

Bushwalking NSW

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THE BUSHWALKING NSW 2017

IT'S SWEET TO WALK SOFT

MINIMAL IMPACT BUSHWALKING

TRAINING PROGRAMME

The opportunity

This project is an exciting opportunity for a limited number of Bushwalking NSW club members to receive one day of professional training and accreditation in the government approved, "[SISOOPS201A Minimise environmental impact](#)" course. This course is a subject in the Certificate II & III in Outdoor Recreation.

In return, for this great experience, participants are asked to pass on this life-changing knowledge to their club members, and other members of the public in a shorter version of the trainer course called 'Awareness Workshops' conducted in the bush.

About you

- Confident communicators with a training/education background experienced in bushwalking/outdoor activities are ideal candidates.
- You are passionate about:
 - preserving nature and biosecurity, and
 - employing minimal impact skills and ethics.
- You are keen to share this passion with others in engaging ways.
- You respect wildlife, cultural landscapes, and traditional land owners.
- You want to be part of a state-wide initiative to protect nature and biosecurity.
- You have time to commit to:
 - The 1-day train-the-trainer course
 - Optional half-day practice exercise with your peers
 - Self-study to hone your knowledge and presentation
 - Planning your bush-based awareness workshop route
 - A club training session/s
 - The 1 day public awareness workshop

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The Train the Trainer training

- You will learn the Leave No Trace principles – a handy way to remember how to minimise your impact on the environment:
 1. [Plan Ahead and Prepare](#)
 2. [Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces](#)
 3. [Dispose of Waste Properly](#)
 4. [Leave What You Find](#)
 5. [Minimise Campfire Impacts](#)
 6. [Respect Wildlife](#)
 7. [Be Considerate of Your Hosts and Other Visitors](#)
- The training will meet outcomes described in the Certificate II & III in Outdoor Recreation Unit of Competence: [SISOOPS201A Minimise environmental impact](#)
- Training delivery is class and/or bush-based with practical training provided while walking through the bush where opportunities arise to demonstrate concepts and components.
- Each participant will receive a learning package of reference material and workbooks.
- Each participant will provide evidence for assessment including class based practical assessment and competency conversations with assessors.
- Successful candidates are awarded a Statement of Attainment in SISOOPS201A which counts towards the Certificate II & III in Outdoor Recreation.

Support Provided

Bushwalking NSW will support you (the trainers) by:

1. Arranging the instructor and training course location and enrolment.
2. Coordinating an additional half-day for trainers to practice training each other and developing an action plan so you are prepared to train others.
3. Providing an online discussion group where you can ask questions of other candidates after the training weekend to consolidate your understanding and share your experiences
4. Follow-up 3 months after the training
5. Providing a promotional description of your Minimal Impact Bushwalking (MIB) awareness training you can provide to your club (This could be anything from 1 hour at the club house to 1 or 2 days in the bush.)
6. Providing small transport subsidies for trainers
7. Providing cost of meals for train-the-trainer, and general public training days
8. Ensuring you are covered by Bushwalking Australia Public Liability (PL) and Personal Accident (PA) insurance for the duration of the training activities
9. Seeking club members to 'buddy up' to support the trainer when they are providing the Awareness Workshops to public participants
10. Help in identify ideal bush sites/routes for your one day of Minimal Impact Bushwalking awareness workshop for the public, including liaison and making reservations with National Parks & Wildlife Service, if required.

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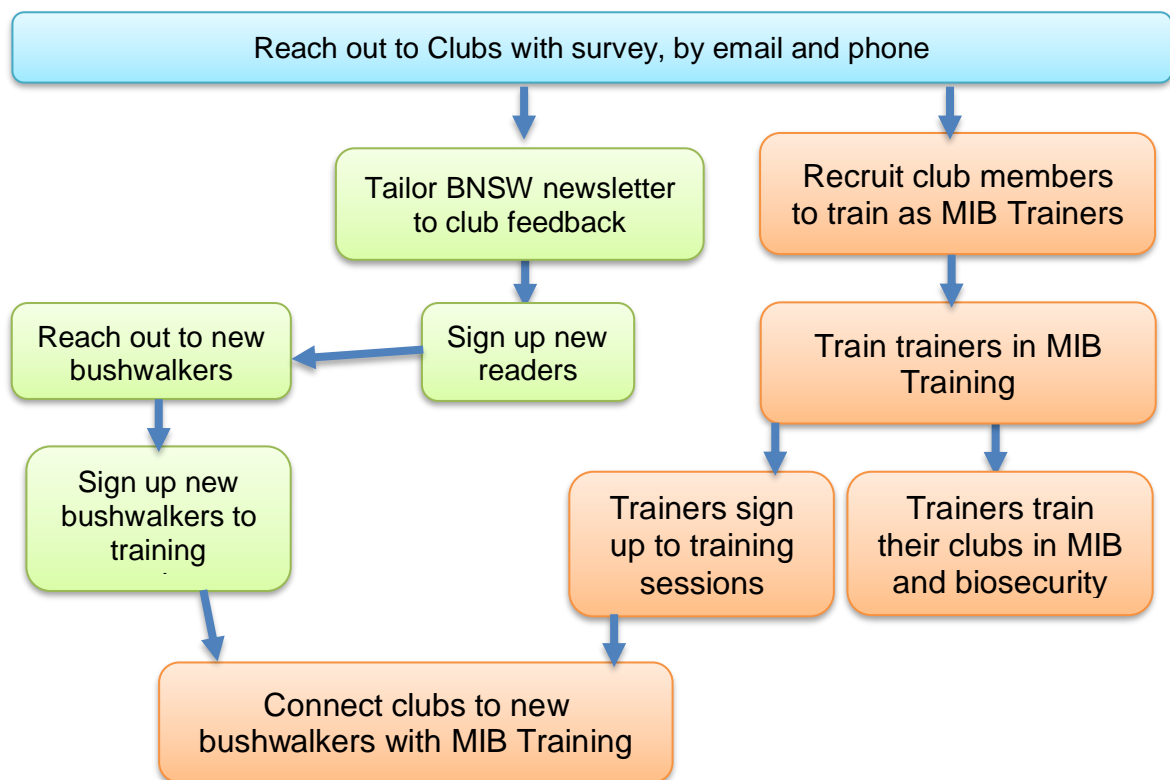
11. Promoting your public 1 day of Minimal Impact Bushwalking awareness workshop
12. Enrolling members of the public in your public 1 day of Minimal Impact Bushwalking awareness workshop on the date selected by you. Informing attendees of logistics and how to prepare for the workshop so you can just turn up.
13. Making arrangements to ensure all attendees have Bushwalking Australia Personal Accident & Public Liability insurance (provided through club membership)
14. Providing a survey for participants to indicate their background and competency before they attend your awareness workshops
15. Providing a survey for participants to indicate what they learned in the training

If Bushwalking NSW can find the volunteers and/or funding, support may also be provided for you to conduct further awareness workshops and sessions into the future.

The bigger picture

Your involvement forms a significant part of the Bushwalking NSW “It’s Sweet to Walk Soft” project. This 2 year [project is described at this link](#) which also describes the likely awareness workshop attendees.

The following diagram outlines the key activities in the “It’s Sweet to Walk Soft” project – the orange boxes are where you, and this training program fit in:



The “It’s Sweet to Walk Soft” project in overview

The “It’s Sweet to Walk Soft” project has been assisted by the NSW Environmental Trust because the project educates people new to the bush in environmental conservation.

The project will allow Bushwalking NSW club members to meet and engage with over 100 new bushwalkers who may also be interested in joining clubs.

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The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is also supporting the project as they want to raise awareness of minimal impact bushwalking (MIB), Leave No Trace (LNT) principles and the preservation of biosecurity. NPWS is also keen to encourage new bushwalkers to join our bushwalking clubs.

The project also enjoys the support of the Invasive Species Council with their expertise in protecting biosecurity and preventing the spread of weeds in our natural places.

Finally, if support can be gained, this training programme could be repeated over the coming years to reach many more people and ensure the ongoing preservation of our beautiful, natural places for the enjoyment of all.

FAQs

How can I enrol in the training?

Club members are welcome to self-nominate using this [online nomination form](#).

Can I nominate a club member?

Clubs can nominate members and this is the preferred method of enrolment as full club involvement is important to the success of the program. Use this [online nomination form](#) to nominate others.

Who will we be training?

The target audience is primarily outdoor adventure Meet-Up Group members across NSW & ACT as briefly described in the [Its Sweet to Walk Soft project overview](#).

How is insurance managed?

Bushwalking NSW will ensure that you (the trainers) are covered by the Bushwalking Australia Personal Accident and Public Liability insurance, and that all awareness workshop attendees are covered by Personal Accident insurance.

How is Risk Management managed?

Risk Management is a part of the training that trainers will receive and all participants sign forms acknowledging the risks they are undertaking.

Trainers are responsible for assessing and communicating the risks on their awareness training day, and ensuring that all attendees of their awareness workshops sign the required Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations Form/s, or Risk Waivers.

What is the Its Sweet to Walk Soft project?

See the [Its Sweet to Walk Soft project overview](#).

Where can I obtain more information about the program?

Feel free to contact Kirsten Mayer, Executive Officer, Bushwalking NSW on admin@bushwalkingnsw.org.au or 02 8003 5545