

**AGENDA**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**To be held at Rhododendron Gardens**  
**3 December 2022 at 10.30am**

**Meeting opened at:**

**Present:**

**Apologies:** Pam Hayes, Gary Gavegan, Mel Marriott

**1. Presidents Opening Remarks**

**2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 8 December 2021**

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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, be approved as a true copy".

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**3 Business arising from Previous Minutes**

Nil

**4. Annual Report**

The period from July 2021 to end June 2022 was challenging due to the lockdown last year and the extensive wet weather earlier this year.

Although we have been operating without restrictions for a year now, in some respects, we still don't seem to have got back to where we were at the end of 2019. The number of members dropped by about 20, and still remains at that level, and the overall number of activities obviously dropped significantly due to restrictions, then stayed low due to cancellations because of the weather and subsequent damage to bushwalking areas in particular. A breakdown of our activities will be included in the Minutes of this meeting which will be distributed to everyone next week. In summary, there was a total of 1975 participants attending 170 activities compared to 2859 participants and 234 activities the previous year. Interestingly the average number of participants per activity was 12 for both years.

A total of 28 leaders organised activities over the last financial year. Some showed incredible resilience in having to cancel and reschedule time and time again while the weather played havoc with our program. Special thanks must also be given to those leaders who organise trips away. There were 6 trips - all were well-subscribed, extremely well organised and enjoyed by everyone: Jill Hawkes, John Groom, Gerry O'Leary, Joe Pike, Graham Burgess and Tony Jennings. We cannot underestimate the commitment that goes into planning, reconnoitring and managing a trip involving any number up to 28 participants. Thank you all..

Earlier this year, we wrote to Shellharbour Council to re-iterate our concerns about the safety of the kayak ramp at Skiway Park and reported that we had had a few slipping incidents. In June the council advised us that funding had been obtained for dredging in the area and improving access to the ramps. They undertook to advise us when a start date for construction work was known. As yet, we have not heard from them.

At our last meeting the committee considered a proposal put forward by Phil Prentice to create a new role - that of Welfare Officer. We are mindful that some of our members are no longer able to join our activities, or in some cases, health issues have got in the way. Occasionally we notice that someone hasn't been seen around for a while. Many are long time members of the club. This new role will be a focal point for following up in some way to make sure we don't lose touch. The committee unanimously approved the proposal and accepted Phil's offer to nominate for the role. Thank you Phil.

Robyn Sim has decided to step down as Secretary. Thank you Robyn for your contribution over the last few years, I have enjoyed working with you. You have done a great job in keeping us on track with our meetings, following up and managing our correspondence and records. We look forward to your continuing involvement as an active member of the club.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their commitment and support during the last year. We work well as a team which makes it so rewarding despite the challenges. It is an honour to be the President of a club comprising of people from all walks of life who have a common interest in enjoying the outdoors – be it walking, cycling or paddling, enjoying good company and enjoying a good cup of coffee.

I will now ask Peter Jack to present the Financial Report.

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

See attached

**Motion:** "That the reports be accepted"

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

Hand over to John Groom as the Returning Officer for election of Committee Members.

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

##### **President**

Nominations:

Penny Howes

##### **Secretary**

Nominations:

Penny Lovibond

**Treasurer**

Nominations:  
Peter Jack

**Program Manager**

Nominations:  
Stuart Almond

**Website Manager**

Nominations:  
Penny Howes

**Membership Secretary**

Nominations:  
Anne Murdoch

**Newsletter Editor**

Nominations:  
Pam Hayes

**Activities Recorder**

Nominations:  
Caroline Hudson

**Training & Special Interests Coordinator**

Nominations:  
Colleen Barclay

**Publicity Officer**

Nominations:  
Russell Verdon & Mel Marriott (shared role)

**Welfare Officer:**

Nominations:  
Phil Prentice

**Meeting closed:**

**President**

**Secretary**