

GO BUSH

AUGUST 2018



BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC.

AGM

The AGM is in August and there are positions on the committee that need to be filled. Support YOUR club with a little bit of time and contribute to its health by nominating yourself or another member for one of these places in particular but all places are open for nomination:

- Secretary
- Club Vice President
- Monthly activities/talk co-ordinator

Full support is provided and no previous experience necessary. Of course all positions are open so if there is another place you would like to nominate for, go ahead! Even a general committee member position is a great start to involve yourself and perhaps pick up a task or two if you would like to.

Significant Club Changes

Committee Meetings

The committee has decided to only meet once every 2 months starting September. So if you have been concerned about the level of time you may need to commit to a committee position then essentially there will be only around 5 meetings per year the committee meets. This should make it even easier for members to put in a little bit of time to support the club.

Rewarding Trip Leaders

For those fantastic members who lead trips the committee has decided to encourage and support their efforts by offering free membership. If you lead at least 4 completed trips per year, the **following** years membership is free.

Facebook

Many clubs use Facebook as a tool to communicate between members and it's so easy to post a picture of a trip. It also increases club exposure. So if you are familiar with FB groups and would like to involve yourself, let us know as we are investigating creating an FB page for the club.

Membership Benefits

Insurance coverage on members trips. 10% discount at Aussie Disposals 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.

<http://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/bwv-membership-card-benefits/bwv-membership-card-benefits>

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

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E-Mail: enquiries@gobush.org.au

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



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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 17/18

President	Kerry Cramer
Vice President	Anne Bridley
Secretary	Chris Franks
Treasurer	Greg Doubleday
Equipment Officer	Chris Franks
Web Master	Peter Pemberton
Newsletter	Roland Cauka
Trip Coordinator	Anne Bridley
General Committee	Roland Cauka
General Committee	Liesje Wilson
General Committee	John Lindner

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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>

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

Monthly Meeting Activity

Roland will be giving a talk on the Great Ocean Walk. One of Victoria's iconic walks. Come along to see what you can plan. Ask questions and get some handy tips. Google the walk for a preview of the talk. An adventure anyone should seriously consider as a bucket list item.

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.

Mount Alexander Loop Walk Sunday 26th August 2018

Distance: 16km Grade: **Med/Hard**

I have designed a loop walk around Mount Alexander that takes in almost all points of interest. Starting at Oak Forest the walk involves fair amount of elevation, rough tracks and cross country walking. So this trip is not suitable for beginners. However if you feel like tagging a few of the best views in the region, come along. I suggest you bring some trekking poles along.

Fuel Share Zone 1 \$10. Meet at club rooms Forest Street at **9.30 am**. Leader: Roland Cauka 0402024096

Bike Ride From Axedale To Heathcote And Back Wednesday, 5 September 2018

Distance: 27.5 * 2 = 55km Grade: **Medium**

Notes: I can transport 4 - 5 bikes in my ute to and from Axedale. Lunch at Bakery in Heathcote. Bring a spare inner tube.

Leader: Leigh Callinan, 0408 0617 66

Snowshoeing, Skiing And Beginner Snow Camping. Mt Stirling (Friday 7th - Sunday 9th September)

Rating **Med**

Experience the magic of snow on Mt Stirling at the end of winter. The intention is to leave Bendigo late Friday afternoon/early evening, and camp overnight at the Sawmill Settlement.

Saturday morning, we will snowshoe two kilometres to the King Saddle shelter and camp nearby for the weekend.

Saturday and Sunday will be spent exploring the surrounding area on snowshoes. Skiing is optional, although Mt Stirling is often very icy and is not really suitable for beginner skiers.

This is a great location to experience snow camping if you've not done so previously. Snowshoes can be hired in Mansfield or on the mountain at reasonable rates.

Garry Brannan 0450 879 917 garrybrannan@gmail.com

Wyperfeld National Park 21-23 Sep 2018.

3 Day Walk. Wheeled. Med-Hard

DAY 1. 17km With this walk I intend taking a billy cart to drag water behind me, out on 9 mile square track to the vicinity of track junction Archbold and 9 mile square tk. Set up base camp.

DAY 2. 16 -20 km Day walk, taking in a trip nth 5km, to Rudds rocks, and if I can find it, sign the log book out there. Returning to the junction, top up with water, we head south 2 km and observe the natural water holes there. Lastly a trip up and along the big sand dune looking for the mysterious white feathered insect.

DAY 3. 17km Return via 9 mile sq tk. collecting and delighting in drinking cool buried water as we go.

WHEELS. I have my cart and can share some space in it, for the load of a couple of people, but, they will have to help tow it!. Or bring your own broad wheels. 9 mile sq track looks ok for carts, it's not too badly chewed up. Or, carry your water.

Water: 4 litres per day, or more if you are fit and thirsty. (We can bury some as we go along, picking it up on day 3.)

Compass: No compass – no go.

MAP: a. ParksVic Information sheet available on their website. b. 1:100,000 Albacutya 7226. c. 1:50,000 BURR 7226-N

Fuel share: Ring 5 \$ 55. Contact: Bill Clark. 0408 545 256.

Paddle - Serpentine Creek 23rd, September.

In conjunction with the Bendigo Canoe Club.

The Serpentine Creek Canoe trail is a local gem that has been developed by the Loddon Shire Council. The 5km trail takes in six key points of interest with floating trail markers pointing to little-known historical and natural features.

There will be a BBQ after the paddle.

This trip is ideally suited to beginner paddlers, and I can arrange a boat for anyone wishing to participate.

Details, Garry Brannan 0450 879 917 garrybrannan@gmail.com

Great Victorian Rail Trail – Bike Ride Fri 21st Sept to Sun 23rd Sept

Mansfield to Tallarook plus the branch line to Alexandra

Grade: **Medium** Type: **Base Camp Bike Ride** – 134km – (34km + 62km + 38km)

- 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: Present planning is to have three days of bike riding from a base camp at the Yea Caravan Park. A weekend trip with two days riding on Saturday and Sunday will also be possible.

1. Friday: Depart Bendigo in the morning for Yea. One vehicle left at Yea while all riders and bikes transported on to Alexandra (lunch).
2. Ride from Alexandra back to Yea (34km). Retrieve vehicles from Alexandra. Set up camp at Yea Caravan Park.
3. Saturday: Drive to Mansfield (morning tea) leaving one vehicle at Cathkin along the way.
4. Ride from Mansfield back to Cathkin (62km). Retrieve vehicles from Mansfield.
5. Sunday: Drive to Tallarook to leave all except one vehicle. Return drivers to Yea. Ride from Yea to Tallarook (38km). Retrieve the vehicle from Yea. Drive back to Bendigo (100 km).

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=\$40 (suggestion)

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

Info: www.victorianrailtrails.com.au and www.railtrails.org.au

Contact: **David Crocker 0409 425 604** email: dcrocker46@gmail.com

Paddle, Goulburn River, Seymour. Sunday 7th Of October

In conjunction with the Bendigo Canoe Club.

Put-in is at the Trawool Bridge with a paddle of 17km to the Seymour Caravan Park for lunch. Then paddle a further 6km to the Lyons Park, Seymour.

The water is moving and will be lots of fun. While this section has no major rapids there are numerous small gravel races, corners, bends and snags for paddlers to be aware of.

There is a \$10 entry fee which goes to support young paddlers with the Bendigo Institute of Sport. There are many spot prizes to be won on the day.

Details, Garry Brannan 0450 879 917 garrybrannan@gmail.com

Sedgwick Forest Walk - Saturday 13th October

Day Walk Grade: **easy to medium**, distance 14km.

Route: Sedgwick Hall to Stony Crossing on Axe Creek and return. Walk will be on a mixture of formed tracks and off track through the forest. There will be some moderately steep sections where poles might be handy. We will have an early lunch at Axe Creek.

Bring - plenty of water if it is warm, food, usual sun protection, rain gear if wet, wild flower book, camera if spring has been kind.

Meet: Sedgwick Hall (Sedgwick Rd opposite Springs Rd) at 9 am. (NOTE: not at usual Forest St meeting place). Return by 3pm.

Leader: **Anne Bridley, 0474 467 661**

Kara Kara National Park 3 Sat Nov 2018.

Day walk Distance: About 10km

I found a nice valley to walk in a year ago, and considered it worth a second visit. Hilly steep terrain, then follow the creek bed around heading back to Teddington reservoir. The cars will be parked at the fisherman's hut site. Bring food, water boots and gaiters, walking stick. Map: Internet – Parks Vic has a good tourist info sheet with mud map.

Fuel share: Ring two. \$ 20 – \$25. Contact: Mr Bill Clark Esq. 0408 545 256.

Bushwalking In Tasmania Nov 3rd - 11th

Lee's Paddock to the Walls of Jerusalem via the Overland Track, the Never Never, Dixon's Kingdom, plus Solitary Man Hut. The walk follows the Mersey River most of the way, numerous waterfalls, mostly off track, magnificent lakes in The Walls of Jerusalem National Park.

This is M/H pack carry.

Details, Garry Brannan 0450 879 917 garrybrannan@gmail.com

Expressions of Interest Requested

Below are listed two alternative BBOC trips for the last week in November. Not sure which one to put on the BBOC Calendar, so I am asking for expressions of interest for each trip after which one will then be listed to happen.

For more details on either trip please contact

David Crocker 0409 425 604 email: dcrocker46@gmail.com

Gippsland Rail Trails Extravaganza – Bike Ride Sat 24th November to Sat 1st December

Type: Bike Ride from Base Camps in Caravan Parks in Lakes Entrance, Traralgon and Toora

Distance: 6 days Bike Riding Grade: Medium Party Size: min party size is 4 (inc. 2 cars)

- The plan is to ride five Rail Trails in Gippsland
- East Gippsland Rail Trail - from Orbost to Bairnsdale (96km)
- Gippsland Plains Rail Trail – from Stratford to Glengarry (near Traralgon) (58km)
- Grand Ridge Rail Trail – from Boolarra to Mirboo North & return (26km)
- Great Southern Rail Trail – from Leongatha to Toora (57km)
- Bass Coast Rail Trail (46km) Info: www.railtrails.org.au

Kosciuszko National Park – Bushwalk Sat 24th November to Sun 2nd December

Type: A seven day (loop) bushwalk in the northern section of the Kosciuszko National Park visiting many of iconic huts and some peaks of note.

Distance: about 65km

Grade: Medium Party Size: min party size is 4

David Crocker 0409 425 604 email: dcrocker46@gmail.com

Trip Reports

Wow, such empty!

BBOC Activities Calendar

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
August				
Aug 5	Paddle on the Loddon at Bridgewater.			Garry Brannan 0450879917
Aug 26	Mt. Alexander Loop	Med/Hard	No beginners, suggest trekking poles	Roland Cauka 0402024096
August 28	General Meeting/AGM			
September				
Sep 5	Bike Ride	Med	Axedale To Heathcote Return	Leigh Callinan 0408 0617 66
Sep 07-09	Skiing/snowshoeing, camping on Mt Stirling	Med		Garry Brannan 0450879917
Sep 18	Committee Meeting			
Sep 21-23	Wyperfeld National Park	Med/Hard	3 Day Walk	Bill Clark 0408 545 256
Sep 21-23	Great Victorian Rail Trail	Med	Bike Ride	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Sep 23	Paddle the Serpentine Creek Canoe Trail		Beginner	Garry Brannan 0450879917
September 25	General Meeting			
October				
October 07	Paddle, Goulburn River, Seymour			Garry Brannan 0450879917
October 13	Sedgwick Forest Walk	Easy/Med	Day Walk	Anne Bridley 0474 467 661
October 23	General Meeting			
November				
Nov 3	Kara Kara National Park		Day Walk	Bill Clark 0408 545 256
Nov 3-11	Bushwalking In Tasmania	Med/Hard		Garry Brannan 0450879917
Nov 20	Committee Meeting			
November 27	General Meeting			