



President's report on 2018

The ACT Rogaining Association (ACTRA) had a busy and successful year in 2018, running 11 rogaines at seven events.

The calendar spanned February to October giving plenty of choice of both bush and urban style events for local rogainers and included visiting the high country of northern Kosciuszko National Park again.

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 acknowledge our event coordinators (Claire Edwards, Dane Roberts, Keira Doherty, Lee Rice, Stephen Goggs and Jean Douglass). You will recognise these names as committee members but in every instance they have gone beyond the minimum required to coordinate the event, usually pitching in with setting, admin and the thousand other things on the day, and collecting when we have to get flags in quickly.

I would also like to thank the ACTRA committee for 2018 (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.

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.

The 2018 Australian Rogaining Champs were held in south-east Queensland on a large course in cattle grazing country.

The ACT won the Australian Intervarsity Champs that were held in conjunction with the 2018 Australian Rogaining Champs. It was awesome to see four teams make it to the competition. Congratulations to Fergus McLeod and Emily Rowbotham who were winners.

There were no World Rogaining Champs in 2018. 2019 is being hosted by Spain in the Pyrenees in late July.

ACTRA and Events

The ACTRA has a very strong membership base at the moment with 995 members, with a reasonable portion of these being student members though our association with the Australian National University (ANU).

We welcomed Jiaying Goh to the committee. Jiaying has been responsible for the attractive newsletters and organized our super new t-shirts in 2018.

The ANU Inward Bound students joined us for the Night rogaine in September. We have enjoyed the company of many of the ANU students at all the events during the year though with a record eight under-23 teams in the ACT Champs and another 12 in the associated eight-hour event. This provides great competition for a converted winners mug.

Coming year

The current committee has set many things in place for our rogaines in 2019. By the time of the AGM, two events would have been held and five more planned, together with a remote area first aid course and a navigation workshop.

The ACT Government granted ACTRA \$5,000 in 2018 through the Sports and Recreation Grants program. This supports the development of rogaining through subsidies for the shorter or more family-friendly events. We had also intended to subsidise a bus to the ACT Champs but there was little interest from competitors meaning we cancelled the offer.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to guide the ACT Rogaining Association through a successful 2018. I will be stepping aside from the President's role in 2019 because I believe it is healthy for an association to have a turnover of ideas. However, I will automatically become the Immediate Past President so still have a formal role with the committee and I still intend to be active in ACT Rogaining – both on the committee and as a competitor. I thank everyone for the great support you have provided me with in my time as President.

Happy rogaining and volunteering in 2019. I hope to see many of you at events during the year.

Julie Quinn
February 2019.

ACTRA Committee members

Keira Doherty (VP)
Gail Sutton (Treasurer)
Vacant (Secretary)
Glenn Bridgart (Immediate Past President)
David Baldwin
Lee Rice

Jean Douglass
Claire Edwards
Stephen Goggs
Jiaying Goh
Brad Vallette