

FOOTPRINTS

May 2021

*Newsletter of the Border Bushwalking Club Inc
Affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria*

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Club Nights return.....finally

After a full year's absence due to COVID restrictions, we will hold our first club night for 2021 in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday May 4, 2021. The Meeting location is Senior Citizens Meeting Room, at the rear of Cube Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga (Havelock Street end of car park).

The AGM will only be a matter of minutes as there are no elections planned at this stage. All executive roles have just one nomination. There are enough nominations to form a committee however there are still two more positions available if you would like to become involved further with our club. Most of the night we will be entranced by the star attraction, club members, Liz and Brad.

Cairns to Broome by Bike

In 2019, club members Liz and Brad rode their trusty pushbikes 4250kms across the top of Australia via the Savannah Way (with some side trips).

The ride included a huge variety of terrain, lots of isolated and very bumpy roads and many kind fellow travellers. It was a great experience.

This club night we'll be talking about it and showing some video snippets.

Come along for the ride...Tuesday May 4, 7.30pm
Senior Citizen Room Hovell Street Wodonga



President's Annual Report

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present my President's Annual Report.

After reconsidering my original intention to step down from the presidency, I have decided to continue in the role for another 12 months after approaches from a number of members to remain, and because some of our very experienced committee members are leaving.

I am pleased to report that it looks like our club will be as strong and committed as ever in 2021-22 as we welcome back former committee members David Graf and Dick Wellard, as well as new committee members, Nola Houghton and David Butler who have accepted the invitation to become more involved in Club affairs.

A big thank you must be extended to retiring committee members – Ken Tooley, Marie Maguire, Bernadette Cromarty and Simon Mullumby. While on committee they have worked tirelessly in your interests and have shown a real commitment to BBC. So, a BIG shout out to the four of them for a job well done!

The past year has been a challenging one due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has impacted all our lives in many different ways. Despite the constraints and the ever-changing scenarios this insidious virus has thrown at us, Border Bushwalking Club has proved both resilient and creative as we continue to offer members a veritable smorgasbord of activities in the great outdoors. This has been further highlighted by the constant stream of new members not only joining the club but participating in activities.

The biggest impact was the cessation of our regular Club Nights; however, we did conduct a couple of highly successful social evenings at Noreuil Park and we are now in the position to return to our regular meetings at the Wodonga Senior Citizen's Hall, which I'm sure all will welcome.

I thought it timely to reflect on some of the changes your committee has implemented over the past few years. Too often we forget that behind the scenes there is a proactive core group of people who are constantly reviewing, revising and considering what can be improved or implemented to ensure our members get true 'bang for their buck', so to refresh your memory here are some of the changes that have occurred:

- Navigation Training days
- A First Aid in the Bush Training day
- Annual Leader's briefings
- A complete review and reformatting of all club policies
- Leaders' 'Prompt' cards
- Invitations to Bush Walking Victoria to speak at Club Nights
- Introduction of an electronic version of 'Footprints'
- Updating and making user-friendly our 'Events' site
- Attendance by committee members at the annual Bush Walking Victoria Leader's Forum
- 'Participants List' emailed to committee as a safety measure
- Introduction of more social events
- New equipment purchases
- Printing of Business Cards for distribution to fellow hikers
- Weekly notices of club activities on the 'EcoPortal' website
- Introduction of a club Forum on our website so members can keep in touch
- 4WD track gradings introduced
- Regular 'Out and About' articles in the Border Mail advertising our club
- Introduction of themes at our Club Nights
- Introduction of flavoured Tim Tams for supper!



I'm sure there are others I've missed, but the point is to congratulate and celebrate the way members, and particularly committee members, are constantly striving to improve and progress our club.

I look forward to another successful and satisfying year as your president and hope to catch up with you sometime, somewhere, on a track, a cycle path, a waterway or a ski slope in the near future.

Ian Trevaskis

April 2021

Federation Walks Update

As you may have heard, the committee has decided to no longer be considered as the host club for Fed Walks in November 2022 and have advised Bush Walking Victoria (BWV) accordingly.

In February 2020 I was approached by a board member of BWV to see if our club was interested in becoming the 2021 Host Club. At its March meeting committee agreed that we would consider this possibility. As we are now all aware, COVID became a very serious issue that required rapid responses and major changes. All activities were cancelled and Fed Walks 2020 was postponed until 2021 and the 2021 event was delayed until 2022.

Due to a misunderstanding between Bush Walking Victoria and BBC, in all the confusion of COVID, it was assumed that BBC would in fact become the 2022 host club. No review was conducted by committee on what work load this project would involve, no formal vote was taken to host the event and BWV failed to provide us with their extensive documentation on what was required to host the event.

Now, one year on, we have finally seen this extensive documentation outlining the volunteer manpower required to plan and conduct the event. After much serious and considered discussion and debate, committee overwhelmingly felt that hosting the 2022 Fed Walks is beyond the current resources of our club, even with potential offers of support from three other local clubs.

When the Club last hosted this event in 2006 we had a membership of around 300 and the organisation of the event was a lot simpler than it has now become. Committee felt it would be a big ask for the incoming committee to be expected to run this event and that it would be a huge drain on our limited resources at this time. This decision has been passed on to BWV. Should the event still go ahead in our region we have agreed to whole-heartedly support the organising body in whatever ways we can, including representation on the steering committee and the offer to lead activities.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the work undertaking by Simon Mullumby as our the Fed Walks Liasion Officer with BWV. Simon has already undertaken some of the initial groundwork required which will be of tremendous benefit to whichever club, or clubs, take on the hosting role.

Ian

New members; a warm welcome to the following.

- Michelle Hertzfeld, Paul Lappin & Jessie Lappin
- Tricia Jackson
- Franz & Franziska Eversheim

And our June Club Night is a special night for all new members. More details in the next edition Footprints plus all new members will receive a personal invitation by email

Trip Reports

Gourmet Weekend – Tawonga Huts

In perfect weather (okay, there was a wee bit of fog, a smidgeon of rain, a slurry of sleet and a dash of hail), five of us ventured out from Pretty Valley Pondage for the Annual BBC Gourmet Weekend to feed our faces on all foods Italian.

The huts were reached in record time (something to do with the weather I believe), tents were pitched, firewood was collected and we soon had us a warming fire going in the newly-installed wood heater.

The planned hike out to Mt Jaithmathang was postponed (something to do with steady rain) so we hung out in the hut eagerly anticipating pre-dinner drinks and entrees while stoking the fire and just chillin'.



The arrival of a group of secondary school students from Yarrawonga meant the hut was no longer ours alone. They did however gather in the larger empty hut where they did their cooking and hung out.

We invited Katrina, the leader from the Bogong Outdoor School to join us for the delicious platters of antipasto - cheeses, crackers, salami, prosciutto, etc. She was so impressed she was reluctant to return to her dehydrated dinner.



The little hut was soon filled with wet jackets and sleeping bags hanging from the rafters and a few random students sitting in front of the fire drying out.

Following the antipasto we indulged in a yummy main course of ragu with pasta, and gnocchi with burnt butter sauce, accompanied by a fresh salad.

By the time we got around to the tiramisu our bellies were full and it wasn't long before we waddled off to our tents!

During the evening we were visited by some deer hunters who were in the area as part of the Parks Victoria deer culling program. They parked their vehicle in front of the hut and set off into the night in search of prey, returning at some ungodly hour to wake us all from our slumbers when they drove out. During the night we were also serenaded, (in Italian of course), by a pack of wild dogs/dingoes in the nearby hills.

Sunday morning was a vast improvement on the previous day, with a sunny sky helping defrost our tents. As is the custom, our leader was up at the crack of dawn to start the fire and grind the coffee beans, before gently waking the sleeping hikers with a freshly brewed mug of coffee and buttered croissants (I know, not Italian, but what the heck!).

After breakfast we set off for the hike to Mt Jaithmathang which was a pleasant side trip in sparkling sunshine. We sat on the summit and admired the brilliant views before traipsing back down to the hut for an early lunch. While we sat out in the sunshine we surprised Bernadette with an Italian-inspired birthday cake and a resounding rendition of 'Happy Birthday', then it was on with the packs and off up the hill.



Another wonderful weekend in the woods accompanied by good friends, good food and good fellowship. Hope to see more members joining us next year when the theme will be Romanian food, or maybe Peruvian, or perhaps Estonian – who knows what culinary treats are in store!

Ian

Beechworth Easter Sunday Walk & Sing



This was a first for the leader, combining bushwalking with singing, and so it wasn't certain if anyone would be interested! But 17 set off from the Beechworth Powder Magazine at 9am, after entertaining a number of tourists in the carpark with a rendition of *Bele Mama* (from Cameroon).

First stop was One Tree Hill where we sang *Humba Laté* meaning

"Come with me for the journey is long" in 3-part harmony. Then on to The Precipice and morning tea, accompanied by *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* to celebrate the spirit of Easter Sunday.



At Fiddes Quarry we had an audience of one for the haunting round *Be Still And Know* by Jokhim Meikle, where a delightfully curious lady from Palestine stopped to listen and insisted she definitely did *not* want to join in. We did manage to coax her into taking a video though (now on the leader's Facebook page).

Finally at Ingram's Rock we sang a new arrangement of U2's *Pride (In The Name Of Love)* in commemoration of the assassination of Martin Luther King on 4 April 1968. More tourists stopped to listen and even thanked us for the singing. Maybe we should've put out a BBC fundraising hat?

Most miraculous of all was that we returned to the Powder Magazine right on the dot of 12:30pm, even with a few stops along the way to take photos of the autumn orchids. What a wonderful group to walk and sing with... discussions were already underway in the carpark afterwards about the potentials for a 'next time'.

Leanne

Riverwalk Trip Report

Back when we were very restricted in where we could walk due to COVID, Sue told me about a walk on the Victorian side of the Murray River that I'd never done. I knew a few not so well-known tracks on the NSW side and so our 'both sides of the river' walk was born.

I enjoyed it so much I decided to run it again in April. The weather should be lovely and Autumnal I thought.

Well, the 12 participants found themselves walking by the river but wishing that they were as cool as the water.

Despite the heat it was a very pleasant day out with a mixture of visitors, new members and the faithful oldies.

Only one actual used the opportunity to swim after the walk and that was me! Within 2 days we were facing Wintery temperatures so I'm glad I had that final dip after a very satisfying walk.

Bernadette



Annual Reports for submission to the AGM May 4 2021

Border Bushwalking Club Inc

Treasurer's Report

For the 12 months from 1 March 2020 to 28 February 2021

Assets and Liabilities

Assets as at 28 February 2021

• Cash at Bank – Current Account	\$ 3,674.92
• Cash at Bank – Term Deposit	<u>\$11,874.19</u>
Total Assets	\$15,549.11

Liabilities as at 28 February 2021	\$ 0.00
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Income and Expenditure

The period ended with an increase in cash at bank of \$2,098.59. Income included interest received of \$0.58 from the current account and \$118.34 from our Term Deposit.

Key points include:

- A private donation of \$200 was received for Young's Hut.
- Bushwalking Victoria's affiliation fees of \$1,764 were less than last year by \$1,829. These fees include our insurance for members and non-members. The decrease was due to Special Rebate COVID-19 of \$836 and a reduction based on members numbers of \$993.
- Website expenses of \$1,056 were greater than last year by \$606 due to :
 - integrated social media plugin \$360
 - website issue \$60
 - Telstra App fees of \$186

The annual website hosting and domain name registration cost of \$450 remained the same as last year.

- No club room hire fees were incurred this year (last year \$500).

Comments on overall financial position

Our revenue exceeded our recurrent expenditure due mainly to the decrease in affiliation fees paid to Bushwalking Victoria and no hall hire fees paid as a result of COVID-19.

Membership Fees

The committee proposes that the membership fee structure for the 2021-22 membership year remains at the current levels.

Evelyn Durham

Treasurer

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DISSECTION 2020/21																				
INCOME	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total Yr 20/21	Total Yr 19/20	Total Yr 18/19	Total Yr 17/18	Total Yr 16/17	Total Yr 15/16	Total Yr 14/15	Year 13/14
Members Fees	\$ 90.00	\$ -	\$ 1,115.00	\$ 1,580.00	\$ 770.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 5,390.00	\$ 4,980.00	\$ 5,158.00	\$ 4,468.00	\$ 4,658.00	\$ 4,539.00	\$ 4,670.00	\$ 5,420.00
Temp Mbr's Fees	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 351.00
Equipment Hire	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61.50	\$ -	\$ 71.50	\$ 132.00	\$ 233.00	\$ 113.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 406.00	\$ 272.00	\$ 1,286.00
Club Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 296.00
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,560.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Current Acc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.58	\$ 8.70	\$ 5.46	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.32	\$ 1.95	\$ 4.83
Interest Term Deposit	\$ 39.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118.34	\$ 255.85	\$ 267.30	\$ 266.61	\$ 308.13	\$ 274.27	\$ 383.44	\$ 472.83
Total income for month	\$ 149.57	\$ -	\$ 1,115.00	\$ 1,634.62	\$ 770.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 406.84	\$ 140.00	\$ 296.00	\$ 62.89	\$ 521.50	\$ 705.00	\$ 5,946.42	\$ 7,456.55	\$ 5,993.76	\$ 5,102.91	\$ 5,651.47	\$ 5,504.59	\$ 5,882.39	\$ 7,830.66
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total Yr 20/21	Total Yr 19/20	Total Yr 18/19	Total Yr 17/18	Total Yr 16/17	Total Yr 15/16	Total Yr 14/15	Year 13/14
Affiliation fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 65.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 138.40
BWV Affiliation (incl. pers insurance & public liability)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,764.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,764.29	\$ 3,594.09	\$ 3,508.28	\$ 3,366.40	\$ 3,079.45	\$ 3,960.00	\$ 3,845.40	\$ 3,463.13
Club Room Hire	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Consumer Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59.20	\$ -	\$ 56.90	\$ 56.90	\$ 54.40	\$ -	\$ 51.40	\$ 125.30
PO Box Hire	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124.00	\$ 121.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 107.00	\$ -
Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55.27	\$ 158.06	\$ 165.35	\$ 170.00
Printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 396.28	\$ 236.25	\$ 219.05	\$ 195.91	\$ 286.50	\$ 296.48
Website - non-discretionary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 439.40	\$ 143.80	\$ 258.75	\$ 118.80	\$ 219.35	\$ 403.20
Recurrent expenditure:	\$ 1,928.49	\$ 4,199.09	\$ 5,075.86	\$ 4,537.35	\$ 4,462.92	\$ 5,222.77	\$ 5,445.00	\$ 5,596.51												
DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total Yr 20/21	Total Yr 19/20	Total Yr 18/19	Total Yr 17/18	Total Yr 16/17	Total Yr 15/16	Total Yr 14/15	Year 13/14
Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 117.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118.16	\$ -
BWV AGM attendance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 497.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Christmas Party	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 321.35	\$ 347.99	\$ 258.36
40th anniversary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148.39	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Club Nights	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 241.05	\$ 127.73	\$ 99.00
Club Suppers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113.30	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 13.15	\$ 251.65	\$ 61.95	\$ 100.00
Computer	\$ 219.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219.00	\$ 73.95	\$ 90.98	\$ 545.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89.00
Gifts to Members	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.30	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 46.50
Equipment Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 520.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 520.00	\$ 534.99	\$ -	\$ 366.00	\$ 121.00	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 610.00
First Aid Course	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,413.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leaders Night	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 196.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 245.10	\$ 690.51	\$ -
Leadership Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 424.00	\$ -
Member Reimbursement	\$ 60.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124.72	\$ 25.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 11.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ -
Website	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185.62	\$ 1,055.62	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,092.50	\$ 575.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Youngs Hut	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143.58	\$ 265.00	\$ 321.18	\$ -
Discretionary expenditure:	\$ 1,919.34	\$ 3,583.81	\$ 1,696.87	\$ 2,495.07	\$ 478.03	\$ 2,264.15	\$ 2,126.52	\$ 1,202.86												
Total expenditure for month	\$ 279.48	\$ 450.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 64.24	\$ 1,764.29	\$ 40.00	\$ 585.00	\$ 59.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185.62								
Total expenditure:	\$ 3,847.83	\$ 7,782.90	\$ 6,772.73	\$ 7,032.42	\$ 4,940.95	\$ 7,486.92	\$ 7,571.52	\$ 5,799.37												
Net Cash In (Out) :	\$ 2,098.59	\$ (326.35)	\$ (778.97)	\$ (1,929.51)	\$ 710.52	\$ (1,982.33)	\$ (1,689.13)	\$ 2,031.29												
Balance 01/03/20	13,450.52																			
Cash Movement	2,098.59																			
Balance 28/02/21	15,549.11																			
Comprising :																				
Cheque Account	3,674.92																			
Investment Account	11,874.19																			
	15,549.11																			
Difference	-																			

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR REPORT MARCH 20/21

This year was a year dominated by COVID, once the fires ended of course. This made it very difficult for leaders who had to follow new rules, and then more new rules, and then different rules on different sides of the border and then last-minute lockdowns and border closures. It was never ending but leaders and participants just kept doing what they do best: Walking, cycling, canoeing and generally being active and safe.

Eileen collects and compiles data included below for the club each year. This is a task that few see and she is very vigilant in this task. Thank you so much Eileen. The year's summary is included below and it clearly indicates that, despite many track closures and restrictions, 99 people took advantage of the great outdoors in the local area as participants in a great variety of activities.

Of course, the great exodus to exotic locations was somewhat curtailed and meant we all examined the local area more closely revealing some hidden gems and creative thinking. A huge thanks to all leaders who just kept adjusting and providing us with so many options.

This year we were due for our biannual BWV Leaders Training in the local area but COVID had other ideas. The good news is that this is now set for Saturday September 11th and I would encourage anyone who wants to brush up on bushwalking skills and stay safe, wants to give more to this great club or wants to understand more about what

leaders are doing behind the scenes, to sign up. We are trying to tee up more experienced mentors for those who would like to extend this experience beyond the day and we certainly encourage you to do so. Watch our 'events calendar' for updated information.

Usually a practical navigation experience is facilitated after the theory presented on this day. Instead, this year, John was able to do a crash course in the theory and 9 participants then led the remainder of the group through different checkpoints in Chiltern State Forrest. Each participant was very pleased with how much they had learnt and the fact that they all found the sweet fruit of the Eucalyptus Candibarus. John puts a lot of preparation into this experience and we are very lucky to have his expertise so generously offered. Thank you, John.

One thing that I have noticed is the number of people who have signed up for activities and then pulled out as well as people who just text a leader that does not know them to ask to join an activity. Leaders do a lot of work behind the scenes and it is all voluntary so please try to help in any way you can. Ringing the leader, returning paperwork and committing to the activity are all a great help in the planning phase. Late requests to join also mean a lot more time redoing paperwork for leaders so try to look ahead and ring before the final date for booking. Of course, last minute illness and unexpected things do occur but your leader's job will be so much easier with these simple courtesies. A heartfelt 'thank you' at the end of the activity is also much appreciated.

If you haven't been out with the club much lately you have missed out on a great season and I'd encourage you to check our events regularly on the website. New events often appear so make it a regular thing to look.

I look forward to seeing you all soon somewhere in this amazing local area.

Bernadette

Border Bushwalking Club

Summary of activities, 01 March 2020 to 28 February 2021

A total of **99 members and visitors** took part in at least one activity (not counting Christmas Party) this year. Because of bushfires and Covid, many walks were cancelled, re-routed or rescheduled. The following figures are for activities that happened because it was not possible to record cancelled walks in any meaningful way.

Day activities–Walks

Total walks: 42 (includes 3 mid-week, 1 Friday)

Total no. of walkers on all day walks: 277 (down from 290 last year)

Most visited areas:

Albury/Lavington/Thurgoona	11
Falls Creek	5
Mt Buffalo	5
Wodonga	4

Other areas:

Baranduda, Beechworth, Bogong Village, Bright, Glen Creek, Holbrook, Lockhart, Mt Beauty, Lockhart's Gap (Tallangatta), The Rock, Tumbarumba, Warby Ranges, Woomargama

Walks by grade:

Grade 1	2	Total walkers: 7
Grade 2	10	Total walkers: 72
Grade 3	28	Total walkers: 181
Grade 4	2	Total walkers: 17
Grade 5	0	

Most active leaders:

Eileen	13
Bernadette	9
Simon	5
Pauline	4
Deb	6
Ian	3

Other leaders:

Bruce, David, Deb, Leanne, Ralph, Ron Co-leaders: Sue, Nola, David, Steve

Day activities–Cycling

Rides: 4 (all Grade 3)

Area: Myrtleford, Everton, Tallangatta, Wandiligong

Leader: Ian 3, Simon 1

Total no. of cyclists: 19

Day activities–XC skiing

Day activities–Snow shoeing

No snow activities. All areas closed because of Covid.

Day activities–Canoeing

Wednesday evenings, November to March, Albury, organised by Sasho. and Catherine, numbers not available

Other activities

Navigation training John Hillard 6 participants

Weekend activities–Bushwalking/camping

Total: 10

Areas:

Falls Creek/Mt Bogong	7
Hotham/ Feathertop	2
Kosciuszko NP	1

Total number of participants: 68

Walks by grade:

Grade 2	2	Total walkers: 14
Grade 3	3	Total walkers: 22
Grade 4	4	Total walkers: 25
Grade 5	1	Total walkers: 7

Leaders or co-leaders:

Ian	3
Bernadette	3
Deb	3
Pauline	2
Mick	1

Weekend activities—Canoeing

One weekend, Walwa—Jingellic, organised by Deb, co-leader Mick, 12 participants

Extended trips

Total: 3

Areas:

- Namadgi National Park
- Kosciuszko National Park (Jagungal)
- Kosciuszko National Park (Cascades & Tin Mines Hut)

Total number of participants: 18

Walks by grade:

Grade 3	1	Total walkers: 4
Grade 4	1	Total walkers: 6
Grade 5	1	Total walkers: 8

Leaders or co-leaders:

Deb	2
David	1
Bernadette	1
Mick	1

BORDER BUSHWALKING CLUB EQUIPMENT REPORT

2020/2021

For the period 1/3/20 to 28/2/21 the following reports income and key activities for the 2020/2021 walking season.

- 📅 A year severely impacted by Covid 19
- 📅 Overall, 20/21 income was \$71.00 as detailed below
- 📅 Snake bandages were added to the first aid kits.
- 📅 Wet weather jackets were replaced

The details of equipment rental For 1/3/20-28/2/21 are detailed below;

item	# rentals	# days	Rental \$
dehydator	2	week	\$ 4
tents	1	2	\$14
packs	1	1	\$ 5
stoves	0	0	\$ 0
jackets	2	3	\$ 6
Sleeping gear	2	6	\$12
Snow shoes	1	2	\$20
Safety equipment	4	8	Nil
Walking poles	1	2	\$10
Paddling gear	season	Return at end	Nil
TOTAL 20/21			\$71

Ken

Membership Report -

Total number of members, as at 6 April 2021 - 155

This includes - Single memberships - 90 (90 members)

Family memberships -30 (65 members)

At the end of March 2020 we had 131 members.

Marie

BORDER BUSHWALKING CLUB

Association Number A 5665B

Agenda of the Annual General Meeting
Held on Tuesday May 4, 2021



1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting held by email
 - 3.1 Business Arising. – Nil
4. President's Report – Ian Trevaskis
5. Treasurer's Report – Eve Durham
 - 5.1 Fees for the forthcoming year
- 6 Activity Co-ordinator's Report – Bernadette Cromarty
- 7 Equipment Officer's Report – Ken Tooley
- 8 Election of 2021-22 Committee
9. Management of Accounts
10. General Business

Services included in your BBC membership include;

A range of gear is available from the club to hire at a very minimal rate

- Sleeping bags
- Back-packs
- Hiking poles
- Waterproof jackets
- We even have a dehydrator if you want to prepare your own meals

Safety equipment is available free of charge for leaders of club activities

- First aid kits
- GPS
- PBLs

All of the above is stored and managed by **Adventure Gear, 479 Dean Street, Albury.**

Adventure Gear is open for business again. Call in and have a chat to Gino and Kell for all your equipment needs whether it be hiring or buying at the special BBC club discounted rate.

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