



# Canberra Bushwalking Club



*'The Chasm', Murrumbidgee River near Tuggeranong*

## OCTOBER 2023 LEADERS LETTER

Yuma CBC Walk Leader



### **New Walk Leader: Stephen Marchant**

Stephen joined CBC in 2010 and has participated in nearly 100 Club trips since 2017. In addition, he has walked in Nepal and Mongolia, and on many solo walks (accompanied by his inReach device). He particularly enjoys the Main Range. Stephen's first-led trip is on 21-23 October.

### **New Walk Leader: Laeli Hogan**

Laeli Joined CBC in 2021 and has participated in nearly 40 Club activities. She has a strong preference for multiday hikes "I love nothing more than to load up my pack and disappear into the wild places for days on end". The Budawangas are a favourite destination. She has also completed the Great Ocean Walk, the 5-day Carnarvon Gorge Great Walk, a 100km section of the AAWT, ascended the iconic Hannells Spur and walked west-east over Mt Bartle Frere. She completed CBC navigation training days in 2022 and participates in Rogaine competitions to practice those skills. Laeli's first-led walk is on Sunday 15 October.



### **Navigation Refresher**

Huge thanks to Rob and Jenny Horsfield for again conducting CBC's flagship training, the 6 session Navigation Refresher course. 12 attended the first night covering map and compass basics. 5 navigators completed the tough weekend exercise near Sentry Box Mountain. Will new walk leaders emerge?

### **September Walk Stats**

20 trips were completed in September. Thank you to contributing walk leaders, who were Jenny Arnold, John Danaro, Marlene Eggert, Linda Groom, Jenny Horsfield, Rob Horsfield, Sal Ozgul, Phillip Starr, Ian Wright, John Evans. There were 171 participants (+ Wednesday Walkers who are not recorded in Bilby). Participants included 16 guests.

### **Sub24 Activities**

Sub24 activities are an excellent pathway for members to progress from day walking to overnight trips. Starting around midday on Saturday and finishing 24 hours later, a short walk to a campsite beside a hut gives an opportunity to test camping gear and sample a convivial evening. Encourage participants to contact Rob Horsfield, our Equipment Officer, on [equipment@canberrabushwalkingclub.org](mailto:equipment@canberrabushwalkingclub.org), to enquire about hiring gear. Would anyone like to schedule one?

### **CBC Facebook page**

Do submit a catchy description and a few titled photos from your latest activity to [facebookadmin@canberrabushwalkingclub.org](mailto:facebookadmin@canberrabushwalkingclub.org). It's a great way to showcase to members and the public what we're up to. Check with participants that they're happy to have faces shown.

### **Bilby Tips and Tricks**

There are some Bilby T&Ts on the CBC website [here](#). The one on the Lifecycle of an Activity might be of interest to you.

### **Hot and Dry Weather Conditions**

Another reminder to plan your activities to take account of the weather forecast. Go early, wet or high. Carry plenty of water.

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

Yarra.

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