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## Press Release

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### **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual NavShield event announced for 2-3 July 2011**

The Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Squad (BWRS) has announced the launch of the NavShield event set for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in July.

The NSW Emergency Services Wilderness Navigation Shield (NavShield) is an overnight event where teams of emergency services personnel attempt to gain as many points as possible by finding their way on foot, through wilderness terrain to pre-marked checkpoints over an area from 80 to 100 square kilometres, using only traditional map and compass techniques.

The NavShield is an opportunity for the best rescue navigation teams in Australia to participate in unfamiliar terrain as a completely self-sufficient group.

Endorsed by the NSW State Rescue Board, the event is open to rescue teams from around the world. Past events have seen entries from the Police, Ambulance, Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Service, Volunteer Rescue Association and the Armed Forces.

“NavShield offers an ideal opportunity for members of various combat squads to train and test their navigation and bush skills in wilderness terrain,” says John Tonitto from the BWRS.

“But now is the time, 2 months out from the event, to organise your teams and plan with your Training Officers to add this to the schedule of events.”

Registrations for this year’s event will open very soon and all information will be available on the Squad’s website, [www.bwrs.org.au](http://www.bwrs.org.au).



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