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## WALK

### **Colo River (pass 11A) Wollemi NP** **29 November 2015** **Grade 5+** **Leader: Liam Heery**

As usual Colo River walks normally require early starts and this walk was no exception. Meeting at Pennant Hills station at 6:30am were 5 eager and willing participants, including one Colo virgin.

Numbers meant we were able to take just one car and share the long journey cost making it a very economical outing.

The majority of this walk was unsurveyed and the only portion completed by three of us previously was the exit out from Canoe Creek. Arriving at the locked gate on Grassy Hill track we quickly deduced that the car park was actually the point of entry that would take us through pass 11A down to the Colo.

Initially we followed a reasonable track but then it appeared to head off in a direction contrary to the ridge line I wanted to take before heading down to a side creek. So unfortunately we had to leave it and make our way along the planned ridge, and while off track, it was fairly open and easy going.

Our next diversion was to drop from the top of the ridge into the creek that would take us to pass 11A. This again while fairly steep was relatively easy going and it wasn't long until we reached the creek at a point where there was a cairn and tree tag, so we had evidently made it to the right spot.



*Descending the ridge*

Walking in the Colo can be quite taxing when the temperature gets over 30 degrees (notwithstanding that you can have a cooling swim), and today we were right on the edge of that, so once into the gorge systems it became very hot and clammy.

Walking in these side creeks involves a lot of rock scrambling and careful footing, especially if wet or damp, which it was today as there had been (as we all know) ample rain over the previous few weeks. So by the time we came to another creek intersection we had a well deserved morning tea break.

Continuing down our next creek the scrambling continued through magnificent high gorge walls and fabulous rainforest ferns and trees, speck-

led with light coming through the tree tops from different angles.

Making good time we were in sight of the Colo River when we came to a major obstacle in the way of a large drop. One of our biggest concerns is not to get caught in a situation where you go down a ledge and then find you cannot get back up or go further, so we took a lot of time scouting either side of the creek to find a way through. One side was impassable, but on the other Charles found the "easy" route and pass 11A was completed.

On to the banks of the Colo, a long lunch break and cooling swim for some. The Colo gorge was now hemming us in on all sides, with magnificent sandstone colours abounding, and sheer 300 metre cliff lines above. We had now also completed the most unknown section of the walk and all we had to do was to follow the Colo to the Canoe Creek junction and exit.

Following lunch, suitably refreshed and rehydrated we set off, some with their "special" river walking shoes. After so much rain the Colo was considerably higher than what one would normally expect and so we were unable to walk "in" the river as much as we would normally.



**Ducking and weaving**



**Gorge wall**



**On the way out**

This section of the river also turned out to not have as many sand flats as expected, so we had to rock hop quiet a lot. After our initial climb down and with the heat of the day, it was tiring and required many cooling off dips along the way.

As we took our time it wasn't until about 5pm that we reached the Canoe Creek junction, where again we rested, swam, rehydrated and finished off our snacks, before heading up the steep exit track that would take us to the cars on the Grassy Hill trail.

Due to some cramps we only just got to the top on dark and when walking the short section of fire trail back to the cars we were lucky to witness a magnificent display by fireflies lighting up the area in a very Christmassy, Christmas lights fashion!

Project completed, job well done. Thanks to Charles, Len, John R and John H for helping me complete another Colo adventure.



**Slender Violet - *Hybanthus monopetalus***

Only two more sections to go, and I'll have completed all of the walkable passes into the Colo. Look out for the next one, if you want to be a part of the adventure.



***Splitgill fungi***



***Diamond Python up close***



***Near Canoe Creek Entrance***

*Photos by Charles Bowden*

## **President's Soapbox**

Happy New Year to all our members - a little belated perhaps for those who celebrate 1 January but not if you are about to celebrate Chinese New Year, Tet or one of several other events determined by the lunar calendar.

That said, it's been a wet summer, hasn't it? Repeated wild storms & torrential rain have necessitated the cancellation (snorkelling anyone?) or alteration of plenty of activities, causing headaches for our walk leaders. Our Program Co-ordinator has also been struggling with lengthy absences of several regular leaders and the program of activities has at times been looking a bit thin.

So this is a call out to all budding walk leaders in the club: now is the time to come forward and contribute to the program. There are plenty of experienced walkers in the club who have the knowledge and capability to put on a walk. I'm sure you have favourite locations or destinations that you would like to share with other members. Even if it's only 1 walk per season for each new leader, it will make a big difference.

If you need advice with planning and arranging a walk, please feel free to contact Liam, our Program Co-ordinator, or one of the other regular walk leaders. They will be only too happy to provide guidance and assistance. So please do consider leading a walk (or 2 or 3...) and sharing your passion with other members.

And to all the activity leaders who continue to contribute to the club's program, our heartfelt thanks. Without your efforts, we would not survive. I look forward to a bumper Autumn program as it is traditionally the best season for bushwalking.

See you out there!

*Charles Bowden*

# SOCIALGAIN AT WANGI WANGI

**22 November 2015**

**Grade 2-3**

**Co-ordinator: Charles Bowden**

Four ANB rogainers rose at unlikely hours to meet at Hornsby Station by 6:30am before setting off for the hour or so drive to Wangi Wangi. Another place to add to the list of double-barrel name towns (Woy Woy or Wagga Wagga anybody?) beginning with W.

Situated on the western shore of Lake Macquarie with a finger peninsula pointing directly at Swansea on the other side of the lake, Wangi Wangi is a sleepy little borough. So the residents were somewhat startled by finding around 300 rogainers taking over the town park that Sunday. However the local shops seemed quite happy with the extra custom.

We parked opposite the bakery and café next to the park which gave us the chance to fill up with caffeinated beverages to prepare for the day's event. Splitting into two teams consisting of Ruoran & Nick (ANB 1) and Susan & Charles (ANB 2) we headed in opposite directions (or so we thought). However appearances were deceptive and we soon realised that we had chosen the same route, just different ways, as we repeatedly encountered each other at various stages of the event.

The course hugged the coastline and offered plenty of seaside views with occasional forays inland which included some attractive coastal forest sections. In spite of selecting similar routes, ANB 2 discovered that they had underestimated their abilities and finished half an hour ahead of deadline. ANB 1 not only took full advantage of their allotted time but were also more observant in collecting bonus points overlooked by ANB 2.

The end result was a clearcut win by ANB 1 over ANB 2, 1670 points to 1540 points out of a total available 3350 points. ANB 1 came 50<sup>th</sup> overall out of 125 teams and 25<sup>th</sup> out of 80 in the Mixed category, the most competitive category which produced the overall winning team and second-placed as well as five of the top 10. So an excellent result indeed for ANB 1 given that the top teams all run instead of walk.

Not to be outdone, ANB 2 came 65<sup>th</sup> overall, 38<sup>th</sup> in the Mixed and 16<sup>th</sup> out of 32 in the Mixed Veteran category, a very creditable effort.

Thank you to Susan, Ruoran and Nick for venturing out and making the most of the day.



**Briefing before the start**



**Charles & Susan**



**Nick & Ruoran**



# NOTICES NOTICES NOTICES



## Pencil in this date for the AGM

**Sunday 26th June 2016**

**Location : The Carpenter Room  
Burwood Library  
Join us for a buffet breakfast  
at 8:30am**

*More details in the next issue*

**Next ANB committee meeting  
Tuesday 12 April 2016  
at 6:30pm  
Burwood Public Library**

**2 Conder Street, Burwood  
All members are welcome ...**

## **Walking Overseas**

Have you ever been overseas and thought that there must be a bushwalking (sic) club nearby that is out doing interesting walks that a normal tourist would never come across?

Or, you don't want to go on a commercial walking tour, but you figure that locals must be doing something similar themselves?

If that thought has ever crossed your mind, then wouldn't it be great if All Nations had an arrangement in place with such a club that you could contact either before going on holidays or while you were there!

You would then be able to join in with the locals and participate in one of their club walks / outings. The committee has decided to facilitate such an arrangement, by offering overseas clubs a reciprocal arrangement whereby their members can walk with us (for free over a month) if their club provides our members with a similar arrangement.

To get this underway, we are asking you to provide us with the name and contact details of any overseas club, which we will then contact and invite to participate in this scheme. If they are interested we shall let all All Nations members know and you can then contact the clubs directly to make whatever personal arrangements fit with your travel plans. If you know of a club overseas, then please forward their details to our program co-ordinator (currently Liam [liam@castleconveyancing.com.au](mailto:liam@castleconveyancing.com.au)) and we will get a letter of offer sent out.

## **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION to be held at the next AGM**

**Photos: Any size, in colour or black & white, and taken by you since the last AGM.**

**To be entered on the back of photo:** Category, your name when and where taken.

### **Categories are:**

Nature (taken on a club activity) People (taken on a club activity)

Open (any subject, taken anywhere in the World)

*4 entries per category for a viable competition.*

*If insufficient entries in a category then the entries will be included in the "Open" section (Sorry, only one entry per person per category).*

### **How to Enter**

Open to all club members who must attend the AGM personally.

On arrival at the AGM, hand your entry to the **co-ordinator Jan Steven**.

*The co-ordinator's decision is final as to eligibility in accordance with the rules.*

**Prizes:** A first and second prize in each category;

First prize \$25 with a certificate

Second prize \$15 with a certificate

# WALK

## Manly Dam Circuit

12 December 2015      Grade 2  
Leader: Julie Armstrong

With 25 originally booked for the walk this reduced to actually 18 on the day, with mainly Meetup people backing out.

As Meiha and I live in the same vicinity we decided to travel by car together to Manly. We couldn't believe our luck when we stopped near a café in Condamine Street Manly Vale for a pre-walk coffee and stumbled across a shop selling walking shoes that was having a sale and to our delight we both were able to buy a pair.

So instead of being early for the walk we made it just in time. Then as parking is now timed and ticketed a few of us spent more time shuffling cars about to unticketed spaces.



Someone was late due to the Spit Bridge opening and being caught on the Mosman side and another couple finally caught up to the walk group on the track with a lot of phone calls and directions and Len and then me going back for them. Finally we were on our way if nearly an hour late.

The wild flowers walk only had a few flowers in bloom as Spring was over and we were into Summer. But we did see a few flannel flowers and I was also able to point out the Sydney Christmas Bush (which is actually a small tree).

Early in the walk we were detoured with the track going up and over some large rocks instead of leading either level or downwards. This was due to some of the lower track being washed out with heavy rain and threat of the Dam flooding last year. The track being re-routed upwards continued two or three more times around the circuit.

We had our lunch stop on the rocks above and beside the waterfall which everyone enjoyed. Next the track became part of the bike track but we didn't see any riders which seemed unusual.

After much searching and help from Tom's mobile phone directions we found the track down to the beach. Along this track we came across a goanna with a few of the walkers



*Carnivorous plant thought to be a 'Sundew'*



*The goanna - above photos by Andrea McDonnell*

becoming concerned as they thought the goanna was injured and were wondering how to pick it up and transport to a vet for treatment. The goanna was about a metre long and solid with sharp claws of course. A few walkers continued on with me and then there was a mighty cheer from the others still near the goanna as it started moving slowly and they realised it was not dead or injured.

The last detour / track change is near the section that leads to the walk across the Dam. We walked across the Dam to where we started our walk with all deciding they did not want to swim in the Dam.

A few of us decided on a recovery coffee, with most interested in looking at the shoe sale. After Coffee we left Marcela and Tom hunting through the shoes on sale.

Thank you to the walkers who attended and made the walk most enjoyable.



*Other photos by Narelle Lummis*

# TRAVEL

## Penguin Island Western Australia Story: Jan Steven

On a recent visit to Western Australia I visited the Penguin Island Nature Reserve and spent a fascinating day of discovery there.

Just 45 minutes south from Perth it is easily accessible by car or train to Rockingham. A ferry takes you across the short stretch of water in minutes. On arrival at the jetty we were greeted by scores of aggressive Bridled Terns which were nesting everywhere we went on the island, as well as Crested Terns and seagulls. Quite a welcome! Other birds we sighted were Rails and Cormorants.



There are two cruises available or you are free to do your own thing such as exploring the island on foot, snorkelling, fishing, bird watching, Kite board lessons or just swimming and relaxing. Something for everyone!

There is a pleasant shaded picnic area near the Discovery Centre but you need to take your own food and drink.

The main feature of the island is the opportunity to see the Little (Fairy) penguins *Eudyptula minor*. The island is home to some 1200 of these birds. They are the smallest species in the world and are commonly found around Australia.

At the Discovery Centre you can watch penguin feeding 3 times daily. These penguins are either rescued and recover-



**Female pelicans trying to attract a mate**

ing before being released or permanent residents who would not survive in the wild. Their life span is usually around seven years but they had one old bloke there 22 years old! Nesting boxes are placed all over the island for breeding and as the moulting season was on we weren't lucky enough to spot any in the wild.

Timber boardwalks lead towards the northern tip where there is a pelican rookery, one of the largest breeding colonies in WA. There is access to lookouts on the western side with more beaches suitable for swimming, snorkelling or



**A sea lion relaxing on Seal Island - males only live there**



**A Crested Tern welcomes visitors**

bird watching. The 45 minute Penguin and rare Australian Sea Lion Cruise visits Seal Island to watch the Sea Lions dozing on the water's edge of the beach totally oblivious to a boat-load of visitors madly snapping photos. We were also lucky to be followed by dolphins leaping in the wake of our cruise boat.

What a great day!

## Watsons Bay to Circular Quay 20 December 2015      Grade 3 Leader: John Renzenbrink

David Cunningham put this walk on the schedule, but had to withdraw so I offered to lead it. I have walked this many times, but never starting at Watsons Bay, so I was looking forward to the different view.

Only four starters turned up for this urban coastal walk, with the predicted high temperature probably putting others off. After a slight mix-up at the start, Len, Gordana, Pan and I made our way to Watsons Bay via ferry and taxi, and commenced walking at 9:30am. The sun was shining, the water was sparkling, and we were prepared for a hot day. Already the harbour was dotted with boats big and small, including some preparing for the Sydney-Hobart race.

The houses in this area all have magnificent gardens, partly hidden behind tall fences, and it was pleasant walking on footpaths along these quiet streets. As we crossed the narrow suspension footbridge above Parsley Bay, there were many enjoying the water some 10 metres below us. We passed by historic Vaucluse House and soon reached Nielsen Park. The beautiful little beach here was already packed with people, so we stopped for fluid adjustment and engaged in some serious people watching. The walk continued up a headland, and along the water's edge in an almost bush setting. A cool breeze was blowing off the water from the south, encouraging us to stop frequently to take in the magnificent views of Shark Island, Point Piper and Rose Bay. A police boat was noticed, and we were advised by another onlooker that it was shadowing our PM and his wife in kayaks heading homewards after (one hopes) a relaxing paddle.

Morning tea was at Milk Beach, and our walk along the narrow bush strip continued at what can truly be described as a leisurely pace. A short section of street walking (under the huge Kincoppal - Rose Bay Convent and school and Kambala School) soon took us back to the beach of Rose Bay. As the tide was low, we were able to walk along its length, past sunbathers, dog walkers and a very smelly (rotting seaweed?) section to reach Lyne Park, where we stopped for cool drinks and lunch at the Sugar and Spoon Cafe.

Although we had to walk along the busy South Head Road for a short while, the views across Rose Bay and Point Piper were distracting. A short diversion along Rose Bay Park, then a not so interesting section of the main road again, before we turned right and onto Seven Shillings Beach. This tiny beach was full of sunbathers encroaching on the supposedly private strip above the high water mark. Redleaf Pool (now called Murray Rose Pool) is a large enclosed tidal pool at the end of this little beach, and it too was full of people. We climbed the steps to the Woollahra Council Chambers (in the historic 1860's Iron

House), and hit the busy road again for another short section. The beach at Double Bay was a lot quieter, as was the neighbouring Steyne Park. A set of (steep) steps took us to the top of Darling Point ridge, through a mix of old houses and apartment blocks, followed by a stroll down a winding road to Yarranabbe Park on Rushcutters Bay, and the Cruising Yacht Club – home of the Sydney-Hobart fleet. The marina was full of sailing boats, both large and small.

Across the large Rushcutters Bay Park, up the steps to the densely populated Elizabeth Bay, past Elizabeth House, up some more steps and through a small pedestrian way taking us to Macleay Street, Potts Point. Then it's down the McElhone Stairs (a popular place for fitness fanatics) to Woolloomooloo Bay, the ships of the Australian Navy and the spectacular finger wharf with its fancy restaurants. Heading north along the edge of Farm Cove, past the Andrew Boy Charleton Pool with its backdrop of the Navy ships, and a brief stop at Mrs Macquarie's Chair for a photo stop, before crossing in front of the Opera House.



Circular Quay East was crowded with tourists of all kinds enjoying the coolish breezes, and soon our walk ended at the Quay with a refreshing cider before heading our separate ways.

Although not a bush walk, this is highly recommended as one of the many scenic and interesting Sydney city water-side walks.



## Ducati / Bologna / Italy Story - Fiona Bachmann



I have been a Ducati fan for a while now, and had 'visit Ducati Factory' in Bologna on my 'To Do' list for a little while too.

About seven years previously I was travelling through Rome, returning from walking the Spanish Camino. I realised too late that I was as close to Bologna and the Ducati Factory, as I possibly was ever going to be. I conned my cousin Peter, and travel companion, into the idea of a five hours plus return train trip north to Bologna, to see the Ducati Factory.

I went to an internet cafe, looked up Ducati, and emailed them pleading for a visit before my return home to Australia. It was before we all had smart phones, and data plans, so I dutifully returned to an internet cafe each day in hope of an email reply from Ducati. I did get a reply, about a month after I returned home! After that, it was a rather distant hope that I might ever get to visit the Ducati Factory and Museum.

When another opportunity presented itself in a slightly tangential way, I had an opening to go see where my previous 1992 SuperSport 400, and current beloved Monster 696 came from. This time my cousin Peter, a very keen walker, was walking the way of St James through southern France and into Spain. He had already recruited another friend for this French Camino (Spanish & Italian word for walk), and left an invitation open to myself. Peter had clearly forgotten my Ducati craziness, or it is just hard to recruit company to walk 20+km per day, carrying a full pack every day, for up to three months! Admittedly I only agreed to tag along for less than three weeks, and make use of his established planning to get myself into Europe.

As soon as I knew I was going to be anywhere near Ducati I researched their website, which has a standard form to fill

out for a Museum and Factory tour. This access point is for all individuals, and travel group bookings. There are four tour time slots per weekday for both English and Italian speaking tours. Saturdays have three slots for Museum only tours. The booking request form allows three preferences. I submitted three preferences over the two days I thought I could get there. There is also a section for adding further information. I used this to say I was coming from Australia, was only one person to fit in, and was happy with anytime slot, over the few days I could be there. I told them I had a Monster 696, and really wanted to see where it came from, hoping they would take me seriously. The first reply I got told me they would consider my request when back from August break. So, don't expect a Ducati visit during August.



As soon as it was September I filled in another form submitting three preferences again for the third week of October. With about five weeks until I planned to be in Bologna, I still had no confirmation, so submitted another online form with three time preferences. I then stopped and

waited, figuring nine total time slot requests, gave me a good chance of getting a spot, and any more would just annoy them too much, which I had possibly already done. About mid-September I got a reply asking if I would like a spot on Tuesday September 22nd, a month before I would be in Italy. I politely replied, and asked for October explaining I would not be there until then. The reply came back, offering Tuesday 20th October 1.45pm for an English speaking tour. I emailed back a confirmation, with much thanks that I would be there. All I had to do was be at the gate 10 minutes before the allocated time, with my confirmation email, and wear closed toe shoes. I also had to finish my accommodation and travel bookings that I had been holding open until I was sure when, and how long I had to be in Bologna.

I finished the walking phase of my trip in Toulouse France. There are no direct flights between Toulouse and Bologna. There are many online flight booking options, and I selected one that went via Brussels, cheaper than anything a travel agent could offer. It took all day, was basic, just like Jetstar, but got me there safely. In hindsight flying from anywhere else direct to Bologna, or Rome or Milan, and then travel-

ling by train to Bologna, offered more and simpler options. Across country by train would also be an option, if one can work out the connections, and details in a foreign language. I did observe that many websites in both French and Italian have the options to be read in English. However as soon as you go to a new page, or follow a link, the subsequent page reverts to the original language.

I stayed in a basic BnB on the outskirts of Bologna, with a ten to fifteen minute walk to the Ducati Factory. For more upmarket accommodation, closer to the city will offer more options. There is a local bus that takes around twenty minutes to get out to the Ducati area. Tickets can be bought at convenience stores before boarding, at a concession price to buying on the bus. The on board ticket machines do not give change, so you will likely end up paying more than you have to. Don't expect any help from the driver, or anyone else for that matter.

If you are hungry before or after the Ducati visit, there are exceptionally large serve pizzas at the restaurant on the corner across from the far end of the Ducati block, nearest the picture of the Ducati founders. The Ducati symbols in the window are easy to spot.



Once at the Ducati Factory gate your booking will be listed, and on payment (currently 10 Euro) you are in. The museum is a circular room with display rooms off the side. Here I saw the drawing board of Fabio Taglioni, and Mike Hailwood's race winning bike. Also the bike he crashed on at Donnington. It had wonderful 'technology' such as a cut tennis ball on the handle bars holding a wipe cloth. These era bikes also have see through panels on the side of the tank to show the petrol level. I was reminded that early riders had to be mechanics also. Adding fuel to that phrase I cringe on hearing "Ducati making riders mechanics .....

The Museum also has more modern displays from the Cagiva 1980s era and notables like the 916. I was also proud to see a good Aussie representation. Casey Stoner's 2007 World Championship bike, along with others. Troy Bayliss's leathers with superman cape, and several of his bikes, including an autographed tank. One can stay as long as you like and take photos in the Museum. The Factory Tour included is around thirty minutes, and all cameras and

phones must be covered to prevent photos. You can see Ducati's just in time production, engine testing, assembly and quality control.

Across the highway from the factory is the Ducati Factory store, much better and extensive than the small store outside the Museum. A ticket to the Museum includes a 5 euro discount in purchases over 25 euro at the Ducati Factory Store. You can peruse everything peacefully, as the staff really don't seem too fussed. Much of this can be bought online, but there is a mark down area, and there's nothing like a true souvenir from the source.

While collecting souvenirs and travel experiences, consider the Enzo Ferrari Museum located in Modena. This is about thirty minutes by train from Bologna, heading towards Milan. If I had known and planned more, I also could have made a trip out to Maranello to the Ferrari Museum. This is around another thirty minutes from Modena, and also offers track tours twice daily.

I went to Bologna to see Ducati and was just happy that they let me in. I returned home as enthused as ever to ride my Monster.

## Change of Details

**Don't forget to notify our Treasurer Helen Hindin of any of the following:**

- change in address
- email address
- phone numbers

**email us at:**

[club@anbwalkers.org.au](mailto:club@anbwalkers.org.au)

**To change your details on the website you need to make the alterations yourself.**

## POSITION VACANT

**Your Club needs a Newsletter Editor.**

This position is vital for the continuation of 4 editions annually of our KEEPING TRACK newsletter. The role favours someone who has some familiarity with computer graphic design, a keen eye for detail and prepared to organise a minimal amount of printing and mailing out to walk leaders and sports stores who promote our club..

A current duty statement is available on the Club's website in the **Information for Members** section. Training will also be provided as needed for any aspect of the role which may seem unfamiliar.

If you are interested in making a valuable contribution to the club while expanding your computer skills and would like further information, please contact Jan.

Email - [jan.steven@bigpond.com](mailto:jan.steven@bigpond.com) or phone 9560 1299.

# WALK

## Glenbrook Gadabout 10 January 2016      Grade 4 Leader: Charles Bowden

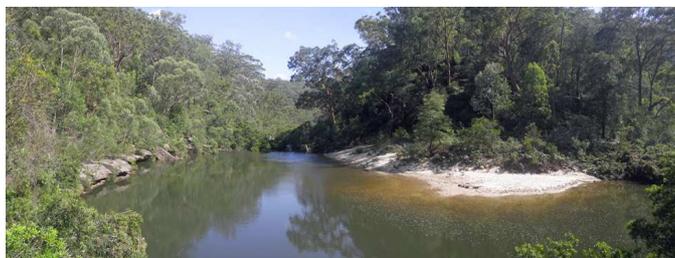
On a hot and humid day, four walkers arrived at the park gates at Glenbrook in anticipation of a strenuous outing to Dadder Cave via Erskine Creek. However recent heavy rain had flooded the Glenbrook Creek causeway and the NPWS had closed the boom gate preventing vehicular access. As it was several kilometres to the planned starting point of the walk, this effectively cancelled the intended walk.

After some discussion we decided instead to walk up Glenbrook Creek, past Blue Pool to Kanuka Brook. A kilometre or so along Kanuka Brook, we then followed the 'blue' track up the spur to Red Hands Fire Trail and then took the sidetrack to Crayfish Pool where we stopped for lunch and a pleasant swim.

We then returned via Red Hands Fire Trail and the Campfire Creek track to the park entrance and the cars, subsequently adjourning for a well-earned meal at the Lapstone pub.

Creek crossings were made trickier by the high water levels but the waterfalls and cascades were more spectacular as was the general visual impact of swollen streams.

Thank you to Liam, Jacqui and Meiha for persisting in spite of the setback and making the most of what turned out to be very enjoyable day.



*Glenbrook Creek bend and beach*



*Meiha crossing Glenbrook Creek*



*Eastern Water Dragon*



*The Blue Pool rope swing*



*Liam under Crayfish Pool Falls*

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT  
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SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS  
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**Pictures submitted:  
300DPI resolution preferred to achieve good  
reproduction quality and  
photos should be separate  
files from the story text.**

## CAMPING WEEKEND

### Dunns Swamp

13-15 November 2015

Trip convenor: Freda Moxom

### Welcome to 5 New Members

Jane Hodgen

Narelle Lummis

Vaughan Parkinson

Aurita Hernandez

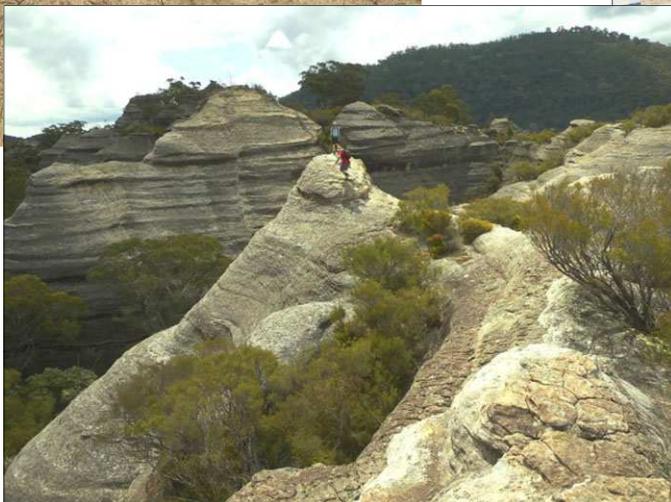
John Garrick

See you  
in the bush



A group of us 'Friday Surveyors' had an excellent little unofficial exploratory adventure at Dunns Swamp. It's a few kilometres east of Rylestone, at the western extremity of the Wollemi NP. A very well-appointed camping area, and a big array of bushwalking opportunities, both tame and wild. Some superb pagoda country there.

Photos by: Nick, Meiha, Freda & Ruoran



A big 'Thank you' to all who contributed  
to this newsletter - Editor