

# BEROWRA BUSHRUNNERS

## CONSTITUTION

Adopted 1990  
Amended 1994  
Amended 1995  
Amended 1997  
Amended 2011  
Amended 2013

### 1.0 NAME

The name of the club is the Berowra Bushrunners, hereinafter called "The Berowra Bushrunners."

### 2.0 AIMS

- 2.1 To promote fitness through running and walking in Berowra and surrounding district.
- 2.2 To provide an awareness of the value of physical fitness throughout the local community.
- 2.3 To provide an opportunity for members of The Berowra Bushrunners to meet and run/walk together as a group.
- 2.4 To provide an opportunity for members of The Berowra Bushrunners to improve their fitness through participation in handicap runs and to compete as a team in applicable fun runs.

### 3.0 MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to ALL. This includes juniors. A junior is a person who has not reached the age of 18 years.

- 3.1 A member is defined as a person who has completed the membership form and paid their respective fee.
- 3.2 The committee has the right to reject any application for membership and to dismiss any member for activities prejudicial to The Berowra Bushrunners.
- 3.3 Visitors are welcome to come and join the gazetted runs. A visitor is defined as a casual member.
- 3.4 Associate membership is welcomed. The same membership fee as for ordinary members applies.
- 3.5 New members are welcome to participate in the gazetted runs, however, after six weeks, they would be expected to join The Berowra Bushrunners as full financial members.
- 3.6 Juniors may join The Berowra Bushrunners by payment of the annual fee.
- 3.7 Members are entitled to:
  - (i) Attend general and annual general meetings.
  - (ii) Vote on any motions or resolutions.
  - (iii) Elect office bearers.
  - (iv) Take part in discussions and assist with the effective operation of The Berowra Bushrunners.

- (v) This also applies to junior members, however they may not vote on any motions or resolutions, elect office bearers or be elected to the committee.
  - (vi) Compete in the monthly handicap and receive attendance points.
  - (vii) Participate in all club social occasions.
- 3.8 Each year renewal of membership of The Berowra Bushrunners becomes due at the beginning of the calendar year. Previous years calendar year membership is voided and membership entitlements withdrawn if the due fees are not paid by the 31st of March.
- 3.9 Members (financial) of The Berowra Bushrunners are able to apply to the committee for Life Membership, entitling them to fixed club membership of \$1/year. To be eligible for Life Membership members must have accumulated 20 points based on years served on the committee and/or years of membership, whereby:  
1 point is earned for every year served on the committee  
1 point is earned for every year of membership.  
The committee reserves the right to review all applications prior to Life Membership being awarded.
- 4.0 MEETINGS
- 4.1 The Annual General Meeting is held around the new year i.e. December, January or February.
- 4.2 Eight (8) members of the club shall constitute a quorum at the annual general meeting and general meetings.
- 4.3 If a quorum is not reached within 30 minutes of the designated time the meeting shall be abandoned. A new meeting will be called within 21 days. If the meeting is the annual general meeting the present committee will remain in office until a new meeting is held and elections are conducted.
- 4.4 The agenda of the annual general meeting shall include among others the following matters:  
(I) President's report.  
(ii) Treasurer's report which will include a statement of income and expenditure of all The Berowra Bushrunners club finances for the previous year.  
(iii) Election of the new committee.  
(iv) Setting of fees for the coming year.  
(v) General Business.
- 4.5 General meetings will be called when one is requested by the committee or by more than eight (8) ordinary members. An agenda will be set by the committee with provision for general business.
- 4.6 The committee shall meet when called by the President. Their purpose will be to plan gazetted runs, social activities and discuss and make recommendations for the well being of The Berowra Bushrunners. A minimum of three (3) members will constitute a quorum.
- 4.7 In the absence of the President any committee member may act as the President for that meeting.
- 4.8 Fourteen (14) days notice will be given for the date and venue of general meetings and the Annual General Meeting.

## 5.0 THE COMMITTEE

5.1 The committee shall comprise of five (5) members to conduct the affairs of The Berowra Bushrunners.

5.2 The committee shall have the following positions:

- (i) President.
- (ii) Treasurer.
- (iii) Three (3) general committee members.
- (iv) Handicapper

The positions are elected by ordinary members at the Annual General Meeting. These positions can only be held by members who are 18 years of age or over.

5.3 The term of office is for one (1) year.

5.4 Elections are conducted annually at the Annual General Meeting.

5.5 If any committee member is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings then his/her office will be declared vacant.

5.6 If a vacancy occurs in the committee the remaining committee may co-opt an ordinary member until the Annual General Meeting.

## 6.0 INSURANCE AND LITIGATION

The Berowra Bushrunners maintains public liability insurance.

## 7.0 FINANCE

7.1 The treasurer controls and operates finances of The Berowra Bushrunners on behalf of the members.

7.2 A bank account shall be operated with the treasurer and one other committee member being signatories.

7.3 Membership fees shall not be less than \$2 (senior members) and \$1 (junior members). Membership fees will be set at the Annual General Meeting.

7.4 The financial year of The Berowra Bushrunners shall commence 1st January and conclude on 31st December.

7.5 Fund-raising will be administered by the committee and carried out where the committee deems appropriate.

## 8.0 CODE OF RUNNING BEHAVIOUR

Most organised runs encompass well marked bush trails around Berowra. However, some of the courses or parts of the courses entail running along streets and roads.

8.1 When running along streets or roads runners should use footpaths where provided.

8.2 Where footpaths are not provided the following normal rules of the road pertaining to pedestrians apply:

Runners should run single file where appropriate.

Roads should be crossed at marked pedestrian crossings or at intersections or elsewhere with due precaution.

Runners should run on the right hand side of the road facing oncoming traffic.

8.3 Adult members should assist junior members, visitors or new members on runs. This would be particularly applicable on new or not well known routes.

Usually an adult member is asked to run with the above mentioned by the President or a committee member before the run commences.

8.4 The very nature of running leads to members dropping off during different seasons, suffering injuries and even giving up running, therefore The Berowra Bushrunners needs new members to keep the club continuing with a viable membership. Visitors and new members should be made to feel welcome by all members.

8.5 Runners should wear appropriate easily identifiable clothing.

8.6 Runners should abide by Local, State and Federal Government laws.

## 9.0 COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICATION

9.1 Informal meetings for communication are held at the commencement or after many runs.

9.2 A list of coming events is published and circulated to all members. When this entails attending Fun Runs or social occasions extra applicable details are provided.

9.3 The program of events maybe altered on the morning. A run change can be made by agreement of a majority of runners present. Final approval and right of veto rests with the most senior committee member.