

1. These rules allow us to manage club requirements around governance risks and trip activities. We are an affiliate member of BushWalking Victoria and support its objectives and requirements as far as they affect us.
2. Each participant must be registered with Croydon Walking Club whenever doing a Club walk or reconnaissance.
3. 'Ramble', 'Easier', 'Day' and 'Adventure' walks are held on Fridays, details as per published programs. Other walks or activities may be included. Not all walks are reconnoitred, particularly Adventure walks, which may be different in severity and/or distance from the program description. The grading or degree of difficulty of any walk is an opinion only and relates to the type of walk - generally severity increases with the walk type. 'Easier' being the least severe, with 'Ramble'. 'Day' and 'Adventure' walks each becoming harder. Grading or difficulty bears no relation to distance which must be considered separately. Advice on surface and terrain may be obtained from the walk leader. Weather, health, fitness and experience will also be factors in your decision to join a walk. Some walks may have information which can be viewed on the club website.
4. Members assemble for 'Easier' and 'Ramble' walks at 9.30 am & for 'Day and Adventure' walks at 8.00 or 8.30 am at the Yarrunga Community Centre at 76 – 86 Croydon Hills Drive, Croydon Hills unless otherwise advised. Please confirm these times by consulting the walk program or phoning the walk leader. To join the walk anywhere other than the above confirm this with the walk leader on the day of the walk in case of last-minute changes.
5. Transport to/from the walk is arranged between the drivers and passengers. The club makes every effort to share transport.
6. Passengers make a donation to the driver of the car they travel in for either reconnaissance or the actual walk– the amount is listed on the program. The driver may choose not to accept any contribution.
7. The current annual membership fee of \$55 is payable by March 31st each year. Membership of the club will lapse if this is not paid before the AGM. If you leave the club the membership fee is non-refundable.
8. Each person participating must sign the attendance list before starting the walk.
9. Each participant in a walk, reconnoitre or other activity agrees to do so entirely at their own risk. Participation carries no approval in any way by the club or its members as to the health, fitness, competence or equipment of any person attending.
10. Each person participating is asked to observe the following requirements for their own safety and comfort:
 - a) Wear suitable footwear and clothing.
 - b) Carry wet weather gear if rain is forecast or suspected.
 - c) Always carry some first aid gear and a whistle, snake bandage and space blanket
 - d) A light daypack is recommended. Amongst other things this will contain lunch and any snacks you want.
 - e) It is suggested that you bring a plastic bag or waterproof membrane to sit on.
 - f) Carry and drink plenty of fluids. Drink BEFORE you feel thirsty, to avoid dehydration.
 - g) Carry relevant medical details and contact details of persons to be notified in case of emergency. Ideally this should be located in an outside pocket of your daypack for easy access.
11. Visitors are welcome and permitted to attend a maximum of 3 walks per year before joining the club. Visitors must sign the guest form, abide by the rules of the club and pay the fee listed on the guest form to cover Public Liability and Personal Accident insurance. New members or visitors are wholly responsible for ensuring their fitness to participate in any walk. Initially a visitor's first walks will be in the Easier or Ramble sections.
12. Take your rubbish home. No smoking from the start to the finish of a walk. No animals, pets, or children allowed on a walk.
13. Road and Walking Requirements
 - a) When there is no path walk on the right hand side facing the traffic wherever possible.
 - b) Before crossing a road wait for directions from the walk leader.
 - c) If you come to a junction in the path before the leader stop & wait.
 - d) When the leader or tail-wagger calls a halt, stop and wait until directed to restart.
 - e) All walkers are required to follow the directions of the walk leader and tail-wagger.
 - f) The walk leader is in charge but may confer with other experienced members.
14. Any person who decides to withdraw from a walk after signing on to the attendance list must inform the walk leader and sign off from the attendance list indicating the time of leaving and a reason.
15. When the walk area temperature on the BOM website at the walk location is forecast to be 30 degrees or more, and/or there are extreme weather warnings, such as damaging winds, the walk is held at the discretion of the Executive including the Walk Leader. Walkers must decide for themselves if the conditions are suitable for them, knowing their own abilities and being aware of any dangers involved. The Executive's decision is final. They will take into account local conditions, such as tree cover, path conditions, wind, anything relevant. Any member may choose to do the walk anyway, but if the leader is not there it is NOT a club walk and no club insurance cover is available. On any walk if conditions deteriorate or unexpected obstacles occur the walk leader can cancel the walk. It is at their discretion.
16. The Committee reserves the right to cancel the membership of any person.
17. The Annual General Meeting will normally be held during the first quarter of the year to elect office bearers and transact any other business required.