

Presidents report (15th May 2017)

A very busy six weeks with further issues regarding permissions, an ARA meeting, a successful Autumn 12 hour event and the unfortunate cancellation of the Winter 24 hour. Unfortunately still no clear new positions filled on the committee and little time for work on map generation, talking to outdoor shops or other actions.

Of immediate attention are permissions and map for the June event (suggested 9 hour, maps at 9am, start 11am, finish 8pm), maps and permissions for Bill Baxter (Dryandra), all details for August (location, setters, vetters, permissions, maps ...), outstanding documents (constitution etc), and other outstanding actions. The Dryandra training weekend is the next on the calendar.

Also, since last meeting:

- Our WASF contact details have been updated.
- Water have been given a full history of every event to September 2013 that has included a catchment area.
- Meetings with DPaW Perth Hills (arranged at short notice). Still no camping to be granted.
- Operation Plan for 2017 sent to DSR (thanks Paul S).
- Membership numbers sent to ARA (for 2016). 935, down from 1104 the previous year.

Thanks to everyone for all of your help.

ARA Meeting

The meeting lasted the full three hours. The common theme from the IRF through ARA to each state were the issues of succession planning, land access and volunteers. Of note:

- Queensland holding multi-sport events. Entries fill quickly (50 team limit). Challenges setting large traditional events. Have introduced a *Rogainer of the year award* (points for results placing and volunteering).
- NSW. Outsourced catering, admin and safety. Safety to various groups which leads them to become aware of Rogaining and has increased interest and numbers. Private land access a big issue.
- Tasmania. Scheduling in Spring “busy” (short window/weather). Use catering service.
- South Australia. Also *Rogainer of the year*. Have done a *free community event* in a local town/area. Are promoting 24 hours events with glossy marketing as “Bush Camping Weekend”.
- ACT. Meetings held over dinner. Skype used (mentioned by Qld too).

WARA owes \$830 for nationals (fees). The \$1.00 and \$0.50 fees for capitation etc waved for 17/18.

ARA grants noted. Available, but not utilised.

ARA in need of an auditor. Brian Austin was mentioned. Wil to follow up with him.

States were given a huge box of wrist bands and a crimper. Yes, the came back on the plane.