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Bill and Phil at the latest Emergency Services Open day earlier this year.

Bush Search and Rescue Victoria

Training weekend: 19-20 November 2011

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS

This weekend will provide BSAR members and interested bushwalkers with training in the skills required for bush searching. The varied program structure will cater for new through to our most experienced members. It will include a new rogaine style GPS navigation exercise to develop members' navigation skills with a GPS. Other exercises will include observation and tracking, "sound and light" night searching, the group leader's role, and first aid.

Who should attend?

Current BSAR members, prospective members and experienced bushwalkers who are considering membership of BSAR and who meet or who are close to meeting the requirements for BSAR membership, are all most welcome.

BSAR entry requirements are on Page 12 of the BSAR manual, and at:

<http://www.bsar.org/joining>

Venue: The Wombat State Forest

Date, departure time, transport & parking

Buses will be provided by Police Transport Branch. The car parking, assembly and departure point for all participants is at: **Police Bands Compound, end of Green Street, NORTHCOTE by 0700 hrs Saturday 19 November**. The bus will return at approximately 1800 hrs Sunday 20 November.

What to bring?

Bring normal food and equipment for an overnight camp on Saturday night and day trips into the bush; off track and some thick scrub. A reminder of BSAR Policy: no shorts please. Maps will be supplied. Full waterbottles as always. There will be a fresh water tank on site.

Bring your copy of the BSAR manual, notebook, folder, pens and paper.

A folding chair is a handy luxury for the workshop sessions and in camp.

Attendance Confirmation

Club members and prospective members should register with their Club BSAR Delegate prior to Wednesday 9 November.

Club Delegates, please email training@bsar.org with the name, email address and mobile phone number of each member attending from your Club by Wednesday 9 November.

Bushwalking Victoria members, please email training@bsar.org directly with the same details, by Wednesday 9 November. Please also advise Monica Chapman; monica@john.chapman.name

Other experienced bushwalkers interested in attending and joining BSAR, please telephone one of the people listed below.

Any Questions?

If you have any questions about the weekend, please don't hesitate to ring one of the organising team:

Duncan Brookes	9379 6163	0428 170 068
Jim Grellis	9836 0127	0400 999 445
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Annual BBQ at the Pondage.

The annual BBQ will be held at the pondage on **Saturday 26th November** from 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Families bring a salad and dessert to share. Singles/Couples bring a salad or dessert. The club will provide meat (veggie burgers available) and bread. BYO chairs, drinks, crockery and cutlery. In the case of inclement weather, the BBQ will be held under the verandah at the Hoppet Office.

Successful Grant applications

Last week we were notified that the club has been successful in its application for a \$1000 Volunteer Grant (to provide facilities to aid our volunteers) from the department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

We applied for money to buy a BBQ and a vermin proof cabinet for the race hut, so food, tea and coffee making supplies, etc, can be stored safely.














The Kangaroo Hoppet board also had a successful application. That application was for a cash register and some outdoor chairs and tables, so our volunteers can have somewhere to sit.

National Team

The national team has been announced and is reproduced below. with BNSC members highlighted.

SKI &
SNOWBOARD
AUSTRALIA

Cross Country Skiing National Team Selection 2011-2012

	Men	Women
World Cup Team	Callum Watson	Esther Bottomley 
Continental Cup Team	Alex Almoukov Ewan Watson Mark van der Ploeg 	
National Squad	Phillip Bellingham  Paul Kovacs 	Aimee Watson Anna Trnka  Georgia Merritt  Lescinska Fackerell  Lucy Glanville
Junior Team	Alasdair Tutt  Alex Gibson  Ben Kaye Damon Morton Dyllan Harmer Hamish Roberts Mark Pollock Nick Montgomery 	Aislinn Kildea  Anna Trnka  Ashleigh Spittle  Siobhan Jones Lucy Glanville Xanthea Dewez

 Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club member

Grants to national team members

BNSC members selected for National Teams are eligible to apply for club grants as outlined below. Please read the policy if you are eligible. The club's policy is on the website under admin.

Post applications to
BNSC Grant Application
PO Box 192
Mount Beauty 3699

OR

email to
trishacross@bigpond.com

The guidelines for funding are listed below.

1. Applicants must have been a BNSC member for a minimum of three years. This condition could be waived in exceptional circumstances.
2. Applicants must be a member of a Ski and Snowboard Australia (SSA) Cross Country Ski Team.
3. **Written applications** must be received no later than 12/10/2011. This the THURSDAY before the October Committee meeting. (Proposed date 19th Oct.)
4. Applications must be accompanied by a *financial statement including a trip budget* that outlines – (a) other grants received by the applicant, (b) any sponsorship arrangements held and (c) anticipated expenses for full participation in the Team. BNSC Grants will only be made if other levels of funding leaves a significant shortfall.
5. A *maximum of \$3,000–\$4,000* will be allocated for national team member grants in any one year with a *maximum of \$1000 to any one individual*, regardless of the number of grant applications received.
6. These guidelines will be reviewed biannually by the committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the committee.