

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

JULY — DECEMBER 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 Cooleman 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 and must be paid to the driver in cash. It is currently based on 14 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 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, please feel free to talk to walk leaders, the Walks Officer, or other Committee members. Detailed *Guidelines for Leaders* are available on the Club's website at: <https://www.brindabellabushwalking.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/BBC-Guidelines-for-Leaders-June-2021.pdf>

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.
- Unless the leader has indicated otherwise, always assume you will need to bring lunch with you.
- 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 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)

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WALKING TRIPS AWAY

At present most of these trips away are heavily booked however please contact the leader to check on vacancies. See under the relevant date for full trip details.

Mon 11 – Mon 25 Jul – 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.

Fri 16 – Thu 22 Sep – WALKING TRIP TO TUMUT

Leaders: Mary Lindsay and Peter Wellman (62885985, wellmanp@inet.net.au). We will be staying 6 nights at Ribbonwood cottages (www.ribbonwoodcottages.com.au). We have booked 4 cottages. Each has 2 bedrooms, one with a double and the other with 2 singles. The cost is \$60 per person per night, based on 4 people per cottage. If there are fewer people in the cottage each person will have to pay more as the total cost per cottage is \$240 per night. Full payment will be required (to Mary) during July. In addition some people may prefer to stay at Tumut Caravan Park, which is about 3km from the cottages, and they will need to make their own arrangements. Maximum number 20. Contact the leaders for further information.

Mon 10 – Fri 14 Oct – WHARF TO WHARF (TATHRA TO MERIMBULA), & A DAY ON GULAGA

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). The W2W involves a total of 30km and 600m climb over 2 days, the walks rated at the lower end of Medium. A third day will be spent climbing Gulaga (Mt Dromedary) 13km, 800m climb. Accommodation in cabins at Kianinny Bush Resort, Tathra. The trip is fully booked with a short waiting list. Contact the leader for further information.

Thu 20 – Fri 28 Oct – GRAMPPIANS PEAKS TRAIL STAYING AT HALLS GAP.

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223, wmholgate@gmail.com). This trip to the Grampians National Park is to walk sections of the Grampians Peaks Trail. The spectacular Grampians Peaks Trail traverses a wide variety of terrain over its 160km. The aim of this walk for BBC is to walk 6 of the stages of the trail as day walks with a rest day in the middle. There is a relatively straightforward car shuffle for each of the stages. We will base ourselves in Halls Gap in camping, camper trailer, caravan or motel/cabin type accommodation. Each stage of this walk is at the Medium or Hard level. Contact the leader for further information.

Mon 31 Oct – Fri 4 Nov – WALKING IN PERISHER staying at Canberra Alpine Club Perisher Lodge.

Leader: Judy Lejins (0400 786 324, judylejins@ozemail.com.au). 4 days of easy/very easy walks in the Perisher area. Expected cost for 4 nights \$156 per person or \$117 for members of CAC. Some shared rooms (maximum two, same sex or couples) self-catered breakfasts and lunches, shared dinners (roster). Contact the leader for further information.

Wed 2 – Fri 4 Nov – NGARIGO CAR CAMP (2 NIGHTS), KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK WITH TWO DAYS OF GENTLE RIVERSIDE WALKING

Leader: Terrylea Reynolds (0408 715 218, terryleainwashington@hotmail.com). A mid-week, three-day two-night car camp at Ngarigo Campground, KNP. After arriving at 3pm on Wednesday we'll set up camp before sharing some nibbles and drinks around a campfire. On Thursday we will walk along the Thredbo Valley Track west to Thredbo returning to camp the same way. Distance is 18km return on gently undulating track. BBC Grade 7 Easy/Medium. On Friday we'll again walk along the Thredbo Valley Track in the opposite direction. Distance is approximately 13km return on an easy footpad. BBC Grade 6 Easy. After returning we pack up and head home to Canberra. Both walks are entirely on a well-maintained footpad alongside the

Thredbo River in delightful eucalyptus forest. NPWS pass required as well as KNP tent/van booking fees. Contact the leader for further information.

Sat 2 Jul – GIBRALTAR ROCKS VIA BIRRIGAI – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468, billgibsons@gmail.com). Leaving cars at the Tidbinbilla Visitor Information Centre, we climb to the Eliza Saddle via the interesting Birrigai Time Trail, then climb to the top of Gibraltar Peak. Return via Dalsetta taking either the Eliza Saddle track or the Gibraltar Fire Trail, and then the Congwarra Trail to the cars. All on track. Climb: 450m. Cars: 60km (\$8). No park entry fee. Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K.**

Sun 3 Jul – MUSHROOM ROCK, GIBRALTAR PEAK, WOODS RESERVE – 12km Medium (8)

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). A circuit (mostly on track) from Corin Road, a short steep climb to Mushroom Rock, followed by Gibraltar Peak, down to Woods Reserve and then back to the cars via fire trails that mainly parallel the Corin Road. Climb: 550m. Cars: 50km (\$7). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K.**

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

Wed 6 Jul – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Robin Cayzer (0417 238 652).

Wed 6 Jul – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 9 Jul – MT STROMLO – 9km Easy (6)

Leader: Colleen Fox (0424 030 015). This is a comfortable walk around the base of Mt Stromlo and some other tracks exploring some of the bushland, wildlife and sights of interest on the Mountain. The walk length will be determined by participants but the minimum is 8.3km, all on track. Undulating track with some steady climbs. Climb: 200m. Map: Canberra. **Meet in the car park of the Stromlo Leisure Centre, Corner of Uriarra Road and Dave McInnes Road, Stromlo (next to Stromlo Mountain Bike Park).**

Sun 10 Jul – MOUNT TENNENT FROM NAMADGI VISITOR CENTRE – 16km Medium (10)

Leader: Luisa Dal Molin (0478 297 775, luisa@brownsdon.com.au). From the Namadgi Visitor Centre we follow the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT) to the new Mt Tennent walking track, follow the new track to the fire tower at the top of Mount Tennent for lunch. Return via the Mt Tennent fire trail and the AAWT. All on track. Nice views all the way. Climb: 805m. Cars: 40km (\$6). Map: Williamsdale. **Meet at K.**

Mon 11 – Mon 25 Jul – 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.

Wed 13 Jul – VERY SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

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

Sat 16 Jul – HONEYSUCKLE CREEK TO LEGOLAND – 14km Medium (9)

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223). 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 (\$10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K leaving at 8.30am.*****

Sun 17 Jul – CORK OAKS PLANTATION AND ARANDA BUSHLAND RESERVE MORNING WALK – 9km Easy (5)

Leader: Terrylea Reynolds (0408 715 218). A morning circuit walk starting at the Cork Plantation in the National Arboretum then into the Aranda Bushland Reserve. After a visit to the Aranda frost hollow we'll be indulgent and add a side trip to the 'Two Before Ten' Cafe in Aranda for a morning tea/coffee stop. We'll be back at the cars in time for lunch. Mainly on track with some very short, easy off-track sections (maybe none if the ground is dry). Climb: 225m. Cars: Nil. Map: Canberra. **Meet at the car park for the Cork Plantation in the National Arboretum. When you drive into the Arboretum take the first turnoff to the right into Cork Oak Road and drive to the end of the sealed road.**

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

Wed 20 Jul – 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 20 Jul – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791).

Sat 23 Jul – MT TAYLOR AND OAKEY HILL – 12 km Easy (7)

Leader: Lyn Willson (0417 418 837, willson@iimetro.com.au). A pleasant winter-warmer walk along the western flanks of Mt Taylor and across to Oakey Hill, with good views from the summit. Climb: 280m. Cars: Nil. Map: Canberra. **Meet at K.**

Sun 24 Jul – OVER BULLEN RANGE TO KAMBAH POOL – 8km Medium (9)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). From the Tidbinbilla Tracking Station we climb a lightly wooded spur to reach the Bullen Range Fire Trail. A little further north we take a similar steepish spur east, dropping down to a knoll overlooking Kambah Pool. We do not go down to river level but stay high and follow the river north for good views. After crossing a couple of steep gullies we then reach a trail that takes us back over the range and a return to the cars. Nice unspoilt forest, mostly off-track walking which we'll take slowly and carefully. Climb: 460m. Cars: 65km (\$9). Maps: Tidbinbilla, Tuggeranong. **Meet at K.**

Wed 27 Jul – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 27 Jul – 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 27 Jul – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 30 Jul – WALK ALONG THE MURRUMBIDGEE – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Colleen Fox (0424 030 015). From Kambah Pool we walk north (downstream) along the walking track towards Casuarina Sands. We will lunch about 6km along the track and return the same way. This is an undulating scenic walk and there are good views of the river for much of the way. Climb: 300m. Maps: Tuggeranong, Cotter Dam. **Meet at Kambah Pool upper car park (turn left at the intersection just after the Reserve entrance, signed ‘Kambah Pool Beach’).**

Sun 31 Jul – CUUMBEUN NATURE RESERVE – 12km Medium (8)

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). A short drive from Queanbeyan to a point 1km along the 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: 540m. Cars: 20km (\$3). Map: Bungendore. **Meet at Q.**

Wed 3 Aug – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 3 Aug – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260).

Wed 3 Aug – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004).

Sat 6 Aug – GOOROYARROO WOODLAND RESERVE, THREE TRIG WALK – 8.5km Easy (7)

Leader: Luisa Dal Molin (0478 297 775, luisa@brownsdon.com.au). Starting from the Goorooyarroo car park off Horse Park Drive, we will climb to the trig on Gecko Hills then follow the ridge and the ACT/NSW border to the trigonometrical station on Old Joe Hill. We will descend and return via fire trails. The walk will be mostly on fire trails and foot tracks with some off-track sections through open grasslands. There are some steep ascents which will give us some spectacular views over Canberra and NSW. Climb: 260m. **Meet at the car park on Horse Park Drive near the turn off to the Federal Highway. Note that there are several car parks along Horse Park Drive and that this is the last one before the turn off.**

Sun 7 Aug – MT TIDBINBILLA AND THE PIMPLE – 13km Hard (12)

Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791, cupitandjen@outlook.com). In Tidbinbilla, we climb steeply from the Mountain Creek car park up a good footpad to Snowy Corner, continuing less steeply to Mt Tidbinbilla. Thence via a scrubby spur leading out to the Pimple. Return by the same route. Warm clothes, gloves and gaiters recommended. Climb: 900m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Please contact the leader if you wish to go on this walk – it may be adjusted depending on the weather forecast. Meet at K at 8.00am.*****

Wed 10 Aug – VERY 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 10 Aug – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 13 Aug – SMOKERS LOOP AND SQUARE ROCK – 15km Medium (9)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). We start on the Smokers Loop track from the Square Rock car park on Corin Dam Road. Then we take the Smokers Link track to the Square Rock track, out to Square Rock via the Orroral Valley lookout, and back by the usual path. Mostly on track. Climb: 350m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Cotter Dam. **Meet at K.**

Sun 14 Aug – PARLIAMENTARY TRIANGLE – 9km Easy (6)

Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). A morning walk through Telopea Park, Lake foreshore, Bible Gardens, National Gallery (Skyspace and the sculpture garden), rose gardens at the Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House) for morning tea, the Bunya pine planted in 1927, New Parliament House gardens and wind our way back through the Surveyors camp off State Circle and Forrest. Picnic lunch in Telopea Park. Map: Canberra suburbs. **Meet across the road from the Manuka Pool.**

Wed 17 Aug – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 17 Aug – 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 17 Aug – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 20 Aug – CAMELS HUMP AND JOHNS PEAK – 14km Medium (10)

Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004, pchhope128@gmail.com). Walk up Camelback Fire Trail to a saddle, from where a short 100 metre climb on foot track involving some rock scrambling takes us to the top for lunch on rocks with good views over north-western slopes of Tidbinbilla Range. On way back take track to Johns Peak. A short walk off-track after Johns Peak returns to the fire trail then back to cars. Gloves and gaiters recommended. Climb: 700m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

Sun 21 Aug – ANU SCULPTURE WALK - about 8km Easy (4)

Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). A walk looking at many of the 55 outdoor sculptures located throughout the ANU campus. We will be going through a range of tracks and terrain on campus in a roughly circular route, starting at Childers Street. We will be walking through most of the campus. This meeting place is easily accessible if you come by public transport, and car parking is available because it is Sunday. Coffee or lunch at the Botanic Gardens, National Museum or on campus are options. **Meet at the front of the Street Theatre at the Childers Street entrance to Australian National University at 9.30 am.*****

Wed 24 Aug – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 24 Aug – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Mike Smith (62862984).

Wed 24 Aug – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Philip Gatenby (0401 415 446).

Sat 27 Aug – GLENBURN HERITAGE WALK – 11km Easy (7)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468, billgibsons@gmail.com). This is an interesting walk visiting historic sites just east of Queanbeyan in the Burbong and Glenburn areas. Our route follows that developed by NPA, the group which has done much to restore and promote this area. We leave cars on the Bungendore Road and take Charcoal Kiln Road and Atkinson Road to Atkinson Trig from where we orient ourselves with an overview of the area. We then visit the Burbong site, Colliers Homestead ruins and the site of Curleys Homestead before heading north-west to River Road, crossing Glenburn Creek on the way. We follow River Road north-east to the Glenburn site when we visit the ruins of Glenburn Homestead, an old shearing shed, some charcoal kilns and a sheep dip, and one of the earliest European cemeteries in the region. The route is relatively flat on a mixture of fire trails, footpads and open country. A few fences and a creek crossing are to be negotiated. Climb: 200m. Cars: 10km (\$1) Map: Bungendore. **Meet at Q.**

Sun 28 Aug –MT PLEASANT / CAMPBELL MORNING WALK – 8km Easy (6)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). A morning walk past the historic Duntroon Dairy to Mount Pleasant for great views over the east basin and where 64 pounder cannons are installed. We continue past General Bridges grave and through Campbell bushland to new Campbell for morning coffee. Back to the cars via Blundells Cottage and Lake Burley Griffin northern shores before lunch. Mainly on-track with some very small off-track sections. Climb: 200m. Cars: Nil. **Meet at the car park at Menindee Drive, Grevillea Park at 8.30am.*****

Sun 28 Aug – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 3.00pm – 5.00pm at St Margaret’s Uniting Church Hall located at the corner of Phillip Avenue and Antill Street, Hackett. The entrance to the church grounds is off Antill St and there is plenty of parking at the back of the church. Arrive from 2.45pm for a 3.00pm start and the meeting should end no later than 5.00pm. Usual business will include the delivery of annual reports and election of office holders. Current Covid 19 social distancing and hand sanitising arrangements will be in place. ***PLEASE NOTE NEW DAY AND TIME THIS YEAR FOR AGM***

Wed 31 Aug – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 31 Aug - 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 31Aug - MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 3 Sep – FRANK AND JACKS HUT AND HOSPITAL CREEK CASCADES – 12km Medium (8)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468, billgibsons@gmail.com). From Yankee Hat car park we walk south on the old Boboyan Road to reach Frank & Jacks Hut for morning tea. Continuing to Hospital Creek Hut we then follow Hospital Creek downstream to reach the Hospital Creek Cascades. After a short off-track section we reach the Old Boboyan Road to return to the cars. Mostly on track with a small amount of off-track through light bush, this is a very pleasant walk. Climb: 160m. Cars: 104km (\$14). Map: Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

Sun 4 Sep – TUGGERANONG RAILWAY AND ENCHANTED HILL – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142, wardle@webone.com.au). We will walk from the Chisholm underpass on the Monaro Highway and walk beside the railway around Melrose Valley before climbing to inspect an old quarry. We then continue to climb up Enchanted Hill for panoramic views. The return walk will be through open scrub, pine forests and the railway track. Climb: 200m. Cars: 12km (\$2). Map: Tuggeranong. **Meet at K.**

Wed 7 Sep – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 7 Sep – 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 7 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959).

Sat 10 Sep – SHERWOOD FOREST AND MT DOWLING – 10 to 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). A pleasant walk to see the magnificent swathe of daffodils that appears each spring at the site of the old Sherwood Homestead. The exact route is as yet uncertain but will start from Mountain Creek Road and will include an ascent of Mt Dowling (good views). Climb: 200m. Map: Cotter Dam. Cars: 50km (\$7). **Meet at W.**

Sun 11 Sep – BOOROOMBA ROCKS CAR PARK to NAMADGI VISITORS CENTRE – 15km Medium (10)

Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). This walk is along the concluding section of the Walhalla, Victoria to Canberra, Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT). It is all on formed walking or bush vehicle tracks. This walk starts from Booroomba Rocks car park. It then continues downhill to Bushfold Flats where a short diversion could be made to the now reconstructed Reed’s Hut, which was severely damaged in the 2003 bushfires. The walk continues along Bushfold Flat on a vehicle track and then up and over the northern shoulder of Mt Tennent on a walking track. At the shoulder

there is a sign-posted T-Junction. The walk continues along the left (east) fork. Straight ahead (south) the walking track continues to the Mt Tennent summit road. If time and energy allow this could be taken as a side trip to the summit for views across Canberra and Namadgi. The walk continues down the eastern side of Mt Tennent, sometimes steeply, past Cypress Pine lookout to finish at the Namadgi Visitors Centre. A car shuffle between the Visitors Centre and Booroomba Rocks car park is required. Climb 800m. Cars: 90km (\$13). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Wed 14 Sep – VERY SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 14 Sep – 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 14 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Fri 16 – Thu 22 Sep – WALKING TRIP TO TUMUT

Leaders: Mary Lindsay and Peter Wellman (6288 5985 wellmanp@inet.net.au). We will be staying 6 nights at Ribbonwood cottages (www.ribbonwoodcottages.com.au). We have booked 4 cottages. Each has 2 bedrooms, one with a double and the other with 2 singles. The cost is \$60 per person per night, based on 4 people per cottage. If there are fewer people in the cottage each person will have to pay more as the total cost per cottage is \$240 per night. Full payment will be required (to Mary) during July. In addition some people may prefer to stay at Tumut Caravan Park, which is about 3km from the cottages, and they will need to make their own arrangements. Maximum number 20. Mary will be organising the accommodation and Peter will organise the walks. The walks will be mainly of medium grade and many will be on sections of the Hume and Hovell track although if the weather is wet we may drive to Adelong to look at the gold diggings or to Tumbarumba to look at the women’s pioneer museum. Contact the leaders for further information.

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

Leader: Robyn Gallagher (0409 891 187). We'll walk from the car park on Mulligans Flat Road at the edge of Forde to the start of the Border Track just along Mulligans Flat Road and follow it to where Mulligans Flat Reserve borders Goorooyaroo Reserve. We'll keep following the northern edge of Goorooyaroo to the top of Old Joe Hill. Our return route is via the Centenary Trail, including a section through the corner of Mulligans Flat Sanctuary. The walk is all on tracks or across open grassland, with good views of Canberra on one side and NSW on the other. Climb: 600m, but this is because of undulations rather than steep climbs. Map: Canberra Centenary Trail. **Meet at the car park on Mulligans Flat Road at the outer edge of Forde at 9.00am.**

Sun 18 Sep – LONDON BRIDGE TO WASHPEN CROSSING – 9km Easy (7)

Leader: Phillip Starr (0419 281 096, phillipstarr1945@gmail.com). This is a walk through the southern section of Googong foreshore. We will walk from the London Bridge woolshed to the old homestead then we walk beside Burra Creek to approach the London Bridge arch from the south. We will continue north to the junction of the Queanbeyan River and Burra Creek, visiting Washpen Crossing. Returning we will get a different view of the London Bridge arch by approaching from the north. We then return to the cars by crossing the arch. Climb: 320m. Cars: 50km (\$7). Map: Captains Flat. **Meet at S.**

Wed 21 Sep – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 21 Sep – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142).

Wed 21 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791).

Sat 24 Sep – MIDDLE CREEK AND YANKEE HAT NORTH – 13km Medium (11)
Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004, pchope128@gmail.com). We walk across to the cascades in Middle Creek, initially on the track. Then we parallel the creek up for a while and break left so that we can approach Yankee Hat North from the north. After climbing through the rocks to the high point, where we’ll have lunch, we’ll descend steeply via the eastern slope to the valley. After visiting the art we’ll head across to the walking track to return to the cars. There’ll be some regrowth scratchy scrub on the hill and a steep descent through the rocks. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are strongly recommended. Climb: 650m. Cars: 100km (\$14). Maps: Rendezvous Creek, Yaouk. **Meet at K at 8.00am.*****

Sun 25 Sep – LONDON BRIDGE TO BURRA – 13km Easy (7)
Leaders: Andrew and Jenny Cupit (0478 309 791 or cupitandjen@outlook.com) Starting at London Bridge Woolshed we follow the fire trail towards London Bridge Homestead. We continue on the fire trail keeping Burra Creek on our right. We head down the hill through paddocks to approach Burra at the road bridge. We return the same way and can visit London Bridge Homestead and Arch. Climb: 250m. Cars: 40km (\$5). Maps: Captains Flat, Williamsdale. **Meet at Q.**

Wed 28 Sep – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (62880449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 28 Sep – 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 28 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 1 Oct – BRANDY FLAT HUT – 11km Easy (7)
Leader: Jillian Bellamy (0433 588 252). 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: 300m. Cars: 85km (\$12). Map: Michelago. **Meet at K.**

Sun 2 Oct – SPINNAKER CIRCUIT – 7km Medium (9)

Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). From the Honeysuckle Creek camping ground we walk up the Orroral Ridge Road and then a short distance along the Link Track (which goes to the Orroral Valley). We then go off-track, roughly north-east along the ridge to Spinnaker Rock where we will have lunch. There is a steep descent to the valley and then on track back to the starting point for an early finish. Some thick scrub expected - long pants, gaiters and gloves recommended. Opportunities to practise navigation skills if desired. Climb: 300m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Wed 5 Oct – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 5 Oct – 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 5 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (62861573, 0487 388 959).

Sat 8 Oct – MOUNT BUDAWANG – 13km Medium (8)

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223). This walk is up a graded fire trail to the fire tower at the top for lunch and panoramic views. There may be scope for walking through the bush on the way back to the cars. Climb: 430m. Cars: 240km (\$33). Map: Braidwood. **Meet at Q.**

Sun 9 Oct – A DAY IN THE BRINDABELLAS – 8km Easy (7)

Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142, wardle@webone.com.au). A morning climb of Mt Franklin with sightings of the old ski runs and tow equipment followed by a walk up Mt Aggie with views to the west. The afternoon will be spent wandering through the Bendora Arboretum. Climb: 200m. Cars: 130km (\$18). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W.**

Mon 10 - Fri 14 Oct - WHARF TO WHARF (TATHRA TO MERIMBULA), PLUS A DAY ON GULAGA

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). The W2W involves a total of 30km and 500m climb over 2 days with the walks rated at the lower end of medium. A third day will be spent climbing Gulaga (Mt Dromedary) 13km, 800m climb. Accommodation is in cabins at Kianinny Bush Resort, Tathra. This trip is fully booked with a short waiting list. Contact the leader for further details.

Wed 12 Oct – VERY SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 12 Oct – 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 12 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 15 Oct – FOUR HUTS WALK, NAMADGI NATIONAL PARK – 16km Medium (9)
Leader: Luisa Dal Molin (0478 297 775, luisa@brownsdon.com.au). A combination of two walks in Namadgi National Park. We drive to Old Boboyan Homestead car park and then do a short car shuffle to position cars at the finishing point at Brayshaws Hut. We visit four historical structures: the ruins of Old Boboyan Homestead, Waterhole, Westermans and Brayshaws Huts. The walk is on fire trails and a foot track, with several potential shallow creek crossings following rain. Climb: 315m. Cars: 120km (\$17). Maps: Rooftop's Namadgi – ACT South Activities, 1:25000, Yaouk, Shannons Flat. **Meet at K at 8:30am.*****

Sun 16 Oct – NORTH LYNEHAM to BLACK MOUNTAIN – 15km Medium (8)
Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). Walk along Lyneham Ridge, O'Connor Ridge to Black Mountain. Follow tracks on the west side of the mountain, to the south side. Climb on the south side to a track leading to the Botanic Gardens for lunch. Return to North Lyneham by parallel routes on the ridges. Climb: 400m. **Meet at NL.**

Wed 19 Oct – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 19 Oct – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Wed 19 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004).

Thurs 20 – Fri 28th Oct – GRAMPPIANS PEAKS TRAIL STAYING AT HALLS GAP
Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223 or wmholgate@gmail.com). This trip to the Grampians National Park is to walk sections of the Grampians Peaks Trail. The spectacular trail traverses a wide variety of terrain over its 160km. The aim of this walk for BBC is to walk 6 of the stages of the trail as day walks with a rest day in the middle. There is a relatively straight forward car shuffle for each of the stages. We will base ourselves in Halls Gap in camping, camper trailer, caravan or motel/cabin type accommodation. Each stage of this walk is at the Medium or Hard level. Contact the leader for further information.

Fri 21 Oct – SPRING FAMILY PICNIC

Contact: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). Weston Park from 4.30pm. Follow the signs to the miniature railway. Plenty of parking at the railway and the BBQ area is on the right as you approach the car park. BYO meal/drinks and something to share for dessert or nibbles. BBQ facilities are available. Bring portable chair and cardigan. This is a family event.

Sat 22 Oct – FORDE TO WATSON – 17km Medium (9)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). From the main Mulligans Flat car park (Amy Ackman Drive, Forde) we progress through Mulligans Flat visiting the Woolshed, bird walk and big dam before entering Gorooyarroo via Throsby and Sammy's Hill. Then over to Mount Majura reserve and back to the cars. Mostly on track including the Centenary Trail. Car shuffle required. Climb: 300m. Cars: 24km (\$3). Map: Canberra. **Meet at the Mt Majura car park, corner of Antill Street Hackett and the old Watson Bus Terminus.**

Sun 23 Oct – SETTLERS TRACK – 9km Easy (6)

Leader: Gayle Buttrose (0423 772 889). This is a very pleasant, signposted walk of 9km, in undulating open country in a region unaffected by the recent fires, starting from Brayshaws Hut and visiting Waterhole and Westermans Huts along the way. For more information see [The Settlers Track - self-guided walk \(act.gov.au\)](#). Climb: <200m. Cars: 140km (\$20). Maps: Yaouk, Shannons Flat. **Meet at K.**

Wed 26 Oct – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 26 Oct – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Steven Forst (0428 195 236).

Wed 26 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Philip Gatenby (0401 415 446).

Sat 29 Oct – MT STROMLO AND BLUETTS BLOCK – 11.5km Easy (7)

Leader: Nishat Mueller (nishafroze@gmail.com). From the Stromlo Leisure Centre we will first go up to Mt Stromlo’s trig point, then proceed down the other side towards Uriarra Rd and cross over into a parcel of natural bushland, known as Bluetts Block. This area is popular with bird watchers and there is a campaign to protect it from future development. The walk is all on track and offers lovely views. Return will be via alternative tracks. Climb: 300m. **Meet in the car park of the Stromlo Leisure Centre, Corner of Uriarra Road and Dave McInnes Road, Stromlo (next to Stromlo Mountain Bike Park).**

Sun 30 Oct – BLACK MOUNTAIN RESERVE / ARANDA BUSHLAND – 13km Medium (8)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). From the car park, we take the Caswell Drive underpass, then left into Black Mountain Reserve via the Woodland and Lakeview Trails. It’s a steep, rough fire trail up before turning right onto a pretty footpad to a lookout with lovely views across the lake (poles useful for this section). Continue following the Bushland Nature Walk through the Botanic Gardens to the Centenary Trail. We climb Little Black Mountain and follow a bush track to the underpass into the Aranda bushland. Explore this reserve including the Frost Hollow to Forest Walk before heading back to the cars. Hopefully, a good wildflower season this year. Climb: 400m. Cars: Nil. **Meet at the Black Mountain Reserve car park. If coming from the south, the car park is on the left heading north between Glenloch Interchange and Aranda (no sign). If coming from Belconnen exit William Hovell Drive onto Old Caswell Drive.**

Mon 31 Oct – Fri 4 Nov – WALKING IN PERISHER staying at Canberra Alpine Club Perisher Lodge.

Leader: Judy Lejins (0400 786 324, judylejins@ozemail.com.au). 4 days of easy/very easy walks in the Perisher area. Expected cost for 4 nights \$156 per person or \$117 for members of CAC. Some shared rooms (maximum two, same sex or couples) self-catered breakfasts and lunches, shared dinners (roster). Contact the leader for further information.

Wed 2 – Fri 4 Nov – NGARIGO CAR CAMP (2 NIGHTS), KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK WITH TWO DAYS OF GENTLE RIVERSIDE WALKING

Leader: Terrylea Reynolds (0408 715 218, terryleainwashington@hotmail.com). A mid-week, three-day two-night car camp at Ngarigo, Kosciuszko National Park as our base. After arriving at Ngarigo Camping Ground at 3pm on Wednesday we'll take our time, sharing some nibbles, drinks and convivial conversation around a campfire before tucking into our sleeping bags and tents for the night. We will walk along the Thredbo Valley Track west to Thredbo the next day (Thursday) returning to camp the same way. Distance is 18km return on gently undulating track. BBC Grade 7 Easy/Medium. The next day (Friday) we'll again walk along the Thredbo Valley Track in the opposite direction. Distance is approximately 13km return on an easy footpad. BBC Grade 6 Easy. After returning we pack up and head home to Canberra and you could expect to be back around 6pm. Both walks are entirely on a well-maintained footpad alongside the Thredbo River in delightful eucalyptus forest. NPWS pass required as well as KNP tent/van booking fees. Contact the leader for further information.

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

Wed 2 Nov – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: Kathy Handel (6238 3596, 0447 289 638).

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

Sat 5 Nov – An Easy walk for this date will be sent out to members by email. Leader: Jillian Bellamy (0433 588 252).

Sun 6 Nov – MULLIGANS FLAT ROAD TO HALL – 17km Medium (9)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468, billgibsons@gmail.com). This walk follows routes 5 and 6 of the Canberra Centenary Trail. From Mulligans Flat Road car park in Forde we follow the Centenary Trail westwards along the ACT border, through the Border Campsite to the trail's northernmost point. We then continue to Hall, with an optional diversion to climb One Tree Hill for views. This walk, while quite long and undulating, is all on good track and through pleasant grasslands and woodlands and with good panoramas. A car shuffle will be required. Climb: 350m (includes the short side-trip to ascend One Tree hill). Cars: \$2. Map: Hall, also *Walking and Cycling Canberra's Centenary Trail*. **Meet at Hall: turn right from Victoria St into Loftus St and park near the Rural Fire shed.**

Wed 9 Nov – VERY SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

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

Sat 12 Nov – ROCKY OUTCROPS BETWEEN SQUARE ROCK CAR PARK AND THE OLD SMOKERS TRAIL CAR PARK – 7km Medium (10)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). We park at the Square Rock car park beside Corin Rd and follow Smokers Loop for about 1km. We then walk south to the first major rocky outcrop, where we'll have morning tea. We then zig-zag a bit, visiting various interesting rock formations along the way. After lunch, we descend through the bush until we reach the Square Rock track, which we follow back to the car park. The off-track portion is only about 4km in total, but the regrowth, fallen trees and rocky sections keep the pace down to an average of 1kph in the bush. Some of the rocky outcrops are magnificent and the battle to reach them is worth it. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are highly recommended. Climb: 350m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K, leaving at 8.30am.*****

Sun 13 Nov – OAKEY HILL TO CITY – 15km Medium (8)

Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). We start from the car park at the entrance to Illoura Horse Paddocks and walk through the equestrian park to the Arboretum. We will have morning tea at the Cork Plantation and walk through the Black Mountain Reserve before heading into the Botanic Gardens, where we can get coffee with our lunch. From Barry Drive we will bus to the Phillip Pool and walk back to Oakey Hill. Nearly all on track or footpath. Climb: 200m. Map: Canberra Street Directory. **Meet at the northern side of the ACTEW substation at the corner of Devonport and Heysen Streets, Lyons.**

Wed 16 Nov – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 16 Nov – 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 16 Nov – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (62861573, 0487 388 959).

Sat 19 Nov – NIL DESPERANDUM FROM MOUNTAIN CREEK CAR PARK – 11km Easy (7).

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223). The well-restored Nil Desperandum homestead will be the lunch stop on this walk through Tidbinbilla. We will start with a 200m 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 Webbs Picnic Spot. A short car shuffle will be involved to retrieve cars from Mountain Creek. Climb: 290m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K.**

Sun 20 Nov – REEDY CREEK AND RIDGE – 8km Medium (8)

Leader: Prue Deacon (62861573, 0487 388 959). We park at the Glendale Depot car park and follow the Brandy Flat Hut footpad and fire trail to the Reedy Creek crossing. We walk along Reedy Creek till we meet another fire trail which follows the creek roughly north, climbing to a saddle. We then turn west, climbing off-track to hill point 1288 for lunch, then follow the ridge line south before descending to the footpad to return to the cars. Climb: 400m. Cars: 85km (\$12). Map: Michelago. (Note: People who have not done much off-track walking are welcome to come - discuss with the leader if you are not sure.) Long pants, gaiters and gloves recommended. **Meet at K.**

Wed 23 Nov – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

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

Sat 26 Nov – SPRING CREEK GORGE – 10km Medium (9)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). The walk starts from the Day Use area on Woolcara Lane in Yanununbeyan NP (about 1 hour drive from Queanbeyan). We climb 150m through scrub to the trig on Corner Hill, then descend 200m to the large pool on the Queanbeyan River at GR124624. We next follow the river upstream, with views of its pools and rapids, to the junction of Spring Creek. The creek has a small, interesting gorge and several cascades. From here, we return to the cars via the ridge tops. If it is a hot day we can leave the bush here and follow the road back. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Climb: 525m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Captains Flat. **Meet at S, leaving at 8.30am. *****

Sun 27 Nov – BOOROOMBA ROCKS FROM HONEYSUCKLE CREEK CAMPGROUND – 12km Medium (9)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). 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 (\$10). Map: Williamsdale. **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

Wed 30 Nov – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

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

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Sat 3 Dec – MT GINGERA FROM MOUNT GININI CAR PARK – 15km Medium (8)

Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). This is the easiest way to achieve the summit of Mt Gingera with its great views, but it is a long drive. We will have morning tea at Pryors Hut, and lunch at the summit. All on track. Suitable for warm weather because we are over 1600 m elevation most of the day. Climb: 440m. Cars: 140km (\$20). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at W at 8.30am.*****

Sun 4 Dec – SPARROW HILL AND EAST KOWEN – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). This is an easy walk at Sparrow Hill, a mountain biking location in pine forest with cool shady tracks and patches of native forest (we will need to be wary of bikes). From the car park we head south passing under the Kings Highway to ascend Sparrow Hill (846m) for morning tea, from where we view the Defence HQJOC facility. Returning to the north, we take a route through East Kowen forest, enjoying views to the east and north, and visiting an old sheep dip. There will be a mixture of winding bike tracks, off-track with patches of fallen timber and long grass, and some fire trail. Gaiters will be useful. Climb: 200m. Cars: 22km (\$3). Map: Bungendore. **Meet at S.**

Wed 7 Dec – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 7 Dec – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Kathy Handel (6238 3596, 0447 289 638).

Wed 7 Dec – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 10 Dec – BLUNDELLS FLAT TO COREE CAMPGROUND VIA PABRAL ROAD – 14km Medium (9)

Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142, wardle@webone.com.au). The pleasure of this walk is to be walking through mainly unburnt forest on now closed fire trails. We start from the former Blundells Flat pine forest and then gradually ascend along Pabral Fire Trail crossing into NSW and the Brindabella National Park. Lunch in the pleasant Coree Campground and we return downhill following the same route. Climb: 500m. Cars: 65m (\$9). Map: Cotter Dam. **Meet at W.**

Sun 11 Dec – WANNIASSA HILL NATURE RESERVE FROM KARRALIKA – 7km Easy (6)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). This morning walk starts at the Karralika School on Bugden Ave for an anti-clockwise circuit of the Reserve. Heading north-east we take the back-track behind Macarthur to then head north on the east side of the ridge. A gradual climb takes us to Mt Wanniassa, then along the ridge line behind Farrer. Return to the cars follows the road behind Farrer and then a footpad on the lower slopes of the reserve. Climb: 200m. Map: Canberra Street Directory. **Meet at the road entrance to Karralika Therapeutic School, opposite 259 Bugden Ave, Fadden. Parking is limited so for overflow parking use nearby Welsby Place.**

Wed 14 Dec – VERY SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 14 Dec – 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 14 Dec – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Fri 16 Dec – CHRISTMAS PARTY

Contact: Jillian Bellamy (0433 588 252). We will hold the picnic (no BBQ) at the home of Jillian Bellamy, Pearce, from 5.30pm. BYO food (something to share for dessert), drinks and chair. Also bring a jumper/jacket and, if you like, swimmers if hot.

Sat 17 Dec – MOLONGLO GORGE – 7km Easy (6)

Leader: Gayle Buttrose (0423 772 889). From the car park we follow the gorge walking trail through to the Blue Tiles picnic area then return along the same trail. A relatively easy walk, we should be finished by lunchtime. Climb: 80m. **Meet at Molonglo Gorge Nature Reserve car park (accessed off Sutton Rd and Kowen Rd) at 8.30am.*****

Sun 18 Dec – SHEPHERDS LOOKOUT TO URIARRA LOOP AND RETURN – 9km Easy (7)

Leader: Davinia Wells (0439 424 834, daviniawells@hotmail.com). The walk begins at the Shepherds Lookout parking area on Stockdill Drive where we will head for the lookout. We will then pick up the track that leads to the Uriarra Loop. This is a scenic track for most part that follows a path above the Murrumbidgee and along the side of the Molonglo Treatment Works. The junction of the Molonglo and Murrumbidgee rivers can be seen from this track. A crossing will take us across the Molonglo River. We will then veer towards West Uriarra and end up at East Uriarra for lunch. Continuing along the loop will bring us back to the Molonglo crossing. From there we will retrace our steps back to the cars. There is a sharp climb towards the end of the walk and a little rock scrambling on the Uriarra Loop. The total climb is approximately 350m. Map: Umburra. **Meet at the Shepherds Lookout parking area on Stockdill Drive. Drive along Drake-Brockman Drive to Stockdill Drive. Continue on past the turnoff into Ginninderry, and turn left on to the extension of Stockdill Drive. The parking area is approximately 3km along this road. Meet at 9.30am.*****

EARLY NOTICE OF A WEEK'S WALKING IN THE VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY

Early May 2023 – week in Mansfield, Victoria – medium walks

Leaders: Peter Wellman/ Mary Lindsay (6288 5985, wellmanp@iinet.net.au). We plan to organise a club trip staying at Mansfield for seven nights and walking in the surrounding area. Accommodation will be at Alzburg Resort (alzburg.com.au/stay/our-rooms), in their deluxe two-bedroom apartments which are \$1963/week and sleep 4 people. (King size double beds can be divided into king singles.) The walks will be on walking tracks or fire trails, about 5-5½ hours car to car, mainly in the Mt Stirling Alpine Resort area, the Collier Bay area of the Lake Eildon NP, and the Mount Samaria State Park. The greatest climb and the best walk is to Mt Stirling (500m climb). A maximum of 20 walkers. Expressions of interest would be helpful but no deposits will be required until the end of the year.