



Photo by David Angell - Grose Mountain walk

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From the President

John Flint

Spring Program

The activities secretary has put out the call for walks on the walk program. I'll like to call on all leaders and up and coming leaders to put some walks up. Our winter program ended up being pretty full with I think over 100 walks, however it was slow in getting it together so this spring I would urge an earlier submission if possible. From the recent walk reports it appears most walks are very well attended and some leaders report having to decline some members due to the walk already being full.

We have good numbers of members joining so I am sure the demand will be out there. I'd suggest to put on a walk that you want to do or are familiar with, but the greatest demand would seem to be walks of medium difficulty. I have also heard a few request for a snow shoe walk, so either on the short notice program or early spring if you were considering.

Committee

As mentioned last month the club is in need of a couple of extra committee members. Please consider what you can do to give back to the club. The level

of commitment required can be varied to suit and as they say many hands make light work.

Navshield

Congratulations to our team Alex Allchin, Toni Bachvarova and Andrew Smith. They competed in div 4 and won that divisions, cleared the course, scoring maximum points and were the highest point scorers of any team in all the divisions combined. It was noted that several other bushwalking clubs put forward multiple teams, and many were happy with modest scores and were just out there to enjoy themselves and improve their navigation skills. As on of the largest clubs I would hope to encourage more teams to get out there next year. Thanks also to the many club members that helped organise the event on behalf of the BWRS.

Mid Winter Feast

You may be reading this before the mid winter feast on Wednesday 20th July. I'd love to see you all at Kirribilli if you are able to get there.

New members

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

Dave Pender

Social Program

Wed 20 July - SBW Midwinter Feast. Meet old friends or make new ones whilst enjoying food. Drinks provided, bring a plate. More details closer to the time.

Wed 17 August - West McDonnell Ranges - Henry Gold & David Rostron. This spectacular range extends for about 200km from Alice Springs. There are many impressive peaks and canyons and it is a photographer's delight. Henry made 6 trips from early 70s and with Frank Rigby produced a book on the range with many great photos. David has led 7 trips since 1984. They have explored from Mt Sonder in the west to Simpsons Gap in the east. This presentation will have you rushing off to the McDonnells.

If you have any ideas for social events, contact Tracey Avolio: 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.*

SBW Mid-Week Walking Activities

Bill Holland

Trials and Tribulations of Mid Week Walking

The Newnes activity in June was cancelled at the very last moment. Late on Sunday preceding the event I had a phone call from our host Thomas telling me that there was a rock fall at Wolgan Gap and the road would be closed for at least two days. It was wet and very windy and the road was also affected. This road provides the only access to Newnes so we had to cancel.

However, with some urging from people who had already packed to leave next morning I was able to relocate our outing and return to the Jenolan Caves Cottages. There were nine of us in two cottages. The weather was cold and windy but very warm inside. The many kangaroos surrounding the cottages were delightful. We made visits to Jenolan Caves and on Wednesday ventured out to Kanangara Tops.



Here's the result! A large tree had fallen across the road about 12km from the end of the road. We hoped no-one was planning to leave the camping ground on this day.

Then Hubert discovered he had a thick twig jammed hard in his transmission. After much tugging, lifting the car then more tugging, he managed to dislodge the branch.



We informed the NPWS about the road blockage and next day returned to a cleared road for a walk to the Dance Floor Cave and up to the plateau.

And we left the Jenolan Cottages on Friday in some

light snow and sleet, a precursor to the road closure later that day due to snow and ice conditions that apparently persisted throughout the weekend.

Our activities in coming months:

- The waterside house Illoura at Woy Woy 18th – 22nd July
- Days in Illawarra 8th - 12th August
- Arrawarra headland near Woolgoolga 12th – 16th August
- Erawal Bay in October 17th - 21st October
- Dunns Swamp in November

“Illoura” at Phegans Bay Woy Woy (18th – 22nd July)

Perfectly situated on Phegan's Bay this four bedroom bungalow is set on a large waterfront block. It has four large bedrooms with plenty of sleeping arrangements and two modern bathrooms. The open plan living area flows through to the outside deck and a private wharf to Phegans Bay. Well situated for kayaking and bushwalking!

The likely cost is about \$150 for the four nights. I need to confirm numbers so **please contact me ASAP** if you would like a few days in a waterfront cottage with us

Days in Illawarra (8th – 12th August)

There will be five days of activities starting from our house in Shell Cove. This includes a visit to the Historical Aircraft Museum at Albion Park, coastal walks to scenic beaches and other attractions (such as the beautiful escarpment waterfalls) and some bicycle riding. We may visit the Nan Tien Temple at Berkeley. The activities will be notified in advance and you may join us for the five days or just for a day or two. Beds and floor space available, first come, first served! Contact me if you would like to attend.

By The Sea At Arawarra Headlands - Woolgoolga (12th – 16th September)

This spacious home can sleep up to 8. It has a fenced yard - pet friendly. Walk to the beach (700m-1.2km) BBQ - Covered decks, ocean and rural views. 5mins north of Woolgoolga - 30mins north of Coffs Harbour.

“This airy and spacious 3 level home is only a 700m & a 1.2km distance from the beach. It offers you views of the ocean from the front covered veranda, a lovely spot to sit and take in the sea air.”

I have yet to make a firm booking and need to do so! If you would like to attend please contact me ASAP or at least before the end of June.

Erowal Bay (17th – 21st October)

This is a return visit 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. Popular activities include swimming, bird watching, fishing and bushwalking.

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

This booking will be confirmed after I receive

sufficient indication of interest. Likely cost will be about \$100 - \$120 per person. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

The mid-week walkers

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 \[billholland@bigpond.com\]\(mailto:billholland@bigpond.com\)](#).

This September discover one of Greater Sydney's best kept bushwalking secrets.

“The Gardens of Stone: In Focus”

FREE Exhibition of landscape photography

FREE catered celebration of the heritage values of a spectacular yet unprotected part of the Blue Mountains

16-17 September 2016

The Law Foyer, New Law Building, University of Sydney

Curated by Tony Bond, former Assistant Director of the Art Gallery of NSW

MC Julie McCrossin on Saturday

Workshops and Talks on Conservation, Bushwalking and Photography both days

Background:

In 2015, under guidance from Fairfax photographer Wolter Peeters, groups of professional and non-professional photographers crossed the Blue Mountains to the rugged bushwalking paradise - the Gardens of Stone, near Lithgow. An area of internationally and nationally significant natural assets, from stunning rock formations to endangered swamps, the Gardens of Stone region is a place worth saving. Mining activities in the area continue to degrade its creeks and rivers, and if we do not act soon, this natural wonderland, Sydney's equivalent to the Bungle Bungle Range, will be damaged beyond recovery.

The photographers returned with a kaleidoscope of exquisite landscape images. The best 160 will be on display in the two-day event. Visit the exhibition for free and meet some of the photographers who ventured out into this spectacular part of our Australian backyard. Be inspired to follow their footsteps - by visiting the Gardens of Stone or by sharing in their passion through their talks and workshops about landscape photography and conservation during the exhibition. Celebrate the beauty and heritage of the Gardens of Stone and learn about its unique conservation assets of a spectacular landscape under threat from mining.

The exhibition “Gardens of Stone: In Focus” is brought to you by the Gardens of Stone Alliance of Colong Foundation for Wilderness, Blue Mountains Conservation Society and Lithgow Environment Group and the Fairfax Media Photography Club ‘Clique Nikon’. Thank you to Newnes Hotel Cabins, 99Bikes Stanmore and the University of Sydney Law School.

For more information about the exhibition and the workshops, a sneak peak at the gallery of images or to read more about the fight to save the Gardens of Stone conservation go to

<https://www.colongwilderness.org.au/campaigns/the-gardens-of-stone/gardens-stone-focus-photographic-competition>

SBW Members Do Well at NavShield 2016

Vivien de Remy de Courcelles

Congratulations to Antoniya Bachvarova, Andrew Smith and Alex Allchin on their result at NavShield 2016 set around Wombeyan Caves. Not content with winning their division, they cleared the course (as expected by the setter) by visiting every control.



They also scored the greatest number of points of all 130 teams entered into either the one or two-day event thanks to a sneaky visit to one radio checkpoint just before midnight on Saturday and leaving it a few minutes later on Sunday hence scoring this radio CP on both days. Facebook said that they smashed the course but after 29 straight hours walking

they looked shattered whilst the course was still standing!

Nicole Mealing did very well as well with a second placing in the rogaining category.

In total 15 SBW members including prospective members were on deck setting the course and during the event and six more enjoyed this part of the Blue Mountains NP whilst collecting flags last weekend.

NavShield and rogaines do not need to be competitive and are a fun way to work on navigation

skills which are not only useful for leaders but also any member: they allow you to make an informed decision when considering booking on a walk. Good navigation skills can get you out of a tricky situation if the leader gets incapacitated or a new plan needs to be considered for any reason. You'll also discover areas usually not visited on club walks and might come up with a new idea for a walk like I did this year: traverse from Wombeyan Caves to Katoomba across Blue Mountains NP.

Next events on the roaging calendar are:

- Lake Macquarie rogaine - 20 Aug - 6 or 12 hours.
- Spring rogaine in Kanangra - 15-16 Oct - 8 or 24 hours.
- Socialgaine in the Hills district - 27 Nov - 6 hours.

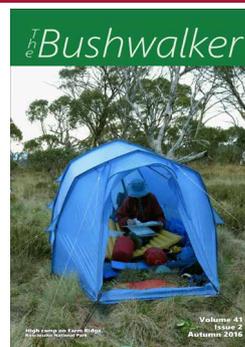
Find a teammate and join the fun!



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THE COLONG BULLETIN

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The latest edition of the Bushwalking NSW magazine is available for downloaded at:

<http://www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/bushwalker-archives/>

Walks and Activities Report

Emmanuelle Convert

Leaders: After the activity, please fill in the google form on the SBW website [here](#). Email your photos to editor@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.

14 Apr 2016	Hornsby Hills Plan B	Lane Cove NP	Genevieve Savill Susan Healey <i>P Member</i> Peter Kunda
30 Apr 2016	Wild Dogs	Blue Mountains NP	Angela Barton Melanie Freer Virginia Waller Francis Bottrell Mike Barton
18 April - 11 May 2016	Spain: Three Caminos	Spain	Leigh McClintock Robert McIlwaine <i>Visitors</i> Cathy Piggott Jay Ponazecki

Can't think of a walk to lead?

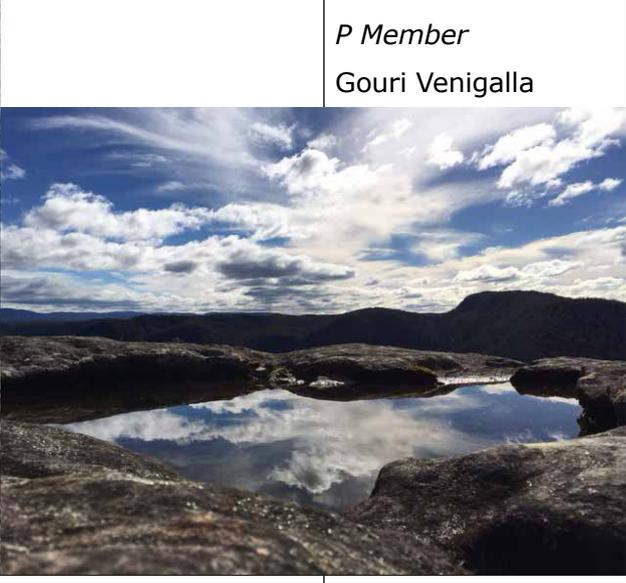
There are well over 1,000 overnight and extended trips outlined in the Historical Walks Database, found by logging in to the Members Area on our website and following the link to Historical Walks Record

www.sbw.org.au

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

Use this wonderful resource to help plan your next walk!

1 May 2016	North Head Circuit	Sydney Harbour NP	Roger Treagus Marilyn Cross Phillip Worledge Melinda Long Jan McLean Glenn Draper Katherine Doust <i>P Members</i> Sue Hailstone Suzie Dent Janet Hanson Loise Hollands <i>Visitors</i> Peter Smith (NPA) Lindsay Smith (NPA) Elaine Prior (NPA)
15 May 2016	Bantry Bay to Belrose	Garigal NP	Roger Treagus Katherine Doust Jenny Stephens Tim Yewdall Jan McLean <i>P Members</i> Marie OConnell Juliet Badderley Margo Cashman
28 - 29 May 2016	Ettrema Plateau	Morton NP	Paul Barton Melinda Turner Stephen Dolphin
2 Jun 2016	Lane Cove River Circuit	Lane Cove NP	Genevieve Savill Tracy Edwards Jenny Stephens Jose Correa <i>P Member</i> Gavin Judd
4 Jun 2016	Kedumba Valley	Blue Mountains NP	Angela Barton

<p>6 Jun 2016</p> <p>Wild weekend weather and an overcast outlook did not deter eight starters but a road block at West Head did. We were told there were trees across the road for 10kms. Some opted to try another day, while a small group decided to take a leisurely walk along the nearby and under-rated Centre Track. Very early "Spring" flowers were already in evidence, plus a beautiful Scarlet Honeyeater, and great views were some compensation for missing out on Cowan Point. I will re-schedule.</p>	<p>Cowan Point</p>	<p>Ku-ring-gai Chase NP</p>	<p>John Kennett</p> <p>Penny Pang Sally Reynolds Kin Lee</p>
<p>9 Jun 2016</p> <p>Due to track closures in Garrigal National Park after the wild weather on the weekend, a change of location was required. Instead of the planned walk from Currie Road, Forestville to Seaforth, we instead met up at end Sugarloaf Crescent and spent a pleasant 2hrs 45min exploring the tracks around the shores of Middle Harbour. Surprisingly, there were only a few fallen trees on the track which required negotiating.</p>	<p>Plan B: Sugarloaf Crescent</p>	<p>Castlecrag</p>	<p>Genevieve Savill</p> <p>Susan Healey Tracy Edwards</p> <p><i>P Member</i></p> <p>Gavin Judd</p>
<p>11 Jun 2016</p> <p>A pleasant walk among the splendid trees of Blue Gum Swamp, up to Grose Head South for magnificent views over the Grose, back along Springwood Ridge to the cars, drink at the pub in Springwood, and it all fits into one sentence.</p>	<p>Blue Gum Swamp</p>	<p>Blue Mountains NP</p>	<p>David Angell</p> <p>Suzanne Gapps Andrew Vilder Virginia Waller Glenn Draper Petros Nikoloudis Michelle Rose Angela Barton Mike Barton</p> <p><i>P Member</i></p> <p>Gouri Venigalla</p>
			
<p>11 Jun 2016</p> <p>Stunning day. Very hard work getting up Jacks Trail followed by reasonably good gradients to the camp ground, with the exception of a tough bit for about 2ks just after Bobs Trail. Leader managed to do a spectacular crash drawing blood on an innocuous little downhill. Heartbreak Hill camp ground is very nice. Ride back down Jacks Trail was a terrific swoop followed by a beer at the pub.</p>	<p>Womerah Ridge</p>	<p>Yengo NP</p>	<p>John Kennett</p> <p>Sheila McDowall Murray Henwood Bruce Worthington</p> <p><i>P Member</i></p> <p>Caroline Houghton</p>



11 Jun 2016	Mt Murray Anderson	Ku-ring-gai Chase NP	Nigel Weaver Genevieve Savill Meg Kwon Michael Bickley Penny Pang Kin Lee Gourav Bhaduri Misako Sugiyama <i>P Members</i> Rachele Rugiero Gemma Kovaloff Dave Harter Marie Szkut
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Under a lovely blue sky our party of 12 souls initially followed the fire trail from Duffy's Forest, and then switched onto a faint foot track that wends its way through the bush to Mt Murray Anderson, which is located on the south side of Smith's Creek close to where it joins Cowan Water. The foot track is hard to follow in various places, especially as it has many sharp turns in it. This track was also littered with fallen branches due to the recent high winds in Sydney. Navigation was a bit tricky as we approached Mt Murray Anderson, but at length we made our way onto the high northern slopes of the mountain, and found a fabulous spot for lunch with great views of Smith's Creek, Cowan Water, and the adjacent hills. To the north, we could see Mt Wondabyne on the horizon, as well as the top of Peak Hill, which is near Brooklyn. After our long sensuous lunch we made our way back to Duffy's Forest, and finished this pleasant walk with hot drinks around the table at the Terrey Hills patisserie. (Photos by Rachele Rugiero and Gourav Bhadari.)



11 Jun 2016	Wenworth Falls Circuit	Blue Mountains NP	Frances Bottrell Margot Bull Bradley Russ
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Long challenging day out with the highlight being a quick coffee at the Conservation Hut at the halfway mark.

12 Jun 2016	Wild Dogs	Blue Mountains NP	Tim Sutherland Chris Dowling Alexa Bullen Glen Draper Einion Thomas Peter Marshall <i>P Member</i> Zhivan Ski
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A cold start to a beautiful, cloudless sky with no wind.
Dunphy carpark was full [long w/e] - had to park on the trackside
This walk was short - 11km - and followed some lesser travelled routes. No dramas, a fit group, returning to the cars by 4 pm
Breakfast Creek is again flowing nicely

12 Jun 2016	Bobbin Head Loop	Ku-ring-gai Chase NP	Susan Healey Melanie Freer Tracy Edwards Lisa Ochs Melinda Long Michael Bickley John Kennett Lin Lin Kennett Genevieve Savill <i>P Members</i> Marivic Galinato Marie O'Connell Katherine Doust Sue Barr Verica Sekulic John Fitzgerald
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A great turn out for a long weekend sunday, weather cool and sunny just right for walking. Nothing too strenuous all on track until we had a slight deviation to red hand cave for some rock art thanks to the knowledge of John Kennett - for those that did the climb up it was well worth the discovery. No rush as we enjoyed a coffee at the marina before heading off to complete the second half of the walk. Thanks Genevieve & John for supporting my first walk as a leader.

<p>12 Jun 2016</p> <p>Castle Head Abseil</p> <p>Blue Mountains NP</p> <p>An absolutely stunning day in the mountains, in stark contrast to the deluge that came down on the weekend before, when the trip was previously scheduled. I only had 7 starters instead of 16, but that was probably for the best, as the logistics would have been more challenging. One member realised at the top of the first abseil that their harness was still back in the car - and were forced to tie a somewhat less comfortable tape harness for the day!</p> <p>After our six abseils, we headed to the rather crowded Ruined Castle for lunch, though some of us came up via a new and interesting route! An excellent day in the Bluiies with great company.</p>		<p>Tom Brennan</p> <p>Rosemary McDonald Mike Arnott Rod Wales Marcia Kaye Geoff Goodyer</p> <p><i>P Member</i></p> <p>Winnie Chui</p>
<p>13 Jun 2016</p> <p>Cowan to Mt Kuring-gai</p> <p>Berowra Valley NP</p> <p>Originally this walk was planned to go from Cowan to Brooklyn, via Taffys Rock. The leader was somewhat nonplussed on arriving at Cowan to find that the trackwork (which he knew about) was resulting in the closure of the Jerusalem Bay Track (which he didn't know about). Appeals to the rail workers came to nought, and some rapid replanning was required. To try and keep a similar distance and difficulty, we decided to go to Mt Kuring-gai along the Great North Walk, with a detour via a couple of unnamed ridges and across the intervening gully.</p> <p>This turned out to be quite interesting. We found fairly well formed single track loops on both of the unnamed ridges, which ended at excellent lookouts. We used these for morning tea and lunch, away from the busyness of the main Great North Walk. In between we had a solid hour or more of off track to cross the gully in between. Unsurprisingly for the Ku-ring-gai area, it was rather scrubby! On the way, we passed an interesting linear stone arrangement. Aboriginal? I don't know.</p> <p>We had to up the pace after lunch as we still had 13km to go. The leader was able to offer around gingernut biscuits that were not much more than a year out of date at Naa Badu Lookout! These were (mostly) gratefully received! The last section up Lyrebird Gully was done in the fading light, and we emerged at the top just after sunset.</p>		<p>Tom Brennan</p> <p>Gourav Bhaduri Karl Miller Clare Holland Margot Bull Karen Brading Richard Brading Karen Kool Cathy Hui</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Antony Milch Marie O'Connell</p>
<p>11 - 13 Jun 2016</p> <p>Wild Dogs - Jenolan Creek - Scrubbers Hump</p> <p>Blue Mountains NP</p> <p>On day one after a last nice coffee and hearty breakfast in Blackheath we set off from Galong Farm around 10:30 and reached the Coxs river via Tin Pot Hill in two hours. A quick lunch break and off we were again. Heavy rain the week before made the crossing of the Coxs River near Jenolan Creek quite dicey. But we all made it safely to our campsite on the other side. On day 2 we set off around 9:30. The climb up the ridge leading up to Scrubbers Hump was just amazing. We reach the top at 11:00. We followed the Kungle Bungle Range up to a cairn at 552-380 and then descended to the Coxs River. We reached the river at 12:30, had a lovely lunch and then followed the southern side of the river back to our camp site which we reached just before 14:30. It was wonderful circuit with a great variety of views and walking environments. On day 3, we left camp at 10am and made our way back to Galong Farm via breakfast creek and Hobbles Spur. We walked a relaxing pace, took an expected detour along the Coxs River past breakfast creek, and returned to the car just after 5pm.</p>		<p>Bruno De Villenoisy</p> <p>Jose Correa Jaimey Foti Diana Porta Sue Tiller Steve Willems</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Mel Arden Diana Correa</p>
<p>16 Jun 2016</p> <p>Barra Brui & Bungaroo</p> <p>Garigal NP</p> <p>Good turnout for this week's walk and perfect walking weather. Plenty of activity in the bush - mostly wallaby's - and we were all amazed with how sandy the tracks were following the storms of a few weeks ago. At times it felt we were walking on a beach. The return trip from Barra Brui Oval to Cascades took about 2hrs 45min.</p>		<p>Genevieve Savill</p> <p>Susan Healey Tracy Edwards Philip Worledge Jose Correa</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Peter Kunda Vaasugi Velmurugu</p>

17 Jun 2016	Newnes Natural Arch	Wollemi NP	Yuri Bolotin Daryl Watson Nicole Le Coteur
18 Jun 2016	From Heaven to Hell and back	Ben Bullen SF	Yuri Bolotin Petros Nikoloudis, Michelle Rose, Jo Armstrong, Jo Daly <i>P Members</i> <i>Visitor</i> Sue Pedey Peter Emmett Cosima Scales
18 Jun 2016	Kedumba Valley	Blue Mountains NP	Angela Barton Virginia Waller Andrew Vilder Mike Barton Alexa Bullen <i>P Member</i> Verica Sekulic
18 Jun 2016	Cowan - Thornleigh	Ku-ring-gai Chase NP	Frances Bottrell Tim Sutherland Margot Bull
19 Jun 2016	Brisbane Water NP - Woy Woy to Mooney Mooney Brisbane Water NP		Shahram Landarani Misako Sugiyama Susan Healey Melinda Long Tracy Edwards <i>P Members</i> Dave Harter Sam Palf John Fitzgerald <i>Visitor</i> Amirmohammad Landarani



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

<p>23 Jun 2016</p> <p>Very good turnout this week with three brand new prospectives testing their capabilities on a night walk. Congratulations to Viviana, Biagio and John on completing their first walk with the club. The weather was perfect although the ground was still quite wet underfoot in some places. This is a really nice circuit with some good climbs, good (albeit eroded) tracks and an aboriginal engraving thrown in. Another lovely Thursday night walk..</p>	<p>Seaforth Circuit</p> <p>Garigal NP</p>	<p>Genevieve Savill</p> <p>Angela Beveridge Susan Healey Tracy Edwards Philip Worledge Jenny Stephens</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Peter Kunda Vaasugi Velmurugu Viviana Sepulveda Flores Biagio Sirgiovanni John Gandin</p>
<p>23 Jun 2016</p> <p>This was a joint walk with the Catholic Bushwalking Club but only 5 members from the Sydney Bushing Club started the walk.</p> <p>We meet at 8.15am on a wet, cold and misty morning at Waterfall Railway Station. It was going to be rain jackets all morning as a light breeze picked up. The tracks were wet under foot.</p> <p>Our crossing of Hacking River was taken with care as it had risen a small amount. On reaching Lady Wakehurst Drive the party decided to take the shorten route as the weather had not improved.</p> <p>We walked a short way up Sir Bertram Stevens Drive about 1km and then a short but scrubby climb up to a fire trail to Garawarra where the group had lunch. By this time the weather had improved and the sun was out and wind had dropped. The walk along the cliff track was quick and easy..</p>	<p>Waterfall to Otford</p> <p>Royal NP</p>	<p>Peter Marshall</p> <p>Peter Marshall Tim Yewdall</p> <p><i>P Members</i></p> <p>Grace Cho Alex Alperovich Janet Hanson</p>
<p>25 Jun 2016</p> <p>A beautiful, cold Saturday after the snow on Friday. Knights Pup was steep and we enjoyed our lunch with the wonderful view from Knights Deck. A quick snack at the top of Ironmonger before a brisk walk back to the cars. An excellent walk.</p>	<p>Wild Dogs</p> <p>Blue Mountains NP</p>	<p>Angela Barton</p> <p>Mike Barton Tim Hager Karen Kool Melanie Freer Jo Daly Thuy Ho John Currie Alexa Bullen</p> <p><i>P Member</i></p> <p>Mark Wigley</p>
<p>25 - 26 Jun 2016</p> <p>Most people slept in the Blue Mountains and a snow fall there and in Kanangra made the trip to Kanangra difficult and arrival time at the start point was 11 am. The walk was cut short because the Kowmung River was too high to cross and because of the late start. Walking on the Brumby ridge was difficult because the track was hard to find and arrival time at the river was just before dark. The camp fire chat and dinner were good. The river in its pristine wild state was high and flowing fast and we had the large camp site to ourselves. The return to the cars involved an 800 m climb and all performed well.</p>	<p>Orange Bluff</p> <p>Kanangra-Boyd NP</p>	<p>David Trinder</p> <p>Mindi Gu Philip Barnsley Kerry Atkins Richard Quinn Bruno de Villenoisy Sue Tiller</p> <p><i>P Member</i></p> <p>David Pender</p>

26 Jun 2016

The Icicles

Brisbane Water NP

John Kennett

Cool but superb day, clear skies. Nice paced walk with great views from many vantage points over Dangar Island and the Hawkesbury. Rocky ponds is a lovely spot while the Icicles offered yet another perspective. Good group to walk with.

Lin Li
Jose Correa
Martyne Preston
Jenny Stephens
Angela Beveridge
Genevieve Savill
Susan Healey
Robert Carter
Tracy Edwards

P Members

Rachel Marnell
Elizabeth Ryan
Heather Hallewell
Nerida Davis
Verica Sekulic

Diana Correa
Puri Karki
Els Baert
Dave Harter
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SYDNEY BUSH WALKERS CLUB

**MID WEEK
STAIR TRAINING**

Contact Paul Barton
(see Activities Program)

26 Jun 2016

Lawson and Dawes Ridges

Blue Mountains NP

Alex Allchin

Vivien de Remy de Courcelles
Geoff Goodyer
Scott Lee

P Members

Darren Lyons
Fionnuala Baynes

Up bright and early on a crisp winter's morning which made our breath steamy and the ground frosty. The group was somewhat multi-national and there was some friendly banter regarding the Euro 2016 competition (France v Ireland).

The first stage of the walk, crossing over from Lawson Ridge to Dawes Ridge, proved more difficult than anticipated with some thick scrub and a scramble up a cliff line involving the use of a tape. We found a lovely spot for morning tea on a rock platform shortly before our descent to the Lawson Ridge Fire Trail.

We flew along the fire trail, which had been recently graded and was more like a highway, to try to make up time. When the fire trail ended we followed a track which became a pad which became a wallaby trail which became an ant track which disappeared altogether. A little further on it was time for lunch at a lookout marked on the map with great views over Wentworth Creek.

High level discussions were had over lunch with in depth map consultations, resulting in a shortening of the route. Which proved to be a good thing as our unplanned diversion became the highlight of the walk, rockhopping down a lovely unnamed creek then climbing a spur with pleasant open bushland. The leader stripped off for a quick (VERY quick) dip in a pool of wintery-looking clear water.

Back to the cars along the fire trail, arriving with the last light of the day.

[Trip report by Geoff Goodyer]



30 Jun 2016

Sphinx, Warrimoo & Darri Circuit

Ku-ring-gai Chase NP

Genevieve Savill

After promising the Ranger that we were not going to need rescuing and were well equipped and experienced, we headed down the Sphinx Track just after 7pm. This lovely circuit covers the Sphinx, Warrimoo and Darri Tracks before heading across Bobbin Head Road to loop back to the cars via some firetrails (very steep in parts). A lovely, brisk evening walk finishing in approx. 2.5 hours.

Angela Beveridge
Peter Beveridge
Susan Healey
Jenny Stephens
Jose Correa
Philip Worledge
Kim Fuller

P Members

Peter Kunda
John Gangan
Vaasugi Velmurugu

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.

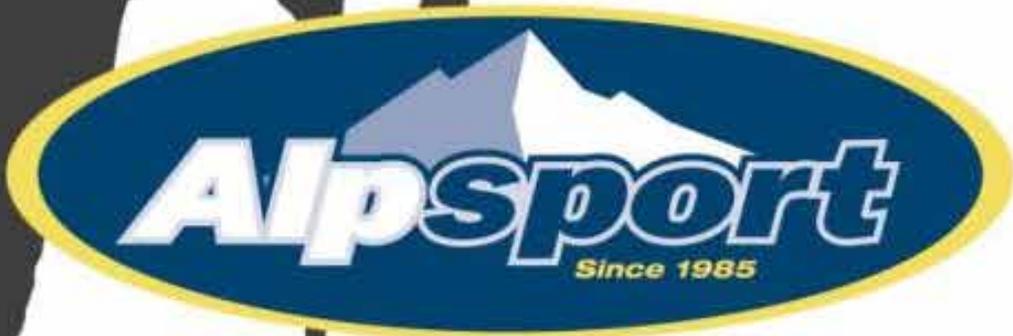


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