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**CBC Leaders Letter April 2026**

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*Early snow on Mt Gingera last Saturday, after Friday's wild and cool weather*

**APRIL 2026 LEADERS LETTER**

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## **New Walk Leader - Ryan Breen**



Hello everyone, I've returned back into hiking over the last two years with my first major challenges the Larapinta Trail in 2024, followed by the Wilsons Prom and Western Arthurs in 2025 - nothing like jumping straight into the deep end! If I'm not hiking, I also enjoy car camping (4wd), canoeing, fishing, bird watching and interested in getting more into canyoning and abseiling. Being immersed in nature is grounding and the more wild and rugged the better. I work in environmental restoration, specialising in rivers and wetlands. Restoring the health of the upper Murrumbidgee River (between Tantangara and Burrinjuck dams) is a current focus and motivation. I am enjoying being part of the CBC for sharing trip ideas, skill development and the company to share the stunning experiences that nature has to offer. Thank you all for being so welcoming and I look forward to hitting the trail with many of you.

## **Garmin SOS by inReach**

Garmin have published a 2025 report on SOS activations. Well worth a quick look at the graphs in [2025 Garmin inReach® SOS review](#) .

## **Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations form**

If you have non-Bilby registered participants on your trip, please use the updated version!

Please use the [latest version of the AoR&O form](#), which comes from Bushwalking NSW's review of risk management guidelines and the legal opinion of our form obtained by CBC.

## **Shared Transport Rate**

Do make transport rate adjustments for increased fuel costs. The following was published in the CBC Upcoming Activities 29 March:

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The amount we normally pay for shared transport is determined [here](#). The leader always has the discretion to vary the calculated cost.

Do maximise the number of passengers per vehicle for trips. Consider walking closer to home.

During this period of high fuel costs, leaders should **add extra** to cover this.

For example, if petrol used to be, say, \$1.85/l and is now \$2.50/l, the driver should be compensated with an extra  $\$2.50 - \$1.85 = \$0.65$  per litre used.

Let's say a vehicle uses 8litres/100km. For a return drive from meeting point to track head of 150km, the compensation should be  $\$0.65 * 8/100 * 150 = \$7.80$ , spread amongst all walkers in a vehicle.

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### **March Activities**

Huge thanks to our active March leaders. You are providing wonderful opportunities for our members and guests to get out and about.

Dave A, Bruce B, Ryan B, Cynthia B, David C, Andrea C, John D, Gerald D, Janet D, Henry G, Linda G, Rob H, Dick M, Lena O, Sal O, Andrew S, Lorraine T, John E.

There was a great range of trips: short local hikes, substantial day walks, and 3 multi-day walks (including 2 in Tasmania).

### **Bush Rescues**

Have a look at [this Facebook post](#). Bushwalking clubs get a reference in the comments. IMHO CBC does very well in managing risk on activities, based on good trip descriptions, prospective participant vetting, leader qualification and our very good training opportunities.

### **Looking Forward**

What's your vision for the Canberra Bushwalking Club in 18 months, 5 years, 10 years?

Mine is for an ever-increasingly vibrant Club, providing a wide range of activities to attract all members of society to experience the benefits of interacting with nature.

To do this, we need to continually present a wide range of activities, suitable for beginners or time-poor members and guests, through to experienced expeditioners conducting multi-day and multi-week trips. Something for everyone.

There needs to be a constant focus to encourage and support new leaders. Similarly, we need to provide opportunities for participants to challenge themselves to experience more difficult walks, if that's what they desire.

Our Club needs to enhance the current effort to attract younger members to CBC.

Without these elements, our Club could very well fade away to nothing.

Change is the constant ingredient for us to excel into the future.

With those thoughts in mind, it is not appropriate to have a near 80-year-old as the Walks Secretary. I will not be nominating for that position at the 2026 AGM.

I am equally sure that a very capable leader or member will step into the Walks Secretary role. I will give you all the support you need.

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

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