

# GO BUSH

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## BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC.

### 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/>

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### 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](http://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. Mail to [bendigo.bushwalking@gmail.com](mailto:bendigo.bushwalking@gmail.com)

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS 16/17

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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/ybp76t45>

<https://tinyurl.com/y9y6pj29>

<https://tinyurl.com/y6wwk4>

## 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

## Monthly Meeting Activity

**Social evening. Bring photos, videos and tales of your holidays. Projector and laptop available for show and tell.**

## Monthly Meeting Activity Tuesday 27 March

**Speaker John Lindner will present a talk with pictures**

**Subject Alpine base camps and day walks, January this year**

**Summary** Our small party had 4 rather nice base camps, and completed 6 first class walks in the mountains. Rivers, waterfalls, gorges, summits, wildflowers, old huts, birdlife - it's was all there. And since this will be run again in 2020 or 2021, you might like to find out what you could plan for.

## 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.

### Murray River Canoe Trip - Friday 9 to Monday 12 March, 2018

Type: **Canoeing** Grade: **Med/Hard** - Not suitable for beginner paddlers

Travelling by canoe and kayak down the Murray River. Starting at the Cobram-Barooga bridge (19.15 km), continuing past Tocumwal and ending at Morgan's Mill (18.52 km), on the edge of the Barmah Forest. 63 km total. One night at the start and 2 more nights camping on the river. We will be camping on sandbars at approx. 20 k intervals.

Trip Leader **John Lindner, 5448 3406**, will provide full details on request

### 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 who's 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. I'll send out an update on this a bit later.

**Hans Tracksdorf ph 04000 49 891**

#### Cobberas Easter Walk – 30 March – 2 April 2018

(unfinished business) – **Medium grade walk**

Last Easter thick scrub prevented us from completing our walk over the Cobberas. This time we will carry our packs in from the southern end and base camp near Moscow Peak and do day walks over the major peaks. Most of the walking is off track through generally light scrub with the reward being excellent views. This is an alpine area (although nowhere near the Alps), the highest peak being Cobberas No 1 which is over 1800 metres. So be prepared for all sorts of weather. Water will have to be carried up to the campsite. It's a fair drive over there so we would need to get away at a reasonable time Thursday.

Maximum party: 8 Map: Suggan Buggan 1:50,000 ECP: to be advised. **Fuel share: \$65**

For booking and more details contact **Greg Doubleday 0427 310 498**.

#### Rail Trails Bike Riding Friday 6th – Sunday 8th April

Grade: Medium

Old Beechy Rail Trail (Beech Forest – Barongarook, 38.5km) (Sat) & Ballarat - Skipton Rail Trail (Skipton - Ballarat, 54km) (Sun). Camping povernight: Colac CP (camping/cabin)

**David Crocker Ph 03 5442 8189 Mob 0409 425 604**

#### Hepburn Springs: Blowhole and Bald Hill Sunday 15th April

Day Walk Grade: Medium, Distance: 18km

(Federation Walks 2015)

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#### Mt Hotham: Cobungra and Swindlers Valleys Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd April

Weekend Overnight Walk Grade: Medium Distance: 19km (12km + 7km)

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#### Tarlita Creek, Six Chimneys and a Ruin Sunday 13th May

Day Walk Grade: Medium/Hard Distance: 14km Daylesford: Tarlita Creek, Six Chimneys and a Ruin (Federation Walks 2015) **David Crocker Ph 03 5442 8189 Mob 0409 425 604**

#### Rail Trails / Bike Riding Friday 18th – Sunday 20th May

Bike Ride Grade: Medium Distance: 50km + 40km

Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail (Lilydale – Warburton) (40km) + O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail (32km) + connections. Camping - overnight: Warburton CP (camping/cabin)

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#### Daylesford: Chocolate Walk Sunday 3rd June

Day Walk Grade: Medium/Hard Distance: 16.5 km

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# Trip Reports

## Baw Baw base/lodge camp. 23 – 29 January

At one point there were 13 of us staying at Baw Baw Alpine village but the numbers fluctuated over the 5 nights I had booked. One of the reasons for this 'camp' is to escape the Bendigo heat and we certainly did that, the bush was green, we were treated to thunder every afternoon and a few drops of rain. The temperatures were 10 degrees less than home but the sun still had bite and the humidity was unusually high.

The first day was acclimatisation day with a slow walk around the village trails examining the wildflowers and the views and identifying the bird calls. On Australia Day we went a little further but still took it fairly easily, over to Mt St Gwinear which we also circumnavigated.

On the Saturday, after much discussion we decided to find our way to Hobbitland, on the other end of the BawBaw plateau by driving round to



*snow gum on Mt St Phillack*



Mushroom Rocks, going over Mt Erica and Mt Talbot rather than walking all the way from the village. This meant a steep climb at the beginning of the walk, but also the opportunity to explore Mushroom Rocks.

With the aid of the GPS, some large scale maps and one little piece of blue tape we found our destination which is the only piece of the plateau not burnt in 1939 so the growth is quite different though we were all a little underwhelmed.

Sunday was a rest and recovery day with gentle strolls around those bits of the village not yet visited and as always an excursion to view the sunset over the LaTrobe valley.

All in all a relaxing and revitalising break for John and Kate, Barb and Lionel, Graham and Glenys, Kerrie, Jill, Anne, Liz and Hans.  
Janet & Frank Jiricek

## BBOC Activities Calendar

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
<b>March</b>				
Mar 3	Franklin Gorge	Med	Day Walk	Graham Borrell 0438 437 680
Mar 9-12	Murray River Canoeing	Med/Hard	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 27	General Meeting			
Mar 30 – Apr 2	Wombat flat - Cobberas	Med/Hard	4 day pack carrying	Greg Doubleday 0427 310 498
<b>April</b>				
Apr 6-8	Rail Trails Bike Riding	Med	Overnight CP Based Bike Rides	David Crocker 5442 8189
Apr 15	Hepburn Springs: Blowhole and Bald Hill	Med	Day Walk	David Crocker 5442 8189
Apr 20-22	Mt Hotham	Med	Weekend Pack Carry	David Crocker 5442 8189
Apr 24	General Meeting			
April 28	Rhocola Range		Day Walk	Graham Borrell 0438 437 680
<b>May</b>				
May 13	Daylesford	Med/Hard	Day Walk	David Crocker 5442 8189
May 18-20	Rail Trails / Bike Riding	Med	Overnight CP Based Bike Rides	David Crocker 5442 8189
May 22	General Meeting			
<b>June</b>				
June 3	Daylesford	Med	Day Walk	David Crocker 5442 8189
June 25	General Meeting			