
May Leaders Letter

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Canberra Bushwalking Club



Pleasant open going on the southern ascent to Bendoura Hill on the ACT-NSW border in the Brindabellas

APRIL 2025 LEADERS LETTER

Yuma CBC Activity Leader

ACT Walking Area Closures

The ACT Government will be undertaking a Thermal Assisted Aerial Control (TAAC) program to remove vertebrate pest species from key conservation areas, water catchments and peri urban areas from Thursday 8 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025.

Areas involved are:

- Bullen Range Nature Reserve, Miowera Pines and part of Pierces Creek Forest - Closed 8 May 2025 to 18 May 2025
- Gigerline Nature Reserve, Rob Roy Nature Reserve South and part of Ingledene Forest - Closed 8 May 2025 to 18 May 2025
- Stony Creek Nature Reserve and Hyles Forest (Cotter Pines) - Closed 8 May 2025 to 16 May 2025
- Molonglo River Reserve - Closed 12 May 2025 to 16 May 2025
- Tiddinbilla Nature Reserve and part of Pierces Creek Forest - Closed 15 May 2025 to 16 May 2025
- Namadgi National Park – West of Boboyan Road - Closed 16 May 2025 to 27 May 2025
- Namadgi National Park – East of Boboyan Road - Closed 19 May 2025 to 28 May 2025
- Northern Namadgi National Park and Lower Cotter Catchment - Closed 19 May 2025 to 28 May 2025
- Googong Foreshore - Closed from 26 May 2025 to 30 May 2025.

For detailed maps and further information, please visit: <https://www.act.gov.au/environment/animals-and-plants/animals/pest-animals/vertebrate-pests/thermal-assisted-aerial-control-program-2025>

AAWT Closures

Are you planning to hike any of the Australian Alps Walking Track in 2025? This 650km track traverses Australia's High Country from Walhalla in Victoria to our very own Namadgi Visitor's Centre.

Please note that several sections of the track will be closed in the coming months:

All ACT sections of the track from the Mt Tennant summit to the NSW Border (Murrays Gap) will be closed from Friday 16 May and reopen on Wednesday 28 May. The track from Namadgi's Visitors Centre to the Mt Tennant summit will remain open during this time.

(sourced from ACT Parks and Conservation social media)

Castle Walking Track Closure

Track maintenance will commence at the Castle Walking Track from 2nd June until approximately 30th November 2025. The closed areas are:

- Castle Walking Track closed
- Cooyoyo campground closed

Penalties apply for non-compliance. For more information, contact the local NPWS office

(sourced from <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/castle-summit-guided-overnight-hike/local-alerts>)

First Aid Training

Refresher training for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is being offered to members on Wednesday morning 18 June. Preference will be given to members who completed the First Aid Training last year as the qualification HLTAID009 'Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation' is valid for only one year.

An opportunity to undertake the training may be extended to other members if the minimum number is not reached.

It is highly recommended that active leaders at least have this qualification.

[Book here.](#)

Another successful Practical Map and Compass Navigation Exercise

Terrylea R, with able assistance from Sandra T, recently ran this half-day exercise in Callum Brae. Another, the 13th, has been scheduled in July, but is already full.

April Walk Leaders

Active leaders who led trips in April were:

Dave A, Jenny A, Monika B, Garry B, Robin C, Michael C, John D, Gerald D, David D, Philip G, Kirk H, John K, Dick M, Beat O, Sal O, Terrylea R, Phillip S, Andrew S, Sandra T, Tim W, John E.

Thanks folks for providing so much enjoyment for others.

Wednesday Walks Coordinator – the baton is handed on

John Danaro has been our Wednesday Walks Coordinator for a number of years. Wednesday Walks are scheduled every Wednesday, with an Easy-Medium walk and a Medium-Hard walk. Leaders are drawn from BBC, NPA ACT and CBC. Details are circulated via an email distribution list (not maintained by CBC). As well as organising CBC leader contributions twice a year, John each week faithfully enters the walk details into Bilby once they are known. This is a wonderful service to CBC members.

Thank you John for your huge contribution to the Club!

The baton is now changing and from the beginning of June Henry Gardner will take on the role. Henry is highly regarded in Canberra walking clubs.

You can continue to contact the CBC Wednesday Walks Coordinator via wednesday.walks@canberrabushwalkingclub.org.

More Bilby Activity Tags

Our Web Manager Keith has added some more activity Tags to Bilby. Use the appropriate tags on your activity to help intending participants gauge whether they have the capacity to undertake your trip.

These will also make the preparation of the annual insurance return to Bushwalking NSW a lot easier.

1. Add Alpine Activity (assume that if Alpine is not selected then it is a non-Alpine activity). I'll describe Alpine Activity as one where significant time is spent above the tree-line in mountainous areas or an activity in snow.
2. Change Rafting to Rafting/Boating (not including canoeing/kayaking).
3. Add Caving.
4. Add Abseiling (as this activity can occur during canyoning) and participants should know if that is required during an activity.
5. Change Skiing to Snow Skiing (to avoid confusion with Water Skiing, which is not covered by our insurance anyway).

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

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