



## 2026 President's Report

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It has been a big year for rogaining in the ACT, and a rewarding first year for me as President since taking on the role this time last year. We hosted a full calendar of events and saw exciting growth in participation across the year. This report gives a summary of some of our highlight events during the year.

Our calendar began in February with the Twilight 3hr which was held at Rob Roy nature reserve. This was my first experience working behind the scenes in rogaining as a course setter, and I was greatly supported by Jon Glanville in this, with our then-President Stephen Goggs coordinating the event.

In March, the ACT hosted the Australasian Rogaining Championships (ARC). Julie Quinn and David Baldwin set an excellent course, "Murrumbidgee Wayfaring," taking competitors to the headwaters of the Murrumbidgee on Long Plain, Kosciuszko NP. The event was catered late into the night by our dedicated volunteers, who helped to make the event a great success.

Alongside our regular event schedule, we also held a navigation workshop at the end of March. This provided a valuable opportunity for rogainers to learn from expert coaches in our association, improving their technique and developing new skills.

In July, a number of ACT rogainers travelled to Spain for the 19th World Rogaining Championships (WRC) in Quintanar de la Sierra. ACT teams achieved fantastic results, with David and Julie placing second in Mixed Veterans, and my team, with E Wen Wong, taking gold in Mixed Youth.

Midway through the year, we welcomed back our catering partner, Hartley Lifecare, who had been unable to assist at events in 2024. It has been great to have them back providing toasties and the nourishing food we all appreciate after a rogaine.

In September, Oscar Woolford and Kelvin Meng represented the ACT and ANU at the Australian Interschool Rogaining Championships, hosted by NSW at Mt Werong, where they took out the win.

Towards the end of the year, we faced a challenge when the inaugural NSW–ACT interstate spring challenge had to be cancelled due to land access issues.

Fortunately, Julie stepped in to organise an ACT spring event in Bondo State Forest, rounding out a strong year of high-quality rogaines across the region.

This successful year was only possible thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, who generously give their time to support our events. If you can, please consider getting involved.

<b>2025 Events</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Participants</b>
<b>Twilight 3hr</b>	135	351
<b>Australian Rogaining Championship 24hr</b>	180	402
<b>Paddy Pallin 6hr</b>	112	319
<b>Virtualgaine 4hr</b>	122	197
<b>Winter 4hr</b>	62	152
<b>Metrogaine 6hr</b>	215	406
<b>Day/Night/Cycle 5/6hr</b>	66/49/7	176/143/14
<b>Spring 6/12hr</b>	30/38	73/88

We had a total of 2307 participants entries in 1009 teams across 8 events, and a membership of 1195.

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