



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Darug and Gundungurra people, and pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

## Raising the Warragamba Dam wall – the NSW Government’s controversial EIS nears release

Christine Davies and Don Morison

Associate Professor Jamie Pittock of the Australian National University has comprehensively criticised the NSW Government’s plan to raise the Warragamba Dam wall by up to 17 metres.

If this plan goes ahead, 4700 hectares of Blue Mountains National Parks and 65 km of wild streams would be inundated by water backing up from the dam wall. The Greater Blue Mountains would lose indigenous sites as well as flora and fauna habitat on which World Heritage listing relies. Housing development on floodplains would be facilitated, although Minister Stuart Ayres has said that raising the wall has nothing to do with allowing more development in high risk areas. This dilemma underlines the State Government’s lack of a population control policy. Read the report: <https://www.bluemountains.org.au/documents/hutnews/2108-prof-jamie-pittock-alternative-flood-management-measures-sep18.pdf>

A Society member whose family, during a previous century, lost six members in a flood near Windsor, downstream of the present-day dam site, agrees with Professor Pittock. Humans should move out of harm’s way. The Hawkesbury-Nepean valley’s days as a flood plain will continue.

Pittock emphasises that, in crucial periods, more than half of the water causing damage comes from sources other than the dam and its catchment.

Release of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is imminent. It appears that during the so-called public participation process, the NSW Government is preparing a ‘law and order’ campaign against legitimate public objection. The Government also wants to discredit academic critiquing of flaws in documents that misrepresent wall raising options as superior to environmentally friendly alternatives.

Read:

<https://www.bluemountains.org.au/documents/hutnews/2108-smh-5jul21-warragamba-dam-info-sessions.pdf>

Supporters of the World Heritage Area and responsible public policy should oppose the dam proposal. Let’s overwhelm state and federal politicians with correspondence and submissions against the raising of the dam wall. Federal operatives need to become involved, especially with respect to the inevitable flooding of multiple indigenous sites.

Sydney is already too interconnected for more crowding in the western basin. The current pandemic underscores this, and it will not be the last. People are beginning to move to smaller centres to escape risk. Sydney is already big enough to host the educational, research and health institutions that need a large population.

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# Report on the Management Committee meeting of 17 July, 2021

Matters discussed and resolutions were as follows:

- Welcome to Gordon Fell who has nominated as Threatened Species Officer. The committee supported his nomination unanimously.
- Report on proposals for the draft Blue Mountains National Park Plan of Management. The Society will make a submission by the end of this month and the draft will be out by the end of this year.
- Support for the Festival of Resilience and the Blue Mountains Writers' Festival discussed. President will discuss this with Varuna. Possibility of approaching Rebecca Huntley to give a talk.
- COVID plan for the nursery to be prepared and sent to National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).
- A third member of the investment subcommittee is to be decided upon.
- Local government elections - the Land Use subcommittee requests suggestions for the candidates' questionnaire.
- Angela Langdon attended and reported on the Stakeholder Reference Group workshop for the strategic plan for Katoomba town centre.
- Katoomba Airfield - Tara reported that the open letter in the Sydney Morning Herald was quite successful. The community campaign will continue and the use of advertisements on buses will be investigated.
- Progress with planning the Society's 60th birthday celebrations. A venue and time of day have yet to be decided.
- Planning day postponed to August 21, depending on easing of lockdown restrictions. Venue and agenda yet to be decided.
- Approved payment for first aid courses for bush walkers.
- Approved payment for binding of seven years' worth of minutes and reports
- Proposals for refreshing our brand to be put to the planning day
- Attendees to the Nature Conservation Council conference 2021 were agreed to be Madi Maclean, Cathy Cavanagh and Paul Vale. Subcommittees to prepare resolutions to the conference.
- A review of Management Committee protocols was agreed to.

## Welcome to new members

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Robert Curtis  
Liz Oski  
Les Cormack  
Eduardo Ugarte  
Amanda McNamara  
David Moore  
Heather Gray  
Clifford Brown  
Harry Burkitt  
Kevin Dodds  
Kathryn Dodds  
Leonie Kelly  
Nicky Wallis  
Elizabeth S. Northey  
Alan K. Northey

Complimentary memberships have also been given to Henry Gold for his regular donations and Penny Sharpe who is the NSW Shadow Minister for Environment.

There are now 935 members.

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## Council elections postponed

On Saturday 24 July the Minister for Local Government (Shelley Hancock MP) postponed the council elections until Saturday 4 December in response to the state's coronavirus crisis.

For more information on the key dates for the election, enrolling, candidates and our questionnaire, go to our

Council Election webpage - <https://www.bluemountains.org.au/elections/bmce21/>

The further postponement of this election will not change the future schedule of council elections, and the subsequent election will still proceed in September 2024.

## Use your electoral power

Clare Power

The coming months provide the opportunity to use our electoral power to demand strong climate policies at the levels of local and federal government.

We are living in a climate emergency. A glance at the news shows that extreme weather events around the world are increasing and causing immense destruction. Meanwhile, Australia remains an international laggard in terms of climate policy and support for fossil fuel industries.

NSW local government elections are being held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. Local government is a powerful site for meaningful action on climate change. NSW councils can contribute significantly to such action, including emission reductions and planning for climate adaption.

This includes areas such as public infrastructure, local emergency responses, building regulation and

planning, public health and environmental management.

Councils are also more effective when they engage households and business in consultation, engagement, education and action.

Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC) has committed to a range of actions on climate change. In electing our councillors we need to ensure that they pledge to support and extend this focus.

Which impacts of climate change in our local community are you particularly concerned about? Consider contacting the candidates for your ward and asking them to outline how they will address your concerns in the particular context of the Blue Mountains.

Let candidates know that, regardless of their political affiliation, climate action needs to be at the forefront of their platform.



# Takayna/ Tarkine is under threat

Clare Power

Last year I wrote for Hut News about visiting takayna / Tarkine in Tasmania and the destructive impact that logging of old growth forest is having in this region.

Takayna / Tarkine is a vast area of 447,000 hectares in north western Tasmania which has been verified as having both National and World Heritage values. It is an Aboriginal cultural landscape of incredible biodiversity including rainforest, eucalyptus forests, wetlands, button grass plains, rivers, cave systems, and massive sand dunes.

The impact of Tasmanian government sanctioned logging is now unbelievably compounded by Chinese state-owned company MMG's proposal to use takayna / Tarkine rainforests as a dump for 25 million cubic metres of toxic, acid-leaching tailings waste. They plan to build a 140 hectare tailings dam to be filled with mine waste pumped over the Pieman River and into the rainforest.

The proponent's own report highlights impacts on Wedge-tailed Eagles, Masked Owls, Tasmanian Devils and Spotted-tail Quolls, with possible impacts on Grey Goshawks, Azure Kingfishers, Curlew Sandpipers, White-throated Needle-tails, Swift Parrots and Gould's Petrels.

In an article in the Saturday Paper July 17, Bob Brown describes the action to save takayna / Tarkine as the largest since the Franklin Blockade in 1983.

Please visit <https://www.bobbrown.org.au/> to find out more about this issue and consider writing a letter to the government to demand that destruction of takayna / Tarkine cease and instead, that this area of immense environmental and cultural heritage is protected.

*Dr. Clare Power is the Climate Change and Sustainability Officer of the Society's Management Committee.*

*Upper right. Typical of the trees in takayna pegged for logging.  
Lower right. Part of Bob Brown's campaign against logging in takayna.  
Photos by Clare Power*





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# Opinion

## Twin crises - what does it mean?

Susan Crick

A survey conducted late last year shows that 79% of Australians now believe that climate change is happening. Few can deny the COVID-19 virus is also causing a crisis for the entire planet.

But how many think the two are linked? It seems that no survey about that idea has been conducted. At the Mick Dark Talk for the Future in 2015, Dr. Tim Flannery was asked if he believed if Gaia, the so called goddess of the Earth, was responsible for climate change and was responding to human interference in nature. He said something like:

'I don't believe in Gaia but I do believe there are processes that work to keep the ecosystems of the Earth in balance.' (Apologies to Dr Flannery for my paraphrasing of his words).

An article published in December 2020 in *\*The Lancet* ([thelancet.com](http://thelancet.com)), the well known and respected medical journal, suggests that the two crises share commonalities. Both, it says, are borne of human activity that has led to environmental degradation.

Referring to China and its population of 1.4 billion *The Lancet* says:

'Curbing the drivers of climate change will help to suppress the emergence and re-emergence of zoonotic diseases that are made more likely by intensive farming, international trade of exotic animals, and increased human encroachment into wildlife habitats, which in turn increase the likelihood of contact between people and zoonotic disease. Increased international travel and urbanisation leading to higher population density encourage the rapid spread of zoonoses once they spill over into the human population. These factors also have an important role in climate change as environmental determinants of health.'

'Climate has slipped from the top of the global agenda because of political indifference and the need to deal with the immediacies of COVID-19. Five years on from the Paris Agreement, seizing the opportunity to refocus interests on sustainability offers the co-benefits of protecting our future health, the

environment, and our planetary systems. As governments embark on economic recovery plans in the wake of COVID-19, concerns for climate change and equity are rightly focused on a green recovery. A global rapid transition to clean energy sources is needed, ending the stranglehold of fossil fuels. Decisions being made now must tackle both crises together to ensure the most effective response to each.'

A brief scan of various articles shows that many others think that climate change may have brought about COVID-19 and other health issues due to direct impacts on the Earth's environment.

But what if both are the result of too many humans on the planet? Bigger populations need larger economies to support them and the converse – we are told that we must increase populations to support larger economies. And so we invade, dig up, use and destroy whole ecosystems to support this unhealthily large population in the manner and lifestyle we're told we need - to 'grow the economy'. We seem to believe we have a right to it all.

I am reminded of watching, over a few years, as the fig psyllid (*Mycopsylla fici*) killed a few Moreton Bay figs in the Domain in Sydney. They would suck the sap from the leaves of a fig, increasing their population as they went, until there were no leaves left and the fig died - but so did their population.

Only when we, as a species, acknowledge that we are merely members of Earth's ecosystem, and cannot dominate it, will it all work in harmony. Only when we seek to keep our part of it in balance with all other living things, will crises like climate change and COVID cease. Or will Earth's natural processes work to return it to a state of balance, despite us?

Of course this may be only my opinion. Or am I stating the bleeding obvious?

\*Reference: *The Lancet*. Volume 397, Issue 10269. P71  
'Climate and COVID 19, Converging Crises'

# Dear Editor

## We shouldn't need our kids to tell us...

First, I want to congratulate all contributors to July *Hut News*. I've read all of the articles - have I ever even done this before? And I want to acknowledge the skill and the work that's gone into them.

What caught my attention first, of course, was the front page: *Tourism After the Pandemic*, with the call for debate on Sustainable Tourism.

*After?* Will there ever be an after? What a challenge we all face now, and goodness knows what will be happening by August.

I've been observing and in my own, often bumbling ways, preparing for the march of climate change over more than a quarter century. As myself, and as my character 'Bag Lady' since 2001, I've been living ASAP, meaning *As Sustainably As Possible*, and I've been doing it 24/7, so consider myself a bit of an expert and if I don't know something, I know where to find out. I think the same can apply to anyone who cares about our children's future; and we shouldn't need our kids to tell us it's urgent.

I call on all of us who have enduring shelter, warmth in winter, cool in summer, who have enough food, and clean water - and those of us who have more than enough money to meet all these needs - to take responsibility, have the debates and conversations called for in your article, and act on them.

I am a member of Resilient Blue Mountains, and as I write, we of course don't know whether the first Blue Mountains Festival of Resilience [October 1-31] for which scores of us have already put in *so much work*, can actually take place on Earth, due to Covid 19, or online, via cyberspace or what?

I've been talking with schools about their contribution and I'm impressed and heartened by the level of interest and commitment, to work with us in whatever way they can. Well done teacher friends!

So we are learning about resilience, changing and adapting, speaking honestly, and listening to others' points of view. And if there's one place in the world where people have the guts, intelligence, imagination

and creativity to deal with these challenges, it surely must be the Blue Mountains. So let's do it.

And my topic for that debate, which I'd love to see in schools - on or offline and perhaps for the Festival of Resilience - would be: Sustainable Tourism: Is it Possible? We could call on the whole community including council, businesses, schools, to *show* what we're doing that we're proud of, and what we need to do better.

**Shirley Lewis**

*Shirley is a member of the Society and Resilient Blue Mountains, a former journalist and a well known member of the Katoomba community.*

**Are you concerned about environmental damage or a development related o in your neighbourhood but don't know who to contact?**

The Society's Planning & Development Resource Kit may help you.

<https://www.bluemountains.org.au/pdrk-welcome.shtml>

### **Gardens of Stone Visitors Map**

The Visitors Map is full of suggested walks and trips. It is in full colour, 60 by 85 cm in size, and covers the entire Gardens of Stone region at a 1:100,000 scale, making it ideal for planning your next trip to the area. You can buy a map on the society's website at <https://www.bluemountains.org.au/sales-map.shtml>



# Ramblings

Alan Page

It is said that the best place to hide something special is in plain sight – and that would be Lockleys Pylon. Its flat pyramid shape distinguishes it.

*Photo: Alan Page*



I'm usually apprehensive about publicising special places in the Blue Mountains as some people aren't sensitive to their natural surroundings – like the walker I encountered at Butterbox Point recently who had a boom box cranked up. You could hear his "music" for miles around.

But unlike several lookouts, you need to walk some 6 km to reach Lockleys Pylon – and both the journey and the destination are the experience.

The track to Lockleys Pylon starts at The Pinnacles on Mount Hay Road. The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has recently installed hundreds of hardwood risers on the steps to make it a comfortable walk. Thank you NPWS.

Although the sign at the start reads two to three hours return, it is better to allow more time so you can linger on the way and at Lockleys itself.

The bush is recovering from the black summer of 2019/20 – and although it will take years, the regrowth and rebirth is encouraging. So as you pass through the heaths and forests on the way, take time to look at Banksia and Hakea seedlings,

identified by their burnt parents standing guard and look out for other plants that are either regrowing or were spared by the fire – which seems to have passed through this area quickly.

On a recent walk I encountered hundreds of Bitter Cryptandra (*Cryptandra amara*). It's a small plant whose flowers are 3 mm long and change from white to powdery pink as it ages.

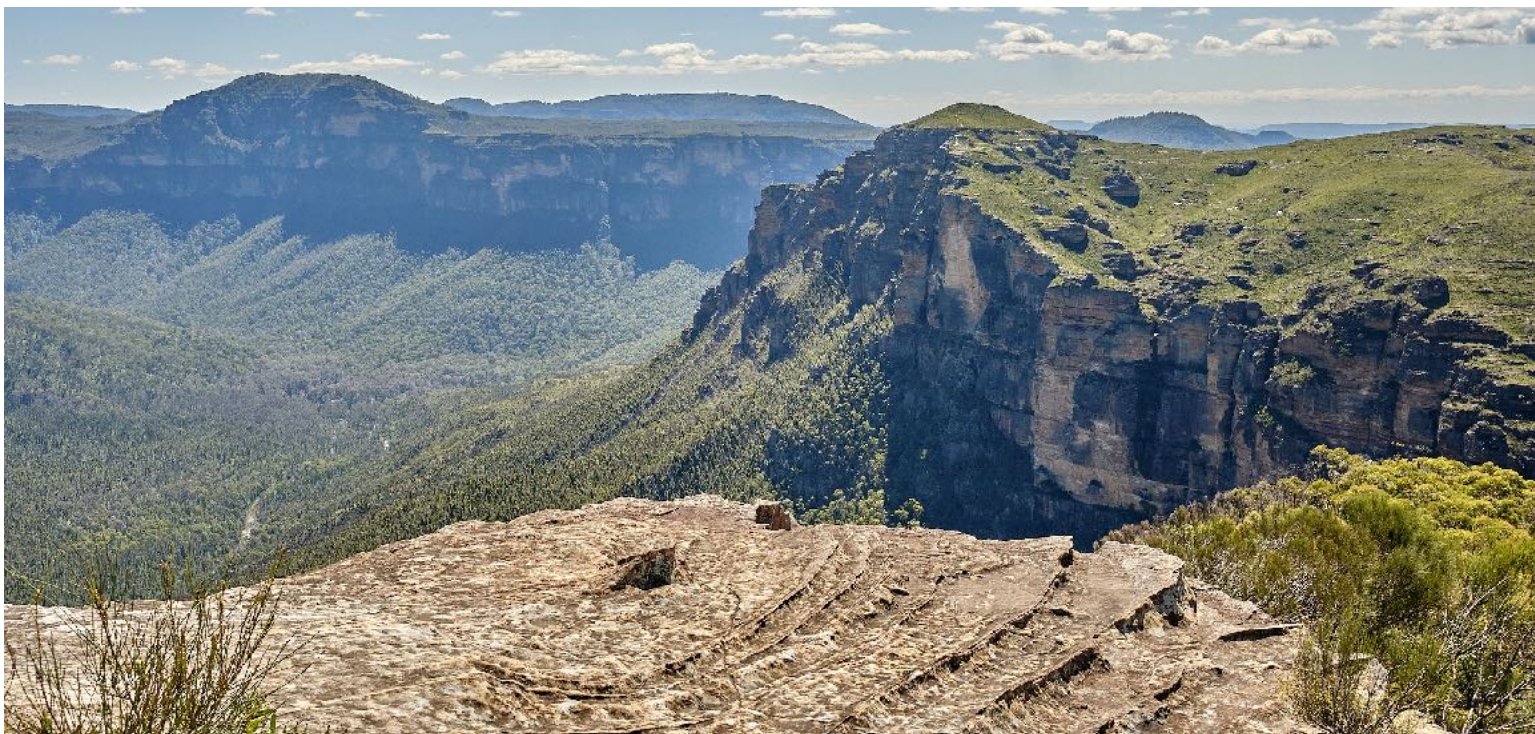
For most of the walk I could hear NPWS helicopters delivering track maintenance material somewhere near Anvil Rock. Although it was several kilometres away, it disturbed the tranquillity. But I didn't mind as I could see the result of such effort on my walk and the noise is a short term pain but a long term investment.

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*Cryptandra amara. Photo: Alan Page*







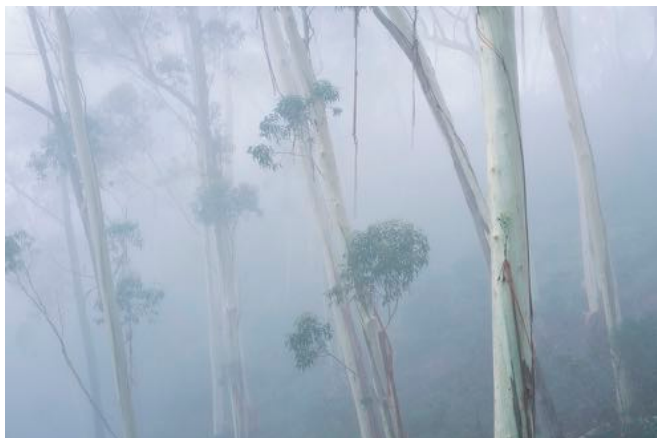
*Lockleys Pylon with Mount Banks in the distance - taken from Fortress Ridge. Photo. Ian Watson*

However imagine if Katoomba Airfield becomes operational and the noise is closer and unrelenting.

Once you're at Lockleys Pylon you have a 360° breathtaking panorama that even the best photos struggle to capture. You're in the Grose Wilderness - <https://bmnature.info/conservation-wilderness-grose.shtml>

Breathe it in and enjoy the wonder. And then linger on the homeward leg as I'm sure you will see things you hadn't noticed earlier.

*Alan page is the Website Officer for the Society and has an abiding love of our bush. He has his own wildlife website [waratahsoftware.com.au](http://waratahsoftware.com.au).*



## That Tree

Ross Bridle.

Yes, we are shut down with the Covid,  
No longer roaming free -  
But it gives me cause to contemplate  
The dilemma of THAT tree.

It saw the wildfires coming  
But just had to stand its ground  
Its burnt-out trunk and blackened form  
Confirm- it was confined to home.

How much we take for granted  
When free to come and go,  
Yet our bushland has no defence.  
Against what climate change bestows.

*Ross Bridle is a member of the Society and a keen poet. He frequently contributes to Hut News.*

*Left. Eucalyptus oreades, Blue Mountains ash. Photo: Ian Brown*





Keith Muir

As a happy new owner of a Katoomba home, surrounded by wonderful trees and beside a hanging swamp, I need another way to be part of the renewable energy economy than installing solar panels.

Fortunately, in June I attended a renewable energy lecture in Lithgow, where I heard about an energy co-operative in Orange that can provide my new home with renewable energy.

Through membership in Energy Democracy (ABN 15 648 097 988), I've purchased a \$15,000 share in a new energy project to provide my power needs. A \$3.5 million grant from the NSW Government's Regional Community Energy Fund has enabled Energy Democracy, a community energy co-operative, to purchase up to 44% of a planned 5MW solar farm with a 5MWh battery energy storage. For the next three months, new members are being sought to buy share parcels in this project.

The scheme has development consent (DA 423/2019(1)) and will go ahead. It is underwritten by renewable energy investment specialist, Octopus Investments Pty Ltd (ABN 17 626 662 039), the majority owner of the project. So, if the co-operative doesn't take up its 44% shareholding entitlement by the time the scheme is commissioned, the underwriter will increase its stake to ensure the project proceeds. Octopus has built and operates 161 solar farms, including Australia's largest current operating solar farm at Darlington Point, so it's a good bet this scheme will work.

Through Energy Democracy you can own a stake in this renewable energy park. If your roof, like mine, is unsuitable for solar panels or if you run a small business in a commercial tenancy, you can access renewable energy sufficient for your needs through this co-op. And for those who already have panels on their roofs, you can be an investor member with 100% of your generation entitlement sold and the dividends returned to you. The surplus power from the project's batteries will seek the best spot price sold into the

wholesale electricity market. This sounds promising to me.

A total of 917 parcels of shares equivalent to 2.5kW of panels and 2.5kWh of battery storage are available to be purchased at \$4,995 a parcel to co-op members. Each 2.5kW of panels is expected to generate 5,196 kWh per annum (i.e. about twice what roof panels generate) because the panels are mounted on a single axis tracking system that follows the sun throughout the day and is installed to maximise generation.

Each parcel is expected to save 3,897kg/yr in carbon dioxide emissions, since the electricity comes from a renewable resource.

Energy Democracy Central West NSW Co-operative has registered the disclosure statement and the rules of the co-operative with Fair Trading NSW. These are available for viewing by prospective members on the Energy Democracy website.

For more information about Energy Democracy please check out the website, <https://www.energydemocracy.net> where you'll also find FAQs and a useful explanatory video. If you'd like to speak with Energy Democracy about their scheme, please call Jane Lawrence on 0490 935 947.

Energy Democracy is providing community access to renewable energy so you can reduce generation of electricity from coal. By banding together through this co-op you can make a difference to climate change, help build energy resilient communities, reduce your power bill and generate returns on investment.

This article is not a recommendation by me or the Blue Mountains Conservation Society to become a member of Energy Democracy Central West New South Wales Co-operative Limited or to purchase shares in it. You should make your own enquiries, including taking professional advice, before reaching a decision on this scheme.

*Keith Muir is a member of the Society, former Director of the Colong Foundation for Wilderness and former Senior Campaigner of the Total Environment Centre.*

## Raising Warragamba Dam wall...

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In summary, points for submissions include: protect World Heritage national parks and wilderness; respect Aboriginal cultural sites; listen to the logic of Professor Pittock; stop degrading the quality of life of those who already live in Sydney and its surrounds. Enough is enough.

*Christine Davies and Don Morrison have formed a working within the Society to explore this issue.*



*Warragamba dam after rain. A higher dam wall would store waters well above the level of the already inundated area.  
Photo Kattriona Herborn.*



*Confluence – large portions of waters that cause flooding on Western Sydney's plains funnel through the junction of the Nepean and Warragamba Rivers in Blue Mountains National Park. The combined waters flow towards Penrith through the gorge in the background. Photo: Kattriona Herborn.*



# Walks program August 2021

The three month walks program appears on our web page: <https://www.bluemountains.org.au/bushwalking.shtml>. This program is subject to COVID-19 restrictions so please check the web page if you are uncertain.

## Saturday walks

Saturday walks are usually a full day, longer walk at a faster pace. Bring morning tea, lunch and adequate water. Coordinator Harold Thompson. Phone 0409 010737. Email [harold.thompson@bigpond.com](mailto:harold.thompson@bigpond.com)

### August 7

Valhalla, Thor and Asgard Heads, plus a mine and cave. 11km  
Leader Alice 0425 738 766 Meet at Wentworth Falls Station car park  
8.39 am. Map Mount Wilson, Grade 3

### August 14

Red hand Cave and Kanuka Brook, 8 km. Map Springwood. Leader Harold 0409010737. Meet at Glenbrook station at 8.30 am. Grade 3.

### August 21

Banks Ridge Two Arrows Point and The Onion Rings. 12 km. Map Mt Wilson. Leader Harold. 0409010737. Meet at Mt Victoria Station car park 8.30am. Grade 3

### August 28

Roberts Pass 10 km. Map Katoomba. Leader Chris 0412263006.  
Meet at Wentworth Falls Station car park 8.30 am. Grade 3

### September 4

Springwood to Martins Lookout via Sharks Head Cave and Lost World 11 km. Map Springwood. Leader Harold 0409010737.  
Meet at Springwood Station car park 8.30 am. Grade 3

## Monday walks

Short Day walks of 3-5 hours, Suitable for walkers of average fitness. Bring morning tea, lunch and adequate water. The Group Coordinator is Keith Dorrian 0411 162 345 [keithdor53@hotmail.com](mailto:keithdor53@hotmail.com)

### August 2

Martin's Lookout Loop Springwood. Meet at Springwood car park behind Westpac 9.00 am Car Pool Leader: Colin Ford 0421 502 954 Grade 3

### August 9

Fortress Ridge Track Leura. Approx. 8 km. from Mt Hay Rd. Meet at Leura Station Car Park 8.30 am Car pool Fare \$5.00 Leader: Maeve Roberts 4784 2691 Grade 3

### August 16

Sassafras Gully Rd Springwood to Fairy Dell via Perch Ponds and Magdala Creek. Approx. 10 km. Meet at Springwood car park behind Westpac 9.00 am Leader Colin Ford 0421 502 954 Grade 3.

### August 23

Blue Gum Swamp and Bees Nest Hill Winmalee. 13 km. Meet at Springwood Station car park (north side) 8.30 am. Car pool to beginning of walk at the end of White Cross Rd Winmalee Fare \$3.00. Leader: Angela Berry 0427 133 327 Grade: 3

### August 30

Lost World Springwood from Martins Lookout. Meet at Springwood car park behind Westpac 9.00 am Car pool. Leader Lyn Bevington 0432 352 850. Grade 3

### September 6

Balzer Lookout Blackheath. Car pool to end of Ridgewell Rd, then via Burrumooka Trail and return. Approx. 9 km.. Meet at Blackheath Neighbourhood Centre 9.40 am. Car pool Leader Tracy 0434 362 611 Grade 2

## Tuesday walks

Medium day walks of 3-5 hours. Suitable for walkers of average fitness. Bring morning tea, lunch and adequate water. Coordinator Susan Nicholls, phone 4754 1516. Email [suerosn@bigpond.net.au](mailto:suerosn@bigpond.net.au)

### August 3

Jordan Springs to Ropes Crossing (Great West Walk). Leader Doug Nicholls 0455 850753. Meet at Penrith Station on Concourse bridge, 8.30 am. Grade 1

### August 10

Hen and Chicken Bay history walk. 9 km. Leader Judith Dyer 0419 780640. Meet at Strathfield Station ticket barrier at 9.08 am. Grade 1

### August 17

Red Hands Cave circuit. Leader John Blanche 0402 906161. Meet at Glenbrook Station car park 9.20 am.

### August 24

Florabella Pass to Pippas Pass. Leader Roger Blane, 0449 902774  
Meet at Warrimoo Station, 9.01 am. Grade 3/medium.

### August 31

Rose Bay to Watsons Bay. Leader Marek Bowman 0412 347478  
Lunch fish and chips at Watsons Bay. Meet at Central, top of escalator at 9.21 am. Grade 1.

### September 7

Centennial Glen. Fort Rock and Porters Pass. Leader Sharon Cox, 0404 622515. Meet at Blackheath Station 9.35 am. Grade 2-3, medium.

## Thursday walks

Thursday walks take 2- 3 hours and are conducted at a leisurely pace. Bring morning tea and lunch. Coordinator Beverley Thompson. Phone 4757 2076. Email [denfenella12@bigpond.com](mailto:denfenella12@bigpond.com)

### August 5

Lawson Cemetery and golf course. Leader Keith 0411 162 345  
Meet at corner New St. and Waratah St. 8.45 am. Take lunch. grade 1

### August 12

Bell Perimeter Walk. Meet Mt Victoria Stn 9.50am. Carpool \$5.  
Tracy 0434 362 611 Take lunch. Grade 2

### August 19

Cranebrook Waterways. 4 km. Leader Maurice 0402 402783. Meet at Glenbrook Station car park 9.30 am. Car pool. Morning tea at Whitewater Kayaking Cafe. Take lunch. Grade 2.

### August 26

Part of Six Foot Track, Megalong Valley. Leader Tracy 0434 362611.  
Meet at Blackheath Neighbourhood Centre 9.45 am. Carpool \$5.00  
Take lunch. Grade 2.

### September 2

Wiggins Track and Yondell Avenue extension. Leader Colin 0421 502954. Meet at Springwood car park behind Westpac at 9.10 am.  
Take lunch. Grade 2/3

### September 9

Wentworth Falls lanes to picnic area and Short Cut Track. Leader Beverley 4757 2076. Meet at Stockyard car park at 9.30 am. Carpool.  
Take lunch. Grade 1

# About us

The Blue Mountains Conservation Society (BMCS) is an incorporated voluntary group of more than 900 members helping to conserve the World Heritage Blue Mountains region. It was originally the Katoomba and District Wildlife Conservation Society, formed in 1961.

We are governed by a management committee and much of our conservation work is undertaken by sub-committees and campaigns. We also have a native plant nursery, several bushwalking groups and a Bushcare group.

## Contact us

- Call the Membership Secretary, Ross Coster on 02 4739 2987
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- By emailing [bmcs@bluemountains.org.au](mailto:bmcs@bluemountains.org.au)

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You can become a member by

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- Emailing Ross at [membership@bluemountains.org.au](mailto:membership@bluemountains.org.au)
- <https://www.bluemountains.org.au/joining.shtml> or scan this with your mobile:



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