

**Search and Rescue** - If you or someone you know is reported overdue on a walk into the bush, you'd like to believe fellow bushwalkers are going to rally and assist in the search. The police will call on regular bushwalkers to apply their local knowledge of the terrain in the area and utilise their skills in the bush to help . FMR coordinate the callout of the south-east Queensland bushwalking fraternity and liaise with emergency services during the search.

The weekend Search and Rescue training weekend is to maintain our capability and train new volunteers. Skill sessions on Saturday will be followed by a realistic exercise on Sunday. We will also discuss dealing with a crisis if one occurs on our own bushwalks. Understanding the logic behind a search and the way the National Search and Rescue manual operates can aid you, if you or your party become lost because you'll realise what the thought pattern will be within the co-ordinating party. Psychologically you'll be less panicked if you're aware of the best way to react to help people find you.

Thanks to the support of Pointro at Lake Maroon, members of BWQ-affiliated clubs and BBW can attend this training for only \$20 per person, which includes bunkroom accommodation and cooking facilities in the Pointro House. There are many roles to fill in these search and rescue operations so you don't have to be capable of going off track in the bush. From **manning** a radio, to stretcher-bearing, whether you become a base support person or are happy to go out as a group to search along a track or water course, a role can be found and everyone will have something to offer. Details are on the attached flyer. Please contact one of the FMR committee listed on the flyer or nominate via email [here](#) stating the Search and Rescue weekend in the subject line.