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In this Newsletter

Welcome to the Northern Territory Rogaining Association's October 2016 newsletter. This edition contains interesting information on:

- Editor's Note
- Presidential Comments
- Next Event Info
- What's happening Elsewhere – , Australasian Championship Event Feb 2017.
KNB&B Event Wrap up : Reports, map, results and photos

Editors Note:

As editor I put together reports that are written by you, the competitors/setters/vetters, and would like to thank all those involved, including at the events and people contributing photos to publish. Well done to all Verena, Sue and Mike - Winners at the KLBBB! Thanks again to good organisers Ben and Simon Saunders.

Presidents Peace

Well, another season is all but over and given our limited resources, I think everyone has enjoyed all events that were on offer in 2016.

By now, all the stiffness generated by the better than excellent Knuckeyes Lagoon event, courtesy the Saunders clan (Major, Minor and Manageress) has worn off and bodies are getting into shape for a bumper 2017.

A huge thanks to all contributors during the year - in particular Marj and her tireless catering crew for presenting us with a continuous flow of delicious vittles at all events, all setters, vetters and control hangers for the hundreds of kilometres of thankless footslogging through difficult terrain and sometimes somewhat less than chipper weather, Michael for his nonstop flow of information that keeps everyone in the loop, Daniel for stepping in as Newsletter Ed and of course, you, the punter, who collectively are the very reason we are here in the first place.

We still have one more unofficial function on the table. To keep the rogaining skills from tapering off too soon as we dive into the wet season, Michael has done the hard yards and organised a bush navigation coaching/mini rogaine/Christmas bash weekend at the excellent



Litchfield Special Education camping site which will be a joint project with the Darwin Bushwalking club. This will be held over the 3rd/4th December - details elsewhere in this edition - and will be a thoroughly enjoyable and informative weekend.

This is the time of year where we ask you all to consider how you would like to apportion your talents over the coming rogaining season. Of course, we want everyone, and then some, to compete in as many events as possible, but at the same time we are always looking for fresh blood (sometimes literally) to set, vet and organise events.

Next year's event calendar is out so give some serious thought as to what roles you might like to fill - there are ample, experienced, user friendly club officials on hand to make the exercise trouble free.

Also, the 2017 NTRA AGM will give the adventurous the opportunity to jump on board in the admin area and perhaps take some of the load from the shoulders of the 'same old, same old' - new enthusiasm is always a breath of fresh air.

Finally, thank you all for 2016 and we'll see you all at the Litchfield Christmas navigation bash.

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[Next Metrogaine Event otherwise \(there is the Yuletide event in December\)](#)

What: Metrogaine Mania

Where : Parap, Darwin

When :Saturday Feb 18th 2017

Why : This is a Camp Quality Fundraiser

Organiser : Mike Dunbar



True Legends of Event Catering

Events Elsewhere:

The [Australasian Championship for 2017](#) will be on 11-12 February in the heart of New Zealand's south island high country.



The land includes some pockets of native beech forest, some high tussock grasslands, and a large area of rolling hill country, mostly developed but with plenty of challenges. For more information see <http://www.rogaine.org.nz/arc2017/information.html>



It's a

Yuletide Enlightening Jamboree

**Navigation Coaching
&
Interpretive Botanical Walk**



**A joint festive educational event proudly supported
by the Darwin Bushwalking Club and the Northern Territory Rogaine Association.**

**We need the support of those members who are well experienced
to assist in improving the skills of others, this occasion is for every member.**

Tis the beginning of the season for giving & sharing, tis a great opportunity to do so!

When: 3rd & 4th December 2016

Where: Litchfield Education Centre, Litchfield National Park

To be there: email: rogaine.nt@gmail.com



Yuletide Event -- Be Quick- print this 1 page form and return completed.



Name:			
Best Contact:			
Member of:	Darwin Bushwalking Club / Northern Territory Rogaine Association (Just circle whichever applies)		
Navigation			
On a scale of 1 to 10, please rate your competence. Just circle your response, no need to elaborate, just be honest.			
1	Superior skills, 100% accuracy – never makes mistakes		
2	Excellent skills, 90% accuracy – rarely makes mistakes		
3	Good Navigation with 80% accuracy – makes mistakes, but easily rectified		
4	Above average navigation - with an understanding of anything on a map		
5	Average Navigation - gets a bit lost sometimes and takes a bit to find my way		
6	Below average Navigation – relative understanding of principles, requires more confidence		
7	Navigation is poor, can be a bit overwhelming and I am unsure of how read a map		
8	Would prefer to follow somebody else and cannot follow a compass or read a map		
9	I get lost in my own house		
10	I am lost already with what you have been talking about		
The Evening and the next day			
Staying for dinner? You are required to bring something to share: SEE BELOW. BYO Drinks, Chair, Cup, Plates and cutlery. Clubs will supply meats and breakfast (Bacon and eggs)			Y / N
Please circle one Salad / Bread / Juice / Nibbles / Desert -			
<i>If you are unsure as to what to bring contact Mara or Michael</i>			
Taking part in Secret Santa? Maximum spend - \$15.00.			Y / N
Are you camping?-			Y / N
Staying for Breakfast?			Y / N
Attending the Botanical Walk?			Y / N

PLEASE READ THIS:

Note: This is a legal document. You should obtain legal advice before signing, if you do not understand its meaning and effect. All Members involved must read, and sign this form in order to participate in any activity.

This event is an activity which can involve risk of personal injury or property damage. While it is acknowledged as a challenging activity, the risks ought not to be discounted particularly navigating through potential dangers in a bush setting in daylight or darkness. Extreme care must be taken by participants to avoid injuries from falls which can occur at night time. Other, but less obvious, risks will occur because of the nature and type of terrain through which the activities are conducted. The Association requires all participants to carry equipment such as suitable clothing, food, torches, compasses, water, first aid kit and any other allowed devices which will limit the inherent risks in the activity.

By participating in any of the activities, each participant acknowledges that their involvement comprises considerable risk and agrees that by entering any activity on the weekend being held by the Northern Territory Rogaining Association and the Darwin Bushwalking Club they do so at their own risk.

The participant binds themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs, successors and assigns as follows:

a)The participant agrees to discharge and release the Northern Territory Rogaining Association and the Darwin Bushwalking Club , their volunteers, the owners and occupiers of land used in the event, event sponsors and producers, community organisations, Territory, Federal and Local Authorities in which the event may be held and their (its) representatives from all liability for death, disability, personal injury, damage to property, theft, and all foreseeable risks, claims or actions of any kind, howsoever caused, resulting from their participation – directly or indirectly – in this event.

b)The participant agrees to further indemnify and hold harmless all entities and persons mentioned in the above clause (a) above from all liabilities, claims or action, as mentioned above, irrespective of whether the Association or its employees or agents may have been negligent. In particular, the participant agrees to indemnify the Association/Club for any loss or damage arising from participating in the event and agrees that this indemnity may be pleaded as a complete defence to any legal proceedings or any right the participant may claim against the Association, its servants, agents or any owner or occupier of land used in the proceedings.

Acknowledged and agreed:

Name	Signature	Date



Winner's remarks for Metrogaine KNBBB Boots on the ground

Verena and Sue lodged their team entry for the 6 hour foot event in the Knuckey's Build-up Boot 'n' Bike Metrogaine set and vetted by Simon and Ben Saunders. On the day we both arrived at 1pm to commence our map planning. But Mike Dunbar's partner had to unfortunately cancel at the last moment, meaning Mike now had no team, so Mike decided to 'gate-crash' our team instead.

In the two hour's preparation available, it soon became obvious that this was not going to be an easy task as many route choices were 'discussed'. "No, we can't go that way, we'll miss out on these controls" "And that way entails a lot of doubling back on the many dead ends" "Don't think it's possible to cut across there- is that a fence?" Simon and Ben had certainly set a very thought provoking course. By 2.15pm we realised that we had to make a decision on some route, otherwise we'd still be discussing our route at 3pm! We quickly contacted our maps in the 'not too windy' conditions which made a nice change, covered ourselves in plenty of sunscreen, filled up water bladders and checked our food, in readiness for the hot and arduous conditions which lay ahead.

2.45pm, Simon and Ben provided us with a safety briefing, then 3pm we were off – 1st control we headed to control 39 to find the car body – not so bad. We then went through the scrub to 52 and travelled along the track to 70. Now things got interesting, our 'gate crasher' decided to change the route a little "rather than heading directly to 56, why not head down to 74 and then onto 56". Another 'discussion' followed and Verena and Sue finally relented, but were left wondering why when we were fighting through more bush and eventually came out onto the track wondering whether to turn left or right? We did manage to find 56 and then cruised along to 46, 85, 37 and 84 where we bumped into Ken and Daniel. Then headed onto 25, 82 (crikey another dead end), 26 and 63 (Dead End).

Again things got interesting, our 'gate crasher' decided to change our route again, Verena and Sue were not so sure, but in the end decided it was a better route choice. So, instead of heading to 64, we headed down to 54 and managed to cut over to 67 and onto 110. To make up a bit of time and as it was not so hot, we decided to jog a little, heading over to 45 and 35. We headed into Berrimah and counted the diamonds at control 48. Mike was wanting to up the pace and in his surging haste to get 83 walked right past 20! Sue said to Verena "Isn't that guy with the white hard-hat, our control number 20?" Verena said "what are you talking about" and Mike was ahead flapping his arms "what are you two doing?" Sue answered "getting control 20 which you've just raced past..." Quickly writing down the answer, we headed onto 83 and found where Total Security Screens had moved to.

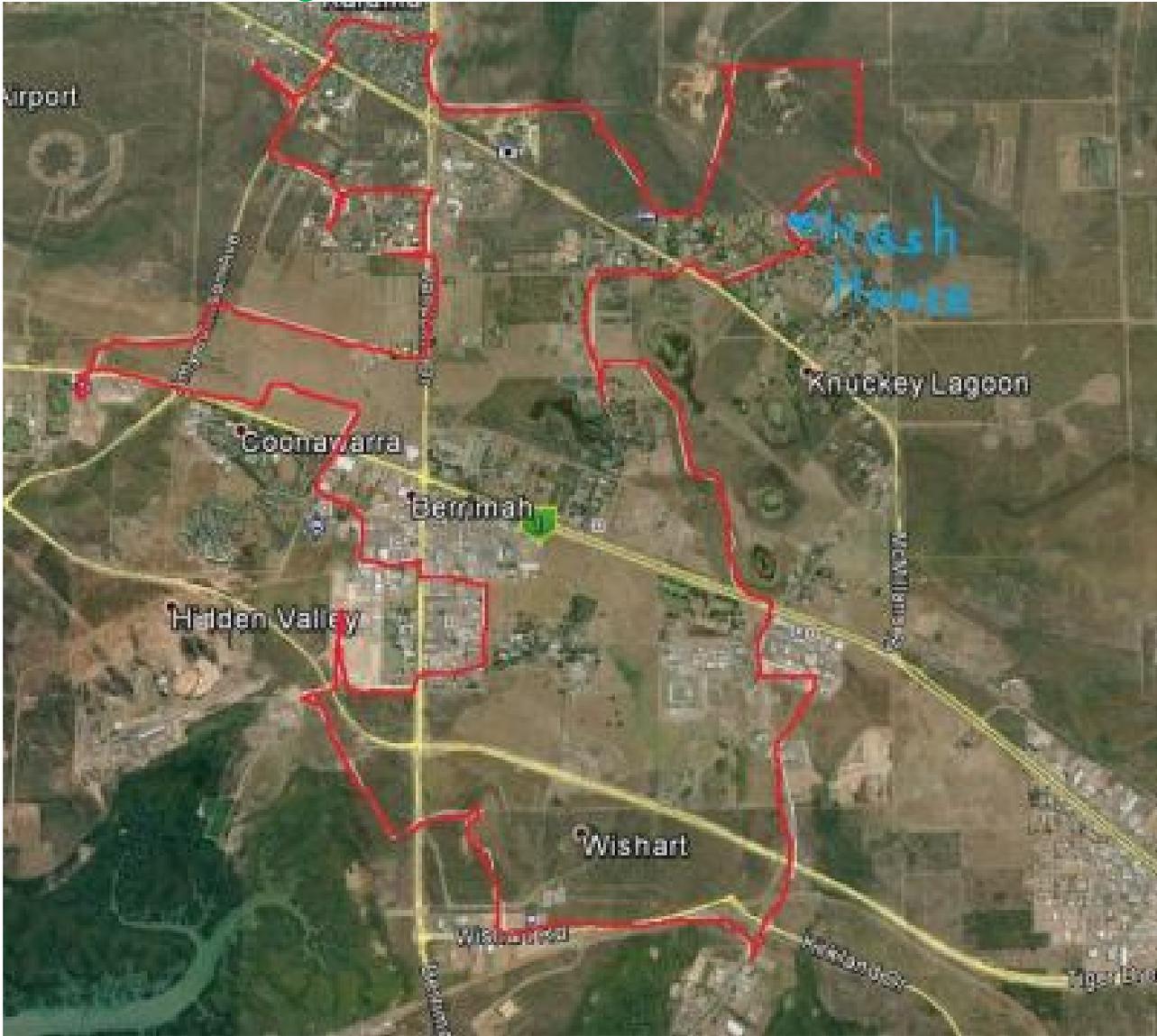
We crossed Berrimah Road and jumped a gate to then come across a blooming big high fence with 3 strands of barbed wire at the top blocking our route to 93. "What now?" We walked along the fence hoping for a hole and were very lucky to find someone had kindly rammed the gates giving us access to 93. We then doubled back and headed over to 87, "there's Ken and Daniel again". And then headed along the track to 47, fortunately it was dry track. Now it was starting to be a race against time, as we wanted to get to 120 by 7.30pm. Across country, dashed across Berrimah Road and found 92 in twilight. Quick top up of water, heading over to 68, more bush to find the fuel capacity at 75. By now, we were jogging and walking to the controls. It was a bit of a hike to find the power pole number at 120, arriving there by 7.41pm – that's not so bad!

Now it was time to start heading home. But guess what, our 'gate crasher' had another trick up his sleeve "Let's modify our route home....." So, quick dash over Tiger Brennan, headed up to 72, 60, 36 and 55 and into Knuckey's Lagoon, unfortunately by now it was too dark to see the bird-life. Jogged along the track to 94 and onto 76. We then headed out onto the road, down to 53 to find the wagon wheels, and back, then onto 24 and 23, counting the lampposts protruding through the wall (interesting). "How much time have we got left?" "Just under 10 minutes, we'll be OK". Found the lamps at 10 "Wow is that Marj's BBQ we can smell?" (Turned out it was!). Then decided to jog to our last control at 28. "Damn, wrong power pole!" Found the right one and raced home, but to our dismay found we'd lost 10 points as we'd arrived 56 seconds late. Oh well, never mind, we had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the event. It was also good to see a large number of entries, particularly with the cyclists and we hope that everyone else out on the course enjoyed the event as much as we did.

We must say thanks to both Ben and Simon for setting such an excellent and interesting course over various terrain each with their own challenges. As we know how much time and effort goes into setting a Metrogaine. The questions were easy to understand and the answers not cryptic and were obvious, once you had navigated to the right control. Thanks to Marj and Jane once again for their dedication in providing a delicious BBQ, cake, fruit and cool drinks. Thanks to Susi Bertei for all your effort with the role of event secretary. And thanks to Greg and Sally for volunteering their time. –Verena and Sue



Winning Route Choice – 6 hr KLBBC!



Ed note : Thats a Moose

Winners KLBBC 6hr Metrogaine! -2100pts



Northern Territory Rogaining Association

Knuckey's Build-up Boot 'n' Bike October 2016 6 Hr Metrogain 4 Hr Cyclegain

Team Number	Total Points	City of Ctrs	Total Time			6 Hr Metrogain													4 Hr Cyclegain													Team Member Names				
			Hr	Min	Sec	All	Men				Women				Mixed					F	All	Men				Women				Mixed					F	
						MJ	MO	MV	MS	WJ	WC	WV	WS	XJ	XO	XV	XS	F	All	MJ	MO	MV	MS	WJ	WC	WV	WS	XJ	XO	XV	XS	F				
XV13	2100	39	6	0	56	1																												Verena Tinning, Sue Berger, Michael Dunbar		
MV15	1420	27	5	49	20	2	1	1																									Daniel O'Brien, Kenneth Renney			
XO2	1300	28	5	48	50	3																											Asha Mahasuria, Dave Farjer, Kent Murray			
WV3	1280	25	5	47	38	4				1	1																						Karen Lewis, Clare Labowitch			
XO6	1070	23	5	43	30	5																											Kelly Paterson, Dave Lindsay			
XV19	950	17	3	24	25	6																											Kirsty Walters, Russell Willis			
WO14	830	18	3	55	33	7					2																						Erin Mettam, Neil Stonham, Pip Sleigh			
XV10	DNB	DNB	0	0	0	8																											Michael Dunbar, Mandy Lloyd			
MF9	2540	47	3	57	7														1		1												1	Jed Cruickshank, Simon Cruickshank		
XV25	2400	43	4	12	30														2															Flaxy Purich, Paul Sharp		
MV23	2310	42	3	54	37														3		2	1												Jon Potter, Jim Miles		
XO7	2150	41	3	57	7														4															Cath Hood, Rob Brooks		
XO22	2140	41	4	3	32														5															Emma Saunders, Jared Donovan, Anna Wilkins, Tyler Donovan, Elle Hills		
XSV1	2030	37	3	59	40														6															Annie Whybourne, Dan Baschiera		
WO11	1990	36	3	55	57														7					1										Francene Anderson, Katharine Taylor, Donna Kabel, Emma Host, Sarah McEachern		
XV26	1750	29	3	59	31														8																Deb Carr, Adrian Curry	
XF12	1620	33	3	55	12														9																Sara Martin, Phil Brownscombe, Matthew Brownscombe, Noah Brownscombe	
WO4	1470	32	3	57	25														10					2											Diane Napier, Belinda Townend, Tina Noutsos, Angela Libro, Antonella Calabro-Rowse	
XV21	1430	26	3	55	43														11																Narelle Goodrem, Graeme Finch, Warwick Allanson	
XF24	1400	25	4	0	29														12																Susi Bertel, Oscar Bertel, Sol-T Healy-Morrison	
XO20	1260	26	3	43	36														13																Lauren Toll, Vaughan Jones, Shelley Evans	
WV17	1200	24	2	56	55														14																Elizabeth Moloney, Louise Gillett, Ros Tait, Yasmin Barnes	
XSV5	1140	24	3	52	8														15						3										Rose Stephens, Moira Wigley, Peter Stephens	
MF8	970	20	2	51	33														16		3														Scott Mitchell, Cooper Mitchell	
MSV16	780	16	2	34	48														17		4	2	1												Bill Caulfield, Rik Jones	
XF18	450	13	2	19	46														18																5	Lisa Payne, Lachlan Astridge, Callum Murphy



KLBBB – Podium Positions (plus extras)



KLBBB All Winners Photo

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