



## Borrowing a Bush Club Personal Locator Beacon

The club has 2 Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) for use by leaders on walks.

Tony Hickson (email [bushclubwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:bushclubwebmaster@gmail.com)) and Graham Conden (0418 647 951) are custodians of the PLBs. You can contact them at any time to borrow one. A distress beacon only says to emergency services 'I need help' and 'here is my GPS location'.

When you borrow it you will need to do the following:

- Read or download the instructions on How to Use a PLB **AND** the PLB FAQs in the Information – Information for Leaders – Equipment section on the Bush Club website.
- Pick it up from Tony (Chatswood) or Graham (Marsfield). Sign the form to show you understand the terms of use.
- Contact the 3 Bush Club members who are the contacts for the rescue authority: Graham Conden, Tony Hickson and Colin Reid and advise them of your planned route, dates and party members if known. This information will be passed on the Search & Rescue people only if and when it is requested. There is no collection of data.
- Return the unit as soon as possible after the walk so it can be used by other parties.

Note that a PLB is to be used only in life threatening situations, as a last resort.

You should always try to contact emergency services via your mobile phone and “triple zero”.

Emergency services will have a better idea of how to respond to your incident / injuries if you can contact them via your mobile phone.