

Brindabella Bushwalking Club

August 2021 Newsletter



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Coronavirus Update

- * The latest ACT updates can be found here: [Updates](#)
- * Keeping your distance and maintaining hand (and respiratory) hygiene are essential.
- * Keep an eye on changing NSW requirements and how they might affect our walks.

BBC Website

www.brindabellabushwalking.org.au [All newsletters are on the website]

If you need the password to access the members' Area, please send a request by email to

webmaster@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

From the President

Covid. Your guess about the Covid situation is as good as mine. The situation in Sydney is very worrying and border closures and restrictions might occur at short notice. Let's hope our luck in the ACT continues.

Almost all of your fellow walkers will have had their first vaccination and many will have had both. While this is a great relief, we can still contract and spread the disease so must continue to comply with the rules of the day. It is worthwhile referring to the ACT Government Health site regularly; it is here: [Updates](#).

Our Walk Program is continuing to operate as published.

Winter Walking. The ACT is experiencing a real Canberran winter this year — cold, wet, windy and with snow in many places. Mt Franklin Rd, Corin Rd beyond Corin Forest, and the unsealed sections of Boboyan Rd are being closed whenever there is a dump of snow, so leaders need to be mindful of this.

The **AGM** will be held on Tuesday 31 August, and we need a good attendance to ensure we meet the legal requirement of a quorum — see the separate notice about the AGM on the next page.

Montenegro. John Clune led a very successful club trip to Montenegro in 2014 and the club has 3 guide books and 8 maps that were used for the planning and conduct of the trip. We no longer need these and will be very happy to pass them on to anybody who has dreams of international travel returning in the years ahead. The asking price is a donation to the club. If not snapped up beforehand, they will be available to peruse at the AGM.

Peter Dalton



There's not much regrowth right at the top of Booroomba Rocks yet

Facebook

Our Facebook Manager regularly posts photos, walk reports and information about upcoming activities. Please pay a visit and see what our members are planning or have recently have been up to.

<https://www.facebook.com/BrindabellaBushwalkingClub/>

Please send your walk reports and photos to Heather at facebook@brindellabushwalking.org.au

AGM

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at St Margaret's Uniting Church Hall at the corner of Phillip Avenue and Antill Street, HACKETT on Tuesday 31 August

Arrive from 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Proceedings will be over by 9.30 pm.

Hand Sanitiser will be provided

To maintain our coronavirus preventative obligations, the treasurer will not be accepting membership forms and cash. This year, we are once again asking everybody to pay electronically — see our website for details.

Covid safe entry and seating protocols will be in place; however the rules for catering are slightly more relaxed than last year.

At the conclusion of the AGM we socialise over supper. Our social sub-committee members will serve tea and coffee and a selection of slices/cakes etc from the servery; this time we can use the church crockery and cutlery. Please don't bring food to share as **the club will provide all the supper.**

Annual reports for the past year will be provided at the meeting, followed by the election of office holders.

Nominations for Committee. If you'd like to be part of the committee or perhaps understudy one of the other committee positions, please let the Secretary (Julie Pettit) know.

There is still plenty of time to nominate someone for any of the committee positions at all, so don't be shy.

Please come and join us at the meeting.

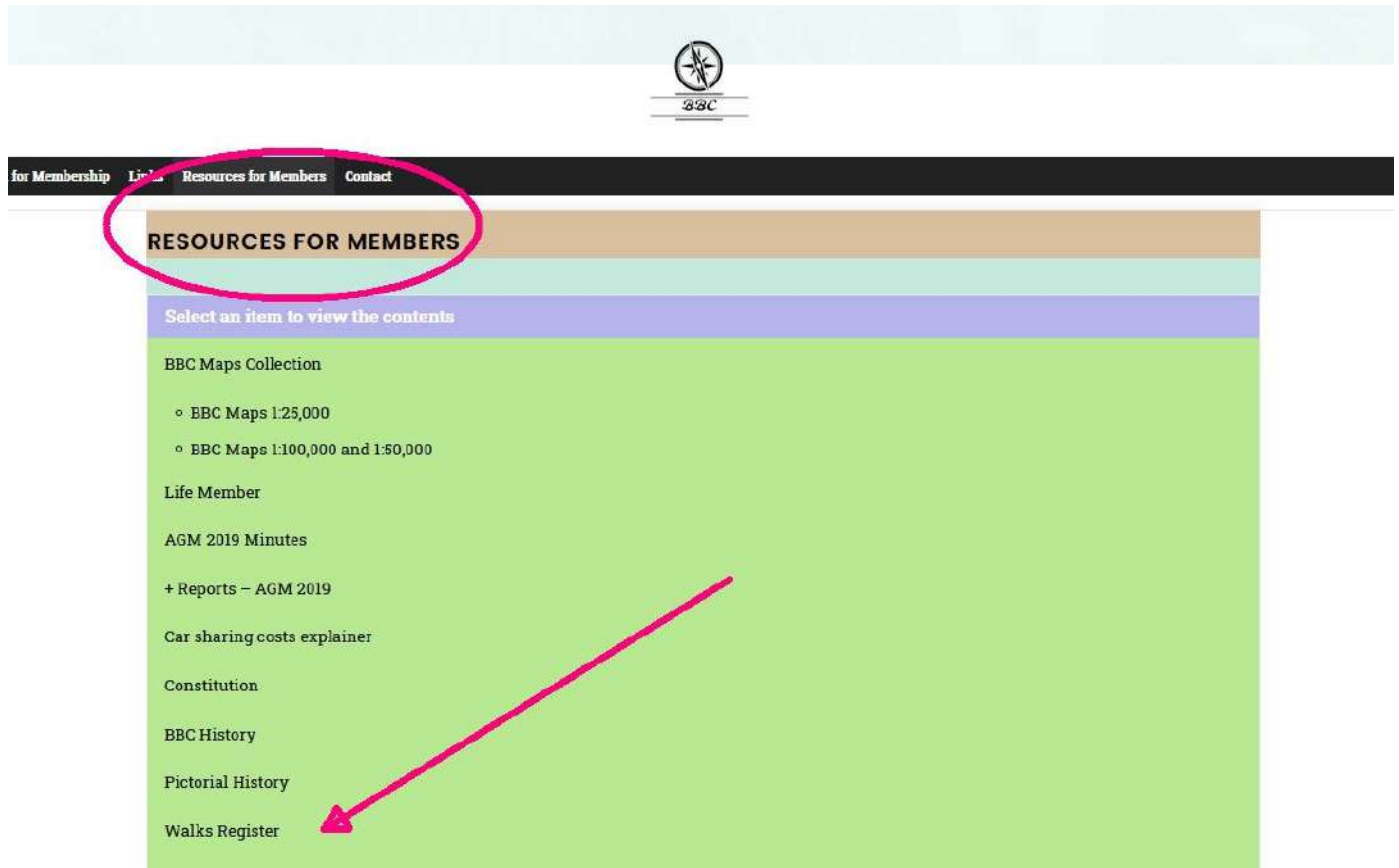


Morning Tea along the AAWT

Walks Register

The club's Walks Register (an inventory of most of the day walks that have been conducted) has proved difficult to maintain and as a result has suffered from neglect for many years. It has now been revised in a new format, which should prove easier to keep up to date.

It can be found at the website in the **Resources for Members** area, under the heading **Walks Register**.



Once selected, a PDF document will open. It is recommended that you use your browser (Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Chrome, etc) to get the smoothest viewing experience, although any PDF reader will do.

Warning—there are 101 pages in the document. If you want to print something; it is suggested that you copy and paste it somewhere before printing, otherwise you might waste a lot of paper and ink.

Leaders with additional walk descriptions they'd like to have included should send them to **Walks Register Updates**.

Some walks require permission from landholders and the Walks Officer retains a list of their contact details. Just to make sure his list is up to date, leaders are requested to confirm the information with him by email to **Walks Officer**. In the next update, the Register will show which walks are in this category.

Easy Wednesday Walks. Simply because there isn't much need for most of these to be graded and to include detailed descriptions, there is little information on them in the Walks Register. However, if you'd like them added, please do send the details to the email address mentioned above and they'll be included.

New Sections of the AAWT



The small bridges on the AAWT between Honeysuckle Campground and the Booroomba Rocks car park were destroyed in the fires. Someone decided this would be a good opportunity to re-route the track in places and remove the need for bridges.

It hasn't worked, as the photo above demonstrates. Walkers are trying to build their own crossings with whatever is at hand, but not doing a very good job of it. In some places the newer sections of track are now 3 metres wide as a result of walkers trying to avoid the mud.

There have also been a lot of falls, including a bad one by our Walks Officer who impaled himself on a blackened stump and ended up needing surgery.

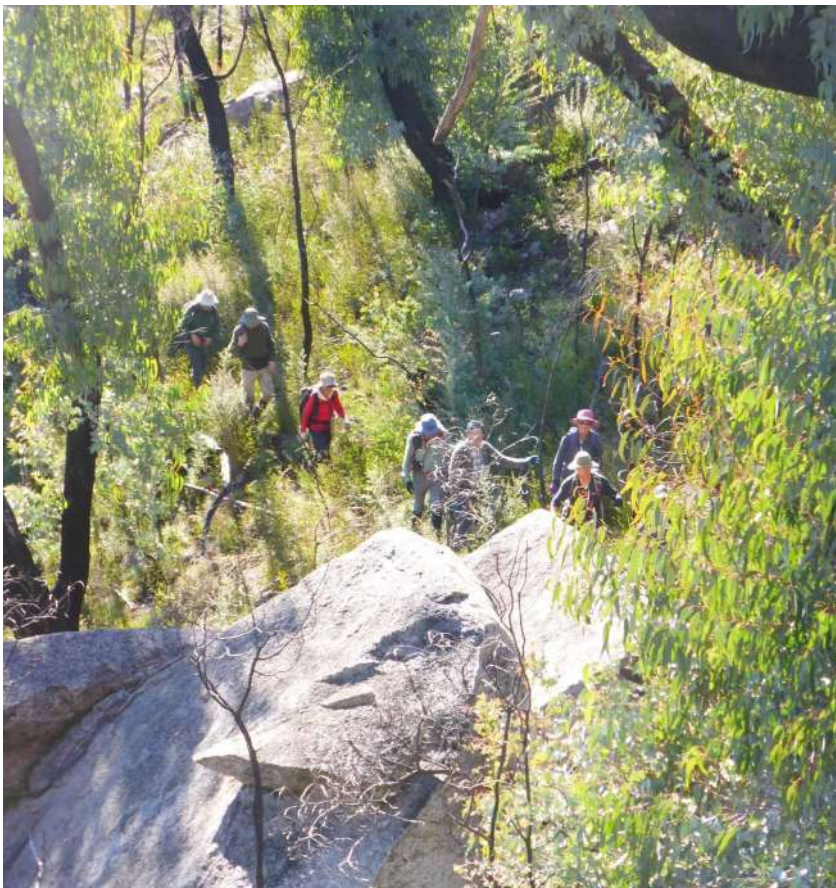
Let's hope sanity prevails and replacement bridges are installed on this most popular section of the AAWT.

It's Slippery Everywhere

In an unrelated incident, Peter Boyland slipped, fell, and broke a leg while walking at Farrer Ridge. To complicate matters, the first two ambulances got bogged!

All the best with your recovery, Peter.

The unsealed section of Boboyan Road is getting some long-overdue maintenance



The start of the final climb up to Cathedral Rocks

New Members

A warm welcome to the following people who have joined the club in the last couple of months:

Richard Lawrence
Jennifer Bates
Margaret Larkin
Braham Hart
Wayne and Elspeth Holgate
Jen Walton
Christopher Parker
Jill Voss
Sarah Willoughby and Ian Shepherd.

And to these have returned to BBC:

Amanda Williams
Virginia De Luca
Cathryn Ollif
Paula Lecht

We now have 405 members

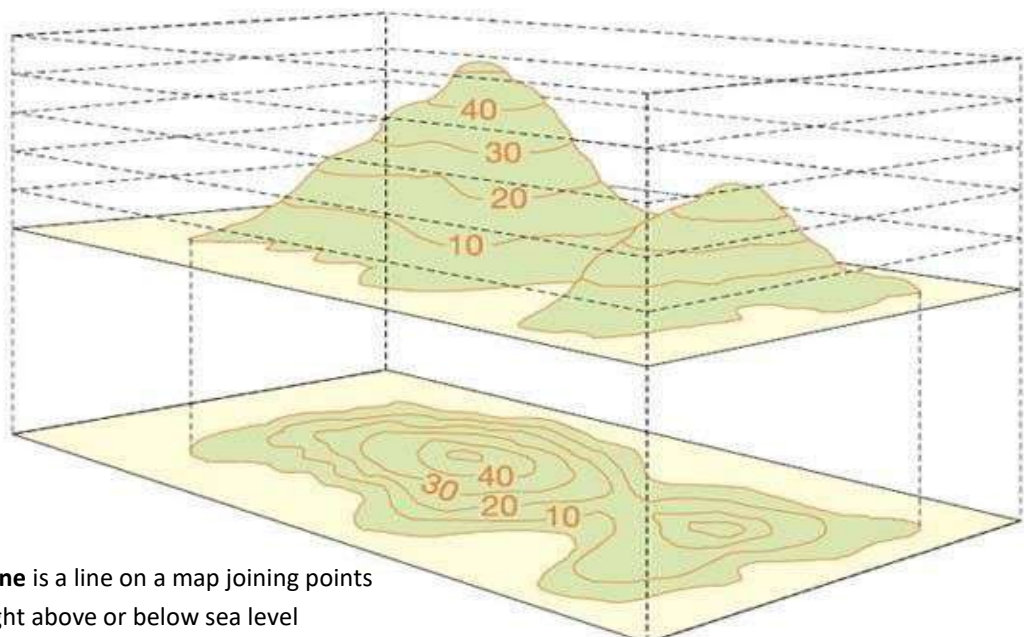
The History of Contour Lines

Understanding how to read a map when you're in the mountains has a lot to do with contour lines.

Here's a bit of history for you. In 1774, a Scottish mountain called Schiehallion was the subject of a groundbreaking experiment to determine the mass of the Earth by Astronomer Royal, Nevil Maskelyne. This was due to its almost symmetrical shape and isolation.

The experiment was based around the hypothesis that Schiehallion's known mass would have an observable gravitational attraction on objects and that this phenomenon could be measured. The data was then used, incredibly, to calculate the mass of the Earth for the first time. The calculation, although not perfect, was pretty accurate.

Maskelyne gave the task of calculating Schiehallion's mass to a man named **Charles Hutton**. Hutton did this by triangulating its height at various points across the mountain's area and joining the dots. The result of this study was the birth of contour lines.

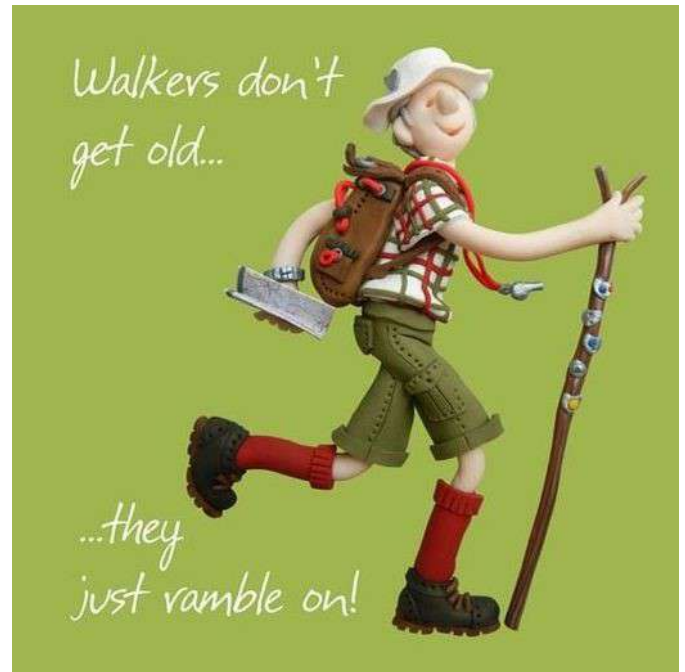


A Contour Line is a line on a map joining points of equal height above or below sea level

To Finish



The fires have given the Gorilla a 'sun tan'



Climbing up the back of the Arboretum