

# **ACT Rogaining Association**

## **Vice-President's Report on 2019**

The ACT Rogaining Association (ACTRA) had a very busy and successful year in 2019, running 11 rogaines at 7 events as well as the biennial navigation workshop and remote first aid course.

The calendar spanned February to October giving plenty of choice of both bush and urban style events for local rogainers. We also returned to the South Coast (Bournda National Park) for our Championships event.

I would like to personally, and on behalf of ACTRA, thank all the volunteers who helped at events this year. ACTRA is very lucky to have so many passionate members who are happy to volunteer their time to help pull the events together. I would particularly like to acknowledge the event coordinators (Lee Rice, Jiaying Goh, Stephen Goggs, Tom Banks, Julie Quinn, Fergus Macleod, Brad Vallette and Jean Douglass) who went above and beyond their coordination roles to make sure the events ran smoothly on the day.

I would also like to thank the 2019 ACTRA committee (see the list at the end of this report). As Vice-President of a committee without a president, I have had wonderful support from all committee members in ensuring that all the behind-the-scene activities run smoothly. A big thank you to David Baldwin for setting up a new website when the old one crashed (and while overseas for the World Rogaining Championships)! We are making good progress on pulling together the new website and hope to have something that is both functional and visually appealing very soon!

### **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 2019 Australasian Rogaining Champs were held in the beautiful St Helens area in northeast Tasmania. Congratulations to David Baldwin and Julie Quinn who won the event outright, and Jean Douglass and Ron Simpson who won the Mixed Super and Ultra Veterans categories.

The ACT also won the Australian Intersivity Champs which were held in conjunction with the 2019 ACT Rogaining Championships. It was wonderful to see 10 teams represent the ACT in the competition. Congratulations to Anthony Newman and Mikey Dimuantes who won the Intersivity Champs and who came in a close second overall!

The 2019 World Rogaining Championships were held in the Catalunya Pyrenees in Spain. The ACT again had some great results with David and Julie winning Mixed Veterans and placing second in the Mixed Open (17<sup>th</sup> overall). Ben Rada Martin and Isaac Bell made an impressive debut on the world stage with a third place in Men's Youths, while Dane Roberts, Clare Lonergan and Kieran Macdonnel placed 11<sup>th</sup> in Mixed Veterans and Coleen and Colin Mock 7<sup>th</sup> in Mixed Ultra Veterans.

### **ACTRA and events**

We welcomed Fergus Macleod and Tom Banks to the committee, and farewelled Glenn Bridgart, Gail Sutton and Lee Rice. I would like to thank Glenn for all his time and contribution over the many years he has been with the Association, Gail for assisting as Treasurer, and Lee for organising some excellent events. Julie Quinn also stepped down from the President position to better dedicate her time to her new role as Vice-President for the International Rogaining Federation (IRF). Julie has made a vast contribution to ACTRA and I would like to thank her personally for supporting me as Vice-President.

The Australian National University (ANU) Inward Bound students joined us for the Night rogaing in September. A record 45 Youth teams entered the event, which led to some very tight competition. The continued participation of ANU students over the past years to qualify for Inward Bound has led to an increase in youth participants across most events. ACTRA is fortunate to have a good relationship with ANU Inward Bound, and we encourage students to consider volunteering - perhaps setting or vetting an event will even give you an upper hand when it comes to competition!

### **Coming year**

The severe bushfire season in 2019 has greatly impacted the range of rogaing areas available to ACTRA for events this year. We have made some changes to the calendar, with the Paddy Pallin being made into a more metrogaing-style event, the Twilight moving to June and the ACT Champs replacing the Spring event in October. We hope to add a "Back to the Bay" event in May using the area north of Bateman's Bay, to help support some of the bushfire-affected communities on the South Coast.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank the NSW Rural Fire Service, ACT Emergency Services Agency and all the volunteers who have dedicated so much of their time to controlling the bushfires. Our thoughts go out to all those who have been affected.

The ACT Government granted ACTRA \$5,000 in 2019 through the Sports and Recreation Grants program. This supports the development of rogaing through subsidies for the shorter or more family-friendly events. A bus was subsidised to the ACT Champs and was very popular – we will most likely subsidise a bus to the Back to the Bay event again.

Happy rogaing and volunteering in 2020. I hope to see many of you at the events over the coming year!

Keira Banks  
February 2020

### **ACTRA committee members 2019**

Keira Banks (VP)  
Brad Vallette (Treasurer)  
Stephen Goggs (Secretary)  
Julie Quinn (Immediate Past President)  
David Baldwin

Jean Douglass  
Claire Edwards  
Jiaying Goh  
Fergus Macleod  
Tom Banks