

**Bush Search and Rescue Victoria**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**for members of Bushwalking Victoria clubs**



Personal information provided to Bush Search and Rescue (BSAR) will be treated confidentially. BSAR is a part of Bushwalking Victoria Inc.

Personal Details			
<b>Family Name:</b>			
<b>Given Name:</b>		<b>Preferred Name:</b>	
<b>Gender:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<b>Date of Birth:</b> /    /
Contact Details			
<b>Postal Address:</b>			
		<b>Postcode:</b>	
<b>Phone Nos.:</b>	<b>Home Landline:</b>	<b>Mobile 1 (for SMS alerts):</b>	
		<b>Mobile 2 (optional):</b>	
<b>Email 1 (for email alerts):</b>			
<b>Email 2 (optional):</b>			
Emergency Contact Person			
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Relationship:</b>	
<b>Phone Nos.:</b>	<b>Home Landline:</b>	<b>Mobile:</b>	
Medical			
<p>Obtain your doctor's approval if you have any medical condition that could affect your capacity to safely undertake strenuous bush searching in remote areas, before proceeding with this application for BSAR membership.</p> <p>Do you have a medical condition that, while not affecting your capacity to safely participate in BSAR operations, we should know about? If so, please provide details below.</p> <p><i>Note: Medical information will be entered on the BSAR membership database and be available to BSAR organisers and others involved in search operations and training.</i></p>			

## Entry Criteria - Please tick below to confirm each criterion is met:

Applicants must be capable of being independent in the bush.

- AGE:** Applicants must be at least **18** years of age.
- EXPERIENCE:** A minimum of **16** full days of bushwalking, undertaken in recent years, including pack carrying for one or more continuous periods of at least 4 days plus at least 4 other overnight walks. One of the overnight walks must have been in adverse weather conditions and another involved walking and/or camping in snowfall.
- NAVIGATION:** Applicants must be competent in **off-track navigation**, be able to give and interpret **grid references**, be conversant with orienting a map using a compass and relate map to terrain.
- EQUIPMENT:** Each applicant must be fully equipped for off track walking and camping and must be willing to keep their equipment in good condition.
- FITNESS:** Applicants must be capable of prolonged heavy scrub-bashing on steep slopes. Searching imposes greater mental and physical demands than normal bushwalking or ski touring.

## To assist your Club's Committee, please complete the following:

Summarise and give dates of your recent bushwalking, skiing or Rogaining experience, including when and where gained and the types of groups, in relation to the entry criteria:

Tell us about the longest bushwalk or ski tour with a group of four or more persons, when it took place and your role within the group:

In your opinion, what are the characteristics of a safe search group?

### Useful Additional Skills

If you have any of the skills listed below, please indicate your highest skill level by ticking the appropriate box.

#### LEADERSHIP SKILLS

- Q Outdoor leadership qualification
- C Club leader

#### FIRST AID QUALIFICATION

- M Medical practitioner/Paramedic
- F Current First Aid Certificate

Date of Issue: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

#### SNOW SKILLS

- S Experienced in and equipped for snow camping, capable of and equipped for travel in snow; either on foot, cross country skis or snow shoes.

#### STEEP SNOW AND ICE SKILLS

Steep Snow and Ice (SSI) skills are recognised by BSAR following satisfactory attendance at BSAR SSI Training.

For more information see: <https://www.bsar.org/training/>

## Non-Disclosure Statement

During a search BSAR members will obtain information about the missing person and the Police search operation. If such information were to enter the public domain it could be detrimental to individuals, the search, Police investigations and BSAR.

Examples of the public domain include the news media, websites, blogs, club newsletters and social media, and encompass interviews, talkback radio, commentary, articles and photos.

Any details of the missing person and the search are Police matters, to be treated as confidential and are not to be disclosed other than to the BSAR Committee or as required by law, unless specific Police permission has been obtained through the BSAR Field Organiser or BSAR Convener.

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## Declaration

I confirm that I meet the Bush Search and Rescue Victoria membership entry criteria as listed above and hereby apply for membership.

In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to abide by the BSAR rules, policies and procedures, including the Non-Disclosure statement above.

**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

\* Applicant must sign.

**Send this form to your Club's BSAR Delegate for processing.**

### Delegate to submit form to Club Committee for action:

**Recommended by (Club name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**As minuted at the club committee meeting held on DATE:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**CLUB SECRETARY SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

*NB: It is the club's responsibility to notify BSAR when a BSAR member is no longer a member of nominating club.*

**Club Secretary to return signed form to BSAR Delegate.**

*Delegate send a copy or scan to:*

**Membership Secretary, Bush Search and Rescue Victoria, P O Box 1007, Templestowe, VIC, 3106**  
**or email to [membershipsecretary@bsar.org](mailto:membershipsecretary@bsar.org)**