



## BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB

Well, 2020 has finally left us, but Covid-19 hasn't, not just yet anyway. It is interesting to note that had David's Kosciuszko walk gone ahead as planned, it is most likely that some of us might still be sitting in tents in NSW waiting for a permit to return, or completing two weeks Covid-19 quarantine in a hotel at our own expense.

However, lets look forward, not back.

The End of Year function/AGM was a great success. Even though nobody got the pizza they ordered [note to self, get the boxes labeled next time], we have had a terrific injection of new blood into the Committee.

The results of the election of office bearers is as follows

President	Kerrie Cramer	Walks Coordinator	Graham Borrell
Vice President	Christina Stuke	General Committee	Anne Forsyth, Lisa Reid, and Peter Galvin
Secretary	Graham Borrell	Newsletter/ Web Page	Garry Brannan
Treasurer	Greg Doubleday	Facebook	Roland Cauka

And finally, Valé Max Stevens

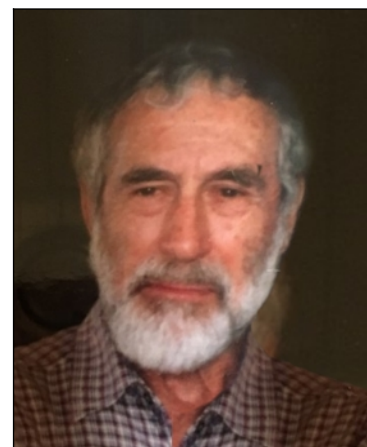
One of Nature's true gentlemen, a quiet and polite achiever. Max was a valued long time member of the Alpine Club, and an active supporter of the newly amalgamated clubs.

He made a contribution to all aspects of Club life; he was an active skier, walker, paddler, trip leader and sailor. With Elizabeth, he hosted many club social gatherings.

Max represented the club with planning of the route of the Great Dividing Track over Mt Alexander, and was instrumental in having that section name Leangarook.

Completing Larapinta Trail in 2003 at age 70 rated as his best walk ever.

Walk on Max.



### 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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Web address: <http://gobush.org.au/>

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS 20/21

President	Kerrie Cramer	03 5441 4422
Vice President	Christina Stuke	0400 306 683
Secretary	Graham Borrell	0438 437 680
Treasurer	Greg Doubleday	03 5447 8156
Walks Coordinator	Graham Borrell	0438 437 680
Web Master	Garry Brannan	0428 869 196
Facebook	Roland Cauka	0402 024 096
Newsletter	Garry Brannan	0450 879 917
General Committee	Anne Forsyth	0438 566 234
General Committee	Peter Galvin	03 5439 4595
General Committee	Lisa Reid	0419 973 707

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## Club Meetings:

At last it appears that we will be able to return to regular Club meetings.

### January – Thursday 28th

The first meeting of the year will be at the Lake Weeroona Pavilion [off Weeroona Avenue]. Take note; the date is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>.

Time: 6.30pm

Format: BYO food for a meal and something to share. There are kitchen facilities available, tea and coffee, and there will be a BBQ if you wish to cook a sausage or steak.

Afterwards, there will be a trip planning session. Meantime, plenty of chance for a chat.

**Regular monthly Club meetings** thereafter start at 7.30 pm sharp on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month except December, at the Presbyterian Church Hall, 35 – 41 Forest Street. There is a calendar of speakers, presenters, and activities. Visitors are always welcome.



## Monthly Meeting Activity

- Jan – Thursday 28th **BBQ at the Lake Weeroona Pavilion, then Calendar Planning** – Graham Borrell
- February 23rd **TBA**
- March 23rd **TBA**

## Memberships for 2020 - 2021

Payment for annual Club Membership is due from July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please pay or forward your club fees to Greg Doubleday. Fees are currently \$60 for a family and \$40 for single members, pro rata applies to new members.

*To pay by direct debit – BSB 633-000. Account No 134109016. Reference payment with your name.*

*Although we have been severely limited in our activities for some time, it is important for members to pay their membership renewal. The fees for Club Insurance, which covers all members, is roughly based on last years membership, so without memberships being paid, we may have to dip into savings.*

## Internet:

Bendigo Bushwalking and Outdoor Club Facebook site.

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

News from the Victorian National Parks Association

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

### 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

## Upcoming Walks and Activities

### Great Ocean Walk

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th February

Type: Base Camp with Day Walks

Grade: Medium Distance: Saturday 15km, Sunday 14km

DESCRIPTION: Two coastal day walks on the Great Ocean Walk in the Great Otway National Park. On Saturday walk from Parker River past the Cape Otway Lighthouse back to the Aire River campground and on Sunday walk from Johanna Beach past Castle Cove back to the Aire River campground.

Departing Bendigo Friday afternoon/evening to Aire River campground, 300km.

Cost: Transport to and from Aire River plus car shuffling, Zone 5 \$50. Accommodation costs for camping at Aire River campground for two nights, \$15.

INFO: Please make contact to confirm attendance and get more info for the weekend.

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

### Bendigo Canoe Club – Weekend Camp by the Goulburn River - 6/7<sup>th</sup> January.

Eildon Outdoor Education Centre, 726 Back Eildon Road, Thornton

If you cannot go on David's 'Great Ocean Walk', maybe consider the invitation to the BCC camp; friends and families are also most welcome.

Whether you wish to riding a bike, walk, paddle or just relax by the Goulburn river, there is plenty to do.

This is the BCC 6th OEG camp in a row and this year they have decided to invite family and friends to a lovely weekend away on the 6/7 Feb.

They have booked the large walk in kitchen (stoves, fridges, cutlery) and dining room. The camp has toilets and showers, and covered shelters throughout the camping area. All you need is a tent, swag, sleeping gear & food.

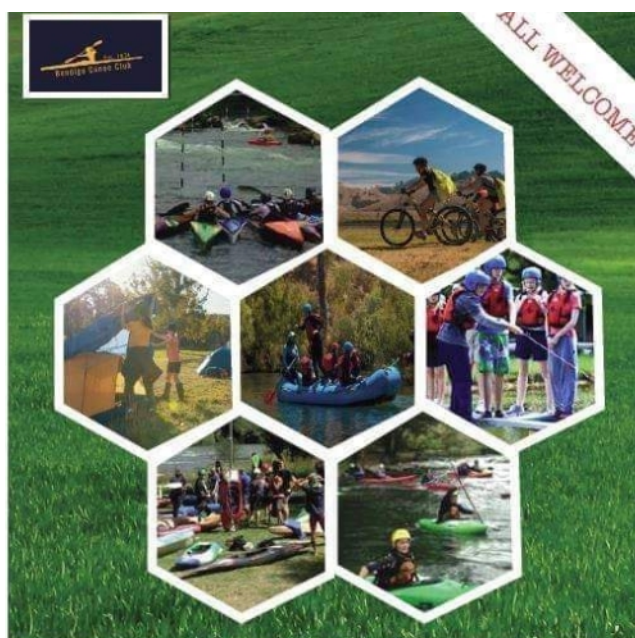
- \* Camping
- \* Bike riding
- \* Bush walking
- \* Whitewater swimming, or paddling
- \* Obstacle course suitable for the little ones.
- \* Socializing
- \* Touring
- \* Waterfalls

If you want further information about activities, contact Tony Misson for a chat on 0411605239.

Camping costs are \$30 per person for the weekend.

Please advise by Jan 30 if you are interested in attending. I will be running a kayak trip on the Goulburn River from Eildon to Alexandra.

Garry Brannan [garrybrannan@gmail.com](mailto:garrybrannan@gmail.com)



## BCC Bush Camp

6-7 February

Bush Camp Eildon

Cost approx. \$30pp

register by email: [bcc@live.com.au](mailto:bcc@live.com.au)

Camping  
Whitewater  
Swimming  
Paddling

Touring  
Waterfalls  
Obstacle course  
Socialising

Facilities: Toilets, showers, kitchen and large dining room with plates and cutlery. All you need to bring is your tent, swag, sleeping gear.

## Murray to Mountains Rail Trail

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th February

Type: Base Camp with Day Bike Rides

Grade: Medium/Hard Distance: Saturday 60km, Sunday 58km

DESCRIPTION: On Saturday, a return ride from Myrtleford to Bright along the Ovens River valley covering 60km. On Sunday ride a loop from Milawa to Everton to Wangaratta to Oxley to Milawa covering 58km.

Departing Bendigo Friday afternoon/evening to Myrtleford, 250km.

For anybody able to depart from Bendigo early on Friday morning there will be the chance to ride from Everton up the hill to Beechworth and return, 33km, before travelling on to the Myrtleford.

Cost: Transport to and from Myrtleford, Zone 5 \$45. Accommodation costs for camping at Myrtleford Holiday Park for two nights, \$27.

INFO: Please make contact to confirm attendance and get more info for the weekend.

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## BBOC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR – January to May 2021

DATE	DESCRIPTION	RATING	COMMENTS	CONTACT
<b>JANUARY</b>				
Wednesday, 27th	Mount Ida Ridge - 15km	Moderate	Afternoon hike - 5 hours starting from 1pm in Heathcote.	Christina Stuke 0400 306 683
Thursday January 28th – 6.30pm	Club Meeting 6:30pm. BBQ – BYO food.		Lake Weeroona at the Boat Pavilion, Weeroona Avenue	Garry Brannan 0450879917
Friday January 29th.	Moonlight walk up onto the Big Hill NP	Easy	Bring a torch, water and snacks. Contact Kerrie for details.	Kerrie Norris 0488 297 532
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th February	Great Ocean Walk - Day Walks from a Base Camp	Medium	Two coastal day walks on the Great Ocean Walk in the Otway National Park	David Crocker 0409425604
Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th February	Bendigo Canoe Club Goulburn River Camp	Paddling trip - hard	Camping, Socializing, Bike riding, Touring, Bush walking, Waterfalls, Whitewater swimming or paddling	Garry Brannan 0450979917
Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th February	Murray to Mountains Rail Trail	M/H	Ride several sections of the rail-trail totaling 118km	David Crocker 0409425604
Tuesday April 24 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St		Speaker or activity wanted	
<b>MARCH</b>				
March Saturday 6 to Sunday 20th	Murray River 16 days Canoe/kayak trip.	Medium	Renmark to Morgan	Garry Brannan 0450879917
<b>APRIL</b>				
<b>MAY</b>				
Sat May 15th to Wed May 19th	Wilson's Prom southern circuit	Medium	Stay overnight in the historic light house keepers cottage	Christina Stuke 0400 306 683
Thursday May 20th to Sunday May 23th	Great Southern Rail Trail		After walking on the Prom, come bike riding on the Great Southern Rail Trail	Garry Brannan 0450879917

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)

**BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INCORPORATED**  
**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2020 – 2021**

**New and renewing members alike MUST sign the Acknowledgment of Risk.**

Membership fees are due from the first of July. Adults \$40, Family \$60. Payment as follows:

- Post a cheque together with this form to The Treasurer, Bendigo Bushwalking and Outdoor Club, PO Box 989, Bendigo 3552
- Bring cheque or cash to the monthly meeting: 4th Tuesday of the month, 730 pm, Presbyterian Church Hall, Forest Street
- Pay by Direct Debit BSB – 633000 Account No – 134109016 Reference – your name. Please notify the Treasurer and provide a signed Acknowledgment of Risk at the earliest opportunity.

**Please complete all the following sections**


**1. PERSONAL DETAILS**

Adults      1. \_\_\_\_\_ | 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Children    1. \_\_\_\_\_ | 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

 Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ |  Home \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin/Nominated person to contact in an emergency

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

This acknowledgment of risk applies to all club activities I may undertake as a member of the Bendigo Bushwalking and Outdoor Club Inc. In voluntarily participating in activities of the club which are described to me by the activity leaders, I am aware that my participation in the activities may expose me to hazards and risks that could lead to injury, illness or death, or to loss of or damage to my property, I also acknowledge that I may encounter weather conditions that could lead to hypothermia and being in locations where evacuation for medical treatment may take hours or days.

In particular when participating in abseiling or above the snowline activities I am aware that these activities could expose me to additional hazards and risks described to me by the activity leader.

To minimise risks I will endeavor to ensure that:

1. Each activity is within my capabilities.
2. I am carrying food, water and equipment appropriate for the activity.

In addition:

1. I will advise the activity leader if I am taking any medication or have any physical or other limitation that might affect my participation in the activity.
2. I will make every effort to remain with the rest of the party during the activity.
3. I will advise the leader of any concerns I am having.
4. I will comply with all reasonable instructions of club officers and the activity leader.

I have read and understand the above requirements. I have considered the risks before choosing to sign this acknowledgment of risk. I still wish to join the activities of the club. I acknowledge that I will take Responsibility for my own actions and that signing this form or the payment of my subscription will be deemed as full acceptance and understanding of the above conditions,

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_