

TASSIE TREK FOR CLIMATE ACTION 2020

WITH PROFESSOR LESLEY HUGHES

Join the Climate Council for their Tassie Trek for Climate Action, a life-changing adventure into the heart of Tasmania. Together with passionate Climate Council supporters, climate change expert and Climate Councillor Professor Lesley Hughes and local guides, you'll discover the Tarkine and learn more about this delicate wilderness while raising funds for Climate Council to push for action to protect Australia from the worsening climate crisis.

The Tarkine or takayna, as it is known in the local Aboriginal language, is a breathtaking forest reserve containing Australia's largest temperate rainforest and some of the most spectacular landscapes on the planet.

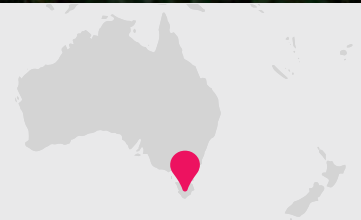
This wild expanse in Tasmania's northwest corner has been sacred to its Aboriginal custodians for millennia. The terrain here is as diverse as its animal inhabitants – mountains, rivers, caves, buttongrass moorlands and coast are home to echidna, wombat, platypus, bandicoot, hundreds of bird species and the famous Tasmanian devil.

Trekking under dense rainforest canopy and up to mountaintop lookouts, you'll discover the Tarkine up close on this unforgettable adventure.


Get ready – the adventure starts here...

Highlights

- ▶ Trek the Tarkine - the second largest expanse of cool temperate rainforest in the world!
- ▶ Learn from Professor Lesley Hughes about the effects of the climate crisis
- ▶ Help fund Climate Council's work to spur action on climate change impacts and solutions.




 7-13 May 2020


 Moderately challenging (3/5)

Fundraising target: \$3,500

Travel package: \$3,199*
(Subject to change) **land only**

 You will need to arrange your own flights

Registration fee: \$770
(non-refundable)

 **Twin-share in 3-star hotels**

 Register before 18 October 2019 and get **\$280 off** your registration fee

Register now:

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#ClimateCouncilTarkine

The difference you'll make

By joining the Tassie Trek for Climate Action, you'll be part of the community that powers our critical work. We couldn't produce science-backed reports, get climate change into the news, fight misinformation with facts or push for urgent action in government without your help.

The funds you raise from this challenge will specifically go towards the Climate Council's extreme weather work and support activities of the Emergency Leaders for Climate Action (ELCA).

The ELCA is 23 former Fire and Emergency Chiefs from every state and territory around Australia who have banded together to call for stronger action on climate change. The highly decorated and experienced group launched in April 2019 to extensive media coverage and is already having an influence across the media.

With further funding, ELCA could:

- ▶ continue their critical work raising the profile of climate change in the media
- ▶ hold a summit with firefighters and leaders
- ▶ undertake further research to protect Australians from the worsening impacts of extreme weather.

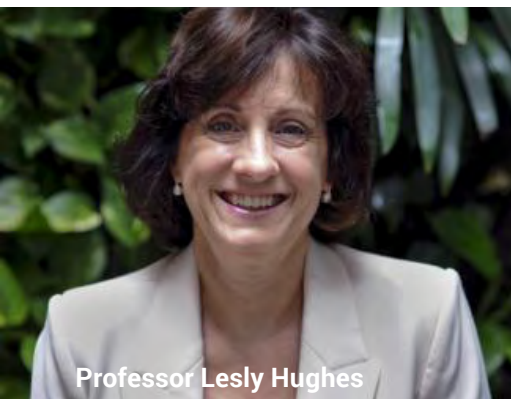
By raising at least \$70,000 through this fundraising expedition, we can fund their work for one more year and help keep the momentum going.



About The Climate Council

The Climate Council was founded in 2013 by tens of thousands of Australians to create a new, independent and 100% community-funded organisation in response to the abolition of the Australian Climate Commission.

The Climate Council provides authoritative, expert advice to the Australian public on climate change and solutions based on the most up-to-date science available. We're made up of some of the country's leading climate scientists, renewable energy and policy experts, as well as a team of staff and a huge community of volunteers and supporters who power our work. As an independent voice on climate change, we get climate stories into the media, produce hard-hitting reports, call out misinformation as we see it and promote climate solutions such as the transition to renewables.



Professor Lesley Hughes

About Ambassador Lesley Hughes

Professor Lesley Hughes is a Distinguished Professor of Biology and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Integrity & Development) at Macquarie University. Her research has mainly focused on the impacts of climate change on species and ecosystems.

She is a former federal Climate Commissioner and former Lead Author in the IPCC's 4th and 5th Assessment Report. She is also a Director for WWF Australia, a member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists and the Director of the Biodiversity Node for the NSW Adaptation Hub.



Trip notes

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Please note, flights are not included in the travel package cost. You will need to arrange your own flights/transport to and from Launceston.

Day 1: Thursday, 7 May 2020 **Arrival in Launceston**

Meals: **B** **L** **D**

Welcome to Tasmania! Please make your way to the hotel this evening for a welcome dinner and team briefing to kick off the adventure. We'll retire early to prepare for an early start tomorrow.

Day 2: Friday, 8 May 2020 **Hellyer Gorge & Philosopher's Falls**

Meals: **B** **L** **D**

We depart for the Tarkine early this morning. After a pleasant two-hour drive, we'll stop for morning tea in the seaside town of Penguin. Then it's on to Hellyer Gorge where we begin our trek on a relatively easy nine-kilometre route which includes Philosopher's Falls, a delightful introduction into the Tarkine. Later, we'll settle in to our lodge in Corinna – home for the next three nights – and enjoy a delicious welcome dinner.

Trekking Distance:
9km (2 hours)

Transfer
Time: 3 ½ hours

Day 3: Saturday, 9 May 2020 **Mount Donaldson and Whyte's River Walk**

Meals: **B** **L** **D**

We start the day with a short drive to the Savage River bridge which is the starting point for today's route, the Mount Donaldson walk. This is a steady return walk climbing up through thick moss-covered rainforest before reaching the exposed mountain summit. At our morning tea stop we are treated to a magnificent aerial view of the whole Tarkine. After lunch by the river, we continue on the Whyte's River Walk, with giant man ferns, burrowing crayfish and the chance to see platypus. We'll return to the lodge for a well-earned dinner and good night's sleep.

Trekking Distance:
12km (5 hours)

Day 4: Sunday, 10 May 2020 **Pieman Heads**

Meals: **B** **L** **D**

We're up early today to catch the sunrise departure of the MV Arcadia boat down to the mouth of the Pieman River and out onto the wild Tarkine Coast. After an hour-and-a-half boat ride, we disembark and spend the morning exploring the wild Pieman Heads. This craggy, wild, barren track can be muddy and wet but offers spectacular views as it winds in and out of the coast. If weather permits, we'll have an opportunity for a lunchtime swim. We return via the circuit route to the MV Arcadia and enjoy a river cruise back to our lodge. The late afternoon will be free to explore the river near the lodge or just relax before we enjoy another dinner cooked by our guides.

Trekking Distance:
12km (4 hours)

Day 5: Monday, 11 May 2020
Depart Corinna, Montezuma Falls, Arrive Tullah

Meals: **B L D**

Trekking Distance:
10km (2 hours)

Transfer Time: 2 hours

While your guide packs up to depart Corinna this morning, you're free to explore many of the shorter walks in the local area. By mid-morning, we'll be loading ourselves onto the Fatman Barge, crossing the mighty Pieman River and making our way south to Zeehan for morning tea. Our next stop is Montezuma Falls, one of Tasmania's great short walks. The falls themselves are Tasmania's highest single drop and are especially spectacular after rainfall. We enjoy lunch at the base of the falls and then make track for Tullah Lakeside Lodge, where we will spend our final night of the adventure. Tonight, we enjoy our last group dinner and prepare for the hike up Mount Farrell tomorrow morning.

Day 6: Tuesday, 12 May 2020
Mount Farrell and return to Launceston

Meals: **B L D**

Trekking Distance:
6km (3 hours)

Transfer
Time: 2 ½ hours

After breakfast, we embark on the challenging but rewarding trail to Mount Farrell. This six-kilometre return walk has a steep incline, but the views from the summit over Lake Tullah, Roseberry and Cradle Mountain are well worth the climb. It makes for a fitting place to reflect on the adventure and all we've achieved together. After descending from the summit, we'll be picked up and transferred by vehicle back to Launceston, arriving back at around 4:30pm. We'll enjoy a celebratory team dinner tonight and toast to a successful adventure.

Day 7: Wednesday, 13 May 2020
Depart Launceston

Meals: **B L D**

This morning after breakfast, the adventure officially concludes. Whether you're staying on to explore more of Tasmania or returning home, you'll be filled with the memories that have made this an adventure you won't soon forget.



Includes: Transfers as per itinerary • Lodge-style accommodation, twin-share • Meals as per itinerary • Water on trekking days • Local guide • Entrance fees as per itinerary. **Doesn't include:** Flights • Airport transfers • Travel insurance (recommended) • Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages • Personal expenses • Tips and gratuities



Timeline

-  **Registration fee due: immediately**
\$770 secures your spot. You're going to Tasmania!
* Register before 18 October 2019 and get **\$280 off** your registration fee.
-  **Connect with your team online: after registration**
Connect straightaway with fellow adventurers on Facebook, or with social media hashtag #ClimateCouncilTarkine
-  **Travel deposit due 6 weeks: after registration**
Pay \$600 travel deposit. Your travel booking is held.
-  **Half travel cost payment due: Thursday, 7 November 2019**
Send signed invoice and pay half travel costs to Inspired Travel.
You will be invoiced by Inspired Travel.
-  **Fundraising deposit due: Thursday, 7 November 2019**
Congratulations! You've reached your first fundraising milestone of \$1,000 for Climate Council.
-  **Travel cost balance due: Friday, 7 February 2020**
Pay remaining travel costs to Inspired Travel.
You will be invoiced by Inspired Travel.
-  **Fundraising balance due: Tuesday, 7 April 2020**
Final fundraising payment of at least \$2,500.
Well done! You've reached your fundraising target of \$3,500!
-  **Go! Thursday, 7 May 2020**
All your hard work and dedication pays off today.
You're ready to trek Tasmania for Climate Council!



Your fundraising support

Inspired Adventures is the leading fundraising adventure agency in Australia & New Zealand, having successfully managed over 620 adventures raising over \$35 million dollars.

We are a team of fundraising experts here to guide you on your journey from registration to destination. We will help you reach and even exceed your fundraising target, and prepare you for your adventure ahead. We have coached thousands of people just like you and know that it takes a team to achieve goals.

You are not in this alone. As soon as you're on board, your dedicated fundraising coordinator will work with you to create a fundraising plan. We'll be in touch with you over the course of your "Inspired" journey to offer advice and inspiration. And remember, we're only a phone call away.

FAQs

How do I fundraise?

Past participants have successfully fundraised in many creative and fun ways. We will send you a comprehensive Fundraising Toolkit upon registration to help you reach your target. You will also have regular support from the Inspired team, who will help you develop and manage your fundraising plan, as well as support from Climate Council.

Is the travel cost guaranteed?

We will do our best to keep the travel costs as quoted. However, please bear in mind they can change due to group size or factors out of our control. The travel cost will be confirmed at the time of invoicing.

How fit do I need to be?

Your adventure is ranked 3/5.

While no extensive trekking experience is required prior to registering, our adventures are specifically designed for people who are relatively fit and willing to train. The Trek for the Tarkine is a physical challenge, and the fitter you are, the more you'll enjoy the experience.

It is essential that you prepare for this challenge. We recommend that in the months leading up to your trip, you increase your physical fitness with aerobic exercise and trekking.

What is the minimum age/general age range of participants?

The minimum age for this adventure is 18, however

younger ages are considered on application. We have had participants aged 16–84 take part in our charity challenges, all united by their sense of philanthropy and adventure.

Is my donation tax-deductible?

The funds raised for Climate Council are tax-deductible (conditions apply).

Do I need travel insurance?

Yes, travel insurance is compulsory for all adventures and must provide adequate cover for cancellation, delays in travel, loss or damage to baggage and valuables, medical and hospital expenses for injury or illness, and emergency evacuation.

What is the registration fee?

Upon registration, you will be required to pay a \$770 registration fee to secure your spot on the team. The fee will also cover your fundraising support to help you reach and exceed your target before you depart for your adventure.

What If I want to donate instead of fundraise?

Yes, whilst we encourage our participants to fundraise from their networks, we understand that some participants from time to time, prefer to make a donation instead. You can either make a donation up-front or donate in line with the fundraising milestones in the timeline.

Have more questions?

Phone 1300 905 188 to find out more.

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