



# The Yowie

July 2009

Southern Cross Outdoors Group Inc.

SCOG promotes health and friendly associations for gays and lesbians, principally through outdoor activity

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## SUNDAY, 5 JULY

### Day Walk

#### *Gosford to Woy Woy*

This walk will commence from Gosford Station. If travelling from Central, join the 08:15am train to Newcastle, alighting at Gosford at 9:33am, meet outside the ticket gates. No track work scheduled for this day. If driving be at Gosford by 09:33am (walk terminates at Woy Woy)

There is an option to have a morning tea break before the walk on the foreshores of Brisbane waters. This walk is short and can be done in a few hours, depends how long you want. Plenty of opt out stations along the way.

Bring drinks and snacks/lunch or opt for fish & chips at Woy Woy's Fisherman's Wharf. Also pack sunscreen, insect repellent & camera. Wear comfortable shoes.

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## WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY

### Day Activity

#### *Hawkesbury River Postman Cruise*

Check transport info: 131 500 Bookings essential: 998 57566

Hawkesbury River Ferries leave from the Ferry Wharf, Dangar Road Brooklyn

In 1790 the Hawkesbury River became the lifeline of trade between the farming communities and the struggling colony at Sydney Cove. Trade flourished during the 19th Century and then declined as roads developed. The Riverboat Postman carries the daily needs to the river population, mail, milk and groceries. You'll spend hours enjoying the life of the river trade and see the wonderful scenery that only the Hawkesbury River can offer. The Skipper will provide you with a knowledgeable commentary about historical features.

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## SATURDAY, 25 JULY

### Palm Beach and Hawkesbury River Cruise

#### *Hawkesbury River*

Palm Beach and Hawkesbury River Cruises run a daily scenic cruise from Palm Beach Wharf in Sydney's Northern Beaches. The cruise crosses Pittwater for a brief stop at Patonga then cruises up the beautiful lower Hawkesbury into Cowan Waters stopping at

Bobbin Head for lunch. You may board at either Palm Beach at 11:00am or Patonga at 11:30am.

Arriving at Bobbin Head at 12:50 for lunch you may purchase something from the kiosk or bring your own picnic and lunch ashore beside the tranquil waters. The ferry departs Bobbin head at 1:45 returning to Patonga at 3:00pm and Palm Beach at 3:30pm.

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## SUNDAY, 26 JULY

### Bondi Junction to Watsons Bay

#### *Exploring Sydney*

We commence at 10:00am from the Bondi Junction Bus/Rail interchange outside North Side.

From there we proceed down Newland Street, into Edgecliff Road and Bathurst Street into Cooper Park, which in places makes one feel your in the Bush.

From there into Bellevue Hill Park for great views across the Eastern Suburbs. Into O'Sullivan Street and down to Rose Bay for morning tea.

Around the foreshore as much as possible to Nielsen Park, lunch is available there at cafe for those that have not brought a packed one (this is suggested as cafe could be busy on weekend).

After lunch, into Vaucluse Park and then Parsley Bay and finally Watsons Bay. There is a swimming baths just before walk end if we need it.

Lots of buses back to the City or there could even be a ferry, last one 15.50. There are many drop out points along the route if people need to leave. About 8 or 9k. Should be a great day, let's hope the weather is good.

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## WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY

### Wentworth Falls Winter Wander

#### *Blue Mountains National Park*

We meet at Wentworth Falls station, then stroll along Falls Road to admire some of the lovely homes and gardens of this area, ending at the recently rebuilt Wentworth Falls Picnic Area. We then take the Den Fenella track to join up with the Undercliff Track from where we get stunning views into the Kedumba and Jamison Valleys. This track will also feature several viewing places of what are arguably the prettiest of the larger waterfalls in the Blue Mountains. After crossing the top of the famous falls, we go to Rocket Point for yet another jaw dropping vista of the wa-

terfall and valleys.

We make our way back to Wentworth Falls station via the historic Charles Darwin Track.

Catch the 08.25 train from Central to Wentworth Falls, upstairs second carriage from the front. If driving, please be at the station by 10.00 (be aware that some areas near the station have time restrictions), I tend to park at the highway end of Falls Road opposite the hardware shop where it is unrestricted parking. Unlike Blackheath, there are plenty of trains back to Sydney if you need to leave early.

Bring all food/drink for the walk, but there are food shops in the town if you need to top up both before or after the walk. Camera and binoculars could also be worth bringing.

If you need further information please phone, otherwise just turn up. Please note that the walk will not go ahead if it is raining, it will be rescheduled on later date.

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#### **SATURDAY, 1 AUGUST**

##### **Southern Sydney - Cronulla area**

*Cronulla/Bundeena*

Southern Sydney - Cronulla area (an oldie but a goodie - so good the mid-week walkers did it recently) When winter makes the mountains cold, coastal walks can be surprisingly pleasant. We catch a train to Cronulla (at a reasonable hour) then the local bus to Kurnell from where we walk back down the coast to Cronulla. Highlights include Captain Cook's landing spot, Botany Heads, through parts of Botany Bay National Park, Cape Solander (often see marine life), spectacular cliffs (crazy rock fishermen below), Cape Bailey Lighthouse (great views to past Port Kembla), Potter Point (why is smoking banned here?), delightful little Boat Harbour, then on around Gunnamatta Bay (surfers, fishermen, joggers) to the beckoning delights of coffee at Cronulla

Easy to medium. Mostly sandy or rock-ledge track. About 13 kms. Meet at Cronulla Station in time to catch the 987 Bus which leaves almost opposite the Station exit at 9:00am. (\$5 notes and coin only please.) Connecting train ex Bondi Junction 7:45am, Central 7:59am. Check [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info) for other stations and times.

Bring lunch, snack, water, etc. Forecast of showers no deterrent. (We're not scared of some rain!)

Any queries, contact David James. Email [forestgrey@hotmail.com](mailto:forestgrey@hotmail.com) (show subject as "SCOG") or call 0407 914 451

\*\* Can't do this walk because you work Saturdays?

Contact me to discuss a possible repeat on a Sunday.

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#### **FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST**

##### **Winter Bushdance '09**

*Marrickville Town Hall*

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#### **SUNDAY, 9 AUGUST 2009**

##### **PACIFIC COASTER**

*Steam to the Seaside with Locos 3265 & 3642*

Experience a delightful steam journey along the Illawarra coast - climbing through Sydney's southern suburbs, then wandering down through the Royal National Park for spectacular ocean views from the Stanwell Park amphitheatre. The waterside run continues through Wollongong and right to the beachside at Bombo, before arrival at Kiama - a rare steam trip along the coast beyond Unanderra.

Interested in travelling? Then pre book on these phone numbers. Then advise Robert that you are travelling and he will meet you on the station at 8:00am

Adults \$95.00 ;Seniors \$90.00

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#### **TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST**

##### **The Five Fairies Walk**

*Parramatta River*

Today we explore some parts of Parramatta River west of the Gladesville Bridge and travel on 5 ferries We join the 9:00am ferry from Circular Quay for our harbour crossing to Rydalmere (via Rivercat – check departure boards for wharf number). From here we walk to Olympic Park where we join our next ferry for the trip to Meadowbank so that we can then walk to our next ferry from Kissing point to Abbotsford. Its then on to Chiswick to join the ferry to Huntly's point and a walk over the Gladesville Bridge to – you guessed it, our next ferry to return to Circular Quay. Please bring lunch, snacks and drinks as it is not practical to purchase enroute due to tight timetable schedule.

Persons not able to purchase a Seniors Pass are advised to purchase a Day Tripper (\$17.00 from you bus driver or if you walk to Circular Quay, purchase it there).

No need to book in; just be there in time to join the 9:00am ferry!

See map at <http://www.sydneyferries.info/uploads/flash/index.html>

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