

# GO BUSH

APRIL 2021



## BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB

The more things change . . . .

Despite the ravages of Covid-19 overseas, in Australia we have remained relatively unaffected for the last few months. All we need now is the Federal Government to get the vaccine program going in earnest. It is not as if they haven't had time to plan the implementation.

Club members have not exactly been letting the grass grow under their feet during this time. At the meeting next Tuesday, bring along some photos on a memory stick [max 10] from the last 15 months or so. They don't have to be from a club trip.

Lastly, to honor the friendship and contribution to the Club of Max Elgin, several members walked up to Shepard's Flat on Mt Alexander recently, to breath in the clean air, share some snacks and watch the sunset.



### BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC

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

Meetings - 4th Tuesday every month [except Dec]

Presbyterian Church Hall, 35 – 41 Forest Street

Meetings start at 7:30 pm sharp

Membership: Single \$40.00  
Family \$60.00

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## Club Meetings:

At last the Club has been able to return to regular Club meetings.

Join us in the Presbyterian Church Hall, 35 – 41 Forest Street, 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7.30 pm sharp. Visitors are always welcome.

*The Committee is working toward re-establishing the calendar of speakers, presenters, and activities for meetings. If you have any ideas for the club meeting nights, pictures of special trips you have been on [club or otherwise], interesting people you know who might come and speak at a meeting, or anything else that you might think of to entertain the ever increasing numbers attending meetings, please contact Garry with your idea.*



## Monthly Meeting Activity

• Tue 27th April	Memory stick memories – Show us what you did during the Covid-19 lockdown
• Tue March 25th	Speaker or activity wanted

## Internet:

Bendigo Bushwalking and Outdoor Club Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2186169581602751/>

News from the Victorian National Parks Association

<https://vnpa.org.au/category/news/>

Topics of interest include

- rejection of the proposed gas import terminal at Crib Point, and
- feral horses in the Alpine National Park .

Bushwalking News Victoria

Bushwalking Victoria publishes a monthly Bulletin filled with bushwalking news, articles, and happenings.

You can subscribe to the Bulletin, or simply browse current and previous editions..

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

Some great ideas for the stay-at-home bushwalker

<https://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/isolation-tips-708>

If you have not accessed links in the Newsletter before, it is quite simple:-

- On a PC, hold down the Ctrl key – on a Mac hold down the Command key [⌘]
- Mouse click on the link
- The link will open in your browser

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## Activities:

The Club relies on heavily on those few leaders who put on activities, and it is important that they be supported by the general membership. Have a read through the calendar and if something is even remotely interesting, contact the trip leader and get more information. Get involved.

If you have something for the calendar, or an idea for an activity, talk to Buzza [walks coordinator], and then send information to Garry for publication in the Newsletter. Be aware that an activity must be in the Newsletter for the Club insurance cover to apply.

For additions to the activities calendar:-

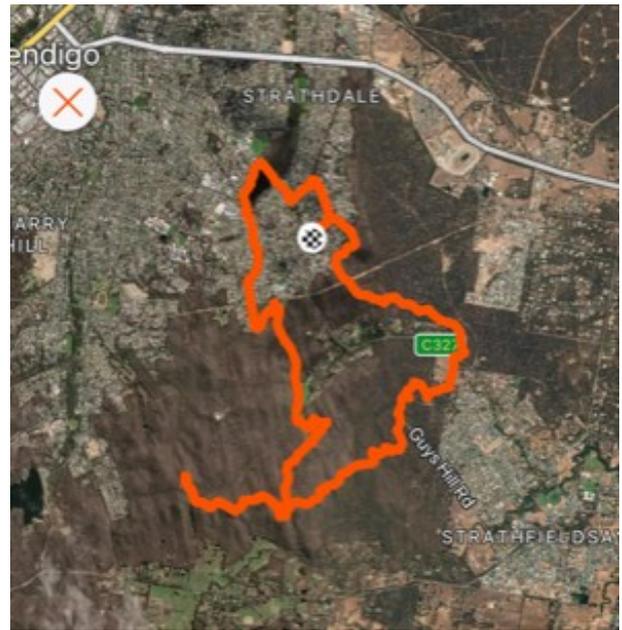
Email trip details to Buzza [buzza@bendigo.net.au](mailto:buzza@bendigo.net.au) or ring 0438437680

Send a write-up to Garry for inclusion in the newsletter [garrybrannan@gmail.com](mailto:garrybrannan@gmail.com)

## Trip Reports

### One Tree Hill Circuit – Sunday, April 11

Following a morning coffee at the Harley Street Café, the group embarked on the ascent to the famous One Tree Hill. We walked through the Hollow Frog Reserve before exiting Strathdale on the Ronny Creek Trail before descending to Osborne Lane, crossing the Strathfieldsaye Road and Guys Hill Road, taking to hidden goat tracks overlooking Mandurang and the valley while occasionally glancing at old gold digging sites.



The group was a nice bunch of very fit walkers, including seasoned members and newcomers. I had dreaded one question the most, and Rutha promptly got me into trouble: "Why is it called One Tree Hill?" So we made our assumptions as we continued uphill.

Claire spotted the first string of processional caterpillars- the numbers of them were increasing with the hours of the day, and our happy hiking was interrupted by intermittent cheers seeing even larger processions.

Ian appeared to be the most experienced walker of the group, and we all listened to his tips and suggestions for upgrades on hiking equipment for the upcoming hikes, including our planned multi-day hikes.

The group enjoyed a break celebrating the achievement of ascending the 1 Tree Hill without great effort and we managed to remind ourselves to take a few group pictures for the club. The overall hike concluded uneventfully and cheerfully.

Christina, Rutha, Claire, Jackey, Brian and Mandy.



## BBOC Mt Alexander hike Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

10km circuit from Leanganook, lead by Christina Stuke

Claire and myself hiked up with all the gear in pack on the Saturday, May 17th from the car park at the Coliban Channel at the base of the Mount Alexander. Following ascending a total of just over 515 metres and hiking a distance of 9.5km, we arrived at the Leanganook Picnic Area to find a nice little corner with a fire pit where we pitched our tents and enjoyed the remainder of the Saturday.

Surprisingly for April, there were lots of other campers there over the weekend night, but everyone was friendly and reasonably quiet. Claire tried out her brand new gear including an amazingly lightweight yet spacious tent, and I was very happy with my brand new hiking back pack also. We enjoyed a wonderful fire and a cozily warm night sleep, before the group joined us at 9 am on the following morning.



We hiked on the Goldfields Track to the Dog Rocks, and enjoyed our first stop at the rocky outcrop that follows the Dog Rocks on the highest point before reaching Shepherd's Flat. Ian got to see a lot of mushrooms as he had hoped to, and we all observed three swamp wallabies jumping on the hill on the opposite site of our Morning Tea point.

The weather was mild without any rain all day. Andrew recounted the pupil who got stuck there year's ago when we reached Lang's lookout for a lunch spot just after completing the first half of the walk. We continued onto the Goldfields track down hill for about 200 metres until we reached the junction of the old Ballentinia Track, and used this to complete a circuit back to the Joseph Young Drive.

Arriving at the car park in this spot, we took votes and it was clear that the group was prepared to find out about the old track that would rejoin the Goldfield Track by going inland rather than being run over by a car on the Joseph Young Drive. We set our steps carefully one after another so not to impact on the environment more than required, and continued on the four wheel drive track leading up the hill after crossing the Joseph Young Drive. There was a good path leading towards the moss rock, but no clear definition from there to the Goldfield Track, and as a result, we experienced the wild for a short section of about 1 km.

From here, we returned to the Dog's Rock and checked in again what the group was up to. The options here were to either explore and complete the western Ridge Walk that is currently falling to bits, or to take the same route back that we came along earlier in the day. We decided for the latter and left the exploration of the West Ridge Walk to another happy day. We returned to the Leanganook Picnic Area where Maureen provided us with hot water for a decent cup of tea, and chatted for a while. Ian continued on to explore the trees of the Mount Alexander Region, and Rutha decided to return with parts of her family. All of us had an uneventful and fantastic day, and the experience was enhanced by Claire's unexpected preparation of a short video about the whole experience.

Thanks to Ian, Andrew, Claire, Rutha, and Maureen.

Christina Stuke

## Upcoming Weekend Walks and Activities

### Kooyoora State Park – Sunday 25 April 2021

**Leader/Organiser** – John Lindner (5448 3406, [jwl.bendigo@gmail.com](mailto:jwl.bendigo@gmail.com))

**Meeting Time/Place** – Outside the clubrooms in Forest Street at **8.30 am**

**Driving Route** – Maiden Gully, Marong, Bridgewater, Inglewood, Kingower. Out through the park, passing the lower picnic area and upper camping area, following Mount View Road and then diverging along Kirwans Road to the start of the walk. Total distance = about 70 k

**Fuel Share** – \$10-15, depending on the number of people in the car

**Bring** – Daypack, lunch and snacks, water, long gaiters might be a good idea, sturdy boots (not sandshoes), walking poles (recommended), hat/beanie, some warm clothing, and a raincoat.

#### Walk Route

- Start on Kirwans Road at the eastern end of the Kooyoora Ridge
- Climb to the summit of Mount Kooyoora (approx. 480 m ASL, but a 225 m climb approx)
- Kooyoora west ridge, huge granite pavements, Aboriginal rock well, Stocks Rock and other hollowed-out boulders, great views of Central Victoria, small clearings, some exceptionally huge granite boulders on the south side of the ridge.
- Descend through open bush to the large cleared paddock
- Follow its northern boundary to the east, and then head across through the bush (bearing of approx. 125 degrees) to Kirwan Road, follow Kirwin road back to the cars.

**Walking Distance** 9 - 10km, depending on the actual route followed. This can be shortened if desired by exiting the ridge at several points.

**Terrain** Climbing the ridge to the summit is through tangled undergrowth, which can be a little difficult in places. The ridge top is generally open with some rock and bush obstructions. On the lower southern slopes, the going is easy.

John Lindner (5448 3406, [jwl.bendigo@gmail.com](mailto:jwl.bendigo@gmail.com))

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### Heathcote-Graytown National Park – Sunday May 2nd

**Grade:** This is a medium graded walk of 16km in open forest. Walking is mostly on unsealed rocky roads. There are two trackless sections and two hill climbs.

**Highlights:** Panoramas from Mount Black and Melville's Lookout, ruins of the foundations of World War 2 prisoner-of-war camp No. 6, historic Graytown cemetery (Morning tea), evidence of past gold diggings and very old and magnificent Grass Trees.

**Bring:** Morning tea, lunch, nibbles and at least one litre of water. Personal first aid and suitable clothing for the weather. People who use walking poles should bring them.

**Meet:** Club's Meeting Hall in Forest Street at 8.30am

**Afternoon tea:** In Heathcote at a suitable location.

**Fuel Share:** Zone 2, each passenger pays \$15.

**Leader:** Garry Brannan – 0450879917 Ring me with any queries otherwise just roll up.

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### Mt Feathertop

Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd May

**Type:** Overnight Walk                      **Grade:** Medium 22km

**Costs:** Fuel Share:            Zone 5 \$45

**DESCRIPTION:** Staying at Harrierville on Friday night. Drive up to Diamantina Hut on Saturday morning and walk across the Razorback to Mt Feathertop (1922m). Camping at Federation Hut on Saturday night and returning across the Razorback on Sunday. An alpine walk so extremes in weather can be expected.

**Contact:** David Crocker                      ph 0409 425 604                      email: [dcrocker46@gmail.com](mailto:dcrocker46@gmail.com)

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## Wednesday Walks April – June

DATE	DESCRIPTION	RATING	COMMENTS	CONTACT
<b>APRIL</b>				
Wed 28th April	Vaughan Springs – Golden Gullies. 17km	Medium	A loop walk starting from Vaughan Springs, visiting a number of old mining sites	David Crocker 0409 425 604
<b>MAY</b>				
Wed 12th May	Macedon Ranges Walking Trail. 19km	Medium/ Hard	Mt Macedon loop walk	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Wed 26th May	Daylesford – Lakes and Falls	Easy/ Medium	Sailors Falls to the long closed Newlyn to Daylesford Railway, on to Jubilee Lake and return.	David Crocker 0409 425 604
<b>JUNE</b>				
Wed 2nd June	Blowhole and Bald Hill 17km	Medium	The walk visits Boots Gully, Henderson Spring and the hamlet of Basalt	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Wed 9th June	Jacksons Lookout, Hunts Dam and Mineral Springs 14km	Medium	Hepburn Springs, Great Dividing Trail, Jacksons Lookout, old gold mining areas, Chocolate Mill	David Crocker 0409 425 604

### Vaughan Springs – Golden Gullies Walk

Wednesday 28th April

Type: Day Walk      Grade: Medium 17km

Costs: Fuel Share:      Zone 1 \$10

DESCRIPTION: A loop walk starting from Vaughan Springs, visiting a number of old mining sites including mines, water races, various ruins and a mine chimney before passing through Glenluce Mineral Springs on the way back to the starting point.

Afternoon tea/coffee at Coffee Basics Das Kaffeehaus in Castlemaine before returning to Bendigo.

MEET: At 8:30am in the carpark in front of Rebel Sport at Lansell Square, Kangaroo Flat.

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### The Macedon Ranges Walking Trail

Wednesday 12th May

Type: Day Walk      Grade: Medium/Hard 19km

Costs: Fuel Share:      Zone 2 \$20

DESCRIPTION: Starting from the Mt Macedon township soon climbing the mountain to reach the Memorial Cross on Mt Macedon. The trail then passes McGregors Picnic Ground and the Camel's Hump before reaching Days Picnic Ground for Lunch. Then on past Sanatorium Lake before reaching the summit of Mount Towrong after which there is a long descend back down to the cars at Mt Macedon township.

Afternoon tea/coffee in Mt Macedon before returning to Bendigo.

MEET: At 8:30am in the carpark in front of Rebel Sport at Lansell Square, Kangaroo Flat.

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## Daylesford – Lakes and Falls

Wednesday 26th May

Type: Day Walk            Grade: Medium 18km

Costs: Fuel Share:        Zone 2 \$20

DESCRIPTION: Walk starts at Sailors Falls and head east into the forest to join a section of the long closed Newlyn to Daylesford Railway to Jubilee Lake (morning tea) (5km). Then on into Daylesford for a lunch break at Lake Daylesford (9km). After lunch the walk starts out along the Great Dividing Trail and follows along Sailors Creek back to Sailors Falls.

Afternoon tea/coffee in Daylesford before returning to Bendigo.

MEET: At 8:30am in the carpark in front of Rebel Sport at Lansell Square, Kangaroo Flat.

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## Blowhole and Bald Hill

Wednesday 2nd June

Type: Day Walk            Grade: Medium 17km

Costs: Fuel Share:        Zone 2 \$20

DESCRIPTION: The walk starts at the Blowhole on Sailors Creek and follows an old water race descending to an old charcoal burning site and then climbing to the basalt plateau west of Daylesford. The walk visits Boots Gully, Henderson Spring and the hamlet of Basalt then descends to Bald Hill Creek. There is a steep climb out of the gully then a gradual ascent to Bald Hill before descending to Tipperary Springs and following the Goldfields Track along Sailors Creek back to the start.

Afternoon tea/coffee in Daylesford before returning to Bendigo.

MEET: At 8:30am in the carpark in front of Rebel Sport at Lansell Square, Kangaroo Flat.

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## Jacksons Lookout, Hunts Dam and Mineral Springs

Wednesday 9th June

Type: Day Walk            Grade: Medium 14km

Costs: Fuel Share:        Zone 2 \$20

DESCRIPTION: Starting from Hepburn Springs heading North along the Great Dividing Trail past Jacksons Lookout and on through old gold mining areas to reach the Chocolate Mill. There are many ups and downs on this section as the track undulates through the forest. From the Chocolate turn back to the south towards Hunts Dam for a lunch stop. Further on after lunch turn to the west and head to Argyle Springs (fill your bottles with mineral water) before heading back to the cars.

Afternoon tea/coffee in Hepburn Springs before returning to Bendigo.

MEET: At 8:30am in the carpark in front of Rebel Sport at Lansell Square, Kangaroo Flat.

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**BBOC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR April – June 2021**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	RATING	COMMENTS	CONTACT
<b>APRIL</b>				
Sunday 25 April 2021	Day walk - Mt Kooyoora and Kooyoora West Ridge, 9-10 k	Medium – Hard in places.	Meet 8.00 am (earlier than normal), Forest Street clubrooms 70km drive, car pooling, \$10-15 fuel share	John Lindner, 5448 3406
Tuesday April 27th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St		Memory stick memories of Covid-19	
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<b>MAY</b>				
Sunday May 2nd	Heathcote-Graytown National Park.	M	Panoramas, pioneer cemetery, World War 2 POW ruins, very old and magnificent Grass Trees.	Garry Brannan 0450879917
Sat & Sun May 8th & 9th	Daylesford to Hepburn Spring [15 km] and return [15km]	Easy	Overnight at Hepburn Spring Glamping – restaurant dinner swim in the spar	Christina Stuke TXT only 0400 306 683
Wed 12th May	Macedon Ranges Walking Trail. 19km	Medium/ Hard	Mt Macedon loop walk	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Sat May 15th to Wed May 19th [5 days]	Wilson's Prom southern circuit	Medium	Five days, four nights - pack carry.	Christina Stuke TXT only 0400 306 683
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<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Saturday 18 September to Sunday 3 October, 2021 (16 days)	Flinders Ranges day walks Rating Moderate/hard Full details provided on request	Medium/ Hard	Variety of base camp and a choices from 16 day walks Ranging from Quorn (S) to the Aroona Valley (N) Many other attractions (eg. ruins, cemeteries, plants, geology)	John Lindner, 5448 3406, jwl.bendigo@gmail.com
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
FRIDAY 12TH – MONDAY 15TH	FEDWALKS – LICOLA NOVEMBER 2021		Keep informed – <a href="#">FedWalks 2021 Facebook Page</a> ,	

