

TUMUT & DISTRICT BUSHWALKERS INC.

WALKS PROGRAM
7th August – 4th December 2022

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1. **PLEASE REMEMBER** to carry protective clothing at all times as weather conditions can change rapidly, especially in the mountains. Carry drinking water and lunch plus extra food in case of an emergency. Wear sturdy footwear.
2. **WALKS LEADERS** reserve the right to change the walk route on the day depending on prevailing conditions and altered circumstances. Members and visitors must check with the walk leader that their fitness and experience suit the walk. A walk leader can refuse permission for any person to take part in his/her activity.
3. **WALK GRADING**
 - a) **EASY** – Relatively gentle grades. Suited to most people.
 - b) **MEDIUM** – mostly good surfaces, but with some rough or steep sections. Suitable for people of average fitness.
 - c) **HARD** – includes rough or steep sections some of which may require clambering over natural obstacles. Some steep ascents and descents.
 - d) Long walks designated “**L**”; Short walks designated “**S**”.
4. **ASSEMBLY POINT** for walks on this program will be at the TUMUT VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE, Snowy Mountains Highway (shown in the attachment as TIC). Start times vary to suit travel distances.
5. **FIRST AID KITS** are the responsibility of each walker however the walk’s leader will be carrying an emergency one.

MEMBERSHIP SUBS due at the AGM in July each year. Subs are \$35.00 per year - made up of \$15 for Tumut Bushwalkers and \$20 to the Federation of Bushwalkers. (6 month membership \$20)

NON MEMBERSHIP – new walkers are most welcome to come along and enjoy the day at a charge of \$5. After 3 walks it is expected that a person becomes a full financial member. Children under the age of 16 are not charged but must be under the supervision of a responsible paying adult.

NOTICE TO ALL WALKERS: It is a condition of participation that all walkers do so at their own risk. The Tumut and District Bushwalkers Inc and any activity leader or co-ordinator will not accept any responsibility for any loss, damage or injury to any participant how so ever any loss, damage or injury may arise or be caused.

For the safety of walkers the Club has a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB). The PLB will be carried by the Walks Leader. The PLB will be kept with the walkers' sign on folder along with instructions on how to use it and guidelines for when it should be used.

Please make note of these in your diaries:

AGM/General Meeting and Dinner:

Wednesday 10th August at The Brewery 6.00pm

Contact Person: **Cathy Conroy Ph: 69473058/0429473058** by Tuesday 9th August if attending.

Next Walks Planning Meeting:

Wednesday 8th February 2023, at 7.30pm. Venue to be decided closer to the time.

S/ 7th August 2022 - The Rock (Kengal) Nature Reserve

This walk starts at The Rock (Kengal) Nature Reserve picnic area 4.5 km west of The Rock Township. We will follow the Yerong Walking Track through eucalypts, she-oaks and native pines with a short ascent to a ridge for views of the reserve and surrounding country to the N.E. We then have a further climb to the top of The Rock (554m). On a clear day there are panoramic views as far as Mt Kosciuszko, the Bogong Range and the Victorian Alps to the east and Galore Hill to the west. Lunch will be had looking at the view (hopefully) and then we will follow a new track via “The Towers” to return to the picnic area. Along the way we may be lucky to observe Peregrine Falcons.

Depart: TIC 8.30 am Travel Distance: 276kms Walk Distance: 10kms

Grade: Medium with some rock hopping Car Pool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Cathy Conroy Ph: 0429473058**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number

Wednesday 10th August 2022 - AGM/General Meeting/Dinner

The club will be holding the AGM and a General Meeting followed by dinner at the Tumut River Brewery from 6pm on Wednesday 10th August. All members, life members and friends are invited.

Contact Person: **Cathy Conroy Ph: 69473058/0429473058** by Tuesday 9th August if attending.

S/ 14th August 2022 – Old Talbingo Mountain Road Walk

From Jounama Creek campground we will head up the Old Mountain Road climbing 500m in elevation over 4 kilometres. The walk is well worth the climb for the breathtaking views of Bogong Peaks, Black Perry, Jounama Pondage and Blowering Reservoir plus the large variety of wild flowers that should be in bloom. Returning the same way.

Depart: TIC 8.30am Travel Distance: 80kms Walk Distance: 9kms

Grade: Medium/hard with steep sections when ascending and descending

Car Pool Fee: \$5.00

Contact Person: **Catherine Cusack Ph: 0415451510**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

S/ 21th August 2022 – Talbingo to Jounama Creek Swimming Hole

This walk will start in Talbingo township and will follow the walking track along the Murray Jackson Drive (looking down on Jounama Pondage) to the intersection with the Snowy Mountains Highway. We will cross the road and head to Jounama Camping area and then up a narrow track along Jounama Creek to a swimming hole and water supply point for the town. The views along the creek are pretty special. Lunch will be had on the rocks looking down on the waterhole. We will then return via the track along the creek to the camping area for afternoon tea.

A short car shuttle will be required.

Depart: 9am Travel Distance: 90kms Walk Distance: 10kms

Grade: Easy/medium Car Pool Fee: \$5.00

Contact Person: **Cathy Conroy Ph: 0429473058**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

L/ 28th August 2022 – Lookout Rock and Mt Bogong

This walk will be to the trig on Mt Bogong at height of 1092m taking in the spectacular views with lunch at Lookout Rock. From here you can see the length of Blowering Dam and beyond in every direction. The walk is mostly off track with steep sections and regrowth from the fires to negotiate.

Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 50kms Walk Distance: 12kms

Grade: Hard Car Pool Fee: \$5.00

Contact Person: **Phil Crane Ph: 0491 188 170**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

4th September 2022 – Fathers Day

No Walk – Fathers Day

L/ 11th September 2022 – Powerline and Davis Fire Trails

Walk along Powerline Trail and onto Davis Fire Trail with views of Blowering Cliffs and Dam. Lunch will be at a random spot on the trail and returning the same way.

Depart: TIC 9.30am Travel Distance: 50km Walk Distance: 11km

Grade: Medium to Hard on fire trails with steep sections Car Pool Fee: \$5.00

Contact Person: **John Robinson Ph: 0409 778 831**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

18th September 2022 – No Walk

No Walk

L/ 25th September 2022 – Micalong Creek Falls

This walk is part of the Hume and Hovell Walking Track. We commence at Bossawa Campsite and walk down to the Falls and onto Micalong Creek campsite for lunch. Return by the same route.

Depart: TIC 9.00am Travel Distance: 80km Walk Distance: 14km
Grade: Medium Car Pool Fee: \$5.00
Contact Person: **John Robinson Ph: 0409 778 831**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

2nd October 2022 – No Walk – Long Weekend

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S/9th October 2022 – Blowering Dam Environs

Starting at the Trout Farm turnoff, we walk to the top of the hill where we will view the reflector and take in the views down the valley and to the Dam Wall. We will then drop down to cross the road where the single men's quarters were and through to the Hume and Hovell Track on the Dam's shoreline and walk back to the Wall and down to the Power Station. We will then follow the river to the Swinging Bridge and back to the cars.

Depart: TIC 9.00am Travel Distance: 20km Walk Distance: 10km
Grade: Medium Car Pool Fee: \$5.00
Contact Person: **Ron Pearce Ph: 0439 991 632**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

L/ 16th October 2022 – Brayshaw's Hut on Nungar Plain

This walk commences from the Tantangara Dam Road. We follow the scenic Nungar Creek for about 2kms then cross over this stream. We keep following the same fire trail passing Schofield's Hut along the way until we reach Circuits Hut Fire Trail. Here we turn and follow this trail crossing over the Nungar Creek for a second time before reaching Brayshaw's Hut. The return will be the same way.

Depart: TIC 7.30am Travel Distance: 250km Walk Distance: 18km

Grade: Medium Car Pool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Michelle Johnson Ph: 0427 473 890**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

L/ 23rd October 2022 – Yans Crossing

The walk starts along the Snowy Mountains Highway at Yarrangobilly Village and follows the Spicers Trail through the old village site to meet Yans Crossing Trail. The trail leads down to a crossing on the Yarrangobilly River. Depending on weather and water levels there is an opportunity for a dip or wading the River through limestone formations. The walk returns along the Yans Trail, before cutting through on the old highway to the Village. There is a side walk to substantial ruins above the Yarrangobilly campsite.

Wading shoes required.

Depart: TIC 8.30am Travel Distance: 130kms Walk Distance: 11kms

Grade: Medium Car Pool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Margie Thornton Ph: 0439 043 429**

Persons wanting to participate must contact the Walks Contact Person at least 24 hours before the walk and give a contact phone number.

S/ 30th October 2022 – Blue Range Hut to Sherwood Homestead site

Travel to Blue Range Hut Camping Ground via Brindabella. Walk from Blue Range on fire trails to Sherwood Homestead ruins and return the same way to the camping ground. The area around Blue Range Hut was an internment camp during WW2.

Depart: TIC 8.30am Travel Distance: 220kms Walk Distance: 7.5kms

Grade: Medium Car Pool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **John Robinson Ph: 0409 778 831**

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S/ 6th November 2022 - Vickery's Hut

This walk starts on Prosser's Fire Trail off the Snowy Mountains Highway above Talbingo and turns onto Vickery's Trail after half a kilometre. The original Vickery's Hut was built in 1945 by the Vickery family of Tumut on their grazing lease located on a small grassy flat along the Jounama Creek. Unfortunately, the hut and shed that were built using local trees and flattened kerosene tins were destroyed in the 2020 fires but by the time we walk there, a replacement hut (or start of) should be well on the way.

Bring wading shoes as Jounama Creek will be crossed twice coming and going.

Depart: TIC 9am Travel Distance: 100km Walk Distance: 7kms

Grade: **Medium - with steep descent** down to Jounama Creek **and steep climb** out on the return back to the cars. Car Pool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Ted Conroy Ph: 0429473058**

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L/ 13th November 2022 – Broken Dam Hut

The walk starts along the Four Mile Trail. Four wheel drive will be necessary to access the walk starting point on the Eucumbene River. After crossing the River there is a steady, sometimes steep climb, offering expansive views along the way. The trail winds in and around to Broken Dam Hut, which survived recent fires and is a great spot for lunch. Return the same way.

Wading shoes required.

Depart: TIC 7.30am Travel Distance: 190kms Walk Distance: 14kms

Grade: Hard Car Pool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **Margie Thornton Ph: 0439 043 429**

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L/ 20th November 2022 – Clear Creek

Starting at Mt Clear Camping Ground, walk along Nass Valley Fire Trail to Demanding Hut Ruins and if time permits to Horse Gully Hut. Return the same way.

Depart: TIC 7.30am Travel Distance: 320 kms (on some dirt roads)

Walk Distance: 16 kms Grade: Medium to Hard on fire trail

Car Pool Fee: \$10.00

Contact Person: **John Robinson Ph: 0409 778 831**

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L/ 27th November 2022 – The Three Huts Walk

On this walk we will visit 3 huts; Love Nest in the Sallees, Pedens and Townsend. We will travel along the Tantangara Road from the Snowy Mountains Highway and return via the Port Phillip Fire Trail (if it is open) so that we can see some of the Snowy 2.0 works at the same time.

The walk will commence at the start of the Murrumbidgee River Trail. Love Nest in the Sallees is the first hut we visit and from there we will cross the Murrumbidgee River and take the Pedens Hut Trail to visit Pedens Hut. Further on we will cross the Murrumbidgee River again to visit Townsend Hut. The walk will finish back at Tantangara Road.

Wading shoes required.

Car shuttle required.

Depart: TIC 7.00am Travel Distance: 268 kms Walk Distance: 17kms
Grade: Medium Car Pool Fee: \$10.00
Contact Person: **Ted Conroy Ph: 0429473058**

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L/ 4th December 2022 – Yarrangobilly Circuit Walk and General Meeting

This walk will commence at the Yarrangobilly Cemetery after which we will cross the Snowy Mountains Highway and following old timber harvesting roads through the regenerating bush. On the way there is an old eucalyptus boiler to inspect and we can side track a little and explore an old house site. We then ford a creek and join Jounama Trail following it through lovely bush and over a couple more creeks. We will end up back at Yarrangobilly Village site where there are the remains of houses and the sites of the school, tennis courts etc can be pointed out. We will then follow the “Old Road” back up to the cemetery.

Wading shoes required.

Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 130 kms Walk Distance: 14 kms
Grade: Medium Car Pool Fee: \$10.00
Contact Person: **Cathy Conroy Ph: 0429473058**

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