

WALKS AND SOCIAL PROGRAM

JANUARY – JUNE 2017

Important notice

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

Book now for these upcoming trips away, while there are still some vacancies. Contact John (62627504).

6-15 Apr – GREAT SOUTH WEST WALK VICTORIA – Easy and Medium

4-18 Jun – WALKING TRIP TO MADEIRA – Easy and Medium

16-23 Jul – MYER HOUSE – Easy and Medium

All details are in the program below.

Sat 14 Jan – GIBRALTAR ROCKS – EVENING WALK – 7 km Easy (7)

Leader: Diana (0421 851212). Bring a picnic tea. We will go from the Dalsetta car park and walk slowly to Gibraltar Rocks via the Mt Eliza saddle. Enjoy the views while eating tea on the Rocks. Return via the same route. All on tracks, total climb 300 m. We will allow ourselves time to drive out before the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve closes at 8.00 pm. Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, Dalsetta Car Park (old visitors centre) at 3.30 pm.*****

Sun 15 Jan – WOODSTOCK NATURE RESERVE – 11 km Easy (7)

Leader: John (62627504). This is a swimming walk. There are 2 swimming areas on the Murrumbidgee River in this reserve. We will have morning tea at one and lunch at the second area. If the day is hot the walk will be limited to one area. Climb: 200 m Cars: 20 km (\$2) Map: Umburra. **Meet at W.**

Wed 18 Jan – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Peter (0437 110001)

Wed 18 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter (62885985)

Sat 21 Jan – FARRER RIDGE AND MT WANNIASSA – 8 km Easy (6)

Leaders: Leigh (62311485 or 0417 147260). This is a morning walk exploring Farrer Ridge and Wanniasa Hills Nature Reserves, including ascents of Farrer Hill and Mt Wanniasa, using a mixture of fire trails and tracks. An early start to avoid the heat. Afterwards, optional morning tea/coffee (provided) at Leigh’s nearby home in Kambah. Map: Tuggeranong. Total climb: 250 m. **Meet at 8.00 am at the ACT Parks and Conservation depot** just north of the intersection of Athllon and Sulwood Drives.***

Wed 25 Jan – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John (62543814)

**Wed 25 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks.
Leader: Phillip (0401 415446)**

**Sun 29 Jan – WEE JASPER – MICALONG CREEK – GOODRADIGBEE RIVER – 8 km Easy (6)
Leader: David (62851573).** Two short walks and one swim. From the Fitzpatrick Trackhead near Wee Jasper we will walk along a section of the Hume and Hovell Walking Track for about 3 km with a 150 m climb. Morning tea by Wee Jasper Creek and a return to the Trackhead. We will then drive to the Micalong Creek Reserve and walk along beside the Micalong Creek to the junction with the Goodradigbee River to find a nice swimming area for a welcome swim in the Goodradigbee or lazing on the river bank in the shade. Cars: 200 km (\$24). Map: <http://www.weejasperreserves.com.au> **Meet at W.**

**Wed 1 Feb – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy
Contact: Robyn (62880449) or Colleen (62883153) or email
ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au**

Wed 1 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: John (62412658)

**Wed 1 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks.
Leader: Peter (62885985)**

**Fri 3 Feb – MT AINSLIE SUNSET WALK – 3 km Easy (5)
Coordinator: Lucinda (0437 992550).** 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. Climb: 200 m. **Bring a drink receptacle and a torch** for the descent at dusk on a deteriorating track - everything else is provided. The event will be cancelled if extreme weather is threatening at 6 pm. **Meet at the base of the Mt Ainslie walking track behind the War Memorial at 6.30 pm.*****

**Sat 4 Feb – SPINNAKER CIRCUIT – 7 km Medium (8)
Leader: Prue (62861573).** From the Honeysuckle Creek camping ground we walk up the Orroral Ridge Road and then a short distance along the Link Track (which goes to the Orroral Valley). We then go off track, roughly north-east along the ridge to Spinnaker Rock for lunch. There is a steep descent to the valley and then on track back to the starting point for an early finish. Some thick scrub expected. Climb: 300 m. Opportunities to practice navigation skills if desired. Cars: 70 km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

**Sun 5 Feb – BENDORA DAM – 10 km Easy (6)
Leader: Doug (62815810).** From the Bendora Dam car park we follow the track down the Cotter River for about 5 km and visit places rarely visited. We return by the same route. Climb is less than 100 m. Cars: 120 km (\$14) Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W.**

Wed 8 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John (62543814)

**Wed 8 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks.
Coordinator: John (62543814)**

**Sat 11 Feb – DEVILS GAP AND GIBRALTAR ROCKS – 9 km Medium (8)
Leader: Prue (62861573).** From Devils Gap car park in Tidbinbilla Reserve, climb to Devils Gap on a fire trail. Continue off-track along the ridge to Gibraltar Rocks for lunch. Return off-track just below the ridge, exploring rock slabs along the way. The off-track sections are quite rocky underfoot with some scrub to get through. Wear long pants or gaiters and bring gloves. Total climb: 350 m. Cars: 70 km (\$8 plus park entry). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K.**

Sun 12 Feb – MOLONGLO GORGE – 7 km Easy (6)

Leader: Jillian (62863766). From the picnic area in the Molonglo Nature Reserve near Queanbeyan we walk up the track with views into the gorge and explore the river area at the lunch spot. Some easy scrambling. Climb: 150 m. Cars: 10 km (\$1). Maps: Canberra, Bungendore. **Meet at Q at 9.30 am. *****

Wed 15 Feb – Deadline for EVENING WALK AROUND YERRABI PONDS IN GUNGAHLIN FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT SAFFRON ROOM RESTAURANT to be held on Sat 18 Feb – see listing below for details.

Contact: Lana (0401 178120 or email burmesterlana@gmail.com)

Wed 15 Feb – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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Wed 15 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. **Leader: David (62861573)**

Wed 15 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks.
Leader: Peter (0414 363255)

Thu 16-Thu 23 Feb – STAYING AT COCKATOO ISLAND AND WALKING IN SYDNEY – Easy/Medium

Leader: John (j.clune@bigpond.com). The venue of Cockatoo Island was very successful last time, staying in the Heritage Cottage and doing walks around the harbor and in some National Parks. This time I have booked both Heritage Cottages and both are fully occupied. There are no vacancies

Fri 17 Feb – Deadline for SNOWY MOUNTAINS PACK WALK FROM GUTHEGA from Fri 24-Sun 26 Feb. **Leaders: Terrylea and Barrie.** **Contact Barrie 0437 023140 or brdr001@bigpond.net.au**

Sat 18 Feb – EVENING WALK AROUND YERRABI PONDS IN GUNGAHLIN FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT SAFFRON ROOM RESTAURANT – 4 km Easy (3)

Leader: Lana (0401 178120 or email burmesterlana@gmail.com)

The walk will start at the parking area near the restaurant and head south around Yerrabi Ponds. It is all on made paths and a very easy walk with lovely views before arriving at the restaurant for a delicious meal at this charming Persian restaurant. The meal should be about \$25-\$30, with all dietary needs readily satisfied. Tea, coffee and soft drinks for sale only. BYO – small corkage. Please contact Lana by Wed 15 Feb if you would like to come. **Meet at the car park at 5 pm.*****

Sun 19 Feb – GORGES OF THE ACT – 12 km Medium (9)

Leader: Eric (62862128). From Ingledene Forest area, near Angle Crossing, we walk along Reedy Creek Gorge to a magnificent swimming hole on the Murrumbidgee for a swim, the largest swimming hole I have ever seen. We shall also visit the hidden Guises Gorge, which involves wading the Murrumbidgee; hopefully shin deep with pebbly bottom, and perhaps Dyballs Creek Gorge. These gorges are listed as sites of significance in the ACT. We will return via Gigerline Gorge if the weather is reasonable or a shorter route if it is hot. Only a short climb back to the cars. A car shuffle will be involved. Cars: 60 km (\$7). Maps: Corin Dam, Williamsdale. **Meet at K at 8.20 am.*****

Wed 22 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Wed 22 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike (62862984)

Fri 24-Sun 26 Feb – SNOWY MOUNTAINS PACK WALK FROM GUTHEGA (joint BBC/NPA/CBC) – Medium (10)

Leaders: Terrylea and Barrie (0437 023140 or brdr001@bigpond.net.au)

This is a lovely walk along the Main Range. We’ll arrive at each camp site at about lunch time, giving us the afternoons to explore with only day packs. From Guthega we walk north up the ridge to Consett Stephen Pass, where we camp on the first night, and explore the Tate West Ridge in the afternoon. The second day we walk south-west along the Main Range to Mt Anderson where we spend the night, with time in the afternoon to explore Mt Anderson. On the third day we will possibly go up Mt Anton or Little Twynam before returning to Guthega via the lower slopes of Little Twynam and Illawong Lodge. Cars: 446 km (\$55). Maps: Perisher, Geehi Dam. **Deadline for bookings is Fri 17 Feb (maximum number in party 8)**

Sat 25 Feb – Deadline for Progressive Dinner on Sat 4 Mar (details below). Phone Lana (0401 178120) or Helen (62514272) by today to arrange a contribution for the dinner.

Sat 25 Feb – BOOROOMBA ROCKS OFF TRACK FROM THE EAST – 10 km Medium (9)

Leader: Peter (0414 363255). After a car shuffle to leave some cars at Honeysuckle campground, we start at Booroomba Rocks car park. The walk begins on the AAWT, heading east, and after a visit to a rocky outcrop we head north off-track onto some rock slabs below, and to the east of, Booroomba Rocks. From here we work our way steeply up to the eastern end of the Booroomba feature, go west along it, visit one of the large slabs further west and then cross back to the track down to the car park. We then follow the Australian Alps Walkin track to Honeysuckle campground. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Climb: about 450 m. Cars: 80 km (\$10). Map: Corin Dam. To do the climb before it gets too hot, we **meet at K at 8.00 am*****

Sun 26 Feb – HERITAGE, HISTORY AND SHADY STREETS – 9 km Easy (5)

Leader: Lyn (62815883). A morning walk in some of Canberra’s older northside suburbs: the heritage areas of Reid and the leafy streets of Campbell. Bring morning tea. Map: Canberra UBD. Cars: Nil. **Meet at Reid Oval car parking area under trees, Euree Street near intersection with Elimatta Street, at 9.00 am. *****

Wed 1 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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Wed 1 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Leigh (62311485)

Wed 1 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Terrylea with Barrie. Contact Terrylea on 0408 715218

Sat 4 Mar – PROGRESSIVE DINNER WALK – 6.5 km Easy (3)

Leaders: Lana (0401 178120 or burmesterlana@gmail.com) and Helen (61564272 or hrat@optusnet.com.au). Park in the vicinity of Helen's at 9/4 Mugglestone Pl, Bruce. Walk 5 mins to Lana's - 2/20 Crisp Circuit Bruce - by 5 pm for nibbles / entree. We will then walk to Judy's for main course (3-4 km) and on to Helen's for dessert (3-4 km). Bring a torch and jacket. **Please ring Lana or Helen by Sat 25 Feb to arrange a contribution.**

Sat 4 Mar – MT GINGERA FROM CORIN DAM – 20 km Medium/Hard (12)

Leader: Peter (0414 363255). From Corin Dam we have a long steep walk up to Stockyard Spur and then along the ridge to join the Mt Franklin Road beneath Little Ginini Mountain. We follow the road south, pausing at Pryors Hut, and then going off track (open going, but steep-ish) following the ACT/NSW border up to the high ground and then south along the open ridge to the top of Mt Gingera. Return is via the footpad to Mt Franklin Rd and then retracing our steps. Total climb: 1200 m. Cars: 90 km (\$11). Map: Corin Dam. Early start to do the climb before it gets too hot – the temperature should be about 9 deg cooler than Canberra's once we are on the higher ground. **Meet at K at 8.00 am.*****

Sun 5 Mar – BOOROOMBA ROCKS – 11 km Easy (7)

Leader: Jillian (62863766). A pleasant walk along tracks from Honeysuckle Creek campground to the Booroomba Rocks, then offtrack to explore the rock slabs around peak 1396. Lunch with fabulous views. Return the same way. Total climb: 400 m. Cars: 70 km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Sun 5-Sat 11 Mar – MALLACOOTA

Leader: David (62861573). I have booked Karbeethong Lodge at Mallacoota <http://www.karbeethonglodge.com.au/> for a week of coastal and inland walking with enough time to sit on the verandah looking out over the estuary. This is a lovely old 1920s guest house which has a variety of rooms from double ensuite to share. The rates will be roughly \$70 per person per night which includes breakfast. At present this trip is fully booked from the last Program however I have a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Wed 8 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: Janet (62881398)

Wed 8 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Sat 11 Mar – BOBOYAN FOREST – HOSPITAL CREEK – 14 km Medium (8)

Leader: Lyn (62815883). A pleasant walk, mostly on track, through Boboyan Forest, taking a side trip to Hospital Creek cascades, then on to Hospital Hut for lunch. The return walk is partly off track, roughly parallel to the creek, then along the Old Boboyan Road back to the starting point at Yankee Hat car park. Total climb: 240 m. Cars: 100 km (\$12). Map: Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

Sun 12 Mar – CANBERRA CENTENARY TRAIL – MULLIGANS FLAT CIRCUIT – 12 km Easy (7)

Leader: Katarina (62822601 or 0409 329139). We first meander through gently undulating open woodland and grassy glades, hopefully catching glimpses of the rich birdlife in the reserve. We then turn off to follow a track along the border of the Woodland Sanctuary which provides an excellent overview of Mulligans Flat from the higher vantage points. At the north-west corner we cross over to rejoin the Centenary Trail on the North Mulligans Circuit. This track closely follows the ridgeline of the ACT-NSW border and provides sweeping views in both directions. All on track. Climb: 270 m. **Meet at the Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary - Red Gum Gate car park, off Amy Ackman Street, Forde.*****

Wed 15 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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Wed 15 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue (62861573)

Thu 16 Mar – Deadline for YANKEE HAT NORTH walk on Sun 19 Mar (details below). Contact the leader: David (0417 222154) or ddedentz@bigpond.net.au

Sat 18 Mar – HUME AND HOVELL TRACK ALONG MICALONG CREEK -- 13 km Easy (7)

Leader: Jillian (62863766). From the picnic grounds near the Brindabella Road we follow the Hume and Hovell Track downstream to Micalong Creek. En route we admire cascades and waterfalls and are accompanied by many kinds of birds. We have lunch at the lovely Micalong Creek campsite. Bring a container, as there might be blackberries. Total climb: 300 m. Cars: 120 km (\$14). Maps: Bobbys Plains, Couragago. **Meet at W at 8 am.*****

Sun 19 Mar – YANKEE HAT NORTH – Joint NPA/BBC/CBC activity – 10 km Hard (12)

Leader: David (0417 222154) or ddedentz@bigpond.net.au

Starting at the Yankee Hat car park, we will skirt the southern flanks of the mountain before following a tributary of Bogong Creek towards the saddle between the north and south peaks. The walk will be very scrubby. Climb: 500 m. Cars: 104 km (\$12). Map: Rendezvous Creek. Please contact leader by Thu 16 Mar. **Meet at K at 8.00 am.*****

Wed 22 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Wed 22 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Sat 25 Mar – CENTENARY TRAIL – MACARTHUR TO MUGGA LANE – 12 km Easy (7)

Leader: Annabel (62820252 or 0438 855181). This walk will take us through Wanniasa Hills and the Long Gully pine plantation to Mt Sheaffe. We will walk close to the old Mugga quarry before picking up the cars near Murrays Bus Depot on Mugga Lane. Further details can be found in section 15 of *Walking and Cycling Canberra's Centenary Trail* by Hvoslef and Didcott. A car shuffle is required. Total climb: 300 m. Cars: 20 km (\$2). Map: Canberra. **Meet at Jackie Howe Cr near Goldsbrough Cl. Yellow Pages Map 33 F8.*****

Sun 26 Mar – LAKE GEORGE – 11 km Easy (7)

Leader: John (62627504). This walk has not been done for years because there was no water in the lake. A small climb of 150 m initially to the ridge fire trail. Fine views across Lake George. The walk follows a fire trail through undulating open timber. We return to the cars on a dirt road along the edge of the lake. Climb: 200 m. Cars: 60 km (\$7). Map: Sutton. **Meet at Q.**

Sun 26 Mar – SERENITY ROCKS – 13 km Medium (10)

Leaders: Barrie (0437 023140) and Terrylea (0408 715218). A most pleasant walk through beautiful forest, a variety of vegetation, several lovely ferny creeks (and crossings). Some prehistoric plants. We commence from the Bald Hill Fire Trail, along a fairly open, forested ridge for about 1.5 km, drop down steeply to cross Mulloon Creek, and climb to a knoll for morning tea (gaiters and gloves are recommended for this section). From here the walk is along motor bike tracks and fire trails. Lunch at Serenity Rocks with great views to Mt Palerang and the Black Range. You will need to be fit as there are some sustained up hill bits and a pole may come in handy (although there are usually several 'second-hand' tree branches to be found near the creek crossings). Climb: About 590 m. Cars: Foresters or above please - 100 km (\$12). Maps: Bombay, Bendoura. **Meet at Q - to leave at 8.00 am*****

Wed 29 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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Wed 29 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks.

Leader: Barrie (0437 023140).

Sat 1 Apr – HORSE GULLY HUT – 15 km Medium (8)

Leader: Doug (62815810). We walk from the Mount Clear car park up the Naas Creek valley, following a track through open country. We continue through light bush past Demanding Hut before dropping down to Horse Gully Hut in the valley below. Return on same track. Climb: 330 m. Map: Colinton. Cars: 200 km (\$24). **Meet at K.**

Sun 2 Apr – ROCKS NEAR BILLY BILLY CREEK – 6 km Medium (9)

Leader: Prue (62861573). From the Square Rock car park, head off track roughly north to a saddle. Veer roughly west to climb up to the ridge on the eastern side of Billy Billy Creek (the Billy Billy Rocks are on the other side of the creek). Explore the rocky outcrops, including some massive boulders, on the ridge. Return to cars roughly the same way. This walk is all off track with scrub but a lot of fun clambering over rocks – long pants, gaiters and gloves needed. Total climb: about 250 m. Cars: 70 km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

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Thu 6-Sat 15 Apr – GREAT SOUTH WEST WALK VICTORIA – Easy and Medium Day Walks

Leader: John (62627504 or j.clune@bigpond.com). About 2 weeks staying in Portland, Nelson and one other town. Probably about 5 nights in each town. Accommodation will be in cabins or camping. Walking will be along the coast, along the Glenelg River and in National Park areas. The walk is 250 km long and we will do some of the areas accessible by cars. It is at least a 10 hour drive from Canberra. You can do less than 2 weeks if you wish. Contact me to indicate your interest.

Sat 8 Apr – SQUARE ROCK FROM SMOKERS GAP – 9 km Easy (6)

Leader: Diana (0421 851212). An easy walk on track to Square Rock via the Orroral Valley lookout. Good views from both the lookout and Square Rock. Lunch at Square Rock. The climb is a gradual 270 m. Cars: 70 km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 9.30 am.*****

Sun 9 Apr – MT DOMAIN – 13 km Medium (11)

Leaders: Barrie (0437 023140) and Terrylea (0408 715218). A beautiful walk through dry woodland forest with lovely granite features here and there. Starting at the Link Road we take Fishing Gap Fire Trail to Fishing Gap then huff'n'puff up the newly cut track to Mt Domain and return. Walkers should be fit and able to cope with steep sections of footpad and track. Climb: About 700 m. Cars: 70 km (\$8). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K**

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Wed 12 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Sat 15 Apr – LITTLE BLACK MOUNTAIN AND BEYOND – 8 km Easy (5)

Leader: Margitta (62814467). This is an easy walk with a couple of short climbs, going from Frith Road around and over Little Black Mountain, with an extension on tracks through other parts of Black Mountain Reserve. Map: Canberra street map. **Meet at the end of Frith Road.*****

Sun 16 Apr – SOUTH GOOGONG LOOP – 15 km Medium (9)

Leader: Robyn (0409 891187). We'll follow an old vehicle track from London Bridge car park to the Homestead, then pick up the Queanbeyan River walk to the entrance to Burra Creek Reserve. After a loop through the Reserve we'll rejoin the Queanbeyan River walk to take us back to the Dhurrawarri Buranya walk and the cars. The walk is all on tracks or across open grassland. Climb: 350 m. Cars: 50 km (\$6). Map: Captains Flat. **Meet at Q.**

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Sat 22 Apr – BOOROOMBA ROCKS – BUSHFOLD FLATS – APOLLO RD – 8 km Easy (5)
Leader: Doug (62815810). From the car park we follow the Alpine Track footpad through wet and dry forest to the beautiful Bushfold Flats. We then follow the fire trail back to Apollo Road, and up the road to the cars. A short car shuffle. Climb: 200 m. Cars: 90 km (\$11). Maps: Corin Dam, Williamsdale. **Meet at K.**

Sun 23 Apr – NAAS AND GRASSY CREEKS – 20 km Medium (8)
Leader: Leigh (62311485 or 0417 147260). We walk north-west along the Naas Valley from the locked gate on Old Boboyan Road, visiting the Old Boboyan Homestead and orchard. Following Sheep Station Creek we pass the Lone Pine hut ruins, then take the Grassy Creek Valley past sheepyards and Westermans Hut to the cars at the ACT border gate. A lovely walk through open valleys and trees, on a good fire trail. Total climb: 400 m. Cars: 140 km (\$17), car shuffle required. Maps: Yaouk (mostly), Shannons Flat. **Meet at K.**

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Wed 26 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike (62862984)

Sat 29 Apr – MT WOOLPACK, TINDERRY NATURE RESERVE – 15 km Medium (9)
Leader: Ivor (0417 275136). We will drive from Kambah to Michelago, then east over the Tinderry Range to Round Flat. First we will walk on the Round Flat and Mt Woolpack Fire Trails to Mt Woolpack for lunch. After lunch we will go off track down to Roberts Creek in fairly open country and paddocks back to the cars at the Roberts Creek Fire Trail. Short (5 km) car shuffle. Total climb: 550 m. Cars: 100 km (\$12). Map: Tinderry. **Meet at K at 8:30 am. *****

Sun 30 Apr – NATIONAL ARBORETUM – 11 km Easy (7)
Leader: John (62627504). Drive to the Arboretum car park and walk through part of the Arboretum looking at the autumn colouring. We head in the direction of Weston and walk to the Cooleman Court car park, where the drivers will go to pick up their cars. Car shuffle. Climb: 175 m Cars: 14 km (\$2). Map: Canberra. **Meet at W.**

Wed 3 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy
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<p>Fri 5 May – Deadline for POTLUCK DINNER on Fri 12 May. Phone Lucinda (0437 992550) to book a place and discuss a contribution.</p>

Sat 6 May – ORRORAL HERITAGE WALK – 12 km Easy (7)

Leader: Robyn (62880449). A walk exploring the early and more recent history of the area through interpretive signs along the track. Starting from Orroral camping ground we follow a trail that leads in to the Orroral Valley. We head up the valley, stopping at places of interest. We continue up the valley to the old tracking station. Return by same route. Total climb: 200 m. Cars: 80 km (\$10). Map: Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

Sun 7 May – MOUNT TENNENT FROM THE VISITORS CENTRE – 14 km Medium (9)

Leader: Diana (0421 851212). We walk from the Namadgi National Park Visitors Centre up the Alpine Walking Track to the fire tower at the top of Mt Tennent for lunch. Nice views from the summit. Return the same way. All on track. Climb of 750 m. Cars: 45 km (\$5). Map: Williamsdale. **Meet at K.**

Tue 9 May – WALKS PROGRAM MEETING at 420/240 Bunda St, City at 2.00 pm. Please RSVP on 0414 363255 or walks@brindabellabushwalking.org.au if you wish to attend to discuss the Jul-Dec program.

Wed 10 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Wed 10 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Fri 12 May – POTLUCK DINNER

Coordinator: Lucinda (0437 992550). All members are welcome to share a great meal of food contributed by participants and enjoy social time together. There will be entertainment or a guest speaker – details TBA. To enable all interested people to come we will again use the venue at St Margaret's Uniting Church Hall at Hackett on the 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 6.30 pm for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles followed by dinner at 7.00 pm. **Please telephone Lucinda by Fri 5 May** to book a place and discuss a contribution.

Sat 13 May – APOLLO ROAD, BUSHFOLD FLATS, MT TENNENT 15 km – Medium (9)

Leader: Ivor (0417 275136). Park cars on Apollo Road and follow the fire trail to Bushfold Hut for morning tea. We will then join the Alpine Walking Track to ascend to the saddle below Mt Tennent. After lunch we will return to the cars along the Mt Tennent Fire Trail. Total climb: 660 m. Cars: 60 km (\$7). Maps: Corin Dam, Williamsdale. **Meet at K.**

Sun 14 May – CANBERRA CENTENARY TRAIL – MOUNT MAJURA CIRCUIT – 14 km Easy (7)

Leader: Katarina (62822601 or 0409 329139). We start by walking behind the last row of Hackett houses, before climbing the Casuarina Trail to the Mount Majura summit (which is also the highest point of the Centenary Trail). We descend, initially on the same track, before turning right on the equestrian trail leading towards the Federal Highway. We return the same way, but bypass the climb to the summit. Climb: 330m. Map: Canberra street map or pages 40-45 of *Walking & Cycling Canberra's Centenary Trail*. **Meet at the end of Phillip Avenue (near intersection with Kellaway Street).*****

Wed 17 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

Contact: Robyn (62880449) or Colleen (62883153) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 17 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: John (62412658)

**Wed 17 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks.
Leader: Barrie (0437 023140)**

Sat 20 May – BENDOURA HILL AND SNOW GUM HILL – 10 km Easy (7)

Leader: Doug (62815810). From the junction between Moonlight Hollow and Chalet Road we follow the NSW/ACT border to Bendoura Hill (climb 200 m), then on to Snow Gum Hill (climb 50 m) for lunch. Return via Chalet Road. We shall explore the Bendoura Hut and the Bendoura Arboretum. Total climb: 250 m. Cars: 100 km (\$12). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W.**

Sun 21 May – GILBERTS GAP (near Nerriga) – about 12 km Medium (10 - 11)

Leader: Barrie (0437 023140 or brdr001@bigpond.net.au).

The goal is the mountain immediately to the east of Gilberts Gap in the wonderful Budawangs. There will be huge cliffs, walking beneath rock overhangs, views, and spectacular slot passes to negotiate. The walk commences from the locked gate at the end of Meangora Road and takes the pleasant Red Ground Track, crossing the Endrick River at a beautiful spot (bring crocs or similar). We continue along this track nearly to the point where it turns south. From here, until we return to this track, it is all off track with some rough going and thick scrub in places. We ascend to the base of the cliffs, follow them around to a narrow pass (Maxwell's Stair) involving scrambling, cross the summit, do some exploring and then descend another slot in the cliffs, also needing some scrambling. From the base of the cliffs we return to Red Ground Track through tall forest and then scrub. This is a good walk in typical Budawangs country. You should be fit and have good off-track walking ability. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Climb: about 300 m. Maps: Endrick, Nerriga. Cars: 250 km (\$30). **Leave from S at 7.30am *****

Wed 24 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Coordinator: John (62543814)

**Wed 24 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks.
Coordinator: Mike (62862984)**

Sat 27 May – CENTENARY TRAIL – MUGGA MUGGA NATURE RESERVE TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE – 11 km Easy (6)

Leader: Annabel (62820252 or 0438 855181). This walk follows bush tracks and tree-lined streets. We'll stop for morning tea at Red Hill Lookout, and finish with a picnic lunch in the gardens of Parliament House. A car shuffle is required. Climb: 120 m. Cars 10 km (\$2). Map: Canberra. **Meet at the gate into Mugga Mugga Nature Reserve, on Akame St East O'Malley, just beyond the intersection with Dalman Crescent. *****

Sun 28 May – BRAYSHAW'S HUT CIRCUIT – 16 km Medium (10)

Leaders: Barrie (0437 023140) and Terrylea (0408 715218). A great autumn walk in the south of the ACT giving a mix of easy pleasant walking in two lovely valleys plus some good climbing and exploratory, rough off-track walking. We start from Brayshaws Hut, follow the Settlers Track to Waterhole Hut, and then along the Bulls Flat Fire Trail before going off track along a ridge. We then link up with the Old Boboyan Road, view the old Boboyan ruins then go off track again, climbing steeply, over a saddle and back to Brayshaws Hut. Shouldn't be too scrubby, but would suggest gloves and gaiters. You'll need to be able to handle rough off-track walking with some scrambling. Climb: about 300 m. Map: Shannons Flat or Rooftops Namadgi - ACT South 1:50000. Cars: 126 km (\$15). **Meet at K to leave at 8.00 am *****

Wed 31 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

Contact: Robyn (62880449) or Colleen (62883153) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

**Wed 31 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks.
Coordinator: Mike (62862984)**

Sun 4-Sun 18 Jun – WALKING TRIP TO MADEIRA – Easy and Medium

Leader: John (62627504) or j.clune@bigpond.com. We will be in Madeira for about 2 weeks, staying in Funchal. Madeira is a small island, about three times the size of Malta, in the Atlantic Ocean and off the coast of Africa. It has a subtropical climate with temperatures in the low twenties in June and very little rain in the summer. It is a volcanic island but no longer active. The Cicerone book "Walking in Madeira" has 60 walks available to us and there is a very good bus network. We should be able to use public transport for almost all the walks. It appears to be a very attractive island to visit, and has a website that is one of the most helpful I have ever seen, with lots of information on walks and public transport. The accommodation is at Hotel do Carmo. Access to Madeira is primarily through Lisbon, but flights also come from England. Please contact me if you are interested in joining the group.

Sun 4 Jun – CANBERRA CENTENARY TRAIL – MOUNT AINSLIE CIRCUIT – 10 km Easy (6)

Leader: Katarina (62822601 or 0409 329139). Starting in the Remembrance Nature Park behind the War Memorial, we'll ascend the trail to the Mount Ainslie lookout, where we can enjoy expansive views of the capital and the lake. We'll then descend through mostly open woodland on a good track. We will make a slight detour to check out 'the upside-down' tree before returning to the starting point along a trail along a lower contour line. Climb: 310 m. Map: Canberra street map or pages 34-39 of *Walking & Cycling Canberra's Centenary Trail*. **Meet at the trail sign behind the War Memorial.*****

Sun 4 Jun – SENTRY BOX ROCK – 12 km Medium (11)

Leaders: Barrie (0437 023140) and Terrylea (0408 715218). A lovely circular walk in the far south of the ACT with stunning views from Sentry Box Rock hopefully finding that elusive Border Marker. Initially across grasslands, then a steep climb through reasonably open forest and over granite slabs and through snow gums to Sentry Box Rock for lunch. After lunch, south along the summit ridge, involving some patches of thick scrub to a saddle and a long, steep, loose and rough descent before a walk to and over another saddle to rejoin our outward route. This walk is all off track. Walkers need to be fit. Bring gaiters, gloves, protective eyewear and warm clothes. Climb: about 600 m. Cars: (Foresters or above please) 190 km (\$23). Map: Yaouk. **Meet at K to leave at 8.00 am*****

Wed 7 Jun – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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Wed 7 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: Leigh (62311485)

Wed 7 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks.

Leader: Terrylea with Barrie. Contact Terrylea on 0408 715218

Sat 10 Jun – CENTENARY TRAIL – O'CONNOR TO ARBORETUM – 11 km Easy (7)

Leader: Peter (0413 378684 or 62863265). This walk will take us to Black Mountain and on to the Arboretum via the Aranda Bushland and the Cork Oak plantation. Further details can be found in section 9 of *Walking & Cycling Canberra's Centenary Trail* by Hvoslef and Didcott. We'll return to the cars by bus so bring your MyWay card. Total climb: 300 m. Cars: N/A. Map: Canberra. **Meet at ACTEW substation off Frith Road (Yellow Pages Map 15, P13).*****

Sun 11 Jun – ORRORAL RIDGE – 10 km Medium (8)

Leader: Leigh (62311485 or 0417 147260). This series of short walks explores the sensational rocky outcrops that border Orroral Valley on the east. We start from the Collimation Tower car park (4 km past the Honeysuckle campground), first walking south-east to the Belfry. We return to the car park then head north-west to the dramatic Opera House Cave, Legoland and the Trojan Wall. We finish the day with a short return walk to Sundial Rock from Honeysuckle campground. Mostly track or footpad, but with some short sections of rock scrambling and thick scrub. Total climb: 160 m. Cars: 90 km (\$11). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Wed 14 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Wed 14 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Sat 17 Jun – BORDER TRACK – CENTENARY TRAIL LOOP – 17 km Medium (9)

Leader: Robyn (0409 891187). We'll walk from the car park on Mulligans Flat Road at the edge of Forde to the start of the Border Track just along Mulligans Flat Road and follow it to where Mulligans Flat Reserve borders Goorooyarroo Reserve. We'll keep following the northern edge of Goorooyarroo to the top of Old Joe Hill. Our return route is via the Centenary Trail, including a section through the corner of Mulligans Flat Sanctuary. The walk is all on tracks or across open grassland, with good views of Canberra on one side and NSW on the other. Climb: 600 m, but this is because of undulations rather than steep climbs. Cars: 30 km (\$4). Map: Canberra Centenary Trail. **Meet at NL**

Tue 20 Jun – Deadline for A WALK IN THE HILLS AND AFTERNOON TEA on Sun 25 Jun. Phone Peter (62863265 or 0413 378684) to book a place.

Wed 21 Jun – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

Contact: Robyn (62880449) or Colleen (62883153) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 21 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Robyn (0409 891187)

Wed 21 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter (0414 363255)

Sat 24 Jun – DEADMANS HILL CIRCUIT – 13 km Medium (10)

Leader: Peter (0414 363255). We start at the Honeysuckle campground and follow the AAWT to Booroomba Rocks car park for morning tea. Then we continue along the AAWT for about 1500 m, where we explore some rocks to the north. After coming back to the track, we cross over and head south-easterly uphill off-track towards some rock slabs and then south to the summit of Deadmans Hill and the remnants of the radio tower. After lunch here, we follow the completely overgrown old track back to Booroomba Rocks car park, then along the AAWT to our cars. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Total climb 600 m. Cars: 70 km (\$8). Maps: Williamsdale, Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 8.30 am*****

Sun 25 Jun – A WALK IN THE HILLS AND AFTERNOON TEA – 10 km Easy (6)

Leader: Peter (62863265 or 0413 378684). A walk closer to home - the leader's home, anyway. Leave your car at the leader's house in Torrens and walk the Farrer Ridge for views of the city and Tuggeranong, then on to Mount Wanniasa. Return to Torrens for tea and scones. Total climb: 250 m. Map: Tuggeranong. Numbers limited to 15, so please **contact the leader by Tue 20 Jun.*****

Wed 28 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Wed 28 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike (62862984)

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sat 15 – Sat 22 Jul – MYER HOUSE – Easy and Medium

Leader: John (62627504) or j.clune@bigpond.com. Myer House was built by Ken Myer, the son of the founder of the Myer Emporium. It is on the south side of Bithry Inlet in Mimosa Rocks National Park between Tathra and Bermagui. On the north side of Bithry Inlet is the Manning Clark house. The Myer House is now owned by the NSW National Parks who have modernized the inside but retained the outside of the Heritage listed cottage. This has been put on twice before and has proved popular because of the quality of the accommodation, its position and the history of the place. There are 3 double bedrooms and 1 twin room, so the limit is just over 8 people. I will not book the accommodation until I have 8 people wanting to come. These dates are the only 7 days available around this time at the low season rates. It will cost about \$40 per head per night. There are walks available for each of the days or you can relax. There is a good tennis court available. Contact me if you want to come.

Tue 31 Oct–Fri 10 Nov – COUNTRY TO COAST CAMPING TRIP: MARK IV

Leaders: Trevor and Lyn (62815883) or willson@iimetro.com.au

Another leisurely camping trip, which will include easy/medium walks, relaxed camping and some pleasant driving through lovely countryside. We will spend a couple of nights each in Forbes (including heritage trail and Goobang NP), the Warrumbungles, Armidale (including town walk and Wollomombi Falls), South West Rocks (Smoky Cape and Hat Head NP) and Forster/ Wallingat NP. Suitable for campervans/trailers and tents. It will be possible to join us for just part of the trip. **Numbers limited, so contact Trevor or Lyn early if you are interested.**

Spring/early Summer of 2017 – AUSTRALIAN ALPS WALKING TRACK WITH MAC

I plan to walk the Australian Alps Walking Track in the spring/early summer of 2017 and expect to take about a fortnight for each of the three sections: Walhalla to Hotham, Hotham to Thredbo and Thredbo to Tharwa. I plan to take a couple of days break between sections (i.e. in Hotham and in Thredbo). I will welcome companions for the whole walk or for parts of it. Exact dates and other details to be worked out to suit the party. Expressions of interest to mac.kirby@hotmail.com or **0422 585519**.