

### **Unit 5.7 Scenarios:**

#### **Unit 5.7 – Assertive Angela:**

- It is your third walk as a Leader and you choose to run a 12 km Easy walk to Bush Rangers Bay. The walk has been popular and is now full.
- On the day you reach the walk start and await the arrival of the other cars. You are expecting 4 cars plus your own. As people arrive they move towards the picnic table where you are waiting to greet and introduce them to the group.
- You look across to the car park and notice a 6th car has arrived and that 3 walkers have alighted and are preparing their gear so as to get underway. After 10 minutes or so the group approaches the picnic table and their driver, a robust and assertive looking woman introduces herself as Angela and announces that she and her 2 friends, Kath and Kim are “here to do the walk”.
- You observe that Angela and Kath appear reasonably kitted out with boots, warm clothing and day packs. Kim on the other hand is wearing footy shorts, thongs, a T shirt and hoodie. You suspect from Angela’s demeanour that she might not easily take no for an answer.
- What should you do?

### Unit 5.7 - Fred and Barney's first walk:

- You are leading a new members walk - a short 8km loop walk at Cape Woolamai on Phillip Island. The route starts and finishes at the life saving club and involves a short section of beach, a modest climb to a look out on Cape Woolamai and then return via another beach, ti tree scrub and through holiday houses. 16 people sign on, 2 of whom you have walked with before.
- You schedule the walk to start at 10.30 and arrange transport so everyone can get to the start in convoy. Fred and Barney and their partners elect to travel together and meet you at the car park.
- At 10.55 am there is still no sign of Fred's car so you decide to set off because it is a bleak day and the troops are complaining that the wind is cold. Just as you are about to go Fred arrives at high speed, alights from the car and proceeds to apologise and complain at the same time that his wife Wilma made them late. To keep the peace you hustle them out of the car and start the walk.
- By the end of the beach section the group is spread across 100m but are moving along despite the soft sand. After an hour the group reaches the look out and you do a head count only to find the group is missing a walker. Fred declares that Wilma has "Karked it half way up from the beach and is probably having a trouble with her puffer". Barney bursts out laughing and says she should be "put down". Fred is becoming agitated and insists you should do something. It is starting to rain and the group is not yet half way.
- What should you do?

### Unit 5.7 – Roger the Racehorse:

- You are leading a 15km medium adult day walk in the Lerderderg gorge. The route follows the river for 6 km then climbs steeply up onto the escarpment after a turn off to the North some 8km from the start. The track is rocky and slippery.
- You have 10 in the party none of whom you have walked with before. You appoint a whip and set off. You walk in the middle of the group.
- After 45 mins of walking you realise that a walker at the front of the group, Roger, is now no longer in sight.
- You have no idea as to Roger's capabilities. It looks like rain.
- What should you do?

### Unit 5.7 – Weird William:

- You are leading a 10km new member's walk near Arthur's Seat. You have with you 8 new members most of whom are novices and an experienced fellow leader, Noel, who has led many walks for the club but has not walked in the area before. The walk is a loop and starts and finishes at the cars.
- To ensure the group gets to know each other you arrange the transport everyone in 2 cars with the exception of William who insists on taking his own car because "that's the way I want it". Prior to the walk you spend an hour on the phone with William explaining to him how to get to the start and what to bring particularly because there is rain forecast.
- On the day of the walk when William eventually arrives (some 30 mins late) the group sets off at a leisurely pace.
- The lunch break is taken and over lunch you chat with the group, answering questions about the club and notice that William is sitting to the side slightly away from the group but still within conversation distance.
- As you are about to announce that its time to get going you hear William in a loud and stern voice say to one of the women in the group "what are you looking at". You also notice a look of concern and disbelief on that person's face and that she immediately gets up and moves away.
- At this point it starts to rain and sends the group scurrying for wet weather gear and shelter under a nearby tree. You then notice William, without his rain gear on, start off up the track at a fast pace muttering to himself. You call for him to stop and he refuses. You then quickly ask Noel to take over the group and you set off after him. He is walking at a manic pace and after walking hard for at least 20 mins you realise you are not going to overhaul him. He does not respond to your calls and disappears out of sight. You stop, expecting the main group to catch you soon. It has also stopped raining.
- What should you do?