

HUT NEWS

"Nature Conservation Saves for Tomorrow's People"



Salinity — a Major Issue

Increasing salinity levels in ground water has become a major issue for all Australians. For too long, we have ignored the signs, and now we have a problem that will require massive re-education and a massive effort to remedy.

Andrew Wooldridge works in the Dept. of Lands and Water Conservation, and specialises in salinity. He will be the speaker at our July General Meeting, to be held at 7.30 pm on Friday 30 July at the Conservation Hut, Wentworth Falls.

Our monthly meetings also include discussion of current society activities, including the opportunity for members and visitors to raise conservation matters that are of personal concern. The meetings proceed at a brisk pace, and usually finish around 9.30.

If you haven't been recently, why not step out on a brisk winter's night, and join with other members in an interesting and worthwhile activity.

Watercourse Buffers:

A step nearer!

The Society, in conjunction with RAID, has been lobbying Blue Mountains City Council to implement a system of buffers around watercourses in its Local Environment Plans (LEPs). The buffers would help to reduce siltation and improve water quality. The campaign received a big boost when Commissioner Carleton, in his report on BMCC's Draft LEP 1997, made watercourse buffers his first recommendation.

In response to lobbying from the society and RAID, the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust has formally taken on board a project to produce a scientifically based report on buffers. This report will also cover the planning implications arising from watercourse buffer implementation.

The Trust is the logical body to manage this project — water quality is their major priority, they have access to technical expertise, and they have twenty-eight Local Councils in the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment. The intention is to achieve implementation of watercourse buffers in the BMCC area, then progressively focus on the remaining Local Councils in the catchment.

The preliminary budget for the research and report production is around \$30,000. At its 19/6/99 meeting, our Management Committee approved a \$2,000 contribution from the Society's Public Gift Fund. The Trust and the Blue Mountains

THE DEADLINE

FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF HUT NEWS IS
WEDNESDAY 21 JULY

SAY NO TO BADGERYS CREEK

Badgerys Creek EIS Summary

Just a few gems from a certain glossy sales document entitled 'Summary of the E.I.S. for the Proposed Second Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek' released on 30 June 1999.

"The operation of the airport and airport-related motor vehicle traffic would increase ozone concentrations in areas 8 to 43 kilometres to the west of the airport" (p52) "The construction of the Second Sydney Airport would contribute to short-term degradation of biodiversity and water quality in Sydney through the clearing of vegetation and construction-related water impacts" (p45)

"The operation of the Second Sydney Airport and the motor vehicle traffic generated by the airport would be significant contributors to emissions of air pollutants in Sydney" (p45) ... "A decision to proceed with the Second Sydney Airport would, over time, significantly alter the character of western Sydney. Gradual changes to the noise environment, air quality and the rural character of the region would occur ... (and) pressure to alter and use patterns and allow additional urban development which could potentially result in further biophysical and social impacts" (p46)

And so on — but not a whisper about the Blue Mountains!

So, if you've no wish to see the mountains turned into an echo chamber for aircraft noise or have them become part of the Sydney smog-zone, now is the time to write, fax or e-mail over the next few weeks prior to a decision.

Let the politicians know how you feel. They are your representatives — a list of members of Cabinet is on page 2. Send copies to Kerry Bartlett (PO Box 376, Springwood 2777), Jackie Kelly (PO Box 712, Penrith 2750). **Make a noise now before IT does.**

(Colin Anderson, MABCA, Contact 4739.4374.)

PROTEST RALLY: Sunday 25 July, 1.30 pm

at the Dame Joan Sutherland Centre, Penrith
(next to Penrith Plaza and Council Chambers)
BOB CARR TO SPEAK

Be there!

Catchment Management Committee have committed a total of \$7000. Funding is also being sought from the Urban Runoff Programme administered by Mr Debus.

The project will be run by a steering committee comprising representatives

from seven stakeholders — Blue Mountains City Council, Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust, Blue Mountains Catchment Management Committee, Blue Mountains Conservation Society, Dept Land and Water Conservation, Environmental Protection Authority and National Parks and Wildlife Service.

We are looking forward to working with these key organisations to help the Blue Mountains Environment.

Meeting at Lawson

Council will no longer assess the environmental impacts of most developments, if a proposal on exhibition goes ahead. This will affect everything from barbecues to houses. As we know, even a cubby house will cause huge damage if it is built in a hanging swamp.

If you are concerned about having planning instruments which protect the Blue Mountains from the damage from thousands of small developments, please come and learn more about the proposal and what we can do.

A meeting will be held with Council Officer Daryl Fitzgerald on Wednesday 14 July at 7.30 pm at Mid Mountains Community Centre, Lawson. Enquiries: Lyndal Sullivan 4782.1635.

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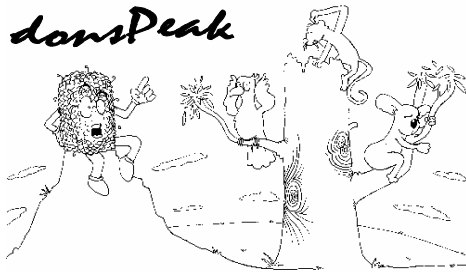
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Why We Need Wilderness

I hope that "Wilderness" is a category we need only temporarily. I have reflected on the criticisms of "Wilderness" by an Aboriginal academic, quoted at a recent BMCS meeting.

Grand landscapes will need to be preserved forever but "Wilderness" need be a special category only while the dominant human culture fails to respect its ecological surroundings. We are in an era in which we desperately need to be able to compare our urban and agricultural landscapes to relatively undamaged bushland. This is both an educational and inspirational experience for us. It provides a yardstick against which we can measure all our efforts to halt or slow down ecological destruction.

Admittedly, traditional Aboriginal societies transformed the ecology only gradually and for such societies the comparison of Wilderness and non-Wilderness would be meaningless. However, only one agenda is served in the modern era by driving a wedge between Aborigines and other natural area users on the one hand and Wilderness advocates on the other, and that is the agenda of irresponsible developers and exploiters.

Dubious Debate

The same doubtful debating tactics that have dogged discussions on the Grose Wilderness proposal from the start re-appeared in a news item attributed to Blackheath Chamber of Commerce (BMG 16/6/99). The item refers to a series of "threatened" walking tracks that are not in the recommended Wilderness area, presumably with the intent of scaring readers about the Wilderness proposal in general.

Of course, as the item says, the NPWS can eventually recommend to the Minister gazettal of a larger area than that shown as recommended in the assessment document maps, but, after the vigorous defence of the proposal as it stands made by District Manager Luscombe (invited to address BMCS) this is unlikely.

Reflecting on World Heritage

Certain political identities have been looking for someone to blame for the World Heritage troubles after they (or their political parties) have given support to Badgery's Creek Airport and bushland fringe subdivisions. Please, somebody hand them a mirror.— *Don Morison.*

**SAY NO TO BADGERYS CREEK
Hints on Writing Letters**

Start by writing 3 to 5 letters on different issues. Copy each of the letters and send them to the politicians listed below. If possible send one letter each week as this will have a much greater impact.

Don't worry about mistakes in your letter, personal letters have more meaning than carefully scripted form letters. **Hand written letters are personal and are also more meaningful.**

Write straight forward letters and ask questions that the politicians must answer.

Half an hour is all that is needed, just sit down, write a note and post it. Short sweet and to the point is all that is necessary.

Remember, your letters do count!

Send Letters to:

The following are the members of Cabinet who will be making the decision on Badgerys Creek Airport: John Howard, Prime Minister; Tim Fischer, Minister for Trade; Alexander Downer (Foreign Affairs); Peter Costello, Treasurer; John Anderson, Minister for Transport; Robert Hill (Environment); Richard Alston (Communications); Peter Reith (Employment), Jocelyn Newman (Family & Community Services); John Moore (Defence); Dr Michael Wooldridge (Health & Aged Care); John Fahey (Finance); Dr David Kemp (Education); Nick Minchin (Industry, Science & Resources); Daryl Williams, Attorney-General; Mark Vaile (Agriculture); Phillip Ruddock (Immigration). Address: House of Representatives, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

Diesel Fuel Rebate

60 Minutes on Diesel Tax Cuts (2 May 1999) According to a "60 Minutes" report, the Federal Government's proposed 35% cut in the price of diesel "will cause at least 65 deaths a year while polluting the air, with an extra 5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide each year plus 22,000 tonnes of tiny fuel emission particles which are highly carcinogenic."

"There will be more trucks...more vans...more four wheel drives...We'll see more pollution, more smog and more greenhouse gases...there'll be 20,000 more trucks on the roads, taking business away from the railways. Cheaper diesel will also make transport operators less likely to convert to cleaner fuels."

Australian Democrats on Fuel Tax Cuts (Democrats Election Policy 1998)

"The changes to taxation of petrol fly in the face of Australia's commitments at Kyoto to reduce greenhouse gases. Reducing the price paid for fuel will inevitably lead to an increase in consumption and less attention being paid to fuel efficiency measures."

Australian Conservation Foundation on GST Deal (3 June 1999) — "GST Deal is Bad for the Environment"

"The tax deal will generate an

increase of greenhouse gas emissions of almost 3 million tonnes every year." Greenhouse gas increases will occur because the GST deal makes petrol and diesel use cheaper for business vehicles — which account for approximately 60% of all new car registrations and approximately 3 million vehicles. The tax deal provides a new \$2.9 billion a year subsidy for petrol and diesel rebates, a massive new monetary boost to the consumption of fuel. This compares to about \$300 million a year in environment programs that the tax deal includes.

Passed by the Senate

The tax changes have been passed by the Senate. Every time you come up the highway, and get a car-full of diesel fumes, remember the diesel fuel rebate, and the sordid politics that are inevitably going to cause more diesel fumes in the future, with its consequent diminution in air quality, increase in green-house emissions, increase in road freight and under utilisation of the railways.

Is there anything we can do?

Why not write to Kerry Bartlett (PO Box 376, Springwood 2777) and the Prime Minister (Parliament House, Canberra 2600). Tell them what you think about this issue.

The Airly Saga Continues ...

Many Society members have visited beautiful Mount Airly, near Capertee. With its magnificent pagodas and golden cliffs, it is unique. It is the most spectacular pagoda country in NSW and should be protected in a National Park.

In 1993 Novacoal, a subsidiary of CRA, was granted a mining lease on Airly. Novacoal claimed to have orders for Airly coal and that it would employ men from Western Main mine. It did neither. The lease was sold to Centennial Coal Company Limited in 1997. A condition of the lease was that work should start within five years of the granting of the lease (before the end of April 1998).

In March 1998 we were advised that Centennial Coal Company Limited would start production on a trial mine at Airly, intending to mine 300,000 tonnes of coal to be transported by road to the power stations.

Now Centennial Coal has made an application to extend the trial mine period from 1 year to 5 years, including an increase in the quantity of coal hauled by road from 300,000 to 500,000 tonnes per annum.

At no time has it been economically viable to mine Airly coal. Centennial Coal started a "trial mine" so that it could retain the lease. Now the company wants an extension of another five years.

The Society has made a submission requesting that the application be refused. Airly must become part of the Gardens of Stone National Park. Members can write to Development and Infrastructure Assessment Branch, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, GPO Box 3927, Sydney 2001, and to Bob Debus, Environment Minister, 107-109 Macquarie Street, Springwood 2777.

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Looking Back ...

(From Newsletter No 19, December 1974)

Suspended Growth

In his garden at Glenbrook, Mick Dark showed me a healthy specimen of *Dendrobium speciosum*, the "Rock Lily" orchid. For forty years, Mick said, this plant sat in his father's garden at Katoomba and never grew a leaf, a bud or a bulb. Neither did it lose one. When shifted to Glenbrook it flowered profusely the first year.

On my verandah in a plastic pot is a Woody Pear seedling (*Xylomelum pyriforme*) which has had only its two seed leaves for three years. It has now entered its fourth year of this strange, dicotyledonous existence.

Graham Alcorn

Funding for Projects

In May, the Society used members' donations to fund two very worthwhile projects: preparation of a nomination for the Deanei Shale Cap Forests as a threatened ecological unit; and research into such a nomination for Hanging Swamps.

In June, we voted to partially fund the Creek Buffers project that we hope will lead to legislative protection for native vegetation along water courses.

Every dollar helps to further these important and significant projects. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and can be forwarded to the Membership Secretary.

Please give generously and we will spend it wisely. — *Ross Coster*.

Woodchip Subsidy Increase The price of woodchips will fall by \$1 a tonne as a result of the Democrats' tax deal with the Government. The price cut will result from cuts in diesel excise, according to a spokesperson for Bega CHIPSTOP, Ms Harriett Swift.

Ms Swift said that the figure of \$1 per tonne was based on a average trip of 125 km to the chipmill, so may be even higher in the Eden region where logs are often hauled up to 300 km to the Daishowa chipmill. "The major cost of timber for Daishowa is the cost of trucking it to the mill. The price paid is reduced as distance from the chipmill is increased, with some logs from East Gippsland as little as 9 cents a tonne. Daishowa receives about \$65 a tonne for woodchips in Japan."

She said that while the woodchip price was kept artificially low by subsidies such as this, there could never be commercial development of alternatives to native forests as a source of fibre for paper

Mountain Mist

Oh mountain mist!
How I love to watch you from my window
as you roll over the great escarpment.
You blanket our world of streets and houses
bringing a gentle start to the day.
Happy anticipation is a morning walk
clad in your light coat.

Myf Young.

manufacturing.

Thanks for Good Wishes

Dear Editor,

Please convey my "Thank you's" and gratitude to members of the Blue Mountains Conservation Society for their good wishes during my stay in hospital.

David Thomas.

Welcome to New Members

Chris Darwin, Blackheath
Mary-Lou Montaigne, Springwood
Michael Pearson, Katoomba
Ian Lett, Leura
Stephen Leeder and Kathy Esson, Wentworth Falls
David Matheson, Blaxland
Dianne Orford, Lethbridge Park
Wende Vanamois, Glenbrook
Erica Gray, Leura
Peter Cleary, Prospect
NG Grennan, Lindfield
Denis Golding, Blackheath

Bushcare Group for July

Lindeman Road Bushcare Group

Lindeman Road Bushcare Group began in August 1985 when a group of North Leura residents (meeting as the Yosemite Park Community Precinct), dismayed by the continuing degradation of a historic track through the area, decided to take action to conserve and restore the environment. The road has a colourful history — long-term locals still remember the time when Scotsman Tom McDonald quarried sandstone there, and piped in each New Year at Katoomba. And they recall the swagmen who trudged along it in the Depression, carrying their tins of wild blackberries picked in the Grose.

Today, the steep site of Lindeman Road sustains a variety of habitats increasingly rare in the area — notably wet sclerophyll forest and hanging swamp, and provides exceptional bird-watching opportunities. The degradation caused by weeds, stormwater and dumping is confined mostly to the roadsides, and can be relatively easily addressed. Most of the site remains in excellent condition — indeed, a pure spring is still used by many whose water supply it was decades ago.

The efforts of the bushcare group have made a perceptible difference, especially in regard to the three main weeds on the site: English Ivy, Japanese Honeysuckle and Small-leaf Privet.

Members of Lindeman Road Bushcare Group were responsible for preparing the Weed of the Month leaflets (available from Council).

Lindeman Road Bushcare Group meets on the first Saturday of each month at 9 am, and welcomes new members. Equipment and training are provided, and the group is fully supported by BMCC Bushland Management officers. Why not join your neighbours for a few hours each month in this beautiful spot — it's a lot of fun! For more info: phone Barbara on 82.4305.

Greenhouse Corner

My primary reason for involvement in the Conservation movement is fear of the Greenhouse Effect. Climate change predictions tell us that by 2050 whole countries will have disappeared under the rolling oceans, world rainfall and wind patterns changed,



and species devastated. While some argue that this is doomsday pessimism, I believe these predictions. In fact I believe that we are seeing the signs today, with wild weather becoming the norm.

I'll be 88 in 2050, and still aware enough (I hope) to be horrified at what we have done. My children will be about 65, and ashamed of us all for not doing something about it.

I don't believe that the greenhouse effect is irreversible, so long as we all do our bit.

In this vein, I will be writing a series of short articles in Hut News showing you ways that you can help. If you have any ideas of your own for this column, let me know and I will include them.

This Month's Hint

Buy compact fluorescent light bulbs. They are expensive but well worth it.

Compact fluorescents typically last 8 to 10 times longer, and consume one fifth of the power, compared to incandescent bulbs. I have progressively replaced every light bulb in my home with these units, and have only had one fail in the last 10 years!

Each year, electricity for lighting an average Australian home generates almost 750kg of greenhouse gas. You can reduce this by 600kg per year with compact fluorescent bulbs.

Ross Coster, Membership Secretary

Biodiversity in Your Garden

Make your garden a biodiversity haven.

Redesign your backyard to welcome back the birds, butterflies, possums and lizards. Plant local natives to attract birds and grow native ground covers such as prostrate *Grevillia* instead of lawn. Native gardens need less watering, pesticides and fertilisers. Let your nature strip grow, and see the local wildflowers appear.

Provide a refuge from cats and dogs for lizards and small marsupials by placing terracotta pipes around the garden.

Create nesting sites for native birds. A useful guide is "The Nestbox Book", published by the Gould League.

"Don't squash me 'till you've read this!" Many insect predators lurk in our gardens such as lady beetles, wasps, mantises and spiders. Encourage these by avoiding or limiting use of pesticides.

Make your own environmentally sound bushrock. Rocks in the bush are important habitats for hundreds of species, particularly lizards and should be left alone. Make your own by painting a clean piece of stone with milk — leave outside and within a few weeks moss starts to grow! Small stones piled in a heap also makes an ideal habitat for lizards and insects. (From: *Biodiversity, a guide to using and protecting Australia's Biodiversity, Environment Australia.*)

Why Bushcare?

An introductory tour of bushcare sites will be held on Sunday, 18 July.

This tour is for members who would like to visit a bushcare site, talk with workers on the site and discover what can be accomplished through bushcare.

If you have ever wanted to learn about bushcare or to be involved and have questions, then this is the tour for you!

First Stop: Fairy Dell, where work began in 1989. We can see what 10 years of bushcare can achieve. Meet 10 am, Picnic Point Reserve, Springwood.

Second Stop: South Lawson Park. This site is three years old, so is fairly new. Chris Dewhurst, Bushcare Officer with BMCC, will take us for a walk and explain the process. Meet 11.30 am, corner Honour Avenue and Waratah Road, Lawson.

Contact Meredith 4782.4823, or Laura 04118818240 on the day.

Bushwalks in July

Jack Evans Track, Sunday 18 July.

This is a fairly easy walk in a beautiful part of the National Park. Wildflowers can be spectacular. Erskine Creek, at the right time of year a great place for a swim, is always a lovely spot for a picnic. The Jack Evans' track continues to Warragamba. (See Dates for Your Diary for details of this and other bushwalks.)

Holiday in the Rain

In Wingham Brush, rain dripping through the canopy: Stunted rainforest trees, found hidden beneath a tangle of weeds, stretch their limbs towards the light. Magnificent old figs (worthless as timber) are home to thousands of flying foxes. Brush turkeys, which have been reintroduced, scratch the forest floor.

Roadworks outside Wingham, soft and muddy: A mini bus is coming towards us, streams of mud spraying out both sides. Will he slow down? No! Sticky mud, splashed all over the car, completely covered the windscreen.

Taree to Kempsey in pouring rain. We stopped at a rest place, a forestry clearing. (We saw a huge goanna there once, climbing a tree.) Hanky in puddles to try and wash the car, still covered with sticky mud despite all the rain.

Dorrigo tonight — well, not quite. The engine spluttered and stopped. Walk to a farmhouse, call the NRMA. A stocky young man, must be a footballer. He pulled the car with one hand. "I'll tow you", he said. "Steer but don't brake."

A nightmare journey, hazard lights flashing, towed on a steel bar. Sixty, now ninety — he's going too fast. Rain getting heavy. Don't use the brake! The demister's not working. How will it end?

We drove into Kempsey. (He's done it before.)

A meal, the rain disappears. There is a rainbow. We'll soon be off.

The rainbow dissolves into mist of new rain. "We can't fix your car, we've got the wrong part. Wait till tomorrow."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JULY					3 Bushwalk	
5 LeisWalk					10 Bushwalk	
12 LeisWalk						18 Intra. Tour 18 Bushwalk
19 LeisWalk	20 Bushcare	21 Bushcare			24 MC Meet	25 Protest Rail 25 Bushwalk
26 LeisWalk				30 Gen Meet		
AUGUST						1 Bushwalk
2 LeisWalk						8 Bushwalk
9 LeisWalk					14 Bushwalk	
16 LeisWalk	17 Bushcare	18 Bushcare			21 Bushwalk 21 MC Meet	
23 LeisWalk				27 Gen Meet		29 Excursion
30 LeisWalk						

JULY

18 (Sun) **Why Bushcare?** Introductory tour of bushcare sites. (Details this page).

24 (Sat) **Management Committee Meeting**, 9 am, Mid Mountains Community Centre.

30 (Fri) **General Meeting**, 7.30 pm, at the Conservation Hut, end of Fletcher Street, Wentworth Falls.

Salinity — a Major Issue. Guest speaker will be Andrew Wooldridge Department of Lands and Water Conservation. (See page 1.)

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27 (Fri) **General Meeting.** Guest speaker Lee Morgan, Manager, Environmental Management Strategic Planning Group, Blue Mountains City Council, will talk about the Environmental protection and land use management.

KIDS' CLUB

A copy of the Winter issue of the Kids Club Newsletter is enclosed.

BUSHCARE

 (Tools provided — bring morning tea and gloves.)

JULY

20 (Tues) **Valley of the Waters Bushcare Group.** Contact Jessica 4757.2783 for meeting place. (following Tuesday if wet).

21 (Wed) **Digger Cooper Reserve Bushcare Group.** Meet 9 am at the Reserve (GWH, West of Sorenson Bridge). Contact Ross Coster 4759.1247.

BUSHWALKS (Usually day walks — bring lunch and **minimum 1 litre water.**) Walks have been graded: E-easy; M-medium; H-hard If coming by train or in need of transport, contact the leader. If you would like to lead a walk or organise an excursion, contact Jim Wallace 4784.3305.

JULY

03 (Sat) **The Duck Hole/St. Helena.** Meet Glenbrook Railway Station carpark 9.30 am. Contact John Hill 4751.5569. Grade H.

10 (Sat) **The Ruined Castle (via Golden Stairs).** Meet Leura Railway carpark 9 am. Contact Imre Gahl 4784.3286. Grade E/M. (Two steep climbs, slow walking.. Will be rescheduled if raining.)

18 (Sun) **Jack Evans Track.** Meet Glenbrook Railway carpark 9.30. Contact Karen Roberts 4739.5425. Grade E/M.

25 (Sun) **Old Point Pilcher/Grand Canyon.** Meet Medlow Bath Railway Station, (northern side), 9 am. Contact Terry and Mary Flynn 4787.6918. Grade M/H.

AUGUST

01 (Sun) **Mount Solitary.** Meet Katoomba Railway Station 9.30 am. Contact Warwick Mosman 4757.1354. Grade Hard.

08 (Sun) **Victory Track.** Meet Faulconbridge Railway carpark 9.30. Contact Anne Pemberton 4757.4248. Grade M.

14 (Sat) **Empire Pass.** Meet Lawson Railway carpark (north side) 9.30. Contact Les Coyne 4757.3327. Grade M.

21 (Sat) **Bruce's Walk — an Historic Walk led by Jim Smith.** Meet Bullaburra Station, north side (Railway Parade) 9.30 am. Phone enquiries to Jim Wallace 4784.3305. Grade M. Car shuttle required.

29 (Sun) **Bus Excursion to Long Neck Lagoon.** Details in August newsletter

LEISURE WALKS

 (Usually morning walks — bring a drink and morning tea.)

JULY

05 (Mon) **Minna Ha Ha Falls.** Meet Gearins Hotel, 9.30. Fay Arnold 4758.9917.

12 (Mon) **Berghofer's Pass.** Meet Mt. Victoria Station 9.30. Contact Patricia Mindt 4787.1663. BBQ afterwards (BYO).

19 (Mon) **Lawson North Side.** Meet Lawson Bowling Club carpark 9.30. Contact Marion 4757.2575.

26 (Mon) **Glenbrook NP. Euroka Clearing.** Meet Glenbrook Station 9.30. Contact Kees Putting 4759.1958. BBQ afterwards (BYO).

AUGUST

(Note: Leisure Walks in August will start at 9 am.)
02 (Mon) **Ikara Head.** Meet Mt Victoria Station 9 am. Kees Putting 4759.1958.

09 (Mon) **Mount Wilson.** Meet Mt Vic Station 9 am. BBQ afterwards. Contact Jan Cutler 4784.3079.

16 (Mon) **Lost City.** Meet Mt. Victoria Station 9 am. Contact Marion 4759.2575.

23 (Mon) **Baltzer Lookout.** Meet Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre (BANC) at 9 am. Contact Gillian Janus 4784.6181.

30 (Mon) **Walls Cave (steps).** Meet Blackheath Neighbourhood Centre 9 am. Norah Gahnor 4757.4058.