



BASS COAST STROLLERS INC.

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Membership Policies & Procedures

September 2017

Bass Coast Strollers Inc. was formed in 1998 with the following purposes

- 1. To bring together people who enjoy recreational walking*
- 2. To organise walks at various locations and of varying duration as well as some social activities*
- 3. To make friends and encourage and support each other.*

Eligibility for Membership

- Any person aged 18 or over who supports our purposes, is willing to follow the BCS Protocols for Safe Walking and is capable of participating in the club's activities.
- Potential members are invited to join us for 3 walks as Temporary Members (Visitors) to ensure they are capable of completing the walks, abiding by our walking protocols and enjoying our company.
- Temporary members are required to sign an Acknowledgement of Risk form prior to each walk to ensure coverage under our Insurance Policy organised through Bushwalking Vic.

Application for Membership

- Potential members who have completed 3 walks are invited to complete and sign our Application Form.
- The Committee will decide by resolution, either at a walk or by email consultation, whether or not to accept the membership. The applicant will be notified immediately and a record made in the minutes of the following Committee meeting.

Membership & Subscription Fee

- On joining, the new member's name, address and date of joining must be entered into the register of members.
- Additional personal details, provided by the member in the Application form, may be used by the Secretary or Committee in the management of Club activities.
- Only details authorised by members will be included in contact information provided to all members either on our website, by email or printed.
- Our financial year goes from 1 July until 30 June with our AGM held in October.
- The annual subscription is determined at the AGM and payable by 1 June each year. Most of this fee pays for Insurance Cover (Public Liability, Personal Accident and Associations Liability) organised through our membership of Bushwalking Victoria.
- To ensure Insurance coverage, members are required to sign a yearly Acknowledgement of Risk upon renewal.
- A member who has not paid the annual subscription by the due date has their rights (e.g. to receive notices of meetings, attend and vote at meetings) suspended until the subscription is paid.

Ceasing Membership

- A member may resign by notice in writing.
- A member is taken to have resigned if their annual subscription is more than 12 months in arrears.
- In each case, the member's name and date of cessation will be entered in the register and other personal details will be deleted from our records, unless otherwise authorised by the member for the purpose of notification of future reunions.

Additional Information can be found in the Model Rules on our website.