

## **Directors-This bulletin is to be given to all participants**

### North NSW Conference– Northern Expedition

## **Oaky Creek-Hogarth Range Expedition**

**6-9th June 2025**

Welcome to the 42nd annual Pathfinder Expedition

**Location- private property's-Hogarth Range**

**Topographical map- Mummulgum {9440-2n } and Hogarth Range { 9440-2s }**

**It is advisable for A and B hike leaders to have an original map per group-as a back up to maps given.**

#### **How to get there:-**

##### **From Northern and Southern areas –**

Travel to Casino.

At the South Casino roundabout take the Hare Street/ Bruxner Highway exit. Heading west towards Tenterfield.

Travel 22 kms. Turn Left at Bulmers Road entrance. Look for the expedition pathfinder sign. Follow dirt road for about 1.2kms, the gate will be on the right hand side. Please make sure all gates are closed at all times. Follow signs to car park .

##### **Western areas –**

From Tenterfield head east on the Bruxner Highway towards Casino.

Travel 105kms to Bulmers Road.

{ Make sure you do not enter the first Bulmers road, which is at the top of Mallangane Range .}

At Bulmers road turn right at Bulmers Road entrance. Look for Pathfinder expedition sign. Follow dirt road for about 1.2kms, the gate will be on the right hand side. Please make sure all gates are closed at all times. Follow signs to car park.

**You will need to park your vehicle in the car park and register at the rego gazebo. Base camp is about 500m from the car park. No vehicles into base camp .**

#### **Registration - at**

Car park

#### **Base Camp -**

500m from the car park

All clubs must report to registration tent.

Please leave 10 or 20 litre containers of water at registration. Have your name clearly labelled. These will be dropped off to the various camps in the area. Thank you for your help.

**Base camp will be closed from Sabbath lunch time.**

Hikers will need to move to another camp for Saturday night.

#### **Registration**

Please register on line for expedition

**Please let us know your estimated time of arrival.**

Registration will close at **10:00 pm**. on Friday.

**If arriving after this time, walk to base along track and register with Granny in the morning.**

Registration will be open from 2:00pm Friday

All clubs to register on arrival.

Hiking group forms will be checked.

Must have ages, medical conditions, noted if nurse and current first aid certificate, hike leaders name and hike assistant leaders name

Any changes in attendance and hiking levels to be advised.

Know the weight of each persons pack

***You will be given a programme, maps and flight plan page for your group, upon arrival.***

**N.B.-**As this is a NNSW Conference event no Pathfinder Club Participant under 10 years old may attend the event including base camp and sub camp camping and /or activities.

Please avoid us the embarrassment of asking you to leave if you bring underaged children.

Please note -Under special circumstances, event organizers may under a case by case basis utilize parents bringing non-participating under 10 year old children to assist/run with specific events duties or activities.

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### **Water-**

Please bring 10 or 20 litre containers full of water. This will be distributed at the various camp sites.

**All water sources from local streams must be treated with a water filtration system or purification tablets on the hike.**

It is very important that hikers drink plenty of fluid. Fatigue, headaches, confusion or constipation may result if not drinking enough water.

**MUST USE YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE**-do not share

Hikers need to carry a minimum of 2 litres of water

A and B hikers may need to carry more than 2 litres as there is a dry camp site

**Drink before you're thirsty**

Water supplies must be treated carefully, avoiding pollution from-food, soap etc.

### **Working with Children check:-**

**All participants 18 and over** must have a current Working with children check.

These need to be **completed before expedition.**

### **Log books:-**

There are extra points to earn in the nature section. So get your group checking their log books to find what to look for.

### **Expedition Award:-**

Each person who completes the hike will receive the expedition patch.

### **Portage-Level D:-**

There will be **no portage**. So please check D hiker packs before they come . **The lighter the pack the more enjoyable it is.**

### **Medication:-**

Don't forget to **bring** your current **medications** and to take as **required**.

### **Radios:-**

You will need a 5 watt radio. Check that radios and batteries are fully charged and radios working. Please carry spare radio and spare batteries. Hike leaders, Please leave your radio on while hiking. Please carry spare batteries for your radio's.

### **General information:-**

ALL ITEMS TO BE LABELLED WITH NAME AND CLUB.

Please note mystery markers are not open until **Sunday**.

Hike leaders will need to carry a pen. As here are no pens with the rogaining flags.

Gates are to be closed at all times

No animals , no ipods , no computers

All hikes will begin from base camp and terminate on Monday at the car park with a **BBQ** , between 11:00-1:00pm.

**Expedition closes at 12:00pm.** So all hikers need to be in by 12:00pm.

Try to waterproof all your gear

Hike leaders to choose suitable hike for pathfinders, keeping in mind the level of fitness of your group.

A and B hikers will need to wear long pants as there are some prickly bushes in some sections

You are allowed to have a pocket knife or multi tool, but you are **not allowed to have a large knife or a machete.**

**A & B hikers-have the opportunity to do an abseil. They will need to fill out a permission form as part of their registration. If the permission form is not filled out they cannot abseil.**

### **Rogaining :-**

Yes it is rogaining again.

You will still need to grade your clubs into:-

A ,B, C , or D levels .

This helps the staff keep track of everyone.

### **BBQ:-**

Yes there will be a BBQ on Monday. So please let Daniel know if there are any special food requirements

Contact Daniel on -0490083414 or email- D.Rusterholz@yahoo.com

### **Backpack:-**

Check packs fit properly before you come.

Try to keep packs around 10-12kgs. especially for D hikers.

The lighter the pack the more enjoyable the hike.

Hikers are encouraged to use light weight foods and equipment.

Please weigh packs before you come.

Check suggested gear list over page, to make sure you have everything.

Keep your pack compact without lots of stuff hanging from your pack.

### **Fires:-**

Small fires at base camp. NB-no plastic, foil, poppers or tins to be put in fires. Your own fuel stove for cooking.

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**Rubbish and Sanitation:-**

All rubbish is the responsibility of each club and must be carried out.  
Please wash your hands before you eat and after going to the toilet.

**Each Person To Bring a Trowel**

Toileting needs to be at least 30 metres from any creek.  
We have had problems in the past with inadequate toileting. This is not appropriate.

**Programme:-**

Our guest speaker is Blair Lemke  
On arrival please register  
Opening Sabbath will be in your own clubs at sunset.  
Worship will be at base camp Friday night . It will start at 8:00 pm.  
Programme is in the log book and on the back of the map

**Suggestion for gear list :-**

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *Strong and comfortable shoes      | *woollen socks and jumper  | *walking clothes           |
| *warm sleeping bag- -10            | *foam sleeping mat         | *toilet paper and soap     |
| *Matches and or lighter            | *personal medication       | *minimum first aid kit     |
| *2 litre water bottle              | *plastic bag for rubbish   | *whistle                   |
| *spare clothes left in the vehicle | *tent to share             | *gaiters/long pants        |
| *thermal under clothes             | *rain coat and hat         | *cooking utensils          |
| *water proof pack liner or cover   | *torch and spare batteries | *first aid kit-1 per group |
| *log book, pen/pencil              | *map and compass           | *garden trowel             |
| *strong cord {6m} for repairs      | *insect repellent          | *back pack                 |

**First aid kit:-**

All participants are required to have a minimum first aid kit-  
8-10 band aids  
2 stretch bandages  
1 triangular bandage  
Space blanket  
Safety pins  
Own medication if required  
Stingose

***Hike Leaders- to have a complete comprehensive first aid kit.***

**[A change in how markers are recorded](#)**

**There will be a change this year in how markers are recorded.  
Each hike leader will be given a unique punch. They will use this punch, to punch their group number on the water proof paper at each rogaining flag and activity. This is the proof that you have been there and this will be added up after expedition to save time at de-rego. You will still need to put the time you got there and the next flag you are going to. You will need your own pen as no pens are at the rogaining flags. At de-rego the hike leaders will be asked for their unique rogaining punch.**

**On the expedition:-**

All groups before leaving on your hike are to be signed out  
Each day your camp parents will need to **sign you in and sign you out.**  
The camp points are as follows:-

Reids Creek Camp-	points	<b>200</b>
Upper Reids Creek Camp-	points	<b>300</b>
High Camp-	points	<b>400</b>
Middle Creek camp	points	<b>500</b>
Activities help earn you points -points		<b>500</b>

Each camp site you can earn extra points by camping there . **But you can only earn each camp once.** So move to different camps and you will earn more.

**You will need to submit your flight plans to camp parents by 7:00 pm each evening**

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**A reminder that all hiking groups must stay together.**

All groups to be careful where you camp, be aware of falling tree branches. Do not camp under trees.

Please check each if you have a torch in your pack with spare batteries.

You are able to start your hike from-A&B- 10:30am Saturday morning after being signed out by Daniel or Eric.

-C&D-11:00am Saturday morning after being signed out by Daniel or Eric

There are **mosquitoes** in some areas of the hike. So please bring repellent.

There is an opportunity for the A and B hikers to do night hiking to earn more points. They will need to know their map and compass work well. This includes how many steps for distance calculation.

Trusting all is going well

Please keep praying for our expedition weekend.

Please pray for fine weather

From the expedition planning team