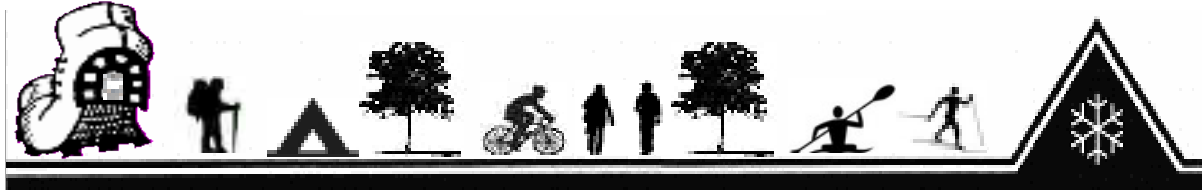


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MAY 2016



BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC

BBOC Presidents notes for the May meeting.

Committee members Leigh Callinan, Chris Franks, Roland Cuaka, Leisje Wilson & Kerry Cramer met on May 17. In summary:

- At the May meeting we will be having a 'gear & gadget appraisal'. Some members are quite passionate about low weight gear and why not. Come and see what they have got. Bring anything that you think might be of interest.
- Bushwalking Victoria have asked us to nominate 10 tracks that need remediation work. Kerrie has nominate the Viking Track. What else?
- The AGM is coming up in July. We still need more new blood on the Committee. Please consider helping out the Club on the C'tee in any capacity; we'd be very pleased if you did.
- Have a look at the activities photos on Dropbox . To go to the BBOC Dropbox, Control Click on this link <http://tinyurl.com/ou89w4m> Then Click on BBOC Trip Photos/Bogong April 2016 or other. And while you are on the internet, check out our continually improving website at <http://gobush.org.au>.
- We still want your suggestions for group activities and better still your commitment to leading one or some of them. Check out the Activities Calendar; you might find just what you are looking for.
- Come along to the Meeting to learn more.
- Remember to get your outdoor gear at Aussie Disposals and Mountain Designs, and enjoy the discounts.

Leigh Callinan

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Club Meetings:

Meetings are at 7.15 for a prompt 7.30 pm start on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except December) now in the Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest Street, Bendigo.

There is an annual calendar of speakers, presenters, and activities. Visitors are always welcome.



Monthly Meeting Activity

- May 24th **Club Meeting – Gear and Gadget** night with an emphasis on new, light weight gear. If you have gear that you wish to sell or swap, bring that along also.
- June **Club Meeting – TBA**
- July **AGM and Club Meeting** New blood is needed on the Committee. Please consider helping out the Club on the Committee in any capacity.
- August **Club Meeting – TBA**
- September **Club Meeting – TBA**

Membership fees.

Fees are \$60 for a family and \$40 for single members. 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.

Bits and Pieces

Bushwalking News Victoria

The most recent edition the Bushwalking Victoria Newsletter can be found here.

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



Museum Dance-off

If you had never heard of a Museum Dance-off, neither had I until I read an article in the Age recently.

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/melbourne-museum-takes-the-lead-in-museum-dance-off-competition-20160506-goo3fn.html> A quick email to Melinda to ensure she had not been involved in such foolishness confirmed my worst fears. Her reply -

*Yes I'm in it. You can see me at the start where you looking down into the exhibition - I'm the person at the front left. In the next scene on the wooden pathway I'm behind the guy front left. Then the scene with the people on the stairs - I'm the back/top right. I'm also with all the people out the front of the museum but really hard to spot me in that crowd.
Vote for us please. . . Thanks, Melinda.*



Well, voting has closed, but you will be delighted to her that the Melbourne Museum dancers won the competition.

You can watch the clip here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAMGyiKjLU>

Cheers Melinda, Garry

Trip Reports

Comedy of Errors – News from Janet and Frank in Czechia [Czech Republic]

I think this was probably our last walk with the Czech tourist Klub because we're leaving in five weeks and have a lot of other engagements, but it was a prime example of how NOT to run a walk. Firstly we did catch just one bus but club members got on at a number of different stops and we all alighted at the edge of the town of Korycany.

I don't know how many we were, maybe 17; no one in the club is under 50 and many are in their 80s with assorted artificial limbs so very different abilities, but we milled around uncoupled, till the leader found the starting point.



Now walking tracks in Czechia are very clearly marked and well signposted – we were heading for Cimburk, a ruined castle built in the 14th century and we took the green track. Six of us headed off strongly uphill out of town and along a clear track with different surfaces, paved, gravel, mud, but the group was quickly strung out over at least a kilometre, and the head and the whip were never within sight of each other. The track was well marked and it was a great walk through mixed forest with the deciduous trees now covered in fresh green, a contrast with the darker evergreens – there is little understorey just the occasional wild fruit tree in flower and clumps of violets along the verge.

We reached Cimburk about mid-day and had some lunch before having a brief look at the castle and the work being done to restore it. It was abandoned in 1703 and ignored/vandalised until about 2003 so there is a lot of work to be done. By then the tail of the group had caught up and informed us that the leader was exhausted and was waiting back at the last intersection for us. Meanwhile five of the stronger walkers had taken off on an unmarked track hopefully heading back to Korycany. We went back to the leader who told us some of the party had given up along the way and had back tracked so seven of us set off on the return leg along the yellow track, then red, then yellow again. Once more it was an interesting track through the forest which unfortunately had recently been logged and in places the track was almost impassable, in fact at one point the track was completely covered by fallen timber. There were some heritage meadows before we headed steeply down around the edge of the zamek (manor-house) to the pub on the city square in Korycany.



We had an hour to spare before the bus and we met up with two of the walkers who had taken the unmarked track and then followed the road but while we were waiting, one of the older chaps was driven back to the bus stop as he lost his way completely after leaving the group, and ended up 7km in the wrong direction. So 10 of us caught the 5pm bus back home and I can only assume the other seven were able to catch the 3pm bus – we hadn't seen them but the leader was not perturbed at all!!

We ended up walking about 12km as originally intended, and thoroughly enjoyed the walk through the spring forests even though we shared it all with two busloads of walkers and plenty of families out for a walk. I reckon the ruin had well over 100 visitors today but as they said "have a beer and pay for more repairs".

Back in Bendigo in October, see you all then. Cheers from Janet and Frank.

The Three Lost Children Walk – Daylesford – Saturday 30 April

After doing all the hard work – trip recce, organisation and preparation, Ray injured his knee and asked me to lead his walk. Ray's walk was a shortened version of The Three Lost Children Walk, with the addition of a side trip to Sailors Falls.

I met the nine other walkers at Kangaroo Flat library and we departed in three cars so as to effectively conduct a car shuffle to Sailors Falls car-park. With the car shuffle completed successfully we started the walk from the cairn in the Lost Children Reserve. We walked through the Reserve, past the toilets to Table Hill Road. On the road we passed Tasma House which the Internet describes as one of Daylesford's oldest and most historic destinations.

We were soon in the bush. A few spits of rain had someone donning a raincoat. The rain stopped immediately and the weather remained clear for the rest of the day. We made several descents in order to cross streams but the ground was not slippery as I predicted. We stopped in a clearing for morning tea where Janet proudly showed off her light-weight chair. We continued through open forest of yellow gums and at Hogans Lane we continued on the Goldfields Track to Sailors Falls. The falls are impressive but there was no water flowing. I was surprised to read the signs saying that the steps from the bottom of the falls to the picnic ground were temporarily closed, just as they were in August 2015 when I was last visited. The steps and handrail are exactly as they were when constructed but I suppose they do not comply to the current building standards. This is a pity as Sailors Falls is a significant site for Daylesford and to replace the steps will cost an enormous amount of money.



Lyn, Janet, Peter, Robyn, Greg and Lynton



The memorial marking the site where the children were found

The Picnic Ground is magnificent featuring a central mineral spring, a toilet, two weatherproof shelters with tables and two outside tables as well. All were occupied whilst we were there.

After a leisurely lunch we drove to the location where the boys were eventually found. It is a lovely spot with a well-established garden of shrubs, a memorial and a Message Tree. Since the last time I visited Spud the Wombat has moved home as the signs indicated. We drove to Musk and then to the cemetery where we saw the boy's grave.

Thanks to Ray for all the pre-trip work. Thanks to our drivers Janet, Greg and Glen and a special thank you to Robyn, Janet, Lyn, Leigh, Greg, John, Glen, Peter and Lynton for supporting the walk.

Report: Bob Jones. Photos (more on Dropbox): Leigh Callinan.



The grave in the Daylesford cemetery

Activities . . . May and beyond

The Coliban Channel at Taradale – Wednesday 25th May 2016

Type: Day Walk Distance: 13 km Grade: Easy

Bring: Clothes and shoes/boots to suit the weather forecast, lunch and water.

Description: This is a 13 km stretch of the Coliban Main Channel, centred on Taradale. The CMC is a very significant historical feature of the Coliban River Valley. It passes by historical features and traverses a wide and diverse range of scenic areas from pastoral plains to steep hillsides.

We'll drive to Conlan's Rd. just south of Taradale, then turn left (West) and follow it to Tyquins Rd. We'll stop at Tyquins Cottage on the left, the Coliban Channel is accessed from here, and this is the start of the walk.

Then there are several important sites to walk to in and around Taradale, including the mighty Taradale Viaduct.

We might not be able to get coffee and cake in Taradale; we could go down to the Malmsbury Bakery, after picking up car(s) at our starting point.

Leigh Callinan ph 5442 3675

Sunday 29 May – Day Walk – Creswick Water Catchments.

This is a medium grade 14km circuit walk on well-defined vehicle and bush tracks, with one short off-track section on steep and rough terrain. Total uphill 350m with short steep hills to 10%.

What to Bring: Shoes or boots with ankle support and at least one litre of water. Refer to page 16 of walksafe for a list of items which should be in your pack together with contents of your personal first aid kit which you should also carry. Bring food for morning tea and lunch and any nibbles that you need.

Highlights: Blue Waters (old mining quarry), St George Lake (once a mining dam), Cosgrove Reservoir (Creswick's water supply) and Eatons Dam Wall (a stone and earth wall demonstrating the skill of early stone workers).

Meet: Club's Meeting Hall in Forest Street at 8.30am on Sunday 29 May. Kangaroo Flat and Castlemaine members can be met or picked up on request.

Fuel Share: Zone 2. \$20 per passenger or \$15 from Castlemaine.

Post Walk Coffee etc: Red Fox Deli and Café in Creswick. GF options available.

Leader: Bob Jones. Mobile 0458012934. Ring me if you have any questions.

Mt Alexander Day Walk – The Great Dividing Trail – Wednesday 1st June

Distance: 13km Grade: Medium

Description: The walk starts on the Old Calder Highway at Faraday where the climb up Mt Alexander begins passing the old koala park to reach Dog Rocks. From here the Western Ridge Walking Track is followed to Langs Lookout (lunch).

The GDT then drops down the eastern side of Mt Alexander to join bush track, the GDT then heads north but we turn south to cross Young Drive (the main road over the mountain) to pass through an old quarry returning to Dog Rocks. From here the old Eastern Ridge Walk is followed to Leanganook Picnic Ground before heading past South Lookout and descending back to the cars.

Afternoon tea/coffee, location TBA Fuel Share: Zone 1 \$10

Meet: At 8:30am in the car-park in front of Rebel Sport at Lansell Square, Kangaroo Flat.

Contact: David Crocker ph 0409 425 604

Gippsland Lakes by Sea Kayak – Queens Birthday Weekend – 11th to 13th June

Three days paddling from Sale to Painsville. Paddle the Thompson and LaTrobe Rivers, Lake Wellington, McLennans Straight and Lake Victoria. This trip is open to new paddlers but can only be undertaken in a sea kayak.

Distance – 72Km. Limit – 10

Contact Garry Brannan for full details – ph 0450879917



Sunday 19th – Full Moon walk – Bendigo area

Grading - Easy

Take a walk on the dark side. All sorts of nocturnal stuff – possums, birds, frogs. You will need warm clothing, a waterproof coat, solid footwear and a good torch.

Contact Kerrie Norris for full details, ph 5447 8017

October 7- 9 – Federation Weekend – Day Walks in the Western Grampians

The 2016 event is being hosted by the Wimmera Bushwalking Club (based in Horsham). Walks will be in the northern and western parts of the Grampians National Park and may also include the Black Range State Park and Mt Arapiles.

WALKS PROGRAM

The table below is a list of the walks on offer 8 & 9th October. Registration will open on Friday 8th July, first in, best dressed. More information – <http://www.fedwalks.org.au/> or talk to Garry or John.

No.	Title	Grade	Duration	Length	Style
1	Mt Zero & Flat Rock	Easy	2.5 hrs	3.6 km	Return
2	Hollow Mountain (Northern Grampians)	Medium	2 hrs	2.5 km	Return
3	Stapylton Traverse	Hard	5.5 hrs	6.6 km	Circuit
4	Pohlners Loop (including 1km section of Peaks Trail)	Medium	4.5 hrs	8.5 km	Circuit
5	Grampians Peak Trail - Coppermine to Dead Bullock Ck	Med/Hard	6.5 hrs	10 km	Car Shuffle
6	Pyke's Cave	Easy	3.5 hrs	6.6 km	Return
7	Wartook to McKenzie Falls	Medium	5 hrs	14.5 km	Car/Bus Shuffle
8	Zumsteins to McKenzie Falls	Easy	3.5 hrs	7 km	Return
9	Mt Rosea	Med/Hard	6 hrs	8.5 km	Circuit
10	Tower Hill & Calectasia Falls	Medium	5 hrs	7.4 km	Return
11	Asses Ears	Medium	4.5 hrs	6.5 km	Return
12	Hollow Mt & Red Cave (Victoria Range)	Medium	6 hrs	6.5 km	Return
13	Deep Creek	Medium	4.5 hrs	7.5 km	Return
14	Fortress (Walk details yet to be confirmed)	Hard	7 hrs	11 km	Return
15	Fortress Views (Walk details yet to be confirmed)	Medium	4 hrs	7 km	Return
16	Mt Thackeray	Easy/Med	3 hrs	3.1 km	Return
17	Chimney Pots	Medium	3.5 hrs	5 km	Circuit
18	Black Range Traverse	Med/Hard	6 hrs	8.5 km	Car/Bus Shuffle
19	Mt Arapiles Circuit	Medium	5 hrs	14.5 km	Circuit
20	Aboriginal Art Site tour (Details yet to be confirmed)	Easy	hrs TBA	km TBA	Drive & walk



Whitewater Rafting and/or Kayaking – July to September – Dates TBA

The long range weather forecast for this winter is for above average rainfall. This may not be encouraging for walking, but certainly will make for great on water activities in late winter and early spring. River levels are not always predictable however, so if you are interested, and maybe have never paddled before, contact Garry or Sam to find out what it is about. This will get your name on the whitewater email list so you can be contacted if a paddling opportunity comes up at short notice and doesn't make it into the newsletter.



Likely locations. First up would probably be a weekend on the King River immediately downstream of Lake William Hovell. This is a relatively short run and three runs each day are possible. Ideal for beginner paddlers but is still great fun for the experienced.

Be prepared for wet and cold conditions. You will need wetsuits or dry-gear and a couple of changes of clothes so you are sure to have something dry and warm to change into after you get off the water. The club has some wetsuits, but you would be advised to try for size before first.

Previously, overnight accommodation has been the King River Camp at Cheshunt. At the end of a day on the water, a hot shower, and a dry, warm room and bed has great appeal. The cost is very reasonable.

Other locations. The MittaMitta over two days; Glen Wills to Bundarra, then the Gorge section to Hinomunjie. This rafting trip is graded intermediate so you would have had to at least paddled the King to be eligible for this one. We could also consider the Indi, Buffalo, Ovens, Delatite, Upper Goulburn, lots of possibilities.

Give it some thought and get in touch. Garry ph 04 5087 9917, Sam ph 03 5881 3100



The deadline for the next edition of GoBush will be Wednesday June 22nd.

Please forward Trip Reports and interesting articles to Garry – garrybrannan@gmail.com ph04 5087 9917

The Editor reserves the right to edit contributions where space, clarity or propriety dictate, and to maintain editorial consistency.

May – December 2016 BBOC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
May				
Tuesday 24th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St.		Gear and Gadget Night	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
Wednesday 25th May	Walk a 13 km stretch of the historic Coliban Main Channel	Easy	The CMC is a very significant historical feature of the Coliban River Valley.	Leigh Callinan 5442 3675
Sunday 29 May.	Water Catchments of Creswick.	Medium	Well defined tracks with one short section off-track in steep and rough terrain.	Bob Jones. 0458012934
June				
Wed 1st June	Mt Alexander – Great Dividing Trail – 13km	M/ DW	Starts at Faraday, climbs up Mt Alexander and includes Dog Rocks, Western Ridge Walking Track and Langs Lookout	David Crocker 0409 425 604
4-5 Sat-Sun				
11th – 13th June Queens Birthday	Gippsland Lakes by Sea Kayak This trip is open to new paddlers.	Medium	A three day paddle from Sale to Painsville. Limit 10.	Garry Brannan 04 5087 9917
Sunday 19th	Full moon walk – Bendigo area	Easy	All sorts of nocturnal stuff – possums, birds, frogs – bring a good torch	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
25-26 Sat-Sun				
Tuesday 28th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St.		TBA	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
July				
2nd or 3rd July	Day Walk Leader wanted			
10th July to 23rd July	Whitsundays Paddling **Booked out**.	Hard	Two weeks of sea, sun, surf, snorkelling, and sand.	Garry Brannan 0450 879 917
9-10 Sat-Sun				
16-17 Sat-Sun				
23-24 Sat-Sun				
Tuesday 26th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St.		TBA	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
30 – 31 July				
Day Walk Leader wanted				
August				
6-7 Sat-Sun				
13-14 Sat-Sun				
20-21 Sat-Sun				
Tuesday 23th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St.		TBA	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
Sunday 28th	Kooyoora State Park	Easy/m	Scar trees and magnificent tors. Mostly on track.	Reyer De Moel 0429 434 992
September				
2nd – 11th September	Vulkathunha Gammon Ranges South Australia. **Booked out**	Hard O/N	Gammon Gorges. Desert dry rocky mountain range with small spectacular gorges. Wilderness area.	Peter Pemberton 0428 869 196
3-4 Sat-Sun				

Date	Description	Rating	Comments	Contact
Sat 10 to Sunday 25 September	Day walks in the Flinders Ranges **Booked out**	Easy-Medium	Base camp – choice of 16 walks, from Mount Remarkable to the Heysen Range.	John Lindner 5448 3406
10-11 Sat-Sun				
17-18 Sat-Sun				
24-25 Sat-Sun				
Tuesday 27th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St.		TBA	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
October				
1-2	Day Walk Leader wanted		*Daylight saving commences*	
8th & 9th October	Federation Walks weekend. Your choice of any two of 24 walks organised for the weekend	Various	Walks will be in the northern and western parts of the Grampians National Park. John is away till August, call Garry if you have questions. 04 5087 9917	John Lindner 5448 3406
15-16 Sat-Sun				
Sunday, 23rd	Bike Ride – Eastern half of the Bendigo Bushland Trail	Easy	The Bendigo Bushland Trail encircles the fringe of Bendigo on tracks & some roads, mostly in forest.	Garry & Rechelle 04 5087 9917
Wednesday 26th			Bendigo Cup Holiday	
Tuesday 25th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St.		TBA	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
29-30	Day Walk Leader wanted			
November				
5-6 Sat-Sun				
Date TBA 16 days	Croajingolong/Nagee Wilderness coastal walk. Thurra River – Mallacoota – Merrica River	Medium Pack - carry	Two walks of one week duration each Participants can do either week or both. Maximum party size is 8	Garry Brannan 04 5087 9917
12-13 Sat-Sun	Bendigo Swap Meet			
Sunday 20th				
Tuesday 22th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St.		TBA	Kerrie Norris 5447 8017
26-27	Day Walk Leader wanted			
December				
3-4 Sat-Sun	Bike Ride – Western half of the Bendigo Bushland Trail	Easy	The Bendigo Bushland Trail encircles the fringe of Bendigo on tracks & some roads, mostly in forest.	Garry & Rechelle 04 5087 9917
10-11 Sat-Sun				
17-18 Sat-Sun				
31-1-2 Sat-Sun-Mon			New Year Holiday	
<p>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. Peter: ppemberton@bigpond.com Garry: garrybrannan@gmail.com</p>				