

# HUT NEWS

"Nature Conservation Saves for Tomorrow"



## 4th WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CONGRESS

### "LEARNING IN A CHANGING WORLD"

At our next monthly meeting guest speaker, Adrienne Murphy, will talk about her recent trip to attend the 4th World Environmental Education Congress in Durban, South Africa.

Adrienne studied Conservation Technology and Social Ecology and worked on state of the environment reporting for the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust and University of Western Sydney before taking up a job with the Blue Mountains City Council ten years ago. She lives in Katoomba, has two children and has job-shared the position of Sustainability Education Officer at BMCC for the last 5 1/2 years.

Conference opening



Recently Adrienne was one of 1000 delegates from over 100 countries to attend the 4th World Environmental Education Congress hosted by the Environmental Education Association of Southern Africa. It was the first time that the Congress had been held in Africa and comes at a time when there are increasing demands on environmental education practice and policy to contribute to the goals of international directives such as the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, the UN Development Millennium Goals and Education for All.

Adrienne will present her observations and experience of the conference including photos and stories of her travel to National Parks, the World Heritage-listed Drakensberg Mountains and St Lucia Wetlands and the Wild Coast.

**Time:** 7.30pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September  
**Place:** Conservation Hut, western end of Fletcher St, Wentworth Falls.

**VISITORS MOST WELCOME!**

## Help our Neighbours Preserve the Peace in the Capertee Valley

As many of you, especially those who enjoy bushwalking and birdwatching, are aware, the Capertee Valley is renowned not only for its rugged beauty but also for its natural quiet and the diversity of its bird species; some rare, some vulnerable, some threatened; which live in the Valley or visit throughout the year.

The Capertee Valley is also home to a community scattered over 200 small acreages, a smaller number of larger properties, and a few villages such as Glen Davis. Many of these people came to the area to "get away from it all", making their homes in little pockets of solitude above the beautiful and peaceful gullies and small valleys within the broader landscape of the Capertee Valley.

However, for almost three years this peace and quiet has been threatened by a proposal to construct a heliport near Capertee and conduct regular helicopter joy-flights in and around the Capertee Valley, the Gardens of Stone and Wollemi National Parks and the Wollemi Wilderness area.

So far, two development applications have been rejected by Lithgow City Councillors, the second by a very narrow margin, but the proponent had already appealed to the Land and Environment Court before the second refusal and the matter is now before the Court. The Capertee Valley Environmental Group (CVEG) believes that both residents and visitors to the surrounding Greater Blue

Mountains World Heritage Area would be adversely affected by the regular intrusion of noisy helicopter joy-flights. As an objector to the proposed development, CVEG has engaged a leading Acoustics firm as an Expert Witness to prepare a report for the Court.

In order to cover the cost of the Acoustic Expert, CVEG is selling an audio CD "*Superb Lyrebird*", recorded at Mount Airly in the Capertee Valley by Vicki Powys. The recording is of a continuous sequence of calls, including mimicry and territorial song, lasting 29 minutes and is available for \$15 plus \$2 postage.

If you wish to purchase a CD or make a donation to help CVEG with the cost of the Acoustic Expert, please contact CVEG Secretary, Veronica Nolan, on 6379 7200, at [veronol@pnc.com.au](mailto:veronol@pnc.com.au) or by snail-mail: CVEG Inc. Lot 2 Coorain Street Glen Davis, NSW 2846.

### ...a little more about the Capertee Valley Environmental Group

The Capertee Valley Environmental Group (CVEG) was established and incorporated in December 2004. The 40 members comprise a cross-section of the local community—small farmers, builders, medical practitioners and other

professionals, farm-stay operators, holiday accommodation providers, artists, bird-watchers, a horticulturalist/nurseryman, a soundscape recordist, a retired osteopath, and families. Most own property in Capertee or the Capertee and Wolgan Valleys, several have property with one or more National Park boundaries. Some are full-time residents whilst others are "week-enders" but all value the environment and the district's wild and rugged landscapes.

CVEG is in the throes of setting up an ongoing weed-control and revegetation programme for the Glen Davis/Capertee Valley area. It will be working in conjunction with the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority and hopes to have something up and running by the end of September/early October. The Group will initially concentrate on controlling *Gleditsia*, a nasty, thorny, bean-bearing tree which has taken a strong hold in areas close to the Capertee River, in the hope of preventing it from spreading downstream into the Wollemi National Park. CVEG will also be working to control other invasive woody weeds like *Cotoneaster*, *Pyracantha* and *African Olive* on both public and private land (with consent of landowners). This is a major project given the massive infestation of these weeds, but with local "on-the-spot" attention, a measure of control could be achieved.

**Veronica Nolan, CVEG Secretary**

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Australia's community day of  
action on climate change

**SUNDAY**  
2 weeks before the  
2007 federal election

Visit the BMCS website at: [www.bluemountains.org.au](http://www.bluemountains.org.au)

## Letter of the Month—September 2007

### APEC – 'Aspirational' Only

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders meet in Sydney in September. There are 21 heads of government of Pacific Rim economies coming to the meeting.

APEC's goal is 'zero trade and investment barriers' in the Asia Pacific region. It puts the rights of corporations above the rights of people and the environment, ignoring commitments to labour conventions and environmental standards, often overriding regulations and policies that protect people and the environment.

APEC countries account for 60% of global energy demand, so it is fitting that a major focus of the Sydney APEC meeting is energy security and climate change. Unfortunately this is unlikely to lead to real environmental benefits.

APEC has an Energy Working Group that meets twice a year. This group rejects the Kyoto Protocol climate change strategy and advocates 'clean coal' and nuclear energy as the solutions to global warming. At a recent meeting in Darwin, nuclear energy solutions continued to receive broad support while the wind and solar industries were not even represented.

A leaked draft of the APEC leaders' declaration on climate change, energy security and clean development, shows that John Howard plans to use the Sydney APEC meetings to call for a new international action on climate change to replace the 'flawed' Kyoto strategy. World leaders will be asked to back a weakened plan to set an 'aspirational' goal to cut greenhouse gases, rather than firm targets.

Greenpeace has criticised the draft, saying it focuses primarily on improving energy efficiency and forestry, rather than cutting greenhouse emissions.

If APEC members Japan, Canada and New Zealand, sign up to this declaration they will undermine their current commitments, as signatories to Kyoto, to cut their emissions.

"The aspirational goals on energy efficiency, support of 'clean coal' and nuclear power are vague and appear to be designed more to make John Howard and George W Bush look good to their domestic audiences than actually tackling climate change" said Greenpeace.

**Send a short message to Malcolm Turnbull, Minister for the Environment, cc Peter Garrett, Shadow Minister, making some or all of the following points:**

- I call on the Australian government to ratify the Kyoto Protocol and start working responsibly with the majority of other countries to urgently tackle climate change.
- The 'aspirational goals' being asked of the APEC leaders will be useless in achieving the necessary cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. They are empty rhetoric, to obscure the fact that it is really just 'business as usual'.
- Firm and binding emission targets must be set for any meaningful cuts to occur.
- When will the government stop hiding behind the smokescreen of "clean coal" and nuclear energy, which would not have any effect on lowering emissions for at least 15 years?
- The renewable energy industry must be included in APEC's Energy Working Group. Without their inclusion, it is obvious to the Australian public that your Government has no real commitment to dealing with climate change.

**Contact Details:** Post to Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600, or email:

[Malcolm.Turnbull.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Malcolm.Turnbull.MP@aph.gov.au)

[Peter.Garrett.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Peter.Garrett.MP@aph.gov.au)

**Rosemary Lathouris and Robin Mosman**

**Show the next Australian Government you support courageous action on climate change. Unite with thousands of other Australians and be the voice for our planet and for our children's future.**

This year's Walk Against Warming will take place 2 weeks before the 2007 Federal Election so we have to wait until the election date is announced—keep your eyes and ears open for more news or check out the website at [www.walkagainstawarming.org.au](http://www.walkagainstawarming.org.au).

If timing permits, we'll give details of the train to catch if you'd like to travel down to Sydney with other BMCS members for the march, in the next issue of *Hut News*.

## BMCS Groundwater Sub-Committee

Groundwater subcommittee members seek to influence government planning and policy relating to groundwater management. We do this slowly, but effectively, through submissions, publications, letters, press articles and through participation in meetings and community consultation forums with Council, Catchment Management Authorities and the Department of Water and Energy.

Since groundwater and surface water are intrinsically related we are also concerned with broader water issues, such as water supply and quality, and the impacts of coal mining and power stations on ground and surface water and their associated biota. We are advocates of the role of reticulated recycled potable water (i.e. waste water treated to drinking quality) in the long-term planning for a sustainable Sydney water supply.

Our work is assisted by positive relationships with a range of government departments and agencies and non government organisations such as the Nature Conservation Council.

We collaborate with a number of like-minded community organisations such as:

- \* Rivers S.O.S., which campaigns to end environmental damage from underground longwall mining,
- \* the Save Water Alliance Inc, a joint operation between the Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven communities to combat the NSW Government's plans to extract excessive volumes of water from the Kangaloon Aquifer and Tallowa Dam, and
- \* resident action groups resisting commercial bottling of 'spring' groundwater.

We are part of the Reduce, Reuse, Rethink Water Alliance, comprising environmental groups campaigning for a truly sustainable water policy.

Members of the community approach us at times with specific groundwater concerns. Recently in response to such approaches we have looked into two illegal dams, an illegal bore, an attempt to fill a dam using a domestic bore on a neighbouring property, and a hanging swamp that supports an endangered Blue Mountains Water Skink population but is losing groundwater to an upflow housing development. We have encouraged residents to take their concerns to Council, the NSW Dept of Water and Energy other relevant government departments, while adding our voice to theirs.

We actively oppose development applications for commercial extraction of groundwater and we aim to raise consciousness in the community about the importance of groundwater and the need to conserve it. Currently we are distributing stickers for water bottles through schools, with an accompanying leaflet promoting tap water over high-priced bottled "springwater", which takes water from swamps. This programme, which is supported by Minister Koperberg, will be expanded to communities in critical regions beyond the Blue Mountains.

We look forward to interacting with the Department of Water & Energy in relation to the draft ground and surface water plans, due later this year, for the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and National Parks, and the Sydney Metropolitan regions

The Subcommittee is convened by Brian Marshall, the current President of the Society. Brian is a retired Professor of Geology, 'tennis tragic' and grandfather, who has been actively concerned with the environment since joining the Colong Foundation in 1988, and regrets his professional role in the adverse aspects of the mining and manufacturing industries on climate change. He is dismayed at the Federal and State governments' cavalier approach to many environmental issues.

Other members include:-

Ian, a semi retired Patent Attorney with a background in industrial chemistry, who is an SES volunteer in his "spare" time, and who would like to see his grand children inherit an improved and sustainable environment...;

Susan, a retired occupational therapist who is a volunteer bush regenerator and a TAFE course "junkie" with a special interest in swamps, native plants and water;

Lisa, a casual youth worker and fulltime mother of three with a dream to one day return to bushwalking and canyoning and;

Kerrie, nature-lover, bushwalker, former pathology technician, recent diploma graduate in Conservation and Land Management, happy to be of service to the community and very happy to be living in this magical place.

*This month, how to cook up a feast without cooking the planet ...*

## GREEN HINTS to COMBAT GREENHOUSE in the KITCHEN

◆ 'Slow food' is not only fashionable but reaps other rewards; simmering food gently can save half the greenhouse gases generated during cooking. Each litre of water boiled off generates up to 1 kilogram of greenhouse gases.

◆ Water boiled in an electric kettle or in a saucepan with a lid on a gas cooker generates only half as much greenhouse gas as using a microwave or an electric cooktop. And of course you should only boil as much water as you need.

◆ Gas and microwave cooking generates only 30 to 50% of the greenhouse gases generated using electrical cooktops.

◆ Fan-forced ovens generate 35% less greenhouse gases than conventional ovens and can cook more food at the same time.

◆ Dishwashers generate up to 500 kilograms of greenhouse gases each year (the white-good variety that is) - my husband uses more, but then he also doubles as a handyman and a counselling service.

**Susan Girard, Climate Change Subcommittee**



www.kk.org/streetuse/index.php

Meanwhile, over in the US of A ....  
*Could this be the reason why Americans seem unconcerned about Peak Oil and Global Warming?— they've discovered a better use for the family car & the hotter it gets the better! (Ed.)*

## PUBLIC MEETING: Put Desalination on Hold!

Organised by Sydney Alliance to Avert Desalination

DATE: **Wednesday, 12 September**

TIME: **6.30pm - 8pm**

PLACE: **University Hall, UTS**  
(entry from Harris St)

For more information, contact Sam McGuinness at the Nature Conservation Council of NSW on **9279 2466** or [smcguinness@nccnsw.org.au](mailto:smcguinness@nccnsw.org.au) or go to <http://www.nccnsw.org.au/desal>.

*But if we must have a desalination plant, it should be something like the Ceto wave farm power generator &/or desalination plant (Sydney Morning Herald 3-9-07, ABC TV & radio about 4 months ago). See [www.ceto.com.au](http://www.ceto.com.au) for more info. (Ed.)*

# Celebrate September—National Biodiversity Month

September is National Biodiversity Month and with Spring in the air, what better time to get out there and celebrate the wonders of our area—after all, the World Heritage listing rests more on the Blue Mountains' great diversity of Eucalypt species, amongst other things, than it does on the spectacular views from the lookouts!

For National Threatened Species Day, BMCC and National Parks conducted two *Discovery* walks (on Saturday 8 September—too early for this issue of *Hut News*) to mark the recent listing of Blue Mountains Swamps under the NSW Threatened Species Act (see story opposite) and highlighting the importance of these swamps, the threatened species that inhabit them such as the Giant Dragonfly, and what you can do to help them survive well into the future.

If you want to learn more about biodiversity, the Council is continuing its series of Biodiversity Workshops with the next one to be held in Birdwood Gully in Springwood and the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority has recently donated a collection of books on biodiversity to the Blue Mountains Library (a valuable addition to the collection of environmental reference and sustainable living books that BMCS has made to the library over the years).

But of course there's always more work to be done so if you fancy getting your hands dirty, there are some special weeding events coming up, as well as the regular Bushcare activities.

Juli Boddy, *Hut News* Editor

## BUSHCARE Spring Biodiversity Workshops

Sat 15 September, 10am-4pm  
Birdwood Gully, Springwood

A free workshop focusing on the local flora and fauna and bushcare history of the Birdwood Gully Reserve.

To book contact **Chris Dewhurst**  
on [cdewhurst@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cdewhurst@bmcc.nsw.gov.au) or 4780 5528



## GREAT GROSE WEED WALK Program Spring 2007

The 2007 Spring program to help stop the weeds invading our bushland is out now. The program includes post-fire activities in the Grose Valley as well as working in our threatened swamps.

For a copy of the program please contact:

**Vanessa Richardson**

on [vanessa.richardson@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vanessa.richardson@environment.nsw.gov.au)

or 4787 3112.

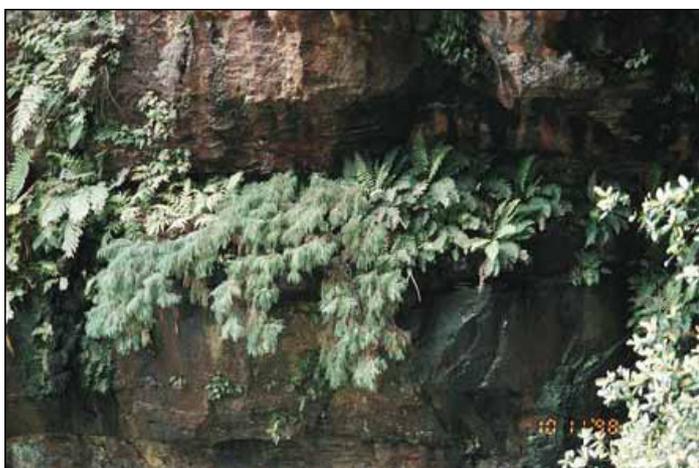
## BMCS Bushcare

The Valley of the Waters Bushcare group works in the Blue Mountains National Park at Wentworth Falls on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Tools are provided but bring morning tea, gloves and drinking water. For more information, contact Karen on 4757 1929.

## DWARF MOUNTAIN PINE Weed Control Day

The endangered Dwarf Mountain Pine (*Microstrobos fitzgeraldii*) clings to a precarious existence in the waterfall spray zones and seepage lines of the south facing cliffs and ledges of a 9km stretch of the southern escarpment of the Blue



*Microstrobos fitzgeraldii* in typical habitat  
(Photo: Wyn Jones)

Mountains Plateau between Wentworth Falls and Katoomba.

The *Microstrobos fitzgeraldii* Recovery Plan states-

"The most immediate threat to the Dwarf Mountain Pine is weed invasion exacerbated by nutrient enrichment. Creeks originating on the top of the urbanised plateau carry nutrients, sediments and weed propagules directly to the downstream habitats of this species. Weeds and seeds lodge on the ledges within the waterfalls where they flourish in the moist environment in direct competition with Dwarf Mountain Pine. Removal of these weed species is essential for the recovery of this species."

Come along and help the recovery of the Dwarf Mountain Pine by removing the weed propagule sources along Leura Falls Creek immediately above Leura Cascades to protect the downstream Dwarf Mountain Pine! Lunch and morning tea will be provided on the day to help us through.

**For further information contact:**

**Michael Hensen**

at [mhensen@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mhensen@bmcc.nsw.gov.au) (preferred)

or on 4780 5471.

# BLUE MOUNTAINS SWAMPS given Vulnerable Ecological Community listing

Blue Mountains Swamps in the Sydney Basin Bioregion have just been listed as a Vulnerable Ecological Community under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act. Two other Blue Mountains swamp communities, *Montane Peatlands* and *Newnes Shrub*



*Grevillea acanthifolia* ssp. *acanthifolia*  
(Photo: Juli Boddy)

Swamps, are already listed as Endangered Ecological Communities under this Act. Together, the three communities are listed as an Endangered Ecological Community - *Temperate Peat Swamps on Sandstone* under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

The Blue Mountains Swamps are home to several threatened animals and insects such as the Water Skink (*Eulamprus leuraensis*) and the Giant Dragonfly (*Petalura gigantea*) as well as various endemic and/or threatened plants such as *Acacia ptyococlada*, *Grevillea acanthifolia* ssp. *acanthifolia* and *Eucalyptus copulans*.

There are about 1400 individually mapped Blue Mountains Swamps, varying from less than 0.1ha to 70ha but with the majority being 1-2ha in size. Their total area is estimated to be about 3200ha within a geographical distribution

of less than 2000km<sup>2</sup>. Although much of the community occurs within the Blue Mountains National Park, about one third of the current area is threatened by erosion, sedimentation, eutrophication and weed invasion due to continuing urbanization. Recreational activities, groundwater extraction, bushfires and climate change also threaten the survival of the swamps.

Whilst it is unfortunate that the plight of the swamps necessitated the listing, hopefully the fact that all three of our local swamp communities are now listed under both NSW and Commonwealth legislation will strengthen the efforts being made to protect them from further damage.

The final determination of the scientific committee can be seen at [http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/npws.nsf/Content/Blue\\_Mountains\\_Swamps\\_vulnerable\\_ecological\\_community](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/npws.nsf/Content/Blue_Mountains_Swamps_vulnerable_ecological_community).

## Nursery News

**Members' Discount.** As part of a general drive to increase membership and also to offer Members some reward for their contribution to the Society, we are offering a 20% discount on all tube-stock now just \$2, down from \$2.50). Thus, for a Senior's Membership, purchase just 30 plants and you have recouped your annual fee. Tell all your friends and neighbours!

**Wombat Berry.** We have just added this species to our list and wondered about the origin of its common name. *Eustrephus latifolius*, as it is scientifically called, is a twining, branching climber



The bright orange berries of the Wombat Berry, *Eustrephus latifolius*.  
(Photo: M.Fagg, ANBG)

found typically in shaded, moist forests. It produces white to pale pink flowers, about 1.5cm in diameter, which hang in attractive clusters and are followed by smaller bright-orange berries holding small black seeds.

Are the fruits attractive to wombats, we wondered? Presumably they would have to wait for them to fall as they are strict ground dwellers. There was the suggestion that the shape of the fruit resembles the rear-end of a wombat but a much more likely explanation has been proposed by Baker, Corringham and Dark in their book '*Native Plants of the Lower Blue Mountains*'. They suggest that the edible succulent white root may be a source of food for these creatures and, presumably, the name has nothing to do with the berries. Has anybody observed them eating this plant in the wild? Please let us know. When we were potting the seedlings, it was noticed that the volume of the root was much greater than the material above the ground.

The plants should be ready for sale by October.

**Contracts.** We have potted over 2,000 plants as part of a contract with Blue Mountains City Council to revegetate degraded areas of Marmion Swamp in North Katoomba. Council received recently a grant from the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority for restoration of Upper Blue Mountains Swamps. We are currently preparing plants for similar work in Wentworth Falls.

Other filled contracts awaiting



Nursery Volunteers enjoying a BBQ lunch overlooking the Green Gully site.

collection later in the year include plants for Gordon Falls reserve and along walking tracks near Wentworth Falls.

This work requires dedication, patience and skill from the volunteers but it is not all work and no play. On 24th July we returned to Green Gully, the site of former Carlon's Farm in the Megalong Valley, recently acquired by National Parks, from which area we had earlier collected seeds as part of a contract with the Parks Service. The area had been fenced to exclude horses and planted with stock supplied by us some months earlier. It was pleasing to see our plants growing well with about a 70% survival rate, despite the harsh winter. We have prepared another batch of plants to augment the earlier batch. While there we enjoyed a BBQ lunch at the excellent facilities provided by the NPWS and filled the afternoon with a bush-walk.

So, if you would like to become part of this friendly and dedicated group, please contact me.

**Kevin Bell, Nursery Manager**  
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## BLUE MOUNTAINS CONSERVATION SOCIETY BUSHWALKING GROUP

Membership of the bushwalking group is open to Society members. **Cost of insurance and affiliation fees is \$15 per member.**

For further information, contact the Walks Convenor, Christine Davies (4787 7246, [davica@bigpond.net.au](mailto:davica@bigpond.net.au)).

**BEFORE ATTENDING, PLEASE DISCUSS THE WALK WITH THE LEADER (listed below),**

**THIS IS ESSENTIAL IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST WALK OR YOU ARE UNSURE OF THE CLASSIFICATION.**

Grade 1—Easy, Grade 2—Easy/Medium, Grade 3—Medium, Grade 4—Medium/Hard, Grade 5—Hard

### MONDAY LEISURE WALKS

'Short Day' walks of 3-5 hours, for those of average fitness. Bring morning tea, lunch & adequate water. Norm Harris 4784 1554.

- Sep-17** Lockyers Pass, Mt Victoria (2) Meet: 9.30am Mt Victoria Station Leader: **Marie 4787 1257**  
*Early crossing point to the Western Plains.*
- Sep-24** BUS TRIP: Bob Turner's Track, Colo Heights (3) 8.30am BMCC Depot, South St, Kat. Leader: **Ros 4733 3880**  
*Walk to Colo River. Bookings requires - fare of \$12 payable when booking - contact Birgitta on 4784 3191.*
- Oct-1** **No walk** (8 hour day holiday)
- Oct-8** Victory Track, Faulconbridge (2) Meet: 9.00am Faulconbridge Stn car park Leader: **Mary 4787 6584**  
*Creekside walk through forest. Rough steps.*
- Oct-15** South Lawson Waterfalls (2) Meet: 9.00am Cnr Honour Ave & GWH, Lawson Leader: **Ron 4757 1526**  
*A delightful walk along creek, with 5 waterfalls.*

### THURSDAY PLEASURE WALKS

Walks conducted to suit walkers on the day. Bring morning tea, lunch if noted & adequate water. Simone Bowskill 4757 4316.

- Sep-13** Evan's Crown (3) Meet: 9.50am Mt Victoria Station, to car pool Leader: **Marie 4787 1257**  
*Climb up to the granite summit for spectacular views. Bring your lunch or eat at the Tarana Pub.*
- Sep-20** Tessellated Pavement, Mt Irvine. Grade (2) Meet: 9.50am Mt Vic Stn, to car pool Leader: **Phil 4787 5560**  
*Extensive sandstone rock platform with spectacular views*
- Sep-27** Bus trip to Long Neck Lagoon, Mitchell Park nr Pitt Town (1) 8.30am Kat Bus Depot Leader: **Simone 4757 3416**  
*Walk through remnant wetlands, rainforest and scribbly gums. Cost \$10, bookings required.*
- Oct-4** Transit of Venus track with John Low (2) Meet: 10am Woodford Stn, N side Leader: **Simone 4757 3416**  
*Walk to this historic track in north Woodford with local historian John Low.*
- Oct-11** Red Hands Cave, Glenbrook (2) Meet: 9.30am Glenbrook Stn carpark Leader: **Heather 4739 1493**  
*Return walk along creek to cave from the causeway.*
- Oct-18** Echo Point to Katoomba Cascades (1) Meet: 9.30am Gearins Hotel, Katoomba Leader: **Joan c/o 4757 3416**  
*Easy cliff top walk.*

### WEEKEND WALKS

Usually full day walks—please discuss with the leader or Jim Percy 4758 6009. Bring morning tea, lunch & adequate water.

- Sep-15** Lockleys Pylon, DuFaur's Head - Wild Flowers (2) Meet: 8am Leura School Leader: **Bill 4758 8545**  
*Observe the splendour of the Mid-Mountain's Spring wildflowers along the Pinnacles Track. (8 km, all on track.)*
- Sep-22** Wiggins Track—Glenbrook Crk—Magdala Crk (2) Meet: 8.30am Springwood Stn Leader: **Bob 4757 2694**  
*9km walk, all on track.*
- Sep-29** Crossing of the Blue Mountains of NSW Day 2 (3) Meet: 8.30am Blaxland Stn CP Leader: **Jim 4758 6009**  
*Blaxland to Woodford: 16km some on track or firetrail, some off track with creek crossings.*
- Oct-6** Narrowneck (3) Meet: 8.00am Gearins Hotel Katoomba Leader: **Bill 4758 8545**  
*14km, undulating firetrail and track to Tarros Ladder. Spectacular views.*
- Oct-13** Faulconbridge Point (2) Meet: 8.30am Faulconbridge Stn Leader: **Bob 4757 2694**  
*12km, undulating firetrail to Faulconbridge Point Lookout for magnificent views into the Grose Valley.*

### Three-day walk: Hundred-Man Cave—Kanangra

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007

Steep ups and downs and lots of them, but worth the effort for the spectacular Kanangra scenery!

*Kanangra Tops - Crafts Walls - Mt High and Mighty - Mount Cloudmaker - Rip, Rack, Roar and Rumble Knolls*

**Tuesday:** Kanangra to Hundred-Man Cave, camp in this great 'sleeping cave'  
**Wednesday:** Explore Tiwillia plateau to Campanoney Pass  
**Thursday:** Return to Kanangra

(Grade: 4, Distance: 20 km, Map: Kanangra)

Contact the walk leader, Jim Percy, on 4758 6009 if you are interested.

**Membership Matters.....** *Do you have a question or problem regarding your BMCS or bushwalking club membership?*

For a prompt response, please contact our Membership Secretary, Ilan Salbe, directly using the details given on the right. Email is preferable as he works full-time in Parramatta, followed by a phone call after 7pm (or leave a message with your name and number).

It's best not to use the general BMCS email or phone number for membership enquiries as the office isn't usually staffed so it may take a while for messages to be forwarded (and occasionally phone messages can be difficult to decipher).

### Welcome to our new members

Raymond & Margaret Huebel,  
*Faulconbridge*

Helen Millett, *Lithgow*

Joan Simpson, *Leura*

Keith Dorrian, *Penrith*

Jessica O'Connor, *Wentworth Falls*

Linsi Braith, *Linden*

Christine Frewer, *Glenbrook*

Pat Rayner, *Blackheath*

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