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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/>

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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. Mail to bendigo.bushwalking@gmail.com

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Reading

Bushwalk Australia Magazine <http://www.bushwalk.com/forum/> Latest magazine is linked on the page
Bushwalking Victoria News <https://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/newsletter-archive>
Echuca Moama Bushwalkers News <https://tinyurl.com/y97la5jg>
Benalla Bushwalking Club Newsletter <http://benallabushwalkingclub.org.au/newsletters.html>

Monthly Meeting Activity Tuesday 27 March

Speaker John Lindner will present a talk with pictures

Subject Alpine base camps and day walks, January this year

Summary Our small party had 4 rather nice base camps, and completed 6 first class walks in the mountains. Rivers, waterfalls, gorges, summits, wildflowers, old huts, birdlife - it's was all there. And since this will be run again in 2020 or 2021, you might like to find out what you could plan for.

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.

Cobberas Easter Walk – 30 March – 2 April 2018

(unfinished business) – **Medium grade walk**

Last Easter thick scrub prevented us from completing our walk over the Cobberas. This time we will carry our packs in from the southern end and base camp near Moscow Peak and do day walks over the major peaks. Most of the walking is off track through generally light scrub with the reward being excellent views. This is an alpine area (although nowhere near the Alps), the highest peak being Cobberas No 1 which is over 1800 metres. So be prepared for all sorts of weather. Water will have to be carried up to the campsite. It's a fair drive over there so we would need to get away at a reasonable time Thursday.

Maximum party: 8 Map: Suggan Buggan 1:50,000 ECP: to be advised. **Fuel share: \$65**

For booking and more details contact **Greg Doubleday 0427 310 498**.

Old Beech Rail Trail & Ballarat - Skipton Rail Trail Friday 6th – Sunday 8th April

Grade: Medium Old Beech Rail Trail (Beech Forest – Barongarook, 50km) (Sat) & Ballarat - Skipton Rail Trail (Skipton - Ballarat, 54km) (Sun). **104 km** Camping overnight: Colac CP (camping/cabin)

Friday: Drive from Bendigo to Colac

Saturday: The Old Beechy Rail Trail winds through scenic pine forests and bushland, rich farmland and rolling hills as it travels from Colac up to Beech Forest. We will take advantage of this by starting at Beech Forest and riding 50km to finish much lower in Colac.

Sunday: Ride 50km (downhill again) along the Ballarat to Skipton Rail Trail which passes through significant remnant native grasslands in an area well known for its historical gold mining sites.

Costs: 1. **Fuel Share:** Zone 4 **\$40**

2. Accommodation costs for camping (\$10) or shared cabin (1B \$85, 2B \$95) at Colac Caravan Park.

Info: www.railtrails.org.au

David Crocker Ph 03 5442 8189 Mob 0409 425 604

Hepburn Springs: Blowhole and Bald Hill Sunday 15th April

Day Walk Grade: Medium, Distance: 18km

The walk starts at the Blowhole on Sailors Creek and follows an old water race descending to an old charcoal burning site and then climbing to the basalt plateau west of Daylesford. The walk visits Boots Gully, Henderson Spring and the hamlet of Basalt then descends to Bald Hill Creek. There is a steep climb out of the gully then a gradual ascent to Bald Hill before descending to Tipperary Springs and following the Goldfields Track along Sailors Creek back to the start.

Afternoon tea/coffee in Hepburn Springs before returning to Bendigo.

MEET: At **9:00am** at the Club's Meeting Hall in Forest Street. **Fuel Share:** Zone 2 **\$20**
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Mt Hotham: Cobungra and Swindlers Valleys Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd April

Weekend **Overnight** Walk Grade: **Medium** Distance: 19km (12km + 7km)

This moderate two-day walk starts high on the slopes of Mt Hotham but soon dives, via the Australian Alps Walking Track, into the upper reaches of the Cobungra River (Dibbins Hut). The sweeping views of the tops are replaced with the more confined scenery of the tranquil Cobungra and Swindlers valleys as Dungeys Track is followed southward. On Sunday the short return to the Alpine Road is made via The Brandy Creek fire track passing the remnants of the Brandy Creek Mine.

Costs: 1. **Fuel Share:** Zone 5 **\$45**

2. Accommodation costs for shared cabin at **Harrietville** Caravan Park on Friday night.

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Rheola Range Sunday May 6

Day Walk Grade **Medium** Distance **13 Km**

The walking club has had many walks over the years in granite laden Mt Kooyoora State Park and further to the south have climbed Mt Moliagul on occasions. This walk (with a car shuffle) combines the two by following south the interesting line of hills and gullies that combine the two feature mountains. Although lower in height (i before e except after c) (& h) than the two mountains, the hills have many features. The walk will culminate via an ascent of Moliagul from the northern end following in part a steep 4WD track. Rated Easy (except for the 500 m ascent - rated medium).

Leaving from the clubrooms in Forest St at **8.15am**. Ring **Buzza 0438437680**

Tarlita Creek, Six Chimneys and a Ruin Sunday 13th May

Day Walk Grade: Medium/Hard Distance: 14km Daylesford: Tarlita Creek, Six Chimneys and a Ruin (Federation Walks 2015) **David Crocker Ph 03 5442 8189 Mob 0409 425 604**

Rail Trails / Bike Riding Friday 18th – Sunday 20th May

Bike Ride Grade: Medium Distance: 50km + 40km

Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail (Lilydale – Warburton) (40km) + O'Shannassy Aqueduct Trail (32km) + connections. Camping - overnight: Warburton CP (camping/cabin)

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Daylesford: Chocolate Walk Sunday 3rd June

Day Walk Grade: Medium/Hard Distance: 16.5 km

Daylesford: Chocolate Walk (Federation Walks 2015) **David Crocker Ph 03 5442 8189 Mob 0409 425 604**

Trip Reports

Prinetown Weekend 23-25 FEB 2018

Nine of us met up at Prinetown for the clubs first 'Beach Weekend' of the Summer. The small Apostles Caravan Park is set on a rise looking out to the Ocean bluff and overlooking the Gellibrand wetlands. We got the news that the Tavern across the road was to be closed on Saturday, so a few people had tea there the first night. Saturday dawned warm but a bit overcast. Today we drove across to Moonlight Head, to visit Wreck Beach, stopping off to look at the historic Moonlight Head cemetery, en route. We descended the 300+ steps down to Wreck Beach to explore the two large ship anchors down there. From here we did a circuit hike along the beach to Devils Kitchen, then up the escarpment to the top of the cliffs, where we joined the Great Ocean walk, arriving at the Devils Kitchen camp Shelter. Here we ran into a guided hiking group of 8-9 walkers, with origins from all over the world. We were very impressed by the granddaughter & grandmother combination from Queensland, where the grandma was 80 and doing this 4 day walk. We encountered some drizzle on this walk but it was lovely walking thru the forest and under canopy in this area. The bush in these southern climes is lot richer than what we have up in the dryland forests of Bendigo. After this 4 hour walk we returned to the camping ground for lunch.



Photos 1 Gellibrand River at Prinetown 2 Sunset viewing @ 12 Apostles 3 Henny @ Prinetown Wetlands reserve adjoining Campground 4 Bridge en route to devils Kitchen.

In the afternoon we hiked out along the Gellibrand River lagoon, along the cliffs and coastal dunes, out to the ocean. Later in the day, in the evening a few of us went to watch the 'potential' sunset at the 12 Apostles viewing platforms, near the large visitor centre complex. There was no visible sunset, as there were far too many clouds and the normal crowds that were gathered were way down on what you sometimes see, when the weather is clear. (then you get a few hundred). Some new developments we noticed at the viewing platforms, were the presence of two security officers. They are permanently employed during the main summer season, by Parks, to stop visitors climbing over the fencing and rails, to take fotos. They did say this happens, continually. The other thing that they mentioned to us was that if we lingered till it was nearly dark, we might see the fairy penguins, emerge from the ocean and waddle up the beach. We did in fact see various groups emerge and walk up into the dunes at the bottom of the cliffs. I in particular was pretty chuffed, as I have been to this viewing point over 15 times and never seen a penguin. Mind you they were that far away down on the beach that you needed binoculars to really get a clear view.



5 At Wreck Beach Anchors. 6 Leigh, Allen & Barb on Wreck Beach 7 Lake Beeac . Ramsar wetlands 8 At 12 Apostles Viewing lookout.

People present this weekend were, Lionel and Barbara and visitor Sally, all from Castlemaine, Allen & Henny, Kerry N, Leigh & friend and Yours truly. On our last day the weather cleared a bit more and we hike for a short distance along the coastal walk and down onto the beach via Gibson's steps, where we explored the caverns at the end of the bay. We then continued along to Loch Ard Gorge, where we further explored the not too well known deep cave, at the western end of the gorge. This is a fascinating tunnel, which is either 30+m or 50metres. (I measured it but have forgotten what the measurement was. Think 50!) Finally we ended up in Port Campbell, where we topped off our 3 days with fish and chips on the lawn overlooking the Port Campbell beach.

Hans Tracksdorf

Johanna Coastal Weekend 16-18 March 2018.

Well what a weekend we experienced down at Johanna the other week. There were four starters, Sally, Louise, Don and Hans and we all met up at the parks Victoria campsite, located right next to the beach at Johanna.

Some of the selected highlights of the three days included –

- Stopping off to take a closer look at Lake Beeac. One of the network of Ramsar wetlands surrounding Lake Corangamite.
- Hiking along the Great Ocean walk trail from Johanna to Castle Cove and back on Saturday. After a rest and a swim at Castle Cove, the group consensus was that we skip the side trip down to Dinosaur Cove, as it was fairly warm and we were too 'pooped'.



- Watching the sunset (happy Hour) from the Johanna Beach lookout, which overlooks all of the stark cliffs, heading up towards Moonlight Head direction.
- Meeting the overseas backpackers and other campers there.
- Cooling off and bathing in the spa like rock pools at Johanna, (at low tide only)



- Chilling out in the campsite in the balmy evening and getting a whiff of smoke at around 11.
- Enduring a sheer buffeting in the high winds and driving rain in the early hours of Sunday. (great fun being in a tent which is suddenly flattened in the gusts)



- Rapidly packing and throwing everything in the cars, that morning (in the rain.)
- Retreating to Lavers Hill roadhouse for Breakfast at 8.30am (still raining)
- Walking the Melba Gully rainforest circuit (with some more rain)
- Being diverted on a 2 hour detour, back from Beech Forest (still raining at the roadblock), back to Lavers Hill and around via Apollo Bay (still bucketing down just before Apollo Bay)
- Taking the opportunity to enjoy some fish and chips at the famous Apollo Bay fish shop.
- Finally returning to Bendigo (No rain!) after a 6 hour drive!! (took 4 hours to drive down)

All in all we had a very enjoyable three days. It was a strange feeling to be in a location where major fires were burning across the other side of the range to us on the Sunday, a mere 60km away, yet everything was wringing wet where we were (Lavers Hill copped 20mm). Luckily we had two lovely days before the rain struck.

Hans Tracksdorf

BBOC Activities Calendar

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
March				
Mar 27	General Meeting			
Mar 30 – Apr 2	Wombat flat - Cobberas	Med/Hard	4 day pack carrying	Greg Doubleday 0427 310 498
April				
Apr 6-8	Rail Trails Bike Riding	Med	Overnight CP Based Bike Rides	David Crocker 5442 8189
Apr 15	Hepburn Springs: Blowhole and Bald Hill	Med	Day Walk	David Crocker 5442 8189
Apr 20-22	Mt Hotham	Med	Weekend Pack Carry	David Crocker 5442 8189
Apr 24	General Meeting			
May				
May 6	Rheola Range	Med	Day Walk	Graham Borrell 0438 437 680
May 13	Daylesford	Med/Hard	Day Walk	David Crocker 5442 8189
May 18-20	Rail Trails / Bike Riding	Med	Overnight CP Based Bike Rides	David Crocker 5442 8189
May 22	General Meeting			
June				
June 3	Daylesford	Med	Day Walk	David Crocker 5442 8189
June 25	General Meeting			