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ONE PLANET



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The President Says

2010 has been a great year for the club. There have been many interesting and varied trips that have been enjoyed by all. Club numbers have been steadily growing and we are happy to see our 'Tiggers' group prospering. It has also been encouraging to see the numbers of new leaders steadily increasing. We thank our new leaders for taking up the challenge.

We also thank all of our leaders for the wonderful trips that they have led this year and we look forward to seeing what they have in store for us next year.

The Committee has chosen to present one of our leaders with a special 'Leadership Recognition Award' for the wonderful contribution that they have made to the club. The first of these awards will be made at the Christmas Party.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you get the chance to enjoy our beautiful bush during the holidays.

Ron Watters

From the Committee Room

The Management Committee met on Dec 1, and made the following decisions:

- To invest \$15,000 in a 7-month term deposit at the Commonwealth Bank, at 6% p.a.
- To approve (subject to checking insurance issues with the Hon Solicitor) guidelines prepared by the Coolana Committee regarding use of the property by non-members
- To recognise Richard Pattison, Rod Wales and Tom Brennan as canyoning leaders (each at a different level of responsibility)
- To approve and publish paddling guidelines
- To accept Rebecca and Jason Lorch, Peter Case and Roger Xue as Active Members
- To appoint Vivien Remy de Courcelles Membership Secretary and Emmanuelle Convert New Members Secretary.

The Committee also further discussed several documents about activities leadership, which are almost complete and should be available early in the new year.

Leigh McClintock (Standing in for Helen MacDonald)

Editor's Note

It looks like we have some good weather ahead, hope you get the chance to enjoy it out there in our beautiful bush.

I would like to say a special thank you to everybody who has contributed to the magazines and newsletters this year. I'm sure our members appreciate your contributions as much as I do.

Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas.

Melinda Turner (editor@sbw.org.au or turner.melinda@gmail.com)

Please welcome the following new members

- Rebecca Lorch
- Jason Lorch
- Peter Case
- Roger Xue

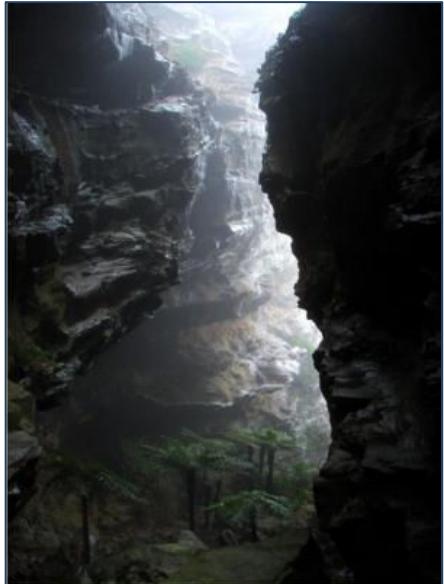
What happens on a walk stays on a walk! - Pantoneys Crown and the Blue Rocks / Oct 2-4

Vivien de Rémy de Courcelles

Not a very good header for a walk report. It is lucky that the Garden of Stone NP is such a spectacular place that there is still things to talk about beside a shameful event that took place during this walk.

10 walkers in 3 cars met on Saturday morning and headed to the start of the walk on the great divide. A pleasant firetrail was followed to Baal Bone point where we filled up water containers in case the puddles on Pantoneys Crown were dry. Sure enough it was raining by the time we reached camp! Before that though, we enjoyed some

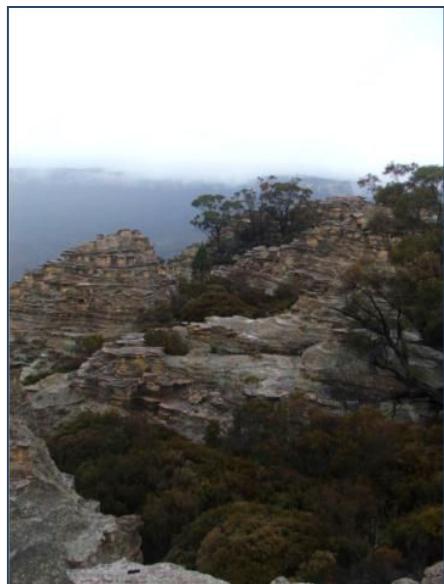
fine views while walking on the cliff tops to Baal Bone Point. The scramble down the pass was quite easy and a ridge led us to the bottom of the South pass to Pantoneys Crown. It could be of interest for others to know that we actually found a track leading to the pass from the saddle between Baal Bone Point and Pantoneys Crown.



The pass involves some scrambling and Ian's tape was pulled out of his pack for safety but overall, the going is quite straightforward.

We passed the top of the crown, leaving a note in the logbook and set up for camp, a warming fire, happy hour and dinner while rain had eased. A combination of wind and at time heavy rain could have been a worry considering all but one of us were sleeping under a fly but except for a bit of spray, we were fine.

The rain stopped altogether in the morning so that we could have a hot drink for breakfast and a dry start of the day. We found the northern pass thanks to Andrew's rope being still there since last year. The pass was negotiated with success. Later I tried to convince my compass that it was not pointing in the right direction: it ended with us in a gully on a private property I was trying to avoid! Compass 1-leader 0.



The sun made an appearance while we had lunch beside Crown creek providing the opportunity to dry groundsheets and flies.

It is a long climb up to Mount Stewart but the scenery gets only better as you gain altitude. There is also a profusion of grass trees on the lower slopes that make you think you are in a plantation. We rounded Mount Stewart and followed a magnificent cliff to Hughes defile. At the top of this gorge seats a pinnacle coming complete with a cave. It was our dining room as well as bedroom for some. The others found more camp caves including a terrific one on the West side. It could fit easily a party of 8: next time!

Rain started to fall about half an hour after we arrived at the cave so we had a dry birthday celebration for Christina who baked her own birthday damper while Peter produced party hats for all. While Chris is a year or two older than that, the whole celebration turned akin to a 21st birthday celebration with a very late 9pm bed time (8pm AEST) for Paul and other events about which we swore secrecy.

Monday was the wettest day of the weekend and yet we had 3 fires going for breakfast, morning tea and lunch. We quickly realized that we were not in party hat or balloon friendly country. Paul led most of the way, showing us a beautiful campsite coming complete with a small canyon. More competition went on between me and the elements: pagoda 1 rain jacket 0. We encountered some impressive rock formations such as the exploded pagoda and "the abyss" whereas Pantoneys Crown made an apparition through the mist from time to time. We even managed to get a glimpse of Donkey Mountain and the Wolgan cliffs during the day.

We were at the car by 3.30 pm and had dinner at the Lapstone hotel on the way back.

More photos will appear on the website.

Participants were:

Vivien de Rémy de Courcelles
Alitia Dougall
Marcia Kaye
Jodie Dixon
Sue Bucknell

Ian Thorpe
Paul Barton
Peter Hinchy
Christina Day
Arthur Panopoulos

Maureen's Meander to Melbourne (MMM) Stage 24 / East Gippsland cycling & walking / Oct 27 - Nov 1

Richard Darke

When I saw the description in the Spring Walks Program "East Gippsland - Cycling on Maureen's Meander to Melbourne. Exploring on rail trails visiting places such as Nowa Nowa, Bairnsdale & Lakes Entrance. We will cycle through tall forest, over old timber bridges & even visit a winery" I was immediately sold. This, I thought, is something different! Having recently retired, I could afford to take the time. And in the event it fulfilled all my hopes; we had a terrific time. Even this spring's fickle weather was remarkably kind to us.

To break up the long drive down to Gippsland, Maureen and David kindly invited us to stay overnight at their Berrara Beach retreat, so Kenn and I, who were sharing transport, took them up on their offer. After we arrived, and while Maureen prepared a delicious dinner, the rest of us went down to the beach for the sunset, and we then enjoyed a very convivial evening.

We were up at 6.00 next morning for an early getaway. We meandered on down the beautiful NSW far south coast, an area that was new to me. Once past Eden, the next 200 or so km was through tall forests, and we passed many logging trucks heading for the mill at Eden, a reminder for better or worse of the high logging activity in this wild region. We got to Bairnsdale, Vic. late that afternoon, where all 8 members of the group gathered together for the first time. Just after we arrived the heavens opened, but our consolation was a '2 for the price of 1' meal at the local RSL. What a bargain it was!

We spent the next 3 days cycling east along the 98 km East Gippsland Rail Trail. This, with an added 22 km round trip along an adjacent forest tramway, made for a very pleasant and not too arduous 120 km trip. The great advantage of following rail lines is of course the gentle grades, as trains can't climb steep hills. The first 9km was along a sealed path, with the rest being gravel of varying degrees of firmness. For most of its length, the route does not follow roads, so it is very peaceful, passing through fields and forest, with lots of birds and spring flowers in evidence.

We took it easy. Although the sky looked grim as we set out, somehow the rain held off, and as the day progressed, it fined up. The first leg to Bruthen is only 33 km, which we did in a couple of hours. Maureen was able to revel in the local fauna and flora, with the aid of some interpretive signs helping the identification of native grasses. At the end of the ride, some of us cycled back to get the cars, while the rest of us explored the village. Maureen, Kenn and I took a walk through the excellently signposted local forest reserve, along the 8 km Plane Crash Track. There were some majestic trees, with dappled sunshine filtering through lighting up donkey orchids which we photographed.

Camp that night was in a very pleasant grassy caravan park. Kenn has a huge 'Taj Mahal' of a car camping tent which I was privileged to share. The arrival of a dozen teenage riders as we cooked our dinner caused us to anticipate a noisy night, but they were nice kids, well supervised, & in the event we enjoyed a peaceful time, other than 2 of the girls being terrified on discovering a small huntsman in the female toilet block, which Maureen bravely dealt with. The mosquitoes which had plagued us at Bairnsdale were fortunately completely absent in Bruthen.



East Gippsland



Discovery Trail

Day 2 on the trail was a bit longer, around 55km. It started with a 10 km steady climb up all of 120 metres into the Colquhoun State Forest. Here David got separated from us, having cycled on, and the rest of us taking a slight diversion at one stage. This rather spoiled his day, as he had to spend hours unsuccessfully looking for us. In the meantime, we branched off the main rail trail onto a 22 km return spur, the old quarry tramway which is now the Gippsland Lakes Discovery Trail. The now-disused quarry was a source of red granite, some of which still graces imposing Melbourne edifices. The trail down through the tall smooth-barked gum forest along this trail is

Maureen's Meander to Melbourne (MMM) Stage 24 / East

Gippsland cycling & walking / Oct 27 - Nov 1 ^{cont.}

really beautiful, probably the highlight of our trip. We saw a couple of emu, a goanna, a lyrebird, and the bush was full of richly-scented *kunzia* bushes. There is still evidence of rails from the old tramway in places, 70 years later. We lunched at tables at Log Crossing before returning to the main Rail Trail. Kenn decided he had not had enough, so biked on down to Lakes Entrance for a look around. We did not see him again until we got to camp. One section of this ride is steep, but as it was only over a few hundred metres, it did not trouble us too much.

Later on the track we came across the first of a number of impressive high wooden trestle bridges. The trail deviates around these, as they are in a somewhat dilapidated condition, but they provide good photo opportunities, and a good excuse for a break. The ride on down to our next camp in Nowa Nowa was very pleasant. This caravan park had a huge, well equipped kitchen and activity room we were able to use to our advantage for happy hour and cooking, especially as it rained during the evening, and we had to pack up wet tents the following morning.



East Gippsland



Discovery Trail

Despite the overnight rain, Day 3, our last day on the bikes, dawned sunny and hot. We did a car shuffle to the end of the 38 km ride to Orbost, a very pleasant small town, the last major community before the still distant NSW border. This section of the ride was more exposed to the hot sun, but we got to Orbost in good time, seeing another couple of emu along the way. This caravan park, alongside a Snowy River billabong, was again very comfortable. But the forecast for the next day was dire - 50mm of rain forecast for Melbourne, and 120mm for the mountains. So we decided to spend the afternoon by visiting Marlo at the mouth of the Snowy, and nearby Cape Conran Conservation Park while it was still fine. Kenn rode his bike the 30+km; while the rest of us drove (we gave him a lift back).



Snowy River mouth



East Cape Conran

This is a fine section of coast, and where the Snowy meets the sea is particularly scenic. There was a great pub with an expansive deck from which we enjoyed a glorious sunset enhanced by cloud as we ate a truly excellent fish & chip dinner.

As the evening wore on, it appeared that the forecast rain would indeed materialize. However, in the event, the weather held. Greg, the caravan park manager seemed sure we would be spared, and his local knowledge turned out to be correct. While Falls Creek had 120mm of rain, and Melbourne 55mm, the northerly winds not only meant we were in a rain shadow, but a *foehn* wind effect raised our temperatures about 10 degrees above the rest of eastern Victoria.

Maureen's Meander to Melbourne (MMM) Stage 24 / East Gippsland cycling & walking / Oct 27 - Nov 1 ^{cont.}



Good fish and chips



Mario Sunset

So next day, while the NPA members made their way home, the 4 remaining SBW types were able to help Maureen 'knock off' 20 or so km of MMM, east along the beach from the beautiful Cape Conran to Pearl Point, which we turned into a circular trip returning via a trail through forest and heath behind the beach, where the wild flowers were at their peak display.

That night, the forecast was bad again. It rained as we slept, and we were resigned to an early departure back to Sydney. But once again we were spared, so all thoughts of leaving were banished. In the event we enjoyed another hot, sunny day with just the odd patch of cloud. We were able to walk another 20 km stretch of beach travelling east from Pearl Point to Bemm River, where we found the entrance to Sydenham Inlet was closed. At this point we were within sight of Point Hicks lighthouse, where the Bass Strait meets the Tasman Sea. It was a corker of a day. We saw whales offshore, and the beach had a wonderful selection of pristine shells. Walking on the steeply sloped beach and soft sand was quite arduous, but it gave Maureen the chance to close another gap in her MMM itinerary.



Maureen walking the beach



Cape Conran beach

The only problem with the car swap that day was that I underestimated the distance we had to travel, and at the end of the walk was faced with a very low petrol gauge and no nearby servo to fill up. The car computer told me I had fuel for 40 km, but it was 60 km back to Orbost. With David's car travelling behind us, while I nursed the car down the Prince's Highway, we managed to make it back to Orbost. I refueled, and was able to put 56 litres into the 55 litre tank. We must have been driving the last few kms on fumes. Phew!

That night, the rain did finally set in. But no matter. Mission accomplished in full. We returned home in an easy day's drive on quiet roads via Bombala, Cooma and Canberra. We noticed as we drove that there is a 214 km deserted railway line linking these 3 towns, rising to 1100m at one point. If this route could be developed, then combined with the East Gippsland and the Murray to the Mountains rail trails in Victoria, it would make a splendid trio of bike rides circling the Snowy Mountains.

Maureen has now walked 651 km of her Meander to Melbourne, and paddled/cycled another 317 kms, so the gap in her ambitious venture is gradually beginning to close. Next up is her 5 day walk from Bemm River to Malacoota in January.

Thank you Maureen for a wonderful week.

Participants were: Maureen Carter, David Carter, Kenn Clacker & Richard Darke from SBW, plus 4 NPA/Bush Club members



Rainforest - it's a Contact Sport; the Art of Exploring Upper Glenbrook Creek

October 30-31

Tony Holgate

As you head west over the Blue Mountains just past Linden, if you take your eyes off the highway (preferably not while driving) and look to the east, you will see ridge after ridge, covered in thick forest cascading down to the Cumberland Plain. If you look at the map, at the western edge of the Blue Labyrinth, you will see the upper reaches of Glenbrook Creek with several unnamed creeks flowing into it. Having explored many of the other creeks in the Blue Labyrinth and knowing that some of them contain beautiful pockets of temperate rainforest, I was keen to visit the only part of Glenbrook Creek I had not seen. It is worth a visit!

The plan was to start at the beginning of the Woodford to Oaks Fire trail, walk a short distance along the firetrail and then down into Glenbrook Creek. It started well; a steep, scrubby hillside took us quickly into the creek. We walked a couple of hours and climbed off-track down into the creek and were having a break, when a tree branch snapped off and hit Fiona on the head. She was a little shocked but after we calmed her down, assessed her injury and letting her rest for a while she was able to walk out. We walked back out to the cars at the start of the walk. By this time she was feeling a lot better. I dropped her and Sara back at their car in Falconbridge. After returning to the rest of the group, we decided to proceed even though we had lost over 3 hours (my original walk plan allowed for some time to explore a side creek on Saturday afternoon anyway). Back in the creek, we continued downstream.

The creek provides some good, old fashioned, off-track, rainforest walking with lots of slippery log crossings, lawyer vine, steep slippery slopes, creek crossings, some scrambling and occasional patches of thick scrub. This was accompanied by a chorus of birds mostly hidden in the forest, supplemented by the sounds of the creek. All great fun. This is a very beautiful creek with fantastic rock formations, small waterfalls, cascades, pools, orchids, ferns and moss all among beautiful rainforest in great condition. Unfortunately, there were no leaches. We did not camp until 5:30pm. There was lots of laughter and the occasional grunt as we negotiated the creek. There are a series of unnamed creeks flowing in on the eastern side which are good water, one of which we camped next to in a lovely rainforest camp. There was much discussion as a leisurely happy hour merged with dinner into the night. As the daylight faded there were more types and numbers of frogs calling than I have heard in a very long time - great to hear.

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Sunday dawned to the sounds of the bush. After breakfast we continued down Glenbrook Creek. As the creek gets bigger, the pools get larger and the banks become narrower and steeper. In this section, we discovered several potential camp caves along the eastern side. One was a camp cave that someone has tried to hide from people passing, by building a dry stone wall. There was evidence of recent use and it was also stocked with some supplies - curious. Another cave had the name "K Jones" and a "1944" date written in charcoal on the wall. This area warrants further exploration. As you get closer to Sassafras Creek the creek opens up a little and it is very pleasant walking under the lillypilly forest. We enjoyed morning tea until we noticed the bull ants. On our way up Sassafras Creek, we stopped in at Numantia Falls for lunch. Some went for a swim or a shower under the falls. These falls, just off the Sassafras track, deserve a side trip. We reached Falconbridge by about 4:00 pm. After the walk four of us enjoyed a drink and dinner at the pub.

This area deserves further exploration and I have already identified several potential routes. Look out for some more, great walking very close to Sydney.

Five of the party were new members and completed their membership requirements with this walk. They certainly earnt their memberships on this challenging walk and got to experience some great off-track walking and bush camping. Congratulations to Saeid Ghasempour Moghaddam, Anton Sokolovski, Martin Samociuk, Andreas Ojong and Gail Hansen and welcome to SBW. There were accompanied by myself and members Owen Kimberley, Michelle Powell, Anthony Anderson and Shahram Landarani. Great group.

Mt Mouin Walk / Nov 14

Nigel Weaver

Mt Mouin is the most easterly peak of the Wild Dog Mountains, not far from Medlow Gap and the southern tip of Narrow Neck Peninsula. It's actually quite easy to climb Mt Mouin by walking along the rocky ridge that commences at Blackhorse Gap and runs easterly up onto the mountain. The views from the top are unique in the sense that it is the only place from where you can see directly into the lower valley of the Kowmung River as it runs southward into Cox's River at a point several kilometres south of Mt Mouin. Mind you, you cannot actually see the water in the Kowmung River, but it's nevertheless interesting to see directly along the length of the rarely-seen lower valley.

Mt Mouin also gives you other great views, for example, across the hills and valleys to Mt Dingo and Splendour Rock; across Medlow Gap to Narrow Neck; the Cox's River Valley in general; as well as Breakfast Creek and the Megalong Valley. The walk can easily be done in a day as a circular trip to and from Carlon's Farm, doing the outward trip via the dreaded Blackhorse Ridge and the return journey via Medlow Gap and the Megalong fire trail.



Our group gets together in the lovely dell beside Breakfast Creek, just before the exhilarating (?) 400 metre climb to the top of Blackhorse Ridge.

Photo by Martin Samociuk.

On this walk our party left Carlon's Farm and took the track down Carlons Creek towards Breakfast Creek. On the way the nettles were quite bad, and now infest the whole valley. I had warned everyone one to have clothing that protected them. We forded Breakfast Creek and scaled the 400 metres ascent of Blackhorse Ridge up to the first lookout at the top, from where there are grand views westerly along the valley of Breakfast Creek. We could see Cattle Dog Ridge not far away, and a bit further along we could see Knights Deck.



A view from the top of Blackhorse Ridge across to the southern sections of Narrow Neck.

Photo by Martin Samociuk.

From the crest of Blackhorse Ridge we made our way up to Blackhorse Gap, and then followed the rocky ridge easterly up onto Mt Mouin. It's a great place for lunch because of the fabulous views in many different directions. After lunch we made our way (very) steeply down the north face of the ridge just west of the mountain top, and made our way around to Medlow Gap and on to a welcome water stop in the upper reaches of Breakfast Creek. Just up the hill past this point there is a great view back to the conical top of Mt Mouin. We continued around to Carlon's Farm and finished off a great day with dinner at Gardiners Inn at Blackheath.

Participants were:

Nigel Weaver (leader)

Roger Xue

Lloyd Hansen

Chris Dowling

Gail Hansen

Martin Samociuk

Huw ap Rees

David Baker

Pam Campbell

Karen Kool

Pamela Irving

Ted Nixon

Melinda Turner

Walks & Other Activities 1 - 30 November, 2010

Stephen Brading

Leaders: After an activity please email completed Walks Attendance Form and Activity Report to:

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This ensures that the 5 people who take action on Walks Reports receive them promptly.

Please keep the signature sheets as these are a legal document.

Date, Walk Location & Route	Activity Participants
5-8 NOV - 4 days XC Skiing - (Medium) KNP, Watsons Crags - Mt Twyhnam NWRidge: <i>Ski in from the Chalet, base Camp at Sentinel Shelf and do XC day trips to the Crags and other ridges.</i> Activity Report received: This trip was cancelled due to lack of snow	Ian Wolf
SUN 7 NOV - Day Walk - M222 Blue Mountains National Park: <i>Wentworth Falls station - Darwin's Walk - National Pass - Over cliff Track - Darwin's Walk - Wentworth Falls Station.</i> Walk Report: We had a fine day with some patchy cloud. It was very pleasant to walk along the valley where Darwin's Track goes, hearing the lovely babbling brook beside us all the way. Just like us, Charles Darwin actually walked here in 1836, reaching the top of Wentworth Falls, from where there are great views of the Jamison Valley. We had a short break at Rocket Point, and then made our way on the steep and windy track down to the National Pass, which runs westward for a couple of kilometres on a wide ledge halfway up the main cliffline. There were splendid views of the valley virtually all the way. At the end of the Pass we made our way back up to the clifftops, partook in coffee and ice creams at the Conservation Hut, and then went across the clifftop area back to Darwin's Track which we followed back to the station to end a really scenic day.	Nigel Weaver Helen Lala Tim Yewdall Patrick McNaught Rob McIlwaine Pam Campbell David Nordon (P) Terrence Biggs Patricia Sherry Anna Thorwart (P) Daniel Eckermann (P) Paul Irwin Jennifer Melocco (P)
SUN 7 NOV - Day Walk - M222 Bowens Creek South Canyon: Walk Report: Light drizzle and a low fog greeted the walkers on the way to the meeting point at the North Richmond Bakery. Driving up Bellbird Hill, we emerged into a partly cloudy day - perfect for walking, cool for canyoning! Wandering down the ridge, a bit of off track brought us into the creek in the middle of a nice but short section of canyon. Wet feet were quickly acquired. After a bit of creek walking, we arrived in the next section of canyon, Everyone was required to do some bridging and scrambling, which they did with some accomplishment, to avoid some deeper wades or swims. Then it was down a long but easy canyon which opened out into a lovely coachwood forest. With another section of canyon coming up ahead, an early lunch was called at 11am. The lower canyon provided a few challenges, not least the chilly water. A scramble down a narrow hole to avoid a 5m abseil, a slippery log slide to avoid another 5m drop. John propped up another log that allowed most people to climb down and avoid the "compulsory" swim, though balance or route choice had already turned a couple of waders into swimmers! Some more wades brought us to the exit, and the sun in which people happily reacquainted themselves with feet that had been long frozen! The walk out had a couple of interesting scrambles before the fire trail and road bash to the car. The day concluded with drinks and wedges at the Kurrajong Heights Hotel.	Tom Brennan Rachel Brennan Jim Close Dan Laver Huw ap Rees Kenn Clacher Sonja Steidle David Merrick Nada Curac (P) Veronica Thorpe (P) John Pritchard (P) Candy-San Pritchard (P)
WEEKEND 6-7 NOV - Weekend Walk - M223 Blue Mountains NP -Dumbano Creek: <i>Shay Ridge - Dumbano Creek - Mini Arthurs - Holts Heaven - Shay Ridge.</i> Walk Report: The weather was drizzly most of Saturday, but despite that we had an enjoyable semi-exploratory day. After morning tea everyone was delighted with SUBW canyon in the upper end of Dumbano Creek. After lunch in an overhang, we wandered around, up gullies and past pagodas, then down another lovely narrow slot quite similar in some ways to the canyon in the morning. We got to the planned campsite in reasonable time and settled down to a very pleasant evening around the camp fire, complete with creek burbling and fireflies and cake courtesy of Mark (the cake, not the fireflies). In the morning the bush was still wet but the sun had come out. We climbed out from the creek via a pass I knew and headed onto the Little Arthurs. We had fun wandering around and over these, then headed south west via a series of ridges and saddles. This eventually took us onto a pad which became an old four wheel drive track, leading to our lunch site overlooking more rock formations. Then after lunch it was back to the cars and home.	Ian Thorpe Mark Dabbs Lisa McCarthy Frank Hartigan Julian Martin Tam Khuat (Bush Club)

Walks & Other Activities 1 – 30 November cont.

Date, Walk Location & Route	Activity Participants
WEEKEND 6-7 NOV - Weekend Activity - Coolana Maintenance: See Magazine article:	Bill Holland Don Finch & Others
WEEKEND 6-7 NOV - Weekend Activity - M222 Navigation training: <i>Meet at the Mill creek picnic area near Wisemans Ferry for a review of the basis of navigation in the bush.</i> Activity Report: One month ago I would have cancelled at least the first day of this activity because of the bad weather. In the meantime I led a couple of wet walks: what is one more? We used the maps and the position of some of the latest Navshield flags to work on our navigation. Everyone had a go at the front on both days and it was good to note how more confident each leader was on the second day and that all leaders were very mindful of the rest of the party. The training included more than navigation and a few unscheduled lessons were learnt: ✓ How to make camp on a rock platform where no pegs can enter the ground. ✓ How to light a fire with wet wood for both dinner and breakfast. ✓ Night navigation without a map or compass can be tricky on a wet night even if it is only about going to the toilet. ✓ Leeches are your friends provided they don't suck your blood. Sunday was as warm and steamy as Saturday was wet and wetter. An early afternoon finish had us admiring the architecture of the heritage Wisemans ferry pub from its front terrace with a glass of something cool in hand.	Vivien de Rémy de Courcelles Nicole Bailey Lisa Sheldon Jason Lorch (P) Rebecca Lorch (P) Emmanuelle Convert Kathryn Reid (P) Michael Allen (P)
SAT 13 NOV - Day Walk - M222 Bungonia SCA: <i>Walk from Bungonia campground to Jerrara Creek, and follow this for a few km. Side trip to Paddys Castle.</i> Walk cancelled:	Brian Surin
SAT 13 NOV - Day Activity - Cycling Down South: <i>A day of cycling in the Illawarra area, mainly along coastal and beachside tracks with opportunities for swimming and coffee stops.</i> Activity report: We started at Albion Park and followed Macquarie Rivulet to Lake Illawarra, under Windang Bridge and along the beaches to Shellharbour for lunch. From there, through Shell Cove, around Minnamurra Headland and along to Kiama via the wetlands deviation to visit the Blowhole and catch the return train. It was 45km in total in at times very warm weather.	Bill Holland Rudi Werner Iris Kemp
SUN 14 NOV - Day Walk - L232 Blue Mountains National Park: <i>Carlton's Farm - Carlton's Creek - Blackhorse Ridge - Blackhorse Gap - Mt Mouin - Medlow Gap - Megalong Fire Trail - Carlton's Farm..</i> Walk Report: The day was warm with scattered cloud which helped to ease the heat, especially in the afternoon. The party left Carlton's Farm, headed down the nettle-infested Carlton's Creek, crossed Breakfast Creek, and then did the long, steep and strenuous ascent of Blackhorse Ridge, at the top of which we had a well-earned rest at the first lookout. We then made our way up to Blackhorse Gap, from where we turned left onto the exposed rocky ridge that eventually leads up onto Mt Mouin, where we had lunch. There were great views of the Megalong Valley, Narrow Neck, Cox's River valley, and the other hills and ridges of the Wild Dog Mountains. After lunch we negotiated the extremely steep descent down to the track that led us around to Medlow Gap. We then followed the firetrail to upper reaches of Breakfast Creek, where we had a nice break before continuing on the firetrails back to Carlton's Farm. We finished off a very scenic if rather strenuous day with a pleasant dinner at Gardiner's Inn in Blackheath.	Nigel Weaver Roger Xue (P) Chris Dowling Martin Samociuk David Baker (P) Karen Kool Ted Nixon Lloyd Hanson (P) Gail Hanson Pamela Irving Huw ap Rees Pam Campbell
WEEKEND 13-14 NOV - Weekend Walk - M233E Morton NP: Ettrema Creek via Myall Creek: <i>Drive down Friday night and camp at Wog Wog. Park on Saturday morning at Queira Clearing, down Myall Creek with 3 very exposed down climbs, walk along Ettrema creek (expect to get wet feet) and camp at Jones Creek junction. Sunday, continue walking down Ettrema Creek, out via Transportation spur and Pardon Point, a 3km bash through thick scrub back to the road.</i> Walk Report: Clear skies turned to cloud as we entered Myall creek. Descended the waterfall of enlightenment to become "de-lightened", sheltered above the "pool of death" through the heaviest rain shower, late lunch on the knife-edge saddle overlooking Ettrema. A handline was comforting at the "pool of impending doom", followed by lovely creek walking in Ettrema and an excellent campsite, happy hour was happy with clearing skies. Sunday was hot, several refreshing dips and stone-skimming in Ettrema, then ascended Transportation spur with lunch & fine views on Pardon Point. A great weekend was completed with an easier than expected bush-bash back to the cars. A special thanks to Steve for his snake repelling and for his imaginative nomenclature.	Richard Pattison Peter Hinchy Christina Day Stephen Dolphin Tom Brennan Rachael Brennan Ksenya Pakhomov Alex Pozniak (P)

Walks & Other Activities 1 - 30 November ^{cont.}

Date, Walk Location & Route	Activity Participants
<p>TUE 16 NOV - Day Activity - Kiama Coastal Walk: <i>There is now 12 km of continuous walking track from the Minnamurra River to Werri Lagoon. We will walk on this track all or part of the way depending on weather conditions.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk report:</p> <p>We walked the coastal track from Kiama to Werri Lagoon and after lunch around the Minamurra headland. The weather was a great improvement over the very wet conditions of the previous day. The coastal cliffs and rock areas were most impressive.</p>	Bill Holland Ian Mustchin Michael Madin Gerry Leitner
<p>SAT 20 NOV - Day Walk - M222 Q</p> <p>Blue Mountains NP: <i>Golden Stairs, Mount Solitary to the East Col and return to the Golden Stairs via Ruined Castle.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk Report:</p> <p>21 people turned up for this walk to Mount Solitary, 8 Members and 13 Prospective Members. We divided the group into 2. The faster group was led by Melinda and went to the far end of Mount Solitary, the East Col, where they had lunch and returned via Ruined Castle. The slower group was led by David and went part way across Mount Solitary, had lunch overlooking Katoomba, and also returned via Ruined Castle. It was good to see so many new members, the rock scramble up the nose of Mount Solitary was a new experience for many of them and they loved it. All arrived back at the cars between 5.30 and 6 PM. The weather was perfect. Unfortunately 2 people had to pull out early because of a leg problem.</p>	David Trinder Melinda Turner Andrew Vilder Christian Vallance Nicole Bailey Marcia Kaye Hugh Fyson Marina Chan Jon Bracs (P) Mel Mole (P) Rolf Marsden (P) Roger Xue (P) Jacqueline Yates (P) Gloria Roberts (P) Alex Gould (P) Jeannette Kendall (P) Russell Walker (P) Meg Walker (P) Peter Case (P) Renee Neely (P) Derek Le Dain (P)
<p>SAT 20 NOV - Day Walk - M211</p> <p>Garigal NP: <i>Roseville Bridge - east side of Middle Harbour Creek - St Ives-west side of Middle Harbour Creek - Roseville Bridge.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk Report:</p> <p>4 members and 6 enthusiastic prospective enjoyed a brisk and pleasant walk through Garigal National Park. Highlights included Bungaroo, where Governor Arthur Phillip camped in 1788, and the Casuarina Track. Start 9.00 am, Finish 2.45 pm.</p>	Richard Brading Geoff Coleman Dave McRae (P) John O'Reardon (P) Theresa Wannisch (P) Stephen Brading Nicky Williams (P) Tanja Amanovic (P) David Norton (P) Yvonne Brading
<p>SUN 21 NOV - Day Walk - M232E Q</p> <p>Sydney Harbour NP: Zoo to Aquarium: <i>Ferry to Taronga Zoo Wharf - Bradley's Head - Chowder Bay - Middle Head - Balmoral Beach - Chinaman's Beach - The Spit - Clontarf - Grotto Point Reserve - 40 Baskets Beach - Oceanworld, Manly and return to city by Ferry.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk Report:</p> <p>A perfect day's walking with a good group of members and prospectives. Highlights were paddling at Castle Rock Beach after lunch and spotting a pair of tawny frogmouths near the track on the way down from Middle Head to Balmoral</p>	Helen Lalas Leigh McClintock Marina Chan Anita McMahon Amanda Miller Nigel Wingate Tony Holgate Kathleen Fuchs (P) Jan Peterson (P) Melinda McNeil (M) Sue Yap Charlotte Didier (P) Denis Barriere (P)

Walks & Other Activities 1 - 30 November cont.

Date, Walk Location & Route	Activity Participants
<p>WEEKEND 20-21 NOV - Weekend Walk - M222 Wild Dog Mountains: <i>Dunphys Carpark (Carlons) - Carlons Creek - Blackhorse Ridge - Mobbs Swamp - Warrigal Gap - Mount Merrimerrigal - Splendour Rock - Brindle Dog Ridge - Merrigal Creek/ Coxs River junction (camp) - Blue Pup Spur - Blue Dog Ridge - Cattle Dog Ridge - Breakfast Creek - Carlons Creek - Dunphys Carpark.</i></p> <p>Walk Report: We started walking early at approx 7.30am and the party handled the initial two climbs, i.e. Blackhorse and Merrimerrigal / Mount Dingo, with ease. We arrived at the "Bushwalkers War Memorial" (a plaque) for an early lunch and then, after appreciating the panorama, made the group decision that we'd extend/ vary the intended walk so that we could camp on the Coxs River. At camp we cooled off in the River, had a friendly evening campfire and awoke next morning to a chorus of birds. We then climbed via Blue Pup early, to avoid the heat and reached Breakfast Creek for morning tea. It (our tea stop) was like an oasis in the developing heat of the day. We then, without much difficulty decided to return to the cars via the creek rather than via the steep and hot climb over Ironmonger Mountain as had originally been intended. We were back at the cars for lunch, having avoided much of the afternoon heat. It was a most memorable walk. Some of the features that come to mind are: An enthusiastic, friendly team. The crisp appearance of the vegetation, sparkling and green after the week's rain and contrasting against the blue skies. A memorable campsite, complete with green grass. Fireflies floating around the camp. Frogs' chorus at dusk. A sleeping Frogmouth (Aust design for an "Owl") at thigh height on the track out.</p>	Owen Kimberley Michele Powell Shahram Landarani Sun Clement Saeid Ghasempour Jason Lorch (P) Rebecca Lorch (P)
<p>MON-FRI 22-26 NOV - Mid Week Walkers - Dunns Swamp: <i>Camping and bushwalking, great for a swim or canoe paddle.</i> See Mid Week Walks Report in this newsletter:</p>	Bill Holland & Others
<p>SAT 27 NOV - Day Walk - M222E Redledge Pass: - Katoomba <i>Locked gate at Narrow Neck- Diamond Creek - Red Ledge Pass - Corral Creek - Devil's Hole Track - Cliff Drive.</i></p> <p>Walk Report: Day started humid, but cooled off with a nice breeze. The group enjoyed great views from the Devils Hole and the Pass. Everyone was confident with the exposure. There was lots of scrambling and loose leaf litter on the ridge and valleys leading to the road. Inspected old mining ruins complete with billy. Group was enthusiastic and had enough energy to organize travel to Nigel's walk the following weekend. Had mud cake and coffee back at Katoomba.</p>	Pam Campbell Anthony Andersen Connie Lee (P) John O'Riordan Chris Dowling Jeannette Kendall (P)
<p>SAT 27 NOV - Day Walk - S121 12km Otford-cliff tops-Palm Jungle Figure 8 pool Burning Palms: <i>Otford Station - Palm Jungle - Figure 8 pool - around to the beach - Pie Shop before train.</i> No Walk Report received: Short uphill climb from Otford Station then along the cliff tops with views south to Wollongong. Walk through beautiful forest with wildflowers, Gymea Lilies a specialty. Scenic lookouts, through the Palm Jungle and break out above Figure 8 pool on rock platform. Take a dip. Around to the beach and return to Pie Shop before train. Drivers can leave cars at Otford Gap if they wish. A great way to spend a late Spring Saturday. One climb of 200m. Public transport access.</p>	Shahram Landarani Anne Vatiliotis (P) Rolf Marsden (P) Helen Lalas Theresa Wannisch Sara Ching (P) Kelly Macnab (P)
<p>SAT 27 NOV Day Walk - M223 14km Bells Line of Road - ridge - the Barnacles - ridge - Bell Creek - undulations - Du Faur Creek - ridge -Bells Line of Road. Off-track walk, mostly on ridges but with two creek crossings (dry feet likely). Bush bashing and some rock scrambling. Interesting rock formations and nice views into Du Faur Creek.</p> <p>Walk Report: It was a warm day for what turned out to be a 16km bush bash. But we were rewarded for our efforts with quite a profusion of wildflowers at various locations and hosts of butterflies, which we noticed all seemed to be flying in the same direction, a bit east of north. Aligned with magnetic north perhaps? Also had the usual fascinating rock formations and great spots for lunch and two (count them!) afternoon tea spots: an attractive 'though squeezy spot on Du Faur Creek and, half an hour further on, a superb spot overlooking Du Faur Creek, now a gorge to our west, with another gorge to our east. Gorge-ous!</p>	Ian Thorpe Rosemary MacDougal Michael Keats(P) Brendan Anderson (P) Jon Bracs(P) Jason Lorch Rebecca Lorch

Walks & Other Activities 1 - 30 November cont.

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SUN 28 NOV - Day Activity - Beginners Paddle Woronora River Paddle: Up to Needles and return. Activity Report: In spite of a "grim weather forecast" and therefore a few late cancellations, eleven of us enjoyed near perfect paddling conditions with no wind and only a few sprinkles of rain that were insufficient for anyone to put on a parka. We even had a delightful swim at the Needles. Hewey broke loose shortly after we got back. A few of us enjoyed coffee etc at the new cafe upstairs from the boathouse which I would recommend. The best paddlers were undoubtedly those that attended our training sessions. Is there a lesson in that?	Patrick McNaught Ron Watters Anna Thorwart Tim Yewdall Nicky Williams Kerrie Allsop Bev Mackenzie Pamela Johnson Renee Neely Jenny Fraser Joanna Griffin
WEEKEND 27-28 NOV - Weekend Walk - M222 Q 22km Budawangs: Wog Wog, Corang Peak and Canowie Brook: Typical spectacular Budawangs walking. Walk Report: We all camped at Wog Wog on the Friday night. We started walking about 8.30 on Saturday. The day started cloudy, cleared up completely, and then started to cloud over again. The forecast for Sunday was bad, so I was keen to do as much of the walk as we reasonably could on the first day, and to thus leave a short second day. The walk along the main Budawangs west-east route initially goes down to Wog Wog Ck, then climbs gently to Corang Peak about 9 km away and only 250m higher. We found and explored Corang Arch, easily visible to our left (west) as we approached the nose off Corang Peak. On our way down, we had excellent views of most of the famous Budawangs icons - Mt Owen, Mt Tarn, Bibbenluke, Pigeon House, and so on. Once off the nose, we turned north along Canowie Ck. I had hoped to camp at its junction with the Corang River, but that location is very wild. We could not even access it, let alone find anywhere to camp. We followed the Corang downstream for another km or so to Broula Brook, where at last we found a very satisfactory camp site. Several of us had a cleansing dip in the river before dinner. David set the culinary bar very high, with his honey/soy marinated pan fried pork fillets. It started to rain at 5.30 on Sunday morning, and did not stop. We left the campsite a little after 8 o'clock, and all went well until we got to Goodsell Ck. There we missed our track, and were rewarded with about an hour's off track walking and navigation practice. We regained the campsite and the cars about 12.30. All of us were drenched. Most of us repaired to the Nerriga Pub for lunch, before we all went our separate ways. Congratulations to Judy Tent and Roger Xue, who both completed their overnight qualifying walk in fine style.	Leigh McClintock Philip Worledge Judy Tent (P) Melinda Turner David Trinder Jim Close Roger Xue (P)
TUE 31 OCT - Day walk - S113 Munmorah SRA: A northward circuit from Bongon, followed by a one-way stretch to the junction of Campbell Dr and the Geebung Heath Track. A car parked at each end of the walk. Walk Report: It was Joe's first walk after a hip replacement. We quickly got into some very thick scrub above Timber Beach and Moonie Beach. Joe decided he had had enough, and stayed with the car at Bongon. Sheila and I didn't want to leave Joe alone too long, so we completed the walk without any detours or swims, and returned to Bongon by lunch time. We finished with a swim at Frazer Beach.	Leigh McClintock Sheila Zaman Joe Strater

BUSHWALKS WANTED FOR SBW AUTUMN PROGRAM 2011

What bushwalking ideas do you have?

We are so lucky in Sydney. We can easily walk in the mountains close by, in parks that thread their way into the suburbs of Sydney, along beaches, through rainforest covered mountain ranges or our awe inspiring Alps.

Those walks you have always wanted to do, those walks others would love to do, SBW needs your help! We need all trips; easy through to hard. There is also room for trips that look at history, cultural or environmental issues. Or maybe a gourmets walk!

The Autumn Walks Program is now being compiled; get those walks to me as soon as possible.

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Leadership Recognition and First Aid Training Subsidy

Ian Wolfe

In order to further encourage training and leadership in the Club, the Committee is implementing the following initiatives (some of which are just minor refinements of previous informal practise):

First Aid Subsidy: - Many Clubs have a similar program, with the objective being to help ensure that Leaders have up to date competencies, so that they can provide the best care if an accident occurs.

a) **Pay the full Course Fee** for existing Leaders to attend a Senior First Aid Course/Re-certification Course (note - a "Leader" is a Member who has led at least 1 trip in the last year, and has submitted one for the next Program). Funds for 15 Leaders have been reserved for this each year (more can be funded if necessary).

b) **Pay the full Course Fee** for Leader's who run remote area trips, to attend a Remote Area First Aid/ Re-certification Course. Funds for at least 3 Leaders per year have been reserved for this.

In order to increase the exposure of SBW Members to Confederation/the Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Squad (BWRS), and vice a versa, it is requested that Leaders/Members actively consider doing a course arranged by the BWRS (as the Instructors tailor the course to "bush" scenarios).

BWRS: <http://www.bwrs.org.au/?q=first-aid-training>

However, as a range of dates may be needed to mesh with Members availability, doing a course with St John's or the Red Cross is also fine:

St John's: http://www.stjohnnsw.com.au/t_fatc.html

Red Cross: http://www.redcross.org.au/ourservices_acrossaustralia_firstaid_courses.htm

SBW will continue to sponsor/subsidise courses just for Members from time to time.

Leaders need to keep a copy of their attendance registration & results, and send these (preferably in electronic form) to the Treasurer treasurer@sbw.org.au and Training Secretary)

Recognition of Leaders

One Leadership Recognition Award will be presented at each of the Xmas Party, the AGM and the Mid Year Feast meetings. The Board has selected the recipient of the first Award, so come along to the Xmas Party to see who it is!

WILLIS'S WALKABOUTS

It's Free, It's Informative and It's Interesting.

Every month or so, we send out an email newsletter.

Besides our trips, we cover environmental and other issues which should be of interest to every bushwalker in Australia.

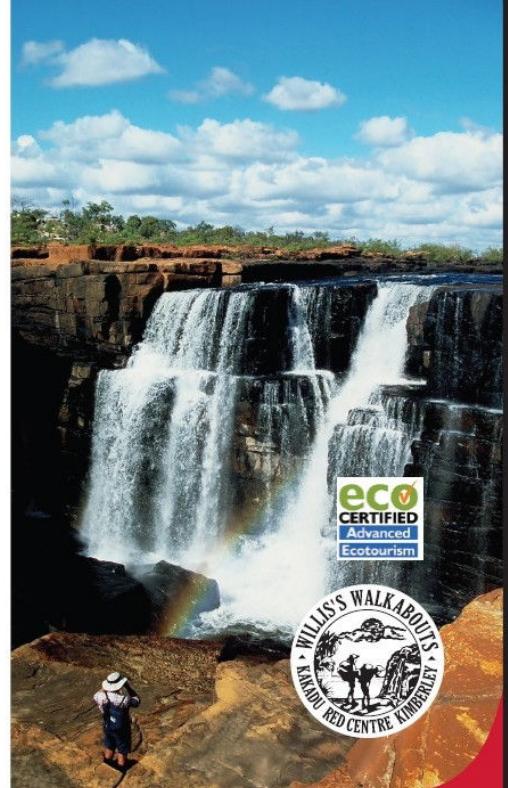
Recent newsletters included articles about:

- The ecology and natural history of the areas where we operate
 - Bushwalking equipment
 - Adventure activity standards which could threaten the existence of bushwalking clubs.
 - Commercialisation of national parks
 - Bush photo and art exhibitions
 - Dehydrated foods for bushwalking
- And more, much more.

Many have made a point of writing to tell us how much they enjoy it. The issues we publicise from one state may later turn out to be relevant to all.

See for yourself. Send an email to rrwillis@internode.on.net and ask to go onto our list. If it's not right for you, send another email and your name is removed. No one else sees the list so it can't be used to generate spam.

Still not sure. Click on the Newsletter link on the top of our website and you can sample a few of the recent newsletters.



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The Midweek Walkers

November's visit to Dunns Swamp was very satisfying. Great weather and good company. Eleven attended and we walked in the morning, about 3 hour walks, then lazed about or kayaked in the afternoon.

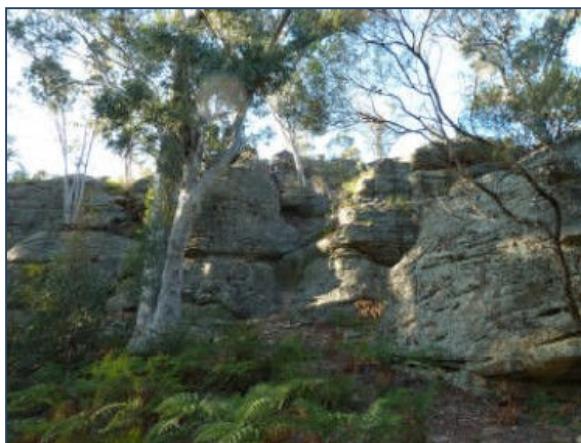
Dunns Swamp has large camping grounds (there are several spread around and separate from each other) and we car camped at Kookaburra Beach next to the lake.

Hardly anybody else was around until Wednesday when three school groups came for end-of-year outings. They occupied the other camping grounds and were no problem to us but it does indicate how popular Dunns Swamp is becoming, even mid-week.

That's all for this year. Next year will start with a camping trip at **Myall Lakes** in February. The plan is to go after the school holidays have finished and while the weather is warm for kayaking and swimming as well as pleasant walking.

The following month we will return to "**Villa Paradiso**" Myola.

Bill Holland



Coolana Report

Bill Holland had a maintenance weekend at Coolana 6th & 7th November, present were Bill, Rick, Barry, Patrick, and Glenn.

From Glenn; I went down this weekend while Bill was there to have a look at the tracks and signs. I have raked the Rigby Bypass (including the track to the shed) and the Presidents track and replaced a few signs. Bill was able to point me in the direction of trigger plant flat so I was able to put the sign up for that. I took the blower out along the scenic circuit to see how that's going and it will need a good clean up by a few people next time we are able. I was able to do a bit and at least the track can be followed again. Eastern flat looks great.

Patrick was also present at the maintenance weekend and has done the required annual maintenance of the composting toilet, his report table is below. The mention of cleaning and oiling the turbo vent does not convey the full story; it requires some careful gymnastics on a ladder at the top of the vent pipe. Also not mentioned is the need to correctly deal with the inner workings of the toilet chamber, a specialist job that Patrick would like to share with an apprentice, any volunteers?

Coolana Composting Toilet Annual Inspection 2010

Annual Inspection (November or December each year)	2010, carried out 7 November 2010
Development Application	DA2006/2126
Construction Certificate	CC2006/1983
Final Council Inspection	October 2007
Development	Waterless, Composting Toilet on Lot 3 DP 572282
Composting Chamber	Clivus Multrum, model CM8, serial No. 3012
Building vicinity: Bushfire Inner Protection Area (IPA)	10 metre zone marked with star pickets,
Bushfire Inner Protection Area (IPA)	minimal ground fuel within Bushfire Inner Protection Area
Building and building fittings	Good condition, no damage or vandalism. Solar powered lights operational. Fly screen to window fitted. Self closing mechanism fitted to door. Curtain fitted to cover mirror; to prevent birds attacking their own image. Hand basin and water supply operational. Sullage disposal operational. Gate to subfloor in place, fitted with Coolana padlock. Decorative masonry cladding of subfloor to be completed.
Chamber exhaust: <i>Ebmpapst</i> model 4312M, 2.5 watt	Solar powered fan, fitted and operational
Chamber exhaust: <i>Edmonds</i> 150 mm Turbo Ventura	Wind powered, fitted and operational. November 2010: turbo vent removed, cleaned of spider web and bearings oiled.
Filters to air intakes;	Nil fitted
Heating elements;	Nil fitted
Liquid discharge from the unit;	Nil
Grey water disposal system	Absorption trench, 27 metres west and downslope from Toilet.
Absorption trench disposal area	Natural regeneration of disturbed groundcover.
Levels of composted material;	Low, satisfactory.
Rotation or turning of the compost;	Upper surface levelled and turned; November 2010.
Presence of flies or other disease transmitting insects within the composting chamber;	Minor. Requires application of insecticide spray.
Bulking Material	Untreated, hardwood sawdust obtained gratis from Ogden Timber, 5 Kiama Street, Bowral 2576, contact Adrian Ogden: (02) 4862 4333, 0408 463 451. Sawdust stores kept in plastic drums in subfloor below toilet vestibule.
Inspection Report prepared by	Patrick James, 7 November 2010

Barry reported that it was overcast Friday afternoon and rained during Friday night. Saturday was wet and rainy so the original plan to stack logs and spray weeds on the camping flat was abandoned in favour of work on the Eastern Flat. The brush cutters and mower were used to win back some ground from the weeds; thistles, cobblers pegs and so on. Sunday was more of the same but now wet and humid. The water tanks were filled as were the open drums.

A contractor has been engaged to spray the swamp dock on the camping flat and this should occur in the near future.

Don Finch

Summer Social Program

Kathy Gero

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE KIRRIBILLI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
AT 8pm UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

DECEMBER

Dec 15

6:30pm

The FABULOUS SBW Xmas Party

Just bring a plate of delicious food to share. The club will provide all beverages and all culinary necessities. The "who's who in SBW" will surely be there, so come and find out about all the gossip and celebrate the end of 2010



JANUARY

Jan 5

4pm

Annual Balmoral Walk (before annual picnic)

This walk will commence around 4 pm and is planned to finish at Balmoral Beach at around 6 pm in time to join the others for the beach picnic. The length of the walk and route depends on the heat of the day. Beach swimming is an option

Leader: Bill Holland 4296 3084 (m) 0418 210 290 Email: billholland@bigpond.com

Jan 5

6pm

Annual Balmoral Beach Picnic

The annual SBW feature event. Come to the southern end of Balmoral Beach and join with old and new members for a very enjoyable evening. Bring along a picnic meal or buy fish and chips at the nearby shops. No need to phone but if assistance is required call me on 4296 3084 (m) 0418 210 290 or email billholland@bigpond.com

Feb 2

7pm

Committee Meeting

Observers welcome

Feb 9

8pm

New Members Night

Introduction to SBW for intending Prospective members

Feb 16

8pm

Paddling Around Tasmania

Club member, Phil Newman, will give a talk based on his circumnavigation of Tasmania with his buddy Richard Barnes in 2007. The talk will include the planning, preparation, the actual event and some learning's. Should be most interesting and insightful.



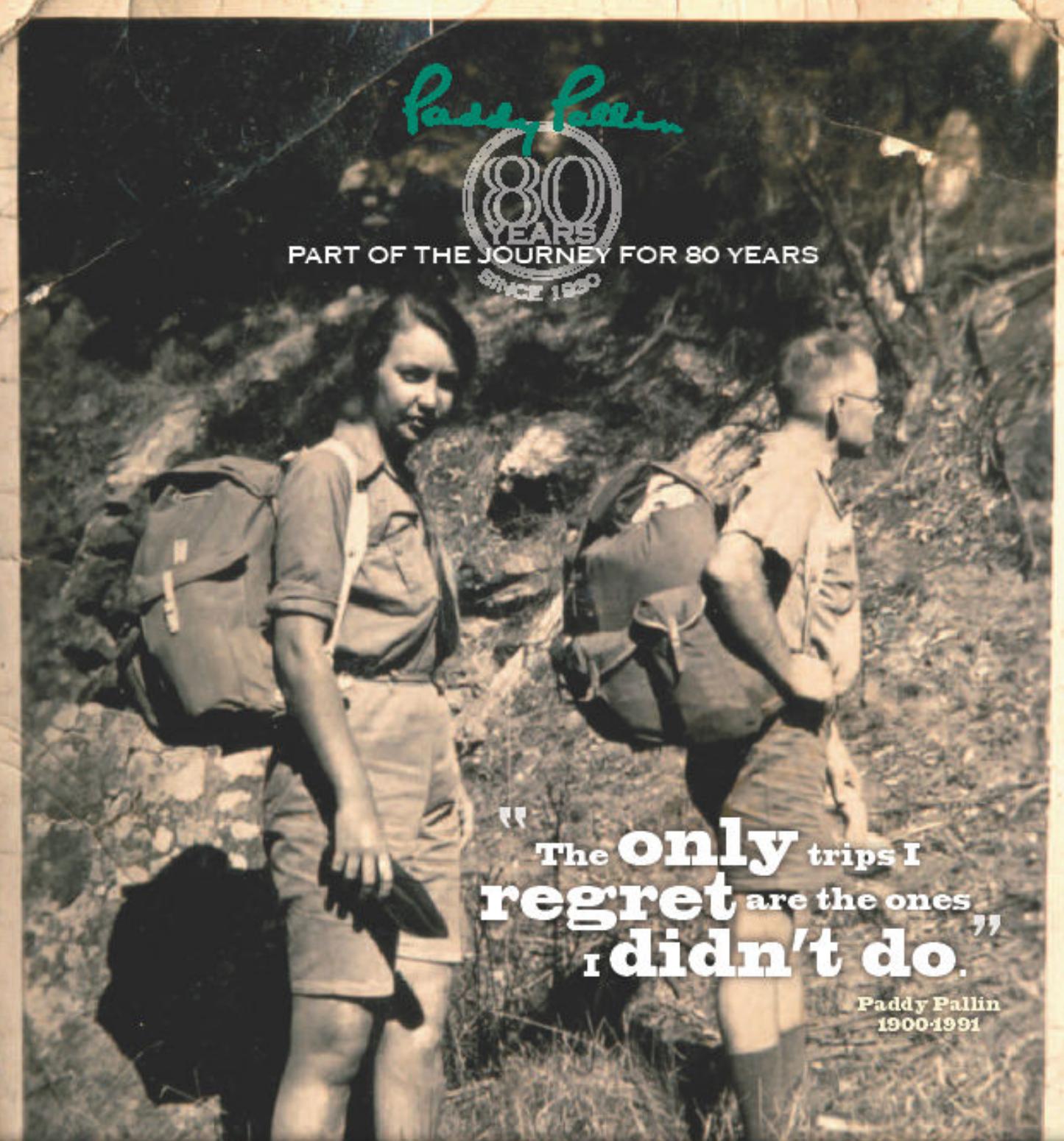
COME AND SUPPORT OUR GUEST SPEAKERS!

Why not come along and meet for dinner at Kirribilli before one of the social evenings?

Our Social Secretary, Kathryn Gero has changed her email address.

Her new email address is: kathymg73@gmail.com

If you would like to organise a social event for club members contact Kathy and share your ideas with her!



Paddy Pallin



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