

Bushwalking NSW

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WHO WE ARE:

Bushwalking NSW is the peak body for bushwalkers in NSW and the ACT, representing people who are passionate about outdoor recreation, bush conservation, and promoting public engagement with nature. Bushwalking NSW represents over 12,000 bushwalkers from 69 bushwalking clubs throughout the state, and provides a united voice to local, state and federal government agencies and other bodies on issues affecting bushwalkers.

Bushwalking NSW is a not-for-profit, incorporated organisation run by an Executive Officer and a dedicated band of volunteers. Our funds are generally derived from membership fees.

Our Vision:

To build healthy, active communities inspired by nature

Our Mission:

Support strong, safe, active and inclusive bushwalking and related outdoor activities in wisely managed natural areas.

THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING AFFILIATED WITH BUSHWALKING NSW:

Membership of Bushwalking NSW grants clubs access to these services, and provides clubs with this representation and promotion:

At Bushwalking NSW we:

- Unite NSW & ACT bushwalkers, and organisations interested in recreational bushwalking, camping and outdoor activities, including alpine walking, orienteering, rogaining, liloing, abseiling, canyoning, canoeing, kayaking, cycling and snow skiing
- Promote the social and health benefits of bushwalking and outdoor recreation to people of all nationalities, abilities and backgrounds
- Strive for the establishment, preservation and wise management of national parks, wilderness and natural areas by creating public awareness of environmental issues and lobbying government agencies and other bodies including coal mining companies.
- Promote bushwalking clubs and provide information on bushwalking and outdoor adventure, conservation, bush safety, training opportunities, tracks and access issues through the Bushwalking NSW website: <http://www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/>, monthly e-newsletters, The Bushwalker quarterly magazine, email alerts, and by hosting member meetings.
- Assist member bushwalking clubs by providing advice and resources such as the Bushwalkers Code, Risk Management guidelines, and other policies.

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- Organise insurance for member bushwalking clubs through our affiliation with Bushwalking Australia, obtaining cost effective rates due to a large membership.
- Liaise with and support the [Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Squad \(BWRS\)](#) in their emergency services work
- Represent NSW and ACT clubs to Bushwalking Australia, the peak national body for non-commercial bushwalking, and collaborate with other like-minded organisations throughout Australia.
- Assist clubs with incorporation and Fair Trading requirements including keeping clubs up to date of legislative changes.
- Seek grant funding to run projects to support bushwalking in NSW.

Club Promotion

Bushwalking NSW maintains a list of clubs on our website and in The Bushwalker magazine which increases the visibility of your club and helps new members and visitors find your club by name and location: <http://www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/clubs-location/>

Bushwalking NSW also hosts small club websites – ask us if you need this service.

Insurance

Bushwalking Australia organises a National Insurance Scheme providing Public Liability, Personal Accident and Associations Liability Insurance cover to clubs affiliated with Bushwalking NSW. See the Bushwalking Australia website for comprehensive information: <http://www.bushwalkingaustralia.org/insurance>

In brief, the activities covered by the Public Liability and Personal Accident insurance policies in 2015-2016 are:

Bushwalking	Liloing
Rafting /Boating	Abseiling
Swimming	Cycling
Snow Skiing	Caving
Track /Hut – Construction and /or Maintenance	Canyoning (both including & excluding abseiling)
Alpine Walking (both Summer and Winter)	Leadership training and other related instructions
Rock Scouring and use of hand held ropes as part of a bushwalk	Canoeing /Kayaking
Orienteering / Rogaining	Social activities and club meetings

Other insurance covers, such as property insurance, can be arranged to meet the specific requirements of a club.

Monthly Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter keeps members abreast of activities in the Bushwalking world and activities in Bushwalking NSW. It is emailed to the club secretary for distribution each month.

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"The Bushwalker" Magazine

Bushwalking NSW publishes "The Bushwalker" magazine quarterly with a 2,500 print run. It is widely distributed throughout New South Wales and available on our website. It contains a list of affiliated clubs so people new to bushwalking can learn of your club.

Policies and Guidelines

Bushwalking NSW assists member bushwalking clubs by providing advice and resources such as the Bushwalkers Code, Risk Management guidelines, and other policies which are hosted on our website: <http://www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/>

Clubs are also consulted in the development of policies, which broadcasts their voice to a broader audience.

Bushwalking NSW Meetings

Bushwalking NSW holds quarterly meetings to provide clubs the opportunity to meet people from other bushwalking clubs, hear about Bushwalking NSW's activities, and to give clubs a forum to represent their interests to Bushwalking NSW.

Quarterly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the months of February, May, August and November. The August meeting is the Annual General Meeting. Your club is encouraged to send delegates to Bushwalking NSW General Meetings to enjoy our keynote speaker, hear the latest news, express your opinion and discuss bushwalking issues with Bushwalking NSW and delegates from affiliated clubs.

Regional clubs can find meeting resources including keynote presentation slides, agendas and minutes on our website at: <http://www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/meetings/> If you can't attend meetings your club representatives are welcome to email an opinion or concern to us for airing at the meeting – email your thoughts and ideas to admin@bushwalkingnsw.org.au

Bushwalkers' Wilderness Rescue Squad Inc.

Bushwalking NSW supports the Bushwalkers' Wilderness Rescue Squad (BWRS) which is a self-contained volunteer unit which provides search and rescue services to bushwalkers and the people of NSW.

The Bushwalkers' Wilderness Rescue Squad conducts training courses in all skills applicable to search and rescue, and also conducts St John First Aid certificate courses. Visit their website at: www.bwrs.org.au

Incorporation assistance

Bushwalking NSW can help explain Fair Trading requirements for associations and reasons for incorporating.

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BUSHWALKING NSW STATEMENT OF OBJECTS:

The principal object of Bushwalking NSW shall be to unite all persons and organisations interested in recreational bushwalking, camping and other related recreational activities, in particular (but without limiting the generality of the principal object):

- * To protect the interests of such persons and organisations and to extend their opportunities for participation in the stated recreational activities;
- * To strive for the establishment, preservation and wise management of conservation reserves, such as, national parks; and wilderness areas;
- * To promote democratic action for the preservation of recognised wilderness and primitive areas;
- * To direct public opinion towards appreciation of the natural environment and the need for its conservation;
- * To provide a source of information on bushwalking, camping and other related recreational activities;
- * To maintain close liaison with a bushwalker based volunteer bush search and rescue organisation that is a recognised member of the Volunteer Rescue Association of NSW Inc.
- * To promote goodwill and social interaction amongst bushwalkers;
- * To co-operate with, and to assist, other organisations and persons in the promotion of these objects;
- * To promote legislative and administrative action for the furtherance of any of these objects and to oppose any proposed legislative or administrative action that might affect them adversely.