility for any injury or loss caused.

**Relationship to participant** (please delete whichever does not apply): Parent / Guardian / Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** (Please print clearly)

**Signature**

**Date**

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**NOTE: This is a legal document. You should seek legal advice before signing if you do not fully understand the meaning and effect of this document. If you do not accept these conditions of entry you will be unable to participate.** Version: Sep. 2008