



BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC

President's message for January

All nine members of the Committee met at the Callinan residence on January 13.

- *We decided to order 100 cloth badges with the new BBOC Logo. They will be free to club members.*
- *We are investigating a new 'Leader's Pack', accessible from the website, as a convenient reminder to activity leaders of their responsibilities.*
- *There was a very lively debate at the November meeting on 'Risk Assessment' for our Club. We're still working on it.*
- *Roland showed us some alternative drafts of changes to our website information which will make for a better 'Welcome to New Members'. We selected one, and Peter Pemberton will incorporate it into the website for your perusal and comments.*
- *The January meeting will be 'Pizza in Rosalind Park' at 7.30 pm on the 27th of January. We'll provide the pizzas. BYO chair or rug, drinks and nibbles. Note that there is no alcohol allowed in the CBD.*
- *Check out the Activities Calendar in this newsletter. There's a whole new lot of activities, subsequent to our Calendar Nite in November.*
- *A local bushwalker, Rugby McLean, is retiring from walking and has kindly donated his collection of bushwalking maps to us. They will be on display at the February meeting for anyone to claim.*



See you in Rosalind Park for Pizzas and chat, on the 27th.

Leigh Callinan

<p>BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC P.O. Box 989, Bendigo, 3552 Reg No. A0051482V Meetings - 4th Tuesday every month [except Dec] Sacred Heart Hall, Short Street at 7:30 pm sharp Membership: Single \$40.00 Family \$60.00 Web address: http://gobush.org.au/ BBOC is affiliated with</p>  <p>Bushwalking Victoria The statements and opinions expressed in articles herein are those of the Editor and individual authors. They do not necessarily represent the views of the Bendigo Bushwalking and Outdoor Club Inc.</p>	<p>COMMITTEE MEMBERS 14/15</p> <table> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Leigh Callinan</td> <td>03 5442 3675</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>Kerrie Cramer</td> <td>03 5441 4422</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Chris Franks</td> <td>03 5439 3549</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Greg Doubleday</td> <td>03 5447 8156</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Walks Coordinator</td> <td>Garry Brannan</td> <td>0450 879 917</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Equipment Officer</td> <td>Chris Franks</td> <td>03 5439 3549</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Web Master</td> <td>Peter Pemberton</td> <td>0428 869 196</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newsletter</td> <td>Garry Brannan</td> <td>0450 879 917</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Committee</td> <td>Kerrie Norris</td> <td>03 5447 8017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Committee</td> <td>Roland Cauka</td> <td>0402 024 096</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Committee</td> <td>Maggie Smyth</td> <td>03 5443 4530</td> </tr> </table>	President	Leigh Callinan	03 5442 3675	Vice President	Kerrie Cramer	03 5441 4422	Secretary	Chris Franks	03 5439 3549	Treasurer	Greg Doubleday	03 5447 8156	Walks Coordinator	Garry Brannan	0450 879 917	Equipment Officer	Chris Franks	03 5439 3549	Web Master	Peter Pemberton	0428 869 196	Newsletter	Garry Brannan	0450 879 917	General Committee	Kerrie Norris	03 5447 8017	General Committee	Roland Cauka	0402 024 096	General Committee	Maggie Smyth	03 5443 4530
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Club Meetings:

Meetings are at 7.15 for a prompt 7.30 pm start on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except January and December) at the Sacred Heart Hall, just behind Haymes Paints in Short Street. There is an annual calendar of speakers, presenters, and activities. Visitors are always welcome.



Monthly Meeting Activity

- **January 27th** **Pizza in the Park.** BYO chair, drinks and nibbles [with something to share]. Meet in Rosalind Park, in the vicinity of the Band Rotunda, 7.30 pm. If you enter the park from Williamson Street, walk across the bridge, the rotunda is just the other side of the fountain. Short formal meeting then lots of time to chat and exchange stories. Please note that this is a public place proclaimed by the City of Greater Bendigo as an area where liquor cannot be consumed.
- **February 24th** **What does a Butterfly Expert have in common with Bushwalkers?**
Apparently quite a lot! Come along and find out for yourself.
Presentation by **Julie Whitfield**
10 minutes [maybe less] – **"What's in the bag"** – a quick look at what to take on the Ritchies Hut trip. Garry Brannan
- **March 24th** **Friends of Luro – Gen and Katrina Tehan** will talk about their experiences in the Luro district of Timor Leste, and the opportunities for Trekking and Homestay in the area.

Friends of Luro is an Australian Friendship Group supporting sustainable pilot programs in Luro, Timor Leste with a special focus on Education, Clean Water and Sustainable Tourism Programs. Every year since 2005 they have been to Luro to run pilot community development programs and deliver much needed basic goods including water filters, wheelie bins for dry goods storage and provide Secondary Education Scholarships to the next generation.

Friends of Luro is a not for profit Australian volunteer community group.
<http://www.friendsofluro.org/>
- **April 28th** **Calendar Planning**
10 minutes [maybe less] - **"Where am I"** - plotting GPS co-ordinates on the map. Quick and simple, not boring or techo. **Garry Brannan**
- **May 26th** **'Magic Lantern Show' (Wyperfeld National Park)** - Solo, pre and post fires, from a dessert rat's perspective. Presentation by **Bill Clarke**

Memberships for 2014 - 2015 Payment for annual Club Membership fees for 2014-15 are now being accepted. Please pay or forward your club fees to Greg Doubleday. Fees are \$60 for a family and \$40 for single members.

Welcome to new members and visitors

Bushwalking News Victoria

The most recent edition the Bushwalking Victoria Newsletter can be found [here](#) .

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



Bits and pieces



Could this be Bill Clark from a previous life? Could this be Bill Clark from this life????

Photography Exhibition

Muriel Sovar, intrepid bushwalker, teller of great stories and long time member of both the current club and foundation club Bendigo Outdoor Group, is also an excellent photographer. She is currently having an exhibition of photographs at the Bold Cafe in Castlemaine. It runs from now until the 20th of February.

bold cafe

The Bold Cafe Gallery is situated in Castlemaine's historic Wesley Hill, at 146 Duke Street.

GALLERY

Open Thursday to Sunday from 10am to 4.30pm



Trip Reports

Federation Weekend 2014 – Rawson

As part of our peripatetic lifestyle I decided we should come to the Federation weekend this year. It was held at Rawson (the village left after the Thomson Dam was built) in west Gippsland and offered 22 walks on each of Saturday and Sunday either around Walhalla, Mt Erica or the Baw Baw Plateau.

Obviously I know Baw Baw fairly well so I opted for a couple of walks around Walhalla which I had never visited before but now feel I know it fairly well with one walk around the ridges above the village and one following the old tramlines above the river with a bonus ride on the Walhalla Goldfields Railway.



The whole weekend was superbly organised by 4 Gippsland walking clubs, almost 300 participants from over 30 clubs, a communal dinner and a fascinating talk by Tim Cope a local adventurer talking of his 3 year trek in the steps of Ghengis Khan.

From the excellent booklet I have some ideas for new walks should we ever all get together on Baw Baw again (available on Bushwalking Victoria's Wheretowalk website) and I would certainly attend another Federation weekend – next year will be the 36th and will be a different format but based at Hepburn Springs the weekend before Cup weekend (Oct 24/25) so do pencil it in – there will undoubtedly be some great walks and the opportunity to meet many interesting fellow bushwalkers.

(If we don't find any house sitting jobs for March/April <hint, hint>we may well be back to BawBaw then.

Janet Jiricek



Steel bridge, Poverty Point, Walhalla



P.S. After the Federation Weekend, we spent some time in Gippsland but refused to pay \$55 for an unpowered site at Wilsons Prom, and did you realise it now costs \$35 for a site per night at Bears Lagoon!! Has the club made any formal response to these outrageous national park charges?

Babbington Hill and Bullarto Reservoir - Sunday 23 November 2014.

It was a beautiful fine day with clear skies as 17 walkers from Bendigo, Castlemaine and Melbourne headed for the Wombat forest at Lyonville. The first unplanned excitement for the day was seeing the Rotary Castlemaine Truck Show as the trucks and accompanying cars made their way slowly through the main street of Castlemaine. Lionel in Castlemaine notified me of the problem and he had wisely developed a contingency plan for those coming from Bendigo so as to avoid any delays. Melinda driving from Melbourne was initially oblivious of any potential delays to our arrival. By the time the Bendigo cars arrived at Castlemaine the trucks had cleared the City Centre but what we did not know or anticipate was that the trucks and a very long line of accompanying cars were moving at snail's pace towards the Campbells Creek Sports Ground. This delayed our arrival at Lyonville by 45 minutes and as Melinda had no phone signal she must have been wondering why we had not turned up. That was enough unplanned excitement for the day.

We parked the cars in Tram Street and were soon in a beautiful tall forest. Morning tea was enjoyed on the shaded grass beside Bullarto Reservoir. Next stop was lunch on the summit of Babbington hill with its manna gums. Buzza found a nice spot with plenty of large rocks and tree stumps to sit on and views across the plains to Mt Alexander.



Morning tea on the lawn beside Bullarto Reservoir.

We descended the mount to the Hill track and I asked the group whether they wanted the soft or adventurous option of crossing the Loddon river at the Lyonville Springs Reserve. They did not want anything soft so we headed through the bush on an ENE bearing, descended a steep slope and crossed the river on a fallen tree or some stepping stones found by Max. After sampling the water from the 2 springs we made our way back to the cars passing the disused Lyonville Township Springs building on the way.

The final and most important decision for a Trip Leader is to decide on where the group will go for coffee. On my recce trip I considered the Radio Springs Hotel in Lyonville. I was keen to check out the hotel but the comments on the Internet varied from excellent to rubbish. I was considering a coffee shop in Castlemaine until Viv told me during the walk that she was impressed with the Radio Springs Hotel and that the coffee was good. As the hotel was within spitting distance of the cars that is where we went. The hotel has a family atmosphere. It was crowded but they accommodated 15 of us as two of the party had to head home. The service was slow but pleasant, however, I enjoyed the ambience and talking to the others and Hotel allowed us all to pay individually. It was a good choice and the coffee was fine.

Geoff GPS'd our entire walk and he gave me the GPS file presented in Google Earth. Members will be interested in seeing our route in the impressive Wombat forest.

Thanks to Kerrie, Barb, Viv, Maggie, Marg, Helen, Melinda, Glenys, Pam, Max, Graham, Reyer, Ray, Lionel, Rod and Geoff for supporting the walk.

References:

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Victoria's Goldfield Walks. Glenn Tempest. Walk 6, pp 32-35.

Bob Jones.



Murray River canoe trip – December/January 2015

SUMMARY

Dates	Monday 29 December to Monday 5 January, but 6 actual days on the water.
People	John Lindner, Bob Jones, Garry Brannan. Just as well there weren't more of us – see below.
Thanks	We were/are indebted to Bev Porteous for her invaluable help in locating the pull-out point, organizing safe car parking and getting us to the start. It would have been rather more difficult without her help. Bev was once the head person at the Bendigo Library and the foundation president of the former Alpine Club – she now lives at Tooleybuc, and in deference to her status, we call her “Mother Murray”.
River section	The Boiler to Red Cliffs. The Boiler is at the extreme south-east corner of Hattah-Kulkyne NP, near the Chalka Creek junction with the Murray.
Distance	121 kilometres. We actually “saved” another 19k by paddling through the cuttings at Retail and Tarpaulin Bends (you can't canoe around them anyway, the entrances to both are silted up, but their distances are still shown on the maps) and another small cutting through a hairpin bend.
Speed	The river was flowing at about 3 kph. Our average speed was 5 kph. However, from Mallee Cliffs to Red Cliffs, we were on dead water at the upper end of the pool created by the lock at Mildura . . . so a bit more effort was needed.
Weather	Increasing heat to sizzling on 2 days at the end.
Reference	River Murray Charts (Renmark to Yarrowonga) by Maureen Wright. This is the “Bible” for canoeing on the Murray River. The book is a veritable mine of information. Also, the kilometres are indicated by large blue and white signs on the NSW side of the river, counting down to the Murray mouth at The Coorong.
Campsites	Four of our campsites were on the NSW side, on beautiful big sandbars of yellow sand. The Victorian side is much more accessible, so it was mostly crowded with people – the “hoi-polloi”. The exclusivists (ourselves) chose the opposite bank because it is far less accessible, and we like our own company. The sand bar at Karadoc, only 14 k. from the end, was the exception, but after clearing the rubbish, it was declared acceptable, and its dense, shady growth enabled us to withstand a violent thunder storm quite well.

REPORT

Well, you can ditch planning I say. Why go to all that trouble, if it all ends up going pear-shaped anyway? It was all going wrong as soon as my beautiful blue work of art, master-map was just splashed with water– the laminate leaked at the edges, and after 6 days I had soggy blue paper sandwiched between plastic, but still readable. Luckily Bob and Garry had other copies . . . but not my artistic creation. Second, Bev was unable to find our starting location [she was so close] because of my ever so slightly ambiguous map and directions. Third, despite phoning the “Colignan Store”, the damn thing doesn't actually exist (can you believe it?). The owner died 10 years ago and her ashes are scattered, and marked by a cross, in the very place where we walked up from the river. Who the hell answered that fatal phone call? The store was actually at Nangiloc, 7k away. Luckily, a kindly local person took us there and back to get our few extra needs – it would have been a very hot walk otherwise.

However the trip actually went quite well, aided by those extra laminated maps and Garry's GPS. By starting quite early we were able to complete our daily quota of about 24k by mid-afternoon, so that we had some time to set up camp, rest and look around. Afternoon shade at camp was the order of the day. From 5.00 pm on, it became reasonably cool.

So, what's the Murray actually like? The water is not cold, and a little murky with a suspension of very fine silt. It's a homely grey colour with just a tinge of green, and flowing quite rapidly in places.

When you swim, the gentle pull of the current is soon quite apparent. The beaches and banks where we stopped might be sandy enough, but the bottom further out is the softest mud imaginable. We did carry drinking water however, because the quality is just a little suspect these days (what a pity I say).



But the Murray is not just water. A huge part of it is trees, River Red Gums to be precise. These wonderful plants come in every size and shape, from myriads of closely spaced, feeble seedlings, germinated close together on a mud or sand bank, to sturdy, wide-canopied giants, with numerous broken limbs, arching branches reaching the ground, rough bark at the base, smooth bark above.



Further back from the bank, in the zone which is seldom flooded, Black Box is the dominant tree, distinguished by its all-over, dark, persistent bark and sombre foliage. Small clumps of Eumong, a riverside wattle with long, hanging leaves, are found right on the bank.

Only a few metres from the river bank, the country is incredibly dry – rain might dampen it, but only a flood will actually wet it through.

We saw quite a good cross-section of the wildlife. Most obvious were the birds, of which were corded 43 species. Most notable among these were the Regent Parrot (many small groups and one of about 100 at Colignan), Little Corella (we canoed past a large number resting in the shade in the extreme heat, and they did not move – extraordinary for such nervy birds), Caspian Tern (determined diving for fish), Whistling Kite (pairs were seen all the way), Wood Duck (numerous groups) and Pelican. Garry spotted a very large Tree Goanna, motionless in the shade on a sandbar by the water. Many groups of Eastern Grey Kangaroos were seen as they came down to the river to drink. Mobs of feral goats were seen doing the same thing.

The Murray also means long use by humans and therefore an historical record. At Colignan, two magnificent old barges were found, one partly submerged in the river and one in a dry-dock, where it seemed to be undergoing restoration. They are made of steel with wooden cladding. Such barges carried enormous cargoes of wool and other goods, and were towed by paddle-steamers.



We did not see any of these, but were passed by the paddle-boat “Chalka”, which had a rotating paddle wheel at the rear. From time to time you pass modern station buildings perched high above the river – these are pastoral properties. There were also many old buildings and ruins.

North of Murray-Kulkyne National Park, horticulture become more evident, with deep green blocks of citrus and vines. To water these, large pumps are needed to raise the water 10 metres or more. The pumps tend to occur in concentrated groups, and can be very noisy. Some of these machines are state of the art (eg. cantilevered, floating booms, which raise and lower the intake valve with the water level) and some are more basic.

At Mallee Cliffs (25k before we finished) and at Red Cliffs, the river is diverted by very high, vertical cliffs of red and white clay, which arch around the bends for some distance. The edges are quite crumbly and cut by numerous gullies sculpted by runoff.

John Lindner



Top: Mallee Cliffs

Centre: Bob at the pumps which provide environmental flows into Chalka Creek, thence into the Hatta Lakes.

Bottom: Garry's camp on the river bank at The Boiler.



5th December , 2014

Dear Aunt Beryl,

How have you been? How are your chickens? I've just returned from a doddle of a walk in Tasmania. We started in forest from a place called Gunns Plains, surprising because in a way you'd think that everywhere that Gunns have been would be a treeless plain, almost like a target range, not for guns but for chainsaws.

There was a mix-up with our luggage but we finally managed to get away somewhat late in the afternoon and soon we were walking through beautiful fern encrusted valleys with the gushing Leven River pounding its way to the sea. There were nine of us all up, Garry our sagacious leader, Bob, Rochelle and I forget the others and we were heading for Cradle Mountain which was about 60kms and five days walk away. My memory isn't as good as it used to be but thinking about it makes me wonder if I could ever remember anything.

"When I first saw the mountain, I thought it was one of the most beautiful scenes I had seen in my life," said Mort Ellis.

And that's where we were heading for. We only walked for about three hours before setting up camp on the bank of the river. Not a real bank. A river one. The next day we climbed for hours until we reached the falls above the Leven River Canyon. I couldn't keep up with all the others, they walked so fast. Bob was so tough – someone said he wore hessian undies. Hey I just thought – maybe that's what makes him walk so fast.

It was a damn (sorry for swearing) tiring day and I was glad to get to bed. The next day, John, (did I mention him before) decided he wanted to stay in Devonport for a few days and so the remaining eight set off for Paddy's Lake where we set up camp on grass alongside a lovely hilltop tarn. It was a beautiful sunny day good enough for a nap. Later we climbed up onto a rocky (and windy) outcrop called Black Bluff. I remember what Mort had said.

"I feel on top of the world. I could live to be 110 yet. I go down to the coast once a week or so but I'm always itching to get back. The bush gets in your blood."

From here we could see Cradle Mountain and the place he called home for the past fifty years and it was such a breathtaking sight that I was almost jealous of his home.

The next day for me was the hardest. Twenty two kilometres across what I heard someone describe as trying to walk over endless wet spongy mattresses but with twenty kilos of weight on my back with prickly scoparia alongside the track. Apparently this area is the only place in the world that it grows. It has such a pretty flower though I don't think I should give a bunch to my mum on Mother's Day.

Keith left us today via a friendly Samaritan and is resting in Cradle Mountain. We arrived through back-burned scrub to a steep, wet and slippery descent to our camp-site, Four Ways Camp. The name of the camp must relate to the four ways that leeches can enter our bodies because they were everywhere. The next day, on the way out, Garry our illustrious leader, was removing ten leeches ever half hour from his legs. They were so prevalent that after a while I didn't like squashing them because it was like killing off my own flesh and blood.

Anyhow I must go Aunty although I don't think I'll be doing this walk again for a while.

See you soon

Love Buzza

PS While I was walking toward Mort Ellis country, he passed away at age 98. His funeral service is on today in Devonport but I don't think I'll be able to make it. He's the last of the four brothers who built Cradle Mountain Lodge and is the last human link to the people who first recognised the beauty of this area.

Activities . . . January to March and beyond

Daylight Saving Robinson Crusoe Adventures

Wednesday 4th February
Thursday 19th February
Wednesday 4th March

To take advantage of the extra daylight midweek and wonderful bush reserves at the southern end of the Bendigo Creek system, these excursions will be determined by the weather conditions and participants on the evening.

If the weather is cooler, the activity will definitely be bushwalking based, with some exploration of heritage and natural environment of the area. For example, have you ever seen the pitch that the first English cricket team to visit Bendigo played on? Or maybe seen sugar gliders venturing out of their hollows at dusk? The bushwalking will generally be easy with some off-track. Be prepared for maximum of 8 km in two hours (on a cool evening).

On the other hand, if it is hot and the temperature still around 30 degrees at 6 pm, then water sports or just plain wallowing in the shallows of the reservoir will be the order of the day.

Participants must be capable and suitably prepared for the activity and environmental conditions they choose to engage in.

What to bring:

- Adequate water and nibbles/snack, torch, binoculars (optional) personal first aid kit and emergency contact info. sheet.
- Clothing suitable to weather and protection from insect bites. Be prepared for cool change in evening, especially if doing water based activity (wind chill factor).
- Bushwalking - must have fully enclosed boot or shoe/runner.
- Water based activities – footwear and preferably fully enclosed such as, old pair of runners is recommended for use at all times at Crusoe reservoir. The bottom can be muddy, rocky and challenging.
- All BBOC participants must be wearing an approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) (historically known as a life jacket) when using any form of water craft or flotation device eg. kayak, lilo or rubber tube

Meet 6.30 pm at Crusoe Reservoir Park on Crusoe Road Kangaroo Flat - inside gateway (in the shade) near pine tree and peppercorn tree

Note: On days of Total Fire Ban - Crusoe Reservoir Park is closed thus event will be cancelled.

For further details, contact Kerrie Norris 5447 8017

Wobbly-knees Weekend Walk for Weary, Wounded 'n Wannabe Walkers. Ritchies Hut, 27th February – 1st March

A very easy pack-carry weekend. Friday night at Sheepyard Flat then on Saturday walk into Ritchies from the Eight Mile [6km], set up camp, fish, swim, do yoga, read a book, sit around and tell lies of previous exploits, whatever. Community hors d'oeuvre, antipasto and canapés prior to a self catered main meal, then more stories and lies around the campfire.

There is no limit to what you may bring, deck chairs, umbrellas and four-burner BBQ's are to be encouraged, but strictly BYO. Drum kits and amplified music are prohibited.

Sunday, leisurely breakfast, then walk the 6 km out after lunch. Ritchies is a good hut if the weather turns bad, and there is also a long drop toilet nearby. This is an ideal weekend for those who do not carry a heavy pack any more, or for new members who would like to experience the joy of being free of the car for a weekend. No gear? No problem! Give me a call.

Garry Brannan 0450879917

In Sturt's Wake - 11 April to 19 April 2015.

Preliminary Notice - Soliciting Expressions of Interest.

7 days paddling 120km and 2 days traveling (9 days).

Objective: To paddle the Murrumbidgee river from Balranald until it reaches the "broad and noble river" (the Murray), as Sturt did in 1830. We finish the trip at Boundary Bend. I have not done this trip and I do not know anyone who has, but there is plenty of information on the Internet. This trip is therefore exploratory.

General Information: There is one significant portage around a weir. The banks of the Murrumbidgee are steep, the river is narrow and Sturt described one section as "its tortuous course, swept round to every point of the compass with the greatest irregularity". There will be snags and Google Earth shows a large tree across the river.

Participants:

- Must be adventurous. All Club members fulfill this criterion.
- Must not be concerned if we finish 2 days early or 2 days late. The trip is exploratory.
- Must not worry with no access to email, Facebook or Twitter for one week.
- Must be competent in a canoe and have preferably participated in a Club multi-day paddle.
- Must, when faced with difficulties, challenges and problems, be positive and help to develop solutions to overcome them.

If you are up for an adventure then ring me on mobile 0458012934 to register your interest in this paddle following Sturt's route down the Murrumbidgee to the Murray.

Bob Jones.

BBOC Activities Calendar

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
January				
Tuesday 27th	Club Meeting		Pizza in the Park	
February				
Wed 4th February	Water, Walk or Wobble Mid-week daylight saving, come and enjoy	E	Walk, paddle or ride on or around the Crusoe and No7 reservoirs.	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
Thursday 19th February	Water, Walk or Wobble Mid-week daylight saving, come and enjoy	E	Walk, paddle or ride on or around the Crusoe and No7 reservoirs.	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
Tuesday 24th	Club Meeting		Butterflies and Bushwalking - Julie Whitefield	
27/2 - 1/3 February	Wobbly-knees Weekend	E PC	Ritchies Hut - Very easy. Suitable for all.	Garry Brannan 0450 879 917
March				
Wed 4th March	Water, Walk or Wobble	E	Walk, paddle or ride on or around the Crusoe and No7 reservoirs.	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
13 - 15th March	Mt Samaria	E	Base camp	Graham Borrell 0438 437 680
Sunday 22nd February	Vaughan Springs	DW E		Leigh Callinan 5442 3675

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Tuesday 24th	Club Meeting		TBA	
Sat 28 – Sun 29 March	Noojee – Powelltown	M	Timber Tramways - 2 days	Greg Doubleday 5447 8156
April				
April – TBA	Gammon Ranges	H PC	Desert range wilderness area	Peter Pemberton 0428 869 196
April 3 - 6th	Easter			
April 11 to 19	In Sturt's Wake.. Expressions of Interest requested	M	Paddle Sturt's route down the Murrumbidgee to the Murray. Some experience required	Bob Jones 0458012934
17 – 19th April	Lerderderg Gorge	M	2 days	Greg Doubleday 5447 8156
24 -26	Anzac Day W/E			
May				
Sunday 3rd	Creswick Forest	DW E		Garry Brannan 0450 879 917
22-24 th	Grampians Base camp	E	Mt Rosea	Graham Borrell 0438 437 680
Tuesday 26th	Club Meeting		TBA	
June				
5-8 Queens Birthday Week End	Wilson's Prom Three nights.	M+ PC	One night may be at the light house in the LHK cottage. Expensive at \$133 but I've done it before and thought it good value.	Garry Brannan 0450 879 917
Tuesday 23th	Club Meeting		TBA	
Sun 28th	Leaghur State Park	DW		Graham Borrell 0438 437 680

E – Easy M – Medium H – Hard D – Day DW – Day Walk PC – Pack Carry BC – Base Camp

For additions to the activities calendar: - Email trip details to Garry for inclusion in the calendar together with a write-up for the newsletter. garrybrannan@gmail.com.

The deadline for the next edition of GoBush - February, Wednesday 18th.

Please forward Trip Reports, details of Coming Events, and any interesting articles to Garry at garrybrannan@gmail.com 0450879917

