

Club Vision Statement

The Perth Bushwalkers Club Vision Statement exists to provide information for club members on aims of the club's programs, and also to assist the club committee when developing programs and policy for the club.

1.0 Club members in general

Recognise that the club exists because its members enjoy being in natural environments and believe the best way to appreciate and experience them is at walking pace.

- Members volunteer to lead walks and work on the committee because they enjoy bushwalking and want to share their enjoyment with others. These volunteers are respected for their contributions. Members recognise the safety and social benefits of walking with a club.
- Members who are unable to help with leading activities or work on the committee assist in a more individual way. They ensure that their own skills and abilities are developed and maintained at a level allowing them to fully enjoy the activities they participate in and to provide competent assistance to the leader in the event of an emergency.
- At least 20% of the club's members are competent walks leaders who organise events for the walks program. Half of this number is skilled to lead cross-country walks off tracks.

2.0 On each of the club's organised walks and other activities

- At least 25% of participants possess sufficient navigational skills to be aware of their location at all times and are able to make their own way (and guide others) to safety in the event of an emergency.
- At least 2 participants have first aid qualifications together with some additional training relating to remote area situations.

3.0 Walks program

The walks program contains a mix of adventurous and sometimes innovative activities as well as familiar and/or relaxing events.

3.1 Day walks program

- During the peak walking season (May to October) there are three walks programmed every Sunday – one in each of the broad categories of Easy, Medium and Hard.
- During the off season there are at least two activities every Sunday, one of which is a walk.

3.2 Overnight backpacking program

- During the peak walking season (May to October) there is one trip each fortnight. Every alternate trip is predominantly cross-country off track walking and camping
- During the off season there is at least one backpacking trip per month in an appropriate area such as the coast.

4.0 Club leaders

These members possess:

- A good level of bushcraft relevant to the type of activity they are leading
- A first aid qualifications with some additional training relating to remote area situations
- common sense in assessing situations
- The ability to use a map and compass to navigate with a higher level of these skills if leading cross-country walks.