



The Saint Bernard Club of NSW INC

ANKC Backpacking Event (WPD & WNPD)

Belmont Wetlands State Park

ALL BREEDS

Saturday 23 May 2026 & Sunday 24 May 2026

Judge: Ms Nathalie Church (NSW)

Dogs NSW Rep: Mrs Mara Chad (NSW)

Weather Conditions: Ally Turnbull – Trial Secretary – 0415 354 958 Email: secretary@stbernard.org.au

Entries close: 8 May 2026 via **SHOWMANAGER ONLY** by BALLOT – no refunds after this date. Ballot drawn 9 May 2026 and entrants advised, final redraw (if required) 13 May 2026

Entries capped at 60 entries per day Location: Belmont Wetlands State Park Campground
119 Kalaroo Road, Redhead (via main entrance) 2WD accessible

Camping: Book online www.belmontwetlands.com.au. SBCNSW has reserved 40 campsites for the Trial. More available. Observe ALL vehicle rules. Use booking code: **[YOUR SURNAME]-SBCNSW**

Weigh in: 6.00am – 6.30am (both days)

Briefing: 6.45am (both days)

Hike Commences: 7.00am (both days) Allow 5-7hrs, including at least 2 rest stops, and lunch break of 30mins – map provided on hike day.

Presentation: at conclusion of hike, after backpacks re-weighed and validated.
Qualifying sash, Title sash, Certificate (via Show Manager)

Entry fees: \$50 per dog

This event is held in accordance with the Dogs Australia Sled Sports Rules and Regulations [Ch 3] (Effective 01.01.2025)
<https://dogsaustralia.org.au/media/10310/19-da-sled-sports-event-rules-01-01-25v2.pdf>

Entry Requirements:

Eligibility: Restricted to ANKC registered dogs eighteen months of age and over. Handlers must be 16yrs and over and current members of their state canine control body, and show membership card if requested. Both dog and handler need to be fit. Dog must be able to carry either the 15% (WNPd) or 30% (WPD) pack weight over 16km distance each day. Judge's decision is final if either a dog or handler is deemed not being able to cope with hike conditions, and be withdrawn. Hikers will move in convoy on all routes. **HIKERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A HI-VIS SAFETY VEST AND BE VISIBLE TO THE CONVOY AND ROAD USERS.** Judge will be walking with the group. Further instructions will be provided at the briefing.

Maximum 2 dogs household membership (includes kennel, single or joint names)

Weight: Dogs weighing over 10 kg are eligible. **Exclusions:** Brachycephalic & Achondroplastic breeds

What to bring: **SUFFICIENT WATER AND FOOD FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR DOG, YOUR OWN 1ST AID KIT AND COMPASS.** Lead (no longer than 2m) & a flat collar; your dog's pre-loaded & pre-weighed backpack to roughly the correct weight at home (pack will be weighed for correct weight before hike commences each day), water & water bowl for your dog, rubbish bags, appropriate clothing & footwear, warm & waterproof clothing and footwear (if wet or cold weather forecast), human backpack, food & drink, sunscreen, hat, insect repellent, high-vis vest etc.

If temperature exceeds 25°C, event will be cancelled (Ch 3, S 18). Event will go ahead in wet weather (excl flooding)