

Presidents Address

WELCOME EVERYONE + PAST PRESIDENTS AND LIFE MEMBERS

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

1 Fantastic walks program - 50 walks per month, incredible overseas walks this year to places like Slovenia, Portugal, Japan.

56 walks in November!!!!

517 activities this year!

2 Focus on attracting younger members

- more members in 50s and 60s. Good progress
- Strategy of more weekend walks - up to 8 walks on some weekends and usually 2 or 3
- Younger members at leader training day - encouraging
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3 Excellent attendance at 2 new first aid training days and good member feedback about the course

4 Growing popularity of cycling trips - day rides AND weeks away eg Rail Trail rides

5 Continuing popularity of social events - birthday celebration, AGM and Leaders thank you night - attracting 60 to 70 people and excellent feedback about the functions

6 Appointment of Welfare officer - and a BUSY YEAR for Kaye and her helpers. Kaye put this idea to me at the meal after the last AGM and it has been very well received by members.

7 Electronic program now almost universal we now print and mail out only 18 copies per program. This with a membership of 700! Over 50% of walks are submitted via electronic program.

The key challenges:

1 More younger members

2 More younger leaders

2 More pack walks

3 More accommodated walks and/ or car camping walks

4 More grade 4 and 5 walks and more walks away from Sydney that have been done in the past

5 A new website - Lionel, Peter Watkins, Swee Yeo, Geoff Bishop have volunteered to help and the project will get underway early in the new year

THANK YOU to committee members and SUPPORT team for their excellent work this year