

GO BUSH

JULY 2014



BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB

President's message for July

This will be my last message before vacating the President's chair. This month's meeting has two purposes, the first to run our normal general meeting to be followed by the Annual General Meeting. This second meeting fulfills the requirements of our Model Rules of Incorporation and in particular the requirement to present the financial records of the club for member scrutiny and approval.

We will of course install a new Committee of management who have been nominated and accepted to each position for the next twelve months. As reported in the last newsletter there will be no requirement for an election as each position on the Committee received only one nomination by the due date of June 10. As I did not renominate I am able to conduct the installation and will be happy to do so.

In my three years of membership I have been editor of the newsletter, followed by being Vice-President and then this year President. I believe that when you are able, it is best to contribute to the organisations to which you belong and so I hope my service has been of benefit. Some new faces on the Committee will bring fresh approaches to the challenges and engender strong working relationships to keep the club functioning well.

We have a fantastic speaker for the meeting, our own member David Vains, who will speak about his experiences on walking the Kokoda track. Then to top it off, the meeting will be completed with an extra special supper. Please take the opportunity to attend and support David and the new team.

See you on the track somewhere, Bev

BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC

P.O. Box 989, Bendigo, 3552
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Meetings - 4th Tuesday every month [except Dec]
Sacred Heart Hall, Short Street at 7:30 pm sharp

Membership: Single \$40.00
Family \$60.00

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Club Meetings:

Meetings are at 7.15 for 7.30 pm start on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except December) at the Sacred Heart Hall, just behind Haymes Paints in Short Street. There is an annual calendar of speakers, presenters, and activities. Visitors are always welcome.

Monthly Meeting Activity

- **July 22nd** **AGM and The Kokoda Track 2013 - David Vains.** Walking in the foot steps of Australian soldiers in 1942. My expectations & how it changed me, observations of village life, & the culture shock of Port Moresby.
- **August 26th** **GPS basics unraveled.** Basic, interesting and factual information, not a geeky tech talk. **Garry Brannan**



- **September 23rd** **Navigation/map reading- 'tried and true'! or 'Old and New' by Greg Doubleday and Friends**
TBA
10 Min talk Risk Assessment guidelines
Greg Doubleday
- **Oct 28th**
- **Nov 25th** **Calendar Planning – Peter Pemberton**
- **Dec** **Date to be decided. End of Year Function (suggestions welcome)**

Memberships for 2014 - 2015 Payment for annual Club Membership fees for 2014-15 are now being accepted. Please pay or forward your club fees to Greg Doubleday. Fees are \$60 for a family and \$40 for single members.

Welcome to new members and visitors

Bushwalking News Victoria – July 2014

In this months' edition you will find:

Overview of the Leadership Forum

Bushwalking Victoria - New Branding

First Walk Leader Training Weekend

Bush Search & Rescue (BSAR) Snippets

Bush Track and Conservation (BTAC) Wilsons Prom Weekend

Goldfields Track Diversion

Where2walk Membership

Parks Victoria – Camping & Accommodation Fee Schedules

Contributions

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The Bushwalking Victoria Newsletter for July is not currently available from the Bushwalking Victoria website, but it will appear here in due course.

<http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/newsletter-archive.html>

A link to the Parks Victoria – Camping & Accommodation Fee Schedules is here.

http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/630642/Fee-schedule.pdf/



Other news

BBOC Committee Nominations 2014-2015

At the closing date [June 10] of nominations for the Club Committee for the next twelve months, the following nominations had been received.

Nominations for	Nominee	Nominated by
President	Leigh Callinan	Kerrie Norris
Vice President	Kerrie Cramer	Chris Franks
Secretary/ Equipment Officer	Chris Franks	Bev Ormerod
Treasurer	Greg Doubleday	Garry Brannan
Activities Co-Ordinator/Web Master	Peter Pemberton	Greg Doubleday
Newsletter	Garry Brannan	Peter Pemberton
General Committee member 1	Kerrie Norris	Bev Ormerod
General Committee member 2	Roland Cauka	Kerrie Norris
General Committee member 3	Maggie Smyth	Rod Smyth

As the number of nominations equals the number of positions, no election is required and the new Committee will be installed at the AGM meeting on the 22nd July.

Bush Heritage

Bush Heritage is a non-profit conservation organisation dedicated to protecting Australia's unique animals, plants and their habitats. The formula for protecting the bush is simple – buy land of outstanding conservation value, then care for it.



Bush Heritage currently owns and manages 35 reserves throughout Australia, covering over 960,000 hectares. These reserves are managed in a similar way to national parks – the land is legally protected, with the intention of safeguarding it forever. There are a further 3.5 million hectares of land under conservation management through partnerships with other landowners.

One of these reserves is near Wedderburn, and called Nardoo Hills – we know it as Mt Kerang, Nardoo Hills supports more than 110 bird species, including the nationally endangered swift parrot, which travels from Tasmania during winter to feed on the area's flowering eucalypts.

Nardoo Hills also protects the following significant species and communities:

Animals

- Hooded robin (threatened in Victoria)
- Diamond firetail (threatened in Victoria)
- Lace monitor (endangered in Victoria)
- Fat-tailed dunnart
- Chocolate wattled bat
- Brown tree creeper
- Crested bellbird (threatened in Victoria)
- Crested shrike-tit.

Plants

- Yellow box
- Drooping sheoak
- Creamy candles
- Buloke
- Southern swainson pea
- Robust greenhood orchid (nationally critically endangered)
- Northern golden moths orchid (threatened in Victoria)

Vegetation communities

- Plains grassy woodland (endangered)
- Hillcrest herb-rich woodland
- Metamorphic slopes shrubby woodland
- Box-ironbark forest
- Broombush mallee

Ray has organised a guided walking tour of the 1000Ha reserve on Sunday August 31st. The tour will be conducted by Jeroen van Veen – Bush Heritage's Field Officer for the Nardoo Hills Reserve. Further details are in the Activities section, Page 10.

From The Age

UNESCO rejects 'feeble' Abbott government bid to wind back protection of Tasmanian forests



June 24, 2014 [Andrew Darby](#) *Hobart correspondent for Fairfax Media*

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee has summarily dismissed the Abbott government's bid to wind back protection of Tasmanian forests. The committee meeting in Doha took just seven minutes to consider the bid, which member nation Portugal called "feeble", and setting an unacceptable precedent for the future.

No country spoke in favor of the bid to de-list 74,000 hectares of old-growth forest, which official cultural and natural values advisers told the meeting would weaken the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. Portugal spoke at length to the meeting in a passionate defence of the World Heritage system.

"The justifications presented to the reduction are to say the least feeble," the Portuguese delegation said.

"Accepting this de-listing today would be setting an unacceptable precedent impossible to deny in similar circumstances in the future. If this committee cares for conservation according to responsible engagement of states parties to the convention when they submit their nominations, we cannot accept these requests to de-list."

The de-listing bid, one of few in UNESCO history, arose out of a 2013 election promise by the Abbott government to roll back a 170,000 hectare extension to the 1.5 million hectare Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. The extension fulfilled a key plank of the peace deal struck by industry and green groups to end the generation-old Tasmanian forest conflict.

Read the complete article here:

<http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/unesco-rejects-feeble-abbott-government-bid-to-wind-back-protection-of-tasmanian-forests-20140624-zsjhz.html#ixzz35ZZWeXLq>

Photography Competition

Over this year, some of our members have presented trip reports both for the newsletter and at meetings accompanied by amazing photographs. It seems like a perfect opportunity to collect the best of these images for club promotion on the website but also to recognise the skill of the photographers.

The Committee have therefore decided to run a photographic competition. At this stage the Committee are looking for twelve amazing photos amongst which will be one deemed to be "The photograph of the year 2013-2014." The photographer would be awarded a prize yet to be determined. The number twelve has been chosen so that a calendar can be created using them which would be available on pre-order at a cost of approximately \$25-\$30.

Details of the competition:

- Deadline is August 10th
- Photos need to be from a camera of a minimum 5 megapixels.
- Photos should be emailed to Garry Brannan - garrybrannan@gmail.com
- Photos need to have been taken during the 2013-2014 club year, on club activities and labeled with venue and date.
- Limit of 12 entries per member
- If identifiable images of members appear in the photo then permission for publication must be obtained
- Entry of photos entitles the club to use the images for club promotion in newsletters or on the website

Trip Reports

Trip report – Flinders Ranges day walks

John Lindner

Dates Saturday 24 May to Sunday 8 June

Participants Liz Martin and her nephew Tim were with us until Friday 30 May. Otherwise we had Bob Jones, Garry Brannan, Rechelle Paton, Max Foster and myself (organizer and the nominal leader, a frequently contested role as you would expect). It is very gratifying to have people on such a complex undertaking who are supportive, positive and flexible – I am very grateful to all members of the group for exhibiting those qualities. I think the trip was quite successful, as we achieved all our goals, despite some difficult weather.

Walks The walks are listed in order from south to north. Walks 3 & 4 were done later in the program and not in the order here.

Mount Remarkable National Park

1. **Mount Remarkable** summit, 12.2 k return from Melrose, 590 m climb. Very nice contoured track, crossing some interesting scree slopes. Wreckage of a plane crash half way up.



2. **Alligator Gorge**, 9.0 k loop walk, via the gorge and a track through adjacent bush. It is one of the most spectacular natural attractions in the southern Flinders Ranges, a really nice gorge in miniature.



Mount Brown Conservation Park

3. **Mount Brown** summit, 11.6 k return, 520 m climb. Information panels commemorating the 200th anniversary of the first ascent in 1802 by Robert Brown, the botanist on "The Investigator" with Matthew Flinders.

Close to Quorn

4. **Devil's Peak** summit, 4.0 k return, very steep 240 m climb. Massive overhanging cliff of quartzite with 360 degree views.

Dutchman's Stern Conservation Park

5. **Dutchman's Stern** summit, 10.5 k loop, 380 m climb. Dutchman's Stern gets its name from the bluff's similarity to the stern of Dutch sailing ships of the 18th century, named by Mathew Flinders in 1802. Sugar Gums, Drooping Sheoaks and Grass Trees. Lots of small birds.



John, Garry, Rechelle, Tim, Max and Bob on the track down from "The Dutchman"

Argadells Station

6. **Mount Arden** summit, 10.0 k loop, 434 m climb. An almost totally bare landscape with views of the Lake Torrens basin and the ranges.



Australian Wildlife Conservancy

7. **Buckaringa Gorge**, 4.0 k return, specifically to see if we could find Yellow Footed Rock Wallabys which we did.

Flinders Ranges National Park

8. **Saint Marys Peak**, 21.5 k return, 640 m climb, up via the outside of the pound and back via the inside. Restricted views of the pound and the ranges due to cloud, hail patches (see below).

9. **Wilpena and Hill's Homesteads**, two walks on our rained-in day, 6.0 and 4.0 k.

10. **Bunyeroo-Wilcolo** circuit, 9.2 k loop walk, 120 m climb, along creeks and through hills. The creek supports expressive River Red Gums of stupendous size.



11. **Bunyeroo Creek** geological walk, 8.0 k return, 16 signposted geological sites. When you have returned you can feel truly "rocked out", a new bushwalker ailment, along with sore feet.

12. **Wilkawillina Gorge**, 14.4 k return along the large creek. Loads of Archaeocyath fossils in limestone. If you can't get into rocks, don't come here – you could go quite nuts.



13. **Heysen Range** traverse, 19.0 k loop, 485 metre ascent, very rugged trackless ridge, included traversing Walkandi Peak, Mt. Hayward, Mt Hayward South, False Mt Hayward and Hayward Bluff. This was a very hard walk indeed and we did not finish until just on dark. It was a great feeling of achievement, but we were somewhat stuffed, and glad to be off the top.



Rechelle and Bob on top of the ridge, with the Heysen Range yet to be traversed stretching off in the background

Total distance walked – 143 kilometres.

Other Attractions

Argadells Station - Hannimans Gorge - Yellow-footed Rock Wallabies at dusk

Near Hawker - Hugh Proby's grave (died 1852). Horizontal sandstone slab.

Kanyaka Station - Ruins from the late nineteenth century

Douglas Bruce tomb - Marble tomb with iron fence, died 1873.

Brachina Gorge trail - Geological history, 12 stops along a west-east transect of 30 k

Accommodation

Caravan parks – Morgan, Melrose, Lake Cullulleraine. Yuk factor is high. Coded toilet doors challenge the eyes and temperament.

Dutchman's Stern shearers quarters – all the comforts of home with a bloody gas-log fire! More than two nights and we would have all gone soft.

National park campsites – Dingley Dell and Brachina East. Roughing it with the best.

Wilpena Resort camp ground – I suppose I have to be grateful for the big shelter building and the hot showers, but the restaurant is only a shadow of its former self. In the generator danger zone, Garry sorted things out.

Weather

This began quite reasonably, but on day seven, blue skies suddenly turned threatening and very rainy in the late afternoon. We endured a day of continuous cold, heavy rain while at Wilpena, where luckily we had the advantage of a large shelter building. The following day it was clear enough to walk to St. Marys Peak, where the views were somewhat obscured by cloud, but on our return walk through the pond, we discovered accumulations of hailstones which had been washed down the slopes by heavily flows of surface water. These large patches were up to 30 centimetres deep. We reckoned that they would not melt for some time in the shade. Mostly the temperature stayed pretty cool as you might expect, but we had no frosts.



The weather remained frustratingly cloudy for several more days, until on day 12 we were at last greeted by blue skies. We needed this to make our traverse of the Heysen Range worthwhile.



Hayward Bluff with the Heysen Range to the right.

MORE DETAILS TO MAKE YOU WANT TO GO THERE

Our walks were spread out over a north-south distance of about 150 kilometres (Mount Remarkable in the south to the Heysen Range in the north). Jumping about from place to place is a great way to get an overall impression of a very extensive landscape, comprising wide valleys and plains punctuated by very long, more or less parallel, high ridges. This was reinforced for me on day 14 as we came into Quorn on our homeward journey. Through the windscreen you could see at the one time in one magnificent sweep Mount Remarkable, Mount Brown, the Devil's Peak, Dutchman's Stern, Mount Arden and Wyacca Bluff (which we did not climb). Further north we had had significant panoramas from the many peaks of the Heysen Range.

Food comprised the usual basic fare, punctuated by the occasional hotel visits in Morgan, Melrose and Wilpena. However in Quorn on the way home we really hit the jackpot. Thanks to sleuthing by Garry, we dined magnificently at Emily's Bistro, run by a very young woman. The food was plentiful, very tasty and incredibly well priced. For a person like me, who virtually never eats out, it was just a treat. And the décor and ambiance were unusual to say the least.

Kangaroos: The Flinders Ranges has four types. Euros or Hill Kangaroos are heavy-bodied, rather slow-moving animals who are always found on or near rocky hills. They are usually solitary.

Western Grey Kangaroos are a version of our own Eastern Greys, but with dark brown faces, ears, paws and feet while the Red Kangaroos are animals of the plains, with the males being reddish-brown and the females pale grey.

The sensation was the Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby, a much smaller animal than the others. You always start out wondering if you may be lucky enough to see some of these beautifully colored, quite hard to spot, agile creatures. For what is supposedly a rare and endangered animal, we had an absolute treat. In Hanniman Gorge at Argadells Station, we saw various animals posing on rocks and also a mother with a large joey in the pouch: this got out for a wander and wasn't allowed back in, so we had a very good look at both. At Buckaringa Gorge, we saw several animals. And finally at Brachina Gorge, we were stunned to watch for some time two sparring males quite out in the open, completely oblivious of us. Numerous other animals were grazing well away from the scree and refuge slope, 10 or 12 in total. They just kept popping into view in the lush grass. The vivid orange banding on the black tail and the upper body markings are quite enchanting.



Yellow Footed Rock Wallabies at Brachina Gorge.

Report: John Lindner

Photos: John, Liz, Bob, Garry, and Rechelle

Activities . . . June to December

Seen Baw Baw in summer? Want to see it in winter?



AS part of our year of gypsy life, we are spending a month at Baw Baw from 27 July till 22 August (less the weekend of 8/9 August). At this stage there are plenty of vacancies midweek and possibly some at weekends – of course we don't know what the snow will be like BUT if you'd like to join us during that time please contact me on 0431 463731 or you can ring the booking officer directly Len Sanderson on 97985315. Mid week rates are very reasonable (\$180 pp for 5 nights or less for less) and the slopes are good for snow boarders, beginners, sight seeing, snow shoeing , lifts are relatively cheap I understand and it is the gateway to the Baw Baw National Park which is just magic in the snow!

Janet Jiricek

Day Walk. Sunday 27 July. Melville Caves and Mt Kooyoora.

Grade: A 13.7km circuit walk. 5km is off track through light scrub with the ground littered with timber. Every now and then we will have to scramble a bit or pick our way around large boulders. We have to ascend 119m to the summit. There is also a short steep climb on a track to Melville Caves and an equally short steep descent. Most walking is on flat gravel sand roads with a 2km section on a gradually ascending road.

What to Bring: Morning Tea, nibbles, lunch and water. Long pants or gaiters, sun hat, sunscreen, beanie, warm clothes and a wind proof top. Check weather forecast for prediction of rain. A head torch would be useful but not compulsory in the caves. Runners are suitable footwear but they will get wet with the morning dew.

Highlights: Granite boulders of all sizes up to massive, rock shelters, overhangs, balancing rocks and colourful rock markings. Expansive views and the wild and beautiful Mt Kooyoora and its western ridge. On a recce I saw wallabies, kangaroos and various birds including a wedge-tailed eagle.

Where to Meet: Club's Meeting Hall in Short Street at 8.30am sharp.

Fuel Costs: Zone 2. \$15. 70km one way and one hour driving.

Leader: Bob Jones. Mobile: 0458012934. Ring me for weather forecast or for any queries including what to wear. Mud map available at Club Meeting 22 July.

Fryers Ranges – Day Walk. Saturday, 16 Aug 2014.

Fryers ranges day walk. Distance app 15km.

Weather: Probably wet.

Country: Box ironbark forest, steep hills. We will do some of it on tracks.

Rating : M

Bring: Food , water, waterproof clothes, warm clothes. First aid kit. Phone.

Compass. Matches. Pencil & paper.

Map: 1:25.000 Drummond 7723-1-3, and, Guildford 7723-4-2

Fuel ring: Zone 1....\$10.00

Meet at: Kangaroo Flat library carpark at 09:00hrs.

Contact: Bill Clark. 5442 1432

Mt Macedon - Sunday August 24th - Full day walk

This will be a circuit walk of Mt Macedon taking in the Memorial Cross, The Camels Hump, Days Picnic Ground, the Sanatorium Lake and Mt Towrong. Most of the walk is undulating forest, with a short steep section at both the start and finish. The walk is entirely on tracks, although a kilometre or so looks remarkably like road, and the last section is very rough. We will do a short car shuffle to eliminate walking on asphalt, and to reduce the total distance to approximately 15Km.

Bring - Solid shoes/boots, wet weather gear, lunch, and a few dollars for coffee afterwards. The petrol contribution for non-drivers will be \$16.00 [ring 2].

Information from Parks Victoria at

http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/315689/Park-note-Macedon-Regional-Park-walking-tracks.pdf

Leaving promptly from the Church Hall, Short Street, 8:30 am Sunday 24th August.

Garry Brannan 0450879917 garrybrannan@gmail.com

Skiing and Snowshoeing on Mt Bogong (Friday 29th - Sunday 31st August)

Rating M

Experience the magic of Mount Bogong at the end of winter. We will leave Bendigo at 6pm on Friday evening and drive up to Camp Creek Gap. We will then walk up the Eskdale Spur by torchlight to Michell Hut and set up camp for the weekend.

Both Saturday and Sunday will be spent skiing some of the runs on Bogong, and doing some short tours to the West Peak and Cleve Cole Hut.

Walkers on snowshoes are welcome, as are downhill skiers providing they have snowshoes or crampons for getting around.

The terrain is not suitable for beginner skiers, and if you plan on skiing runs then a reasonable level of fitness is required.

Craig Doubleday 0458 559 991 if you wish to attend.

Nardoo Hills Reserves (Mt Kerang) Sunday 31st of August

Established, 2004. Area, 1007ha. Nardoo Hills is located in north-central Victoria, approximately, 12 km north of Wedderburn and 100km north west of Bendigo. Join Reserve Manager Jeroen van Veen for a guided walking tour of the Reserve. There will be plenty of time for stopping, looking and talking so the pace should be gentle. The aim of the visit is to introduce people to the natural environment of Nardoo Hills Reserves and the work of Bush Heritage.

You will mostly be walking off track and the terrain is hilly and rocky.

Bring day pack, long pants or gaiters, sun hat, sunscreen, beanie, warm clothes, wet weather gear, morning tea, nibbles, lunch and drinks, including drinking water for the entire day. Wear sturdy foot wear for off track walking. The petrol contribution for non-drivers will be \$16.00 [ring 2].

There is a composting toilet near the carpark at the entrance to the reserve.

Mobile phone coverage is patchy at best.

Meet at Short Street for 9.00am departure, 10.30am at Nardoo Hills. After an initial introduction, we will set off on foot to explore more of this wonderful property; taking in some of the key features and management practices.

http://www.bushheritage.org.au/reserves_NardooHills

For this trip to run, there is a requirement for a minimum of eight participants [max. 24], therefore **you must contact Ray if you intend to go.**

Ray Wilson 5447 8862 or rayandmareewilson@gmail.com

Wyperfeld National Park – 12th to 14th September 2014.

Three Days Rating: Hard

Distance: ~ 48 Kms.

Weather: Hot and Cold.

Mission: To find and document a natural stone wall that's holding back a sand dune (before it gets overgrown and lost again).

We should have enough time to visit Arnold Springs and see a little bit of water in the desert.

Country: I believe the first part of the walk was burnt this last summer, therefore sandy with dead sticks. A few horizons later, we will be in country that is regrowing from a fire about 10 years ago. Sand, always sand!

Map: Albacutya 1:100,000. 7226. Victoria. And /or Park Notes.

Bring: Compass (don't coming without one), all weather clothes, three days of food and water for three days [ie. Water @ min 4 litres a day x 3] We will be going out and back on the same track, so some water can be cached on the way out to reduce the amount carried.

GPS, 1st aid kit, snake bite bandage, stove, tent and sleeping gear, sunglasses, hat.

Fuel share: Zone 5. \$44.00

Contact: Bill Clark. 5442 1432. ECP: Rose Clark 5442 1432.



Razor Viking Circuit, 24th – 29th October

The date has changed for this walk due to a calendar clash, it is now Friday 24th to Wednesday 29th October. The plan is to leave Friday night and return Wednesday night. Wednesday is Bendigo cup day, so for us workers it will mean 2 days leave. Due to road closures, the starting point for the walk will be Cobbler Lake (via Whitfield) where we will camp Friday night. The walk will be the same as the four day Viking circuit described in Chapman's Bushwalking Australia, except for the access from viewpoint. As we will be walking in from Lake Cobbler, the walk will be approximately 60km (about 20km longer than the Viking circuit), hence 5 days.

Proposed camping sites will be Lake Cobbler, Mt Despair saddle, Wonnangatta River, Macalister Springs, Mt Koonika /Mustering flat and then home to your own bed (possibly via a steak sandwich and milkshake at Benalla).

The walk into Mt Despair will be along a 4wd track which will be closed to cars at this time of the year. We will pick up the Viking circuit walking track west of the Catherine saddle. We can leave a food drop (Tuesday dinner, Wednesday breakfast and lunch) near the foot of Mt Speculation on the way in, and pick this up when we descend Mt Speculation Tuesday afternoon. If there is energy remaining on the last day, we can veer off to Mt Cobbler on the way out after Boomerang Knoll for a change in scenery to the first day.

This walk involves a considerable amount of rock scrambling, light foot pads through thick scrub and a 3 metre rope aided climb (hopefully the rope is still there). The third day will include a thousand metre ascent, and total climbing for the Viking walk is 2640m. Sections of the walk are in exposed wilderness alpine country (>1700 m), and therefore requires the appropriate clothing and equipment for possible foul weather. It is recommended only for bushwalkers experienced in walking off track in rough country.

Spring time is a good time for this walk due to wild flowers, water availability, and there will possibly be very few people around due to limited access.

If you are interested, I can send a PDF of the walk as described by Chapman. Please let me know sooner rather than later if you are interested, as I may change it to a weekend overnight walk if there are not enough takers.

Peter Pemberton 0428869196

Gippsland Lakes Paddling - Saturday to Monday, November 1st - 3rd

Paynsville to Lakes Entrance, then into the Southern Ocean. Paddle along the coast to Lake Tyers, and then along the Boggy Creek to NowaNowa. Experienced paddlers only.

Barry Walker 0417 521 623

2014 Federation Walks Weekend, 7th to 9th November

Based in the small Gippsland village of Rawson. A range of walks will be offered in the Baw Baw National Park, around Walhalla and in the surrounding area. An attractive and affordable meals and accommodation package has been negotiated with Rawson Village. A comprehensive dedicated website can be found here <http://www.fedwalks.org.au/>

Wheel Walk – Fryers Ranges 29 – 30 November 2014.

Rating: E – M.

Distance: >8kms Saturday. >10kms Sunday.

Country: This will be all on gravelly 4WD tracks. But, even those tracks are steep!

Map: 1:25,000 Drummond. Series 7723-1-3. Victoria. And Park notes.

Weather: Probably warm. If the government is burning off (ie killing the bush) we may have to move or cancel.

Mission: To go bush and... NOT carry a pack on one's back. This will be a Sat morn to Sunday arvo walk.

YOU MUST CARRY ALL YOUR GEAR ON, OR IN, A WHEELED DEVICE.

People with packs on their back are not welcome!!... "persona non grata"

Bring: Wheeled device. Say 30 hours of food and water. Champagne. Cake. Compass, pencil, paper. Torch. Box of matches. Weather smart clothing. Tent etc. 1st Aid Kit.

Fuel share: Zone 1. \$10.00

Contact: Bill Clark 5442 1432. Ecp: TBA, probably the RACV

BBOC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - July to January

DATE	DESCRIPTION	RATING	COMMENTS	CONTACT
JULY				
Tuesday 22th	Club Meeting		AGM & Kokoda	
27th July to 22th August	Baw Baw Lodge. Open invitation Janet and Frank		Walk, snowboard, ski, or just relax. There are midweek vacancies, and possibly some at weekends	Janet and Frank 0431 463731 Len Sanderson 97985315
Sunday 27th	Melville Caves & Mt Kooyoora daywalk, ~ 10km	E/M DW	Box ironbark woodland, great views, granite tors and caves.	Bob Jones 0458012934
AUGUST				
Saturday 16th August	Fryers Ranges – Day Walk. Distance App 15km.	M DW	Box Ironbark Forest, Steep Hills., some on-track.	Bill Clark 5442 1432
Sunday 24th	Mt Macedon Circuit	M DW	One of the best day walks about.	Garry Brannan 0450879917
Tuesday 26th	Club Meeting		GPS basics unravelled.	
Friday 29th - Sunday 31th	Skiing and Snowshoeing on Mt Bogong	M PC	Ski some of the runs on Bogong, short tours to the West Peak and Cleve Cole Hut.	Craig Doubleday 0458 559 991.

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SEPTEMBER				
Friday 12th to Sunday 14th	Wyperfeld National Park Distance ~ 48 Kms.	Hard	The mission: Find and document a natural stone wall	Bill Clark 5442 1432
Tuesday 23th	Club Meeting		Navigation/map reading	
Sunday 28th	Black Hill Day Walk	E DW		Rod and Maggie Smyth 0419378709
OCTOBER				
Friday 24th to Wednesday 29th October	Viking Circuit Five day overnighter Start/finish at Cobbler Lake	H PC	Mt speculation, Mt Despair, The Viking, Wonnangatta River, the Crosscut, Mt Koonika and Mt Cobbler.	Peter Pemberton 0428869196
Tuesday 28th	Club Meeting		TBA	
NOVEMBER				
Saturday 1st to Monday, 3rd	Gippsland Lakes Paddling - Paynsville to NowaNowa.	H	This is a trip for experienced paddlers only.	Barry Walker 0417 521 623
7th - 9th	Federation Walks Weekend,	Various	Rawson Village – bookings close soon.	
Sunday 23rd	Bullarto Reservoir- Babbington Hill 10.3km	E/M	Basalt capped plateau, manna gums, hidden reservoir and historic spring	Bob Jones 0458012934
Tuesday 25th	Club Meeting		Calendar Planning	
Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th November	A Wheel Walk, Fryers Ranges aka Bill's Birthday Bash. Gravelly 4WD tracks, some steep.	E-M	YOU MUST CARRY ALL YOUR GEAR ON, OR IN, A WHEELED DEVICE. People with packs on their back are not welcome!!... "persona non grata"	Bill Clark 5442 1432
DECEMBER				
Friday 5th - Sun 14th December	Penguin to Cradle Walk -- [Booked out]	H	Includes the Leven Canyon and Cradle circuit	Garry Brannan 0450879917
Date to be fixed.	End of year function.			
Sat 27th Dec – Sun 4 January	Murray River canoe trip. Six day tour, nine days total.	M	Hattah-Kulkyne NP to Gol Gol, 156 km Please phone John for full details .	John Lindner, 5448 3406.
JANUARY				
Sat 17 – Sun 25 January 2015. (9 days)	A series of day walks on the Kosciuszko Main Range and adjoining areas	Both M & H	Alpine area day walks Base camping on the Thredbo River. Please phone John for full details.	John Lindner, 5448 3406.
APRIL				
April – date to be fixed.	Gammon Ranges - possibly at the end of April 2015. (10 days incl 3-4 days travel) Please phone for full details.	H PC	Desert range wilderness area, requires water and food drops. Interested? - let me know what dates in April suit. ppemberton@bigpond.com	Peter Pemberton 0428869196

E – Easy M – Medium H – Hard D – Day DW – Day Walk PC – Pack Carry BC – Base Camp

For additions to the activities calendar: - Email trip details to Peter and Garry for inclusion in the calendar together with a write-up for the newsletter. Please include BBOC in the subject, and Cc to both Garry and Peter ppemberton@bigpond.com garrybrannan@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Adults:

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Children:

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Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Next of Kin/Nominated person to contact in an emergency:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

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The Treasurer,

Bendigo Bushwalking & Outdoor Club Inc.

PO Box 989, Bendigo, Vic 3552

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

This acknowledgment of risks applies to all club activities I may undertake as a member of the Bendigo Bushwalking and Outdoor Club Inc. In voluntarily participating in activities of the Club which are described to me by the activity leaders I am aware that my participation in the activities may expose me to hazards and risks that could lead to injury, illness or death or to loss of or damage to my property. I also acknowledge that I may encounter weather conditions that could lead to hypothermia and being in locations where evacuation for medical treatment may take hours or days.

In particular when participating in abseiling or above the snowline activities I am aware that these activities could expose me to additional hazards and risks described to me by the activity leader.

To minimise risks I will endeavor to ensure that

- Each activity is within my capabilities,
- I am carrying food, water and equipment appropriate for the activity.

In addition

- I will advise the activity leader if I am taking any medication or have any physical or other limitation that might affect my participation in the activity.
- I will make every effort to remain with the rest of the party during the activity
- I will advise the leader of any concerns I am having, and
- I will comply with all reasonable instructions of club officers and the activity leader.

I have read and understand the above requirements. I have considered the risks before choosing to sign this acknowledgment of risk. I still wish to join the activities of the Club. I acknowledge that I will take responsibility for my own actions and that signing this form or the payment of my subscription will be deemed as full acceptance and understanding of the above conditions.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____