

January Leaders Letter

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Cape Raoul Tasmania

JANUARY 2025 LEADERS LETTER

Happy New Year

A happy new year to each and everyone! May it be a year of successes in whatever challenges you take up.

Huge Thanks!

What a fantastic array of activities are currently on offer. I can't mention them all (check out the <u>Bilby activity list</u>). The daylight savings evening and 'get fit' walks continue to attract starters, there's the quirky Hammock Camping and Breakfast on Springbank Island, great high country walks, canyoning, and several overseas expeditions. Spoilt for choice.

Share the Joy with CBC social media Followers

CBC has more than eight thousand keen social media followers eager to consume your trip reports and maybe join our club for further adventures. It's easy to share your latest trip. Send an email to facebook@canberrabushwalkingclub.org and include:

- · a paragraph or two of description
- attach up to 6 photos, each with a title and photographer's name (attach to email, don't send links to cloud storage).

If that's not your thing, maybe there's a keen photographer in your party who could do it for you.

Our very active social media team would love to share your activities.

Early year Training Opportunities – Snakes and River Crossing – Don't miss Out

Two top class training activities have been scheduled for leaders early in 2025.

- Snake Awareness on Saturday 18 January, facilitated by Allan Donnelly
- <u>River Crossing Training</u> on Sunday 23 February, with instructors Keith Thomas, Steve Halpin and Lorraine Tomlins.

December Activities and Active Leaders

Weather conditions were trying in December, both wet and hot. 17 activities were completed, thanks to active leaders John Danaro, Gerald Dodgson, Allan Donnelly, Jan Ho (first time leader), Stephen Marchant, Quentin Moran, David Poland, Jannette Schwarz, Andrew Struik, Sandra Teffer, Ana Vrancic.

Wednesday Walks

Do you know how Wednesday Walks work? Each Wednesday, the three clubs Brindabella Bushwalking Club, National Parks Association of the ACT and Canberra Bushwalking Club host two walks, an 'Easy-Medium' and 'Medium-Hard'. CBC leads walks on the second Wednesday and fifth Wednesdays of the month.

John Danaro is CBC's Wednesday Walks Coordinator. He arranges CBC leaders every six months and kindly posts details of <u>all</u> Wednesday Walks to Bilby. Thanks John!

The best way to find out about Wednesday Walks is to join the Wednesday Walks email distribution list (maintained outside CBC). Send an email to the CBC Wednesday Walks Coordinator, wednesday.walks@canberrabushwalkingclub.org, and ask to be placed on the distribution list.

Wednesday Walks attendances are not recorded in Bilby. But they are a significant portion of our walking enjoyment and many inter-club friendships are maintained.

Bushwalking – a Risky Activity

You will have read of the recent death of a walker on Federation Peak in Tasmania, sadly not the first in the last year. And of the search for a lost walker in the Hannels Spur area of the Main Range. And of the drowning at Pine Island.

All of us, CBC Committee members, Leaders and Participants (both members and guests) play a part in managing the risks associated with our activities. Simple things, like good trip planning, vetting participants and carrying a PLB/satellite communicator, mitigate some risks.

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

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