

Australian Rogaining Association Inc.

President's Annual Report

2024-25

Presented to AGM 25th August 2025

Another year of rogaining has flown by, and I have been very pleased to see the ongoing success of our member clubs and the successful hosting of another Australasian Championships. Congratulations and thanks to every one of the dedicated volunteers that make rogaining happen – you are all very much appreciated.

Reports from each of the eight State/Territory Associations

I have again asked each of the state/territory association Presidents to give a short summary of the highlights of the year and the challenges they are facing, to give us an overview of what's been happening across the country.

SARA

Since the last ARA AGM there have been two ARC events, in 2024 several SA teams made the long journey to WA, a number of those teams being in the Ultra categories and performed well overall. In March this year SARA also fielded several teams in the ARC event hosted by the ACTRA and again most of those teams were in the Ultra categories.

This year we have again noticed a slight decline in overall numbers attending our shorter local events and this decline since the Covid years where we had record crowds is most likely going to level out around the pre-Covid levels. Our bush Rogaines, numbers wise are reasonable, depending on distance from Adelaide and the ability to travel, compete and return home in one weekend.

Due to the ARC event being held mid-March this year, when we normally hold our annual 4hr Twilight event, we shifted this event to the beginning of March and held it at the seaside township of Victor Harbor and trialed starting the event at 9am in the morning to avoid the possible high temperatures of a late afternoon start. Numbers for this event were considerably reduced, which may have been due to the early start, distance from Adelaide, a clash with a major SA orienteering event and the change of date.

Since March SARA has conducted a 4hr Velogaine, a 15hr Roving Rogaine and a 6hr Bush Rogaine and we are gearing to run the SA State 24hr Rogaine Championship event on the first weekend of September.

SARA is currently in a sound financial situation, making a slight profit during the 2024 calendar year and has sufficient reserves to cover the total loss of all our equipment noting that we are self-insured. SARA also provided financial support for the George sisters to attend the WRC2025 event in Spain last July where they again won the U23 Women's title for the third time.

SARA is still having issues with land access and dealing with Forestry Rangers, which is considerably frustrating for Course Setters and Event Organisers. Our committee is slightly smaller with the retirement of two senior members, the stepping down of a couple of others and extended overseas holidaying of another. This is putting more pressure on the remaining members, especially with the WRC2027 event coming up. SARA is looking to hold 7 events next year but will be scaling down in 2027 ahead of the World Championships.

NSWRA

2024 ended with 9 events all up and a magnificent, well attended Socialgaine 6hr event around Sydney Harbour in stunning weather.

At this point in our rogaining year we've completed 5 events 2 urban, 2 bush and one mixed and numbers (compared to last year) are 18% up. 4 events to go at the time of writing this report. This continues a general upward trend in participation and can be attributed to several factors including better marketing and event variety.

We continued to work on delivering key aspects of our Strategic Plan developed in 2024. We implemented two new subgroups to focus on Event Planning and Marketing – two areas that have previously required the hard work by dedicated individuals. That was not a sustainable model.

- The Events Group aims to ensure that all events are planned well in advance and that the teams organising them have all the resources and information they need to deliver the event confidently.
- The Marketing Group aims to coordinate the marketing and communication activities of the association have developed a 2-year Marketing Plan.

It's relatively early days for these groups, but already we are seeing the benefits of utilising the considerable skills of experienced rogainers in managing the sport.

The Year End Survey was commissioned in late 2024 and open for all of January. We had a pretty low rate of response (125 out of a possible audience of over 2000), but there was a bit of effort required to complete it and the quality of responses was good. Some of the key messages are:

- That we are doing a lot of things right for a range of things, like event mix between bush and urban, quality of the catering and general value for money.
- Time pressures, family commitments and lack of a suitable partner inhibit people from attending events. Correspondingly, there is a desire for more solo events.
- People enjoy volunteering once we get them engaged, but we can be doing more to make volunteering less daunting for the uninitiated- like having well described roles.
- I take all these observations as an indicator that we're doing OK but need to keep adapting with some of the changes that people need to maintain interest in the sport, such as considering more Solo events.

Committee

- We lost a few long-standing Committee members, partly through retirement after long service and partly through suggestion that committee members should be actively involved in the running of the sport, rather than simply observing and not attending

meetings. We did attract a few young, fit and skilled members to the Committee and this has helped in its revitalisation.

- NSWRA made a submission to the Inquiry into Access Restrictions to Public Lands and Waterways (thanks to Julian Ledger) that, among other things advocates a change in the policy that precludes Rogaining from Wilderness areas.

Volunteers

- In the 2024 year, we had 124 distinct volunteers out of a total number of 201 for all events in 2024 (approx. 22 per event average). We have over 2000 registered as being interested in volunteering and only 19% of these have actually helped at an event.
- To date we haven't made it compulsory to volunteer for a defined number of events as we typically have no problem attracting people for the minor roles. Roles involving many days/weeks of commitment are where we struggle, particularly for the less experienced, and we're addressing this with mentoring and role sharing.

Challenges:

- Hitting the 150k revenue GST threshold – we are looking at strategies to counter or manage this imposition. Increasing participation and associated costs are working against us – we're currently only 15k under this threshold.
- More extreme weather in events ... rain, leeches, heat.
- Finding competent event coordinators and delivery teams.

VRA

In 2024, the VRA held eight successful events—six bush and two metropolitan—attracting 3,028 entrants (1,843 individuals) from all age groups, including a competitor over 90. Formats encouraged night navigation and longer participation, with 22 teams in the reintroduced Roving 15hr. A new Extreme Vets category debuted. Volunteer engagement remained strong with 131 helpers, supported by streamlined sign-up and improved coordination.

Training expanded, with 48 individuals coached in small groups, club-based skills sessions for 50, and on/off-course training for bushwalking clubs. A training table at each bush event served over 100 rogainers, and 125 people joined popular post-event Zoom recaps.

A new strategy separated governance from operations, enabling more people to assist in event delivery without committee duties. Dedicated teams now cover Competition, Training, Catering, Communications, and Volunteers, although some roles remain hard to fill. A mapping group began producing high-quality maps using free GIS tools. Planning adapted to challenges like Victoria's growing planned burns program, avoiding cancellations through event swaps.

Financially, income from entries (\$91,000) did not fully cover event costs; Bush entry fees rose in 2025 to ensure sustainability.

Looking ahead, priorities include: encouraging longer event participation (with reduced long-event fees), refining communications, expanding planning teams, streamlining IT and administration, and supporting

three new setting teams. The program will maintain varied formats, expand training, and celebrate the VRA's 50th anniversary in 2026, while managing challenges from the extended burning-off season.

WARA

WARA put on 6 events in 2024.

- Our year in 2024 started with the 6hr Cliffhanger foot-paddlegaine in Bicton on 23 March, with 93 people entered, thanks to setters Joel Tate and Antoinette Thomson.
- The 2nd event was the 10 hour Skywalker bush rogaine on 4 May in Dwellingup, with 224 people entered, thanks to setters Alan Kerr and David Smith.
- The 3rd event was the 6 hour Arboretum bush rogaine on 10 June in Bannister, with 225 people entered, thanks to setters Alan Ryan and Michael Tuffin.
- The 4th event was the 12 hour Rapidset bush rogaine on 3 August in Julimar, with 296 people entered, thank you setters Shane Lewis and Andre Morkel.
- The 5th event was the 24 hour Australasian Championships - Mysterious Traveller bush rogaine on 7 September in Grimwade, with 404 people entered. A really big thank you to the setting team Ann Smithson, Owen Horton, William Blackshaw, Luke VanBaaren and Paul Szijarto. Also thank you to the super team of volunteers that made that event go really smoothly and I think we held up the high standard that WA is known for.
- Congratulations to WA winners in the nationals
 - 1st Overall, 1st MO, 1st MV - Paul Williams, David Symons
 - 1st Mens Super Veterans - Gary Carroll (TAS/WARA Life Member), Andre Morkel
 - 1st Women's Ultra Veteran - Jill Elderfield, Jan Candy
 - 1st Women's Under 23 - Emmy Abetz, Addison Orr, Emmy Cowan, Taylor Ahearn
- For the first time we combined the ARC with our State Champs and this was well received. Congratulations to all category champions, and again Wil and Dave for taking out the Overall State Championships, their 18th and 9th respectively in a row, a remarkable feat.
- The last event was the 4hr Inns and Outs Novelty rogaine on 3 November in Wembley, attended by 298 people, thank you setters Nick Lethbridge and Brian Austin.

A total of about 1050 individuals attended our rogaines this year which is a healthy number compared to past years.

Additionally, we held three training sessions - a First Aid refresher in February organised by Joel Tate, and the Dryandra Training Weekend in May and a Setting and Vetting Seminar in October, both organised and run by Ann Smithson. Certainly a busy year for you Ann and thanks again for your great effort and great results.

Thank you to all who gave their time to help run and organise these rogaines. Nothing will happen without those willing to give up their time and often a chance to do a rogaine to make it happen for others. By its very nature, we demand that all rogainers participate at some point in putting on the events, and we very much value the people who consistently put in more than the average, without which we'd have many fewer events.

In addition to putting on the rogaines, WARA made progress on a number of fronts - and congratulations and gratitude to all who were involved - well done to all!

- Hosting on the Australasian Championships. A lot went into this in addition to putting on a rogaine - securing a location, gov funding, event production, transport, shop with merchandise. I am proud to say this was a resounding success.
- New electronic scoring system - the Navlight system.
- New online registration system - the Queensland Cognito Forms system.
- Release of the upgraded website
- Renewal of significant gov funding \$40k
- Rogaining pop-up shop
- WWC compliance in progress
- Introduction of volunteer incentives - Vol Thank You vouchers and 50% fees for year-long vols

Looking ahead, our priorities are as follows

- to fill the key vacant positions, the most important being that of the Volunteer Coordinator
- to put on the 6 rogaines and 3 training events this year, as shown in our events calendar online
- to continue strengthening our systems and procedures
- to apply for government funding again

ACTRA

For 2025 ACTRA has a new president, but outgoing president Stephen Goggs has prepared his final report after many years in the role.

2024 started as all ACT rogaing years do, with the ACTRA 3 Hour Twilight event held at the end of the ANU's orientation week. We gladly welcomed all new and returning uni students to our fun and challenging outdoor navigation sport. Everyone was reminded of the perils of finishing late when the clock stopped on this event moments before a heavy downpour.

The Paddy Pallin-sponsored 6 Hour was held as a Googong Multisport event on Googong Foreshores on 3 March. A wonderfully successful event on foot and by kayak had been marred by the fact that one participant blatantly failed to comply with ACTRA rules. All members are reminded that our Association is governed by national and international rules and we take compliance seriously. On that occasion we had cause to discipline a member for the first time ever.

The ACT Champs 24hr + 8hr rogaine were held at the delightful Black Range on 20-21 April, organised by star course setters and ACTRA life members Jean Douglass and Ron Simpson.

Virtualgaine supremo Jon Glanville had set the ever popular Up Hill and Down Dale 4 hour Virtual rogaine in June, taking participants over Mt Arawang, Mt Taylor, McQuoid's Hill, Urambi Hills and the Tuggeranong valley suburbs of Kambah, Oxley and Greenway. After the success of the Virtualgaine it was disappointing that first a booking clash, then a provider illness and later a shortage of car parking had caused some cancellations, but we got back on track with the Metrogaine on 4 August, also in the Tuggeranong Valley, where the Hash House was at Tuggeranong Homestead who also assisted us with catering.

Post-COVID we had unfortunately lost our relationship with Hartley Lifecare, whose catering support for rogaines had been enjoyed by so many for so long, but 2024 was marked by the Committee's decision to

invest in our own catering supplies, including the recent purchase of a second trailer for all the catering supplies. An exciting prospect of reuniting with Hartley is emerging for 2025, though, so watch this space!

The Night/Day Rogaine was held at Kowen Forest at the end of August, followed by the Australasian Rogaining Championships 'Mysterious Traveller' rogaine in WA in early September, which also doubled as the 2024 Interschool Rogaining Championships. It was very pleasing to see Christopher Bradley, Ryan Stocks and Guyver Fu taking out the IV title, representing ANU, as well as finishing second outright, just ahead of David Baldwin with Victorian Paul Monks (2nd mens vets and 3rd overall), proving once again that for a small jurisdiction ACT punches well above its weight!

Finally the Spring 6/12hr rogaine on 19 October was held in the nearby Yanununbeyan Conservation Area with the Hash House located at "Murdering Sheds Flat" on private land. The 6 hour event was won by Oscar Brown and Oscar Woolford and the 12 hour event by Tristan White and Ivan Koudashev. On that occasion Carwoola RFS provided welcome catering. ACTRA's Spring event, like so many others was made so successful as a result of the efforts of event volunteers - Tom Fitzgerald, Holly Ashburner, Ollie James, Jean Douglass, Ron Simpson, Wendy Emerton, Keith Thomas, Julie Quinn and David Baldwin. Of course it should not just be these usual names who support our events, but anyone and everyone is encouraged to think about volunteering to step up and share the load over time.

With two new young stars at the helm for 2025, rogaining in the ACT has a bright future and we look forward to continuing to enjoy the sport wherever it leads us.

QRA

We have some new people in new roles this year - Nick Clark as President, Melody de Laat as Treasurer along with Fiona Crossley as Secretary and welcome back to Susie Blissner as Vice-President!

Fiona has led the organisation of the QRA Constitution in 2024 and tidied up our banking administration and authorised people which unfortunately required a lot of paperwork and identification.

Mahendra has taken on the role of Equipment and managing our storage shed to keep things tidy and organised to ensure smooth access to our event equipment.

Paul Fleming has also taken on the role of Social Media to help with promotion and photos of events and linked an Instagram account. It seems to gain some interest and it is great to see people interacting and sharing their stories in this space.

The QRA in 2025 continues to build on previous years and we were organised early in the year with events. We are looking forward to the 24hr State Championships in early August being set by Melody and Allan in a new location.

The QRA are working on a new role as land liaison helping gain access/permits to land for events. It is a challenge to gain access and find agreeable landholders.

Members - we continue to invite friends and family to rogaining, however the calendar of events (Trail running, adventure racing, orienteering, MTBO) can feel overwhelming and at times there are a lot of options to choose from for an outdoor enthusiast.

We hope to see you in Rogaining in Qld in 2026!

RTas

Since the last ARA AGM, it has been business as usual for the RT.

We've run two metro events and one bush event, which has been the norm in recent years. Attendance has been excellent. The Hobart-based metrogaine attracted a near-record 308 entrants; the 6- and 12-hour bush/farm event attracted 188 entrants; the Launceston-based metrogaine attracted 128 entrants. Launceston has hosted two events in consecutive years, after a 16-year hiatus.

Finding volunteers for events has not been too difficult. Finding volunteers for the more responsible roles, like overall event coordinator and lead setters, is a challenge. The same people are reluctantly volunteering for these roles. We have run setting/vetting workshops in the past, and it is likely time to repeat these.

RT will be running the Tasmanian Champs, a 24-hour event with an 8-hr option, on the 6th and 7th of December this year. We'll do our best to promote this event interstate as we don't manage to organise a 24-hr event every year, and we regularly attract a few mainlanders to our bush events. The event will be held in the Midlands, about 90 mins drive from the Hobart airport.

Rogaining Tasmania will be hosting the Australasian Championships in 2027. This event will be held early in the year as Australia is hosting the World Champs in September that year. Possible dates are 20th/21st of February and 20th/21st of March. We are currently in the process of identifying and gaining approval for a suitable event area, but we anticipate having a Midlands region event with mixed bush and sheep/cattle farmland. Stephen Yam has been appointed the event director for this event, and we'll soon be filling key volunteer roles.

We have reviewed our position description documentation with a view to formalising the various committee- and event-based roles, which will lead to improved documentation on what the roles entail.

In May, we held a brainstorming session to break out of our usual committee meeting format. The meeting was attended by the committee, selected members, and some Orienteering Tasmania representatives. The evening was a big success, and we have more good ideas than we have volunteer capacity to handle. A likely outcome from this meeting is to run low-key bush events, possibly of a 6-hr duration without catering. This ticks a lot of boxes. From the entrants' perspective, these would be a cheap and short introduction to rogaining. From an organisational perspective, this gives us the opportunity to train setters, vetters, admin teams, and to gain badly needed experience with Navlight. The hope is that from these events, we'll have a better supply of experienced volunteers willing to take on these roles at the more major events.

We have reviewed our communications plan for bush events. There are increased requirements on event organisers to check phone coverage at checkpoint sites, and we are reducing the use of hired satellite phones in favour of a Starlink-based communications (initially on-loan) especially at the hash house.

RT uses commercial caterers for our events, other than for some metrogaines. Our caterer is hanging up his apron after a successful 10-year relationship with RT. A new caterer has been selected and will cater their first event in late August.

We will no longer have intention sheets at every checkpoint, other than at water drops. This is in line with the practices of most other state associations

Gary Carroll. RT President, 13th August 2025

NTRA

Our highlights were 3 Urban and 2 bush events all reasonably well attended. We unfortunately had to cancel one bush event due to extreme weather conditions with high temperatures 37 plus and hot dry winds. Whilst we attempt to operate all year round our core activity of conducting our sport in a natural environment is ever increasingly being challenged by a warming planet, increased fuel loads with invasive grasses and a continuous urban sprawl.

We need to adapt to these challenges and continue to provide high quality events to ensure that the sport remains active in the region. The committee continue to actively seek and discuss ways to improve our public profile, improve and enhance our risk management strategy and are always seeking ways to lift the quality of events.

We have a reasonable following with membership within a city that has not much more than 150,000 people. It always feels like the same people are doing most of the responsibility and it's always hard to get people to invest a bit of time to be involved in organising and being part of events. But somehow, I don't think that's just confined to us, its across the board in every other sporting organisation that we are associated with.

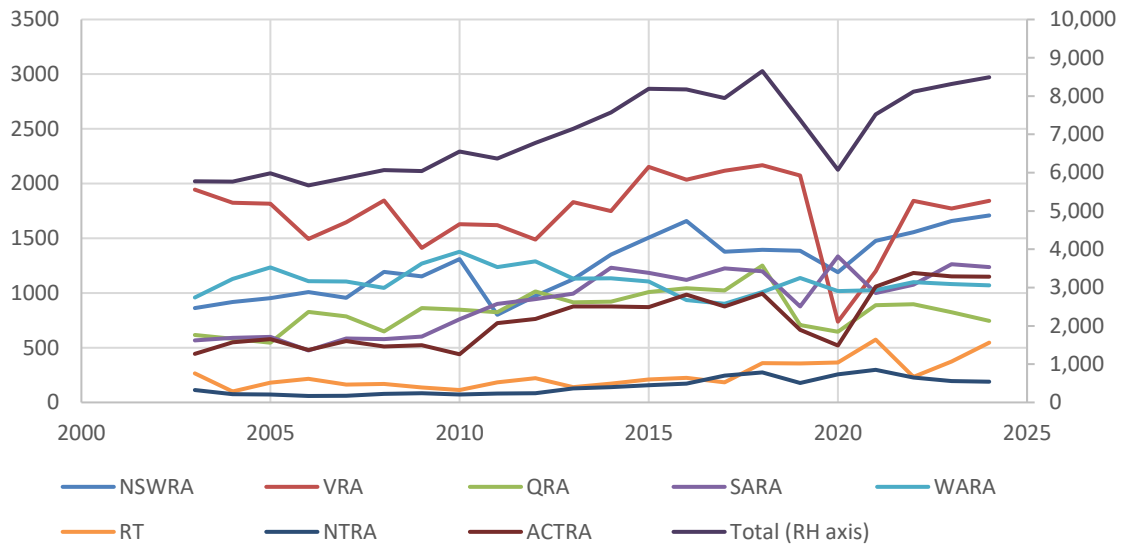
So, looking to the future we are working on our marketing strategy, we have modified our logo to Regionally align our branding. We continue to plagiarise what we like from other states as we simply do not have the creative resources to continually tap into. So, thank you to all those very imaginative Rogainers out there in other states , kudos to SA with a modern and engaging aspect.

Overall Calendar

The ARA's 8 Member state and territory associations ran an extensive calendar of 24-hour rogaines, various shorter events, cycle rogaines, metrogaines and paddle events. Here is the national calendar of events held in 2024: [https://rogaine.asn.au/events/eventsbyyear/2024/-](https://rogaine.asn.au/events/eventsbyyear/2024/)

Membership

Membership/participation statistics collected by the ARA Treasurer indicate that total numbers in the sport increased slightly in 2024 to 8489 (2% increase on 2023). The graph below shows membership statistics since 2003. Post-covid growth appears to be slowing.



Finances

The Treasurer's Report for calendar year 2024 shows that the ARA's finances remain solid.

Since the 2022 AGM the Capitation fee has been reinstated at \$1 per head, due to the return of events and normalisation of Member income.

There will be some short-term demand on the ARA balance sheet due to WRC expenses to be incurred before income begins flowing. The ARA Council will be asked to approve these outlays at the AGM.

Insurance

The ARA continues to maintain public liability insurance, volunteer injury insurance and association insurance.

The Treasurer again negotiated competitive rates for renewal of our public liability insurance, which comes due in mid-December.

Our broker remains Arthur J. Gallagher & Co, with their contact details are on the ARA website: <https://rogaine.asn.au/documents/insurance>

Technical Review of Accounts

Treasurer Peter Blyton has endeavoured to implement the recommendations of the review undertaken by John Gavens, as outlined in his report. He has also requested a review of the 2024 accounts.

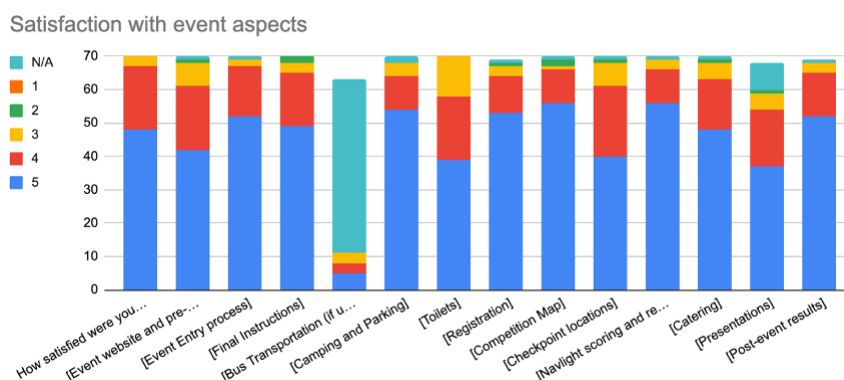
Australasian Championships

The 2025 Australasian Championships were held in the Snowy Mountains on 15-16 March, hosted by ACTRA, and were a great success all around. You can check out the results here: <https://rogaine.asn.au/results/arc-results> and here: <https://arc2025.rogaining.au/results>

An excellent review of the event was prepared by the organisers Julie and David based on feedback received from participants.

A request for feedback was circulated by email with a Google Form used to collect the responses. Thank you to the 70 people who took the time to respond to the survey. Your feedback is much appreciated.

Overall most respondents were very satisfied (5) or satisfied (4) with all aspects of the event. A number of useful suggestions were made to improve future events.



Additional comments in the responses were analysed and have been summarised here:

[25ARC Post-event Survey Summary](#)

Here is more information on the feedback: <https://arc2025.rogaining.au/reports/74-feedback-summary>

QRA is organising the next Australasian Championship near Ironpot, 3.5 hours NW of Brisbane, on 29-30 August 2026. The organiser is Fiona Crossley, setter is Tim McIntyre and vetter is Paul Frylink.

The hosts for the following Australian Rogaining Championships and Intervarsity (according to the rotation schedule) are planned to be:

- 2026 – QRA – 29-30 August. Location: Near Kingaroy, NW of Brisbane
- 2027 – RTas – Feb/Mar
- 2028 – VRA

There is also provision for NTRA to hold the Australian Championship at any time in the future when suitable. ARA Council has a standing offer in support of NTRA to facilitate this opportunity, such as via event underwriting and coordination of volunteers.

Technical Sub-Committee

Chairman: David Baldwin

Two proposals for rule modifications are proposed at this year's AGM, to improve clarity on the restrictions on GPS devices and to update the requirements for Under 14 competitors to use age at 31 December instead of age on event day.

State Grants

The ARA Grants Policy enables the ARA Executive to allocate up to 40% of annual capitation income to grants to support the sport through Member projects and capital expenditure. These are relatively low value grants, best suited to assisting the smaller associations.

In 2024 one grant was awarded, to ACTRA, as a co-contribution towards their new trailer.

Grant applications are encouraged before the deadline of 30 November each year. The ARA's grant policy is on the website: <https://rogaine.asn.au/documents/policy/grant-policy>

2027 World Rogaining Championships, Flinders Ranges, 16-17 September 2027

Preparations for this event are well underway, led by Craig and the SARA crew.

- A grant application was organised and presented to the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) to get Major Event status and funding for the WRC2027 event. This application was successful together with a \$75k sponsorship funding agreement.
- An independent Bank account has been set up and the ARA has registered for GST. WRC2027 expense claim forms are available on the ARA web site and private vehicle use re-imbursement costs have been established.
- Issac Foreman was engaged to prepare a photo shoot and video clip for promotion of the event wrc2027.rogaining.au
- Paul Guard has set up the preliminary web site where the video clip can be seen.
- All Australians competing at the WRC2025 event were provided with promotional T-Shirts and all participants received a WRC2027 promotional fridge magnet.
- A First Aid organization has been selected to provide on site first aid at the event in 2027.
- The Airborne Research Australia organization has been selected to provide LiDAR information of the event map area. Currently assessing some sample data.
- Further site work will be undertaken early September.
- Now that Major event status has been granted, organizations and companies will be approached for sponsorship.
- Tracking systems for the event are being investigated. Paul Guard has details on the systems being used in Queensland and a local South Australian, Ryan Dummin is still working on his prototypes which had an initial testing at the 15hr event last year in SA and will possibly be further tested at the upcoming 24hr event in SA.
- A pre-event opening ceremony in Adelaide is being discussed.
- Use of a "Finishing Arch" for the event is also being investigated.
- Already receiving enquiries about accommodation at the event site.
- Inter-state volunteers are signing up from articles listed on the NSW newsletters.

The Australian WRCs to date have been:

- 1992 Beechworth, Victoria (VRA)
- 1996 Mt Singleton, Western Australia (WARA)
- 2006 Coonabarabran, New South Wales (NSWRA)
- 2016 Alice Springs, Northern Territory (ARA/NTRA)

International Rogaining and the IRF

The ARA is formally represented on the International Rogaining Federation (IRF) by President Paul Guard and delegate David Baldwin. An informal meeting was held at the 2025 WRC in Spain. Matt Bixley has stepped down from the role of International Rogaining Federation President, and there are now multiple vacancies on the IRF Executive. If you have an interest in getting involved in the coordination of the World Rogaining Championships and other international rogaining, especially if you have experience in rogaining administration, we would love to hear from you.

International Development Fund (IDF)

Convenor: ARA Treasurer Peter Blyton.

There has been no further activity by the IDF Committee this year. The International Development Fund provides an opportunity for ARA to leverage its skills and resources to assist the growth of rogaining internationally. Members are encouraged to suggest projects or initiatives that could benefit from funding. Support guidelines are on the ARA website:

<https://rogaine.asn.au/documents/policy/international-development-fund>

World Rogaining Championships 2025

A big cohort of over 41 Australians competed in the 19th World Rogaining Championships which were held in the Sierra de la Demanda mountains in northern Spain on 5-6 July. Here is most of the group, proudly wearing our WRC 2027 promotional shirts:



David Baldwin, Julie Quinn	XV	4170	23:26:28	XO:5	XV:2				
Andrew Brown, Gill Fowler	XO	3880	23:46:54	XO:8					
Shelley Bambrook, Elizabeth Dornom	WO	3660	23:40:18	WO:3					
Paul Guard, Amanda Koopman	XV	3650	23:16:19	XO:9	XV:3				
Ronnie Taib, David Williams	MO	3440	23:57:30	MO:26					
Andrew Duerden, Michael Hotchkis	MSV	3170	23:51:38	MO:34	MV:10	MSV:3			
Andre Morkel, Jonathan Sutcliffe	MSV	2950	23:38:04	MO:52	MV:15	MSV:5			
Joanna George, Abigail George	WY	2840	23:34:55	WO:10				WY:1	
Tarni Cunningham, Jackson Jolly, Oscar Woolford	XO	2830	23:43:54	XO:31					
Rodney Gray, Geoff Lawford	MUV	2660	23:04:50	MO:64	MV:21	MSV:9	MUV:1		
Oliver James, E Wen Wong	XY	2550	23:28:22	XO:45					XY:1
Therlene Egerton, Lesa Muir	WSV	2460	23:41:44	WO:16	WV:7	WSV:2			
Richard Robinson, Vivienne Prince	XUV	2230	23:04:48	XO:56	XV:28	XSV:11	XUV:4		
Lucy Hawthorne, Nicole Mealing	WO	2010	22:43:13	WO:22					
Kerry Gigante, Helen Robinson	WSV	1920	23:45:28	WO:25	WV:11	WSV:3			
Jon Gianville, Stephen Goggs	MSV	1900	23:32:34	MO:108	MV:48	MSV:20			
Rocky Duerden, Ruby Staas, Constantin Zirimis	XO	1800	23:41:40	XO:78					
Robin Spriggs, Sharon Crawford	WUV	1390	23:54:32	WO:32	WV:15	WSV:5	WUV:2		
Jenny McInerney, Trent McInerney	XUV	1290	22:10:13	XO:105	XV:61	XSV:29	XUV:9		
Julian Ledger, Ted Woodley	MUV	1240	23:17:26	MO:150	MV:74	MSV:33	MUV:11		
Sue Clarke, Walter Kelemen	XUV	990	23:14:36	XO:119	XV:71	XSV:32	XUV:12		

The Aussie teams put in a great performance, and overall there were Australians in ten of the teams that reached the podium. Congratulations to all of the participants and all of the category place-getters!

The full results are available on the event website:

<https://wrc2025.org/live-center/>

and also on the Rogaine-Results website, where you can look at team routes and leg statistics:

<https://rogaine-results.com/event/results/2025/world-rogaine-champs/24hr>

Check out the photos in this album:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/r7PrAyDpDm667huF9>

We also took the opportunity to promote the next World Rogaining Championships in Australia: wrc2027.rogaining.au

Information Systems

The entry system developed by QRA has been successfully adopted by WARA, ACTRA, NSWRA, QRA and VRA, with branding customised for each association. NZRA have now expressed interest in using the system.

The ARA Executive maintains the National Calendar on the ARA website, together with the archive of ARC results, Council policies and major news.

The Executive established an 'Aus-Rogaining' Google Group and circulates rogaining news via the group and the ARA website roughly once every 3 months. The Executive also promotes rogaining news on ARA's Facebook page.

Google Groups have also been established for discussions on the use of Maprun for rogaining and on map making for rogaining. New resources for using QGIS for rogaine map making have been developed and are now available on the QRA website: <https://qldrogaine.asn.au/mapping-resources/>

The ARA's website is www.rogaine.asn.au and Facebook page www.facebook.com/ausrogaining.

Navlight Developments

Steve's new Navlight system software has made the lives of rogaine administrators much easier, thanks Steve. If you are not yet using it, you can access it here: <https://github.com/stevogray/navlight-releases/releases>

Peter Squires continues to work on new hardware, and a new generation of yellow punches are now being deployed to our member associations. A new financial arrangement will be put forward to support maintenance of the system going forward.

Executive Roles

The ARA Executive has continued to hold regular Executive Meetings at approximately six-week intervals throughout the year. A Position Description document has now been prepared for the Executive roles.

I would like to thank the Executive team: Secretary Stephen Gray, Treasurer Peter Blyton, Past President David Rowlands, and Technical Committee Chairman David Baldwin, for all your work on behalf of ARA throughout the past year.

Vision, Mission and Values of the Australian Rogaining Association

I invite members of the ARA Council to reflect on the past achievements and current activities of the ARA and think about what we should or could be doing differently. I am still keen to receive feedback on the draft Vision, Mission and Values statements I presented in my report last year, presented again with minor additions and edits below.

Vision

We will build the rogaing community in Australia, ensuring that the sport is accessible to all, provides safe and fair competition, and values our volunteers.

Mission

We promote, develop, and sustain the sport of rogaing across Australia, supporting a volunteer community that delivers high quality rogaing events at low cost while effectively managing risks. We enable people of all ages and abilities to develop new skills and explore the natural environment through rogaing, in an inclusive and supportive environment.

Values

- **Community Engagement:** We value the role of rogaing in building strong, connected communities and encourage active participation and volunteerism at every level. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we traverse and highly value the generosity of private landholders who provide access to their land.
- **Volunteerism:** We believe that one of the principle strengths of rogaing as a sport is our commitment to volunteerism, to build community, encourage inclusiveness and to keep the costs of participation as low as possible.
- **Teamwork and Collaboration:** We believe in the value of teamwork, building camaraderie and mutual respect among participants, volunteers, and organisers.
- **Adventure and Exploration:** We celebrate the spirit of adventure, encouraging participants to explore Australia's diverse landscapes while challenging themselves to develop new navigation and strategy skills.
- **Inclusivity and Accessibility:** We are committed to making rogaing accessible to people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities, ensuring everyone can participate and enjoy the sport.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** We are dedicated to protecting and preserving the natural environment, promoting sustainable practices in all our activities.
- **Integrity and Fair Play:** We uphold high standards of integrity, fairness, and sportsmanship.
- **Continuous Improvement:** We are committed to continually improving our events, resources, and governance to better serve our participants and the broader community.

Conclusion

We should all be very proud of the wonderful community that we are constantly building and renewing across Australia as we come together to organise rogaing. I would like to give my sincere thanks to each of the Council delegates, state committee members and rogaing volunteers across Australia for your dedication and hard work delivering successful and well-run events, ensuring participant safety and pursuing continued growth for our sport.

Paul Guard
President