



The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and Bushwalking NSW



- **Available to all**
- **Individual challenge**
- **Voluntary**
- **Self-paced and flexible**
 - program designed by you for you
- **Balanced**
 - develops you in all directions
- **Highly achievable**
 - with perseverance
- **Personal achievement**
 - self motivation
- **Global**
 - A truly international Award



WHAT'S INVOLVED ?



Residential Project (Gold only)

The Residential Project, completed only at Gold level, aims to broaden participants' horizons through involvement with others in a residential setting. [Read More](#)



Participation must be *regular* (ie at least 1 hr per week, 2 hrs per 2 week period, or 4 hrs per 4 weeks)



Service



**Physical
Recreation**



Skill



**Adventurous
Journey**



**Residential
Project**

BRONZE	3 months	3 months	3 months	2 days/1 night	N/A
14+ years				(1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying journey)	Gold Level only
Averaging at least 1 hour per week. Plus additional 3 months for a Major Section-either Service, Skill or Physical Recreation *					

SILVER	6 months	6 months	6 months	3 days/2 nights	N/A
15+ years				(1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying journey)	Gold Level only
Averaging at least 1 hour per week. Plus additional 6 months of a Major Section if Bronze Award not completed.*					

GOLD	12 months	12 months	12 months	4 days/3 nights	5 days/4 nights
16+ years				(1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying journey)	
Averaging at least 1 hour per week. Plus additional 6 months of a Major Section if Silver Award not completed.*					

ASSESSORS

- suitably skilled, qualified and/or experienced adults (who are approved by the Award Unit)
- assist Participants to set suitable goals
- help Participants to develop a program, stay focused and encourage/recognise improvement (mentoring)
- record positive comments and give final signoff

Assessors should *not* be family members



ADVENTUROUS JOURNEYS (AJs)

Encouraging a sense of **adventure** and **discovery** whilst undertaking a journey in a **group**

Expeditions:

- bushwalking
- canoeing
- cycling

Explorations:

- Flora/fauna studies
- historical/geographical surveys



AJ COMPONENTS

Preparation and Training



Practice Journey(s)



Qualifying Journey

Ensures Participants are competent in the necessary skills to safely undertake their practice journey

Prepares the team for their independent qualifying journey

Independent team journey



- Participants **must** discuss and get approval from their Award Leader prior to undertaking each Adventurous Journey
- The Award Unit approve the Supervisor for each Journey

ADVENTUROUS JOURNEYS

Preparation and Training:

- *understanding of the Adventurous Journey*
- *first aid and emergency procedures*
- *safety and safe practice*
- *route planning and navigation*
- *campcraft / accommodation*
- *team building and leadership training*
- *preparation of food and cooking*
- *environmental care*
- *necessary equipment*
- *technical skills in the mode of travel*
- *observation and recording skills*



Duke of Ed in Bushwalking Clubs

Bushwalking NSW 2019 theme:
"Young People in Clubs"

Opportunities

- Bushwalking NSW becoming an Award Unit?
- Local Bushwalking Clubs working with Local Award Units?
- Supervisor/Assessors?
- Volunteering options?
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