




FOOTPRINTS





June 2015

Newsletter of the Border Bushwalking Club Inc.
affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria

“Years from now you will be more disappointed by the dreams you didn’t pursue than by the ones you did”
 Dream with passion
 Mark Twain

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Tuesday 2 June
 Border Bushwalking Club Night
 Winter Wonderland
 With
 Ron Hammond and
 Sue Cardwell

Whilst the snow doesn't always fall just when we want it to, Ron and Sue are two club members who are always on the lookout for good snow and when it falls they head for the hills. Come along and find out about the snowshoeing and skiing opportunities on offer this Winter from two of our very enthusiastic and experienced club members.

Club Nights are regularly held on the first Tuesday of the month (except December and January) at 7:30pm. The room is opened half an hour before the start so that members may socialise. Where : Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, Civic Centre Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga (Havelock Street end of car park)

Visitors are always welcome at meetings and supper is served afterwards.
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Your Membership Fees are now due

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Beth and Peter Simpson

We trust that you will enjoy all that the Club and its members have to offer.

The next **Committee Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, June 12, 2015** If you have any matters you want discussed please contact a Committee Member.

Your contributions are keenly sought. If you have been on a club trip please send a short, or indeed long, report to the editor. Members love reading about the club outings. No talent required! **Photos** of outings are also greatly appreciated. Send to:
newsletter@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au
Deadline for next Footprints is 19/06/15

Reports: The Equipment Report and the Income and Expenditure report 2014/ 2015

2014/2015 Equipment Report by David Graf

In Warwick's absence, and thus the absence of a President's report for this month, I've been asked to provide an update on the club's equipment. Warwick covered these points in his president's report at the AGM, however those who weren't able to attend the AGM may find them of interest.

Club equipment hires totalled \$272 for this year. While this doesn't sound like much, most of the club hires this year have been safety equipment - for which there is no hire charge. Remarkably, the club's personal locator beacons spent over two months in service over the past year, as have the first aid kits. If you do take the PLBs out though, it would be appreciated if you could email the details of your trip (departure and return date, and a basic itinerary) to activities@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au so we know who we're looking for in the (hopefully unlikely) event they are used.

No club equipment was purchased during the past year, and the committee has no current plans to acquire more. However, we would be happy to hear from any club members if there is something the club and its members could be benefited from.

During the year applied for a \$3,000 'active club' grant through the Vic. Dept. of Health. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful on this occasion, but we will apply again in the next round of funding. If we had been successful, we would have used the funding to acquire an upgraded GPS with associated terrain maps, and several pairs of MSR snow-shoes as many of our members find the yowies quite difficult and uncomfortable. Due to the substantial cost, we will not proceed with purchasing these items at this point, in the absence of the grant.

With regard to club activities, most club members would now be aware that Cindy has stepped down from the activities coordinator role, and I have stepped into the position for the time being.

One of the qualities that I have always admired in Cindy is the way in which she encourages club members to contribute to the club, in whatever way they can. Accordingly, several of our current leaders have advised that they would be happy to assist in co-leading walks with anyone who is considering giving it a go. We all have our favourite places and circuits which would be great to share - even if it is just a short walk in the afternoon down beside the river. If you're interested, please speak to any of the leaders, the committee members, or email activities@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au - I look forward to hearing from you!

Border Bushwalking Club Equipment Hire:

Members are advised that the Club equipment we have available for hire is located at. 'Adventure Gear Albury' 479 Dean Street, Albury

Phone : 02 6021 6200

Notices

Federation Walks Weekend 2015

will be held in the Victorian Goldfields and Spa Country around

Daylesford and Hepburn Springs

on the weekend of **24th and 25th October 2015**

The event will be hosted by the **Bayside Bushwalking Club**

and the **Great Dividing Trail Association**

The venue for registration, afternoon tea and Saturday evening meal will be

Hepburn Primary School

156 Main Road, Hepburn (corner of Fourteenth Street)

Due to the diversity of accommodation in the area and the proximity to Melbourne which permits day trips, the hosting clubs will not be organising accommodation. Instead we will provide information about suitable group and budget accommodation.

The Daylesford area is very popular and accommodation can book out quickly, sometimes a year in advance, so if you would like to participate in some of the great walks we are planning and stay overnight, book soon.

<http://fedwalks.org.au/>

Curious to know more about the Border Bushwalking Club. Take some time to view the policies on the website. The pathways is <http://www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au/information/documents-forms Policy>

For Sale Ladies Salomon Gore-Tex boots size uk 7.5 300 km s only great condition \$50 contact Ros Revell [0417335298](tel:0417335298)



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Membership Fees are now due

Members joining between February 1 and May 31 will be deemed fully paid members until May 31 of the following year.

Concessional memberships are available to:

- Commonwealth Pensioners, Holders of the following cards – Low Income Health Care, Health care, Pensioner
- Concession and Commonwealth Seniors Health.
- Holders of State-based and National Seniors Cards do not qualify for concessions

Newsletter (Footprints) Mailed in Post +13.00. The fee can be paid online via the BBC Website [//www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au/registration](http://www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au/registration)

Great Walks

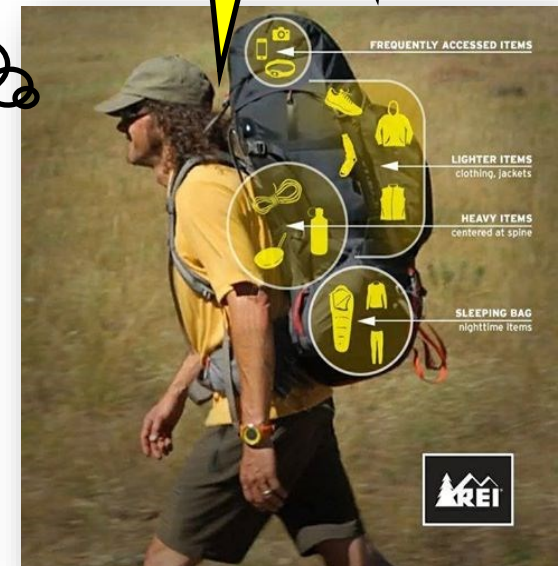
The Lake Urana Nature Reserve is a protected nature reserve situated adjacent to Lake Urana, a salt lake, that is located in the Riverina region of New South Wales in eastern Australia. The 302-hectare (750-acre) reserve is situated near the rural locality of Urana.[2] The 6,100-hectare (15,000-acre) lake is shallow and intermittently filled by flooding that forms in a natural depression. The lake fills every 10 to 20 years and retains water for several years; with no natural outflow, it is drained via evaporation.



The woodland in the reserve includes Yellow Box and White Cyprus Pine. Shrubs include Thorny Saltbush, Ruby Saltbush, Western Golden Wattle, Emu Bush and Black Cottongrass. Ground cover is made up of grasses and herbs, with over 70 species having been recorded, including Wiregrass, Speargrass and Nodding Chocolate Lily. On the shore is a narrow area of Red Gum woodland. *It is a great walk with a leader who knows his stuff. Thanks Bill*

What is the Black Allan Line?
In the June/July edition of the Great Walks Magazine, local BBC member, Ian Trevaskis has written about the BBC walk to discover the Black-Allan Line

Wanted Leaders to lead Great Walks



ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

LEADERS reserve the right to change the activity route on the day depending on prevailing conditions and altered circumstances. A walk leader can refuse permission for any person to take part in his/her activity. A list of trip participants must be prepared and the non-member fee (currently \$5) should be collected before the start of the trip. This is a requirement of our insurance policy. Without this list participants may not be covered by insurance.

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSONS (ECPS): Leaders must leave trip details, including a list of participants and their contact numbers with a family member, or if none available, with an ECP. In the event of a delay, the ECP will contact families and decide on the next course of action.

PARTICIPANTS (members and visitors) must check with the leader that their fitness and experience suit the walk. Follow the leader's instructions at all times. Pay own ambulance costs – insurance is recommended (but accidents are rare).

BOOKINGS: If you intend participating in any of the activities listed below you are required to personally speak to the Leader no later than the Wednesday prior to a day activity or 7 days prior to an overnight activity or unless otherwise indicated. SMS bookings are not appropriate. Please be aware that leaders have the right to decide the size of the group they will accept for their activities. Activities may become fully subscribed before the general cut-off date. By contacting the leader early you may avoid missing out.

FIRST AID KITS: are to be taken by leaders on each walk.

BIVY BAGS: The club has bivy bags available for activities where extreme cold may be an issue.

TRANSPORT COST: Where possible transport to and from activity start/ finish points should be pooled to limit costs and environment footprints. The cost of such transport is to be shared equally between all participants. Where possible transport to and from activity start/ finish points should be pooled to limit costs and environment footprints. The cost of such transport is to be shared equally between all participants. Refer to the BBC Policies

GRADING

Grade 1

(Easy) Opportunity for large number of participants, including those with reduced ability to walk/cycle on well-marked and even formed tracks. Formed tracks may have a few steps. Should not be steep. Suitable for beginners. Distance should not exceed about 10km.

Grade 2

(Easy-Medium) Easy activity, mostly on tracks of low gradient. Opportunity to walk/cycle easily in natural environments on well-marked tracks. Tracks should not be steep. Distance should not exceed about 15km.

Grade 3

(Medium) Medium activity with some hilly sections and/or rougher terrain. Opportunity to walk/cycle on defined and distinct tracks with some steep sections requiring a moderate level of fitness. Suitable for fit beginners. Distance should not exceed about 20km.

Grade 4

(Medium-Hard) Steeper, rougher terrain and may have off-track sections (no more than one quarter of the walk) or a longer distance track walk. Opportunity to explore and discover relatively undisturbed natural environments mostly along defined and distinct tracks. Tracks can be steep. There may be short sections of rock scrambling involved. Leaders should have map reading abilities and/or ability to use a compass. Distance depending on circumstances. Not suitable for most beginners.

Grade 5

(Hard) Off-track or difficult terrain. Opportunity for walkers with advanced outdoor knowledge and skills to find their own way along often indistinct tracks or off track in remote locations. May include steep sections of unmodified surfaces. There may be rock scrambling, creek walking and crossing involved. Distance should not exceed 30km, but may be short and difficult. Not suitable for beginners.

Grade 6

(Very Hard) Strenuous off-track walk or very long distance. Opportunity for highly experienced walkers to explore remote and challenging natural areas without reliance on managed tracks. Terrain may be steep, uneven and no track. There may be rock scrambling, creek walking and crossing involved. Distance covered is unlimited, but may be short and difficult. Only for experienced walkers and not suitable for beginners.

Exploratory Is unknown to leader and while every effort has been made to grade the activity appropriately, there may be some unexpected aspects which may increase the difficulty of the walk.

Activities for your enjoyment

All Border Bushwalking Club Members are invited to lead an activity of their choosing. Information can be obtained from the Border Bushwalking Club Website or by contacting David Graf activities@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au.

Additional details can be obtained from the BBC Events Calendar or by calling the Leader.

Date	Leader	Contact	Final date to book	Grad	Short Description
30/05/15	Deb Kahn Call before 8pm	0410047884		4	Bivouac Hut is located approximately halfway up The Staircase Spur Walk, that leads to Mt Bogong
11/06/15	Deb Kahn Call before 8pm	0410047884		4	Mt Jack—Mt Jack is In the hills behind Dederang.
14/06/15	Bernadette Cromarty & Ira Robinson	0419241687	10/06/15	2 & 3	Choice of two walks before meeting at the Community Wood Fired oven for lunch. Nail Can Hill Grade 2 and River Track Grade 3
27/06/15	Eileen Clark	02 60253292 or 0412 042 195	24/06/15	Social	Short walk at Mountain Creek in morning followed by shared lunch at Tawonga South.
29/06/15					Varies cycling events & walks Jarvis creek Jaunt or Touring Tallangatta- www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au
12/07/15	Bill Krautz	0439026912 or krautz@bigpond.net.au	09/07/15	3	"Cordyceps Calling" This is a chance to catch the intriguing Cordyceps fungi eating and fruiting on its annual appearance.
14 -16 August 15	Sue Cardwell	02 6056 0501	01/07/2015		Howman's Gap weekend
22-29 Nov 2015	Bernadette Cromarty	0419241687	03/10/15	4	Wilson Prom Walk
01- 8 March 2016	Cindy Marsh	0410425335		4	Great Ocean Walk –one direction, eight days, long-distance walk, 100km