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An Urban Walk - Sydney Park

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A WORD

Leaders volunteer their time to organise SCOG activities, please ask them in advance for details of any walks. In general pets are not permitted in NSW national parks. Where a walk is in urban areas the activity leader needs to authorise any non-human participants. Get ready for our annual winter luncheon. Full details next issue.

We need **YOU** to organize events so get to it and send me your walk! (Barry lifestream@post.com or SCOG PO Box 433 COOGEE NSW 2034). 'nough said.

Has your "YOWIE" not arrived on time? Well we have posted it in time to reach you according to Australia Post guidelines. Unfortunately we have had the post let us down several times and have had to report a couple of times that one persons mail had gone missing altogether. Please call me if your Yowie is late or if you have not received an issue. I always post a test copy to see how well Australia Post is doing. They are usually very good. Unfortunately mail theft has been in the news of late.

Sunday 19 May

Campbelltown Steam Museum

We will walk the 7.25 km from Macarthur Station to the **Campbelltown Steam Museum Open Day at Menangle Park**. Entry to the museum is \$10. On the way we'll encounter the parklands of Bow Bowing Creek, a bit of industrial archaeology, and for certain parties, some tram references.

Join us on the train, in the front car of the 8.23 am Macarthur service from Central Railway Station. It stops at Wolli Creek at 8.36. Bring bottled water and snacks. There is also a kiosk at the museum.

There being no buses on Sundays, the return to Macarthur Station is a 3km walk along Menangle Road.

GRADE: EASY Leader - Kevin 02 98196052

Sunday 9th June

Doonside Station to Penrith Station

We walk through Bush Reserves, Streets, and Scrub in Suburbs many Sydneysiders have never even been to! Join us on this Western Suburbs adventure, you might be surprised to see kangaroos hopping around Werrington Lakes Reserve but it is possible! . The walk is about 18km all on the flat . Bring water, refreshments, lunch, sunscreen, hat. Coffee opportunities at Penrith and many trains back to town from there.

After leaving Doonside Station we proceed to Nurragingy Reserve and out the back entrance, skirting Rooty Hill to Mount Druitt to buy T shirts (I climbed Mt. Druitt!) . Not really! but for morning tea, there are coffee shops near station if required for takeaway to a nearby Park. We hit the streets then to Whalan Reserve and onto St. Mary's , along the Main Street past the pool and Kingsway Playing fields to Werrington Station, over the footbridge to the beautiful lakes for lunch at picnic tables near the Water Jet fountain. When lunch is over we journey along quiet streets and Parks to Penrith.

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Doonside Station to Penrith Station *continued....*

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Catch the train from Central Railway Station 08.21am, Redfern 08.23am (leader boards) arrive Doonside 09.11am

GRADE: MEDIUM

Leader Alan Brennan, contact through email :- albrennan@gmail.com

FINCHLEY WEEKEND - BLACKHEATH

FRIDAY 2 AUGUST to MONDAY 5 AUGUST

Weekend Get-together at "Finchley" - Blackheath.

Join us for our annual winter house-stay at Finchley located at Blackheath in the Blue Mountains.

Finchley is a character-filled house with open fires, tennis court and extensive grounds.

The weekend includes a traditional Christmas dinner on Saturday night, bushwalking, tennis or just relaxing by the fire.

You may wish to explore the town... lots of shops to explore including the Old Victory Theatre Antiques store. On the Sunday there is the Blackheath Community markets until 1pm. You never know what old treasures you may find.

The cost is \$200 and includes accommodation for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and meals from Friday night to Monday morning.

Payment can be made by bank transfer (BSB 112879, Account number 039628129, please include your surname as a minimum in the payee reference). Send an email to josephvdv@yahoo.com.au to let me know you have transferred the funds.

Alternatively, send cheque/money order made out to "SCOG Inc." to Joe Van der Velden, Treasurer SCOG, 217 Hat Hill Road, Blackheath 2785.

For more information and to make a booking, contact

Geoff on (02) 6653 8194.

GRADE: SOCIAL

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MEMBERSHIP

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Cinema Celebration
Sydney's Museums
Sydney Architecture Walks
Overnight Camp Sydney Harbour!
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Abandoned Industrial Sites
Glen Davis Backpack
The Glow Worm Tunnel &
Newnes Backpack
Gay Games 2014