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BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC.

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Meetings - 4th Tuesday every month [except Dec]

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Meetings start at 7:30 pm sharp.

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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/yb63z67g>
Benalla Bushwalking Club Newsletter <http://benallabushwalkingclub.org.au/newsletters.html>

Monthly Meeting Activity

To be announced via Email

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.

Daylesford: Chocolate Walk Sunday 3rd June

Day Walk Grade: Medium/Hard Distance: 14 km

Daylesford: Chocolate Walk (Federation Walks 2015) Now the best of both worlds with a combination of two walks from the Federation Weekend Walks in 2015. Starting from Hepburn Springs, heading north along the Great Dividing Trail passing Jacksons Lookout on the way to the Chocolate Mill (lunch). Returning via Hunts Dam and Argyle Springs to Hepburn Springs. Afternoon coffee/tea 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**

David Crocker Ph 03 5442 8189 Mob 0409 425 604

Milmed Track

"Proposed walk in the desert. 21kms walking on Milmed track from the last farm, to Round Swamp. distance about 21 kms. Return same way say 3 days." Long W.E in June. No navigation required.

If anyone is interested, please contact me, then I will spend the time making a formal proposal."

Bill Clark 0408 545 256

Trip Reports

Rheola Range

Dear Hans

Old cars have character - and memories. Nothing compares to a car that has taken you places. Maybe one day in the distant future I'll be able to romance about another old Mitsubishi ute.

Last Sunday I went for a walk (as leader) from north west of Rheola all the way south to Mt Moliagul - a total distance of 13kms. Until the previous Friday, no one had rung to go but then Robyn, (a newie) and Peter, a friend of Ray Wilson rang to go. A bonus occurred on Saturday when my ol' mate Max Elgin rang. So it was the gang of five then set off on Sunday morning, in sunshine until about 10 kms past Marong a few wisps of fog obscured the sun and by the time we reached Llanelly, it had obscured everything and we were travelling at about 60mph all the way to Rheola - where thankfully the fog had cleared to the west.

After a car shuffle we followed a dryish gully with random diggings, until we reached the top of the hill line - probably at about 300 metres above sea level and a climb of about 100 metres from the cars. Following the hills south we saw occasional glimpses of Mt Moliagul but followed an assortment of tracks until after an hour we had a break surrounded in part by a pot pourri of meshed up dead plants in black plastic pots. Obviously the local land care group had been misinformed about local flora - and had planted on these remote and dry barren slopes - with a very unsuccessful conclusion.

We continued in a southerly direction only descending to cross the diggings at Kangdaraa Creek, which runs from west to east across the range. Numerous rocky reefs lined the hills as we climbed to another high point, where scrub hid Mt Moliagul from our view. A flatter section of the walk followed and we crossed various bush tracks before tracking to the south west, to skirt some private properties and also to reach another high point, just to the north of Mt Moliagul. Lunch and a rest followed in the sunshine.

I then set the GPS to a waypoint which marked the start of a 4WD track that followed a spurline in a southerly direction. We opted for an off track ascent as the track was gravelly and steep. It was still steep but at least it was firm underfoot. After about forty five minutes of steady uphill, we reached the summit and stopped to admire the views. The car was somewhere below but the GPS waypoint (marking its position) was incorrectly entered and so after a brief study of the map, I indicated a gully far below where I thought the car should be.

These ranges through to Kooyoora are inhabited by wedge-tailed eagles and we were spellbound as we watched these huge birds, ascend, descend and attack time after time. They are a marvel to see in full flight.

We set off, descending far more quickly than we climbed and after about fifteen minutes reached a tight gully with a massive granite slab on one side, where we stopped to admire the view - as had scores of kangaroos, judging by the droppings. I'm not sure if anyone had breathed in the scent from the pot pourri plants but soon people were seeing faces in the rocks - and black hair. Great discussion followed and one unnamed walker said "she" and now the rock had gender or transgender issues - depending on your perspective.

"It has to be a she" he said. "Only a she could have a rock face like that."

It was time to leave. Another ten minutes and we reached the my low clearance Ford. With all five on board the raised section in the centre of the track caused a few noisy grumbles for my car - and we had attempted a detour to see someone's bush block but that had to be abandoned - or else my car might have met a similar fate. After picking up the other car, we attempted a coffee and cake stop in Newbridge but the shop was closed and so we had to do with the home brew.

Thanks everyone for an enjoyable ramble through the hills - buzza.

Mt Hotham: Cobungra and Swindlers Valleys

Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd April

A long time coming for a repeat of this alpine walk based upon an article in WILD Magazine in 2004. I first led this walk in 2005 and tried again in 2009, when I had 13 people interested but was stymied when some bushfires occurred in February. A postponement until April only attracted 4 people so with only one car a different circular route ensued. The resulting trip was one of the Club's more epic journeys in the Alps with 50cm of snow on Anzac Day! (ask Peter, Jane and Chris M about this one).

This time in complete contrast we had a party of 7 people, on one of the best weekends you could wish for in walking in the Australian Alps in Autumn. We started the weekend in luxury by staying in two caravans (much converted + annexe) in the Harrierville Caravan Park on the Friday night before heading up to the Mt Loch Carpark (near Mt Hotham) on Saturday morning. Once the car shuffle was completed we headed off on the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT) towards Mt Loch in wonderful fine sunny weather, but still some cool winds about while we were high up on the ridges.



Starting out from Mt Loch Carpark



On the summit of Mt Loch (1887m)

We left packs to make the short detour to the top of Mt Loch (1887m), the fourth highest peak in the State and then headed down to Derrick Hut for a morning tea stop. From here the AAWT starts its long descent along and down Swindlers Spur to finally arrive at Dibbins Hut on the Cobungra River.



Derrick Hut for morning tea



Descending Swindlers Spur

After having lunch at Dibbins Hut, we left the AAWT to head down the Cobungra River following Dungeys Track. In its heyday, Dungeys Track was used by cattlemen and by the local police as they tracked cattle thieves. The track gave access through the high country between the towns of Bright and Omeo and was named after one of its frequent users, Detective Dungey.

Today the track is rather overgrown with regrowth after recent bushfires in the Alps, but we did find many sections which had obviously had much track work done to maintain the route. After following the Cobungra River for a while, the track detours via Swindlers Gap into the valley of Swindlers Creek which drains the north side of Mt Hotham. Progress along the creek was slow at times but we finally reached a wonderful campsite at the junction of Swindlers Creek and the Cobungra River, where both had to be crossed near to the campsite.



Lunch at Dibbins Hut



Crossing Cobungra River on Sunday morning

Sunday morning involved a short day's walking of 5km but did involve regaining much (but not all) of the height we had descended from the Mt Loch Carpark on Saturday. For the first kilometre we followed the Cobungra River downstream to where it meets the Brandy Creek fire trail, along the way we had to make one more river crossing. Then it was a long steady plod up the hill passing the remains of the Brandy Creek Mine to get to where we had two cars parked on the Great Alpine Road.



Ascending Brandy Creek Fire Trail



'The New Lunch Location' at Mt Hotham

The agenda for the walk had lunch listed at Brandy Creek Mine or when we reached the cars but an alternative proposal to go 'The General' at Mt Hotham won the day.

Participants: David, Louise, Max, Garry + visitors Sally, Alana & Matthew

Trip Leader: David Crocker

Tarlita Creek, Six Chimneys and a Ruin (Federation Walks 2015)

Sunday 13th May

Another wonderful fine and sunny autumn day for a walk in the Castlemaine Diggins Heritage Park south of Vaughan Springs. This walk was one of the 20 walks offered for the Federation Weekend in 2015.

It is a circular walk traversing North along a section of Tarlita Creek to the East of Porcupine Ridge Road, then proceeds West to join the Great Dividing Trail (Goldfields Track) and head South along the GDT.

On meeting Lancaster Track (an old coach road from Vaughan Springs to Daylesford) there are remains of a Cobb & Co staging post (below).



We missed seeing this so will have to return again! Five of the chimneys visited are on or close to the GDT the other, Mr Hunt's Chimney is located high in a saddle and well away from any watercourse. Which one is Mr Hunt's Chimney?

Participants: David, Max & Sally

Leader: David Crocker

See all 20 walks at fedwalks.org.au/federation2015/walks-program.htm

BBOC Activities Calendar

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
May				
May 22	General Meeting			
June				
June 3	Daylesford	Med	Day Walk	David Crocker 5442 8189
June 25	General Meeting			