

Presidents report (5th April 2017)

Since the last meeting most of the focus has been on the six hour event, resolving permission to land access, map generation, ensuring eNews was established, following up with DSR's funding and other requirements, the training/setters/vetters day and the latest newsletter. Of these the eNews, six hour event, training “fun” day have been success and rewarding. Jim (and co) did a great job of the 6 hour, Jim and Paul with the DSR acquittal (with Jacqui Jashari), and Jim is successful working towards setting the next bush event. Access to land continues to provide challenges, although these are being worked through.

The immediate challenges remain the next three bush events (setter/vetters/maps), permissions and relations (with DPaW, Water, Landgate, DSR and other government agencies), and marketing (including web content and eNews) to help promote and boost interest and numbers.

At this time other things may be on hold (such as archiving, electronic punching improvements, ARA matters, sponsorship, automated map creation for all, and sleep).

Below I'll go through details of interactions in more detail. And include some correspondence. At this time I feel the following volunteer roles are important (not that some are being done, but ideally new team members would be beneficial).

- Vice President
- Administration Coordinator
- WASF Rep, DSR Liaison
- Safety and Camp Manager
- eNews Editor/Coordinator
- Website Editor
- Marketing/Sponsorship
- Event (Preparation) Coordinator
- Badges and Trophies
- Data Archiving

Correspondence / timeline / etc

23/2/2017 Query from SA roganer regarding event location in June. Peter.Allen@sa.gov.au

24/2/2017 Query from Mazenod College (outdoor Ed teacher) regarding Navigation training.

27/2/2017 Request from John De Boni, Scarborough scouts (for 24th March).

27/2/2017 Cancellation of event permission meeting (Stuart Harrison, DpaW head office, sick).

28/2/2017 First eNews distributed.

6/3/2017 ARA (Paul Guard) indicating TAFE team eligibility (Intervarsity rogaining champs).

7/3/2017 DSR (Jacqui Jashari) following up 2016/17 AKRS / funding.

8/3/2017 ARA. Confirmation of NAMSF travel allocation, WA \$1600.

9/3/2017 ARA. Request/reminder for 2016 membership numbers (for fees).

9/3/2017 6 hour pre event meeting (for real).

10/3/2017 DPaW meeting at head office (in Kensington). More next section.

11/3/2017 Come March event (6 hour).

12/3/2017 Gary Carroll started dialog on assigning controls unique numbers (Pebbles).

15/3/2017 Submitted permission request for May (to DpaW Perth Hills. Rebecca Hamilton).

15/3/2017 Received a long email from Jamie Ridley (re safety, traffic plan, etc). More next section.

17/3/2017 Second eNews distributed.

17/3/2017 Query from "Antony Mehanni" requested copy of old map for training scouts.

17/3/2017 Query from Wen Jie Yang <W.Yang@murdoch.edu.au> about NAMSF funding.

20/3/2017 Sent sample data (covering several years) to Vivien.Claughton@water.wa.gov.au

21/3/2017 ARA. David Baldwin: Bulk order of cloth wristbands (for distribution at AGM).

21/3/2017 Email. Discussion regarding mis-programming of controls 75/77.

23/3/2017 Received AGM minutes.

24/3/2017 DpaW Perth Hills: Received "no camping" in response to May 15 submission.

24/3/2017 Spent half an hour on the phone to DpaW head office.

24/3/2017 Introduced rogaining to Scarborough Scouts. Thoroughly rewarding personally.

25/3/2017 Rogaining Wizardry / Setting day seminar.

27/3/2017 Correspondence from Nick (newsletter). Indicated numbers down.

28/3/2017 Email. OAWA news. AGM held, Richard Matthews now president.

29/3/2017 Paul Szijarto (and I) met with Jacqui Jashari (DSR), re acquittal/funding/policy.

29/3/2017 Numerous emails with Bill Baxter. Very keen to set June 2018.

29/3/2017 Requested information from DPaW, re Jim's latest road trip (Bannister Road).

29/3/2017 Email: Scarborough Scouts. Sent links to calendar/web and youtube videos.

30/3/2017 Received information from DPaW/Stuart Harrison (Timber Reserve/West Wandering Rd)

30/3/2017 Note: New South Wales AGM limited to 15 minutes (thanks Andre).

30/3/2017 Dinner time call from Jamie Ridley (DPaW, Perth Hills). To resolve with Rebecca.

31/3/2017 Meeting with Newsletter Editor (Nick). Won't sit on committee. Setters/vetters manual.

31/3/2017 Let phone message with Rebecca Hamilton (DpaW).

31/3/2017 Confirmed committee minutes and changed meeting to 5th (excuse the delay).

31/3/2017 Email. Ann, re Dryandra Training weekend.

01/4/2017 Received 2017 budget from Jim (recommendation from DSR meeting).

03/4/2017 Did some newsletter stuff (and send winner's route from last 2 event to Gerard for web).

03/4/2017 Talked to Rebecca Hamilton (DpaW Perth Hills). To redo May application (and August).

04/4/2017 Received email from Vivien.Claughton@water.wa.gov.au, re previous locations.

04/4/2017 DSR. Email. "Community Sporting Club Equipment Subsidy Scheme" announcement.

04/4/2017 Email discussion with Carol Dunn (Partner), re Ian Thomsett, newsletter, membership.

05/4/2017 Email request to promote nationals (Jonathan Miller).

Event Permissions

Ongoing. The meeting held 7th Feb started the ball rolling. DpaW Perth Hills were unavailable, represented by Stuart Harrison (head office) with the main action for WARA to suggest sites and have an in depth meeting with him (and other relevant parties). Issues related to numerous land uses (timer, mining, water catchment, disease risk, controlled burns, other activities, ...). The meeting finally took place on the 10th (not ideal, Friday before 6 hour) with Vivien Claughton (water) also in attendance. The goal was to organise the next "two years" but we agreed to cover until mid next year keeping a June to June (inclusive this time) schedule to be processed as a bulk package, but May to be submitted immediately (timely and to resolve/check the camping permission). The schedule (roughly) was:

- May. Bushland east of Albany Highway north and south of North Bannister. Hash/Camp close to Bannister-Wandering Road based on air photos.
- June. West of New Norica on private land.
- August. West of "Wandering West" with hash near watershed. Subject to water to be resolved. Would have used this for June, but deemed unlikely to get permission (Perth Hills, camping).
- October. Near Weiington Dam. Although questions over controlled burns.
- Feb/USD. Katanning. Farmland.
- March. Near Gleneagle. East of Albany Highway 20 minutes south of Armadale).
- April. Brookton Highway, east of where held before, but still in bush.
- June. Dryandra.

Other areas were suggested, such as 20-40km East of Collie (I just made those distances up) since no issues with burning, access, mining, etc. Not used before, but a little further from Bunbury (and Perth).

Following this meeting the event application was made. Initial responses (Jamie Ridley) were quick, thorough and seemed to imply camping would be granted. Later it was declined and we appear to be back near the start. My last conversation to Rebecca Hamilton suggested I submit the August application (with bush camping) and take it from there. The May submission will be re-done soon. Jim has worked around things and it looks promising (farmland with a good chunk of bush).

Ahead

As a quick heads up, the following are on my immediate radar.

- Enews. Follow up. A new one “expected”.
- May permissions.
- Make maps. Generate some great maps (would have liked to have brought them tonight).
- JUNE. Yeah, kind of important. Need to get land permissions and setters/vetters.
- Get confirmation from water regarding August (ie get data to DPaW and Water with list of events / summary where camping happened on Crown Land and where the event included water catchments).
- Requests for August (permissions with camping), October and next June (Dryandra going through some changes and setting team keen – ideally have sorted before training weekend).
- Volunteers. If I've forgotten, start asking members and others for help (May 12 hour is a good chance to mingle).
- Paddy Palin. Still have not got in touch nor returned banner.
- Electronic punching. Follow up Paul Kelly on unexpected inconsistencies (emailed Nov).
- Other: AGM archive/distribute, rogaïne flier, OAWA opportunities, ARA related, ...