

TUMUT & DISTRICT BUSHWALKERS INC.

**WALKS PROGRAM**

**4<sup>th</sup> August – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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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**

**Grade 2 (Easy)**

No bushwalking experience required. The track is hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps. Walks no greater than 10km.

**Grade 3 (Medium)**

Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended.

Tracks may have short steep sections, a rough surface and many steps. Walks up to 20km.

**Grade 4 (Hard)**

Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep.

Directional signage may be limited.

**Grade 5 (Very Hard)**

Very experienced bushwalkers with specialized skills, including navigation and emergency first aid. Tracks are likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked. Walks may be more than 20km.

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 August 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.**

## **Important Information for this Program**

### **Members Camp Weekend 23 – 25 August 2024.**

The camp will be in the Cocoparra National Park out of Griffith based at Woolshed Flat Campground. Members wishing to attend will need to ring Ralph Hales for details re booking sites on **Ph: 0422205120 as soon as possible.** Walkers not planning to camp can organise accommodation in Griffith – a 40 minute drive from the campground.

Ralph has planned 3 walks for the camp

**Walk 1.** Woolshed Flat – walk from Campground up to the falls and then along the escarpment to the east. At the end of the spur, drop down and find our way through the scrub to the fire trail back to camp. Walk distance approx. 8.6 kms and approx. 4 hrs. Terrain is rocky, fallen dead trees and branches and scrubby tea tree to 2m high at the end that we wind our way back through. No scrambling, some steep sections, medium difficulty on average. Planned for Friday afternoon on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

**Walk 2.** Falcon Falls Carpark to Mt Brogden and back. We head south, up and over a hill, pretty open country, head towards the NW end of the next ridge and hike along this ridge to the SE. Head along ridge-line to Mt Brogden with views of countryside. The return leg starts down Mt Brogden walking track before we head off into the bush, fairly open, and down into a hidden creek with huge boulders, below dry falls. Continue down the creek which disappears into flat sandy country and return to the carpark via a saddle of the first range we crossed (bit scrubby here till lower sections near the road). Approx 9kms, minimum of 5 hours and most likely 6 plus hours with stops. The walk is medium difficulty with lots of good views. Afternoon tea at Falcon Falls Carpark as well as a short trek to the Falcon Falls. Planned for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

**Walk 3.** Store Creek – Follow the NP walking track to its end and continue up the creek to the falls (dry) and a little beyond. Return by heading through the bush back past the falls and across the northern branch of the creek and return to carpark via northern escarpment with views back to the falls (best in early afternoon with sun shining onto the rocks). Approx 5.5 to 6kms. Similar terrain to Woolshed Flat escarpment walk with tea tree scrub. One section is a scramble/lift up before the falls. Walk is medium difficulty. Planned for Sunday morning 25<sup>th</sup> August as it is on the way out of the park for travellers heading back to Tumut.

**Annual General Meeting:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024 5.45 for 6.00pm at Tumut River Brewery

**Next Walks Planning Meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Venue to be decided

**The Hume and Hovell Expedition passed through our area 200 years ago and the Club is commemorating the bicentenary of this event with three walks on the Hume and Hovell Walking Track in this program.**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – Pine Mountain/Madjarn Nature Reserve**

The mysterious dark mountain near Brungle is to be visited. The walk commences on private property and then leads us into Madjarn Nature Reserve. The peak, some 400 metres above the starting point provides views all around. There are some very interesting rock formations and an ancient cypress forest to be seen.

Depart: TIC 8.30am                      Travel Distance: 40kms                      Walk Distance: 10kms  
Grade: 3 (Medium)                      Carpool Fee: \$5.00  
Contact Person: **Susan Learmont Ph: 0437626874**

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

#### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August AGM, General Meeting and Dinner**

Venue: Tumut Brewery    Time: 5.45 for 6pm  
Contact: **Susan Learmont Ph: 0437626874**

#### **11th August 2024 – The Hole (Hume and Hovell Walking Track)**

This walk is along the Hume and Hovell Walking Track at Goobarragandra commencing at the Thomas Boyd Trackhead and following the track to a pretty section of the walk known as The Hole.

Depart: TIC 8.30am                      Travel Distance: 45kms                      Walk Distance: 13kms  
Grade: 3 (Medium)    Car Pool Fee: \$5.00  
Contact Person: **John Robinson Ph: 0409778831**

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

### **18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – Morgans Reserve Road to Argalong Road**

Our walk commences on Morgans Reserve Road. Morgans Reserve is a travelling stock route, part of the extensive history of droving cattle from winter pastures up to the highlands for summer grazing. We head east along a gently rising dirt road into undulating country with views east towards the Brindabellas, south towards Blowering and southwest towards Tumut township. We make our way through undulating forest towards the east where we will encounter Argalong Road. We will return by the same route for afternoon tea.

Depart: TIC: 9.00am   Travel Distance: 20kms   Walk Distance: 10 kms  
Grade: 3 (Medium)   Car Pool Fee: \$5.00  
Contact Person: **Mercia and Ian Ritchie Ph: 0400722751**

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

### **23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024 to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – Camp Weekend Cocoparra National Park**

The Club is having a members camp weekend in Cocoparra National Park out of Griffith.

Contact Person: **Ralph Hales Ph: 0422205120**

### **1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – Fathers Day**

**No walk**

### **8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Tarcutta Hills Reserve**

Tarcutta Hills Reserve is one of the largest remaining areas of grassy white box woodland left in Australia. It is rich with plant and bird life and provides vital habitat for many species including the endangered swift parrot, as it migrates between Tasmania, Victoria and New South Wales. The walk will be guided by Bush Heritage field staff and there will be opportunity to hear about why they purchased the property and what they do to manage it. The walk will mainly be on track but may include some off-track sections, hilly terrain, uneven and/or rocky ground. Access to the reserve is by 4-wheel drive only, so numbers may be limited due to vehicle availability.

Bush Heritage is a not-for-profit conservation organisation that protects ecosystems and wildlife across Australia. They buy and manage land for conservation and partner with Aboriginal groups and other landholders (such as farmers), to help them plan and achieve conservation goals on their land too.

<https://www.bushheritage.org.au/places-we-protect/new-south-wales/tarcutta>

Depart: TIC 7.30 am   Travel Distance: 168kms   Walk Distance: 10-12kms  
Grade: 3 (Medium)   Car Pool Fee: \$10.00  
Contact Person: **Chris Hanson Ph: 0407213039**

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

**!5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Pompys Pillar And Beyond (Hume and Hovell Walking Track)**

Travel past Bondo turning onto Wee Jasper Forest Road and continuing along it to Millars Creek Road. Travel this road for about 2kms (that sometimes can be a little rough) and leave the cars. Walk about 500m to join the Hume and Hovell Walking Track and continue to Pompys Pillar and beyond to another forestry road, returning to the cars in a circular walk.

Depart: TIC 8.30am    Travel Distance: 115kms    Walk Distance: 7-8kms  
Grade: 3 (Medium)    Car Pool Fee: \$10.00  
Contact Person: **Ron Pearce Ph: 0439991632**

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – Exploring Jindalee National Park**

On leaving Tumut we will drive to Jubilee Park in Cootamundra to view and walk the “Cricket Captains’ Walk.” We will then drive to the eastern section of Jindalee National Park to view information about the Park and look at the mountain bike tracks that have been constructed. After that we will travel 5 minutes up the road to the western side of the park where we will walk. We will follow various trails through open iron bark and endangered cypress and box gum forests. These forests are also habitats for quite a few threatened and endangered birds and animals including the regent honeyeater, the swift parrot, the superb parrot, the squirrel glider and the eastern pygmy possum. The vulnerable pine donkey orchid can also be seen occasionally.

Depart: TIC 8.00am                      Travel Distance: 220kms                      Walk Distance: 11kms  
Grade: 3 (Medium)                      Carpool Fee: \$10.00  
Contact Person: **Ted Conroy Ph: 0476691403**

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

### **29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Gurkeroo Ridge (Hume and Hovell Walking Track)**

This walk commences from Gurkeroo Ridge on the Jounama Dam/Batlow Road and follows the Hume and Hovell Walking Track to Sandy Creek and returns the same way. There are good views of Blowering Dam and the surrounding area.

Depart: TIC 8.30am      Travel Distance: 90kms      Walk Distance: 16kms  
Grade: 3 (Medium)      Carpool Fee: \$5.00  
Contact Person: **Susan Learmont Ph: 0437626874**

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

### **6<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – October Long weekend**

**No walk**

### **13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Wallaces Creek Trail**

From Three Mile Dam we follow Wallaces Creek Trail along the ridge. From a saddle there are views into the extensive Snowy Hydro works at Lobbs Hole. After lunch we will drop down through snow grasses to follow a creek to meet Racecourse Trail, and explore the three cairns and Racecourse Creek Falls before returning to the Snowy Mountains Highway.

**Car shuttle required.**

Depart: TIC 8.00 am      Travel Distance: 200kms      Walk Distance: 11kms  
Grade: 3 ( Medium)      Carpool Fee: \$10.00  
Contact Person: **Margie Thornton Ph: 0439043429**

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

### **20<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Tumorrana Mountain Fire Tower**

We travel from Tumut along the Bombowlee Creek Road past Bondo. We take the Wee Jasper Road turn-off past Bondo and then the first to the left. We leave the cars on this road and proceed up to the fire tower on Tumorrana Mt (1220 elevation.) The views from here are magnificent.

Depart: TIC 9.00am                      Travel Distance: 40kms                      Walk Distance: 8kms  
Grade: 3 (Medium)                      Carpool Fee: \$5.00  
Contact Person: **Ron Pearce Ph: 0439991632**

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

### **27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - Exploring Our Gold History**

After driving to Kiandra we will walk the New Chum Heritage Trail and along the way learn about the different ways gold was mined. Sand was also mined and used in the construction of the original Snowy Mountains Scheme. Having completed that we will drive to Three Mile Dam for lunch. After lunch we will walk the Gold Seekers Trail through regenerating snow gums. Along the way there will be views to Tabletop Mountain, Round Mountain, Cabramurra and Selwyn Ski Resort. There are also be various relics of the gold mining era along the way. Afternoon tea will be back at Three Mile Dam.

Depart: TIC 8.30am                      Travel Distance: 200kms                      Walk Distance: 9kms  
Grade: 3 (Medium)                      Car Pool: \$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.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 – Horse Gully Hut**

Starting at Mt Clear Camping Ground in Namadji National Park we will walk along Nass Valley Fire Trail to Demanding Hut Ruins and then onto Horse Gully Hut. Return the same way.

Depart: TIC 7.30am                      Travel Distance: 320kms (on some dirt roads)  
Walk Distance: 16kms                      Grade: 3 (Medium)                      Carpool Fee: \$10.00  
Contact Person: **Ron Pearce Ph: 0439991632**

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

### **10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Tantangara Mountain and Harvey's Hut**

We will start at the Eucumbene River on the Snowy Mountains Highway and follow the NPWS marked track. Follow the trail up a steady climb to the summit of Tantangara Mountain (1752 metres with great views). Walk to Harvey's Hut (also known as Palfreys Hut or Tantangara Hut) for lunch. The Hut has recently been refurbished and painted after damage caused by the 2020 fires. We will return by the same route.

Depart: TIC: 8.00am      Travel Distance: 187kms      Walk Distance: 12kms  
Grade: 3 (Medium)   Carpool Fee: \$10.00  
Contact Person: **Mercia and Ian Ritchie Ph: 0400722751**

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

### **17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Peppercorn Hut/Pether's Hut ruins**

Park the cars on Peppercorn Trail and then walk along McLeods Spur Trail and get to Peppercorn Hut. We will then head off track to visit Dunn's grave before heading down to Peppercorn Creek and then back to the parked cars for lunch. After lunch we will go and look for the remains of Pether's Hut which is located nearby.

Depart: TIC: 8.00am      Travel Distance: 185kms      Walk Distance: 16kms  
Grade: 3 (Medium) mainly flat but some off track sections  
Contact Person: **Michelle Johnson Ph: 0427473890**

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

### **24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Yarrangobilly Gorge/General Meeting**

Beginning adjacent to Yarrangobilly Caves Visitor Centre, we pass Jillabenan, Jersey and Glory Caves before following the Yarrangobilly River upstream towards Castle Cave. Returning along the River to the Thermal Pool, there is the time and opportunity to swim before returning to the Visitor Centre area for a General Meeting.

**Parking fees apply.**

**Bring bathing gear.**

Depart: TIC 8.00am   Travel Distance: 170kms   Walk Distance: 6kms  
Grade: 2 (Easy)   Carpool Cost: \$10.00  
Contact Person: **Margie Thornton Ph: 0439043429**



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

**Walks Planning Meeting**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

Venue: to be decided closer to the time