

Bushwalking
Victoria



Distinguished Service Award

CAEX Bushwalking Club

This award is presented to *CAEX Bushwalking Club* in recognition of the contribution of the club to the enhancement and development of recreational bushwalking in Victoria, furthering the objectives of Bushwalking Victoria and adding value to the wider Victorian community.

CAEX Bushwalking Club was formed in 1982 by ex-members of a 'Bushwalking for Pleasure' course conducted by the Council of Adult Education (CAE). When the CAE stopped offering the course in 1985, an offer by the club to take over the courses was accepted by the CAE. For 13 years CAEX conducted eight-week and three-week bushwalking skills courses twice a year, training over 1,000 Victorians to enjoy bushwalking in a safe and informed manner. Over two dozen club members contributed to the training which included day walks, base camping, overnight walking and classroom sessions on topics such as equipment, clothing, navigation, first aid, trip planning and food.

Since the mid-1980s CAEX has actively supported the Federation and Bushwalking Victoria. CAEX members have been president, secretary, treasurer, assistant secretary, conservation convenor and were active supporters of the Federation Conservation Committee. CAEX ran the Federation Day Walk in 1988, in the Castlemaine area. Two CAEX members have also served as Police Liaison Officer with Bush Search and Rescue Victoria.

David Reid, President
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