

BUSHWALKING VICTORIA AWARDS SCHEME

There will be three types of awards:

- Distinguished Service Award
- Special Recognition Award
- Club Special Anniversary Certificate.

However to mark the 75th anniversary of BWV there will be an additional once only award:

- Foundation Member Recognition Certificate.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (Gold or Silver)

Eligibility: Club member or individual member of BWV. Affiliate or associate club.

Categories:

Gold - Special effort or contribution by an individual

Silver - Special effort or contribution by a club

Selection criteria:

It must be demonstrated that nominees have through their bushwalking activities:
enhanced the development of recreational bushwalking walking in Victoria or
significantly furthered the objectives of BWV or
added value to the wider community in Victoria.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD (Bronze)

Eligibility: Persons or organisations who may or may not be a BWV member but have, through their activities, contributed to the advancement and recognition of recreational walking in Victoria

Selection criterion:

It must be demonstrated that nominees have through their activities:
Enhanced the development of recreational bushwalking walking in Victoria

CLUB SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATE

Eligibility: Member clubs at 25, 50, and thereafter every 5 years. Must be a member of BWV at the time the anniversary is being celebrated.

SPECIAL ONCE ONLY FOUNDATION MEMBER RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE

Eligibility: Clubs who were involved in the formation of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs and still operate today.

FORM OF RECOGNITION FOR AWARDS:

For clubs and other organisations: Presentation of a framed certificate.

For individual awards: Presentation of a framed certificate and a badge.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- A selection panel of three comprising at least one Board member, who will chair the panel, will assess nominations and present a recommendation to the Board for approval and the Board will have absolute authority to approve or decline to approve any nomination.
- No discussion or correspondence will be entered into with nominators or nominees regarding the Board's decision.
- Nominees must meet the eligibility requirements.
- Nominations must be in writing and signed by the nominators. Each nomination must address the relevant selection criteria and provide specific information about the activities and achievements of the nominee to assist the selection panel in assessing the nomination properly.
- Any two club members or individual members or a club committee can nominate an eligible person, club or organisation.
- The Board may also make a nomination.
- Nominees for the Distinguished Service Award must be a financial member of BWV or a BWV club.
- Exclusions are current Board members and paid employees.
- Nominees do not need to agree to be nominated. However before awards are announced the President will contact successful nominees (or their next of kin in the case of awards being made posthumously) to confirm that the award will be accepted.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION PROCESS

- The panel should initially assess each nomination based on the information provided and how well that information addresses the selection criteria. However the panel may request clarification or further information from the nominator or other persons.
- All nominations in a category are to be assessed relative to each other as well as in relation to the selection criteria.
- One nomination received for a category does not mean that an award will be made automatically. It must still be assessed against the criteria and if necessary relative to previously successful nominations.
- Except for club anniversary awards years of service alone is not enough to justify an award. The criteria look primarily at how the nominee has contributed in a special way. However years of service could be taken into account when assessing the relative merits of similar nominations.

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