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Half way through the year

The year is going fast once again. And we are in winter, but that should not stop you walking. See the special walks below, such as the Sutherland to Surf that you can do. These special walks receive Peaky additional stamps.



Sunday 19 July 2026 - Sutherland to Surf.

Sunday 9 August 2026 - City to Surf.

Sunday 25 October 2026 - 7 Bridges walk.

November 2026 - Oatley Fun run TBA.

Sunday 6 December 2026 - Christmas lunch.

Wednesday 16 December 2026 - Last walk for the year.

Thursday 17 December 2026 - Presentation night, no walk.

Tuesday 12 January 2027 - walking resumes.

Social Walk

Greenway Walk 8 June 2026

About 17 Peakies made their way to Sydenham train station, then a bus to start the walk. We were again lucky with the weather. The track is flat and very suitable for all walkers. Even Phillipe and Robin were able to join us.

At the end we had lunch at Haberfield Rowers club. Lovely views of the water and parks. Then we made our way home via the light rail and train.

Connections were great, minimal waiting time. A lovely day.



Walk on Wednesday "WOW" 6 May 2026

Diane Craven reported

"Our Hydro Majestic history tour kept us entertained for an hour. We heard tales of the Foy family of Mark Foy department store fame. We travelled through history from its health spa period, then a mountain retreat for the idle rich, a hospital during WW2 for the Americans, through its cheap and cheerful hotel phase to its current grandeur. A great day for our May WOW. " taken from Facebook



Cancer Council Big Morning tea at Di and Brian's place 16 May 2026

Although the Cancer Council morning tea at Di and Brian's place at Mortdale is not an official Peakies event, many Peakies came and enjoyed the games, raffles and fun.

There is a new perpetual gift. Jennie Davie won this gift which consists of Carol Kings unfinished painting from our recent paint day. Additional paint was part of the gift. Jennie can add to the painting and pass it on to the next morning tea recipient! The final amount raised was \$2092.85. Di and Brian thanked wonderful friends and family.



Walk on Wednesday 3 June 2026

From Denice McKay on Facebook "A wonderful day out to the Sydney Art Gallery to view the Archibald Finalists and winner. Then a lovely lunch at the Woolly Bay Hotel Woolloomooloo. A good day out with my walking group friends."



Winner of the Archibald Prize 2026

Richard Lewer
Archibald Prize 2026 finalist

Iluwanti Ken
synthetic polymer paint on canvas

The subject of this portrait is Iluwanti Ken a Pitjantjatjara Elder, senior artist and nanyatji (traditional healer). She is a finalist in this year's Wynne Prize.

"I spent time with Iluwanti at Tjala Arts in Anmatj, in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands of South Australia. Although we have known one another for several years through shared exhibitions, being on Country together deepened my understanding of her presence and the responsibilities she carries," says Richard Lewer.

"Iluwanti paints with an urgency I recognise. Her work depicts the anawuwa tjukurpa, the story of the eagles. Birds appear in her drawings, paintings and ceramics as teachers of care, protection, provision and resilience, particularly for women and children. These *anawuwa* shared how I approached this portrait: I wanted to convey her strength and attentiveness, and reflect the way she watches over others.

"In person, Iluwanti is a small woman, but she carries immense, quiet authority. I painted her *anawuwa* as her presence meets the viewer directly. The yellow ochre background holds the intensity of the heat and light we were working in. She wears bright clothing, which feels inseparable from her spirit, and the traces of paint on her arm acknowledge her as a working artist, as if she has just stepped out of the studio."

Winner of the Sulman Prize 2026

Lucy Culliton
Sulman Prize 2026 finalist

Toolah, artist model
oil on canvas

This is Toolah. She is one of seven greyhounds (nine dogs in total, all rescued) who live with me at Bibbenlue in the Snowy Monaro region of NSW.

This chair is Toolah's favourite spot to sleep while I paint in the studio. I love how she camouflages herself into the upholstery of the chair. At the time, I was painting large Monaro grass paintings in a matching palette, so I had to include one.

Lucy Culliton, 2026

Walking puns

- I told my shoes a joke and they laughed because they have great **sole** humour.
- I'm not lazy, I'm just taking a break from **serious walking commitments**.
- My steps are like my funny quotes, sometimes pointless but always entertaining.
- I don't trip, I just perform surprise moves for walking **entertainment value**.
- My shoes and I have a funny relationship. We always go places together.
- Every long walk deserves a round of **applause** for **endurance** humour.

Happy Birthday

July

Jennie Davie

Sue Rose

Judi Mealey (special birthday)

Terrie Spence

August

Jenny Howard

Henry King

Juenene O'Gorman

Dawn Black

Robin Donnadieu



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