



Minutes

Australian Rogaining Association Inc.

2025 Annual General Meeting

25th August 2025, 7:30pm AEST

The President opened the meeting at 7:30pm AEST and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which we rogaïne.

1. Apologies And Notification of Proxies

Apologies received: Nil

Proxies advised: Nil

Executive: Paul Guard, Peter Blyton, Stephen Gray, David Rowlands, David Baldwin

Delegates attending:

ACTRA: Oliver James, Julie Quinn

NSWRA: Graham Field, Julian Ledger

NTRA: Shani Bryceson

QRA: Nick Clark, Paul Guard

RT: Gary Carroll, Bernard Walker

SARA: Craig Colwell, Shanti Osborne

VRA: Sue Noy, Peter Taylor

WARA: Andre Morkel, Alison Lang

2. Introductions

Attendees gave a brief introduction of themselves.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held 19th August 2024

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| Motion: That the minutes of the 2024 AGM be accepted as true and accurate Moved Craig Colwell, Second: David Baldwin. Motion passed. |
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4. Matters Arising From the Minutes Not Discussed Elsewhere

Nil

5. President's Report

President's report was tabled and highlights were summarised.

6. Financial Matters

a) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for 2024 was tabled and the Treasurer gave a brief summary of the report. Finances are solid. Expenses are covered by levy income. In 2025 the ARA supported a youth team to travel overseas for the WRC. In early 2025 we provided a grant to ACTRA towards purchase of a trailer and in early 2024 RT received a grant towards a new battery system. The residual NAMSF funds are held by ARA. Majority of the cash

balance has been moved to the savings account. There is now a term deposit for the IDF funds. John Gavens is currently reviewing our 2024 accounts and will continue with annual reviews. Insurance: all levies received. We will start negotiating for next year's insurance in November. Expect insurance levy increase of ~10%. Applications are open for ARA grants now, close in November.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted
Moved: Peter Blyton. Second: Sue Noy. Motion passed

b) Setting of Capitation Fee and IDF Contribution for 2025

Motion: That the capitation fee for the calendar year 2025 be set at \$1 per participant (same as previous years)
Moved: Peter Blyton. Second: David Baldwin. Motion passed.

No projects have been identified that will require a contribution to the IDF this year.

Motion: That the International Development Fund contribution for 2025 be set at \$0 per participant
Moved: Peter Blyton. Seconder: Craig Colwell. Motion passed

The Treasurer's report included details of responses to the actions set out in the previous AGM minutes.

The President put forward a motion to empower the ARA Executive to approve payments for WRC expenses in the lead up to the event before event income starts flowing. Julie noted that it is expected that these advance payments will be recovered by event income in full over time.

Motion: That the ARA Council empowers the ARA Executive to incur expenditure LiDAR costs and other miscellaneous costs associated with the WRC 2027 according to the event budget up to a cap of \$70,000 (funding beyond that limit to be approved by Council).
Moved: Paul Guard. Seconder: Craig Colwell. Motion passed

7. Australian and Australasian Championships

- a) 2025 Australasian Rogaining Championships: ACTRA
Location: Long Plain, Snowy Mountains
15-16 March 2025
Course Setters: David Baldwin, Julie Quinn
 - High quality event, good feedback received
 - Craig thought use of MTB for safety was a good idea
- b) 2026 Australasian Rogaining Championships: QRA
Date: 29-30 August 2026. Note: State Associations - add this to your calendar
Proposed location is adjacent to one of the existing favourite maps north of the Bunya mountains, west of Kingaroy, with Ironpot Community Hall as the base.
- c) 2027 RTas – April. Organiser – Stephen Yam
Sebastian Burgess and Gary are exploring land options – Midlands
- d) 2028 VRA – to be discussed with the VRA committee

Potential for interstate assistance for NTRA to host an Australian Champs. Open invitation when NTRA are ready.

NZRA is due to host the Australasian Championships in 2028. ARA President will discuss with NZRA. General agreement for Australasian Champs is 4 out of 5 in Aus, then 1 out of 5 in NZ, to provide a regional championship for the purposes of qualification for the World Rogaining Championships.

8. International Rogaining Federation

a) International rogaining developments (Julie Quinn).

IRF Vice President, Julie Quinn provided a summary of international developments.

Informal meeting at WRC 2025

- Governance issues. Matt Bixley resignation 1 August
- Call for nominations for executive – Pres, VP, Treasurer, Secretary
- Julie Quinn nominated for Treasurer
- Pres, VP roles open. No interest in the President position to date. Valters may agree to be VP.
- Nominations close 30 Sept
- Hot topic – communications. Refreshed website, but needs some more people to update things and provide content
- Need regular meetings – Julie will set something up

b) WRC 2025: Spain (WRC2025.org) 5-6 July

Well organised, good course.

c) WRC 2027: Flinders Ranges, South Australia.

An update from Craig Colwell was provided in the President's Report.

Queries on the entry process:

- Prequalification process will be put in place as per IRF process
- No entry criteria after prequalification is satisfied

Discussion on how to promote the event to Europeans and other areas to try to encourage international participation

d) Other IRF news:

Paul Guard and David Baldwin are ARA representatives on the IRF.

9. Technical Subcommittee

Convenor: David Baldwin

a) Proposal to add a new Under 30 category

David Baldwin provided feedback on ARC 2025 numbers to the meeting – all U30 categories were competitive. 2 years of tracking teams in this category in ACT champs. Around 1/3 of teams.

Sue noted that some teams are disillusioned by teams winning multiple categories. David Baldwin will provide more documentation to the ARA Council to support addition of the category to the ARC list.

b) Potential rule change (R7) to clarify GPS watches are not allowed.

Suggested improvements to the rule were discussed and modifications were made accordingly.

Motion: To adopt wording for the rule as proposed in the meeting.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bTdEZorv_q09epgDqnHgXp2ryi-awape/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105794844185648114513&rtpof=true&sd=true
Moved: Craig Colwell. Seconder: David Baldwin Motion passed

c) Proposed update to R2 to clarify U14 team membership requirements

Motion proposed to update the wording for R2 to account for year of birth rather than date of birth, i.e. *A team that has a member fourteen years of age or under on 31st December of the year of the competition shall also have a member nineteen years of age or over on 31st December of the year of the competition*

There was some discussion on whether a change is needed. Peter Taylor suggested that the system limitations shouldn't dictate the rules and changing to the proposed rule would exclude some teams with an 18 year old member from competing. At present, entry systems are applying the modified rule so might be excluding some teams that meet the requirements of the tech regs. It was agreed to retain the existing R2 rule but modify entry forms so that any team that may have a team member under 14 needs to also certify that they have a responsible over-18 team member.

Paul Guard will update template entry forms to add a checkbox for this purpose.

d) Discussion of map specifications for Australian Rogaining Championships

Proposal to set up a mapping subcommittee to develop an ARA Mapping Policy. Not too prescriptive, but include a style guide. Proposal is likely to include an expert panel to review map samples for each ARC and suggest improvements.

10. Intervarsity

a) 2025 Intervarsity Championship, 13-14 Sept 2025, NSWRA

Teams from ACT, NSW, Vic, Qld and Tas have applied for travel bursaries supported by NAMSF funds.

b) Proposal for 2026 Intervarsity Championship to be held with the 2026 ARC in Qld. Confirmed that this choice is appropriate.

c) Appointment of IV Convenor.

The President noted that he does not have a lot of time available for coordinating and recruiting university teams, and would appreciate support from one or more intervarsity convenors.

11. General Business

a) National website hosting and ARA website

Thanks to David Baldwin for keeping the ARA website resources working

b) National Entry System hosted by QRA

In use by many states, NZRA has also recently expressed interest in using it

c) Future of Navlight funding arrangements

Paul discussed the need to move to a more transparent and fairer system for collecting and distributing income for Navlight maintenance and development. Will circulate a proposal to Council in the near future with a view to implementation in 2026.

d) Informal discussion groups have been set up for discussion:

- a. MapRun <https://groups.google.com/g/maprun-for-rogaining>
- b. Map making in QGIS (from QRA) <http://groups.google.com/g/rogaine-mapping>
 - i. QRA has published material on its website
- c. Software development including Navlight enhancements.
<https://groups.google.com/g/navlight-users>
- d. AusRogaining mailing list <https://groups.google.com/g/aus-rogaining>

The President encouraged all states/territories to share resources via the ARA Council

12. Next AGM

It is proposed that we'll continue to hold these meetings online.

Proposed Date:

- 3 August 2026

Meeting closed at 10:00pm AEST.

Tabled Documents

- President's Report - **2024-25 President's Report.pdf**
- Treasurer's Report - **2024 Treasurer's Report.pdf**
- Minutes of 2024 AGM - **2024 ARA AGM Minutes.pdf**
- **Proposed technical regulations changes -**
2025 ARA AGM Tech Regs Proposal – GPS watches.pdf
2025 ARA AGM Tech Regs Proposal – U14 competitors.pdf

ARA Council as at 28/7/2025

President: Paul Guard
Secretary: Stephen Gray
Treasurer: Peter Blyton
Public Officer: Craig Colwell
Immediate Past President: David Rowlands

Delegates:

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| Nick Clarke | QRA | President |
| Paul Guard | QRA | Representative |
| Mike Dunbar | NTRA | President |
| Jade Mudarti | NTRA | Representative |
| Oliver James | ACTRA | President |
| Julie Quinn | ACTRA | Representative |
| Graham Field | NSWRA | President |
| Julian Ledger | NSWRA | Representative |
| Andre Morkel | WARA | President |
| Alison Lang | WARA | Representative |
| Gary Carroll | RT | President |
| Bernard Walker | RT | Representative |
| Sue Noy | VRA | President |
| Peter Taylor | VRA | Representative |
| Craig Colwell | SARA | President |
| Shanti Osborne | SARA | Representative |