

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 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 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. The club sponsors an accredited first aid course every year. 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 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.
- 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

Mon 2 Oct – Sat 7 Oct – MALLACOOTA - Easy/Medium walks

Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142 or wardle@webone.com.au). We have booked Karbeethong Lodge at Mallacoota <https://www.karbeethonglodge.com.au/> for a week of coastal and inland walking with enough time to sit on the verandah looking out over the estuary. This is a lovely old 1920s guest house with a mix of twin and double rooms. The costs will be \$100 per person per night for the 5 night booking – in on the Monday afternoon and out on the Saturday morning. A deposit of \$250 per person is payable at the time of booking with the balance due one month prior to departure. Once paid, the deposit will only be refunded if another member is available to take your place, and the full amount will be also payable if you withdraw and a replacement is unavailable. From past experience we have had a waitlist. Priority in the first instance will be given to those willing to share. Walks will be organised to Genoa Peak and Genoa Falls, the Shipwreck Coast and weather permitting a day on Gabo Island (at a cost of \$110 per person for the boat trip).

Fri 3 Nov – Sun 5 Nov – CAR CAMP IN BUNGONIA NATIONAL PARK – Medium and Hard Walks

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468 or billgibsons@gmail.com). Let's hope it is a dry spring! We camp in the Bungonia National Park where there are hot showers and great amenities, arriving Friday afternoon – those able to arrive by lunchtime will do a short afternoon walk before a general get together Friday evening. On Saturday we will attempt to do the Red Track circuit down through the gorge. This is a hard walk involving scrambling over boulders, navigating the water in the slot canyon, and some persistent and steep elevation (6km/600 m), but we will only attempt it if water levels are low. If conditions don't suit, we will do the White Track down, walk along the creek bed, and then take the eastern leg of the Red Track back up (12km, 600m), also a hard walk but not involving water. On Sunday we will do the Green Track (10km/350 m) which should get us back in time for those needing to leave for home on the Sunday night.

Wed 8 Nov – Fri 10 Nov – PACK WALK FROM ORRORAL CAR PARK TO COTTER FLATS AND COTTER HUT - Medium walk

Leader: John Ellis (6241 2658 or jfe123jfe@gmail.com). The aim of this walk is to follow the Australian Alps Walking Track from the Orroral car park to Cotter Flats where we will camp for two nights. It is about a 14.5km walk from the car park to Cotter Flats, via Split Rock. The walk is all on track and walkers can be guaranteed that the pace will not be hurried and rest stops taken when needed. After a leisurely lunch at Cotter Gap, it is a reasonably easy walk down to Cotter Flats. The Thursday will be a relaxed day as we amble along Murrays Gap Fire Trail towards the ACT/NSW border, carrying day packs only. The distance we walk along Murrays Gap will depend on how we feel and it is unlikely, (but possible) we will reach the border. We then return the same way to Cotter Flats to camp the night before returning to the cars the way we came. It is an easier climb to Cotter Gap on the way back as the track is not as steep as the approach from Orroral Valley. It is anticipated we would be back at the cars by about lunchtime on Friday. Cars: 90km (\$13). Map: Namadgi South Activities Map 1:50,000. **Please contact the leader, preferably by email, as soon as you feel you may be interested in participating, and no later than mid October.**

Sat 11 Nov – Sat 25 Nov – WALKING IN VICTORIA

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). Two weeks of walking in Victoria, the first in Victoria's Alpine Region and the second in the Dandenong Ranges. The weeks can be booked separately or together:

- Sat 11 Nov – Sat 18 Nov. Mount Beauty. Walking mainly at Falls Creek. Staying in the Mount Beauty, Caravan Park.
- Sat 18 Nov – Sat 25 Nov. Melbourne. Walking in the Dandenong Ranges. Staying at Lilydale Pine Hill Caravan Park.

September and October – CANBERRA CENTENARY TRAIL – Medium walks

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260 or hermannsuk@hotmail.com). The aim of this activity is to walk the full 147km of the Centenary Trail from start to finish, walking twice a week for four weeks to complete the full route. Preference will be given to those who register for the full walk, but walkers can register for individual days if they wish. Pre-registration by the morning before is necessary so that transport can be organised. Transport will usually be car shuffles, but the first and last day will use public transport. Apart from the first short day, daily distances range from 15 to 22km. Some sections will have significant climbs. The planned route is based on Woodslane's '*Walking and Cycling Canberra's Centenary Trail*', published 2015. Some sections have changed since then, so the schedule may vary slightly. Wet weather and other delays may also cause the schedule to change. Contact the leader for further information.

The draft plan is as follows:

Day No.	Date	Section No.	Start location	Finish location	Section Distance	Daily Distance	Daily Climb (approx)
1	Tuesday 12 Sep	1	Parliament House	War Memorial	6.7		
		2	War Memorial	Hackett (Kellaway St)	4.4	11.1	310
2	Friday 15 Sep	3	Hackett (Kellaway St)	Federal Highway (Hughie Edwards Rest Area)	10.9		
		4	Federal Highway (Hughie Edwards Rest Area)	Forde (Amy Ackman St)	11.7	22.6	450
3	Tuesday 19 Sep	5	Forde (Amy Ackman St)	Northern Border Campground	6.5		
		6	Northern Border Campground	Hall	12.9	19.4	240
4	Friday 22 Sep	7	Hall	John Knight Memorial Park	9.7		
		8	John Knight Memorial Park	O'Connor (Frith Rd)	9	18.7	230
5	Tuesday 26 Sep	9	O'Connor (Frith Rd)	Arboretum	10.8		
		10	Arboretum	Stromlo Forest Park	10.7	21.5	380
6	Friday 29 Sep	11	Stromlo Forest Park	Chapman	9.8		
		12	Chapman	Kambah Pool	5.5	15.3	270
7	Tuesday 10 Oct	13	Kambah Pool	Tuggeranong Town Centre	9.3		
		14	Tuggeranong Town Centre	Jackie Howe Cres, Macarthur	8.8	18.1	200
8	Friday 13 Oct	15	Jackie Howe Cres, Macarthur	Mugga Lane	11.5		
		16	Mugga Lane	Parliament House	8.7	20.2	300
			TOTAL DISTANCE		146.9	146.9	

Sat 1 Jul – COTTER GAP – 19km Medium (9)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468, billgibsons@gmail.com). 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 was shaded by trees before the bushfires, current state unknown. 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 NE of Cotter Hut Road, along the grass in Orroral Valley. Climb: 600m. Cars: 90km (\$13) Maps: Corin Dam and Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

Sun 2 Jul – GUNGAHLIN AND PERCIVAL HILLS – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). From Federation Square, Nicholls, we head east, crossing Gundaroo Drive and taking a route through Crace to reach Gungahlin Hill for morning tea. From there we visit Gungahlin Grasslands, the Rotating House, and the Reserve. Taking a bike path we leave Crace and then climb Percival Hill for views, thence returning to the cars. Terrain is a mixture of urban footpaths and nature reserve tracks. Climb: 180m. Map: Hall. **Meet at Federation Square car park, O'Hanlon Place, Nicholls, just past Cockington Green and opposite the entrance to Gold Creek Chapel.**

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

Wed 5 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 5 Jul – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791).

Sat 8 Jul – COOLEMAN RIDGE – 10km Easy (7)

Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791). We start from Chapman Shops car park and head up to Cooleman Ridge where we will go over to the far side of the ridge. Then we will head clockwise around the ridge to include views at various spots including Mt Arawang. We will then head back to Chapman shops where people can pick up a coffee (optional). Climb: 160m. Cars: nil. **Meet at the Chapman Shops car park.**

Sun 9 Jul – QUEANBEYAN RIVER LOOP WALK, GOOGONG – 19km Medium (9)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). We start from London Bridge Woolshed car park. Initially the track follows a route marked by directional posts but then follows management trails. The grades are quite challenging at times, and loose gravel can make things a little tricky, particularly when descending. Also, when we are crossing the London Bridge rock formation the ground can be quite irregular. We will cross the Queanbeyan River twice and so you may get your feet wet. Morning tea will be at Galignite Crossing, then onto Flynns Crossing where we will have lunch. Then we follow the Queanbeyan River Loop returning to Galignite Crossing and back to London Bridge car park. Climb: 450m. Cars: 46km (\$6). Map: Captains Flat. **Meet at Q.**

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

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

Sat 15 Jul – BILLY RANGE CIRCUIT – 13km – Hard (12)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). We start at the Glendale Depot car park and follow the Brandy Flat Hut track for about 2.5km before turning north up the disused Reedy Creek track. Soon, we branch off uphill onto Billy Range. We will visit some interesting rocky ledges on the western edge of the range, before continuing north to the edge of the park boundary. I haven't been here recently and expect plenty of regrowth. If it's not too bad we'll follow the eastern edge of the ridge back to the fire trail, otherwise we'll take the steep descent west to find Reedy Creek Fire Trail. We'll then follow it and Brandy Flat Hut trail back to the cars. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Climb: 700m. Cars: 85km (\$12). Map: Michelago. **Meet at K at 8.30 am.*****

Sun 16 Jul – A DAY IN CAPTAINS FLAT – 6km – Easy (5)

Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). Join us for a day in Captains Flat exploring the Captains Flat Heritage Trail. Captains Flat was one of the largest base metal mining sites in NSW producing lead, copper, silver and gold up until 1962. Explore the quaint village and the remains of the old mine. We will be having lunch in the recently restored Captains Flat Hotel. Contact the leader by 15 July to be included in the lunch booking. For those not dining at the hotel bring your own lunch to have in the park. Climb: 50m. Cars: 90km (\$13). Map: <https://www.captainsflat.org/heritagetrail.htm>. **Meet at S.**

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

Wed 19 Jul – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223).

Wed 19 Jul – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 22 Jul – THE PINNACLE TO ARANDA BUSHLAND – 15km Medium (9)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). We start the walk with a loop around The Pinnacle Nature Reserve, through and over Mt Painter, with extensive view of Canberra, before a loop in the Aranda bushland. We will return to the cars after lunch utilising alternative tracks. All walking on tracks or across open grass with moderate but not steep climbs. Climb: 350m. Cars: nil. Map: Canberra. **Meet at the water tanks on Springvale Drive, cnr De Salis St, Weetangera.**

Sun 23 Jul – PHEASANT HILL, BOBOYAN HILL AND THE SETTLERS TRACK HUTS – 13km – Easy (7)

Leader: Robin Cayzer (0417 238 652). From Brayshaws Hut we will follow the Settlers Track then head off-track to explore Pheasant and Boboyan Hills, before returning to the Settlers Track to visit Waterholes Hut and return to the cars. In the event of snow or road closures an alternative walk will be advised. Climb: 250m. Cars: 130km (\$18). Map: Rooftop - Namadgi Southern Activities. **Meet at K.**

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

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

Sat 29 Jul – NATIONAL ARBORETUM - 14km Easy (7)

Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). From Lyons we go towards the Yarralumla Horse Paddock, where we will have morning tea. Then to the ford to cross the Molonglo River. (If the crossing is not possible, we will go on the bike trail up to Scrivener Dam). After crossing the ford follow the track alongside the river towards the Zoo entrance. Access to the National Arboretum is via a track under the Tuggeranong Parkway We return to the cars from the Arboretum and cross the Molonglo River near the Australian Defence College, then across the Cotter Road into Weston and follow a track parallel to Tuggeranong Parkway. This will lead us to Heysen Street and our cars. Climb: 100m. Cars: nil. **Meet at intersection of Heysen St and Davenport Street, Lyons.**

Sun 30 Jul – NURSERY HILL VIA NURSERY SWAMP – 15km Medium (10)

Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004). This walk starts from Nursery Swamp track on the Orroral Valley road (hopefully open). The walk will follow the Nursery Swamp track to the saddle between the Orroral and Nursery Swamp valleys (climb of some 200m), thence to the end of the signed track. Then follow an intermittent footpad to the creek below Nursery Hill through undulating ground and tussock grasses along the edge of Nursery Swamp before climbing directly to the ridge and traversing to the summit top (climb of some 320m). There is some difficult scrub & rock scrambling on the climb up Nursery Hill from Nursery Swamp. Gaiters and gloves are recommended. Climb: 550m. Cars: 85km (\$12). **Meet at K at 8.30 am.*****

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

Wed 2 Aug – 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 2 Aug – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004).

Sat 5 Aug – LONDON BRIDGE TO BURRA – 13km Easy (7)

Leader: Andrew 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: 46km (\$6). Maps: Captains Flat, Williamsdale. **Meet at Q.**

Sun 6 Aug – MOLONGLO RIVER CIRCUIT (STROMLO) – 18km Medium (9)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). New to the program and great for anyone training for longer walks. A circuit of the Molonglo River Reserve (Stromlo) with extremely pleasant river views most of the way. We start from Coombs northwards on the Grasslands and Woodland tracks visiting great vantage points, and the Riverview Cottage ruins, before enjoying morning tea on the banks of the Molonglo. We proceed westwards crossing at Butters Bridge into Namarag Nature Reserve (wattle) before returning via the northern fire trails and pine forest to Barrer Hill. We cross the Molonglo again at Southwells Crossing and a short walk takes us back to the cars. All walking on tracks, including fire trails, pine forest or open grasslands. While the walk is generally 'flat' (with the exception of Barrer Hill), it is exposed and can be tiring on the home stretch. Climb: 250m. Cars: nil. Map: Canberra. **Meet at the eastern end of Madgwick Street, Coombs (roadside parking available).**

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

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

Sat 12 Aug – BOBOYAN FOREST – HOSPITAL CREEK CIRCUIT – 9km Medium (8)
Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223). 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 follow to Hospital Creek Hut. We return to Old Boboyan Road to 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: 200m. Cars: 110km (\$15). Map: Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

Sun 13 Aug – MOUNT CLEAR CAMPGROUND, BURNT HILL, WESTERMANS HUT, BRAYSHAWS HUT LOOP – 14km – Easy (7)

Leader: Robin Cayzer (0417 238 652). From the Mount Clear Campground we will proceed to the Long Flat and Burnt Hill fire trails before heading off-track up a valley through open forest to the Carey fire trail before heading west to Burnt Hill, Westermans Hut, Brayshaws Hut and a return to the cars. In the event of snow or road closures an alternative walk will be advised. Climb: 260m. Cars: 130km (\$18). Map: Rooftop – Namadgi Southern Activities. **Meet at K.**

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

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

Sat 19 Aug – GEODETIC DOME AND ORRORAL HOMESTEAD – 10km Easy (7)

Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791). We will park and start the walk near Orroral Homestead. We will explore the homestead and then walk up to Orroral Tacking Station site and then along a fire trail up to the Geodetic Dome and granite rock tors for views of Orroral Valley. Return the same way. Climb: 400m. Cars: 90km (\$13). **Meet at K.**

Sun 20 Aug – KAMBAH POOL TOWARDS CASUARINA SANDS – 12km Medium (8)

Leader: Peter Dalton (6101 5322). A pleasant walk along a sometimes overgrown track, high above the Murrumbidgee. There are some steepish undulations in the track during the first 90 minutes. Climb: 300m. Cars: nil. Map: Tuggeranong. **Meet just outside the top entrance gate at Kambah Pool at 8.30 am.*****

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

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

Sat 26 Aug – MUSHROOM ROCK, GIBRALTAR PEAK, WOODS RESERVE CIRCUIT – 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: 55km (\$8). Map: Tidbinbilla. **Meet at K.**

Sun 27 Aug – SQUARE ROCK – 10km Easy (6)

Leader: Jane Melanie (0447 261 663). We start at the Square Rock car park on the Corin Road. This is an easy walk on track to Square Rock via the Orroral Valley lookout. Good views from both the lookout and Square Rock. Return the same way. Climb: 250m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

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

Wed 30 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 30 Aug - MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 2 Sep – 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.**

Sun 3 Sep – PIPELINE ROAD TO COTTER RIVER – 18km Medium (8)

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). From the locked gate at Pierces Creek Forest we follow the Pipeline Road for 9km to the Cotter River, where we have lunch. Return by the same route. A nice walk for a cool day with good views. Climb 400m. Cars: 50km (\$7). Maps: Cotter Dam, Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W.**

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

Wed 6 Sep – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of 'Easy' or the lower level of 'Medium'. Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223).

Wed 6 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959).

Sat 9 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. Cars: 50km (\$7). Map: Cotter Dam. **Meet at W at 8.30am.*****

Sun 10 Sep – MOUNT PAINTER AND THE PINNACLE – 8km Easy (6)

Leader: Wendy Thompson (0439 026 751). An easy morning hike around the Pinnacle Nature Reserve. Then we walk around and up Mt Painter. Morning tea will be at the top where we enjoy great views of the Molonglo Valley. The trail passes through a variety of scenery and is all on footpad. We will be back at the cars for lunch...and in time for all to make the BBC AGM in the afternoon. Climb: about 250m. **Meet at the parking area near the corner of Coulter Drive and Springvale Drive, Weetangera at 9am.**

Sun 10 Sep – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2.00pm – 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 Street and there is plenty of parking at the back of the church. Arrive from 1.45pm for a 2.00pm 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. We will share afternoon tea at the conclusion of the meeting. Please bring a plate.

Tues 12 Sep – CENTENARY TRAIL – DAY 1

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). See Page 8 for further information. To register contact the leader by noon on the previous day.

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

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

Fri 15 Sep – CENTENARY TRAIL – DAY 2

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). See Page 8 for further information. To register contact the leader by noon on the previous day.

Sat 16 Sep – BIG MONKS AND MOUNT ROB ROY – 10km Easy (7)

Leader: Colleen Fox (0424 030 015). From the cars we head uphill on the right-hand side of a large water tank, taking the Banks Steep Track, the first 700 metres of which is paved and very steep. After reaching a saddle, a 600 metre track to the right takes us to the summit of Big Monks. The views from here are extensive. After returning to the saddle, walkers may choose to return to the cars (4km, 240m climb) or continue with the leader to the summit of Rob Roy (the full walk being 10km, 430m climb). **Meet at the small car park on Orange Thorn Crescent, Banks, next to house number 21. There is extra parking along Orange Thorn Crescent.**

Sun 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 and follow it to where Mulligans Flat Reserve borders Goorooyarroo Reserve. We'll keep following the northern edge of Goorooyarroo 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: 500m (but this is because of undulations rather than steep climbs). Map: Canberra Centenary Trail. Cars: nil. **Meet at the car park on Mulligans Flat Road at the outer edge of Forde.**

Tues 19 Sep – CENTENARY TRAIL – DAY 3

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). See Page 8 for further information. To register contact the leader by noon on the previous day.

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

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

Fri 22 Sep – CENTENARY TRAIL – DAY 4

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). See Page 8 for further information. To register contact the leader by noon on the previous day.

Sat 23 Sep – NURSERY CREEK SWAMP – 10km Easy (6)

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223). Climb on track from the Nursery Creek car park on Orroral Road, to saddle. Rest or explore rocks, then down and along to Nursery Swamp. Climb: 200m. Cars: 85km (\$12). Map: Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

Sun 24 Sep – MOUNT WOOLPACK, TINDERRY NATURE RESERVE – 14km Medium (10)

Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985). We will drive from Kambah to Michelago, then east over the Tinderry Range to the Round Flat area. We will then do a walk along Roberts Creek and Woolpack fire trails in the Tinderry Nature Reserve, then 2.5km off-track. The fire trails and off-track are generally good walking, but there are short, steep uphill sections, and two creek crossings. A nice country walk, largely in forest, with views. Climb: 500m. Cars: 100km (\$14). Map: Tinderry. **Meet at K.**

Tue 26 Sep – CENTENARY TRAIL – DAY 5

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). See Page 8 for further information. To register contact the leader by noon on the previous day.

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

Wed 27 Sep – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Mike Smith (6286 2984).

Wed 27 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Philip Gatenby (0401 415 446).

Fri 29 Sep – CENTENARY TRAIL – DAY 6

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). See Page 8 for further information. To register contact the leader by noon on the previous day.

Sat 30 Sep – YERRABI TRACK – 14km Medium (8)

Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). Walk on the Yerrabi Track to Boboyan Trig from where we can enjoy views of the Bimberi Wilderness. Then cross-country involving a steep, rough descent of 250m to the Old Boboyan Road. The descent may have been made more difficult as a result of regrowth after the bushfires. We'll visit the ruins of Boboyan Homestead before returning to the cars. Car shuffle required. Climb: 240m. Cars: 160km (\$22). Map: Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

Sun 1 Oct – GIBRALTAR ROCKS AND BIRRIGAI ROCK SHELTER – 13km Medium (8)

Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468, billgibsons@gmail.com). This circuit walk begins and ends at the Tidbinbilla Visitor Centre. We follow the Congwarra Trail towards Sheedys Picnic area, then take the Gibraltar Peak Walking Trail to the peak and return to the Visitor Centre via the heritage listed Birrigai Rock Shelter. Climb: 400m. Cars: 60km (\$8). Map: Tidbinbilla 1:25000 or the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve brochure. **Meet at K at 8.30 am.*****

Mon 2 Oct – Sat 7 Oct – MALLACOOTA – Easy/Medium walks

Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142 or wardle@webone.com.au). We have booked Karbeethong Lodge at Mallacoota for a week of coastal and inland walking. Details page 7.

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

Wed 4 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 4 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Sat 7 Oct – MOUNT TENNENT AND BUSHFOLD FLATS LOOP – 21km Medium (11) Leader: Luisa Dal Molin (0478 297 775). Starting out from the Namadgi Visitor Centre, we’ll follow the Australian Alps Walking Track until we reach and follow the new Mt Tennent summit track. After a stop at the summit we’ll descend via the Mt Tennent Fire Trail and then head north along the Bushfold Flats Fire Trail, passing Bushfold Flats Hut along the way. This is a less frequented section of the walk so we can expect to encounter native birdlife and wallabies, along with native flowers. Our route then loops back around to the Australian Alps Walking Track and back to the Visitor Centre. Climb: 1,000m. Cars: 40km (\$6). Map: Williamsdale. **Meet at K at 8:00am.*****

Sun 8 Oct – GOOGONG SHORELINE WALK AND RABBIT ISLAND – 10km Easy (7) Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). Starting at the Googong Foreshores car park, we walk along the Shoreline Walk until opposite 'Rabbit Island'. We then complete the Shoreline Walk, walk south for a few kilometres on the Western Foreshores walk road and go down to the lakeside for lunch. We return the way we came. Climb 200m. Cars: 26km (\$4). Map: Hoskinstown 1:25000. **Meet at Q at 8:30am.*****

Tue 10 Oct – CENTENARY TRAIL – DAY 7

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). See Page 8 for further information. To register contact the leader by noon on the previous day.

Wed 11 Oct – VERY SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

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

Fri 13 Oct – CENTENARY TRAIL – DAY 8

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). See Page 8 for further information. To register contact the leader by noon on the previous day.

Sat 14 Oct – GOULBURN STEAMPUNK – 2 to 9km Easy (5)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). A day in Goulburn to coincide with the annual Steampunk Festival. <https://www.goulburnwaterworks.com.au/steampunk-victoriana-fair.php>. Short walks will include the Wetlands and Rocky Hill War Memorial and Museum, Wollondilly River walk and possibly the Goulburn Heritage walk. An email will be sent providing more details when more information is available. Climb: 100m. Cars: TBA. **Meeting place and time to be advised.**

Sun 15 Oct – SERENITY ROCKS, TALLAGANDA STATE FOREST – 13km Medium (9)
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. We walk along the Lowden Trig Fire Trail, then part way along join the foot track to Serenity Rocks. We then climb off-track to explore some rock slabs and have lunch before contouring around to Serenity Rocks. The return is on foot track and fire trails. Lovely forest and creeks, great rocks and views. The off-track section is scrubby with plants obscuring the rocky ground underneath so you will need good balance. Long pants/gaiters needed and gloves recommended. Climb: 500m. Cars: 100km (\$14). Maps: Bombay and Bendoura. **Meet at S.**

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

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

Sat 21 Oct – GIGERLINE NATURE RESERVE – 8km Medium (8)
Leader: Phillip Starr (0419 281 096, phillipstarr1945@gmail.com). From the Angle Crossing Road we enter the Gigerline Nature Reserve on the eastern side of the Murrumbidgee. We walk along a fire trail for a few hundred metres before turning off-track through open woodland up and over a prominent hill with good views and a good spot for morning tea. We continue north towards Guises Creek, then head downwards towards the Murrumbidgee River for lunch. To return we head up a steep ridgeline, back along the side of the prominent hill and then to the cars. Climb: 330m. Cars: 40km (\$6). Map: Williamsdale. **Meet at the Calwell Club, car park, cnr Johnson Dr and Were St, Calwell.**

Sun 22 Oct – BULLEN RANGE NATURE RESERVE – 15km Medium (9)
Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). From the Communication Tower at Tidbinbilla we climb to the Bullen Fire Trail, then head north. At the first intersection go right and follow the fire trail through the gate and down to the Murrumbidgee River. After lunch, retrace our steps back to the top of the hill, and follow tracks back to the cars. Climb: 600m. Cars 80km (\$11). **Meet at W.**

Wed 25 Oct – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 25 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 25 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (6254 3814).

Sat 28 Oct – BRANDY FLAT HUT FROM GLENDALE CROSSING – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Katarina Heinebäck (0409 329 139). Starting from the Glendale Works Depot, the first 1.6 km is along a soft bush track, after which we take a fire trail to the hut for lunch. We return the same way. Climb: 350m. Map: Michelago. Cars: 80 km (\$11). **Meet at K.**

Sun 29 Oct – MT GINGERA FROM CORIN DAM – 21km Hard (12)

Leader: Luisa Dal Molin (0478 297 775). From Corin Dam, the walk follows the steep foot track up to Stockyard Spur then along the spur to Mt Franklin Rd which we will follow for 2km, passing Pryors Hut, before taking a foot track to the summit of Mt Gingera for some spectacular views. The lunch stop will be at the summit or at Pryors Hut, depending on the weather. We'll then retrace our steps on the return trip back to Corin Dam. While this walk is on track, it covers a distance of 21km and includes a climb of 1100m, with a steep 500m climb in the first 2km. Cars: 88km (\$12). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 8am.*****

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

Wed 1 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 1 Nov – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959).

Fri 3 Nov – Sun 5 Nov – CAR CAMP IN BUNGONIA NATIONAL PARK – Medium and Hard Walks. Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468 or billgibsons@gmail.com). Details page 7.

Sat 4 Nov – CATHEDRAL ROCKS – 11km Medium (10)

Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). Starting from Orroral Campground we climb up a very steep fire trail roughly north for about 2.5 km, and then off-track to peak 1316. We descend to Cathedral Rocks, a major rocky outcrop overlooking the Orroral Tracking Station site. After lunch and time to explore we descend roughly north-west and return to the cars following the river on grassland until we join the Heritage Walking Trail back to the campground. Some difficult scrub and rocky sections - gloves, gaiters/long pants and eye protection recommended. Climb: 450m. Cars: 80km (\$11) Map: Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

Sun 5 Nov – ISAACS RIDGE FROM GARRAN – 13km Easy (7)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). This walk explores Isaacs Ridge from the north. Starting from Garran we safely use a little-known underpass to traverse Hindmarsh Drive (a torch might be useful). After a loop on Mt Mugga we follow the Centenary Trail to the top of Mt Sheaffe, then continue south along the ridge to near Long Gully Road before returning via the 'Spine' - a narrow track for walkers and cyclists. Climb: 290m. Cars: nil. Map: Canberra. **Meet at the end of Hartigan Street, Garran.**

Wed 8 Nov – Fri 10 Nov – PACK WALK FROM ORRORAL CAR PARK TO COTTER FLATS AND COTTER HUT – Medium walk

Leader: John Ellis (62412658 or jfe123jfe@gmail.com). The aim of this walk is to follow the Australian Alps Walking Track from the Orroral car park to Cotter Flats where we will camp for two nights. Details page 7.

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

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

Sat 11 Nov – Sat 25 Nov – WALKING IN VICTORIA

Leader: John Clune (9fernyhough@gmail.com). Two weeks of walking in Victoria, the first in Victoria’s Alpine Region and the second in the Dandenong Ranges. Details page 7.

Sat 11 Nov – CRONINS FOREST – 8km Easy (7)

Leader: Kathy Handel (0447 289 638, khandel@bigpond.net.au). Hilly walk in beautiful native forest with a hut, a ruin and a viewpoint from a flat granite outcrop (lunch spot). A mix of fire trail, footpad and off-track. The off-track section to the rock outcrop is moderately steep and rough with some low scrub so long trousers or gaiters are recommended. Climb: 300m. Cars: 120km (\$17) via Captains Flat. Maps: Bendoura, Captains Flat. **Meet at Q at 8.30am.*****

Sun 12 Nov – PIERCES TRIG/CAMELS HUMP FROM PIERCES CREEK – 15km Medium (9)

Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004). From the western edge of Pierces Creek Pine Forest we ascend a spur on the fire trail heading south-west into the Tidbinbilla Range. We go to Camels Hump (short off-track section through open bush) and then retracing part of our route we head north via Pierces Hill and Black Spring Mountain. Mostly on tracks. Climb: 550m (with the hard bit at the start). Cars: 50km (\$8). Maps: Tidbinbilla, Cotter Dam. **Meet at W.**

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

Wed 15 Nov – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of ‘Easy’ or the lower level of ‘Medium’. Leader: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133).

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

Sat 18 Nov – RAMBLE IN ROSES–MORNING WALK – 9km Easy (5)

Leader: Lyn Willson (6281 5883). A morning walk taking in the Parliamentary Triangle, including the Parliamentary Rose Gardens, the foreshores of the Lake and the Yarralumla embassies. The roses should be at their best at this time of year. Option of lunch at Manuka afterwards. Cars: nil. Map: Canberra suburbs. **Meet across the road from the Manuka Pool.**

Sun 19 Nov – ORRORAL VALLEY HILL 1339 – 12km Medium (10)

Leader: Prue Deacon (62861573, 0487 388 959). From the Orroral Valley Tracking Station car park we walk along the Cotter Hut Road (fire trail) to the hairpin bend. Then we climb through scrub roughly north-west until we reach the rocky knoll marked as point 1339. After lunch we descend steeply and roughly east to the grassy valley and follow the Orroral River back to the cars. Some rough scrub and rock scrambling – gloves, gaiters/long pants and eye protection recommended. Climb: 460m. Cars: 90km (\$13). Maps: Corin Dam, Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

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

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

Sat 25 Nov – GRASSY CREEK – BULLS FLAT CIRCUIT– 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223). From Brayshaws Hut we will follow the Settlers Track to Waterhole Hut then follow Waterholes Fire Trail and Bulls Flat Creek to the Old Boboyan Road near Naas Creek, then along that track past old homestead ruins to the locked gate. Car shuffle required. Climb 170m. Cars: 120km (\$17). Map: Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

Sun 26 Nov – NIL DESPERANDUM – 13km Easy (7)

Leader: Katarina Heinebäck (0409 329 139). Nil Desperandum is an historic listed pisé homestead which was incorporated into Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve in 1991. It is available for overnight hire. 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 re-routed a few years ago to avoid the recently-constructed wildlife enclosure. Climb: about 450m. Map: Tidbinbilla. Cars: 60km (\$8). Park Entry may be payable. **Meet at K.**

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

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

Fri 1 Dec – BBC CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Contact: Elaine Atkinson (6288 3557, 0410 154 133). We will hold the BBC Christmas Party at St Margaret’s Uniting Church Hall located at the corner of Phillip Avenue and Antill Street, Hackett from 5.30pm. The entrance to the church grounds is off Antill St and there is plenty of parking at the back of the church. BYO food (something to share for dessert), drinks and chair.

Sat 2 Dec – OLD MILL ROAD, BRINDABELLAS – 15km Easy (7)

Leader: David Wardle (6286 1573, 0418 695 142). A walk on fire trails through forest with distant views and a waterside morning tea stop. We will start from the Mount Franklin Road beyond Piccadilly Circus and wander along Old Mill Road, Warks Road, Gravel Road, Moonlight Hollow Road and a short walk back to the Bulls Head picnic area to complete the day. Climb: 450m. Cars: 100km (\$14). Maps: Cotter Dam and Tidbinbilla. **Meet at W.**

Sun 3 Dec – HONEYSUCKLE CREEK TO NAMADGI VISITOR CENTRE – 18km Medium (9)

Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). A one-way walk from the Honeysuckle car park to the Namadgi Visitors Centre (car shuffle required) via Booroomba Rocks, Bushfold Flats and Mt Tennent tracks. The walk will be all on formed tracks with some steep rocky sections down Mt Tennent. Climb: 350m. Cars: 75km (\$11). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 8:30.*****

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

Wed 6 Dec – 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 6 Dec – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959).

Sat 9 Dec – PUNCH BOWL CREEK FALLS AND POINTS SOUTH – 9km Medium (8)

Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). We park alongside Corin Dam Rd, about 1km before the Square Rock car park and follow a series of old fire trails east-north-east for 1500m to Punch Bowl Creek. We then follow an old walking track paralleling the creek downstream for about 800m. After viewing the waterfall, we’ll have morning tea here. Then we backtrack for about 500m, before heading south uphill to a large balancing rock and a great view to the valley below. We next continue roughly south-south-west to another knoll and will have lunch somewhere along this leg. After lunch we’ll head due west to Smokers Trail. Then it’s downhill to the cars. The off-track portion is only about 5km in total, but the regrowth, fallen trees and rocky sections keep the pace down to an average of 1.5kph in the bush. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Climb: 450m. Cars: 70km (\$10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K at 8.30 am.*****

Sun 10 Dec – MT TAYLOR AND OAKEY HILL – 14km Easy (7)

Leader: John Clune (6262 7504). We walk from the Kambah Village car park to the entrance to Mount Taylor Nature Reserve, then follow tracks north, across Hindmarsh Drive into Oakey Hill, and do a circuit back to Hindmarsh Drive and another circuit back to the cars. Climb: 350m. Cars: nil. **Meet at K.**

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

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

Sat 16 Dec – MOUNT MAJURA CIRCUIT – 12km Easy (7)

Leader: Katarina Heinebäck (0409 329 139). We start by walking behind the last row of Hackett houses before climbing the Casuarina Trail to the Mount Majura summit (which is also the highest point of the Centenary Trail). We descend, initially on the same track, before turning right on a track leading to the Federal Highway. We return the same way but bypass the climb to the summit. Climb: 330m. Cars: nil. Map: Canberra street map or pages 40-45 of *Walking & Cycling Canberra's Centenary Trail*. **Meet at the end of Phillip Avenue, Hackett (near intersection with Kellaway Street).**

Sun 17 Dec – CUUMBEUN FOOTPADS – 11km Medium (8)

Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). This walk follows several newly created footpads and bike trails to explore western sections of Cuumbeun Nature Reserve. We reach a delightful creek for morning tea, enjoy expansive views over Queanbeyan and discover the 'G' tree. While mostly on footpad there is a section of very steep downhill fire trail and also two creek crossings, so sticks will be useful. We leave the cars on Captains Flat Road, 1km from the Kings Highway turn-off. Climb: 370m. Map: Bungendore. Cars: 15km (\$2). **Meet at Q.**

FORTHCOMING TRIP

Call for Expressions of Interest – Walking the Alta Via 1 in the Italian Dolomites, 2024

The Alta Via 1 (AV1) is the popular trekking route which traverses the Dolomites, passing through incredible jagged mountains, dramatic gorges and beautiful valleys. Walkers start out from stunning Lago di Braies and spend up to 11 days walking through to La Pisa or Bolzano, a distance of 121km with a total elevation gain and loss of 7,207/8,248m. Undertaking the AV1 does require a reasonable level of fitness.

I am planning on walking the AV1 in 2024, potentially in late August - early September. Accommodation will be in rifugi (half-board including accommodation, breakfast and dinner) with the average cost being €80 per night. Rifugi book out fairly quickly so we would need to confirm the route, book accommodation and pay deposits by September-October 2023.

For further information and/or to register your interest, call or email **Luisa Dal Molin (047 829 7775; luisa@brownsdon.com.au).**