



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 HikeWest'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 HikeWest Board, upon confirmation of payment of the subscription fee, the applicant becomes an Affiliate Member of HikeWest.

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 HikeWest general meetings but will be eligible to nominate as a candidate for selection standing or special committees (sub-Boards) of HikeWest.

No insurances cover – Personal accident and public liability insurances facilitated through HikeWest 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 HikeWest if their conduct is considered not to be in HikeWest's interests.

Benefits of membership

- **Demonstrate sympathy for HikeWest'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** – HikeWest 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, HikeWest 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 HikeWest E-news.
 - **Networking** – Involvement with HikeWest 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 HikeWest standing or special committees.
 - **Visibility** – Affiliate members are also encouraged to support HikeWest through sponsorship or by becoming a Non-funding Supporter and so extend their reach through display of logo (with link) on the HikeWest website and in Newsletters.
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