



BUNBURY BUSHWALKING CLUB (Inc)

BYLAWS 2016

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 A minimum of four other walkers beside the Walk Leader, (two of whom have discussed the intended route), shall be required before an official Club walk is undertaken.
- 1.2 Temporary Members (Visitors) can attend day walks on payment of the visitor fee as set by the Committee, subject to the conditions and walker requirements contained within these Bylaws.
- 1.3 In fairness to other walkers, a member or visitor should not elect to participate in walks that are considered to be beyond their capabilities. Should there be any doubt, it should be discussed with the Walk Leader when registering to join the walk, or at the latest, prior to the walk itself. Where possible the Walk Leader should forward the "Risk Form for Temporary members (Visitors)" to visitor registrants immediately on enquiry to attend the walk. The Walk Leader's decision in deciding the eligibility of a member or visitor to participate in the walk is final.
- 1.4 Wherever practicable, transport from the nominated meeting place to the walk commencement site shall be shared. Passengers travelling with a driver should return with that driver, unless mutual agreement to vary is arranged. Fuel costs, unless mutually agreed otherwise, are to be shared.
- 1.5 No radios, ipods or pets shall be permitted on any Club walk.
- 1.6 The observance of minimum impact on the environment shall apply at all times. This includes bringing out what you take with you such as food wrappings, food waste and the burying of human waste/toilet paper.
- 1.7 All walkers are required to carry an Emergency Contact Form with the name and phone numbers of their emergency contact nominees.

2. WEATHER

- 2.1 In extreme weather conditions, both the Walk Leader and all walkers should ascertain, immediately prior to the walk, the latest weather information pertaining to the walk area eg bush-fires, storms, high winds etc.
- 2.2 In wet/wintery conditions, the Walk Leader can refuse to take a walker with insufficient or inadequate wet weather attire.

- 2.3 If, during a designated walk, the weather becomes dangerous, walkers tire, accidents occur, etc, Walk Leaders have the sole authority to abandon, change, or shorten the walk.

3. WALKING PACE

- 3.1 All walkers should be aware before the start of any walk, that the object is fitness and enjoyment in a safe, natural environment and to complete the journey, as specified by the Walk Leader, in the prescribed time. Anticipated return times are to be advised by the Walk Leader before setting out. Day walks are intended as such and Walk Leaders and other walkers should not be pressured by any member to return by a specific time.
- 3.2 It is a general Club rule that on any walk, all walkers are required to stay between the designated Walk Leader and the Tail-end-Charlie unless given permission by the Walk Leader to do otherwise. To this end, walkers leaving the group for short periods must advise the Walk Leader or Tail-end-Charlie of their intention.
- 3.3 All members should walk in one general group, so to assist each other should difficulties arise with any member.

4. SAFETY

- 4.1 It is intended, but not always possible, that each walk have a nominated First Aider, to be clearly identified as such before the walk commences.
- 4.2 Should a walker become injured and is at risk in continuing, the First Aider and the Walk Leader will decide, taking into account the injured walker's Emergency Contact Form, what action shall be taken, being aware that the continued safety for all walkers is paramount.
- 4.3 All walkers shall be responsible for commencing a walk by providing their own appropriate clothing, foot wear as well as, sufficient water and food to suit the conditions of the day.

5. DAY WALKS

- 5.1 Where possible, walks should be reconnoitred beforehand by the Walk Leader and the route discussed with at least one other Club member prior to setting out.
- 5.2 The Walk Leader shall ensure all suitable and required equipment is taken on the walk. (ie. two-way radios, EPIRB, GPS, first aid kit, snake bite kit etc.)

- 5.3 The Walk Leader shall be responsible for meeting all the requirements as set out in the Walk Leader Kit as supplied and that all necessary paperwork is completed prior to the walk commencing.

6 BACKPACK WALKS

- 6.1 The requirements for Day Walks, as per Clause 5, are generally applicable to backpack walks.
- 6.2 The Walk Leader shall ensure all requirements for adequate food, overnight camping and transport pick-ups are met.
- 6.3 Backpackers must be capable of carrying the weight they select to take without undue stress. Assistance with pack carrying should not be expected, except in unforeseen circumstances.
- 6.4 The Walk Leader shall ensure that a map and details of the intended walk are left with a responsible person who has been briefed on the proposed activity, intended campsites and approximate return time, who can take pre-arranged appropriate action as necessary.

7 WALKS – YEARLY ITINERARY PLANNING

- 7.1 Under normal circumstances, the yearly walk calendar may consist of a mixture of day walks, backpack walks, car or cottage camps; a short family walk as well as a Christmas party in December, all of which will be decided by the members at the AGM.
- 7.2 Apart from the events referred to in Clause 7.1, the Club also promotes other activities including social gatherings; tag along car/caravan tours as proposed by Members for participation by other Club Members.
- 7.3 The published Walk Calendar for the year is constructed from suggestions put forward by Ordinary Members at the AGM each February. Members are encouraged to design and submit at least one walk per season. The itinerary is then agreed to by a majority of members present at that meeting.
- 7.4 Members whose walks are selected shall be encouraged to lead that walk, with assistance of a more experienced member, if required.

8 CLUB PROPERTY

- 8.1 An inventory of all Club property shall be kept by the Secretary and shall be updated as required.
- 8.2 Members may be lent Club property, other than the EPIRB, with the approval of the committee, providing it is not required for a Club event during the time period in which it

is lent. Such lent equipment shall be returned in the same condition as it was received. Any damage is to be made good at the member's expense.

- 8.3 A 'loan book' shall be kept by the Secretary and all Club property must be signed out when taken and signed in on its return.

9 ANNEXURES

- 9.1 An Annexure is a document endorsed by the Committee that supports and clarifies the organisational functioning of the Club.

Annexure (A) Generic Roles of Committee Members

(B) Guidelines for Life Membership Proposal

(C) Motion and Notice Guidelines

(D) Notes on Personal and Public Indemnity Insurance

(E) Advertising Brochure

(F) General Forms

(f.1) Walk Check List

(f.2) Appointment of Proxy

(f.3) Emergency Contact Guidelines

(f.4) Incident Report

(f.5) Member Emergency Contact

(f.6) Risk Form for Members

(f.7) Risk Form for Temporary Members - Visitors

(f.8) Walk Registration

(f.9) Committee Nomination

(f.10) Parent/Guardian Consent

(G) Club Welcome Letter

(H) Guide to Back Packing – Starter Kit