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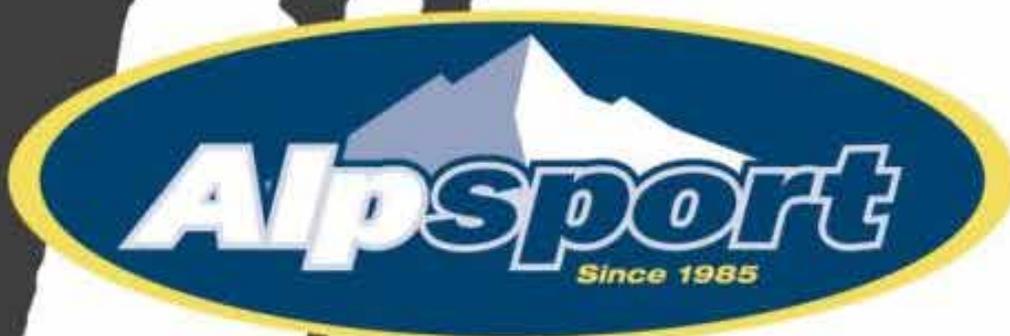


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From the President

John Flint



Another very good year for bushwalking is drawing to a close.

Bushwalking wise the year seems to have gone well with over 100 walks on each of the seasonal programs and the number of short notice walks growing all the time as well.

Members should have received a link to an online survey so we can get further insight in to what members are looking for in their club and solicit ideas for improvement. So far there have been over 150 responses and the survey will be open for the next week or so if you have not yet responded and wish to do so, dig up the email and click on the link.

It was wonderful to meet many of you at the Christmas party and swap a few stories of the year.

The Christmas party was indeed a great success with over 80 members attending, thanks again to Jan and Tracey for all the organising as well as the Social night meetings throughout the year. Jan is retiring from her role to do a bit more travelling in 2016 so special thanks to Jan.

I did give a speech and for those not in attendance it is worth repeating some here. Firstly I mentioned we have a need to update our constitution to comply with tax laws plus iron out a few anomalies. I have

outlined the changes elsewhere in this newsletter.

Secondly I would like to repeat my thanks for all the help in running SBW. The biggest thanks would have to be to all the leaders who put on walks for SBW. Without walks we are not a club, and with all the varied types of walks we put on we are a great club. The committee has run very smoothly this year and it has been a delight to be the president with such hard working committee members. This year we have four new members to the committee and everyone got up to speed and got on with the job. Two people I forget to mention for special thanks are our newsletter editor Vivien together with the walks reporting secretary Emmanuelle. They combine every month to put the Magazine and Newsletters together and I know many of you appreciate their effort as I do.

Thirdly, I announced our newest Honorary Life Member. Caro Ryan. I have received much positive feedback so I know how many of you also think the appointment was well deserved. The achievements and contribution of Caro over the years have been many and varied and there would not been a person in the club that has not benefitted in some way from her efforts.

Wishing all members a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. See you on the track in the New Year.



New members

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

Andrew Price
Geoff Goodyer
Jon Bell

Ewa Borowiec
Charles Russell

Constitutional Change

John Flint

The constitution of a club or association is an important document. It is the document that sets what the association exists to provide, sets out the structure of the club and the rules it operates under. The constitution is also a contract between the association and its members, who agree to adhere to the provisions contained in the constitution.

Once agreed to it should not need to change very often but it does need to keep up to date with laws and administrative procedures. Often there are also some historical artefacts in the constitution that made sense at the time but lose relevance over time.

Proposed changes

Outlined below is the rationale for changes to the current constitution. I have also put together an early draft of the changes. With the holiday period and the lead time for a special general meeting to be held on the same day as the AGM I prefer to put out in the SBW community now rather than wait till the last minute to seek feedback.

Income Tax Exemption

One of the administrative procedures that is now in place is a self-assessment for not-for-profit organisations for the exemption from income tax. While in any recent year if SBW was liable to pay income tax the amount would not be large, the administrative burden of lodging tax returns would be onerous as well as potential future liabilities could be very significant with the clubs substantial assets. Therefore it is critical the club maintains its tax free status.

Tax free is not given for all non-profit organisations, if you are not a registered charity then to be income tax free you need to be assessed as a sporting club. It might be odd in some ways to think of bushwalking as a sport but under the criteria the organised activities SBW conduct do meet the requirements. However there are a number of other hurdles under the self-assessment. One is the club must have a non-profit and dissolution clause in the constitution, secondly the objects of the club in the constitution, must have encouragement of a sport clearly articulated as the primary purpose.

Non Profit Clauses

When the constitution was last updated, the non-profit and dissolution clause which had been in previous constitutions were dropped. Most likely this was because the model constitution from NSW Fair Trading on which it was based also no longer had these clauses. From a NSW point of view it may not be required as similar clauses are part of the legislation, however the ATO does require those

clauses to be in the constitution to pass the income tax exemption test. The ATO has example clause and the committee proposes using those exact clauses.

EXAMPLE: Non-profit clause:

The assets and income of the organisation shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above-mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the organisation except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.

EXAMPLE: Dissolution clause:

In the event of the organisation being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.

SBW Objects

The current objects of the club come from the first constitution written in 1928 following the clubs formation in 1927. They are great words but don't meet the requirements to be classified as a sporting club.

Current Objects

- a) To amalgamate those who esteem walking as a means of recreation.*
- b) To form an institution of mutual aid in regard to routes and ways and means of appreciating the great outdoors.*
- c) To establish a definite regard for the welfare and preservation of the wild life and natural beauty of this country.*
- d) To help others appreciate these natural gifts.*
- e) To promote social activity amongst members.*
- f) In the furtherance of the above objects to do all those things which the Association could do if it were a natural person.*

According to the self-assessment **"The main purpose of the club must be the encouragement of a game or sport."**

In my judgement item a, c, d, e do not pass this test.

Item b might in part as "mutual aid in regard to routes and ways" could be considered encouragement in sport of bushwalking, though "means of appreciating the great outdoors" is not a sporting activity. The

self-assessment worksheet has some guidelines for those interested in what is regarded as a sporting activity. It should also be noted that conservation is not an activity that is covered under exemption from income tax, but it is perfectly ok for objects that support the principle sporting activities to be there. In this regard the club fine record in conservation appropriately supports the natural environment necessary for bush walking.

Proposed Objects:

a) *To organise bushwalks and related activities.*

b) *To encourage the development of skills, fitness and leadership relevant to bushwalking and related activities.*

c) *To amalgamate knowledge of bushwalking skills, areas, routes and ways.*

d) *To promote an awareness of and regard for the Australian bushwalking environment and to promote its conservation.*

e) *To promote social activity amongst members.*

f) *In the furtherance of the above objects to do all those things which the Association could do if it were a natural person.*

As previously stated the wording is preliminary but for now I have tried to keep it simple while outlining what the club does in a tax compliant way.

The objects are the main emphasis of the tax self-assessment. I did also look elsewhere and have decided to update the Coolana clause as well. Coolana is our major asset so its use should align more closely with bushwalking. I don't think the change is any different to what we do at Coolana, but the wording better support the sporting aspects.

Existing Coolana Clause:

Any proposal to materially change the current usage of Coolana ("to provide a camping ground for recreational walkers and for the purpose of preservation of the native flora and fauna") or to sell, lease or mortgage any or all of the Portions of Coolana requires approval as a Special Resolution by the Members.

Proposed Coolana Clause:

Any proposal to materially change the current usage of Coolana ("to provide a base for bushwalking, training and outdoor related activities and for the

purpose of preservation of the native flora and fauna") or to sell, lease or mortgage any or all of the Portions of Coolana requires approval as a Special Resolution by the Members.

Other Constitutional Change

While the committee looked at the necessary changes for tax compliance we reviewed the constitution to see what might else benefit from a change.

Membership Renewal

8. (2)(a) - minor change to

- remove confusion about renewal times (currently different renewal dates depending on when you joined)
- align with current club practice of renewing all members on June 1
- align more closely to the model rules

Proposed 8. (2)(a):

except as provided by paragraph (b), before 1 June in each calendar year, or

Committee Term Limits

14. (5) - the 2011 constitutional changes included a change that limited service on the Committee to 6 consecutive years (subsequent terms could be served).

There is also a clause limited to 3 years in a role. This makes some sense for the office bearers, but the general committee positions such as Activities and Members Secretary are only named as a single role in the constitution. So some cases restrict service to 3 years, even when the committee member changes the actual role. This clause will be reworded to try and keep the main intent (6 year limit) intact, without unduly restricting people's service on the Committee.

Proposed 14. (5):

Each member of the committee is, subject to this constitution, to hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election, provided that at the time the member has not been a member of the committee for six or more consecutive years, nor held the office bearer position for which they have been nominated for three or more consecutive years

Walk updates

Don't forget to check the Short Notice Activities bulletin for any amendments to the quarterly program such as changes in walk dates.

Many walks that go into the walks program are planned weeks or months ahead and unforeseen circumstances can arise in the meantime affecting walk details and dates.

SBW Magazine Project - Update

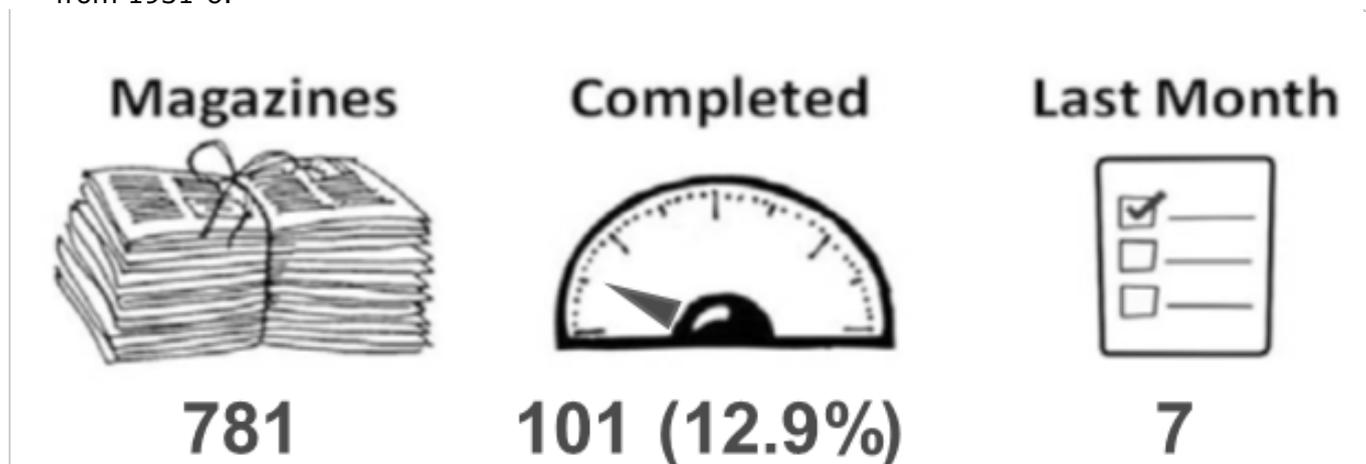
Richard Pattison

November 2015 was a momentous month for the SBW Magazine project for two reasons:

- Firstly, the 100th magazine was completed. The honour for the centenary went to "Eldawt" with his completion of the June 1938 edition. Congratulations.
- Secondly, Tom Brennan has managed to find, scan and upload a number of previously "lost" editions to the website, meaning there is a full catalogue from 1937 to-date. However, there are still 13 remaining editions missing, dating from 1931-6.

Ultimately, as at 30 Nov 2015 the project progress is: 101 magazines completed, 12 almost complete and 23 in-progress. In total, 12.9% complete, and with 18% showing at least some form of progress.

Anyone can help, read more here: <http://sbw.ozultimate.com/wiki/>.



Social Program

Wed 17 Feb - 17 days Cycling in Austria and Germany. Jan and Graham will cycle you through the Salaach, Salzach, Inn and Danube rivers zig zagging through Austria and Germany...17 days and 700 kms including daily bakery delights for morning teas!

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

All meetings are held at the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre, Fitzroy St Kirribilli and start at 7.35 pm.

The KNC is within easy walking distance of Milson's Point station.

Social Evenings are preceded by a pre meeting dinner at the Mad Italian, a cheap and cheerful Italian restaurant just around the corner at 5A Broughton St, where club members congregate from 6.30pm on.

SBW Group Sizes

Richard Pattison

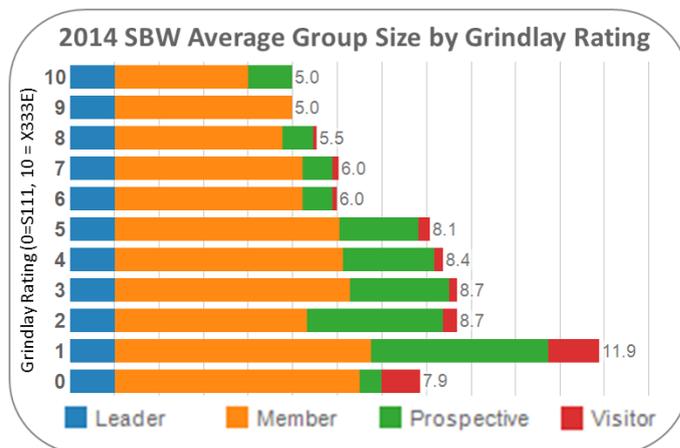
Tom Brennan has recently digitised the first ever SBW magazine, June 1931. In that magazine I was interested to read the account of Tom Herbert's trip to Red Hands Cave at Glenbrook on 10 May 1931 – the group size was 85. Yes, 8 & 5, 85! I'll say that again... the group size for a single walk was eighty-five people!! Amazing.

That got me thinking, what group sizes do SBW have nowadays?

In 2014, the largest SBW group was 37 members for Robert Carter's Skills Workshop in Centennial Park, Sydney. The largest group for a "real" walk out in the bush was Robert again, with 23 for the Six Foot Track in a day. Not quite the same magnitude as 1931, but still significant participation.

Large group sizes are unrealistic nowadays with group size limits in national parks, plus, I feel most members venture into the bush for some kind of serenity, not to be surrounded by 85 others reminiscent of Pitt St Mall. The 2014 mean and mode group size was 8, the median 7.

Maybe the most significant factor in determining the group size is the difficulty rating. This can be clearly observed if we review the 2014 group sizes along the Grindlay rating system (S111 = 0, X333E = 10):

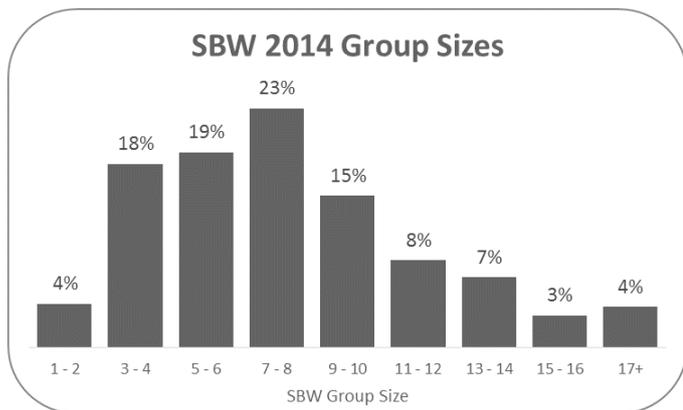


Simply, the easier the activity, the larger the group size. That trend is even more pronounced for Prospective members.

The largest group sizes are typically M111 averaging 12 members, rated a Grindlay 1. There is a trend anomaly at the Grindlay 0 point with a group size reduction – these S111 activities are mainly mid-week walks which possibly explains the group reduction with many members unable to attend. The step change between Grindlay 5 & 6 is probably due to declared wilderness laws: hard off-track walks are likely to be within declared wilderness areas so Grindlay 6 - 8 rated walks have a legal size limit of 8.

It's difficult to say whether this trend (easier = bigger) is driven by leaders or members. It is likely that leaders restrict group sizes for more difficult walks in order to keep observance of the whole group, while feeling more comfortable with larger groups in easy navigation areas. However, it is also possible the trend is purely member driven with higher demand for easier walks.

Ultimately, I think the truth is a combination of leaders dictating the group size and member demand for easier walks. So, if you're looking to meet like-minded individuals... you'll meet more people on easier walks than harder walks.



I predicted that the vast majority of walks would contain 4-8 members. However, it turns-out the distribution is far wider, in fact only half of activities have 4-8 members. I'm surprised to learn that 1 in 4 activities have double-figure attendance. Over generalising, these large participation activities are close to Sydney in areas like Ku-ring-Gai Chase and the Royal National Park.

Several factors are at play for this large variation in group sizes: walk location, activity type, leader, date, day, difficulty, on vs. off track, likelihood of Xmas party hangover + many more.



A Walk up the Zig Zag Railway!

Nigel Weaver



The Zig Zag railway line is located on the western escarpment of the Blue Mountains, just east of Lithgow. It was originally part of the main western railway line, but is now just a tourist railway line that operates steam trains. However, at present it is not being used because of the major bushfire in October 2013 which damaged a large number of wooden sleepers, rendering the line unsafe until repairs can be made. Prior to the fire the railway had already lost its licence to operate its steam trains because of safety breaches, and it is supremely ironic that the big fire came at about the same time as the line had just regained its licence.

walk, we found that there were many sleepers that were partly burned, some of them badly. It will take many a year before the sleepers can be replaced and the line can be reopened.

During our ascent we walked through a short tunnel and then came to a long viaduct from where there were really good views. On the steep slopes below the viaduct there was a large crop of bright red waratahs lighting up the countryside with colour. After enjoying the sight of this, we followed the line further uphill and across a second viaduct until we reached the upper switchback that is called "top points".



The absence of trains on the tourist line opens the way for walkers to explore the line on foot! You start the walk from tiny Zig Zag station on the main western line from Sydney. This place is called "bottom points". As you go along the tracks of the tourist line, there are great views to be enjoyed from many vantage points as it gently makes its way up the cliffclines to the hilltops. The best views are down to the adjacent valley floor where the current main western railway line runs towards Lithgow from Sydney. As you climb higher on the tourist line you can directly see across to the rugged hills and valleys of the nearby Newnes Plateau. While on our



After the switchback we followed the railway line ever higher up onto the hilltops. We soon crossed another long viaduct from where there were more good views. Ultimately we got to the area where the line runs alongside the Bell Road. We then went right through a long tunnel which was about 500 metres in length. There is a slight curve near the western end of the tunnel which is enough to make it pitch black in the middle. Once we had finished this adventurous section of the walk we came out at the Clarence tourist station, where, of course, all

was quiet – no tourists to be seen at all.

After a short break we took the foot track that runs downhill back to Zig Zag station on the main western line, in other words, to our original starting point of the walk. On the first part of the foot track we walked through forest, and then came out onto a steep open hillside covered with heather-type vegetation. The views across the valley to the other side are very attractive. At this point we came across a small group of kangaroos, which was an unexpected pleasure. We got reasonably close to the roos, but in the end they hopped away as would be expected. We continued steeply downhill on the foot track to complete the circular walk back at Zig Zag station. Pleasingly we only had to wait ten minutes for our train back to Sydney, rounding off a

very unusual but very scenic walk.



Summer Series Update

Vivien de Rémy de Courcelles

Ten events of the Summer Series have been run. Summer Series is a series of street and park orienteering events that visits a different suburb every Wednesday from October to March.

The ladies have moved up the ladder in recent weeks after a string of good results. Rich and Vivien are still looking for their best forms whilst Laurent is not waiting for them to find it.

As an added bonus to exercising and having fun during the week, we are making our way through eateries of many suburbs. Burgers and fish and chips are leading the way but spring rolls and dumplings are not far behind.

Why not join us at one of the following events:

16 December: Gladesville - Banjo Patterson Park, Punt Road

23 December: Clifton Gardens – Morella Road

30 December: Dee Why - Ted Jackson Reserve

6 January: Manly Vale - Millers Reserve, Campbell Parade (set by Richard Pattison)

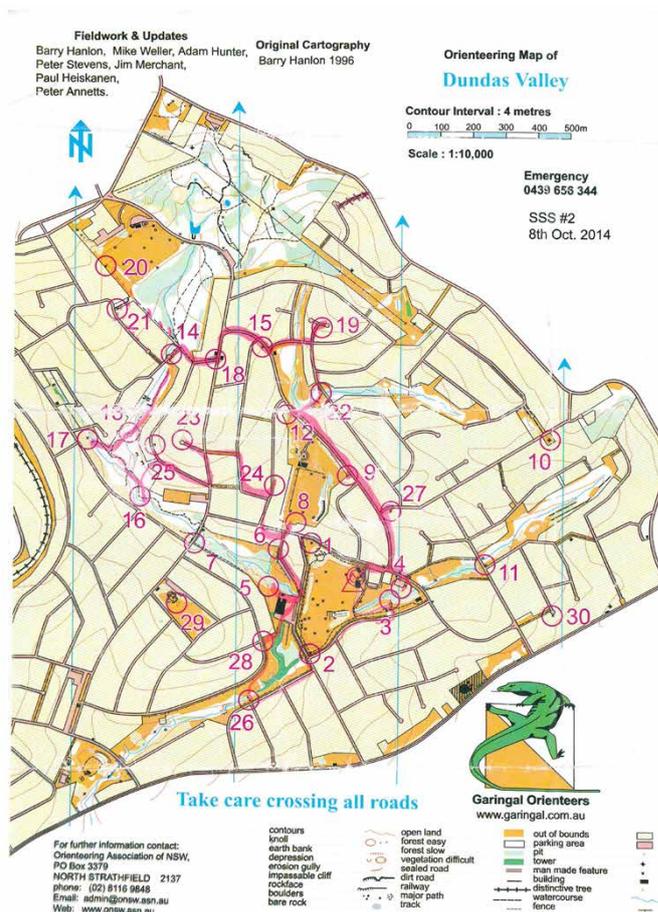
13 January: East Killara - Allan Small Park, Saiala Avenue

20 January: Leichhardt - Pionners Memorial Park, William Street

27 January: Birchgrove - Ballast Point Park, Wharf and Ballast Point Road

We hope to see you there.

For more details check <http://www.sydneysummerseries.com.au>.



Traversing the High Atlas

Kenn Clacher

Why would a party from the SBW (Kenn Clacher (L), Edith Baker, Jodie Dixon, Marcia Kaye, Anthea Michaelis, John Michaelis, Rod Wales) want to walk in the Atlas Mountains? SBW and Greek mythology are natural bedfellows, having close links through various features at Kanangra given classical names by Myles Dunphy. These include Danae Brook, Seriphos Cliffs and Seriphos Pit. With this classical background an SBW trek in the Atlas Mountains seemed a natural.

In classical Greek mythology, the Titans and Titanesses were members of the second order of divine beings, descending from the primordial deities. The Titans most famously included the first twelve children of the primordial Gaia (Mother Earth) and Uranus (Father Sky). They were giant deities of incredible strength, who ruled during the legendary Golden Age, and also comprised the first pantheon of Greek deities.

Atlas was the son of the Titan Iapetus and the Oceanid Asia or Clymene. Atlas sided with the Titans in their war against the Olympians. When the Titans were defeated Zeus (god of thunder and king of the gods of Mount Olympus) condemned Atlas to stand at the western edge of the Earth and hold up the heavens on his shoulders, to prevent the two from resuming their primordial embrace.

The Atlas Mountains might easily have been the Hercules Mountains. One of the twelve labours of the hero Hercules was to fetch some of the golden apples which grew in Hera's garden, tended by Atlas' daughters, the Hesperides, and guarded by the dragon Ladon. Hercules went to Atlas and offered to hold up the heavens while Atlas got the apples from his daughters.

Upon his return with the apples, however, Atlas (presumably thinking that Hercules didn't have enough to do already) attempted to trick Hercules into carrying the sky permanently by offering to deliver the apples himself, as anyone who purposely took the burden must carry it forever, or until someone else took it away. Hercules, suspecting Atlas did not intend to return, pretended to agree to Atlas' offer, asking only that Atlas take the sky again for a few minutes so Hercules could rearrange his cloak as padding on his shoulders. When Atlas set down the apples and took the heavens upon his shoulders again, Hercules took the apples and ran off.

The Atlas Mountains stand at the western edge of what was the known world at the time of the classical Greeks' ascendancy and are the highest mountains in North Africa. They stretch for about 2000km in a southwest-northeast direction for most of the length of Morocco and extend across northern Algeria and

into Tunisia. The name changes as the ridges march north and east. The northeast section in Morocco is known as the Middle Atlas and a branch heading towards Tangier becomes the Rif Mountains. The southwest section is called the Anti Atlas and peters out before the boundary with the territory known as Western Sahara which is claimed by Morocco but is in dispute between Morocco and Mauritania. The section in the middle between the Middle Atlas and the Anti Atlas is the High Atlas. The Atlas as a whole forms a barrier between the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea and the Sahara Desert. The altitude of the Atlas Mountains contributes to the effectiveness of the rain shadow effect with most of the High Atlas having an altitude over 3000m and the highest peak, Jebel (Mt) Toubkal, reaching 4167m. Toubkal lies at about the same latitude as Perth and Taree.

Morocco boasts several trekking regions, all in or close to the Atlas. By far the most popular is the Toubkal area, but Irhil M'Goun, the Anti Atlas, Jebel Saghro (southwest of M'Goun and around 100km east of Toubkal) and the Rif around Chefchaouen are also promoted as good trekking areas. Trekking in these regions is not possible in winter, when good ski touring is possible, and in high summer it might be comfortable at high altitudes but very hot at lower altitudes. The Toubkal area is highly developed for trekkers with tracks relatively easy to follow, maps of reasonable quality available and a couple of refuges located at Toubkal base camp. Independent walking would be reasonably straightforward here but pretty difficult in the other areas, especially if you don't speak the local Berber language though you might manage speaking French.

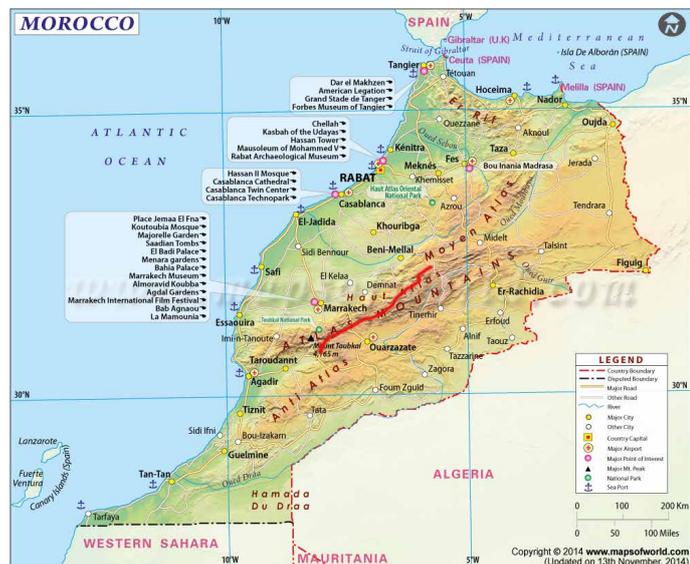
The premier medium-distance walk in Morocco is the High Atlas Traverse from M'Goun to Toubkal of around 300km. It is typically advertised as a 22-day trip including 18 days' trekking. M'Goun is sometimes claimed to be the second highest mountain in Morocco (and in North Africa) and it is the highest in the Atlas outside the Toubkal region but there are some higher peaks in the vicinity of Toubkal. Between Jebel M'Goun and Jebel Toubkal there are around 12 days of interesting trekking featuring high passes and pastures, snow-capped ridges, narrow, fertile steep-sided valleys and many Berber villages accessible only on foot.

The Berbers are an ethnic group indigenous to North Africa. They are distributed in an area stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Siwa Oasis in Egypt, and from the Mediterranean Sea to the Niger River. Historically they spoke Berber languages, which together form the Berber branch of the Afro-Asiatic family of languages. The name Berber derives from the Latin barbarus, origin also of the English word

barbarian. A history by a Roman consul in Africa made the first reference of the term "barbarian" to describe the region that is now Algeria and a part of Tunisia. The term "Barbary Coast" emphasizes the Berber coastal regions and cities throughout the middle and western coastal regions of North Africa – what is now Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco. In the West, the name commonly evoked the Barbary pirates and Barbary slave traders based on that coast, who attacked ships and coastal settlements in the Mediterranean and North Atlantic and captured and traded slaves or goods from Europe, America and sub-Saharan Africa which finally provoked the Barbary Wars. The areas of North Africa that have retained the Berber language and traditions best have been, in general, Morocco and the highlands of Algeria. In Morocco Berbers make up most of the population of the Atlas Mountains.

Trekking in the High Atlas is by no means a wilderness experience, with nearly all walking done on mule tracks or better. There are many remote villages scattered through the mountains, occupied by people who eke out a living from goats, sheep and other grazing animals and from crops grown on or near the valley floors. Chestnuts, walnuts and cherries, amongst others, are grown in the mountains and grains, oranges, dates and other crops at lower elevations. Ancient aqueducts that carry water to these fields are a notable feature of the High Atlas. Even in the apparently most desolate places there are basic stone huts which may be occupied by nomads in summer, though many of these are in ruins. Other than short walks in the Toubkal region most long-distance trekking in Morocco involves camping because of the lack of facilities for trekkers.

An internet search of 'Atlas Mountains trek' brings up hundreds of prospective guides and guiding companies. After some deliberation and discussion with prospective guiding companies I settled on Amazing Toubkal Treks to guide us, and it turned out to be a good choice.



The trek comprised three main phases. The first was the approach to and ascent of Jebel M'Goun.

The second was the Traverse of the High Atlas from M'Goun to the village of Aroumd. The third was the ascent of Toubkal and descent to Imlil village to be picked up for our return to Marrakech.

Our guide and owner of Amazing Toubkal Treks, Hassan, and assistant guide Aissa met us at Marrakech Airport on our arrival and the next day we drove to the start of the walk at Tamzrit (altitude 2114m) in the Ait Bougmez valley. Here we met our cook Lahsan and muleteers Mustapha, Mohammed, Moj, Brahim and Hassan. Although none of the cook and muleteers spoke English they and our guides proved to be great companions for the 2½ weeks of the trek.

Camp arrangements were similar to practices adopted worldwide, with a couple of minor differences. Hassan provided a mess tent, cooking tent and sleeping tents and mattresses for the trekkers. Cook Lahsan provided great meals and kept everyone supplied with copious amounts of the local mint tea laced with sugar. As usual the support crew slept in the mess tent after the trekkers has retired for the night. Unusually no table or chairs were provided in the mess tent but rubber mattresses were provided at mealtimes to sit on. This was consistent with Berber custom and once we got used to it came naturally to us. The mattresses doubled as sleeping mats once dinner was finished. It meant that the load to be carried by the mules was considerably reduced. Only five mules were required and each mule was accompanied by its personal muleteer. In my experience in other countries mules, donkeys, yaks, camels, horses and other beasts of burden had a herder for every four, five or more animals so this was a considerable departure from practice elsewhere.



One of the first questions to Hassan when we met in Marrakech was whether there were any possible impediments to completing the walk as intended. Hassan told us that there had been unusually heavy snows in the preceding winter and spring and it was not possible to reach the top of M'Goun because of the snow cover. While there was also snow on Toubkal the high traffic there and the fact that we would be there a couple of weeks later than M'Goun meant that there should be no problem reaching Toubkal's summit. We determined nevertheless to get as close to the top of M'Goun as we could without taking undue risks.

It took around six hours' driving from Marrakech to get to the guest house where we stayed overnight before we started trekking. After arrival we had time for a wander up to an old fort behind our guest house and to Aissa's new house under construction while our muleteers and cook started sorting out the gear for the trek.

The approach to M'Goun was up a long valley, then a side valley and over Tizi (Pass) n-Oumskiyk (3200m). We couldn't continue up the main valley because of cliffs at the end of it.



The pass provided great views of the long ridge of the watershed range of the Atlas with the top of M'Goun just distinguishable from other bumps along the ridge. There were a number of snowfields on the sides and top of the ridge but from a distance it didn't look impossible to reach.

We descended from the pass down to our second night's camp on the Tarkeddit Plateau at 2900m. There was just time to get into our tents when a fierce mountain storm brought lightning, thunder and some heavy rain. The next morning we started out in the dark for an out-and-back excursion to the summit of M'Goun, expected to take around 12 hours. As soon as it became light it was apparent that what was rain at camp had fallen as snow at higher elevations and our route had an attractive light cover of new snow. There were a number of steep snowfields, left over from winter, to negotiate with hard slippery snow underfoot but we made slow but steady progress. In most years there would be no snow at all at this time of year (mid-May) and progress would be correspondingly quicker.



After about five hours we reached the M'Goun ridge at just under 4000m and had great views of Jebel

M'Goun at the far end of a big bowl. The customary great views out over the Sahara Desert and the town of Ouarzazate to the east were hazy because of cloud cover. Our guides advised that it would take around another two hours to walk along the ridge and reach the top of M'Goun, but ominous storm clouds were approaching and the exposed ridge was no place to be in a storm. The photo shows Jebel M'Goun (left) and approach ridge.



So we decided to turn back and our decision was confirmed when light snow started falling almost immediately. Our return route was different from the outward one and featured a long gently sloping snowfield that Kenn and Marcia "skied" on their boot soles. Camp had moved a few kilometres during the day and was located at the head of a spectacular gorge which only Kenn bothered to explore.



Our fourth day of walking featured a barren rocky plateau to Jebel Tarkeddit (3200m) and then a dramatic undercliff path that was reminiscent of the Dolomites in Italy.

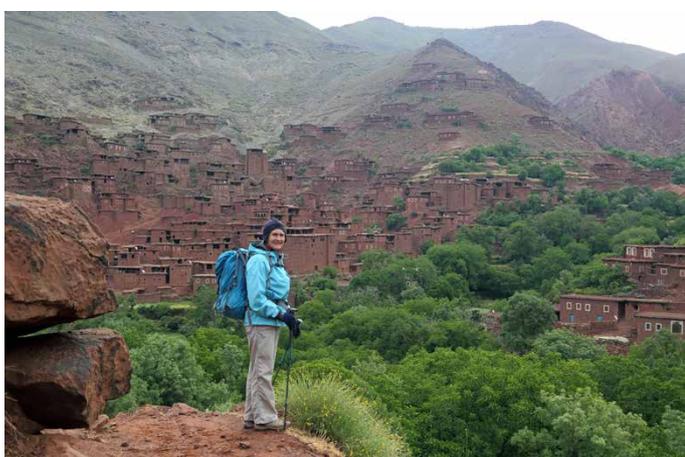


After camping near the end of the Tessaout Gorge we followed the river and a tributary all the next day.

We passed several remote Berber villages perched precariously above the river and after a long day covering 30km arrived at the picturesque village of



Megdaz where Hassan rewarded us for our long day by arranging accommodation in a guest house. Like other villages we had seen since the start of the trek, the buildings of Megdaz were made of rammed earth. What made Megdaz so charming was the deep red of the earth that was used for the walls.

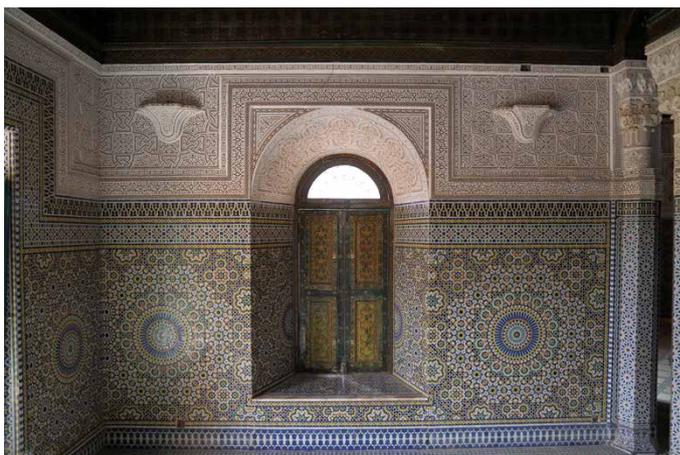


The next morning, after an inspection of and tea at one of the largest houses in the village we pressed on through Tizi n'Megdaz, the Taggourt Valley, Fedrhate Valley and Tizi n'Fedrat before climbing to Tamzrit springs and our camp on a sheep pasture. Here while some of us climbed a nearby hill for some great views Lahsan got down to some serious horse-trading (or sheep-trading to be more precise) to procure some meat for tomorrow's dinner.

Another day, another pass, this one Tizi n'Timlilt, 3100m, before a long walk down a valley eventually to our camp at Anfergal. A further day's walking got us to the town of Telouet where we stayed in a grandly appointed guest house and had time to visit the Glaoui kasbah. (A kasbah is a dwelling for the local leader and typically a stronghold when a city or region was under attack. A kasbah was a sign of wealth for some families. Morocco has hundreds if not thousands of kasbahs, many of them now in seriously deteriorated condition.) This had been the home of the El Galoui family and finally Thami

El Glaoui, known in English-speaking countries as Lord of the Atlas, who was the Pasha of Marrakech from 1912 to 1956. His family had chieftainship of the Berber Glaoua tribe of Southern Morocco, based at the kasbah of Telouet and at Marrakech. The formerly grand kasbah fell into disrepair after

Thami was evicted by the Moroccan independence movement in 1953. Some reception rooms have been restored to their former glory and provided a fascinating afternoon's outing.



Our next day's scenic walk took us to our camp close to the Marrakech – Ouarzazate road which is the main road link between Marrakech and the Sahara desert. We had to vary our route a bit to shelter from a very strong wind in the afternoon. From there our route the following day skirted the steep and deep Tishka Gorge but unfortunately a heavy mist obscured what would have been impressive views into the gorge. After emerging from the gorge we entered the beautiful Afra Valley at the foot of Ardrar Tircht (3578m) and camped by a river on the outskirts of the village of Azgour. At 1450m this was the lowest point on the trek. Here our itinerary called for a day's rest but we opted to continue on without delay.



The next two days were pretty busy, covering over 47km, climbing over 2200m and descending more than 1600m. On the way we passed through high pastures and saw ancient rock carvings before camping in a superb location in the upper Ourika Valley with great views of the main High Atlas Ridge (photo on first page of newsletter).

We also passed through the busy riverside market, pilgrimage and tourist village of Setti Fadma. A feature of this village was the many upmarket restaurants sited at the very edge of the turbulent river.



Our camp on the following night at Ouanesekra coincided with Jodie's birthday and the whole party – guides, muleteers, cook and trekkers – celebrated with a great feast prepared by Lahsan.

By now we were within an easy day's walk of Around (2000m), the nearest village to Toubkal. Illness had struck Anthea and Kenn, so Hassan arranged for a car to take them to Around. Here everyone met up the next day, including Marcia who had arrived there by car a couple of days previously to allow bad blisters to recover. This shuffling by car would not have been possible at any other part of the trip, as this was the only part of our route where there was a reasonably accessible road network.



From Around Kenn, Jodie, Marcia and Rod set out for Toubkal base camp with our support crew (minus Aissa, who took an early mark to go to his next job). Edith had succumbed to the illness that had affected Anthea and Kenn. A long but easy climb brought us to the Toubkal base camp located at around 3100m.

On the way we passed the Muslim shrine Sidi Chamharouch which non-Muslims are not allowed to enter. At Toubkal base camp we saw for the first time appreciable numbers of trekkers. They were mainly in camps similar to ours but there are also two well-appointed refuges in this area.

As with M'Goun we started our ascent of Toubkal at around 5:30 in the morning. Brahim joined Hassan to accompany us to the top. We were by no means the first to leave base camp and joined a long line on the track. There were several large snowfields to negotiate but with the passage of many hundreds of walkers and warmer weather they were much

easier to climb than those on M'Goun. Eventually after the usual long, slow lung-bursting effort we all made it to the top, at 4167m, along with a hundred or so others.



After the customary photos (l to r: Brahim, Hassan, Jodie, Rod, Marcia and Kenn) and congratulations we started down with Brahim accompanying Marcia and Kenn to walk to the top of a small subsidiary peak to the side of the main track.

We made it back to our camp in mid-afternoon, about 10 hours after leaving.

Had we used up our rest day we would have walked back to Around that day but we were able to laze around and enjoy a leisurely return to Around the following day. Happily Edith and Anthea had recovered from their illness. Then ensued the most demanding task of the whole trek – try to buy every rug for sale in Around and Imlil. This was taken especially seriously by Jodie but thankfully she failed – just – in her noble quest.

A few hours' drive to return to Marrakech and the walk was over. It had been a really enjoyable walk. The variety of scenery in the first week, in particular, meant that there was always a pleasant surprise around the next corner. The ascent of M'Goun and Toubkal were particularly enjoyable. The pace was pretty demanding with some long days of walking. In all the party covered over 290km and averaged 820m of ascent and descent per day. Jodie would have done somewhat more as she allowed herself to be led astray by the leader on several side trips. We had eight days ascending more than 1000m and six days walking more than 20km (sometimes both on the same day). Generally the weather had been good (May is supposed to herald the start of the dry season) and visibility had been adequate on the two days when we most needed it – climbing M'Goun and Toubkal. Our guides, cook and muleteers had done a great job and Atlas has done his bit by keeping the sky in its rightful place.

Acknowledgement: Information on Greek Mythology and Berbers sourced from Wikipedia

Main Range Walk

David Angell



"The Main Range" is the term normally used to describe the highest territory on the Australian mainland, the region surrounding Mt Kosciuszko. Everyone knows that the Main Range is a great place to walk in summer. Cross-country skiers know that there are fine trips to be made there in winter too. And it's never short of visitors in autumn, particularly around Easter time. There are many reasons, however, to regard springtime as the "hidden jewel" of the Main Range. There is a reasonable chance of decent weather: days often warm and sunny, without being overwhelmingly hot, though overnight temperatures may frequently fall below zero. Towards the end of spring, the region still bears sizeable snowdrifts. Not large enough to seriously impede progress, they are great fun, with people stamping and sliding their way across the snow, not to mention the option of throwing snowballs... By the end of October, all but the most sheltered areas have been snow-free for a month or so, and while walking conditions in the flatter parts can be wet and boggy, the same conditions encourage an abundance of wildflowers. Our trip on the (extended) weekend of 7-9 November had all this and more!

After spending Friday night at Island Bend or Jindabyne, David, Suzanne, Glenn, Bill, Margaret and Andrew met at Charlotte's Pass on Saturday morning and set off along the Blue Lake path. The Snowy River at this time of year is quick flowing, shin deep, bridgeless and COLD... Morning tea was consumed at the Blue Lake turnoff before we headed up to the crest of the Main Range. At this point we dropped our main packs and transferred lunch and other necessities into day packs in order to set off on a circumnavigation of Blue Lake. At this

stage the weather was rather cold, with cloud rising and falling around the peaks. This in fact made for superb walking, with the mysterious atmosphere when the clouds were down set off by fantastic views when they lifted.

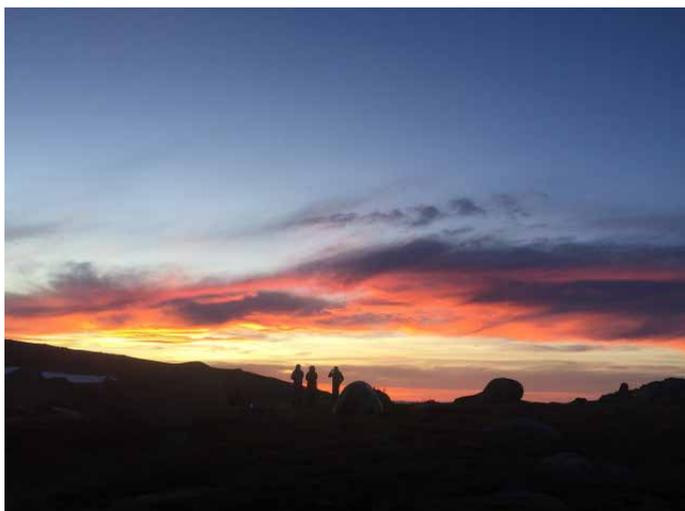
First up (actually, first down then up) was a visit to The Sentinel (a long time ambition of the leader, who has walked past this peak many times without actually visiting it). Descending a narrowing northerly ridge which at times becomes a rocky knife-edge, one climbs back up to a trig, spectacularly situated in the amphitheatre formed by Townsend Spur, the Main Range and Watson's Crags. Bill found he had enough phone reception to email photos to his kids and receive envious responses!

Returning to the Main Range, we continued upwards and eastwards to Mt Twynam (2196m) - great views in all directions - and then turned to the south. An exhilarating descent across tussocky Alpine grass, interspersed with areas of rock and the occasional snowdrift, gradually allows views over the curve of the steep convex slope to Blue Lake, before descending to the lake's outlet creek. Blue Lake



is simply stunning in spring. The cliffs below Mt Twynam on its northern shore, still snow-covered, fall directly into the waters. While on a sunny day Blue Lake can be purest sapphire in colour, we saw it as a dramatic blue-grey reflection of the darkening clouds above.

Completing the circuit of the lake took us back to our packs, and after a climb along the Main Range over Mt Carruthers (2145m) we arrived at our campsite. Albina "Saddle" is not really a saddle but a short spur, flat on top, protruding to the north of the Main Range. Its western side falls into Lake Albina, where camping is not permitted, but as long as you stay on the eastern side of the crest it's allowed (and is in fact encouraged by NPWS as an alternative to Wilkinson's Valley). In my opinion it is, without exception, the most stunning camp site in the Snowies. Peer over one edge and you see Lake Albina; over the other, the deep valleys which run down to the Geehi River. On the other side of Albina is the western fall of Mueller's Peak and Mt Townsend; to the east, Watson's Crags glow red at sunset. And always to the north, range upon range of hills fade into the distance. Clouds had by now largely disappeared, so all of this was spread out before us.



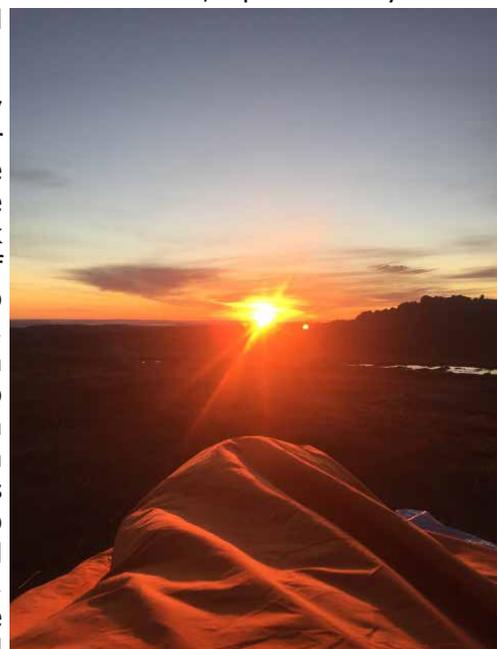
We gathered for dinner in a relatively sheltered spot, but by 8:30 everyone had headed back to their tents as the temperature plummeted. (The weather records at Thredbo top station indicated a low of -3 that night, not counting wind chill).

Sunday morning was bright and clear... and very frosty. Tents were shrouded in white, yellow flowers sparkled in the frost, and wisps of cloud poked up from the other side of the range beyond the glittering foreground. David, Margaret and Bill set off to climb Mt Townsend (2209m). We descended to Lake Albina, crossed its outlet creek and climbed across grass and snow to the crest of Townsend Spur before taking a 1km walk along the top reaches of the spur to the summit itself. Views encompassed the Ramsheads and Kosciuszko to the south, the Main Range and further as far as Jagungal to the east and north, and snow-tipped Mt Bogong (Victoria) to the west. A fast and exciting descent took us back to the campsite.

Packs were resumed and the reunited party continued through Northcote Pass to the northern ridge of Kosciuszko. After stopping for a rather windy lunch at the head of the Snowy valley, we climbed on over broadening snow to the summit road. A quick side trip was taken to the top - Mt Kosciuszko (2228m) - before proceeding to Rawson's Pass and then to the vicinity of the North Ramshead. The terraces which face the North Ramshead across a shallow valley of pools and slowly meandering creeks form another magnificent campsite. Tents were set up under the protection of northerly and southerly slopes, with views to the east and west. A pre-dinner outing was made to the pile of rocks which constitutes the North Ramshead (2177m), affording highly enjoyable clambering around, photos and views.

Back at the campsite, the sunset turned from orange to crimson, with the region's granite boulders being coloured a pale pink before darkness fell. ...and the next morning there was a sunrise, spectacularly photographed by Bill from his bivvy bag.

With a half day available in order to get back to the cars at a reasonable time, we took the slopes east of North Ramshead to Kosciuszko Lookout, an iron construction where you have to stop if you're an unfit tourist from Thredbo... needless to say we didn't stop (for long) but headed straight across, aiming for the curve of the Ramshead



Range which leads off to the east (and eventually finishes somewhere around Perisher). Managing to avoid most of the boggy areas of the flat Merrit's Creek valley, and spotting wonderful communities of mosses and wildflowers in those that we didn't avoid, we reached Kangaroo Ridge, which runs beside and above the Kosciuszko fire trail. The eastern end of the ridge leads through a somewhat complex collection of minor rocky peaks before it culminates at Mt Stilwell (2040m). The last peak of our walk afforded views of the Main Range from Mt Tate past Twynam and Kosciuszko to the Ramsheads, with the Snowy Valley spread out below and a glimpse of the cliffs above Blue Lake. From Stilwell a comfortable footpath skirts the edges of the ski resort and leads to Charlotte's Pass and walk's end.

Thanks to all for coming on the walk and for the great company!

Walks and Activities Report

Emmanuelle Convert

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<p>17 - 18 Oct 2014</p> <p>Saturday - Section from 3km to 6km was covered. Body boards taken for flotation through the canyon sections in the river. Multiple swims along the way.</p> <p>Saturday night was spent camped at Mt Wilson.</p> <p>Sunday - Section from 0km to 3km was covered. No flotation taken, only short canyon sections encounter.</p> <p>All through the trip, coal fines were present. Concentration ranged in thickness of approx. 0.15cm around the 2.5km mark to only approx. 0.5 cm towards the end.</p> <p>Many deposits which could easily be cleaned by hand were left in sections that had been cleaned by contractors.</p>	<p>Get out to the 'Gambe!'</p> <p>Blue Mountains NP</p>	<p>Alex Allchin</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Sierra Classen</p> <p><i>Visitor</i></p> <p>Emma Spencer</p>
<p>25 Oct 2015</p> <p>Weather was fine and warm. Track conditions varied from good tourist track to foot pad to negotiable route to deep water crossing to fire trails to rockhopping to shallow water crossing to 19th century path. The walk was timed for low tide to occur for the water crossings and the rock hopping. We were behind schedule due to a late start and a 40 minute afternoon tea at the hostel because the hostel manager was too hospitable with the cool lemon cordial drinks. As our exit was ferry dependent and the last stretch would be very slow going the walk was cut short 1 km and our finish point was Lovett Bay wharf instead of South Elvina where the water taxi proved a convenient service for those who needed to retrieve their cars from the end at West Head.</p> <p>A great day on a great walking route</p>	<p>Pittwater Track</p> <p>Ku-ring-gai Chase NP</p>	<p>Roger Treagus</p> <p>Sun Mi Clement Jane Suters Melanie Freer Liz Youman Peter Bruce Janina Szyndler Kevin Songberg Nigel Wingate Charles Russell Jan McLean</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Emma Doherty Rachele Rugiero</p>



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5 Nov 2015	Barra Brui and Bungaroo	Garigal NP	Genevieve Savill Angela Beveridge Tracy Edwards Barbara Laborczfalvi Susan Healey <i>P Members</i> <i>Visitor</i>
6 Nov 2015	Edmund Falls and Carne Creek between Ft 2 and Ft3	Newnes SF	Yuri Bolotin Daryl Watson, Ian Starkey, Brian Piper <i>P Members</i> David Harter <i>Visitor</i> David Hufton
7 Nov 2015	Resolute Track loop	Ku-ring-gai Chase NP	Joan Chan Pamela Irving Amanda Mallon <i>P Members</i> Tyson Vaughan <i>Visitor</i>
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7 Nov 2015	Govetts creek	Blue Mountains NP	Tim Sutherland Chris Dowling Andrew Vilder Virginia Waller <i>P Members</i> Alexa Bullen Brian Tomney Murray Henwood Craig Dunn Anna Tiller <i>Visitor</i>
7 - 8 Nov 2015	Jenolan Gorge	Blue Mountains NP, Kanangra-Boyd NP	Owen Kimberley Michele Powell Garry O'Toole <i>P Members</i> Charles Russell
7 - 9 Nov 2015	Kosciuszko NP - Snowies Spring Weekend	Kosciuszko NP See article above.	David Angell Glenn Draper Margaret Baz Bill Raffle <i>P Members</i> Suzanne Gapps Andrew Price
12 Nov 2015	Lane Cove Valley	Lane Cove NP	Genevieve Savill Angela Beveridge Susan Healey Jenny Stephens Philip Worledge Bill Raffle Margaret Baz <i>P Members</i> Jane Suters Chris (Yee Mang) Wong Sammie Simpson
14 Nov 2015	Wild Dogs	Blue Mountains NP	Chris Dowling Tim Sutherland Margot Bull Frances Bottrell Nicola Piper Tracey Avolio Sue Tiller

14 - 15 Nov 2015	South Wolgan Canyoning	Wollemi NP	<p>Tom Brennan</p> <p>Jo Squires Ed Squires Rod Wales John Flint</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Jon Bell Miriam Scarr</p>
<p>It bucketed down on Friday afternoon, but thankfully cleared up for the evening. The party drifted in to Barcoo Swamp over the next 14 hours or so. At 8:30 or so we set off for Tiger Snake Canyon. The exposed climbdown into the canyon proved a good warm up for later on. The abseil into the lower section was spectacular as always.</p> <p>After a quick lunch at the lookout above Deanes Creek, most of us set off for Crooked Crevice. The second abseil was a tester. It's a very narrow start that involves wedging one's body in the slot and trying to wiggle your way down to reach some footholds. There were some notes of panic in people's voices during the squeeze, followed by yells of relief once they reached easier ground!</p> <p>We reached the cars just as the rain started. While we managed Happy Hour around the fire, by the time it came to dinner we had mostly retreated to the palatial tarp that Rod had erected that morning. Much appreciated, Rod!</p> <p>It drizzled most of the night and was miserable and damp in the morning, and I eventually called off Coachwood Canyon. We drove off to the Dry Canyon for a walkthrough and unsurprisingly the weather cleared up. Since we were out near the Glowworm Tunnel, I proposed a trip through a small dry canyon nearby. This was good fun, with three abseils in the canyon, and a spectacular final 27m freehanging abseil almost directly down to the Glowworm Tunnel itself. Unfortunately no tourists to spectate! John, Ed, Jo and Miriam headed back through the tunnel, which they reported was in good condition, while Rod, Jon and I walked up Bells Grotto Canyon.</p> <p>Most of us finished with dinner at the Royal Hotel in Richmond. An excellent weekend with a great group.</p>			
14 - 15 Nov 2015	Ettrema Creek the Easy Way	Morton NP	<p>Stephen Dolphin</p> <p>Tony Murphy Karen Darby James Blair Richard Quinn Kerry Atkins Jim Close</p>
14 - 16 Nov 2015	Wollemi NP canyoning	Wollemi NP	<p>David Carmichael</p> <p>Alan Osland Nicole Mealing Stacey Johnstone</p> <p><i>Visitor</i></p> <p>David Sweeting Amie Sweeting</p>
18 Nov 2015	Baltzer L/O & Hanging Rock	Blue Mountains NP	<p>Robyn Christie</p> <p>Angelika Langley Lynn Dabbs Paul Irwin Gisela Schumacher</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>David Brignall Frank Berg</p> <p><i>Visitor</i></p> <p>10 Bush Club Members</p>
<p>An excellent 3 days spent exploring the Pipeline West canyons.</p> <p>A beautiful sunny day - we psyched ourselves up for the expected 30° heat wave but instead got pounded by gale force winds - which at least kept the temperature down.</p> <p>The last of many waratahs spotted along the road out to Baltzer look-out. Morning tea with fabulous clear views then down to Hanging Rock - John Hungerford the only one to ford the gap onto Hanging Rock.</p> <p>A wander out to the further ridge for a poke around and then back to Hanging Rock for lunch - all huddled together as the wind was still howling.</p> <p>Back to Blackheath by 2.30 pm for a quick coffee then to catch the 3.00 pm train home.</p>			

<p>19 Nov 2015</p>	<p>Bobbin Head & Apple Tree Bay</p>	<p>Ku-ring-gai Chase NP</p>	<p>Genevieve Savill Angela Beveridge Bill Raffle Susan Healey Margaret Baz Jenny Stephens Tracy Edwards <i>P Members</i> Chris Wong</p>
<p>19 - 24 Nov 2015</p>	<p>Coolana bush care</p>	<p>Morton NP</p>	<p>Don Finch Ros Kerrigan Phil Butt Spiro Barry Wallace Rick Angel Libby Beaman Greg Beaman</p>
<p>20 Nov 2015</p> <p>OK</p>	<p>Wolgan Gorge Adventure</p>	<p>Newnes SF</p>	<p>Yuri Bolotin Dave Harter Elicia O'Reilly Calogero Panvino <i>Visitor</i> Vanessa Macedo</p>
<p>21 Nov 2015</p>	<p>Waterfall to Heathcote</p>	<p>Royal NP</p>	<p>David Trinder Jose Correa Thuy Ho Cathy Hui <i>P Members</i> David Brignall</p>
<p>21 Nov 2015</p>	<p>Grand and Jugglers Canyons</p>	<p>Blue Mountains NP</p>	<p>Rod wales John Flint Bill Raffle Neil Soutar Jo Squires Ed Squires Garry O'Toole <i>P Members</i> Ross Jamieson Geoff Goodyer</p>

21 - 27 Nov 2015	AAWT	Kosciuszko NP, Namadgi NP	Don Andrews Anthea Michaelis Sandra See
22 Nov 2015	Lords Bay Initiation Ground	Ku-ring-gai Chase NP	John Kennett Sally Reynolds Margot Bull Michele Powell Owen Kimberley Sun Clement Genevieve Savill Misako Sugiyama Tom Brennan Jenny Stephens Brenda McLennan Susan Healey Glenn Draper <i>P Members</i> Charles Russell Vincent Murray Alexa Bullen
23 Nov 2015 ok	Skywalker Traverse	Wollemi NP	Yuri Bolotin Daryl Watson <i>Visitor</i> Mairead O'hEocha Vanessa Macedo
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26 Nov 2015	Forestville & Middle Harbour Creek	Garigal NP	<p>Genevieve Savill</p> <p>Susan Healey Jenny Stephens Cvet Jankulovska</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Jane Suters Chris Wong Monica Hitchenson Peter Kunda Dave Harter</p>
26 Nov 2015	Caves Beach to Birdie Beach	Munmorah SRA	<p>Richard Darke</p> <p>Alan Osland Margaret Rozea Jan Spencer Graham Byrne Sally Reynolds Margaret Baz Leigh McLintock Bill Raffle Janet McIntosh</p>
28 Nov 2015	Berowra-Bobbin Head-Mt.Kuringai	Ku-ring-gai Chase NP	<p>Chris Dowling</p> <p>Sue Tiller Owen Kimberley Michele Powell Martyne Preston Philip Worledge Michael Bickley Andrew Vilder Mary Liu</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Rachele Rugiero</p> <p><i>Visitor</i></p> <p>Mark Hubble</p>
28 Nov 2015	Wild Gorge, Dome Cave, Pinch Point Circle...	Newnes SF	<p>Yuri Bolotin</p> <p>Michelle Rose Petros Nikoloudis</p>
28 Nov 2015	West Head Bays	Ku-ring-gai Chase NP	<p>Bruno De Villenoisy</p> <p>Pam Campbell Pamela Irving Misako Sugiyama</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Lynette Gill Murray Henwood Ralph Meyers</p>

28 Nov 2015	Mt Banks	Blue Mountains NP	Angela Barton Virginia Waller Damon De Costa Mike Barton <i>P Members</i> Ray Cox
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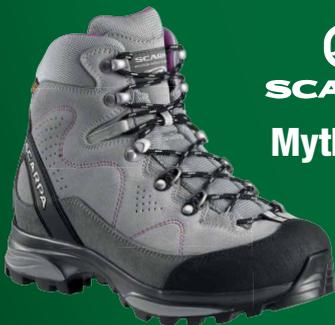
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