

BoWA Presidents Report 2022 AGM

Welcome to the BoWA 2022 AGM.

Thank you to Gary and Maureen for organising today's venue. Unfortunately Gary tested positive to Covid 19 this week so neither could be here today.

I would like to thank the following for their contributions over the past year:-

- All walk leaders and tail enders. You are the backbone of our Club
- All organisers of restaurant nights and other social events.
- Steve Napier for organising the Bibbulmun Track maintenance roster and to all those who have taken part.
- Peter Wasser, Steve and Hugh for Web site maintenance
- John Steel for auditing the accounts for the year

Committee members

Trudy, Gary and Mike for their support and input into activities

Steve for acting on my behalf as vice president by attending the Hike West AGM on 19 October
Organising GPS training course

Simon for keeping our membership up to date and recording walk statistics.
Numbers on walks and camps this year have been high, with 36 walks organised with an average attendance of 15. Our membership is up and we have some very enthusiastic new members.
Simon will give full details in his report.

Paul as Treasurer for the last 4 years. Paul has done an excellent job. He has streamlined the accounts system which makes it very easy to hand on. Sad to say Paul is leaving us shortly. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him in the future if and when he returns to Perth.

Maureen as walks co-ordinator. She has kept the walks program full with varied and excellent walks as well as organising the Kalbarri and Dwellingup camps and the BoWA Christmas BBQ. All three events proved very popular and were greatly enjoyed by members and partners. Her organisational skills, patience and humour are very much appreciated and shine through in the face of cyclones and lockdowns.

John who has given invaluable support and guidance. Keeping on track with Hike West correspondence, and updating BoWA documents relating to the club's Covid-19 policy for the Web site.

Additional Activities

- On 28 March John, Trudy and Alex attended the BTF field day at Mt Cooke.
- On 05 August, John, Trudy, Mike, Warren Cummings and Peter Mann attended a seminar 'Alcoa and the future of bushwalking in Darling Range'. The event was hosted by Perth Bushwalkers.
- On 19 October John and Steve attended the Hike West AGM

Insurance Claim

After Dave Caughey's accident on 02 May at the Dwellingup camp a personal accident claim was lodged on AHI by BoWA and promptly accepted. As far as I am aware it has not been utilised.

Hike West Expo 2021

Warren and I attended last year and had an enjoyable day out. Unfortunately the event on 01 May at Perth Hills Discovery Centre has been cancelled this year. Hopefully it will resume in 2023.

Covid 19

In many ways there has been no great impact to club activities for the year with the exception of the Dwellingup camp which had to be altered. Social events have been impacted somewhat and

this was likely to continue for the foreseeable future. Unfortunately our 40 year celebration event is still on hold, but not forgotten and we will endeavour to revisit this as and when we can. The majority of members have sent me their Proof of Covid vaccination certificates, and we have put in place policies to keep us all as safe as possible. Going forward we will see what transpires and take action if and when needed.

It has been an enjoyable year as President, mainly thanks to John's help. When I offered my services I stipulated that I would appreciate John's guidance - he has not let me down and we are indeed fortunate to have him as a member.

Sarah Ellis
President
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