

Bush Club Walks Program - Winter 2017

Date	Grade	Route and Description
JUNE		
Fri 23 Jun	5 M 6km 300m climbs	Mugii Murum-ban SCA Airly Canyon: Park at Airly Gap and walk north west all the way up Airly Canyon. Once out of the canyon on the tops, traverse east, exploring the spurs along the way, before descending to Airly Gap. Partly exploratory. Scrambling and exposure. Map: Glen Alice
Sat 24 Jun	3 M LTW Med pace 20km 400m climbs	Mt Ku-ring-gai National Park Berowra to Wahroonga: Berowra Station to Wahroonga Station via Waratah Track to Appletree Bay then Bobbin Head and Gibberagong Track to Wahroonga. Street walk to Wahroonga Station. 20km.
Sat 24 Jun	3 M Fast pace 20km 600m climbs (New)	Northern Beaches Palm Beach to Mona Vale: Commence by climbing Barrenjoey Headland and then head south. Great views from many places. Walk includes headlands, roads, beaches and rock hopping around Bungan Head. Lots of ups and downs. This is a hard grade 3. Map: Broken Bay/Mona Vale
Sat 24 Jun	5 M	Mugii Murum-ban SCA Rescheduled from 20 May Valley of the Dinosaurs and Ultimate Slot: Find out for yourself why this unique area, currently under threat, must be protected, now. Park on the road from Mount Airly to Genowlan Trig where there is suitable space. Walk up the road to the top of the plateau and then take the road to Genowlan Trig. Leave this road at about GR 253 320 and head east to the top, southern end of the Valley of the Dinosaurs. We will then proceed down the valley stopping to explore as many slots as possible on both sides. Next, visit the Ultimate Slot and then return to the road and to the vehicles. Partly exploratory. Scrambling and exposure. 6km. Map: Glen Alice
Sun 25 Jun	4 M Medium pace 11km 450m climbs (New)	Glenbrook Glenbrook to Lapstone: Glenbrook Creek-Blue Pool-Jellybean Pool-Tunnel View & Portal Lookouts-Nepean River-Lapstone Challenging route along Glenbrook Creek over varied terrain- including the wonderful Glenbrook Gorge and side trips to two stunning lookouts. Suitable for experienced bush-walkers with a sense of adventure. Rock-hopping-some minor rock scrambling and two very steep scrambly ascents/ descents. Tunnel View Lookout -190 metres. Portal Lookout 110 metres. Total ascents 450 metres. Map: Penrith
Mon 26 Jun	6 M 6km 400m climbs	Wollemi National Park Cliffs above Newnes Campground: Park the vehicles at the Newnes Campground. Make our way up and find a way to above the cliff line, then explore several pagoda spurs above the Newnes Campground. If there's time, explore a couple of interesting slots to the north. There are several return options, depending on time. Includes possibly impossible sections. About 6km. Exploratory. Scrambling and exposure. Map: Ben Bullen, Mount Morgan
Tue 27 Jun	3 M Medium pace 12km 150m climbs (New)	Glenbrook Zig Zag Railway: Glenbrook to Lapstone via the 1867 rail lines. Inspect tunnel & Lucasville public station followed by the Lennox Road Bridge the oldest existing sandstone bridge in the Australian mainland. Then back to Glenbrook & walk to Darks Common & inspect the site of the funicular railway used in the construction of the present Sydney to Bathurst rail line. Great views of Glenbrook Gorge . Only one steep ascent. All on footpaths & tracks. Map: Penrith
Wed 28 Jun	4 Medium pace 8km 150m climbs (New)	Terrey Hills Smiths Creek loop: Nerang Ave (Terrey Hills) - Perimeter Track - Smiths Creek West Track - Smiths Creek - Nerang Track. Pleasant climb out of Smiths Creek to Nerang Track. Easy walk - only rated grade 4 because of easy off-track section and vague track on climb out of creek. May be wet feet through swampy section. Map: Ku-ring-gai Chase tourist map
Thu 29 Jun	3 M Med pace 18km 750m climbs	Brisbane Water National Park Wondabyne Station to Woy Woy : Wondabyne Station to Mt Wondabyne via Kariong Brook. Follow GNW to crossing of Patonga Creek near Woy Woy landfill site and then follow an indistinct track that crosses a number of rock shelves to The Citadel (a street in Umina). Street walking to Woy Woy. Two minor scambles. Total ascent 750m. Map: Gosford and Broken Bay
JULY		
Sat 1 Jul	3 M 18km	Blue Mountains Glenbrook to Faulconbridge: 400m asc/desc. Tracks, firetrails, creek crossings, lookouts, ponds and waterfalls. All on track with some cliff edges. Joint walk with NPA. Map: Penrith/Springwood

Sat 1 Jul	3 M Unhurried pace 17km no major ascents (New)	Cronulla area Kurnell to Cronulla: Kurnell-Kamay Botany Bay NP-Cape Solander-Cape Bailey-Boat Harbour-Cronulla Beach-Bass & Flinders Pt-Gunamatta Bay-Cronulla. Classic coast walk with an opportunity to spot majestic humpback whales as they migrate north. Beautiful Dry gum forest-heath- wide open rock platform walking high above the ocean-interesting rock formations-rockpools- to enjoy. Outgoing tide will make walk along Cronulla beach expanse and around Gunnamatta Bay a breeze. Combination of good bush-tracks-easy rock-hopping-beach walking Total ascents 200 metres. Walk accessible to public transport. Map: Port Hacking
Sat 1 Jul	3 M Medium pace 14km approx 200m climbs (New)	Royal NP Engadine to Heathcote: Begin Engadine Station. Follow track down to Kangaroo Creek. Ascend to Robertson's Knoll. Then follow escarpment track along to Uloola falls, and then to Karloo Pool. Finally take the track up to Heathcote Station. Map: Royal NP
Sat 1 Jul to Sun 2 Jul	5 M Fast 45km 1600m climbs	6 Foot Track 6 Foot Track overnighiter: If you aspire to tackle the "6 Foot Track in a day" but want to try before you buy, this is the weekend for you. Saturday is a modest 15km through the picturesque Megalong Valley, bunking down at the very friendly Ecolodge (dinner will be pre-booked & bedding is supplied). An early start on Sunday will see us pounding the 30km up to the Pluvi, along Black Range to Jenolan Caves. A long car shuffle can be avoided by catching the 3.30pm bus back to Katoomba, or put your feet up and stay at Caves House overnight.
Sat 1 Jul to Sun 2 Jul	6 M 20km 800m climbs	Wollemi National Park Lee Creek and Duet Saddle in Bylong Labyrinth: Drive on Friday night to Kandos or camp near the walk start. Early start on Saturday morning. Day 1. Drive one car GR 390 853 and another one to GR 388 816 on Nullo Mountain Road. From the second car, take a ridge W to Lee Creek. Take water and climb into Duet Saddle. Our progress from here will depend on the available time, but we will try to get to as close as possible or to the Goat Mountain. Establish high camp. About 8k. Day 2. Make our way N to Lee Creek, then up onto Tal Tal Range, follow it SE and descend into Bylong River; then walk E to the first car. Private property access will be arranged. About 12k. This is a recce walk for the planned Wollemi traverse. Exploratory. Scrambling and exposure Map: Growee
Mon 3 Jul	3 M Med pace 16km 400m climbs	Northern Beaches Palm Beach to Newport: Climb to Barrenjoey lighthouse for expansive views. Follow bush tracks, beaches, roads & headlands. Great views from Bangalley Headland at lunch time. Coffee shop morning tea, ice creams afternoon tea. Joint walk with NPA. Map: Walking Coastal Sydney
Mon 3 Jul	4 M Fast 24km 350-400m climbs	Royal National Park Heathcote to Bundeena: Heathcote, Karloo Pool, Uloola Falls, Uloola Track, Audley, Winifred Falls, Anice Falls, Maianbar, Bundeena. Ferry to Cronulla. All on good track, 3-4 climbs of about 100- 150 metres. Map: RNP tourist map
Tue 4 Jul	2 Slow 10km Minor climbs	Parramatta Discovering Hidden Sydney - Parramatta.: An amble through some of Sydney's historical and lesser-known attractions with a brief commentary and plenty of opportunity for participant input, cappuccinos and cakes. In this walk we stroll alongside the beautiful Parramatta River and explore Australia's second (European) settlement. We see Australia's oldest cottage, Governor Phillip's camping place and what remains of Greenway's Female Factory. We find Australia's oldest European grave and a house built in celebration of the eight of diamonds. 10km. Map: Sydney UBD
Tue 4 Jul to Mon 10 Jul	4 90km over 7 days	Fraser Island, Queensland: Walk full, wait list operating Fraser Island Great Walk: 7 day pack walk. Approx. 11-25kms per day - but usually 12-14 kms. Max. 8 walkers. Possible food drop if enough people are interested. Explore the world's largest sand island on foot and discover ever-changing landscapes, stunning scenery and fascinating natural and cultural heritage. If you love bushwalking, you'll love the Fraser Island Great Walk —with secluded walkers' camp sites along the way. Walk around freshwater lakes and under arching canopies of lush rainforest and feel the warmth of the subtropical sun on a beach that goes on forever. Joint walk with the UBM. Map: Fraser Island Great Walk
Wed 5 Jul	3 M 10km	Blue Mountains Wentworth Falls to Vera Falls and return.: 440m asc/desc. Roads and paths from station to the Conservation Hut. Descend to Vera Falls and return via Hippocrene Falls, Slacks Stairs and Darwins Walk. All on track, cliff edges. Joint walk with NPA Map: Katoomba
Fri 7 Jul	3 M LTW 12km Med pace Some climbs of <100m	Northern Suburbs Macquarie Centre to Turramurra via Macquarie Uni Sportsfields and Sheldon Forest: There will be a few creek crossings which could entail wet feet – so be prepared (mentally and physically). We'll pass Christie Oval before crossing the upper reaches of the Lane Cove River to follow the GNW at the back of West Pymble. Later we re-cross that river to follow the Busaco Track to Brown's Waterhole. Then across Mimososa Oval and up through the delightful Sheldon Forest to Turramurra Railway. Refreshment opportunity before heading home. Map: STEP Lane Cove Valley - Sheet 2

Fri 7 Jul	3 M Med pace 15km 300m climbs	Springwood Sassafras Loop: Picturesque walk from Springwood station down the Sassafras Gully track to Perch Ponds, then a climb for the views at Martins Lookout. Return to Perch Ponds and return to Springwood via the Magdala creek track. Shady track, two ascents of about 150m. Joint walk with NPA. Map: Springwood
Fri 7 Jul	6 M 6km 400m climbs	Gardens of Stone National Park South Eastern Cliff Line of Donkey Mountain: This is the second walk to this area, to re-visit some of the highlights of the first walk and to explore further. Park on Wolgan Road at GR 386 199. Walk up SSE towards the NE end of Donkey Mountain. At about GR 387 190, turn SW and sidle underneath the cliffs, visiting spectacular overhangs, including Masterpiece Wall. At about GR 376 183, take the ramp up to the next level and explore it, moving NE to the extent possible. What happens next will depend on what we will find, but generally the aim is to eventually gain the top of the mountain and return via one of the known passes. Exploratory. Scrambling and exposure. Map: Ben Bullen
Sat 8 Jul	5 M 8km 300m climbs	Ben Bullen State Forest The Southern Valleys: Ben Bullen State Forest west of the Great Dividing Range encapsulates, in a relatively small area, everything that is exciting and interesting about bushwalking – incredible rock sculptures, tall pagodas, narrow slot canyons, magnificent caves, verdant forests and more. This unique area is currently under serious threat from mining. Find out why this area must be protected for future generations. All off track, some rock scrambling and exposure. Map: Cullen Bullen
Mon 10 Jul to Sun 30 Jul	3 M 10-18km/day	Mongolia Walk Full
Thu 13 Jul	3 M Unhurried pace 15km Minor climbs	St George, Sydney Foreshores of the Georges River: We wend our way from Penshurst through Poulton Park, Moore Reserve, Oatley Pleasure Grounds, Oatley Point Reserve, Dunphy Reserve, Oatley Park, Oatley Heights Park, to Mortdale with optional coffee shop finish. Attractive views, river inlets, mud flats, bays and trees. A mix of local streets and a variety of bush tracks. Uneven in places. Some ups and downs. Suit Prospective members new to bush walking. Map: UBD
Thu 13 Jul	3 M Fast pace 26km 200m climbs (New)	Eastern Suburbs La Perouse to Bondi: La Perouse to Bondi: Great coastal walk showcasing Sydney beaches and headlands between Botany Bay and Port Jackson. Wonderful views all the way. Map: Botany Bay/Bondi
Fri 14 Jul	5 M 6km 500m climbs	Wollemi National Park Old Baldy and Skywalker Traverse: Start at Newnes Campground and walk up Petries Gully and on to the top of Old Baldy. Traverse the summit westwards, enjoying the amazing views, then use Campground Defile to descend to the lower level and walk Skywalker Traverse eastwards. Come down into Petries Gully and return to the cars. Scrambling and exposure. Partly exploratory. Map: Ben Bullen, Mount Morgan
Sat 15 Jul	3 M 16km	Illawarra Escarpment Stanwell Park to Austinmer: Asc/desc 370m. Follow the Wodi Wodi and Bullock tracks to Mt. Mitchell with a side trip to an historical viaduct along Stanwell Creek. Continue along the Forest Walk and link track to Sublime Point and a steep descent with some ladders to Austinmer Station. Excellent views with great forest and gully walking. Joint walk with NPA. Map: Appin/Bulli
Mon 17 Jul	3 Med pace 12km 220m climbs (New)	<i>Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park</i> <i>The Sphinx to Mt Ku-ring-gai: From the Sphinx descend down to join the Warrimoo Track to Bobbin Head, then onto Apple Tree Bay for a climb up to Mt Ku-ring-gai Stn. Map: Berowra</i>
Mon 17 Jul	6 M 12km 500m climbs	Wollemi National Park Petries Slots – Part 3: Start at Newnes Campground and walk up the Pipeline Track to about GR 447 274, then climb north west to the saddle and continue north on the ridge till GR 445 275. Descend and investigate a major slot to the west. Then, investigate the second major slot 400m north, approaching it either from the bottom or from the top. Exit via Petries Slots Pass at GR 440 283. This plan will be modified frequently during the walk as the terrain is very dissected and full of surprises. About 12k. Exploratory. Scrambling and exposure. Map: Ben Bullen, Mount Morgan
Tue 18 Jul	3 Fast 15km 300m climbs	Eastern Suburbs Watsons Bay to Coogee: Maritime half-day culinary caper* (* culinary caper trademark Carol Henderson). Water views and cliff views most all the way. Finish by lunchtime with optional lunch in Coogee. Meeting walk for Austria/Luxembourg trips, but all welcome. Please note the fast pace. Map: Street Map
Tue 18 Jul	3 M LTW Med pace 17km 400m climbs	Blue Mountains National Park Katoomba to Leura: From Katoomba Station walk to Furber Steps then down to Federal Pass to Leura Forest up all the steps to Leura Cascades then Prince Henry Cliff walk to Gordon Falls then street walking to Leura Station. Map: Katoomba

Wed 19 Jul	3 M 14km	Garwarra State Recreation Area Stanwell Park to Helensburgh: 200m asc/desc. Commencing from Stanwell Park Station ascend to Stanwell Tops and proceed to Kelly's Falls via Princess Marina Track. Follow fire trails, tracks and short off track section to Otford. Continue to Coast Track, Lilyvale Track and various tracks to Helensburgh. Joint walk with NPA. Map: Appin/Otford
Sat 22 Jul	3 M Med pace About 17 km Lots of ups and downs	Blue Mountains Blackheath to Blackheath : Blackheath- Govetts Leap Rd - Pulpit Rock - Govetts Leap Lookout- cliff top track - Braeside Walk - Blackeath Map: Blackeath
Sat 22 Jul	5 M Fast 35km 1400m climb (new)	Ku-ring-gai Chase & Berowra Valley National Parks Brooklyn to Mt Kuring-gai: Setting off as the sun rises, we will walk the scenic ups and downs along Govett's Ridge, via Cowan and Berowra Waters to Berowra, then hop over the railway for the final leg to Mt Kuring-gai by sundown. A long and strenuous walk, great 6 Foot Track training to test your hydration and nutrition strategies. Total ascent 1400m, several climbs of around 220m. All on track or management trail with several creek crossings. Party limit applies. Joint walk with SBW. Map: Cowan, Hornsby
Sat 22 Jul to Sun 23 Jul	6 M 20km 800m climbs	Wollemi NP Bylong Labyrinth Area: Drive on Friday night to Kandos or camp near the walk start. Early start on Saturday morning. This is a recce walk for the planned Wollemi traverse. Details to be advised after the walk of 1-2 July 2017. Exploratory. Scrambling and exposure. Map: tba
Wed 26 Jul	3 M 14km	Blue Mountains Wentworth Falls Circuit: 400m asc/desc. From station follow the Darwins walk including a visit to Rocket Point Lookout and small circuit around Kings Tableland. Descend to Wentworth Falls and continue along Wentworth Pass. Follow Roberts Pass and ascend to Inspiration Point ending by walking the Nature Trail to the Conservation hut and return to the station. Joint walk with NPA. Map: Katoomba
Thu 27 Jul	5 M 12km 400m climbs	Mugii Murum-ban SCA The Towers: Drive about 1km past Airly Gap; park the cars and walk on the trail around Mount Airly Check out the cave houses on the way, then climb The Towers – the area of high pagodas centred at around GR 222 350. Explore the area, then return the same way. Scrambling and exposure. Map: Glen Alice
Thu 27 Jul		CLOSING DATE FOR WALKS FOR THE SPRING PROGRAM (Sep-Oct-Nov) Send your walks to the Walks Secretary: 1. via the online form on the Bush Club website (preferred) 2. by email to walkssecretary@gmail.com 3. by letter post to PO Box 3079, Regents Park, NSW 2143
Sat 29 Jul	3 M 18km	Blue Mountains Wentworth Falls to Katoomba: From station follow roads to the Conservation Hut. Descend to Lillians Bridge and then ascend to bypass the Fairmont Resort. Follow roads to pick up cliff track to Prince Henry Walk and descend to Leura Forest via Leura Cascades. Follow Federal Pass and ascend Furber Steps to road and finish at Katoomba Station. Map: Katoomba
AUGUST		
Tue 1 Aug	2 Slow 14km Minor climbs	Balmain Discovering Hidden Sydney - Balmain: : Town Hall to Circular Quay via Anzac Bridge, Balmain and ferry. This will be mostly pavement walking and is a repeat walk. There are some boring bits and there are some steep climbs on footpaths (how could you explore Balmain otherwise) but I hope to take you to places in Balmain that you haven't been before and alert you to traces of its history that still remain visible today. There will be a brief commentary and plenty of opportunity to stroll, to pause and to reflect on Sydney's past. Map: Sydney UBD
Wed 2 Aug	3 M LTW Med pace 14km Some climbs of <100m	Northern Suburbs Virtual Camino – St Johns to St James: Save the airfare and pretend to walk from St Jean Pied de Port (St John's Church in Gordon) to Santiago de Compostela (St James Church in Turrumurra). Enjoy the experience being led by a two-time Pilgrim with two Compostelas. After visiting St John's church in Gordon we will peregrinate along the Blackbutt Track to Lady Game Drive, then meet up with the GNW and head northwards to near Turrumurra High School, continue on to the Comenarra Parkway then up to Mimosa Oval and through Sheldon Forest to Turrumurra shops then along Eastern Road to King St and the church. Then back to the shops for optional refreshments. Will The Botafumerio be swung ? Map: STEP Lane Cove Valley – Sheet 2
Thu 3 Aug	5 M 6km 300m climbs	Mugii Murum-ban SCA Treasure Chest Spur and City in the Sky: Park up on the plateau at GR 245 316. Walk on the fire trail to GR 253 319, then head NNE and locate Treasure Chest Spur. Advance to a spectacular area of many pagodas, City in the Sky, at around GR 257 325. Explore on both sides of the spur, moving NNE all the time. Visit two high points at the end of the spur, then find a way down to the fire trail at around GR 259 329. Follow it back to the vehicles. Partly exploratory. Scrambling and exposure. Map: Glen Alice
Sat 5 Aug	4 M 20km	Blue Mountain National Park Mt Solitary Traverse: Kings Tableland, descend to Kedumba River, ascent and traverse of Mt Solitary, descend to Federal Pass via Koorowall Knife Edge, finish at top of Golden Stairs. All on track. Car shuffle required. Steep slippery ascent and descent, river crossing. Joint walk with NPA. Total 1,000m asc/desc. Map: CMA Katoomba & Jamison

Wed 9 Aug	4 M 23km	Royal National Park Otford to Waterfall: 240m asc/desc. Steep ascent from station to Otford Lookout. Continue along the coast track with diversion to Werrong Beach. Pick up the coast track again and continue to Garie Beach (beach walking), Curra Moors, Wallumarra and Couranga tracks to finish at Waterfall Station. Joint walk with NPA. Map: Otford/Appin
Fri 11 Aug	6 M 10km 500m climbs	Wollemi National Park Firefly Point to Galaxies Gully East: Park at the locked gate GR 434 258 and walk on Wolgan River Trail to about GR 461 262, visiting a cave house ruin on the way. Next, attempt to ascend along the ridge all the way up to Firefly Point at GR 461 258. From here, climb to spot height 858 and continue along the ridge. If time permits, descend into Firefly Creek around GR 455 252, then climb back out on the ridge. Finally, descend into Galaxies Gully East, and then all the way back to the Wolgan River Trail and to the cars. Partly exploratory. Scrambling and exposure Map: Mount Morgan, Ben Bullen
Sat 12 Aug	2 Slow 14 km approx No major ascents	Suburban Musical Meander: Wollstonecraft Station to the Conservatorium of Music. This walk follows the foreshore around the harbour including loop track on Berry Island, Balls Head, McMahons Point, over the Harbour Bridge, on to the Botanical Gardens and finally ending at the Conservatorium where we will be entertained with a free 2pm concert given by young musicians of the future.
Sat 12 Aug	4 M 26km	Royal National Park Otford to Bundeena: The classic/iconic Royal walk. 230m asc/desc. Otford Lookout, Burning Palms, South Era, Garie Beach, Wattamolla, Marley Beach with finish at the ferry terminal for ride to Cronulla. Joint walk with NPA. 26km. Map: Otford/Port Hacking
Sat 12 Aug	4 M LTW Fast 18km 680m climbs	Upper Blue Mountains Perry's / Govetts Leap Circuit: Cars to Perry's Lookdown car park for start along road to Pulpit Rock. Proceed to Govetts Leap, descend to Junction Rock then on to Blue Gum Forest. Steep Climb to Perry's car park and finish. 680m asc/desc. Creek crossings, steep slippery conditions, cliff edges. Joint walk with SBW Map: Katoomba/Mt Wilson
Sat 12 Aug	5 M 6km 300m climbs	Newnes State Forest Howling Arch, the Pool of Diana and the Pool of Aphrodite: Find out for yourself why this unique area, currently under threat, must be protected, now. Drive to approximately GR 468 058 on the Deep Pass Trail. Head down a spur trending slightly west of south and then south as it nears Dingo Creek. Visit Howling Arch, an amazing natural feature. Enter Dingo Creek and progress downstream for about 1.3km, visiting the scenic Pool of Diana on the way, continue underneath high cliffs to GR 476 048, the start of a north north west trending ravine. Follow the ravine up, visiting the spectacular Pool of Aphrodite along the way, to eventually reconnect with the trail and the vehicles. All off track, some rock scrambling and exposure. Map: Rock Hill, Cullen Bullen
Tue 15 Aug	3 M LTW Med pace 16km 400m climbs	Blue Mountains National Park Faulconbridge to Springwood: Faulconbridge Station to Springwood station via Victory track then Sassafrass Gully track to Perch Ponds continue on to Martin's Lookout then back to the Magdala Creek track and on to Springwood. Map: Springwood
Fri 18 Aug	6 M 6km 500m climbs	Wollemi National Park Ravines and Slots of Koopartoo Mesa South: Park at the Wolgan Road, GR 420 216. Make our way up Koopartoo Gully to a known (but tricky) pass at GR 414 222. Once above, head east to about GR 416 222 and, starting from here, explore this extremely dissected terrain. Return the same way. About 6km. Exploratory. Scrambling and exposure. Map: Ben Bullen
Sun 20 Aug	3 M Med pace About 14 km Climbs about 100m	Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park Berowra to Mt Colah: Berowra- Apple Tree Bay - Kalkari Visitor Centre- Mt Colah Map: Mt Colah
Tue 22 Aug	6 M 9km 500m climbs	Wollemi National Park The Slots and Pagodas of The Labyrinth: Park at GR 430 228 on Wolgan Road and make our way up Minotaur Lair Gully; pass through Minotaur Lair, then turn north and climb up the tributary creek to about GR 421 234. Explore the many slots of The Labyrinth, moving westwards, until about GR 415 233. Exit via Minotaur Lair Gully; the exact route will depend on what we find and may include Ariadne Thread. Exploratory. Scrambling and exposure. Map: Ben Bullen
Wed 23 Aug	4 20km	Blue Mountains Blackheath to Mt. Hay Road: Joint walk with NPA. From station follow Popes Glen track to Pulpit Rock then onto Perry's Lookdown via Hat Hill road. Descend 670m to cross the Grose River with a side trip to Blue Gum Forest. Steep ascent 290m to Du Faur Head then continue along Lockley's Track to the car park on Mt Hay Road. Map: Katoomba/Mt. Wilson
Thu 24 Aug	2 Unhurried pace 13km level	Southern Highlands Burradoo to Moss Vale: From Burradoo we walk on sealed surface cycleway alongside water meadows, past historic sites to the Cecil Hoskins Nature Reserve for more district, water views and lunch. Then a pleasant local walk into Moss Vale for coffee before training home. Note: the suburban train from Sydney connects with a diesel rail motor at Campbelltown for a visually pleasant 1 hour 15 minute scenic trip passing small townships, and a variety of countryside. Expect to return to Central at 1715. *Check weather forecast re warm clothing. Map: Local tourist

Sat 26 Aug	4 20km	Blue Mountains Wentworth Falls to Katoomba: Mt. Solitary Traverse. A classic mountains walk. 920m asc/desc. Joint walk with NPA. From Kedumba Valley Road cross Kedumba River followed with a steep ascent to Mt. Solitary. Continue with a steep descent of Koorowall Knife Edge. Follow the Ruined Castle Ridge Track with a steep ascent to finish at the top of the Golden Stairs. Limit 12. Map: Jamison/Katoomba
Sun 27 Aug to Sat 9 Sep	Mixed Various daily km	Austria WALK FULL - WAIT LIST OPERATING The Tirol: Classic Alps scenery and cheaper than Switzerland or Germany. Stay in hotels in small towns south of Innsbruck. No huts except for lunch. The walks will be selected from the Ratikon, Silvretta, Oztal, Stubai, Zillertal and Kitzbuehler Alps.
Mon 28 Aug to Wed 30 Aug	4 M SEA 500M Total climbs	Namadgi WALK FULL, wait list operating
Mon 28 Aug to Fri 1 Sep	4 42km plus Mt Giles (New)	Central Australia Mt Giles: 5 day full pack walk with Trek Tours Australia. This trip is for anyone who wants to venture more remotely into the spectacular desert area of Central Australia. Mt Giles (1389m) is in the Chewings Range, and is the third highest mountain in the Northern Territory. We will hike cross-country to the base of Mt Giles over 2 days, climb to the top with a day pack on the third day, then hike back out via a different route for the last 2 days. Our route will cross a variety of terrain, from high ridgelines to sheltered gorges. Limit of 8 walkers. See more details at http://www.treklarapinta.com.au/LarapintaTrailTours/MtGiles.html As this is a commercial tour the normal insurance arrangements of The Bush Club do not apply.
Tue 29 Aug	2 Slow 8km Minor climbs	Castlecrag area Willoughby Park to Castlecrag: Enjoy bushland tracks around Sugarloaf Bay (PT 1) and view the architecture of Walter Burley Griffin and his successor, Eric Nicholls (PT 2). Mainly street and formed track walking - some steps and some steeper sections. Coffee stop at end. Possible to break walk at lunch. Slow paced walk. 8km. Map: STEP
Tue 29 Aug to Mon 11 Sep	Mixed Various daily km	Japan WALK FULL - WAIT LIST OPERATING
Wed 30 Aug	3 Med pace 17 km approx No major climbs	Lane Cove Valley 3 Bridges: A lovely figure 8 walk following both sides of the Lane Cove river and crossing Fullers Bridge, DeBurghs Bridge and Epping Bridge. All on track, though rough in parts, a creek crossing and ups and downs. The walk starts and ends at North Ryde station with a coffee opportunity before heading home.