

GO BUSH

JUNE 2017



BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC.

AGM

The AGM is in July and there are positions on the committee that need to be filled. Support YOUR club with a little bit of time and contribute to its health by nominating yourself or another member for one of these places:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Club President
- Monthly activities/talk co-ordinator

Full support is provided and no previous experience necessary. Of course all positions are open so if there is another place you would like to nominate for, go ahead! Even a general committee member position is a great start to involve yourself and perhaps pick up a task or two if you would like to.

Membership Dues July 2017

The incredibly low cost of membership of the BBOC continues with dues unchanged. To make it easier for members to pay and submit the all-important yearly **membership form** (available on the website) there are now alternatives.

- Send a cheque and membership form to our P.O. Box.
- Deposit dues into the BBOC bank account. **Remember to type your surname** into the **reference** field. Bendigo Bushwalking and Outdoor Club, Bendigo Bank BSB **633-108**, Account Number: **134109016**.
- Pay the treasurer at a general meeting.
- E-mail (bendigo.bushwalking@gmail.com), send by mail or hand the membership form in at a general meeting.

Membership Benefits

Insurance coverage on members trips. 10% discount at Aussie Disposals Bendigo, 25% at Mountain Designs Bendigo.

Your Bushwalking Victoria membership card enables you to obtain discounts at a number of retailers including Ajays (Heathmont), Bogong Equipment (Melb), EMC (Deepdene), Melb Map Centre (Malvern East), The Wilderness Shop (Box Hill), Paddy Pallin, Smitten merino wear, Tasmania, Woodslane Walking Guides.

Trips Wanted

I know there is a permanent box requesting trips but I would like to double down by asking anyone who wants to go on a walk and take a few members with you to submit a trip request.

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Meetings - 4th Tuesday every month [except Dec]

Presbyterian Church Hall, 35- 41 Forest Street

Meetings start at 7:30 pm sharp.

Web address: <http://gobush.org.au>



Membership

Fees are \$60 for a family and \$40 for single members. Payable each financial year.

A Membership Form can be found on the website at www.gobush.org.au.

Remember you must sign the Acknowledgment of Risk at the bottom of the membership application otherwise you are not covered by the Club insurance.

You are welcome to try a trip or two at the nominal cost of \$2 per trip.

Wanted

Trip Leaders: Have you found a wonderful place to visit and would like to share it with others? Is there a place you would like to go and want company? Organise a trip! We have many leaders who are eager to assist you.

Club Night Events: Is there something you would like to see at a club night? Learn to navigate? Camping food? Perhaps you want to tell us about one of your trips or know someone who can give a talk. Let us know.

Deadlines

Submissions to the newsletter deadline are the third Tuesday of the month.

Email your submission to:

bendigo.bushwalking@gmail.com

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 16/17

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Reading

Bushwalk Australia Magazine

Bushwalking Victoria News

<https://tinyurl.com/julud7v>

<https://tinyurl.com/mauntol>

Echuca Moama Bushwalkers News
Benalla Bushwalking Club Newsletter
Shepparton Adventure Club Newsletter

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/y7vyv7e4>
<https://tinyurl.com/kx37oub>
<https://tinyurl.com/kkuthl6>

Monthly Meeting Activity

25th July, 7.30 Bush Stone-curlew Breed and Release - Judy Crocker and Jenny Steele (Mid Loddon Landcare Network):

While camping out on still summer nights, do you remember hearing the far - carrying, eerie call of the curlew, at first low and quietly – a drawn out ‘wee-eeer’, repeated till high pitched and drawn out – ‘kee/eeoo’? You almost stop breathing ... hoping to hear others responding.

You might have known this bird as, Bush Thick-knee or Weeloo. Surprisingly, there is still a small wild population of these cryptic ground dwelling birds surviving in our local area. Since 2007 the Mid Loddon Landcare Network have been working tirelessly with associated land managers to up-grade their preferred habitat and develop protected nesting sites.

Come along to the meeting to learn more about the bird and the progress so far with our local Bush-stone curlew Breed and Release Program. Followed up with an on-site excursion - Sunday 6th August (see details in Upcoming Trips).

Regent Honeyeater Project

An annual series of weekends devoted to saving the Regent Honeyeater. About the project:

<http://regenthoneyeater.org.au/>. Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/regenthoneyeater/>. This year's dates August 12-13, August 26-27, September 9-10, September 23-24, October 7-8. We do not have a co-ordinator for this event but if there is interest I am sure a car pooling arrangement can be organised.

Upcoming Trips

Here is your opportunity to tell everyone about your trip. Send me a paragraph with the highlights and a rough trip plan so that members can get excited and flood you with messages wanting to go.

Big Hill Range and 4 Reservoirs Sun July 2nd

Grade: **Easy/Medium Day walk 13-14 km**. Terrain variable with some steep ups and downs on loose rough tracks in first half of walk and a couple of, short off-track stints lower down, otherwise on reasonable tracks.

Highlights: Summit of Mt Herbert/Big Hill (485m) and rarely seen views. Four local reservoirs and some of the historic infrastructure developed to supply the early gold fields through to current Bendigo water supply.

Meet: **8.45 am - Rocklea Complex High St Kangaroo Flat** - after Crusoe Rd lights, LHS - turn into Rocklea shopping complex and park near Pillowtalk or Fantastic Furniture. Short car shuffle required. **Fuel Share: \$3**

Contact: Kerrie Norris ph 5447 8017 or 0488 297 532 for any questions or new walkers with Club

Goldfields Track – Porcupine Ridge Road to Vaughan Springs Sunday July 30

Activity: Day walk. Rating: **Easy/medium** Distance: 12.0 km

There is no need to contact me to say you are coming – just turn up. •We will car pool to reduce the number of vehicles. •Distance to start of walk at Porcupine Ridge is 90 k via Vaughan Springs. On the way, we'll leave 1 or 2 cars at Vaughan Springs to avoid a car shuffle at the start but we will have to do a car shuffle at the end to get cars at Porc. Ridge.

Attractions: Undulating terrain through woodlands. Perhaps signs of Spring will be detectable . . . perhaps not. Remains of old gold mines, buildings and water races. Loddon River and mineral springs at Vaughan Springs.

Weather warning If there are merely showers, cold wind and low clouds, we will NOT be cancelling. Cancellation will only occur if it is pelting down – unlikely. Please bring Warm clothing, Rain and wind-proof coat, Lunch and snacks, Thermos with hot drinks if desired, Walking poles.

Meeting point: 8.30 am at our usual Forest Street meeting place Leader: **John Lindner (5448 3406)**

Fuel: Zone 2, \$20

Bush-stone curlew Breed and Release Program on site excursion Sun August 6th:

Type: This excursion will visit a private property to view the elusive Bush-stone curlew to gain an understanding of the complexities of a breed and release program. We will then drive to several other sites in the Lockwood/Shelbourne area to see examples of the soft release enclosures and habitat restoration sites. Minimal walking required.

Meet: **0900hrs @ Kangaroo Flat cemetery** (in Helm St south off Lockwood Rd) for car-pooling. **Fuel Share: Zone 1 \$10**

Bring: Lunch, water, snacks and something dry to sit on. Sturdy footwear, protective clothing re weather. Magnifying glass and binoculars can be handy for checking out the finer detail of what the curlew might eat in the bush/paddock or otherwise, may be eaten by!

Contact: Kerrie Norris 5447 8017 or 0488 297 532 for any questions or visitors to Club event

Trip Reports

Mt. Alexander - A Meander on Lanjanuc 28th April.

On Saturday a cold front was predicted to approach Victoria. I thought the front would strike Bendigo on Saturday night which it did. Sunday morning was pretty clear in Spring Gully so I was hoping that the worst of the weather had passed but the weather forecast for the Mount was cold conditions with showers. I was so pleased with the turn up of walkers that I forgot someone who had earlier rang me with her intentions of participating. She was only a little late and she saw three cars leaving the Spring Gully car park so she followed them ending up in the correct location (which was the start of the walk at the south end of the Mount). The mountain was covered in cloud and it was cold.



We first visited the granite ruins of a Sericulture venture on the north eastern side of the Mount. We then walked back to the Old Koala Park car park and headed north on the West Ridge track to Dog Rocks which was our designated

morning tea spot. On arrival it was cold with a biting wind. Kerrie suggested that some people may like to explore between the monoliths. This was a great suggestion as we found a sheltered area where everyone could enjoy the break. We then walked north on the Goldfields track before taking an off track detour to an old quarry with a woman's head (with wonderful tresses) sculptured into a granite slab (note photo) and a little further west a couple of huts belonging to the Lodge Bros. It was calm at the huts so the area must have been protected. Back on the Goldfields track again we then passed Scorpion Rocks and then enjoyed the views across to Harcourt, Castlemaine, Maldon and Mount Tarrengower from Shepherds Flat Lookout. We then walked across to the large summit cairn before having lunch at Lang's Lookout. Amazingly the sun came out and people could enjoy their lunch in the sunshine (note photo). After lunch it started to spit and light showers fell. Everyone donned their rain gear keeping the heavy rain away. We descended on the Goldfields track to its junction with the Ballantina Track which comes out on the main road which we walked down for about 1.5km until joining the West Ridge track again and back to our cars at the old Koala Park car park.

On the drive back to Spring Gully it poured, the only complaint I heard was "why could I not stop the rain at the car park so that I could cross the road to the cafe without getting wet".

We enjoyed tea and coffee in the cafe, the rain stopped, the sun shone and we drove home.

Thank you to Kerrie, Melinda, Helen, Lahra, Greg, Mervyn, John, Hans, Brad and Jordon for supporting the walk.

BBOC Activities Calendar

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
June				
Tue 27 June	Monthly Club Meeting			
July				
Sun 2 July	Big Hill Range and 4 Reservoirs	Easy/Med	Day walk 13-14 km	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017 or 0488 297 532
Tue 25 July	AGM and General Meeting			
Sun 30 July	Goldfields Track	Easy/Med	Day Walk	John Lindner, 5448 3406
August				
Sun 6 Aug	Bush-stone curlew Breed and Release Program	Easy	Excursion	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017 or 0488 297 532
Tue 22 Aug	Monthly Club Meeting			
October				
Mon 16 to Sun 22 Oct	Base camp at Cooinda Burrong Scout Camp	Easy/Med	Day walks. Spring wildflowers, views, bushland and creeks.	John Lindner, 5448 3406