



## The Wanderers Bushwalking & Outdoors Club Inc

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Welcome to the Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoors Club Inc based in the Hills District of Sydney. The club was formed in 1976 and is affiliated with Bushwalking NSW Incorporated, the peak body for bushwalkers in NSW and the ACT. This is a brief overview of the club and its activities.

### ***Objects of the Wanderers***

The objects of the Wanderers are:

- (a) To encourage an interest in bushwalking and other related pursuits.
- (b) To provide opportunities for social activities and to encourage friendship between association members and other members of the community.
- (c) To promote appreciation of the natural environment and prevent its desecration.
- (d) To co-operate with other associations and persons with similar objects to this association.

### ***Wanderers Committee***

The positions on the Wanderers Committee are: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, membership secretary, activity coordinator and publicity officer. The contact details for the committee appear on the front page of the Activities Program.

### ***Wanderers Activities***

Nearly all of the Wanderers activities are led by club members who volunteer their time and expertise. Most activities on the Wanderers program are full-day bushwalks within 2hrs drive of the Hills District. Several camping and accommodated trips are organised by club members during the year. The program also includes city walks, cycles and social activities.

### ***Activities Program***

Wanderers Activities Programs cover three months and are emailed to members. Short notice activities are sometimes added to the current program. These are also sent out by email.

## **Meetings**

The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held from 8pm at the Crestwood Community Centre, Baulkham Hills. The formal part of these meetings includes: correspondence, reports from the treasurer, president, publicity officer and the activity leaders who led activities since the last meeting. Leaders will also describe the activities scheduled up until the next meeting. Supper is provided at the conclusion of the meeting.

## **Becoming a Member**

After attending a meeting, new members can join as prospective members by:

- submitting a completed Membership Application form and Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations of Members form to the Membership Secretary; and
- paying the Club the prospective membership fee of \$20.

To become a full member a prospective member must:

- participate in three walks within six months of joining (Note: Cycles and other activities can be undertaken but will not count); and
- apply for full membership by completing and returning the Prospective Member Record form; and
- when approved, pay the full membership application fee of \$20.

The annual membership for full members is \$40.

## **Guidelines**

Guidelines for members provide details on how activities are conducted, from bookings through to the conclusion of the activity. Please read these guidelines before booking into your first activity.

## **Wanderers Day Walks**

On most day walks participants carry their morning tea and lunch. At the completion of the walk the Wanderers normally have a picnic afternoon tea where everyone brings some food to share and their own drinks (e.g. a thermos and tea/coffee).

## **Walks Grading**

The Wanderers walking activities use the gradings developed by Bushwalking NSW. An explanation of the grades appears on the first page of the Wanderers Activities Program. You are encouraged to discuss the activity with the leader if you have any doubts on the degree of difficulty or terrain. Do not overestimate your fitness level. You will expend more energy and use different muscles on a bushwalk than on a street walk of a similar distance.

## **Any Questions??**

Any member of the committee will be only too pleased to help you. There are many experienced walkers in our Club who can give you advice on what gear you need and what to take on a walk.