



MEMBERSHIP POLICY

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Requirements for becoming an Individual Member - Any person who supports the objects and interests of HikeWest may apply for Individual membership. Note: Any individual who is already a member of a HikeWest Member Club obtains full membership benefits through that club and has no need to be an Individual Member.

Application for membership - An application for membership as an Individual 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 Individual Member of HikeWest.

Subscription fee - The annual fee is currently \$20.00 (as at January 2024). 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 Individual Member joined).

No voting rights - An Individual Member does not have voting rights at HikeWest general meetings but will be eligible to nominate as a candidate for selection for standing or special committees 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 (as at January 2024) to Individual Members of HikeWest.

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

Benefits of membership

- **Better bushwalking for Western Australia** - Through membership, an individual can show support for HikeWest's vision and objects and help encourage and support more people to pursue health and happiness by hiking in nature.
- **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.
- **Bushwalking network** – Involvement with HikeWest provides opportunities to meet and mix with fellow bushwalkers at general meetings and to participate on standing or special committees ('sub-Boards') of HikeWest.
- **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 and email alerts.
- **National issues** - Be kept informed also of national issues affecting non-commercial bushwalking (through HikeWest membership of Bushwalking Australia, the peak national body).
- **Publicity** - Individual members owning private enterprises are also encouraged to support HikeWest through sponsorship and extend their reach through display of their enterprise's logo (with link) on the HikeWest website.