

GO BUSH

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BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC.

BBOC Pizza Get Together Tuesday January 23

Tuesday January 23 :

Kangaroo Flat Botanical Garden Reserve, Camp St. 6:30

BBOC pizza get together. We will provide the pizza. Bring your own drinks, tea and coffee etc. Also some chairs. Look forward to seeing you there!

EPIRB Bulk Buy

Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon or EPIRB is used to alert search and rescue services in the event of an emergency. It does this by transmitting a coded message on the 406 MHz distress frequency via satellite and earth stations to the nearest rescue co-ordination centre. The club will be replacing its device soon and the committee has thoughtfully decided to try and obtain a bulk buy deal for members who wish to purchase this important device for their kit. Expected cost about \$250. Expensive? That is for you to consider. Email the secretary, BBOC Gmail account, phone a committee member – let us know to put you on the list

Membership Benefits

Insurance coverage on members trips. 10% discount at Aussie Disposals Bendigo. Your Bushwalking Victoria membership card enables you to obtain discounts at a number of retailers. Note that Bushwalking Victoria membership cards need to be presented prior to processing of sale.

<http://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/bwv-membership-card-benefits/bwv-membership-card-benefits>

Note: RRP = Regular Retail Price-does not include sale or consignment items or hire gear

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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/>

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.

Deadlines

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

Reading

Bushwalk Australia Magazine

Bushwalking Victoria News

Echuca Moama Bushwalkers News

Benalla Bushwalking Club Newsletter

Shepparton Adventure Club Newsletter

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Monthly Meeting Activity

To be announced by email.

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.

Prinetown Weekend of 24-25 Feb 2018

Type- **Base Camp and Day Walks.**

I've currently booked two campsites at the Apostles Camping park up on the hill, in Prinetown megacity (there's a Café and a tavern and a population of 50??) These campsites will accommodate approx. 6 people, or six small tents. So interested people should contact me first before booking a site!

For those who want to 'shlep' a camp trailer or caravan, they will need to book their own sites. The campsite sits above the Prinetown river and has a small camp kitchen and toilets and showers. They also have some basic cabins for those who want to go more upmarket? .

The two campsites have been booked for Friday and Saturday nights, so I hope there are some starters for Relaxing there on the Friday with me.

The Plan is typical Hans , with ;lots of options. Walk out to headland and picnic (one hour each way), visit wreck Beach with the anchors, watch sunset over the remaining Apostles (for those who are religious) – will be shared with a cast of the united nations.; bring your own cheese and bickies,

Canoe or paddle in the river or Lagoon. For those that want serious hiking , they can do it but this is more about chilling out at the beach and finishing that Tolstoy Novel (Yes, the one with 1440 pages!) Program will also depend largely on the weather conditions , as Feb can still be quite hot, although, is possibly closer to Devonport, than Wagga ?

For those that fail to get into the Apostles, there is another larger campsite at the Princetown oval.

Hans Tracksdorf ph 04000 49 891

Baw Baw Alpine Resort January 24th – 29th

Type: Base camp accommodation and day walks

I have booked the JohnGardiner Ski Lodge for the period Wed 24 January till Monday 29th which includes the Friday Australia Day holiday. The lodge sleeps 20 in 6 rooms (2x2 [bunks]; 1x4 [bunks]; 3 x family rooms [1dbble +2 top bunks]. Fees are reasonable, \$50 ph for the weekend and \$18ph for any other night. 4 bathrooms , fully equipped kitchen, large lounge room etc.

From the lodge a range of walks are available, 5km village trail which can be extended on track, it is only 3km over to the Alpine walking track so one can go to Mt St Gwinear, Mt Whitelaw, Mushroom Rocks, Mustering Flat or I'm keen to find Hobbitland which is the only spot on the plateau which has never been burnt. Walks would be determined by the calibre of participants.

As it is a long weekend I expect the Restaurant which has spectacular views over the LaTrobe valley will be open as will other green season facilities so non walkers can easily be occupied.

I would like expressions' of interest asap and preferably before Christmas so I can work on filling the lodge.

Janet Jiricek 0431463731 fjjiricek@gmail.com

Johanna Beach Weekend 17 – 18 MARCH 2018

Plan to stay at Parks Vic Johanna Reserve campsite. Bookings are required. I haven't booked any sites yet , however if people think they are going some good campsites to set up on are 20,21 &22 –flat and elevated. Or 4 and 5 (sheltered). Weather permitting , well probably get back to the hermits beach (Hider Beach) and maybe Dinosaur cove (depends on whos there. If have same people as last time , I can vary the program) . Johanna Beach campsite has lots of green lawn, some roaring surf and toilets (no showers) . Swimming at the beach is possible , although pay to notify your relatives, in Launceston, as that is where you,may end up. (Caution needs to be exercised) . Children are welcome. Ill possibly be going down Friday, so book two nights if interested. Ill send out an update on this a bit later.

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Trip Reports

Hans Does Some Walking

DATE: Sat 18th Nov - Fri 1st Dec

LEADER: Joe van Beek BCWC

In November I was fortunate enough to be able to join members of the Ben Cruachan Walking Club (BCWC), as part of their biennial ' End to End walk ' of this track. I attended as a representative of the Bendigo Bushwalking Club but there were people from even further afield, like Mildura (Sunraysia Bushwalkers). I joined my brother whose a member in Gippsland and we only walked for one week of this two week trek. The BCWC last walked the Mc Track in 2015. Since then a lot of maintenance work has been done on the track. So this year the end to end walk was held in conjunction with the VIP Crooked river walk, which celebrates the re-opening of this section.





McTk2017 was a 14 day, 220km supported and catered walk along the track originally cut by Angus McMillan through the Gippsland high country. The walk started at Cobungra near Omeo and finished at Woods Point.

Starting on Saturday 18 November, 6 dedicated end to end walkers commenced their adventure along the Victoria River track, near Cobungra, not knowing what to expect or what adventures lay ahead. Day 1 was a stroll to Black Sallee a nice campsite beside a small lake. The serious walking was still ahead and Day 2 didn't disappoint with a steep drop down to Mayford Paddocks and the crossing of the Dargo River. Then after a short respite, 3hours of steady climbing up Treasure spur onto the Dargo High plains.



Day 3 The next destination was White Timber Spur. During McTk 2015 this section was avoided due to re-growth and accessibility issues. So the previous group of walkers used the Dargo High Plains road. McTk 2017 would tackle the track head on. Knowing full well the Crooked River section of track was cleared. They were also on a mission to meet up with the VIP walkers and take part in the official re-opening of The Crooked River section of track. That evening they camped at the head of White Timber Spur track, a 4WD track that winds its way up and along a spur all the way down to the junction of 25 & 35 Mile Ck.

Day 4 Following the track to its inevitable end the two group of walkers and dignitaries from DELWP & Parks Vic met and after handshakes and greetings got down to business. Around 10:00am, Joe and Jeremy got the proceedings underway. A makeshift ribbon was strung across the track and after a few words of thanks and praise for the efforts of many, the ribbon was cut and the Crooked River Track was officially declared re-open.

With our ranks now swelled to 15 walkers we headed off down the end of White Timber spur to the junction

of 25 & 35 Mile creek. Check out the VIP walk report for what followed next.



Day 5 There were now 9 walkers left on the track, comprising 6 end to end walkers and an additional 3 part time walkers. It was time to decide what footwear to wear because ahead lay 22 crossings of the Crooked river. This section of the walk was certainly pleasant and upon arrival at Talbotville we met up with our support crew for another break. Then the real walk began with a short rise before dropping down to the Wongungarra river and lunch. The next leg would take us up the very steep 4WD Station Track up onto Cynthia range. Then off track, down into the Wonnangatta valley and Eaglevale. Our next very idyllic campsite by the River.

Day 6 To save time we departed early and cut through Happy Valley, a private property located within the Wonnongatta. This certainly saved us at least 1km of walking in the heat. Pulpit rock located on a bend of the river was a highlight and soon thereafter down to the river to refresh and refill our waterbottles. We then continued on towards the junction of the Moroka and Wonnangatta rivers.

Turning left we headed up into the Moroka valley following the river upstream. This is another great location but walking up the rocky river was not without its challenges. Eventually we reached our campsite below Snowy Bluff on the Moroka river Rd. It was then we could all relax by taking a dip and cooling off. Conor Wilson from Parks Vic had transported all our gear into this wilderness zone.

Day 7 A challenging day lay ahead. After departing camp we continued upstream until Playboy Creek and then followed this upstream slowly rising above the landscape. We were looking for a turning point that would take us up and over Beth saddle onto the D4 track. Slow and steady was the pace due to the heat. By 11:00 we hit the D4 track and with storm clouds building we trudged on till lunch at 12:00 taken on the track. Shortly thereafter the heavens opened and we were back on track walking in hail. The campsite at Volkswagen was a wonderful sight.

Day 7 Today's walk would take us along the Moroka Rd to Arbuckle junction and then up onto Mt Arbuckle itself. Then beyond down to Kellys and McMichaels Huts. The purple wildflowers (hovea) along this section were marvellous. Walking along Kellys lane we branched off and eventually came out along Dingo Hill rd, where we once again met up with our support crew and camp. Always a pleasant sight.

Day 8. No doubt the highlight of this walk is the track up and over Mt Tamboritha with its spectacular views and amazing array of wildflowers. However today the gods were not on our side because after lunch it began to rain. Fortunately we still managed to capture the views and soak up the atmosphere. The track takes a significant turn to follow a spur line all the way down to Breakfast Ck. This section requires further maintenance and we marked it with tape as we went. With the rain now coming down relentlessly it wasn't much fun, however we got the job done.

As we staggered into Breakfast Creek in dribs and drabs we were certainly glad to put that last section of track behind us. Our support staff were just around the corner at Red Bluff Camp an excellent choice. This is where the Part Time walkers packed up their gear and called it quits!

BBOC Activities Calendar

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
January				
Jan 23	BBOC Pizza Evening	Easy	6.30 BYO Drinks, Chairs	
Jan Wed 24 to Mon 29	Base Camp – Day Walks		Walks would be determined by the calibre of participants.	Janet Jiricek 0431463731
February				
Feb 11	Port Philip Bay sea kayak	Med	Day Trip	Garry Brannan 0450 879 917
Feb 17-18	Alisoni's Reserve Cycle	Med	Overnight Bike Ride	Helen Cronin
Feb 24-25	Princetown Hike		Base Camp	Hans Tracksdorf 0400 049 891
March				
Mar 3	Franklin Gorge	Med	Day Walk	Graham Borrell 0438 437 680
Mar 9-12	Murray River Canoeing		Canoeing	John Lindner 5448 3406
Mar 16-18	Phillip Island Paddle	Med	Sea Kayaking. Need experience on open water	Kerry Cramer 0409 537 799
Mar 17-18	Johanna GOW			Hans Tracksdorf 0400 049 891
Mar 29 – Apr 4	Wombat flat - Cobberas	Med/Hard	4 day pack carrying	Greg Doubleday 0427 310 498
April				
April 28	Rhocola Range		Day Walk	Graham Borrell 0438 437 680