

WALKS AND SOCIAL PROGRAM

JANUARY – JUNE 2018

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

Thu 4 Jan to Mon 8 Jan – PERISHER VALLEY LODGE

Leader: Judy (judylejins@ozemail.com.au or 62515882)

Sat 13 to Sun 14 Jan – WEEKEND CAR CAMP AT BLUE WATERHOLES

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

Mon 19 Feb to Thu 22 Feb – DEPOT BEACH CAMP

Leader: Janet (0423 213679 or janet.nd58@gmail.com)

Tue 3 Apr to Tue 10 Apr – COCKATOO ISLAND (*Now fully booked*)

Leader: John

Sat 5 May to Sat 12 May – MYER HOUSE – Easy and Medium

Leader: John (62627504 or j.clune@bigpond.com)

Tue 15 May to Mon 28 May – FLINDERS RANGES

Leader: Janet (0423 213679 or janet.nd58@gmail.com)

Tue 17 Jul to Thu 2 Aug – WA WILDFLOWERS NORTH OF PERTH — Easy and Medium

Leader: John (62627504 or j.clune@bigpond.com)

Aug/Sep – 12 TO 16 DAYS WALKING TRIP IN SLOVENIA AND CROATIA — Medium and Hard.

Leader: Terrylea (terryleainwashington@hotmail.com)

Oct/Nov – JAPAN WALKING TRIPS

Organiser: May (lokmay@hotmail.com or 0401 696750 or 62865750).

Thu 4 to Mon 8 Jan – PERISHER VALLEY LODGE – Easy

Leader: Judy (judylejins@ozemail.com.au or 62515882). A trip for easy walkers. Temperature is about 10 degrees cooler than Canberra. Walks will be from 3 to 8 km with the option one day of doing a long walk to Mt Kosciuszko. The cost will be around \$124 per person, couples own room, singles share 2 or possibly 3 to a room (same sex). Cost will be more if we book exclusive use of the lodge.

Dinners would be shared on a roster basis, BYO breakfasts, lunches and drinks. Possibly the option of a dinner or lunch at a restaurant on one day. Cars \$60 per person return and share of park entry (free if there is a pensioner in the car). Some limit on numbers, so will be on a first come, first served basis. **Please email Judy if you are interested.**

Sun 7 Jan – URAMBI HILLS – 7 km Easy (6)

Leader: Leigh (62311485 or 0417 147260). This is a morning walk exploring Urambi Hills Nature Reserve and Tuggeranong Creek with an early start to avoid the heat. We start with a steady climb for magnificent 360° views of Tuggeranong and the Tidbinbilla Range. We then head NW along the line of the hills before following bush tracks and fire trails south to Tuggeranong Creek and the Centenary Trail. After reaching the Tuggeranong Dry Stone Wall we return to the cars. There are gates to negotiate and some steep sections. Afterwards, optional morning tea/coffee (provided) at Leigh's home in Kambah. Climb: 170 m. Map: Tuggeranong. Meet **8.00 am at the gate into Urambi Hills Nature Reserve on Learmonth Drive, Kambah, just off Athllon Drive ***.**

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

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

Thu 11 Jan – Deadline for WEEKEND CAR CAMP AT BLUE WATERHOLES from Sat 13 to Sun 14 Jan. Contact Leader: David (0417 222154 or ddedentz@bigpond.net.au)

Sat 13 to Sun 14 Jan – WEEKEND CAR CAMP AT BLUE WATERHOLES – WALKS TO CLARKE AND NICHOLS GORGES – Medium (9)

Leader: David (0417 222154 or ddedentz@bigpond.net.au). This is a joint activity with CBC and NPA. We'll depart Canberra on Saturday morning and drive via Adaminaby and Long Plain Road to the Blue Waterholes camping area. There we set up camp. On Saturday afternoon, we will do the 5 km Clarke Gorge walk. On Sunday we will do the 7 km Nichols Gorge walk. Both of these walks cross rough rocky terrain. Grading: about 12 km and 300 m climb over the two walks. There are caves to explore – so bring a torch. Swimming opportunities. Book with leader before 5 pm Thu 11 Jan. Map: Peppercorn, Rules Point or Rooftop's Kosciuszko Northern Activities. **Cars: 360 km (\$40).**

**Sat 13 Jan – MEDIUM WALK – Details TBA by Email closer to the date
Leader: Peter (62885985)**

Sun 14 Jan – MURRUMBIDGEE – RED ROCKS GORGE – 8 km Easy (7)

Leader: John (62627504). From Kambah Pool, we follow a track along the bank of the Murrumbidgee, then drop to the river at Red Rocks Gorge. Walk beside the river for about half a kilometre to a beautiful lunch spot with a sandy beach. Return by the same route. Climb: 150 m. Cars: 6 km (nil). Map: Tuggeranong. **Meet at K.**

Wed 17 Jan – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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

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

Wed 17 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter (62885985)

Sun 21 Jan – PINE ISLAND TO POINT HUT AND RETURN SWIM/WALK – 7 km Easy (5)

Leader: Bob (62310856). We start this walk at the southern parking area at Pine Island (closest to Point Hut) and follow the track to Point Hut and cross the road to the swimming spot and morning tea. We return to Pine Island for another swim and BYO lunch. Total climb about 60 m. Maps: Tuggeranong, Williamsdale. Cars: **make your own way to the start point so that you can swim/party at Pine Island after lunch for as long as you want. *****

Wed 24 Jan – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Andrew

Wed 24 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Phillip (0401 415446)

**Sat 27 Jan – MEDIUM WALK – Details TBA by Email closer to the date
Leader: Peter (62885985)**

Sun 28 Jan – RENDEZVOUS CREEK TO YANKEE HAT ROCK ART – 10 km Easy (7)

Leader: Bob (62310856). 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 1 km, then strike west along a low ridge for 2 km, 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, look where stone axes were sharpened 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: 200 m. Cars: 100 km (\$12). Maps: Rendezvous Creek, Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

Wed 31 Jan – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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

Wed 31 Jan – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Robin (0417 238652)

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

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

Coordinator: Elaine (62883557). 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.*****

Sun 4 Feb – GIGERLINE NATURE RESERVE AND GORGE – 9 km Medium (8)

Leader: Bob (62310856). From Smiths Road car park south of Tharwa we follow the Murrumbidgee upstream to the gorge where we rock hop along the river for lunch and swimming. Steep scramble out of gorge and back to cars. Climb: 150 m. Cars: 40km (\$5). Map: Williamsdale. **Meet at K.**

Tue 6 Feb – Deadline for EASY PACK WALK IN THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS from Tue 13 to Thu 15 Feb. Contact Leader: Jillian (62863766 or 0433 588252)

Wed 7 Feb – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

Contact: Robyn (62880449) or Colleen (62883153) 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: Kathy (62383596)

Wed 7 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter (62885985)

Sat 10 Feb – THE SETTLERS TRACK – 11 km Easy (6)

Leader: Erica (0419 472207). We will walk the Settlers Track, which has been established in the southern part of the Namadgi National Park linking Brayshaws Homestead, Waterhole Hut and Westermans Homestead. A well-marked track links the remnants of early European settlement in the area. Climb: 100 m. Cars: 120 km (\$14). Map: Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

Sun 11 Feb – CUUMBEUN NATURE RESERVE – 11 km Medium (8)

Leader: Bob (62310856). A short drive from Queanbeyan to a point 1 km along Captains Flat Road. We head off along a fire trail until we get to a creek which leads to a lovely gorge. We follow this gorge for several km for views over Queanbeyan. Climb: 300 m. Cars: 24 km (\$3). Map: Bungendore. **Meet at Q.**

Tue 13 to Thu 15 Feb – EASY PACK WALK IN THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS

Leader: Jillian (62863766 or 0433 588252). The details will be decided closer to departure time but the most likely venue is Schlink Hut and a trip to Valentine’s Hut on Wednesday. Please contact Jillian on or before Tue 6 Feb.

Wed 14 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Andrew

Wed 14 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Lorraine (62480456)

Sat 17 Feb – Deadline for EVENING WALK AROUND YERRABI PONDS IN GUNGAHLIN FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT SAFFRON ROOM RESTAURANT on Sat 24 Feb. Contact Lana (0401 178120 or email burmesterlana@gmail.com)

Sat 17 Feb – SERENITY ROCKS, TALLAGANDA STATE FOREST – 13 km Medium (9)

Leader: Prue (62861573). The walk starts near the junction of Lowden Road and Coxes Creek Road about 8 km from Rossi. We walk along the Lowden Trig Fire trail, then along the foot track to Serenity Rocks. The return is also on foot track and fire trails. Lovely forest and creeks, great rocks and views. There is one short but steep descent to a creek crossing and then a short steep ascent. Total climb about 450 m. Cars: 100 km (\$12). Maps: Bombay, Bendoura. **Meet at Q.**

Sun 18 Feb – VANITY CROSSING – 12 km Easy (7)

Leader: John (62627504). The walk will start at the locked gate below Hardy Trig, and finish at the old picnic area on Vanity Crossing track. All on forest roads and tracks. A car will be left at the picnic area and the rest of the cars will go to Pipeline Road. The last 50 m of the dirt road to the start point is steep but not difficult but some people might decide to go in larger cars. It is not a 4-wheel drive road. Two crossings of the Cotter River, firstly just after Pipeline Road, and later near the end of the walk at Vanity Crossing on Vanity Crossing Road. Bring sandshoes for the crossings and swimwear would be useful. We do not have to climb up the steep hill because of the car shuffle, and the shortcut we used to use is now possible. Lunch will be at the river. Climb: 200 m. Cars: 50 km (\$6). Map: Cotter Dam. **Meet at W (see page 2 for new location).**

Mon 19 to Thu 22 Feb — DEPOT BEACH 4-DAY CAMP – Easy – Joint BBC/CBC Walk

Leader: Janet (janet.nd58@gmail.com or 0423 213679).

An opportunity to enjoy 4 days' camp at the Depot Beach campground. Activities include walking around to Point Upright along a spectacular wave cut platform, walking along to Pebbly Beach for snorkelling, a short walk in the rainforest, a day spent at North Head, as well as gazing at the stars, swimming, surfing and doing nothing. Campers need to bring own tent or van.

Accommodation for 3 nights (Powered sites \$34 p/n, Unpowered \$24 p/n - 2 people) + National Park Pass \$8 per car per night. Cabins are available, but you'll need to book these yourself. Depot Beach contact email: pass.depot.beach@environment.nsw.gov.au (02 44786582). Self-catering - there are no shops. Hot shower \$1. Please **book with Janet ASAP** so she can arrange tent sites (she will also guide you through the CBC booking process). Transport costs: \$55 each person includes travel to North Beach.

Wed 21 Feb – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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Wed 21 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: David (62861573)

Wed 21 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks.

Leader: Peter (0437 110001)

Sat 24 Feb – BYWONG GREENWAYS – 11 km Medium (8)

Leader: Robyn (0409 891187) We will do a circuit that starts and finishes at Bywong Community Hall. It links several greenways (accessible strips of land between properties) in Bywong and Wamboin, including one section of road. The highest point, and only real climb, is Millpost Hill, which has views from Lake George to the Brindabellas. Some sections are exposed so the walk is rated medium because the weather will probably be very warm. Climb: 200 m. Cars: 50 km (\$6). Map: Sutton. **Meet at NL.**

Sat 24 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 Sat 17 Feb** if you would like to come. **Meet at the car park at 5 pm.*****

Sun 25 Feb – FAMILY WALK – Easy walks for families

Coordinator: Annabel (62820252)

Sun 25 Feb – LEAFY SUBURBS – MORNING WALK – 10 km Easy (5)

Leader: Lyn (62815883). Another summer walk in the shady streets of the older suburbs of South Canberra, this time through Kingston, Yarralumla and Forrest, and taking in the lake foreshores. After the walk, there will be the option of lunch at Manuka. Map: Canberra suburbs. **Meet across the road from the Manuka Pool at 9.00 am.*****

Wed 28 Feb – Deadline for 12 to 16 DAYS WALKING TRIP IN SLOVENIA AND CROATIA in Aug/Sep. Contact Leader: Terrylea (terryleainwashington@hotmail.com)

Wed 28 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Peter (0437 110001)

Wed 28 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Barrie (0437 023140 or brdr001@bigpond.net.au)

Sat 3 Mar — TIDBINBILLA TRACKING STATION TO RED ROCKS GORGE — 15 km Medium (9) Leader: John (62627504). From the parking area we climb to the ridge of the Bullen Range. This will be off track but through fairly open country. Then follow gravel trails south to Red Rocks Gorge. We return on similar trails and it is primarily a circular walk and mainly on gravel roads. It may be possible to have a swim in the Murrumbidgee River. There is a cafe at the tracking centre. Climb: 400 m. Cars: 60 km (\$7). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K.**

Sun 4 Mar — BENDORA HUT AND BENDORA ARBORETUM VIA MOONLIGHT HOLLOW ROAD — 12 km Easy (7)

Leader: Leigh (62311485 or 0417 147260). This walk starts at the Bulls Head Survival Shelter on Franklin Road and follows Moonlight Hollow Road and Chalet Road to Bendora 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 (5 km) for the return to Bulls Head. Climb: 250 m. Cars: 96 km (\$11). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W (see page 2 for new location).**

Mon 5 Mar - Deadline for VERY EASY PACK WALK on the LIGHT TO LIGHT TRACK from Mon 12 to Thu 15 Mar. Contact Leader: Jillian (62863766 or 0433 588252).

**Wed 7 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy
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ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au**

Wed 7 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Leigh (62311485 or 0417 147260)

Wed 7 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter (62885985)

**Sat 10 Mar – Deadline for PROGRESSIVE DINNER WALK on Sat 17 Mar.
Contact Leaders: Lana (0401 178120 or burmesterlana@gmail.com) and Helen (61564272 or
hrrat@optusnet.com.au)**

Sat 10 Mar – BILLY BILLY ROCKS FROM THE EAST – 7 km Medium (9)

Leader: Peter (0414 363255). This old track to the rocks has been rejuvenated by the rock climbers and it is now scrub-free. We park alongside Corin Dam Road near Billy Billy Creek, and head off along a disused road for a while before starting up the spur on the marked route. The climb is relatively gentle and there is a good morning tea spot after about an hour. Then it is on to the massive Billy Billy Rocks, with an interesting clamber to the top for magnificent views (weather permitting) and lunch. We return via the same route. Total climb: 450 m. Cars: 70 km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Sun 11 Mar – WARRI BRIDGE – 7 km Easy (5)

Leader: Doug (Ph. 62815810). Walk down the Shoalhaven River from Warri Bridge near Braidwood. The river here flows gently through rocky country surrounded by attractive bush. There will be some scrambling over and around rocks and sand bars with plenty of opportunities for swimming. We will be walking in the river bed part of the way. Cars: 120 km (\$14). Map(s): Manar, Braidwood. **Meet at Q.**

Mon 12 to Thu 15 Mar – VERY EASY PACK WALK ON THE LIGHT TO LIGHT TRACK

Leader: Jillian (62863766 or 0433 588252). This walk is for those who still want to camp under the stars in a beautiful setting but do not wish to carry heavy loads. Details will be announced later and the Thursday will probably be optional. Please contact Jillian on or **before Mon 5 Mar.**

Wed 14 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Mike (62823382)

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

Sun 17 Mar – MOLONGLO GORGE MORNING WALK – 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 Blue Tile. Some easy scrambling. Climb: 150 m. Cars: 10 km (\$1). Maps: Canberra, Bungendore. **Meet at Q.**

Sat 17 Mar – PROGRESSIVE DINNER WALK – 6.5 km Easy (3)

Leaders: Lana (0401 178120 or burmesterlana@gmail.com) and Helen (61564272 or hrrat@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 10 Mar to arrange a contribution.**

Sun 18 Mar – MT MAJOR AND THE MINORS – 10 km Medium (10)

Leader: Terrylea (0408 715218). The walk, which is mostly off-track, starts on the Jinglemoney Fire Trail which we follow for about 2.5 km before climbing a steep, long ridge to the summit of Mt Major. From there we descend south-west to a saddle and then climb to the first “Minor”. Again, we descend south-west to another saddle and climb to the second “Minor” which is essentially a long ridge with a number of small summits and some beautiful patches of rainforest, before descending a long and rough ridge, initially steep, back to the cars. The vegetation on this walk is most attractive and includes beautiful tall forest, some rainforest and thick scrub. There is also some lovely red granite, some great boulders. The cairn on Mt Major is worth seeing. Total climb: 475 m. Map: Bombay. Cars: 100 km (\$12). **Meet at Q for 8.30 departure. *****

Wed 21 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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Wed 21 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Kathy (62383596)

Wed 21 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter (62885985)

Sat 24 Mar – BACK SIDE OF MT AINSLIE TO MAJURA PINES – 15 km Medium (9)

Leader: Robyn (0409 891187) We start from the parking area at the intersection of Fairbairn Ave and Mt Ainslie Drive, walking up Mt Ainslie via the old quarry. We'll follow the Centenary Trail down the other side of Mt Ainslie and along the saddle that goes to Mt Majura. We return to the cars via Majura Pines. Some of the walk is on fire trails, other bits on softer footpads: a couple of short sections are steep and rough. Total climb: 350 m. Cars: Nil. **Meet at the start of Mt Ainslie Drive, just off Fairbairn Avenue at 9.00 am*****

Sun 25 Mar – FAMILY WALK – Easy walks for families

Coordinator: Annabel (62820252)

Sun 25 Mar – HOSPITAL CREEK AND CASCADES – 9 km Easy (6)

Leader: Paul (62541197). From the Boboyan (Yankee Hat) car park we walk along the Old Boboyan Road to Frank's Hut then on to Hospital Creek Hut. We then go north along the creek to the falls for lunch. We return to the cars via a fire trail. Climb: 150 m. Cars: 100 km (\$12). Map: Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

Wed 28 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: Jenny (0488 000696)

Wed 28 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Steven (62516817 or 0428 195236)

Sat 31 Mar – NORTH BLACK RANGE CIRCUIT – 14 km Medium (9)

Leader: Peter (62885985). We will drive to Hoskinstown, then along the Forbes Creek Road to the saddle, and up the fire trail to the north (AWD required). We then do a few loops on the flattish top to the range. There is about 9 km on fire trails, and 5 km off-track on generally easy ground with light to no scrub. Total climb: 300 m. Map: Bombay. Cars 80 km (\$10). **Meet at Q.**

Sun 1 Apr – RENDEZVOUS CREEK ART – 10 km Easy (6)

Leader: Paul (62541197). We follow the track on the south side of Rendezvous Creek, then head north-west to the aboriginal art at 76254649, and return the same way. Climb: about 150 m. Cars: 100 km (\$12). Map: Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

Tue 3 to Tue 10 Apr — COCKATOO ISLAND — A Week of Walking — Easy and Medium

Leader: John (62627504 or j.clune@bigpond.com). Our visit coincides with the Sydney Biennale, a large part of which is displayed at Cockatoo Island. We stay in a Heritage cottage. There will be 6 days of walking around the harbour, along the coast and in national parks. Staying on an island in Sydney Harbour is an experience not to be missed. *This trip has been fully booked.*

Wed 4 Apr – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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Wed 4 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter (0414 363255)

Sat 7 Apr – ROCKS BELOW SQUARE ROCK – 12 km Medium (10)

Leader: Peter (0414 363255). This is a relatively short walk, with plenty of rock formations to investigate. We walk up the track to Square Rock for morning tea. From here, we circumnavigate Square Rock in an anti-clockwise direction, checking nooks and crannies as we go. After nearly getting back to the track, we head west and south from one rocky feature to the next. The going is very rough under foot and there are extensive thickets of scrub between many of the rocky outcrops. We'll find a spot for lunch at one of the features. Eventually, we join the Orroral Lookout track very near the lookout and head back to the cars. The off-track section is less than 3 km but, with a lunch break included, it will take about 4 hours to complete that part. Total height gain about 550 m. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Map: Corin Dam. Cars: 70 km (\$8). **Meet at K, leaving at 8.30 am.*****

Sun 8 Apr – EXPLORING MOUNT STROMLO – 14 km Easy (7)

Leader: Annabel (62820252 or 0438855181). This is a circuit walk from Mt Stromlo Observatory. We head north following fire trails up to Uriarra Road, then follow a tributary of Stoney Creek to the western boundary of Stromlo Forest Park. We then proceed along the western slopes to Brown Trig for a stunning view of Cotter Dam. Next, we follow undulating trails back to the Observatory to see how the bush has regenerated and enjoy the magnificent views. All on track with some steep climbs and descents. This walk is at the upper end of the Easy grade. Afternoon tea on the lawns beside Scope Cafe. Total climb: 460 m. Maps: Canberra, Cotter Dam. **Meet in the car park opposite Mount Stromlo Observatory and Scope Cafe at 8.50 am.*****

Wed 11 Apr – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Lorraine (62480456)

Wed 11 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Linda (0468 344381)

Sat 14 Apr – NIL DESPERANDUM – 11 km Easy (7)

Leader: Doug (0429 809896). The well restored Nil Desperandum homestead will be the lunch stop on this walk through Tidbinbilla. We will start with a 200 m climb up from Mountain Creek car park as if going to the Camels Hump and turn off to make our way to the cottage through the old pine plantation. After lunch we will use the undulating forestry tracks to reach the Tidbinbilla River crossing at Webb’s Picnic Spot. A short car shuttle will be involved to retrieve cars from Mountain Creek. Climb: 290 m. Cars: 70 km (\$8, plus contribution to park entry fee if applicable). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W (see page 2 for new location).**

Sun 15 Apr – SENTRY BOX ROCK – 12 km Medium (11)

Leader: Terrylea (0408 715218) A lovely circular walk in the far south of the ACT with stunning views. All off track. 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. Walkers need to be fit. Bring gaiters, gloves and warm clothes. Total climb: 600 m. Map: Yaouk. Cars: 180 km (\$22). **Meet at K for 8.00 am departure. *****

Wed 18 Apr – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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Wed 18 Apr – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Kathy (62383596)

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

Sat 21 Apr – BRANDY FLAT HUT AND COFFEE AT LANYON HOMESTEAD – 11 km Easy (7)

Leader: Elaine (62883557). From Glendale Crossing we follow the fire trail to the hut at picturesque Brandy Flat where we will have lunch. We return by the same route. Possibility of seeing many kangaroos and small birds, such as wrens and flame robins. Climb: 300 m. Cars: 85 km (\$10). Map: Michelago. **Meet at K.**

Sun 22 Apr – CAMEL BACK RIDGE FROM PIERCES CREEK – 12 km Medium (9)

Leader: John (62627504). From Pierces Creek Forest we ascend the spur from the northeast via the hump. Return via Pierces Trig and Black Springs Mountain. Mostly on tracks. Climb: 550 m. Car shuffle required. Cars: 50 km (\$6). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W (see page 2 for new location).**

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

Wed 25 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike (62862984)

Sat 28 Apr – ORRORAL VALLEY HILL 1339 – 12 km Medium (10)

Leader: Prue (62861573). From the Orroral Valley Tracking Station car park we walk along the Cotter Hut Road (fire trail) to the hairpin bend. Then we climb through scrub roughly north-west until we reach the rocky knoll marked as point 1339. After lunch we descend steeply roughly east to the grassy valley and follow the Orroral River back to the cars. Some rough scrub and rock scrambling - bring gloves and wear long pants or gaiters. Climb: 460 m. Cars: 100 km (\$12). Maps: Corin Dam, Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

Sun 29 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.*****

Wed 2 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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

Wed 2 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: John (62412658)

Wed 2 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue (62861573)

Sat 5 to Sat 12 May — 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 Mimososa Rocks National Park between Tathra and Bermagui. On the north side of Bithry Inlet is the Manning Clark house. 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 trip has proved popular because of the quality of the accommodation, its position and its history. There are 3 double bedrooms and 1 twin room, so the limit is just over 8 people. I will not book accommodation until I have 8 people wanting to come. The date is the first week available at the low season rate. 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 John if you want to come.**

Sun 6 May – MT McDONALD FROM URIARRA VILLAGE – 16 km Medium (8)

Leader: Robyn (0409 891187) The walk starts where Bullock Paddock Road joins Brindabella Road, passes Uriarra village and climbs Mt McDonald. The loop continues down the other side of Mt McDonald and follows the Cotter Dam foreshore for several kilometres. After lunch we climb back up away from the dam and return to the cars. Climb: 300 m. Cars: 50 km (\$6): Map: Cotter Dam. **Meet at W (see page 2 for new location).**

Wed 9 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Wed 9 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks.**Leader: Jenny (0488 000696)****Sat 12 May – DEVILS GAP AND GIBRALTAR ROCKS – 9 km Medium (8)****Leader: Prue (62861573).** From the 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. 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 13 May – CANBERRA CENTENARY TRAIL – HALL TO ONE TREE HILL – 9 km Easy (6)****Leader: Peter (0413 378684).** A return trip along part of the One Tree Hill section of the Centenary Trail. Enjoy the varied countryside and great views. Total climb: 210 m. Cars: Nil. Map: Hall. **Meet at the old Primary School in Victoria Street Hall. *******Tue 15 to Mon 28 May — JANET’S FOURTH & FINAL FLINDERS RANGES FORAY****Joint activity with CBC — Grade 9-12 walks and an optional one at 14.**Enjoy walking and driving in the beautiful Flinders Ranges and Heysen Trail within the Mt Remarkable and Wilpena National Parks in SA. **Leader: Janet janet.nd58@gmail.com . Please email your expression of interest ASAP to secure accommodation.** She will guide you through the CBC booking process.**Accommodation:** Cabins, your van or tent at two campgrounds – Melrose, situated at the foot of Mt Remarkable, and Rawnsley Bluff 17 km south of Wilpena Pound. Self-cater and with several group meals. Allow two days for travelling to the Flinders and return. Although we walk mostly on tracks you will need to be fit, please. There will be an Information Evening later in March 2018.**Tue 15 May:** arrive at Melrose for 6 nights. **Mon 21 May:** We drive north to Rawnsley Park campground for 7 nights. **Mon 28 May** - leave to return to Canberra.**Transport:** Note: most roads are sealed. Mileage, roughly 3500 km from Canberra to Melrose/Wilpena Pound and return, plus another 900 km travelling to the walks. Transport costs approx \$600 each person.**Maps:** HEMA map. NRMA also has a reasonable Flinders Map.**Accommodation costs:** **Cabins** (per person for 6 nights – 2 to 3 people sharing): Melrose approx \$250; Rawnsley Park \$500. **Powered sites** (per person per night): Melrose \$27. Rawnsley Park \$38.**Tents:** Melrose (per person per night): \$12. Rawnsley Park \$14.**Wed 16 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy****Contact: Robyn (62880449) or Colleen (62883153) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au****Wed 16 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Jillian (62863766 or 0433 588252)****Wed 16 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks.****Leader: Prue (62861573)****Thu 17 May – WALKS PROGRAM MEETING 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.

Sat 19 May – ORRORAL HERITAGE WALK – 12 km Easy (7)

Leader: Robyn (62880449). A walk exploring the early and most recent history of the area through interpretive signs along the track. Starting from Orroral camping ground we follow the trail that leads into 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 20 May – HORSESHOE HILL – 16 km Medium (11)

Leader: Terrylea (0408 715218). A delightful walk in the Yanununbeyan National Park area combining a mixture of fire trails, open pasture and light forest. Thick scrub and a small creek crossing which might involve limited rock scrambling. Great views from several points especially the summit of Horseshoe Hill. We visit an inland lighthouse - ok it's the ruins of the old Lighthouse Hut but I have your attention. High clearance vehicles appreciated. The walk commences from the locked gate at the end of Woolcara Lane. Even though the thick scrub is for a limited distance, protective eyewear is recommended. Total climb: 540 m. Map: Captain's Flat. Cars: 100 km (\$12). **Meet at Q for 8.30 departure. *****

Wed 23 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: Linda (0468 344381)

Wed 23 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike (62862984)

Sat 26 May – BOOROOMBA ROCKS AND GORILLA ROCK – 11 km Medium (10)

Leader: Peter (0414 363255). 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 short, but steep, track to the lookout and across to the large south-western Booroomba slab for lunch. After lunch we head westerly through scrub for about 2 km to Gorilla Rock. This is slow going, but 'interesting'. It is then around 1 km south to the AAWT, through fairly light bush, before heading back to Honeysuckle campground. Map: Corin Dam. Climb: 300 m. Cars: 75 km (\$9) **Meet at K, leaving at 8.30 am. ***.**

Sun 27 May – FAMILY WALK – Easy walks for families

Coordinator: Annabel (62820252)

Sun 27 May – MOLONGLO RIVER RESERVE – 10 km Easy (7)

Leader: Elaine (62883557 or 0410 154133). An interesting, undulating and scenic walk from the car park along the river to Butters Bridge (will explore on return), through pine forest and heading towards Blewitts Hill and surrounds. Beautiful views to the Brindabellas, Black Mountain, Mt Stromlo and more. Easy off-track for about 1 km on a gravel path downhill (you might like poles), across a small gully and meadow back to the pine forest to continue on a different route back to the starting point. Total climb: 300 m. Maps: Canberra, Cotter, Umburra. **Meet at Coppins Crossing on the Denman Prospect side (southside). *****

Wed 30 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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

Wed 30 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: Robin (0417 238652)

Wed 30 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike (62862984)

Sat 2 Jun – HORSE GULLY HUT – 15 km Medium (8)

Leader: Lyn (62815883). Starting from Mount Clear car park we walk along the Naas Creek valley, following a track through open country. We continue through light bush past Demanding Hut before dropping down to our lunch spot at Horse Gully Hut. Return on same track. Climb: 330 m. Map: Colinton. Cars: 140 km (\$17). **Meet at K.**

Sun 3 Jun – MT AINSLIE NATURE PARK, MOUNT PLEASANT and DUNTROON – 15 km Easy (7)

Leader: John (62627504). From the War Memorial we walk east in the Mount Ainslie Nature Park and go on to Mount Pleasant. It is necessary now to have a guide to walk through Duntroon and I will try to have a guide meet us at 10.00 am at Mount Pleasant. We will walk through Duntroon, cross Fairbairn Av, and follow the base of Mt Ainslie towards Mt. Majura; go up onto the saddle between the two mountains and then back towards Campbell. Climb: 290 m. Map: Canberra. **Meet at rear of the War Memorial in the small car park east of main building on Treloar Crescent at 9.00 am.*****

Mon 4 Jun – Deadline for MOUNT PAINTER – ARANDA BUSHLAND – BLACK MOUNTAIN on Sat 9 Jun. Contact Diana (0421 851212)

Wed 6 Jun – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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

Wed 6 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: John (62412658)

Wed 6 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter (0414 363255)

Sat 9 Jun – MOUNT PAINTER – ARANDA BUSHLAND – BLACK MOUNTAIN – 11 km Medium (8)

Leader: Diana (0421851212). Starting in Mackellar Crescent, Cook we walk to the top of Mt Painter then along various tracks in the bush to the top of Black Mountain via Kier Trig in the Aranda bushland. We return on different tracks back to our house for a late lunch (homemade soup and bread). Numbers limited. Total climb: 400 m. Canberra street map. **Meet at: Mackellar Crescent, Cook, ready for a 9.00 am start.*****
Contact Diana by Mon 4 Jun to confirm your attendance.

Sun 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 and 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: Nil. Map: Canberra. **Meet at ACTEW substation off Frith Road (Yellow Pages Map 15, P13). *****

Wed 13 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Wed 13 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Tim (62812275 or 0409847534)

Sat 16 Jun – NURSERY SWAMP – 8 km Easy (6)

Leader: Robyn (62880449). Climb about 210 m on track from the Nursery Swamp car park on Orroral Road to the saddle. Explore rocks then a nice easy walk on track down to the swamp. Return same way. Total climb: 260 m. Cars: 100 km (\$12). Map: Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

Sun 17 Jun – TALLAGANDA NATIONAL PARK – BUTMAROO AREA – 12 km Medium (8)

Leader: John (62627504). We drive along Butmaroo Road past the homestead and take the right track at the first fork. We park at the first copse of trees. The National Park is only a short distance to the south. We roughly follow the boundary east and south until we meet the North Black Range Fire Trail. Near Wombat Flat we follow a track to Mulloon Creek. After about 1 km downstream we turn west and return to the cars. Climb: 250 m. Cars: 85 km (\$10). Map: Manar. **Meet at Q.**

Wed 20 Jun – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy

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

Wed 20 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Jillian (62863766 or 0433 588252)

Wed 20 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter (0414 363255)

Sat 23 Jun – BULLEN RANGE NORTH – 9 km Easy (7)

Leader: Ken (0417 247065). The walk will begin at Murray’s Corner with a steep climb to Bullen Trig. It then follows Bullen Range ridge and finishes at the Cotter; a car shuffle is required. The walk is mainly on fire trails, steep in places, and offers good views of the Murrumbidgee valley as it approaches the Cotter. Climb: 440 m. Cars: 44 km (\$5). Map: Cotter Dam. **Meet at W (see page 2 for new location).**

Sun 24 Jun – FAMILY WALK – Easy walks for families

Coordinator: Annabel (62820252)

Sun 24 Jun – GIBRALTAR ROCKS, WOODS RESERVE & DEVILS GAP – 18 km Medium (10)

Leader: Terrylea (0408 715218). Starting at Dalsetta we go past the Xanthorrhoea loop to Gibraltar Rocks via the original fire trail stopping for morning tea and amazing views along the way. After visiting Gibraltar Rocks, we pick up the fire trail again down to Woods Reserve where we stop for a well-earned lunch. After lunch we cross to the new Devils Circuit track and then loop back on fire trail to Gibraltar Rocks before returning to Dalsetta via the new Eliza Saddle track where we walk through delightful shady forest to the sounds of many birds. **Please note** - There are a couple of very steep sections on the fire trails and a pole is highly recommended. Climb: 780 m. Map: Tidbinbilla. Cars: 70 km (\$8). **Meet at K.**

Wed 27 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John (62543814)

Wed 27 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike (62862984)

Sat 30 Jun – EXPLORING THE HILLS WEST OF BRANDY FLAT – 13 km Medium (10)

Leader: Peter (0414 363255). The walk starts at the Glendale Depot car park. We follow the Brandy Flat walking track for about 2km, cross Reedy Ck, and then head south-west and south for a steep 220 m climb up through sometimes scratchy scrub to the high ground at spot height 1134. After morning tea here, we go through the saddle to the east and then follow the high ground south to spot height 1146. There are some thick sections here, but also some surprisingly open forest. We’ll then descend south-east to Brandy Flat Fire Trail, cross it, and follow the spur down to the hut for lunch. Next, we follow the fire trail for about 1 km, before heading through a lightly-wooded area for another 1 km or so until we rejoin the fire trail and go back to the cars. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. There is usually water available at Brandy Flat Hut. Climb: 500 m. Cars: 80 km (\$10). Map: Michelago. **Meet at K, leaving at 8.30 am.*****

Advance Notices - 2018

Tue 17 Jul to Thu 2 Aug – WA WILDFLOWERS NORTH OF PERTH – Easy and Medium

Leader: John (62627504 or email j.clune@bigpond.com). A 16-day round trip from Perth. Visiting Perth, Geraldton, Kalbarri NP, Denham, Coral Bay, Cape Range NP, and Karijini NP. We will be hiring cars and avoiding 4-wheel drive roads. Most of the travel will be on sealed roads but there will be dirt roads in some of the national parks. Accommodation will be mainly in cabins in caravan parks. Camping is also possible but that would probably involve driving to Perth from Canberra. The above dates are flexible and will be finalised in discussion with the group. **Contact John, preferably by email.**

Aug/Sep – 12 to 16 DAYS WALKING TRIP IN SLOVENIA AND CROATIA – Medium and Hard

Leaders: Terrylea (terryleainwashington@hotmail.com) and one other.

This is a joint CBC/BBC trip – dates to be confirmed.

We intend staying at the towns of Ribcev Laz and Kransky Gora in Slovenia and from these towns do 10 to 12 **day-walks**, using public transport where necessary.

From here we plan to travel to the Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia for 3 days of walks.

Interested members should be fit (i.e. Medium-Hard Wednesday walks fitness level), know basic first aid and be willing to possibly lead some of the walks.

General costs will include your airfare to Slovenia, transport to Croatia, National Park entrance fees, all meals, and public transport to and from the day walks.

Further details will be posted out early in the year, including dates and costings. Limited numbers, however it is anticipated that participants will be finalised by end Apr when deposits will be sought.

If you are interested please **contact Terrylea by 28 Feb** at terryleainwashington@hotmail.com. She will guide you through the CBC booking process. Numbers will be limited and, if necessary, there will be a waitlist.

Mon 17 Sep to Fri 21 Sep – ANOTHER TRIP TO THE BLUE MOUNTAINS – Medium

Leaders: Robyn (0409 891187 or gallagher.robyn@gmail.com) and Erica

We plan to spend some time based in Leura (probably not quite in the luxury of last time since their quote is prohibitive) and doing day walks. Because of the nature of the Blue Mountains, the walks will be at the medium end of easy-medium. We will meet on the Monday evening, spend three full days walking (different walks to the ones this year) and depart for home on the morning of Fri 21 Sep. **To express interest, contact Robyn.**

Oct/Nov – JAPAN WALKING TRIPS

Organiser: May (lokmay@hotmail.com or 0401 696750 or 62865750).

The getaway trips are of the following two parts:

Part 1 – A 7-day, 6 night (commercial) self-guided tour starting in Ena, near Nagoya, and finishing in Tokyo. Tour accommodation is in Japanese inns and hotels. Main baggage transfer between the accommodation.

Part 2 – After the tour, you may also like to join in their 3-day Japanese Walking Festival, walking with local residents enjoying their not so touristy villages, nibbles and hospitality.

Contact May if you are interested.

Oct/Nov – YARRANGOBILLY CAVES HOUSE – Easy and Medium.

Leader: David (62861573 or wardle@webone.com.au). I am planning to book both wings of Yarrangobilly Caves House for five nights on a Mon to Thu basis late Oct/mid Nov with specific dates to be decided closer to the time. Activities will include visits to the various caves open to the public, and those only open by prior arrangement for groups, a swim in the thermal pool, and a variety of easy and medium walks in the area, with possibilities being Four Mile Hut, Big Talbingo Mountain, Vickerys Hut or the Coppermines Fire Trail. Other times can be spent reading on the verandah. The cost of accommodation will be about \$300 per person. You will need to bring all food. **Bookings with the leader will open on 1 Jul** with a payment of \$200 to confirm your booking (with the final amount to be confirmed later). **Contact the leader for more information.**

Advance Notice - 2019**Jul 2019 – WALKING IN THE TATRA MOUNTAINS – Easy and Medium**

Leader: John (62627504 or j.clune@bigpond.com). We will be walking in the Tatra mountains which separate southern Poland from northern Slovakia. Seven days at Zakapane in Poland and 7 days around Stary Smokovec in Slovakia. It is only a short bus ride from Zakapane to Stary Smokovic. There are all grades of walks including suicidal, but the latter need local guides and are not on our agenda. In Poland there is a good bus service to get us to and from walks, and also some lifts to get to higher walks. There are also horse drawn buggies to hire on some boring sections. In the Slovakia area there are a trains, buses and lifts for transport. Also, a number of walks which don't require lifts. **Contact John, preferably by email.**