

COMMENCING
May the 1st to the Spring Equinox
At the Border Ranges ~ Barrington Tops
At the



SUPPORT
NATIVE
TITLE
GREAT ESCARPMENT WALK
CELEBRATE
THE
WILDERNESS

The Central Great Escarpment from the Border Ranges to Barrington Tops covers magnificent areas of breath taking beauty containing a rich bio-diversity of plant and animal life high in conservation and spiritual values.

If you'd like to experience the magic of walking through some of Australia's remanant pockets of Old Growth Forests and Wilderness areas, celebrating the beauty of life and the spirit of the land whilst supporting Native Title then come join the walk with us.

The journey begins on May the 1st at the Border Ranges passing through the wilderness areas of The Lost World, Washpool, Mann, Guy Fawkes, New England, Macleay Gorges, Werrikimbee, and finishing at Barrington Tops with a tribal gathering to celebrate the Spring Equinox and seek council.

You can join the walk for as little or as long as you like or just come along and participate in one of the main camps where there will be a sharing of cultural activities and lots of fun! There will be fully supported sections of the walk and unsupported sections, ultimately the choice is yours as to how much you participate in this experience.

There will be a walking fee of \$20- per day for supported sections which covers the cost of food support crew vehicles and other costs involved in establishing daily camps. The fee for unsupported sections is \$10- per day which covers food. Everyone will be expected to help with cooking and other camp duties.

Your registration fee covers our organisational costs, upon registration you will receive further information from your regional co-ordinator.

Further information and registration contact your regional co-ordinator.

Registration fee - Individual and family - \$20
 - Special Interest Groups \$30

Lost World/Richmond Range.

Garden of Eden to Clarence
River crossing at Alice
May 1st - May 31st.

Michael Moriarty (075) 330254
Garden of Eden Rd
Tomewin
or Coolangatta Greenpeace (075)991094

Washpool/Gibraltar Range

Alice to Henry River
(near Newton Boyd)
June 1st to June 25th.

Guy Fawkes River/Mt Hyland

Henry River to Point Lookout
in New England N'I Park
June 26th to July 16th

Cath Eaglesham/Anton Ingarfield.
C/- Homeland Community
P.O. Thora, NSW 2454 (066)558514

Macleay Gorges/Werrikimbe

Point Lookout to Mt Seaview
July 17th to August 13th

Gwen O'Dea (065) 832272
64 Shoreline Drive
Port Macquarie NSW

Mt Seaview/Mummel Gulf

Mt Seaview to Nowendoc
August 14th to August 27th

Heather Bray (065) 504596
Doyles River Rd,
Elands 2429

Mt Royal Range/Barrington Tops

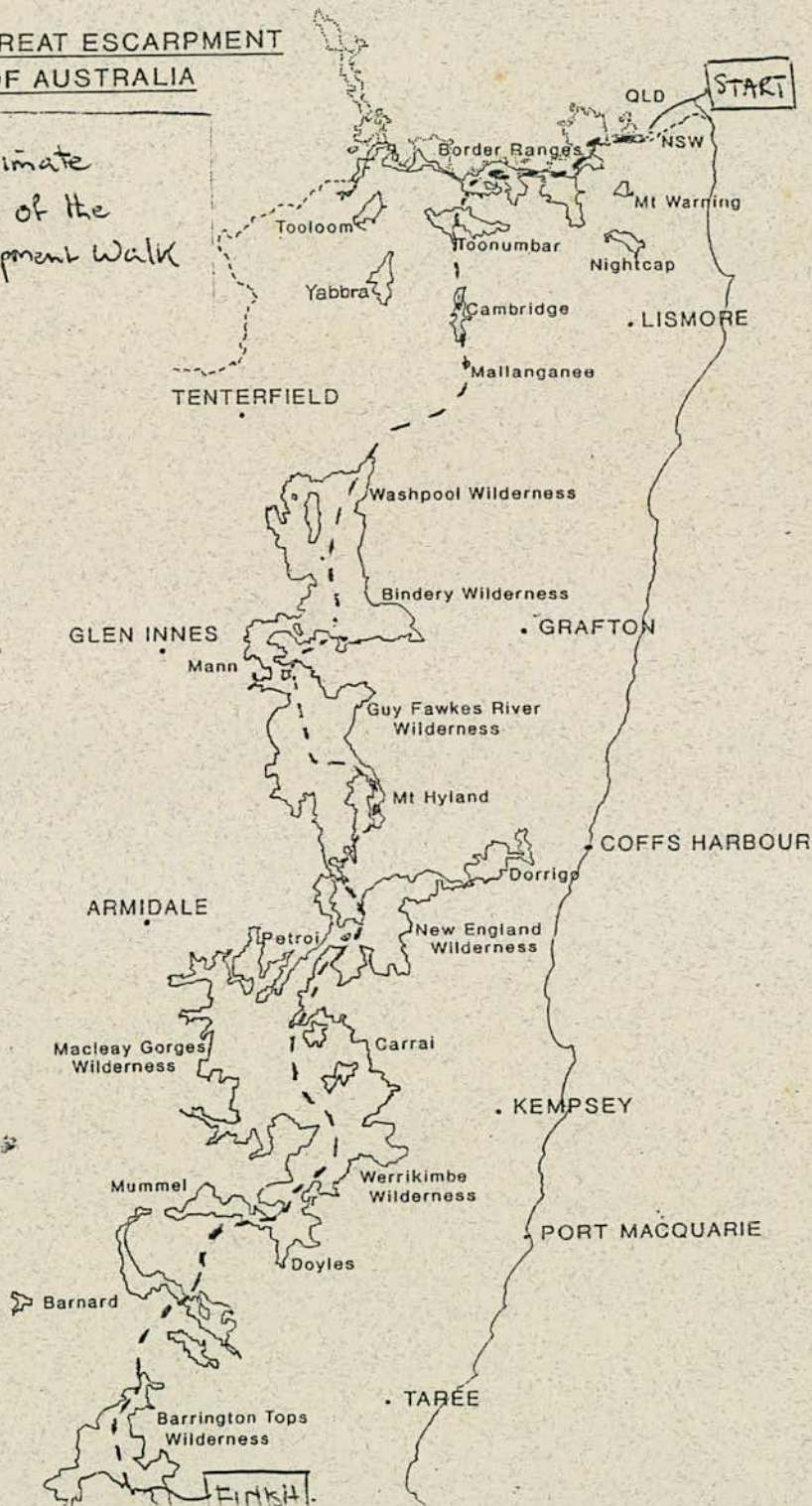
Nowendoc to Barrington Tops
August 28th to Sept 17th

Don McIntyre Barry Griffiths
21 Elizabeth St
Riverstone 2765
(02) 627 6259

All offers of support for the walk will be welcome.

THE CENTRAL GREAT ESCARPMENT
FORESTS OF AUSTRALIA

--- Approximate
route of the
Great Escarpment Walk





THE GREAT ESCARPMENT WALK

It's on... The Great Escarpment Walk will commence on the 1st of May. As the first rays of light shine on the Mount Warning peak, environmentalists from all walks of life will start out on their journey from the Garden of Eden on the Queensland Border to the Barrington Tops, some 4 months away.

The aim of the walk is to highlight the urgent need to protect The Great Escarpment and draw attention to its value for water catchment, flora and fauna preservation, cultural heritage and recreation. The walk will travel through threatened old growth forest and wilderness areas currently under consideration for World Heritage listing. The walk is seeking (and getting) permission to walk through these areas from local Aboriginal Land Councils, and hopefully lots of Kooris will be on the walk.

There are three main aims:

1. To support native title.
2. To support the declaration of identified wilderness areas.
3. To support N.E.F.A's World Heritage nomination of the Central Great Escarpment.

Campaigns are often negative in appearance saying "don't log this or mine that". This will be a positive celebration of our ancient forest. It will raise awareness of their biological values, beauty, healing and inspirational qualities. It will promote healthy community living. We will learn about bush tucker and self sufficiency and hopefully gain a Koori perspective on the areas we pass through from the traditional owners.

People will have the option of joining the walk for as little as one supported day or for the longer 4-5 day unsupported sections...or more! Vegetarian meals will be provided but walkers must bring own tent, sleeping bag and personal gear which on the supported sections of the walk will be transported from camp to camp by support vehicles. On the unsupported sections, walkers will have to carry their own camping gear due to limited road access for the support crews. Food will still be provided on these sections but you will have to carry it!

Numbers are limited and the deadline for enrolment is 4 weeks prior to the first date you wish to walk.

Full details of all sections will be available from the regional co-ordinators.

There is much to do to get the show on the road in May. we need people to check out routes before hand to set up support crews and help with Koori liason etc.

Anyone interested in helping or just walking should call Michael Moriarty at the Caldera Environment Centre on (066)721121, Marty Branagan at Armidale Wilderness Society (067)711155 or Anton or Cath at Bellingen Environment Centre (066)552599.



THE GREAT ESCARPMENT WALK REGISTRATION

ITINERARY

Minjungbal: Border Ranges/ Richmond Range

May 1st to May 31st

Bundjalung: Washpool/ Gibraltar Range

June 1st to June 25th

Gunbaingeri: Guy Fawkes River/ Mt. Hyland

June 26th to July 16th

Thungutti: Macleay Gorges/ Werrikimbe

July 17th to August 13th

Birapai: Mt. Seaview/ Mummel Gulf

August 14th to August 27th

Barrington: Mt. Royal Range/ Barrington Tops

August 28th to September 17th

NOTES

Although the walk will take place during the coolest time of the year, the terrain covered will be mainly mountainous and walking conditions may be difficult at times. We ask walkers to consider their own level of fitness and determination when registering for the walk.

In some regions the organisers will arrange for a degree of flexibility in the itinerary if demand exists. Full details on all sections of the walk will be available from your regional co-ordinators upon registration.

Numbers are limited and the cut off for enrolments is 4 weeks prior to the date you wish to walk and full payment must be received 2 weeks before you walk.

COSTS

A registration fee of \$20 for individuals and families and \$30 for groups should be added to overall costs and paid with lodgement of this form to secure your place on the walk. The price per day will be \$20 for supported sections and \$10 for unsupported days. Prices are Negotiable for youth groups, low income walkers and special interest groups. Children under 14 half price.

Please note registration fee is non-refundable. The Great Escarpment Walk is a non-profit event and any profits will be recycled into environmental projects.

WHAT TO BRING

A water proof tent; torch; sleeping bag; footwear; raincoat tops and bottoms; hat; sunscreen; first aid; water bottle; plate; cup; knife, fork spoon; rucksack; insect lotion; open heart; compass and warm clothing.

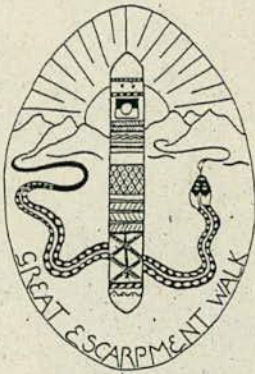
WHAT NOT TO BRING

Your pets; bulky mattresses; kitchen sink.

HELP?

If you have any queries or are able to help by either being part of a support crew or with equipment needed for the walk, i.e support vehicles, trailers, cooking or camping equipment, please contact your local co-ordinator as soon as you can.

REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR



THE GREAT ESCARPMENT WALK REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S) GROUP _____

NUMBER OF WALKERS _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS _____

ADDRESS _____

DATES YOU WISH TO WALK _____

GENERAL AREA(S) YOU WISH TO WALK _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS _____

INTEREST IN ORGANISING _____

NUMBER OF SUPPORTED CHILDREN _____

CO-OPERATIVE CHILD CARE YES/NO _____

I ENCLOSE CHEQUE/ MONEY ORDER FOR _____

**ALL MONIES ARE PAYABLE TO THE GREAT ESCARPMENT
WALK**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY PHYSICAL DISABILITY OR SPECIAL
REQUIREMENTS THE ORGANISERS SHOULD BE AWARE
OF ?** _____

Please note that the organisers can accept no liability in respect of any injury or damage that may arise in the course of the walk, or injury to any person involved therein arising out of any act of omission, negligent or otherwise, and that no insurance is held in respect thereof. All adults and children participate at their own risk and children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

SIGNATURE _____

In the case of entrants over 15 years of age but under 18, the parent or guardian must read and sign this form as well as the entrant.

MINORS SIGNATURE _____

GUARDIANS SIGNATURE _____

Please return this form to your regional co-ordinator as soon as possible.

Regional Co-ordinator.

Minjungbal Section
Border Ranges/Richmond



Michael Moriarty
Caldera Environment Centre
Murwillumbah South 4284
P.O. Box 90
(066) 721121

Dear Jack,

We need to talk about
Goori Liason with the Bunjalung
people with regard to involving
some Goori youth on the Great
Escarpment walk re: the grant you
were talking about.

I think I could make things
happen as I have connections
out at Baryugil (Nth Washpool Goori's)
and need to have a rave with
you.

Take care you look great
Keep up the invaluable work that
you do! Bye for now

Love your friend Cath 
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