

BATEMANS BAY BUSHWALKERS INC.
WALK PROPOSAL FORM

Please complete form with as much detail as possible and pass it to the Walks Organiser by the due date shown on Program.

Please use black pen/biro, otherwise it doesn't photocopy well. Thank You.

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PROPOSED DATE/S SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2012 DATE LAST WALKED / NEW WALK 08/2008

NAME OF WALK BIMBIMBE ROAD & KELLYS ROAD MINE

MAP/S (eg. Kioloa) New Series (GDA94) M090 or Old Series (AGD66)

GRID REFERENCE (Start) AND (Finish) 403/327 CAR SHUFFLE? Yes No

WALK LEADER/S CHARLES STUART Telephone 4472 5097

Note: It is compulsory to carry a BBBW GPS (or your own) and spare batteries on all BBBW walk
Do you wish to be issued with a BBBW GPS for this walk? Yes No PLB required? Yes No

WALK GRADING: Please
EASY Good tracks, relatively flat terrain
EASY/MEDIUM Good tracks, some hills or more difficult sections
MEDIUM Rougher tracks, fairly steep hills
MEDIUM/HARD Rough tracks, steep hills, possibly rock scrambling & creek crossings
HARD Up to 8 hrs, rough terrain, possibility no tracks; for fit & capable walkers
EXPLORATORY Walks in terrain unfamiliar to leader, fit & capable walkers only

NATURE OF TERRAIN: Please
GOOD WALKING TRACK G
HILLY H
ROUGH TRACK RT
NO TRACK NT
CREEK CROSSING CkX ?
ROCK SCRAMBLING RS
BEACH WALKING BW
BRING Refresh & Fluids BR&F

WALK TIME 4 hrs TOTAL TIME 4.5 hrs WALK DISTANCE 8 kms DRIVE 15 kms
(return from BB)

ASSEMBLY POINT & DEPARTURE TIMES: BATEMANS BAY (CP) 0915 hrs Will you be at CP? Yes No

MOGO 0930 hrs MORUYA (CPM) _____ hrs Degree of Difficulty 13

OTHER MEETING PLACE _____ at _____ hrs

ADDITIONAL (eg. Barbecue, Swimming, etc) HILLS TAKEN AT A SLOWER PACE.

OPTIONAL AFTERNOON TEA AT MOGO (TYLERS PANTRY)

ROUGH MAP OF ROUTE (either attach a photocopy to scale of the map with route marked; or draw a facsimile of the route in the space below; or give a description of walk using grid references, eg. (Kioloa map) START at 573674 (18 Mile Peg Rd) Walk east to 582672 (road junction on right) turn south - follow road to 489663 take left fork to 586669 etc.)
LIST ANY STATE FORESTS TRAVERSED.

Walks Organiser's Use Only
DATE ALLOCATED 15/4/2012 WALK NO. 2012.240
WALK APPROVED [Signature] PASSENGER CONTRIBUTION BB \$ 3.00 Other \$ 1.00
(Walks Organiser)



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BIMBIMBIE MINE

The Bimbimbie Gold Mines were established in the 1890's and included; Bimbimbie Mine, Sandy Creek Mine, the Perseverance and a shaft sunk by Holmes and party.

The 'Sydney Mail' of 13 March 1897 reported that a Mr Tessler purchased 300 acres at Bimbimbie on behalf of the Anglo Australian Exploration Company of London.

Bimbimbie mine area covered 25 acres.

The Department of Mines in 1900 reported that the mine operations at that time were concentrated on experiments on sample ore obtained. During a 6 month period, the quantity of ore crushed was 795 tons yielding 970 ounces of gold. It was expected that the mine would be fully working next year and crushing will be carried out with a new 10 head stamper battery.

Up to 60 men worked the mine.

The Sydney Mail in 1902 reports that the mine cannot crush ore on site due to a lack of water. It is not reported how this problem was overcome, but given the condition of the access road it is thought that ore was carted out for crushing elsewhere.

The 'Moruya Examiner' on 17 February 1912, reports – Bimbimbie Mine – Mr W H Chapple, Manager is leaving the mine and an application will be made for suspension of labour pending the erection of machinery.

The same paper reports the closure of the mine in 1913

Mr Chapple was employed by Messrs. Lewison and Marks and over 4 years Mr Chapple put the mine in a thorough working order and erected a most modern crushing plant.

The mine was established on a series of narrow, high grade quartz-sulphide veins. There are up to 12 parallel reefs in the Bimbimbie mine area and the mineralisation can be followed for almost 2 kilometres. A 900 foot tunnel was constructed over 7 inches of highly mineralised ore down to a maximum depth of 350 feet.

Officially, the mine produced about 5000 tons of ore yielding 198.480 kg of gold. (In today's money that's worth about \$12.25M)

In the 1980's a 300 metre long adit was re-established to access the Bimbimbie mineralised vein system to establish a potential mine grade. The results from these samples were quite spectacular with grades up to 16.9 ounces per ton. There are no reports of activity since.