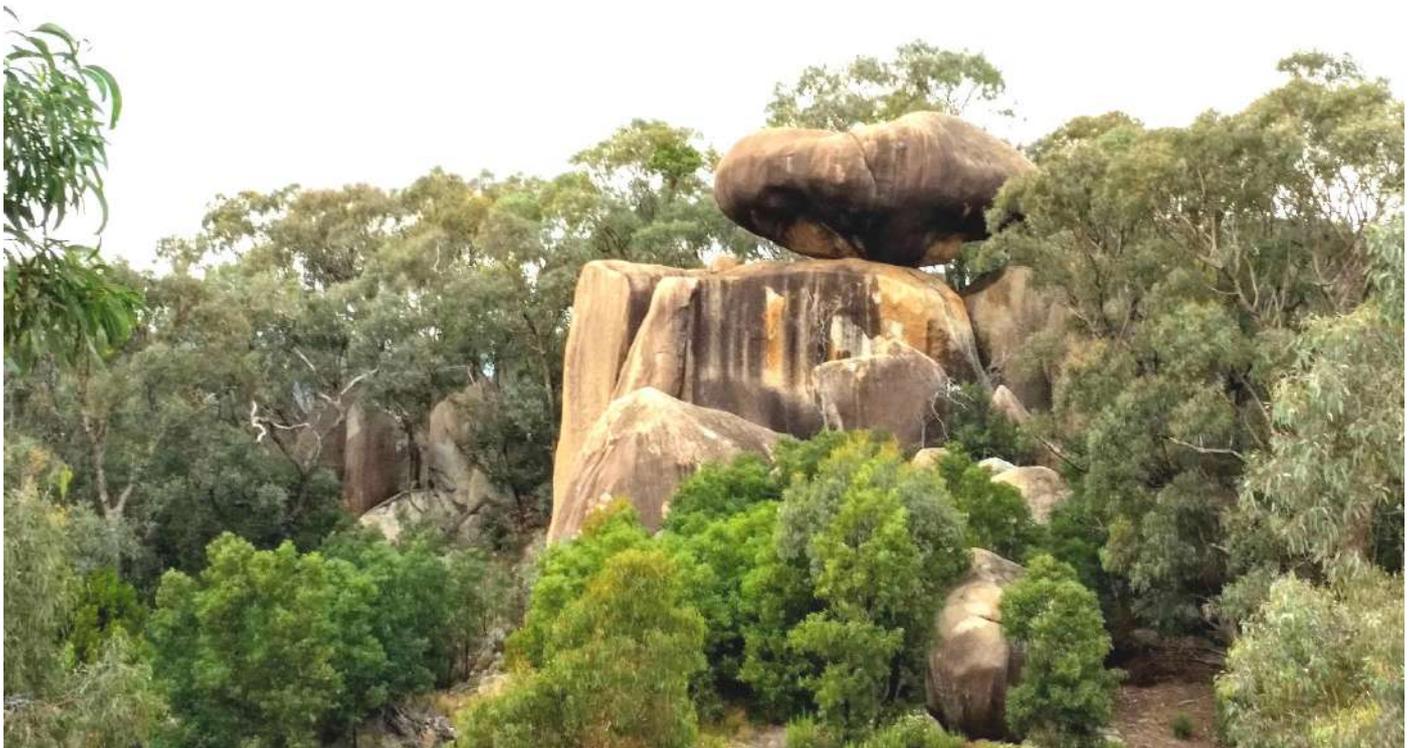


# Brindabella Bushwalking Club

March 2021 Newsletter



BBC



Mushroom Rock — off Corin Rd, near Tidbinbilla

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## Coronavirus Update

- \* The latest ACT updates can be found here: [Updates](#)
- \* Keeping your distance and maintaining hand (and respiratory) hygiene are essential.
- \* Some of us should have had the first injection of vaccine by the end of this month!

## BBC Website

[www.brindabellabushwalking.org.au](http://www.brindabellabushwalking.org.au) [All newsletters are on the website]

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

[webmaster@brindabellabushwalking.org.au](mailto:webmaster@brindabellabushwalking.org.au)



*Looking for a crossing on the Queanbeyan River, en route to Compo Canyon*

## From the President

**Namadgi.** There has still been no announcement about reopening Mt Tennent and Booroomba Rocks to walkers, but rumour has it that it will be soon. As soon as we hear precise dates, we'll let you know.

**Joint Club Trips.** Some of you will have been frustrated and disappointed when you learnt about a trip away, only to discover it was fully booked by the time you enquired. As is the nature of these things, when the trip is advertised as being open to more than one club, the information reaches some people earlier than others.

We have now decided that, for the time being, there will be **no joint club trips** unless a quota of places is offered to the other club. The Walks Officer has more to say about this in the following pages.

**Social Activities.** A couple of our planned activities have been hampered by bad weather in recent times; however those that have gone ahead have been great successes. The Social Sub-Committee was unable to include events in the 6-monthly program because they couldn't know what obstacles Covid-19 would put in the way. There is advice about another trip to historic Allwood Cottage at Hall later in this newsletter and make sure you keep an eye on your emails for information about other activities.

**Walk Reports.** Heather does a great job on Facebook of advertising our walks and providing reports and photos of walks that are sent to her. Not all of our members use Facebook, though. So, if you have some photos and a few words about any club activities please send them to [president@brindabellabushwalking.org.au](mailto:president@brindabellabushwalking.org.au) and I'll get them published in the monthly newsletters.

Peter Dalton

## Facebook

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

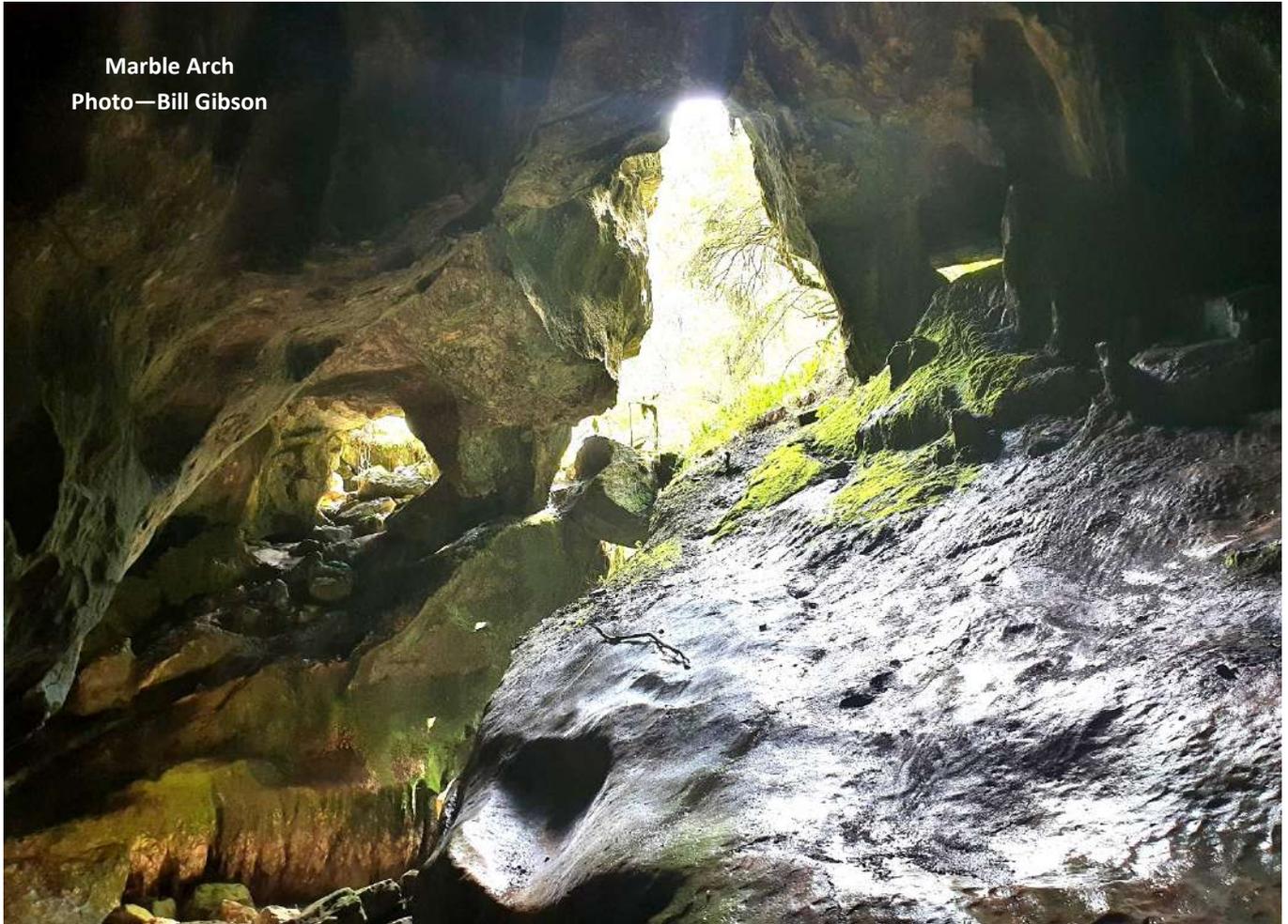
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*Please send your walk reports and photos to Heather at*  
[facebook@brindabellabushwalking.org.au](mailto:facebook@brindabellabushwalking.org.au)

# The Next Walks Program

*David Wardle -Walks Officer*

It should not come as a surprise that your Walks Committee is already thinking about the Walks Program for the second half of the year. The walks on the current program are getting pleasing numbers as people are resuming their walking activities with more confidence as COVID is becoming increasingly under control. Our own social distancing regime and squirts of hand sanitiser have played a magnificent part in this I'm sure!



Our trips away (the photo above is from the most recent one) have proven particularly popular and book up within hours of them being advertised leaving many on a frustrating waitlist. We are already looking at more trips away for the next Program. This is where **we need your help**. On walks you frequently talk about trips that you have done and where you have been. We are always ready to help if you would like to turn your holiday stories into trips away for BBC members. The NPWS website will also give you plenty of ideas.

Again, suggestions for Saturday and Sunday walks are always welcome. We watch eagerly for more areas to reopen within Namadgi. However devastating the recent bushfires were, they will have opened up areas that were previously impassable because of thick undergrowth that has now been removed. A recent walk along the ridgeline north of Shanahans Mountain provided amazing views to both the west and east now opened up following the 2020 bushfires. Already this has provided some ideas for future walks.

If you have favourite walks from either your recent or distant past please let us know and we could support you in leading the walk yourself or encourage another leader to do it for you. **All suggestions welcomed.**

## New Members

It's been a while since we formally welcomed our new members. There is a list of them below, along with a couple of others who have rejoined recently. As a result, this list is pretty long and I apologise if you've somehow been left off it. Welcome to you all—I'm sure you'll enjoy the activities and the company of our members.

Annette Bartlett  
Barbara Bennet  
Mike Brett  
Richard Brown  
David Brumby  
Gayle Buttrose  
Joe Carmona  
Trish Carroll  
Andrea Coomblas  
Lynette Flanagan  
G Funston  
Jennifer Gallagher  
Caroline Greenway  
Rosemary James  
Sen Fei Lam  
Darryl Kite  
Antonia Lehn  
Evelyn Lee-Shoy  
Joseph Lee-Shoy  
Maria Magdic  
Greg Mason  
Catherine Mathieson  
Greg McClelland  
Marlene McClelland

Stephanie McNeil  
Peter Moore  
Rebecca Moore  
KA Moylan  
Tony O'Brien  
Joanne Paine  
Aileen Power  
Glenn Rees  
Dick Roe  
Nathan Russell  
Oliver Russell  
Shelley Russell  
Janette Ryan  
Eva Sedlacek  
Mirak Sedlacek  
Peter Standish  
Anne Watson  
Julie Ann Suthern  
Ian Turland  
Lucinda Turland  
Mike Vale  
Lucina Ward  
Allie Wiseman



*Wildflowers near Mt Gingera*

*Photo by Prue Deacon*

## The Difference Between Walking, Hiking And Trekking

If you are in need of a distraction, here is an interesting and somewhat amusing article about the terms we use for our activities and how interchangeable they can be. Right at the end, in the 'Comments' area, Jane from USA has her own useful definition: [Walk or Hike](#)

## The Settlers Track

Here's a link to another great video by our member, Joe Carmona - you'll also find plenty of other videos of walks he's recorded at his YouTube page: [The Settlers Track](#)

# Big Hole and Marble Arch Car Camp 19-21 February 2021

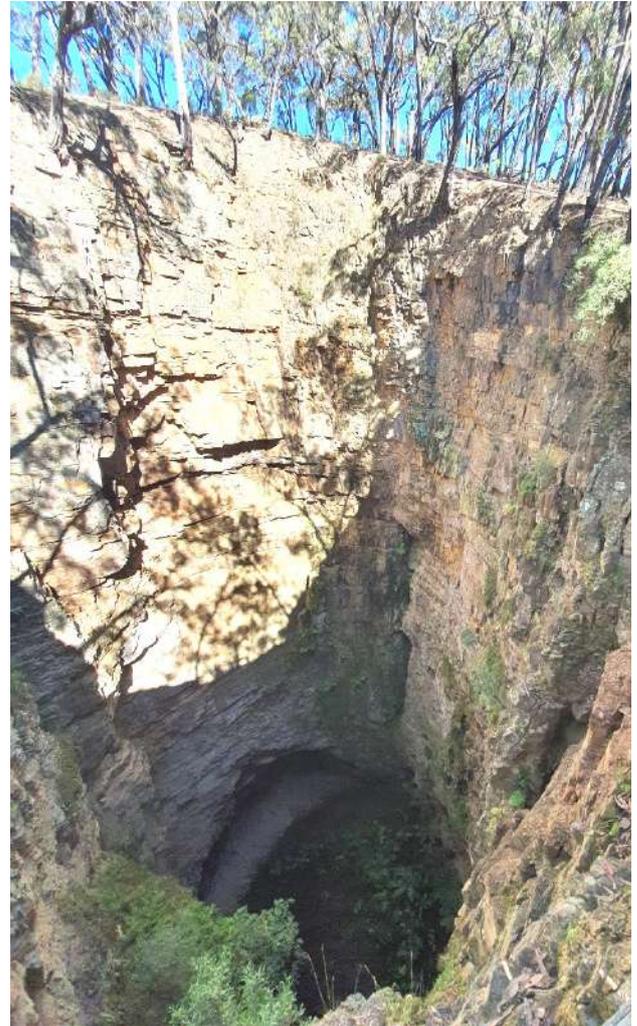
*Thanks to Elaine for writing this and to Bill for the photos*

20 members enjoyed a fabulous weekend at Berlang Camping area in the Deua National Park.

Friday and Sunday were travel days. Some members drove via Captain's Flat and others via Braidwood. Quite a few of us enjoyed coffee in Braidwood on Sunday before heading home.



*The Gorge at Marble Arch*



*The Big Hole*

Saturday's walk was on a track in light forest starting with a wade across the Shoalhaven River - then approx 2km to the Big Hole for morning tea, a spectacular limestone feature about 120m deep. Then about 4km to Marble Arch (lunch spot), another spectacular feature. Crossing the creek to explore the cave and gorge was great. Most members enjoyed a refreshing swim in the Shoalhaven River in the afternoon.

The evening campfire (both nights) was a great opportunity to chat to fellow members (including 2 new members). The insects were a bit bitey, but we all survived.



**Through Marble Arch**

To sum up – perfect weather and a great time was had by all. The stars at night are amazing. Thanks to Prue and her able assistant David for organising such a great weekend away; and a special mention to Mike, for checking out the campground beforehand.

## Social Events

**Thursday 18 March** – heritage walk around Hall and a visit to Allwood Cottage. We hope to repeat the fabulous outing we had last November. Davinia has already sent out an email about registering for this event. If you haven't seen it, please ask for a copy.



**Allwood Cottage at Hall**

**5 April (Easter Monday)** – lunchtime BBQ – venue to be decided and also dependent on the weather.

**Saturday 17 April** – autumn picnic / octogenarian event, Uriarra Crossing – see the Walks Program for details.

Canberra weather has been 'iffy' for the last few social events, so there will be short notice outings once the weather forecast is known. There will also be something on **Monday of the June long weekend**.

There have been 2 heritage walks in the last couple of years which were very popular. The Canberra region has lots on offer; e.g. Queanbeyan, Bungendore and Yass, just to name a few.

The train trip to Bundanoon last October was also a huge success, and I've been asked if there will be another one this year – the answer is **YES!!!** It will be on a Thursday and include a walk to Fairy Bower Falls.

When the carillon recitals return, there will be a drinks and nibbles night.

There are no pot luck dinners for the time being.

Your ideas for social activities are always welcome.

Elaine and the Social Committee

Some Humour to end with

*Sadly, you can hear this said on most of our walks*



There's no reason for this one, other than it struck me as quite clever and witty

