

GO BUSH

OCTOBER 2015



BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC

President's message for October

Committee members Roland, Chris, Kerrie N, Kerry C, Liesje, Peter P, John L, and myself met on October 20.

In summary:

- We've arranged a First Aid Course, appropriate for outdoor activities, viz: Wilderness First Aid. This will enable you to get an up to date First Aid Certificate valid for three years. We need to know if you are interested before the end of the year. So give it some serious consideration now. Talk to Kerrie Norris (54478017) if you are interested.*
- Roland is going to demonstrate Dropbox at our October meeting. You can store your trip photos, reports, etc. on Dropbox, which will provide a permanent backup of these. Go to the link <http://tinyurl.com/ou89w4m> and see what's there.*
- Memberships are now overdue. Don't forget to get your shopping discounts applicable to members, you'll need a current membership.*
- Roland has established contacts with neighboring Bushwalking Clubs, viz: Ballarat, Benalla, Shepparton and Echuca/Moama. We have some of their latest newsletters on our Dropbox site.*
- Keith has resigned as Walks Co-ordinator. Peter P. will act as co-ordinator for the time being. Peter is busy enough managing our Web Site, so we really do need someone to take on this job.*
- Another reminder that we need all outstanding BBOC Activity Registration Forms. If you've led an activity recently and not submitted the Form please do it now. Send either the hard copy or a scanned pdf of it.*
- At the October meeting we will be updating our Activities Calendar. So if you can lead an activity, come along and add it to the Calendar (White Board).*
- Don't forget Bill Clark's Fryer's Ranges day Walk on Saturday October 31. It's an exploration of the eastern part of the Park.*
- This year's Xmas party will be at the Lake View Motel on December 15.*

Come along on Tuesday nite and enjoy the company and see what new activities we have in store.

Leigh Callinan

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Meetings - 4th Tuesday every month [except Dec]

Presbyterian Church Hall, Forest Street

Meetings start at 7:30 pm sharp.

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Club Meetings:

Meetings are at 7.15 for a prompt 7.30 pm start on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except December) now in the Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest Street, Bendigo.

There is an annual calendar of speakers, presenters, and activities. Visitors are always welcome.



Monthly Meeting Activity

- October 27th **Roland Cauka** will demonstrate the wonders of 'Drop Box'.
Leigh Callinan – Calendar planning
- November 24th **Liesje Wilson** – a presentation on her experience on Tasmania's South West Track.
- December 15th **End of Year Function:** Dinner 7:00pm. Lake View Motel , 204 McCrae Street.
Booking essential. **Kerrie Norris 5447 8017**
- **January 19th Club Meeting** - White Hills Botanical Gardens 6pm BYO BBQ **Kerrie Norris 5447 8017**

Membership fees are due and The Treasurer Needs Your Help . . . !

Background information

- The club has a public liability insurance policy under the auspices of Bushwalking Australia.
- An annual affiliation fee of \$1752.00 is paid to Bushwalking Victoria.
- Thus the cost per member (total membership of 74) is about \$23, of which about \$9.00 is for insurance and the rest for membership of Bushwalking Victoria.
- The policy gives us some protection in the case of certain accidents and incidents occurring on trips. Hope we never have to test it.

“Sooooooooo . . .?” you might ask.

- Part of the insurance policy specifically states that each member must sign an “Acknowledgement of Risk” when they pay their annual subscription.
- This must be done each year.
- This is the second important part of the Membership Renewal Form.
- It seems that you folks don't like signing and filling in forms, just like the general population.
- Too bad - **the “Acknowledgement of Risk” form must be returned signed** otherwise the whole exercise is a waste of time.
- Fees are \$60 for a family and \$40 for single members. If you do not want to tear the Membership Form from the back of the newsletter, you can print the membership renewal form from the website.

Accredited Wilderness First Aid (equivalent to Workplace II)

Course confirmed for 20-21st Feb 2016.

Cost – \$110 for BBOC members (subsidised from \$180 by the Club and Bushwalking Vic). Full details for booking online and payment to BBOC Treasurer will be forwarded to members by email early next month.

Places will be limited, so budget and commit early for registration. For more details contact Kerrie 5447 8017

Welcome to new members and visitors

Meeting Place, St Johns Presbyterian Church Hall

A reminder – meetings are now held in the St Johns Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest Street, Bendigo.



Bits and Pieces

Bushwalking News Victoria

The most recent edition the Bushwalking Victoria Newsletter can be found here.

<http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/newsletter-archive.html>



A quiet boom for Victoria's bird emblem, the Helmeted Honeyeater, but it still sits on the brink

The Age September 24, 2015

Tom Arup – Environment editor.

It might be hard to notice but there is a boom of sorts occurring in Helmeted Honeyeaters, Victoria's critically endangered bird emblem, although when only 150 remain in the wild, a boom is a relative concept.

On Wednesday, scientists and conservationists gathered in the last remaining home of the critically endangered species - the tiny Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve on Melbourne's northern doorstep - and released a precious cargo of 18 birds bred in captivity, giving the wild population a boost.



Zoos Victoria released 18 critically endangered captive-bred Helmeted Honeyeaters into their only viable habitat on the doorstep of Melbourne. Photo: Jason South

Bob Anderson, from the group Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater, said this year's release follows several successful breeding seasons. The wild population is on the rise, having been as low as just 60 just a few years ago.

Helmeted Honeyeaters now appear to be returning to newly revegetated areas within the Yellingbo reserve, Mr Anderson said. Despite the encouraging signs, it still takes significant leg work to keep the species from going extinct. For instance, volunteers are helping feed the remaining wild birds within the Yellingbo reserve.

In captivity Zoos Victoria staff are also trying to boost survival rates by predator training the honeyeaters before they are released. This involves exposing them to goshawks about six times a week, testing and honing their alarm response. More common for mammals and fish, captive predator training is a relatively rare concept for birds, with only six to eight others programs for different species occurring around the world, according to researchers at the release.

James Frazer, also from the honeyeater "friends" group, said alongside the predator training there has also been more extensive modelling of release sites to ensure the birds will take. Survival rates of released Helmeted Honeyeaters have risen to 90 per cent in recent years as a result. Yellingbo is a gated reserve that stretches just 661 hectares. It is closed to the public, and access is tightly controlled, because alongside honeyeaters it is also home to the last wild population of lowland Leadbeater's Possum, another state animal emblem.

Zoos Victoria keeper Karina Cartwright said finding new sites to release Helmeted Honeyeaters was a priority with the prospect of fire or disease knocking out the last wild population a real risk. The short-term goal is to have three sites with 100 birds each. But finding suitable habitat is harder than it might seem.

Given its importance to two of Victoria's iconic species, state governments of both stripes have committed to further protect the area under a new conservation network. But a promised management committee to oversee the area's protection, first agreed to 18 months ago by the Napthine Government, is yet to be put in place.

Trip Reports

Terrick Terrick National Park. Day Walk. Sunday 27 September 2015.

On a warm (23C) Spring day with little or no wind and a very clear horizon, 10 walkers completed a circuit walk in the open woodland section of the park. Starting at the Picnic Ground we climbed Mt Terrick Terrick with its expansive views over the northern plains and the peaks to the north and west. We descended via the western slope and proceeded in a roughly northerly direction to Riegals Rock where we found a shady spot with a view, for lunch. We then walked in a roughly south westerly direction to Bennetts Rock and then headed back to the cars to complete the circuit.

We examined rock wells on the western slope of Mt Terrick Terrick and close to Riegals Rock as well as a large water catchment near Riegals Rock. We saw a number of old Grey Box trees with scars indicating that they were cut probably by aborigines for use as canoes, shields and coolamons. We did not see anyone after leaving the Picnic Area and it was very peaceful in the park. There were numerous flowering plants and we heard lots of small birds in the trees. Interestingly for me the conspicuous plant on the three isolated granite outcrops was different. Very fresh looking Rock Isotome was common on Mt Terrick Terrick, Snowy Mint-bush and Deane's wattle were present on Riegals Rock and Nodding Blue-lily predominated on Bennetts Rock. Some of the party saw grey kangaroos and a black wallaby.

At our last break people started talking about the afternoon tea that I had promised. The President showed his leadership skills by dominating the discussion. "Tea needs boiling water, a teapot, preferably ceramic, and a tea cosy is compulsory". My tea pot was not ceramic but I thought I had the tea covered. "Coffee should be roasted at home and definitely ground in a new whizz bang grinder. He demonstrated its action with appropriate sound effects. Water must be no hotter than 65C".

I had excellent thermoses and was confident I could provide the 65C water. I delegated responsibility for the coffee to the President, Kerrie agreed to make the tea and Maria cut the cake.

Thank you to Kerrie, Anne, Helen, Maria, Leigh, Peter, Hans, John and Brad for supporting the walk.

Text Bob Jones. Photos Leigh Callinan.



*Front Row-Kerrie, John, Leigh, Anne, Bob.
Back Row-Maria, Helen, Hans, Peter. Brad took the photo.*



Large water catchment near Riegals Rock

Friday 11 to Saturday 26 September (16 days, 4 days of travel and 12 there)

Introduction

I have been privileged to return regularly to the Flinders Ranges many times since 2004 when I first took a few steps along the Heysen Trail and got hooked on the idea pretty much at once. Starting in 2005, I have done 7 long distance walks along the Heysen, all with club members. Pack-carrying came to a bumpy end in late 2014, so there's new kind of freedom in a way. A group of 5 went in May 2014 and completed some great day walks, extending the whole way from southerly Quorn to northerly Aroona. This year we started in the "middle" at Hawker and worked our way north to Aroona.

So why is Flinders so alluring? The landscapes and their underlying geology are dramatic and comprehensible to the non-specialist. The high peaks, rocky ridges and dry watercourses hold many possibilities for interesting exploration and discovery. Big permanent plants, especially River Red Gums in the watercourses and the native pines on the hills, have their own unique aesthetic. At the other extreme are the carpets of tiny yellow daisies which shed millions of seeds. Some of the isolated bush camp sites are very special – quiet, shady, open grass patches, a dry creek close by. Large mammals (Euro or Hill Kangaroo, Western Grey Kangaroo, Red Kangaroo, Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby) are common and easily seen in most cases. Birds can be nice too – this year we saw numerous Fork-tailed Kites floating about and many Emu groups.

It's semi-desert by nature, always dry, but the power of floodwaters is evident everywhere. A single pool of water becomes a thing of great significance as it sustains life. The combination of translucent blue skies against the red rock of high ranges, often banded in alternating darker and lighter layers, with perhaps a foreground of almost symmetrical pines, suggests a place whose layout and colours have been created by a force which understood the notion of beauty and harmony. Well that force was simply nature's, exerted over hundred of millions of years (sedimentary rock deposition in an ocean, tectonic forces leading to faulting and folding, evolution of living things). There is a lifetime of investigative possibilities here. And what is one human life in this scenario? A thing of almost no consequence, bringing you back to a perspective which is valuable occasionally.

The ultimate draw is the tragic human history underlying the whole landscape – the destruction of the Aboriginal tribes, the massive overstocking of sheep by the early pastoralists, the great wheatland expansion of the 1860s and 1870s, the conflict over Goyder's Line of Rainfall first defined in 1865 and the wholesale ruin of human farms and settlements and the environment as the droughts of the 1880s and 1890s and after drove home their cruel message. The story of human settlement, both past and struggling on now, is vast, poignant and has lessons for us now in the great new age of the 21st century with its countless legions of arrogances.



Back: Rob, Melinda, Ray, Max, & Anthony. Front: Janet, Pam, & David

Participants: David Vains, Rob Clark, Melinda Iser, Pam and Anthony Sheean, Max Foster, Janet Justin, Ray Wilson and myself (organizer and the nominal leader, a frequently contested role as you would expect). In addition, we met up with John McKinlay (who participated in many of the long pack-carrying walks on the Heysen Trail in past years), and spent time with him and his two sons, Geordie and Brock.

It was very gratifying to have people on such a complex undertaking who were supportive, positive and flexible. I think the trip was quite successful, as we achieved all our goals plus a few extras here and there. And we got along pretty well too.

Our new initiative was a series of interesting communal meals – curries, fish patties, syrup dumplings, custard and cake. We all came back healthy, so it must have been all right. But that didn't stop us all lusting for the first bakery on the way home.

Walks – total distance about 114.0 k

Yourambulla Ridge, part of Heysen Trail west of Hawker, 9.0 k. The geological highlight was a long overhanging roof of quartzite half a metre thick, part of the range fold structure.



Kanyaka Station to Kanyaka Waterhole, 2.0 k. The station itself comprises a number of stone buildings, now in ruins but with stabilized walls. The main homestead and the shearing shed, dating from the late nineteenth century, are particularly notable. The waterhole, filled by slowly flowing groundwater, is the main reason why the station existed.



Saint Mary's Peak (1171 m) on the edge of the Wilpena Pound. Some walked to the summit and returned (14.6 k), others chose the circuit returning through the pound (21.5 k). Impressive views of the Flinders fold belt with its many parallel, sinuous ridges.

Bunyeroo Creek geological trail, 4.0 k. We visited half of the signposted geological sites. Number 1 is very intriguing. Angular fragments resulting from the impact of a meteorite in the Gawler Ranges (280 k. west) 580 million years ago landed in the ocean basin which was then the nascent Flinders Ranges and sank to become

embedded in what became Bunyeroo Shale. This fragment layer is only a few centimetres thick.

Bunyeroo-Wilcolo circuit, 9.2 k loop walk along the Wilcolo and Bunyeroo Creeks and through the ABC Range hills. The creeks support very large, old River Red Gums with subtly patterned trunks and massive, undulating branches.



Wilkawillina Gorge in the Bunker Range, 11.6 k. We followed the large creek cutting through the ranges, followed by an exit route through dry hills. Wonderful rock formations and some outstanding desert plants (eg. three flowering species of Eremophila).

Bathtub Gorge, a deep, narrow gorge cutting east-west through the various layers of the Flinders' geological sequence. This (15.0 k return) is accessed from Pigeon Bore, one of the nicest bush camps on the Heysen Trail. The bathtubs are elliptical, smooth-sided pools eroded in Rawnsley quartzite by turbulent floods. The high carbonate content water has a lot of fascinating yellowish algae.



Yaluna Loop, 8.0 k return, also starts and finishes at Aroona campsite, and follows a creek/gorge before winding through the ABC Range. This range gets its name from supposedly having as many peaks as the alphabet.

Mounts Dib and Dob and a traverse of the ABC Range, 15.0 k return. You have to go back to Pigeon Bore to do this one, the only walk which I had not done before. From Dib and Dob summits, you walk south along the narrow crest of the ABC Range to Aroona Hill, not difficult but very rocky with many steep ups and downs.



Trezona campground to Aroona campground, 15.2 k. The route follows the marked Heysen Trail and traverses plains country, follows Brachina Creek and then winds through native pine woodlands on the hills.

Other attractions and activities

- The remains of the township of Wilson (1880 – 1940) with evidence of the railway line which once passed through there to service the many small farms producing wheat and wool. We also visited the cemetery, which has some of the finest marble headstones anywhere.



- Those who completed the Saint Mary's Peak loop visited the restored homestead of the Hill family, which sits just inside the entrance to the pound. The homestead was

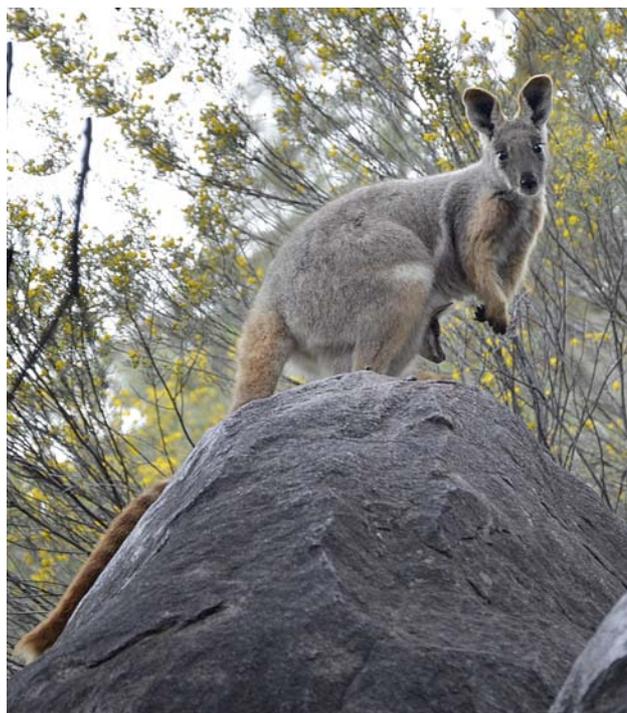
occupied at the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries. When I first saw this building in 1968, it was roofless and every inch of plaster wall has been deeply scored with graffiti. You could not tell now.

- Wilpena Station homestead, with its garden and huge River Red Gums, and surrounded by the remains of many small station buildings (eg. blacksmith). Very good interpretive signage.

- Janet, Pam and David paid for a plane flight from Wilpena airstrip as far north as the Brachina Gorge/Hayward Bluff area. We waved but they just ignored us – rich tourist snobs!

- Brachina Gorge geological trail. This is a 30 k. long driving route, passing through 12 geological strata which comprise this section of the Flinders. There is excellent interpretive signage at each end, and smaller signs along the way to mark each layer. These cover the period from 630 to 520 million years before the present. They were deposited into an ocean basin and were transformed into rock. Because of the significant folding which occurred in the ranges, the remaining strata are now almost vertical, the rest having been removed by erosion. If you can't get into rocks, you shouldn't come to the Flinders – you could go bonkers. We did some of the trail on one day and some on another.

- Yellow-footed Rock Wallabies. The little varmints would not co-operate at Acraman camp, but in at one spot in Brachina Gorge they were quite numerous and happy to pose, even one with a joey. They are beautifully marked animals, incredibly well camouflaged against rocks.



- Marble tomb with an iron fence of Douglas Bruce who died in 1873 at the age of 39 after a fall with his horse. Bruce had been employed as an overseer on several of the large early pastoral leases. It is a magnificent grave, sited on its own in the scrub near Wonoka Creek.
- Ruins of Old Wonoka Station near the grave. Made of red sandstone, but unfortunately extensively plundered for stone.
- Ruins of Appealinna. Hut and garden used by John Wills

for subsistence farming in the mid 19th century. He was pretty much ruined by the determination of copper miners, who wanted the water and erected two magnificent stone buildings for officials.

- At the town of Terowie, the site of the one of the largest railway trans-shipping (moving freight from train to train due to differing gauge sizes) sites in the outback, and a monument showing Goyder's Line, defined in 1865 but later ridiculed with subsequent great cost to the farmers who were ruined by droughts.

Weather

It was stiflingly hot on the first day walk at Hawker, which was a bit of shock. Fortunately, it was much cooler thereafter, with the mornings being quite pleasant and the nights cold. No rain even looked like falling the whole time, but there had been heavy rain 2 weeks before our arrival which had greened everything up very well.

Local Flower Walk – 4th October 2015

Location: Bendigo Regional Park formerly known as 'Diamond Hill Historic Reserve'. Distance approx.3km. Circuit starting from end of Golden Gully and Adelaide Gully Roads Kangaroo Flat: S under power lines, E following fence line of modern mining enclosure, across Diamond Hill Rd to top of Diamond Hill via Goldfields Track pathway and return.

Three members and three visitors took advantage of the start of daylight savings cooler part of the morning and set out on what was promising to be a 30+ degree day. Despite massive soil disturbance and evidence of the early gold mining period among the regrowth forest of today, we were blessed with being, 'in the right spot at the right time' to catch some of the most delicate wildflowers at their best. The Twining Fringe Lily, Scented Sun-orchid and Pink-bells in particular were given close-up and personal inspection with the magnifying glass. And John declared, 'yes...'the Chocolate Lily does smell a bit like its name sake. While along the power line track, the Snow Myrtle (Calytrix), Alpina Grevillia and various pea species were just coming into their own as the blooms of wattle and wax flower were on the wane.

Between flower sniffing, views across the Bendigo valley and a closer look at some of the historical features of the area, this was declared the Club's shortest walk ever. Thanks to Anne, John, Brad, Rhonda and Marilyn for being such enthusiastic bushwalkers – keen to share and understand more intimately our unique local bushland.

Kerrie Norris

Activities . . . October and beyond

Sat Oct 31 – FRYERS RANGES – Day walk.

Easy – medium, distance app 10-15kms. I plan to go off exploring, to see what is there. It will add to my knowledge of the eastern part of the park. Bring lunch, snacks, water, hat, sunscreen and lip-eze. Wear solid footwear, there will be some off track so long pants/gaiters may be appropriate.

Fuel share: ring 1 – \$10 Maps: 1:25,000 – Guildford 7723-4-2 and Drummond 7723-1-3

Leader: Bill Clark, 5442 1432 Please ring before the walk if you intend going.

Saturday 14th November: Introduction to Rogaining

Pinchgut 6hr Bush Foot Rogaine, Wombat Forest. Medium.

What's Rogaining? Similar to orienteering but bigger. True orienteers will normally only use a map. The Rogaining checkpoints are further apart, so requires both map reading and compass use. Also in Rogaining you get to set your own course, making it as hard and or as easy as you want/as long or short as you want. Rogaining caters for all, from family groups who walk to hardened back country athletes who will run their course. This event is a foot Rogaine, but other events may be cycle, paddle or skiing.

The Victorian Rogaining Association (VRA) is holding a six hour foot event in the Wombat Forest on the 14th November. To participate you need to be in a team of 2 – 4 people. I am happy to take up to three people for an introduction, to learn hands on or practice compass use and map reading. We will select an appropriate walking route on the course. There will be off track walking through bush and compass navigation between checkpoints required.

There is a \$30 per person entry fee plus late fees if registering after 4 Nov. Everyone must sign an VRA indemnity form have a magnetic compass (can be hired at the event). Strictly no GPS devices! Maps are provided and handed out on the morning.

You must have a whistle, and a first aid kit per group.

For more information on Rogaining, read “Which way’s North” <http://vra.rogaine.asn.au/dmdocuments/VRA%202010%20Which%20Way's%20North.pdf> , or visit the VRA website.

Please phone Peter Pemberton 0428869196 if interested.

Sunday 15th November Strath Creek waterfalls day walk, 12 km 6 hours hard.

This walk circuit includes Strath Falls, Diggers Gully Falls, Margaret Falls, Tunnel Falls, Little Strath Falls and Rebecca Falls. It includes steep scrambling on loose slopes and off track walking. Total climbing for walk is 600 m. There are several creek crossings.

The walk start is about 35 km from Wallan so it will be an 8am departure from Bendigo.

Please phone Peter Pemberton 0428869196 by Wed 11/11 so car pooling and departure point can be arranged.



The deadline for the November edition of GoBush – Wednesday November 18.

Please forward Trip Reports and interesting articles to Garry at garrybrannan@gmail.com 04 5087 9917

The Editor reserves the right to edit contributions where space, clarity or propriety dictate, and to maintain editorial consistency.



BBOC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR Current as of October 25th

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
October				
Tuesday 27th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St.		The wonders of 'Drop Box': Roland Cauka Calendar planning: Keith Longridge.	
Wed 28th – Sunday Nov 1st	Glenelg River Paddling	E	Booked out	Garry Brannan 0450879917
Saturday 31st	Fryers Ranges NP. Day walk. Distance app 10-15kms.	E-M	An exploration of the eastern part of the park.	Bill Clark 5442 1432
November				
Saturday 14th	Introduction to Rogaining	D/M	Pinchgut 6hr Bush Foot Rogaine, Wombat Forest.	Peter Pemberton 0428869196
Sunday 15th	Strath Creek waterfalls day walk,	DW/H	12 km 6 hours hard. Requires steep scrambling on rocks, loose slopes and off track walking	Peter Pemberton 0428869196
20th – 22nd	Wilson's Promontory National Park		Cancelled – to be rescheduled early next year	Graham Borrell 0438 437 680
Tuesday 24th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St.		Liesje Wilson – “Summer Walking in South West Tasmania.”	
28th or 29th	Day Walk Leader wanted			
November 28 to December 13	Kosciuszko National Park	Hard Alpine	Booked out	Garry Brannan 0450879917
December				
Tuesday 15th	End of Year Function: Dinner 7:00pm.		Lake View Motel , 204 McCrae Street. Booking essential	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
January				
Tuesday 19 (date change)	Club Meeting - White Hills Botanical Gardens 6pm		BYO BBQ	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
30 Jan to 5 Feb	Extended alpine trek: Mount Cook National Park, NZ.	Easy	Six days, spanning seven; no previous rope experience required.	Keith Longridge 0417 151 591
Jan 31st	Day Walk Leader wanted			

E – Easy M – Medium H – Hard D – Day DW – Day Walk PC – Pack Carry BC – Base Camp

For additions or alterations to the activities calendar, contact Peter Pemberton, Acting Trip Coordinator, 0428869196 or email ppemberton@bigpond.com

It is now Club policy that if possible, the weekend after each General Meeting is reserved for a day walk [either the Saturday or Sunday], or some other E/M day activity.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Adults:

1. _____

2. _____

Children:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Next of Kin/Nominated person to contact in an emergency:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Membership Fees for 2015/16 are due from 1st July 2015. Please return this form with your payment to:

The Treasurer,
Bendigo Bushwalking & Outdoor Club Inc.
PO Box 989, Bendigo, Vic 3552

Membership: Adults - \$40, Family - \$60.

The Newsletter "GoBush" will be forwarded to you by email.

If you wish a hard copy of the news letter delivered by Australia Post – tick the box

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

This acknowledgment of risks applies to all club activities I may undertake as a member of the Bendigo Bushwalking and Outdoor Club Inc. In voluntarily participating in activities of the Club which are described to me by the activity leaders I am aware that my participation in the activities may expose me to hazards and risks that could lead to injury, illness or death or to loss of or damage to my property. I also acknowledge that I may encounter weather conditions that could lead to hypothermia and being in locations where evacuation for medical treatment may take hours or days.

In particular when participating in abseiling or above the snowline activities I am aware that these activities could expose me to additional hazards and risks described to me by the activity leader.

To minimise risks I will endeavor to ensure that

Each activity is within my capabilities,

I am carrying food, water and equipment appropriate for the activity.

In addition

I will advise the activity leader if I am taking any medication or have any physical or other limitation that might affect my participation in the activity.

I will make every effort to remain with the rest of the party during the activity

I will advise the leader of any concerns I am having, and

I will comply with all reasonable instructions of club officers and the activity leader.

I have read and understand the above requirements. I have considered the risks before choosing to sign this acknowledgment of risk. I still wish to join the activities of the Club. I acknowledge that I will take responsibility for my own actions and that signing this form or the payment of my subscription will be deemed as full acceptance and understanding of the above conditions.

Name:

Signed:

Date