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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.

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

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Reading

Bushwalk Australia magazine

Bushwalking Victoria News

Echuca Moama Bushwalkers news April 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/nyaxsv2>

<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

Bendigo Orienteers extends a warm welcome to anyone from the Bendigo Bushwalking and Outdoor Club to attend our special 40th birthday event.

This is planned for Saturday 27 May and uses the Wildflower Drive map. This is in the bushland area bounded by Strathdale, Strathfieldsaye, Mclvor Rd and Strathfieldsaye Rd.

Start times 12:30pm - 2pm. This will be a social event, as well as an opportunity to enjoy orienteering in this area close to Bendigo.

Directions to the event: From Bendigo CBD take the Mclvor Highway (B280) towards Heathcote. After 6.0 km turn right (O-sign) into St Vincent's Rd. After a further 600m turn right (O-sign) into Cassinia Drive and park as directed.

Regards, Julie Flynn, President, Bendigo Orienteers

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.

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 and 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**

Wyperfeld Park. 20/21 MAY 2017. Overnight.

The search for the “Lost Lake”. This will be a desert walk with ease!

Day 1: Walk from Black flat car park* on Meridian track until we find the lost lake. Approx **12kms**. Camp out there somewhere. (* Black flat is SW of the Wonga park camping ground)

Day 2. Return via Meridian track and Lake Jerriwurrup loop track. App **16 kms**.

Water: you will need to carry the recommended **4ltrs per day**. In some places you can bury a litre and dig it up on the return journey. I doubt if we will see a rock!. **NAV**: bring a compass and your map. Easy: To carry your load you can bring a hand drawn wheel device, strongly suggest you use solid tyres. People carrying packs are invited to come along on this walk. No “bush bashing” is needed. **Fees**. You may have to pay National park fees. **Fuel**: It's in ring 4. **\$45.00**. Map: There is a large map choice out there, bring what you think, may save your “bacon”.

Contact: Bill Clark. H 5442 1432 MOB 0408 545 256.

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

Hidden Beaches . Johanna Base Camp 24-26 March 2017

Due to an initial low numbers that registered an interest in this weekend , I extended an invite to a few Ballarat bushwalking club members to join us. Then in the last week, another 5 people from Bendigo joined in, to take us up to 12 starters. So in the end we ended up with Frank, Janet, Bob and Hans, from Bendigo, Barb and Lionel from Castlemaine, Jean, Marianne and Glenda from Ballarat and Mark, Gale and Pam from Laanecoorie (Bendigo visitors). The campsite at Johanna , is a drive in campsite set just behind the coastal dunes. On our first and second evenings some of us headed off to the top platform lookout for drinks and to watch the sunset into Bass Strait.(We only got this on the Saturday).



On Saturday we walked along the Great Ocean Walk trail (GOW) towards Castle Cove. This involved a fairly lengthy walk along the beach, until up near Rotten Point the track climbed up into the low hills. A bit further along it passed thru an amazing grass tree 'forest'. The weather was still quite humid and by the time

we got to Castle Cove and briefly joined the main stream tourists, we were looking for a chance to have lunch and relax and cool off, in the shadows of the high cliffs. A few explored Cathedral rock and the channel that is located at the western end of this beach, where some people had a swim. After our lunch break , we retraced our steps back along the track. Near Dinosaur cove we split up with some members returning to Johanna, whilst the balance detoured off the track to try and find the old Dinosaur Cove track. This track is now heavily overgrown and it was only thru local knowledge that we were able to trace its original route down to the rocky terraces enclosing the Cove. Here our fearless leader revealed a rope from his pack, which we could use as an aid in getting down the last steep section. The said rope was tied to the old steel stake at the top and thrown down. Unfortunately it was only circa 8 metres long and only covered the very top of the climb. We really needed 20 metres! Everyone was slightly bemused.



Anyway we all managed to get down to the broad rock terraces and then explore the cove. First point of interest was the site of the archaeological dig back in the 1980s. The drive into the rockface has now been sealed off and the commemorative plaque installed there on completion is pretty ocean worn. Still its all very interesting. From here we explored the large 20 metre high cavern around the corner , at the eastern end of the cove and the waves sweeping in around the large rocks offshore at this point.

After exploring this cove we once again clambered back up the rock face, up thru the scrub and made our way back to the main track. An hour after leaving the cove, we were back at the end of Johanna beach. From here it was still a tiring walk in the soft sand back to our campsite circa, circa 1.5 km away. We did get back to camp with still a few hours of daylight left and most did manage to view the sunset over Moonlight head to the west from the elevated viewing deck but the day had been pretty arduous and we didn't linger long this evening. As well our fearless leader had to tactfully try and placate his new adjoining campsite buddies, as he had encroached a fair way onto their paid for, campsite! Some minor movement of tenting did occur and the new arrivals did relent from a full eviction in this case. It had been a reasonably strenuous day so most of us needed a reviving cup of tea to bring us back to our senses.



On Sunday we all drove further around to near Moonlight head, where we had to negotiate the tight entry off the main highway onto the Cape Volney track. Here we left our cars to begin our walk into the nicely perched Ryans Den overnight campsite. This is a lovely walk with great vistas down the coast looking back to Johanna and once you get there , you can also look up and down the coastline . Milenesia Beach is right over the next spur. Here we had a morning tea break, perched high above the sea before returning west along the track, to try and explore The Hidden Cove. We descended via a secluded (hidden track) to the

Hider Cove (Hermits Beach) . Legend has it that a lone hermit by the name of W. Fountain, lived at this cove for a few years back in the 1880-90s. What makes that highly probable are the once very prominent detailed inscriptions, that once festooned this cove, covering various rocks and the cliff face of a largish wall, at the cove. After circa 120 years these are now rapidly diminishing and eroding and on this trip we noted that a largish chunk (circa 1200x 600x 150) with part of his name, clearly etched, had broken off from the cliff face and was lying on a sandy terrace. We stopped at this cove for lunch and after taking in the atmosphere, we tried retracing our steps back up the hill. As an indication of how difficult it is to find the track, we only got side tracked once!



Once back on the great ocean walk, we strolled thru the bushland before climbing the last big hill up to a great vantage point overlooking some of the highest cliffs on the Victorian coast dropping straight down to the ocean, circa 120+ metres below. From here it was just another pleasant stroll over the flat tops of the Otway Ranges for another half hour, back to the cars. We topped the weekend off with coffees at the bistro café overlooking the Otways for one last time before making our way home to our various destinations.

Hans Tracksdorf

Waanyarra Day Walk. Leader Bill Clark. 2 Apr 17.

I had a total of 9 persons on this walk. The weather was “crisp” at first but warmed up as the day progressed. I know there is debate about walk classifications, but even half crippled, I would call this an easy walk.

We walked 12kms, most on 4wd bush tracks. We did not have to suffer evidence of the government scorched earth policy. We did have to suffer litter from thoughtless human beings.



In the off track sections, we came across lots of very large spider webs, with a very large fat spider parked in the center. “Golden Orb” spiders with their fantastic methods of guys ropes holding up their web.

The first highlight was looking at the derelict Mortons Hotel at the eastern end of Waanyarra. We also looked at the Waanyarra cemetery and a few isolated graves here and there, outside the confines of the cemetery. But alas, the goldrush township of Waanyarra itself, does not exist anymore...its gone.

When the walk had finished we had a group discussion, deciding on a dash over to Dunolly for the customary coffee. We also spent a few minutes taking in the history of Dunolly. (Hey walkmates, we could have gone to Tarnagulla after all, the community coffee shop opens every Sunday and closes at 4pm!)

My thanks to John, Bob, Leigh, Anne, Graeme, Garry, Errol, and Reyer.
Cheers, Bill Clark.

BBOC Activities Calendar

| Date | Description | Rating | Comments | Contact |
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| April | | | | |
| Sunday 30 April | Mt Macedon | DW Med | A Traverse of the Macedon Range | Bob Jones. Mobile 0458012934 |
| May | | | | |
| Wed 3rd May | Daylesford and Sailors Falls | Med | 17 km 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 | | Overnight | David Crocker 0409 425 604 |
| Wed 17 May | Mt Ida & the Dargile Forest | Med | Day Walk | David Crocker 0409 425 604 |
| Sat 20 & Sun 21 May | Wyperfeld Park | | Overnight | Bill Clark. 0408 545 256 |
| Tues 23 May | Club Meeting | | | |
| 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 |
| June | | | | |
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