

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 2023

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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 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 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 10km 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 2023

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 trips away

Tue 14 Feb – Fri 17 Feb – CAR CAMP AT THREE MILE DAM NEAR KIANDRA/MOUNT SELWYN
Easy/Medium walks.

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). The camping ground is in a lovely spot, basically surrounded by a big clear lake, ideal for taking a dip on a warm summer's day. All sites are unpowered and you can set up where you like. A six dollar booking fee applies. There are two drop toilets, BBQs (bring own wood), picnic tables, rubbish skips. There are no shops nearby, so bring all you need. I use the clear water from the dam to meet my needs. Shall be interesting to explore the area after the bushfires. There are a couple of one hour walks if you get bored before, or after, a day's walk; or after setting up camp. Wednesday, we shall walk to Four Mile Hut from the camping ground, inspecting the Mt Selwyn ski renovations on the way. Thursday, we shall walk to Shaw Hill, for no other reason than it is there. Cars: 400km round trip (\$56). **Please let me know if you wish to attend this car camp by 27 Jan.**

Wed 22 Feb – Fri 24 Feb – A (COMPARATIVELY) EASY ASCENT OF MOUNT BIMBERI.

Leader: John Ellis (6241 2658 or jfe@grapevine.net.au). The intent of this walk is to climb the highest mountain in the ACT in a relaxed manner and at a pace which would be suitable for walkers who wish to admire the scenery along the way. After driving along Packsaddle Road, we reach the locked gate at Garrungorambla and then walk downhill to Oldfields Hut where we camp the night. The next morning, carrying a day pack only, we follow the footpad along Murrays Gap until we arrive at the ridge which leads to Mt Bimberi. It is a bit of a scramble to the summit but we will take our time getting there. We return to Oldfields Hut to camp for the night, before returning to the cars on Friday morning. Total distance - 22km, minimum altitude 1,266 metres, maximum altitude 1,914 metres. Cars: about 300km return (via Cooma) \$42. Map: Namadgi – ACT South Activities Map. **Please contact the leader, preferably by email, as soon as you feel you may be interested in participating, and definitely no later than Monday 13 Feb.**

Mon 3 Apr – Thu 6 Apr – WALKS IN THE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK (near Bundeena, NSW) –
Easy/Medium walks.

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). Bonnie Vale camping ground is in the Royal National Park and has reopened after a number of years of closure. It now boasts over 30 powered sites, over 40 non powered sites, two shower blocks with flush toilets, but no cabins. There are four BBQs and tables scattered throughout the camping ground. There is a nice clear tidal river swimming spot a hundred metres from the camp and if you wish, just sit on the bank and watch the fish that hang around the rocks. If you keep walking up the hill, there is a decent coffee shop at the top. There are a couple of coffee/takeaway and grocery shops in town and a club if you desire an evening meal. After we set up camp on Tuesday, we spend couple of hours walking through town to the beach to view the Aboriginal rock carvings. Wednesday and Thursday we walk the ever changing coastal track. We leave the camping ground on Friday and those who wish, take the scenic ferry ride to Cronulla and a look around town, plus a coffee and pie (plenty of parking at the ferry terminal). You shall need to book your campsite early as this is a very popular spot. Powered site for three nights ~ \$125, unpowered ~ \$105. Cars: 600km round trip (\$84). **Please let me know if you want to attend this car camp by 24 Feb.**

Fri 28 Apr – Fri 5 May – A WEEK’S WALKING IN THE VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY based in Mansfield.

Medium walks.

Leaders: Peter Wellman/ Mary Lindsay (6288 5985, (wellmanp@iinet.net.au)). We will be 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 \$1788/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. At present this trip is fully booked however please let the leader know if you wish to be placed on the wait list.

April/May – COCKATOO ISLAND, SYDNEY HARBOUR

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com) I cannot book a date until I know that I have a group to fill one house. The houses that take 8 people are very popular on weekends, but I want them for a week, so I need to know that I can fill a house, and then find one unoccupied for 7 days. **Please contact the leader if you would like to participate.**

Early June. – WALKS IN LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK, QUEENSLAND

Medium walks over 9 days.

Leaders: Bill and Deborah Gibson (dgibson56@bigpond.com)

Lamington National Park is part of the Gondwana Rainforests area, and known for its “lush rainforest, ancient trees and stunning waterfalls”. This trip would spend 4 nights / 3 days walking from O’Reilly’s Rainforest Retreat with a further 6 nights / 6 days doing walks from the Binna Burra trailhead. The walks range from 13 – 21km, and are generally graded 4 by Queensland National Parks. There is also the option to extend the trip by a couple of nights to hike days 2 and 3 of the Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk (camping overnight on night 1, with night 2 either camping on track or staying in a guest house at Springbrook before returning to Binna Burra by hire car to pick up cars on day 3).

Camping / caravanning is available at both O’Reilly’s and Binna Burra trailheads, including the option to hire a permanent / safari tent or bunk-room with multiple beds (no bedlinen or cooking equipment provided). Non-camping options are also available in the resorts at both locations, although they are pretty pricey. Depending on the group make-up and preferences, there may be the option to share a 3 bed/3 bathroom villa to minimise individual room costs, or at Binna Burra to rent a multi-bedroom airbnb up to 15 min drive away.

If you are interested in this trip please contact Deborah Gibson at dgibson56@bigpond.com as soon as possible with a couple of logistic details – i.e. whether you would be driving directly or need transport (noting that it may only be possible to arrange transport to/from Gold Coast airport); and whether you would be camping or require a room in a shared villa/airbnb.

Late Sept/Early October 2023 – WALKING IN AUSTRIA

John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com)

We will stay a week in Innsbruck and a week in the Achensee region. Innsbruck is about 5 hours by train from Vienna, and about the same from Munich. The Achensee region is about an hour from Innsbruck by train and bus. **Contact the leader for more information.**

ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Wed 4 Jan – 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 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791).

Sat 7 Jan – CIRCULAR WALK AROUND EAST BASIN – 10km 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 and Bowen Park for morning tea/coffee. 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: 100m. Cars: Nil. **Meet at the parking area at the end of Dairy Road in Fyshwick.**

Sun 8 Jan – WOODSTOCK NATURE RESERVE – 11km Easy (7)

Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). This is a swimming walk. There are 2 swimming areas on the Murrumbidgee River in this reserve. We will have morning tea at one and lunch at the second area. If the day is hot the walk will be limited to one area. Climb: 200m. Cars: 20km (\$3). Map: Umburra. **Meet at W.**

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

Sat 14 Jan – MT MAJURA LOOP – 9km Easy (7)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). An interesting and varied circuit of Mt Majura highlights including the summit, old stone wall and Clancys Track. Mostly on track with some easy to moderate offtrack sections. Climb: 300m. Cars: Nil. **Meet at the main Mount Majura Reserve car park, Antill Street, Hackett.**

Sun 15 Jan – TIDBINBILLA NATURE RESERVE: NIL DESPERANDUM HOMESTEAD 13km Easy (7)

Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791). Nil Desperandum is an historic listed pisè homestead, which was incorporated into Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve in 1991. Starting from Greens picnic area, we walk on a mixture of management roads and single track through regenerating native forest, regularly enjoying fantastic views across the Tidbinbilla valley. After lunch at the homestead, we take a short loop to visit the nearby remains of a eucalyptus distillery site and a camellia garden. We return to the cars via the same route. This walk was recently re-routed to avoid the newly-constructed wildlife enclosure. Climb: about 450m. Cars: 70km (\$10 plus Park entry). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K.**

Wed 18 Jan – 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 18 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 21 Jan – MT PAINTER, ARANDA BUSHLAND AND BLACK MOUNTAIN – 12km Medium (8)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). We firstly make our way through the snow gums and frost hollow to Mt Painter for great views over the Molongo valley. We then head east through the Aranda Bushland and onto Black Mountain before completing the circuit back to the cars. All on tracks. Climb: 400m. Cars: Nil. Map: Canberra Street Directory. **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.**

Sat 21 Jan – PROGRESSIVE DINNER – 12km Easy (6)

Leader: Sue Williams (0413 336 647). Meet at 4.00pm at Torrens for entree then walk to Mawson over Farrer Ridge for main course. Then to another address in Mawson for dessert. Return to Torrens to the cars. **Ring Sue by Sunday 15 January to organise contribution and obtain addresses.** BYOG. Places are limited.

Sun 22 Jan – PINE ISLAND TO POINT HUT AND RETURN SWIM/WALK – 7km Easy (5)

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). We start this walk from the southern parking area at Pine Island (closest to Point Hut), follow the track to Point Hut and cross the road to the swimming spot and morning tea. We return to Pine Island for another swim and BYO lunch. Climb: about 60m. Maps: Tuggeranong, Williamsdale. Meet: **make your own way to the start point so that you can swim/party at Pine Island after lunch for as long as you want.**

Wed 25 Jan – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: Mike Bremers (mcbremers@gmail.com).

Wed 25 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike Bremers (mcbremers@gmail.com).

Sat 28 Jan – WANNIASSA HILLS AND ISAACS RIDGE – Easy/Medium

Leader: Nishat Mueller (0468 433 683). Details of the walk will be forwarded a week beforehand. **Meet at Shepherdson Place, Isaacs at 8.30am.*****

Sun 29 Jan – MTS MAJURA AND AINSLIE WALK – 14km Easy (7)

Leader: Ken Hird (0417 247 065, kenhird7@gmail.com). We climb Mt Majura via some steps and then walk to Mt Ainslie, mainly along the ridgeline. We follow a trail down the west side of Mt Ainslie, pose under the ‘Arch-de-Tree-Umph’ visit a maze and a low beehive in a tree and return along the fringe of Hackett to the cars. If temperature becomes excessive the walk will be shortened. Climb: 480m. Maps: Hall, Canberra. **Meet (from Dickson) at the Antill St. Hackett car park just beyond the houses but before the Ted Noffs Foundation at 8.00am.*****

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

Wed 1 Feb – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Janet Duncan (0423 213 679).

Wed 1 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573).

Fri 3 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. We are welcome to park at Campbell High School.

Sat 4 Feb – MOUNT TAYLOR CIRCUIT WALK – 7km Easy (5)

Leader: May Lok (0401 696 750). From the meeting point, we walk along a Mount Taylor fire trail crossing a narrow running creek. A steep climb of 150 metres to near the top at a telegraph pole sign-posted 96245. If grass/weeds are not too messy we may divert after 100 metre climb, for a cross-country ramble in part shade following a random footpad to the plateau. Climb up to the trig and down the main path back to the shops. About 2 hours 30 minutes of walking.

Climb: approx. 300m. **Meet at Torrens shops 8.30am.*****

Sun 5 Feb – VANITYS CROSSING – 14km Medium (8)

Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). 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 just after Pipeline Road, and later near the end of the walk. Bring sandshoes for the crossings and swimwear may be useful. We do not have to climb up the steep hill because of the car shuffle, and the shortcut we used to use is now possible once more. Lunch will be at the river. Climb: 200m. Cars: 50km (\$7). Map: Cotter Dam. **Meet at W.**

Wed 8 Feb – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au.

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

Sat 11 Feb – RENDEZVOUS CREEK GALLERY – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). Starting at the Rendezvous Creek car park, we follow the track and footbridge to cross to the southern side of the creek. We then parallel the creek upstream (north-west) for about 4km using vehicle tracks (if they still exist) for much of the way, before branching off to the west to our lunch spot and gallery. The return route is very much the same as the outbound one. Climb: 280m. Cars: 130km (\$18). Map: Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

Sun 12 Feb – TENNENT HOMESTEAD – 6km Easy (7)

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.**

Tue 14 Feb – Fri 17 Feb - CAR CAMP AT THREE MILE DAM NEAR KIANDRA/MOUNT SELWYN - Easy/Medium walks. Leader: Bob Chittenden (62310856). For details see Page 7.

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

Wed 15 Feb – 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 15 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 18 Feb – RED HILL NATURE RESERVE PERIMETER LOOP – 10km Easy (7)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). A nice hike through the Red Hill Nature Reserve, located in central Canberra. The trail explores many of the tracks within the reserve. The trail passes through a variety of scenery and offer great views out over Canberra and surrounds. Climb: about 300m. **Meet at the Red Hill Nature Reserve Car Park on Mugga Way slightly north of Francis Street, Red Hill at 8.30am.*****

Sun 19 Feb – SQUARE ROCK LOOKOUT AND SMOKERS TRAIL LOOP – 14km Medium (8)

Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). We park the cars at the Square Rock car park and head south to Square Rock for morning tea. Returning we pick up the link track to Smokers Trail and head in an easterly direction for about 1km. We then walk along Smokers Trail for almost 4km to join a footpad through recently burnt forest and through granite outcrops. Trip back down to the car park of about 1.2km on a steep gravel trail. All on track. Climb: 260m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

Wed 22 Feb – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au.

Wed 22 Feb – 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 22 Feb – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Wed 22 Feb – Fri 24 Feb – A (COMPARATIVELY) EASY ASCENT OF MOUNT BIMBERI. Leader: John Ellis (6241 2658 or jfe@grapevine.net.au). For details see Page 7.

Sat 25 Feb – A DAY IN THE BRINDABELLAS 8km Easy (7)

Leader: David Wardle (6286 1573, 0418 695 142). 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 over to the west. The afternoon will be spent wandering through the Bendora Arboretum. Climb: 200m. Cars: 130km (\$18). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W.**

Sun 26 Feb – 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 1 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 1 Mar – 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 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255).

Sat 4 Mar – GIBRALTAR ROCKS AND BIRRIGAI TIME TRAIL – 15km Medium (8)

Leader: Phillip Starr (0419 281 096, phillipstarr1945@gmail.com). Walking from the Tidbinbilla Visitor Centre to Woods Reserve and on to Gibraltar Rocks, returning via the Birrigai Time Trail. We will have lunch while enjoying the expansive views from the huge granite rocks. This walk winds enticingly over small creeks, around cool gullies and through open grassland (mostly on forest roads and tracks). Climb: 400m. Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at the Tidbinbilla Visitor Centre.**

Sun 5 Mar – ASHBROOK AND OTHER TRAILS – TIDBINBILLA – 11km Easy (7)

Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791). From the Hanging Rock car park at Tidbinbilla we walk up the Ashbrook Fire Trail in the cool of the early morning, exploring tall forests and wet gullies before crossing Ashbrook Creek. We then continue up to the locked gate on Mountain Creek Road where we will walk along the Cascade and Lyrebird Trails. The return is the same way. Climb: 200m. Cars: 70km (\$10 plus Park entry). Map: Tidbinbilla Walks Map. **Meet at K.**

Wed 8 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au.

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

Sat 11 Mar – 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 at 8.30am.*****

Sun 12 Mar – STONE WALLS AND ENVIRONS – 9km Easy (7)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). We start at Glendale Crossing and follow the first creek line straight up hill (300m climb over 2.5km) to the stone walls; this is the longest climb of the day. After morning tea here, we’ll move on to the saddle to enjoy the views and then east to the rocky outcrops for more views. We’ll then head north to the national park boundary and back south-east to intercept the disused road. Lunch will be somewhere along here, depending on progress. We next follow the road to the Brandy Flat Fire Trail and back to the cars. Climb: 450m. Cars: 80km (\$11). Map: Michelago. **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

Wed 15 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (62880449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 15 Mar – 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 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791).

Sat 18 Mar – MOUNT GINGERA FROM CORIN DAM – 20km Hard (11)

Leader: Luisa Dal Molin (0478 297 775). From Corin Dam the walk follows the steep foot track up Stockyard Spur then along the spur to the Mount Franklin Road which we will follow for 2km, passing Pryors Hut, before taking a foot track to the summit of Mount Gingera. We’ll retrace our steps on the return trip back to Corin Dam. The lunch stop will be at the summit or at Pryors Hut, depending on the weather. While this walk is on track, it covers a distance of 20km and includes a steep 500m climb in the first 2km. Climb: 1100m. Cars: 88km (\$12). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 8.00am.*****

Sun 19 Mar – CIVIC TO THOROUGHbred PARK – 11km Easy (7)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). A varied, pleasant and relatively easy one-way walk north through the green spaces of the ANU, Botanic Gardens, O'Connor/Bruce and Lyneham ridges and Crace grasslands. We return from EPIC/Racecourse to Civic on the light rail – please bring your MyWay card. Climb: 200m. Cars: Nil (car parking is currently free on Sundays). Map: Canberra Street Directory. **Meet at the front of the Street Theatre at the Childers Street entrance to Australian National University.**

Wed 22 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au.

Wed 22 Mar – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Coordinator: Mike Bremers (mcbremers@gmail.com).

Wed 22 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: Mike Bremers (mcbremers@gmail.com).

Sat 25 Mar – LEAFY SUBURBS MORNING WALK – 10km Easy (6)

Leader: Lyn Willson (0417 418 837 / 6281 5883). An early autumn walk in the leafy streets of the older suburbs of South Canberra, through Kingston, Yarralumla and Forrest, and taking in the lake foreshores. After the walk, there will be the option of lunch at Manuka. Climb: 110m. Map: Canberra suburbs. **Meet across the road from the Manuka Pool at 9.00am.**

Sun 26 Mar – FAR SIDE OF MT AINSLIE TO MAJURA PINES – 15km Medium (9)

Leader: Robyn Gallagher (0409 891 187). We start from the parking area at the intersection of Fairbairn Ave and Mt Ainslie Drive, walking up Mt Ainslie via the gun club and the old quarry. We'll follow the Centenary Trail down the other side of Mt Ainslie and along the saddle that goes to Mt Majura. We return to the cars via Majura Pines. Some of the walk is on fire trails, other bits on softer footpads, a couple of short sections are steep and rough. Total climb: 350m. Cars: Nil. Map: Canberra Street Directory. **Meet at the start of Mt Ainslie Drive, just off Fairbairn Avenue at 9.00am.**

Wed 29 Mar – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (62880449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 29 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 29 Mar – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 1 Apr – SERENITY ROCKS, TALLAGANDA STATE FOREST – 13km Medium (8)
Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). We drive out via Hoskinstown and Rossi to start the walk near the junction of Lowden Road and Coxes Creek Road (about 8km from Rossi). We walk along the Lowden Trig Fire Trail, then part way along the foot track to Serenity Rocks. We then climb off-track to explore some rock slabs and contour around to Serenity Rocks where we have lunch. The return is on foot track and fire trails. Lovely forest and creeks, great rocks and views. The off-track section is mostly open forest and rock slabs, but wear long pants/gaiters and bring gloves. Total climb about 400m. Cars: 100km (\$14). Maps: Bombay and Bendoura. **Meet at Q.**

Sun 2 Apr – BACK OR GRASSY CREEK – 13km Easy (7)
Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). The walk starts at the Mount Clear car park. We go upstream alongside the Naas River and turn into Grassy Creek. Follow Grassy Creek towards the Boboyan Road. After lunch we return along Grassy Creek to Naas River, then circle back through hills to rejoin the river about 1km from cars. Variety of scenery from narrow wooded valleys to open grassland. Climb: 250m. Cars: 130km (\$18). Maps: Yaouk, Shannons Flat. **Meet at K.**

Mon 3 Apr – Thu 6 Apr – WALKS IN THE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK (near Bundeena, NSW) Easy/Medium walks. Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). For details see Page 7.

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

Wed 5 Apr – 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 5 Apr – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 8 Apr – BENDORA ARBORETUM AND HUT VIA MOONLIGHT HOLLOW ROAD 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223). This walk starts at the Bulls Head Survival Shelter on Mount Franklin Road and follows Moonlight Hollow Road and Chalet Road to Bendora Hut. Beautiful tall trees and spectacular views followed by lunch at the hut and then a walk around the arboretum. Tree plantings from the 1940s include pines, conifers, cypress, poplar and larch. There is a short car shuffle (5km) for the return to Bulls Head. Climb: 250m. Cars: 96km (\$13). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W.**

Sun 9 Apr – HOSPITAL CREEK CASCADES AND HOSPITAL CREEK HUT – 12km Medium (8)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). From Yankee Hat car park we walk south on the old Boboyan Road for 2km before taking a footpad and crossing a gentle rise that drops down to Hospital Creek Cascades. From here we climb a small wooded spur to reach the creek valley which we then follow to Hospital Creek Hut. We return to Old Boboyan Road then divert across a saddle through light bush to reach Frank and Jacks Hut, from where we return to the cars. Mostly on footpads or off-track through light bush, this is a very pleasant walk. Climb: 160m. Cars: 104km (\$15). Map: Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

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

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

Sat 15 Apr – AUTUMN FAMILY AND OCTOGENARIAN/NONAGENARIAN PICNIC – a 1hr short walk and lunch at Weston Park

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 Weston Park BBQ area opposite the miniature railway at 10.00am.*****

Sun 16 Apr – MOUNT TENNENT FROM THE VISITOR CENTRE – 16km Medium (9) Leader: Luisa Dal Molin (0478 297 775). From the Namadgi Visitor Centre we follow the Australian Alps Walking Track to the new Mount Tennent walking track which we will follow to the fire tower at the top for lunch. We’ll return via the same route for the panoramic views. All on track. Climb: 805m. Cars: 40km (\$6). Map: Williamsdale. **Meet at K.**

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

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

Sat 22 Apr – 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 23 Apr – BORDER WALK FROM MOUNT CLEAR CAR PARK - 18km Medium (9)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). Starting near the Mount Clear car park, we turn onto the Long Flat Fire Trail, passing ‘Potters Chimney’, the ruins of an old hut seen across the creek. On leaving Grassy Creek the fire trail climbs and zigzags steeply until it reaches higher ground. The fire trail continues to climb. Previously it traversed the Long Flat, a grassy, boggy frost hollow, however it now follows an adjacent ridgeline to the Carey Fire Trail running along the ACT/NSW border. Upon reaching Burnt Hill we follow the lightly timbered grassy clearing/creek-line northwards back to the start. Climb: 490m. Cars: 120km (\$17). Map: Rooftop’s Namadgi - ACT South Activities Map 1:50,000. **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

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

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

Fri 28 Apr – Fri 5 May – A WEEK’S WALKING IN THE VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY based in Mansfield – Medium walks. Leaders: Peter Wellman/ Mary Lindsay (6288 5985). For details see Page 8.

Fri 28 April – 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. Further details closer to the date. 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 24 April** to book a place and discuss your contribution.

Sat 29 Apr – ORRORAL RIDGE – 14km Medium (9)

Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004, pchope128@gmail.com). This walk explores the interesting rock outcrops that border Orroral Valley on the east. We start from Honeysuckle Campground walking on a fire trail 4km to the Collimation Tower car park. We then walk north-west to the Opera House Cave, Legoland, the Trojan Wall and Sentinel Rock. After a lunchbreak to enjoy the views, we return to the car park via the Belfry. The walk is mostly on track or footpad but with some short sections of rock scrambling and thick scrub. Climb: 400m. Cars: 74km (\$10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Sun 30 Apr – SOME WALKS IN SOUTHERN NAMADGI – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: David Wardle (6286 1573, 0418 695 142). This walk is all on footpad and will take in three short tracks in the southern part of Namadgi. We'll start with the track up to Shanahans Mountain where we'll have morning tea overlooking the Naas River valley. Next will be the Yerrabi track to Boboyan Trig where we'll have lunch on the rock slabs with spectacular views of the Brindabella Range and finally the Rendezvous Creek track heading into the Rendezvous Creek Valley with great views of the former Gudgenby grazing property and Yankee Hat. Climb: 250m. Cars: 120km (\$17). Maps: Colinton, Yaouk & Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

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

Wed 3 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 3 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573).

Sat 6 May – CENTENARY TRAIL – MULLIGANS FLAT TO HALL – 17km Medium (9) Leader: Luisa Dal Molin (0478 297 775). This walk follows routes 5 and 6 of the Canberra Centenary Trail. Departing from the Mulligans Flat Road car park in Forde we head north for a short distance to meet up with the Centenary Trail. We then follow the trail westward along the ACT border, through the Northern Border Campground to the trail's northernmost point. We then continue to Hall, with an optional diversion to climb One Tree Hill for the views. This walk, while quite long and undulating, is all on good tracks. It meanders through pleasant grasslands and woodlands, with good views. A car shuffle will be required. Climb: 390m. Cars: 12km (\$2). Map: Hall. **Meet: Corner of Hoskins and Hall Streets, Hall.**

Sun 7 May – FAUNCE HILL VIA QUEANBEYAN -- 14km Medium (8) Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). This is a walk in the Greenleigh area, from east of Spotlight in Queanbeyan to Faunce Hill. We will start walking directly from the Spotlight car park. Climb: 460m. **Meet at S.**

Wed 10 May – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au.

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

Sat 13 May – COTTER GAP – 19km Medium (9) Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). We walk from the Orroral Tracking Station car park along the Cotter Hut Road for about 6km. The first part is very pleasant, gently undulating and shaded by trees. Part way along we start to climb, getting steeper as we approach the junction with the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT). The 3.5km walk up to Cotter Gap via the AAWT has several quite steep sections but once at the shoulder we are rewarded with glimpses of Split Rock. We go on a further 0.5km where we lunch with great views of Split Rock. We return via the same route, except we'll walk the last 2-3km, after following the AAWT to the north-east of Cotter Hut Road, along the grass in Orroral Valley. **NOTE: THIS WALK WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY IF ROCKY CROSSING IS REPAIRED.** If not, an alternative walk will be emailed. Climb 600m. Cars: 90km (\$13). Maps: Corin Dam and Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

Sun 14 May – KOWEN FOREST – GLENBURN AND BURBONG HERITAGE TRAILS – 12km Easy (7) Leader: Jane Melanie (0447 261 663). We follow the Glenburn and Burbong Heritage Trails from the Clay Target Club entrance, along the Molonglo River across grassland and fire trails to the junction with Glen Burn creek and the ruins of the William Collier homestead. Then onto other ruins via pine plantation tracks to Glenburn homestead and one of the earliest European cemeteries in the region, plus a once steam-powered shearing shed. Return along Kiln Rd. Climb: 220m. Cars: 10km (\$1). Map: Bungendore. **Meet at Q.**

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

Wed 17 May – 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 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004).

Sat 20 May – HUME AND HOVELL TRACK ALONG MICALONG CREEK – 13km Easy (7) Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223). From the picnic grounds near the Brindabella Road we follow the Hume and Hovell Track downstream to Micalong Creek. En route we admire cascades and waterfalls and are accompanied by many kinds of birds. We have lunch at the lovely Micalong Creek campsite. Climb: 300m. Cars: 120km (\$17). Maps: Bobbys Plains, Couragago. **Meet at W at 8.00am.**

Sun 21 May – TIDBINBILLA RANGE CIRCUIT – 14km Medium (12)

Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004, pchope128@gmail.com). From the Mountain Creek Car Park in Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, we follow the Lyrebird Trail for a short distance then climb steeply to Snowy Corner on a rough foot pad. From there we travel along the ridge to Tidbinbilla Mountain, hopefully for grand views, then on to Tidbinbilla Peak and Johns Peak, returning along the Camelback Fire Trail. Climb: 800m. Cars: 70km (\$10 plus Park entry). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K at 8am.*****

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

Wed 24 May – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Coordinator: Mike Bremers (mcbremers@gmail.com).

Wed 24 May – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Details: Coordinator: Mike Bremers (mcbremers@gmail.com).

Sat 27 May – BOOROOMBA ROCKS OFF-TRACK FROM THE EAST – 10km Medium (9) Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). After a car shuffle to leave some cars at Honeysuckle campground, we start at Booroomba Rocks car park. The walk begins on the Australian Alps Walking Track, heading east, and after a visit to a rocky outcrop we head north off-track onto some rock slabs below, and to the east of, Booroomba Rocks. From here we work our way steeply up to the eastern end of the Booroomba feature, go west along it, visit one of the large slabs further west and then cross back to the track down to the car park. We then follow the AAWT to Honeysuckle campground. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Climb: 450m. Cars: 80km (\$11). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 8.00am.*****

Sun 28 May – JERRABOMBERRA RESERVE – 10km Easy (6)

Leader: Marie Santsingh (0412 044 473). We primarily follow the interesting “K9” mountain bike track, with its few discreetly placed, entertaining artefacts along the way. We cross Barracks Creek several times on wooden bridges and see familiar peaks from somewhere different. An estimated 3 hour walk and back at cars by lunch. Climb: 150m. Map: Tuggeranong. **Meet at 9.00am at Turner Place off Redwood Avenue, Jerrabomberra for 9.15am start.*****

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

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

Sat 3 Jun – DEADMANS HILL CIRCUIT – 13km Medium (10)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363255). 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 strongly recommended. Climb: 450m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Maps: Williamsdale, Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

Sun 4 Jun – ROCKPILE, THE GREEN MILE AND CHERRY LANE LOOP - 12km Easy (7)

Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). This is a walk on some of the trails in Kowen Forest. It is in an area that is used by trail bikes, but there are a lot of tracks we can use. Access is by a sealed road to the parking area. Climb: 260m. Cars: 35km (\$5). **Meet at Q.**

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

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

Sat 10 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 north-east 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 (\$10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Sun 11 Jun – ARBORETUM AND BARRER HILL – 15km Easy (7)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). From the National Rock Garden we circuit Lindsay Pryor Arboretum before taking a bike path to enter the National Arboretum via an underpass under the Tuggeranong Parkway. After crossing the Arboretum we enter the Molonglo River Reserve, following the river to reach Misery Point. Various sculptures, structures and interpretive signs will be of interest. On our return trip we climb Barrer Hill (see <https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/6225977/saving-the-molonglo-from-dead-trees-comes-new-life/> for more information) and visit Dairy Farmers Hill. Terrain is track and footpad. Climb: 250m. Map: Canberra. **Meet at National Rock Garden, corner of Barrenjoey Drive and Lady Denman Drive, on the lake side of the Parkway opposite the road entrance to the National Arboretum.**

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

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

Sat 17 Jun – 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. 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 18 Jun – FORDE TO WATSON – 17km Medium (9)

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

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

Wed 21 Jun – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557).

Wed 21 Jun – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 24 Jun – MOUNT JERRABOMBERRA – 9km Easy (6)

Leader: Marie Santsingh (0412 044 473). A relatively easy 9km ramble around Mount Jerrabomberra, with a short steepish climb, a short steepish descent, and gently undulating tracks. The walk encompasses attractive bush, with views of Queanbeyan and surrounding peaks. Mostly on track, some fire trail, and some foot pads. Climb: 260m. Map: Tuggeranong. An estimated 3 hour walk, back at cars in time for lunch. **Meet at 9.00am at the Trailhead car park just up Jerrabomberra Hill Road which is off Halloran Drive, Jerrabomberra for a 9.15am start.*****

Sun 25 Jun – BOOROOMBA ROCKS AND GORILLA ROCK – 11km Medium (9)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). Commences from the Honeysuckle Campground along the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT), to Booroomba Rocks car park for morning tea. We then go up the short, but steep, track to the lookout and across to the large south-western Booroomba slab for lunch. After lunch we head west through scrub for about 2km to Gorilla Rock. This is slow going, but 'interesting'. It is then around 1km south to the AAWT, through fairly light bush, before heading back to Honeysuckle Campground. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Climb: 300m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

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