

Confederation & Bushwalking Australia (BAI)

The Confederation of NSW Bushwalking Clubs is the peak New South Wales organisation for non-commercial bushwalking and associated outdoor recreation activities. It is a confederation of individual Bushwalking Clubs across the State of NSW, and was formed in 1932 to represent the interests of member Bushwalking Clubs. The NSW Confederation is in turn a member of the National body [Bushwalking Australia](#) (and one of our members, Wilf Hilder, is the current Deputy Delegate for NSW and serves on the BAI Council. Wilf was also a past president of BAI). The Minutes of their AGM can be found at: http://www.bushwalkingaustralia.org/publications_annualreports.html

Its function is to perform services that enable the efficient functioning of member clubs. They promote the adoption of sound environmental conservation practices, inform our member clubs about relevant Tracks and Access issues, promote Inter-club social activities, engage in safety training etc. Refer to <http://www.bushwalking.org.au/>

Confederation has a Committee, and over the years SBW has been well represented on the Committee with many of our Members having held executive positions (including President – Gordon Lee and Wilf Hilder). The current roles are indicated at <http://www.bushwalking.org.au/Officers.html>. The Minutes of its Committee and Annual General Meetings can be found at: <http://www.bushwalking.org.au/~documents/ConfederationMinutes/>

Confederation conducts its elections in August each year as part of its AGM, and the process is contained in Section 18 of the Constitution, refer: <http://www.bushwalking.org.au/~documents/>. It is important that SBW's voice is heard at Confederation, and that lobbying at the State level is in the interest of our Club. Can Members please **consider standing for an appropriate role?** Feel free to contact any of our Confederation Delegates to discuss the matter, and to advise the SBW Committee so that we can appraise orchestrating support and a block vote.