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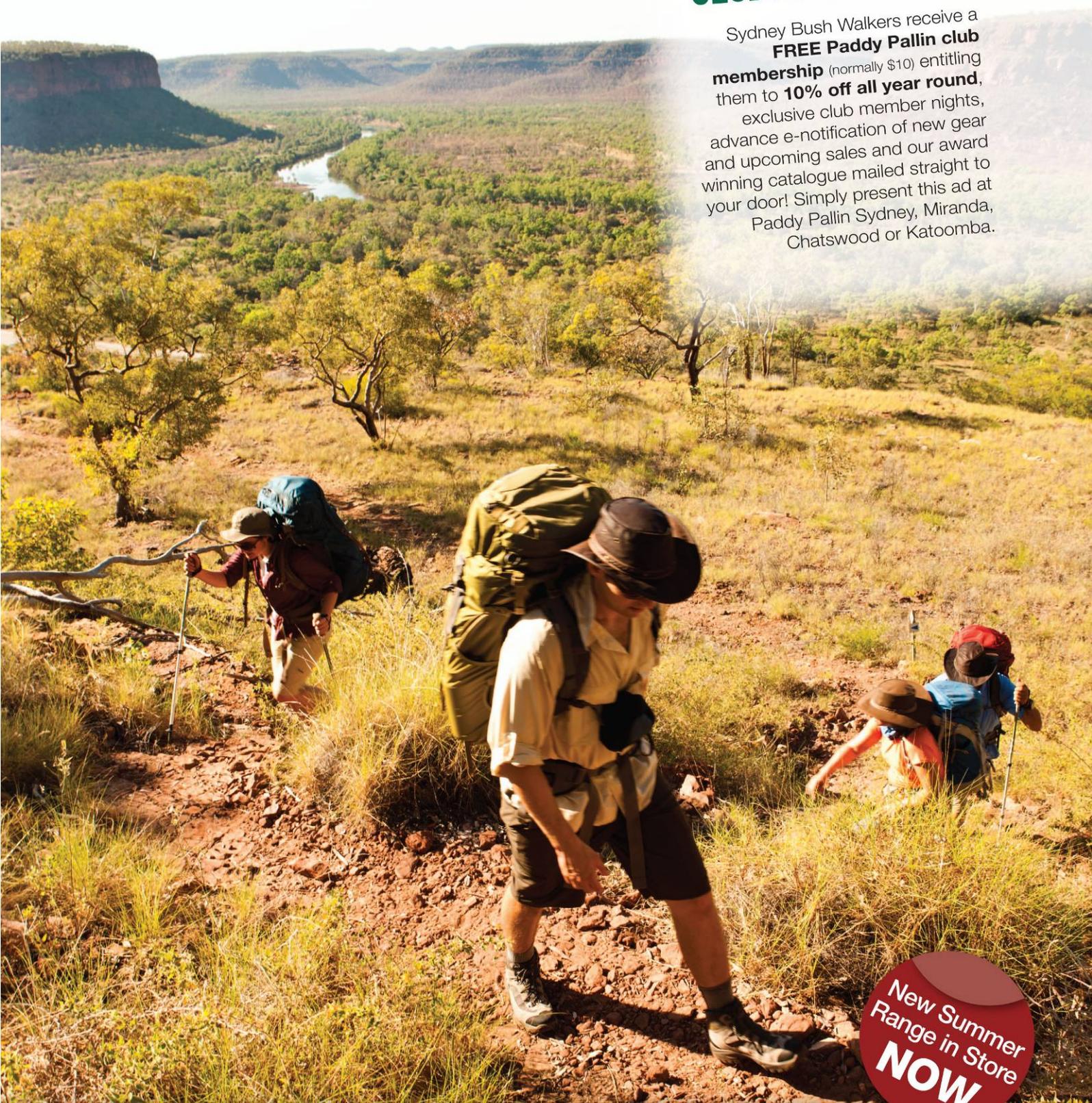
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President Says

Members,

- Many recent trips have been cancelled or deferred due to the wet weather - as a consequence many Prospectives have missed out on opportunities to do their Q Walks - now that it is hopefully getting a bit drier (?) can Leaders please look at putting on some more Q walks to meet the "demand"
- The Club's AGM went off well on 14 March 2012, with the "usual suspects" being elected, although the credulity of the Meeting was severely strained by the Secretary winning the lucky door prize, which was a bottle of Red (and she didn't share it!)
- Despite the torrential rain on Friday night, the annual Reunion also went off well - we erected some big tarps to shelter the multitudes, but bar some slight drizzle for a short part of Saturday night, it was actually quite dry - and Sunday was so pleasant that a party went liloing
- The testing of the Membership Application and Renewal capability on our web site is proceeding well, and you should receive a renewal email in due course
- There is a unique opportunity, for those who want a good upper body workout, to shovel gravel onto the Coolana access road on the weekend of 14-15 April - phone Barry Wallace on 9477 6092
- On Tuesday night 24 April I will be leading an overnight stroll out along Narrow Neck, down Tarros and then by fumble and feel to Splendour Rock. We should arrive in time to get a few hours sleep before rising to participate in the ANZAC Day Dawn Commemorative Service that Confederation organisers each year to remember and give thanks to the sacrifices made by the Bushwalkers in WW2 (and all our other conflicts) and especially the four from SBW refer: http://www.sbw.org.au/content_common/pg-sbw-history.seo. After the Service we will have a "Gunfire Breakfast" (Rum and Sausage Sangers) and "Little Lie Down" before heading back via the ridge tops over Mt Mouin
- The process to formulate the Winter Activities Program has commenced - please send you trips into activities@sbw.org.au by 30 April
- The **Overnight Potential Trips Leader's Workshop** will be held on the weekend of 28-29 April in the scenic Pagoda area north of Bell. Please express interest to skillenhancement@sbw.org.au
- Thanks to the Paddlers who have advised they have a SOT, and those that have both a SOT and a SIT. For those outstanding, please send a brief email to skillenhancement@sbw.org.au
- Weekend 1 of the BWRS Remote Area First Aid will be held on 19-20 May to sign up, log on to <http://www.bwrs.org.au/?q=remote-area-first-aid> (and SBW pays for active Leaders to attend)
- The next Basic Skills Workshop for Prospectives will be on Saturday 26 May

somewhere on the Mountain

Ian Wolfe

President SBW

Results of the 14 March AGM Election

Please welcome your new and returning
Committee Members

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following officers on club matters:*

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Editor's Note

Dear Members,

Happy Easter and welcome to the April newsletter! I have to say that this freezing weather came as quite a surprise when I went walking in Bluiies over the holiday break and decided to try a friend's hammock for the first time. What is the lesson learned from this? Hammocks are seriously cold if you don't use an air mattress! However, they are incredibly quick to set up and so comfortable, even if the sleeping procedure is a work-in-progress...I might be a convert.

Due to some hang-ups last month, you can now enjoy double the walks reports in this edition. However, there were quite a few for which reports were not received. Leaders, please make sure you get those reports in to walksreporting@sbw.org.au. Many thanks to all who contribute articles! There's one with an esssssssspecially good picture in this issue. Keep them coming, please ☺.

All the best,
Renee Gruber
editor@sbw.org.au



Forthcoming Online Renewal and Membership Application Process

For Members who have nominated posted communications the below does not apply. For Members who have nominated electronic communications the below does apply. We will shortly be releasing online web based processes to allow:

- Prospectives: to join as new Prospectives, to conduct their annual Renewal of Membership, to update any of their details that have changed, and to apply to become a full Member of SBW (upon completion of the Qualifying criteria)
- Full Members: to conduct their annual Renewal of Membership, and to update any of their details that have changed

You will be prompted to conduct Renewals/Applications by receipt of an email which will contain a link to "click on" to launch the action. For existing Members, your information on SBW's database will be populated to the fields on the screen - if anything has changed, please update it - otherwise, simply conduct the required payment to complete the action. This will usually take 2-3 minutes for most people.

You will need to have handy:

- When paying electronically - your online banking details in order to conduct an electronic deposit (we are not using Credit Cards in Phase 1, due to the transaction fees and security issues). Links to the electronic banking

Results of the 14 March AGM Election

Please welcome your new and returning

Non-Committee Officers

Members are welcome to contact the following officers on club matters:

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web sites of the 4 main Banks are provided. You will need to insert SBW's Bank A/C details, make the payment, copy the Receipt number and then paste it into the indicated field on the SBW web page

- ✿ If you have a current First Aid Certificate - to insert the Organisation (St Johns, Red Cross etc), qualification level and expiry date - so that we can prompt you for renewal ahead of time - and encourage you to access the subsidy SBW provides. We need this information to help reduce our Insurance Premiums as well as the ongoing management of the risks associated with our outdoor activities
- ✿ If you own one, your Car Registration Number, its colour and people carrying capacity (as this information will be used in Phase 2 of the web upgrade to help facilitate organisation of transportation for trips)
- ✿ Please seek to supply an individual long term private email address rather than an employer email address (as they become invalid when you change roles)
- ✿ We will also be asking for your Date of Birth (DOB) as this is needed by our Insurer in order to calculate age brackets and this is part of the total insurance appraisal (we will keep this information completely confidential)

The introduction of this new functionality requires a dedicated User Name and Password. As we will be running the new software in parallel with our current web site for some time, this means that two "log ins" are required. In order to avoid the confusion of having two separate User IDs and Passwords we have changed your current User Name to the SBW Members area to your currently nominated email address, but kept your current Password.

So you will have the same User Name and Password to use at any point

When conducting Members Renewals or Applications, please use your nominated email address and Password when in the renewal/application screens.

Once the Phase 2 functionality is ready, we will migrate our current web site into the new web site framework - and there will only be a need to input your email address and password once to log in. If you need your Password refreshed please email communications@sbw.org.au Please record your Password somewhere you can remember for future reference.

Please welcome the following new members:

- ✿ Lucy Keatinge
- ✿ John Robb

Wanted – Website User Experience Designer

The SBW website has been instrumental in the growth of the club over the last several years and we are in the process of planning for the next stage of the club's growth with a new architecture and design for the SBW website. As such, we are seeking any club members to assist who have experience and skills in website user experience (UX) design.

The core requirements for this role include:

- ✿ Creating wireframes for the new website architecture (preferably with Visio or Omnigraffle).
- ✿ Managing user testing of a paper or interactive prototype.
- ✿ QA checking of visual designs and HTML to ensure functionality as well as web usability and accessibility standards are met.

It will be a fun process where you will be able to make your mark on the new website while working alongside the SBW web team and taking in feedback from key stakeholders.

If you have experience in this field and are up for the challenge, please contact Lily Ng on 0408 008 318 to discuss further.



The latest edition of the Confederation of

It can be downloaded at:

<http://www.bushwalking.org.au/mag.html>

Deep Pass overnight exploratory weekend

10/11 March

Carole Beales

This walk was programmed as an introductory exploratory weekend for kids by Linda Willard with Tony Manes offering to assist. Given the exceptionally wet weather the previous week it was not really surprising (but still disappointing) that it was only the 'big kids' who got to enjoy an exceptional weekend.

The writer's only question was "Why haven't I been here before?" Off road vehicles were a necessity to follow the network of logging roads from the Zig Zag railway into the parking area. "The kids would have loved this..." became the catch cry for the weekend.

We made the short walk downhill to the campsite with ease (despite the packs overflowing with gourmet goodies). A large grassy area opened before our eyes- a wonderland ready to be explored. The weather was perfect- blue sky and bright sunshine. The 'big kids' boiled the billy, watching the numerous blue wrens and the lone black cockatoo which flew overhead calling mournfully.

We were truly amazed at the change in the weather and surprised we had the camp and NPWS toilet (with government toilet paper) to ourselves.

After a leisurely lunch Tony took us on a short walk across the crystal clear creek up the gully to the hidden 'slot'- a narrow chasm in the rock reminiscent of Stanley Chasm in Central Australia- walls which reached up to the sky and a side chasm to explore (and jump out on unsuspecting friends or family members)- exciting for kids both large and small. We continued onto the cliff top over looking the camp- expansive views of the surrounding countryside opened before our eyes and the pagoda rock country provided many questions. Who piled up those rugged blocks of sandstone to resemble little Chinese houses?

The evening was spent around the campfire, spinning yarns from bushwalks past and devouring the extra double choc Tim Tams that were carried in for the little ones. A wombat arrived after dark to keep the camp ground neat and tidy and was so trusting that it turned it's back on us and just kept chewing!

There was a little rain overnight but Sunday dawned fine and sunny. Tony offered to take us to the River canyon. It soon became obvious as the bush closed in that walkers had not been walking up the valley to reach the canyon but we were not to be put off.

When we reached the River canyon those who had not

visited before were surprised to see the hidden vista materialise out of the bush- a deep canyon with a sandy bottom and brilliant sunshine filtering down through the ferns- a hidden fairyland. The route back on fire trails was much more direct. This may have been a long walk for younger kids but given the weather I am sure they would have enjoyed a smaller canyon closer to the camp with swimming holes and climbing ropes. I can't wait to go back and see this spot for myself.

Clean Up Australia Day 4th March

Dirk Goes



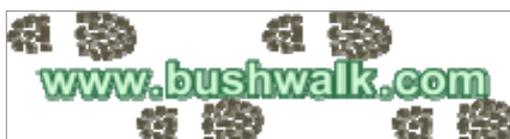
Ten people turned out to help clean up Little Marley and Big Marley beach in the Royal National Park. I was lucky that I did not have to cancel it as it took place after that terrible Thursday morning of rain in Sydney.

It was the nicest day for at least a week with sunshine and a strong northerly breeze. We headed off from Wattamola and everyone enjoyed the lovely hiking across the cliff tops. There was no rubbish on the hike but as soon as we walked on Little Marley a large pile of unsightly rubbish greeted us. It was as if it had been set up for us. We got to work and quickly filled almost 20 bags plus collected many odds and ends. Some of it had washed in from the sea (piles of plastic water bottles - don't buy them!) but also a lot of rubbish that had been left by day visitors.

We carted all the rubbish around to Big Marley beach and placed it at the spot designated by the Rangers.

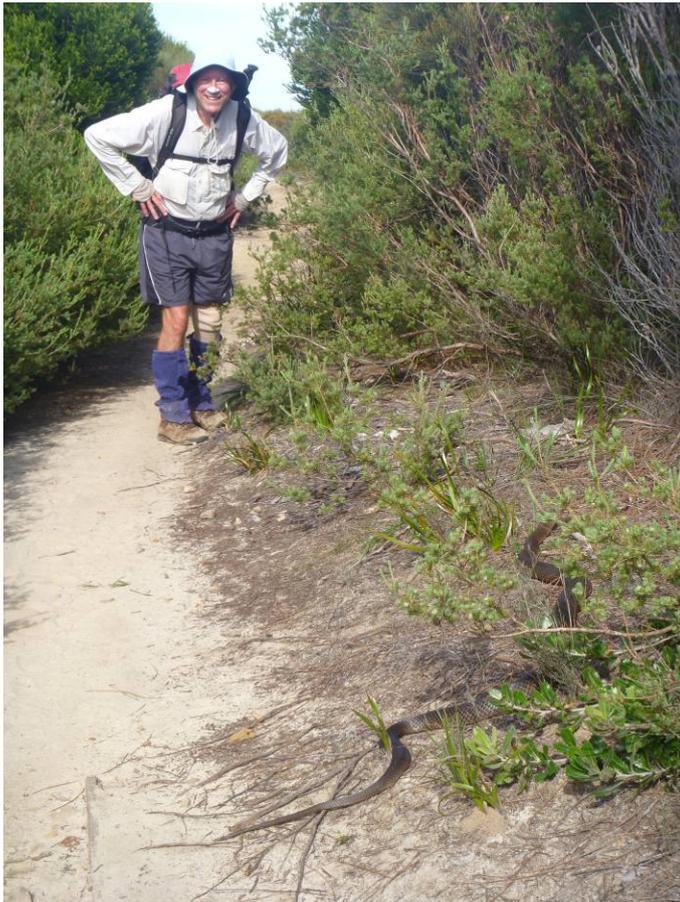
The Rangers came and picked it up from the firetrail on the following Monday. They were very grateful. Two other clean up groups were active in the park; the Garie Board Riders cleaned up Garie Beach and 'Royal Coast Walks' cleaned up Wattamola.

After the cleanup we wandered back to Little Marley for lunch in the shade and some of us had a swim. A relaxing hike back made for a satisfying day.



A Close Encounter with an Eastern Brown Snake

Nigel Weaver



I led a walk from Bundeena to Otford on Saturday 31 March. Around mid morning we came across a big snake basking right beside the track. See the accompanying photos, which were taken by Paul Notholt. Paul emailed the photos to a snake identification service, who replied that the snake was an eastern brown snake.

These snakes are highly venomous, and are often aggressive. However, thankfully this one was placid. It simply watched us, until someone tossed a small piece of wood at it, to which it responded by slithering off into the bush.

Paul and I both thought that the snake was about 2.5 to 3 metres long. However, the snake identification service said that the maximum length of an eastern brown snake is only 2.195 metres. Hmmmm.....either Paul and I grossly overestimated its length, or this one has set a new world record!

MapWorld has closed down

MapWorld has operated as a retailer of a broad range of Australian and international maps and guide books, from Sydney's Pitt Street, for approximately 25 years. Two months ago, facing hardship, the store relocated to Haymarket, near the Railway YHA. Unfortunately, this location closed its doors for the last time on 23 March.

MapWorld still operates as an online retailer, and can be found at: <http://www.mapworld.net.au/>.

Bushwalks Wanted for Winter Program 2012

What bush walking 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.

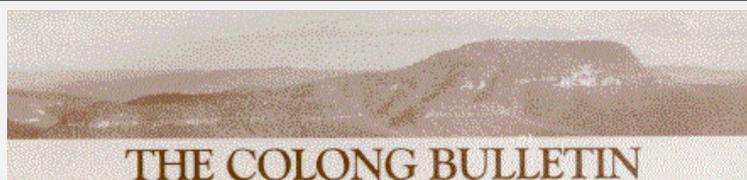
Those walks you have always wanted to do, those walks others would love to do, SBW needs your help!

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 gourmet walk!

The Winter Program is now being compiled; get those walks to Jason as soon as possible.

Jason Lorch
0404 776 221

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20 May – 6 June 2012
- ❖ **Span Western, central & Eastern Bhutan with local Festival in Khaling**
2-15 October 2012

Number of participants

6-16 people in a group

Booking deadline

All trips required to book at least 120 days in advance

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Walks & Other Activities 1 - 28 February 2012

Lucy Keatinge

Leaders:

After the activity, please email completed Walks Attendance Form and Activity Report to: walksreporting@sbw.org.au
Please keep the signature sheet as these are a legal document.

Date, Walk Location & Route	Activity Participants
<p>SAT 4 FEB - <i>Day Walk</i> - M222 Blue Mountains NP: - Glenbrook NP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk Report:</p> <p>The flood made crossing the causeway impossible for the cars. So we crossed on foot and followed the Red Hands Creek walking track to the Crayfish Pool and returned by another route.</p>	<p>Shahram Landarani Christoph Rolden (P) Bagette Clarke (P) Unreadable Rosetta Lee Joanna Penney (P) Michelle Powell Owen Kimberley Alexandra Lazar (P) Teresa Lespold (P) Tyrone Thorn (P) Jim Close Lisa Sheldon Geri Vaughen (P) R MacDougal David Angell Lorraine Mathot (P) Christian Vallence Vanessa Diener (P) Charmian Seir (P) Viev Seil (P) Trudy Krajenbrian (P) Catherine Ovual (P) Andrew Linn (P)</p>
<p>SAT 4 FEB - <i>Day Walk</i> - X311 28km Manly to Lindfield: <i>Manly - The Spit - Seaforth Oval - Flat Rock - Roseville Bridge - Two Creeks Track Lindfield</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk Report:</p> <p>After a week of intensive rainfall we were had with wonderful weather. The track was still soaked and the creeks running full but the sky cleared during the day. It was a keen group and the distance was mastered with ease and /or sheer mental power. Some sore feet , lazy muscles and stubborn knees were encountered but did not stop us enjoying the wonderful Middle Harbour. After lunch a change in the route was agreed in order to complete the walk in reasonable time and we finished at Lindfield Station. Still a solid 30km distance was covered. A baby brown snake was scared at Bantry Bay but it quickly retreated in the bush. The dangers of boring streets and getting lost in the city were the only hazards encountered.</p>	<p>Toni Bachvarova Stephen Brading Yvonne Brading Kat Duda Sandra See Anita McMahon Mary Liu Angela Sun (p) Stephen Krouzecky (p) Helen Wu (v)</p>
<p>WEEKEND 4-5 FEB - <i>Activity</i> - M333E Mt Wilson Area: - Yarramun Creek</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Activity Report:</p> <p>With significant rain during the week, I cancelled the scheduled Davies canyon trip on Friday morning - I figured standing on the world's slippiest rocks above 50m drops combined with extra water wasn't a good idea. Instead, we headed into the wilderness north of Mount Wilson for an exploratory canyon trip down Yarramun creek, via Waterfall of Moss pass. It's fair to say Yarramun Creek was in flood and the group were outside of the comfort zone for most of the weekend. However, it was a memorable trip with pumping water in the pretty narrow sections, a number of water jumps, swims and climb downs. We had an enjoyable night on the veranda of our camp cave high above the creek on Saturday, then more of the same canyoning on Sunday. Plenty of scrub on the tops, averaging just 1.5kmph, meaning a 10 hour day Saturday and almost 12 hours on Sunday. Great trip to a rarely visited area.</p>	<p>Richard Pattison Andrew Smith Sue Bucknell Brendon Anderson Vivien de Remy de Courcell</p>
<p>WEEKEND 4-5 FEB - <i>Weekend Walk</i> - M222E Q Katoomba Area: - Mt Solitary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk Report:</p> <p>We ensured we had enough water and took tents as a precaution but did not need them. Both Saturday and Sunday were beautiful and the walking track dried up to make life easier. There are a number of camp spots on the top of Mt Solitary but we took the track to Chinamans Cave which had Berrima Inga creek running with plenty of fresh water. The view from the cliff where the creek overflows was spectacular, especially in the morning</p>	<p>Pam Campbell David Nordon (P) Lucy Keating (P) Misako Sugiyama Nitin Mahajan (V)</p>

<p>with fog flowing off Narrowneck and in the Jamison Valley. We met quite a few parties in the same area but had the cave to ourselves. The people in the party were of equal fitness so there were no wait times. We had coffee at the Common Ground Cafe in Katoomba which was a nice experience.</p>	
<p>ROUTE DESCRIPTION: Waterfall, Bullawang Track, Myona Creek, Battery Causeway, Friendly Way, Heathcote Station A lot of water has fallen over the Woronora Catchment this year. We had water underfoot right from the time we entered Heathcote National Park. Everybody removed shoes at the first Heathcote Creek crossing on the powerline Road. Morning tea was taken on the Kingfisher crossing, on the Bullawang track, shoes were not off. A few members found they had collected a few leeches. We continued along the Bullawang Track and up Myona Creek to a desirable pool, for a swim, due to the amount of flow in the creek. I did not think we should go in for a swim. The bush was very wet. We removed our shoes for the Myona Creek crossing of the Bullawang Track. Our next concern was getting across Heathcote Creek on the Battery Causeway. This crossing though up, did not present any problem. We had lunch at the picnic table on the north side of the causeway till it started to rain and a thunderstorm was evident. We arrived at Heathcote Rail Station at 1500 hours. The member said they were wet but enjoyed the walk. The sunshone shortly after the train departed for Sydney. No swimming was partaken.</p>	<p>Lucy Keatinge (Q) Denise Shaw Misako Sugyama Stephen West</p>
<p>SAT 11 FEB - Day Walk - M222 Blue Mountains NP: <i>Sassafras Gully - Glenbrook Creek - Martins Lookout - Offtrack - Sassafras Gully - Springwood</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk Report:</p> <p>After months of rain, we arrived at the start to blue sky and sunshine. Ominous weather forecasts and warnings had been issued, then retracted, so we decided to head out, knowing that a storm was likely, but would reasses water levels in the creeks as we went. Great day, lots of water, mud, leeches and pounding waterfalls. Jim tried in vain to find geocache 'Colonoscopy' at Martins L/O (better luck next time!) Finished completely drenched but with happy faces and headed to the Lappo for beer/coffee.</p>	<p>Caro Ryan Jim Close Neil Cartwright (P) Natalia Veinberg (P) Marta Casabon (P) Ross Hutcherson (P) David Angell Owen Kimberly Alex Lazar (P) Anna Thorwart Karen Brading Max Stummer (P)</p>
<p>SUN 12 FEB - Day Walk - S212 (Easy) 5 to 8km North Richmond Area: - Grose Vale <i>Grose Vale - Cabbage Tree Creek - Grose River - Grose Vale.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk Report:</p> <p>This walk was advertised as S212 (Easy) which attracted a cross section of our club who were not in the current Tiger category. High water levels and a flow rate of up to 10 knots in the Grose River meant that crossing was not a safe option. The party agreed to use a challenging exit route I offered taking a number of people out of their comfort zone. The walk rating was now S223E as we tackled a steep off track climb involving some exposed rock scrambling through small cliffs then a traverse to a gully exit involving climbing across and next to a waterfall during a thunderstorm. Lots of fun in good company</p>	<p>Stephen Brading Yvonne brading Chris Dowling Paul Couvret Calgero Pavino Richard Brading Lauren O Brian (P) Geoffrey Colman Julian Martin Dennis Trembath Vicki Presdee Lloyd Francis (P) Eric Catuncan (P) Patrick James</p>
<p>SAT 18 FEB - Day Walk - M231 17km Blue Mountains NP: <i>Golden Stairs - Ruined Castle - Koorowall Knife-Edge - Mt.Solitary - lookout on south side - return along track to Landslide - Furber Steps - Scenic Railway Car Park</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk Report:</p> <p>An enjoyable walk with no dramas. Good amicable group. The morning was warm and sunny and we were able to enjoy the views including at the lunch stop on the south side of Mt. Solitary. During the afternoon we experienced one heavy downpour with a thunderstorm and some other rain and thunder but these did not cause us any problems. Leeches were numerous and they were hungry.</p>	<p>Chris Dowling Greg Bray Virginia Waller (P) Lisa Sheldon Megan Lewis (P) Melanie Freer Jacob Fry (P) Andrew Vilder Brendon Anderson Tim Sutherland John Kennett</p>

Can't think of a walk to lead?

There are well over 1000 overnight and extended trips outlined in the Historical Walks Database.

This can be found by logging in to the Members Area on our website:

<http://www.sbw.org.au/>

Then follow the link "Historical Walks Record".

Here you will find a list of all the overnight or extended walks run by the club from its inception to the present day. Look at the region you are interested in and see what walks have been done there in the past!

Use this wonderful resource to help plan your next walk!

Walks & Other Activities 1 - 30 March 2012

Date, Walk Location & Route	Activity Participants
<p>Sunday 4 March 2012 Kuringai Chase National Park START PLACE: Mt Kuringai station FINISH PLACE: Mt Colah</p> <p>ROUTE DESCRIPTION: Mt Kuringai - Cowan Creek - Appletree Bay - Kalkari Ridge - Mt Colah</p> <p>This walk was run as a replacement for a lilo trip in Wollangambe Canyon, where the water levels were expected to be too high after heavy rains. On this new walk we had a sunny day with no rain at all. The tracks were wet underfoot at various places, but thankfully not too much. From Mt Kuringai we followed the foot track down to Cowan Creek, enjoyed lunch high above Appletree Bay on a rocky outcrop with great views, and then followed the tracks out to Mt Colah. A good scenic walk on a fine summer's day.</p>	<p>Nigel Weaver</p> <p>Margaret Weaver</p> <p>Misuko Sugiyama</p> <p>Julia Martin</p> <p>Pamela Irving</p>
<p>Sunday 4 March 2012 Clean Up Australia Day START PLACE: Marley Beach FINISH PLACE: Marley Beach</p> <p>Ten people turned out to help clean up Little Marley and Big Marley beach in the Royal National Park. I was lucky that I did not have to cancel it as it took place after that terrible Thursday morning of rain in Sydney. It was the nicest day for at least a week with sunshine and a strong northerly breeze. We headed off from Wattamola and everyone enjoyed the lovely hiking across the cliff tops. There was no rubbish on the hike but as soon as we walked on Little Marley a large pile of unsightly rubbish greeted us. It was as if it had been set up for us. We got to work and quickly filled almost 20 bags plus collected many odds and ends. Some of it had washed in from the sea (piles of plastic water bottles - don't buy them!) but also a lot of rubbish that had been left by day visitors.</p> <p>We carted all the rubbish around to Big Marley beach and placed it at the spot designated by the Rangers. The Rangers came and picked it up from the firetrail on the following Monday. They were very grateful. Two other clean up groups were active in the park; the Garie Board Riders cleaned up Garie Beach and 'Royal Coast Walks' cleaned up Wattamola.</p> <p>After the cleanup we wandered back to Little Marley for lunch in the shade and some of us had a swim. A relaxing hike back made for a satisfying day.</p>	<p>Dirk Goës</p> <p>Lyn Terry</p> <p>David Chan</p> <p>Marta Casabon</p> <p>Gail Hanse</p> <p>Rosemary MacDougal</p> <p>Vincent Panvino</p> <p>Calogero Panvin</p> <p>Emmanuelle Convert</p> <p>Vivien de Remy de Courcelles</p>
<p>10 & 11 March 2012 Wollemi National Park GRADE: Easy START PLACE: Deep Pass FINISH PLACE: Deep Pass</p> <p>ROUTE DESCRIPTION: Base Camp with short trips to various canyons and rock formations.</p> <p>For a weekend designed for kids there was a distinct lack of young kids but plenty of young at heart. Warning for anyone going into this area in the future, the forestry camp ground on the glow worn tunnel road has been closed due to vandalism. Therefore it is not safe to leave vehicles or camps unattended in this area, due to an exponential growth in the number of trail bike riders in the area. The place looks like a rubbish dump.</p> <p>Deep Pass is as beautiful as ever and vegetation is growing profusely. We had the place to ourselves, probably for the same reason everyone else cancelled from the walk - rainfall the weeks before making people think it was going to be too wet. It was amazingly dry! The road in had a few water puddles and the creeks had about 50mm more depth of water, but this just made it that much more pleasant. There was lots of birdlife and the usual wombat wandering. Around camp at night. There is now a windy loo installed at Deep Pass (same as at Newnes).</p> <p>We did bump into 2 brown snakes on our trip to the River Canyon but that was probably because it was so hot. We all had a pleasant evening around the camp fire and the big kids behaved themselves reasonably well but still managed to stay up later than normal, retiring to bed around 11 pm due to the wine running out.</p> <p>It was a shame the young kids had to cancel, because it was a great weekend, and we finished it off with dinner at the Thai restaurant in Hazelbrook. Note: Carole Beales is writing a walks report for this weekend as she and Ian have not been there before.</p>	<p>Linda Willard & Tony Manes</p> <p>Members x6</p>
<p>Wednesday 21 March 2012</p>	<p>Nigel Weaver</p>

Garrawarra Reserve & Heathcote National Park	
Cancelled	
<p>Sunday 25 March 2012 Kincumba Mountain Reserve GRADE: Easy START PLACE: Beattie Road, Kincumber FINISH PLACE: Erina Fair</p> <p>ROUTE DESCRIPTION: Kincumber - Sid Pulsford Trail - Honeman's Rock - Colin Watters Lookout - Erina Fair.</p> <p>This was a new area for most of us on the walk, which was a mix of (quite pleasant) firetrails and foot tracks. There were good views from a couple of spots, especially the view over the green undulating landscape to Avoca Beach and the sea. The walk went through very pleasant bushland with many magnificent angophora trees. There were plenty of bellbirds, and we also visited a large cave with a natural tunnel going further underground at the back. A really good day.</p>	<p>Nigel Weaver</p> <p>Margaret Weaver Graham Byrne Jon Spencer Pam Campbell Tony Holgate</p>

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Tracks and Access Report

David Trinder

Confederation of Bushwalking Clubs of New South Wales
and

Chris Dowling

Blue Mountains, South West

- ✿ Abercrombie Road is closed at Bummaroo Ford.
- ✿ Retreat River crossing is closed.

Newcastle and Hunter, Barrington Tops National Park

- ✿ There is no vehicle access to Mount Barrington.
- ✿ Some walking tracks are closed because of Phytophthora quarantine area.
- ✿ Four Tonne load limit on Tubrubucca Road.

Blue Mountains, Bents Basin

- ✿ Bents Basin is unsafe for all water based activities until further notice.

Blue Mountains, Grand Canyon

- ✿ The track from Evans Lookout to the Greaves Creek junction in the Grand Canyon is closed on weekdays until 5th April 2012. Access to the Grand Canyon is via Neates Glen.
- ✿ *Weather warning*
- ✿ Following heavy rain the ground is saturated and waterways can rise quickly.
- ✿ Breakfast Point Lookout is closed until further notice.
- ✿ Burrellow Creek camping ground is temporarily closed.
- ✿ Green Gully and Duphys camping area: The road from Green Gully up to the T-junction near Dunphy's carpark is presently closed to 2WD vehicles only. This is because this section of road has recently been re-surfaced and the new road surface becomes slippery mud after rain. Also note that caution is required when turning into the parking area at Dunphys carpark where a spring has surfaced causing a big pothole. If necessary you can park in Green Gully and walk up the hill.

- Some walking tracks in the Katoomba area are closed on 21st March to allow helicopter operations on damaged Golden Stairs.
- Glenrappal Drive at Narrow Neck will also be closed on that day.
- Murphys Glen and Ingar camping area are closed due to boggy conditions.
- Prince Henry Cliff Walk is closed because of fire damaged boardwalks and steps.
- Redgum campsite at Euroka Picnic and camping area is closed. Other campsites are open.
- Roberts Pass is closed at Leura is closed east of the Lindemans Pass Junction due to a landslide.
- Access to Yerranderie is open to high clearance 4WD vehicles only.

Bomaderry Creek Regional Park

- The short loop track at Mossy Gully is closed until further notice.
- Red Rocks Trig Trail at Leebold Hill Rd, Cambewarra is closed for road maintenance and drainage work.

Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area

- Five Islands Lookout, Mount Keira,
- Area below Mount Keira summit,
- Are closed due to landslide and rockfall hazard.

Jenolan Karst Conservation Reserve

- Beefsteak Creek fire trail is closed for maintenance.

Jervis Bay National Park

- The track to Red Point is closed.

Nattai State Conservation Areas

- Caution required by bushwalkers at river crossings.

Royal National Park

- A section of the Forest Path is closed from the southern entrance on Sir Bertram Stevens Drive to the junction of the Couranga Track Junction due to a fungicide treatment program.

For more information see <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NationalParks/FireClosure.aspx>

Luxury Coach to the Snow for 3-day XC Ski Tour

Long Weekend 21-24 June 2012

Ron McCann

A bus and XC ski trip is being put on by the Southern Alps Ski Club, which is excellent value at \$330 (the same price as last year). Along with the NSW Nordic Ski Club they are extending an invitation to us to help ensure that the Bus is filled. Participant's cars are left in a secure car park by 7pm Thursday night at Canterbury Race Course before travelling down in a luxury coach, arriving about 2 am at Christiana lodge at Thredbo. Then straight to sleep in share rooms with bed and linen supplied.

Friday is a "free ski day" or organised trips if you wish. All meals except lunch are provided from the lodge including bedding and towels.

Saturday is the traditional and scenic ski to Mt Kosciusko, weather permitting, and on to the Southern

Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass. You need to carry a change of clothes, sheets for king-single and double-size beds, towel and safety gear in a day pack. There will also be an evening visit to the Chalet as a highlight.

On Sunday here is leisurely ski back to Perisher via Kahane lodge. Then, we will meet the coach in the car park at Perisher. Due to this trip traversing the Main Range with a variety of snow conditions, this is a trip for people who can already XC Ski fairly well (ie not for beginners). On the way back, we stop at Mittagong RSL for the evening meal, arriving back at Canterbury Race Course about 10 pm.

Participants need to bring their own ski gear to the bus on Thursday night (ie the timetable does not allow for the option of picking gear up in Cooma or Jindabyne). For those who need to hire the best option is from AlpSports at West Ryde <http://www.alpsport.com.au/all-rentals> and as they are one of our ongoing Magazine advertisers please mention that you are from SBW.

If you wish to book a spot on this trip, and further details, contact Ron McCann: mcc.rml@bigpond.net.au or Ph: 02 9484 9628. (We will list this trip on our SBW Short Notice Program so that it is covered for insurance purposes). Payment by Direct Deposit or Cheque.

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The Midweek Walkers

Bill Holland

The Mid Week Walkers are an informal gathering of people in SBW who find the time to enjoy walking, cycling, kayaking during the quiet times of the week when others are working hard to support us. The range of activities caters for all abilities with emphasis on a more relaxed style of walking. Some even prefer to spend at least part of the time back at base reading, bird watching or just relaxing in the outdoors. In most cases you can join us for all or any part of the Monday to Friday events, but we need to know you are coming.

If you would like to be added to our Midweek Walkers mailing list please let me know by contacting Bill Holland 4296 3084 or by email to billholland@bigpond.com

The four participants on Leigh McClintock's Yuragir Coastal walk last month enjoyed fine weather. His walks report is included elsewhere in this magazine.

It is a busy month for us with two extended activities. So far, 9 have booked for the three days cycling and sight-seeing in Canberra (9th - 11th April) and this will be followed by the week at Woorabinda in Jindabyne later in the month (17 booked and list closed).

Moonan Brook in May and Ben Ricketts Cabins in June are still open to bookings. Already we have good numbers but can fit more in. Interesting activities are planned at these popular locations. Here are the details:

May: Return to Moonan Brook Forestry Cottage (14th - 18th May)



We were there in 2004 and thoroughly enjoyed our stay. The cottage is described as a wilderness hideaway, adjoining a babbling brook - Moonan Brook - which has a source high in the Barrington Tops. It is secluded and peaceful. The cottage can sleep 8 and the adjoining bunkhouse a maximum of 16. This is a historical site of a school operating early last century. Moonan Brook Cottage has been kept as a symbol of the past and has not changed to be in line with today's living. Please contact me if you would like to attend

June: Ben Ricketts Cabins (11th - 15th June)

There are three cabins and a community meeting hall making this an ideal retreat for groups, families and individuals. Nestled in a quiet haven of the Illawarra escarpment rainforest the 40 hectare property is a simple, peaceful place where you can completely relax. Mainly covered in rainforest vegetation, Ben Ricketts is home to echidnas, wombats, swamp wallabies and greater gliders. Listen to the lyrebirds, bower birds, cat birds, and whip birds. Likely cost between \$90 - \$100 for the five days.

We plan to rent all of the three cabins and limit numbers to no more than ten to avoid over-crowding. Tent camping next to the cabins will be available as well.

Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in attending.



Now time to have a look at the balance of the year. A list of suggestions below

May: Moonan Brook

June : Ben Ricketts

July: Nothing planned but perhaps Newnes Cabins. Any other suggestions?

Aug: Youth Hostel - Pittwater. Close to the city and an excellent location for day walks in the area

Sept: Return to Cutlers Cottage. The Myall lakes were very popular last year

Oct: Holiday House at Woolgoolga. Beach walking and rain forest.

Nov: Dunns Swamp. It will not rain again like last year!

Please let me know of your interest in the above.

Coolana Report

Don Finch

Thursday 23rd February; Rosie made a start on tending to the trees on the eastern flat, fitting plastic covers to the top of star post to reduce damage to the bark. Phil made a start on reducing the fire hazard of the logs near the shelter shed by cutting them up with the chain saw. Chain sawing used up all of Phil's spare time over the next five days, using 11 litres of mixed fuel in the process. Barry, Rick and Spiro arrived on Friday morning and they were all soon at work. Jacob Adams from the Sydney Catchment Authority arrived for an inspection of Coolana at 2:00pm. The purpose of the visit was to agree on a weed control and revegetation program to spend the recently received SCA grant on. The grant amount was \$4500. Melinda and Rob with grand children James and Edward arrived from Wagga Wagga late on Friday afternoon.

The team was complete with the arrival of Chris and Mae early Saturday morning. Chris spent the day mowing on the camping flat in preparation for the reunion. Rick and Don were also on the mowers while Ros and Spiro went weeding on the Eastern Flat. Barry and Phil cut up some trees on the camping flat while Rob raked out the water humps on the road above the car park. There had been up to 150mm of rain at Coolana during the last week with 80mm on the previous Monday night, one hump was topped over and the water ran down the road to be diverted by the next hump this section of road was very muddy and repairs to the hump are required. Sunday saw Phil and Barry grubbing out a few stumps on the Quakers road. The Scenic circuit track was blown clear and several trees across the track were chain sawed and cleared. The Rigby Bypass track and the link track were also cleared. Chris took the mower over to the EF and Rob spent several hours pulling out small tobacco plants many hundreds by his estimation and his reward was eighteen grass ticks. Ros and Spiro spent the afternoon pulling tobacco and lantana along the western distributor track. The tanks on the EF were filled as the creek was flowing well.

On Monday Ms Louise Brodie from the Office of Environment and Heritage arrived with Ms Jacqueline Devereaux from NPWS and Mr Greg Stone to assess Coolana for a possible Voluntary Conservation Agreement. Mr Greg Stone is a contractor who will complete the final assessment report, he will be making further independent trips to Coolana. After the visitors left Barry rat proofed the toilet again, while Phil raked out the water humps from the car park down to the flat. Don mowed areas on the EF Ros was busy weeding on the EF up til lunch time. The old house site was weeded in the afternoon and more chain sawing completed around the camping flat. Nine casuarinas were planted on the river bank below the WDT. There were lots of other little jobs done all of which meant that the preparation of Coolana for the re union is well advanced. On Monday evening it rained and since then there has been another 180mm of rain. Barry got away first on Tuesday morning. Ros and Phil packed up the camp while Don sat and watched and nursed the knee.

Bill Holland went down to Coolana on the 11th there were no other volunteers for that weekend. Bill selected a site for the camp fire and made a start on building it and making some other preparations. He reported that the road was again very muddy below the failed hump but otherwise Coolana was in good shape.

Willis's Walkabouts

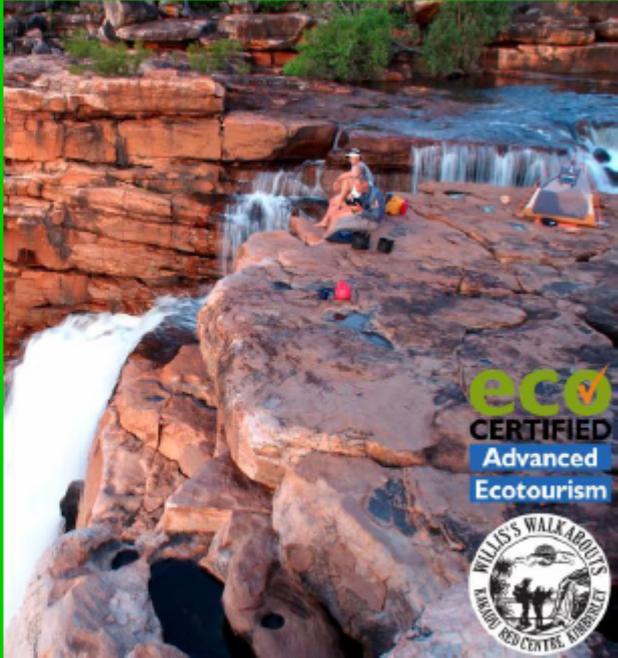
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Where has all the wildlife gone?

Christine McColl
Social Evening March 21

Shauna Chadlowe, from Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC), spoke eloquently on this topic at the social evening on March 21.

Did you know that in the past 10 -20 years, there has been a catastrophic decline in the diversity and abundance of small mammals and seed-eating birds across northern Australia, even in iconic areas like Kakadu NP, where species have declined by 75% in the last 15 years?

AWC was set up to do something about the decline of Australia's wildlife. It's a privately funded organization which acquires land, and then manages it using science based principles to save threatened wildlife and habitats. AWC owns 22 sanctuaries around Australia, covering over 2.6 million hectares. These sanctuaries protect a hundreds of ecosystems as well as 83% of Australia's bird species and more than 67% of our native mammal species.

When asked what causes species decline in northern Australia, most of us would place 'cane toads' at the top of the list. However the situation is far more complex. The primary causes of decline are the interaction between:

- altered fire regimes, especially an increase in hot, late dry season wildfires;
- grazing by feral herbivores ... cattle, buffalo, donkeys and horses; and
- predation by feral cats, which in northern Australia alone kill over 2 million native animals every day.

Weeds, disease and cane toads compound the pressure, but they are not the primary culprits.

AWC aims to stop and reverse the decline of northern Australia's wildlife by establishing sanctuaries in places like the Kimberley, the Top End and north Queensland, and by implementing practical action to address these key threats - such as establishing the largest feral herbivore-free area on mainland Australia and undertaking fire management over 5 million hectares of the Kimberley.



Research at AWC's Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary in the Kimberley is showing that these active land management strategies are successfully reversing the decline of small mammals. AWC now aims to replicate this model across their northern Australian sanctuaries.

It's worth noting that 80% of AWC's staff are field-based, where they implement programs including feral animal control, weed eradication, fire management and the translocation of threatened species. AWC also works in partnership with universities, the CSIRO and other science organizations to conduct research on key issues impacting Australian wildlife.

Thank you Shauna for a great presentation. Shauna also provided brochures on two unique private events: small group tours of

Mornington and Scotia Wildlife Sanctuaries. The opportunity to go on these is very special: please contact Shauna ASAP on:

Tel: 02 9324 4210, m: 0414 879 864 for further information.

AWC has a most informative website:

www.australianwildlife.org

I encourage you to look there for more info on this fantastic organization, and to learn how you can support it by donations, volunteering or getting involved with their special projects.

"Friends of the Brush Tailed Rock Wallaby" Association

<http://www.rockwallaby.org.au/>



This association has its base in Kangaroo Valley on the property between Chakola and the Hampden Bridge. It is headed up by the property owners where the bulk of the remnant wallabies are located, along the Escarpment. - One of the major drivers for Dot Butler, and then SBW as a whole, to purchase Coolana was for conservation of flora and fauna - and specifically to help preserve the habitat and population of these photogenic Wallabies. - the local Wallaby population is currently growing slightly, and with the continued focus on baiting and shooting the Foxes there is some prospect that the range of the Wallaby colony may expand down river

- You can help the "Friends of the BTRW" by:

- a) Joining the Association - \$10 for an individual, and \$15 for Families
- b) Purchasing items from <http://www.rockwallaby.org.au/help/> (T Shirts, Caps, Polo Shirts, Fleeces, Gift Cards & Videos)
- c) Making a Donation

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- Polar Fleece vests \$32,
 - Polar fleece jumpers \$40,
 - Microfibre vests \$32,
 - Microfibre jumpers \$40
- (Not including delivery costs)

Please consider purchasing from them, as the proceeds go towards conserving this unique and threatened animal

Gear Available from the New Members Secretary

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the club has how a good pool of gear that can be borrowed. If you need any of the following, please contact the new members secretary at newmembers@sbw.org.au.

You will be asked for a deposit of \$5 per item that will be refunded when you bring the gear back. The gear has to be picked up and brought back to Mosman. In order for all members to be able to use any of the club's gear,

please bring anything you borrowed within the week after the walk you used them for.

Backpacks:

- 2 x Macpac Ravine (about 60L)
- 1 x Mountain designs 60L women specific design
- 1 x DMH Elbe
- 1 x Paddy Pallin daypack

Sleeping bags:

you need to use your own sleeping bag liner if you borrow one of these bags.

- 1 x Macpac Dragonfly R: down bag for summer to winter
- 1 x synthetic bag: summer

Mattresses:

- 1 x Thermarest self inflating 2.5 cm thick
- 1 x ¾ length self inflating mattress
- 1 x blue foam mattress
- 1 x ¾ length foam mattress

Shelters:

- 1 x double nylon fly/tarp
- 1 x single nylon fly/tarp

Cookware:

- 2 x billies
- Several pots and plates

Others:

- 2 x compasses
- 1 x head torch

The activity secretary also holds two Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) for remote and extended trips.

Sydney Bush Walkers – Member Benefits

Rich and varied Activities Program:

(updated quarterly and via "Short Notice Activity" emails)

- Day Walking, Weekend Walking, Mid Week trips, Multi Day Trips (Long Weekends and Easter) - grades from easy to hard
- Exploratory Trips
- Extended trips (7 day, 2 wks etc),
- Trips into wilderness & remote areas of Australia (SW Tassie, Kimberly's etc)
- Overseas trips (Himalayas, Japan, Peru, UK, Europe etc)
- Liloing, Canoeing, Canyoning, Cross Country Ski Touring, Snow Shoeing Touring, Cycling
- Endurance Events for "Tigers" - organized public events and our very own: 6 Ft Track, K to K and 3 Peaks
- Orienteering and Rogaining (including Navshield, for which the registration fee is funded by the club for active Leaders)

Access to:

- a reliably competent group of congenial trip companions (who are world-renowned as "interesting characters!")
- a rich store of rare trip knowledge of how to visit remote and special places
- Lightweight walking techniques

Skills Enhancement for Members in the areas of:

- an induction program for Prospective Members
- camping
- navigating
- abseiling

- paddling
- Cross Country Skiing (courtesy of the NSW Nordic Ski Club)
- Leadership (for bush walks and specialist activities)
- First Aid (the club funds the registration fee for completing a formal course, or renewal courses, for Members who walk for 10 or more days/yr, This includes the 4 day Remote Area Course for active Leaders)

Note: the commercial equivalent of many of these Workshops would be in the range of \$100-150 per day)

Discounts: a standing 10% discount from Mapworld and Paddy Pallin (including waiving of the fee for the PP Club), and "specials" from our Gear and Adventure Trip advertisers

Coolana: our 53 hectare Bush Property on the Kangaroo River, which is available for use by Members at any time:

- camping, orienteering, swimming, paddling, liloing, and just relaxing
- day & weekend walking - and lots of accessible walks of all types & grades in the beautiful Kangaroo Valley

Camping: Base camping from bush campsites, car accessible camp sites & lodges

Communication:

- a rich Web Site with a dedicated Members Area full of resources www.sbw.org.au with lots of "virtual walking" material for those who can't "get out there"
- Picasa Gallery for Trip photographs
- a high quality monthly electronic or printed Magazine / Newsletters (with an expanding historical database)
- regular information emails via Google Groups
- information via the www.bushwalk.com online Forum, Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/#!/SydneyBushWalkers> and "Meetup" <http://www.meetup.com/Sydney-Bush-Walkers-Club/>

Social:

- Monthly informative evening presentations, concluding with networking over wine and cheese
- Mid Winter Feast, Christmas Party and the Annual Picnic at Balmoral
- annual Reunion at Coolana
- The "Tiggers" group for the young and young at heart

Since our saving of the Blue Gum Forest in 1932, we have had a record of achievement, which includes: North Era, Ettrema, Colong, Border Ranges, Colo, Tantawanglo, Wollemi and others. This continues with:

- alerts on current issues and campaigns
- walks in areas of current conservation focus i.e. the *Gardens of Stone*
- Bush Care (at *Coolana* and other locations)
- lobbying of Governments and Organisations

Community Service:

- support for our Members who train & serve with the Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Squad (BWRS) <http://www.bwrs.org.au/>
- volunteer & Committee roles in support of the Club
- Acting as a Facilitator on the various Skills Enhancement Workshops to pass on expertise to others
- safeguarding the Bush via representation & lobbying at the State level (*Confederation of NSW Bushwalking Clubs*) and the National Level (via *Bushwalking Australia*)

Heritage: founded in 1927, with an ongoing parade of exceptional people, traditions of achievement and phenomenal experiences, conducted safely and with style

Social Notice from Mike Reynolds

Please say hello from us to any old timers who may remember Ainsile and me. They were happy days, and we often think back to them with pleasure.

If any SBWs are ever heading down our way (South Durras, near Batemans Bay), we would be delighted if they could call in. Best to phone first (02 44786080) or email ainsliemike@bigpond.com as we are occasionally off on camps with our local Bushwalkers.

Social Program

Christine McColl

ALL SOCIAL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE KIRRIBILLI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
THEY COMMENCE AT 7:35 pm (please wait downstairs until the room is cleared).

April 18
7.35pm

Richard Pattison's Climb of Ama Dablam (6812m)

Our intrepid club member, Richard Pattison climbed this iconic Himalayan peak in October 2011. Through photos, stories & action video clips, he will bring to life this one month long expedition

May 16
7.35pm

Magical and Mystical Hinchinbrook Island

Club member, Rory Fagan spent a week on this island and climbed Mt. Bowen. We shall be able to relive the experience here at Kirribilli through his presentation.

COME AND SUPPORT OUR GUEST SPEAKERS!

*Why not come along and meet for dinner at Kirribilli before one of the social evenings?
Or if you would like to organise a social event for club members contact Christine and share your ideas with her!*

Her email address is social@sbw.org.au

Stand-In Social Convener Needed!

Christine will be trekking in Peru on the 20 June social night, so a stand-in is needed to buy supplies, give an introduction, and close the evening.

Please contact Christine (social@sbw.org.au) if interested.

Communication problems with the club???

Would you like to change your mailing address???. Don't know who to contact???. Please use the contacts below to resolve any problems you may have!

Mailing list - join, not receiving, problems???

→ Contact communications@sbw.org.au

Website - contributions, suggestions, errors???

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