WALKS AND SOCIAL PROGRAM
JULY – DECEMBER 2024

WALKING TRIPS AWAY

Tue 17 Sep to Thu 19 Sep – MURRAMARANG SOUTH COAST TRACK – 34 km – Medium – limit of 16 walkers.

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223, wmholgate@gmail.com). Walk the spectacular coastline on Murramarang South Coast Walk, located between Ulladulla and Batemans Bay. Connect coastal villages and explore beautiful tall forests, secluded beaches, dramatic rock platforms and crystal blue water. The Murramarang walk will be walked as two day-walks, with some car shuffles each day (petrol costs of ~ $20). We'll stay at Murramarang Beachfront Holiday Resort, arriving on Tuesday 17 September with a meeting at 5pm to talk about logistics of the walk. Dates were chosen due to low tide being in the middle of day. If partners (non-walkers) come they may be able to help with transport. There will most probably be a total of 760m climb over two days but lots of small climbs. It will be up to walkers to arrange their own accommodation, but they must contact the leader first. Maps: Kioloa, Durras.

Wednesday – Pretty Beach to Murramarang. 18km (8). Drive to Pretty Beach and walk south to Murramarang. The only issue with this day is if Durras Lake is open to the sea, then you could get wet crossing.

Thursday - Murramarang to Maloneys Beach. 16km (8). Beautiful walking in spotted gum forest most of the way.

Contact the leader by 6 September to confirm a place before booking accommodation.

Sun 10 Nov to Sat 16 Nov – WALKING IN TUMBARUMBA

Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142, wardle@webone.com.au). We will spend six nights at the Laurel Hill Forest Lodge in Tumbarumba. https://www.laurelhillforestlodge.com.au/. Current thoughts are for three days on the Hume and Hovell Track, one easier day possibly to Paddys River Falls and one day walking or cycling on the Tumbarumba Rail Trail. Accommodation is in the Lodges on a twin-share basis. However single accommodation is available for an additional cost. You will need to supply your own sheets, blankets, pillows and towels. All meals are provided. The cost for the six nights is $600.00 per person twin share. $100.00 deposit is payable on registration and the balance by 25 October. For further details please contact the leader.

Let the leader know by 25 October if you wish to join this trip.

Tue 26 Nov to Fri 29 Nov – 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 a 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, may take the scenic ferry ride to Cronulla for 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 ~ $130, unpowered ~ $106. Cars: 600km round trip ($84). You shall also need a Park Entry Pass (~$12/day). **Please let the leader know by 12 November if you wish to join this trip**.

Tue 14 Jan to Sun 19 Jan 2025 – WALKING IN KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK FROM CHARLOTTE PASS.

Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223, wmholgate@gmail.com).
Four days of walking in Kosciuszko NP, staying at the Snowbird Lodge in Charlotte Pass. Enjoy the wonderful summer wildflowers in the alpine area. Walks include:

1. Walking to Kosciuszko Mtn 18.3 km
2. A walk to Blue Lake, Mt Twynam then down to Illawong Lodge and back to Charlotte Pass 19km
3. Climb Mt Stilwell then cross country to visit the old Mt Stilwell Chairlift site and Restaurant 12km
4. Walk out and back to Porcupine Rocks 21km.

The Snowbird lodge offers 10 rooms for $1300 per night ($130 per room per night or $650 per room for the five nights). They can be either Queen Bed, Twin or Single rooms each with ensuite. They can also cater evening meals.

If you are interested contact the leader by 30 September. A deposit of $50 will be required so accommodation can be booked.

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

Wed 3 Jul – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Ian Moorcroft (0434 978 755).

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

Sat 6 Jul – MOUNT STROMLO – 9 km Easy (5)
Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985). This will be a slow and easy walk up Mount Stromlo. We start from Uriarra Road and follow fire trails around the back (west) side of the mountain, up the spur to the old café at the top, then back the same way. Not steep, and a reasonably good road surface. The route is totally on disused fire trails, in part through the lovely forest of small *Casuarina* trees. Just bring morning tea. Climb: 150m. Map: Canberra. **Meet: At the Uriarra Road parking lot, past the big water tanks on the left, about 0.5 km after the last houses, and just after the cycle path on the left ends.**

Sun 7 Jul – CIRCUIT AROUND ORRORAL VALLEY HILL 1339 – 19 km Medium (9)
Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). From the Orroral Tracking Station car park, we walk along the Cotter Road/Australian Alps Walking Track, turn right at the Smokers Trail junction, then right again along the track that parallels the Orroral River back to the cars. Climb: 335m. Cars: 100km ($14). Maps: Corin Dam, Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K.**

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

Wed 10 Jul – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 10 Jul – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 13 Jul – MT GINGERA FROM CORIN DAM – 20 km Hard (12)
Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004). From Corin Dam the walk follows the foot track steeply up Stockyard Spur then along the spur to the Mount Franklin Road. It's another 2km to Pryors Hut from where we take a foot track to the northern summit (there may be snow). Return the same way to the Mount Franklin Road and retrace steps back to Corin Dam. While this walk is mostly on track it is long (20km) with a climb of 1100m, of which the first 500m is in the first 2km. Climb: 1100m. Cars: 90km ($12). **Meet at K at 8am. *****

Sun 14 Jul – BURLEY GRIFFIN EAST BASIN CIRCUIT – 12 km 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 onto the Kingston foreshore and Bowen Park for morning coffee. Crossing the lake via Kings Avenue, we continue through Grevillea Park and then to the east for lunch at Molongo Reach before re-crossing the Molonglo River, visiting the World War 1 training trenches and returning to the cars. All on tracks. Climb: 100m. **Meet at the parking area at the end of Dairy Road in Fyshwick.**

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

Wed 17 Jan – 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 17 Jan – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791).

Sat 20 Jul – BUSHFOLD HUT CIRCUIT (via Mt Tennent Fire Trail) – 18 km Medium (11) Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). Walking from Namadgi Visitor Centre on the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT) up to Mt Tennent Fire Trail we then walk south, later turning north to have lunch at Bushfold Hut. We return via the AAWT to Namadgi VC. Poles suggested as the 2 plus km walk down the fire trail towards Bushfold Hut is gravelly and steep. Climb: 800m. Cars: 60km ($8). Maps: Rooftop's Namadgi – ACT South Activities 1:50,000; AAWT – NNP VC to Booroomba Rocks Car Park (a one page map available from the Namadgi Visitor Centre). **Meet at K.**

Sun 21 Jul – BRADLEYS CREEK FROM GOOGONG DAM – 15 km Medium (9) Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856). This is a picturesque winter walk, all on track. We follow the Bradleys Creek Walk from Googong Dam and continue to Queanbeyan River Fire Trail. We lunch at Bradleys Creek and return the same way. Climb: 640m. Cars: 26km ($3). Map: Hoskinstown. **Meet at S**.

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

Wed 24 Jul – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Mike Smith (0412 179 907).

Wed 24 Jul – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Garry Boxsell (garry102@gmail.com).

Sat 27 Jul – BURRINJUCK, HUME AND HOVELL – 10 km Easy (6) Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985). This is a walk along a section of the Hume and Hovell Track, on a walking track and a seldom-used road through forest and rough farmland. There is about 3km along the lakeside with nice views. One creek crossing. Walking is from the Burrinjuck Dam Road and there is a car shuffle. Climb: 170m. Cars: 224km ($30). Map: Yass 1:50000. **Meet at the car park north-west side of Federation Square, 26 O'Hanlon Place, Nicholls.**

Sun 28 Jul – FOUR HUTS WALK NAMADGI NATIONAL PARK – 16 km Medium (9) Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). A combination of two walks in Namadgi National Park. A pleasant walk in open and unburnt countryside. We drive to Old Bobeyan Homestead car park, then do a short car shuffle to position the cars at our finishing point at Brayshaws Hut. We visit 4 historic structures, 3 of which have been restored by the Kosciuszko Huts Association. Climb: 350m. Cars: 120km ($17). Maps: Rooftop's Namadgi – ACT South Activities 1:50,000; Yaouk (8626-2N) 1:25,000; Shannons Flat (8626-2S) 1:25,000. **Meet at K**.

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

Wed 31 Jul – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 31 Jul – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 3 Aug – COTTER GAP – 17 km Medium (9)
Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142). Walk from the Orroral Tracking Station car park along Cotter Hut Road to the Australian Alps Walking Track up to Cotter Gap. Lunch at Cotter Gap with views of Split Rock. Return a similar way with some slight diversions. Total climb: 400m. Cars: 110km ($15). Maps: Rendezvous Creek, Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Sun 4 Aug – MT PLEASANT / CAMPBELL MORNING WALK – 8 km Easy (6)
Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). A morning walk past the historic Duntroon Dairy to Mount Pleasant for great views over the east basin and where 64 pounder cannons are installed. We continue to General Bridges grave (optional) and through the Campbell bushland, RSL and Legacy Parks to new Campbell for morning coffee in the park. We return to the cars via Blundells Cottage and Lake Burley Griffin northern shores before lunch. Predominately on-track with very easy short off-track sections. Climb: 200m. **Meet near the Boat House/Hospice, Menindee Drive, Grevillea Park.**

Sun 4 Aug – 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.

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

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

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

Sat 10 Aug – INNER SOUTH LEAFY SUBURBS MORNING WALK – 10 km Easy (6)
Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). An easy and relaxed walk in the leafy streets of Inner South Canberra, through Manuka, Barton, Kingston, Yarralumla and Forrest, taking in the lake foreshores, sculpture gardens, rose gardens, Old Parliament House gardens, Lotus Bay and Embassies. After the walk, there will be the option of lunch at Manuka. Climb: 100m. **Meet across the road from the Manuka Pool.**

Sun 11 Aug – SLABS SOUTH-WEST OF BOOROOMBA ROCKS – 7 km Medium (9)
Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959). From the Honeysuckle Campground, we walk a short distance along the AAWT towards Booroomba, then go north off-track to find rock slabs (GR797629) with a view across to Blue Gum Hill. We will have morning tea along the way and lunch at the slabs. We return to the AAWT via a nearby massive boulder, then back to the cars. There is some difficult scrub so gloves, long pants and/or gaiters, and eye protection are recommended. Climb: about 300m. Cars: 70km ($10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

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

Wed 14 Aug – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 14 Aug – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 17 Aug – CIVIC TO WODEN – 17 km Medium (8)
Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). This scenic and very rewarding one-way walk from City West to Woden progresses through the ANU, CSIRO, Black Mountain (saddle not summit), Aranda Bushland and Ian Loiterton Track, Cork Oaks and Arboretum, the rear of the National Zoo and pine forest (where we will cross the Molonglo), Yarralumla Woolshed and Equestrian paddocks and finally the green corridors of Curtin. We will catch the bus back to Civic (the stop opposite the pool) – please bring your MyWay card. Mostly on track with a few small off-track sections that are open and easy. Climbs and descents are moderate and there is good tree coverage if the day is hot. A shorter option (12 km Easy 7) is available but it is necessary to contact the leader in advance if selecting this shorter option. Climb: 350m. **Meet outside The Street Theatre, 15 Childers Street (free street parking on weekends).**

Sun 18 Aug – DEADMANS HILL CIRCUIT – 13 km Medium (10)
Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). We start at the Honeysuckle Campground and follow the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT) to Booroomba Rocks car park for morning tea. Then we continue along the AAWT for about 2km, 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 do our best to follow the completely overgrown old track back to Booroomba Rocks car park, then along the AAWT to our cars. Long pants, gaiters and gloves are recommended. Climb: 500m. Cars: 75km ($10). Maps: Williamsdale & Corin Dam. **Meet at K, leaving at 8.30am.*****

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

Wed 21 Aug – 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 21 Aug – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255).

Sat 24 Aug – PUNCH BOWL CREEK FALLS AND POINTS SOUTH – 9 km 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 back track 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 1.5 kph 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 25 Aug – BANGO NATURE RESERVE – 8 km Medium (9)
Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985). This is a walk in open, native forest, with virtually no scrub and fairly clear ground located 10km north-east of Yass. It is an interesting example of what the whole Yass area must have been like before clearance for farming. Climb: 400m.
Cars: 124 km ($17). Map: Yass 1:50,000. **Meet at the car park on the NW side of Federation Square, 26 O'Hanlon Place, Nicholls.**

Wed 28 Aug – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 28 Aug – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 28 Aug – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 31 Aug – LOWDEN TOWER AND TRIG – 12 km Medium (8)
Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223, wmholgate@gmail.com). From Queanbeyan we drive to the Tallaganda State Forest via Hoskinstown and Rossi leaving the cars near the junction of Lowden Road and Coxes Creek Road. We walk along the Lowden Trig Fire Trail, climbing up to where the Bald Hill Fire Trail joins on the left and then down to the valley before climbing again towards Lowden Trig. Most of this walk is on fire trails and foot tracks through attractive forest. However the last short section of the walk from the tower to the trig is off track. Climb: 300m. Cars: 100km ($14). Map: Bendoura. **Meet at S**.

Sun 1 Sep – FADDEN AND FARRER RAMBLE – 10 km Easy (7)
Leader: Peter Boyland (0413 378 684). From the meeting place we follow parts of the Centenary Trail, passing under Long Gully Road before heading west to Farrer Ridge. From there we loop back under Erindale Drive to Mt Wanniassa returning to the cars via the Karralika Fire Trail. Plenty of views on this walk. Climb: 360m. Map: Tuggeranong. **Meet at the parking area on the northern side of Jackie Howe Crescent (just past the turn into Goldsbrough Close).**

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

Wed 4 Sep – 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 4 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255).

Fri 6 Sep – Latest date to book for **MURRAMARANG SOUTH COAST TRACK** (see page 7 for details).

Sat 7 Sep – THREE LOOKOUTS AT BOOROOMBA ROCKS – 10 km Easy (7)
Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). There'll be a short car shuffle to leave cars at the Booroomba Rocks car park. The walk commences from the Honeysuckle Creek Campground along the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT), to Booroomba Rocks car park for morning tea. We then go up the usual steep track and just before the top we turn right along a good, but relatively unknown, track to the eastern lookout. We next retrace our steps back to the central lookout where we'll probably have lunch. After leaving here we follow another well-marked route across to the large south-western Booroomba slab to enjoy the views from its highest point. From there we return to the main track and go back down to the car park. Climb: 450m.
Cars: 75km ($10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K, leaving at 8.30am.*****

Sun 8 Sep – OVER BULLEN RANGE TO KAMBAH POOL – 8 km 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 fire 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 11 Sep – SHORT WEDNESDAY WALK – Easy. Contact: Robyn Kelly (6288 0449) or Colleen Fox (0424 030 015) or email ewwcontact@brindabellabushwalking.org.au

Wed 11 Sep – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 11 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 14 Sep – NORTH LYNEHAM TO BLACK MOUNTAIN CIRCUIT – 17 km Medium (8)
Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). From North Lyneham we make our way to Black Mountain on the Lyneham, O'Connor and Bruce ridges. We will do a circuit of Black Mountain and go to the Botanic Gardens for lunch. We will return to North Lyneham on different tracks. All on track with a couple of steepish, but manageable, sections. Climb: 400m. **Meet at NL.**

Sun 15 Sep – NIL DESPERANDUM – 14 km Easy (7)
Leader: Katarina Heinebäck (0409 329 139). Starting from Greens picnic area, we walk mainly uphill on a mix of fire trails and tracks through beautifully regenerated native forest. After regularly enjoying fantastic views of the Tidbinbilla valley, and a 5-star morning tea spot, we arrive at Nil Desperandum in time for lunch. This is an old pisé homestead from about 1895, lovingly restored after the devastating 2003 bushfires. We take a slight detour to visit the nearby remains of a eucalyptus distillery and camellia garden before returning to the cars along the same route. Climb: 350m. Cars: 60km ($8). Map: Tidbinbilla. Park entry may be payable. **Meet at K**.

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

Wed 18 Sep – 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 18 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Philip Gatenby (0401 415 406, philip.gatenby@gmail.com).

Sat 21 Sep – BROWNS TRIG AND BLUETTS BLOCK – 12 km Easy (7)
Leader: Robyn Gallagher (0409 891 187). We start the walk traversing the western side of Stromlo Forest Park, on fire trails and off-track before ascending to Browns Trig. Our return is via the Space Weather Monitoring Site. We will not climb Stromlo but stay on lower tracks back to the cars. Across Uriarra Rd we will explore Bluetts Block, a natural bushland area popular with bird watchers but threatened by Denman Prospect expansion. Climb: about 200m. Map: Cotter Dam, Canberra. **Meet at Stromlo Forest Park Western Car Park, located on Uriarra Road just beyond Denman Prospect for a 9am start. (Head towards Uriarra Crossing, not into the Park at the roundabout).**

Sun 22 Sep – WALKING AND BIRDING IN THE TINDERRY NATURE RESERVE – 15 km Medium (11)
Leader: David Dedeńczuk (0417 222 154, david.dedenczuk@gmail.com). The north-west section of the Tinderry Nature Reserve is a lovely area of undulating woodland, crosscut by Cassidys and Burra Creeks. The intended route is an anti-clockwise circuit starting from the reserve entrance on Burra Road. The route then takes us on a track south, before going east, partly cross-country, over two ridges before reaching the Monkellan Fire Trail. Thence it's north and west once more, before regaining the cars. I will be keeping a list of birds seen and heard through the day, so expect regular stops while I work out what birds we are seeing and hearing. There is a possibility of Spotted Quail Thrush, Painted Button Quail and (if we are very lucky) Turquoise Parrot. Please bring lunch, water, gaiters and sun protection. Climb:~500m. Cars: 82km ($11). Maps: Williamsdale, Captains Flat. **Meet at Q at 8am.*****

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

Wed 25 Sep – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Elaine Atkinson (0410 154 133).

Wed 25 Sep – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Philip Gatenby (0401 415 406, philip.gatenby@gmail.com).

Sat 28 Sep – STRATHNAIRN TO MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER AND RETURN – 12 km Easy (7)
Leader: Robyn Gallagher (0409 891 187). This walk follows some of the new tracks created around Strathnairn. We begin along high ground, to a viewing point which gives great views of the river, the suspension bridges, and the new tracks they are building. We descend from there to the 2 bridges and the river. If they have made new tracks beyond the bridges we can explore further. To return we loop back by another track which climbs steadily. We will extend the walk up to Wallaroo Spur and return to the cars via a section of the original Shepherds Lookout track. All on good, mostly new tracks. Climb: about 250m. **Meet at The Link - Ginninderry Community and Information Centre, 1 McClymont Way, Strathnairn.**

Sun 29 Sep – WASHPEN CROSSING AND CURLEY FALLS – 10 km Medium (8)
Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260). From London Bridge we follow Burra Creek downstream taking the Dhurrawarri Buranya trail to the junction of Burra Creek and Queanbeyan River for morning tea. We visit Washpen Crossing then take fire trails east before heading off-track down a ridge to Curley Falls on the Queanbeyan River. Some rock scrambling will lead to good spots to see the falls. Return to London Bridge and the cars via mostly fire trail. A mixture of fire trails, footpads and tracks, and off-track through open forest, with a short section of (non-scratchy) steepish scrub near the falls. Climb: 350m. Cars: 50km ($7). Map: Captains Flat. **Meet at Q**.

Mon 30 Sep – Latest date to book for **WALKING IN KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK FROM CHARLOTTE PASS.** (see page 8 for details).

Tue 1 Oct – Latest date to register for the **ANNUAL WALKS LEADER/NAVIGATION COURSE** (15 October – see below).

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

Wed 2 Oct – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Lou Alaimo (0428 328 686).

Wed 2 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959).

Sat 5 Oct – MOUNT TENNENT AT YOUR OWN PACE – up to 14 km Medium (9)
Leader: Ian Tucker (0421 312 374). Either 14m or 14km; your choice and at your own pace - no pressure and no expectations. We walk from the Namadgi National Park Visitor Centre up the Alpine Walking Track as far as you want or are willing to go. We will set a time for turn-around and return to the cars the same way. All on track. Climb: up to 800m. Cars: 40km ($6). Map: Williamsdale. **Meet at K.**

Sun 6 Oct – A TALLAGANDA RAMBLE – 10 km Easy (7)
Leader: David Wardle (0418 695 142). From Queanbeyan we drive to the Tallaganda State Forest via Hoskinstown and Rossi leaving the cars near the junction of Lowden Road and Coxes Creek Road. We walk along the Lowden Trig Fire Trail, climbing up to where the Bald Hill Fire Trail joins on the left and then down into the valley. We then follow an old forest trail, crossing a creek several times before climbing up out of the valley and along more forest tracks for a different route back to the cars. This walk is on fire trails and foot tracks, through attractive forest. Climb: 300m. Cars: 100km ($14). Map: Bendoura. **Meet at S.**

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

Wed 9 Oct – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 9 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 12 Oct – GIBRALTAR PEAK AND MUSHROOM ROCK – 11 km Easy (7)
Leader: Michael Clisby (0438 851 959). Starting from the Dalsetta car park in Tidbinbilla, we will wend our way to Gibraltar Peak where we can soak in the amazing views of the surrounding countryside and enjoy morning tea. From here, we follow a very steep fire trail down to Mushroom Rock where we will have an early lunch. We will then follow the track back to the Dalsetta car park by the same route. Climb: 490m. Cars: 56km ($8). Map: Tidbinbilla. Entry to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve (approx. $11 per car) may be required. **Meet at K.**

Sun 13 Oct – NURSERY CREEK AND RENDEZVOUS CREEK CIRCUIT – 13 km Medium (10)
Leader: Phillip Hope (0405 916 004). Walk from the Nursery Creek Car Park on the Nursery Creek track to the saddle (210m climb). Leave the track below Nursery Swamp and head south-west through bush (170m climb). Descend steeply to Rendezvous Creek. Then head upstream 3km (120m climb) and climb through saddle (grid reference 747515) back to Nursery Creek. Then back along tracks to cars. Climb: 500m. Cars: 90km ($12). Map: Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K**.

Tue 15 Oct – ANNUAL WALKS LEADER/NAVIGATION COURSE – Medium (8)
Leader: Bob Chittenden (6231 0856, bobchittenden2@gmail.com).
There shall be no pressure placed on a member attending this course to become a Walks Leader. Non-members may also attend the course. The one day course shall be at no cost to attendees. The content shall comprise a one-day introductory course, in a bushland setting, in daylight terrestrial

navigation training (mapcraft, compass, GPS etc) plus the duties and responsibilities of a Walks Leader.

Those wishing to attend the course shall be emailed four papers covering the topics of the course. A week before the course you shall be emailed a worksheet. Both the emailed papers and the worksheet are to be studied and completed prior to the course. The course shall be conducted as question, answer and practical sessions (drawing out and adding to the knowledge gleaned from the papers and your previous experience).

Attendees shall also be required to:

a. Be dressed for a full day in the bush, with sufficient food and drink for the day; and
b. Bring the printed version of the emailed papers and completed work sheet, a Silva-type compass, plus pencil and paper.

Bringing a GPS is recommended, but not mandatory. **Please email the leader at bobchittenden2@gmail.com by 1 October if you wish to attend this course.** Feel free to email the leader at bobchittenden2@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

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

Wed 16 Oct – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

Wed 16 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791).

Thu 17 Oct – TRAIN EXCURSION TO BUNDANOON
Contact: Elaine Atkinson (0410 154 133). It's 4 years since the last trip and what a fabulous day!!! Two walks (scenic town walk or Erith Coal Mine, Moreton NP – you could combine with the town walk). Options for morning coffee / breakfast / lunch. Will check what shops are open closer to the date. Train leaves 6.55am and arrives about 9am. Return is 1.55pm departure arriving Kingston 4.10pm. Fare is $2.50 return for seniors. Bookings a week before for the cheap fare. More details by email closer to the date.

Sat 19 Oct – MULLIGANS FLAT TO HALL – 16 km Medium (8)
Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468, billgibsons@gmail.com). The walk begins at Mulligans Flat car park climbing up to near Oak Hill. We continue on a track aligned with the ACT/NSW border heading towards Hall Village. We walk on well-maintained tracks and footpads through open undulating woodland with many magnificent views of rural and city scapes. A car shuffle is required. The logistics will be worked out when we know the number of drivers/participants. Climb: 320m. Map: Hall. **Meet at the Mulligans Flat car park (just past Henry Williams Street as you head ENE) for a 9.00am start.**

Sun 20 Oct – BRANDY FLAT HUT FROM GLENDALE CROSSING – 12 km 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: 80km ($11). **Meet at K.**

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

Wed 23 Oct – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 23 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Fri 25 Oct – Latest date to book and pay for **WALKING IN TUMBARUMBA** (see page 8 for details).

Sat 26 Oct – PHEASANT HILL /BOBOYAN HILL – 11 km Medium (9)
Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223, wmholgate@gmail.com). A walk through pleasant forest, mostly off track. We start at the old Boboyan Road car park and walk along the road to the homestead ruins, then follow a watercourse to a viewpoint (1323m altitude). The walk continues through forest with climbs to Boboyan and Pheasant Hills before returning to the cars. Climb: 350m. Cars: 120km ($16). Map: Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

Sun 27 Oct – RIDGE OF STONE / LEGOLAND – 6 km Easy (7)
Leader: Bill Gibson (0419 240 468). From the Honeysuckle Campground we drive to the Collimation Tower car park on Orroral Ridge. The 4km Orroral Ridge Road is 4WD, but it saves a steep uphill walk. From there we walk out to the lookout over Orroral Valley and along the top of the Ridge to some fantastic boulders and a cave. Climb: <100m. Cars: 70km ($10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

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

Wed 30 Oct – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 30 Oct – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 2 Nov – NURSERY SWAMP – 10 km Easy (6)
Leader: Katarina Heinebäck (0409 329 139). We start our walk at the Nursery Creek car park on Orroral Road, gaining about 210m in about 2km. I'm not aware of any damage in the 2020 bushfire, so the whole walk should be on a well-made track through forest, with some massive granite boulders along the way. The early part will be a steady climb, with some steeper sections. Once we arrive at the saddle, we'll have a rest or explore some rocks, then continue to the large fen of sedge, called Nursery Swamp, where we'll have lunch. We return the same way. Climb: 260m. Cars: 85km ($12). Map: Rendezvous Creek. **Meet at K**.

Sun 3 Nov – SERENITY ROCKS, TALLAGANDA STATE FOREST – 13 km 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 a track following a tributary of Mulloon Creek (with one creek crossing). 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, Bendoura. **Meet at S.**

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

Wed 6 Nov – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Dave Abela (0482 802 050).

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

Sat 9 Nov – ROCK ART FROM RENDEZVOUS CREEK – 11 km Easy (7)
Leader: Peter Dalton (0414 363 255). This walk is all in open, undulating, short-grass country, with a couple of short sections on tracks. Parking is at the Rendezvous Creek car park. We follow the track on the south side of Rendezvous Creek for about a kilometre and then strike west along a low ridge for two km, looping around to cross Middle Creek and head south to the Yankee Hat rock art. We return via the Yankee Hat walking track to Bogong Creek and follow the creek to cross Middle Creek where the two creeks meet. We return to the cars via a series of low hills, passing close by Gudgenby Homestead. Note: This walk might be varied if the art site is still closed and/or if the low-lying sections are swampy. Climb: 330m. Cars: 100km ($14).
Maps: Rendezvous Creek, Yaouk. **Meet at K.**

Sun 10 Nov – MT GUDGENBY – 16 km Hard (12)
Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791). From the Yankee Hat car park climb to the saddle south-east of Mount Gudgenby, then on and upwards, crossing rock slabs, to the summit. The return route will be via the mountain's south-east face. Mostly offtrack, patches of thick scrub and rock scrambling. For experienced walkers only. Climb: 800m. Cars: 100km ($14). Maps: Rendezvous Creek, Yaouk. Early start needed. Meet **at K at 7.30am. *****

Tue 12 Nov – Latest date to book for **WALKS IN THE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK** (see page 8 for details).

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

Wed 13 Nov – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 13 Nov – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 16 Nov – GLENDALE DRYSTONE WALLS FROM BRANDY FLAT CAR PARK – 10 km Medium (10)
Leader: Robin Cayzer (0417 238 652). From the Brandy Flat Carpark (near Glendale Depot) we proceed to the Brandy Flat Fire Trail and Half Moon Creek Fire Trail, which we leave to see the Drystone Walls before dropping back down to the cars. Terrain will be footpads and fire trails for two-thirds of the walk. Beyond the drystone walls it is off-track, steep and slow going through boulders, tight scrub and then open forest. Gaiters, gloves and poles recommended.
Climb: 530m. Cars: 100km ($14). Maps: Michelago, Rooftop's - Namadgi ACT South Activities.
Meet at K at 8.15am for an 8.30am departure. ***

Sun 17 Nov – Easy
Leader: Gary Lynch (0423 633 895). The walk will be sent to members by email.

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

Wed 20 Nov – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Peter Wellman (6288 5985).

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

Sat 23 Nov - Latest date to book for the **PROGRESSIVE DINNER** on Saturday 30 November.

Sat 23 Nov – SQUARE ROCK – 10 km Easy (7)
Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791). We will drive to the Square Rock car park on the Corin Dam Road. We walk along good forest tracks to Square Rock lookout. We return the same way except we will do side trips to the Orroral Valley lookout. Climb: 200m.
Cars: 70km ($10). Map: Corin Dam. **Meet at K.**

Sun 24 Nov – BIG HOLE AND MARBLE ARCH – 12 km Medium (8)
Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260, hermannsuk@hotmail.com). A long drive but an interesting walk from the Berlang camping area in Deua National Park to the 96 metre deep Big Hole, then on to the Marble Arch on Reedy Creek. At the start (and end) of the walk we wade across the Shoalhaven River. The river may be knee deep depending on the weather in preceding days. Suitable footwear and walking pole for the stony river crossing is advisable. In the Marble Arch and canyon and in the following canyon conditions could be slippery. A torch would be handy in the canyon There is no need to go into the canyon but if you do then water shoes would be helpful. The walk is all on track but there is a steep descent to and climb up from the canyon.
Climb: 400m. Cars: 170km ($24). Map: Kain. **Meet at S at 8.30.*****

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

Wed 27 Nov – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Mike Smith (0412 179 907).

Wed 27 Nov – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (NPA) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Philip Gatenby (0401 415 406, philip.gatenby@gmail.com).

Sat 30 Nov – Easy Morning Walk
Leader: Leigh Hermann (0417 147 260). The walk will be sent to members by email.

Sat 30 Nov – PROGRESSIVE DINNER – Easy (6)
Leader: Sue Williams (0413 336 647). Start at Torrens for entree at 4pm. Continue over Farrer Ridge and behind the houses until reaching Shackleton Circuit for dinner. After dinner to another address in Shackleton Circuit for dessert. Return to cars at Torrens by footpaths. Please bring a warm jacket and torch. Ring the leader for addresses of houses and contribution to the meal. BYO. Numbers limited. You can opt to drive between the houses. Please RSVP by Saturday 23 November. **Note the 4pm start.*****

Sun 1 Dec – FIVE HILLS IN GOOROOYARROO – 11 km Medium (8)
Leader: Ian Moorcroft (0434 978 755). We leave the carpark on Horse Park Drive and make our way outside the fence on track up Gecko Hill (789m). Following fence lines and footpad we ascend Old Joe Hill (813m) where we will have a tea break if the wind isn't too severe. Next on to Gooroo Hill (764m) to see the NSW border cairn. Crossing over the reserve we make our way up Sammys Hill (730m) finishing with Burnt Stump Hill (712 m), then back to the cars. Great views of the Limestone Plains and Canberra's newish northern suburbs from all of the hills.
Climb: 470m. **Meet: Second car park off Horse Park Drive (the one nearest the Federal Highway turnoff). Note there are several carparks along Horse Park Drive and this is the last one before the turn off to the Federal Highway**.

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

Wed 4 Dec – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Kathy Handel (0447 289 638).

Wed 4 Dec – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Leader: Prue Deacon (6286 1573, 0487 388 959).

Fri 6 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 7 Dec – BOOROOMBA ROCKS CAR PARK TO NAMADGI VISITOR CENTRE – 13 km Medium (8)
Leader: Wayne Holgate (0420 359 223, wmholgate@gmail.com). This is a walk designed for the cooler part of the day. Mostly on track with some fire trails and mostly downhill. Starts with a car shuffle. The walk will be finished soon after lunchtime. A descent of overall 600m.
Climb: 200m. Cars: 90km ($13). Maps: Corin Dam, Williamsdale. **Meet at K at 8.30am.*****

Sun 8 Dec – Easy walk
Leader: Gary Lynch (0423 633 895). The walk will be sent to members by email.

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

Wed 11 Dec – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Wed 11 Dec – MEDIUM/HARD WEDNESDAY WALK (CBC) – Medium to Hard graded walks. Coordinator: John Danaro (danaro@bigpond.net.au).

Sat 14 Dec – CRONINS FOREST – 8 km 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 S at 8.30am.*****

Sun 15 Dec – MOUNT TAYLOR VIA OAKEY HILL – 13 km Easy (7)
Leader: Jane Melanie (0447 261 663). From the carpark, we walk up to Oakey Hill trig where we enjoy great views. We then loop back down and cross Hindmarsh Drive using an underpass. We then follow the track to Mount Taylor Reserve and climb to the summit for more great views. We return the same way but bypass the top of Oakey Hill. Climb: 350m. **Meet at intersection of Heysen St and Davenport Street, Lyons.**

Wed 18 Dec – EASY/MEDIUM WEDNESDAY WALK (BBC) – Walks graded at the upper level of Easy or the lower level of Medium. Leader: Kathy Handel (0447 289 638).

Sat 21 Dec – COOLEMAN RIDGE – 10 km Easy (7)
Leader: Andrew Cupit (0478 309 791). We start from the leader's residence in Chapman and head up to Cooleman Ridge where we will go over to the far side of the ridge. Then we will head clockwise along the ridge to include views at various spots including Mt Arawang. We will then head back to the start for tea, coffee and Xmas treats. Climb: 160m. **Meet at the walk leader's residence - contact Andrew for his address.**

Sun 22 Dec – WALKING AND BIRDING IN THE ROB ROY NATURE RESERVE SOUTHERN SECTION – 16 km Medium/Hard (12)
Leader: David Dedeńczuk (0417 222 154, david.dedenczuk@gmail.com). The southern section of the Rob Roy Nature Reserve is rarely visited, by reason of limited access, adjoined as it is by

private property on several sides. The intended route avoids the private property, but in so doing is quite a long and (at times) scrubby walk. The intended route is largely across untracked terrain, and at one point requires pushing through kunzia scrub near to Guises Creek. We park cars on Angle Crossing Road, and then walk north, cross country, through the undulating woodland of the Gigerline Nature Reserve. Thence it's across Lobbs and Guises Creeks (and some scrub) before reaching the objective area – the Rob Roy NR southern section. We will likely climb one of the fire trails there and have lunch at the northern boundary of the section, taking care not to enter the private property beyond. After lunch, we retrace our steps back to the cars. Expect frequent stopping to list the birds seen and heard. Please bring lunch, water, gaiters and sun protection. Climb ~500m. Cars: 60km ($8). Map: Williamsdale. **Meet at K at 8am. *****