

WALK DESCRIPTIONS POLICY

This document is provided to support the Club Rules and communicate club policy to the members. Policy may be revised from time to time by the committee, and members will be adequately notified of changes.

This policy outlines information required for leaders in providing descriptive material regarding their activities.

1. The description for a club walk should be sufficient to allow members who may not know the leader to adequately assess their ability to undertake the walk without compromising the leader's intended walk plans.
2. The description should contain specific information:
 - date, the starting place and time
 - location of the walk
 - leader and the leader's contact details
 - length of the walk to the nearest kilometre
 - vertical height climbed through, to say the nearest 20 metres, and whether this climb is in one hit or spread over the day in small increments.
 - proportion on 'made trails', and on 'substantially unmodified' terrain.
 - Describe this unmodified terrain. How much rock hopping, rock scrambling, prickly bush, thick bush, wandoo forest, open rock, etc?
 - Any special skills required – eg swimming?
 - Why should anyone find this walk attractive – why should they come?
3. Using the descriptors 'easy', 'medium' or 'hard', should be avoided. Their use restricts the walk to people who know the leader, or to people who are 'prepared to have a go', and this might have adverse consequences for the walk and the walker. Alternatively it may persuade people who have mastered a 'hard' walk by one leader that they are capable of now attending any 'hard' walk.