TUMUT & DISTRICT BUSHWALKERS INC.

# WALKS PROGRAM
## 3rd March – 28th July 2019

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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 AGM in June 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 coordinator 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.**

**S/ 3rd March, SAWMILL TRAIL TO PROVIDENCE PORTAL AND GENERAL MEETING**

The walk will commence at the start of the Sawmill Trail where we will view an old steam engine from the sawmilling days. We will then follow the Trail to the stream gauging station on the Eucumbene River. If the weather is hot, bring your swimmers as there is a lovely pool to swim in. We will then walk back along the Sawmill Trail and drive (or walk) to Denison Camping Area where we will have lunch. From here we will walk to the Eucumbene River (the floor of the dry Eucumbene Dam) and follow it till we meet the outlet of the Tantangara River which we will follow up to the Portal (the tunnel that brings the water from Tantangara Dam to the Eucumbene Dam). Afternoon tea will be down by the Eucumbene River with the chance to lilo if it is warm enough. Wading shoes could be useful. **Car shuttle required.**

Depart: TIC 7.30am Travel Distance: 238km Walk Distance: 9km or 11km
Grade: Medium Carpool Cost: $10.00
Contact Person: **Ted Conroy Ph: 6947 3058 or 0429 473 058**

**8th 9th and 10th March, LINEMANS HUT WORKING BEE CAMPOVER**

Maintenance of our KHA Linemans Huts**.**
**Contact Ted Conroy Ph: 6947 3058 or 0429 473 058** if you would like to participate. We need as many workers as possible (even if you can only spare a day or part of a day). If time permits we will do an exploratory walk from the huts.

**17th March – No Walk Scheduled**

At this stage no walk is scheduled. If one is planned it will be placed on Facebook, the website and members notified.

**L/ 22nd, 23rd and 24th March, CESJACKS HUT and Mt JAGUNGAL CAMPOVER**

Travel to the National Park boundary gate at the end of Nimmo Rd at Snowy Plains and walk to Cesjacks Hut to camp Friday night. On Saturday the walk is all off track to the summit of Mount Jagungal for excellent 360 degrees views. Return back to the Hut to camp the night and travel home Sunday.

Depart: To be arranged with walks contact Travel Distance**:** 400km Walk Distance**:** 16km
Grade: Hard
Contact Person: **Trevor Potts Ph: 0400119027**

**L/ 31st March, Witzes Hut**

Starting from Tantangara Road, Tantangara Dam Trail is followed to where Nungar Creek is crossed. Nungar Creek Trail is then followed along Blanket Plain to Witzes Hut.
**Wading shoes may be required to cross Nungar Creek.**

Depart: TIC 8am Travel Distance: 230km Walk Distance: 16km
Grade: Medium Carpool Cost: $10.00
Contact Person: **Michelle Johnson Ph: 0427 473 890**

**Saturday 6th April, Jounama Homestead Working Bee**
A working bee to tidy up the heritage gardens of Jounama Homestead. Bring your own gardening tools, gloves, sunhat, lunch and water.
Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 130km
Contact Person: **Ted or Cathy Conroy Ph: 6947 3058 or 0429 473 058**

**S/ 7th April, Pryors Hut**
Drive to ACT Border and follow Mt Franklin Rd to locked gate. From here we walk 4 km to Pryors Hut which is in NSW except for the front step!! After lunch return to cars. If time and legs permit, we can walk to the summit of Mt Ginini adding an extra 1.5km.
Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 200km Walk Distance: 10km
Grade: Medium Carpool Cost: $10.00
Contact Person: **Ron Pearce Ph: 0439 991 632**

**11th April, (Thursday) SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS CONSTITUTION CHANGES**
Venue: Club Tumut Time: 7.30pm
Information to all members will be sent out 3-4 weeks prior

**L/ 14th April, COOINBIL HUT TO HARRIS'S HUT (RUINS)**
Commencing at Cooinbil Hut we will follow the horse trail over the Cooleman Range to the ruins of Harris's Hut (also known as Blue Waterholes Homestead) where we will inspect the ruins. The hut consisted of 2 rooms and was built of horizontal slabs with a slab floor. Unfortunately, it was burnt down in the late 1990's. We will have lunch there and return via the same track with time to inspect Cooinbil Hut and have afternoon tea at the end.
Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 180km with some on dirt road
Walk Distance: 11km Grade: Medium Carpool Cost: $10.00
Contact Person: **Cathy Conroy Ph: 6947 3058 or 0429 473 058**

**21st April, Easter**

**NO WALK – Easter**

**S/ 28th April, MT COREE**
Travel to Brindabella and on to Piccadilly Circus, then left on to Two Sticks Rd to the Coree Campground. That's the fun part! We then walk to the bottom of Mount Coree before the steep 2km climb to the summit. The 360 degrees views include Canberra.
Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 180km Walk Distance: 6km Grade: Hard
Carpool Cost: $10.00
Contact Person: **Ron Pearce Ph: 0439 991 632**

**L/ 3rd, 4TH and 5th May, HARRINGTON TRACK AND MAJOR CLEWS HUT – KHANCOBAN CAMP-OVER**

Travel down to Khancoban on Friday and stay at the Khancoban Caravan Park. On Saturday morning walk the 20km Harrington Track, from Bunroy Station along the Murray River to Surveyors Creek and the Jack Riley Memorial. Sunday's walk will be a 9km walk to Major Clews Hut. Major Clew was a Surveyor on the Snowy Scheme.

Contact Person: **Ted or Cathy Conroy Ph: 6947 3058 or 0429 473 058**

More details are available on pages 2 and 3 of the program.

**12th May, Mother's Day**

**NO WALK – Mother's Day**

**18th May, (Saturday) KHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The KHA Annual General Meeting will be held at Talbingo Mountain Retreat from 1-4pm. If you would like to stay for the dinner/social time the cost is $23 and you need to book for a meal with Clive Richardson (Secretary@khuts.org) by the 3rd May.

**L/ 19th May, GAVELS HUT**

From Wares Yard on the Tantangara Road we will walk across the Nungar Plain to Gavels Hut for lunch. This hut was built in 1931 and was used for grazing. It is built of timber and horizontal weatherboard cladding with a timber floor and an iron roof. The chimney has a brick hearth. It is a lovely hut sitting on the edge of the plain. We will return via the same route watching out for brumbies as we walk.

Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance: 216km (including some dirt) Walk Distance: 12km
Grade: Medium Carpool Cost: $10.00
Contact Person: **Cathy Conroy Ph: 6947 3058 or 0429 473 058**

**26th May – No Walk Scheduled**

At this stage no walk is scheduled. If one is planned it will be placed on Facebook, the website and members notified.

**L/ 2nd June, TALBINGO CLIFFS**

This walk starts at the Landers Creek Falls carpark and follows Cumberland Fire Trail for around 4km. Walkers will then leave the track and travel through light scrub to the top of the Talbingo Cliffs with views overlooking Honeysuckle Bay and down Talbingo Dam. If time allows on the way back a detour can be taken to the viewing platforms at Landers Creek.

Depart: TIC 8.30am Travel Distance: 120km Walk Distance: 11km
Grade: Medium, with some off-trail walking Carpool Cost: $10.00
Contact Person: **Michelle Johnson Ph: 0427 473 890**

**9th June, LONG WEEKEND**

**NO WALK – Long Weekend**

**13th JUNE, (Thursday) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by GENERAL MEETING**
**Venue:** Club Tumut **Time:** 7.30pm

**S/ 16th June, CHIMNEY ROCK**
This is a hard walk given the short distance. One needs to work hard to achieve this walk, but the reward offers fantastic views from this elevated position. From the Snowy Mountains Highway we follow an old trail through tea tree and timbered bushland, weaving our way up to the base of the ridge. From here we commence a steep climb passing through rocky outcrops and large boulders until we arrive at the top of Chimney Rock, 1082 metres in elevation.
Depart: TIC 9.00am Travel Distance**:** 40km Walk Distance**:** 8km
Grade: Hard Carpool Cost: $5.00
Contact Person: **Michelle Johnson Ph: 0427 473 890**

**L/ 23rd June, KANGAROO VALE TOWER**
This walk commences from Darbalara Road on private property and climbs up steadily all the way until meeting the Forestry tracks. These tracks lead us to reach Kangaroo Vale Tower where we can enjoy good views of surrounding areas.
The return walk is a different track and continues on private property where we pass by an old mud house ruins. Continue downhill through a Reserve that has a boundary with the old Darbalara Cemetery and the now privately owned Darbalara Church.
Depart: TIC 8.00am Travel Distance**:** 70km Walk Distance**:** 15km
Grade: Medium to Hard Carpool Cost: $5 .00
Contact Person: **Jenny Oliver-Foley Ph: 6947 4757 or 0434 704 472**

**30th June – No Walk Scheduled**
At this stage no walk is scheduled. If one is planned it will be placed on Facebook, the website and members notified.

**7th July – No Walk Scheduled**
At this stage no walk is scheduled. If one is planned it will be placed on Facebook, the website and members notified.

**14th July – No Walk Scheduled**
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