



## President's report for 2017

Once again, the ACT Rogaining Association (ACTRA) had a busy and successful year, running 10 rogaines at seven events, plus the Australian Rogaining Champs and a navigation workshop.

The calendar spanned March to November giving plenty of choice of both bush and urban style events for local rogainers and even included some coastal sand and surf with our final event. We had a disappointment in February in needing to cancel the Summer Twilight event due to a total fire ban. This is always a risk in running a summer event and I'm sure you would all appreciate no roganier should be out in the bush when a fire might get out of control very quickly. We were fortunate with this event that we had the opportunity to use the course instead as a winter night event that a lot of people enjoyed in July. Total fire bans and working around controlled burning in Autumn will continue to challenge ACTRA into the future.

I would like to personally, and on behalf of ACTRA, thank the many volunteers who put in time to events this year. I hope that all the volunteers enjoyed taking a different role for these events. In particular I would like to single out the effort of Jean Douglass and Ron Simpson at taking on the organising and course setting for the superb Ridgy Didge Australian Rogaining Champs held on the Black Range between Canberra and Cooma.

I would also like to thank the ACTRA committee for 2017 (see the list at the end of this report). Everyone on the committee has been dedicated to ensuring the Association has put on well run events and that all the elements that goes on behind the scenes has happened. As President I have had fantastic support with lots happening without any input from me and I have always had willing volunteers when I ask for help. In particular, I headed overseas for an extended holiday to attend the World Rogaining Champs when we had several local events. These events were all successful with the combined efforts of most of the committee left in Canberra.

There are a couple of committee members stepping down from their roles. In particular, I would like to thank Susie Sprague for her role as Vice President since 2011 and general committee before then. As all of you know, a vice-president helps glue everything together. I would also like to thank Dane Roberts and Owen Cameron. Dane has been Secretary and a general committee member as well as enthusiastic course setter. Owen joined the general committee while tackling his honours year at the ANU and has headed back to his home state of Tasmania. Owen leaves us with a legacy of some beautiful new ACT Champs trophies.

### **National and International rogaining**

As in previous years, ACTRA has been actively involved in the Australian Rogaining Association with David Baldwin being on the Executive. One of his key roles is to help with the technical elements of our sport including electronic scoring and rules. He also makes sure ACTRA has a strong voice at the table.

As mentioned above, ACTRA hosted the 2017 Australian Rogaining Champs. There were too many ACTRA people taking advantage of a super area and champs standard course to mention all names. David Baldwin and myself were overall winners, Tom Brazier and Paul Cuthbert mens winners, Fergus McLeod and Max Messenger mens under 23 winners, Tess Noble and Alexandra Grant womens under 23 winners, and Kathy Saw, Pat Miethke and Parissa Poulis womens ultravet winners. A huge thank you to all the volunteers in ACTRA who made the event a success.

The ACT won the Australian Intervarsity Champs that were held in conjunction with the 2017 Australian Rogaining Champs. Unsurprisingly ACT universities dominated the event, but it was pleasing to see 19 teams entered. Congratulations to Fergus McLeod and Max Messenger who were winners.

The World Rogaining Champs were held in Latvia in 2017. Only a small number of Australians made the trip to the flat forests and swamps in eastern Latvia with David Baldwin and myself the only ACTRA members. It was a very different style of event to 2016 but nevertheless a good rogaining challenge.

### **ACTRA and Events**

The ACTRA has a very strong membership base at the moment with 870 members, with a reasonable portion of these being student members though our association with the Australian National University (ANU).

We welcomed two new committee members; Keira Doherty and Lee Rice.

A navigation workshop was held in June and was open to NSWRA people, who made up a fair portion of the participants. Hopefully this will flow through to greater participation in both associations. NSWRA are going to reciprocate in 2018.

The ANU Inward Bound students joined us for two events this year, the Winter Night event in July and for the Night rogaine in September.

### **Coming year**

The current committee has set many things in place for our rogaines in 2018. By the time of the AGM, two events would have been held and five more planned.

The ACT Government granted ACTRA \$5,000 in 2017 through the Sports and Recreation Grants program. This supports the development of rogaining through subsidies for the shorter or more family-friendly events and for a bus to the ACT Champs.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to guide the ACT Rogaining Association through a successful 2017. Happy rogaining and volunteering in 2018. I hope to see many of you at events during the year.

Julie Quinn  
February 2018.

### **ACTRA Committee members**

Susie Sprague (VP)	Jean Douglass
Gail Sutton (Treasurer)	Keira Doherty
Dane Roberts (Secretary)	Owen Cameron
Glenn Bridgart (Immediate Past President)	Stephen Goggs
David Baldwin	Gail Sutton
Lee Rice	Claire Edwards