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Leaders Letter May 2024

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CBC walkers at Mt Kelly last weekend | photo Greg Buckman

MAY 2024 LEADERS LETTER

Yuma CBC Activity Leader

First Aid Training

Garry Boxsell, our Assistant Walks Sec, has arranged first aid training.

Looking to update your first aid skills? The club is offering first aid training for up to 20 leaders at no cost to members. The training is scheduled for 12 Jun 24 and all leaders are invited to attend. So checkout the details in Bilby [here](#), make a booking, and the course registration details will be on-forwarded to you.

Track and Area Closures

Many closures for aerial control programs in NNP, MRC, Rob Roy, TNR and other areas May-June. Checkout locations and times [here](#). Also

the date/area information below.

Also, AAWT from Mt Tennent summit to NSW border (Murrays Gap) closed Tuesday 14 May reopening Saturday 25 May. NVC to Mt Tennent summit remains open. NSW AAWT closure reopens 7pm 4 October.

		13-May-24	14-May-24	15-May-24	16-May-24	17-May-24	18-May-24	19-May-24	20-May-24	21-May-24	22-May-24	23-May-24	24-May-24	25-May-24	26-May-24	27-May-24	28-May-24	29-May-24	30-May-24	31-May-24	01-Jun-24	02-Jun-24	03-Jun-24	04-Jun-24	05-Jun-24	06-Jun-24	07-Jun-24	08-Jun-24	09-Jun-24	10-Jun-24	11-Jun-24	12-Jun-24
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Namadgi National Park	East (East of Boboyan Road)																															
Namadgi National Park	West (West of Boboyan Road)																															
Namadgi National Park	Northern Namadgi & Lower Cotter Catchment																															
Murrumbidgee River Corridor	Stony Creek Nature Reserve & Hyles Forest (Cotter Pines)																															
Murrumbidgee River Corridor	Bullen Range Nature Reserve & Mlowera and Pierces Creek Forests																															
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Canberra Nature Park	Rob Roy Nature Reserve																															
Murrumbidgee River Corridor	Swamp Creek Nature Reserve																															
Murrumbidgee River Corridor	Sherwood Forest & Uriarra Forest																															
Molonglo River Reserve	Molonglo River Reserve																															
Googong Foreshores	Googong Foreshores																															
Tidbinilla	Tidbinilla + Pierces Creek Forest																															

Bilby Enhancements

Have you noticed any changes to Bilby recently? They were asked for by CBC members and put to the developer by Keith Thomas, our Web Manager. See the fine print [here](#), but:

- Duration of activity now appears in activity list
- The activity owner has been added to the @Mention dropdown list in the activity Administration tab. This facilitates communication between the activity owner and admin officers. For example, if you'd like a 'short notice' activity published as soon as possible, send a Note from the Administration tab **tagging** the Walks Sec (currently @John-Evans). Alternatively, text/ring me on 0417436877
- A warning displayed if you update your activity description and try to leave the page without saving changes
- Shift+Enter removed from Notes, Message Board entry creation. (If you want a new line or blank line in your note, just press Enter)
- Search function improved on the well used [Bilby Wiki](#).

Leader Profile - Linda Groom



1. *You have been a 'bush baby' all your life. When did you first join the Canberra Bushwalking Club?*

Around 1976. I had been a member of bushwalking clubs in Brisbane and Sydney, so when I moved to Canberra, it was a natural thing to do to join a club.

2. *What is one of the most challenging adventures that you've been on?*

Back in the late 1970s, as I recall, a group of CBC members went to New Zealand and hired guides. We climbed Mt Dechen, one of the easier alpine peaks. I didn't find it all that easy, however, and was so focused on moving quickly past a spot with a few hundred metres of exposure that I stood on my own hand. Which is not a good idea when you are wearing crampons.

3. *When did you decide to pay a bit back and become a walk leader? What obstacles or fears did you have to overcome? Where was your first led walk?*

I led my first CBC walk to Crags Creek and Siren Song Creek in Kosciuszko NP. Pretty much everyone else on the trip would have been capable of leading the same walk, so it was an easy way to start leading.

4. *You have a tremendous reputation for leading trips to interesting places. How do you find them?*

I have a recipe:

- (a) Roam around Google Maps and find the green patches
 - (b) Look more closely at the green patches, using GPS Visualiser Draw, a free online source of maps. Flick between contour maps and satellite image maps and look for rocky places, places where the contours bunch up, sharp bends in creeks, white patches in creeks (often these are cascades), the greener bits that are rainforest, flat areas near creeks that might be campable, and access points where cars could be parked.
 - (c) Way point all these interesting bits
 - (d) Draw a line that connects some of the interesting bits – a route that looks to you like you could walk it in the time you have available
 - (e) Often, do a recce, mainly to check the access, and a little bit of the walk to get a feel for how fast you would travel in that country. Take a photo for Bilby.
- And you're ready to go.

5. *What would be your advice to someone thinking of stepping up to become a CBC walk leader?*

Firstly, walk with a variety of leaders and ask them questions like 'What will you do if the group turns out to be slower than expected?' or, if they hesitate, looking left and right 'Are you weighing up options? What are your thoughts?' Then, remember the answers that seemed to fit with your kind of walk, discard the other answers, and plan walks that suit your own style.

6. *What's your opinion of Bilby, the club's activity and membership management system?*

It's more streamlined and easier to maintain than the old system. I think the privacy balance – between leaders, who need certain data to respond to bookings and organise transport easily, and participants, who may not want to reveal much to a leader –

should be shifted a bit more towards helping leaders.

Linda is a life member of CBC, has held many committee positions over the years, and has contributed a huge number of activities to the life of the club. She has a keen interest and involvement in conservation.

New Upcoming Activities weekly email format and UserNames

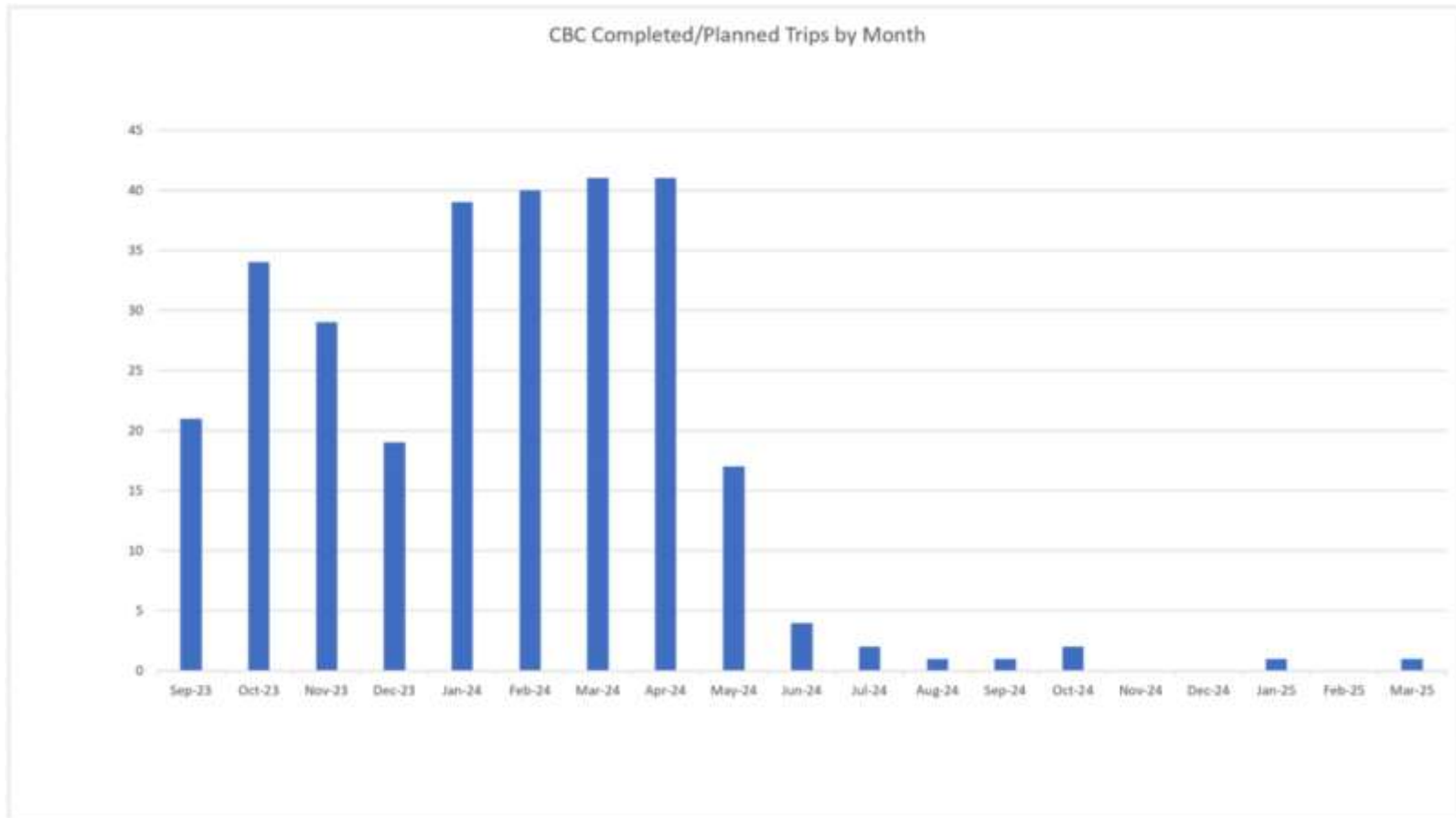
Thanks to Keith Thomas, data can now be automatically extracted from Bilby for display in the email you receive. Do you like the new format including days duration, SpotsLeft and Leader?

With leaders' UserNames now more widely displayed, would you consider cleaning up that crappy numeric suffix on yours? They came when data was transferred from our previous system to Bilby. For example, UserName JoeSmith4705 could be changed to Joe-Smith or JoeSmith. No spaces in UserNames. Thanks.

Activities for Everyone!

Huge thanks to our amazing leaders who facilitate so many high-quality trips! A wonderful range of activities to choose from, whether you're time poor and looking for a half-day ramble, a day trip, a multiday walk in a remote location, or an extended overseas adventure.

During April, activities were led by Dave Abela, Jenny Arnold, Monika Binder, Garry Boxsell, Mike Bremers, David Briese, Michael Clisby, Andrea Coombas, Luisa Dal Molin, Gerald Dodgson, Roger Edwards, Marlene Eggert, Linda Groom, Laeli Hogan, Jenny Horsfield, Stephen Marchant, Meg McKone, Dick Morton, Sal Ozgul, Terrylea Reynolds, Phillip Starr, Andrew Struik, Sandra Teffer, Keith Thomas, Ian Wright, John Evans.



Blue Mountains Grand Clifftop Walk

This looks good. See [here](#) and [here](#).

.Please **contact me** if I can assist you in any way

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