## **Ben Cruachan Walking Club - Walk Preview**

Please register with Walk Leader before the day of the walk. See website: Upcoming Walks - Ben Cruachan Walking Club						
Walk:	Bridge to Bridge					
Area:	Nowa Nowa, East Gippsland					
Date:	Sat 06 July 2024		To be publicised	To be publicised in local papers? Yes		
Grade:	X – 4 - 1		Style:	Style: Out and back		
Walk Length:	24 km or so		Walk Duration:	5 to 6 hours		
Meeting Place:	Nowa Nowa General S	tore	Meeting Time:	We commence th	ne walk at 9.30 am	
Walk Summary:	This walk is along the East Gippsland Rail Trail, where we will walk Bridge to Bridge. Starting at the General store, and not far from the Nowa Nowa Trestle bridge, we will stroll along the Rail Trail until we get to the Wairewa Trestle Bridge. This was partially burnt in the 2020 fires, but enough remains of the impressive structure to make it a very worthy lunch stop. Then, we retrace our steps back to the vehicles. Expect to see the remains of the original rail route, birds, lots of trees and supporting ecology, fungus and the occasional cyclist.					
	The first couple of km's we will be not far from the highway, but after that, it is in through the bushland, with some cleared paddocks beside the track from time to time. The first 5 km or so is generally a steady and gentle uphill. We will be protected by the tall trees, so it will be a bit chillier than the start point. The walk is on a well formed track, so hiking boots or runners are both appropriate. Bring enough food and water as there is none along the way.					
	The General store at Nowa Nowa has some food, but if you go past the Bruthen Bakery, I can recommend both the hedgehog and citrus slices. And they have ready made rolls. Toilets are at the meeting point. If it's pouring rain, and predicted to continue throughout the day, the walk will be cancelled.					
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