



# FOOTPRINTS

## August 2019

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



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### CLUB NIGHT

**7:30pm, Tuesday, August 6**

***Guest Speaker; Colin Macdonald, President Bushwalking Victoria***

Colin will review what BWV have achieved over the last year and plans for the future. Their role is critical in improving tracks, promoting bushwalking, search and rescue, Where 2 Walk, 200 detailed maps and guides for walks in Victoria, providing training for leadership, navigation etc. and a host of other activities that we tend to take for granted.

He will leave lots of time for discussion around many of the new initiatives such as encouraging children into bushwalking, addressing the aging profile of clubs etc. Check out the excellent recent upgrades to the BWV website before the night

More than half your fees go towards supporting BWV and the Insurance Scheme they organise on our behalf. This is an excellent opportunity to hear first-hand from the President who is making this visit to Albury Wodonga just for our benefit.

**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:

Cath Bishop,  
Aaron Breust  
Simon Mullumby

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](mailto:newsletter@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au)

Deadline for next Footprints is 25/8/19

A huge thank you to all those who submit material.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S STUMP

Now that winter is here there is a strong temptation to rug up, snuggle down beside a roaring fire and avoid stepping outside into the cold.

A judicious choice of clothing and the ability to steel oneself against the elements, no matter how harsh or unwelcome, means you can still enjoy and savour the delights of being outdoors.

There might be a frost on the grass, a mist in the hills and snow on the ground, but there are still walks happening at lower elevations, as well as regular cross-country skiing and some occasional snowshoeing.

So, don't waste all your Winter indoors, keep an eye on the Club's website to see what cold-weather activities are on and book yourself in for one.



At our recent committee meeting we discussed ways in which we might attract a wider diversity of participants in Club activities and have decided to try to include some short and easy (under 8km) social walks. This might be a short walk along the river followed by coffee and cake at a local café. We'd also like to introduce some easy family-friendly walks with a BBQ lunch included. Such walks might include a stroll in Chiltern State Park with a local plant expert followed by a barbecue and social gathering.

These more socially-orientated walks provide a great opportunity for members who have not yet led a walk to put their hand up to do so. They are also a great way to introduce the joys of bushwalking to a wider 'audience'. Stay tuned.

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

## TRIP REPORTS

### Mt Warby

3pm..... we had to be back at the cars by then, because no matter which weather site you visited, they all predicted rain at 3pm.

Mt Warby day walk, was a girls day out on what started as a great winters day. The Salisbury Falls Walking Track, which turns into Salisbury Walking Track, took us up the gorge, through open bush, with good views to the east and Wangaratta, to our morning tea stop at the Mt Warby cairn. Crossing the summit we headed west, to Wenhams Camp (where there were quite a number of people out for a drive) and then we followed a variety of tracks to Kwat Kwat Lookout for lunch. It was 12pm; still no rain and Tania discovered a geocache that hadn't been found for quite some time. So everything was going well. The wind picked up, we headed off, found the turn off for The Alpine Views Track and headed down the eastern side, towards the gorge. We ran into more walkers, who were also on a mission to get back to their car by 3pm. Another geocache was successfully located and we were back at the cars, by 2:30pm. As we headed into Wangaratta and just before 3pm, it started to rain heavily. Thanks to the forecasters for getting it right this time and to Felicity, Rosemary, Jane and Elizabeth for a very relaxed day out. Deb





## Huon Hill Walk

A clear cold day. Marie, Sacho, Kathryn and Ken met at the car park outside Killara and found the track flooded by a very fast flowing Kiewa River.

A change of plans and we decided to do the climb Huon Hill via the Stringy Bark track. After a short diversion to the lookout where we admired the thick fog we retraced our steps 800 m and continued on the Huon fire trail and then followed our noses to the cars. We saw a large group of deer including a white one! (and a Tasmanian Tiger) OK just a white deer. Thanks to Sasho for leading...a great time. Ken





### 13 July Ski, Falls Creek

What a great intro to winter with full wet/cold weather gear on, powder snow with sleet at times, strong south westerlies that sent us back from the Sun Valley area to the more sheltered timbered northern area of Mt McKay Road behind Windy Corner. Snow like silk beneath the skis. The sun struggled to appear & whiteouts threatened. Had to use chains for first time in 18 years & enough said about other clueless drivers in the conditions! Looking forward to a fine day with powder snow hopefully real sooooooon!

Reminder still some beds available Howmans w/e 16-18 August. Sue





## July 20 Ski Falls Creek

Five of us went all hopeful for a day's touring but icy conditions off piste foiled our efforts. The groomed trails were softer from all the skaters out, so we gave our legs a good workout up Mt McKay Rd, then out around the Sun Valley Loop finishing with a run over the dam wall and out along Roper's Trail. Visibility better than last week & not quite as cold. The sun appeared at the end of the day. We are all set for touring next week in the hope some decent snowfalls this week. All voted it was a good day – our femme de ski BBC style! Sue







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

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

## NOTICES



## Federation Walks 2019

Saturday, 19 October and Sunday, 20 October

*Bookings for Federation Walks 2019 are open, so please book early before your chosen walks fill up! Click on the green booking button above to book. To see more detail about the available walks prior to booking, please [click here](#) for the walks program.*

*Walks are offered through the Otway forests, across creeks, to waterfalls; on Anglesea Heath with its springtime wildflowers; and along the clifftops and beaches of the Surf Coast.*

*The weekend is being co-hosted by the Geelong Bushwalking Club and the Otway Ranges Walking Track Association.*

*The cost for the weekend is \$48 (\$24 for one day only).*

*Please go to the Fed Walks website <https://fedwalks.org.au> for all the information you need. On the website there is information about the registration procedures, accommodation and other facilities in Lorne, and the social aspects of the weekend.*

*Please accept our apologies for the several changes we have had to make to the walk program along the way. These were necessary to conform to the requirements for obtaining a Parks Victoria permit for this event. However, we can assure all walkers that they will enjoy the selection of our favourite walks in the region as much as we do!*

*Unfortunately, following our latest budget review, we needed to adjust the booking fee to \$24 per day to cover our costs for the weekend. This is inclusive of the souvenir walk booklet and afternoon tea.*

*Please alert your club members to get their bookings in early.*

*See you in Lorne in October!*

*Yours, Daphne Sands  
[fedwalks2019@fedwalks.org.au](mailto:fedwalks2019@fedwalks.org.au)*

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## Tall Trestle Treadle

Hi all,  
Please join with the Tallangatta Rail Trail Group and celebrate the completion of the Dry Forest Creek Bridge and the official opening, by participating in this year's **Tall Trestle Treadle, Sunday 13th October, 2019.**

The completion of this bridge is a major milestone for the volunteer group and allows us to use the Darbyshire to Bullioh section of the High Country Rail Trail for this year's ride. This year riders will be bused to Shelley Station, to start the ride. Ride to Koetong Station for morning tea. Continue on the trail passing the Darbyshire Station and beyond to Dry Forest Creek, Bullioh, on a section of the trail not used for this event in previous years. Lunch and official opening of the bridge at Dry Forest Creek. After lunch, riders will be bused to the Old Tallangatta lookout stop, for the easy ride to Tallangatta where afternoon tea will be served at the Goods Shed.

Entries open early August.  
Information available from <http://www.highcountryrailtrail.org.au>

Kerry Love  
On behalf of the Tallangatta High Country Rail Trail

## 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:

Ken  
Tania  
Sue



### 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.

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