



## BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB

The more things change . . . .

It seems like a lifetime ago that we railed against the seemingly excessive fees being charged to walk the Overland Track, given the limited money that was being used for track and hut maintenance.

Then in no particular order came the tourist developments of the Grampians Peaks Trail, the Three Capes Track in Tasmania (which incidentally only takes in two capes), the South Coast track also in Tasmania, and the The Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing (which was to attract 70,000 walkers every year – as if), Ben Boyd National Park, and probably many more.

Now we have the proposed development of Maria Island off Tasmania's east coast. Known for its wild landscape, wombats, geese, devils and convict buildings, for visitors the place feels like it is suspended in time. The convict buildings were World Heritage listed in 2010 and there are no public roads or shops.

Very little has changed since it was declared a national park in the 1970s and many like it that way.

But visitor numbers are soaring, driven by a new, high-frequency ferry service. From 21,000 visitors to the main settlement of Darlington in 2014–15, by 2018–19 that had jumped to 38,700.

The island is now set for a revamp, and there are fears if mishandled, it could fundamentally change the island's character. The Parks and Wildlife Service is holding public meetings and calling for public input as it develops a new draft management plan for Maria Island.

*"It's what they've already done at Cradle Mountain and Freycinet. Under pressure from the tourism industry, they're just focusing on getting more and more people through the park and neglecting why people go there in the first place"* Nick Sawyer – National Parks Association

Read the complete story here

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-05-24/maria-island-tourism-development-plans-open-for-comment/100158818>

### BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC

P.O. Box 989, Bendigo, 3552  
Reg No. A0051482V

Meetings - 4th Tuesday every month [except Dec]

Presbyterian Church Hall, 35 – 41 Forest Street

Meetings start at 7:30 pm sharp

Membership: Single \$40.00  
Family \$60.00

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## Club Meetings:

At last the Club has been able to return to regular Club meetings.

Join us in the Presbyterian Church Hall, 35 – 41 Forest Street, 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7.30 pm sharp. Visitors are always welcome.

## Monthly Meeting Activity

• Tue May 25th	Peter Galvin – three weeks in Alaska. Ferry (plus side trips) along SW coast of Alaska (glaciers galore) from Ketchikan to Juneau, plane to Anchorage, train and bus inland from Anchorage to Denali NP(Mt McKinley).
• Tue June 22nd	An exposé of North & East Tasmania's lesser known Mountain climbs (Mt Roland, Dry's Bluff, Quamby Bluff, St Patrick's Head, South Sister), Waterfalls (the Upper cascades of the Liffey), and Coastal walks – Low Head, Anson's Bay, Bay of Fires & the Freycinet circuit walk.
• Tue July 27th	Speaker or activity wanted

*If you have any ideas for the club meeting nights, pictures of special trips you have been on [club or otherwise], interesting people you know who might come and speak at a meeting, or anything else that you might think of to entertain the ever increasing numbers attending meetings, please contact Garry with your idea.*



## Internet:

### Bendigo Bushwalking and Outdoor Club Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2186169581602751/>

### News from the Victorian National Parks Association

<https://vnpa.org.au/category/news/>

### Bushwalking News Victoria

Bushwalking Victoria publishes a monthly Bulletin filled with bushwalking news, articles, and happenings. You can subscribe to the Bulletin, or simply browse current and previous editions..

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

Some great ideas for the stay-at-home bushwalker

<https://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/isolation-tips-708>

**If you have not accessed links in the Newsletter before,** it is quite simple:-

- On a PC, hold down the Ctrl key – on a Mac hold down the Command key [⌘]
- Mouse click on the link
- The link will open in your browser

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## Activities:

The Club relies on heavily on those few leaders who put on activities, and it is important that they be supported by the general membership. Have a read through the calendar and if something is even remotely interesting, contact the trip leader and get more information. Get involved.

If you have something for the calendar, or an idea for an activity, talk to Buzza [walks coordinator], and then send information to Garry for publication in the Newsletter. Be aware that an activity must be in the Newsletter for the Club insurance cover to apply.

For additions to the activities calendar: -

Email trip details to Buzza [buzza@bendigo.net.au](mailto:buzza@bendigo.net.au) or ring 0438437680

Send a write-up to Garry for inclusion in the newsletter [garrybrannan@gmail.com](mailto:garrybrannan@gmail.com)

## Trip Reports

### Vaughan Springs – Golden Gullies Hike Wed 28 April 2021

David Crocker has been kind enough to list a lot of walking and hiking events on our Club Calendar, in recent times, so I thought I should join him on one of his listed Mid-Week walks. Today it was the Vaughan Springs – Golden Valleys Loop. The weather was perfect, only problem was, there was no one attending except David and Me! – ( and there was me thinking the club was full of retired People ).

The last time I had walked in this area was when Bob Jones was still with us. Without describing the circuit in too much detail, we basically headed south from the Springs along the Goldfields Track. Passed thru some remnants of buildings from the Gold Rush era, ( mainly walls and chimneys ), until we got to a more sophisticated chimney up on a rise, with a lengthy ventilation conduit. All very interesting. Late morning we crested a saddle which marked our turnoff point from the Goldfields Track. We stopped here for a morning cuppa.

David had obviously been here before because he headed off into the lightly timbered bush, quickly picking up the remnants of another track, which led us east. We ended up following some interesting creek valleys, which would be a lot more interesting if they held water. ( Will have to return after heavy rain ). Stopped for lunch in some 'scruffy' looking bush, before continuing south. David knew where he was because he didn't need the map

Passed through some pretty undulating and then open countryside, before we descended down from the hill tops, arriving at Glenluce Mineral Reserve. They had a pretty spiffy pump located here with some recent fancy brickwork. Unfortunately, despite giving it a descent pump for a while, it appeared dry! Recrossed the creek here ( which did contain water ) and followed a most pleasant trail along the water race alignment.

At one point we passed through an old orchard, which conveniently had a fruit picking ladder there. Unfortunately the fruit season was a few months ago. It would be interesting to see what's on offer there in about January? Now the walkway between Glenluce and Vaughan wasn't very far, as we covered this distance in 45 minutes ( which is handy to know if you want to walk out and back on any given Sunday! ) We arrived back at the picnic reserve late afternoon and then decided to treat ourselves on our way home at the Kaffee Haus in Castlemaine.

Thanks David for hosting this walk. Hans



## Christina's surprise hikes

Christina is planning a series of "Surprise Hikes" on the following weekends. They will all be to interesting and rewarding places, it's just that the exact location is yet to be decided. If you would like to join her, contact her by txt on 0400 306 683 for details.



<b>June</b>			
Saturday/Sunday 19/20			
<b>July</b>			
Saturday/Sunday 3/4,	Saturday/Sunday 10/11,	Saturday/Sunday 17/18,	Saturday/Sunday 24/25
<b>August</b>			
Saturday/Sunday 14/15,	Saturday/Sunday 21/22		
<b>September</b>			
Saturday/Sunday 11/12,	Saturday/Sunday 25/26		

To contact Christina Stuke – txt 0400 306 683

## Upcoming Walks and Activities

### Daylesford – Lakes and Falls

Wednesday 26th May

Type: Day Walk      Grade: Medium 18km

Costs: Fuel Share:      Zone 2 \$20

DESCRIPTION: Walk starts at Sailors Falls and head east into the forest to join a section of the long closed Newlyn to Daylesford Railway to Jubilee Lake (morning tea) (5km). Then on into Daylesford for a lunch break at Lake Daylesford (9km). After lunch the walk starts out along the Great Dividing Trail and follows along Sailors Creek back to Sailors Falls.

Afternoon tea/coffee in Daylesford before returning to Bendigo.

MEET: At 8:30am in the carpark in front of Rebel Sport at Lansell Square, Kangaroo Flat.

Contact: David Crocker    ph 0409 425 604      email: [dcrocker46@gmail.com](mailto:dcrocker46@gmail.com)

### Blowhole and Bald Hill      Wednesday 2nd June

Type: Day Walk      Grade: Medium 17km

Costs: Fuel Share:      Zone 2 \$20

DESCRIPTION: 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 Daylesford before returning to Bendigo.

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## Mt Feathertop 5th & 6th June.

Type: Overnight Walk                      Grade: Medium 22km

Costs: Fuel Share:              Zone 5 \$45

**DESCRIPTION:** Staying at Harrierville on Friday night. Drive up to Diamantina Hut on Saturday morning and walk across the Razorback to Mt Feathertop (1922m). Camping at Federation Hut on Saturday night and returning across the Razorback on Sunday. An alpine walk so extremes in weather can be expected.

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## Jacksons Lookout, Hunts Dam and Mineral Springs Wednesday 9th June

Type: Day Walk                      Grade: Medium 14km

Costs: Fuel Share:              Zone 2 \$20

**DESCRIPTION:** Starting from Hepburn Springs heading North along the Great Dividing Trail past Jacksons Lookout and on through old gold mining areas to reach the Chocolate Mill. There are many ups and downs on this section as the track undulates through the forest. From the Chocolate turn back to the south towards Hunts Dam for a lunch stop. Further on after lunch turn to the west and head to Argyle Springs (fill your bottles with mineral water) before heading back to the cars

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

**MEET:** At 8:30am in the carpark in front of Rebel Sport at Lansell Square, Kangaroo Flat.

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## Sunday June 13th, Paddle the Campaspe River from Elmore to Aysons Reserve

The Campaspe between Elmore and Aysons reserve is a very pleasant paddle on flat water with the occasional snag to watch out for. Suitable for sea kayak's and canadian canoes.

Bring a Cag or spray jacket, spray deck, warm clothing in a waterproof bag, with a change to wear home, plus snacks, lunch and water. There are toilets at Aysons.

Afterwards; take away coffee and cake from the Oasis Cafe in Elmore, before we return to Bendigo.

A short car shuffle is involved

This paddle will be combined with the Bendigo Canoe Club

Cheers Garry.

[garrybrannan@gmail.com](mailto:garrybrannan@gmail.com). 0450879917.

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## Wyperfeld National Park – Queens Birthday weekend 12/13/14 June, 2021.

Three days overnight. Food and water pack carry\*[see note] Water – recommendation – 4ltr a day.

Day 1. Walk out along 9 Mile Square Track to the eastern edge of the major fire scar and set up a base camp. We will be returning on the same track, so we will do water drops to reduce weight 12km.

Day 2. Day walk, up and along two large sand dunes, looking for the white feathered insects as we go. Cross Archbold track and inspect the area known as the soak. These are three small water pools in the desert. Bush navigate across a plain to base camp. This day – about 13kms.

Day 3. Return to the cars located at the start of 9 Mile Square Track – about 12 km.

\*NOTE: I will be towing my water in a cart, hence using the track. So you can either bring some sort of wheeled cart suitable for soft sand, or carry 3 days water plus kit. I can share one other persons water load. As we are using tracks most of the time, superb desert navigation skills will not be require, but still bring a compass.

Bill Clark 0408545256

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**BBOC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR May – December 2021**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>RATING</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
<b>MAY</b>				
Tuesday May 25th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St		Peter Galvin – three weeks in Alaska. Ferry trip along SW coast of Alaska from Ketchikan to Juneau, then inland from Anchorage to Denali NP(Mt McKinley).	
Wed 26th May	Daylesford – Lakes and Falls	Easy/ Medium	Sailors Falls to the long closed Newlyn to Daylesford Railway, on to Jubilee Lake and return.	David Crocker 0409 425 604
<b>JUNE</b>				
Wed 2nd June	Blowhole and Bald Hill 17km	Medium	Boots Gully, Henderson Spring and the hamlet of Basalt	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Friday evening 4th, Sat 5th & Sun 6th June	Mt Feathertop Overnight Walk 22km	Medium Pack carry	Out and back on the Razorback to Mt Feathertop (1922m). Camping at Federation Hut	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Wed 9th June	Jacksons Lookout, Hunts Dam and Mineral Springs 14km	Medium	Hepburn Springs, Great Dividing Trail, Jacksons Lookout, old gold mining areas, Chocolate Mill	David Crocker 0409 425 604
June 13th	Paddling Campaspe River.	Easy	Aysons Reserve, Elmore 10km	Garry Brannan 0450879917
Sat 12th - Mon 14th June	Grampians Peak Trail Lake Bellfield, The Pinnacle and Mt Rosea.	Moderate	Three days [2 nights] on the trail. Option to do it in day hikes but would involve a car shuffle. 38 km.	Christina Stuke TXT only 0400 306 683
12/13/14 June 2021.	Queens Birthday W/end Wyperfeld N/P	Medium	Pack carry or bush cart to carry water.	Bill Clark 0408545256
Tuesday June 22th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St		A presentation by Ray Wilson who has recently returned from a solo trip to Tasmania – not much talking but many photographs.	
<b>JULY</b>				
July 11th	Loddon River Paddling	Medium	Laanecoorie Reservoir 18km	Garry Brannan 0450879917
Tuesday July 27th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St		Speaker or activity wanted	Garry Brannan 0450879917
<b>AUGUST</b>				
August 8th	Paddle on Lake Eppalock. - Campaspe Arm.	Easy	12km	Garry Brannan 0450879917
Tuesday August 24th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St		Speaker or activity wanted	Garry Brannan 0450879917

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Sunday Sept 12th	Goulburn River and Lake Nagambie Paddling	Medium	29km Might be Sat/Sunday Camp.	Garry Brannan 0450879917
Fri 17th Sep – Sun 19th Sep	Great Victorian Rail Trail	Medium	2 or 3 days of riding on the Great Victorian Rail Trail	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Fri 24th Sep – Sun 27th Sep	Cathedral Ranges Three days of day walking	Medium/ Hard	Base camping, walking the Northern Circuit (15km), Southern Circuit (11km) and Rubicon Aqueducts (17km).	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Saturday 18 September to Sunday 3 October, 2021 (16 days)	Flinders Ranges day walks Rating Moderate/hard Full details provided on request	Medium/ Hard	Variety of base camp and a choices from 16 day walks Ranging from Quorn (S) to the Aroona Valley (N) Many other attractions (eg. ruins, cemeteries, plants, geology)	John Lindner, 5448 3406, jwl.bendigo@gmail.com
Tuesday Sept 28th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St		Speaker or activity wanted	Garry Brannan 0450879917
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Fri 1st Oct – Sun 3rd Oct	South Gippsland Rail Trails	Medium	3 days of riding on 3 different Rail Trails (GSRT, MNRT & BCRT)	David Crocker 0409 425 604
October 10th	Laureston Reservoir	Easy	9km – pleasant paddling on flat water	Garry Brannan 0450879917
October 23 to October 29	Paddle the Gipsland Lakes from the Port of Sale to Lakes entrance	Hard	Five days plus travel. Distance – 80Km with 50km on open water. For experienced paddlers only.	Garry Brannan 0450879917
Tuesday Oct 26th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St		Speaker or activity wanted	Garry Brannan 0450879917
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Friday 12th – Monday 15th	Federation Walks – Based in Licola.		Gippsland Foothills and Southern Alps – <a href="#">FedWalks 2021 Facebook Page</a>	
Sat 20th Nov to Sun 5th Dec	Mallacoota (Vic) to Boyd's Tower (NSW)	Medium	Pack Carry along some of the best coastline in Australia. 55km & 51km	David Crocker 0409 425 604
Tuesday Nov 25th 7.30pm	Club Meeting - Presbyterian Church Hall, 35-41 Forest St		Speaker or activity wanted	Garry Brannan 0450879917
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
December 19th	Lake Eppalock	Easy	Twilight paddle, 8km	Garry Brannan 0450879917
TBA	Club breakup			