



2024 President's Report

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Your part-time president was hardly here in 2023, so this report comes with renewed gratitude for all the efforts made by the members of the ACTRA management committee and our wonderful volunteers. Rogaining would not be the fun and rewarding experience it is without you all. Keep up the good work! My special thanks go to those who stepped in at the last moment to ensure last year's twilight event centred on Isaacs Ridge and Fadden went off without a hitch after my personal brush with a NSW stingray!

Speaking of NSW, rogainers were frequent visitors there again in 2023. This time last year we were at Tallaganda State Forest, the ACT Champs were squeezed in just before a deluge at Three Mile Dam near Selwyn ski fields in the Snowy Mountains and we lived on the wild side, crossing the border to Queanbeyan for the Metrogaine. My own favourite was finally getting back to Orroral Valley after the 2020 bushfires for the Night/Day events, where it was such a pleasure to have so many ANU student teams preparing for their annual Inward Bound challenge.

Congratulations also to all ACT rogainers who participated on the national and international rogaining stage – at Goobang NSW and in California respectively, including perennial champions Tony Slatyer and Grant Battersby, Jean and Peggy Douglas, and Julie Quinn and David Baldwin.

For the coming year we have a particular challenge dear to all our hearts – and stomachs. After many years of valued and tasty service Hartley Lifecare have decided they are no longer able to provide catering for our events. Again special thanks to honorary friends of rogaining, Deb Miller and her team from Hartley. I'm sure we all look forward to finding a suitable replacement – and of course if any members present are budding MasterChefs please let us know after the meeting.

On the statistical front it was good to see that overall our numbers have continued to climb slightly since our return to rogaining after the worst of the pandemic - we had 1947 finishing participants in 884 teams across 8 events for the year, with the Night&Day, Metrogaine, Paddy Pallin and Virtualgaine events proving most popular.

	Event	2022		2023	
		Teams	Participants	Teams	Participants
1	Twilight	119	326	65	180
2	Paddy Pallin	74	174	100	254
3	Winter 4H	50	128	75	189

4	Metrogaine	163	311	163	320
5	Virtualgaine	154	226	201	261
6	Night & Day	69	201	69	205
		59	153	62	179
7	Champs 8/24H	38	101	39	95
		43	99	40	94
8	Spring 6/12H	31	76	50	125
		25	57	20	45
	Total	825	1852	884	1947