

## WINTER 2008

Welcome to our first newsletter. 2008 has been a very busy year so far for us, and we'd like to let you know what's happening. Great Walks magazine has sent many new members our way – Welcome to all of you!



We sponsored the very popular presentations by Andrew Lock about his 2007 ascent of Annapurna I. Andrew has recently returned from climbing Makalu, the 5<sup>th</sup> highest mountain in the world. He now has only to climb Shishapangma in Tibet to become the first Australian to climb all 14 peaks over 8000m. Andrew should be attempting this climb around April 2009, and we hope that before then he will be able to spare some time for another thrilling presentation. Adventure.com.au is delighted to do whatever it can to help him achieve his goal – but we aren't volunteering to go up to the top with him! Stay tuned.

There have been some scenic additions to our [image gallery](#) from members and forum users – if haven't already had a look please do so, and send in some of your favourite walking photos. If you send in 5 or more you can have your very own page. Just email them to me and I can do the rest.

Now that [winter](#) has well and truly set in, make sure that you have all the right gear to keep walking in the rain and wind. The trails will be less crowded and you'll feel extra virtuous for going out in the cold. Also, send us in your favourite [winter warmer recipes](#) for after a walk. If you have any tips for keeping warm and safe when walking in winter let us know on the forum.



Speaking of the [forum](#), I haven't seen some of you there lately. Why not log on and join in our chats about gear, walks, chocolate and a myriad of other scintillating topics.

We've now got over 180 [maps](#) loaded – so if it's been a while since you looked for a map now's the time to check them out. Our maps are in the process of being calibrated for GPS compatibility. If you would like to help us by trying out one of our maps on your GPS, please contact us and we will send you the calibration points. All your assistance will be noted on the site.

Happy walking

Judy, Almis and the team

**He who limps is still walking.** Stanislaw J. Lec