

# GO BUSH

SEPTEMBER 2017



**BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC.**

## **Advance Notice For The October 24th Meeting**

Date	Tuesday 24 October
Description	Calendar planning for activities Sell and swap of individual and club gear
Contact	John Lindner, 5448 3406

The committee has decided to attempt 2 things at this meeting.

1. A **calendar night** where we attempt some advance planning of trips, especially monthly day walks.

We need peoples' ideas and firm proposals to put on a forward planning sheet.

### **2. Sell and Swap**

Please bring along any gear that you would like to sell, swap or give away. In addition, we have a number of club-owned items which are up for disposal. There won't be fixed prices for these items – just make a reasonable offer.

Just to keep you in the picture, we are going to dispose of these items due to their poor quality or lack of use.

1 Large plastic crate

2 Snowgum brand walking packs (Cordura fabric, green, rather heavy)

1 One Planet brand walking pack (special female design, lightweight, blue)

1 Salewa brand, "Sierra Leone" model, dome tent, 2-person, 3.2 kilogram

1 Caddis brand, "Explorer" model, 4-person tent, for car camping

1 Optimus brand, Trangia-type nested stove system, large, 3 bowls

1 Fuel bottle

4 Bicycle panniers, 2 pairs, 1 red pair and 1 black pair

1 Windproof/waterproof coat, dry japara type, red, good condition

1 Metal toilet box, never used (suitable as a heavy duty tool box)

•Macpac brand tent, "Microlite" model, very poor condition

•Fold-out display board

•Plastic snow shovel (too heavy and too big)

•Small index box

And we are going to keep these items

•EPIRB/PLB (but it is due for replacement soon)

•Aluminium snow shovel

•Ice axe

•Galvanised steel, lockable tin trunk (1600 X 450 X 450)

## Membership Benefits

Insurance coverage on members trips. 10% discount at Aussie Disposals Bendigo, 25% at Mountain Designs Bendigo.

Your Bushwalking Victoria membership card enables you to obtain discounts at a number of retailers

Note that Bushwalking Victoria membership cards need to be presented prior to processing of sale.

TRAVEL • Outdoor Travel, 5% on Outdoor Travel tours and all reservations made directly with the office at Bright. Check out their website or join their email newsletter subscription list for tours and current deals. Web: [www.outdoortravel.com.au](http://www.outdoortravel.com.au) Phone: 1800 331 582 Email: [info@outdoortravel.com.au](mailto:info@outdoortravel.com.au)

### GEAR

- AJAY's Snow and Country Sports: Heathmont - 10% off RRP
- Bogong Equipment: Melbourne - 10% off RRP
- Discovery Holiday Parks - Cradle Mountain - 20% discount off shoulder and low season rates (16th of April - 21st of December) Contact Claire 03 6492 1289, 1800 068 574 [www.discoveryholidayparks.com.au](http://www.discoveryholidayparks.com.au)
- EMC, Eastern Mountain Centre: Deedene - 10% off RRP
- Melbourne Map Centre: Malvern East 5% discount
- Paddy Pallin – Melbourne, Hawthorn and Ringwood - 10% off RRP
- The Wilderness Shop: Box Hill - 10% off RRP
- Smitten: Tasmania, merino wear for the outdoors. 15% off RRP to order email [www.smittenmerino.com](http://www.smittenmerino.com)
- Woodslane Walking Guides –25% discount for online orders. Note there is a \$7.95 shipping charge with each order. Must quote "BushVic" at the check-out to obtain your discount. <https://www.woodslane.com.au/promotion/bushvic/Bushwalking-Victoria>

Note: RRP = Regular Retail Price-does not include sale or consignment items or hire gear

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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/>



## 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.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS 16/17

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### 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

Benalla Bushwalking Club Newsletter

Shepparton Adventure Club Newsletter

<https://tinyurl.com/julud7v>

<https://tinyurl.com/mauntol>

<https://tinyurl.com/ya7exd7s>

<https://tinyurl.com/ybnfzqx8>

<https://tinyurl.com/y6wwkbn4>

## Monthly Meeting Activity

To be announced via e-mail

## Regent Honeyeater Project

An annual series of weekends devoted to saving the Regent Honeyeater. About the project:

<http://regenthoneyeater.org.au/>. Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/regenthoneyeater/>. This year's dates August 12-13, August 26-27, September 9-10, September 23-24, October 7-8. John has planned attending and the details are in the next section..

## The Alpine Track - Solo In Winter.

### A significant achievement.

The Alpine Track (The Australian Alps Walking Track) stretches from Walhalla in Victoria to Canberra crossing the High Country in Victoria and NSW.

Many Club members are aware of the track and have walked sections and we even have a number, both women and men that have walked the entire track but not solo, not in one go and definitely not in winter. Peter Galvin is the only Club member that I know who walked the track in one go and solo but not in winter.

Some years back Alan and Hennie Spence organized about five, 5-day sections of the track from Walhalla to Hotham and I was lucky enough to have joined them on all sections.

Having walked with Greg Doubleday earlier this year I was aware that Robyn and Greg's son Craig was planning to attempt to walk the track solo and in winter. I was surprised to learn that he was thinking of using snow shoes, skis, probably boots and even runners. I was not sure when Craig intended to head off but I was certain that he was on the track on Sunday 6 August when I spent the day with Kerrie N and others at a Bush thick knee (stone curlew) breeding and release programme excursion.

It was a cool Sunday with Kerrie but the weather forecast for the High Country was ominous. Heavy dumps of snow and blizzard conditions were predicted. I was worried and after a delightful day with Kerrie I went home, had a hot shower and rang Greg. Where is Craig and is he in a protected area? Greg quickly put me at ease as he knew Craig had arrived at Ropers Hut on the Saturday and he was intending on seeing out the blizzard there. The new Ropers Hut is well ventilated and very well built and I could not think of being in a better location in a blizzard. I then quizzed Greg about crossing the Big River with so much snow, getting wet, hypothermia etc. Greg reassured me that he and Craig had planned a different route which only entailed crossing a small creek. Clearly Greg's vast knowledge, experience and understanding of all the conditions was greatly beneficial to his son. I think Greg told me that the dump of snow was so huge it took Craig one hour to ascend 800m up Timmins spur.

On 29 August I was near Longreach Q when I received two texts from Greg but I had no phone signal. At Barcardine I rang Greg and learnt that Craig had safely arrived in Canberra. The last 100km taking Craig 3 days in runners. I think Robyn and Greg are still on Bruny Island but clearly they must be proud of their son. I hope Club members appreciate the significance of Craig's achievement as most of us can only dream of such an adventure.

Report by Bob Jones.

## 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.

### Tentative Mt Feathertop Thursday 28 Sept (Day Before AFL Public Holiday)

#### **Day walk** Grade – **Hard** Eight spots

Early start depart Bendigo. Ascend the mountain. Most likely stop in Harrierville that night ( after descent )

Highly likely to still have cornice on summit.

Contact – Hans Tracksdorf m 04000 49 891

## Beeripmo Walk, Mt Cole State Park October Saturday 14th

Type: **Day walk** Grade: **Medium/Hard 21.5km**

Type: Circuit walk - the trail starts and finishes at Richards Campground

Grade: Medium/Hard – This is a longish day walk of 17km, or 21 if we walk to the summit of Mt Buangor. That decision will be made on the day – it is dependant on participants, weather etc.

The Beeripmo Walk is in the Mt Cole State Forest and Mt Buangor State Park to the south of Elmhurst. 'Beeripmo' is an Aboriginal word that means 'wild mount', referring to Mt Cole. It passes through many forest types from tall eucalypt forest to open sub alpine vegetation, and includes features such as small waterfalls, steep tree-fern lined gullies with tall eucalypts, and a number of lookouts on top of granite outcrops with extensive views. It is usually completed as an Easy/Medium 2-day walk, but is M/H as a day walk.

The track is well marked and in good condition. The walk involves no off-track or roads, there are a couple of kilometers of 4x4 track, and the rest is granite sand or rock. There are some short sharp climbs, but mostly well contoured or moderate gradients.

Bring: Solid footwear, at least 1 litre of water, lunch, morning and afternoon tea, munchies, sun screen, mosquito repellent, personal and basic first aid and suitable clothing including a hat and coat. Refer to Walksafe booklet p.16 for list of items which should be in your pack.

[http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/files/walksafe\\_booklet.pdf](http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/files/walksafe_booklet.pdf)

On the return journey: Late afternoon tea/coffee in Avoca, or fish'n'chips in Maryborough.

Map: Vicmap's Beaufort 1:50,000 or the DSE Beeripmo Walk brochure.

MEET: At at the Club's Meeting Hall in Forest Street at **7:15 for a prompt 7:30am** departure.

**Fuel Share: Zone 4 \$40**

Contact: Garry Brannan - ph 0450879917

## Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs (VicWalk) weekend, Warburton Fri 27 (pm) and weekend 28-29

Description 20 walks to choose from, all in the surrounding area

Rating All levels, easy to hard

Registration **You must book and pay yourself on-line.** The cost is **\$55** for 2 day-walks , booklet with all walk details and **Saturday night meal.** Google "Federation Walks 2017" for the full scenario and booking procedure.

Contact John Lindner, 54483406, [jwl.bendigo@gmail.com](mailto:jwl.bendigo@gmail.com)

I will be travelling down Friday afternoon, and can take 2 in my car. I will be staying at the Warburton Caravan Park, not at the Arrabri Lodge.

## AAWT – Mt Hotham to Mt Wills November 4th to 12th

Type- **Overnight Pack Carry.** Grade - **Medium**

The Australian Alps Walking Track winds through the high country of Victoria, New South Wales and the ACT. It traverses rugged remote alpine country including some of Australia's finest alpine national parks.

The track climbs our highest mountains and crosses exposed high plains. It passes through magnificent tall forests and stunted snow gum woodlands, and discovers sites rich in history.

**You must be prepared for extreme alpine weather.** It includes the summits of Mt Jim, Mt Nelse and Mt Bogong, as well as numerous cattleman and survival huts.

<https://theaustralialps.wordpress.com/the-alps-partnership/publications-and-research/australian-alps-walking-track-guide/> For further information, Garry Brannan ph 0450879917

## **Bendigo Canoe Club Events**

**Paddling - The Bendigo Canoe Club has extended an open invitation to BBOC members to participate in the following three events in October and November 2017.**

### Tumut River Race Oct 15

This is a perfect river for sea kayaks. The 26 km kilometers section from Blowering Dam to Tumut Township (Turf Club) has no rapids however the water is fast flowing, crystal clear and may be cold. NB The river has a powerful and deceptive current, the water is cold, therefore PFDS and footwear must be worn. Paddlers will need to be self reliant and competent in paddling fast flowing water.

There is free camping at the Goobarragandra River just out of Tumut, and there are good toilet facilities and a coffee shop nearby. If you like camping and paddling, this is a ripper of a trip on a great river, and you have a chance to win a spot prize. There is an entry fee to cover insurance. This is an event for participants as well as competitors, i.e., you don't have to race. Like me, you could just enter for the experience.

### BCC Festival of Paddling on the Loddon at Bridgewater Saturday 21st October 2017

Bendigo Cup – Marathon, Sprints

Community Fun Paddle. Caters for canoes, outriggers, sit-ons, supb, skis, sea kayaks, whitewater and touring boats. Spot Prizes.

On the Saturday as well as the marathons, the BCC have introduced the Community Fun paddle for those who wish to just enjoy the river, for all levels and types of craft.

Distance is between 6-8 km. Any type of boat and ability are welcome, and there will be some fantastic spot prizes. There is an entry fee of \$10 per paddler, this money goes to support young Bendigo paddlers.

\*Lifejackets must be worn

\*Toilets and showers available on site

\*Catering and other refreshments will be available

\*Caravan park will charge an entry fee for vehicles of \$7

For those who would like to try paddling, the BCC have some free 'come and try' days on the Saturdays leading up, these will be conducted on Lake Weeroona adjacent to the clubhouse.

### Goulburn Classic: Sat 11th November 2017.

Come and paddle on one of Victoria's nicest rivers. Details to follow.

Also from the BCC – Sea kayaks for sale at HUGE discounts.

· Prijon Barracuda RS Fibreglass touring kayak - \$1,695

· Prijon Catalina plastic fast - \$1450.00 – 4.64m x 55cm, 24kg with bulkhead front and rear. Suit smaller paddler, quite quick. The boats can be transported from Sydney free of charge to the Tumut race on the 15 th October.

If you are interested in any of these events, one of the above boats or paddling in general, ph 0450879917 or garrybrannan@gmail.com Cheers, Garry

## **Trip Reports**

MT. TARRENGOWER - ROCK OF AGES HIKE.

Sat 26 August 2017

Sat morning dawned promising and arrived at the meet up point in Forest Street and lots of cars parked there, so thought , 'This looks promising!' Well in the end none of those cars were connected to the club and only 'Julie', our latest and newest "potential ' member pulled up in a Taxi !!?

Well , at least she was keen! So we headed off collecting the 'Kangaroo Flat contingent' – Ray , on the way thru.

So with this micro group we went off and did the circuit, Tarrengower – Rock of Ages. We had a pleasant walk on this day, thru the Granites and finished off in 'Ye old town of Maldon' , which doesn't look much different from what it looked like in 1880, except that the price of petrol has skyrocket!

The Devonshire tea was great and we did a drive thru tour of the cemetary on the way home.

As for Julie, she did very well. ( only pulling a hamstring or some other part of her leg in the last quarter ) and like Forrest Gump, "That's all I'm going to say about that!"

For the rest , you'll have to wait until this is walk is repeated at some future date.

Fotos are provided and the Donkey was a 'mammoth'-I think that's what the lady said?

FOTOS. Not in order .: Kayak up a tree in front yard with river depth marker , in Maldon. Ray and Julie with Donkeys. Artistic farm gate Group on top of Rock of Ages.



## BBOC Activities Calendar

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
<b>September</b>				
Tue 26 Sep	General Meeting			
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Mt Feathertop	Hard	Tentative Day Walk 8 Spots	Hans Tracksdorf 0400 049 891
<b>October</b>				
Sat 7 to Fri 13 Oct	Base camp at Coinda Burrong Scout Camp	Easy/Med	Day walks. Spring wildflowers, views, bushland and creeks.	John Lindner 5448 3406
Sat Oct 14	Beeripmo Circuit	Med/Hard	Day Walk	Garry Brannan 0450879917
Tues 24 Oct	General Meeting		Calendar planning for activities Sell and swap of individual and club gear	
Fri 27 (pm) and weekend 28-29	Federation Walks	Mixed	Day Walks Book Yourself	John Lindner 5448 3406
<b>November</b>				
Nov 4 to 12	Mt Hotham to Mt Wills	Med	Pack Carry - Alpine	Garry Brannan 0450879917