

Presidents report (5th July 2017)

To start this report I'd like to thank all of the volunteers, particularly the committee members for their help and support to ensure WARA events run smoothly.

The last six weeks has continued to be very busy with the highlights being a successful training weekend and winter rogaine (albeit only 9 hours, not 24). All ran fairly smoothly despite the very last minute granting of permissions and map production.

Access to land continues to be a challenge with a meeting entitled "Access To Spaces" conducted on the 29th of June at DSR feeling like we have come full circle and DpaW digging in with the idea that free bush camping for large groups is forbidden (other than in designated areas). To cater for this in the immediate term the August event will be held on private land hence deferring the immediate concerns. The issue remains a painful challenge.

Some things in rough chronological order (events, decisions, correspondence, .. from last meeting):

Also, since last meeting:

- Some discussion over water resistant paper for maps. Michael Gandy independently got a quote and sample page produced by "A Team Printing Pty Ltd". The quote was \$531 for 350 maps, \$717 for 500 maps. We currently pay about \$300-\$400 for 400 A3 maps (fixed number/bulk) including A4 control descriptions. The sample was good other than the contours being too thin (Michael indicated that was his fault, ie the data).
- Vivien Claughton (wa.water.gov.au) provided quantitative metrics to be used for permissions to hold event in PDWSAs (read: water catchments) close to Perth. Summary:
Therefore in summary are you happy to go with, we have determined existing levels at 3 events per year (not exceeding 1100 people or 48 hours in total).
Allowances for an additional events (above 3) could be made if total number of people and hours for the year do not exceed 1100 people in total or 48 hours for all events combined.
- Vivien Claughton requested a call to discuss a recent cancelled event. I called her and indicated the issue was with DPaW's camping ban in the Perth Hills District.
- Had requests for photos from Paul Mutton. For TV publicity. Have not been given any more detail. I believe his sister (or family or someone close to him) works for *Today Tonight* or similar.
- Some email discussion with Richard Robinson regarding technical requirements and national events. Nothing worthy of reporting and nothing needs to be done until WARA is preparing the next nationals. No time soon! He also asked if we'd made any positive progress with *land access issues*. He is overseas all off July and August.
- Received email from Sally Caston (SARA) regarding promotional templates and help there. I indicated that we were overly busy and we'd get back to her. She contacted WARA and RT (Gary Carroll). For discussion.

- DSR Sundowner to meeting the minister (Minister Murray, Minister for Sport and Recreation) held 29th May. I attended. The highlights were finally meeting Louise Haywood who is WARA's new go to person (filling the shoes of Lorraine Campbell who moved to WASF at the start of the year), catching up with Richard Matthews from Orienteering (OAWA), and talking to Mick Murray (new minister) and Gordon MacMile (his Principal Policy Adviser) outlining the current land access issues.
- Paul Szijarto corresponded with and met Louise Haywood. He dealt with some paper work including the new constitution (accepted and registered with the Department of Consumer Affairs). For archival purposes this need to be archived/stored appropriately.
- Ann and Pete are well under way in setting and organising the next 24 hour event to be held at Ninghan Station, *The Wildflower Rogaine*.
- Ian Spencer volunteered to take on a volunteer role. He is expected to attend tonight's meeting. On that topic Andre indicated that Mark Imbert is keen to help (only informed in the last 24 hours (July 5th)). I called/SMSed late but am yet to hear back from him.
- Emma Firth is chasing a base map for use in next year's April 12 hour. She is keen to set the event with her family near Katanning.
- Control collection from the last event brought us to the attention of Sgt Jim Skett who has since indicated that he wants to set up a permanent navigation course inside the Bindoon Training Area (military). There may be the potential to both (a) run an event there, and (b) have him set or vet in the near future.
- Some control visit challenges from teams (Cinderella Rogaine) were followed up. Evidence is that they visited the controls.
- Helen Post from orienteering (OAWA) started the ball rolling for refreshed cross promotion between WARA and OAWA. That process is under way. Andre and Nick have been involved.
- WASF invited us to a *Cyber Security Forum* as part of a series of event. It was last minute (from my point of view). Paul Szijarto gave a negative RSVP (not available) and noone else took it up. Subjects: the overall security landscape; technical security for everyday people; security for kids/parent.
- The ARA submitted a *Proposed motion about the frequency of World Rogaining Championships - for discussion* to the IRF (communicated by David Rowlands).
- "Access To Spaces". At DSR. In attendance: Yvette Peterson (Yvette.Peterson@dsr.wa.gov.au), Louise Haywood (Louise.Haywood@dlgsc.wa.gov.au), Colin Ingram (colin.ingram@DPaW.wa.gov.au), Rod Annear (rod.annear@dpaw.wa.gov.au) (head office), Benson Todd (Benson.Todd@DPaW.wa.gov.au) (Perth Hills District), Jaime Ridley (Jamie.Ridley@dpaw.wa.gov.au) (Perth Hills District), and from Rogaining me. Minutes written by DSR to be distributed to committee and included in the minutes of this or the next meeting (for the record).

- The July newsletter is about to be release.
- Nick Lethbridge (newsletter editor) has provided an alternative map paper sample (*Tyvek*, from *Snap Printing*). It comes in roles and is *quite expensive*.
- After a little confusion showing that the WARA president is trying to overly multi-task it was suggested the August event be from from 11am to 11am. Unfortunately this was done after the newsletter was finished :)