

FOOTPRINTS

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



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CLUB NIGHT 7:30 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH THE FOOD IN MY PACK. (What we eat on the track).

What we eat on a bushwalk is always of great importance and interest. It needs to be light, nutritious and enjoyable. Pick up some tips and share your great ideas and recipes. We will demystify dehydrating.

We will look at breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack ideas so it will suit day walkers as well as those who wish to venture out for longer. Some club members will have prepared show, tell and taste samples but we would love to hear about your best meals and treats as well. Bring along any recipes or ideas that that have pleased your palate.

For supper the club will provide cheese and biscuits, along with the usually cuppa (tea & coffee) and biscuits. We invite you to bring along a back pack drink container with a little wine to share.



I never hike anywhere without my Devonshire tea.



Where's that leg of lamb?

Visitors are always welcome at meetings and supper is served afterwards. **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.

www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOOTPRINTS.

Your contributions are keenly sought. If you have been on a club trip please send a short, or indeed long, reports to the editor. **Photos** of outings are also greatly appreciated. **Please try to send photos as small files.**

Send to: newsletter@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au

Deadline for next Footprints is 23/7/18

THE JOY OF WALKING WITH THE BBC FROM A RELATIVE NEWBIE'S PERSPECTIVE.

While our president has his turn gallivanting off overseas, I have been nominated, as the newest committee member, to write a piece (probably because he didn't think I'd have the strength to resist). My brief was to talk about why I joined the club and what I've found the benefits to be. So here goes...

As a teenager and young adult I was a keen bushwalker, largely inspired by holidays in the English Lake District and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. When I came to Australia I discovered some of the joys the Australian wilderness has to offer, the highlight being The Overland Track in Tasmania the year I arrived. Unfortunately life and kids then limited my bushwalking for the next 20+ years, so when I found myself free and single the first thing I did was join the BBC.

Bushwalking with Border Bushwalking Club has been a great way to explore the stunning local scenery and I've also enjoyed many club bike rides. I have rediscovered the experience of overnight walks, where even the most unpalatable looking food suddenly tastes amazing! I have met so many interesting people – there is nothing like a good yarn while walking to get to know people. I have made some great friends through walking.

I am someone who likes to contribute and be involved (hence writing this?!) so was happy to volunteer to be on the BBC Committee – what a wonderful group of people to be part of. Thank you everyone for being so welcoming. A huge thank you, also, to all the leaders who give up their time to put on walks for us less experienced walkers – we all appreciate your generosity of time and knowledge.

I hope, in the future, to be able to participate in some extended walks and explore some of the joys of walking further afield.

It would be remiss of me, as a physiotherapist, not to mention the health benefits of walking, but I think I would be preaching to the converted, so we will take that as read.

The days are getting longer, I was swooped by a magpie this week, so spring is on its way – happy walking everyone.

Vanessa.

THANK YOU DAVID

On behalf of all members, the Committee would like to record its thanks and appreciation to David Graf who has spent innumerable hours working to renew and revitalize our website. The result, as I'm sure you will agree, is a credit to David and his IT skills.

"Thank You" David.



Here is an app well worth putting on your phone. It might just save your life.

emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au

Emergency+ Smartphone App

The Emergency+ app is a free app developed by Australia's emergency services and their Government and industry partners.

The app uses GPS functionality built into smart phones to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details required to mobilise emergency services. Click on the link in blue above and then click on the pictured icon and follow instructions to download.

TRIP REPORTS

Mt Samaria State Park

It's been a while since I've started a walk with wet weather gear on, but Saturday 4th August, was like most other Saturdays this winter; wet, cold and windy. With all 15 people geared up we set off to enjoy a new walk in a new area. We followed a variety of tracks for the day starting at a gate on a closed track to access Mt Samaria summit. Keen to get out of the icy wind we headed down a steep, slippery, unmarked track that took us to the road (which we crossed) and then onto other tracks, which would eventually lead us to Wild Dog Falls for a rain-shortened break. Heading off we soon warmed because it was uphill for a while. Chatting may have caused a wrong turn to be taken but that was fine. The rain stopped, we had lunch, retraced our track and were back where we should have been. But from here it was uphill (back to the summit) not once but twice, through stands of tall straight trees and beautiful mosses. Then from the summit we followed the track we had taken six hours earlier and ended up back at the cars. Thanks to everyone who braved the cold, wet conditions. It just

shows that there's no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate gear. Deb.



August 4th Ski.

Five of us went up to the snow today heading out to the back of Sun Valley but had to retreat to the timber with the poor visibility, mixed ice/soft snow terrain, no groomed track to help out and constant sleet/drizzle. The snow was great with some fast downhill runs and fancy turns on McKay Rd. The wet weather gear had a good workout as we did. A challenging day so the plug was pulled by 2pm. Hopefully better weather next week! Sue



HOWMANS 17-19 AUGUST 2018

16 members attended the annual snow trip at Howmans Gap. We had the full gamut of winter weather – snow, more snow & more snow – depth now past 2 metres – interspersed with strong winds, wind chill down as far as -20, intermittent whiteouts, & driving sleet which gave us all a good facial exfoliating scrub! Average of 20cms of powder snow each day so digging out our cars was the first job of the day.

There were a few teasing moments of glorious sunshine & panoramic views before it all closed in again. We started out each day with great plans for trips on the Bogong High Plains, which would quickly change according to snow/ice conditions & rapidly changing weather, when we would retreat to the more sheltered timber areas behind Windy Corner and Road 24. We are a hardy bunch & our wet/cold weather gear was given a thorough workout. One group of 3 did make Edmonsons Hut in very challenging conditions. Our newbies did very well considering the conditions.

It's a long time since we have skied in such deep snow having to make our own tracks. We managed some good downhill runs. Even if the roads had been groomed they were quickly covered by drifting snow. To think that some years we have bewailed the lack of snow & even gone on a bushwalk instead.

We had our usual convivial sessions with gluhwein & nibbles before dinner when the day's exploits were recounted & historical ones as well.

Howmans Gap lived up to expectations as a warm venue with hearty meals. More jobs to do as a group this year but the borderskiers crew made short work of that. All in all, quite a challenging trip but so exhilarating at the same time – we sure got more than we expected & the 2018 trip will be remembered for some time. Sue



The Rock

We woke to pouring rain in Albury and an adverse weather forecast, but this did not deter us. Five of us drove north, confident that we would leave the rain behind, and we did, more or less. A heavy shower just as we arrived at The Rock Picnic Area had us reaching for our waterproofs, but 10 minutes later we were stopping to take them off.

From the car park we followed the Yerong Nature Trail that starts flat and then climbs to the lookout on the top of The Rock. There were several new interpretive signs pointing out the natural features around us, and these were supplemented by Chris's extensive knowledge of birds and the natural environment. We stopped often to look and listen and were thrilled to see a peregrine falcon circling on a thermal. We could also see falcons' nests perched precariously on the rock face.

The track got narrower and steeper as we ascended, ducking under overhanging ledges and scrambling over rocks until we reached the top. From there we could see heavy cloud all around and there was a biting wind, so we did not linger long. We returned along the same track although we could have taken the alternative Yougal track which is signposted about halfway down. Although the round trip is only about 7 km, it is quite a climb and the track was rough and slippery in places, so we did not rush. The walk took about 3 hrs.

Back at the car park we had lunch in the picnic shelter and tried not to laugh as we watched four young people preparing to head up to the top. They were going to camp up there, they told us, but may have changed their minds when they felt the wind. Jane carried a small backpack, more like a handbag, while Tarzan had a huge pack with a double swag tied to the outside, another bag over his shoulder and a large Esky in his hand. The load was so large we couldn't even imagine how he would fit through some of the narrow pinches on the track, but we couldn't help marveling at the wonder of Young Love! Eileen.



Tawonga Gap North

At last a fine weekend; it was real Goldilocks weather, not too cold, not too hot and not too windy (not that we are fussy!). Six walkers met at the Tawonga Gap lookout and paused briefly to admire the views before a brief car shuffle to the end of the walk, made easier by the apparent relocation of the sign pointing to the German Creek track.

We set off up the hill from back of the car park, knowing that we had many similar climbs ahead of us, separated by an equal number of descents. We stopped often to admire snow-covered peaks in the distance, identifying Mts Emu, Bogong, Fainter, Feathertop and Buffalo and the areas in between, snow glistening in the sunshine. The Tawonga Gap track goes right through to Running Creek but we turned off at the German Creek track, about 8 km from the start of the walk. From here it was down, nothing too steep but a relief after all the climbing.

Lunch was taken in a sunny clearing and we continued the descent until we came to a small, shallow creek just before the end of the walk. Three of us just walked through, barely getting our boots wet, but the other three looked around for some rocks they could place in the creek to use as stepping stones. The laws of physics tell us that if you throw a large object with some force into a body of water, there will be a reaction. Unfortunately, the stepping stone makers did not seem to know this, and when they tossed one rock into the water, the resulting splash went all over the leader of the walk, who had been standing on the bank ready to offer assistance. However, I do not bear grudges so at the end of the walk I allowed the offenders to ride in my car back to the start of the walk rather than making them walk 4 km up the hill.

Dampness aside, it was a most enjoyable walk, good weather, spectacular views and jovial company. Definitely recommended as a winter walk. Eileen.



And a Blast from the Past.

As part of our 40th anniversary celebrations, each month a report from the past will be featured. This month's article dates back to March 1986.

BOGONG HIGHPLAINS BUSHWALK.

The first pilgrimage to Youngs Hut to view the new verandah extensions included an inauguration ceremony held in The New Dunny. Nine people squeezed into the aforementioned building including:

Geoff Dickie, Marg Chambers, John Hendstmendel, Eileen Clarke, Jan Ford, Anne Beevers, Gwen Lloyd, Hebe McLean and Ray Close.

We would also like to think we have set a record for the number of people who can fit into Youngs Hut Dunny.

Should any other aspirants attempt to improve on this record, photographic proof must be submitted within 7 days of the attempt.

We wish to thank all those hard working people who erected this magnificent edifice affording us all such pleasant relief!



Before the record was set



After the record was set.

NOTICES

The Border Bushwalking Club Fees are now OVERDUE.

Club membership is valid to May 31st.

Refer to the BBC Website: www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au/registration or pay by EFT.

Please note the new fee schedule:

Single member: \$45 or \$35 concession

Family: \$80 or \$65 concession

Each additional family member: \$10

Newsletter mailed in post: \$23 (emailed is free).

Direct Bank Deposit Account Holder – **Hume Building Society Account Name**
– **Border Bushwalking Club Inc.**

BSB 640 000

Account No 111104448

Description: your full name, or first 3 letters of first and last names, e.g. John Brown becomes johbro

*Concession refers to a Centrelink card. Seniors cards do not qualify for concession.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Contact Sue Cardwell

02 6056 0501 or sunacard@outlook.com

Trips are planned with a few days notice snow & weather permitting on the borderskiers Yahoo site. If you wish to join this group please contact the co-ordinator Warwick McLachlan 6025 1323, 0418 673 164 or mcla@bigpond.net.au

Most trips Grade 3 medium with some hard at times. Fit beginners will be welcome.

Dear Members,

We are honoured to have you as part of our bushwalking team and community to work together not only towards better bushwalking but excellent bushwalking in an environment we all hold dear to our hearts.

As a very brief highlight, I would like to share with you our major achievements, as a bushwalking umbrella body, over the last year and what we are currently working on. I would also like to point out some of the advantages that you as members affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria enjoy.

Highlights of 2017/8:

- Prevented the AAAS standard being imposed on volunteer bushwalkers.
- Raised over \$100,000 in funding for Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation and Bush Search and Rescue work as well and to review and rewrite the Bushwalking Leadership Manual.
- Developed discussion paper on walking for older people.
- Provided over 5,000 hours of volunteer work to improve walking tracks.
- Participated in 11 search and rescues.
- Conducted Walk Leadership Training for Clubs and Individual Members.

In progress for 2018/9:

- Hosting the annual Federation Walks.
- More Leadership Training Opportunities.
- Developing a relationship with informal bushwalking groups such as meet-up groups.
- Updating and providing the Bushwalking Leadership Manual as an online resource to the community free of charge.
- Updating WalkSafe as a more comprehensive safety manual.
- Revising Risk Management Policies.
- Developing Child Protection policies in line with current legislation.

Benefits of being a member of Bushwalking Victoria:

- Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance Scheme.
- Access to Walk Leadership Training.
- First-Aid Course Subsidy for club members when they complete a course.
- Access to lobbying of the state government via the Bushwalking Advisory Committee (BAC) on bushwalking issues such as managing feral animals, development of the Falls to Hotham walking track, the development of mountain bike tracks, identifying walking tracks for improvement or development.
- Ability to volunteer for Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation (BSAR) and for Bush Search and Rescue (BSAR)
- Access to the annual Federation Walks event.
- Ability to nominate for the Board of Bushwalking Victoria.
- Access to resources obtained for or produced within Bushwalking Victoria such as manuals, brochures, etc.

Yours sincerely,



Colin Macdonald

President: Bushwalking Victoria



Tallangatta Tall Trestle Treadle

Sunday 14th October, 2018

Four great rides - one fantastic Day!!!



Ride Highlights

- ❖ Corryong to Colac Colac: 6 kms of cruisy flat riding
- ❖ Shelley station to Koetong Station: 8 kms easy downhill riding through magnificent forest
- ❖ Koetong station to Darbyshire: slightly more adventurous. 8 kms of gentle downhill with superb views.
- ❖ Old Tallangatta to Tallangatta: an easy 9 kms along the sealed section of the rail trail.

Ever wanted to explore the magnificent forests of the Upper Murray on your bicycle – but thought it was too hard?? We have the answer for you!!

We'll take you on a marvellous day of easy riding, exploring the upper reaches of the High Country Rail Trail.

A unique fully supported ride with bus transfers between each ride, morning and afternoon tea included and we'll break at the quaint Koetong Pub for a BBQ lunch – **all included for \$80**

What you will get:

- ❖ Bus transfer to start the ride in Corryong, morning and afternoon tea and lunch included
- ❖ Bus transfers to and from each ride section and location
- ❖ Sag wagon and limited mechanical support

Please note –Change in parking arrangements in Tallangatta. Park on Towong Street on the Memorial Hall side of the triangles.

Supported by- VicRoads

What you need to bring:

This ride is suitable for mountain & hybrid bikes only!

- ❖ A bike in good order with wide tyres
- ❖ A sense of adventure
- ❖ A full water bottle
- ❖ A puncture repair kit or spare tube

Bookings open 20th August and close 8th October- or when buses are filled. Kerry Love - 02 60712334

Questions???. Rob Caddell - 0417294234

Email: tallangattattt@yahoo.com.au or <http://www.highcountryrailtrail.org.au>

FEDERATION WALKS

20 October 2018



Bushwalking Victoria (BWV) welcomes you to the 2018 Federation Walks event, which will be held on **Saturday 20th October** on the Mornington Peninsula. Our base is Elgee Park, a private property, vineyard, and sculpture park which is owned by the Myer family, who have generously permitted BWV to host the event on their beautiful estate.

Bookings for the 16 walks on offer **open tomorrow morning at 07:00**, so book early to avoid disappointment!

For full details about the event and to book, please [CLICK HERE](#).

For directions to Elgee park, track notes and walk maps, please [CLICK HERE](#).

For the walks program, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Walks range from a short family walk – which is ideal for those who'd like their children or grandchildren to join in – to easy rambles, semi-urban explorations, undulating routes of medium difficulty through lush tree-fern gullies and along cliff tops with spectacular views, right through to a hard 26km challenge. Whatever your interests – history, culture, botany, bird-life or simply bushwalking – there will be a walk to suit you.

So...take a look at the walks on offer, choose the one which appeals to you most (and is comfortably within your capabilities) and book by clicking on the applicable booking button (active as of tomorrow morning, 18 August at 07:00).



After your walk, you're invited to return to Elgee Park, where you can enjoy the delightful afternoon tea and have a stroll around the private sculpture collection. Elgee Park wines will be available for a free tasting, as well as for purchase, and a food truck on site will offer a dinner menu (please pre-book to make sure your choice is available - details [here](#)) for those who'd like to stay and enjoy the company of like-minded walkers from around the state.

Bushwalking Victoria would like to thank all our clubs and members who have assisted us so wonderfully to be able to offer you this event. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to lead and co-lead walks on the day, it is much appreciated! A special mention for their enormous effort go to Peter Conroy (Fed Walks Co-ordinator), Judy Hunter (BWV Board), Liz Robinson (walk notes, editing) Andrew Robinson (walk maps), Ana Thompson (TryBooking set-up) and again to Liz and Andrew for preparing and co-coordinating the printing of the Fed Walks booklet - you have all done an amazing job and we look forward to enjoying the result of your efforts!

See you at Elgee Park on 20 October!

WANT TO GO ON A WALK BUT NEED SOME GEAR?

We hire:

Tents

- Sleeping bags
- Back-packs
- Hiking poles
- Waterproof jackets
- We even have a dehydrator if you want to prepare your own meals (or dry your excess Summer produce)
- And lots more...



WANT TO LEAD A WALK BUT WORRIED ABOUT SAFETY?

We have the following equipment available for free for any club walk:

- First aid kits
- GPS
- PBLs

Where do I get the gear?

ADVENTURE GEAR, DEAN ST ALBURY

Photo credits this issue:

Deb
Ira
Sue
Liz
Eileen



EVER WONDER WHERE TO GO WALKING?

Bushwalking Victoria has this fabulous walk directory with detailed information on about 200 walks in Victoria.

Check it out by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/walks-directory>



PHOTOS IN FOOTPRINTS.

Often on walks there will be photos taken of participants. If you DO NOT wish your photograph to be taken, it is YOUR responsibility to inform fellow walkers.

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.

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 exploratory 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 CALENDAR

Mt. Buffalo Snow Shoe

Saturday, Sept. 1st

Grade 3

Leader: Ron Hammond

Phone: 60401233

Bookings by: Thursday, August 30th

A snow shoe shuffle at beautiful Mt Buffalo. The plan is to walk about 10km along the Reservoir Rd towards Mt Dunn.

Ring Ron to discuss the equipment needed if you aren't sure.

Mt. Stanley

Sunday, September 2nd

Grade 4

Bushwalking

Leader: Bernadette

Phone: 0419241687

Bookings by: Wednesday, August 29th

This is a great walk for keeping fit in Winter. It is about 18km of ups and downs. Most of the walk is on 4WD drive track but the last part is up and involves a short section of bush bashing. Don't be turned off, we won't be in a hurry and it's close to Beechworth so it's not too far to drive for most of us.

please phone to talk to me unless I have walked with you a number of times.

Yes, I know it is now on in Spring but my attempt to do this in Winter was foiled by Winter weather!

Tawonga Gap Ridge Track South

Saturday, September 8th

Grade 3

Bushwalking

14 kms approx.

Leader: Eileen

Phone: 0412042195

Bookings by: Wednesday, Sept. 5th

Starting from opposite the lookout at Tawonga Gap, this walk is all on 4WD tracks along the ridge. We head south towards Mt Beauty and might get excellent views of snow-covered peaks.

There are lots of ups and downs on this walk and walking poles are recommended if you use them. Return by the same route, about 14 km in all.

Glen Creek Loop Walk

Saturday, 15th September

Grade 3

Bushwalking

16 kms

Leader: Pauline Scott

Phone: 02 60271834

Bookings by: Wednesday, Sept. 12th 22nd

This walk starts on private property to access the foothills on the north west side of Mt Jack. We start climbing to a view overlooking the Mudgegonga Valley, with Mt Buffalo as a backdrop. Then continue on the 4WD track downhill, before heading off track through the bush, with some creek crossings, dependent on the rainfall. Then it's back uphill to a little used 4WD track, undulating back to our starting point. So we have lots of short ups and downs, walking on and off track, and some creek crossings, with none of it too hard, 16 kms in all.

Mt. Beauty Survey Track and Gorge

Saturday, September 22nd

Grade 3

Bushwalking

14 kms approx.

Leader: Eileen

Phone: 0412042195

Bookings by: Wednesday, Sept. 19th

This is a pleasant spring walk that winds around the Mt Beauty golf course before ascending to the 'summit' of Mt Beauty itself (yes, there is one). We have lunch with a splendid view then walk down to the Gorge, cross a suspension bridge and see relics of an old gold mine. We might see some orchids along the way. It's fairly easy walking, about 14 km with some ups and downs but nothing too hard.

Wallaby Mine/Fletchers Dam **Sunday, September 23rd** **Grade 2**
Bushwalking

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Phone: 0412 404 770

Bookings by: Thursday, Sept. 20th

This walk was last put on as part of the 40th anniversary week-end.

After parking our cars at Lake Kerford we head off to Hurdle Flat. Hurdle Flat was a thriving community during the gold rush of the 1870's. Fletchers dam is our next destination. Along the way we pass a memorial to Charlie Gunther, a timber worker killed on the spot in 1959.

From Fletchers Dam our next stop is Wallaby Mine. The relics here are in good condition and look as if they could be restarted with very little effort. From here we go to the Nine Mile Creek historic area and back to Lake Kerford.

YHA Melbourne & BBC Intra Club Walk -Dinner **Friday, September 28th** **Ungraded**
Leader: Deb **7pm**

Phone: 0410047884 before 8pm

Bookings by: Friday, September 21st

Join us for dinner on Friday night at The Star Hotel, Guinea St. Albury at 7pm. It will be a great way to end a good days walking and talk about the walks coming up for Saturday and Sunday or the AFL Grand final.

YHA Melbourne & BBC Intra Club Walk **Friday, September 28th** **Grade 4**
Pine mountain and Rocky Knob **10km**

Bushwalking

Leader: Deb

Phone: 0410047884 before 8pm

Bookings by: Wednesday, Sept. 26th

Pine Mountain is a gigantic rock monolith reputedly one and half times as large as Uluru. The walk to the top over imposing rock outcrops is rated as strenuous (grade 4) but offers panoramic views of the surrounding Murray River valleys.

YHA Melbourne & BBC Intra Club Walk **Saturday, September 29th** **Grade 3**
Flaggy Creek Gorge Walking Track **14km**

Bushwalking

Leader: Deb

Phone: 0410047884 before 8pm

Bookings by: Wednesday, Sept. 26th

This is a rugged 14km (7-hour) return walk that provides access to the waterfalls and rock pools within Flaggy Creek Gorge. Panoramic views over the Murray River are available from Valley View after 1.5km.

Section 1: Kurrajongs to Valley View (1.5km) – is a continuous climb through granite boulders. This section is a demanding climb with very few flat areas. On reaching Valley View there are views in both directions along the Murray River. Caution is required on this section as there are unguarded cliff edges.

YHA Melbourne & BBC Intra Club Walk **Sunday, September 30th** **Grade 3**
Mt. Granya Walking Track **10.4km**

Leader: Deb

Phone: 0410047884 before 8pm

Bookings by: Wednesday, Sept. 26th

This walk through open forest links Cotton Tree Creek with Mt Granya Summit via Granya Falls.

Bike by the Lake **Saturday, October 6th** **Grade 2**
Cycling **46 kms approx.**

Leader: Ian

Phone: 0425782983

Bookings by: Thursday, October 4th

This is a bike ride on the High Country Rail Trail beginning at Ludlow's Reserve and taking cyclist on a scenic journey beside Lake Hume, across the Sandy Creek Bridge to Tallangatta where we'll lunch at the popular Teddy's Joint (<https://www.facebook.com/teddysjoint>) before riding back to Ludlow's, a total distance of around 46kms. The

trail is undulating with some moderate gradients and is a mix of smooth gravel and sealed sections. A great warm-up ride for those doing the 'Tall Trestle Treadle' the following week. (Cyclists must have a roadworthy bike, puncture repair kit and spare tube.)

Mt. Dunn and Macs Point on Mt. Buffalo Sunday, October 7th Grade 2

Bushwalking

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Phone: 0412 404 770

Bookings by: Thursday, October 4th

The walk starts at the reservoir car park. Our first objective is Mt Dunn at 1492 metres. The last bit is a climb of about 100 metres and metal stairs to reach the summit but the views are spectacular. From here the trail heads toward Wild dog Plain, Split Rocks and Giants Causeway with amazing rock formations. Further on Macs Point offers stunning views over the Great Dividing Range. The final leg follows the Rocky Creek Track through snow grass plains and snow gum forest to the cars.

Huon Hill Wodonga Sunday, October 7th Grade 2

Bushwalking

Leader: Cindy Pickering

Phone: 0410 425 335

Rising 263 metres above the Murray and Kiewa floodplains, Huon Hill offers spectacular views of Lake Hume, the Kiewa Valley, the Alpine Region, Murray and Kiewa Rivers, and Albury and Wodonga cities.

We start this walk at the cattle grid entrance to the Reserve. From there we climb gradually up to the lookouts close to the top of Huon Hill. This is time to take in the horizon as it unfolds before us. At the top we will stop for morning tea where we will enjoy the 360 degree views of Albury Wodonga, the Weir and various landmarks. Afterwards we walk the Bundy Track to the Kiewa River and make our way back to the awaiting cars.

Mt. Tabletop - Dinner Plain Saturday, October 13th Grade 3

Leader: Deb

Phone: 0410047884 before 8pm

Bookings by: Wednesday, October 10th

At 1593 metres above sea level, Mt. Tabletop is a distinctive flat plateau linked to the Great Dividing Range by a low ridge. From JB Plain, about 1.5 km west of Dinner Plain village, walk south (following an old fence line) across the plains for 0.5 km. From here the route is marked by orange triangular markers. After crossing snow grass plains and Snow Gum woodland the route drops down to Tabletop Creek and then follows a long ridge up to the plateau. The track is marked to a rocky outcrop just below the summit. Return via the same route. All up about 14kms. Hopefully there will still be a bit of snow around on the peaks.

Tallangatta Tall Trestle Treadle - High Country Sunday, October 14th Ungraded

Rail Trail Event

Cycling

Leader: Cindy Pickering

Phone: 0410 425 335

Tall Trestle Treadle

Ride Highlights

- Corryong to Colac Colac: 6kms of cruisy flat riding
- Shelley Station to Koetong Station: 8 kms easy downhill riding through magnificent forest. BBQ lunch at Koetong Pub.
- Koetong Station to Darbyshire: Slightly more adventurous. 8 kms of downhill with superb views.
- Old Tallangatta to Tallangatta: an easy 9 kms along the sealed section of the High Country Rail Trail

Refer to the High Country Rail Trail website site for the registration form. <http://highcountryrailtrail.org.au/>

Pub to Pub by Bike**Saturday, October 20th****Grade 3****Cycling****65 kms return****Leader: Ian****Phone: 0425782983****Bookings by: Tuesday, October 16th**

Yep, it's on again due to popular demand! Meeting at the Happy Valley Hotel car park, Ovens at 9.45 for a 10:00 start. The ride is all on the sealed Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail over generally flat terrain via Eurobin, Porepunkah and Bright to Wandiligong. We will lunch at the Wandiligong Pub before heading back to Happy Valley Pub. <http://www.happyvalleyhotel.com.au/>

(A condition of this ride is that participants MUST partake of refreshments at both the pubs) Cyclists need to have a roadworthy bike, spare tube and puncture repair kit. There are options for those who don't wish to do the full ride to join us at Eurobin, Porepunkah or Bright.

Please note final booking date as a reservation for lunch will need to be made at the Wandil Pub.

Myrtleford to Bright by bike**Saturday, October 27th****Grade 2****Cycling****62 kms return****Leader: Ian****Phone: 0425782983****Bookings by: Tuesday, October 16th**

We'll meet at the back of Coles Supermarket in Myrtleford at 10:15am before heading off on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail for a cruisy 2 hour ride to Bright on a sealed rail trail with virtually no hills. After feeding our faces in Bright at 'What You Eat' cafe we'll ride back to Myrtleford. Easy peasy! Cyclists to bring a spare tube and puncture repair kit and water. If you don't want to ride the full distance there are options to join us at Eurobin, or even Porepunkah.

Falls Creek Young's Hut day walk**Saturday, November 3rd****Grade 3****Bushwalking****Leader: Eileen****Phone: 0412042195****Bookings by: Wednesday, October 31st**

We'll accompany Ian's overnights on their way in to Youngs Hut from Pretty Valley in the morning, then return after lunch. The walk is about 8 km in each direction with some climbing and the top part is very exposed.

Hopefully we will have great views and no dramas!

Young's Hut Overnight**Saturday, November 3rd -****Grade 3****Overnight camping****Sunday, November 4th****Leader: Ian****Phone: 0425782983****Bookings by: Tuesday, October 30th**

My last visit to "our" hut was just before Winter set in, so this will be an opportunity to see how she has fared in our absence. Young's Hut is a rustic former SEC survey hut that our club maintains in conjunction with Parks Victoria. The walk will start from Pretty Valley Pondage, follow the Fainters Fire Trail for a few kms before heading cross country to Pole 333, past Mt Jim on the track leading to the hut, a distance of approx 20kms. Return journey is via the same route with a possible side trip to Mt Jim. We should have great views to Mt Hotham, the Razorback and Mt Feathertop and may see some brumbies. Walk is both on and off track, with a couple of short steep climbs, and is very exposed across the top.

(I would appreciate someone to organise hikers coming from Albury/Wodonga)

Ryder's Yards Overnight**Saturday, November 17th -****Grade 3****Leader: Ian****Sunday, November 18th****14kms****Phone: 0425782983****Bookings by: Monday, November 12th**

This walk is suitable for those who have not previously completed an overnight walk. The walk follows the Australian Alps Walking Track and begins with a visit to Cope Hut before setting off across the Bogong High Plains via Cope Saddle Hut (former SEC hut), up Mt Bundora to Pole 380 then cross country to the aqueduct and along

the track to Ryder's Yards. We'll camp here overnight before returning along the same route the next day. There will be plenty of scope for a bit of extra wandering if time, energy and enthusiasm warrants. This is an ideal opportunity to hone up on cross country navigational skills and an opportunity for those who would like to experience an easy overnighter.

**Bluff Hut/Ritchies Hut
Bushwalking and Overnight Car Camping
Leaders: Mick Sheedy
Phone: 0437101009
Deb: 0410047884 before 8pm**

**Friday, November 23rd -
Sunday, November 25th
2018**

Grade 4

Bookings by: Tuesday, November 20th

This is a two night car camp starting Friday night at 8 mile camp on the Howqua River. Saturday will start with an early drive up to the walking track to Bluff Hut. It's a short steep climb up the Bluff, but once up on top it has some of the best views. We'll be walking along the top of the Bluff cliffs to Bluff Hut for lunch then returning back down to the cars and back to our camp at 8 mile campsite. In total it's approximately 12 kms return trip.

Sunday mornings walk will commence from our base at 8 mile camp to Ritchies Hut. We will have a choice of a low track and a high track. Walking along the low track we follow the Howqua river to the hut. On the return trip back we will follow the high track back to cars. This should be a nice relaxing walk along the river of approx 12 kms return walk.

Numbers are dependent on 4wds available.

To the best knowledge of the leader this track is rated EASY. Drivers undertake this drive at own risk.

Description:

All wheel drive and High Range 4WD

Novice Drivers.

Mostly unsealed roads with no obstacles and minor gradients.

Can be low clearance with single range and road tyres.

May be difficult in wet conditions.

Falls Creek Hidden Waterfall

Saturday, December 1st

Grade 3

Bushwalking

14 kms approx.

Leader: Eileen

Phone: 0412042195

Bookings by: Wednesday, November 28th

This is a repeat of a walk a few of us did early in the year. Starting from Cope Hut we take the Alpine Walking Track to Cope Saddle then along the aqueduct to Ryders Yards for morning tea. Then it's back to the aqueduct for a short distance until we turn off along a faint track for about 2 km to the waterfall located in a rocky gorge. Return by the same route. The walk is about 14 km and relatively flat.

The Three Tracks pre Christmas walk

Saturday, December 22nd

Grade 3

Leader: Mick Sheedy

22kms approx.

Phone: 0437101009

Deb: 0410047884 before 8pm

Bookings by: Tuesday, December 12th

After meeting at Mt Beauty we will head up to the Bogong village to start our walk. The first track starts with a short steep climb up the Black Possum Spur track to Mt Arthur before going down to Bogong Creek Saddle.

Bogong Fire track will start us off on our second track which makes its way underneath Mt Bogongs West Peak to where our last track following Roper Spur track to which we will then follow back to our cars.

There will be a small car shuffle at the start and finish of our walk and the walk is approximately 22ks

The Grey Hills Track Loop Walk

Saturday, January 5th

Grade 4

Leader: Mick Sheedy

22 kms approx.

Phone: 0437101009

Deb: 0410047884 before 8pm

Bookings by: Wednesday, January 2nd 2019

Lake Guy at Bogong Village is where we will commence our walk climbing up Black Possum Spur to Mt Arthur.

From here we join The Grey Hills track, this track could be over grown or uneven and may not be well defined.

Hopefully we should get good views of Mt Bogong as we walk along the ridge to where we meet Spion Kopje Fire Track. We then have a short walk to Spion Kopje and should enjoy great 360 degree views before descending back down Spion Kopje fire track to Lake Guy to our cars. All up the walk will be approx 22kms

Mt. Buller to Mt. Stirling Overnighter

Leader: Mick Sheedy

Phone: 0437101009

Deb: 0410047884 before 8pm

Bookings by: Friday, January 11th 2019

We will be leaving Albury early on Saturday morning and driving to Mt Buller. After leaving cars near Tip Corner we will follow the unsealed Cornhill Road, which leads to Cornhill Track. Following Corn Hill Track we will descend to Howqua Gap Hut, before heading up to the summit of Mt Stirling (1,747m) on Howqua Gap Trail. From the open grassy summit we'll get views of the Crosscut Saw, Mount Buller and Mount Buffalo. The walk from Buller to Stirling is 8km one way/16km return.

After setting up tents at Bluff Spur Hut (just off the summit of Stirling), we will have lunch, then there will be an option to walk to Craig's Hut in the afternoon (7km return).

After packing up on Sunday morning we will make the return trip to Mt Buller and the cars.

All up (from Buller to Stirling and Craigs Hut, on Saturday and returning to cars on Sunday) about 23km over the two days, all on well marked tracks, with a few steep short climbs/descents.

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