

**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE WEA ILLAWARRA RAMBLERS
HELD ON SATURDAY 7th MARCH 2015 AT
BLACKBUTT RESERVE, SHELLHARBOUR**

Meeting opened at: 10am

Present: *Ria Pegg, Michelle Webb, Robert O’Neile, John Healy, John Rees, Edward Popham, Gerry Riordan, Anne Maret, Gerry Watt, Phil Prentice, Athalie Martin, Alan Ryan, Willi Gspurning, Peter Bique, Lydia Mulder, Michael Feltham, Sandra Feltham, John Groom, Pam Robinson, Jack Gal, Flora Newsome, Neil Williams, Chris English, Fred Morrison, Ronda Guy, Tony Ashton, Peter Martire, Barry Cotton, Les Clarke, Stephanie Delaney, Susan Wasley, Ros Tierney, David Gill, Patrica Jenkins, David Jenkins, Kathie Webb, Barbara Stjepanivic, Ronda Bique, Therese Zadkovich, Phillip Freeman, Narelle Freeman, Marg Carvell, Ron Carvell, Graham Waine, Leone Waine, Barbara Richards, Anne Murdoch, Edie Swift, Sam Garrett-Jones, Irmie Gspurning, Penny Howes, Patricia Mackey (Secretary) 52 members*

Apologies: *David Fuller CEO of the WEA, Jim Cowling, Reddy Krishna, Sashi Krishna, Glennys Wellings, Joan Polonis, Col and Jennifer Meharg, Graham Burgess, Jenny Hain, Barbara and Fred deHossan, Max and Clara Tenhave.*

1 President’s Opening Remarks

The President, Fred Morrison, welcomed members and their guests to our AGM and spoke of the very good year the Ramblers had enjoyed.

The club has experienced an increase in membership, attendances on activities have increased, Fred said that when he attended the NSW Bushwalking Club Meetings a few years ago our Club compared very well against other Clubs.

The President thanked all the Leaders and said that the club only succeeded through its leaders and well experienced leaders.

The President said our Commemorative Walk usually lead by Max Tenhave would today be led by Phil Prentice as Max and Clara Tenhave were enjoying a cruise.

2 Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 8th February 2014

Copies of the Minutes of last year’s Meeting were distributed and Accepted by all present as a true copy.

Moved: P Bique

Seconded: C English

3 Business arising from Previous AGM

No Business Arising

4 Annual Report

The President Fred Morrison, gave the following Report which had been distributed to the Meeting:-

“The past year has been completely satisfactory. Membership at this time last year was 219 and we finished the year with 302 members. Currently 245 members are enrolled.

Throughout the year there were 351 activities, and included in which were:-

148 walks	126 cycling activities	72 paddles
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There were several trips away and participation in these events comprised of:-

1459 walkers	2144 cyclists	664 paddlers
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The Treasurer’s Report shows the Clubs sound financial state.

I would like to thank the Committee, the Leaders and the general membership for effecting these results and making my Term as President so enjoyable.

Last year substantial advances were made in equipping the club with information technology and this and the continued participation of an experienced committee and leaders should make our club just as successful in the coming year.”

Signed: Fred Morrison

Fred Morrison said that he had been Captain of The Team, “The All Stars”, and expressed his gratitude to all members of the club. He said a final Thank You.

5 Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer, John Groom had prepared his Report and a Financial Statement for 2014 which were distributed to the Meeting and are hereunder:-

As reported last year, account balances and income can vary significantly from year to year dependent on the timing of membership renewals. Membership renewals have been very strong since Xmas, and thus are not reflected in this report.

Most outgoings were fairly stable except for insurance costs reflecting higher membership and web expenses reflecting the costs of creating our vastly enhanced website.

The December 31 2014 bank balances were:

Cheque account	\$4,474.65	(\$6,203.90 @ 31/12/2013)
Term Deposit:	\$6,440.30	(\$6,237.21 @ 31/12/2013)

WEA Illawarra Ramblers Financial Statement 2014

	2014	2013
INCOME		
Membership Fees	7865.50	8551.00
Bank Interest	212.79	242.86
Donations		
Other		
Total Income	8078.29	8793.86
EXPENSES		
Postage	338.70	393.60
Post Box	242.00	
Stationery	333.52	
Phone	3.25	
Web	605.00	
Insurance	1930.50	
Training	0.00	
Computer	0.00	
AGM	331.11	
Xmas Party (Net)	285.47	
Bank Fees	0.00	
Confederation	975.00	
Promotion & Display	74.71	
Other		
Total Expenses	9604.69	5174.16
Surplus/Deficit	-1526.40	3619.70

Signed: John Groom

MOTION:

“That all Reports were Accepted.

Moved: P Mackey

Seconded: R Tierney

6 Election of New Officers for the Coming Year

The President Fred Morrison now stood down from the Chair, and Peter Bique took the Chair as the Returning Officer for the Election of the Committee.

The Returning Officer, Peter Bique thanked the President as he took the Chair, and thanked the Committee for inviting him to fill this Position, he also said it was nice to see new members joining the Club all the time.

He then declared all Positions vacant and called for Candidates to stand for each Position.

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The Election of Officers for the coming year went as follows:-

President Fred Morrison stood down from this Position having completed his Two Year Term.

**Chris English Nominated: M Webb Seconded: P Prentice
Elected**

**Secretary Patricia Mackey Nominated: F Morrison Seconded: C English
Elected**

**Treasurer John Groom Nominated: P Mackey Seconded: P Howes
Elected**

**Newsletter Penny Howes Nominated: M Webb Seconded: C English
Editor / Librarian Elected**

**Membership R Tierney Nominated: F Morrison Seconded: R Pegg
Secretary Elected**

**Activities Michelle Webb Nominated: F Morrison Seconded: P Mackey
Recorder Elected**

**Program Chris English Nominated: R Tierney Seconded: P Mackey
Manager Elected**

**Training Ria Pegg declined to stand for re-election to this Position due to
Officer family commitments.
Allan Ryan Nominated: C English Seconded: P Prentice
Elected**

**Publicity Phil Prentice declined to stand for re-election to this Position
Neil Williams Nominated: F Morrison Seconded: C English
Elected**

All Positions being filled the Returning Officer, Peter Bique stood down from the Chair and it was taken by the new President, Chris English.

The President, Chris English in accepting the Chair congratulated the retiring President, Fred Morrison on doing such a stellar job over the last two years and praised his management style.

Chris said she had very big shoes to fill following on from past Presidents Fred Morrison, John Stewart and Peter Bique. She said she had enjoyed working with the committee over the last year and thanked them for their efforts. She also welcomed the two new members of the committee and said she was looking forward to working with them.

Chris then introduced John Groom who was making a presentation on club shirts and after that invited people to go on a bushwalk led by Phil Prentice through Blackbutt Reserve while Jack Gal and his helpers stayed and cooked the barbeque.

7 Other Business

T/Shirts

John Groom started with the question.
Should we consider a T/Shirt? Well let's find out!

John Groom then spoke on the suggestion that we adopt a non-compulsory T/Shirt with Club |Logo available for purchase by members.

John spoke on his research:-

- a) The T/Shirt is non-compulsory and is available in 5 different styles.
- b) The T/Shirt can be short or long sleeved
- c) With a collar
- d) The colours are;
Yellow with Club Logo and a collar
Green with Club Logo and a collar
Red with Club Logo
- e) Hard to set a price, but the fairest way is to charge members the cost of getting the T/Shirt here.
- f) There will be no profit to the Club.
- g) The T/Shirt is 100% synthetic.
- h) The delivery of the T/Shirts is expected to be by mid-April.

John then told members to try on the 3 samples he had brought with him, to gauge size and suitability.

Then fill out a T/Shirt Order Form and pay a deposit of \$10. If we do not reach the goal of 50 sales, the deposit will be refunded. John stated that there must be an order of 50 T/Shirts to make a viable exercise. John would start taking orders immediately after the conclusion of this AGM.

Meeting closed at: 11am

Patricia Mackey
Secretary

Chris English
President