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From the President

Leigh McClintock

Having been away for a month in Spain, I've been cut off from club affairs. But after trawling through the accumulated emails and chatting with other members at the well-attended mid-winter feast in the club rooms, I'm catching up again.

It appears that the club's wheels have not fallen off. Membership renewals have been coming in; Prospectives have been graduating to full membership in gratifying numbers. The usual wintertime flight to the north is in full swing, with our first report – Richard Darke's wonderful piece on Rosemary McDonald's trip to the Kimberleys – appearing in this edition of the newsletter. Reading that, and thinking about the time and effort Rosemary puts into organising her Kimberleys trips, reminded me for the umpteenth time how rewarding the SBW program is.

Things are never perfect, however, and it does seem that members' appetite for walking closer to home may have gone into winter hibernation. The evidence is only anecdotal at this stage, but it has been reported that an unusually high number of walks have been cancelled because of lack of interest. We will look closely at the data as it trickles in for this and the next few months, to try to work out whether we have a problem, or just a blip.

The official deadline for membership renewal has passed. If you have yet to update your membership profile and send in your subs, please don't delay any longer. If we haven't heard from you within the next couple of weeks, we will be forced to assume that you don't want to be a member any more. And that would make us very sad.

Bushwalking NSW AGM

Next month (Tuesday August the 19th) Bushwalking NSW will hold an AGM and elect a new management committee. Bushwalking NSW is the peak organisation for bushwalking clubs in NSW. It would be great to see some people from SBW willing to

help on the management committee or in other roles. If you don't think the committee is for you please come to the AGM anyway - there will be free food and a chance to cast your vote.

New members

The committee approved the following new members at the April meeting:

Wendy Dapac

Tim Hager

Susan Healey

Kimberley Kapers 6

June 2014: Richard Darke

Participants: Rosemary McDonald, Mike Arnott, Col Atkinson, Richard Darke, Rory Fagan, Bryn & Kath Lynar, Marie Rose, Rick Symons, & Mike Lodge (visitor)

Another of Ro McDonald's "Kimberley Kapers" (KK6) saw 10 intrepid participants preparing to board the 65 ft cutter-rigged ketch "Starsand" at Cable Beach in Broome on 7 June, even if it did mean wading waist-deep out to the yacht's tender, with our packs and food held high out of the water. We were embarking on 13 nights of sailing and camping in the Buccaneer and Bonaparte Archipelagos on the ruggedly beautiful Kimberley northwest coast.

Ahead lay some great adventures. We camped out 4 nights, walked on 7 days, and enjoyed the rest of the trip on Starsand, heeling in the wind as we sailed along through the myriad of islands. We encountered crocs, tiger and nurse sharks, dolphins, & a turtle along the way.

Each of us was allocated in pairs to two hourly watches on board, as we sailed 24 hours to our first destination, Hidden Island. I was on from 4.00 – 6.00 am and again from 4.00 – 6.00 pm, which covered dawn and dusk. We were put to the test on our first night out, with 30 knot winds and rough seas, an introduction which left some of us landlubbers seasick! But for the rest of the time, the sailing was just perfect. It was a nice challenge being put in charge of the yacht while on watch.



At Hidden Island we went ashore at Silica Beach to swim. It has white sand as fine as talcum powder. That night we anchored near the Horizontal Falls. A 2m croc came out to us and circled Starsand for some time, and later a 3m tawny-nosed nurse shark gracefully circled us for hours.

Next day, it was into the tender to get to shore for our first overnight walk. We landed in mangroves, with a sharp eye open for crocodiles, before walking across the savannah to a classic Kimberley campsite in a beautiful gorge with a deep swimming hole, good aqua-touring up the gorge, and caves containing a large range of aboriginal rock art, and hundreds of half-finished stone tools. We were kept

awake at night by barking owls, but it was great to be in the bush.

The following morning we were picked up by boat in a different bay, only to find a 4m croc waiting for us. Fortunately it took off when the tender arrived! Later that day we had the thrill of going through the twin Horizontal Falls, two sets of reversing rapids, 40m deep, and up to 5m high at spring tides. It was very impressive! This was followed by a visit to the major Raft Point art site, featuring Wandjina paintings, which are only accessible by boat.



The biggest drama came on our next walk, a 3 day trek from Ruby Falls up Red Cone Creek, across the watershed to Sale River, and on downstream to the tidal limit. There were bushfires around as we set out, but none that seemed threatening. And usually fires in the far north are not nearly as intense as in southern Australia. WA loves to burn off the bush on a regular basis – while this is intended to minimise the impact of major wildfires, it does seem like overkill. You can't find out where they are burning. So it was that at 1.00 am on Friday 13th we were roused from our tents by shouts of "get up! Get up! Quickly!". What? Why? Is it dawn already? The sleepy mind tries to make sense of what is going on. That is the full moon in the sky, not the sun. And the sudden realisation that on the neighbouring ridge a huge fire-front is coming over the top to the east of us, fanned by a SE wind, in an area for once not recently burned.

It was heading our way – and fast. I'll never forget the size of the flames with the high fuel load. Within 10 minutes we were packed up, and on our way, unavoidably leaving some items behind. What was important to grab? Torch, food, water, cooking pots, clothes and sleeping bag. Nothing else. Should we set off the PLB? No point – we are in a true wilderness area, no help is within reach. Which way to go? Towards water, away from the fire, through territory we can navigate quickly in the night. We had no hesitation, because here is a second fire front, further away, but angled directly for us, of even greater threat. We quickly headed back the

way we had come in, across terrain we now knew.

We ran. I abandoned my tent. Time was of the essence, the flames huge in the night sky, only a few hundred metres away, racing down the hill into our valley, and we were surrounded by tall cane grass. Some of us had encountered a fire in Kakadu a couple of years before, where the fuel load was low, but this was different. The little creek and pool we were camped by offered scant protection, but 30 mins walk back the way we had come was a previously burned area, and a deep lagoon. So we headed through the night to there, aided by the moon, each of us keeping close touch with the person in front and behind. We made good speed. Rick had plotted the outbound journey on his GPS. I had marked the same trip waypoints on my map. Mike was in front with the compass. This all made navigation relatively easy. We got to safety within 30 mins. But it was not a good camping spot, so we walked another hour through the night. Once the panic was over, walking in the moonlight was magical, and we arrived at a beautiful rock platform campsite alongside a large pool and rapids, quite safe. We got there at 3.00 am, and slept the rest of the night under the stars. On waking at dawn, it seemed like we'd had a bad dream.

We wondered if our original campsite in fact been consumed, or bypassed due to fickle winds. But we were safe, and the alternative, being caught by fire in such a remote location does not bear thinking about. What could we have done differently? Should we have walked in an area of unannounced fires? Possibly not, with hindsight, without more specific fire information. The relevant WA website is hopeless on this point, and Ro is taking this fact up with them. Had we been further into our walk, the next day we would have crossed a watershed with no water, and being caught there would have been disastrous. Did we take the right actions to escape the fire? We did not panic (though I remember my mouth being absolutely dry with the adrenalin rush). We walked diagonally away from the likely fire path, towards water, and country we had already walked in, in the dark. Taking decisive action was the key. We did the right thing, and everyone was safe.

When we were eventually reunited with the yacht, the skipper Simon and mate Justine told us they had seen the fires on the land in the night, which was lit up like Mordor in the Lord of the Rings, and they had worried about us.



The rest of the trip was great, though on the Sale River we came across a 3m saltie when we thought we would be safe. It ran away! Then it was on to Prince Regent River and the King's Cascade. Here we had a classic two day trip up Cascade Creek, which is an idyllic waterway with deep pools, rapids, and five star campsites.



All too soon it was time to head back to Broome, a sail of 2 days and 2 nights. We stopped at other spots to walk and swim along the way, exploring Silver Gull Creek, Crocodile Creek, and Copper Mine Bay, each with great swimming holes out of reach of crocs. At Silver Gull we found an old couple squatting on a small piece of paradise with permanent water irrigating tropical trees and bushes. They even had a satellite dish, so amazingly we were able to watch Australia play the Netherlands at midnight! And so ended a memorable combination of cruising this spectacular wilderness coast, walking into rarely-visited areas, and contact with many sea creatures. It is one of the best and most exciting adventures I have been on. Where will Ro choose for Kimberley Kapers 7?



Lawson ridge

28 Jun: Brendon Anderson. Photos by Peter Cai

The group gathered as scheduled at the locked gate on Lawson Ridge at 08:00. With five members present, I was happy for the company and equally surprised considering up until the Monday before the walk I'd had no inquiries in my ambitious plan. So after a quick discussion of my intentions that day, we set off with an open mind. Lawson Ridge presented a graded fire trail that I knew well, but after just one hour of walking it was all behind us, or at least until we rejoin it in about 8 hours at a point 5km further along.

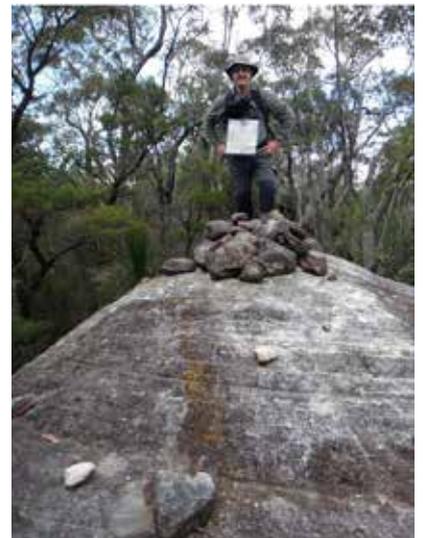


Our new objective is a ridge that would meander its way North East to just above Woodford Creek, it was pleasant and open ridge walking for the next 2 hours, interesting rock formations and views were appreciated along the way. We had morning tea in what sun was available while sheltering from the wind, and after morning tea we descended into a tributary just above its junction with Woodford Creek. The tributary was free of scrub but did require some slippery rock hopping on our way down to Woodford Creek. Woodford Creek slowed our progress with scrub and lawyer vines, many overhangs were explored for suitable camp caves to be use on future trips.

I clocked our progress at just over 1km per hour



and at 13:00 we had lunch and re-assessed our exit point: Woodford Creek was pretty and worthy of exploration at this point but the days are far too short and the nights too cold this time of year to find out how capable this group was, beyond what they had already proven, so at GR 683730 we left the Creek to scramble then walked our way up the 180 vertical metres to the ridge above. Then continued to traverse this ridge back to Lawson Ridge. Along the way the ridge dog legged and almost appeared to looped back on itself at one point: it was never more apparent we were deep within the Kolonga Labyrinth, an area named by Myles Dunphy where exploration without maps would have been a much more serious undertaking than our mere day trip and can only be admired not to mention worthy of a return trip and further exploration. Views along the unnamed ridge presented themselves with every rocky Knoll as well as a large Cairn that looked like it was far too substantial to be a bushwalkers cairn consisting of a dozen or so large stones. The heaviest would have weighed in at several kilos. I am aware of aboriginal stone arrangements in this area and this arrangement definitely had an ancient feel but more than likely due to its location being at a notable height, It is an early survey mark. Noting it as just another mysteries of the Labyrinth, we moved on.

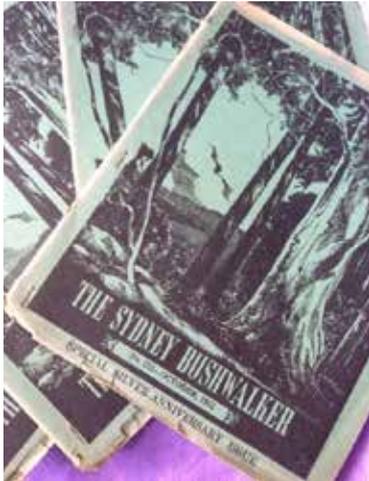


Soon after at 15:00 the forecasted 40km wind and 20% chance of 1mm of rain was delivered, so on went the Rain jackets as we made a push for the fire trail? Walking track? Scrub bash? It was a little vague at first but fortitude prevailed and we were left with 8km of easy walking in the civil twilight.



Collector edition of the magazine available

Caro Ryan



I have 12 copies of the club's October 1952 Silver Anniversary issue of the Sydney Bushwalker to give away.

These are a donation from Wilf Hilder's estate.

Great articles by Myles Dunphy on the naming of places and Alex Colley on the origin of the tigers. There is also

a walk report telling the origin of the famous photo of Dot Butler and Jack Debert eating ice-cream on the Kowmung.



If anyone would like a copy, please email me at caroryan@me.com

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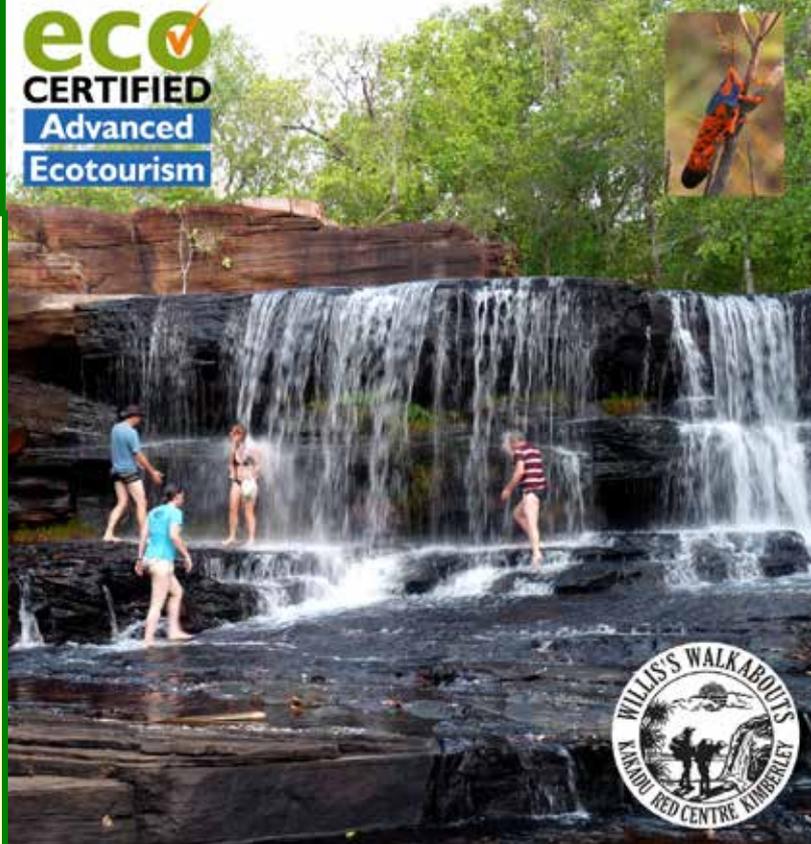
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Colong Wilderness Walk – Dunphy’s Kowmung Adventure-Sep 26 to Oct 6, 2014

Alex Allchin

In October 1914 young Myles Dunphy and Herbert ‘Bert’ Gallop set off on an adventure into the heart of the southern Blue Mountains. Their aim was to trace the length of the Kowmung River.

Leaving Katoomba by candle light, they walked via the Six Foot Track to Jenolan Caves. From here, armed with advice from the local cave guides, and very rudimentary parish maps with more blanks than drawn sections, they entered into the unknown. During the next three weeks, they gained an understanding of the importance of the area through which they had travelled. The original journey started at Katoomba and concluded at Picton, taking 21 days to complete. Along the way they:

- Walked the length of the 6 Foot Track to Jenolan Caves, descending from Katoomba by torchlight.
- Slept in the first Japara tent to be made in the country.
- Dealt with multiple crossing of the Kowmung River in full flood, with some crossing taking over 40 minutes.
- Journeyed through unmapped and untracked wilderness, naming features as they went.
- Sighted the might of Morong Falls, which they believed to be the highest falls in the country.
- Visited the silver mining town of Yerranderie, where supplies were bought, and Bert purchased patent leather dress shoes to replace his boots that had worn out.
- Climbed up Mount Despond in the pouring rain.
- Witness the destruction caused by rabbits before the introduction of myxomatosis.
- Passed bullock trains as they made their way through land now under the waters of Lake Burrangong.

It was an adventure of epic proportions and soon after completing the walk, Myles founded the Mountain Trails Club, the first bushwalking club of NSW, and the genesis of the state’s bushwalking conservation movement.

Now, in 2014, the Dunphy’s Kowmung Adventure will retrace Myles and Bert’s historic journey. Five young Adventure Teams, under the leadership of SBW member 19 year old Alex Allchin, will retrace the walk, each Team of walkers will include a person with a connection to the area being walked. Some stages will allow others to participate in the journey

– whether as walkers, to camp or just sit around a campfire to celebrate.

How can you be involved in Dunphy’s Kowmung Adventure?

- Walk Launch - 10am Friday September 26: Katoomba Cultural Centre, 30 Parke Street, Katoomba – morning tea provided.
- Adventure Stages - September 27 to October 6: For experienced walkers. Up to 1000 metre daily ascents some with mild exposure. Join walk leaders for one of five possible stages, ranging 2 to 4 days in length.
- 6 Foot Track Day Walk - September 26: An easy day walk from Katoomba Cultural Centre to Old Ford Reserve. Can choose to walk back to Katoomba or be driven back by bus.
- 6 Foot Track Day Walk, Old Ford Reserve Campfire and Camp - September 26 -27: Walk as above, stay for a campfire and camp at Old Ford Reserve and walk back to Katoomba.
- 6 Foot Track Overnight Walk - September 26 – 27: Walk as above, continuing to Coxs River and camp and walk back to Katoomba.
- Celebration Dinner - October 6 (Labour Day): Last Adventure Team arrives in Picton. Celebration dinner in Picton.

We intend to use bushwalking gear from throughout the last century. We would welcome the loan of serviceable bushwalking gear from years past for the event. Please contact Alex Allchin, mobile: 0433 263 989.

We encourage you to take part where you can. Please visit the event website or Facebook page below to find further details on the walk, and how you can register to become involved.

<https://www.colongwilderness.org.au/about-wilderness/dunphy-kowmung-centenary-walk/introduction>

<https://www.facebook.com/DunphysAdventure>

The walk will showcase how voluntary efforts of early bushwalking clubs led to the dedication of large national parks and, consequently, wilderness areas in the Blue Mountains. It will celebrate the pivotal role of wilderness in the protection of nature in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. In November the walk and its legacy will be presented to the World Parks Congress.

Midweek Walking Activities

Bill Holland

There is an informal gathering of people in SBW who find the time to enjoy walking, cycling, kayaking during the quiet times of the week. You are welcome to join us at any time and if you would like to be added to our Midweek Activities mailing list please let me know by contacting Bill Holland 4296 3084 or by email to billholland@bigpond.com.

A quiet month in June as far as Midweek walking was concerned with no activity scheduled. However I am looking forward to Newnes Cabins in July with three cabins now booked to give ample room for thirteen people.

Last month I wrote about booking the waterfront house at Phegans Bay near Woy Woy. There was good interest so I have scheduled this for 15th – 18th September (three nights) and tentatively again next year. So far we have eight people booked for the house and separate studio and we can fit in a couple more. So if you have not yet booked but would like to do so, please let me know ASAP and forward \$50 deposit.

Here are more details of coming events.

Cutlers Cottage - Myall Lakes Sat 16th August – Sat 23rd August

This is a mid-week activity but we have extended the stay to a week (Sunday until Saturday) for a slightly extra cost. There is no obligation to use the full seven days.

The location is ideal for kayaking, swimming and bushwalking. The cottage has comfortable accommodation but is limited to a maximum of six people. However, excess numbers can use the camping site next door at Korsmans Landing.



Cutlers Cottage is a three bedroom fully restored residence and has a fully equipped kitchen & relaxing verandah with peaceful - views overlooking Myall Lakes. If you would like to be in the lucky six to use the cottage please send me a \$50 deposit as early as possible.

“ Illoura” Mon 15th – Thur 18th September

Perfectly situated on Phegan’s Bay near Woy Woy this

generously proportioned 4 bedroom bungalow is set on a large waterfront block. There is also a separate flat.

Although the house can sleep ten I will limit bookings to eight people. The likely cost is about \$140 - \$150 for the three nights.



Erowal Bay Mon 20th – Fri 24th Oct

This is a new venue for us. Erowal Bay is a sleepy little town situated on the banks of St Georges Basin. It is ideally situated for day trips to Booderee National Park or the pristine beaches of Jervis Bay.



The house is on the waterfront is roomy and has an attached boathouse and jetty – ideal for swimming and kayaking!

Likely cost is \$100- \$120 per person

Dunns Swamp Mon 24th – Fri 28th Nov

Dunns Swamp is near Rylstone and is very popular for camping and bushwalking. It boasts one of the cleanest waterways in NSW, making it great for a swim or canoe paddle. Basic facilities for campfires and toilets are available in the camping reserve. There are many walking tracks and large rock formations that offer spectacular views of the river and surrounding bush.

The plan will be to base camp during mid-week to avoid the weekend crowds. The weather at this time of the year should be warm and very suitable for water activities.



Winter Social Program

20 Aug, Overland Track, Tasmania. Robert Carter (and friends) will discuss a recent club trip along the iconic Overland Track in January 2014 that turned into a real adventure for the group including the story of the missing boot on Day 3 and getting back to nature with our very own 'Possum Man'. Illustrated with many great photos of this most scenic area in Tasmania and the extreme conditions that 'Huey' threw in for good measure! A number of the walking party will be present to answer any questions and provide different perspectives as for most this was our first walk in Tasmania.

If you have any ideas for social events, contact Jan Spencer and Tracey Avolio: social@sbw.org.au

All meetings are held at the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre, Fitzroy St Kirribilli within easy walking distance of Milson's Point station. Club members meet before the social evenings at the Mad Italian, a cheap and cheerful Italian restaurant just around the corner from the KNC in Broughton St Kirribilli. Why not come along and join them, from 6.30 on.

WANTED

Use of large format document scanner.

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Contact Alex Allchin on 0433 263 989 or AJAllchin@gmail.com

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The SBW Magazine Project - Update

Richard Pattison

We're members of the oldest outdoors club in NSW - SBW has a long and proud history. The club has published magazines since the 1930s, however, only a few hard copies still exist, therefore, Tom Brennan has embarked on a journey to digitise all SBW magazines dating back to 1931.

We need help! Anyone can help

There are 763 magazines to edit (fix spelling mistakes), each magazine takes ~1.5 hours. You can edit 1 page at a time and save your work. Tom has developed a website for the project: <http://sbw.ozultimate.com/wiki/start>.

[ozultimate.com/wiki/start](http://sbw.ozultimate.com/wiki/start).

Progress

Only 2 magazines were completed in June, we learnt:

In 1936, SBW member Dot Butler & Dr Eric Dark made the first ascent of Crater Bluff in the Warrumbungles. Photo below: SBW member Melissa Thomas climbing Crater Bluff.

Magazines

763

Completed

31 (4.1%)

Completed in May

2



SBW members are eligible for Free Paddy Pallin Club membership. Take along the Paddy Pallin ad in this newsletter and they will honor this offer!

Tracks and Access Report

David Trinder

Bushwalk leaders should refer to the following web site for alerts for the area in which they are walking. This report includes relevant extracts from the "Alerts" section of the "National Parks and Wildlife Service Visitor Web Site, <http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au>. For further information refer to the link.

Current alerts

- 2 park currently affected by fire
- 81 parks with closed areas
- 10 fire bans
- 3 Hazard Reduction Burns
- 14 Parks with upcoming closed areas

For hazard reduction burning information, major wildfire updates and a list of all current incidents in NSW, please visit the NSW Rural Fire Service <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/>.

Blue Mountains National Park

Fire-affected areas remain closed

NPWS is conducting risk assessments of fire - affected areas in an effort to re-open sites to the public as soon as possible. Until assessments and/or required work is completed, the following areas remain closed:

- Pierces Pass picnic area and Hungerford's Track (picnic area and road open)
- Mt Banks walking and cycling track
- Track to Victoria Falls (picnic area and road open)
- Victoria Falls to Burra Korrain and Blue Gum walking track

Please continue to check the website for further updates, as re-openings will be posted on a regular basis.

Canyons previously closed after last summer's wildfires are now open

The Overcliff Track between Lyrebird and Breakfast Point lookouts remains closed due to storm damage.

Budawang National Park

Due to a recent wild fire in Budawang National Park and southern Morton National Park. The public is advised to take caution whilst in the area and remain on tracks and trails. For more information phone NPWS Ulladulla.

Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

Barrenjoey headland landscape improvements stage II - Barrenjoey Lighthouse (Ends Thursday 31 July). The Smugglers track is currently closed to allow for a low level viewing platform and stairway to be installed as well as the adjoining track upgraded and minor landscaping. Access to Barrenjoey is via the trail.

The Basin remains accessible to walkers and bike riders along the Basin Trail from West Head Road, please be aware of vehicles that may be traversing the trail to service the works at the Basin Wharf.

Locations affected: The Basin track and Mackerel track, The Basin picnic area, The Basin campground.

Morton National Park

Closed areas: Northern parts of Morton National Park closed for feral animal control (Monday 25 August to Friday 5 September). Part of Morton National Park will be closed for two weeks, from Monday 25 August 2014 to Friday 5 September 2014 while aerial goat shooting is undertaken. The area affected is to the north of Braidwood Road, west of Yarramunmun Fire Trail and Yalwal Creek, and south of Caoura Ridge Fire Trail, Tallowa Dam Road and Bugong Fire Trail. View a map of the closure zone

For further information contact Nowra Area on 44286300.

Royal National Park

Jibbon Aboriginal Rock Engraving site is temporarily closed for the undertaking of site protection works. The engravings site will reopen 31st July, 2014 the surrounding walking tracks remain open.

Watagans National Park

There is a major fire in this park. See details on the Rural Fire Service website.

Click Creek Fire Trail is closed due to extensive storm damage. The trail will remain closed until maintenance works can be completed. Slippery Rock Road is closed due to wet surfaces making conditions unsafe. The road will reopen, subject to conditions, once maintenance work is completed.

Walks and Activities Report

Emmanuelle Convert

Leaders: After the activity, please email completed Walks Attendance Form and Activity Report to: walksreporting@sbw.org.au Please keep the signature sheet as this is a legal document. If you want your report to be published as an article email the report and any photos (jpeg or tiff format) to editor@sbw.org.au.

It would be nice to have photos in this section: send one or two photos to the editor for inclusion.

24-25 May 2014	Navigation 101	Kanangra-Boyd NP	<p>Don Finch</p> <p>Ros Kerrigan Lyn Hungerford Ted Nixon</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Catherine Hore</p>
1 Jun 2014	Sue's Wilderness Olympiad	Kanangra-Boyd NP	<p>Richard Pattison</p> <p>Alex Allchin Karry Atkins</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Nicole Mealing</p>



<p>7 Jun 2014</p> <p>An early 7.45 am cold start on a beautiful day warmed up walking towards Giant An early 7.45 am cold start on a beautiful day warmed up walking towards Giant Stairway taking in the scenery & path of our journey from Echo Point. Made good time along the Fire Trail surrounded by the Three Sisters, Sublime Point, Kedumba Walls & Mt Solitary. Had Lunch at East Col lookout. Recent rain gave the Bush a fresh feeling & the chorus of Lyrebirds & Bellbirds could be heard throughout the day.</p> <p>Approximately halfway along Mt Solitary walked to a lesser known lookout for magnificent views of Lake Burragorang, Kanangra Walls & the Wild Dogs. After descending Korowal Knife Edge some of us took a detour to Ruined Castle for more views. Another member still had more energy to burn & took on the Golden Stairway where we all regrouped at the bottom. Head Torches were required for the final climb out up Furber Steps back to Cars before 6 pm. Everyone enjoyed eachothers company & a good walk had by all.</p>	<p>Mt Solitary Loop</p> <p>Blue Mountains NP</p>	<p>Alan Carpenter</p> <p>Wayne Gardner Frances Bottrell Alan Osland Jane Fielding Genevieve Savill</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Angela Beveridge</p>
<p>7 Jun 2014</p> <p>Stunning day - clear, crisp, sunny. Bush fires last year had cleared much of the undergrowth, making for good off-track walking. Some fun navigation, with prospectives taking the lead for long sections. The lookouts at Burra Korain head are outstanding. The coal mine was a fun, challenging detour but perhaps not the finest example of an early 20th century Blue Mountains mine.</p>	<p>Burra Korain</p> <p>Blue Mountains NP</p>	<p>John Kennett</p> <p>David Angell Angela Barton Tim Yewdall Cathy Hui Bill Raffle Jim Close Lisa Ochs Lorraine Mathot</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Deborah Ng Prashant Duple Jai Kris Meg Kwon Claire Mogensen</p>
<p>8 Jun 2014</p> <p>Sliprail Creek has NOT slipped. We arrived at the creek and began to steadily climb up the creek bed. It soon became obvious that we were heading towards Carlons Head and not following Sliprail Ck. There is a large landslide on the south side of Carlons Head and this has caused the unnamed, unmarked gully to slide. We followed the creek almost to the cliff line but the ground became unstable and we returned to the carpark for lunch. We then walked up to Ironpot and Tinpot Mountains for the afternoon.</p>	<p>Kanangra Base Camp</p> <p>Kanangra-Boyd NP</p>	<p>Angela Barton</p> <p>Paul Barton Gilda Floyd Michael Floyd Sun Clement</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Michael Barton</p>
<p>7-9 Jun 2014</p> <p>This was a strenuous 3 day walk and all performed well. First day was an easy walk down to the Kowmung River and we camped beside the river. On the second day we climbed 750 m to Mount Colong. The last 100 m was scrambling up a steep rocky incline and it was good to see the green plateau and the big cairn after all that hard work. The descent finished with 1 hour of bush bashing in the dark, because we had to find sweet water, the river. Third day was a return to the Kanangra carpark. Most of the navigation was done by John Flint and Jim Collier. The prospective member Zac carried a heavy pack and was very strong.</p>	<p>Mount Colong and return</p> <p>Kanangra-Boyd NP</p>	<p>David Trinder</p> <p>Stephen Brading Daniel Laver Jim Collier Carley Finn Alan Silva John Flint</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Zeliko Pastuovic</p>

<p>9 Jun 2014</p> <p>We started off this walk under a fine blue sky and enjoyed the pleasant woodland scenery as we made our way southwards along the Great North Walk past Galston Gorge and eventually up to a large clearing which was an ideal lunch spot. Shortly after lunch we encountered rain, and it continued to rain intermittently through the afternoon until we reached Hornsby, where we enjoyed welcome coffees and hot chocolates at a local café.</p>	<p>Galston Gorge Berowra Valley Regional Park</p>	<p>Nigel Weaver</p> <p>Melinda Long Vicky Zhang Karen Karkner Ken Sung Rob McIlwaine Stuart Corner Karen Brading Richard Brading</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Neil Gillett Melissa Suen Shizu Araki Bill Wood Susan Healey</p>
<p>14-15 Jun 2014</p> <p>Rain right up until the moment we put our boots on the track leaving Dunphy's carpark. By the time we reached the Cox's River and Breakfast Creek at the bottom of Ironmonger Spur the sun was out. We managed to locate the shaft of the abandoned mine off Breakfast Creek and then headed along the Cox's. The camp was at the large flat at the base of Blue Dog Buttress. On Sunday we made a reasonably brisk ascent to Knights Deck and down the slot and along the easterly of the Knights Deck pups spurs. Control burns had cleared much of the undergrowth making the Spur very easily navigable. After lunch at Frying Pan Flat we ascended Potts & Pans Spur to be back at the cars by around 3.30 pm.</p>	<p>Wild Dogs Blue Mountains NP</p>	<p>Christopher Birch</p> <p>Genevieve Savill Sally Reynolds Lisa McCarthy</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Tim Hager</p>
<p>15 Jun 2014</p> <p>A quick descent to Kedumba River with a few sprinkles of rain. Luckily the sprinkles disappeared quickly and rain gear was packed away. We climbed the ridge to GR 545578 for a well deserved morning tea. Lunch was eaten at Kedumba farm and we headed off to climb the Goat Track. Everyone handled this without any problems and we arrived back at the cars with plenty of daylight to spare.</p>	<p>Kedumba Blue Mountains NP</p>	<p>Angela Barton</p> <p>Paul Barton Chris Dowling Jim Close Aman Singh</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Michael Barton David Wang Grant White</p>
<p>15 Jun 2014</p> <p>Nice paddle from Berowra Waters on the high tide to the upper reaches of the mangroves on Joe Crafts Bay and Calabash Bay.</p>	<p>Sunday Paddle Ku-ring-gai Chase NP</p>	<p>John Kennett</p> <p>Paul Notholt</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Braith Boynton</p> <p><i>Visitor</i></p> <p>Graham Kelly (Bush Club) Julie Kelly (Bush Club) Colleen Loudon (Bush Club)</p>

<p>16 Jun 2014</p> <p>Another memorable day in the great outdoors! Despite the weather forecast predicting rain clearing, we experience a few minutes of drizzle before being presented with a glorious clear day providing fantastic views up and down the coast. We sighted a number of whales on their northern migration including a (impeccably on-queue) breaching whale off Little Marley during one of our breaks to take advantage of the winter sun and warmth.</p> <p>As happens (often on my walks), we adopted a 'tag along' walker – Gary – who fitted right in and shared insights from his many years walking in the Royal and all around Australia.</p> <p>An enthusiastic group with a broad mix of experience were up to the challenge of a long walk with minimal breaks and, for a large group, did extremely well keeping together throughout. Our walk ended at the Bundeena RSL where everyone partook in a well-earned 'refreshment prior to catching the 5.00pm ferry to Cronulla. Congratulations to our Prospective Members who successfully completed their day qualifying walk.</p>	<p>Coast Track</p> <p>Royal NP</p>	<p>Robert Carter</p> <p>Lyn Hungerford Karen Kool Daniel Eckermann Sheila McDowall Stephen Dolphin Tim Yewdall Marianne Davies Petros Nikoloudis Doman Nomad Wayne Gardner</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Prashant Duble Brian Tomney Martyne Preston Ryan O'Connor Michelle Rose Svet Orrock Pablo Scodellaro Antonio Velasco</p>
<p>21 Jun 2014</p> <p>Greeted with a sunny cool mountain morning and an early 7.30 am start descended down Govetts Leap walking under a couple of refreshing waterfalls. Not far from Acacia Flat, we enjoyed a morning snack surrounded by the scenic cliffs of Govetts valley.</p> <p>Half the group walked to Lockleys for another snack with magnificent views and the other half turned back at Du Faur's Head for Perrys Lookdown. We all regrouped after a challenging ascent at the top of Perrys Lookdown. Descended Perrys and made good time retracing our steps back to Junction Rock & called on the remaining energy reserves for the climb up Govetts making it back to the cars in last of twilight.</p> <p>After such an enjoyable day we all appreciated the luxuries of a delicious meal at the Grand View Hotel Wenty Falls.</p>	<p>Grose Valley Triple Yo Yo</p> <p>Blue Mountains NP</p>	<p>Alan Carpenter</p> <p>Frances Botrell Nicola Piper Jim Vaughan</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Sarah Jones</p>
<p>21 Jun 2014</p> <p>Walk started at Galong Farm in bright sunshine at 8:22am. Tim helped navigate down Hobbles Spur giving tips on the barbed wire to pass on the left and some trees to look out for on the way up. Cattle Dog Spur was climbed without any problems including Jay our prospective member. Morning tea was had at the cliff lookout and we then proceeded to Knights Deck for another amazing view before the trip down Blue Dog Spur to Breakfast creek for lunch.</p> <p>John led the way up Ironmonger again with all party members having no problem with the 600m ascent. A leisurely walk down past Ironpot Mountain back down to the cars at Galong Farm. The walk finished at 4pm.</p>	<p>Wild Dog Mountains</p> <p>Blue Mountains NP</p>	<p>John Flint</p> <p>Bill Raffle Kerry Atkins Tim Sutherland Mary Liu John Kennett</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Jay Abeysinghe</p>

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<p>22 Jun 2014</p> <p>There are panoramic coastal views from several vantage points on this walk, from the clifftops that range around the edges of the escarpment. We had a fine and sunny day to enjoy the walk, and had a lovely lunch spot beside a babbling creek. We rounded off the walk with warm drinks at the Stanwell Park kiosk as the temperature cooled down late in the day. In all, it was a very pleasant and very scenic outing.</p>	<p>Northern Illawarra Escarpment</p>	<p>Nigel Weaver</p> <p>Margaret Weaver Helen Lalas Misako Sugiyama Jacqueline Pearse Aman Singh Hubert Habicht Joanna Penney Tim Yewdall Kevin Songberg</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Jenny Stephens Susan Healey Svetlana Orrock</p>
<p>25 Jun 2014</p> <p>After placing vehicles at each end of the walk, leave from near Wolgan Gap Trig, climb to the top of the cliff line, then follow the ins and outs of the cliff line for about 7km. Stunning views.</p>	<p>Under the Wolgan Cliffs</p> <p>Cullen Bullen NP</p>	<p>Yuri Bolotin</p> <p>Elizabeth Sharag</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Alice Yang Peter Yang Johannes Panther</p>



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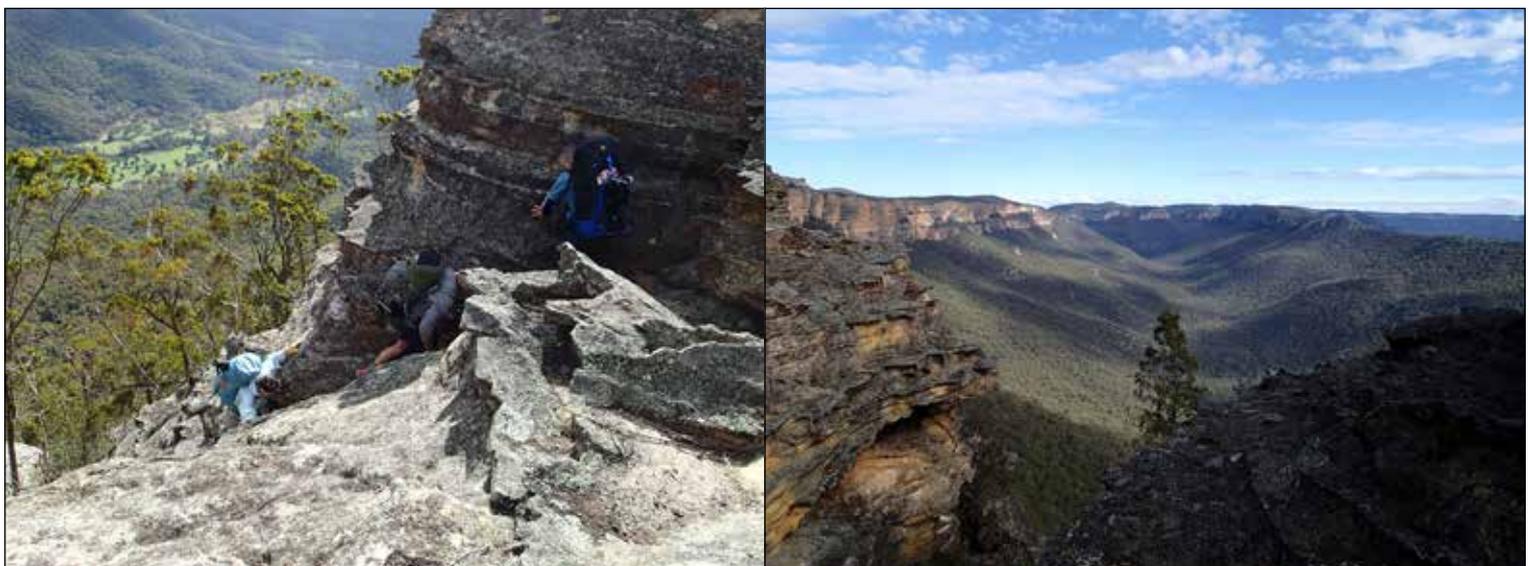
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<p>28 Jun 2014</p> <p>All went well. Prospectives handled it easily. Party enjoyed the views from Dunphy's Pass and the challenge of the climbing spikes. Thanks to all attendees for an enjoyable day out.</p>	<p>Dunphy's Pass</p>	<p>Blue Mountains NP</p>	<p>Paul Barton</p> <p>Chris Dowling Angela Barton Karen Kool Rod Wales Dirk Goes Paul Notholt Dorinda Appiah Kim Fuller Daniel Eckermann Cathy Hui</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Janina Szyndler Jenny Stephens</p>
<p>28 Jun 2014</p> <p>See article above</p>	<p>Lawson Ridge</p>	<p>Blue Mountains NP</p>	<p>Brendon Anderson</p> <p>Jim Collier Peter Cai Bruno De Villenoisy Alan Osland Carley Finn</p>
<p>28-29 Jun 2014</p> <p>Walking along the Red Rocks cliffline overlooking the Capertree Valley and Pantoneys Crown is always fun! And as clear blue skies gave way to ominous grey cloud, this beautiful area revealed its different moods.</p> <p>The spectacular pagodas and pinnacles of this area ensured that there was camera action aplenty!</p> <p>We arrived at the Mt Dawson camp cave early. And then the search for water began. No water in the creek below the cave, no water at the traditional pickup point on way in! Some of us found water in a small pool in an overhang way down the creek, others had to travel further afield. A big thank you to Jeff Boyd for making 2 trips for water!</p> <p>On Sunday we awoke to a very windy, cold day. It didn't take much to decide it was time to get out as quickly as we could.</p>	<p>Mt Dawson</p>	<p>Wollemi NP</p>	<p>Melinda Turner</p> <p>Jeff Boyd Tracey Avolio Steve Dolphin John Currie Ann Marie Currie Yvonne Brading Stephen Brading John Flint Gilda Floyd Andrew Quatermaine Michael Floyd Mary Liu Andrew Vilder Grace Love Peter Love</p>





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