

# GO BUSH

MARCH 2017



## BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC.

### President's Report

President will be giving a talk at the meeting.

### Editor's Note

A **very big thank you** to the fabulous members who have put on trips. The calendar was bare and now is overflowing. All members are welcome to put on a trip and will be assisted by more experienced leaders.

### BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC

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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](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.

Email your submission to:

[bendigo.bushwalking@gmail.com](mailto:bendigo.bushwalking@gmail.com)

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## Reading

Bushwalk Australia magazine

Bushwalking Victoria News

Echuca Moama Bushwalkers news March 2017

Benalla Bushwalking Club newsletter Mar-Apr 2017

Shepparton Adventure Club Newsletter Feb – Mar 2016

<https://tinyurl.com/julud7v>

<https://tinyurl.com/zbm555l>

<https://tinyurl.com/jvn8s9p>

<https://tinyurl.com/mm3s8yr>

<https://tinyurl.com/kkuthl6>

## Monthly Meeting Activity

April 25 general meeting

Speaker: **John Lindner**

Topic: Cape York trip, 2016

Walks in NSW and Queensland

27 walks that will excite your imagination

## Interesting Info

Fancy a canoe trip? In the words of Buzza “In 2013 I started to develop a series of canoe trails in and around Barmah National Park on the Vic NSW border. The project formed the basis of my research for 3 years with the study recommendations driving trail development across a number of iconic and less known waterways in Victoria. Four of the Murray Trails at Barmah are now being promoted – they are being developed over a 5 year period with interpretive signage and on-lake sleeping platforms further down the trail ... so to speak.”

Link: <https://www.visitthemurray.com.au/natural-wonders/murray-canoe-trails>

## 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.

### Waanyarra Ghost Town Sunday 2 April 2017.

Distance: Depends...say about 12km. Most on 4wd bush tracks. Start time **09:00** at the club rooms. Bring own water, first aid, clothing, food, & Compass. Notebook and pencils. If we are lucky central Victorian bush, disturbed by gold mining 100 years ago. If we are unlucky, burnt and destroyed bush, by the government. Contact: **Bill Clark. 0408 545 256. Fuel share: Probably zone 1, \$10.00.** Maps: Laanecoorie north. number 7624-2-N. scale 1 : 25,000. Pamphlet, Dunolly cycle tracks, by Central goldfields Visitor Information center.

### Base Camp With Day Walks, Grampians, Easter: Thursday 13 to Monday 17 April

The Cooina-Burrong Scout Camp is located on the western side of the Grampians, not the side we usually go to. It has good basic facilities, is surrounded by bush and is not at all expensive (\$7 per person per night). We will have access to a variety of good walks, ranging from easy to medium. Some nice creeks, great woodland and views from the peaks. In particular, I have a booklet of walks produced for the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs' (VicWalk) weekend last October - some terrific ideas.

Please let me know if you intend to come. I will email full details on request. **John Lindner, 5448 3406**  
**jwl.bendigo@gmail.com**

MAP You must have a copy of the map to find the way to the camp

### Easter Walk, Cobberas Area. 14th – 17th April

This walk visits a number of peaks in the remote Cobberas Wilderness and also the spring denoting the most easterly point of the Murray River as well as the cairn on Forest hill marking the Black Allen line (The straight bit of the Vic NSW border). We will also investigate a crashed aircraft and explore Cowombat Flat. A fair slice of the walk is off track & can be a little scrubby. The area has alpine peaks (Cobberas No1 & The Pilot are over 1800 meters) so be prepared for all sorts of weather conditions. As it is a fair drive over, an early departure from Bendigo Thursday night would be helpful. **Maximum party size is 8.** For bookings & more details contact **Greg Doubleday 0427 310 498.**

Map: LPI-NSW Suggan Buggan 1:50 000 ECP: TBA

### Bogong High Plains – The Huts Tour - Encore Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd April 2017

**Overnight Walk Grade: Medium 30.0km** (7km carrying gear and 23km with daypacks)

DESCRIPTION: The plan is to walk a section of the Australian Alps Walking Track and visit a number of huts in the Mt Nelse area on the Bogong High Plains. Friday night camping near Wallaces Hut

Saturday morning walk with packs from Watchbed Creek to Johnston Hut (3.5km) where we will camp on Saturday night. After morning tea, walk with daypacks north along the AAWT passing Mt Nelse (1883m) and Mt Nelse North (1885m) and on to Ropers Hut (6.5km) for lunch. After lunch returning south but this time walking over the summits of Mt Nelse North and Mt Nelse, before dropping down to Edmondson Hut (6km) then a gentle stroll back to Johnston Hut (1.5km) and camp.

Sunday morning with packs, back to the AAWT (1km), then south along the AAWT to The Park (1.5km). Then just with daypacks another detour to visit Fitzgeralds Hut and Kellys Hut (5km) for lunch. Then back to The Park (4km) to collect packs and head back down the Nelse Track to the cars (1km).

This is an alpine walk so be prepared for any sort of weather over the weekend. **Fuel Share: Zone 5 \$45**

**Contact: David Crocker Ph 5442 8189 or 0409 425 604**

### Macedon Range Sunday 30 April

This is a **16km** medium graded walk, all on tracks. The walk takes in Mt Macedon, Camels Hump and Mt Towrong. Most of the walking is easy but we have to climb onto the range and descend off the range, increasing the grade to medium. It will be colder on the range than in Bendigo and I recommend those that use walking poles to bring them.

Highlights: Magnificent forest, fantastic views from the lookouts, cool air, smell of eucalypts, Memorial Cross, volcanic mamelons, 8m high summit cairn and Karuna Display.

Meet: Club's Meeting Hall in Forest Street on Sunday 30 April at **8am**. We need 6 people and two cars to make this trip viable as we need a car shuffle. **Fuel Share: Zone 2.** \$20 per passenger. Coffee and Tea: Mt Macedon Trading Post in Mt Macedon Village. Leader: **Bob Jones. Mobile 0458012934** for any questions.

### Daylesford and Sailors Falls Wednesday 3rd May

Type: Day walk Grade: **Medium 17km** 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. **Fuel Share: Zone 2 \$20 Contact: David Crocker ph 5442 8189 or 0409 425 604**

### Avoca Wineries Wander Sunday 7th May

Type: **Bike Ride** Grade: **Easy 34km**. DESCRIPTION: Easy cycling on back roads, mostly sealed some not, to visit some of the 6 wineries in the Avoca area. Morning loop visiting Lamplough and St Ignatius, after lunch back in Avoca, another loop visiting Blue Pyrenees, Mt Avoca and Eurabbie Estate.

Please contact the leader prior to the ride to enable arrangements to be made for transporting bikes. Meet: At **9:00am** at the Club's Meeting Hall in Forest Street. **Fuel Share: Zone 1 \$10 Contact: David Crocker ph 5442 8189 or 0409 425 604**

### The Monk & Poverty Gully Water Race Wednesday 10th May

Type: Day Walk Grade: Easy/Medium 13km DESCRIPTION: A loop walk through the higher parts of the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park south of Chewton. Commencing on the Chewton-Fryerstown Road initially following Jacobs Track skirting around the base of The Monk before heading south for a short distance on the Great Dividing Trail. By staying in the forest before the farm land is reach and heading west to meet the Poverty Gully Water Race (after 5km). The remainder of the walk is along the Water Race and therefore very easy walking. With interesting remains and ruins, sluices and adits from the gold mining era to be seen along the way. A stop will be made to explore the Eureka Reef Mine area along the way. Afternoon tea/coffee in Castlemaine before returning to Bendigo.

Meet: At **8:30am** in the carpark in front of Rebel Sport at Lansell Square, Kangaroo Flat. **Fuel Share: Zone 1 \$10 Contact: David Crocker ph 5442 8189 or 0409 425 604**

### Great Victorian Rail Trail Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th May 2017

Type: Base Camp – Day Rides Grade: Medium 109km (62km + 47km) Features: • Officially opened on 1st June 2012, the longest continuous Rail Trail in Australia . A high standard rail trail traversing undulating farmland. Features the only tunnel on a rail trail in Victoria and a long bridge across Lake Eildon.

Proposed Itinerary:

The plan is to have two days of bike riding from a base camp at the Yea Caravan Park.

- Friday: Depart Bendigo late afternoon for Yea (135km).

- Saturday: Drive to Mansfield (morning tea) leaving one vehicle at Cathkin along the way.
- Ride from Mansfield back to Cathkin (62km). Lunch at Bonnie Doon and afternoon tea at Yarck (Billy Goat Café). Retrieve vehicles from Mansfield and drive to Yea.
- Sunday: Leaving one vehicle at Yea, drive to Cathkin. Ride to Alexandra (13km) (morning tea).
- Ride from Alexandra back to Yea (34km). Retrieve vehicle from Cathkin. Drive back to Bendigo (165km).

Costs: 1. Transportation costs will involve travel to and from Yea – about 135 km each way – plus extra costs to relocate the cars to enable the bike riding to be completed. Ring 3 - \$30+extra=\$45 (suggestion)

2. Accommodation costs for camping (or cabin) at Yea Caravan Park.

Info: [www.greatvictorianrailtrail.com.au](http://www.greatvictorianrailtrail.com.au) and [www.railtrails.org.au](http://www.railtrails.org.au)

**Contact: David Crocker ph 5442 8189 mob 0409 425 604**

#### Mt Ida & the Dargile Forest Wednesday 17th May

Type: Day walk Grade: Medium 14.5km DESCRIPTION: Walk starts at Dargile Picnic Area and heads through ironbark forests to climb to the top of North Ridge. The crest of the ridge is then followed to the top of Mt. Ida (450m) with excellent views over the surrounding countryside. The descent from the mountain is via a steep fossilised slope along Rodney Track and then back through the forest to the starting point. Afternoon tea/coffee in Heathcote before returning to Bendigo.

MEET: **At 8:30am** in the carpark in front of Rebel Sport at Lansell Square, Kangaroo Flat. **Fuel Share: Zone 1 \$10 Contact: David Crocker ph 5442 8189 or 0409 425 604**

#### White Gum Track & Poverty Gully Water Race Wednesday 24th May

Type: Day walk Grade: Easy/Medium 14.km DESCRIPTION: A loop walk through the higher parts of the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park south of Chewton. Commencing on the Chewton-Fryerstown Road initially following Poverty Gully Water Race to the east before leaving the water race and traversing on a track staying above the water race. After crossing the water race a loop to the east outside of the Castlemaine Diggings Heritage Park is completed passing through State Forest before heading west along Crocodile Reservoir Track and then along Morgan Track to return to the cars. Afternoon tea/coffee in Castlemaine before returning to Bendigo.

MEET: **At 8:30am** in the carpark in front of Rebel Sport at Lansell Square, Kangaroo Flat. **Fuel Share: Zone 1 \$10 Contact: David Crocker ph 5442 8189 or 0409 425 604**

#### A meander on Lanjanuc Sunday 28 May

This is an easy 12km circuit walk on tracks with two sections on a sealed road and two sections off track.

Highlights: Sericulture ruins, Dog Rocks, a granite sculpture, Lodge Bros huts, Scorpion Rocks, Shepherds Flat Lookout, summit cairn and Langs Lookout.

Meet: Spring Gully Hall and Oval in Spring Gully Road on Sunday 28 May at **8.30am**. **Fuel Share: Zone 1**. \$10 per passenger. Coffee and Tea: Spring Gully General Store if time permits.

Leader: **Bob Jones. Mobile 0458012934** for any questions.

#### Mt. Macedon Wednesday 31st May

Type: Day walk Grade: Easy/Medium 13km DESCRIPTION: Starting high in the Macedon Regional Park from Days Picnic Ground following the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail to McGregors Picnic Ground and then traversing along the eastern edge of Mt. Macedon on Hoods Track to reach the War Memorial Cross (lunch). The return route follows the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail all the way back to Days Picnic Ground. Afternoon tea/coffee in Malmsbury before returning to Bendigo.

MEET: At **8:30am** in the carpark in front of Rebel Sport at Lansell Square, Kangaroo Flat. **Fuel Share: Zone 1 \$10 Contact: David Crocker ph 5442 8189 or 0409 425 604**

## Trip Reports

Please send in a report!

## BBOC Activities Calendar

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
<b>April</b>				
Sunday April 2	Waanyarra Ghost Town	DW	Laanecoorie north	Bill Clark. 0408 545 256
Easter: Thursday 13 to Monday 17 April	Base camp with day walks in the nearby Grampians	Easy/Med	Cooinda-Burrong Scout Camp, near Wartook Hot showers, toilets, water, use of fridge in kitchen (but not the kitchen), dormitories if weather bad, \$7 pp per night	John Lindner, 5448 3406 jwl.bendigo@gmail.com
Easter April 14 – 17	Cobberas		Maximum party size is 8	Greg Doubleday 0427 310 498
Sat 22 & Sun 23 April	Bogong High Plains	Med	Overnight Walk 30 km	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Sunday 30 April	Mt Macedon	DW Med	A Traverse of the Macedon Range	Bob Jones. Mobile 0458012934
<b>May</b>				
Wed 3rd May	Daylesford and Sailors Falls	Med	<b>17 km</b> Day Walk	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Sun 7th May	Avoca Wineries Wander	Easy	Bike Ride	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Wed 10 May	The Monk & Poverty Gully Water Race	Easy/Med	Day Walk	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Sat 13 & Sun 14 May	Great Victorian Rail Trail			David Crocker 0409 425 604
Wed 17 May	Mt Ida & the Dargile Forest	Med	Day Walk	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Wed 24 May	White Gum Track & Poverty Gully Water Race	Easy/Med	Day Walk	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Sun 28 May	A meander on Lanjanuc	Easy	Day Walk	Bob Jones. Mobile 0458012934
Wed 31 May	Mt Macedon	Easy/Med	Day Walk	David Crocker 0409 425 604
<b>June</b>				