

**MINUTES**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Held at Rhododendron Gardens**  
**19 September 2020 at 10.00am**

**Meeting opened at:** 10.10am

**Present:** Ros Tierney, Penny Howes, Peter Jack, Stuart Almond, Fred Morrison, Pam Hayes, Russell Verdon, Robyn Sim, Phil Prentice, Judy Engall. Chris English, Anne Murdoch, Trish Mackey, Marge Carvell, John Healy, Jill Kinerson, Terry Presland

**Apologies:** Colleen Barclay, Max Tenhave, Jan Liddiard, Jim Cowling, Lyse Lauren

**1. Presidents Opening Remarks**

Welcome everyone, thank you for coming. It is good to see so many faces, but please remember to observe social distancing.

**2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 12 October 2019**

A copy of the Minutes of last year's Meeting has been sent to all meeting participants.

**Motion:** "That the Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, be approved as a true copy".

**Moved:**  
Peter Jack

**Seconded:**  
Pam Hayes

**3 Business arising from Previous Minutes**

Nil

**4. Annual Report**

The Ramblers club has just gone through a year like no other in our almost 30 year history. We had 10 weeks during which we were not able to conduct any activities due to the government's Covid-19 regulations. Thankfully, we have come through it unscathed and the club is thriving with a total of 280 members, and we have had 50 new members join during the past 12 months.

Statistics show that we still had 244 activities, 8 trips away and 4 social events.

A breakdown of activities and numbers of participants is set out below.

THIS YEAR (2019-2020)			PREVIOUS YEAR (2018- 2019)		
No.	Average		No.	Average	
Activities	per	Participants	Activities	per	Participants
	Activity			Activity	
<b>SPRING 2019</b>			<b>SPRING 2018</b>		
Walks	30	262	Walks	29	239
Cycles	26	401	Cycles	30	358
Paddles	13	236	Paddles	11	173
Trips	4	70	Trips	9	69
Social	2	18	Social	1	9

Training	0	0		Training	0	11	
Cancellations	8			Cancellations	11		
Total (less cancels)	75	987	13	Total (less cancels)	80	859	11
<b>SUMMER 2019</b>				<b>SUMMER 2018</b>			
Walks	22	166		Walks	30	217	
Cycles	28	418		Cycles	31	401	
Paddles	12	247		Paddles	14	237	
Trips	2	21		Trips	2	25	
Social	2	75		Social	1	58	
Training	0	0		Training	0	0	
Cancellations	14			Cancellations	4		
Total (less cancels)	66	927	14	Total (less cancels)	78	938	12
<b>AUTUMN 2020</b>				<b>AUTUMN 2019</b>			
Walks	9	75		Walks	31	295	
Cycles	11	128		Cycles	34	419	
Paddles	9	100		Paddles	15	231	
Trips	1	8		Trips	3	45	
Social	0	0		Social	0	0	
Training	0	0		Training	1	17	
Cancellations	6			Cancellations	5		
Total (less cancels)	30	311	10	Total (less cancels)	84	1007	12
<b>WINTER 2020</b>				<b>WINTER 2019</b>			
Walks	34	350		Walks	32	316	
Cycles	30	337		Cycles	34	359	
Paddles	20	248		Paddles	12	200	
Trips	1	12		Trips	0	0	
Social	0	0		Social	1	12	
Training	0	0		Training	0	0	
Cancellations	7			Cancellations	10		
Total (less cancels)	85	947	11	Total (less cancels)	79	887	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>3172</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>3691</b>	<b>11</b>

I would like to thank all the leaders who continue to organise our weekly program of activities. With some state borders closed at the moment it's hard to plan future trips away, but we are grateful to all leaders who are continuing to plan trips for when the situation improves. The Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Christmas Party. With uncertainty as to how things are going to be in only 3 months time, we decided that we wouldn't be able to hold the type of function that members have enjoyed in the past.

The committee has been in contact with our local councils throughout the year regarding some matters that impact our club's activities.

We wrote to Shellharbour Council last year regarding Skiway Park in Oak Flats asking for a designated kayak ramp to be built given the safety issues when motor boats are being launched. A separate ramp for kayaks was constructed, however there were some issues with the design which we advised to the council.

Disappointingly we received a letter back from Council to say that it has been "deemed acceptable and fit for purpose". A few minor safety issues relating to dislodgement of decking panels had been fixed and it seems the matter is now closed.

In March this year we wrote to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment supporting Bushwalking NSW submission to stop the sale of a piece of crown land at Carrington Falls. We requested that the sale not proceed and the land remain in Crown ownership to ensure access to this part of Budderoo National Park for everyone to enjoy in the future.

I would like to thank all the committee for their help and assistance during this past year.

Robyn Sim took over as Secretary last year and has done an excellent job in the role. Thank you Robyn for always being on the ball in keeping us all informed of emails from other organisations and always producing the committee meeting minutes so professionally.

Peter Jack, has been in the position of Treasurer for a couple of years now and has been instrumental in streamlining the payment system for memberships and introducing more efficient ways of managing the finances of the club.

Stuart Almond our Program Manager has done an excellent job in making sure that our program of activities is filled every quarter. Stuart has considerable IT experience and was instrumental in introducing the Zoom method of conducting our committee meetings during the shutdown of social gatherings.

Penny Howes has been our Website Manager for many years and also took on the role of Vice President. Thank you Penny for keeping our website running smoothly and I particularly want to thank you for all the help and support you have given me in my role as President.

Pam Hayes is our Newsletter Editor. As well as still being in fulltime employment as a teacher, she has been producing the Newsletter each quarter and still managing to get to meetings whenever possible.

Phil Prentice, our Activities Recorder, has done an excellent job of collating all our statistics. Phil has decided to step down from this position after many years on committee in several different positions. We are sad to see you go Phil, because of your invaluable contribution as someone who is active in all areas of our club activities. You will be missed but we appreciate that you deserve a break.

Colleen Barclay is our Training Officer. Colleen is a very keen and experienced cyclist and although due to the restrictions on social gatherings it has been impossible to conduct any training sessions this year, she has indicated an interest in developing this role and has some great ideas for some new bike rides.

Russell Verdon is our Publicity Officer and has been instrumental in raising the club's profile with his knowledge of social media and looking after our Facebook profile. Russell is also an excellent photographer and together with Penny they have been posting many of the club's photos to the

cloud for safekeeping. Russell also covers many of the businesses in the Illawarra distributing business cards and posters and raising public awareness of our club's activities.

I would also like to thank Fred Morrison for continuing to fulfil the role of our Public Officer. Fred is a long time member of the Ramblers and has been on Committee on several occasions, include serving as President. Fred's experience as a leader and his legal background, has meant his input to our meetings is always greatly valued.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

See attachment

#### **6. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution**

Nil

#### **7. Election of New Officers for the Coming Year**

Ros Tierney stood down from the Chair & Fred Morrison took over chairing the meeting as Returning officer. He declared all positions vacant and called for nominations for each position for the following year.

**President:** Fred Morrison  
Nominated: Penny Howes                      Seconded: Ros Tierney                      Elected

**Secretary:** Robyn Sim  
Nominated: Ros Tierney                      Seconded: Pam Hayes                      Elected

**Treasurer:** Peter Jack  
Nominated: Penny Howes                      Seconded: Russell Verdon                      Elected

**Program Manager:** Stuart Almond  
Nominated: Phil Prentice                      Seconded: Marge Carvell                      Elected

**Website Manager:** Penny Howes  
Nominated: Robyn Sim                      Seconded: Peter Jack                      Elected

**Membership Secretary:** Ros Tierney  
Nominated: Robyn Sim                      Seconded: Trish Mackey                      Elected

**Newsletter Editor:** Pam Hayes  
Nominated: Penny Howes                      Seconded: Chris English                      Elected

**Activities Recorder:** Judy Engall  
Nominated: Phil Prentice                      Seconded: Ros Tierney                      Elected

**Training & Special Interests Coordinator:** Colleen Barclay  
Nominated: Ros Tierney                      Seconded: Peter Jack                      Elected

**Publicity Officer:** Russell Verdon  
Nominated: Robyn Sim                      Seconded: Pam Hayes                      Elected

In closing, Fred Morrison thanked Ros Tierney for doing a wonderful job as President.

**Meeting closed:**                      10.30 am

**President**

**Secretary**