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## December Leaders Letter

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Canberra Bushwalking Club

### DECEMBER 2024 LEADERS LETTER

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Yuma CBC Activity Leader

#### **Play it Safe in the Heat**

Go early, wet, short, high. Ensure your walkers carry plenty of water, have sun protection and carry a pressure immobilisation bandage for snake bite. Don't hesitate to shorten or postpone an activity if conditions are extreme.

#### **New Walk Leader – Jan Ho**



"Hello everyone, my name is Jan and I have been walking with the club for 6 years. My first walk was Red Rocks Gorge led by Phillip Starr. It was a beautiful misty morning as we set off, as the fog lifted to reveal the landscape in front of us and I remembered thinking, my gosh! This was here the whole time! I wonder what else is out there to discover? I have been on many walks since, many types of walks, met a lot of amazing people and learned a lot from other leaders. Six years later, I am grateful to say that by walking I have gained an invaluable new set of skills, a purposeful and inspiring point of view. I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to now lead walks and hope to create space for other walkers to discover more about themselves and our beautiful natural environment like I have. There is a Swahili saying that goes, "if you want to go fast go it alone but if you want to go far then go together". Through my own walk experiences I have found that it doesn't matter as much where you walk but that you just walk and it's better to walk together 😊 .

Therefore as a preliminary intro, my aspiring style of walk is a "high chill factor/low gravity" kind of walk. Interested to find out more? Oh well, guess you will just to have to book on one of my walks? 😊

Happy Walking and look forward to adventures and opportunity in 2025!"

### **November Activities**

Our active leaders in November were Jenny Arnold, Andrea Coombas, Jeff Bennetts, Chris Day, Gerald Dodgson, Allan Donnelly, Janet Duncan, Henry Gardner, Kirk Hone, Jenny Horsfield, Rob Horsfield, John Kelly, Diana Kirby, Meg McKone, Quentin Moran, Dick Morton, Mark Peirce, Phillip Starr, Andrew Struik, Sandra Teffer, Ana Vrancic, John Evans. Lots of walking in the 30+ trips offered and the Wednesday Walks.

### **"Interested" Bookings**

Do you receive Interested participants for your activities? I think what is happening, in some cases, is that a 'booking' is made when not logged on to Bilby. So they don't see Create a booking and can only communicate via the Ask a question about this activity! So

check all your Interested participant entries carefully to see what they mean.

### **LET'S GET TAGGING RIGHT!**

You can send a private Note to any participant registered on your activity, be they Valid, Pending, Interested or Void. Because these are 1-to-1 notes, no tagging is necessary. Bilby sends an email alert to the recipient.

ALL OTHER NOTES SHOULD BE TAGGED.

Don't make up the tag. Select it from the @Mention dropdown list available in the Message Board. The simplest way to use multiple tags is to have each on a line by itself in the note. Bilby sends an email alert to the recipient(s).

If you don't tag a message, no Bilby alert is emailed and the intended recipient has no idea that there is a message for them.

Want your activity published pronto? Edit your activity and access the Administration tab (not the Admin function). Send a note to the Walks Sec by selecting John-Evans from the @Mention dropdown.

### **Add a bit of panache to your activity – Markdown Markup Language**

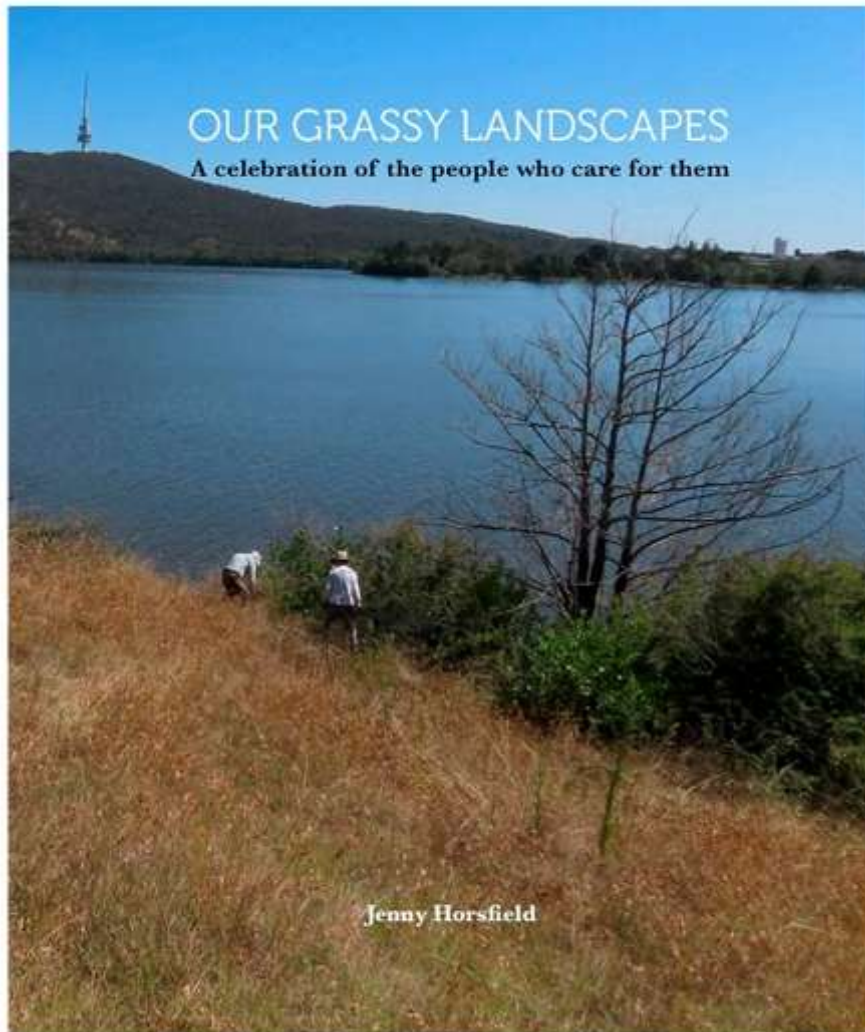
If you want, add a bit of formatting to your activity description, Notes, etc. Start off simple and don't overdo it. There are some deets at <https://www.markdownguide.org/basic-syntax/>.

For example, try bolding text. Place two asterisks immediately before and immediately after the text, such as **\*\*This will be a very hard walk.\*\***

Another good one is to specify an active URL link. The format is [text to display](URL), such as [load up the gpx file here](<https://johnevans.id.au/GPX/2024-11-16-Camels-Hump-caching.gpx>). Handy for a backup navigator.

Check that these work whilst your activity is still in Draft, so you don't look like a dill.

***Jenny Horsfield's book launch – 'Our grassy landscapes. A celebration of the people who care for them'***



Longtime activity leader and author Jenny Horsfield is launching her latest book next week. Jenny's book celebrates the connections many people have to our local landscape, the Southern Tablelands. The book describes their attempts to heal the damage the land has sustained and to restore it to health and biodiversity.

This theme should resonate with many of us who walk in this area.

Please join us to celebrate! 6pm Tuesday 10 December at the National Library of Australia's bookshop/foyer. Book a no-cost ticket [here](#).

### **Report on PLB Activation on South Coast Track in Tasmania**

Interesting. From the Bushwalking NSW last meeting. Includes iPhone SOS activation. Have a look and listen [here](#).

### **Short Comparison vid of inReach Devices for Hiking**

See [here](#).

### **Happy Christmas!**

I do hope we can chat at the CBC Christmas party on Sunday 15th December from 6pm at Janet's home, and at the January barbeque on Wednesday 15 January from 6pm.

Do have a safe and happy Christmas/holiday season and here's to a bumper New Year of walking and other activities.

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

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