



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 July 2nd



Hot soup and show and tell!

I wouldn't go walking without...

Come along and while enjoying a cup of delicious soup prepared by the committee, share that essential thing you take on a walk. This could be serious, practical or fanciful, informative or funny. It could be about something tangible such as gear,

equipment, food, or otherwise; ability, feeling....

Some examples-

My iPod loaded up with Beethoven, Queen and Slim Dusty so I don't have to listen to the other walkers babbling on about the latest gear purchase or tech, club gossip etc

my invisible friend to carry my pack, put up my tent and keep me warm in my sleeping bag.

totally toned muscles.....whatever...



Where: Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, Civic Centre Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga

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.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Jeanette Tulloch

Jen Ryan

Sharon Bagley

Damian Carroll

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOOTPRINTS

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

Send to:

newsletter@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au

Deadline for next Footprints is 21/7/19

A huge thank you to all those who submit material.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S STUMP

Recently Sandy Kaitler and I attended the Bushwalking Victoria Leadership Forum and Annual General Meeting in Melbourne.

The one-hour workshops related to 'Privacy Law Considerations for Bushwalking Clubs'; 'Technology Tips for Bushwalking Clubs'; and, 'Bushwalking Manual/Safety/Insurance'.

We also attended half hour workshops that focused on 'Child Safety Laws and Bushwalking'; 'Connecting with Indigenous Land and People'; 'How to Build a Bushwalking Community'; and, 'Running Successful Bushwalking Programs'.

We will be discussing some of the issues/ideas raised at these workshops with committee.

The Leadership Forum provided us with a great opportunity to learn about a number of initiatives being undertaken by BWV, as well as to hear about some milestones achieved and to hear what BWV's priorities are for 2019/20. The following is a brief snapshot of the day.

- Priorities for 2019/20 will include: 'Where2Walk'; BWV website development; completion of the Bushwalking Manual; training funding; Relationship Development funding; Event Promotion funding; and development of a new Strategic Plan
- BWV is in the process of completing a new Bushwalking Manual. Members can access the prototype at <http://35.201.1.245/> This manual has been funded by DELWP to the tune of \$40,000 and was begun in July 2018. BWV would welcome any feedback and is also seeking photographs for inclusion.
- Bush Search and Rescue will be involved in the Victorian Backcountry Festival on September 8/9 at Mount Hotham
- Bushwalking Tracks and Conservation is seeking Club's feedback on track issues so upgrades and ongoing maintenance can be initiated.
- The 'Where2Walk' program provides Clubs such as ours the opportunity to showcase handpicked walks in our area.
- BWV is moving its website away from Joomla to Word Press.
- The BWV Treasurer, Mike Green, is preparing a package for Clubs that will outline all relevant information relating to all insurance matters.
- At the AGM which followed the Leadership Forum it was agreed that the current affiliation fees for Clubs remain the same.

It is perhaps timely to remind members that the President of Bushwalking Victoria, Colin Macdonald, will be in attendance at our August Club Night, on **Tuesday, August 6th** and will undoubtedly talk about some of the above initiatives and priorities.

Look forward to seeing you on a track, a ski slope or a bike path soon.

Ian

BOOKING ON ACTIVITIES

Our leaders are very generous in giving up their time to plan and lead walks. Without them we would not have a club.

Here are a few reminders to help make their planning easier:

Leaders spend a lot of time organising cars and petrol. This can be quite complicated but is made much more complicated by people booking late or cancelling. Recently a number of leaders have spent a lot of time recalculating as numbers continually change after the cut-off date and I've never heard a leader say "I'm not really into the outdoors, I do it for the Maths experience."

Please check the events program regularly if you are considering joining an event and then book by the advertised date. Once you are booked consider it a commitment.

If you are worried about the weather check the forecast before booking and trust that your leader will cancel or modify if needed.

Whilst the unexpected can happen and its always worth a call if you missed the booking date, please consider your leader and try to help out in these ways.

It's also important that you phone the leader for a conversation unless they know you and your capabilities well. They will want to check that you and the activity are a good match and that you have the correct gear. This call is also a good chance to let your leader know of any medical conditions or medication that you need.

Finally, don't forget to print the emergency contact and medical information form; fill it in and place it in the top of your pack.

Enjoy your activity and don't forget to thank the leader for all their work, seen and unseen.

Bernadette
Activities Co-ordinator.

FIRST AID COURSE

September 8th 2019. Senior Citizens Hall

The club has been successful in gaining funds for first aid training via a Community Impact Grant. Anyone interested in doing this course should email Vanessa (secretary@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au) to express interest. This full day course is for 12 participants and includes free lunch and tuition by a professional provider. In the event of over subscription, the committee will apply criteria with leaders and upcoming leaders a priority.

This is a real opportunity to gain an important qualification and increase the first aid capability of the Club.

TRIP REPORTS

Hume and Hovell track overnight walk

7 and 8 June 2019.

The walk was slightly unusual in that it was on a Friday and a Saturday as they were the only two days that our fearless leader Bernadette could fit it in to her social calendar. Four others, being Pauline, Eve, Ron and Bruce, found the dates

convenient, making a total of five walkers. The section of the track that was planned was south of Tumbarumba, beginning at Mannus Lake and finishing about 35 km closer to Albury at Clear Springs property. Bernadette and Pauline had earlier done a reconnaissance, so it was easy to find our finishing point to leave one car. We all proceeded in the direction of Lake Mannus in the second vehicle. Five kilometres before Lake Mannus the track meets the road at the Mannus (as distinct from Lake Mannus) campsite. Someone suggested that we could start there and save 5 km of walking and that seemed to be a popular choice, so we started there. Day one was a magnificent day with a very solid frost. At various places we could see the fresh snow on the main range which looked spectacular in the sunshine. Our camp was at the Munderoo campsite which had the great advantage of not being accessible by vehicles and hence there was plenty of wood for a fire. We also had a table under a shelter which made for a convivial meal. Later, we sat around the fire and Bernadette commented that it was great to have warm feet, not realising that the leaves on the ground had dried out and were burning around her boots. Next day was overcast but fine. We walked the final 16 km, (only getting lost once) retrieved the car left at the start and drove home via Holbrook where we stopped for refuelling, but not with petrol or diesel. Thanks to Bernadette and Pauline for the organisation and Pauline for the photos. Bruce



Flagstaff Range

With the gates up high shut till spring, good winter walks are restricted. Close to home and not regularly visited Flagstaff Range in Stanley State Forest, provides a variety of terrains and vegetation habitats. This walk required us to leave one car at the top of Buckland Gap for our finish, because we would start the walk on Flagstaff Track, just off the Wangaratta/Myrtleford Road. Over the first 8km as we walked up and along a ridge, we walked into and out of fog. Views south to Mt Buffalo and west along the Murmungee rim followed us as headed up, for a break at the top and something to eat. From here the track continues northish with lots of



ups and downs. The sun came out as we got to the Dingle Block pine plantation and this was great timing for lunch. Not long after we got back to walking, and up high in the gums at Clark Corner, we all stopped and listened to a huge flock of Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoos. But with the fog rolling back in it was too cold to stand around and we headed for Murmungee Lookout. Here the fog parted long enough for a great view of the ridge that we had followed all day. Thanks to everyone for making it a great day.

PS we also collected a heap of rubbish (bottles, cans, plastic mainly) as we walked.



LOCKHART'S GAP TRIP REPORT



Twelve happy hikers tackled the 18km Lockhart's Gap Track recently. Led by Bernadette from the Lockhart's Gap end, six hikers set off at 9:00am, while the other six, led by Ian set off from the Tallangatta Lookout end.

The sun was soon shining brightly in a cloudless sky as both groups made good time over the undulating and at times steep four-wheel drive track. At around midday the two groups met and

lunch was enjoyed in the peaceful surrounds of the bush before we exchanged car keys and continued on our merry way.

Following the hike, we adjourned to the Trevaskis home in Tallangatta where a sumptuous afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

Ian



AN AFTERNOON ON NAIL CAN HILL

Bernadette marshalled 4 intrepid walkers (Don, Suzanne, Eileen and Ken) on Pemberton street for a walk on Nailcan. After briefing, we set off in bright sunshine to walk up to up to the Ridge Trial via Warrenlea track. A 15-minute climb got us all loosened up and ready to go. Soon we took the Gorge Track which has had extensive work done on it and was a little muddy and slippery in

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spots. Bernadette related a story about an excavator driver who haunts nailcan. The climb out to the lookout was testing but well worth the magnificent views across to Bogong and the surrounding high country. After a short lunch break, we headed back to Reedy Dam, the Ridge Trail and Florence track to the cars, saying hello to all the dogs in West Albury. A great day with great company. The walk was about 12 km and 440 m height gain. Thanks to Bernadette for leading.
Ken



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Please click on the following events website for the latest events on offer from BBC

<https://borderbushwalkingclub.com.au/events/>

NOTICES

BORDER BUSHWALKING CLUB FEES are now overdue

Fees are as follows:

Single \$45, Concession \$35, Family of 2 \$80. Concession \$65. Extra family member \$10 per person

Concessions are granted to those who have a Centrelink pension or allowance and not holders of Seniors cards. Please pay your fees by direct deposit into our account, including your name;

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SAFE WALKING

As Winter approaches we all need to think about what makes for safe walking. Days are shorter and torches may be needed if there is any delay, its colder and more layers are needed... Sometimes leaders may decide to cancel, alter or postpone an activity as the conditions are unsafe or just uncomfortable. That is always the leader's prerogative and the decision should be respected. It can be tricky for a leader to make that decision. If you, as a leader, are unsure whether you should proceed please discuss your concerns with another trusted club member who is aware of the area and how conditions may impact on the walk. Enjoy the joys of Winter activities knowing that it's much more fun if you feel safe.

Bernadette, Activities Coordinator.

OTAGO TRAMPING CLUB



Otago Youth Adventure Trust
Milton Rotary Tramping Club



Bookings for the 2020 season of tramps and bike trips will open on Tuesday 18 June at 8am.

Join a trip this summer to take in the scenic beauty of the south of the South Island.

Tramp - Bike - Chat - Eat - Relax

Click on the link at the end of this email on Tuesday 18 June to take you to the Club website to find dates and prices for each trip, then make your booking. Information about each of the trips listed below can be viewed now on the website.

Lodge Based Tramping

Aspiring - Borland - Tautuku

Tramping Trips

Humpridge - Kepler - Milford and two Milford trips with the final night on the Milford Wanderer -

Rakiura (Stewart Island) - Routeburn - Routeburn/Greenstone

Bike Trips

A2O - Clutha Gold/Roxburgh - Queenstown - Wanaka

<https://www.otagorotarytrusttramps.org.nz/>

Some trips book up quickly so please book as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. If a trip is full contact the coordinator to place your name on the waiting list as cancellations can happen.

The OYAT Milton Rotary Tramping Club

DEER CONTROL

Hi,

Parks Victoria completed the second stage of the deer aerial shooting trial in the Alpine National Park on Thursday 16th May.

One hundred and thirty five deer were shot by professional aerial marksman in just over 18 hours of aerial shooting time. This adds to the 119 deer that were shot in the first stage of the trial in October, equating to a deer approximately every 8 minutes over the course of the trial.


The recent operation focussed on the isolated, high elevation parts of the park around Mt Bogong and the Bogong High Plains. These areas contain sensitive alpine communities with high conservation value that are very difficult to access on foot.

During both operations the air crew noticed significant track networks and large wallows that had been formed by deer. The aerial trial forms part of the broader deer control trial that Parks Victoria commenced in 2015, which has also

Parks Victoria would like to thank visitors and local communities for their understanding regarding the park closures that were put in place during this important park management operation.

Regional Project Coordinator, Alps Intensive Management | Eastern Victoria

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...
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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**

Bernadette
Glenda
Pauline
Tania
Ken



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>



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.

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