

GO BUSH

JULY 2017



BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC.

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.

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P.O. Box 989, Bendigo, 3552
Reg No. A0051482V

E-Mail: enquiries@gobush.org.au

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/>

The BBOC is affiliated with

Bushwalking Victoria

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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 16/17

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Deadlines

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

Email your submission to:

bendigo.bushwalking@gmail.com

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Reading

Bushwalk Australia Magazine

Bushwalking Victoria News

Echuca Moama Bushwalkers News

Benalla Bushwalking Club Newsletter

Shepparton Adventure Club Newsletter

<https://tinyurl.com/julud7v>

<https://tinyurl.com/mauntol>

<https://tinyurl.com/y9rg3z5h>

<https://tinyurl.com/ybnfzcx8>

<https://tinyurl.com/kkuthl6>

Monthly Meeting Activity

To be announced via e-mail

Federation Walks

Message from John Lindner

Federation Walks weekend. If you want to go you have to book almost at once. As bookings close on September 1

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. John has planned attending and the details are in the next section..

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.

Mt Buller Challenge

Day walk – Date TBA

Calling adventurous club members interested in climbing to the summit of Mt Buller via the West Ridge in winter. This is a difficult day walk rated as Hard. You must be prepared for cold, wet conditions.

For full details – Garry Brannan ph 0450879917

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

Regent Honeyeater Tree-Planting Project, Benalla September 22-24

Rating: **Medium**

Comments: Staying at Warrenbayne with Heather Thomas and Doug Mannix

Contact John Lindner, 5448 3406, jwl.bendigo@gmail.com Will email full details on request.

Beeripmo Walk, Mt Cole State Park October Saturday 14th

Type: **Day walk** Grade: **Medium/Hard 21.5km**

The Beeripmo Walk is in the Mt Cole State Park to the south of Elmhurst. It passes through many forest types and includes features such as small waterfalls and a number of lookouts on top of granite outcrops. It is usually completed as an Easy/Medium 2-day walk, but is M/H as a day walk.

Afternoon tea/coffee in Avoca before returning to Bendigo.

MEET: At **7:30am** at the Club's Meeting Hall in Forest Street. Fuel Share: **Zone 2 \$20**

Contact: Garry Brannan ph 0450879917

Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs (VicWalk) weekend, Warburton Fri 27 (pm) and weekend 28-29

Description 20 walks to choose from, all in the surrounding area

Rating All levels, easy to hard

Registration **You must book and pay yourself on-line.** The cost is **\$55** for 2 day-walks, booklet with all walk details and **Saturday night meal.** Google "Federation Walks 2017" for the full scenario and booking procedure.

Contact John Lindner, 54483406, jwl.bendigo@gmail.com

I will be travelling down Friday afternoon, and can take 2 in my car. I will be staying at the Warburton Caravan Park, not at the Arrabri Lodge.

AAWT – Mt Hotham to Mt Wills November 4th to 12th

Type- **Overnight Pack Carry.** Grade - **Medium**

The Australian Alps Walking Track winds through the high country of Victoria, New South Wales and the ACT. It traverses rugged remote alpine country including some of Australia's finest alpine national parks. The track climbs our highest mountains and crosses exposed high plains. It passes through magnificent tall forests and stunted snow gum woodlands, and discovers sites rich in history.

You must be prepared for extreme alpine weather. It includes the summits of Mt Jim, Mt Nelse and Mt Bogong, as well as numerous cattleman and survival huts.

<https://theaustralialps.wordpress.com/the-alps-partnership/publications-and-research/australian-alps-walking-track-guide/>

For further information, Garry Brannan ph 0450879917

Trip Reports

Big Hill Range and 4 Reservoirs July Sun 2nd

Fourteen members and friends braved the heavy frost conditions, to find the meeting location for short car shuffle before starting the walk at Sandhurst Reservoir. Even at 9.40 am puddles were still iced over as we headed south - up the track beside the railway line. A close inspection was required (see photo) of the beautiful stone masonry work completed in a past era to divert water flow under the railway embankment.



Once in the National Park, the troops were able to take their time and be distracted by the many interesting features of the surrounding bush. The slow and steady ascent up the old Mt Herbert Road/spur, was worth the reward of being able to look back and finally, see the water in Sandhurst Res. From Mt Herbert (now more commonly known as Big Hill) trig point, the views to the south, east and west of the Great Dividing Range stimulated many photographs and recall of social, environmental and political history. Looming through the winter smoke haze, John clarified landmarks such as, Mt Tarrengower, Mt Franklin, Mt Moligul and Mt Kooyoora etc.



Continuing along the Range, 'over the top' of the Big Hill tunnel and safely across the freeway, it was back to the top again for more views and morning tea. To the south, cleared farming land (ex Ravenswood Estate), to the north regrowth forest since the mining days and need for enhanced water catchment (now NP and Coliban Water management). Time to get a move on down (Nth) and locate the decommissioned High Level

Reservoir. By the time Number 7 Reservoir comes into sight the welcome sun is high enough for us to find a perfect spot to declare lunch. Back onto the heritage trail of Bendigo's water supply, the infrastructure and system of channels becomes the focus of attention again before reaching Crusoe Reservoir where the majority of cars are parked. Thanks all: John C. John L, Helen, Athol, Melinda, Kate, Tony, Jill, Anne, Rechelle, Liz, Brad and Gill for giving me an excuse to be out in this special piece of bush within the city's boundary.

Kerrie Norris

BBOC Activities Calendar

| Date | Description | Rating | Comments | Contact |
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| July | | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| September | | | | |
| Fri 22-Sun 24 September | Regent Honeyeater Tree-Planting Project | Med | Base Camp | John Lindner, 5448 3406 |
| Tue 26 Sep | General Meeting | | | |
| October | | | | |
| Sat 7 to Fri 13 Oct | Base camp at Coinda Burrong Scout Camp | Easy/Med | Day walks. Spring wildflowers, views, bushland and creeks. | John Lindner, 5448 3406 |
| Sat Oct 14 | Beeripmo Circuit | Med/Hard | Day Walk | Garry Brannan 0450879917 |
| Tues 24 Oct | General Meeting | | | |
| Fri 27 (pm) and weekend 28-29 | Federation Walks | Mixed | Day Walks Book Yourself | John Lindner, 5448 3406 |
| November | | | | |
| Nov 4 to 12 | Mt Hotham to Mt Wills | Med | Pack Carry - Alpine | Garry Brannan 0450879917 |
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