

Federation of WA Bushwalkers - summary of Activities over past year Since 2005 AGM

Sept - Dec 2005

- Considered further developments of Adventure Activity Standards as occurring in Victoria and there possible implications to volunteer and bushwalking clubs.
- Negotiated with Stephen Watson from Dept of Environment re. camping in water catchment regions and walking in RPZ's.
- Letter to WA Premier to request press release on new Dept of Water role & policy.
- Mel brought our attention to a Water Corp plan to thin trees in catchment areas using Glyphosate or similar and the concerns this would have on a range of environmental issues especially given that we aren't permitted to walk in these same areas.
- Dave Osborne (PBC and Walks by GPS) targeted by Water Corp for indicating walks which pass through RPZ's
- Submission made to co-ordinating body (Strategen) for Logue Brook dam water use change plan outlining Bushwalker interest

2006

January - March

- Consideration of support for Fed rep to attend the May "Tracks and Trails" conference in Hobart with a view to submitting a paper on Class 4, 5 & 6 trails.
- Ian submitted article for Bibulmun Track newsletter on walking "off track" which also provided Fed club publicity.
- Dept of Water draft agreement for Federation club members to camp in water catchments in designated areas based on Stephen Watson's "in principle" agreement.
- Bunbury Adventure Pursuits Club joined Federation
- Annual Public Liability & Personal Accident Insurance numbers called for.
- Consideration of Historical walking in water catchments as argument for continued access to RPZ.
- Advice to DEC on Cape Range, Lake McLarty & Shark Bay NP submissions.

April - July

- Consideration of International Route Assessment concept
- Information for another national meeting – this one the Parks and Protected Management Congress (briefly considered as alternate to National Tracks and Trails)
- Victorian info on Outdoor Recreation Association and its impact on their walking groups AAS implications
- Letter to Minister Kobelke on RPZ and access issues considering his role in Water & Sport & Rec
- Ian attended the BWA reps meeting in Melbourne to discuss the National body's management & Future
- Feedback obtained from National tracks and Trails conf at local DSR meeting in Perth
- 22nd July - Ian & 2 other travelled to Harvey to attend Logue Brook dam public forum

August – November

- Brief submissions to DEC on Bushwalker interest in Tuart & Burreup NP's
- Submission to senior ranger at Kalbarri NP on risk assessment plan.
- Hecate Jay (PBC) agrees to become BWA delegate & secretary
- Invite to Outdoor WA conference December 11th