



MEMBERSHIP POLICY

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Requirements for becoming an Affiliate Member - A club, body, association or other entity, whose primary focus is **not** bushwalking but is sympathetic to BWA's objects and interests, may apply for membership.

Application for membership - An application for membership as an Affiliate Member must be in writing using the form provided. If the application for membership is accepted by the BWA Board, upon confirmation of payment of the subscription fee, the applicant becomes an Affiliate Member of BWA.

Subscription fee – The annual fee is currently \$40.00 (as at January 2018). Fees are set and reviewed annually. Members will be advised of any change in the fee.

Membership renewal - is on an annual basis at the renewal date (30 June, commencing within the first calendar after the year in which the Affiliate Member joined).

No voting rights – An Affiliate Member does not have voting rights at BWA general meetings but will be eligible to nominate as a candidate for selection standing or special committees (sub-Boards) of BWA.

No insurances cover – Personal accident and public liability insurances facilitated through BWA and Bushwalking Australia are available to Member Clubs and cover their individual members but are not currently available to Affiliate Members.

Suspension or Expulsion - A member may be suspended or expelled by the Club if their conduct is considered not to be in BWA's interests.

Benefits of membership

- **Demonstrate sympathy for BWA's objects and interests**
- **Be associated with a popular, healthy, outdoor recreational activity which encourages the community to discover, value and protect our natural environment ;**
- **Synergies** – BWA is open to working cooperatively with Affiliate organisations on matters of mutual or overlapping interests.
- **Awareness of recreational bushwalking and forest environment issues in WA** – As WA's recognised peak body and advocate for bushwalking, BWA keeps its members informed on a wide range of important issues that affect bushwalking opportunities and quality in WA.
- **Information** - Receive up-to-date news and other information relevant to the wider bushwalking community, the walk trails industry, Government agencies, conservationists, the Shires and others. Via BWA E-news.
- **Networking** – Involvement with BWA provides opportunities to meet and mix at general meetings with others having a mutual interest in bushwalking and/or the outdoors, and to participate on BWA standing or special committees.
- **Visibility** – Affiliate members are also encouraged to support BWA through sponsorship or by becoming a Non-funding Supporter and so extend their reach through display of logo (with link) on the BWA website and in Newsletters.