NORTHERN RIVERS OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES

Date/Time: Monday 16 March 2026 @ 5:00 pm **Location**: Online via Zoom

Chairperson: Ruth Dare
Minutes: Kathleen Barrett

1. **Attendance:**
   Present: Ruth Dare, Kathleen Barrett, Iain Green, Anne Green, Tom Lane, Chris McDowell, Jenny McDowell, Douglas Wilson, Ann Lardi, Shane Malone, Karen Dunne, Mark Delany, Peter Monks, Jan Coller, John Reid, Peter Whitely, Anna Lampe, Robin Buckley, Ian Pick, Pauline MacLeod, David Beveridge, Vicki McKain

   Apologies: Linda Brannian, Tom Reynolds, Tresna Reynolds, Bill Boyd, Ruth Henderson, Wendy Steadman-Jones, Michael Jones

   Quorum: Yes

2. **Previous Minutes**
   Motion: That the minutes of the AGM held on 31 March, 2025 be accepted as an accurate and true record.
   Moved: Ruth Dare Seconded: Peter Monks
   Passed

3. **Business Arising and Any Other Business**
   There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. **President's Report**
   The President, Ruth Dare, read her report.
   Motion: That the President's report be accepted.
   Moved: Kathleen Barrett Seconded: Mark Delaney
   Passed

5. **Treasurer's and Membership Co-ordinator's Report for the period 1 March 2025 - 28 February 2026**
   Peter Whitely presented his detailed Treasurer's Report.
   Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.
   Moved: Shane Seconded: Mark Delaney
   Passed

   Peter Whitely presented his Membership Report.

Motion: That the Membership Co-ordinator's Report be accepted.
Moved: Karen Dunne Seconded: Jenny Dowell
Passed

Peter Whitely was thanked for his excellent reports.

6. Reports from Committee Members

Reports from Activity Co-ordinators, plus the Newsletter Co-ordinator and Website Manager, were noted.

7. Election of Office Bearers

All 2025/6 positions were declared vacant. The 2026/7 positions were then filled unopposed:

Position	Held 2025/6	Appointed 2026/7	Elected 2026/7 Proposer/Seconder
President	Ruth Dare	Tom Reynolds	Ian Pick / Peter W
Vice President	Jenny Dowell	John Reid	Kathleen Barrett / Mark Delany
Secretary	Kathleen Barrett	Kathleen Barrett	
Treasurer	Peter Whitely	Peter Whitely	
Membership Secretary	Peter Whitely	Peter Whitely	
Social Secretary	Linda Brannian		
Website Manager	Tom Lane	Tom Lane	
Walks Co-ordinator	Jan Coller and Ann Lardi	Jan Coller and Ann Lardi	
Major Events (Trips) Co-Ordinator	Ruth Dare	Ruth Dare	
Kayaking Co-ordinator	Peter Monks	Peter Monks	
Cycling Co-ordinator	Chris McDowell	Chris McDowell and Vicki McKain	
Abseiling Co-ordinator	Shane Malone	Shane Malone	
Newsletter Co-ordinator	Bill Boyd	Bill Boyd	

Designated Role

Mark Delany has held the position of Public Officer for several years and has agreed to remain in this role for the 2026/7 period.

Ruth thanked those who had held office in 2025 (especially Linda and Jenny, who are leaving their roles) and welcomed Tom Reynolds, John Reid and Vicki McKain to the Committee.

Peter W then said a few words acknowledging Ruth, who was standing down as President. Here is an extract from his speech:

> "On behalf of the club, I would like to recognise someone who has shaped this club in a big way over the past six years — our president, Ruth Dare. Over the last six years Ruth has put an enormous amount of energy, persistence, and frank determination into making sure the club didn't just keep going but making sure it grew. Under Ruth's leadership we've seen our membership increase, our activity calendar expand, membership automation, consistency in the club executive team, and a determined push to change the club's name and ensure our club has become much more visible in the wider outdoor community. A clear sign of that is the recognition we've received from Bushwalking NSW, which reflects the reputation this club now holds beyond our own members.
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> For six years, Ruth has taken responsibility, made decisions, and kept moving things forward— and she has done it with remarkable commitment, and occasionally with the persuasive skills of someone who could probably lead a bushwalk or ride through a brick wall; however volunteer organisations depend on people like Ruth.
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> Ruth has given a huge amount of time and commitment to this role. On behalf of the membership, I want to thank you for the work you've put in, the direction you've provided, and the energy you've invested in the club over these past six years. We wish you all the best as you step down from the presidency, and we hope that now you'll have a bit more time to do what brought most of us here in the first place — getting outdoors and enjoying a range of different activities. Please join me in thanking Ruth for her six years as president."

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5:40 pm.