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BEWILDERMENT IN BEROWRA

BY MEELA DAVIS

We're running as fast as we can on tired legs, rushing up the path with arms and maps and backpacks flying.

Bleeeeeerrrrrrrr! The siren sounds just seconds before we punch our tags, meaning we're going to lose 10 points for lateness. Damn, if only we hadn't missed the train!

Yes, the train. One of the many bewildering elements of the Berowra Bewilderness Rogaine on 25.11.18 was the public transport. A large number of teams started the day with the gentle train ride from Berowra out to Mt Kuringai, and from there planned to work their way back to Berowra in a single or double loop formation. Adventurous teams took 12 minute round trip on the ferry to bag a 100 point control. Of course, they had to get to the ferry wharf first. At it was all completely legal.

A relaxing ferry trip wasn't the only water on offer. The rogaie covered a some sections of the gorgeous Great North Walk. Course setter Tristan swears that he didn't know those sections were actually going to be under water, but they were. For a time we skipped happily along the edges of large puddles, carefully clambering up onto the sides of boulders and skirting trees when the puddles got too deep. But eventually, there was an inevitable turn into thigh-high marsh water, the surface thick with floating pine needles. The GNW track designers had foreseen the need to cross this marsh on foot and provided a footbridge... but the footbridge was also under a film of water, giving the appearance of levitating rogainers.

Leaving this swampy area required half an hour wading through deep and long pud-

dles. Sloshing along, we encountered a group of day walking tourists fixing plastic shopping bags onto their legs to keep themselves dry. We gently informed them that this was extreme folly, showing our legs were wet up to the thigh, and suggesting they head back if they wanted to stay dry.

There were a couple of sly 'clearer controls' that you really only want to bother with if you just have to clear the course. Or because you've been sucked in because they look easy, you've gone out of your way already, and it would be a shame to turn back now... We took one look at the people scrambling up the steep boulders toward 46 and decided to skip it. Barely 10 metres further on, around a small corner we found control 80 sitting out in the open on a very accessible lookout. It felt like a reward for prudent thinking. We also found some very suspicious ladies - one had a bullwhip aimed at the other's derriere. A bullwhip, oh my!

I should mention that in addition to public transport, walking on water and deceptive controls, this rogaie had a photo contest. The most provocative rogaining photos would win a prize. There were all kinds of pranks and stunts being perpetrated along the way. But those ladies - I'm not even sure they were rogainers! (cont'd p.2)



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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

BY THAÏS TURNER

Residents of Sydney and much of Australia have sweltered through one of, if not the, hottest Summer on record. This has played havoc with our Club Program of events, causing several cancellations and rescheduling of events.

The Blue Mountains has been experiencing some monsoon type weather so rain and storms have also been affecting the ability to offer walks / canyons etc. there. We thank you for your perseverance in finding other dates to run activities if rescheduling has to occur.

Our Autumn Program is being revealed at the Feb 11th Club meeting and it contains a wonderful array of activities. Thank you to all the leaders. We always welcome new leaders so please talk to the Walks, Social or Abseil Committees if you are interested in making a start as a leader. Members of these Committees have much experience to offer, to help get you on your way.

We are excited to welcome Keith Muir, Director, Colong Foundation, at the 11th Feb meeting - his presentation will highlight the situation relating to several current environmental campaigns (Warragamba Dam; Gardens of Stone; SaveKosci; Western Sydney Airport; etc.) I hope you can make it to hear how you can help make your voice heard,

and about other ways to get involved.

Please check the Snippets section of this magazine, for other important notices and news.

Any ideas you may have for helping us celebrate our 40th anniversary in 2020 can be advised to a member of the Management Committee, by email or phone.

I'm also interested in articles, walks or social activities reports, poems, recipes, photos, snippets, etc. for inclusion in this magazine each quarter. Even one paragraph is fine. It's your chance to see your work published!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas / New Year break and that you are looking forward (as I am) to another great year of outdoor activities and social events.

See you on the track,

Thaïs

President

BEWILDERMENT IN BEROWRA (CONT'D)

BY MEELA DAVIS

For this event specifically, a special disclaimer was issued. **Disclaimer: The NSW Rogaining Association takes no responsibility for break-ups that occur because of this event.*

I'm certain this relates to the traverse from control 60 to 80 (and not to the bullwhip). We smartly looked at the map and decided to go down from 80 to 60. Heading down the 150m of rough hewn steps was a challenge. By the faces of those coming up, they did seem to appreciate my cheering them on, but not to the point where they looked very happy about their life choices to date. I can only hope that all relationships were repaired back at the Hash House with a burger and slice of watermelon.

Most bewildering of all was the variety of experiences in this rogaine. Over the course of a very short 4 hour event, we were taken from the local shops (coffee!) and through suburban streets with their schools and convenience stores. For the more social- and less -gaine participants, this socialgaine held trivia clues contributing to a separate prize. We gave up when we saw some of the questions were about Australian politicians. All it takes is someone to ask who the sitting PM is, and I'm out. (I only watch the news once a week).

There was something for everyone - from the elite runners who need an 8 hour challenge, to those with prams and

lattes, and people like me who want to get some exercise and take a silly selfie while they're at it. There was even an adult-sized swing on a cliff top.

We finished respectably with 400 points (winners took 990 points). Best of all, we were able to set a sensible course that allowed us to have some silly fun along the way. Strike that. Best of all was not having to go up those steps.



Pics: Meela Davis

A (not totally) successful coastal walk in Sydney (Maroubra Beach to La Perouse, 20 Jan 2019)

by Jon Gray

Things started going wrong right from the start! Eight of us met early that Sunday morning outside the South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club. Conditions were thankfully a bit cooler than the heat wave conditions of the previous fortnight. The first sign of trouble for the day was when the ladies toilet was temporarily closed for cleaning. Someone even commented they hoped this wasn't a bad omen for the day.

After this unexpected delay we were finally off, ready to enjoy our cliff top walk around the headland just to the south of the beach. But before long our way forward was blocked by a surly security man because there was to be shooting on the Anzac Rifle Range that day. This was despite assurances given to me the previous week by another guard that they only shoot on Saturdays. A few minutes earlier and we would have got through. Oh well, we retraced our steps and took the inland track route, thus missing the dramatic cliff top walk.

Soon we were approaching Malabar Beach from the inland direction, walking over a grassy park, when Carol stepped into a nasty booby-trap-style hole, cleverly concealed by grass so no-one would ever guess it was there. She sprained her ankle in the process, but it didn't seem too bad (at that stage) so fortunately she could carry on.

We soon got to the next region of cliff top walking, but here it wasn't stray bullets that were the concern, but stray golf balls! We now had to pass through a series of golf courses (three in fact) and being Sunday morning, the place was swarming with golfers. We had to time our progression in between the golfers hitting off. We were copping some rather foul looks from the golfers, although signs assured us that we could pass through providing we kept to the coastal margin of the course (and accepted the potential dangers!). Cheryl, a keen golfer herself, felt terrible about our intrusion and was apologising to them at every encounter. During morning tea, she decided she had had enough, and would head back from here. Oh well, I've heard it is acceptable for a walk leader to lose up to 10% of their group, so I didn't feel too bad!

We continued dodging golf balls for a couple more k's until we got to some scrubby woodland area. By this time I was getting a little uncertain as to our exact location and the best way forward. This was partly due to some errors in the Sydney walks guidebook I was using. It (incorrectly) said one section was about 300 m but after we'd gone over 1 km we hadn't reached the supposed turnoff, so I figured we were a bit off-track. We sought directions from a couple of joggers passing by and they gave us some totally misleading directions. This was getting crazy!!

Carol was now beginning to suffer with her ankle, so we had another break while she took some pain killers. I got some more advice on our exact location and was pleased to learn we were getting quite close to our destination. After a final walk (or hobble for Carol) along Congwong Bay Beach we finally made it to La Perouse. Yay, we did it! After a pleasant lunch overlooking Botany Bay some caught Uber back to the cars at Maroubra Beach, while some of us stayed to explore the area a bit before catching a bus back.

Despite all the problems, we did have some fun and generally enjoyed ourselves. But I have to admit it wasn't one of my most successful walks! It is a lovely area, with dramatic coastal scenery, but this day just wasn't the right day to get the most out of it. I think my main message for any others contemplating a similar walk in this area is – don't do it on the weekend!

Caption:
morning tea
break on a
Malabar cliff
top (L-R)
Melissa,
Debbie, Vicki,
Aidan, Cheryl,
Samantha
and Carol
(photo: J.
Gray)



Lacing your boots – (sourced from Paddy Pallin advertising brochure)

The way you lace your boots is the most important thing you can do to avoid problems with your feet that can make even a short trip an epic.

When you buy new boots, lace them firmly for the first few walks. This makes the boot move with your foot and learn to flex correctly. Later if you prefer to loosen the laces you should have a boot which moves with you better.

Lacing is also the first thing you should address if you feel a blister forming, don't wait for the top of the next hill, pull up your socks to remove creases and change the way the boots are laced.

Many boots have a locking point in the lacing system so that the top and bottom parts of the laces can be at different tensions. This controls where any pressure will be applied to your feet.

The recommendation is for lacing the lower half of laces firmly with the upper half looser for long descents. This can be reversed for long climbs.

Report on Bushwalking NSW November 2018 General Meeting by Kerrie McLean

Thaïs and myself attended the November BNSW meeting, held in Redfern, which was also well attended by members of other clubs – mostly from the Sydney area. As usual we were greeted by committee members and offered refreshments prior to the start of the meeting.

President Alex Allchin commenced the meeting and introduced the keynote speaker Linda Groom, Convenor of Save Kosci Inc who showed slides of the walk and reported on how the walkers were faring.

At the time of the meeting the Save Kosci protest walk was half way completed. The walk aims to make repeal of the Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Act and to make it an issue in the March 2019 NSW election.

Linda gave details on the mammoth task that she had undertaken in organising the Camino style route through Camden, Mittagong, Bungonia, Bungendore, Queanbeyan and Charlotte Pass and the intention of reaching the summit of Kosciuszko on the 8th of December 2018.

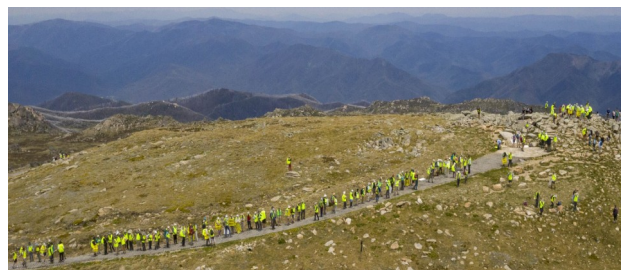
She reported on the many walkers who had joined them – a few of whom intended to walk the entire route, while others organised and handed out pamphlets along the way. For more information look up reclaimkosci.org.au.

Executive Officer Kirsten Mayer then reported on a project BNSW has been working on as a result of grant funds – It's

Sweet to Walk Soft – which seeks to promote nature conservation to existing bushwalking clubs, introducing those principles to new bushwalkers and adventurers who use online mediums and to engage all with the Bushwalking NSW website and newsletter.

As usual there was discussion time for clubs to talk about what they are doing at the moment, which is always quite interesting.

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 19th February with Yuri Bolotin speaking on 'Bushwalking with a Purpose'. Yuri is one third of the Bush Explorers trio of himself, Michael Keats OAM and Brian Fox. They are well known for the Bush Explorer books of the Greater Blue Mountains area - apparently there is a new book about to be released.



Pic source: savekosci.org website

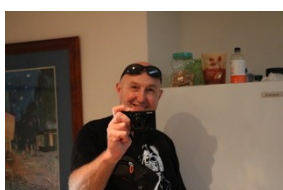
CHRISTMAS PARTY PICS

FROM BARBARA JACQUEMIN

The club's annual Christmas Party was held at Vaz and Julie's place at Hammondville on Sat 15 Dec 2018.

A good night was had by all.

Here are many pics from Barbara from the event. (More pics Page 6)



MOSS VALE TO BERMAGUI BY J.R. TURNER

22-30 NOV 1921

(THAÏS' GRANDFATHER)

Nov 22

Arrived at Moss Vale at 11.54pm after uninteresting train journey. Repaired immediately to Grand Hotel, and accommodated by Yankee Boniface.

Nov 23

Breakfast at Hotel and left at 9am by car to, Garunga 10 mile. Conversed with lady in Car about weather, Newcastle and the surrounding district, (mostly Newcastle). Arrived at Fitzroy Falls at 9.30am. Viewed the falls and panoramic view. Handed a few Biblical tracts by the Car passenger, and bid adieu to the conveyance.

Started out per boot for Kangaroo Valley, 11¼ miles distant. Road about three miles along crest of range, fairly level, then descended into the Valley, fine views of the district when descending. Nearing Kangaroo Valley farmhouses become more frequent, pursuits mostly of dairying character. Past Barrengarry we arrived at outskirts of Kangaroo Valley township, which is marked by the Hampden Bridge, spanning the Kangaroo River. Had dinner at Commercial Hotel (Rankin's).

Debated as to wisdom or otherwise of completing the journey to Nowra, and finally decided (after buying some oranges) to proceed.

Left at 2.15pm and started the ascent. Some Hill for quite a while. When nearing the summit very fine views are available, which were duly photographed. About 5pm we were at the top of the mountain and decided to visit Cambewarra Lookout 1 mile from road. The Lookout is quite a marvellous place and not to be missed by any real enthusiastic tourist. Unfortunately the day was a hazy one and the view was not all that could be desired but still the farm in the fore ground, the Shoalhaven River winding amongst the township to the left and the coastline quite a finish to this picture, made the trip worth while. Made tea at Lookout and at 6.15pm started for Nowra. The distance proved to be longer than anticipated and walking in the dark was an experience to remember. After much foot-slogging we arrived at Nowra at 9.30pm, proceeded to the (Footnote: 13 mile from Kangaroo Valley; 3 mile Lookout and back) eating house where Bacon and Eggs were very acceptable. Upon completion of our al fresco we looked around for the Midnight Mail and found the said Mail completely covered with bags, people luggage and a dog to boot. Despite these handicaps the driver decided to take us and at 10pm we left for Milton. The night was dark and the motor plied its way very warily. At various "one horse town" post offices were unloaded the mail, and at Wandandian we took three more passengers making our total complement 9 and a dog, nearly a record for the trip.

The gent with the dog was put out and the sudden influx of passengers and behaved very testily when asked to shift, to make matters worse the baby started to cry.

Nov 24

Arrived at Milton at 1am. Ushered into a hotel by the driver of the car, and after some local enquiries, we retired after a extra long day's travel.

Slept in till 10am, of necessity, rose and after a short walk through Milton, dinner was served. After dinner the hotel keeper rang through to Ulladulla and arranged accommodation. Left for Ulladulla at 3pm, after a pleasant walk of 4 miles arrived at that very prettily situated spot at 4pm. Left our parcels at Mrs. Mitchell's boarding house and had a pleasant ½ hour bathe in the Pacific.

Returned for tea, afterwards went for a stroll through Ulladulla and retired at 9pm. Ulladulla is to be remarked upon for its beauty of position.

Nov 25

Awakened at 7am and breakfasted with the "Silica" workers. Waited for the Grocers and Bakers Carts coming through but was refused a lift by the Grocer and decided to set out per foot. After about 2 miles the Baker's cart caught us up but he had already arranged to take a timber-getter. Sent our haversacks along on cart. Passed Burril Inlet about 9.15am fish plentiful here. Proceeded and crossed Tebourie Lake about 2 mile further on.

Called at wayside house for water. Had dinner off main road near Lake Merroo. Arrived at Termeil about 3.30pm. Made arrangements to stay but afterwards cancelled them and booked by Car to Batemans Bay 22 mile further on. Car arrived about 5.15pm. Set out at breakneck speed and after a record breaking trip arrived at Blandford House Batemans Bay about 6.10pm. Had tea, thence strolled down and saw Latta family. After conversing for some time returned to the House. Batemans Bay at south of Clyde River akin to Tuggerah Lake scenery. Toll Gate Islands 4 mile off mouth of Bay.

Nov 26

Left Batemans Bay early. 7.30am passed out of the Bay district along the road about 3 mile when a Ford Motor Lorry hove in sight. We quickly availed ourselves of kind offer to take us to Mogo, which place we reached after a hair-raising ride through very picturesque scenery. Left Mogo at 9am and started out past the saw-mills on the up grade for about 6½ miles. Rested for a slight refreshment when the Mogo Cricket Team in 3 sulkies appeared. These conveyances drove us into Moruya quick time and we straight away made for Pat Mylott's Store. Met Mrs Ryan proprietress of the "Blandford House" at the Bay. Adjourned to Carders Royal Hotel for dinner. Had a swim after viewing a very impressive, lengthy funeral procession of a local farmer. Saw some clothes on the bank unattended. Returned to Hotel, had tea conversed with Mrs Carder, helped to water her garden and then decided at 8pm to walk to Bodalla forthwith. Left Moruya at 8.15pm.

Walked towards Bodalla for 6½ miles when the Bodalla Cricket Club returning from Batemans Bay. We jumped aboard and after a boisterous ½ hour we arrived at a large hostelry, the Bodalla Arms Hotel.

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CLUB MEETINGS EVERY MONTH

USUALLY HELD ON 2ND MONDAY OF MONTH—
EXCEPT JANUARY

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welcome & can be emailed to Thais .

Deadline for Winter issue is: Fri 3rd May 2019

Meetings coming up in 2019:

March (AGM) 11th

April 8th

May 13th

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http://
www.bankstownbushwalkingclub.
org.au

CHRISTMAS PARTY PICS (CONT'D)***NEW MEMBERS***

Please welcome our new members when you next see
them on an activity.

Claire Baddeley Kalaranjini Raja Fred Zickar

MOSS VALE TO BERMAGUI

(CONT'D FROM P. 5)

Nov 27

Woke early, inspected the town, very prettily situated amongst circle of hills, very large Tudor style Church – 'All Saints'. Had breakfast 9.15 and started out for Narooma 13 mile distant at 9.30. Road was very picturesque and enjoyable walk. Gave our packs to Mrs Ryan of Batemans Bay who was travelling to Narooma. Walked on past Lake Mummuga over the hill, and across Costin's Dairy through somebodys farm and down to Narooma punt. Crossed in boat and arrived at Narooma Hotel at 1.35pm. Had a swim after lunch in surf.

Narooma needs special mention for its pretty situation. On one side the Wagonga River winding towards the bar. And on the other side a very extensive surf beach is close at hand.

Montague Island is about 5 mile off the mainland and the light-house plainly visible.

Nov 28

Had Breakfast at 7.15am. Started out immediately for Tilba Tilba. Viewed Wagonga River from back of town. Rode about ½ mile with Creamery Carter, walked on to Corunna. Saw through the local Co-op Cheese factory. Arrived at Tilba, collected our packs which had been brought on ahead to the "Palace" Hotel Central Tilba. Crossed over into Tilba Tilba (13 mile). Had dinner at Hotel and left about 2 pm for Bermagui. Got a lift for 1½ miles. Took a short cut through Wallago Lake Aborigine Settlement, very well situated in Wallago Lake with Mt. Dromedary in the background. Walked on to Bermagui along the coast, stopped at farm and treated very hospitably by farmer's wife. Arrived at Bermagui at 5.30. Went for swim and after tea conversed with Fathers O'Connor (Moruya) and Dean Gunning (Bega).

Nov 29

Had breakfast at hotel, walked round rocks and back to dinner. Rain commenced to fall in afternoon and prevented any walking excursions. Had tea at 6pm and Merimbula arrived shortly after. Went straight down to boat, watched the loading and after a conversation with Captain O'Connor retired for night.

Woke early and viewed the coastline from Port Kembla northwards. After a trip of 15 hours arrived at Sussex St. Wharf at 12 noon.

(Editor's note: This walk was prior to the walk story published as a series in the Bush Telegraph in 2018. It is in a daily notes format. The expanded version was not completed so this is the only version we can bring to you. My grandfather did many walks, as they had no family car, but this and last year's publication were the only two found to be written up for the reader. Note that this walk, beginning at the family home in Balmain, cost the princely sum of £6.16.7 and covered a distance of approx 290 miles! I have re-traced these 2 walks by car, as by foot was too daunting, approx 80 years after they were made, in the opposite direction to the way they were walked, and found some of the transport infrastructure, and the hotels/boarding houses mentioned. It was a fascinating journey into history, and it is surprising how the mapped routes and towns are still the same today as they were back then.)

SNIPPETS

Compiled by Thaïs Turner

- Since Sep 2018 there has been a new shop in Leura Mall called 'Explora Co.' which stocks outdoor adventure brands such as Prana; Icebreaker; Arcteryx; North Face; etc. When you're next in the Mountains you may like to check it out.
- 14 year old Mt Victoria (Blue Mountains) climber Angie Scarth-Johnson is a rising star, having competed in September 2018 in the International Federation of Sport Climbing Youth World Championships in Moscow. She will go on to compete in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Climbing will be an Olympic event, as announced in July 2018. She'll also go to France for the Paris Olympics in 2024. Watch out for Angie, making a name for Australian climbing on the global stage.
- The Club Library now has the 'Cox's Road Dreaming' guidebook and associated maps. These give details of a route across the Mountains following as closely as possible to the original Cox's Road. It would take some considerable time to complete the entire walk but it is possible to do it in sections. You could borrow the guidebook and maps from the Club Library of Books, which are brought along to each monthly Club meeting.
- First Aid courses are now available through Bushwalking NSW (Provide first Aid (formerly called Senior First Aid) and Remote Area First Aid). See www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au for details. Bush Search and Rescue are no longer able to offer these courses, as they have become an NSW SES specialist Unit.
- Brush turkeys are on the rise again in various areas – a good sign. The latest Bushwalking Australia online magazine, sent to all on the Googlegroups list by our Club Secretary, contains information about a Brush Turkey App that's been developed so people can record and notify any sightings. These birds usually make very large mounds for egg incubation, so be ready to surrender part of your yard if they decide to hatch their young at your place!
- Clean Up Australia Day this year is on Sunday 3 March, so register for a group, or register to run a group, doing positive things for our environment. Hopefully we do Clean Up Australia every day if we see items discarded on the tracks where we are walking, but this is the one day that the people all over Australia comes together for this worthwhile cause.
- Similarly Earth Hour is on Sat 30 March where we are asked to turn off all lights from 8:30 – 9:30pm in an effort to save our environment and cut our use of electricity.
- Australian Geographic stores have re-opened in many shopping centres. If you visit one of these stores, you can see a series of collectors cards and other brochures highlighting vulnerable species (such as the Regent Honeyeater and the Platypus) which are in need of our help and donations. These handouts have details about a number of citizen science projects you could become involved with, to assist with the survival of these species.
- A reminder to all activity attendees that one of our main Club objects is to care for and preserve the environment, and this means that there should be no untoward actions made by any Club members in any places we go to on our activities – including littering, defacing walls in caves or overhangs, damaging vegetation, etc. Also safety is of the utmost importance so members are reminded to be careful on cliff edges and to always lie down if you want to go closer than your body's length from the edge.
- The NSW Rogaining Association has created another full calendar for 2019. Check their website www.nswrogaining.org for all rogaines in NSW/ACT plus other States and Territories, and the location of Australian Championships and World Championships. Some of these rogaing events appear on our Club Programs, as we always have a team or two of Club Members who compete in most NSW events, and we are happy to introduce new members to 'the sport of long distance cross country navigation using map and compass only'. The benefits for practising your navigation skills are endless. Entry fees apply and some lead time is required to register a team, so if you're interested talk to Thaïs at a Club meeting.
- At our May 2019 Club Meeting, Chris will run a session on Map and Compass Navigation – this is an excellent start to rogaining and any bushwalking activity in general. Make sure you come to the Club Meeting in May to join in, and check the Autumn Program for definitions of some of the terms that are used. If you can source a handy little booklet called 'Map Reading Guide' published by the Australian Government - Geoscience Australia, that would also help you.
- Bushwalk Australia has again produced a beautiful 2019 calendar full of lovely photos submitted by readers. You can get a copy through www.bushwalk.com or by email to eva@wildwalks.com for \$16.
- The SaveKosci group was set up to work to repeal the Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Act (2018), to reduce the number of wild horses in KNP by implementing the Kosciuszko National Park Draft Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan 2016 with appropriate resourcing, and to repair and restore the mountain catchments that have been impacted by wild horses. A petition from SaveKosci will be available to sign at our Club Meetings in February and March.
- A walk to highlight this issue occurred in Nov through to Dec 2018 – the walkers went from Sydney to the summit of Kosciuszko. Some factors to note - fragile ecosystems in alpine environments and downstream water delivery are being affected. Also vulnerable species such as the Corroboree Frog, Broad-toothed Mouse and Guthega Skink are being severely affected by the wild horse impacts on the headwater catchments of the Snowy and Murray Rivers. During recent drought times these horses are also starving and dying.



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