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Newsletter of the UNSW Outdoor Club
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BOREE LOG 07

Susan Ireland



Mt York historic walk

We walked down the same tracks that the first explorers took with their horse and cart. We could just feel the significance as we passed ‘historic wells,’ the ‘wishing chair,’ and all the little monuments along the way.

WHAT'S ON?

- 7th April: Climbing Festival
- 7th-9th April: Great North Walk
- 18th April: Club Meeting
- 20th April: Cheap indoor climbing
- 28th April: Autumn Rogaine
- 7th-9th May: Banff Film Festival
- 15th May: Club AGM

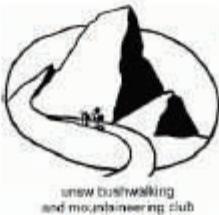


Disco Stu and his ‘Disco Stew’

After a day in the outdoors, nothing feels more homely than a hot meal cooked fresh over the fire. We had ‘Disco Stew,’ ‘Chicken Ikeda’ and apple rhubarb dessert.



Here comes the rain...



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Despite the misty warning, we were blissfully unaware of the unfortunate position of our tent. In a mad rush we moved our tent to higher ground. But the downpour on Saturday night did nothing to dampen our spirits, as our drunken cross-dressers will verify...

This was followed by a lazy Sunday of eating pancakes and exploring the glow worm tunnel. A fun weekend away...

All About You

Anthony Knittel

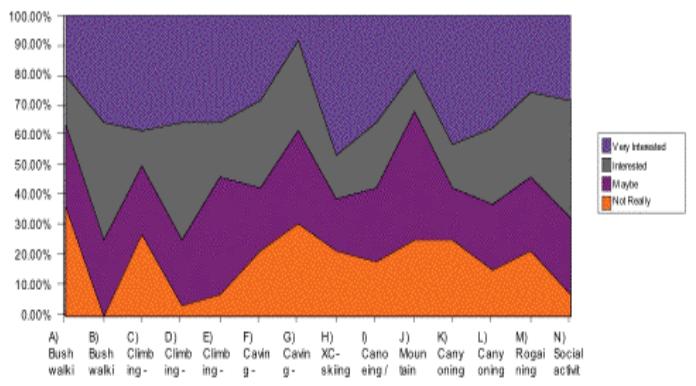
Recently we ran a survey to get an idea of what people are interested in doing and what sort of skills people have and would like to learn. A total of 30 responses were received which is a healthy proportion of the club.

There's people interested in doing a lot of activities and people who seem able to run them and share skills, so in general it seems to be a matter simply of connecting the dots.

Activities

Chart A shows the interest in each activity:

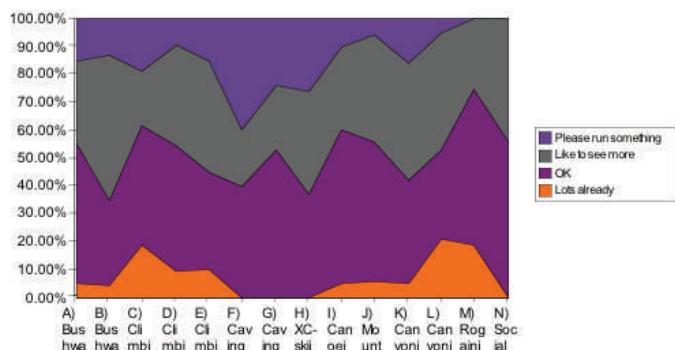
Interest by activity



- 70% 'interested' or 'very interested' in more involved bushwalking.
- 40% 'very interested' in cross-country skiing
- Strong interest in climbing, canyoning and canoeing.

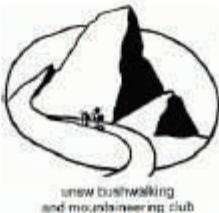
Chart B shows feedback on how much activities are being run and which activities people would like to see more of.

Activities like run more often



- Beginners climbing, and canoeing trips—60% 'ok' or 'lots already'
- Rogaining 70% 'ok' or 'lots already'.
- The most enthusiastic response was for caving, 40% said 'please run something'.

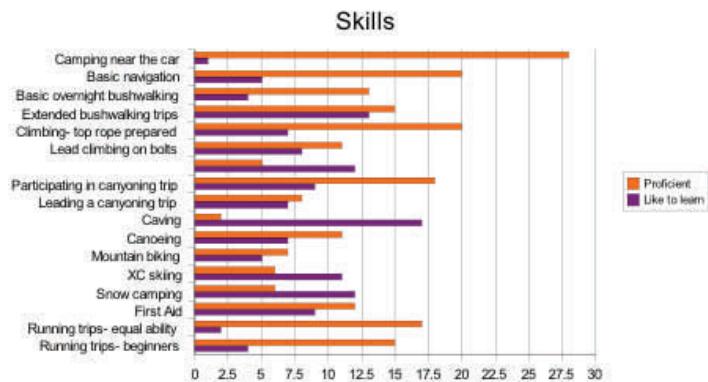




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Skills



The chart (C) of the skills respondents said they were proficient in and would like to learn is fairly self explanatory. There is interest in learning skills across the board, with particularly strong interest in:

- Learning caving
- Extended bushwalking trips
- Natural (traditional) climbing
- Cross country skiing/snow camping.

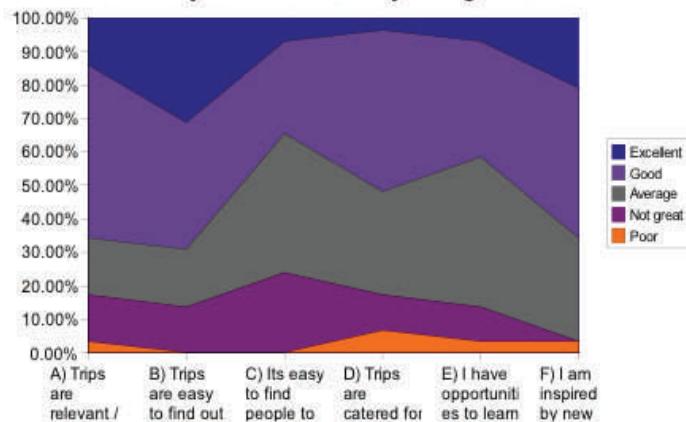


The way things are run

Chart D shows feedback on the way activities have been run. Overall the responses are quite good with the bulk of responses either 'good' or

'excellent'.

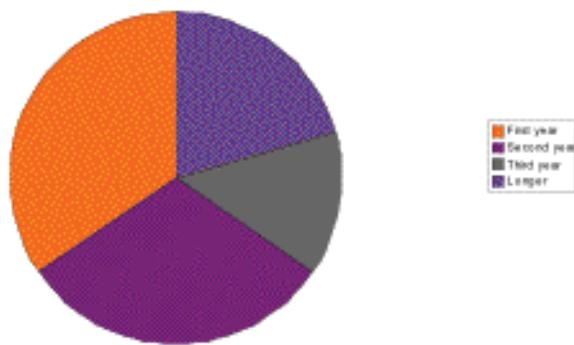
How do you find the way things are run?



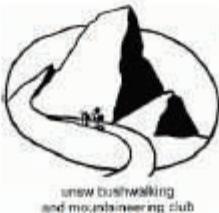
The poorest fairing responses were for 'Its easy to find people to plan activities with' and 'I have opportunities to learn things I want to learn', although the bulk of these responses were 'average', with a few indicating 'not great' or 'poor'.

Length of involvement

How long have been involved with UNSWOC



A positive result from the amount of time people expect they will be involved with campus clubs such as the outdoor club is that two thirds of respondents indicated they expect to be around for two years or longer, which is encouraging for teaching skills. A similar propor-



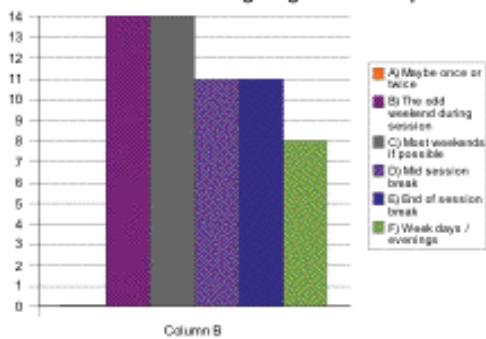
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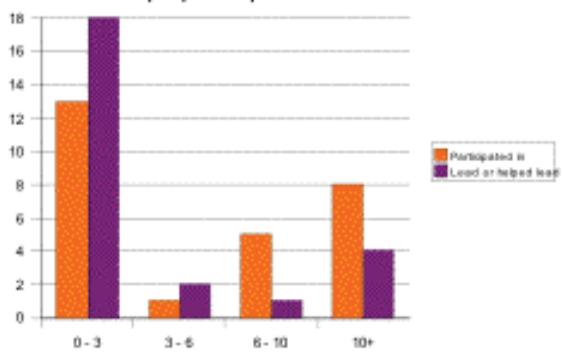
tion of people indicated it is their first or second year.

Other results

When interested in going on club trips?



Trips participated in and lead



Summary

The results show a healthy level of interest in activities and should give a good indication of trips to run and possibly training sessions to help people learn things they want to learn. The club runs best if there are a number of people running trips, the more the better, so hopefully we can find a way to encourage people to step up and support a wide range of participation in the club.



Winter may be coming up, but there is plenty to look forward to...

Have fun in the outdoors!