



BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB

President's message for September

Six members of the Committee met at my place on September 15.

- *We decided on a short list for the BBOC Logo. Come to the meeting and help decide what it will be.*
- *We need more photos from our activities for our 2015 calendar. See the Newsletter for details.*
- *Some activities are not being documented, unlike those you read in our newsletter. These documents are our history, and we need them to comply with our insurance obligations. So if you are leading an activity make sure a report is lodged with Garry.*
- *The November meeting will be a 'Calendar Nite'. Members are encouraged to notify an activity that they will lead. These activities are the reason the our club exists, so think now about what you could do next year. Think not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club (with acknowledgment to JFK). We thought we could provide some wine and nibbles at that meeting. What do you think?*
- *We talked about the Xmas function. Using public places for a picnic has become costly and problematic – we might have to share with any number of other groups. So we prefer a pub gathering. Greg has recently had a dinner at the Marong Pub Lounge. He said the venue and the food were excellent. We'll take a vote on the venue at next week's meeting.*

Check out the Activities Calendar in this newsletter; there's the Black Hill Reserve/Lauriston Reservoir day walk and the Viking Circuit overnite walk, both before the next meeting. Greg is running a Navigation and map reading exercise at the September meeting.

See you at the meeting next Tuesday nite.

Leigh Callinan

BENDIGO BUSHWALKING AND OUTDOOR CLUB INC

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

Meetings - 4th Tuesday every month [except Dec] Sacred Heart Hall, Short Street at 7:30 pm sharp

Membership: Single \$40.00
Family \$60.00

Web address: <http://gobush.org.au/>

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS 14/15

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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



- **September 23rd** **Navigation/map reading-** 'tried and true'! or 'Old and New' by Greg Doubleday and Friends
- **Oct 28th** **Memory Stick Moments.** Bring a few images from a trip on a memory and share your experience.
10 Min talk Risk Assessment guidelines
Greg Doubleday
- **Nov 25th** **Calendar Planning – Garry Brannan**
- **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 – August 2014

The September edition the Bushwalking Victoria Newsletter can be found [here](#) .

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



Other news

Photography Competition

Over this year, some of our members have presented trip reports both for the newsletter and at meetings accompanied by amazing photographs. The Committee are looking for twelve amazing photos from which one will be one deemed to be "The photograph of the year 2013-2014." Other photos will be used to create a calendar.

- *Deadline for entries -September 30th*
- *Entries will be judged by a photography lecturer from LaTrobe University*
- *First prize will be a print of the winning photograph, matted and framed to 50x40cm*
- *All other winning entries will be printed at 30x40cm*
- *Photos need to have been taken between January 2013 and June 30, 2014, on a club activity and labeled with venue and date.*
- Photos need to be from a camera of a minimum 5 megapixels.
- Photos should be emailed to Garry Brannan - garrybrannan@gmail.com
- Limit of 12 entries per member
- If identifiable images of members appear in the photo then permission for publication must be obtained

Bits and pieces - Wellsford Forest.

Box-ironbark forests dominated central Victoria before European settlement, but 150 years of clearing has left only 17% of the original forest cover remaining. In 2001 the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council reviewed how the state's remaining box-ironbark forests and woodlands should be managed. Amid its findings it recommended the establishment of the Greater Bendigo National Park. At that time the Wellsford forest was left out, in part to ensure continued timber supply for nearby sawmills, particularly at Rushworth. Since the Rushworth mill closed last decade, the Wellsford has largely been logged for firewood, with some timber taken for poles and fencing.

Mr Stuart Fraser is the convenor of the Bendigo and District Environment Council. The group recently brought together various local conservation groups to form the Wellsford Forest Conservation Alliance. They want the forest to become part of the nearby Greater Bendigo National Park. Tod Orr, from the Bendigo Field Naturalists Club, says rare birds such as the swift parrot, and marsupials like brush-tailed phascogales, can be found in the woodlands, along with unique plants. Mr Orr says very few large, old trees remain in the Wellsford. "The 150-year history of timber cutting has not allowed new big trees to come through to replace the existing ones when they die".

Dr Robyn Ballinger, an environmental historian who lives near the Wellsford, says under new draft logging plans, 12 potential coupes have been earmarked in the state forest over the next three years. She says one is located in an area where nine, 400-year old red ironbarks are growing. "There is a concern for their safety. But beyond that, the forest itself, we think it has just had so much taken from it over the years," she said.

According to the state government, the Wellsford's old trees are already shielded by 95-special-hectare protection zones, and old tree protection is clearly outlined in the Bendigo Forest Management Plan. Of the 12 coupes, only two are expected to be harvested in the next 12 months, and there is currently just one contractor operating in the forest. He cut 85 cubic metres of timber in 2013-14, less than half the contract entitlement.

Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/environment/bendigo-alliance-seeks-national-park-protection-for-wellsford-forest-20140822-106zyq.html#ixzz3BkSoD2gK>

The deadline for the next edition of GoBush is Wednesday the 22nd of October..

Please forward Trip Reports, details of Coming Events, and any interesting articles to Garry - garrybrannan@gmail.com or call me on 0450879917



Trip Reports

*A Report to the
Royal Society of Bendigo Bushwalkers,
on
An Expedition to the Western Wilderness
of
The Colony of Victoria,
September 2014 A.D.*

Mr President,

Honourable members, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It gives me great pleasure to submit to the Society my report on a most successful expedition to the antipodes of the western areas of this Colony. The expedition started out at 07:30hrs on the 12th instant.

It consisted of four executive members. Mr Garry Brannan, a navigation expert, Mr Kevin Smith, deputy navigation, and Mr Graham Borrell, a witty, stalwart chap who was our leading foreman.

When the midday sun was at its highest, we established Depot No 1, for water reserves. Later that day with the sun one cubit above the western horizon, we established Depot No 2; this became our forward base for the exploration.

On the 13th inst., the four executive members, leaving supplies and the porters at Depot No 2, made a lightly equipped search out to the North West, searching for the mythical rocky feature called... "Brannan's Wall".

Providence granted us her favour. Around midday this day, the leading explorer found the aforementioned rocky feature. I must say to the committee and members, this raised some excitement amongst the weary explorers, who had laboured, under trying conditions in search of this "will-o-the wisp" feature.

Perhaps at this juncture a small description of the object of our search would not be out of place. It is an unusual rocky, "stone wall" shape, and that being no more than two yards high at its highest place. It is of a crumbly composite rock, composed of a hardened orange substance with dark red sandstone pebbles set into it. The exact composition of this rock is yet to be identified.

With our primary objective discovered, we ventured a half a mile more to the North West and found some natural springs. One of these had water, with a surface area of approximately 4 feet by 5 feet. Numerous bees were collecting water from it and members observed some leeches and tadpoles in this desert wonder.

With the solar giant fast dropping to the horizon we made our way back to Depot No. 2 to recuperate from our exertions.

On the 14 inst., the depot was packed up, then resuming our burdens, we made the return journey via the aforementioned Depot No. 1.

I must submit, that, although we saw much evidence (spoor) of macropods and large flightless fowl, the local fauna was very timid and did not expose its presence to us.

I would venture to estimate, that, at least half of the terrain we passed through, had been devastated by some huge fire, which left nothing but large spaces of sand and

dead trees, for many, many miles. These deposited large amounts of soot and carbon on the members and our equipment.

Upon arrival back at our start point, the expedition members delighted in the pleasure, if not duty, of a civilised society, in taking a much needed bath.

I table for the society, some daguerreotype images of the exhibition.

I remain your,
Most humble servant,

Mr B. Clark Esq.



Activities . . . August to January

Black Hill Reserve and Lauriston Reservoir Sunday 28th September.

Day Walk - Black Hill at Edgecombe (north of Kyneton) followed by an "insider's" view of Lauriston Dam

Morning: A 4 km circuit walk on a low gradient gravel track around the base of Black Hill and then a steeper, well defined walking path to the summit with steps in places. Ascent 80 metres net.

Highlights: We've all driven past – but have we stopped to look? Granite boulders (again); natural bushland and re-vegetated areas; popular rock-climbs; views across the plains. An experience rather than a long hike. More information at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/blackhillreservekyneton/home>

Note: No toilet facilities at this reserve.

Afternoon: Insider's look at the massive buttress dam at Lauriston Reservoir. Why is this dam unique? Is it just a lump of concrete, or something more complex? Find out!

Toilet facilities on site.

What to Bring: Morning tea, nibbles, lunch and water. Sun hat, sunscreen, beanie, warm clothes and a wind proof top.

Where to Meet: Club's meeting hall in Short Street. Depart at 9.00 am sharp. Alternatively, assemble at Black Hill Reserve, Edgecombe at 10:00 am.

Fuel Costs: Zone 2. \$20 pp. 142 km round-trip.

Leader: Rod Smyth. Ph 5443 4530 or mob 0419 378 709.

Ring me if in doubt about the weather or for any other queries.

Lalgambook (Mt Franklin – inside the crater) 10/11&12th October.

Description : Base camp. Rating is easy

This will be a low key weekend where you can set up Friday & stay a night or two, or alternately, be a day tripper & drive over on the Saturday or Sunday for a day only.

For Base campers bring your own everything - food, water, drinks, fire-wood etc. Note there are toilets, fire places & water for washing.

Saturday we have a 9.30am appointment for a full tour of 'Cricket Willow' at Shepherds Flat (cricketwillow.com.au) This is the only facility in the world where visitors can witness the fascinating process of cricket bat manufacture from start to finish. This is a family run business and has a \$6 each admittance charge and worth every cent of it!

In the afternoon we will have a walk about Mt Franklin & Mt Stewart then later drive in convoy to the lagoon at Franklinford & visit other sites connected to Edward Stone Parker (Asst Commissioner - Loddon Aboriginal Protectorate). We will also visit Yandoit for more history.

On Sunday we will drive to Kooroocheang & climb this ancient Volcano.

On the return we will have a look at the Swiss/Italian cottages in the Yandoit Hills & made popular thru 'Rosa's Kitchen'. Rosa Mitchell lives in Gervasoni's old cottage at Yandoit.

Alternatively, you can 'do what you wanna do'

Please come, make this a fun week-end and if your moved bring a quiz, music, dance, songs, stories, tales or poems to share.

Fuel share \$16.

Contact : Ray Wilson 54478862 or rayandmareewilson@gmail.com

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.

Peter Pemberton 0428869196

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

Date subject to change.

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

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.

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

Murray River Canoe Tour Sat 27 December – Sun 4 January 2015 (9 days)

Rating	Medium
Comments	A six day tour on the Murray River, Hattah-Kulkyne NP to Gol Gol, 156 k
Section	Murray River-Chalka Creek junction (Hattah-Kulkyne NP) to Gol Gol (near Mildura)
Dates	Saturday 27 December – Sunday 4 January 2015 (9 days)
Organiser	John Lindner, 5448 3406
Distance	156 river kilometres, this will average about 26 k per day
Campsites	Junction of Chalka Creek and Murray River 2 nights On the river (all these are sand bars) 5 nights Gol Gol (River Gardens Tourist Park) 1 night

Itinerary

Day 1	Travel from Bendigo to Chalka Creek–Murray River junction via Kerang, Swan Hill, Piangil, Manangatang, Annuello, Wemen - Distance is about 330 k
Day 2	Place cars at Gol Gol, most likely at the caravan park – [210km return]. Since we do not want to do two car shuffles, hopefully we will get someone to bring all the drivers back, or we pay someone.
Day 3/river 1	Chalka Creek to Doherty's Bend 26 km
Day 4/river 2	Doherty's Bend to near Tarpaulin Island 24 km
Day 5/river 3	Tarpaulin Island to Big Tree Bend 26 km
Day 6/river 4	Big Tree Bend to Bengallow Creek 28 km
Day 7/river 5	Bengallow Creek to Bottle Bend 24 km
Day 8/river 6	Bottle Bend to Gol Gol 28 km
Day 9	Return to Bendigo via the Calder Highway
Contact	John Lindner, 5448 3406 - please phone for full details to be posted/emailed

Kosciuszko National Park Main Range & Thredbo area (9 days)

Sat 17 – Sun 25 January

A series of day walks over nine days on the Kosciuszko Main Range and adjoining areas, base camping on the Thredbo River

ORGANISER John Lindner, 5448 3406

OUTLINE

Day 1	Travel from Bendigo to Thredbo via Violet Town, Wodonga, Corryong, Khancoban, Tom Groggin, Dead Horse Gap. 504 k = 5/6 hours Nice stops on the way: Murray River at Brigenbrong (Vic-NSW border), Swampy Plains/Geehi River, Tom Groggin, Dead Horse Gap
Day 2	Mount Kosciuszko summit from the top of the chairlift, 12.0 k return.
Day 3	Shorter walk (to be planned)
Day 4	Ramshead Range circuit from Dead Horse Gap, 17.0 k
Day 5	Shorter walk (to be planned)
Day 6	The Chimneys from Dead Horse Gap, 14.0 k return
Day 7	Perisher Village to Mt Wheatley and the Porcupine, 8.0 k circuit
Day 8	Rolling Grounds circuit, 22.0 k
Day 9	Return to Bendigo

CAMPSITE Thredbo Diggings, 13.0 k east of Thredbo on the Alpine Way

Facilities: toilet, tables, trees, grassed sites for tents.

River water: this is OK to drink but should be boiled or treated in some way, otherwise bring your own drinking water.

PARK ENTRY AND CAMP FEES - Camping charge is included in the vehicle entry fee. \$16.00 per vehicle per day, regardless of the people. For the 8 nights at the campsite this will be \$128.00. You can also buy a 5 day pass (one free day) at \$64, the other 3 days will cost \$48 [3x16] Total = \$ 112, it makes sense to have at least 2 people per car.

Park Fees are payable at the Khancoban office of the National Parks Service as you pass through during office hours only.

WEATHER The timing and exact location of all walks depends on the weather

EQUIPMENT Please make sure you bring clothing and equipment suitable to cope with alpine conditions, both hot and cold weather.

Wobbly-knees Weekend Walk for Weary, Wounded 'n Wannabe Walkers. Where? Witchies . . . er . . . Ritchies Hut, 27th February – 1st March

A very easy pack-carry weekend. Friday night at Sheeppark Flat then on Saturday walk into Ritchies from the Eight Mile [6km], set up camp, fish, swim, do yoga, read a book, sit around and tell lies of previous exploits, whatever. Community hors d'oeuvre, antipasto and canapés prior to a self catered main meal, then more stories and lies around the campfire.

There is no limit to what you may bring, deck chairs, umbrellas and four-burner BBQ's are to be encouraged, but strictly BYO. Drum kits and amplified music are prohibited.

Sunday, leisurely breakfast, then walk the 6 km out after lunch. Ritchies is a good hut if the weather turns bad, and there is also a long drop toilet nearby. This is an ideal weekend for those who do not carry a heavy pack any more, or for new members who would like to experience the joy of being free of the car for a weekend. No gear? No problem! Give me a call.

Garry Brannan 0450879917

BBOC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - August to March

DATE	DESCRIPTION	RATING	COMMENTS	CONTACT
SEPTEMBER				
Tuesday 23th	Club Meeting		Navigation/map reading	
Sunday 28th	Black Hill Reserve and Lauriston Reservoir	E	An Easy day walk, very accessible. An experience not to be missed.	Rod and Maggie Smyth 0419378709
OCTOBER				
10/11&12th October.	Lalgambook (Mt Franklin – inside the crater)	E BC	Base camp.	Ray Wilson 54478862
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		Memory Stick Memories	
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
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				
5th - Sun 14th	Penguin to Cradle Walk	H	Booked out	Garry Brannan
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.	A series of day walks on the Kosciuszko Main Range.	Both M & H	Alpine area day walks base camping. Please phone John for full details.	John Lindner, 5448 3406.
FEBRUARY				
27t/2 – 1/3	Ritchies Hut – Very easy.	E /PC	Suitable for all.	Garry Brannan
MARCH				
14th - 22nd	Mystery Paddle	M	Watch this space	Bob Jones
APRIL				
April – TBA	Gammon Ranges	H PC	Desert range wilderness area	Peter Pemberton

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 Garry for inclusion in the calendar together with a write-up for the newsletter. garrybrannan@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Adults:

1. _____

2. _____

Children:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Membership Fees for 2014/15 are due from 1st July 2014. Please return this form with your payment to:

The Treasurer,

Bendigo Bushwalking & Outdoor Club Inc.

PO Box 989, Bendigo, Vic 3552

Membership: Adults - \$40, Family - \$60.

Tick box if you agree to receive your newsletter by email rather than by regular post.

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: _____