

Brindabella Bushwalking Club provides a program of bushwalking and other activities that adults and children can enjoy, and promotes interest in bushwalking, safety and survival in the bush. We encourage minimal-impact bushwalking and preservation of the natural environment. Visitors are welcome but should contact the leader beforehand. Please read the introduction to the program, particularly 'Enjoying bushwalking' and 'Rules for Walkers'.

BRINDABELLA BUSHWALKING CLUB

WALKS AND SOCIAL PROGRAM

JANUARY — JUNE 2024

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This program is on the Club's website: www.brindabellabushwalking.org.au

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Year is from 1 October to 30 September. The current Application for Membership (form) is available on the Club's website: www.brindabellabushwalking.org.au

WEEKEND DAY WALKS

Meeting times and places

The normal departure time is 9.00am, unless shown otherwise (highlighted with ***). **Please arrive 10 minutes before the departure time to allow the leader time to organise the car-pooling.** The usual meeting places and their symbols are shown below. **Please do not stand on the roadway at the meeting place, obstructing traffic.**

- K:** Kambah Village shopping centre car park, corner Drakeford Drive and Marconi Crescent, opposite the petrol service station
- NL:** North Lyneham shops, Colville St, off Montford Circuit, off Cossington Smith Crescent
- Q:** Queanbeyan Swimming Pool car park, Campbell Street
- S:** Spotlight Queanbeyan car park, 6-8 Bungendore Rd (aka Kings Highway)
- W:** The Weston Creek Tennis Courts car park, in Dillon Close, which comes off Namatjira Drive directly opposite and north of McDonalds at Coleman Court.

Cancellation of walks

Walks are likely to be cancelled if heavy rain or high temperatures are forecast, or a total fire ban is in force. If warnings are issued or you are unsure about conditions, contact the leader at least a day in advance about possible changes. If there are fewer than four people the walk cannot proceed as an official club activity.

Transport

Car sharing is arranged at meeting places. The contribution for each passenger is shown in the walk description and must be paid to the driver in cash. It is currently based on 14 cents per passenger per kilometre, rounded to the nearest dollar. In addition, any National Park and Nature Reserve entry fees are usually divided equally among all people in the car.

Drivers unsure of the route should ask the leader to wait at significant corners. A tail car may be nominated by the leader. Convoys inconvenience other drivers, so please allow plenty of room for overtaking traffic.

Start and finish

Day walks usually leave the cars by 10.00am. The time of return to the cars cannot be guaranteed, but it will usually be by 4.00pm in winter and 6.00pm in summer. Some walks may start earlier and end later, and this will be indicated in the walk description. It is our custom to bring a thermos and enjoy a friendly chat after walks before driving home.

DAY WALKS ON WEDNESDAY

Short/Easy Wednesday walks

These half-day walks of 10km or less will be held throughout the year. The club would value your suggestions. If you are interested, come and try some of the walks.

Easy/Medium Wednesday walks

These walks are conducted every Wednesday in cooperation with the Canberra Bushwalking Club (CBC) and the National Parks Association (NPA). They are graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. They will usually take most of the day, but will be easier than the Medium/Hard Wednesday walk to be conducted on that day.

Medium/Hard Wednesday walks

These walks are conducted every Wednesday in cooperation with CBC and the NPA. These walks will be graded Medium (grade 8) to the lower end of Hard (grade 12) and sometimes difficult or exploratory.

Notification of Wednesday Walks

Descriptions of Wednesday walks are emailed separately to interested members a few days before the walk. Members wishing to regularly receive details of these walks need to send a request showing their name and email address to ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au for the Short walks, and/or mediumww@brindabellabushwalking.org.au for the Easy/Medium and Medium/Hard walks.

LATE RETURN FROM A WALK

Let your family know where you are going and the contact details of the club's Emergency Officers – see page 1 for contact details.

There can be many simple reasons for a walk finishing later than expected and, if the group is beyond mobile phone coverage, they cannot tell anybody the reason. If it is many hours later than expected, family members can contact one of the club's Emergency Officers who can begin activating emergency procedures. The ACT and/or NSW Emergency Services will not initiate any search or rescue activities until the next morning unless a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) has been activated. Upon return, leaders of overdue parties must contact the Emergency Officers as soon as possible.

INSURANCE

All members of Brindabella Bushwalking Club are covered for public and product liability insurance through our affiliation with Bushwalking NSW. This insurance cover is negotiated for all bushwalking clubs throughout Australia by Bushwalking Australia. All members sign an acknowledgement of risk each time they attend a club activity. Members are NOT covered for personal accident insurance, which remains the responsibility of individual members. Members may feel it necessary to insure themselves against any personal accident or injury that might occur while undertaking club activities.

Members and visitors participating in club activities are strongly advised that they should have some form of ambulance insurance in case of an accident requiring evacuation by emergency services.

DEVELOP YOUR BUSHWALKING SKILLS

The club wishes to encourage members to improve their skills in navigation, first aid and more advanced bushwalking. The club sponsors an accredited first aid course every year. Further information is available on the club's website: www.brindabellabushwalking.org.au

WALKS LEADERS

The club welcomes new leaders and new ideas for walks. If you are interested in leading or in finding out more, please feel free to talk to walk leaders, the Walks Officer, or other Committee members. Detailed *Guidelines for Leaders* are available on the club's website at: <https://www.brindabellabushwalking.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/BBC-Guidelines-for-Leaders-October-2023.pdf>

The club has two Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) and an extensive collection of local maps, available for loan.

SAFETY ON WALKS

The club encourages safe bushwalking practices by asking that all individuals on any walk be aware of the need to look out for the welfare of others in the party, especially the less experienced members of the party. The leader will follow the leader guidelines set down by the club, but there is a mutual obligation on other walkers to raise any concerns they may have about the route, weather, tired walkers, etc. with the leader and fellow walkers. Don't suffer in silence.

Walking in wilderness or remote areas also has its hazards if an emergency occurs. Walk leaders going into wilderness or remote areas may ask the club for the use of a personal locator beacon (PLB). For details contact the Walks Officer. Such an emergency beacon, however, should only be used in life-threatening situations since their activation triggers a national and international rescue procedure and actions by the police and rescue services. Walkers should consider all other options for the safe return of the party before considering the activation of a PLB.

ENJOYING BUSHWALKING

Bushwalking is an active recreation. The aim of the club is to facilitate enjoyment of the bush, safely and in good company. Each walker must be aware of the hazards and be prepared for them. If in the leader's opinion a walk is not suitable for someone, the leader has a right not to accept that person on the walk. The club expects all members and visitors to follow the advice given below:

- If you have doubts about your ability to undertake bushwalking, please consult your doctor beforehand.
- For your enjoyment and safety, and that of others, it is important that you read the walk descriptions carefully and understand them. If you have any doubts, phone the leader beforehand. Leaders' contact details are always given in the program.
- You should select an easy walk for your first walk, unless you are very experienced and the leader approves. Walkers with fitness problems and new members should stay with walks graded 'Very Easy' or 'Easy' until confident of their ability to undertake harder walks.
- If walking with children, make sure you choose a walk that they can manage comfortably. Most walks that are under 10km and over easy terrain are suitable for children of, say, seven years and older.
- Most day walks take the party several hours away from car or phone, and pack walks often much further away.
- All walkers must take their own first aid kits – see the Rules for Walkers for details. The club cannot guarantee that there will be someone in each party with first aid qualifications.
- Bring sunscreen and insect repellent as appropriate. Flies are likely to be a nuisance in summer.
- Unless the leader has indicated otherwise, always assume you will need to bring lunch with you.
- Visitors are welcome on all walks, but they must discuss the walk and their own experience with the leader before going to the meeting point. If you have doubts about your ability to keep up with the group on a particular walk, do not attempt the walk.

RULES FOR WALKERS

- You (including visitors) must register on the Walk Report form, which includes a risk acknowledgement.
- Advise the leader of any physical or other limitation, or any dependence on medication, that may require urgent attention during the activity (e.g. insect allergy medication)
- There is a limit of 3 walks as a visitor - after this, visitors must apply for membership.
- Discuss your suitability with the leader beforehand if you plan on participating in a walk of a higher grade than you have done before.
- No person under the age of 18 can participate in a BBC walk unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or other adult who is authorised by the parent or guardian. This 'responsible person' must sign the Walk Report form.
- Dogs and firearms are not allowed.
- Bring lunch and plenty to drink with a minimum of 1 litre per adult and 1.5 litres per child in normal weather and 2-3 litres for hot weather. You may wish to have hot water for morning tea and lunch.
- Dress appropriately and always bring a hat, waterproof jacket or coat, and warm clothing, e.g., polar-fleece, thermals, gloves and warm headgear, for unexpected cold weather.
- Strong footwear with thick treaded soles is recommended. Walking boots with thick socks are best; joggers may be adequate for easy and medium terrain; if in doubt, contact the walk leader.
- Walkers must carry a first aid kit containing, as the minimum, a wide compression bandage (for snake bites, sprains and breaks), some wide micropore surgical tape (all-purpose), bandaids and pain killers. Some first aid needs arise more often than others: sunburn, thorn pricks, insect bites, abrasions and bruising from falls, blisters, heat exhaustion, and sprains and strains from slipping on rock or wet wood. Snake bite is always a possibility and tick bites can occur in NSW coastal areas.
- Carry everything in a backpack so that both hands are free.
- Keep together. Use the same route as the leader and do not get ahead of or behind the party. Keep the walker in front **and** behind in sight - call the leader to stop if necessary. If the party is large, a tail person is usually appointed to monitor slower walkers. The most common causes of separation are getting ahead of the leader, stopping to take photos or making a toilet stop without telling anyone. Do not assume you can drop behind and then easily catch up.
- If you do become separated, stop and call out. Do not keep walking. Wait in a visible place even if you have to wait some time. The leader will return for you. Call out at intervals.
- Be aware of fellow walkers – if a problem is apparent, advise the leader.
- Let the leader know if you are having any difficulties.
- If you want to leave the walk for any reason, you must consult the leader first – and abide by the leader's ruling. Do not assume you will get approval.
- The club endorses minimum impact bushwalking. Avoid damaging the bush environment, leave absolutely no litter, and do not burn plastics or aluminium in fires.
- Call for a stop at the first sign of a blister or other injury. The party will gladly stop for a rest while any necessary first aid is given. If you use someone else's supplies, replace them.
- If the leader is making a head count, assist by standing still.
- Avoid using mobile phones. If you must, then move well away from others.

THE GRADING SYSTEM

Walks are graded by experienced walkers, but a grading will always be somewhat subjective. The difficulty of a walk can be greatly affected by changes in the weather, vegetation and track conditions. Note that the harder walks are carried out faster, with shorter and fewer stops.

Walk descriptions include the approximate distance, total climb and notes on the terrain, and are the best guide to the degree of difficulty. These factors are scored in the grading system, and the total score is used to grade each walk – see the tables below. Regular walkers will learn to match their capabilities to them.

FACTORS					
Dist. (km)	Score	Total Climb (m)	Score	Terrain	Score
		900	6		
21	5	700-899	5	Mostly rough going	5
16-20	4	500-699	4	Moderately rough going	4
11-15	3	300-499	3	Some rough going	3
6-10	2	100-299	2	Mostly road, track or footpad, no rough going	2
0-5	1	0-99	1	All road, track or footpad, no rough going	1

Note. Rough going includes medium or heavy scrub; rocky, loose or slippery ground; rock scrambling; and stony creek crossings.

GRADING		
Total Score	Grade	Comment
15-	Very Hard	Strenuous walking. Fit and experienced walkers only.
12-14	Hard	Demanding walking. Fit and experienced walkers only.
8-11	Medium	Moderate fitness and bushwalking experience is required. People who have not been on a full day's bushwalk before will find these quite difficult.
4-7	Easy	At the lower end (Grade 4), these are suitable for people with little or no bushwalking experience. The degree of difficulty increases with the grading score.
3	Very Easy	Distances up to 5 km; urban or nature park rambles; suitable for family groups, including young children needing to be carried.

Note. Total scores are included with the grading in the walk descriptions, e.g. Medium (9)

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WALKING TRIPS AWAY

Sat 3 Feb – Sun 4 Feb – LONG POINT LOOKOUT/SHOALHAVEN RIVER PACK WALK / OVERNIGHT CAMP – 12 km Medium (11)

Leader: Terrylea Reynolds (0408 715 218, terryleainwashington@hotmail.com). This is a relatively relaxed overnight camp down on the Shoalhaven River which will be taken at a leisurely pace. It is designed for those who might like to get away for one night, camp in a tent, feel exercised but without feeling ‘done-in’. We leave Canberra around 9 am and drive to Long Point Road, Tallong (just past Marulan) via Goulburn where we will purchase/have lunch. From Goulburn we continue to the Long Point Road Lookout where we can leave our cars overnight. There is a toilet and shelter at the car park. We then descend ~500m on a steep, dirt track which is not recommended for anyone with knee issues. There are some rocks in places on the track but nothing that requires any scrambling. This track takes us down to the junction of Barbers Creek and the Shoalhaven River (in Shoalhaven Gorge) at which point we will head east to our camp at McCallums Flat. Having descended the hill we then walk to camp over some grassy, lightly wooded terrain which includes a gentle hill before arriving at our delightful sandy, casuarina-shaded riverbank with plenty of places to spread out and pitch your tent. Great views of Kingpin Mountain and the Shoalhaven River from the lookout before our descent. Once at camp you can read a book, play cards, explore along the riverbank, snooze or swim. It’s totally up to you. If the weather permits we will be able to light a small campfire. The next morning we begin our big climb back up to the cars before our drive home, via Goulburn for lunch. Gaiters and hiking poles recommended. Climb: ~500m. Cars: 270km (\$40). Map: Caoura. **We will carpool, with the leader contacting participants and drivers beforehand to organise. To express an interest, please contact the leader by 25 January, stating whether you can take passengers and how many.**

Sat 9 Mar – Sun 10 Mar – WEE JASPER OVERNIGHT PACK WALK FROM FITZPATRICK TRACKHEAD TO LOG BRIDGE CREEK CAMPSITE – Medium/Hard

Leader: Luisa Dal Molin (0478 297 775, luisa@brownson.com.au). The Hume & Hovell Track traces the route taken by the explorers Hamilton Hume and William Hovell on their expedition to Port Phillip in 1824. The track stretches over 440km from Cooma Cottage on the outskirts of Yass, to the Hovell Tree on the banks of the Murray River in Albury. On this walk we’ll be traversing one small section of the track, from the Fitzpatrick Trackhead near Wee Jasper to the Log Bridge Creek campsite, a distance of 12.2km and climb of 920m. On the way we will climb to the top of Mount Wee Jasper where we will be rewarded with stunning views over the nearby countryside (weather permitting). We’ll camp at Log Bridge Creek campsite and return to Fitzpatrick Trackhead via a slightly different route the following day. The total distance is 23km (1,350m elevation gain). This walk will be a lead-up to a longer walk traversing a longer section of the Track from Fitzpatrick Trackhead to Micalong Creek campsite. Log Bridge Creek campsite is a primitive campground with a pit toilet and basic shelter. Participants will need to bring shelter, sleeping and cooking equipment, all food for the two days and sufficient water for day 1. Additional water will be available at Log Bridge campsite.

Wee Jasper is a 1.5 hour drive from Canberra (92km). For those interested, there is the opportunity to camp at Fitzpatrick Track Head campground the night preceding the walk (8 March). A camping fee would apply. Cars: 200km (\$30). Map: Couragago.

Please contact the leader if interested, preferably no later than 1 February.

Wed 20 Mar – Fri 22 Mar – MURRAMARANG SOUTH COAST TRACK – 34 km Medium walks – limit of 16 walkers

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223, wmholgate@gmail.com). Walk the spectacular coastline on Murramarang South Coast Walk, located between Ulladulla and Batemans Bay. Connect coastal villages and explore beautiful tall forests, secluded beaches, dramatic rock platforms and crystal blue water. The Murramarang walk will be walked as two day-walks, with some car shuffles each day (petrol costs of ~ \$20). It is the week before Easter and before the school holidays. We'll stay at Murramarang Beachfront Holiday Resort and arrive on Wednesday 20 March with a meeting at 5pm to talk about logistics of the walk. Dates were chosen due to low tide being in the middle of day. If partner s come (non-walkers) they may be able to help with transport. There will most probably be a total of 760m climb over two days but lots of small climbs. It will be up to walkers to arrange their own accommodation but they must contact the leader first.

Thursday – Pretty Beach to Murramarang. Drive to Pretty Beach and walk south. Total day walk is 18km (8) to Murramarang. The only issue with this day is if Durras Lake is open to the sea, then you could get wet crossing.

Friday - Murramarang to Maloneys Beach 16km (8) Beautiful walking in spotted gum forest most of the way. Maps: Kioloa, Durras.

Contact the leader by 6 March to confirm a place before booking accommodation.

Sat 6 Apr – Sun 14 Apr – NATIONAL PARKS NORTH OF LITHGOW – Medium/Hard walks.

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). This trip will spend 8 nights / 7 days in the area around the Capertee Valley, north of Lithgow, exploring some of the day walks in one of the largest wilderness areas of NSW. Walks will be across the Gardens of Stone National Park, Turon Gates National Park, and Wollemi National Park. We plan to spend 4 nights at Turon Gates Mountain Retreat, and a further 4 nights in Lithgow. Turon Gates offers both basic camping (hot showers and flush toilets but no camp kitchen or power) and pleasant cabin accommodation, but there is no internet. In Lithgow, we will stay at the Lithgow Tourist Park which has both powered campsites and basic cabin accommodation.

We will largely be using these locations as a base, as most of the walks require a drive of up to an hour or so to get to them. A couple only have 4WD access to the trailhead. While the program will allow for a rest/sightseeing day in the middle, there will be options to walk on that day if you prefer.

The walking will be at the high end of medium: 9 - 11 on the BBC walk rating scale. Elevation up to 650m; length typically 10k – 15k; some creek crossings (some of which will require wading); a bit of boulder hopping around the rock pagodas; some off track / bush bashing along creek beds / gullies / gorges, and a tunnel walk with torches to see the glow worms. The leaders have only been able to recce a subsection of the walks, so it will be 'exploratory' at times. If you would like to review some of the potential walks before committing to this trip have a look at Alltrails for these walks: Genowlan Summit; The Temples of Doom via Maiyingu Marragu Trail; Pagoda Track to Glow Worm Tunnel; Goochs Crater Loop; and the Pipeline Track from Glen Davis (we would only do part of this walk). **If you are interested in this trip please contact Deborah Gibson at dgibson56@bigpond.com, preferably no later than 15 January.**

September 2024 – WALKING THE ALTA VIA 1 IN THE ITALIAN DOLOMITES

Leader: Luisa Dal Molin (0478 297 775, luisa@brownsdon.com.au). In September 2024, a group of BBC walkers will be visiting Italy to tackle the Alta Via 1 (AV1), a popular walking track across the Dolomite mountains. Taking 9 or so days, the AV1 is a 121km track which traverses around incredible jagged peaks, dramatic gorges and beautiful valleys, with a total elevation gain and loss of 7,200 to 8,250m. A reasonable level of fitness is required. Accommodation is in mountain huts during the walk, and hotels immediately prior and afterwards. While the trip is currently fully booked, vacancies may arise. **Contact the leader for further information.**

Mon 1 Jan – NEW YEAR’S DAY EARLY EVENING PICNIC

Coordinator: Elaine Atkinson (0410 154 133). An early evening picnic or BBQ at Bowen Park from **4 pm** (weather permitting). BYO and something to share if you wish. An email with further details will be sent closer to the date.

Wed 3 Jan – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: John Ellis (6241 2658).

Sat 6 Jan – MT AINSLIE MORNING WALK – 8 km Easy (7)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). At the higher end of Easy, a pleasant morning walk to start the year. From the Hackett car park we make a steady and consistent climb, using footpads, a small section of fire trail and the Centenary Trail, to the summit of Mt Ainslie, where we will spend a few minutes to catch our breath and take in the magnificent views. We will descend on the Kokoda Track before looping back on a small footpad to the old quarry. After a short but steep climb to the top of the quarry our way out will be via a small unused footpad (long pants or gaiters suggested) and over a northerly knoll before returning to the cars through the Ainslie/Majura valley before lunch. There will be a few short but easy off-track sections and there is reasonable tree cover should the day be hot. Climb: 320m. Map: Canberra. **Meet at the car park near the corner of Phillip Ave and Kellaway St, Hackett at 8.30 am.*****

Sun 7 Jan – YANKEE HAT ART – 13 km Easy (7)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). Provided we are allowed to access this art site (still closed at the time of writing), we will walk from the Rendezvous Creek car park to the area and visit the Middle Creek cascades along the way. We return on a track to the east which goes close to Gudgenby Homestead. If the area is still closed we will instead visit the Rendezvous Creek site. Both walks are in open, undulating, short-grass country, with a couple of short sections on tracks and both are about the same distance. Climb: 270m. Cars: 100km (\$14). Maps: Yaouk and Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K leaving at 8.30 am.*****

Wed 10 Jan – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 10 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 13 Jan – MT GINGERA FROM MOUNT GININI – 15 km Medium (9)

Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004). We park cars at the locked gate on the Mt Franklin Road (below Mount Ginini), walk on the fire trail past Pryors Hut to below Mount Gingera, climb to Mount Gingera trig largely on a footpad, have lunch, and then return the same way or along a ridge to Pryors Hut. Climb: 350-400m. Cars: 160km (\$22). Map: Corin Dam. 1.5 hours drive each way. **Meet at W leaving at 8.30 am.*****

Sun 14 Jan – ARBORETUM – WALK ONE – 8 km Easy (5)

Leader: Janet Duncan (0423 213 679). This walk, and the second walk on 25 February, will showcase many aspects of the Arboretum, and with the growth of trees we may have some shade. From the Cork Plantation we walk up the short hill and onto the far boundary of the Arboretum. I will point out the rarest Forests and give information about those that grow the rarest plants. From there return a different way and climb Dairy Farmers Hill and on to the Gallery of Gardens. You will feel exercised and know more about the Arboretum. If the weather is extremely hot, we can shorten the walk. **Meet at the Cork Plantation free parking area at 8.30 am.*****

Mon 15 Jan - NATIONAL PARKS NORTH OF LITHGOW (6-14 April).

Last date for expressions of interest in this trip. See Page 8 for further details.

Wed 17 Jan – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223).

Wed 17 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004).

Sat 20 Jan – MT MAJURA LOOP – 9 km Easy (7)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). At the higher end of Easy, an interesting and varied circuit of Mt Majura highlights including the summit, old stone wall and Clancys Track. Mostly on track however the final climb to the summit is reasonably steep and rocky (but can be done at your own pace). The old stone wall is a medium off-track downhill. Climb: 300m. **Meet at the main Mount Majura Reserve car park, Antill Street, Hackett at 8.30 am. *****

Sun 21 Jan – STROMLO FOREST PARK, MOUNT STROMLO AND NARRABUNDAH HILL – 14 km Medium (8)

Leader: Gary Lynch (0423 633 895). We start at the Bushfire Memorial car park and proceed northwest up Stromlo Forest Park on fire and equestrian trails. We ascend Mount Stromlo on Casuarina Climb (some short steep sections) and have a short stop at Duffield Graveyard before morning tea at the Mount Stromlo picnic area. We continue down through Stromlo Forest Park and cross Cotter Road and head to Narrabundah Hill. Another short break near the trig or in the shade of the pine forest. Return to our cars along the Centenary Trail. Climb: 350m. **Meet at Bushfire Memorial car park off Swallowtail Road (left at first roundabout coming from Cotter Road).**

Wed 24 Jan – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Elaine Atkinson (0410 154 133).

Wed 24 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Philip Gatenby (0401 415 406, philip.gatenby@gmail.com).

Sat 27 Jan – MT TAYLOR RAMBLE – 7 km Easy (7)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260). From Kambah, a short morning walk exploring Mt Taylor on a mixture of fire trails, tracks and footpads, including an ascent of the Village Creek. Some steep rough sections and starting early to avoid the heat. Afterwards walk to Maurice and Leigh's home for morning tea/coffee (provided). Climb: 200-300m. **Meet at Leigh and Maurice's at Kambah at 8.00 am.*** Contact Leigh for address.**

Sun 28 Jan – BLACK MOUNTAIN AND ARANDA BUSHLAND – 13 km Medium (8)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). From the car park off Caswell Drive, we take the Caswell Drive underpass, then exit left into the Black Mountain Reserve and follow the Woodland and Lakeview Trails. This a rough fire trail up, up and up before turning right onto a pretty footpad winding through the bush to a lookout with lovely views across the lake to the city. Continue following the Bushland Nature Walk crossing Black Mountain Road into the Botanic Gardens (morning tea). We head towards Little Black Mountain up and over, follow a bush track to the underpass at the Tuggeranong Parkway into the Aranda bushland. Explore this reserve, including the Frost Hollow, before heading back to the cars. Walk mostly on footpads. Climb: 400m. **Meet at the Black Mountain Reserve car park at 8.30 am. Note: If coming from the south, the car park is on the left heading north between Glenloch Interchange and Aranda (no sign). If coming from Belconnen exit William Hovell Drive onto Old Caswell Drive.*****

Wed 31 Jan – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 31 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Thu 1 Feb – Last day to book for WEE JASPER OVERNIGHT PACK WALK (see page 7).

Fri 2 Feb – MT AINSLIE SUNSET WALK – 3 km Easy (5)

Coordinator: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). This is a social event offering drinks and nibbles at the top of Mt Ainslie, timed so that you can enjoy the sunset over the Brindabellas while chatting with friends. Bring a drink receptacle and a torch. - everything else is provided. The event will be cancelled if extreme weather is threatening. Please note: You are welcome to drive to the top to meet the group. Climb: 200m. **Meet at the base of the Mt Ainslie walking track behind the War Memorial at 6.00 pm, noting the start time earlier than previous years, to avoid walking back to the cars in poor light.*****

Sat 3 Feb – Sun 4 Feb – LONG POINT LOOKOUT/SHOALHAVEN RIVER PACK WALK / OVERNIGHT CAMP – 12 km Medium (11). See Page 7 for details.

Sun 4 Feb – THREE LOOKOUTS AT BOOROOMBA ROCKS - 10 km Easy (7)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). There'll be a short car shuffle to leave cars at the Booroomba Rocks car park. The walk commences from the Honeysuckle Creek campground along the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT), to Booroomba Rocks car park for morning tea. We then go up the usual steep track and just before the top we turn right along a good, but relatively unknown, track to the eastern lookout. We next retrace our steps back to the central lookout where we'll probably have lunch. After leaving here we follow another well-marked route across to the large south-western Booroomba slab to enjoy the views from its highest point. From there we return to the main track and go back down to the car park. If the forecast is for a hot day (above 27 deg), we will start the walk from Booroomba Rocks car park, which will mean the climbing (now only 300m) will be done in the coolest part of the day and the distance reduced to 5 km. Climb: 450m. Cars: 80km (\$11). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Wed 7 Feb – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 7 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260).

Wed 7 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791).

Sat 10 Feb –MOLONGLO GORGE – 7 km Easy (7)

Leader: Kathy Handel (0447 289 638). We will walk the length of the gorge to Blue Tiles for morning tea and return the same way, finishing before lunch. The terrain is a rough track with rocky sections that are slippery when wet. Climb: 100m. Maps: Canberra, Bungendore. **Meet at Molonglo Gorge Recreation Reserve car park off Sutton Rd.**

Sun 11 Feb – SPRING CREEK GORGE – 10 km Medium (9)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). The walk starts from the Day Use area on Woolcara Lane in Yanununbeyan NP (about 1 hour drive from Queanbeyan). We climb 150m through scrub to the trig on Corner Hill, then descend 200m to the large pool on the Queanbeyan River at GR124624. We next follow the river upstream, with views of its pools and rapids, to the junction of Spring Creek. The creek has a small, interesting gorge and several cascades. From here we return to the cars via the ridge tops. If it is a hot day we can leave the bush here and follow the road back. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Climb: 525m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Captains Flat. **Meet at S leaving at 8.30 am.*****

Wed 14 Feb – VERY SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 14 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 14 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 17 Feb – CRONINS FOREST – 10 km Medium (8)

Leader: Kathy Handel (0447 289 638). This is a beautiful, unburnt part of Tallaganda State Forest. We start at the top of the ridge, go to the bottom and then back up on other tracks. We walk through stunning tall native forest and visit a hut, a ruin and a granite outcrop with a view. The terrain is fire trail, nice track and one short, steep, rough section of off-track with low scrub (bring gaiters). Climb: 400m. Cars: 115km (\$16). We drive to Captains Flat then on dirt roads – the last one is rough. Maps: Bendoura, Captains Flat. **Meet at S at 8.30 am.*****

Sun 18 Feb – RED HILL NATURE RESERVE PERIMETER LOOP – 10 km Easy (7)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). A nice hike through the Red Hill Nature Reserve, located in central Canberra. The trail explores many of the tracks within the reserve. The trail passes through a variety of scenery and offers great views out over Canberra and surrounds. We will have morning tea at the Red Hill Lookout. We will provide cake/biscuits. Climb: about 300m. **Meet at the Red Hill Nature Reserve Car Park on Mugga Way slightly north of Francis Street, Red Hill.**

Wed 21 Feb – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 21 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Glenn Stroud (0492 813 791).

Wed 21 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791).

Sat 24 Feb – CIVIC TO THOROUGHbred PARK – 12 km Easy (7)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). A varied, pleasant and relatively easy one way walk north through the green spaces of the ANU, Botanic Gardens, O'Connor/Bruce and Lyneham ridges and Crace grasslands. We return from EPIC/Racecourse to Civic on the light rail please bring your MyWay card. All on track with a couple of gates to climb over. Climb: 200m. Map: Canberra Street Directory. **Meet at the front of the Street Theatre at the Childers Street entrance to Australian National University (free parking on weekends).**

Sun 25 Feb – ARBORETUM – WALK TWO – 8 km Easy (6)

Leader: Janet Duncan (0423 213 679). This second walk in the Arboretum again begins at the Cork Plantation. From here we walk up the hill towards the Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park (STEP) and continue to walk through the forest at the back of the Arboretum, past the dams and on to the far boundary. I will give information on many of these forests. You will feel exercised and, if the weather is extremely hot, we can shorten the walk. Climb: 150m. **Meet at the Cork Plantation free parking area at 8.30 am.*****

Wed 28 Feb – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 28 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 28 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 2 Mar – ASHBROOK AND OTHER TRAILS TIDBINBILLA – 11 km Easy (7)

Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791). From the Hanging Rock car park at Tidbinbilla we walk up the Ashbrook Trail exploring tall forests and wet gullies before crossing Ashbrook Creek. We then continue up to the locked gate on Mountain Creek Road where we will walk along the Cascade and Lyrebird Trails and return the same way. We finish off with a short loop around Hanging Rock. Climb: 400m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K.**

Sun 3 Mar – A DAY IN YASS – 8 km Easy

Organisers: Elaine Atkinson (0410 154 133), Sheree Bamforth (0419 471 200).

A combination of walking (approximately 8km or a self-guided town walk), history (Yass, Cooma Cottage, Yass Railway Museum) and social outing (morning coffee and lunch by the river). More details via email and newsletter closer to the date.

Wed 6 Mar – Last day to book for MURRAMARANG SOUTH COAST TRACK (see page 8).

Wed 6 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 6 Mar - EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Elaine Atkinson (0410 154 133).

Wed 6 Mar - MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791).

Sat 9 Mar – Sun 10 Mar – WEE JASPER OVERNIGHT PACK WALK FROM FITZPATRICK TRACKHEAD TO LOG BRIDGE CREEK CAMPSITE – Medium/Hard

Leader: Luisa Dal Molin (0478 297 775, luisa@brownsdon.com.au). See page 7 for details.

Sat 9 Mar – GLENDALE PICNIC GROUND TO CALOOLA FARM – 14 km Easy (7)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). An easy walk on fire trail starting at Glendale Picnic Ground and ending at Caloola Farm in the Naas River Valley. Undulating with a few steep climbs, but downhill overall. Car shuffle required. Lunch at picturesque Brandy Flat Hut. Climb: about 300m. Cars: 80km (\$11). Map: Michelago. **Meet at K.**

Sun 10 Mar – WILD CATTLE CREEK – 9 km Easy (7)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260). A circuit in Tallaganda National Park, south of Captains Flat, through forest to an unnamed tributary of Wild Cattle Creek and then down beside Wild Cattle Creek itself. The tributary is charming and photogenic; it weaves a course between green, semi-open banks and is very narrow. Wild Cattle Creek has wide grassy flats – some of the grass is tussocky. Depending on where we park, 3 to 4km of fire trail to start with, then about ½ km descent through light to moderate scrub; the rest is fairly open walking with the occasional log to get over. Climb: 250m. Cars: 116km (\$16). Map: Tinderry. **Meet at S.**

Mon 11 Mar (Canberra Day) – PICNIC AT YARRALUMLA BAY

Coordinator: Elaine Atkinson (0410 154 133). Further details to be emailed closer to the day.

Wed 13 Mar – VERY SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 13 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 13 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 16 Mar – MOUNT ROB ROY AND WESTERN EDGE OF THE ROB ROY RESERVE – 12 km Medium (8)

Leader: David Dedenczuk (0417 222 154). From the cars we head steeply uphill to the summit of Rob Roy. Shortly thereafter it is off track and downhill, due west towards the south-western corner of the reserve pointing towards Lanyon. Expect much long grass, thistles and a steep gully crossing on this section. Then it is northwards again, with more grassy fields and several gully crossings, before regaining the fire trail behind the houses of Banks. Climb: 450m. **Meet at the small car park on Orange Thorn Cres, Banks, next to number 21. More parking along Orange Thorn Crescent.**

Sun 17 Mar – BENDOURA HUT AND ARBORETUM VIA MOONLIGHT HOLLOW ROAD – 12 km Easy (7)

Leader: Katarina Heinebäck (0409 329 139). This walk starts at the Bulls Head Survival Shelter on Franklin Road and follows Moonlight Hollow Road and Chalet Road to Bendoura Hut. Beautiful tall trees and spectacular views followed by lunch at the hut and then a walk around the arboretum. Tree plantings from the 1940s include pines, conifers, cypress, poplar and larch. A short car shuffle (5km) for the return to Bulls Head. Climb: 250m. Cars: 85km (\$12). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W.**

Wed 20 Mar – Fri 22 Mar – MURRAMARANG SOUTH COAST TRACK – 34 km Medium walks – limit of 16 walkers

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223, wmholgate@gmail.com). See Page 8 for details.

Wed 20 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 20 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Kathy Handel (6238 3596, 0447 289 638).

Wed 20 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 23 Mar – SETTLERS TRACK – 9 km Easy (7)

Leader: Jane Melanie (0447 261 663). A beautiful walk back in time exploring huts and homesteads in the southern part of Namadgi. The walk starts from the historic Brayshaws Homestead and proceeds westward on a well-marked track. The dirt section of the Boboyan Road is generally fine for 2WD. Climb: 230m. Cars: 130km (\$18). Map: Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

Sun 24 Mar – WESTON CREEK POND, Oakey Hill AND MOUNT TAYLOR - 15 km Medium (8)

Leader: Gary Lynch (0423 633 895). We start at Weston Creek Pond car park. We cross Cotter Road and head south-east along grassland following the Tuggeranong Parkway. At Heysen Street we take the road/walking track to Oakey Hill. We continue along parkland on the fringes of Lyons, Chifley and Pearce and ascend Mount Taylor. We take a different track down. On the way back we walk on greenspace in Weston instead of via Oakey Hill. A nice walk through some of Canberra's western suburbs. Morning tea and lunch to be determined at the time. Climb: 400m. **Meet at the Weston Creek Pond car park near the RSPCA (the very end of Kirkpatrick St).**

Wed 27 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 27 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Mike Smith (0412 179 907).

Wed 27 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Philip Gatenby (0401 415 406, philip.gatenby@gmail.com).

Sat 30 Mar – GININI GINGERA CIRCUIT - 14 km Medium (10)

Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). From the Ginini Car Park we climb to Mt Ginini then walk off-track to Little Ginini Mountain and Pryors Hut. We then continue to Mt Gingera via fire trail (Mount Franklin Road) and footpad. Lunch with fabulous views across Namadgi. The return is off-track to Pryors Hut, then on fire trail to the cars. There could be some difficult scrub so wear long pants and/or gaiters and bring gloves. Climb: about 500m. Cars: 140km (\$20). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 8.30 am.*****

Sun 31 Mar – TBA. Contact Walks Officer Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260).

Wed 3 Apr – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 3 Apr – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: John Kelly (0400 581 303).

Wed 3 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959).

Sat 6 Apr – Sun 14 Apr – NATIONAL PARKS NORTH OF LITHGOW – Medium/Hard walks.

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). See Page 8 for details.

Sat 6 Apr – SQUARE ROCK VIA SMOKERS LOOP – 14 km Medium (8)

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223, wnholgate@gmail.com). We start on the Smokers Loop track through the bush from the Corin Hub car park on Corin Dam Road up to Smokers Trail. Then we take the Smokers Link track to the Square Rock track, out to Square Rock, and back by the usual path. Climb: 300m. Map: Corin. Cars: 70km (\$10). **Meet at K.**

Sun 7 Apr – JERRABOMBERRA RESERVE – 10 km Easy (6)

Leader: Marie Santsingh (0412 044 473). We primarily follow the interesting “K9” mountain bike track, with its few discreetly placed, entertaining artefacts along the way. We cross Barracks Creek several times on wooden bridges and see familiar peaks from somewhere different. An estimated 3 hour walk and back at cars by lunch. Climb: 150m. Map: Tuggeranong. **Meet at Turner Place off Redwood Avenue, Jerrabomberra.**

Wed 10 Apr – VERY SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 10 Apr – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 10 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 13 Apr – MT MAJOR AND THE TWO MINORS – 8 km Medium (10)

Leader: Terrylea Reynolds (0408 715 218, terryleainwashington@hotmail.com). A circuit in Tallaganda State Forest that sees us climbing 3 different granite viewpoints in forest with ferny patches, lichen-covered boulders and probably lawyer vine (unless we can avoid it). After parking the cars we walk about 3km of fire trail which is steep and rutted in parts before we ascend off track to the top of Mount Major, after which we push onto the ridge which has the two 'minors'. Expect scrubby terrain, stepping over logs, bracken, possibly burnt timber and some rock scrambling. Gloves and gaiters strongly recommended. This walk isn't for those who don't like roughish terrain and a bit of exposure (only a couple of metres below you but wide so no narrow ridges to worry about). Climb: ~500m. Cars: 100km (\$14). Map: Bombay 1:25000. **Meet at S at 8.30 am.*****

Sun 14 Apr – PINNACLE AND KAMA – 12 km Easy (7)

Leader: Robyn Gallagher (0409 891 187). The walk starts and ends at the water tanks on Springvale Drive. We do a loop over the Pinnacle Hill and into the bit of the Pinnacle excised from the Kama property, which gives us access to the Kama Reserve via the William Hovell underpass. We follow the Kama River Walk loop before crossing back to the Pinnacle Reserve. The walk ends with a gentle climb back to the cars along a track at the eastern end of the reserve. The walk is all on tracks or over grass. Climb: about 100m. **Meet at the parking area at the intersection of Springvale Drive and De Salis Street Hawker.**

Wed 17 Apr – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 17 Apr – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223).

Wed 17 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004).

Sat 20 Apr – AUTUMN FAMILY AND OCTOGENARIAN/NONAGENARIAN WALK AND PICNIC

Coordinator: Wendy Thompson (0439 026 751). Autumn is a beautiful time in Canberra and a wonderful opportunity for club members to get together for a walk and lunch. This is a BYO (and something to share for sweets if you wish) event including chairs. Includes an easy one-hour short walk. **Meet at Weston Park BBQ area opposite the miniature railway at 10.00 am.*****

Sun 21 Apr – OAK HILL AND BEYOND AND MULLIGANS FLAT – 20 km (with 16 km and 14 km options) – Medium (10)

Leader: Margaret Power (0448 924 357). This is a Medium walk – approximately 20km with 16km and 14km options. Some off-track, but through open bush (no ‘bashing’ required). The walk traces a rough, wonky figure eight. We start by ascending Oak Hill and then descending to the Northern Border campground. We’ll continue for approximately 6km on a combination of less-used tracks and off-track. We’ll then loop around and join the Centenary Trail, which we’ll follow back to Oak Hill. From there we’ll proceed to Mulligans Flat. There are two points on this stretch where there are very direct tracks back to the cars. The leader will point these out and those choosing the shorter (14km or 16km) options will be able to leave the group and return to their cars. The shorter options don’t include Mulligans Flat. For those doing the full walk, at Mulligans Flat, for the most part we’ll avoid the main track and again take a combination of less-used tracks and off-track. Climb: 500m. **Meet in the car park on Mulligans Flat Road, Forde (on the left about 100 metres after the corner of Henry Williams Street) at 8.30 am.*****

Wed 24 Apr – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 24 Apr – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 24 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 27 Apr – BILLY BILLY ROCKS – 8 km Medium (10)

Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004). This is a relatively short walk, in rough terrain. It will be taken at a leisurely pace, with time to explore the natural features. From Corin Dam Road (at GR739695) we take a rough track to the high ground, initially steep, to a couple of rock platforms, south of Billy Billy Creek. After morning tea, we cross that creek and explore the granite features where some rock scrambling is needed. This will lead to the Billy Billy lookout. We then head off to another set of interesting rock outcrops, overhangs and passages. The return route will be an intercepting route, designed to meet the inward track at some point. Gaiters, long pants and gloves recommended. Climb: 400m. Cars: 70km (\$10). **Meet at K.**

Sun 28 Apr – NURSERY SWAMP – 10 km Easy (6)

Leader: Katarina Heinebäck (0409 329 139). We start our walk at the Nursery Creek car park on Orroral Road, gaining about 210m in about 2km. I’m not aware of any damage in the 2020 bushfire, so the whole walk should be on a well-made track through forest, with some massive granite boulders along the way. The early part will be a steady climb, with some steeper sections. Once we arrive at a saddle, we’ll have a rest or explore some rocks, then continue to the large fen of sedge, called Nursery Swamp, where we’ll have lunch. We return the same way. Climb: 260m. Cars: 85km (\$12). Map: Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

Wed 1 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 1 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Kathy Handel (0447 289 638).

Wed 1 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959).

Sat 4 May – HUGHIE EDWARDS VC REST AREA, FEDERAL HIGHWAY TO WILDBARK, MULLIGANS FLAT – 10 km Easy (7)

Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142). We'll walk along a section of the Canberra Centenary Trail under the Federal Highway and into Mulligans Flat Reserve. We leave the Centenary Trail to climb Sammy's Hill and then to the Wildbark Visitor Centre where coffee will be available. If time we'll do the short walk to the Wetlands and then a return to the cars much the same way. Climb: 200m. Cars: 15km (\$2) Map: Download from <https://www.wildbark.org/> or the ACT Centenary Trail book. **Meet at NL 8.50 am or the Rest Area at 9.15 am. NB. To access the Rest Area from the south continue along the Federal Highway and cross over at Eagle Hawk.*****

Sun 5 May – CALVARY RUINS AND BULLEN RANGE – 10 km Medium (8)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260). From the locked gate at the entrance to Paddys River Travelling Stock Reserve off Tidbinbilla Road, we ascend Barnes Hill by first following the fire trail and then the high ground to reach the trig. We continue north, enjoying excellent views in all directions. We ignore the usual turn-off to the ruins, walking another km before leaving the fire trail to descend via a lightly wooded ridge. Navigating a short section of thickish kunzea we cross a creek line to reach the Calvary mud brick ruins. Return to the cars via pine forest fire trails. (Note: we may do this walk in the reverse direction). Climb: 360m. Cars: 34km (\$5). **Meet at K.**

Wed 8 May – VERY SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 8 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 8 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 11 May – McQUOID CREEK, FORSTER HILL AND THE MURRUMBIDGEE CORRIDOR – 7 km Easy (7)

Leader: Terrylea Reynolds (0408 715 218, terryleainwashington@hotmail.com). An absolutely delightful half-day walk with stunning views from Forster Hill west to the Bullen Range and the Murrumbidgee Corridor. Fun navigating our way over McQuoid Creek then puffing up steep Forster Hill to the trig and down the other side. From there we follow the reserve boundary north then west to New Station Creek where we return via the Murrumbidgee Corridor track. Expect long grass, possibly slightly wet feet as you cross New Station Creek, footpads, a defined track along the Murrumbidgee corridor and some short steepish river sides across creek beds (pretty easy going though). Bring morning tea. We should be back at the cars around noon-12.30 pm. Gaiters recommended. Climb: ~250m. Map: Tuggeranong. **Meet at the entrance to Kambah Pool Reserve (park just before the cattle grid entry).**

Sun 12 May HONEYSUCKLE CIRCUIT – 8 km Medium (9)

Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). From the Honeysuckle Campground we walk up a road to the tanks above, then climb off-track to hill 1364 for morning tea with a view. We descend to the south to a pretty waterfall, continuing up to hill 1203 for lunch nearby among massive boulders. We descend, contouring around the swampy area and follow a creek up to the Sundial Rock. Return to the cars via a footpad and road. This walk is mostly off-track with some difficult scrub, so wear long pants and/or gaiters and bring gloves.

Climb: 400m. Cars: 75km (\$11). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Wed 15 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 15 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142).

Wed 15 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255).

Sat 18 May – GOOROYARROO WOODLANDS RESERVE THREE TRIGS – 9 km Easy (7)

Leader: Luisa Dal Molin (0478 297 775, luisa@brownsdon.com.au). Starting from the Goorooyarroo car park off Horse Park Drive, we will climb to the trig on Gecko Hills then follow the ridge and the ACT/NSW border to the trigonometrical station on Old Joe Hill. We will descend and return via fire trails. The walk will be mostly on fire trails and foot tracks with some off-track sections through open grasslands. There are some steep ascents which will give us some spectacular views over Canberra and NSW. Climb: 260m. **Meet at the car park on Horse Park Drive near the turn off to the Federal Highway. Note that there are several car parks along Horse Park Drive and that this is the last one before the turn off to the Federal Highway.**

Sun 19 May – STRATHNAIRN TO SHEPHERDS LOOKOUT – 10 km Easy (7)

Leader: Robyn Gallagher (0409 891 187). An easy walk with great views, starting and ending at The Link Building in Strathnairn. We'll follow the newish track through the Ginninderry Conservation Corridor to Shepherds Lookout, with some variations. Most of the walking is on well-made tracks so we should be back at The Link for lunch. Climb: about 50m. Map: published by Ginninderry Conservation Trust. **Meet at The Link - Ginninderry Community and Information Centre, 1 McClymont Way, Strathnairn.**

Wed 22 May – final date to book for the Potluck Dinner on Friday 24 May.

Wed 22 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 22 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: Philip Gatenby (0401 415 406 or philip.gatenby@gmail.com).

Wed 22 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Philip Gatenby (0401 415 406, philip.gatenby@gmail.com).

Fri 24 May – POTLUCK DINNER

Coordinator: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). All members are welcome to share a great meal with food contributed by participants and enjoy a social time together. Further details closer to the date. The venue is St Margaret's Uniting Church Hall at Hackett, corner of Antill Street and Phillip Avenue. The grounds are shared with Holy Cross Anglican Church and the entrance to parking is on Antill Street. Meet at **6.00pm** for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles followed by dinner at 6.30pm. **Please phone or email Elaine (social@brindabellabushwalking.org.au) by Wednesday 22 May** to book a place and discuss your contribution. **Guest speaker:** Pete Cotsell, Regional Manager Southern Parks ACT.

Sat 25 May – GRANITE TORS WALKING TRACK – 9 km Medium (7)

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223). Starting from the car park at the site of the Orroral Tracking Station we will walk up the steep track to the Orroral Geodetic Observatory, which is open to the public. We will then explore the track amongst the tors, have lunch and return to the car park by the same route. Map: Rendezvous Creek. Climb: 380m. Cars: 100km (\$14).

Meet at K.

Sun 26 May - HONEYSUCKLE CAMPGROUND TO BOOROOMBA ROCKS – 11 km Easy (6)

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856) We walk from the end of Apollo Road along the foot tracks to Booroomba Rocks for panoramic views and return the same way. A pleasant walk in open forest. Climb: 340m. Cars: 80km (\$11). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Wed 29 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 29 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 29 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 1 Jun – GLENBURN AND BURBONG HERITAGE TRAILS – 12 km Easy (7)

Leader: Jane Melanie (0447 261 663). We follow the Glenburn and Burbong Heritage Trail from the Clay Target Club entrance, along the Molonglo River across grassland and fire trails to the junction with Glen Burn creek and the ruins of the William Collier homestead. Then onto other ruins via pine plantation tracks to Glenburn homestead and one of the earliest European cemeteries in the region, plus a once steam-powered shearing shed. Return along Kiln Rd. Climb: 220m. Cars: 10km (\$1). Map: Bungendore. **Meet at Q.**

Sun 2 Jun – TIDBINBILLA SKYLINE TRILOGY PART 1 - MT DOMAIN TO SNOWY CORNER - 12 km Medium (11)

Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791). We start from Fishing Gap car park and walk up the fire trail to Fishing Gap (4km) and then head north up a steep incline to Mt Domain. We then continue north off-track along the ridge line through thick scrub for around 4km to Snowy Corner and the Mt Tidbinbilla track. Various views back towards Canberra, Cotter River valley and Tidbinbilla nature reserve along the way. There is 4km off-track and 8km on footpads and fire trails. We will do a car shuffle in Tidbinbilla. Climb: 850m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Tidbinbilla.

Meet at K at 8.00 am.***

Wed 5 Jun – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 5 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Elaine Atkinson (0410 154 133).

Wed 5 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255).

Sat 8 Jun - WESTERN FORESHORE GOOGONG DAM – 13 km Easy (8)

Leader: Kathy Handel (0447 289 638). From the Foreshores car park we do the Shoreline Walk to Shannons Inlet then go up a steep hill on fire trail. Continue on grassy slopes to one or more headlands then back to the fire trail to reach Wells Inlet for lunch. Return on fire trail and the Shoreline Walk. The lakeshore and headlands are very scenic when the lake is full. Climb: 300m. Maps: Hoskinstown, Googong Foreshores Map and Guide. **Meet at Foreshores car park, Googong Dam (near Drumstick Point). Note: Google incorrectly directs you to the Tin Hut car park.**

Sun 9 Jun – BULLS HEAD CIRCUIT – 12 km Medium (8)

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). This is a new and picturesque left-hand circuit walk. From the Bulls Head car park we walk up to the communication tower, down to Old Mill Road which we follow to hill 1134 and back to the cars for afternoon tea. Nearly all on track. Climb: 300m. Cars: 100km (\$14). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W.**

Mon 10 Jun (Kings Birthday) – COFFEE MORNING, OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Coordinator: Elaine Atkinson (0410 154 133). A repeat of last year's successful event at the Courtyard Café, Old Parliament House. Further details by email closer to the date.

Wed 12 Jun – VERY SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 12 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 12 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 15 Jun – A LOVELY RAMBLE ALONG LEES CREEK AND BLUNDELLS CREEK – 10 km Easy (6)

Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142). This walk starts at Locked gate 697870 close to the junction of Vanitys Crossing Road and Warks Road. We walk past the site of the former Lees Creek Forestry Camp and follow Lees Creek to the junction of Blundells Creek which we then follow. This walk is all along forestry tracks and mostly under canopy. Various relics of former land use will be observed. This walk starts in former pine forest and then continues in Namadgi National Park at the foot of the Bulls Head Range. Climb: 100m. Cars: 65km (\$9). Map: Cotter Dam. **Meet at W.**

Sun 16 Jun – TIDBINBILLA SKYLINE TRILOGY PART 2 – MT TIDBINBILLA, THE PIMPLE AND TIDBINBILLA PEAK – 11 km Medium (11)

Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791). We start at Mountain Creek car park and walk up Mt Tidbinbilla via Snowy Corner. We then head north along the ridge then west to the Pimple. We return back to the ridge, onto Tidbinbilla Peak, then back down to the car park. Climb: 900m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K at 8.00 am.*****

Wed 19 Jun – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 19 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Kathy Handel (6238 3596, 0447 289 638).

Wed 19 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959).

Sat 22 Jun – ORRORAL HERITAGE TRAIL FROM BOBOYAN ROAD – 13 km Medium (9)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). We start about 800m south of Glendale Crossing and head north off-track through relatively open and undulating country for 3.5 km to Orroral Picnic Area for morning tea. We then head over to the campground and follow the Heritage Trail until it crosses the river, at which point we parallel the road back to the picnic area. We then return off-track to the cars. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Climb: 400m. Cars: 80km (\$11). Maps: Michelago, Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K at 8.30 am.*****

Sun 23 Jun – RENDEZVOUS CREEK TO YANKEE HAT ROCK ART – 10 km Easy (7)

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). This walk is all in open, undulating, short-grass country, with a couple of short sections on tracks. We follow the track on the south side of Rendezvous Creek for about 1km, then strike west along a low ridge for 2km, looping around to cross Middle Creek and to head south to the Yankee Hat rock art. We return via the Yankee Hat walking track to Bogong Creek and follow the creek to cross Middle Creek where the two creeks meet. We return to the cars via a series of low hills, passing close by Gudgenby Homestead. Climb: 200m. Cars: 130km (\$18). Maps: Rendezvous Creek, Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

Wed 26 Jun – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

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Sat 29 Jun – TBA

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856).

Sun 30 Jun – TIDBINBILLA SKYLINE TRILOGY PART 3 – TIDBINBILLA PEAK, JOHNS PEAK AND CAMELS HUMP – 12 km Medium (11)

Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791). We start at Mountain Creek car park and walk up the fire trail to Camels Hump then along the ridge to Johns Peak, then onto Tidbinbilla Peak and back down to the car park. Climb: 850m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Tidbinbilla.

Meet at K at 8.00 am.***