

BRINDABELLA BUSHWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER



Sunset Walk in February

This 'n' That

President's Pontifications

Well....it's been a difficult start to 2020. While the fires didn't hit us in Canberra this time, they certainly had an impact all around us and our walk leaders are working hard to find areas that we are still allowed to use. Changes to the program are necessary and these will be promulgated by emails each week. Perhaps you can help by suggesting replacement walks.

We can expect that areas of Namadgi and Tidbinbilla will be opened progressively once safety matters have been addressed. The storms that followed the fires have also caused road damage and that has added to the delay. The priority is on opening the Mt Tennent and Booromba Rocks tracks, along with much of Tidbinbilla.

Some of you will have had cars damaged or destroyed by the hailstorm and others will have had to cancel holidays to the coast this summer. Now that we've had our first decent rainfall in a long time, let's hope that things are on the up.

There is an article later in this newsletter detailing all the known closures of nearby NSW National Parks and State Forests. It could be valuable for leaders considering conducting alternatives walks.

Happy Bushwalking.

Peter Dalton

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BBC Facebook Page

Visit the Facebook page to see photos, walk reports and information about upcoming activities. It is at: <https://www.facebook.com/BrindabellaBushwalkingClub/> You can set your Facebook page to receive notifications every time there is a new post.

BBC Pictorial History

The late Gary Schneider was an avid photographer and his family have offered the club his albums of photographs taken on BBC walks. John Clune has narrowed the number of photos down to several hundred and now Peter Ford is poring over them to find ones suitable for display in the members Area of our website.

Many of the photos have darkened with age and people's faces are unrecognisable, so these can't be used. Peter has a huge task ahead of him, but has already added some to the website.

Please have a look at what is there and, if you can identify any of the people in the photos (and nobody disagrees), Peter will add captions to them.

Additionally, if you have some photos you think would enhance the club's history collection, please forward them to Peter. Photos of an area, no matter how picturesque, are not suitable unless they can be identified as a club activity; i.e. have some of our members in them.

Here is an example to get your memory working - names to Peter, please.



SIX Maps

The NSW Government provides all of the very latest topographic maps online for free, which is a good thing because they are very expensive to buy. These are available on the **Spatial Imagery eXchange (SIX) Maps** website.

When you first go to that site it can be a little daunting to find and print the map section you are after. However, there is a comprehensive guide on our website (brindabellabushwalking.org.au) to help you through the process. You'll find the details at the 'Links' menu at the top of the Home Page. If you haven't used this, please give it a try.

Blaze Aid

BlazeAid is a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. If you think you might like to get involved and would like more information, please go to their website to see what they do and how you might be able to help. The website is: blazeaid.com.au

New Members

We welcome the following new members who have joined the club in the last couple of months.

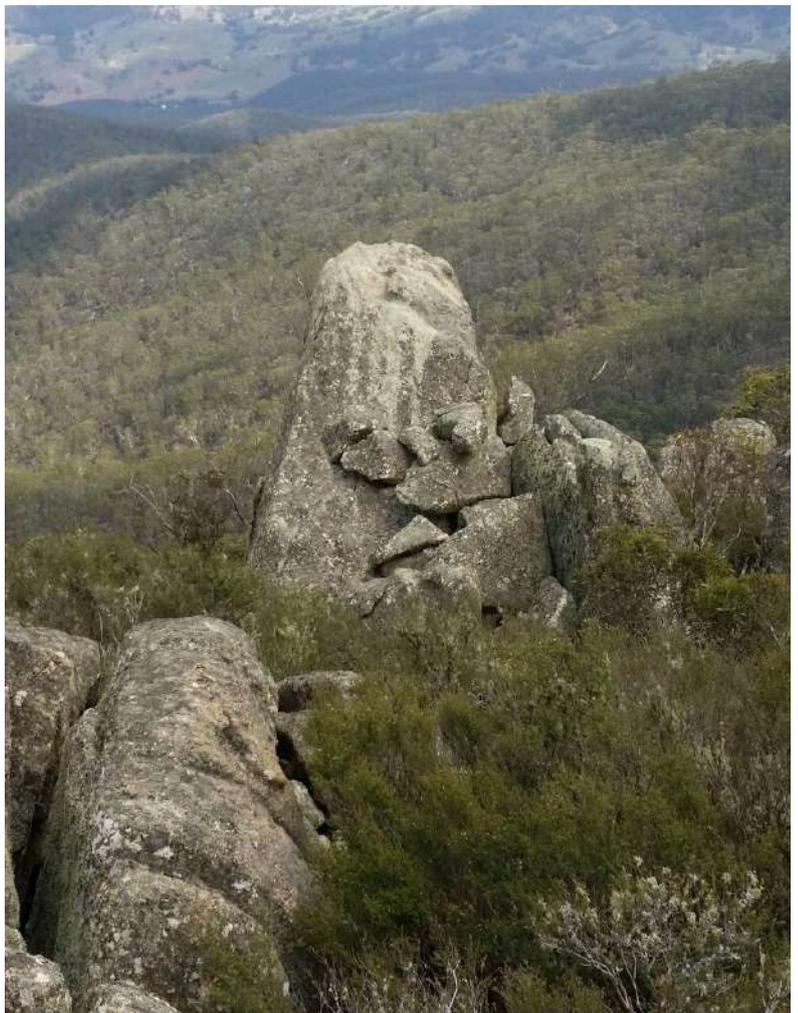
Jenny Stewart
Christine Jones
Di Dilley
Nick and Maggie Wood
Jill Wicklander
Rosemarie Gorman
Mark, Willem and Henryk Hornby
Sandra Fisher
Dominic, Nathaniel and Madeleine O'Connor
Amanda, Richard, Henry and Wilkie Denniss
Hannah Cook-Tonkin

Is there anywhere left to Walk?

Sure is! We've still got the following unburnt areas:

- All the urban reserves
- Mounts Ainslie and Majura
- Black Mountain
- Arboretum and Molonglo environs
- Uriarra area
- Mt Corree area
- Kowen Forest
- Tinderry Mountain area
- All along both sides of the Queanbeyan River
- The Murrumbidgee River between Pine Island and Casuarina Sands
- Bullen Range
- Mt Wee Jasper and everywhere en-route.

Plus all the rest there isn't space for here



One of the Tinderry Twins

NSW Parks Status

The following information was received (through a series of relays) from Andrew Walker



Here is the most recent report we have about opening/closure of NSW parks. This list will no doubt be changing almost daily so you will need to check the NSW Parks website before making concrete plans.

Ben Boyd north (Pambula area and areas north of Twofold Bay) are open.

Bournda National Park and Nature Reserve open except for the Hobart Beach campground (due to open on 2 March)

Mimosa NP and campgrounds are open.

Bungonia NP and SCA closed until 11 March and this may extend beyond that date.

Ben Boyd South Saltwater Creek and Bittangabee campgrounds, Disaster Bay Lookout and Green Cape planned to open on 19 March.

Biamanga NP and Bermagui NR closed until at least 5 April.

Davidson Whaling Station closed until September.

Nadgee NR and fire affected parts of Ben Boyd South closed for rehabilitation and pest control work until September.

Light to Light walk closed until September, and Boyds Tower closed until October-November.

Wadbilliga NP some parts closed until at least 5 April, some closed until September.

South East Forests NP and Mt Imlay NP closed until September.

Southern parts of Kosciuszko NP and most walking trails now open.

Northern parts of KNP still closed including all backcountry areas north of the Snowy Mountains Highway.

No program yet for re-opening of Deua NP, Eurobodalla NP, Gulaga NP, Morton NP, Kanangra Boyd NP and Croajingalong NP (Vic).

All state forests south of Sydney are closed indefinitely.

The complete list of NSW National Parks and their status is here:

[Alerts for NSW National Parks](#)

Kosciuszko Huts



Mackey's Hut

Kosciuszko Huts Association advises that due to the efforts of NPWS many huts and buildings were saved, including Yarrangobilly Caves House, Cotterills (Yarrangobilly), Gooandra and Wheelers.

A lot of work went into putting fire breaks around huts which could have been threatened such as Currango and Coolamine Homesteads, Valentines, Long Plain, Mackeys and Boobee. Some were completely wrapped in firestop aluminium foil.

The huts destroyed or severely damaged include: Four Mile, Vickerys, Round Mountain, all buildings in Kiandra (Courthouse, Mathews, Wolgal and Pattinsons), Happys, Brooks (still standing but badly damaged), Delaneys, Bradleys, Sawyers, O'Briens, Linesmans No3 (1950) - Fifteen Mile Spur and Linesmans No3 (1980) - Fifteen Mile Spur. Much of Mt Selwyn Ski Resort and half of the houses in Cabaramurra village were also destroyed along with a lot of preliminary infrastructure supporting the construction of the Snowy 2 Hydro scheme.

Contributing Articles

Suitable articles are always welcomed and photos make them better. It may not be possible to use all the photos. We will include the photographer's name in the newsletter, unless they ask us not to bother. If it is not your photo, you must have the photographer's permission to use it. Send your articles to president@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

An article may be edited to correct spelling errors and to suit the newsletter's style by restructuring, cutting to fit, and even re-writing sections if the editor believes that will better appeal to readers. The newsletters will also be placed on the Club's website.

Miscellany



Latest Weather Observations for Cabramurra

IDN60801

Look at the Temperature and Wind recording at Cabramurra on 4 January

Issued at 4:53 pm EDT Saturday 4 January 2020 (issued every 10 minutes with the page automatically refreshed every 10 minutes)

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Station Details ID: 072161 Name: CABRAMURRA SH/HEA AWS Lat: -35.94 Lon: 148.38 Height: 1482.4 m

Data from the previous 72 hours. | See also: [Recent months at Cabramurra](#)

Date/Time EDT	Temp °C	App Temp °C	Dew Point °C	Rel Hum %	Delta-T °C	Wind				Press QNH hPa	Press MSL hPa	Rain since 9am mm	
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BBC Website

All the newsletters, the Walks Program, Club information and necessary forms are on the Club's website.

www.brindabellabushwalking.org.au