

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

BRINDABELLA BUSHWALKING CLUB

WALKS AND SOCIAL PROGRAM

JANUARY — JUNE 2022

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

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

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

WEEKEND DAY WALKS

Meeting times and places

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

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

Cancellation of walks

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

Transport

Car sharing is arranged at meeting places. The contribution for each passenger is shown in the walk description. It is currently based on 12 cents per passenger per kilometre, rounded to the nearest dollar. In addition, any National Park and Nature Reserve entry fees are usually divided equally among all people in the car.

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

Start and finish

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

DAY WALKS ON WEDNESDAY

Short/Easy Wednesday walks

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

Easy/Medium Wednesday walks

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

Medium/Hard Wednesday walks

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

Notification of Wednesday Walks

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

LATE RETURN FROM A WALK

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

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

INSURANCE

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

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

DEVELOP YOUR BUSHWALKING SKILLS

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

WALKS LEADERS

The club welcomes new leaders and new ideas for walks. If you are interested in leading or in finding out more about it, please feel free to talk to walk leaders, the Walks Officer, or other Committee members. A Walks Program Meeting is held prior to the end of the current 6 monthly program.

From the Walks Officer you can also obtain a copy of *Guidelines for Leaders*, which contains detailed advice on what is involved in leading a walk. This information is also available on the club website. The Club has two Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) and an extensive collection of local maps, available for loan.

SAFETY ON WALKS

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

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

ENJOYING BUSHWALKING

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

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

RULES FOR WALKERS

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

THE GRADING SYSTEM

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

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

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

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

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

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

WALKS AND SOCIAL PROGRAM

JANUARY — JUNE 2022

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.

Express your interest early for these upcoming activities

WALKING TRIPS AWAY

Fri 18 – Sun 20 Feb – BIG HOLE AND MARBLE ARCH CAR CAMP – 11km Medium (8)

Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). On the Friday, we drive via Captains Flat to the Berlang camping area in the Deua National Park and set up camp. The Saturday walk is on a track in light forest and starts with a wade across the Shoalhaven River – thongs or crocs and a small towel recommended. We continue for about 2km to the Big Hole, a spectacular limestone feature about 120m deep. It is then about 4km to Marble Arch, another spectacular feature. There is a steep descent and then we cross a creek to explore the caves (torch needed) and gorge (which can be a bit slippery). Return the same way with a swim in the Shoalhaven River at the end. Climb: 240m. Camp again overnight and return to Canberra at leisure on the Sunday. Cars: 170km (\$20). Map: Kain. Please contact the leader by email (prue.deacon@ozemail.com.au) by **Thu 20 Jan** if interested. Some places will be reserved for those who have not done this walk before.

Late April – Early May – WHARF TO WHARF WALK, MERIMBULA TO TATHRA PLUS A DAY ON GULAGA

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). Leigh is currently planning a two day walk along the newly created Merimbula to Tathra coastal walk with a distance of 27km. <https://www.wharftowharfwalk.com.au/>. An additional day before returning home will be spent climbing Gulaga (Mt Dromedary) 14km, 800m climb. Car camping as a base will be at the NPWS Hobart Beach campground in the Bournda National Park for three nights. Dates will be decided closer to the time and will be mid week and will avoid school and public holidays. Contact the leader for further information.

Mon 11 – Mon 25 July – A WINTER BREAK WALKING IN BRISBANE AND SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). We will stay in 2 locations for a week each. The accommodation will be in caravan parks that have cabins as well as camping sites. Contact the leader for further information.

PROPOSED SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

These potential activities will be finalised closer to the date and details notified to members by email.

Early January: BYO picnic tea somewhere cool by the lake

Friday 14 January: Drinks and nibbles at Doug's home in Lyons

Wednesday 26 January: Early morning walk around Lake Ginninderra followed by breakfast

Monday 14 March: Queanbeyan heritage and public art walk. Morning coffee Riverbank Café and walk followed by picnic lunch by the river

Easter Monday 18 April: Relaxing morning coffee and chat on the deck at the National Library

Sat 8 Jan – JERRABOMBERRA WETLANDS – 5km Easy (3)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). A short morning stroll through the rich and dynamic east and west Jerrabomberra Wetlands in the heart of Canberra. Plenty of time to watch for birds. All on track. Climb: 20m. **Meet at the parking area at the end of Dairy Road in Fyshwick at 8.00am.*****

Sun 9 Jan – PINE ISLAND TO POINT HUT AND RETURN SWIM/WALK – 7km Easy (5)

Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). 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 lunch. Total climb about 60m. Maps: Tuggeranong and Williamsdale. Cars: **Make your own way to the start point by 9.00am so that you can swim/party at Pine Island after lunch for as long as you want.**

Wed 12 Jan – Details of the walk for this day will be sent to members by email.

Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 15 Jan – VANITYS CROSSING – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). The walk will start at the locked gate below Hardy Trig, and finish at the old picnic area on Vanitys Crossing track. All on forest roads and tracks, except for crossing the Cotter River, where we will get wet feet. A car will be left at the picnic area and the remainder will go to Pipeline Road. The last 50m of the dirt road to the start point is steep though not difficult, but some people might prefer to go in larger cars. It is not a 4-wheel drive road. Two crossings of the Cotter River, firstly after Pipeline Road, and later near the end of the walk. Bring sand shoes for the crossings and swimwear may be useful. We do not have to climb up the steep hill because of the car shuffle. Lunch will be at the river. Climb: 200m. Cars: 50km (\$6). Map: Cotter Dam. **Meet at W.**

Sun 16 Jan – MOUNT GINGERA FROM MOUNT GININI – 14km Medium (9)

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223). A walk from the Mount Ginini car park to Mount Gingera via Pryors Hut and return. Suitable for beginners. The climb from the hut to the trig point is about 200m, but the 360 degree views are worth it. Climb: 400m. Cars: 120km (\$15). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at W.**

Wed 19 Jan – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Nishat Mueller (0468 433 683).

Wed 19 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573).

Thu 20 Jan - Last day to book for BIG HOLE AND MARBLE ARCH CAR CAMP Fri 18 – Sun 20 Feb.

Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, (prue.deacon@ozemail.com.au))

Sat 22 Jan – MT AINSLIE MORNING WALK – 6km Easy (6)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). This walk has short steepish uphill sections. Walking is on paths, fire trails and some rough tracks taking in Mt Ainslie's quarry, summit and less known tracks. Poles recommended for descents. Early start to beat the heat and back to the cars well before lunch. Climb: 200m. Cars: Nil. Map: Canberra. **Meet at the car park near the corner of Phillip Ave and Kellaway St in Hackett at 8.00am.*****

Sun 23 Jan – HELLS HOLE - GOOGONG DAM – 15km Medium (9)

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). We start on Bradleys Creek Walk from Googong Dam and continue to Queanbeyan River Fire Trail. About 3km along this trail we come to an unnamed track to the right leading to Hells Hole. All on shady track. We lunch at Bradleys Creek and return the same way. Climb: 640m. Cars: 26km (\$3). Map: Hoskinstown. **Meet at Q.**

Wed 26 Jan EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 26 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 29 Jan – MOUNT DOWLING AND SHERWOOD FOREST CIRCUIT – 9 km Medium (7)
Leader: Annette Smith (0418 333 088). From Mountain Creek Road we start with a heart-warming climb of Mt Dowling before descending to join the Sherwood Road. Along the way we can check out a side-track as we do a circuit to approach the Sherwood homestead site from the west for lunch. We’ll then follow the road south towards Uriarra and climb a knoll at the end of the Mt Dowling outcrop for more views before descending to the track that leads back to the cars. There is light scrub ascending Mt Dowling and the last knoll, otherwise we’re on fire trails. If there has been recent rain the last kilometre can be a bit muddy. Climb: 350m. Cars: 48km (\$6). Map: Cotter. **Meet at K for an 8.30 departure.*****

Sun 30 Jan – CUUMBEUN NATURE RESERVE – 11km Medium (8)
Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). A short drive from Queanbeyan to a point 1km along Captains Flat Road. We head off on foot along a fire trail until we get to a creek which will lead us to a lovely gorge. We follow this gorge for several kilometres for views over Queanbeyan. Climb: 300m. Cars: 20km (\$2). Map: Bungendore. **Meet at Q.**

Wed 2 Feb – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au.

Wed 2 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: John Ellis (6241 2658)

Wed 2 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Fri 4 Feb – MT AINSLIE SUNSET WALK – 3km Easy (5)
Coordinator: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). This is a social event offering drinks and nibbles at the top of Mt Ainslie, timed so that you can enjoy the sunset over the Brindabellas while chatting with friends. Climb: 200m. Bring a drink receptacle and a torch for the descent at dusk - everything else is provided. The event will be cancelled if extreme weather is threatening. Meet at the base of the Mt Ainslie walking track behind the War Memorial at 6.30pm. ***** Please note: You are welcome to drive to the top to meet the group.**

Sat 5 Feb – MT PLEASANT MORNING WALK – 8km Easy (4)
Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). A morning walk past the historic Duntroon Dairy and General Bridges grave to Mount Pleasant for great views over the east basin and where 64 pounder cannons are installed. We continue through Campbell bushland and suburb to the lakeshore near Blundells Cottage and back to cars. Participants could bring lunch for the end of the walk to enjoy at the lake. Mainly on-track with some small off-track sections. Climb: 120m. Cars: Nil. **Meet at the car park at Menindee Drive Grevillea Park at 8.00am.*****

Sun 6 Feb – HONEYSUCKLE CREEK TO LEGOLAND – 14km Medium (9)
Leader: Jurek Juszczuk (0421 588 412). Leaving the cars at Honeysuckle Campground, we’ll walk up Orroral Ridge Road to the Collimation Tower site (the only real climb of this walk), then along the top of the Ridge to some fantastic boulders and overhangs. Return the same way with a downhill finish. Climb: 450m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K leaving at 8.30am.*****

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Sat 12 Feb – FISHING GAP TO HILL 1372m – 12km Medium (10)

Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791). We start from Fishing Gap car park and walk up the fire trail to Fishing Gap (4km) and then head south off-track up a steep incline covered with bracken fern for around 1km to a ridge line with views back towards the fire trail and Canberra. We continue for another 1km south along the ridge line and then head west towards a high point at 1372m for views of the Cotter Dam and Cotter Valley for lunch. We then return the same way to the Fishing Gap car park. There is 4kms off-track and 8kms on a fire trail. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. We start and finish the walk at the Fishing Gap car park within Tidbinbilla but will first meet at the Visitor Information Centre, Tidbinbilla. Climb: 524m. Cars: Nil. Maps: Tidbinbilla, Corin Dam. **Meet at Tidbinbilla Visitor Information Centre 8.00am.*****

Sun 13 Feb – TENNENT HOMESTEAD – 6km Medium (8)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). A short morning walk to visit the remains of the Tennent Homestead and woolshed burnt in the 2003 fires - the rammed earth walls are rapidly deteriorating and better seen sooner than later. Starting from Namadgi Visitor Information Centre we take the Australian Alps Walking Track until it turns left at an arrow. Here we turn to the right taking a faint footpad north, following it to cross a small watercourse. On reaching a second stream we drop down it to meet the powerlines. From here it is a straightforward walk to the homestead. Some scrub - possibly dense scrub if we lose the footpad - so be prepared in long trousers, long-sleeved shirts, gaiters and gloves. The walk is for history buffs and those who don't mind a little scrub to reach a new destination. The pace will be easy. Climb: 180m. Cars: 40km (\$5). Map: Williamsdale. **Meet at K.**

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Sun 20 Feb – PIPELINE ROAD TO THE COTTER RIVER – 14km Easy (6)

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). From the locked gate at Pierces Creek Forest we follow the Pipeline Road for 7 km to the Cotter River, where we have lunch. Return by the same route. Climb: 200m. Cars: 50km (\$6). Maps: Tidbinbilla, Cotter Dam. **Meet at W.**

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Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255).**

**Sat 26 Feb – BOOROOMBA ROCKS FROM HONEYSUCKLE CREEK CAMPGROUND – 12km
Medium (9)**

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). Starting from Honeysuckle Creek campground, we walk on the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT) to Booroomba Rocks car park and then go up the steep track towards the lookout at the top. Just before the top we turn right along a good track to the eastern lookout. We then return to the central lookout area and across to the actual Booroomba Rocks for lunch. Then it is back down the main track to the AAWT and back to the cars. Climb: 500m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Map: Williamsdale. **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

Sun 27 Feb – CIRCULAR WALK AROUND EAST BASIN – 12km Easy (6)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). We start at the Jerrabomberra Wetlands Nature Reserve weaving our way through the east and west tracks then to the Kingston foreshore or Bowen Park for morning tea. Crossing the lake, we continue through Grevillea Park and the east of Lake Burley Griffin for lunch before crossing the Molonglo River, visiting the World War 1 training trenches and returning to the cars. All on tracks. Climb: 50m. **Meet at the parking area at the end of Dairy Road in Fyshwick.**

Wed 2 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 2 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Kathy Handel (6238 3596).

**Wed 2 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks.
Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).**

Sat 5 Mar – FOUR HUTS WALK, NAMADGI NATIONAL PARK – 16km Medium (9)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468, billgibsons@gmail.com). A combination of two walks in Namadgi NP. A pleasant walk in open and unburnt countryside. We drive to Old Bobeyan Homestead carpark, then do a short car shuffle to position the cars at our finishing point at Brayshaws Hut. We visit 4 historic structures, 3 of which have been restored by the KHA. Climb: 350m. Cars: 120km (\$14). Maps: Rooftop’s Namadgi – ACT South Activities Map 1:50,000, Yaouk, Shannon’s Flat. **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

Sun 6 Mar – WHITE HORSE ROCKS AND PUNCH BOWL CREEK WATERFALL – 8km Easy (7)

Leader: Terrylea Reynolds (0408 715 218). From Corin Rd we follow the Smokers Trail then off-track through lightly/partially burnt country via a nearby knoll and saddle to spot height 1378. From there we head to White Horse Rocks, an interesting jumble of rocks with good views. Down the wooded spur to a rough track on Punch Bowl Creek which we follow down to a waterfall. Return to the cars via the rough track and old pine forest. The walking is a combination of fire trail and open woodland with some chance to get wet feet if you can’t jump across the little creek. Our actual walking time is only about 3 hours so bring morning tea but you’ll probably be back in time for lunch. The leader will bring something yummy to share with you all when we get back to our cars so you may not even need lunch at all! Climb: 380m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Wed 9 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

**Wed 9 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks.
Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).**

Sat 12 Mar – FORSTERS HILL (near Kambah Pool) – 7 km Easy (7)

Leader: Eric Pickering (6286 2128, pater@tpg.com.au). The walk starts near the noisy cattle grid marking the entry to the Kambah Pool area. We walk cross country through undulating grassland (off-track) crossing McQuoid Creek before a short but steep climb to Forsters Hill (morning tea). This section is overgrown with long grass. Gaiters are recommended/essential. We then drop down to the Murrumbidgee track which we follow for some distance before taking to a rough track along the river to Red Rocks Lookout (parts of this track might still be obliterated from recent floods). Return will be on the Murrumbidgee track. Although graded easy there are likely to be some rough bits to negotiate. The pace will be slow to moderate. **Meet on the Kambah Pool Road immediately before the noisy cattle grid marking the boundary of the Bullen Range Nature Reserve where the road goes steeply down to Kambah Pool at 8.50am.*****

Sun 13 Mar – NORTH MUNDOONEN NATURE RESERVE – 8km Medium (9)

Leader: Terrylea Reynolds (0408 715 218). This delightful circuit walk is near Yass in open eucalypt woodland, old grazing areas and open grassland so no scrub. It's an opportunity to explore an area a little further afield from Canberra with interesting highlights, including a lovely dam at lunchtime and some 'curious' outhouses. The reserve is of interest for its dry tablelands vegetation and for being a habitat for a variety of native animals including the vulnerable koala and powerful owl. Sites of European historical importance include several charcoal burning sites. Climb: 360m. Cars: 150km (\$18). Maps: Jerrawa, Gunning 1:50:000. **Meet: McDonald's Car Park, Gold Creek Village for an 8:30am departure.*****

Wed 16 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (62880449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 16 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: Peter Kallio (0412 060 765).

Wed 16 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255).

Sat 19 Mar – BROWN HILL TRIG AND STROMLO – 14km Medium (8)

Leader: Robyn Gallagher (0409 891 187). Early in the walk we will traverse the western side of Stromlo Forest Park before ascending to Brown Hill Trig. We will also visit the Space Weather Monitoring Site and the Duffield family grave overlooking picturesque Spring Valley. Heaps of vistas and some panoramas. There are some sections across open grass, otherwise we use fire trails. Parking is limited at the walk start, so we will car pool for the short drive. Total climb: about 300m. Cars: 14km (\$2). Maps: Cotter Dam, Canberra. **Meet at W.**

Sun 20 Mar – KAMBAH POOL TOWARDS CASUARINA SANDS AND BACK – 12km - Easy (7)

Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). A pleasant walk along a sometimes-overgrown track, high above the Murrumbidgee. There are some steepish undulations in the track during the first and last 90 minutes. Climb: 520m. Map: Tuggeranong. **Meet just outside the top entrance gate (before the grid on the left) to Kambah Pool.**

Wed 23 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 23 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 26 Mar – LUTONS CRUTCHING SHED AND LONE PINE HOMESTEAD – 16km Easy (7)
Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223). Starting at the locked gate on the Old Boboyan Road we walk beyond the Boboyan Homestead Ruins to Lutons Crutching Shed and then a short walk through open country to the Grassy Flat Fire Trail and the Lone Pine Homestead Ruins. After lunch we will proceed to the Bulls Flat Fire Trail before traversing open grassland for about 2km back to the Old Boboyan Road and a chance to explore the Boboyan Homestead Ruins before heading back to the cars. Climb: 100m. Map: Yaouk. Cars: 140km (\$17). **Meet at K.**

Sun 27 Mar –THE PINNACLE TO MT PAINTER LOOP – 15km Medium (8)
Leader: Robyn Gallagher (0409 891 187). We'll do a westwards loop around The Pinnacle Reserve, then follow the Equestrian Trail to Mt Painter Reserve. After climbing Mt Painter we'll loop back to The Pinnacle to return to the cars. All walking on tracks or across open grass. Climb: 350m. Map: Canberra. **Meet at the water tanks on Springvale Drive (cnr De Salis St).**

Wed 30 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (62880449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 30 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 30 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Philip Gatenby (0401 415 446).

Sat 2 Apr – STONY CREEK NATURE RESERVE / MT McDONALD – 13km Easy (7)
Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). A very pleasant walk zig-zagging up through the bush on a soft footpad with views of the Murrumbidgee and Casuarina Sands. Visit the Lower Cotter Catchment Area lookout with great views of the dam, Brindabellas, Tuggeranong, and Bullen Range. Continue to the trig on Mt McDonald and return by the same track. Climb: 320m. Cars: 30km (\$4). Map: Cotter Dam. **Meet at W.**

Sun 3 Apr – GOOROYARROO AND MULLIGANS FLAT CIRCUIT – 12km Medium (8)
Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). We will do a circular route from the north of Throsby featuring Australia's largest single Box-Gum Grassy-Woodland area managed for conservation. We scale Sammy's, Old Joe and Gooroo Hills for spectacular views (and morning tea) over Canberra and NSW before continuing into Mulligans flat bird walk and wetlands for lunch before returning to the cars. Mostly on-track with some off-track in open grassed areas. Climb: 260m. **Meet at Shingleback St near Glider Crescent Throsby.**

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

Wed 6 Apr – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: John Kelly (0400 581 303)

Wed 6 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004)

Sat 9 Apr – AUTUMN FAMILY AND OCTOGENARIAN PICNIC – SHORT WALK PLUS A MEDIUM WALK AND LUNCH AT URIARRA CROSSING.

Coordinator: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). Autumn is a beautiful time in Canberra and a wonderful opportunity for club members to get together for a walk and lunch. This is a BYO event including chairs. **Meet at the Uriarra East picnic area at 10.00am. To get there, turn left off Uriarra Road at the sign to Uriarra East picnic area, about 1km before Uriarra Crossing. *****

Sun 10 Apr – BACK OR GRASSY CREEK – 13km Easy (7)

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). The walk starts at the Mt Clear car park. We go upstream alongside Grassy Creek. Follow Grassy Creek towards the Boboyan Road. We will have lunch as we return along Grassy Creek. After lunch we follow a fire trail going east. After about 3km we go off-track north towards the Naas River. We rejoin the Naas River track about 1km from the cars. Variety of scenery from narrow wooded valleys to open grassland. Climb: 250m. Cars: 130km (\$16). Maps: Yaouk, Shannons Flat. **Meet at K.**

Wed 13 Apr – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 13 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 16 Apr – OLD MILL ROAD, BRINDABELLAS – 15km Easy (7)

Leader: David Wardle (6286 1573). A walk on fire trails through forest with distant views and a waterside morning tea stop. We will start from the Mount Franklin Road near Piccadilly Circus and wander along Old Mill Road, Warks Road, Gravel Road, Moonlight Hollow Road and a climb up Bulls Head to complete the day. Climb: 450m. Cars: 100km (\$12). Maps: Cotter Dam and Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W.**

Sun 17 Apr – ROB ROY NATURE RESERVE NORTH – 9km Medium (9)

Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). This walk explores hills and gullies at the northern end of Rob Roy Nature Reserve. From the reservoir above Banks we climb steeply, to reach Hill 887 (GR 927 725). We continue to the eastern border of the reserve, follow the border southwards and climb a spur to the main Rob Roy track. We descend through gullies to the starting point. Mostly off-track through open woodland and former pasture but with some difficult scrub in the gullies. Climb: 550m. Map: Tuggeranong. **Meeting point: Jane Sutherland St, Conder. Turn from Tom Roberts Ave into Jane Sutherland St and park just after the roundabout, ready to start walking at 9.00am.**

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

Wed 20 Apr – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Peter Ford (0437 110 001)

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

Sat 23 Apr – APOLLO ROAD, BUSHFOLD FLATS, MT TENNENT – 15km Medium (9)

Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004). Park cars on Apollo Road and follow the fire trail to Bushfold Hut for morning tea. We will then join the Australian Alps Walking Track to ascend to the saddle below Mt Tennent. After lunch we will return to the cars along the Mt Tennent Fire Trail. Walking poles may be useful for steep descent on fire trail back. Climb: 660m. Cars: 60km (\$7). Maps: Williamsdale, Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Sun 24 Apr – GOOGONG FORESHORE TOWARDS WELLS INLET – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468, billgibsons@gmail.com). Starting at the Googong Foreshores car park, we walk on the Shoreline Walk until opposite Rabbit Island. The lakebed is lightly vegetated and easy walking. We then complete the Shoreline Walk, walk south for a few kilometres on the Western Foreshores walk road towards Wells Inlet (not as far as Wells Inlet) and go down to the lakeside for lunch. Return the way we came. Climb: 320m. Cars: 26km (\$3). Map: Hoskinstown. **Meet at Q.**

Wed 27 Apr – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Details: walks@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 27 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK – Medium to Hard graded walks. Details: walks@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Sat 30 Apr – BOGONG ROCKS – 7km Medium (9)

Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). From the Square Rock car park, we head off-track roughly north to a saddle. Then veer west to climb up to the ridge to the eastern side of Billy Billy Creek (the Billy Billy Rocks are on the other side of the creek). Explore the rocky outcrops on the ridge with lunch at the massive Bogong Rocks. Please note that the distance is deceptive. This walk is all off-track with some difficult scrub and a lot of clambering over rocks – long pants, gaiters and gloves recommended. Climb: 300m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Sun 1 May – STOCKYARD SPUR FROM CORIN DAM – 8km Easy/Medium (8)

Leader: David Wardle (6286 1573). This walk is for those who have always wanted to walk up Stockyard Spur but weren't sure they could make it. Don't let the 500m in 2km put you off. Do it at your own pace. From Corin Dam we climb the track to a nice morning tea rest spot half way up. Lunch will be in the forest a bit beyond the helipad site. Return via the same route. Walking poles might be helpful. Climb: 600m. Cars: 90km (\$11). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Wed 4 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 4 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Kathy Handel (6238 3596).

Wed 4 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573).

Sat 7 May – COOLEMAN RIDGE – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Colleen Fox. (0424 030 015, colleenmact@gmail.com) This walk starts and ends on the western side of Cooleman Ridge, mostly following the Bicentennial National Trail and visits 3 trig points on McQuoids Hill, Chapman Hill and Mt Arawang. We will walk on the foot trails on top of Cooleman Ridge to experience the variety of the Nature Reserve and focus on the distant Bullen Range. Climb: 400m. Map: Canberra. **Meet at the holding paddocks at the far end of Hake Street Kambah.**

Sun 8 May – MT MAJURA AND MT AINSLIE NATURE RESERVES – 13 km Medium (8)

Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). We climb Mt Majura following a pretty zig-zag path. Short rough scramble down the side to pick up a track around the back of the nature reserves to the lookout at Mt Ainslie. Retrace part of this track before heading down a roughish track back to the cars. Poles recommended. Climb: 480m. Map: Canberra. **Meet at the car park at the corner of Phillip Avenue (end) and Kellaway Street, Hackett.**

Wed 11 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 11 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Fri 13 May – POTLUCK DINNER

Coordinator: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557 or 0410 154 133). All members are welcome to share a great meal with food contributed by participants and enjoy a 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 6.00pm for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles followed by dinner at 6.30pm. **Please phone Elaine by Monday 9 May** to book a place and discuss a contribution.

Sat 14 May – BULLEN RANGE SOUTH – 14km Medium (9)

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). From the stock route on the Tidbinbilla Road we climb Barnes Hill, go past the ruins of Calvary and through Mowera Pine Forest. Then into private land to climb the Mowera Peak and back to the cars. Climb: 350m. Cars: 30km (\$4). Maps: Tuggeranong, Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K.**

Sun 15 May – ISAACS RIDGE FROM GARRAN - 13km Medium (8)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). This walk explores Isaacs Ridge from the north. Starting from Garran we safely use a little-known underpass to traverse Hindmarsh Drive (a torch light may be useful). After a loop on Mt Mugga we follow the Centenary Trail to the top of Mt Sheaffe, then continue south along the ridge to near Long Gully Rd. before returning via the 'Spine' - a narrow track for walkers and cyclists. Climb: 300m. Cars: Nil. Map: Canberra. **Meet at the end of Hartigan Street Garran.**

Wed 18 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 18 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: Kathy Handel (6238 3596).

Wed 18 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255).

Sat 21 May – MT PALERANG – 10km Medium (10)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). A lovely circuit walk to a real summit with stunning views, and well worth doing. Mainly off-track on the way to the summit and mainly on motorbike tracks or fire trail for the return. There is a great variety of vegetation types and some light scrub along the way. Climb: 480m. Cars: 100km (\$12). Map: Bombay. **Meet at S.**

Sun 22 May – FADDEN RAMBLE – 10km Easy (7)

Leader: Peter Boyland (0413 378 684). We'll follow the Centenary Trail from Macarthur to Isaacs then on to Farrer Ridge Nature Reserve. We'll return to Wanniasa Hills Nature Reserve via the Erindale Drive underpass and follow some interesting tracks around the edge of Fadden back to the cars. The walk provides good views to the south and east of the ACT. Climb: 350m. Map: Tuggeranong. **Meet at the parking area at the northern end of Jackie Howe Cres in Macarthur (to the right of Goldsbrough Close).**

Wed 25 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Details: walks@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 25 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK – Medium to Hard graded walks. Details: walks@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Sat 28 May – THE PINNACLE TO KAMA – 14km Easy (7)

Leader: Davinia Wells (0439 424 834, daviniawells@hotmail.com). We begin our walk from the parking area at the start of Drake-Brockman Drive. From there we walk into The Pinnacle Reserve and head for The Pinnacle. We make the short climb to the top of The Pinnacle and then head towards the Kama property. We will use the 'right of way' crossing until we reach the underpass that leads to Kama Nature Reserve and make our way towards the Molonglo River. You can choose to follow the leader in some easy rock scrambling down to the river or follow along on the fire trail. Lunch will be at a spot where we can enjoy river views. We will return through Kama via a different track until we reach the Kama property where we will retrace our steps back to the cars. Climb: 250m. Cars: Nil. Map: Canberra. **Meet in the parking area on the left of Drake-Brockman Drive, close to the roundabout that joins Kingsford Smith Drive with Drake-Brockman Drive. Starting time 9.30am.*****

Sun 29 May – BILLY BILLY ROCKS CIRCUIT – 8km Medium (10)

Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004). Follow the track up the spur parallel to Billy Billy Creek, scramble to the top of the Rocks, continue south to the Aboriginal shelter, then approximately northeast through the bush to meet the outward track back to the vehicles. Mainly off-track. Gaiters and gloves recommended. Climb: 550m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

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

Wed 1 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: John Ellis (6241 2658)

Wed 1 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004)

Sat 4 Jun – CIRCUIT VIA SUNDIAL ROCK – 7km Medium (9)

Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). From the Honeysuckle Creek camping ground we walk up a road and footpad to the Sundial Rock (GR 791 593). We contour roughly south, crossing creeks and then climbing to explore a rocky outcrop at hill 1264 (close to the top of the Link Track which goes down to the Orroral Valley). From there we head northeast to hill 1203 for lunch with views down to the Gudgenby Valley. Then we descend to the main creek and return to the Sundial Rock. This walk is mostly off-track with some difficult scrub - long pants, gaiters and gloves recommended. Climb: 450m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Sun 5 Jun – BARRER HILL AND DAIRY FARMERS HILL – 14km Easy (7)

Leader: Margaret Power (0448 924 357, power000@tpg.com.au – ie zeros, not letter o). From the car park we'll follow the cycling/walking track along to the zoo. We'll then take a track beside the zoo down to the Molonglo River and continue along a track that follows the river and takes us into the Arboretum. We'll walk to, and ascend, Barrer Hill, where we'll stop for a while to enjoy the views. We'll then descend and walk to Dairy Farmers Hill, which we'll ascend and, again, stop to enjoy the views. From here we'll descend to the Visitor Centre for a coffee (or whatever). We'll complete the walk by continuing down the hill to the National Rock Garden. Climb: 200m. **Meet in the carpark at the National Rock Garden, at the western end of Lake Burley Griffin, accessed from Lady Denman Drive (directly across from the main entrance to the Arboretum).**

Wed 8 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 8 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 11 Jun – DEADMANS HILL CIRCUIT – 13km Medium (10)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). 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 1500m, 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: 600m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Maps: Williamsdale, Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 8.30 am.*****

Sun 12 Jun – MURRUMBIDGEE SOUTH FROM CASUARINA SANDS – 15km Medium (8)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). This is mostly an out and back walk from Casuarina Sands towards Kambah Pool, following the Murrumbidgee Discovery Track. After 2.5km we take a short diversion to the river for morning tea, and then continue along the river for about one km (some lumpy ground here, but not rocky) before taking a short steep climb to regain the official track. Lunch is half-way to Kambah Pool, on a rocky knoll with views, after which we return the way we came. The route is undulating with several side-creek crossings (sticks may be useful), a little overgrown so trousers and long sleeves are recommended. Mostly track or footpad. Climb: 250m. Cars: Nil. Map: Cotter Dam. **Meet at Casuarina Sands – turn left immediately after entering and drive to the end of the car park.**

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

Wed 15 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: John Kelly (0400 581 303)

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

Sat 18 Jun – RENDEZVOUS CREEK TO YANKEE HAT ROCK ART – 11km Easy (7)

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). 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 a kilometre, then strike due west along a low ridge for 2 km, looping around to cross Middle Creek and head south to the Yankee Hat rock art. We return via the Yankee Hat walking track to Bogong Creek and follow the creek to cross Middle Creek where the two creeks meet. We return to the cars via a series of low hills. Climb: 300m. Cars: 90km (\$11). Map: Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

Sun 19 Jun – BILLY RANGE CIRCUIT – 11km Hard (12)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). We start at the Glendale Depot car park and follow the Brandy Flat Hut track for about 2.5 km before turning north up the disused Reedy Creek track. After another 800m we head uphill to begin the climb to Billy Range. There are some interesting rocky outcrops up here and great views. As we near the end of the range, we descend to the track, then head along the Reedy Creek fire trail. Depending on the conditions, we will either stay on this until it meets the Brandy Flat track or will take a short cut off-track (involving about 60m of climb) before heading back to the cars. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Climb: 700m. Cars: 85km (\$10) Map: Michelago. **Meet at K at 8.30 am.*****

Wed 22 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Details: walks@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

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Sat 25 Jun – URAMBI HILLS AND BULLEN RANGE NATURE RESERVES – 15km Medium (8)

Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). From the car park, we head cross country and pick up track beside Tuggeranong Creek to the base of the tallest peak before we climb to the trig point for great 360-degree views. We then follow the ridge behind Gleneagles and the golf course to Kambah Pool Road. Spectacular views along the way. Walk on the Centenary Trail past Amberly Eggs to the entrance of the Murrumbidgee corridor in the Bullen Range Nature Reserve. Wander along a narrow track before picking up the Centenary Trail from Kambah Pool to Pine Island. Visit Red Rocks Gorge lookout and continue on the trail past the gorge before heading down to the river for lunch. Continue on the Centenary Trail before heading cross country and rejoining the Centenary Trail to Tuggeranong Creek. Head back to the cars cross country via Tuggeranong Creek. Climb: 350m. Map: Tuggeranong. **Meet at the car park at the end of Learmonth Drive before it meets Athllon Drive.**

Sun 26 Jun – SQUARE ROCK – 10km Easy (6)

Leader: Ken Hird (0417 247 065). We start at the new Square Rock car park on the Corin Road. This is 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. Climb: 270m. Cars: 70km (\$8). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

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

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Wed 29 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Details: walks@brindabellabushwalking.org.au