

17 YEARS OF WALKS 2004 - 2021

Border Bushwalking Club (Albury-Wodonga)

Introduction

As new activity leaders join our club, they bring their knowledge of our stomping grounds and add to the diversity of walks and activities offered. However as other leaders step back or move on, activities can become forgotten.

The purpose of this document is to allow club members to easily find activities that have previously taken place that they may not have been previously aware of.

How to use this document

To find a walk, open a search box, type in your keyword and press the 'enter/return' key. You can press it multiple times to scroll through all results within the document. To open the search box, on a computer with MS Windows you can usually press down the Control and 'F' button on your keyboard (at the same time). On an iPad, look toward the upper right on your screen and find the magnifying glass, tap the magnifying glass and enter your keyword. Click the magnifying glass again to choose the 'next one down'.

For example, you might like to try 'Beechworth' to find activities that took place around Beechworth, or 'bike' or 'cycle' to find such activities, or maybe 'exploratory' (at your own risk) if you're keen on something off the beaten track. And all bushwalkers know that if you go searching for a 'dropbear' in the bush (or the search box), you might find some interesting things too.

Give it a go – maybe try 'Kosciuszko' or 'Jagungal' or 'or 'Mt Beauty' or 'Westons' or...

Leaders may also be interested to see the types of activities that happened at certain times of the year, or simply want some wording to copy for their own walk.

Descriptions in this document should not be relied on – you must make your own enquiries if you look to undertake any of these activities yourself and do so at your own risk. The descriptions are inherently historical and reflect the leader's knowledge at the time as to the difficulty, track conditions etc.

The activities listed include those that were cancelled due to weather or rescheduled, and other activities may have been inadvertently omitted in the compilation process.

We have removed current contact details (i.e. phone numbers and email addresses) due to the age of many of these activities, and also because a number of activity leaders have ceased walking with our club or are now walking in a higher & greener place.

Acknowledgements

We thank current and past leaders for their contribution to the club in leading the activities without which the club wouldn't exist. All activities take time to prepare and lead, and many leaders contribute further time in looking for and researching activities that they and/or the club haven't done before.

We also acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia – upon which our club's activities take place – and their connections to land, sea, and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

Recipes

We have included the following recipes from our club newsletters for interest.

BERNADETTE'S BRILLIANT VEGETABLE BIRIYANI. (Great for dehydrating)

(Sept '17 Footprints)

- Fry **2 sliced onions** in a small amount of oil until golden. Add a **2-inch piece of ginger** grated, **10 crushed garlic cloves** and **6 crushed chili peppers**. Fry for 5 mins stirring constantly. Add **½ cup red lentils, 250 g peas, 250g chopped beans and 250 g chopped carrots**. Reduce heat and cook for 15 mins.
- Add **3 chopped tomatoes, 6 whole cloves, 1 cinnamon stick, 6 crushed cardamom pods, 1 tspn of turmeric** and a **small amount of chopped coriander (or mint)**. Stir for 5 mins. Add 1 cup of very hot water and simmer for 5 mins.
- Add **2 cups long grain rice** and **6 chopped potatoes** (or the equivalent in sweet potato.) Add 4-5 cups hot water. Cover and cook 20 mins (or until rice is cooked and water is absorbed)

This makes a huge quantity so eat some now and dehydrate meal-sized portions. Weigh each portion before and after dehydrating and the difference is the amount of water to add on the track. Times vary but you can't over dry it so set and forget.

When you get into camp add the required amount of water and let it sit. Then when hunger strikes just heat, add a **handful of cashews** and eat.

Recipe – Dog biscuits (June 2008 Footprints)

(I took the results of this recipe on a recent walk – it was such a success I was asked to print it. Cindy)

"I've got some dog biscuits," I announced to the 20 trampers who were gathered for lunch at the Hanging Valley Shelter on the Kepler Track. After reassuring 20 surprised faces that no, I wasn't about to start handing out Tux bikkies, I let them in on the secret of Dog Biscuits.

I was first introduced to them while on a week-long adventure course at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Turangi. These delightfully butter-rich, oat-filled, chocolate-containing energy slabs fuelled us up while we trudged our way through the snow of the Tongariro Northern Circuit. They've been shared out at the Pinnacles Hut and made several appearances on Great Walks. They've even been the mainstay of a weekend spent at the Parachute music festival.

Dog Biscuits will keep for several weeks in a sealed container. One batch makes plenty — enough to feed the rugby team and the opposition. The mixture can be personalised depending on the temperament of the cook.

- Melt 500g butter, six tablespoons golden syrup and two cups sugar in a large saucepan.
- Add two-and-a-half cups each of plain and wholemeal flour, two cups rolled oats, one cup of coconut and five teaspoons baking powder.
- Lastly, add in one cup of peanuts, chocolate, sultanas or dried fruit. Press the mixture into a lined baking dish and bake at 180°C for 15 to 20 minutes. Cut while warm.

Recipe - Beef Jerky (June 2016 Footprints)

A lean cut of flank steak or round steak with minimal marbling

Marinade:

- 4 tablespoons soy sauce
- 4 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon grated ginger
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 2 cloves of garlic

Cut meat into thin strips 6 - 10mm thick. Place strips in marinade and refrigerate for 4 - 6 hours. Place meat on drying racks and dry at 55 - 60°C. The time required for drying will vary depending on the thickness of the meat.

While drying pat jerky with clean paper towels to remove oil. When dry, wrap in paper towels and stand for 2 hours before packaging. Refrigerate or freeze for long term storage.

Recipe - Fruit Leather (June 2016 Footprints)

- 1 cup rhubarb
- ¼ cup water
- 2 cups strawberries

½ cup honey

Simmer rhubarb in water over medium high heat for 5 minutes. Add strawberries and honey. Puree to a smooth consistency in blender. Pour on a fruit leather sheet and spread evenly to a thickness of about 6mm. Place on dehydrator tray and dry at 55°- 60°C until fruit feels leather like and is pliable (approx. 4 to 8 hours). Roll while still warm and wrap in plastic wrap to store.

Recipe - Pasta with Herbes de Provence (Dec '09 Footprints)

3 ounces angel hair pasta
 4 or 5 ounces canned, dehydrated, or pouch chicken
 3 large sun-dried tomatoes
 1 cup dried mushrooms
 2 ounces olive oil
 1 large clove garlic
 2 tablespoons herbes de Provence
 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese (use one of the packets from your last pizza delivery)

At home _ Place herbs, tomatoes, chicken, mushrooms, and cheese in separate zip-top bags. Place olive oil in a small plastic bottle. Pack this with garlic and pasta in another zip-top bag.

In camp _ One hour to 30 minutes before eating, bring water to a boil. If you're using dehydrated chicken, let it sit, covered, in the hot water for the full hour to rehydrate. If not, let the tomatoes and mushrooms rehydrate for 20-30 minutes in hot water. When ready to really start cooking, boil pasta in water for 4 minutes, then drain and remove from pot. Finely dice garlic, then heat in the pot with olive oil, drained tomatoes, and drained mushrooms until garlic is lightly toasted. Add chicken to the pot and stir until well-mixed. Top with herbs and Parmesan.

Vegetable stew This recipe has lots of flavour to enjoy. (Sept '17 Footprints)

2 tbs olive oil	2 small parsnips cubed
1 onion sliced	300g pumpkin diced
2 teaspoons grated ginger	2 zucchini thickly sliced
2 teaspoons yellow mustard seeds	375 ml vegetable stock
2 teaspoons ground cumin	2 carrots chopped
1 teaspoon paprika	2 sticks celery sliced
1 clove garlic crushed	

1. Heat oil in large heavy based pan. Add onion and cook over low heat 10 minutes or until very soft, stirring occasionally.

2. Add mustard seeds, cumin, paprika, garlic and ginger and stir for 1 minute. Add all the vegetables and stir to coat. Add the stock, bring to boil, then reduce the heat and simmer, partially covered for about 30 minutes or until tender.

3. Cool and spread on dehydrator shelves covered in baking paper.

4. Serve with couscous.

Chocolate Moose (July '07 Footprints)

This is for VERY special occasions only - it takes a lot of effort, but the presentation is spectacular!

3 ½ days prep

Ingredients

1 moose
 40 lbs hershey chocolate
 17 containers Cool Whip
 1 cherry

Method

1. Send

spouse to Alaska to capture moose, or have one delivered by UPS.

2. Meanwhile, melt chocolate in very large double boiler.

3. Keep warm.

4. Tie up moose with rope.

5. Holding the moose by the tail, carefully dip in melted chocolate, covering it completely with a thin coating.

6. Arrange moose attractively on large platter and refrigerate for 2 days to set chocolate.

7. Remove rope, wash to remove chocolate, if necessary, and return rope to clothesline.

8. Garnish chocolate moose with Cool Whip and top with a cherry.

9. Serve immediately.

10. Or you could just chew on the rope, which may be tastier.

11. May be doubled for serving a crowd.

Tomato Soup (March '06 Footprints)

Recipe that can be mixed at home and cooked at camp.

Ingredients: 2 tbs tomato flakes. 1/4 cup milk powder. 1 tbl flour. 1 tsp basil. 1 tsp dried parsley. 1/4 tsp garlic powder.

Method:

To prepare: Mix all ingredients and place into a sealed bag. To cook: 1 - Place contents of bag into saucepan and gradually blend in two cups of cold water. 2 - Bring to boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Banana Curry (October '06 Footprints)

Dry some banana in crossways slices. Alternatively, use banana chips from the shop. (With bananas at their current price, this is what I used.) Mix some curry powder and some coconut milk powder. Add some kaffir lime leaves and chilli flakes for the more discerning eater. Soak the lot and then cook with rice. Add any other dried vegetables to the mix. Suggestions are capsicum, pumpkin, zucchini.

Quick Apricot Cake (December '12 Footprints)

Ingredients

1/3 cup/80g butter, plus extra for greasing,

Breadcrumbs for sprinkling

800 ml of canned Apricots (other fruit can be used)

1/2 cup/100g sugar, plus 1 tablespoon

2 eggs (separated),

2 cups/200 g all-purpose plain Flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

4 tablespoon Cornflour

A little milk

1 teaspoon of Vanilla Extract

Icing Sugar for dusting

Topping

3 eggs

1/2 cup/90 g sugar

300ml sour cream

Method

Prep and cook time: 1 Hour 15 minutes plus 1 hour cooking.

1. Preheat the oven to 190 C/ 375 F. Grease and 11 inch/28 cm spring release cake pan and sprinkle with breadcrumbs.

2. Drain the Apricots into a sieve, reserving the juice. Put butter, 1/2 cup sugar, eggs, flour and baking powder in a bowl and mix together to make a smooth batter. Turn the batter into the prepared cake pan. Arrange the Apricots evenly on the batter.

3. Mix the cornflour with a little of the reserve apricot juice, add this remaining juice vanilla extract and 1 tbs sugar and put in a small saucepan. Heat slowly until boiling, stirring all the time. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly before pouring over the apricots.

4. Bake in the oven for 35-40 minutes. Separate the eggs and mix the eggs yolk, sugar and sour cream together. Whisk the egg white until they form stiff peaks and fold into the egg yolk mixture.

5. Spread the topping on top of the cake and return to the oven for a further 15-20 minutes. Leave to cool for at least 1 hour before removing from the pan. Dust with icing sugar before service.

Lightweight Recipes

(From the Confederation of Bushwalking Club NSW website)

Rice Curry

1/2 cup precooked rice

2 teaspoons dried onion

1 teaspoon curry powder

1/4 cup sultanas

1/4 cup dried apple, chopped

1 teaspoon dried coconut

Boil 1 cup water. Add ingredients and stir. Bring back to boil and simmer 10 minutes.

Tabbouleh

1/2 cup bourghul 2 tablespoons dried onion

1/4 cup chopped sun dried tomatoes

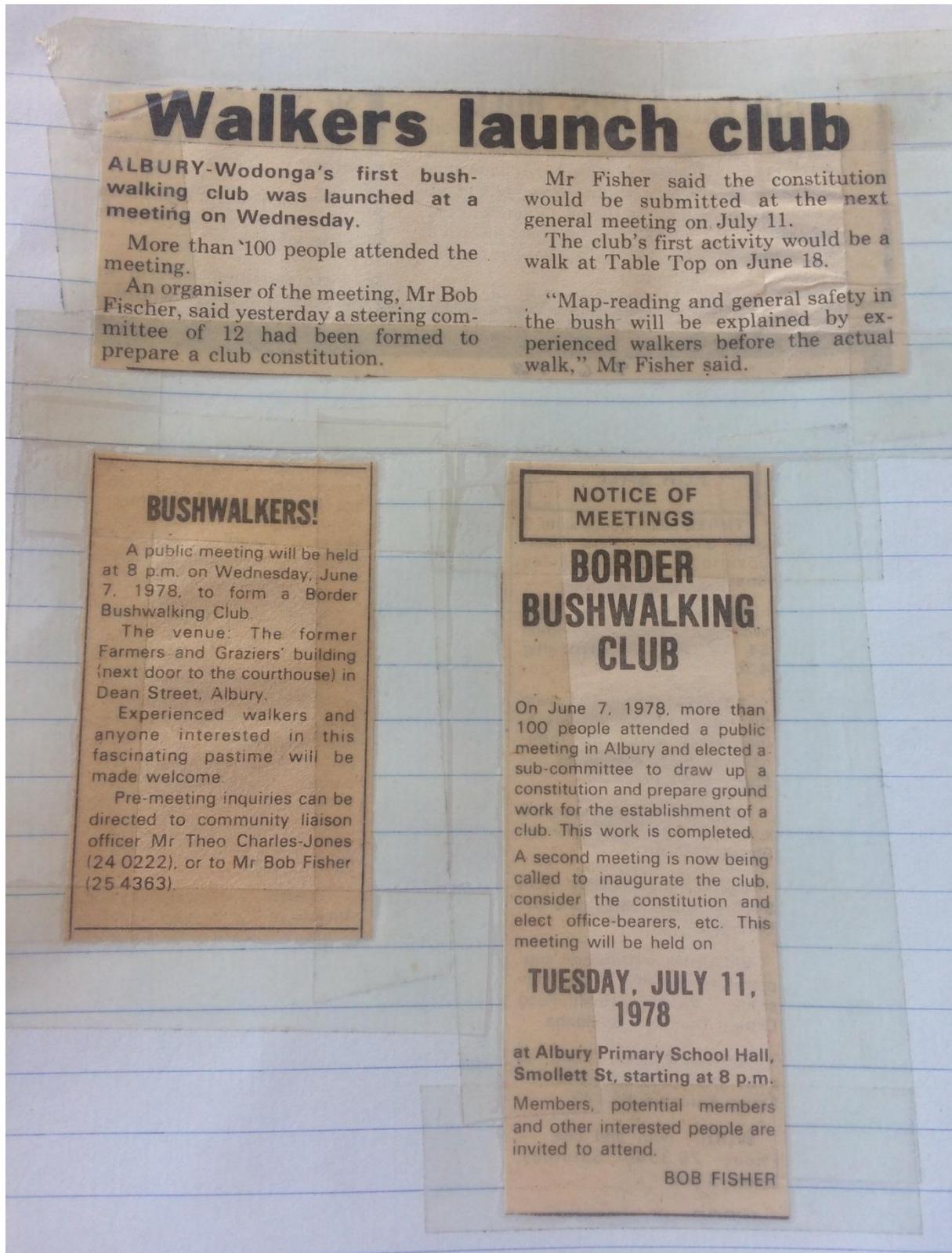
1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup dried parsley

2 tablespoons dried mint

Boil 1 1/2 cups water, remove from heat and add ingredient. Stir and leave stand 1 hour. Drain off any excess liquid.

How it started...



Activity 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.

2004

Sat 29 Sun 30 May Mt Feathertop, MUMC Hut. Medium

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

Sat 29 Sun 30 May Langi-ghiran/ Buangor Basecamp Easy - Medium

Leader: Adele Ritchie (Benalla Bushwalking Club)

We will set up a base camp on Friday night at Langi Ghiran State Park, a little gem. It is only 2695 acres but made up of rugged peaks and gentle sloping woodland. Saturday morning will see us visit an old reservoir (built 1880 from locally hewn granite blocks), an old water race, a spectacular lookout, a fairy garden of mosses and a hidden lagoon. There will be some off track walking, navigation and a steep section. A car swap will also be required Saturday for this 10 km walk. Although the walk is not long we will be starting early due to the terrain and because there is so much to see. Sunday morning we will visit some aboriginal art before heading over to Richards Camp ground at Mount Buangor State Park. We will visit Raglan Falls and then on to Cave Hill 8 km.

Saturday 29 May Edi - King Valley Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A different version of last year's walk- coming in a different way and excluding the enormously steep pinnacle, most people involuntarily pitched head over heel and barrel rolled back down. All on 4WD tracks through state forest in the hills. Finishing along the clear mountain stream, the King River- probably with the last of the golden autumn willows reflected in the river. Afternoon tea at King River cafe Oxley.

Sat 5th Sun 6th June Mc Millan Track. Walhalla Rd To Woods Point Easy - Medium

Leader: Terry Sydes (Benalla Bushwalking Club)

A short walk to complete the track, no doubt there will be celebrations for those who have completed the whole track at the Woods Point Pub.

Sat 5 June South Buffalo Easy

Leader: Penny Davidson

From Cresta Valley this track initially climbs a ridge then meanders through snow gum glades and small snow plains, terminating at the South Buffalo View Point. May be time to do another short walk.

Sun 6 June The Rock-Morgan's Lookout Easy

Leader: David Gordon

Winter time is here but for all you walkers who aren't freezing your buns on an overnight trip, here is a nice winter's day walk for you. We will be leaving from Lavington at a sociable hour. We will be driving for about an hour north to the Rock (which is not a Sean Connery movie, I've now found out). This is a high point that juts out in the middle of the plateaus of Lockhart Shire.

The walk to the top will take about 1 ½ - 2 hours and is all uphill. Never fear, in keeping with the social theme of the day, regular stops to admire the views are mandatory. We will stop at the top (which is breathtaking) for lunch and (more) views. The trip down should take just a little over an hour. As this is a relatively short walk, we are going to head home via Morgan's Lookout (about half an hours walking) to view this hideout of one of the region's infamous bush-rangers. Total walking for the day will be about 7-8kms, so not a hard day - but the uphill section is a bit steep in places.

Fri 11 – Tues 15 June Budawangs (5-day walk) Hard

Leader: Brian Morgan (Yarrowood Bushwalking Club)

Encouraged by the great time on Bill Propert's adventure last year, we return to the Budawangs visiting such places as Folly Point, Hollands Gorge, Sturgiss Mountain, Sluice Box, Crooked and Munnuldi Falls. This walk is recommended for experienced and fit walkers only as sections of this walk will be long and hard. Places will be limited.

Sat 12 – Mon 14 June Burrelow Car Camp Easy

Leader: David Hind (Yarrowood Bushwalking Club)

Don't be deceived, the map says Burrelow Swamp, but for those who stayed last Easter (03) we know better. A camping area (yes a toilet) suitable for car camp tucked in behind Kurrajong Heights on Bells Line of Road. After

establishing our camp area those who want to explore can explore the upper reaches of the "swamp", (4 km return). On day 2, after an easy start, drive to Browns Ridge for a 10 km return ridge walk for views over "The Devils Wilderness" and Grose River, or a more exploratory 10 km return off trail attempt to reach Mount Mcleod Morgan.

Sun 13 June Seven Creeks Strathbogie Easy

Leader: Paul McCallum (Wangaratta Out & About)

Walk the creek and explore the water falls. Finish at Polly McQuinns Bridge.

Sat 12 – Mon 14 June High Country Rail Trail Med-hard

Leader: Michael Lowe

Hello from Tasmania. The former Wodonga-Cudgewa railway is a little over 100km long and this is an attempt to ride the lot. Now being converted to a rail trail, the plan is to ride it over three days and camp near the track during the process. A bike rack will be needed to carry the minimal necessary camping gear. Riders will be collected by car at the end and brought back to Wodonga. Limited to four.

Sat 19 June Mt Lawson Med/Hard

Leader: Robin Rhodes

A 16km walk through pine forests, gradually climbing to the summit of Mt Lawson (between Tallangatta and Corryong). Approaching the upper slopes venture through various species of gum trees and understorey of shrubs. From the summit at 1041 metres there are excellent views of surrounding mountains and valleys, and massive granite outcrops. Map: Tallangatta-Lawson 1:50 000

Sun 20 June Mt Jack Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Walk starts from Dederang up north House Creek Track to Mt Jack and down Bill Hicks track. The walk is through native bush with views of the Kiewa valley and snow covered mountains. A distance of about 20 km with some steep sections, but on walking track..

Sun 20 June Mt Killawarra Circuit- Warby Ranges Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A circuit on and off track past the spectacular granite boulders of Mt Killawarra. Quiet sandy 4WD tracks and delightful mossy slopes of Mt Killawarra amidst Forest Red Gums. Good views from summit. Park cars on Devenish / Wang Rd. An approx 3 hr walk suitable for short winter days, finishing with drinks at THOONA village PUB in front of log fire.

Sun 20 June Patonga Circuit Medium

Leader: Roger Lanson (Yarrowood Bushwalking Club)

After a short uphill section, this walk follows the Great North Walk north from Patonga, and then gently returns to Patonga along the bank of the pretty Patonga Creek (the walk is carefully timed for low tide). Magnificent views of Broken Bay!

Sat 19 – Sun 20 June Newnes Plateau - Secret Delights Medium

Leader: Les Higgins (Yarrowood Bushwalking Club)

The country around the Glow-worm tunnel is full of little-visited but really special places. We will probably camp in one of these – a secluded overhang once used by the tunnel builders. The day walks that are planned could be scratchy and some scrambling will be involved. Maximum number - 8

Sat 26 June Woolshed Falls to Beechworth Easy

Leader: Noelene Young

Gentle walk with some fantastic views.

Fri-Sun 25 – 27 June Cathedral Car Camp Easy

Leader: Ron Hammond

Starting at Sugarloaf Saddle, climbing Mt Sugarloaf. Plenty of rock scrambling and then along the ridge to the farmyard and Cathedral Peak. Leaving Friday evening, car camp.

Sat 26th Sun 27th June Kinglake Basecamp Easy - Medium

Leader: Adele Ritchie (Benalla Bushwalking Club)

Staying at The Gums Camping Area Friday night On Saturday our walk will take in the highest point in the park, Andrew Hill, from there a descent will see us encountering Mountain Creek and Island Creek ,two tributaries of The Yea. This is a 4-5 hour moderate walk. If time permits we can then visit Jehosaphat Gully and do a easy to moderate 20 minute walk which will take us into fern gullies amid tall Mountain Ash. This area is a favoured lyrebird haunt. On Sunday we will drive down to Island Creek Picnic to the start of our walk. This walk is a 12 km round trip that will take us to Wombelano Falls.

Sun 4 July Ski de Femme Instruction

Pauline McLaughlin

Every year the Birkenbeiner Club from Mount Beauty organise this event. It is a free cross-country skiing instruction morning for females. Participants are placed in groups of different abilities. After the instruction there are 2.5/5/10 km races, which incur a small cost but are a lot of fun. As this event is for the Femmes in the club, if the Memmes want to come along, they can ski during the morning and meet with the Femmes for lunch and we can all ski together in the afternoon.

Sun 4 July Nail Can Hill Easy

Liz Hammond

This walk starts in West Albury, just off Pemberton Street. We climb up on to the main NailCan ridge and walk to the viewpoint at the highest point on the ridge. From there, we walk down a long spur, finishing on the Howlong Road near the Wonga Wetlands. On a clear day, we can see the snow covered mountains in the distance, bits of Albury and most of Wodonga, and a good stretch of the Murray floodplains.

Sat 3 July Balmattum Hill Ridge Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Just behind Euroa this delightful rocky ridge has spectacular views, interesting boulders and a complex system of easy valleys and spurs. Old Red Box with attractive bluish leaves dot the slopes and there are many pockets of extensive forest. A good winter walk usually.

Sat 3 July Mt Emu Medium

Leader: Alan Raison (Warby Range Club)

Great views down into the Kiewa Valley or looking across Mountain Creek to Mt Bogong which should be covered in snow at this time of year.

Sat 10 July Granya Easy-medium

Debbie Kahn

The magnificent views from the top of Mt Granya along the Mitta Arm of the Hume Weir make this walk one of the must do's this month. Highlights of this walk include the old Scout Hut, the first hut that our esteemed president saw on his arrival to these golden shores and Granya Waterfalls which are spectacular when water cascades over the giant boulders. The walk has some uphill sections,(it is a mountain after all) but with lunch at the top and a slow descent to follow this out and back walk of approximately 12kms is just perfect for winter.

Sun 11 July Snow shoe shuffle, Mt Buffalo/Falls Creek Easy

Ron Hammond

Here is your chance to check out the Club's new snow shoes. Tried skiing and keep falling over? Then snow shoeing is the way to go. It's easy, no balance required, just enjoy the scenery. We will go to Mt Buffalo or Falls Creek, depending on snow conditions. If there's enough snow we will wander around Mt Buffalo. If not we'll go to Falls Creek and the Heathy Spur area.

Wed 14 July Beechworth via Rail Trail Medium cycle

Renata Lewis (Wangaratta)

Medium 40 km ride. Meet Everton Station 10 am.

Sat 17 July Table Top Easy

Russell Renfrey

Joint walk with Benalla. A chance to revisit this large rocky outcrop north of Albury. Many interesting features and views over the Hume dam. A charge of \$5.00 pp to the property owner.

Sat 17 July Falls Creek Beginner's X/C Ski

Warwick McLachlan

If you enjoyed Ron's snow shoe shuffle the previous weekend you might like to try the long planks in the Nordic Bowl. My training skills are not flash but I have survived 26 years of skiing in all terrain from 1-8 day trips and carry some snow wisdom to give you a start in this great pastime. It is such a natural complement to bushwalking that all walkers should try it just once. We should have a briefing the previous Weds. to sort out gear.

Sun 18 July Barwingee Ck Medium

Noelene Young

A perfect walk for winter, all on footpad or on firetrails in the forest east of Mudgegonga. Distance about 9 kms but requiring two climbs, one of 170 metres and the second of 220 metres, plus a descent of 390 metres which is steep at times. There are good views across the valleys to Mts Jack, Big Ben and Stanley, a visit to Barwingee Creek, a beautiful rocky slope of banksias trees and grass trees, and two aboriginal art sites. Map: Mt Big Ben 8225-2-2

Sun 18 July Hume and Hovell Track Easy

Trevor Smith (Benalla)

A chance to catch up on part of the Hume and Hovell track when someone took the wrong turn last time. Most likely to link in with the previous day's walk (Table Top) with opportunity to camp somewhere overnight.

Sat 24 – Sun 25 July Cycle to Beechworth Medium

Liz Hammond

We'll catch the early morning train on Saturday from Albury to Wangaratta. After a leisurely breakfast at Wang, we'll head up the rail trail towards Beechworth. The total distance from Wang to Beechworth is 42 kms, but if anyone feels like extending the trip, we (or some of the group) can include a side trip to Eldorado, which will add an extra 14 kms to the day. We should reach Beechworth mid-afternoon, and we'll stay in one of the pubs overnight. On Sunday, we'll go down past Woolshed Falls to Chiltern, then to Barnawartha, and Wodonga, and back to Albury. Total distance for Sunday is 65kms.

If you're interested, please contact me by 14/7, so that I can arrange accommodation.

Sun 25 July High Country Rail Trail – Killara to Huon Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Map: High Country Rail Trail brochure

An easy winter walk of 15 km close to home on the new Rail Trail. This section is unsealed and good for walking. Great views over Lake Hume. A car shuffle will be involved.

Sun 25 July Mt Buffalo ski Easy

Paul McCullum (Wangaratta)

Easy day ski trip for beginners. Learn to cross country ski with Paul on the plains of Mt Buffalo.

Sat 31 July Nail Can Hill Easy-medium

Louise Evans

A great early winter walk, involving some steep hills. We'll start late-ish, get some great views for lunch and there should be some winter wild flowers out. Should be back around 3 pm.

Sun 1 August Eldorado Medium

David Gordon

Heading towards Eldorado from the Woolshed Falls end – about half way we will park the cars at the start of the Reedy Creek track. This is a four-wheel drive track so easy walking but all up hill for the start of the day. We follow Reedy Creek most of the way with some beautiful views into the gully. We climb about 300m reaching 500m by lunchtime.

The trip down is along Long Ridge Fire Track. Quite a sharp decent but wonderful views across two valleys. Total walking for the day is about 15-16 kms.

Sun 1 August Paradise Falls Easy

Stephen Shearer (Wangaratta)

Easy day walk on the Wabonga plateau. The falls are the most spectacular in the North West when in full flow. Walk behind the falls and see the rainbow in the mist.

Sat 7 August Sunrise Track Easy-medium

Frank Schumacher (Warby Range)

Followed by bbq at Hamilton Park.

Sat 7 Aug Woomargama Nat Park Easy

Penny Davidson / Meredith Nicholson

We drive to just east of Woomargama, and along a fire trail through the pine forest. Then we have an easy meander (8 kms return) along the Hume and Hovell track (also firetrail) up to Mt Jergyle and Norths Lookout. Depending on weather may require 4wd to get to „car park“. Views are spectacular.

Sun 8 Aug Nail Can Hill- Jindera to Lavington Sports Club Medium

Debbie Kahn

Starting at Jindera Gap at around 10.00 am we will follow a mixture of tracks and trails to finish up at Lavington Panthers Club by early afternoon. This local walk includes some steep hills throughout the day, lunch beside Reedy Dam and hopefully spectacular views across Albury to the snow. Approx.12 kms.

Fri 13-Sun 15 Aug Main Range Snow camp – medium

Warwick McLachlan

There will be a short 1-hour ski up from Dead Horse Gap on Friday evening, then a pleasant ski across Mt Ramshead on Saturday with an afternoon visit to Mt Kosciusko. Sunday will be a day tour towards Townsend. The bad weather alternative will be different but won't take in staying home. Marie Holt and Helen Robinson have enrolled so other skiers with some competence and willingness to try the experience of Main Range skiing should apply.

Sun 15 Aug Skeleton Hill – Chiltern N.P. Easy/Social

Paul Schirmer

Last time I did this walk it was through lightly timbered forest of mostly older trees. This was about ten years ago and unless the area has been burnt it should be much the same. Total distance is only about four kilometres. Total elevation gain is only seventy metres. We should get good views toward Mt Pilot and Mt Barambogie. If we finish early there is a recently abandoned mine that we can visit or explore Magenta Mine and an old miners cemetery. This will be a very lay back walk with plenty of opportunity to explore, rest, talk or take photos.

Sat 14 – Sun 15 Aug Mt Loch overnight X ski

Ian Minns (Wangaratta)

Medium difficulty overnight ski trip. Depart from Mt Hotham. Camp out and carve up the gullies of Mt Loch.

Fri-Sun 20-22 Aug Howman's Gap Ski lodge frolic

Warwick McLachlan

The official and welcome return of this three-day X/C event on the program. Lodgings provided on Friday and Saturday nights, all meals provided up to Sunday lunch. Day ski trips on Saturday and Sunday and, for early birders, ski all day Friday with cross-country downhill on the lifts or cross-country on the country. The club has run these for the last 14 years and always works out to be a great social and skiing time. Fee to be checked but last year's was about \$180.

Sun 22 Aug Boho, Strathbogie Ranges near Violet Town Easy

Jan Andrews

About 4 hours on and off track through the edge of the Strathbogie Ranges. Through Stringy bark forests, avoiding the area of head high bracken this time! Many open vistas, a small cascade and lunch on rocks with a view over the plains towards Violet Town. Hopefully the masses of silver wattle will be out, very spectacular if they are.

Sat 28 Aug Hume Hovell Track Easy

Liz Hammond

The Hume & Hovell track stretches all the way from Yass to Albury so this is just a very short section of it. We'll start at the Thurgoona campus of Charles Sturt University, and follow the walking track round the back of the uni and through the bush to the Kinross Woolshed, then across the Old Sydney Road and into the Eight Mile Creek Reserve. This area is a Parklands project and we'll see how much work has been done, replanting native vegetation, clearing weeds, and building pathways. Their brochure says we might see wildlife such as turquoise parrots, sugar gliders, and kangaroos, but I don't give any guarantees. We'll stop at Bells Reserve, and retrace our steps as far as the Kinross Woolshed.

Sun 29 Aug Tallangatta Area - Bulls Head Creek Medium

Leaders: Stan & Bernice Duffield Map Eskdale 1:25,000

A walk along a narrow ridge 6-7 km, extensive views to both sides, including Bogong, grass trees, wild flowers and some scrambling around rocks; finishing with a steep down.

4-6 September Huon Hill Working Bee Rewarding

Co-ordinator: Carolyn Roberts

Roll your sleeves up and let's help Parklands improve this nearby gem. There will be a range of working activities and the reward we've been promised is a really nice secluded spot to pitch our tents on Saturday night with a guided tour of the „nightlife“. You'll be welcome for the whole weekend or any time you can spare.

Sat 4-11 September Jagungal – Thredbo (or thereabouts) Snow camp touring

Warwick McLachlan

Marie Holt

We did a variation of this last year starting from Round Mountain and the area is brilliant enough to return to this year as well. Folk with some skiing skills and backpacking experience could try this 8 day trip which won't be gung ho in speed and difficulty (I'm getting too old!) but will be about travelling at the right pace and working with the group. That is not to say there won't be hard physical work, the weather can be variable and if not used to it, a bit scary. However, if either Marie or me are not looking worried, then all is well. A compatible group of 4 –6 would be ideal. Day trips and rest days included.

Sun 12 September Chiltern National Park Easy

Betty Carrasco

A gentle meander both on track and off through Chiltern National Park. There will be spring flowers and if we are lucky we may see a Regent Honeyeater.

Sat 11- 12 Sept Warby Ranges (Car camp) Easy/medium

David Gordon

Plan is at this stage to leave Wodonga about 7.30 p.m. and travel through to campsite in the Warby Ranges. Get to campsite and set up for night. This gives us all day Saturday to explore the many walks in the Area. Some folks from the Wangaratta Out and About club will join us and will help in selecting the more interesting walks in the area. Sunday we will do a few more walks and plan to leave mid afternoon.

This is a great time of the year to explore as there will be plenty of wild flower out to enjoy and the over night temperatures should be a bit milder.

Those unable to go for both nights - you will be able to travel up on the Saturday and join us then.

Sun 12 September Cycle ride to Burrumbuttock Flattish, less than 50km

Ron Hammond

Cycling to Wattle Day at Burrumbuttock has become an annual event for the Club, so much so that the organisers have written to ask if we are coming this year. The Wirraminna Gardens in Burrumbuttock are an award winning environmental centre and each year they celebrate Wattle Day with tours of the gardens, a BBQ lunch, and guest speakers. We'll start from Jindera and cycle to Burrum via Walla Walla, arriving in time for lunch. After lunch and a look around we'll cycle straight back to Jindera. The total distance is less than 50 kms, on flat, fairly quiet roads. We can probably arrange a sag wagon for anyone who doesn't feel like doing the full distance, or to bring back any shopping (there's a small winery along the way).

Sun 12 September Burrowa-Pine Mountain area Medium

Wild Goat Track-Ross Lookout-Bluff Falls

Leader: David Bradshaw

Start from Bluff Creek picnic area, walk along the lower Dogman Track then on to the Wild Goat Track to Black Mountain and return past Ross Lookout and Bluff Falls. A walk of about 20km with some steep sections, all on walking track with flattish sections along the ridges with some creeks to cross in the valleys. Excellent views over Corryong and Mt Kosciuszko / Main Range. (This walk is well recommended a new area). Must have a reasonable degree of fitness for this walk.

Sun 12 September Eldorado – Kangaroo Hill-Reedy Creek Easy

Jan Andrews

Starting from the tin mine on the Kangaroo Hill ridge, we follow a track down into Clear creek valley via various small waterfalls and cascades. Eventually the creek leaves the small rocky areas and we walk alongside with broad grassy banks and wattles (if they've regenerated yet after the fires). Afternoon tea on a sandy beach on Reedy creek, before the final walk along wide Reedy creek to the shuttle car at the ford.

Sun 19 September Black Springs – Warby Ranges Easy

Jan Andrews

Starting on the top of the Warby Ranges at Black Springs, we follow alongside Springs Creek through interesting country with forest red gum, rock grevillea, nodding blue lily and calytrix - normally most of the wildflowers will be out by now. All off track but easy open walking. Near the end we reach Mt Bruno waterfall with lovely grassy meadows at the bottom and wattles. The shuttle car is parked nearby in the picnic area.

Sun 19 September Chiltern National Park Easy

Betty Carrasco

A gentle meander both on track and off through Chiltern National Park. There will be spring flowers and if we are lucky we may see a Regent Honeyeater.

Sun 19 Sept Paradise Falls Medium

Paul Schirmer

Paradise Falls is in my view one of the most spectacular falls in Victoria. In season, these falls have a spectacular drop of some 31 metres to the creek bed below. Access to the falls is via the township of Cheshunt. Follow the signs and turn right into the Wabonga Plateau State Park section of the Alpine National Park.

This walk will be mostly off track. We will visit some lovely open grassy spots and other areas that will be challenge. This is an area with spectacular scenery and very few visitors.

Sat 25 September Wildflowers Mt Warby / Escarpment Wangaratta Easy

Jan Andrews

An easy ramble takes us up past spectacular SALISBURY falls along the foot track to Mt Warby for lunch. We then go off-track through open bush to WARBY SOUTH where there are often blue *rock isotome* on the summit around now. A small picturesque creek is then followed through open country to the escarpment with un-named cascades and waterfalls with grassy ledges and views over Wangaratta and the Alps for afternoon tea. Return via another open valley – the escarpment should be covered in head masses of high white *calytrix*. About 6 hours stroll with leisurely fairly easy walking in the off-track sections.

Sat 25 Sept White water rafting Upper King River Medium

David Gordon (with WangOutAbout)

Raft the upper King River below the William Hovell dam with "Adrenelin" Rafting. Come along for the ride. A great introduction to White Water without having to be skilled at Kayaking. Cost per person for less than 12 people is \$155, with 12 or more it is \$144. A deposit of \$55 per person is required. Need numbers and deposit asap. The price includes: min. 4 hrs on water; morning and afternoon tea; BBQ lunch; all equipt; hot showers afterwards.

Sun 26 Sept The Big Walk, Mt Buffalo Medium

Marijke Korting

Other areas of Mt Buffalo are still unreachable due to the fires. This walk promises to be interesting, as we will be passing through sections that have been burnt and are now regenerating. We'll have great views. A bit steep at first. We can either do as a return walk or car shuffle.

Sun 26 September Pine Mountain Medium

Leader: David Bradshaw

Map: Corryong 1:100 000

This is one of the best walks in northeast Victoria, especially at this time of year. A walk of about 12Km in the Burrowa Pine Mountain National Park. Some steep sections on this walk and also some rocky sections to scramble over. Excellent views of the Upper Murray and the snow covered Kosciuszko main range. (This walk is well recommended).

Sun 26 Sept Historic town and environs Easy

Yackandandah

Rob Ashworth

During the course of the day approx. 11kms will be covered. Starting with Isaac Park, we will walk around the town focusing on the historic buildings. We will go back to the cars for lunch. After lunch we will do part of the gorge walk (7kms) and visit Keeble's Nursery for afternoon tea. Yackandandah was once on the main road between Sydney and Melbourne and features many historic buildings.

Sun 26 Sept Wallaby Gully, Longwood – Strathbogie Ranges Easy

Jan Andrews

The spectacular micromyrtis is usually out now (low massed ground cover on rock face areas). This forest reserve is the headwaters of Hughes Creek, which crosses the Hume Freeway at Avenel. Large spectacular flat rock faces start the walk, which then follows the creek down to an attractive area at the junction of the 2 branches of Hughes Creek. Lunch is on grassy banks at the junction. Return via the other branch of the creek with fern gullies. All off track but fairly easy going.

Sat 2 Oct White's Rock and Rocky Ned Falls Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A delightful walk mostly on track in the Strathbogie Ranges near Benalla. Lunch is on the large rockface of White's rock with its show of spring wildflowers and views down to Rohy Ned Gully through dense bush far below. We then follow a foot track along a fern lined creek, then on to spectacular Rocky Ned falls via a short foot track.

Sun 3 Oct Beechworth – Everton Rail Trail – Walk Easy

Edna Jakobs

Mostly downhill through beautiful country. Will leave a car at Everton and so just walk the one direction from Beechworth to Everton. The walk is approx. 15 kms.

Sun 3 Oct Wildflowers – Garden Range (Euroa) Easy

Jan Andrews

This should be the peak of the flowers in this aptly named range. From the weir we wander up a series of easy rock faces to the headwaters of a small creek where the red and pink forms of the spectacular *micromyrtis* should be lurking amongst the rock outcrops. Strolling down the creek we should find masses of headhigh yellow *bushpea*. We'll then head across to a large, permanent waterfall with grassy area for afternoon tea at the bottom of the falls. Rocky, all off-track but we'll be taking our time. 4-6 hours leisurely walking.

4th to 8th October Halls Gap - The Grampians Medium

Coordinator: David Gordon

Duration: Five days - Four nights

We have booked into the Norval Campsite in Halls Gap for four nights commencing on Monday 4th October till Friday 8th October for up to 25 people. The club last ran a trip here in 1999 and at that time we had 16 members go. Numbers are growing but there is still time for late bookings. October is a great time to see the wild flowers in this region.

The accommodation is \$46.00 a night (\$184 for the trip) for shared cabins and includes dinner, supper, breakfast and lunch. From there we will be doing day walks each day (there are over 50 to choose from). Also available in the area are heated pools, canoeing, biking, rock climbing (this activity is done at your own risk) and aboriginal cultural activities.

Grampians National Park is the third largest in Victoria. Its spectacular scenery, colourful displays of wildflowers and wide range of opportunities for outdoor recreation have also made it one of the State's most popular holiday destinations. The park is home to almost a third of Victoria's plant species, and a large percentage of its animals.

the park offer some of the best site seeing opportunities in the State, with a substantial network of roads and a convenient central base in the fully serviced township of Halls Gap. There are excellent short walks, some easy, others more demanding. There are also challenging day and overnight walks.

Over two thirds of Aboriginal art sites in Victoria are here, and Aboriginal people continue their strong association with the area.

Getting there and home is yet to be organised and will depend on the individual. My plans are to probably stay Sunday night and Friday night at a motel in Ararat so to maximise the time actually in the Grampians.

9th – 10th October RAIL TRAIL ODYSSEY Grade: Cruisy (no uphills !?)

Leader: Ant Packer

Brush the cobwebs off your bike & come check out two rail trails near Melbourne. Battle the sea breezes on the Bellarine Peninsula Rail Trail (27km) which is 80km's SW of Melbourne on Saturday. We will camp on Saturday night then head to the hills on the Powelltown Tramway trail (43km) in the Upper Yarra on Sunday.

Sat 16 Oct Mt Killawarra Easy

Leader: Stephen Shearer (Wang)

Easy day walk. Start at the intersection of Tower Road and Boweya Road, on the northern end of Warbys, walk up to the top of Mt Killawarra to explore the Stone Hedge of the Warbys, just a few hundred metres from the summit.

Sat 16 Oct Goldie's Spur cross over, Medium +

Leaders: Paul Schirmer / Bruce Key 19 kms

This is a walk from the Buckland valley to the Buffalo valley (or the reverse as it is a crossover) behind Mt Buffalo. It is all on a 4WD track that follows a high-tension power line. There is a fairly substantial climb from either end because the track rises to about 1200m and the start at either end is at about 300m. There are good views along the track because at the higher parts we will be right on the back of Mt Buffalo. The fires have been through most of this area but that will only have served to open up the views. If I get time for a recce we may shorten it by about 6 km if we can access the western end via Yarrarabula Creek.

Sun 17 Oct Ned Kelly's Lookout Easy +

Leader: Don Ingram

This walk is in the area between Beechworth and Eldorado. Ned was said to have used this area as a vantage point to see the police advancing up the valley. The bush here is fairly open and for part of the way we will follow a small creek. The rocks form caves and overhangs in places which will add to the interest of the place.

Sun 24 Oct Mt Buffalo – Back Wall Easy-med

Leader: Jill Cullen (Wang)

One of the club's favourite walks, which has been closed for a few years because of the 2003 fires. The snow should have melted from Buffalo by then, but the views to Hotham high plains and across to Mt Buller will look spectacular with the snow covered peaks.

Sun 24 Oct Eldorado Medium

David Gordon

Heading towards Eldorado from the Woolshed Falls end – about half way we will park the cars at the start of the Reedy Creek track. This is a four-wheel drive track so easy walking but all up hill for the start of the day. We follow Reedy Creek most of the way with some beautiful views into the gully. We climb about 300m reaching 500m by lunchtime.

The trip down is along Long Ridge Fire Track. Quite a sharp decent but wonderful views across two valleys. Total walking for the day is about 15-16 kms.

Sat 30 Oct Tour of CSU Herbarium, Informative and fascinating

Contact person: Penny Davidson

Kylie Kent, Herbarium Manager, will take people into the Thurgoona „real“ herbarium and virtual herbarium, which hosts a regional collection of flora. The herbarium contains specimens that were collected in the 1800s as well as more recent additions. Kylie will show how the virtual herbarium works, and explain how to identify plants in the local area. At the end of the morning you will know how to identify the local plants. There will also be a brief tour of the grounds and revegetation program, - might be a future short walk - and a brief campus tour. The morning will start at 9.30 with a quick orientation of the facilities, and finish with morning tea.

Sun 31 Oct Rail Trail Shelly Medium

Nonie Fielder

A 10km walk downhill from what was the highest railway station in Australia across spectacular trestle bridges and through beautiful forest. Bring sturdy footwear and warm clothes if it is still cool. Hopefully will finish at the pub to listen to local folk music with a later lunch there. Bookings essential

Sun 31 Oct The Big Walk, Mt Buffalo Medium

Leader: Marijke Korting

Other areas of Mt Buffalo are still unreachable due to the fires. This walk promises to be interesting as we will be passing through sections that have been burnt and are now regenerating. We'll have great views. A bit steep at first. We can either do as a return walk or car shuffle. (this walk has been shifted from Sept to Oct).

Nov 6 & 7th Fossicking at Glendart Medium/Fun/Social

Leader: Hugh Lloyd

A medium walk in with the option/backup of a ride in by 4wd

Glendart, on the eastern side of Dartmouth dam, is the site of 2 early gold mining settlements first discovered during the 1870's. There are still a number of sites still to see including a cemetery and machinery that was brought into the valley by bullock teams plus remnants of the old township. The area is accessed by the Corryong/Omeo road via Nariel. We will drive to the start of the Siphthorpe Track and walk in to the township - a 4WD track, steep in places, and about 6km long. There is a longer track out of Glendart via the Glendart Track (10kms and steep in places) which we can use to leave the area on Sunday. I will arrange for a 4WD vehicle to take all our camping equipment in to allow for easier access for everyone.

Sun 7 Nov Round Mt Beauty and up Mt Beauty Easy - Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark

Phone: 02 6025 3292

There's more to Mt Beauty than the Bakery! In this walk we'll go round Mt Beauty (the town) and up Mt Beauty (the peak). We'll see cultural icons such as the Senior Citizens' Centre, the airport and the sewage farm, and we'll get spectacular views over the town and down the Kiewa Valley. The walk has a bit of bitumen bashing but is mainly on fire trails and footpaths. About 12km, with some steep climbing in places.

Sun 7 Nov Paradise Falls – King River Lookout (near Whitfield) Easy

Jan Andrews

In the Alpine National Park – Wabonga Plateau. No car shuffle on this version. Initially a viewing of Paradise Falls which are spectacular even if only a trickle of water, due to the interesting and unusual large conglomerate rocks, The 8 km return walk on track to the lunch spot in the Alpine National Park / Wabonga Plateau overlooking the King River far below. To save a long car shuffle and to save the knees on the steep descent, we return the same way seeing plants we missed on the way up. There should be spring wildflowers still at this altitude (most wattles being out early Sept but you can't be everywhere at once in early Spring).

Sun 7 Nov Moncrief Fire Trail Mt Beauty Easy - Medium

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13-14 November Mtn bike wknd at Shelley social and med

Leader: Rick Armstrong

Join the Albury Wodonga Orienteering Club for a good weekend of mountain biking in the beautiful high country of North East Victoria. Saturday will start at 10am from Shelley Camp, exploring Avondale Gardens, historic railway trestle bridges and tin mines. Distance either 30km (short option) or 45 km. Sat night at Shelley Forest Camp, bunkhouse style rooms, \$14 pp. BYO bedding, linen, towels & pillows. BYO food and beverages, possible BBQ evening meal. Sunday morning will be mountain bike orienteering. Long course approx 20-25 km, short course approx 10-15 km. MBO on Sunday is not compulsory, plenty of other ride options available.

13-14 Nov Hinces Creek to Burrowa Mountain Med, 2 day backpack

Noelene Young

This walk is highly recommended, as it is through beautiful forest with water available from creeks when you want it. On late Friday (lovely camping by Hinces Creek) or early on Saturday morning drive to start of walk at Hinces Creek after leaving cars a short drive up the Walwa Road. Cross the creek and follow the footpad about 7 kms up to the Hinces Creek saddle where water is available – set up camp and do a short walk to Mt Black.

Bring mosquito repellent.

On Sunday follow a footpad along the ridgeline for 8 kms past Burrowa Mountain (a short side walk), then cross two creeks and navigate two steep descents and ascents before reaching the cars on the Walwa Road. Because of the descents and side walk to Burrowa Mountain, Parks Victoria recommend 8 hours for this part of the walk.

Sun 14 Nov King Valley Wine & Food Festival Gourmet / music / easy

Jan Andrews

Drive to Lake William Hovell, Do a delightful 1 hr circuit along the King River, through scented peppermint forests. Cross the crystal clear King River at the ford (feet will get wet), return short cut track to cars. Rest of day visit some of the numerous wineries along the picturesque King Valley which all have bands, wine and food under marquees. All with the lovely vistas of the wooded hills of the King valley.

20-21 Nov Mt Lawson Walk/Car Camp Easy/Medium

Leader: David Gordon

The plan at this stage is to drive into one of the two car parks on the Tallangatta side of Mt Lawson, those wishing to stay for the weekend would set up camp - then we would all trek through to the summit of Mt Lawson. This is all on very good track but will be a bit of a climb.

Get back to the camp at a reasonable hour and enjoy sometime by the banks of the Koetong Creek. Next morning - there is a waterfall I'd like to find further up the river before heading back to pack up camp.

20-21 Nov Buckland Valley

Leader: Brian Gilby

Map: The High Country – Victoria 1:30 000

There is a lot of history in the Buckland Valley. Gold was discovered in 1853 and many miners turned to sluice mining with water races and plumes built. On Saturday afternoon we will visit some of these and the historic Buckland cemetery. We will car camp overnight and walk some of the tracks on Sunday – we may even reach the Australian Alps Walking Track. To reach this track I would suggest we would require all wheel drive or 4wd vehicles.

Sun 21 Nov Wooragee – Lake Kerford Medium

Leader: Don Ingram

This is a walk across the countryside to Lake Kerford – half on track half in bush, approx. 14 km.

Sun 21 Nov Mt Samaria Easy

Following the picturesque walking track through scented blue gum and peppermint forests. Couple of crystal clear waterfalls along sidetracks plunging down to Lake Nillahcootie far below. A delightful walk.

27 – 28 Nov Dinner Plain to Cobungra Easy backpack

Noelene Young

Requires a car shuffle or a drop off of 18 kms. A two day backpack of 21 kms all on fire trails and downhill so it is recommended for those backpackers who don't want to do it hard. Day 1 is down 300m over 13 kms along the Dinner Plain fire trail to camp near a large lake at the start of Long Plain. Day 2 is along the McMillan walking track traversing Long Plain, for 8 kms down 220 metres back to the cars at Cobungra.

27 Nov – 5 Dec Big Victorian Bike Ride spectacular

Leader: Ron Hammond?

A ride with stops at Port Fairy, Koroit, Port Campbell, Camperdown, Gellibrand, Apollo Bay (rest day here), Airey's Inlet, Point Lonsdale, Geelong. Costs \$580 and includes all meals. Total of 570 km.

Sun 28 Nov Hughes Creek Gorge & BBQ Easy

Jan Andrews

Short walk suitable for families and anyone who wants to enjoy this delightful area. The access is via Seymour, we return via back roads of the little known Strathbogie's in the Ruffy area. Late BBQ lunch on a sandy beach on Hughes Creek.

Sun 28 Nov Bogong High Plains Medium

A circular walk – Ryder's yards, Young's Hut

Leader: David Bradshaw

This is a circular walk visiting places of interest. Starting at Pretty Valley follow the creek across country to Ryder's Yard, then take the Cope West Aqueduct and then up over the ridge across country to Young's Hut and then to western lookout with magnificent views of Mt Feather top then return to Pretty Valley. Some off track walking with only gentle climbing. A walk of about 20 kms. Excellent views.

4 Dec Falls Creek Bike ride

Terry Sydes (Benalla)

Mountain or hybrid bikes required. Cycle around the aqueducts on the Bogong High Plains. Mostly likely route from Pretty Valley to Ryder's yards and to the base of Mt Jim. Explore waterfalls and possibly to top of Mt Jim. Flat riding.

Sat 4 Dec Feathertop crossover Medium

Penny Davidson / Warwick McLachlan

If enough interest then we will do a crossover. One group will be dropped at Harrierville and climb up to the Razorback on the Bon Accord Spur. They will then travel a kilometre or so to pick up the car(s) left by the other group. The second group will travel along the Razorback – out to Feathertop (an extra two km) and then down to Harrierville on Bungalow spur. The first group climbs 12 kms up, the second travels approx. 20 km (including Feathertop extension), of which 8 is down.

Fri 4 – Sun 6 Dec Mt Buffalo Base Camp Easy

Jan Andrews

Wildflowers are usually in profusion in early Dec. The campsites are delightful set amongst snowgums on Lake Catani. Jan will lead a delightful walk to a delightful area called South Viewpoint form a small weir. There are dozens of other walks and the café and the Chalet are always worth visiting. Campsites need to be booked in advance. Contact Jan if wishing to camp – she will book 2 sites, must be paid for by Fri 26 Nov.

Sun 5 Dec Impromptu

Edna Jakobs

Please ring if you are interested in a walk on this day. It will be organised according to interest and weather.

Thurs 9 Dec Twilight canoeing Easy

Bruce Key

One of the delights of living in Albury-Wodonga is the Murray River. As we are approaching the longest day of the year it is a good time to paddle down the river after work. We will gather at Mungabarina Reserve at 5.30 pm and have a leisurely paddle down to Noreuil Park. The club's canoes will be available on a first come, first

served basis. I think the hire cost is \$10 per canoe. While some of us are retrieving the vehicles and loading the canoes, the others can buy pizzas for our tea. With luck, beginners can be matched with experienced canoeists.

Sat 11 Dec Canoe Ovens: Tarrowingee – Freeway Easy

Jan Andrews

An attractive section of the Ovens, which needs to be canoed while water levels are still reasonable. Some sandy beaches, red gum fringe all the way. River is entrenched so surrounding farmland not visible from river.

Sun 12 December Batty Hut – Ropers Hut Medium

BOGONG HIGH PLAINS

Map: Bogong Alpine Area 1:50,000

A walk of about 20 km+ mostly on track with only gentle climbing. Magnificent views over the High Plains and Glen Valley- the hut was burnt down in the recent fires but was set in a delightful setting. Well worth the trip. If time permits, we will cut across country to visit Ropers Hut which also burnt down in the recent fires and then return via Mt Nelse and Watchbed Creek. We will start and finish at Rocky Valley Dam.

As some of these areas were severely burnt during the recent fires it will be interesting to see the regrowth after the winter snow and the recent rains.

Sun 19 Dec Wangaratta (Warby Range Rd-Francis Rd Easy

Jan Andrews

A delightful section of the Ovens with plenty of quite clear gently flowing water and beaches. Tranquil forest line the river as it meanders through state forest. 10km / 4 hrs with swimming.

Fri 24 Dec-New Year Xmas & New Year on the Howqua Easy

Jan Andrews

Base camp for a week (or any part) on the crystal clear Howqua River. The area is adjacent to the Alpine national Park at the foot of Mt Buller (with views of the mountain and ski lifts from one of the walks). Picturesque Manna Gum and Peppermint forests line the river as it bubbles over coloured pebbles with deep crystal clear rock pools for swimming. Many short delightful walks following river tracks, There is also the option of walking on Mt Stirling, Mt Buller and the Bluff. Historic cattlemen's huts, delightful cabins and old gold mining relics add to the appeal of the area. Or just relax with the sunlounge, a book and the lilo by a deep pool.

Sun 19 Dec Faithful's Hut Easy

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Now that McNamara's Hut has been burnt down we may visit several other huts in the area. These include Faithfuls Hut, Cope Hut, Wallace Hut, The Rover Lodge and Wilkinson Lodge, this is always assuming that they are still standing. If this doesn't work then we may walk to the top of Mount Cope then down to Cope East Aqueduct, Cope Saddle Hut and then back to the cars. Either way, just being in the High Country means we will have a great day.

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2004 Club member of the year - Paul Schirmer

The following was written in the February 2005 Footprints

At the break up bar-be-que last month the „Clubman-Ship“ award was passed on from last year's recipient (Edna Jakobs) to our new (and very deserving) winner. The current holder of the Clubman-Ship award gets to nominate who will be the next recipient and this year. Edna chose Paul Schirmer. Paul is a dedicated worker for

the club, not only with his participation on the committee over the years but also being one of our most active leaders and assisting others with organising and leading walks. Congratulations Paul and a big thanks from all of us for the efforts you put in on behalf of the Club.

2005

8-10 Jan Three Huts walk Med, backpack

Leader: Noelene Young

Starting from a hut on the Murrumbidgee River in the northern section of Kosi Nat Park the three day backpack travels to the Bluewater holes area for the first night. The walk will take in Coleman's Plain Hut and old Curango Hut (2nd night).

Sat/Sun 8/9 January Rolling Grounds, Snowy Mountains Easy

for bushwalkers who have overnighted before

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

This requires a car camp at Island Bend on Friday night and a Saturday morning car shuffle. It's a classic Snowies walk from Guthega to Schlink Hilton Hut and return via Disappointment Spur to Munyang Power Station. A preferred alternative (which eliminates the car shuffle) is to travel to Mt Twynam, via Guthega Trig and Consett Stephen Pass and return via Charlottes Pass and the east side of the Snowy stupid standard. The virtue River, crossing or floating down Spencers Creek on the way. That moves the trip to medium or possibly of either way is not a huge amount of kilometres.

Sun 9 Jan Canoe Chateau Tahbilk Lagoons, Ngambie Easy

Jan Andrews

A circuit through the backwaters of the Goulburn River, with waterlilies, irises, historic bridges, waterbirds. Finishing with ½ km on the Goulburn River before reaching the historic Chateau Tahbilk with its beautiful grounds for wine tastings. Ancient mulberry trees line the entrance drive.

15-16 Jan Cobblers Car Camp Easy

Ron Hammond

Car camp at the Cobblers Sat morning and short walk to falls in the afternoon. Walk to Cobbler peaks on Sunday. Great spot.

Sun 16 Jan Ovens River Canoe: Freeway-Wangaratta Easy

Jan Andrews

A delightful 4 hour section (10km) with many beaches at the start and deep winding sections coming into Wangaratta at Sydney Beach. Very short car shuffle (10 mins).

Sun 16 Jan Heathy Spur and Mt Nelse Easy

Will begin by walking along Heathy Spur to Edmondson's Hut, followed by a walk up Mt Nelse. We will then retrace our steps down to Watchbed Creek and walk back to the cars by the lake. This wander on the High Plains includes some great views and one or two huts. A great day out.

21-23 Jan Conquer Kosciuszko Medium

David Gordon

Map ref: Kosciuszko Sheet 8525

Travelling up after work on Friday night we will camp Friday at Geehi. On Saturday we will start from Dead Horse Gap heading up to Rams Head and onto Mt Kosciuszko (felt it was about time this Kiwi boy did your highest peak). We will finish the first day camping in Wilkinson's Valley. Sunday we will head up Mt Townsend then take in Lake Albina and head towards Rawson's Hut and Seaman's hut. From here back down hill to pick up the cars at Dead Horse Gap.

22-24 Jan Long weekend canoe Ovens Easy

Jan Andrews

An easy 2 day canoe (start around lunchtime Sat - finish around early pm Mon) along a clear, gentle flowing section of the Ovens. In state forest all the way. The Wang scouts have done this section numerous times and

highly recommend it. Put in at Francis Rd (north of Want), pulling out 2 days later at Peechelba Bridge (1/2 way to Yarrowonga). Camping overnight on a beach (but you can do 2 day trips if preferred).

Tues 25 Jan Twilight canoeing Easy

One of the delights of living in Albury-Wodonga is the Murray River. As there will still be plenty of daylight it is a good time to paddle down the river after work. We will gather at Mungabarina Reserve at 5.30 pm and have a leisurely paddle down to Noreuil Park. The club's canoes will be available on a first come, first served basis. I think the hire cost is \$10 per canoe. While some of us are retrieving the vehicles and loading the canoes, the others can buy pizzas for our tea. With luck, beginners can be matched with experienced canoeists.

Fri-Sun 29-31 Jan Mt Townsend Medium

Mt Townsend is only a few metres lower than Mt Kosciuszko, but far more spectacular because it has a steep rocky top and looks directly down on Geehi, which would be the largest height difference in Australia. Thousands visit Kosciuszko, but only a handful go to Townsend even though it is only a few km away. We will drive to Geehi on the Friday night and next morning take the easy route to the high ground via the Thredbo chairlift (which apparently costs \$17 return). This will allow us to reach camp in the vicinity of Townsend early so that we can explore that general area, including a look down on Lake Albina and Lady Northcote Canyon. In addition to the fabulous views there should be lots of wildflowers.

Sat 29 Jan Bats in the wild, and barbecue stimulating and fun

Penny Davidson:

Meet at approx. 4.30 / 5.00 pm for a barbecue at Horseshoe Lagoon. At 6.30 Craig Grabham – resident bat expert – will talk about the process of researching bats and how to trap them using harp traps. He'll demonstrate this process and you'll get a chance to identify some bats in the wild, listen to some voice recordings, and look at the kind of areas that bats live in. Craig gave a talk at one of the BBC meetings – so if you missed him here is your chance to catch-up or learn more. Approx. 8.30 finish.

Sun 30 Jan Mt Buffalo Easy

Edna Jakobs

Starting at the Chalet walk through to Lake Cattani. Lunch and swim and at the lake and either walk back or car shuffle. If cool we might choose to do another walk.

Sun 30 Jan Canoe Murray Tungamah area (north Benalla) Easy

Jan Andrews

Access via the numerous river tracks in the area (good condition). Many large white beaches. If time afternoon tea at historic lovely Murramine homestead on the Murray valley highway nearby.

4-6 Feb Base camp & canoe Barmah Easy

Jan Andrews:

Base camp in the camping area in the forest on Lake Barmah. 3 possible canoe trips: 1. Canoe up nearby Broken creek and return; 2. Canoe on Murray into Barmah (car shuffle); 3. Canoe up Lake Barmah into the forest via Budgee creek and return (we have seen a mob of kangaroos including an albino kangaroo, plus wild brumbies in this area). We don't canoe the whole length of Budgee creek any more as it is un-canoeable due to the number of trees down. We usually cross the Murray to look into very shallow but interesting Moira Lake in NSW as well.

Sat 5- Sun 6 Feb Tooma Dam Med

Don Ingram

Car camp to Tooma Dam. Go up Sat morning, do a short walk, then camp around cars Sat night. Then walk around dam foreshore and creeks Sunday, swimming if hot. Walking in bush and on tracks

Sun 6 Feb Kelly's Hut Easy

Pauline McLaughlin

This walk provides a great introduction to the High Plains and some of the cattleman's huts for those new to the club. We'll drive beyond Falls Creek to cross the Rocky Valley Dam wall and park the cars at Watchbed Creek. From there we will follow the Big River Fire Track, pass Marum's Point, look towards Mt Nelse and visit Fitzgerald's Hut. After a restful lunch stop at Kelly's Hut we'll retrace our steps to the cars. The walk is about 10kms; the temperatures will definitely be cooler than at home and the wildflowers will be in abundance.

Sun 13 Feb Mt Buffalo – Backwall Track, 12 km Easy

Hugh Lloyd

This is a good starting point for those newcomers wishing to explore with the Border Bushwalking Club on a relatively easy walk in one of the more accessible of our local National Parks. Mount Buffalo has sheer cliffs, imposing granite tors, tumbling waterfalls, snow gums and some good walks. We shall car share to travel to the Day Visitor Centre at Cresta Valley on Mt Buffalo and begin our walk on Dicksons Falls Nature Walk, turning right after 500m passing by the historic Chinamans Wall. Our destination is the Back Wall, which will afford us some great views and a pretty good place for lunch. Make sure you have appropriate clothing and other equipment (including water) to allow for sudden weather changes.

Sat 12 Feb Wonga Wetlands Social

David Gordon

This trip is being put on for purely social reasons. The plan is to get to the Wetlands at 5.00 in the afternoon and spend about 2 hours exploring the wetlands. If we get bored with this and time permits we will head off down to Horseshoe Lake for a bit of an early evening walk. Hopefully at this time of day we will get to see plenty of bird life. Exercise is good for the appetite so this will be followed by a traditional kiwi barbecue back at my place. By traditional I mean it is BYO everything. I'll supply the barbie, the venue and maybe the tomato sauce (if you are lucky).

Sun 13 Feb Buckland River Walk Easy

Jan Andrews:

A delightful 4 hour stroll alongside, in and swimming through the crystal clear Buckland River. Deep permanent turquoise waterholes for swimming. Scented peppermint forests and views of the blue Alps. Mostly walking along pebble beaches, sometimes easiest to swim through longer waterholes with pack in plastic bag (but you get around them if you have to).

Very stoney – MUST WEAR BUSHWALKING BOOTS plus shorts and bathers. Sandals not suitable.

Sun 13 February Mt Fainter Medium

BOGONG HIGH PLAINS

Leader: David Bradshaw:

Map: Bogong Alpine Area 1:50,000

Starting from Pretty Valley, Falls Creek, take the Fainter fire track and then across open country to Mt Jaithmathang and then along the ridge and grassy plains to Mt Fainter, return via Tawonga Huts to Pretty Valley. Some off track walking with only gradual climbing. A walk of about 20 kms with views over the High Plains, Mt Feathertop and Mt Bogong. The wild flowers will also be out at this time of year.

Sat 19 Feb Tour de pools, Mt Buffalo Splash/walk

Warwick McLachlan

There are 6 still bodies of water in Mt Buffalo National Park and on what hopefully is the hottest day in the hottest month the bracing effect of jumping into them will remind us of why we don't do it too often. There is modest walking involved to each pool but time to recover will be available. This trip requires little else than a crappier physique than the leader, a cossie of sorts and the ability to cream when the cold water hits.

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Sat 19 Feb Howqua River Walk, Easy

Leader: Nigel Lacey, Benalla Bushwalking Club

A circuit starting at Tunnel Bend following the river upstream to Gardener's Hut and then up to the Bridle path that is followed to Five Mile Creek; return via the track that criss-crosses the river. Crystal clear water holes for swimming. Bring bathers, towel and wear boots you are happy to get soaked. An opportunity to explore the

tunnel at the end of the walk – a torch would be handy. Afternoon tea at Mansfield for those who wish on the return journey. Depart Benalla P.O. at 9.30 am.

19-20 Feb Canoe Murray Cobram – Tocumwal Easy

Jan Andrews

Huge white beaches on every bend. Option to camp out Fri night as well if desired, if hot weekend.

25 Feb-1 Mar Wilson's Prom National Park Any Level

Jan Andrews

Base camping in lovely bush area near shop, café, toilet block, beach, river, and park information centre. Choice of walking on dozens of tracks of all standards, boogie boarding, swimming etc. Communal gases BBQ at start Lou-Ern amongst huge gnarled banksias, where we'll have tea one night (avoiding the BBQ's in the main car park).

Sat 19 Sun 20 Feb Khancoban to Geehi Medium

Leader: Paul Schirmer

This walk starts from near Waterfall Farm just out of Khancoban. We follow the Geehi Walls Trail past Geehi Walls and Devils Grip Gorge. Several huts and hut sites are passed along the way, these include Major Clews Hut, Keebles Hut, Doctors Hut and old Geehi Hut.

To make this walk work we will need someone to drive on to Geehi after dropping us off and camp there so they can bring us home. The other option is to do the walk as a cross over but as I have never done this walk before I prefer option one.

March 11 – 14 2005 Crystal Brook Lodge Dinner Plain

Leader: Denise Smith

Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, \$38 per person (total). Self catering. Numbers limited to 14. A popular weekend for walking or just doing your own thing. Bookings and payment to be finalised by December 4th meeting.

Feb 19- March 6 New Zealand Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Explore 2 tracks on New Zealand's South Island. The Tuatapere Hump Ridge Track is New Zealand's newest walk, being opened in 2001. The 53 km circuit winds through the south-eastern end of the Fiordland National Park at the southern end of the island. It passes through podocarp and beech forest, past sub-alpine settings and sandstone outcrops, before returning to spectacular coastline and open beaches. There is a possibility of seeing keas, seals and Hector's dolphins. The walk is covered in 3 days with accommodation in huts with hot showers. The Freedom plus option, which includes helicopter portage of packs daily appeals to me. Others might choose the freedom option, i.e. pack carrying.

At the northern end of the South Island, is the spectacular 69 km Queen Charlotte Track, stretching from historic Ship Cove to Anakiwa, as it passes through lush coastal forest, around coves and inlets and along skyline ridges, offering breathtaking views of the Queen Charlotte and Kenepura Sounds. It is a 4-day walk but can be extended by including side trips. Again pack portage can be arranged – this time by boat. Cost will depend on the accommodation selected by the group as there is a wide variety offered.

There would be a couple of days of travel and sightseeing between the 2 walks.

Please contact Pauline by the end of November if interested so that definite dates and costs can be negotiated and of course, the earlier the planning starts, the cheaper the flights.

Fri 25 – Sun 27 Feb Fossicking at Glendart Medium/fun/social

Leader: Hugh Lloyd

A medium walk in with the option/backup of a ride in by 4wd.

Glendart, on the eastern side of Dartmouth dam, is the site of 2 early gold mining settlements first discovered during the 1870's. There are still a number of sites still to see including a cemetery and machinery that was brought into the valley by bullock teams plus remnants of the old township. The area is accessed by the Corryong/Omeo road via Nariel. We will drive to the start of the Siphorpe Track and walk in to the township - a 4WD track, steep in places, and about 6km long. There is a longer track out of Glendart via the Glendart Track (10kms and steep in places) which we can use to leave the area on Sunday. I will arrange for a 4WD vehicle to take all our camping equipment in to allow for easier access for everyone.

Sat 26 Feb Mt Buffalo Medium

Leader: Gary Versteegen, Benalla Bushwalking Club

Enjoy a full moon walk out to Mt McLeod and back to the Lake Catani Camping Ground. Option of arriving Friday night and doing some exploration and sightseeing on Saturday before the walk.

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Sat 5 Mar Jamieson River Bushwalk & Lilo Easy

Jan Andrews

Start at Wren's flat, a grassy flat with shady deciduous trees on the crystal clear Jamieson River, a short drive from the picturesque mountain village of Jamieson. Bushwalk about 2-3 km upstream along an old packhorse track looking down on the Jamieson river (carrying day pack and lilo / pump / paddle or boogie board / plastic tube). At the next river flat we launch into the river an float downstream back to Wren's flat through deep clear pools and small, easy rapids. About 4 hours (you can walk back the same way and set up a chair at Wren's Flat next to the large pool and read / swim if you don't want to float down. *Option to stay o/n at Mansfield or Jamieson if don't want to travel in one day from Albury/ Shepparton OR camp delightful Wren's Flat (small 4wd access).*

Sat 5 Mar + Sun 6 Mar Charity Walks – Mt Buffalo Mixed

2 day trips David Gordon

The plan at this stage is to run two trips down to the Mountain. Depending on numbers (and willing leaders) we will put on a variety of walks including the Big Walk, the Back Wall, the Lookouts etc. I have also asked Parks Victoria if they can provide a ranger to do a more of an educational walk/talk thing.

We will be asking everyone (including leaders) for a minimum donation to the Appeal Fund of \$10. More would be appreciated.

We are also in the throws of trying to secure some sponsorship to pay for the transportation down to Buffalo and also negotiating with the Chalet in regards to providing food and drinks for sale – with the proceeds also going to the Appeal.

We are going to try to get extensive media coverage for this walk and attract lots of people to join us on the day – I'm aiming to get 50-60 people coming down each day.

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Sun 6 March Thorn Range Mediums

Leader: Terry Sydes, Benalla Bushwalking Club

Camp on the Howqua River at Bindaree Saturday night to get an early start. Begin the walk at the circuit road and follow a walking track along Stanley name Spur, over Mt Thorn to the Queens Spur Track. Descend to the Howqua River and follow it back to the campsite. A walk with spectacular views of Mt Howitt and the Crosscut Saw.

Fri March 11 – Mon 14 Crystal Brook Lodge Dinner Plain

Leader: Denise Smith

Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, \$38 per person (total). Self catering. Numbers limited to 14. A popular weekend for walking or just doing your own thing. Bookings and payment have been finalised, but Denise may have a waiting list.

Sat 12 Mar Canoe: Oven's lagoon, Bundalong Easy

Jan Andrews

This is the Vic long weekend and a good place to go to avoid holiday makers (we don't normally see anyone whilst canoeing). A complex system of flowing creeks, lagoons and backwaters at the Ovens Murray junction with birdlife. Lunch on the Murray under gnarled red gums away from most of the waterskiers in a quiet are. Will be able to drift along the creeks gorging blackberries this time?

Sat 12 Mar Mt Bogong Med/Hard

Penny Davidson / Deborah Kahn

Starting with a couple of flattish kms before we start the 5 to 6 kms climb up the Staircase to reach the peak of Mt Bogong Victoria's highest mountain at 1986 metres. Lunch up the top. Depending on energy and interest we can return via Eskdale spur – 4 km down, followed by 6 kms along the track that follows Mountain Creek. Car to Mt Bogong is a climb of 1300m.

Mon 14 Mar Canoe: Oven's River Easy

Jan Andrews

A quiet, deep section of the Ovens with plenty of clear, flowing water usually even in March. State forest and birdlife all the way. The Wang scouts do this section regularly with 12-year-old boys. About 10 kms, 4 hrs with swimming off the beaches.

Sat 19 -Sun 27 March Tasmania

Marie Holt

I have the urge to do another solid extended (8-9day) walk in S-W Tassie. Actual dates still very flexible at this stage but if we go in late March we could take in Easter making good use of those public holidays. Exactly where?. Not sure, but I've started to peruse the books and Federation is leaping out! Western Arthurs are also a possibility... Ring me if you are interested.

Sat 19 March Betty Carrasco Remembrance Walk, Chiltern N.P. Easy - Medium

Leader: Paul Schirmer

The Chiltern Box Ironbark N.P. was one of Betty's passions so it was decided to hold this walk to honour her memory. In her many years as a member of the club her contribution was mammoth. She was a member of the committee for a number of years and conducted more than her share of walks.

Because Betty was unique I wanted to try something different for this walk. We will start in the afternoon and walk on either Mt Barambogie or Mt Pilot then drive to Cyanide Dam for a Barbeque Dinner. After Dinner we will do the White Box Trail. If it looks like going too long there are a couple of spots where we can halt the walk and return to the cars. The sun will set at 6.27 that day and we will have a 1/2 moon to illuminate our way. Those that are coming will be asked to bring either a salad or a sweet to share. Tea and coffee will be available.

Sat 19 Mar Canoe: Ulupna Creek to Murray River Beach Easy/koalas

Jan Andrews

(near Tocumwal / Strathmerton). This delightful creek north of Strathmerton needs to be canoed while water is still being let down the Murray. A very gentle flow through state forest with koalas in many trees. Forms the southern boundary of Ulupna Island. Put in at Ulupna Bridge, leisurely canoe 7 km down Ulupna Creek to where we join the Murray. 3 km down the might Murray brings us to Morgan's Beach where we pull out. NB Option is to cap Sat night on one of the beaches on Ulupna Island or stay in cabins at new Red Gum resort near Ulupna Bridge.

Sun 20 Mar Ulupna Island walk Easy/koalas

Jan Andrews

Near Tocumwal / Strathmerton. A surprisingly interesting and varied walk along small 4 wd bush tracks lined with wattle and Red gum near the Murray River. The walk visits 4 Murray River beaches on the northern side of the island: Little Beach, Faraway Beach, (named for its remoteness), Lagoon Beach, Ulupna Beach. We also walk along the sandy bed of Dead River for a short distance (the previous course of the Murray, which changed in 1900) and walk alongside Dead End Lagoon. A delightful but fairly short, flat walk suitable for everyone.

Ulupna Island is renowned for its koala populations.

NB Option to camp Sat night on one of the beaches or stay at cabins at the new Redgum Resort near Ulupna Bridge if canoeing Sat as well as doing this walk.

Sun 20 Mar Cycle: Ovens to Porepunkah Easy

Deborah Kahn

This will be along a part of the Wangaratta to Bright Rail Trail from Ovens, The Happy Valley Pub to Porepunkah, where we will stop for lunch in the park by the river. Return the same way with maybe a brief stop if wanted at Boynton's Vineyard. Total distance 33km.

Fri 25 –Mon 28 Conquer Kosciuszko Medium

David Gordon

This trip was postponed back in January. As it is a long weekend we will have a bit of time on our hands to enjoy ourselves. Travelling up on Friday we will camp at Geehi. This will give us a bit of time to explore (4wd maybe) around this area.

Depending on a willing second leader we will start on Saturday with a double departure. First from Dead Horse Gap heading up to Rams Head and onto Mt Kosciuszko (felt it was about time this Kiwi boy did your highest peak). Second can use the ski lift and meet the first group at Kosciusko. We will finish the first day camping in Wilkinson's Valley.

Sunday we will play be ear a bit and see how much time we have to look around. Maybe take in Mt Townsend. We will do a loop back to the cars at some stage maybe via Rawson's and Seaman's huts. Camp the night at Khancoban, with a slap up meal for Easter Sunday before heading back on Monday morning.

Thurs 24 to Mon 28 Mar Circuit of Mt Jagungal Med/Hard

Noelene Young

Option 1 – Map – Khancoban 1:50,000. As I've done this walk a number of times, experience tells me that it will go only if the weather report for the period is favourable. There are a number of streams to wade, as well as some off track walking best done in clear weather. We want to enjoy ourselves. Total distance – 54 kms over five days to allow for rest/ variations to the following proposal. For example, the proposed last day is too long and campsites can be changed depending on weather to more evenly spread the walk over five days. Day 1: from the carpark, south and gently undulating on the Round Mountain firetrail to Dershkos Hut (excellent camping on the ridge looking across to Mt Jagungal) 14 kms. Day 2 south on the Grey Mare firetrail, crossing the Tooma River, and turning east on the overgrown Strawberry Hill firetrail climbing 300m over 7 kms to then walk across country, over the Geehi River and the Valentine Creek to Mawson" Hut – 13 kms. Day 3: again across Valentine Creek and climb 100m east onto the Brassy Range, then turning north east of the Cup and Saucer to meet an old firetrail to Cesjacks Hut – 11 kms. Day 4: Cross the Doubtful River and walk north on footpads to the Grey Mare firetrail, turn west and then north on the Farm Ridge firetrail, descend 400 m to cross the Tumut River then climb 200m on track, past the Round Mountain hut to complete the walk – 19 kms.

Option 2 – Fri 25-Mon 28 Mt Tantangara/Murrumbidgee River, Map Tantangara 8525-3N, 1: 25,000. If the weather report does not promise perfect weather, then I propose this easy walk over 4 days of about 45 kms north of Kiandra to Tantangara Hut (1 night), over Mt Tantangara (big views) down its northern slopes to the Alpine Walking Track to Witzes Hut (2 nights and nice camping), a day walk to Haines Hut on the Murrumbidgee River and return on the Nungar Creek firetrail to cross the Eucumbene River at Kiandra.

Fri 25 Mar – Tues 29 Marysville Easy

Jan Andrews

This picturesque village at the foot of the Victorian mountains will be bustling at Easter, but the walks should be away from people. Staying at the camping ground amongst manna gums on the clear, bubbling Stephenson's River - NEED TO BOOK CAMP SITES EARLY!!!! (limited cabins available also). Also many cottages, and famed guesthouses such as *Marylands guesthouse* in huge grounds. Track walks include: „The Beeches" rainforest walk, Stephenson's Falls down through mountain ash to Marysville, Lake Mountain Alpine area, Cambarville walk- huge mountain ash trees - up on the dividing range, plus numerous other possibilities.

First tinges of autumn colour in Marysville.

Sun 3 Apr AUTUMN ON THE HOWQUA Easy

(base Mt Buller- access Mansfield)

Jan Andrews

Starting at Sheeppyard Flat and following the tracks along either side of the crystal clear river.

Features historic Fry's cattleman's Hut set amongst mountain vistas, Parks Vic „Historic Heritage Gold Trail', various delightful stone and rustic cottages set in large grounds with autumn foliage. Wear boots that can get wet as the walking tracks cross the river at fords. All set in the peppermint and manna gum forests near Mt Buller. NB Option for Albury / Shepp people to stay in cabins/ camp in nearby Mansfield Sat nt or camp Sheeppyard Flat.

Sat 2-Sun 3 Apr Mt Feathertop Overnight Med

Gill Leckey (Benalla)

Starting from Harrierville climb Feathertop via the Bungalow Spur, a gentle climb for about nine km, camp near renewed Federation hut Saturday night and return via Tom Kneen Spur (Northwest Spur) if sufficient vehicles for a car shuffle. This will be an easy paced walk so come and join Gill.

Sun 3 Apr Woolshed Falls, Beechworth Easy/medium

David Gordon

This will be a walk of about 12-14 kms all on track. We will start at Woolshed Falls heading up the gorge track with a stop at Cascade Falls. Then onto One Tree Hill and Ingram's Rock for lunch and heading back to Woolshed Falls then onto the Beechworth Bakery.

This is an old gold mining area so we will get to take in some of the history as well as some breathtaking views. This walk is suitable for new comers wanting to have a try at bushwalking as well as old timers wanting a nice relaxing day out.

Sat 9 – Sun 10 Apr Johnstone's Hut Easy/Medium

Louise Evans

Driving up on Saturday morning and walking from Watchbed Creek. Walk out to Johnstone's Hut for lunch and then doing day pack walk out to Mount Nelse and/or Marm Point.

Sun 10 April Batty Hut – Ropers Hut Medium

BOGONG HIGH PLAINS

Leader: David Bradshaw

Map: Bogong Alpine Area 1:50,000

A walk of about 20 km+ mostly on track with only gentle climbing. Magnificent views over the High Plains and Glen Valley - the hut was burnt down in the recent fires but was set in a delightful setting. Well worth the trip. If time permits, we will cut across country to visit Ropers Hut which also burnt down in the recent fires and then return via Mt Nelse and Watchbed Creek We will start and finish at Rocky Valley Dam.

As some of these areas were severely burnt during the recent fires it will be interesting to see the regrowth after the winter snow and the recent rains.

(This walk has been re-scheduled from December due to bad weather)

Sun 10 Apr LAKE NILLAHCOOTIE – WILD DOG CREEK Easy

Mostly off track

Jan Andrews

An interesting 4 hr walk near Benalla at the foot of Mt Samaria State park. Starting with early autumn foliage at Lake Nillahcootie Picnic area, we cross the dam wall and head out to Wild Dog creek (which pummets from high above on Mt Samaria in a series of waterfalls). Lunch on lower Wild Dog creek which is lined with ferns and shady tall blue gums. Cross a small range of lightly wooded hills and return to cars along the beaches of Lake Nillahcootie.

Sat 16 – Sun 17 Apr Mayford Medium

Sandra Evans (Echuca Club)

This walk is from Dinner Plain out across Precipice Plain and down to Mayford on the Dargo River for the evening followed by an equally steep climb out the next morning, just to get the heart pumping, then onto Tabletop Mountain and back to JB Plain and a short walk back to Dinner Plain if there is not enough vehicles for a car shuffle.

Sun 17 Apr Black Range – Lavington Easy

Edna Jakobs

Walk of two and half hours unless we walk back again but we might organise a car shuffle and have a pub lunch at Jindera. Plans are flexible at present.

Sun 17 Apr Lake William Hovell – King River Easy

Jan Andrews

A circuit from the picturesque picnic area at Lake William Hovell following a grassy track through peppermint forests above the King River. Swimming in clear, deep rock pools at one point if still hot. The track joins the 4WD track off the Wabonga Plateau National Park before crossing the King River at a ford.

23- 24 Apr Bunroy on the Murray

Hugh Lloyd

Leader: Hugh Lloyd

Come and join me on the Anzac long weekend at Bunroy Hut approx 30 kms upstream from Corryong. The hut is privately owned by the Whitsed family, some of whom are likely to join us for some of the long weekend. We will be camping out, but with backup of the hut and all the facilities there.

There are a number of walks available in the area and the main one we shall do after a trip by vehicle from the hut, follows the Murray River from the spot where Jack Riley died at the end of Surveyors Creek Track back to Bunroy hut along the track (approx 10kms) or, for the more adventurous, the option of doing more of the Surveyors Creek Track.

Another walk will be from the hut along the Indi River track to a picnic spot where the Bunroy Creek joins the Murray. More info will be available when I get to do a bit of a recce.

Sat 23 – Sun 24 Apr Mt Bogong Medium

Paul McCallum (Wangaratta)

Medium over night hike. 4WD into Granite Flat and then hike up on to the plateau to camp over night. Walk over to Cleve Cole hut and the falls beyond on the Sunday.

Sat 30 April- Sun 1 May Young's Hut Working Bee Busy

Ron Hammond

Sat/Sun for overnights, Sat for day walkers (Porters)

Young's Hut needs a few repairs. The rear woodpile cover has collapsed, and the roof needs some work plus some minor repairs.

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Sat/Sun overnights Ron Hammond

Sat for day walkers (Porters)

Young's Hut needs a few repairs. The rear woodpile cover has collapsed, and the roof needs some work plus some minor repairs. If you have the following items lying around give me a call. Ron

Timber 5 pieces of 4x2 old but in good condition

3 or 4 weather boards about 4ft

A few roofing nails

Old packing case plywood to do some more internal lining.

Sun 30 Apr Pangarang Look Out – Warby Ranges Easy

Jill Cullen (Wangaratta)

Easy day walk along the old fire trail to the lookout.

Sat 7 May Bright To Wandiligong Easy

Jan Andrews

Starting from the junction of the Ovens River /Morses creek in the park in Bright, we walk through the autumn leaves of Bright, then follow the foot track along Morses creek to Wandiligong. After a walk through this historic village where you can collect fresh chestnuts, on to afternoon tea at the famed Wandiligong café with its enormous sponge cakes. Bright *Autumn festival* stalls this morning.

Sun 8 May Bike Ride Bright – Myrtleford Easy

Jan Andrews

Sealed bike trail: Section „ALPS TO MURRAY“ BIKE TRAIL

30km gently downhill through autumn colours from historic Bright railway station. Stopping at Boyntons winery for drinks & autumn views, Eurobin railway station, historic 1840's Happy Valley Hotel before finally rolling into the autumn leaves of Myrtleford.

NB Cost for *Myrtleford bike shuttle* to take drivers back to collect cars at Bright.

Sun 8 May 2005 Flaggy Creek – Mt Lawson Easy/Medium

Leader: David Gordon

Map: Home Flat-Mt Lawson 1:25000

An excellent local walk starting at the Murray Valley Highway. Walk to Valley View Lookout. Then on past Mt Porcupine to The Oaks, Flaggy Creek Gorge and Waterfalls. Mostly easy walking with only short steep sections. Excellent views of the Upper Murray Valley and Flaggy Creek Gorge. (This is the walking track the club has adopted). Total walking for this round trip is about 16 kms.

Sun 15 May Lake Kerford (Stanley) - Beechworth Easy

Historic Rail Station

Jan Andrews

Beechworth Harvest Festival today. All on track- 8 km following a small creek lined with the last of the autumn willow foliage between the 2 lakes KERFORD and SAMBELL. A picturesque walk through peppermints and blue gum forests. Lunch on a small wooden bridge. Time to explore the historic buildings and mature autumn gardens of Beechworth Tafe after the walk, then afternoon tea in Beechworth and the Harvest festival in the main street.

Sun 22 May Mt Bellevue Leisurely

(Myrhee –Between Benalla / Wang)

Jan Andrews

The grapevines on Mt Bellevue are usually spectacular as they ripen to gold and orange about now. Also good views all around with vistas down to golden poplars along the river flats below surrounded by wooded hills. Walk is a mixture of bush and open areas/ vineyards along the top- good for a winter walk. ALL ON QUIET 4WD TRACKS. Steep initial climb 1000" but will be leisurely.

Sun 22 May Mt Murramurrangbong Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

A 12 km walk in the Kergunya/Tangambalanga area, most of the walk is on track through bush, but is interrupted by open patches with great views towards Lake Hume, Albury-Wodonga and the surrounding areas. Some uphill climbs will be experienced.

Sun 29 May Myrhee (Hills Between Benalla/ Wang) Easy

Jan Andrews

Avoiding the very difficult descents through complex spurs of previous years.

This is a delightful 8km / 4 hour version of the walk which avoiding the hard sections, requires a short car shuffle. A mixture of off track and track.

Initially we climb 200m up a gentle spur through open forest to reach a ridgeline.

We follow this delightful ridge for a few kilometres with lunch and good views from an open area. Eventually we reach farm properties and wind down a 4WD track to where we have left the shuttle car.

Sun 29 May 4 Huts & A Bakery Easy/ Medium+

Bogong High Plains

Leader: David Bradshaw

Map: Bogong Alpine Area 1:50,000

Starting from Rocky Valley Dam Falls Creek. Take the heathy spur track visit Edmonson hut before climbing Mt Nelse. Then on to Johnston Hut for lunch. From Johnston Hut across open country to Kelly Hut and Fitzgerald Hut then back to rocky valley Dam and a well-earned stop at the Mt Beauty Bakery.

A walk of about 20 km+ mostly on track with some off track cross-country walking with only short climbs.

Magnificent views over the High Plains, Rocky Valley Dam and beyond.

Although this walk is not difficult reasonable fitness is required because of the distance and the daylight hours at this time of year.

Sat 4 Jun Black Possum and Little Arthur, Bogong Village Medium

Leader: Ron Hammond

This is a pleasant walk all on fire track with some nice fern gullies, there's a creek crossing at the start and a steep descent of two or three kilometres at the end. It will be 14-15 kms.

Sat 4 Jun Rose White Hills Medium

Leader: Paul Davenport (Warby Range Club)

Medium day walk in the Happy Valley with the Warby Range Club.

Sun 5 Jun Strathbogie Ranges, Lima Easy

Jan Andrews

Just out of Benalla where the Strathbogie Ranges meet the plains, this interesting walk follows a maze of 4WD old logging tracks through bush and pine forest with many views towards Benalla and the plains.

Sun 5 June Ben Valley - Yackandandah Medium

Leader: David Gordon

This is a in the Mt Ben Area out from Yackandandah. The Ben Valley Track is a loop track approx 12-14 kms with a rise of about 400 metres. I haven't been into the area to do a recce so can't tell you too much about the area - exploratory for everyone - but mainly on track. I have been told that there are some aboriginal caves in the area, which we will be trying to find. The plan is for a small car shuffle to avoid the boring bits along the road.

Sun 5 June 2005 Mt Baranduda Easy/Medium

Leader: David Gordon

Haven't quite figured out what I want to do yet but there are lots of little loop tracks leading off from the ridge line of Mt Baranduda that I want to explore. We will be heading off from the TV mast and I would think that we would be walking for approx 15-18 kms all up. We will end up back at the TV mast to avoid the car shuffle.

June Seeking an expression of interest –North Queensland

Helen Robinson

Expressions of interest called for walks up in North Queensland in June (mid—late June). Dates and itinerary yet to be confirmed (mid-late June). Transport will probably be in a hire car. Possible walking destinations include Mt Bartle Frere, Hinchinbrook Island, Misty Mountains, Mt Dalrymple and Eungella National Park.

Sat 11 Jun Mt Killawarra-Warby Ranges Easy

Jan Andrews

Following 4WD tracks, easy open forested spurs with delightful large rocky outcrops. Lunch on summit with views. Return via interesting open creek valleys. Afternoon tea at Thoona pub with roaring log fires. Meeting place: Thoona village.

Sat 11 June Bungambrawatha Creek – Pete’s Trail Easy/Medium

Leader: Mandy Evans

We will start at 1.00 pm on the Saturday afternoon. This is one of my favourite walks and is in our own backyard, so to speak, yet so many people haven't discovered it. From my house near Heathwood Park we will walk along the Bungambrawatha Creek to Logan Road, up Logan Road to Range Road. Some people may wish to meet at the point where the track begins (approx. 1.30). From here up onto the Ridge Track and along to the Lookout and Reedy Dam for afternoon tea. We will then meander back to Pete's Track, this is a lesser known track and therefore interesting. Parts of this track are very steep, slippery and rocky so walkers that use sticks may be wise to bring them. This track finishes in the gully where we pick up The Link. This area is narrow and rocky with some steep ups and downs. At the top of The Link we will walk along the ridge-line of Norris Hill to Reservoir/Burrows Road (spectacular views of Albury and the surrounds), down Michelle Avenue, past Heathwood Park and back to my place. If enough people are interested we could then have an Italian evening. It will be about 10skm all up. The rocky bits are steep and there is very little that is flat.

Sun 12 Jun Mt Warby North (firetower) circuit- Warby Ranges Easy

Jan Andrews

Gentle descent off Mt Warby North across the Warby Ranges, crossing 3 mini gorges. Returning via some tracks, but delightful open forest walking. NB All on tracks with umbrellas if weather not good. Again – finishing at Thoona pub with log fires. Meeting place: Glenrowan or Thoona.

Fri 10 – Mon 13 Jun Budawangs – Monolith Valley Medium

Penny Davidson

Driving to Braidwood or similar Thursday (9th) evening and then driving to WogWog. We will leave the cars here and walk on past Corang Peak, to Burrumbeet Brook. The aim is to get to Monolith Valley either on the Saturday or Sunday. This is a reasonable drive from Albury but well worth the effort.

Sat 18 Jun Ridge top walk into Huon Creek Valley Easy/Medium

Sandy Kaitler / Debbie Kahn

A walk of 15 kms, starting at Huon Creek Road, up and across Heckendorf Hill and Charlton's Front. Great views of Albury/Wodonga and surrounding areas. Venture down into Huon Creek Valley and up Spring Gully Road to the 'Valley View Tearooms' for lunch. (BYO if preferred). Some climbs of 200m. Return via same route with some 'off track' to shorten trip.

Sun 19 Jun Mt Lockhart Medium

Bruce Key about 15 km

This will be somewhat exploratory. However it is not far from home, being near Lockhart Gap. About half on 4WD tracks and half through the bush. Not sure how much we will see from Mt Lockhart but I am hopeful that there will be a good view. One thing we will do for certain is to have a fire for lunch so bring things to cook, boil or toast.

Sun 19 Jun Balmattam Hill – Euroa Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

This is the long range of hills behind Euroa. A good mid winter walk with much open hill country with views. However there are also many delightful open forests of red box, complex gullies and finally open ridge walking for as far as we want to go along the tops with views to Euroa, and Sheans Creek valley on the Strathbogies side.

Sun 19 Jun Rocky Ned & Rocky Ned Falls

Leader: Jean Lightfoot (Benalla)

An interesting area to walk in the Strathbogies, Rocky Ned is a large granite outcrop overlooking the Lima Creek valley and the valley where Rocky Ned Falls cascade down to the flats below. Should be good flows over the falls at this time of year.

Sun 19 Jun Clear Creek, Eldorado Easy/medium

Leader: Lois Tippet (Warby Range)

Easy to medium day walk with the Warby Range Club. Followed by a BBQ lunch.

Sun 26 Jun The Rock – Morgan's Lookout Easy

Leader: David Gordon

Winter time is here but for all you walkers who aren't freezing your buns on an overnight trip, here is a nice winter's day walk for you. We will be leaving from Lavington at a sociable hour. We will be driving for about an hour north to the Rock. This is a high point that juts out in the middle of the plateaus of Lockhart Shire. The walk to the top will take about 1 ½ - 2 hours and is all uphill. Never fear, in keeping with the social theme of the day, regular stops to admire the views are mandatory. We will stop at the top (which is breathtaking) for lunch and (more) views. The trip down should take just a little over an hour.

As this is a relatively short walk, we are going to head home via Morgan's Lookout (about half an hour walking) to view this hideout of one of the region's infamous bush-rangers.

Total walking for the day will be about 7-8kms, so not a hard day - but the uphill section is a bit steep in places.

Sun 26 Jun Creightons Hills/ Mercers Hill (Euroa area) Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Almost the shortest day – so a shortish walk!

Creighton Creek hills were formerly crown land but are now managed by the Creighton Hills Conservation trust. The area is covered with lightly timbered forests of the original vegetation of the area – this is one of the last remnants, apart from the roadside reserves. There are 4WD tracks through the area plus we will be navigating by compass as the forests are open. Hopefully having lunch on Mercers Hill – which is the large bald hill you see with towers on your right after passing Euroa on the way to Melb. Would be good 3600 views.

Sat 2 Jul Snow shoe shuffle, Falls Creek Easy/medium

Ron Hammond

An easy to medium snow shoe shuffle at Falls Creek, over Heathy Spur towards Edmondson's Hut and return. All off track.

Sun 3 July The Pinnacles Medium

Leader: Bruce Key about 10 km

This is a good winter walk near to home. It is near Rosewhite. The Pinnacles are rocky outcrops that overlook the Ovens Valley opposite Mt Buffalo. It is only about 10km but it is all off track and there is a climb of about 500m. The view from the top is quite good.

Sun 3 Jul Upper Ryan's Creek (Benalla / Wang area) Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

In the hills between Benalla and Wangaratta this walk is mostly off track. The property owner says he often has horse groups through, so where a horse can go so can we (don't expect to see any). Delightful open forests alternate with views from open areas and over rugged cliffs. The walk is basically in the hills alongside attractive Upper Ryans Creek valley and finishes at interesting Loombah Weir. (The leader has visited the area but not done the whole walk which will be by compass and map). Starts from the house with a walk uphill alongside a small waterfall and gully.

(NB alternative walk all on tracks with umbrellas if weather not good).

Fri 8 Jul Close encounters of the nocturnal kind Easy

Albury-Wodonga Parklands

This is a 1.5 hr evening walk around the Gateway Island area, which comes alive after dark with animals not seen during the day. The walk goes from 7.00 to approx 8.30 pm. The Walk is offered by the A-W Parklands and has a cost of \$5 per person. Bookings essential. Meet at the Parklands office, Gateway Village, Lincoln Causeway.

See also www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au

Sun 10 Jul Mt Emu Easy/Medium

David Bradshaw

Map: Bogong 1:100 000

Mostly easy walking with a gradual climb, starting from above Mountain Creek (Mt Beauty area). Walk to Trappers Creek Gap along Eskdale Spur to Mt Emu and back down to Mountain Creek. Views of Mt Bogong, Mt

Feathertop, and Mt Beauty below. A walk of about 17km and a gradual climb of about 700m. At this time of year there could be some snow on the summit of Mt Emu. Excellent views on this walk and it will be interesting to see the regrowth since the recent fires. As we will be down early a trip to the bakery will be possible.

Sat 9 – Sun 10 July Paw Paw Plain Beginners trip Overnight ski camp

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

This is a Vic Mountain Tramping Club (VMTC) trip and this year we might try linking with them as a sort of self-reliant subgroup with them doing the route finding and site selection. On this trip they apparently only ski 1-2 k with packs on. This is an area I don't know so would like to check it out. If they don't get numbers, I will go to Fairy Dell in Marms Point – a similar standard trip just out of Falls Creek – tempted to go Friday night! Easy skiing and a fascinating night time experience for all the senses if you have not tried it before.

Sun 10 Jul Boggy Creek – Myrree Medium

Geoff Rintala (Benalla Club)

Commencing at Whitlands we follow Boggy Creek down to Myrree along a 4WD track. Total distance about 12 km.

Sat 16 Sun 17 Jul Khancoban to Geehi Medium

Leader: Paul Schirmer

This walk starts from near Waterfall Farm just out of Khancoban. We follow the Geehi Walls Trail past Geehi Walls and Devils Grip Gorge. Several huts and hut sites are passed along the way, these include Major Clews Hut, Keebles Hut, Doctors Hut and old Geehi Hut.

To make this walk work we will need someone to drive on to Geehi after dropping us off and camp there so they can bring us home. The other option is to do the walk as a cross over but as I have never done this walk before I prefer option one.

Sun 17 Jul Mt Granya Easy/medium

Leader: David Gordon

The magnificent views from the top of Mt Granya along the Mitta Arm of the Hume Weir make this walk one of the must do's this month. Highlights of this walk include the old Scout Hut, the first hut that our esteemed president saw on his arrival to these golden shores and Granya Waterfalls, which are spectacular when water cascades over the giant boulders. The walk has some uphill sections, (it is a mountain after all) but with lunch at the top and a slow descent to follow this out and back walk of approximately 12kms is just perfect for winter.

Sun 17 Jul Beechworth Gorge Medium

Nigel Lacey (Benalla Club)

Start at the old Powder Magazine, Beechworth, and walk to Woolshed Falls via the cascades in Beechworth Gorge. Return passing a diversion dam, Fiddle's Quarry, Ingram's Rock and One Tree Hill. Afternoon tea latish, for those who wish at the Beechworth Bakery.

Sun 17 Jul Mac's Crossing to Thistle Flat Med/Hard

Lola Green (Tumut Bushwalkers)

This walk starts at Mac's Crossing on the Goobragandra River. The walk begins with a steady climb up Goat Hill with magnificent views of the Goobragandra Valley the Peak River and the Bogong Mountains from the top. The next few kms are easier going along the ridge top until Cotterill's Firetrail reached. The next km is a steep downhill section to the Peak River and Thistle Flat. Return by a slightly different route. Walk distance is 18 km.

Sun 24 Jul Sunday morning stroll on Nail Can Hill Easy

Liz Hammond

We'll do a car shuffle then start from Pemberton Street. The walk is gradually uphill to the highest point on Nail Can Range, then downhill, finishing on the Howlong Road near the Wonga Wetlands. There are good views of Albury, Wodonga and the Murray floodplains, and on a clear day you can see the snow-covered mountains.

There is no coffee shop at the end of the walk, so if its sunny we'll go across to the Wetlands and boil the billy.

Sat 23 – Sun 24 July Mariposa Spur Overnight ski camp

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

Another VMTC trip into an area I don't know. I gather this is south of somewhere past Dargo or Hotham. Be prepared for wilderness

Sat/Sun 23/24 Jul Mt Kooyoora NP Car camp

Terry Sydes (Benalla Club)

An interesting National Park near Wedderburn, north of Bendigo, it has many interesting granite outcrops, caves and outstanding views. A car camp with walks on both days.

Sun 24 Jul Friends Track – Warbies Easy

Debbie Green (Benalla Club)

A marked track with good views over the Oxley plains and Wangaratta. Close to Benalla it is an ideal walk for families.

Tues 26 Jul Huon Hill Hike Medium

Albury-Wodonga Parklands

A walk to the summit of Watson's Hill in Huon Hill Parklands, for more of the spectacular views that only Huon Hill Parklands offers. This will be a two-hour walk starting at 1.30 and finishing around 3.00 to 3.30pm across a distance of 4 km. A-W Parklands are running the walk and there is a cost of \$3 per person. Bookings are essential for this walk. Ring between 8.30 am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Meeting at the car park 4 km past Huon Hill entrance – but please get more specific directions when you ring up to book. See also www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au

Thur 28 Jul Hidden Forest Walk Easy-medium

Albury-Wodonga Parklands

From 1.30 to 3.30pm, this 3 km walk will explore the hidden forest at Huon Hill. Come along and unwind from the hustle and bustle with a guided walk. A-W Parklands are running the walk and there is a cost of \$3 per person. Bookings are essential for this walk. Ring between 8.30 am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Meeting at the car park 4 km past Huon Hill entrance – but please get more specific directions when you ring up to book. See also www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au

Sun 31 Jul National Tree Day Worthwhile

Albury-Wodonga Parklands

Join the A-W Parkland Rangers in planting on Australia's National Tree Day. Contact Parklands for further information re activities, times and locations. See also www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au

Late July/Early Aug Ski around Lake Catani Easy/Medium

Leader: David Gordon

I haven't set a firm date for this trip as it is dependant on a really good dump of snow on Mt Buffalo so that we can ski from the Chalet along the snow covered 4WD track to the lake, cross the dam wall and do the circuit around the lake. This is a relatively short ski so we would then head off to Cresta and do the trip up to the Horn. For those interested – let me know your names and start watching the weather.

Sat 6 Aug Beginners learn to XC ski Easy

Eileen Clarke

A beginners' learn to ski day at Falls Creek: a gentle introduction to the art of skiing. We will practice skills in the morning and then take a short trip in the afternoon. A list of equipment will be provided to those who would like it. Bookings will close on Tuesday 2nd August.

Sat 5 – Sun 6 August Main Range Overnight ski camp

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

A visit to Mr Big aka Kozi. Usual Friday night departure with dinner at Corryong and sing songs in the car (I'm kidding) until Geehi or Dead Horse Gap. Sat night will be a camp near North Ramshead . The overall nature of the trip will depend on group inclination and experience. It's possible I'm getting too old for this stuff but will need to be told.

Sun 7 Aug Yackandandah/Baranduda Range/Rowdy Flat Easy

Leader: Noelene Young

After a short carshuffle of 5 kms. the walk starts near the Council Depot at Yackandandah and climbs first on a firetrail and then across country following the ridge lines up to an old firetrail at the top of the Baranduda Range Hodgens Lane can be followed downhill to the cars. About 8 kms. Lunch can be had at either Sticky Tarts or in the nearby park. To finish the day off nicely a circuit of about one hour is proposed on foot-tracks through bushland and the old mining shafts in Rowdy Flat on the outskirts of Yackandandah.

Sun 14 Aug Ovens Valley and Nine Mile Track, Mt Buffalo Medium

Leader: Mandy Evans

This walk is from Ovens (Valley homestead), across the Ovens River, through the Hop gardens, cross country, along the river and then up into the Mount Buffalo National Park and walk along the Nine Mile track. This will involve three long ups and downs. We will then walk down on the spurs on a fire trail (this is quite steep) to the „Sound of Music Hill“ and then cross country back to the cars. This walk is about 17 kms and does have some great close-up views of Buffalo, the Ovens Valley and across at the ridge of snow-capped mountains.

Sat/Sun 13/14 Aug Planting weekend – Regent Honeyeater project Fun while you work

Ray Thomas

The Regent Honeyeater project is aiming for 4 planting weekends late winter/spring as part of the 2006 Commonwealth Games Environment Program, supported by the Victorian government. The first is 13-14 August; see later in program for other weekends. Be involved in a successful and worthwhile project-replanting habitat for the endangered Regent Honeyeater. The planting will occur near Benalla, there will be free accommodation, BBQ and bushdance.

Fri 19 – Sun 21 Aug Howman's Gap Ski lodge frolic

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

A three day X/C event on the BBC program. Lodgings provided on Friday and Saturday nights, all meals provided up to Sunday lunch. Day ski trips on Saturday and Sunday and, for early birders, ski all day Friday with cross-country downhill on the lifts or cross-country on the country. The club has run these for the last 15 years and it always works out to be a great social and skiing time. Fee to be checked – around the \$180 mark.

Sat 20 Aug Wonga Wetlands to Jindera Gap Medium

Leaders: Debbie Kahn / Sandy Kaitler about 15 kms

This little used track takes us from Wonga Wetlands up onto the Nail Can Hill Ridge via the Lookout. From there we head to Reedy Dam and then cross over Centaur Road and continue our upward journey to Hamilton Trigg. With the hard part over we roll down the hill to Jindera Gap. If it is a fine day there should be magical views across to the snow (maybe). Whilst most of this walk is up hill its mostly a slow continuous climb. There are some steep downhill sections that are not as gentle

Sun 21 Aug Edi Forests & King River (King Valley) Easy

Jan Andrews

An attractive walk through a gentle range of forested hills, all on 4WD tracks. Returning to the cars via a river path alongside the picturesque King River with gravel beaches. Hate to say it- but yes once again we are walking along a „crystal clear“ river (why would anyone walk along a „muddy“ river). Access Wangaratta on Whitfield Rd.

Sat 21 Aug Rechabite and Wallaby Mines Easy-medium

Leaders: Paul Schirmer

Come and enjoy a day of exploration and discovery in the area between Beechworth and Yackandandah. We will visit Rechabite and Wallaby mines then attempt to locate the Kerry Eagle mine and several others marked on the map. The walk will start at Fletcher Dam. We will then head off toward Twist Creek. This walk will be mostly on four wheel drive tracks with some cross country walking. Distance walked will depend on the amount of exploring we do but should not exceed fifteen kilometres.

Sun 28 Aug Table Top Easy/Medium

Leader: David Gordon

This will be a round trip of about 7kms with about a 400-metre climb passing over Bald Peak then on past Pulpit Rock, Sugarloaf and climbing to the top of Tabletop where we will stop for lunch. On the way up we will get to see some of the 140 varieties of birds that have been identified in this park as well as other native inhabitants such as kangaroos and wallabies. From the top we will have excellent views across the Hume Weir and back towards Albury. Tabletop is on private property and the owners requiring a \$5 fee for track maintenance and the like. The park is kept in pristine condition.

Sunday 28 Aug Strathbogie Ranges, Violet Town Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A short drive from Benalla brings us to this delightful bush area where the hills meet the plains. Good views at lunchtime from rocky outcrops. Partly on 4WD tracks, partly off track though lovely open forests and groves of silver wattles (should be just coming out). A small waterfall at the end of the walk adds to the variety.

Sun 28 Aug – Sun 4 Sept Warrumbungle National Park Varied/fun

Pauline McLaughlin

Warrumbungle National Park is situated 35 km west of Coonabarabran in northern NSW. It offers breathtaking scenery and a variety of walks ranging from easy on well-formed tracks to longer walks on steep, rough tracks. The Grand High Tops walk is listed as one of Australia's „great walks“. Due to the combination of forested ridges, rocky spires and deep gorges, and an abundance of wildlife, it is considered a photographer's paradise. It is also famous for its clear atmosphere and great views of the night sky. (A visit to nearby Skywatch

Observatory could be a possibility). Campsites at \$5 per person per night are equipped with an amenities block, hot showers, picnic tables and wood BBQs.

The plan is to drive the 738 km via Coonabarabran and onto the NP on Sunday: camp, walk and have fun until Friday.

I have booked a „Bunk with the Beasts“ night at Western Plains Zoo at Dubbo for Friday 2nd September for people wanting that experience. It includes a night safari, campfire, scrumptious supper and safari style accommodation. You would wake to the warbles, rumbles, squeaks, growls and roars of the regular inhabitants and enjoy a hearty breakfast before exploring the zoo and heading home. Cost for „Bunk with the Beasts“ is \$85 per person and will only run if there are 20. After time at the zoo, we will drive home on Saturday or spend another night in a cabin in Dubbo before driving home on Sunday.

Fri 2 – Sun 4 Sept. Bungonia Gorge

Leader: Elizabeth (Wagga Wilderness Walkers)

Bungonia Gorge is one of Australia's most spectacular and rugged gorges with huge boulders blocking the entrance and some really breathtaking scenery. The Wayward Wanderers have a weekend of car camping with day walks at Bungonia State Recreation area, about 30km north of Goulburn, and Elizabeth has offered to be the local contact person. Meet Friday evening or Saturday 9.15am at Bungonia SRA. The gorge will be tackled on Saturday with a shorter walk on Sunday. Bring plenty of après walk goodies for around the campfire Saturday night.

Sat 3 Sept. Macdonalds Hill Easy

Leaders: Debbie Kahn / Sandy Kaitler

Another walk with the most amazing 360 degree views in our backyard. This walk of about 11kms starts at MacFarlands Hill on Felltimber Creek Road and follows the MacFarlands Hill track to Stage 1 of the Hunchback Hill Reserve. From here we walk about 500m along a dirt road and then follow a 4WD track to the top of MacDonalDs Hill.

Saturday 3 Sept, pm Wenhams Clearing, Warby Ranges (access Glenrowan/ Thoona) Easy

„Wattles, creek & roo ramble“

Leader: Jan Andrews

An afternoon's ramble through open country and the occasional track from along the headwaters of Jubilee Creek to where the large waterfall starts. Wandering back through the groves of wattles and usually many kangaroos late pm.(Only couple hours + wattle / roo viewing).

Sunday 4 Sept Eldorado- Clear Creek Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

An interesting walk starting at the top of Reedy Creek Rd and following a gentle 4WD track down to Clear Creek. Now off – track, we wander along past the many rocky cascades with lunch on a small waterfall. The creek then opens out with lovely grassy banks. Hopefully the wattles will have regenerated after the fires bringing colour to the walk.. Finally we reach Reedy Creek, a wide stream here- clear, and flowing over sand. Afternoon tea on a sandy beach where we collect the shuttle car.

Sun 4 Sept Mt Lawson Sate Park Northern Ridges part 2 Med

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts where my previous Mt Lawson walk ended. It is about 15 kms long, is entirely off track and most of it is unsurveyed. Initially, we'll walk southwards up a steep spur until we get to an altitude of 730 metres (a gain of 530 metres in 2.5 kms as the crows fly). Once on top we'll follow the main ridgeline in a northeastwards direction until we reach the Murray Valley Highway and a waiting car sometime in the afternoon.

Along the way, there are areas where the vegetation is quite dense and scruffy. On the other hand, the ridge top is likely to be reasonably open and offer good views over the surrounding area.

You must have a good degree of fitness for this walk and be able to walk through rugged terrain at a reasonable pace.

Sat 10 Sept. Drapers Hill Easy

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Drapers Hill, called Charlie's Hill by some locals, is between Castle Creek Road and Beechworth-Wodonga Road. At 550 metres it is the highest point in the range that joins Mt Lady Franklin with Mt Baranduda. This walk of about eight kilometres is all on private property through cleared and sparsely timbered terrain. The top of Draper's Hill is said to offer good views towards Mt Pilot, Wodonga and of the Murray Valley.

Sat/Sun 10/11 Sept Planting weekend – Regent Honeyeater project

Ray Thomas

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Sat 3 – Sat 10 Sept Jagungal Wilderness Back country ski

Leaders: Marie Holt & Warwick McLachlan

Marie:

Warwick

An extended snow camp in the north end of the Kozi. National Park. Hopefully no 36 hours in the tent in a blizzard like last year, although you are utterly guaranteed an adventure to remember. Great pleasure, some physical work, swooping (and falling) down slopes – you will never ski like this again. Willing newcomers may apply.

Sun 11 Sept Salisbury Falls & Unknown Falls on the escarpment Easy

Warby Ranges (access Glenrowan / Thoona)

Leader: Jan Andrews

Following the foot track up the side of Salisbury falls, we soon head out across country by compass to our lunch spot on a little known waterfall with views of the Alps and Wangaratta. The lunch spot is on a lovely grassy, wide ledge with small waterfalls above and big drops down below.

After lunch we pick up a 4WD track --or follow the creek upstream, picking up the Mt Warby track to head up to the summit or back to the cars.

Sun 11 Sept Burrowa-Pine Mountain area Medium+

Wild goat track – Ross Lookout – Bluff Falls

Leader: David Bradshaw

Start from Bluff Creek picnic area, walk along the lower Dogman Track then on to the Wild Goat Track to Black Mountain and return past Ross Lookout and Bluff Falls. A walk of about 20 km with some steep sections, all on walking track with flattish sections along the ridges with some creeks to cross in the valleys. Excellent views over Corryong and Mt Kosciuszko / Main Range. (This walk is well recommended a new area). Must have a reasonable degree of fitness for this walk.

Sun 18 Sept. Tatong-Whitegate Med

Leader: Nigel Lacey (Benalla Bushwalking Club)

A repeat of the very successful and enjoyable mid week walk on 13 July for those who were unable to make it. The walk is in the area between Samaria and Benalla-Tatong roads. We walk along an unused road passing the site of the former home of Michael Savage, Prime Minister of New Zealand 1935-1940. The walk continues along various lanes back to the cars. Distance about 13 kms.

Fri 23 – Sun 25 Sept. Young's Hut Snow Shoe Shuffle Med +

Leader: Ron Hammond

If there is enough snow we will snow shoe shuffle out to Young's Hut on Friday. On Saturday we will walk to McNamara's Plain or explore the area south of Young's Hut. Will travel back on Sunday. Trip out to Young's Hut will be on snow shoes and with backpacks, and is about 15 kms as we will need to leave from Windy Corner. Contact Ron after 8th September.

Sat 24 Sept. Nail Can Hill Med

Leader: Mandy Evans

Heading off from the western end of Union Road at around 1.00pm and travelling via The Link up to Pete's and the Featherstone Tracks. After a wander over to the Lookout we will then meander down Waterview trail for a while until we cut across on the bike tracks to the Gorge trail. Afternoon tea at the stream (torrent/trickle/dry waterbed) and then around onto Ron's track and loop back via the Ridge track, Guy's and the bottom component of The Link. All up this is around 14 kms, has very little flat, is undulating and much of it is narrow mountain bike tracks. The wild flowers should be out in full bloom and the views are well worthwhile. If all agreeable the afternoon could extend into an evening gathering.

Sun 25 September Mt Granya – Hore Hill Med

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from the Cottontree Creek car park. We'll follow the Jurgies and Wises Creek tracks to Hore Hill and come back along Wises Creek track.

This walk is unsurveyed but will be on forestry tracks most of the way. I am organising it to get a feel for the area. I plan to go off track towards the end to take a short cut back to the car park.

Sat/Sun 24/25 Sept Planting weekend – Regent Honeyeater project

Ray Thomas

The Regent Honeyeater project is aiming for 4 planting weekends late winter/spring as a special effort to support the 2006 Commonwealth Games. Be involved in a successful and worthwhile project.

23/9/05 to 16/10/05 Hiking through the Maples Easy

Canada and New England

Leader: Jan Andrews

These are tentative dates for a 20 travel and hiking trip.

Features: Hiking through glorious autumn foliage, visiting Ontario, Quebec, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Up-state New York.

Sun 2 Oct Baranduda Tower Easy-med

Leader: Robin Rhodes

This is an off-track walk along the spur line. It climbs roughly 700m and depending on the pace of the group will take 5 to 6 hours. Great walk within easy access.

Sat 8 Oct Ingram Rock Beechworth Easy

Leader: Stephen Shearer (Wangaratta out and about)

Easy morning walk.

Sun 9 Oct Burrowa/Pine Mt Nat Park Easy/Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

After a scenic drive of 130 kilometres to the east of Wodonga, the walk will start at the Cudgewa Bluff Falls and continue up-hill to Ross Lookout for lunch. The afternoon will be downhill returning along the same track.

Spectacular views and wildflowers should be a feature of the day. Approx 9 kilometres.

Sat 8 - Sun 9 Oct Cathedral Ranges Busy

Leader: Steve Robertson (Maroondah Bushwalking Club)

Maroondah Bushwalking Club are conducting a Track Clearing Weekend on the 8th and 9th October at the Cathedral Ranges.

We plan on having three working shifts - Sat AM, Sat PM and Sun AM. It is intended for people coming for the whole weekend that you would only work two shifts and the other period you are free to roam and enjoy the bush. We are staying at Cooks Mill Camp Site (close to the Jawbones Track Clearing Area). Camping is free for us this weekend. Firewood supplied and YES a free BBQ Dinner on Saturday night providing you have let me know you are coming. You can always come up and work on Saturday, then eat and run!!!

Why are we clearing this area?

1. To support Parks Victoria showing that we are interested in our walking tracks.
2. To hopefully gain some momentum in re-establishing tracks in the Lake Mountain area.

Sat 15 Oct Macdonald's Hill & McFarlane's Hill Night Walk Easy 8kms

Leader: John Stevens

This walk is scheduled to coincide with the full moon. Weather permitting, we'll walk under bright moonlight most of the way and may not use our torches. The walk will start late in the afternoon. It will follow a circuit route that will first bring us to the top of Macdonald's Hill. We'll then walk down the main spur to Coyles Road and follow a distinct 4X4 track to the top of McFarlane's Hill. There are a few ups and downs along the way. Subject to weather conditions, I plan to stop on top of McFarlane's Hill for a snack/light dinner and a cup of tea/coffee while enjoying the sights of Wodonga lights below us. I'll bring a billy and a stove. Bring cups, tea/coffee, and food to share. A short walk down a steep track will then bring us back to our cars. Bring a torch (essential), spare batteries for the torch, warm clothes. Because at night, it is a lot harder to keep track of the members of a walking group, I will only take 8 walkers on this walk. (It could be overcast and we may have to walk in darkness all the way).

Sun 16 Oct Bicycling in Melbourne

Contact: Liz Hammond

Each year, Bicycle Victoria run an event in Melbourne called Around the Bay in a Day. All the details are available at the Bicycle Victoria website. The important points are: this year it is on 16th October, you can choose to ride 50, 100 or 210 kms, you pay to enter and the profits go to the Smith family charity, the event is „supported“ with bike mechanics, first aiders, masseurs etc. Entries open on 1 Aug 05 and close on 30 Sept 05. I'd like to take part and it'd be nice if a few other Club members joined in. I don't want to take details and make bookings for other people, mainly because we'll be overseas from 14/8 to 6/9. However, if anyone

would like to enter, we could travel to Melbourne together, maybe dust off the Club bike trailer to get our bikes there, book accommodation for the night before, and do some training together before the ride. Please call me if you're interested.

Monday 3 till Fri 7 October Kangaroo Island Grade: Mixed

Co-ordinator: David Gordon

I have had about a dozen people show interest in this week with about 6 confirming that they will go.

The plan at this stage (and is subject to change) is to get the early ferry over to the island on Monday morning and leave late on Friday. This will give us plenty of time to walk, explore, visit the seal colonies etc. I will be taking my car over so we will have transport on the island.

Initial investigations show that we can get accommodation for around \$30 a night. I'm still looking for somewhere that will do a bed and food package for us.

I will now need to know more definite numbers as the bigger the group – the cheaper I will be able to negotiate

Sat 22 Oct Huon Hill and The Hidden Valley Easy/Med

Leaders: Debbie Kahn/ Sandy Kaitler

Starting at Killara, this walk will take us along the Parklands track to the junction of the Kiewa and Murray Rivers. We then back track just a little, go cross country over a few fences, through a few gates and up the road just a tad. At the information board we turn off back onto a bush track and go through the Hidden Valley and then up onto a ridgeline. Next we follow the track that the 2004 working bee helped put in and climb up onto Huon Hill. After lunch it's all down hill following the track east and back to the Kiewa where we will again join up with the Parklands track and return to the cars. Approx 15 kms

Sun 23 Oct Whites Rock, Strathbogie Ranges Easy

(access Benalla/ Swanpool)

Leader: Jan Andrews

This series of large spectacular rock faces is usually covered in masses of wildflowers at this time of the year. We walk in via a 4WD track (about 4 km return). Views down into rugged Rocky Ned gorge and across to Mt Rocky Ned from the main rock face at lunchtime.

Sun 23 Oct Mt Porepunkah Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

Mt Porepunkah is (surprise) near Porepunkah. Being a mountain means that there will be some uphill walking but I hope the view from the top will be worth it. About 18 km, all on 4WD tracks.

Wed 26 Oct Wilderness Society Informative

Albury Wodonga Visit

The Wilderness Society will be conducting a tour of Victorian country areas as well as Melbourne to promote Forests and Free Speech. This is in regard to logging issues.

Anyone interested please contact them on 9662 2162 for location details

Sat 29 –Sun 30 October Young's Hut Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Young's Hut is maintained by members of BBC and is set in a picturesque area of the High Plains about 9kms beyond Pretty Valley. This will be a leisurely weekend with the option of an afternoon walk from the hut on Saturday, or relaxing at the hut.

Sat 29 Oct Tallangatta Bike Ride Easy/medium

Leader: Helen Robinson

This 50km ride will depart from Tallangatta, follow the High Country Rail Trail to Old Tallangatta then head up through Georges Creek and Jarvis Creek State Park and then return to Tallangatta. It is a beautiful bike ride, which does include a long but gentle climb and a lovely traverse along the Jarvis Plateau. Wide tyres will be required as half the route is off the bitumen. A picnic on the plateau will be included and a back-up sag wagon will be available.

As Sunday 30th October is the Tallangatta 50's Festival, why not also stay overnight to enjoy the festival. A short ride to Huon on Sunday morning along the Rail Trail will put you in the mood for the festival fun, which starts around 10am. Helen will help out with accommodation if needed.

Sat 29 Oct – Tues 1 Nov Shelley Bike/Hike Weekend Varied

Leader: Joy Grinham

Joy has organised a VNPA weekend to include local bike rides, and forest walks in the Shelley Tallangatta area. This will incorporate the local 50s Festival as well as the Jarvis Creek Ride with Helen Robinson. Joy is looking

for any BBC members who may be interested in participating and contributing with support transport along the way as well as transporting some Melbourne visitors who will arrive by train. Accommodation is available at Shelley for those who would like to join in.

Sun 30 Oct The Ridge south of The Rock Medium

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from the Rock Nature Reserve car park. We'll follow the trail to the saddle below the Rock and will then head south along the ridge. This walk is mostly off track and only partly surveyed. In order to do this walk you must be confident scrambling up and down rocky outcrops. There are a lot of them along the way.

Sun 30 Oct Paradise Falls And Lake William Hovell Lookout Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A viewing of the spectacular area of Paradise Falls, which are usually just a fine spray unless after heavy rain. Huge conglomerate escarpments. Then head out on the walking track, hopefully through wildflowers, to the edge of the cliff overlooking the king valley. Lunch in the bush on the edge (about 8km return)

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Sat 5 Nov Jindera Gap Easy

Leader: Sonia Nettlebeck

Walking from Centaur Rd through to Jindera Gap and return. Some hilly sections and spectacular views across Albury and to the mountains. Will probably be a morning walk finishing early afternoon.

Sun 6 Nov Beechworth area Easy-med

Leader: Don Ingram

This will be an easy to medium walk, of 12 to 14 km, in the Beechworth area probably ending at the Bakery.

Sun 6 Nov Tatong-Bells Peak (mostly off track) Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

It would be good if the masses of pink „black-eyed susan“ were still out – but who knows! Starting at the top of Tiger Hill Rd, we wander through open bush onto 2 spectacular ridges. Complete the circuit to the shuttle car via a 4WD track.

Sun 6 to Sat 12 Nov Budawangs walking from base near Ulladulla Mixed

David Gordon (), and

Rick Pickering ()

It looks like there is enough interest for this trip to go ahead.

The Budawangs National Park is an area of rugged hills, steep cliffs and secluded valleys lying between Braidwood and Ulladulla. It has many interesting rock formations, diverse vegetation including rain forest. Above all it has spectacular scenery. The intention would be to do a series of day walks (for example Pigeon House Mountain and Mt Bushwalker), with the possibility of an overnight walk in the area of The Castle and Monolith Valley. If an overnight walk went ahead, it should be possible for those who wanted to climb the Castle as a day walk to accompany the overnight walkers on the first day of their walk, though they would have to return without them. For those who didn't want to walk every day the beach would be close to the base camp, and so there would be plenty of opportunity for fishing, walking on the sand, etc. Ulladulla is nearby, and Nowra is within an hours drive. We can choose our itinerary once we have a clearer idea of the wishes and fitness levels of the participants. (If you would like to find out more about the area, look for Ron Doughton's book „Bushwalking in the Budawangs“).

Accommodation is likely to be at Burrill Lake, at a place called „Burrill Pines“. While we haven't seen it, we understand from the owner that it is just behind the sand dunes, behind the beach, and that it is only a 10-minute drive to Ulladulla. Looking at the map there appears to be a national park (Meroo NP) very close to this area. It is also close to the eastern side of the Budawangs (about 20 km to Pigeon House). Apparently there are 7 cabins, which sleep 6 in bunk style accommodation. Each cabin costs \$88 per night, regardless of whether there are 1 or 6 occupants. Each cabin has its own toilet and shower, and some cooking facilities. We will have to bring our own bedding, pillows and towels. We can also hire a large kitchen and dining room for another \$88 per night, and this has fridges, ovens and gas cookers. It sounds like a good option, rather like the Grampians lodge, though

meals wouldn't be provided. There is a gas barbecue outside. We could have the place from late on Sunday afternoon (6th Nov) until 10 am on Friday morning (11 Nov).

We now need to indicate how many of the cabins we want. Some people might be happy to pay a bit more and have a cabin to themselves while others will prefer to do it a bit cheaper and share. The cabins are booked and we have booked a couple of spare bunks for any late starters but you will need to let us know soon as it is filling fast.

Sat-Sun 12-13 Nov Fainters Medium

Leader: Terry Sydes (Benalla Club)

One of the classic overnight walks, visiting Mt Jaithmathang before camping between South and North Fainter. Day two follow the Fainter Fire trail to Bogong Jack Saddle, then to Big Hill lookout overlooking Mount Beauty.

Sat 12 Nov Huon Hill Night Walk Easy 8 kms

Leader: John Stevens

This walk is scheduled to coincide with the full moon. Weather permitting, we'll walk under bright moonlight most of the way and may not use our torches.

This walk will start late in the afternoon. It will follow a circuit route that will first follow the Kiewa River. We'll then walk up to the top of Huon Hill. There is a steep climb through grassland along the way. A 40-minute walk down the Huon Hill Summit track will then bring us back to our cars.

Subject to weather conditions, we will drive back to the top of Huon Hill for a barbecue after the walk has ended. I'll bring a billy, some lighting and a stove. Bring cups, tea/coffee, and food to share. Bring a torch (essential), spare batteries for the torch, warm clothes. Because at night, it is a lot harder to keep track of the members of a walking group, I will only take 8 walkers on this walk.

Sun 13 Nov Lake William Hovell-King River Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

This is a 6 km walk on track. Starting at delightful Lake William Hovell, we follow a lovely grassy 4WD track above the King River. A stop is made at a series of deep pools on the mountain stream. Continuing on we join the main 4 WD track coming off the Wabonga Plateau. Crossing the river at a ford (wet feet!) we continue back to the cars.

Sat 12 – Sun 13 Nov Mt Buffalo – Track Clearing Busy

Leader: Jim Harker (Vic Walk)

We will clear the track near the Back Wall (in the area near the Horn). The rangers will provide all tools necessary (I suggest you bring gloves). Chief ranger Ross Grant plans to attend. He describes the work thus "There is work to be done on the Back Wall Track Eastern Loop: it is still closed after the fire with a lot of clearing to be done and repairs to eroded sections needed." This will involve camping out in the area on Saturday night. Usually you're not permitted to camp in this area! As this area is in the alps bring full cold weather gear: thermal top and bottom, a warm hat, gloves, a warm top and a parka.

Sat/Sun 19/20 Nov Mt Cobbler Easy Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

Mt Cobbler is a rugged peak south of Whitfield. There is also a lake (albeit man-made) near the campsite and some falls not too far away. Despite the rugged nature of the peak it is easy to reach, as the climb involved is not great. There are great views over a huge area in every direction.

Sat 19 Nov Rogaine and Cyclogaine mixed

Contact: Rick Armstrong or Helen Robsinson

This event will take place at Black Dog Creek, Chiltern. Rick Armstrong is the course setter for this six-hour navigation event. He is offering your choice of either a traditional rogaine on foot, or you could try a cyclogaine, in which you will have to ride to the nearest checkpoint then navigate by foot to the checkpoint. It is suitable for mountain and hybrid bikes.

The area is mainly low rolling hills with numerous tracks and roads. The box-ironbark forest comprises minor undergrowth with numerous spurs and gullies, providing fast running and navigation challenges for all standards of competitors. See also:

Victorian Rogaining Association www.vra.rogaine.asn.au

Sun 20 Nov King Valley wine and food festival Decadent

Leader: Jan Andrews

Many venues from the upper King Valley above Cheshunt down to Moyhu. Most with marquees, live bands and of course wine tasting (plus decadent food – or bring own). We start at the top of the valley with views of forested hills all the way down, visiting 6 or so of the 15? Wineries. Chairs supplied at the wineries, many venues under large deciduous trees in gardens.

Sat 26 Nov Big Walk, Mt Buffalo Med

Leader: Louise Evans

Starting at the Mt Buffalo park entrance this will be a 22 km return trip. We will have lunch in the vicinity of the Chalet. Great views on the way, travel through a variety of vegetation, emerging summer wildflowers and rejuvenation from the fires. The walk climbs over 1000 m in 9 km – the first couple of kilometres are the hardest. Lots of interesting stops along the way.

Sun 27 Nov Hughes Creek, Strathbogie Ranges Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A walk along or through Hughes Creek with its sandy bottom. Lunch at a ford on picturesque rocky outcrops & cascades in the creek back at the cars. This is only a short stroll but the appeal lies in this delightful, little known area of the Strathbogie Ranges with its beautiful creek, sandy beaches and granite outcrops. Access Hughes Ck via Avenel, return via Ruffy, where there is a lovely garden high in the Strathbogie which serves Devonshire teas cooked fresh on the spot in an oven, not a microwave. Delicious!

Sun 27 Nov Mt Granya Med

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will take place in the southern section of Mt Granya State Park. It is off-track and unsurveyed. I am proposing to do a circuit that will go over both Mt Bolga and Mt Granya. Distance 15 to 18 kms

Saturday Dec 3: Canoe Ovens- Tarrawingee To Freeway (Wangaratta)

Leader: Jan Andrews

About 4 hours on a clear river with many gravelly beaches. The river is entrenched with a red gum fringe and is attractive canoeing. Need to canoe while river levels are still high enough – too dangerous when low due to snags / old steel fence posts etc (see Jan's shin that took 5 weeks to heal in hospital one year after hitting a hidden steel underwater fence post). Changed from Sun Dec 11

Sat 3 Dec Landers Falls Easy

Leader: Lis (Wagga Walkers)

Landers Creek rises in the Cumberland Range south east of Talbingo. Its most notable feature is a 200m high waterfall, which is spectacular after rain. Lis plans to walk from the Snowy Mountains Highway along the Cumberland fire trail to the falls, returning the same way. Total distance is about 12 km. Meet at the Tourist Information Centre at 7.30 am.

Sat 3 – Sun 4 Dec Glen Valley Easy

Leader: Denise Smith

Accommodation will be in an old C.R.B. camp beside the Mitta Mitta River. There are beds for 9 people, a kitchen, bathroom and BBQ facilities. As there is an additional separate bathroom/toilet block, camping will also be available under cover if so wished. Lots of walks and fishing in the area

Cost: \$250 for Sat/Sun, \$300 if we want to arrive on Friday. Depending on numbers could be a cheap weekend.

Sat 3 Dec Bear's Hill Easy

Leaders: Sandy Kaitler / Deb Kahn

A late afternoon/early evening walk up Bear's Hill in Wodonga. The idea will be to take a picnic dinner up there to share and come back down with the aid of daylight savings and a torch. Bear's Hill is behind the Bandiana Army barracks and has wonderful 360 degree views of the area. It's a little walked track but worth the couple of hills that you have to ascend to get up there. Possibly start at 5:00pm.

Sun 4 Dec Mt Buffalo wildflowers Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Last year when we camped here at this time of the year there were carpets of everlasting along the drive to the Chalet and all around the campground. Very spectacular. Jan will be camping here for the weekend, so if you would like to camp at Lake Catani camping ground let Jan know (camp sites need to be booked, although some are left unreserved, so if you get there early Friday you should be ok, or share Jan's).

Fri 9 – Sun 11 Dec Canoe – Upper Murray All downhill

Leaders: Paul Schirmer

Camp Friday night at Bringenbrong. On Saturday paddle to Tintaldra for an overnight stay at the Tintaldra Hotel. Sunday, paddle to Jingellic.

Sat 10 Dec Wonga Wetlands to Jindera Gap Medium

Leaders: Debbie Kahn / Sandy Kaitler about 15 kms

This little used track takes us from Wonga Wetlands up onto the Nail Can Hill Ridge via the Lookout. From there we head to Reedy Dam and then cross over Centaur Road and continue our upward journey to Hamilton Trigg. With the hard part over we roll down the hill to Jindera Gap. If it is a fine day there should be magical views across to the snow (maybe). Whilst most of this walk is up hill its mostly a slow continuous climb. There are some steep downhill sections that are not as gentle.

Sat-Sun 10-11 Dec Mt Bogong in moonlight Med

Leader: Louise Evans

Leaving Friday evening to camp at Bivouac Hut on the Friday night, walking to Cleve Cole for Sat night, and return on Sunday – more details from Louise or in next Footprints.

Sun 18 Dec Easy bike ride Easy cycle

Leader: Liz Hammond

We'll beat the heat by starting early – maybe 7.30am or 8.00, at Noreil Park, and go across the Causeway to Sumsion Gardens and do a loop around some of the Wodonga bike paths, then back over the Causeway to our starting point. If Riverdeck Café is open we can finish up there for brunch, or if people would rather bring drinks and a snack, we can have a picnic brunch by the river. No hills, no traffic, not too far!

Sun 18 Dec Mt Bogong via Eskdale Spur Medium

Leader: Bruce Key 10km

This is the easy way to get to Mt Bogong, although it still involves a climb of 900 metres. Being Victoria's highest mountain, the view from the top is spectacular. We will drive to the start of the Eskdale Spur so will need 4WDs.

Sun 18 Dec Reedy Creek, Eldorado Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A relaxing pre-Christmas anti-stress walk alongside an easy, attractive section of this delightful stream that has easy access. Walk downstream from the ford along the river and back along one of the gravel tracks. River is clear and sandy with many opportunities for swimming if hot. Expect to get boots wet when crossing.

28 Dec - 2 Jan Townsend & Kosciuszko Medium

New Year on the Top of the World

David Gordon

Map ref: Kosciuszko Sheet 8525

Travelling up after Christmas and hopefully avoiding some of the New Year traffic we will camp at Geehi on the Wednesday night. The next morning we will take the easy route to the high ground via the Thredbo chairlift (which apparently costs \$17 return). From here we will head for Rams Head and onto Mt Kosciuszko (felt it was about time this Kiwi boy did your highest peak). We will finish the first day camping in Wilkinson's Valley. Friday we will head for our camp in the vicinity of Townsend early so that we can explore that general area, including a look down on Lake Albina and Lady Northcote Canyon. In addition to the fabulous views there should be lots of wildflowers.

Mt Townsend is only a few metres lower than Mt Kosciuszko, but far more spectacular because it has a steep rocky top and looks directly down on Geehi, which would be the largest height difference in Australia. Thousands visit Kosciuszko, but only a handful go to Townsend even though it is only a few km away. The plan is to spend two nights here and day walk around the area including a few drinks to welcome in the New Year.

On Sunday we will head home via Rawson's Hut and Seaman's hut. The last night we will camp out at the caravan park at Khancoban before heading home on the Monday.

2006 Club member of the year - Bruce Keys

The Clubmanship award is chosen each year by the previous year's recipient (being Paul Schirmer). This year Paul picked Bruce Key for this award. Bruce has put on several walks in 2005, always has a yarn to tell and great leadership skills. He has a dry sense of humour and can tell a mean joke. He puts people at ease and can converse with anyone. Bruce has been a club member for many years and just gets on with it, leading walks, serving on the committee and doing what has to be done. Well done Bruce - you are a well deserved winner for this award.

BBC Awards 2005

presented at the Christmas Party

- **Albert Lightfoot** was presented with the Nit Picking Award, for his honesty in admitting that when backpacking that he likes to pack multi-purpose devices - such as using his fork for eating as well as an effective comb.
- **Helen, Anthea, Warwick & Marie** were presented with the Federation Conquered Award in recognition of their successful negotiation of Australia's zenith of bushwalking, Federation Peak.
- **John Stevens** was presented with the Hume & Hovell Award for his inability to limit himself to one walk a day. John appreciates when a day walk starts at 9.00 a.m. so that he can squeeze in a quick trip over Huon Hill before the walk begins.
- **Nonie Fielder** was presented with the Twinings Tea Award for masterfully being able to self cater for herself in the most extreme circumstances. This includes the most up market cafes in downtown Narracorte.
- **Ron Hammond** was presented with the Chappelle Corby Award for doing what Chappelle thus far has not been able to do - break free from the long arm of the law. Ron's time in a Russian prison may have been short lived but the nightmares will stay with him for an eternity.
- **Sandy Kaitler** was presented with the Turning Japanese Award in recognition of her eventful trip to the Japanese mainland including her solo circumnavigation of the crater of Mt Fuji. Sandy's training for her trip made ninja training look like kindergarten.
- **Marijke Korting & Denise Smith** were presented with the It's My Photo Competition Award Both Denise and Marijke have been regular contributors to the photo competition but this year they took things to new heights by blasting the opposition out of the contest and taking out nearly every category.
- **Helen Robinson** was presented with the Leeches Galore Award for her recent trip to Queensland where her tales of fierce and vicious battles with the local inhabitants inspired us all. From leech-infested socks, shoes and clothes to armies of leeches swarming over her tent searching for a way to dine on this besieged bushwalker.
- **Lillian Santin** was presented with the Ultimate Planner Award for her unique ability to survive an entire week without knowing for certain where her next 3 meals were coming from. In saying that, this did not stop her quizzing her leader at every possible stop what was for dinner that night (or the next 2 nights).
- **Rick Pickering** was presented with the All in the name of Education Award. Rick, with no consideration for his own safety and nearly sacrificing his beloved hat, set his gas bottle on fire just so he could show the other Budawang participants the correct procedure to extinguish the flames.
- **Cheryl McCarten** was presented with the Sacrifice for Charity Award for bravely facing the inclement weather that pounded Mt Buffalo during the Tsunami Charity Walks. Cheryl gave more than most permanently losing the use of No 4 on her mobile phone.
- **Liz Hammond & Pauline McLaughlin** were presented with the Secret women's Business Award for their cunning, underhand, sly, calculating, sneaky, wily, shrewd, devious, conniving, and crafty planning of Ron's 60th Birthday party.

2006

Sun Jan 1/ Mon 2 Jan Snowy River- Kosciuszko National Park / NSW-Vic border

Easy

to (base camp/ day walks) some parts gorge rocky

Sat Jan 7/ Sun 8 Jan, 2006 Leader: Jan Andrews

This is a 6 hr easy drive via Mt Hotham & Omeo (the last 2 hours on good dirt road past the spectacular Cobberas Mountains). This area is on the border of NSW and Vic, at Willis where there is nothing but a sign! Historic general store at WULGUMERANG. Above the border in NSW there are numerous sandy beaches suitable for car camping- with warm water for swimming- along the Snowy River as far as the Jacobs River (30KM?). These are fringed by rocky gorges with waterholes and steep, dry slopes covered in native pine. In the past we have canoed this area about 8 times, but with continuous grade 2-3 rapids in most sections (interspersed with shallow sandy stretches) it is only suitable for very skilled, experienced canoeists. On the last canoe trip here, Jan's canoe was wrapped around a large boulder and shredded (after carrying the multiple pieces up a large cliff to the canoe trailer, someone from the scouts who was used to repairing canoes destroyed by scouts somehow performed a miracle and the canoe is currently still in use, if a little strange in appearance.). Rick from the Border club also rearranged one of the club canoes in this section of the Snowy. So- we will be bushwalking

this time; there are many interesting sections of the Snowy to walk and swim along with other places to visit in the area.

PS: If desired, we can return home via the scenic road to JINDABYNE, and then along the Alpine Way via KHANCOBAN / CORRYONG.

Thurs 5 Jan – Sun 8 Jan The Cobberas Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

The Cobberas are the southern extension of the Snowy Mountains. It is a wilderness area with walker access only. The peaks are all very rugged and it is a great place to go. We will leave on Thursday evening so that we can camp on site that night (it is about a 4 hour drive). Next day we will walk along the closed 4WD track to Cowombat Flat and set up camp. The enthusiasts can then visit the start of the Murray River where the straight bit of the border hits it. I am making enquiries about a new border survey mark that has been placed there. For the next two days we will travel along the ridge (no tracks) visiting Coberras No 1 peak, No 2 Peak, The Cleft and the Ram's Horn. This area is very high and despite it being summer, we will need winter gear. (I camped there in January once and it was minus 4 degrees at night).

Jan 7-22 New Zealand Varied

Leader: Quentin Tibballs

A week's walk on the Heaphy Track followed by sea kayaking off Abel Tasman Nat Park, wineries and a 2-day walk up Queen Charlotte Sound. Accommodation in YHAs.

Sun 8 Jan Heathy Spur- Mt Nelse Easy-Med

Leader: Eileen Clarke

Phone: please contact Penny Davidson

This walk will be at Falls Creek – we will cross Heathy Spur to Mt Nelse and Edmondson's Hut. It is about 12km all up. We will see the wildflowers at the best, with 360' views.

Sat 14 – Sun 15 Jan Chimneys/ Cascades - near Thredbo Med - Hard

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

From Dead Horse Gap towards Brindle Bull and the Chimneys via Mount Terrible, thence towards Sam's Camp or thereabouts and onto the Great Dividing Range for Saturday night's camp - a total of about 14 kilometres. Sunday will be south towards Jerusalem Hill, then off the ridge line to Cascades Hut and return via the Cascade fire trail to Dead horse Gap - about 13 k. Apart from the fire trail the trip is entirely off track, although I suspect there will be plenty of brumby pads to follow. There are three 200 metre climbs over the weekend so lightish packs are the go.

Sun 15 Jan Falls Creek – Langfords Gap Med

Leader: Eileen Clarke

Phone: please contact Penny Davidson

This walk will travel from Langford's Gap to Kelly's Hut via the Alpine Walking Track and return via the aqueduct, about 15 km.

Sun Jan 15 Canoe Murray- Barnawartha easy canoe

Nth to Doolans (near Albury) River plus interesting anabranch

Leader: Jan Andrews

About 5-6 hrs leisurely with swimming in a section of the Murray without speedboats. Put in at a small beach, pulling out at Doolans reserve. Views of hills, swimming from grassy banks, large cliffs near a winery. We take a shortcut down an interesting creek/ anabranch to cut off 3km on the river at one point, passing a fauna sanctuary and hoping we can still get under the old bridge on the creek at „Mundatta" homestead.

Fri 20 to Sun 22 Jan Young's Hut via Palling Spur Med camp

Leader: Ron Hammond

We will leave Friday lunch time. This walk gets to Young's Hut the harder way. It will be 22km medium with a couple of hard bits. This is an alternative route to Young's Hut. Starting just past the Biathlon course 4km past Mt Hotham. We descend The Brandy Creek Track for 4km then follow the creek to the junction of the Cobungra, about 1km, where we camp for the night. (Beaut spot) Palling Spur leads off from our camp - it's steep for the first 2 kms then fairly flat, nearly all off track to Youngs. On Sunday we return via Dibbins Hut, finishing at Mt Loch car park. (Short car shuffle needed)

Sun 22 Jan Mt Dunn, Mt Buffalo Easy-Med

Leader: Noelene Young

This walk to Mt Dunn will include Og Gog and McGog – about 12 kms in all, great time to be at Mt Buffalo. Easy-med day walk. A few undulations – we will climb Mt Dunn and get great views.

Sun 22 Jan: Canoe Goulburn- Kialla(Near Shepp) + Strawberry Farm Easy Canoe

Leader: Jan Andrews

Canoe easy section of the Goulburn with beaches for swimming (about 3-4 hrs leisurely). Very short car shuffle on sealed back road. Load canoes and head to nearby Kialla Strawberry farm for afternoon tea of strawberry milkshakes, scones with strawberry jam & cream in their tearooms near the river.

Fri 27 – Sun 29 Jan Tantangara Mountain/Witzes Hut Medium

Leader: Noelene Young

This walk is similar to the walk we did in the Coleman Plains area last year, only further south. Maps are Denison 8626-III-S and Tantangara- 8626-3N, both 1:25,000.

Day 1 - Drive to Kiandra. Commence walking from near Sawyer's Hut on the Snowy Mountains Highway to Tantangara Hut, a distance uphill of about 5 kms, where we'll pitch camp. We can then walk up Tantangara Mountain, about 1 km, providing extensive views over the northern Kosciuszko N.P.

Day 2 - A walk across to Tantangara Mountain to follow a spur off it's northern flank to join the Alpine Creek firetrail to Witze's Hut, (about 9 kms.) to camp for 2 nights. During the afternoon we can follow the Alpine Alps Walking Trail along to Nungar Creek and return.

Day 3 - A day walk across to Hains Hut on the Murrumbidgee River, a return distance of 12 kms.

Day 4 - A return walk to the cars of 11 kms along the Nungar Creek Firetrail, wading the Eucumbene River at the finish.

Sun 29 Jan Canoe Chateau Tahbilk, Nagambie Easy Canoe

(part of busy Australia day long weekend for those taking 4 days)

Leader: Jan Andrews

Put in at a lagoon canoeing through the complex system of creeks and old backwaters of the Goulburn to emerge at Chateau Tahbilk- on the slow flowing Goulburn itself. Waterlilies, waterbirds, a couple of historic bridges and lunch on a grassy promontory under shady redgums. Finish with tastings in the shade of the historic Chateau Tahbilk winery. The winery has ancient mulberry trees lining an old road, and old houses with beautiful gardens, which are also worth a visit.

Sun 29 Jan Pretty Valley crossover Med-Hard

Leaders: Warwick McLachlan / Penny Davidson

If there are takers for both directions, one group will walk from Pretty Valley to the Fainters and then drop down the fire trail to Bogong Village. The walk takes in the southwestern edge of the Bogong High Plains – past Mt Jaithmathang, Tawonga Huts, and across Little Plain. Great time of year to visit the high plains and will have terrific views from the Fainters. The other group will start at Bogong Village and do the walk in reverse (uphill to start with). Approx. 24 km and 1000m climb for those starting at Bogong Village.

Sat 4 – Sun 5 February The Razorback, Mt. Feathertop, Harrietville Medium

Leader: Noelene Young

When I did this walk last year I thought it was the best thing I'd done for ages. To make it possible again, I propose that on Saturday night we camp at Harrietville camping ground and if you wish eat at the pub. Early on Sunday morning we will leave our cars at the car park at the end of the Bungalow Spur and be transported by a local bus company, at a small charge per head, up to start along the Razorback at about 8 a.m. If we don't climb Mt. Feathertop the walk will take about 7 hours, otherwise add an hour or more to that time. We'll come down along Bungalow Spur. It is great walking!

Sat Feb 4 Canoe- Ovens lagoons easy canoe/ hopefully blackberry feast

(between Rutherglen / Yarrowonga)

Leader: Jan Andrews

This is the date ONE year that we actually managed to get the blackberries along all the creeks at their peak.

Try once more! Starting at Williams Bridge we canoe through the maze of backwaters at the junction of the Ovens and Murray rivers. Lagoons with waterbirds, small fast creeks and lunch on a quiet section of the Murray under huge, gnarled red gums (always seems to be one speedboat even though we're miles from anywhere).

Sun 5 Feb Canoe Murray River: North Of Tungamah Easy Canoe

Plus (Section Between Yarrowonga /Cobram)

Devonshire Tea At An Old Homestead

Leader: Jan Andrews

A delightful canoe in state forest with many beaches for swimming. Then, after loading the canoes we head a short distance down the Murray Valley highway to historic BURRAMINE HOMESTEAD, set in a garden of deciduous shady trees for afternoon teas of scones cooked fresh in the oven. Homestead built by Hume's mother in 1850's shortly after settlement of Victoria. Some interesting old architecture plus wooden verandas and views down towards Murray forests.

Sun 5 Feb Mt Cobbler Easy-med

Leader: Neville Downie (Benalla)

One of the more spectacular walks on the program, Mt Cobbler offers ferny creeks and gullies, alpine forests and great all-round views. A walk all club members should attempt at least once and then they will want to keep coming back.

11 February Wonga Wetlands Social

Leader: David Gordon

This trip is being put on for purely social reasons. The plan is to get to the Wetlands at 5.00 in the afternoon and spend about 2 hours exploring the wetlands. If we get bored with this and time permits we will head off down to Horseshoe Lake for a bit of an early evening walk. Hopefully at this time of day we will get to see plenty of bird life. Exercise is good for the appetite so the plan is to bring a picnic dinner to watch the sun set over the wetlands. For those still interested a few drinks will be shared back at my place.

Thurs 9 Feb – Sun 12 Feb The Cobberas Medium+

Postponed from early Jan Leader: Bruce Key

The Cobberas are the southern extension of the Snowy Mountains. It is a wilderness area with walker access only. The peaks are all very rugged and it is a great place to go. We will leave on Thursday evening so that we can camp on site that night (it is about a 4 hour drive). Next day we will walk along the closed 4WD track to Cowombat Flat past an old plane wreck and set up camp with the brumbies (there are lots of them). The enthusiasts can then visit the start of the Murray River where the straight bit of the border hits it. I know how to find the carved tree that is there. For the next two days we will travel along the ridge (no tracks) visiting Coberras No 1 peak, No 2 Peak, The Cleft and the Ram's Horn. This area is very high and despite it being summer, we will need winter gear. (I camped there in January once and it was minus 4 degrees at night).

Fri 10 Feb - Sun 12 Feb Barmah Forest Canoe / Base Camp Easy

Base camp on Barmah lake with day canoeing trips. BBQ's / pit toilets.

Leader: Jan Andrews

We no longer canoe right through BUDGEE CREEK as it is choked with logs, however there is plenty of easy canoeing & swimming as follows: -canoe shady Murray River from campsite into Barmah village. -canoe from our campsite up Broken Creek 200 m away -canoe into Lake Barmah and up the start of Budgee Creek where we have seen wild brumbies and an albino kangaroo in WARPLAIN (the beautiful park like area in this section of the Barmah Forest). We also usually canoe over to look at Moira Lake just across the river in NSW.

Sun 12 February Mt Fainter, Bogong High Plains Medium

Leader: David Bradshaw

Map: Bogong Alpine Area 1:50,000

Starting from Pretty Valley, Falls Creek take the Fainter fire track and then across open country to Mt Jaithmathang and then along the ridge and grassy plains to Mt Fainter, return via Tawonga Huts to Pretty Valley. Some off track walking with only gradual climbing. A walk of about 20 kms with views over the High Plains, Mt Feathertop and Mt Bogong. The wild flowers will also be out at this time of year.

Sun 12 Feb Beginners walk Mount Buffalo easy 8-10 klm

Leader: Ron Hammond

This is an easy walk on the Mount Buffalo Plateau. We will park the cars at Lake Catani and walk the Long Plain track with a loop at the end, returning along the Plain. Lunch at the lakeside then a walk around Lake Catani nice and easy.

Wed 15 Feb (weekly event) Street and park orienteering as hard or easy as you like

Contact: Rick Armstrong

The orienteering club is running some street and park events, which may appeal to BBC members and improve their navigation skills. Events are all on Wednesday evenings, start times 5-6pm. Event fee \$2. The dates are:

15th Feb Willow Park off Pearce Street,
 22nd Feb West Albury/ Padman Park, start at the Monument,
 1st March Birralelee Park off Silva Drive at BMX track,
 8th March Thurgoona, start Ernest rant park Thurgoona Drive;
 15th March McDonalds Hill West Wodonga, look for signs on Felldimber Creek Road;
 22nd March, Glenroy start at soccer fields on Ryan Road.

Sat 18 Feb Mt Buffalo Tour de Pools Splash/Walk

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

This is one of the least popular trips on the bushwalking calendar and has been successfully held just once in 4 attempts. It requires the ability to plunge into the 6 still bodies of water in Mt Buffalo National Park on what hopefully is the hottest day in the hottest month. There is a modicum of walking involved to each pool and a side trip to Chalwell Galleries (back door route) is included. Everything is optional and onlookers are welcomed but may get splashed.

Sat Feb 18 Buckland River Walk (Porepukah Area) Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A summer walk alongside (and sometimes in) the Buckland River- a clear mountain stream in scented peppermint forests at the foot of the Alps. Deep permanent waterholes for swimming, even in dry weather. We do 4 different sections from year to year, the highest being the junction of the east and west Buckland branches. You need to wear bathers & shorts, plus boots that can get wet.

Option to stay Bright/ Myrtleford Fri night in camp ground on Ovens River.

Sun 19 Feb Introduction to the High Plains Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Three short walks will provide an introduction to the High Plains for those who haven't yet experienced the beauty of the wildflowers and the historic huts. We will start with a climb of about 200 meters over about 2 kms to the top of Mt Cope, to experience some of the magnificent views. After retracing our steps, we will drive to Cope Hut where we will start a 5 km walk which takes in some of the High country history by passing Wallace's Hut, (the oldest on the High Plains), the Rover Lodge and Cope Hut. To finish, we'll drive to Bogong Village and walk around Lake Guy (about 2kms) and top it off with coffee at the Bogong village café. Participants can walk as much or as little as they choose.

Sun 19 Feb Big Walk, Mt Buffalo Med- hard

Leader: Pat Kuhle (Warby Range club)

Start 1/3 up the mountain at Rollison's Falls, and return. Walk to the Chalet with Warby Range club.

21 February (Tuesday Night). Twilight Stroll around the Causeway Easy/Social

Leader: David Gordon

There is a lovely little track that follows the river around the back of the Lincoln Causeway that also has a couple of bird hides that are well worth a visit. The plan is to meet early evening (hopefully the bird life will be very active at this time), take our time wandering around and check out these hides. After about an hour and a half to two hours of wandering – we will stop off at the Three Monkey's Tavern for a well-earned refreshment. This is very much a dog friendly walk.

Sun 26 Feb Mt Buffalo Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A 4 hr or so walk RESERVOIR to EAGLE POINT return. Open snow grass plains, views, rocky outcrops, snow gums. Afternoon tea at Chalet café.

NB Option As Above To Camp Fri / Sat Nts Mt Buffalo For Sat's Walks

Sun 26 February Bogong High Plains Medium

A circular walk: Ryder's yards, Young's hut

Leader: David Bradshaw

This is a circular walk visiting places of interest. Starting at Pretty Valley follow the creek across country to Ryder's Yard, then take the Cope West Aqueduct and then up over the ridge across country to Young's Hut and

then across country to western lookout with magnificent views of Mt Feathertop then return to Pretty Valley. Some off track walking with only gentle climbing a walk of about 20Kms. Excellent views.

There should be plenty of wild flowers out at this time of year.

Sat 25 – Sun 26 Feb Micalong car camp

Leader: Liz (Wagga club)

There are several camping areas along the Goodradigbee River near Wee Jasper, including one at the junction of the river and Micalong Creek. Liz plans to set up camp on Saturday then do a short walk along the river, or swim if the weather is hot. Sunday's walk is part of the Hume and Hovell Track, through a reserve featuring brittle gums which shed their bark in summer revealing yellow trunks.

Sat 4 – Sun 12 Mar Overland Track - Tasmania Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

There is a maximum group size of 8 allowed and the eight are all booked and ready to go. The good news is that we are going to have perfect weather as I saw a bat fly across the face of the full moon recently.

Sun Mar 5 Clean up Australia (Wodonga) satisfying

Leaders: Pauline McLaughlin & Paul Schirmer

As a fun community project, in conjunction with Parklands Albury-Wodonga we'll assist in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign by spending a couple of hours cleaning up the Fell Timber Creek Road between Swainsona Reserve and McFarlanes Hill which are 2 walking tracks used by our club. Following the clean up, we'll walk the short, 450m Swainsona track and finish with a BBQ. There will be an option to walk the 4km McFarlanes Hill Ridge track after lunch.

Sun March 5 Jamieson River Easy Walk / Lilo/ Boogie Board

(Access Jamieson Near Mansfield)

Leader: Jan Andrews

Drive to Granny's Flat on the clear Jamieson River near picturesque Jamieson village. Granny's Flat is a lovely grassy campsite with shady deciduous trees. Walk along the old packhorse track for about a km to the access point, carrying helmet / lilo and pump or boogie board. Float back to Granny's Flat (or continue walking on track and return same way if desired). There are long, deep permanent waterholes in the river and shallow sections where you can see the colourful pebbles. Option to camp Sat night at Granny's Flat or Jamieson

Sun2 – Sat 8 April Great Ocean Walk Easy-med

Leaders: Noelene Young & Pauline McLaughlin

The recently opened Great Ocean Walk covers 91 kms from Apollo Bay to Port Campbell. We plan to backpack for 45 of those kms over 4 days, and complete the trip with a day walk. Campsites along the track have tent pads, toilets, shelters, rainwater tanks and camp tables.

Sunday: drive from Albury Wodonga to Elliot Ridge campsite (west of Apollo Bay).

Monday: Walk from Elliot Ridge, through tall wet forests, home to black wallabies, along old forestry tracks to Blanket Bay (13kms)

Tuesday: Walk to Cape Otway (10kms) through dry coastal forests inhabited by echidnas and King Parrots and along cliff tops inhabited by koalas.

Wednesday: Walk to Aire River over wind-sculptured slopes and cliff tops above Station Beach, along a sandy track.

Thursday: Walk to Johanna Beach (12.5kms), cross the Aire River estuary (unbridged) and experience stunning coastal and cliff top views. Camp at off track campsite with showers and treat ourselves to a meal at a pub.

Friday: Day walk from Princetown to Glenample.(5.kms). Walk along cliff tops through coastal scrubland and low heath, with spectacular views of the Twelve Apostles. Pods of dolphins can sometimes be seen in the Marine National Park below. Return to Thursday's campsite and another meal out.

Saturday: drive home

Maximum 8

The following was subsequently written as a trip report in:

May 2006 Footprints - Great Ocean Walk

Great Ocean Walk - 2nd - 6th April

Some walkers started the day
By walking from Apollo Bay,
While cars and packs
Were moved along the tracks.

At Shelly Beach we all met
And off on the adventure we set,
After we hoisted our packs
Onto our backs.

Through towering trees,
There was a light breeze
While mosses, lichen and fern
Awaited us on every turn.

Arriving at Blanket Bay in drizzle
Some tempers did sizzle,
As many campers made us sad
And no water was to be had.

A kind man was on cue
And came to our rescue
By driving us
In his bus,

To Cape Otway
Around the bay
A short walk in damp
Led us to Cape Otway camp.

Tents were erected
And warm food selected,
And with grunting koalas overhead,
We slept soundly in our beds.

The bright sun shone at daybreak
So the wet tents took a shake.
From cliff tops high
The views caused a sigh.

In ideal conditions
We considered our positions
So some walked on the beach
Others on the dunes out of reach.

A sea eagle overhead did fly
While a dead one on the sand did lie,
And views of rugged coastline
Suited us fine.

Aire River camp site
Was home for the night,
But a tiger snake near the shelter
Sent everyone helter skelter.

In all kinds of weather
All nine agreed together,
That the well equipped campsites
Made for happy nights.

The new day was wet
As off we set
With only day supplies
Which was wise.

Through wet forest
We had no rest,
Walking on slippery ground
No shelter was found.

A very slippery gully
Sent us scrambling in a hurry,
Through banksias and grass trees
And views of wild seas.

With wind and rain in our faces
And wet from head to laces,
We reached Johanna Beach
But hadn't met a leech.

The cars were there
And our toes were bare,
While along the road
We lightened our load.

We packed up camp
As all was damp,
And headed for comfortable beds
To lay our heads

Dropbear

Sat 4 March Murmungee Hills Medium

Leader: Murray Shaw (Warby Range Club)

Medium day walk with the Warby Range Club.

Sunday 5 March Rail trail morning ride: Myrtleford – Bright return

Bicycle ride/Distance: 60 Kms+

Leader: John Stevens

We'll cycle up the rail trail from Myrtleford to Bright. After a mid morning coffee in Bright, we'll return to Myrtleford along the same route. To join this ride, you need to be able to maintain an average riding speed of 18 to 20 kms per hour.

Sun 5 March Jamieson River Easy Walk / Lilo/ Boogie Board

(Access Jamieson Near Mansfield)

Leader: Jan Andrews

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Friday 10 March Macdonald's Hill & Mc Farlane's Hill Night Walk Easy

Distance: 8 kms

Leader: John Stevens

This walk is scheduled to be a few days before the full moon. Weather permitting, we'll walk under bright moonlight most of the way and may not use our torches.

The walk will start late in the afternoon. It will follow a circuit route that will first bring us to the top of Macdonald's Hill. We'll then walk down the main spur to Coyles Road and follow a distinct 4X4 track to the top of McFarlane's Hill. There are a few ups and downs along the way.

Subject to weather conditions, I plan to stop on top of McFarlane's Hill for a snack/light dinner and a cup of tea/coffee while enjoying the sights of Wodonga lights below us. I'll bring a billy and a stove. Bring cups, tea/coffee, and food to share.

A short walk down a steep track will then bring us back to our cars.

Bring a torch (essential), spare batteries for the torch, warm clothes.

As at night, it is a lot harder to keep track of the members of a walking group, I will only take 8 walkers on this walk.

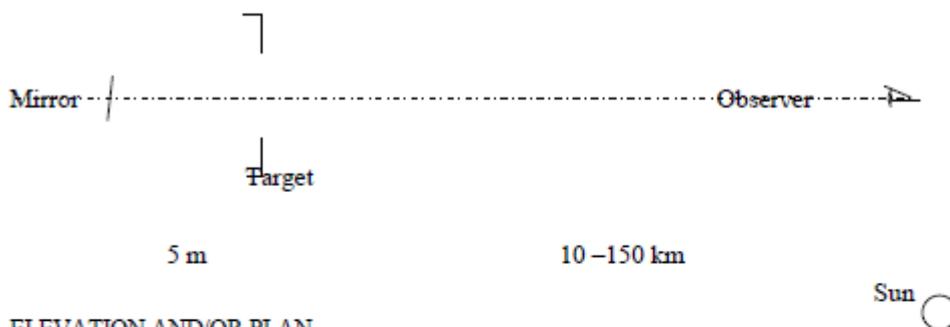
March 2006 Footprints - a Flash idea

A FLASH IDEA

Recently the club had a walk to The Rock near Wagga Wagga. To add some interest I used a mirror to signal to them from Wodonga. The distance was 96 km and the light could easily be seen with the naked eye. The mirror was an ordinary shaving mirror, about 12 x 16 cm.

Others may like to try a similar stunt. If so, here is how to do it. The only trick is being able to aim the sun's reflection directly at the distance point. This means you need to be able to see the distant point to start with. The other thing that you need to take into consideration is the direction and the time of day. Although you can shine the reflection in any direction if you use two mirrors, it is much easier to use one mirror and direct the reflection back within say 90 degrees of the sun's direction. For example, if you want to do this between Buffalo and Kosciuszko, shine from Buffalo in the morning and from Kosi in the afternoon.

The whole secret to getting a strong constant light is being able to align the centre of the mirror and the centre of a target with the distant point.



ELEVATION AND/OR PLAN

The diagram above shows the centre of the mirror (easiest if you can scrape a hole in the reflective surface so that you can see through it), and a 'target' being a beer carton or similar with some of the bottom cut out so that you can see straight through it. The reason the target is open is to allow the reflection to pass through it. You need to arrange for it to have the correct dimensions so that the reflection is slightly bigger than the hole. The reflection will then be correctly aligned when it can be seen evenly around the perimeter of the hole. The correct size for the hole is $((\text{dist between mirror and target}) \times 0.008) + \text{width of mirror}$. If the mirror above was 15cm wide, and the target was 5 m away, the hole would be $500\text{cm} \times 0.008 + 15 = 19\text{cm}$.

If you try it you will be amazed. The only limit to distance is the curvature of the earth. When heliographs were first used for communications there were no radios or mobile phones. These days it pays to cheat and use mobile phones to communicate between two sites. Have fun!

Bruce Key

dropbear

Sat 11 – Mon 13 March Mt Jagungal Medium

Leader: Noelene Young

This is a 3-day backpack in the Kosciuszko National Park. Drive up on Saturday and walk 4kms to Derscho's Hut. On Sunday walk with daypacks to the top of Mt Jagungal for magnificent views of the Main Range and then move camp further down the track. On Monday walk out along Farm Ridge and cross the Tumut River before arriving back at the cars.

Sat 11 March Canoe Chateau Tahbilk, Nagambi Easy Canoe

Leader: Jan Andrews

Put in at a lagoon canoeing through the complex system of creeks and old backwaters of the Goulburn to emerge at Chateau Tahbilk- on the slow flowing Goulburn itself.

Waterlilies, waterbirds, a couple of historic bridges and lunch on a grassy promontory under shady redgums. Finish with tastings in the shade of the historic Chateau Tahbilk winery.

Changed from late Jan

The winery has ancient mulberry trees lining an old road, and old houses with beautiful gardens which are also worth a visit.

Sun 12 March Canoe: Freeway To Wangaratta Easy Canoe

Leader: Jan Andrews

An attractive 3- 4 hr section with many white beaches for swimming. The river becomes deeper and winding as we approach Wangaratta. Only short car shuffle. Very pleasant trip without any long drives.

Sun 12 March Granuaille Mtn Med-Hard

Leader: Bill Krautz

Map. Youngal 1:25 000.

About 9K past Geehi Flat on the Alpine Way Turn Right on Murray Gates Rd and drive 3K to Murray River, This is the start & finish point. The summit of Granuaille Mt is 3K walking with a gain in elevation of about 800 metres. All off track walking. Total Distance about 7K.

Sun 12 March Mt Cobbler Easy/Med

Leader: Paul McCallum (Wangaratta Club)

Phone: 03 5727 6353

Easy to medium day walk from Lake Cobbler.

Fri 17 March –Mon 20 March Cape Otway Lighthouse Cottage Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

The cottages are delightful, historic typical whitewashed former lighthouse keepers' cottages with verandas. There will be a volunteer chef from Apollo Bay to cook for the whole weekend, so we can do walks with no work at the end of the day (or relax with ocean views- right next to the lighthouse) Spectacular scenery here of course- right on the rugged end of the Cape. A long drive, but maybe you can tie it in with staying longer in the area or in Melbourne. Avoiding the long weekend and the crowds in the area and on the roads.

Sun 19 March Pillared Rock Ridge Medium

Leader: Bill Krautz

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Leaving Talbingo Follow the Snowy Mountains Highway for about 20K then turn Left onto the Goobragandra Powerlines Road for about 16K. This is the start & finish point. From here there is a walk to the West of about 3K with a gain in elevation of about 600 metres over some rock outcrops & sharp rises. Pillared Rock Ridge intersects the main ridge of the Bogong Mountain Range, part of the Bogong Peaks Wilderness Area of Kosciusko National Park. All off track walking, total distance about 8K. Camp at Yarrongabily Creek or drive up early Sunday morning.

Sat 18-Sun 19 March Moonlight walk to Mt Bogong Medium

Leader: Terry Sydes (Benalla Bushwalking Club)

At this stage we will drive to Camp Creek at the foot of the Eskdale Spur on Friday night then follow the walking track to the summit and camp somewhere in the area. On Saturday visit Cleve Cole hut and Howmans Falls, camp, and return to the vehicles on Sunday.

Sat-Sun 25 & 26 March Mt Buffalo's Rocky Creek Camp Area Easy /Medium

Leader: David Gordon

Starting at the Reservoir we will head to the Rocky Creek Camp area skirting around the back of Mt Dunn stopping for views at Mac's Point and then following the fire trail down to the camp site. Day 2 starts with a bit of a grunt up to Mollisons Galleries then off to Eagles Point and Og Gog Magog before completing the circuit back to the Reservoir. There is a maximum of 10 campers at this campsite so it is first in on this one. Small charge applies for camping site but this also covers your entrance fee into the park.

Sun 26 March Mt Buffalo – The Back Wall Easy /Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

This is a delightful walk through snow gums and open frost hollows, terminating at the Back Wall where there is an excellent view. It is fairly level walking too. I am going to check it out for the Federation Weekend that we are hosting in November.

Sun 26 March Edi Forest & King River (King Valley Near Moyhu) Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A walk on quiet 4WD tracks through the hills of the Edi forests finishing with a walk along a track beside the clear King River. About 8km leisurely with lunch at the top of the hills.

DAYLIGHT SAVING FINISHED – WIND CLOCKS BACK SAT NT! GAIN AN HOUR!

Sun 26 March Beechworth Gorge Medium

Leader: Nigel Lacey (Benalla Club)

Start at the Powder Magazine, Beechworth, and walk up hill to One Tree Hill, along the ridge to Ingram's Rock, then descend to Fiddle's Quarry and walk out to Woolshed Falls for lunch. Return via the cascades in Beechworth Gorge. Wonderful rock outcrops, some look like people/animals. Afternoon tea, latish, in Beechworth for those who wish.

Sat 1 - Sun 2 April Feathertop overnight Medium

Leader: Connie Constas

This will be an overnight trip that takes in the Razorback ridge and Feathertop Mtn. A great time of year to be in the mountains with some possible below zero nights, and great views.

Sat 1 - Sun 2 Apr Mt Wills Easy

Leader: Jean Lightfoot (Benalla)

Phone: 03 57908552

A car camp on the Mitta Mitta River south of Mitt a township. Follow the track to Mt Wills and possibly follow the Alps Walking track ITom Mt Wills to the Omeo Highway. Explore the Mt Wills Historic Area if time allows.

Sunday 2 April Rocky Valley – Weston Hut – Cobungra Gap – Rock Valley Hard

Distance: 20 Kms+

Leader: John Stevens

We'll start from Rocky Valley Dam. After initially following the Fainter Fire Track, we'll head south across the grassland until we reach the pole line. We'll follow the pole line to Weston Hut and walk down the spur to the West Kiewa logging road. Once there, we'll follow that road southwards past the Red Robin Battery and up a spur until it ends, one kilometre short of Cobungra Gap. This section of the road is rough and steep.

A cut trail that follows the contours will lead us up to Cobungra Gap. We'll then follow the Alpine walking track up the spur past Basalt Temple and back to the Bogong High Plains. Altogether, the walk up the logging road and up the spur will involve an altitude gain of about 800 metres.

Once on the Bogong High Plains, we'll follow the Alpine Walking track northwards until it we reach pole 333. At that point we'll head north cross-country until we reach the Fainter Fire track and walk back down to Pretty Valley Dam.

Sun 2 April Autumn On The Howqua Easy

(Foot Mt Buller- Access Mansfield)

Leader: Jan Andrews

A delightful autumn walk along tracks that cross the river. Autumn poplars and large autumn gardens on bush properties in the historic 'Howqua Hills' area. Old gold chimney, Fry's historic cattleman's log hut. All set in the peppermint and manna gum forests in this delightful area on a clear mountain stream in the beautiful wilderness at the foot of the Alps. (NB option to stay in Mansfield or camp on the Howqua Sat nt)

Sat 8 April Meander on the Ridge Trail Easy

Leader: Mandy Evans

The aim will be to begin this walk at 1.30pm at the top end of Range Road, (near the Hume Golf Club). We will then walk up onto the ridge and along the track until the Dam. After a brief rest wander up to the Lookout and then down the Waterview track for a tad and then branch off onto one of the bike tracks. These eventually take us back to the main Ridge Trail. Although there are a number of ups and downs this is not too steep and we

should be back at the cars in by around 5.00pmish. Perhaps we could then contemplate going back to my place for a gathering where those that could not walk (B Team) may like to join us for a bit of laughter and fun.

Saturday 8 April Huon Hill Night Walk Easy (8km)

Leader: John Stevens

This walk is scheduled to be a few days before the full moon. Weather permitting, we'll walk under bright moonlight most of the way and may not use our torches.

This walk will start late in the afternoon. It will follow a circuit route that will first follow the Kiewa River. We'll then walk up to the top of Huon Hill. There is a steep climb through grassland along the way. A 40 minute walk down the Huon Hill Summit track will then bring us back to our cars.

Subject to weather conditions, we will drive back to the top of Huon Hill for a barbecue after the walk has ended. I'll bring a billy, some lighting and a stove. Bring cups, tea/coffee, and food to share. Bring a torch (essential), spare batteries for the torch, warm clothes. As at night, it is harder to keep track of the members of a walking group, I will only take 8 walkers on this walk

Sun 9 April Lake Nillacootie- Wild Dog Creek (Near Benalla) Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Start amongst the early autumn colours at Lake Nillahcootie Picnic area, crossing beneath the dam wall on a 4wd track. Various options take us via tracks mostly to Wild Dog creek, which comes off nearby Mt Samaria. Lunch is usually under tall blue gums next to a ferny area on the creek.

Take a 4WD track or an open spur to Lake Nillahcootie, which has some beaches if still hot enough to swim. Return to cars along shoreline.

Sat 15 – Sun 16 April High plain willow weeding worthwhile / fun

Contact Phil Ingamells

The VNPA are planning a weeding weekend at Falls Creek over Easter. There will be a training day on Saturday and a weeding day on Sunday, and possibly a walk or other activity on Monday. The aim is to pull up willow seedlings from seeds that got swept up from the valley in the updrafts of the bushfires. Because the willow is such a fierce grower, and adapts well to cold, it outgrows native vegetation. Contact Kevin Cosgriff at Mt Beauty if you're interested in volunteering before Easter or at other times.

Sun 23 April Woolshed Falls Beechworth Easy/Medium

Leader: David Gordon

This will be a walk of about 12-14 kms all on track. We will start at Woolshed Falls heading up the gorge track with a stop at Cascade Falls. From here we will walk up to One Tree Hill and onto Ingram's Rock for lunch.

Depending on the group we might head back via the Quarry then back to Woolshed Falls. Of course we will finish with coffee and cake back in Beechworth.

This is an old gold mining area so we will get to take in some of the history as well as some breathtaking views. This walk is suitable for new comers wanting to have a try at bushwalking as well as old timers wanting a nice relaxing day out.

Sun 23 April Rail Trail Walk/ride

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Sat 29 – Sun 30 April Henry Angel Track Medium

Leader: Mandy Evans

We will travel up to the track head and car camp on the Saturday evening and then head over the track. More details in next newsletter.

Sunday 2 April Pretty Valley - Weston Hut - Cobungra Gap - Rock Valley Hard

Leader: John Stevens Distance: 20 Kms+

We'll start at the Pretty Valley Dam. After initially following the Fainter Fire Track, we'll head south across the grassland until we reach the pole line. We'll follow the pole line to Weston Hut and walk down the spur to the West Kiewa logging road. Once there, we'll follow that road southwards past the Red Robin Battery and up a spur until it ends, one kilometre short of Cobungra Gap. This section of the road is rough and steep.

A cut trail that follows the contours will lead us up to Cobungra Gap. We'll then follow the Alpine walking track up the spur past Basalt Temple and back to the Bogong High Plains. Altogether, the walk up the logging road and up the spur will involve an altitude gain of about 800 metres.

Once on the Bogong High Plains, we'll follow the Alpine Walking track northwards until it we reach pole 333. At that point we'll head north cross-country until we reach the Fainter Fire track and walk back down to Pretty Valley Dam.

Thurs 13 - Mon 17 April Easter: Autumn in Marysville Base cottages / easy walks

Leader: Jan Andrews

Last year we found a couple of very pleasant inexpensive weatherboard cottages in the grounds of a church camp just out of Marysville. Nice quiet area on the edge of the camp with views of bush, mountains and autumn leaves. Of course they will book out early as we can only take limited nos, but if you don't get in you can camp or motel. This is an ideal venue as there are walks in a variety of landscapes- rainforest, Alps, fern gullies along creeks, clear river walks - all along tracks .. Of course there is the delightful craft village of Marysville to visit only 2km away via road or walking track(wasn't any busier than any other weekend last Easter).

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Sat 22 April Mt St Bernard to Buckland

Leader: Bruce Key

This is a walk along the Alpine Walking Track. It follows the main ridge of the divide all the way and as the snow gums are sparse there are many good views along the way. We will climb up "The Twins" en-route where there is a spectacular view for the full 360 degrees. Because the walk is quite long, it has to be done as a cross-over, so we will need reasonable numbers to ensure that it goes ahead. One group will begin at Mt St Bernard about 10 km this side of Mt Hotham and the other from a point on the ridge above the Buckland Valley. One of the better walks in our area.

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Leader: David Gordon

This will be a walk of about 12-14 kms all on track. We will start at Woolshed Falls heading up the gorge track with a stop at Cascade Falls. From here we will walk up to One Tree Hill and onto Ingram's Rock for lunch. Depending on the group we might head back via the Quany then back to Woolshed Falls. Of course we will finish with coffee and cake back in Beechworth.

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Mon Nt Xpt 24-Sun Nt Xpt 30 April Autumn In The Blue Mountains / Sydney

Leader: Jan Andrews

Staying at new Katoomba YHA (20m I Tom historic main street) and Sydney Central YHA (next to Central station) .. Walks in the Blue Mountains, visits to trendy Leura and the historic paragon cafe in Katoomba. Numerous lookouts with swirling mists, streets with autumn colour, lmax cinema in Katoomba with the 40 min spectacular film of the Blue Mountains. Drinks in the luxury Carrington Hotel and the historic Meadlow Bath hotel with views down into Megalong Valley

A day in isolated Mt Wilson village with glorious autumn open gardens.

In Sydney we do the 2 top walks-Coogee coastal walk to Bondi, and the Manley scenic walk past lovely houses, coves and national parks. Also an 'off the beaten track' exploration of the 'ROCKS' (via Darling harbour), with music in historic hotels such as 'Hero of WaterJoo' and the oldest hotel in Sydney 'Lord Nelson' both in interesting back streets.

NB We travel by OIN XPT to Sydney then local train to the Blue Mountains.

****BOTH THE YHA'S AND TRAIN NEED TO BE BOOKED BY EARLY FEB DUE TO THE ANZAC LONG WEEKEND (Tues April 25)- AND ALSO AS RETURNING SUNDAY NT TRAIN****.

NB Only few places left in hire van we use at Katoomba.

Sat 29 April Mt Warby Easy-Med

Leader: Deb Kahn

This is about a 12km round trip and is graded easy/medium. The walk takes us past a waterfall, (maybe it will rain before then and there will be water) and through a variety of vegetation, with some amazing black boys. From Mt Warby you have great views over the surrounding area.

Sat 29 - Sun 30 April Henry Angel Track Medium

Leader: Mandy Evans

We will travel up to the track head and car camp on the Saturday evening and then head over the track.

Sunday 30 April Mt Feathertop Hard, 20+ kms

up the Northwest and down Bungalow Spur

Leader: John Stevens

We'll start near the trout farm, about 4 kms north of Harrietville. We'll follow the walking track all the way to the summit of Feathertop. We'll either have lunch there or near Federation Hut, depending on weather conditions. Then, we'll follow the walking track back along Bungalow Spur all the way to Harrietville. A car shuffle will be required to get back to the cars near the trout farm.

Sat 6 May Bike- Bright To Myrtleford Easy /Bike

Leader: Jan Andrews

Follow the sealed bike path 30km from Tom Bright old railway station to Myrtleford caravan park (where our shuttle takes the drivers back to the cars) This is no rushed trip as there is much to do along the way (last year it took us 5 hours to do the 30km ...) eg stops at: Porepunkah on the river, a winery, a nut farm, a gravel beach on the Ovens with reflections, a restored old railway station, historic OVENS hotel. Many autumn leaves.

Option to stay O/ N Myrtleford or Bright cabins.

Sun 7 May Bright To Wandiligong: Autumn Walk Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Following Moses Creek path from Bright to Wandiligong village. Lunch at the park on the creek in Wandiligong. Last year there was a craft market here in the park. Finally -explore the historic streets of Wandiligong. Finish with giant passionfruit sponge at the Wandiligong maze. Hopefully the chestnut groves will be in golden leaf

Sun 7 May Lake Walk- Beechworth Area Easy/Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at Lake Sambell, we'll follow Hurdle Creek past old mine shafts to Lake Kerford. From there to Fletcher's Dam - a jewel of a lake which we can walk around. If time permits, we'll visit the wallaby Mine before returning to Beechworth for refreshments. A walk of about 17 - 20 kms - mainly easy walking over flat country on walking tracks and roads.

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Sun 7 May Spargo's Hut Medium

Leader: Brian Watson (Benalla)

A day walk from Mt Loch carpark to Spargo's Hut. Have an inspection, survey and make a list of desired / required maintenance. Boil the billy and toast the history of the man and the hut.

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Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

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Sun 7 May Sunrise Track Warby Ranges Easy/Med

Leader: Bob Shaw (Warby Range Club)

Easy to medium day walk with Bob Shaw from the Warby Range club. BBQ lunch after at Bob's home in Hamilton Park.

Sat 13 May Aboriginal rock art, Lawson State Park Easy/Med

Leader: Ron Hammond

This walk is only about 6 km, but with a steep downhill slide 300m and a scramble back up makes it an easy/medium walk. These paintings are the best I have seen in Victoria – you don't need good imagination as you do at Mt Pilot. I have been to this site a couple of times before but it is difficult to find. After the walk we will retire to the Koetong pub for a beer/coffee or good feed.

Sun 14 May Mt McLeod Easy about 17 kms

Leader: Bruce Key

Mt McLeod is on the northern end of Mt Buffalo, overlooking the Ovens Valley. The walk is almost all on a 4WD track and is reasonably level. We will begin at the reservoir. I am checking it out for the Federation Weekend that we are hosting in November.

Sun 14 May Stanley to Beachworth Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Following the path from Lake Kerford, Stanley to old Beechworth railway station (now head of rail trail) via Lake Samball. A lovely mostly downhill walk through peppermint forests alongside a clear creek with the autumn foliage of Beechworth. The autumn leaves at historic Beechworth TAFE after the main walk for those interested. NB Beechworth harvest festival today with streets closed (free after 3.30 pm when we get there!)

Sat 20 May Mt Emu 14 kms

Leader: Deb Kahn

You don't see buffalos when you walk Mt Buffalo so if you are doing this walk just to see emus forget it. The walk up Mt Emu gives you spectacular views from all directions. The top (where hang gliders launch) affords us views over Mt Beauty. As we ascend the mountain there are more ups than downs. On the return journey there are more downs than up.

Sat 20 May Back Creek Falls Mt Samaria State Park Easy/Med

Leader: John Lloyd (Warby Range club)

Day walk.

Sun 21 May Strathbogie Ranges, Lima (Near Benalla) Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Easy road access. Just out of Benalla where the Strathbogie Ranges meet the plains, this interesting walk follows a maze of 4WD old logging tracks through bush, pine forest and open hills with many views towards Benalla and the plains. A delightful walk.

Sun 21 May Baranduda TV towers Easy/Med

Leader: Don Ingram

Taking a different track up to the Baranduda TV towers, we will see good views, and maybe finish at the Yackandandah bakery. Will be approximately 10 kms.

Sun 21 May Mac's Crossing to Thistle Flat Med/Hard

Leader: Lola Green (Tumut Bushwalkers) Phone: 02 6947 5781

This walk starts at Mac's Crossing on the Goobragandra River. We begin with a steady climb up Goat hill with views of the Goobra Valley, the Peak River and the Bogong Mountains. We follow the ridge top until Cotterill's firetrail is reached. This takes a steep downhill path to the Peak River and Thistle Flat. Return by a slightly different route. 18 km walk.

Sat 27 May Warby Range Friends Track & Salisbury Falls Med/Hard

Leader: Murray Shaw

Day walk.

Sat 27 May Heathy Spur and Mt Nelse Med

Leader: Paul Schirmer

This walk starts at Rocky Valley storage to walk out Heathy Spur. Then we'll meet the Alpine walking track and walk to Edmondson's Hut, and then to the top of Mt Nelse. We'll visit Johnston's Hut and walk back along the Alpine Walking track to Watchbed Creek, and back to the cars. The walk will be between 16 – 20 kms.

Sat 27 – Sun 28 May Falls Creek - Bogong Med/Hard

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

This is my 4th time for this walk dating from 1981 and is one of the classic High Plains walks and well worth doing. Starting at Watchbed Creek at 10 a.m. on Saturday and arriving at Madison Hut ruins around 6 p.m., via Duane and T Spur. Sunday is a gentler journey past Cleve Cole Hut to Bogong Summit then down the Staircase to Mountain Creek. Numbers are limited due to the numbers of cars Paul Schirmer and his day walkers can take down for us. Full winter gear (apart from skis!) a must.

Sun 28 May Myrhee Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A 3 hr or so short winter walk on 4WD track winding down gently through farming country. Delightful gentle climb through open forest, then along a beautiful ridgeline through open bush. Lunch on a cleared hill with 360c views to ranges and valleys. Return to shuttle car via 4WD track winding down gently through farming country.

Sun 28 May Blue Rag Range Medium

Leader: Bruce Key about 15 km

This walk is all on a 4WD track that leaves the Dargo Road about 12 km from where it meets the Mt Hotham Road. I have not done it before, but I can quote Tyrone Thomas: "Continue west for another 3.8 km along the magnificent crest of the range to the summit. The views to the north and the south are unhindered." The route in and out is the same and there is about 300m down and up in each direction.

Sat 3 June Huon Hill Loop Easy/Med

Leader: Deb Kahn 12kms

A great walk for this time of the year with 360o the views of the surrounding area with its colourful trees. We will start at the car park on the Kiewa River at Killara and follow the track along the river for a short distance before branching off and heading towards Huon Hill. After crossing a stile and a grate we follow the track up the hill. After catching our breaths we then head down along the track the club put in a number of years ago to Watson's Lookout. Then it's all down hill following the track the club tried to put in last year. Over a few fences through a few prickly patches and we rejoin the Kiewa for a short stroll back to the cars.

Sun 4th June Chiltern Forest Easy

Leader: Susie Buykx (Benalla)

A circuit through Box/Ironbark forest near Chiltern.

Sun 11th June The Rock Easy/Med

Leader: David Gordon

Wintertime is here but for all you walkers who aren't freezing your bums on an overnight trip, here is a nice winter's day walk for you. We will be leaving from Lavington at a sociable hour. We will be driving for about an hour north to the Rock. This is a high point that juts out in the middle of the plateaus of Lockhart Shire. The walk to the top will take about 1 ½ - 2 hours and is all uphill. Never fear, in keeping with the social theme of the day, regular stops to admire the views are mandatory. We will stop at the top (which is breathtaking) for lunch and (more) views. The trip down should take just a little over an hour. As this is a relatively short walk, we are going to head home via Morgan's Lookout (about half an hour's walking) to view this hideout of one of the region's infamous bush-rangers. Total walking for the day will be about 7-8kms, so not a hard day - but the uphill section is a bit steep in places.

Sat/Mon 10/11/12 June Great Divide Trail Med

Leader: Trevor Smith (Benalla)

Phone: 0357682217

This walk from Daylesford to Blackwood is over two days with camping at a local campground.

Sat 17th June Barwingee Creek and fire trail Easy/med

Leader: Noelene Young

Map: Mt. Big Ben 8225-2-2. A perfect walk for winter, all on footpad or on firetrails in the forest each of Mudgegonga. The distance is only about 10 kms but there are two climbs, one of 170 mts. the other of about 200 mts. plus a descent back to the cars. There are good views across the valleys to Mts. Jack, Big Ben and Stanley, a walk beside Barwingee Creek and an aboriginal art site (if I can find it!).

Sat 17 June Tabletop Mountain Easy/Med

Leader: Bruce Key about 6 km

Tabletop Mountain is just north of Albury, off the Olympic Highway. It is a very interesting place to visit and when there you could imagine yourself in central Australia. The walk is short, and there is some rock scrambling in places but the views from the top are worth it. Because the walk is on private land, there is an admission fee of \$5 each.

Sun 18th June Sunday morning stroll on Nail Can Hill Easy

Leader: Liz Hammond

This walk starts at the Crematorium and climbs to the highest point of Nail Can, does a loop, and returns to the starting point. The total distance is only 6 or 7 kms so we'll be home for lunch.

Sat 24th June Mystery Stroll Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

This will be a very easy stroll in a beautiful area within half an hour's drive of Albury-Wodonga. It's really an excuse to move away from the heated house and spend a few hours outdoors on a winter's day. We'll leave late in the morning and stroll for a short while before lighting a fire to boil the billy and maybe cook a sausage or two on a stick for lunch. After a leisurely lunch we'll stroll for a bit longer. Bring cameras, as there will be great views of water and magnificent trees.

Sun 2nd July Bike Ride 40 – 50kms

Marijka Korting Medium

A pleasant country ride through undulating farmland, not far from home: We will be leaving from Lavington, cycling along the Bungambrawartha bike path - or departing 30 minutes later from the Albury Swim Centre car park - taking the recently completed bike path which follows the Murray, heading downstream to West Albury; then along the Riverina Highway turning off at Bungowannah, stopping for a historical check at the cemetery; and then into Jindera for refreshments and lunch. Then heading homewards along Urana Road back over the Jindera Gap and swooping down into Lavington and Albury. The ride should be on all sealed surfaces.

It will be necessary for cyclists to carry puncture repair kits and/or spare tube (and know how to use them) and approximately 1 Litre water. BEFORE ARRIVAL please ensure your tyres are pumped up to save wasting energy and that your seats are correctly raised. It is recommended that you wear some type of reflective or bright clothing as we will be cycling on main roads for part of the trip.

Sat 8th July Map and Compass work day 9am to 4pm

Dick Wellard

Where: Yack community centre, Main Rd Yackandandah then Mt Pilot State Forrest off Beechworth/ Chiltern Rd.

Prior advice of attendance advisable but not essential:

Theory presentation to include:

Basic Map information.

Map Signs and Symbols.

Contour Lines.

Plotting a position on the Map

Measuring distances and bearings.

Converting Grid bearings to Magnetic Bearings.

Compilation of Navigational Data Sheets.

Move to Mt Pilot (12 Noon approx) Practical Map reading and navigation exercise.

Sat 29th July Mt Emu Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn 14 km

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Sun 30th July McFarlanes Hill and beyond Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh about 10km

We will be starting our walk along the fire trail that runs into McGaffins Road and eventually meets Felltimber Creek Road. A short walk along Felltimber Creek Road back to the base of McFarlanes Hill. McFarlanes Hill is a 4 km circuit that takes in views of the surrounding bushland, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury taking in Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradually climbing involved. It is a great winter walk and I plan to start at a sociable hour for a Sunday. Bring your lunch and a thermos and I promise a day a simulating conversation, spectacular views, fresh air and enjoyment.

Sun 30th July Mt Lawson State Park – Flaagy Creek Gorge Medium Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from the Kurrajongs car park, just off the Murray River Road. It is on a track all the way and involves a few ups and downs. On a clear day, it offers great views over the eastern end of Lake Hume. If we're lucky enough to have some rain a few days before the walk, the falls should be great.

We'll stop for lunch at the Flaggy Creek waterfalls and come back the same way. Distance 14 kms.

Sat/Sun 5-6th August Paw Paw Plain Easy O'nite ski

Leaders: Tony Hampton (Wangarratta)

Paul McCallum(Wangarratta)

Easy overnight beginners ski tour, on the plains between Mt Hotham and Dinner Plain. Learn how to camp out in the snow.

Sun 6 Aug Mt Granya Easy/Medium

Leader: David Gordon

The magnificent views from the top of Mt Granya along the Mitta Arm of the Hume Weir make this walk one of the must do's this month. Highlights of this walk include the old Scout Hut, the first hut that our esteemed president saw on his arrival to these golden shores and Granya Waterfalls which are spectacular when water cascades over the giant boulders. The walk has some uphill sections, (it is a mountain after all) but with lunch at the top and a slow descent to follow this out and back walk of approximately 12kms is just perfect for winter.

Sunday 6th August Introduction to Navigation Introductory

Tallangatta, 1pm-5pm Phone Helen Robinson 02 6071 3180

For anyone who may have missed Dick Wellard's Navigation Training Day, I am planning a short introduction to bush navigation with the view of encouraging people to have a go at the rogaine coming up in September. If you would like to know more about rogaines then come to this introductory activity. The activity will be based at the Tallangatta CEC and is not likely to be as detailed as Dick's Training Course. There will be a \$5.00 charge to cover expenses.

Fri 11th – Sun 13th Aug O'nite snow shoe to Youngs Hut Experienced

Leader: Ron Hammond

Overnight snow shoe to Young's Hut. Medium/Hard depending on snow conditions

Leaving on Friday morning we'll walk up over the ski slopes to Pretty Valley and on to young's Hut. On Sat we'll explore the High Plains to the south of Young's returning to Falls on Sun.

Sun 13th Aug Lake Walk – Beechworth Area Easy/Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at Lake Sambell, we'll follow Hurdle Creek past old mine shafts to Lake Kerford. From there we'll follow gravel roads to Fletcher's Dam for lunch. The return trip to Beechworth will follow an alternative route to Lake Kerford and then along the walking track to Lake Sambell, making it a walk of about 17 kms of easy walking over mostly flat country on walking tracks and roads. We'll finish with a well-earned coffee/tea in Beechworth. If it's raining, we won't need to go, as this is a repeat of the attempted walk in May and we know what it looks like on a very rainy day. On that occasion, we were drenched and abandoned the walk mid-way.

Sun 20 Aug Heathwood Park to the Three Monkeys Tavern Easy

Leader: Mandy Evans

This walk will begin at the start of the Bungambrawatha Bike Track, Heathwood Park (op Lavington Public School, Urana Road) at around 10.30am. The aim is to meander along the path, past the Botanic Gardens and the Murray River to the Tavern on the Causeway where we will stop for lunch (around 12.30ish) before we wander back home. There are a number of options for people to consider with this walk. It is around 18 kms all up but many of you may prefer to only walk one way. The path is sealed all the way and is very dog friendly.

Sun 20 Aug Ski from Hotham to Dinner Plain Medium

Leader: David Gordon

This is a pleasant ski trip to do. We will park the cars at Dinner Plain and catch the bus back to Hotham. The trip back takes in some lovely views as well as going over Baw Baw Plain. I find this trip more scenic than skiing on Falls as there are a few trees to ski between (or use as a helpful breaking pad if you are anything like me on skies).

Fri 25th Aug to Sun 2nd Sept Jagungal Wilderness Ski Tour

Leaders: Marie Maguire & Warwick McLachlan

Phone: 03 5753 5280 & 02 6025 1323

This trip is just on the drawing board but basic plan is the be transported to Round Mountain, ski in for a couple of days, set up camp for 2-4 nights to allow day trips - total of 8 days out but only 3-4 days of pack carrying. Hopefully touring out to Farmhouse Ridge, Jacky's Lookout, Cesjacks hut... the trip can be tailored to fit the group.

Sat 26th Aug Mt Buffalo Easy X-country ski

Leader : Paul McCallum (Wangarratta)

Easy cross country ski from Cresta Valley.

Sat 26 Aug to Sat 2 Sep Sunset Remote Walking Track Medium

Leader: Noelene Young

Map: Underbool and Sunset 1:1000,000, and Parks map and notes.

When I first did this walk I was full of praise and admiration and thought it deserved to be on a list of one of Australia's great walks. The walking track has been laid out by Parks Victoria in the Murray-Sunset National Park north of the Pink Lakes, and accessed from Underbool. It passes through mallee dunefields and pine-buloke woodlands with wildflowers probable in spring, and definite birds, kangaroos and emus. The track forms a loop of approx. 66 kms taking three days plus two half days to walk, with a water tank provided at each camp site. Each section is a comfortable day's walk with orange track markers and signs. The first day is about 6 kms. to Salt Bush Flat tank, day two to Mt. Crozier tank is 18 kms, day three to Mt. Jess Track tank is 18 kms, day four to Salt Bush Flat tank is 17 kms and day five of 6 kms returns to the cars at Lake Becking. Walkers are required to register with Parks at Underbool who then ensure that the water tanks are filled and that the group returns on time. As the nearby Hattah-Kulkyne N.P. lakes are presently filling with a grant of water, after being dry for 8 years, I suggest we camp here on Thursday and Friday nights, returning home on Saturday. The distance to Underbool, through Ouyen, is 580 kms.

Sun 27th Aug Bright Easy/Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

Co-Leader: Deb Kahn

Starting at the information centre this exploratory walk around Bright will attempt to join up a few of the more scenic short walks. The terrain will be varied with some very steep sections both up and down (where people who walk with poles will need to have them), some not so steep sections and some meandering flat bits. I have done these walks all separately and it seems possible with a bit of hindsight to join them and make a good day's walking from them. At all times we will be only a short distance from the town centre. In fact I envisage walking down the main street at the end for a latte to end what should be a great day.

Sun 27th Aug The Ridge south of The Rock Medium

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from the Rock Nature Reserve car park. We'll follow the trail to the saddle below The Rock and will then head south along the ridge. We'll come back to same way. This walk is mostly off track and only partly surveyed. In order to do this walk you must be confident scrambling up and down rocky outcrops. There are a lot of them along the way. If it is raining this walk will not go ahead. I will do another walk as a substitute.

Sat 2nd Sept Nail Can Hill Area Easy/Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn 14kms approx.

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Sun 17th Sept Mt Baranbogie Easy

Leader Liz Hammond:

This is a nice walk for a winter's day. We'll meet in Wodonga, go down the Freeway to the Chiltern/Beechworth turnoff, turn left towards Beechworth and then right just past Black Dog Creek. From there we'll drive a couple of kms on unsealed roads to an old quarry where we'll leave the cars. The walk is about 12 kms on bush tracks. The highest point is the top of Mt Baranbogie at 500 meters so there's only a gentle climb to the top. It will be too early for wild flowers but we might see a wallaby or two. We should be finished by early afternoon and if people want to, we can go on to Beechworth to fill up on coffee and cakes.

Sun 17th Sept Strathbogie Ranges, near Benalla / Violet Town Easy

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Marijke Korting/Wayne Close

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30 September – 6 October Wilson's Promontory Southern Circuit Med

Leader: Rick Pickering

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Sat 9th Sept Charlton's Front – Valley View Tearooms Easy/Medium

Leader: Sandy Kaitler

Wander (uphill) onto the range between Feltrimber and Huon Creek Valleys and take in the magnificent views over the local area. Lunch is planned at the tearooms in Spring Gully Road, or BYO if you prefer. To shorten the return route there may be some offtrack walking. Approx 16 kms.

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Sun 10th Sept Great Australian Bushwalk

Leader: VNPA (Victorian National Parks Association)

Information: www.greataustralianbushwalk.org.au

Choose a walk in Brisbane Ranges National Park, You Yangs Park, Lysterfield Lake Park, Warrandyte State Park, Yarra Bend Park and more. Walks will be guided by experienced leaders from VNPA. People who join VNPA before 31/10/06 will have a chance to win up to \$5000 worth of prizes, including a trip to Central Australia and great outdoor gear. *(Not in our area, but if you're in one of those areas for the weekend, you might like to take part.)*

Sat 16 Sept Tramway near Clover Dam Easy

Leader: Bruce Key about 10km

This is a relatively short walk in delightful country near Clover Dam on the way up to Falls Creek. The walk will be mostly along the old tramway that follows the Bogong Creek Aqueduct. There is beautiful Manna Gum forest and ferny glades, and I am hoping that the fires did not do much damage, because a similar area only a few km away has recovered completely. There are old railway relics still on the tracks (albeit a bit singed)

Sat 16th Sept Hosting a Tragical Mystery Tour Fun

Host: Margariete Harding

During a recent discussion on a BBC walk, it was decided to have a Murder Mystery Night. Although it is revamping something from a while ago, they were always great fun. So on 16th September at 6.45 pm, come along and find out if you are a murderer. First to reply will be in. Remember it requires costume dress and a contribution towards the banquet, either main course or sweets. Enjoy a night of frenzied excitement to the point of feeling the need to throw champagne glasses into the burning flames in the heater. It should be still cold enough then, to light the fire.

Sun 17th Sept Woolshed Falls Beechworth Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Starting at Woolshed Falls, we will walk up the gorge track, stopping to admire the Cascade Falls whilst enjoying our morning tea. From here we will walk up to One Tree Hill and onto Ingram's Rock for lunch. Returning to Woolshed falls mid afternoon along the scenic route. This will be a walk of about 12-14 kms all on track. Naturally, we will finish with coffee and cake back in Beechworth. This is an old gold mining area so we will get to take in some of the history as well as some breathtaking views.

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Sun 24th Sept Rail Trail Bike Ride Easy

Leader: Deb Kahn

Starting at the Wodonga Sale Yards, we'll follow the more recently opened section of the rail trail through farmland, over 3 new bridges to the Hume Weir at Ludlows reserve. This ride is almost flat and would be suitable for all the family. There will be no rush and we will poke along at the speed of the slowest rider who will most likely be me.

Sun 24th Sept Magenta Mine - Chiltern Easy

Leader: Margariete Harding .

A delightful place (16 kms from town) that has the capacity to draw you back very quickly into the gold mining days as it has all the evidence of it. Bring food for a BBQ (great BBQ area). After lunch we'll take in the 2 mine areas and walk out to the Chinese Cemetery.

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Sat 30 Sept The Pinnacles Medium Leader:

Bruce Key about 10 km

This is a semi-exploratory walk near Rosewhite. It will be almost all off track, possibly with some scrub and involves some rock scrambling and a reasonable head for heights. The pinnacles are a series of large rocks on the north side of the Ovens Valley and there is a good view over the valley towards Mt Buffalo. There should be at least a few wildflowers out as a bonus.

Sun 1st Oct Garden Range, Euroa – Wildflowers Easy/Med

Leader: Jan Andrews

Basically all off track by compass- wherever the flowers are. This spectacular area just behind Euroa would have to have some of the best wildflower areas in Victoria. Usually the rare attractive ground cover micromyrtis is en masse in upper creek valleys. Masses of head high bush pea usually in middle level valleys, plus many other flowers at this time of the year. We will probably wander up from the weir via a faint 4wd track, and then head in to the creek valleys for most of the flowers. All off track but we'll be taking our time. Lunch amongst rock faces in the flowers on a creek. Return via the spectacular Charman falls with afternoon tea on the grassy flats at the foot of the falls. About 6 hrs, some rocky, but worth the effort.

Sun 1 Oct Baranduda Range Medium

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from the top of Edwards Road and follows the top of Baranduda Range all the way back to Baranduda. It is either along cattle pads or forestry tracks and involves a few ups and downs. The final descent is steeper. On a clear day, this walk offers good views over both Beechworth Road and Yackandandah Road. This walk will require a car shuffle. Distance approx. 15 kms.

Sat 7th/Sun 8th Oct Beginners' back-pack/camp-out Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Members who came on the mystery walk in June, will remember the delightful lunch spot where we cooked over the fire. The location is no longer a mystery, as it's the reserve on the Murray River next to Kismet (a few kms west of Howlong). This is a return to that reserve. The plan is to start after lunch on Saturday and walk for less than an hour to our overnight camping spot, where we will again light a fire and tell yarns until bed time. After a leisurely breakfast on Sunday morning, we'll take an alternative route out and be home by lunch time (or have lunch at the Howlong Bakery). As it's such a short trip, and is basically aimed at providing members with the opportunity to try backpacking and camping, we'll arrange for people to share equipment to keep the cost of hiring down.

Fri 6 Oct White-Box walking track Night walk Easy

Leader: John Stevens 8.5 kms

This walk is scheduled to coincide with the full moon. Weather permitting, we'll walk under bright moonlight most of the way and may not use our torches. We will meet in Wodonga late in the afternoon before driving to Chiltern National Park. The walk follows a circuit route on a well defined track. Subject to weather conditions, we will have a barbecue after the walk has ended. I'll bring a billy, some lighting and a stove. Bring cups, tea/coffee, and food to share. Bring a torch (essential), spare batteries for the torch, warm clothes. Because at night, it is harder to keep track of the members of a walking group, I will only take 8 walkers on this walk.

Sun 8th Oct Wallaby Gully, Longwood Easy/Med

Leader: Jan Andrews

Strathbogie Ranges- short drive off freeway. All open off track by compass / off track along Hughes Creek. Another lovely area for the masses of the groundcover MICROMYRTIS which could by now be in its red form. (White earlier in late Sept). An easy stroll across the open rock faces of this forest reserve through stringy bark forest. Short descent down into the headwaters of Hughes Creek where we have lunch on the creek. Return via fern gullies on the other side of the reserve. Many wallabies usually of course! Afternoon tea at „Old Brown Jug“ tearooms in large private gardens near Ruffy. (Scones made in oven while you view the garden)

Sun 8 Oct Bald Hill McKay Creek Fire Track Medium

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from the boom gate to the road leading to the McKay Creek Power Station. We walk down to Pretty Valley Creek which we ford before the long walk up along the Bald Hill McKay Creek Fire Track all the way to where it branches off the Fainter track. We then walk down to Springs Saddle. We will check the Springs Saddle before following the track down to Bogong village and our waiting cars. This walk will require a car shuffle. Distance approx. 18kms

Sat 14th – Sun 15th Oct Relay For Life Fun/Worthwhile

Leader: Allan Mills

Relay for Life is a fun, outdoor and overnight fundraising event that honours all those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Teams of 10-15 people take turns to complete laps over 24 hours (10am Saturday to 10am Sunday). Allan is keen to have a team involved in this year's event at Birallee Park in Wodonga, so if you would like to be part of the team, contact him.

Sat 14th Oct Salisbury Falls and unknown Waterfall Easy/Med

Warby Ranges

Leader: Jan Andrews

(Just out of Wangaratta) Open off track by compass/ tracks. Afternoons walk up Salisbury Falls walking track (many steps). When on top of grassy plateau, compass walk to a delightful unknown waterfall with 2 grassy rock ledges to view Wangaratta and the Alps. Return via tracks.

Sun 15th Oct Family Walk: Friends Walking Track Easy

Warby Range State park

Leaders: Cindy Marsh (Wodonga)

This delightful walk is great for Mum, Dad and the kids, or for anyone who wants to enjoy what Spring has to offer in the Warbys. The Wattles trees will be in full bloom, and I am told that there will be an abundance of wild flowers. We will enjoy the spectacular views from the Kwat Kwat lookout. A BBQ lunch is part of the plan, so keep this day free and invite your family, neighbours, and friends to join you for this great day out.

Sun 15th Oct Whites Rock Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

4 KM return track - part 4wd track/ walking short distance through waist high shrubs (hopefully in flower)/ across large rock faces. Follow an undulating 4WD track into the WHITES ROCK area. Views from large rock faces to rugged Rocky Ned Creek below & across to Mt Rocky Ned. Spectacular when the huge diversity of flowers is out.

Sat 21st Oct Murray River Ramble Easy

Forest Tracks around Yarrowonga / Mulwala

Leader: Fran Meijer ()

Co-Leader: Cindy Marsh ()

Exploring the tracks along the Murray River near Yarrowonga / Mulwala. Walking is on bush tracks, enjoying the red gum forest, billabongs and rivers' edge. If we're lucky we may be able to spot some platypus! Abundant bird life: Cockies, galahs, rosellas, parrots, pelicans, ducks, etc. On the way there, we will be doing a small detour, turning off at the Rennie Road, to have a look at The Boat Rock („a piece of Aboriginal history“).

Fri 20th - Sun 22nd Oct Wabonga Plateau Medium Overnight

Leader: Peter Jacob

Wabonga Plateau (south of Whitfield) is an area described as being suitable for school groups, so it should provide the opportunity for those wishing to try overnight walking. The plan is to camp at Bennies on the Rose River o/nite on Friday and do a circuit from there via Mts Typo and Warrick, Wabonga Block area and returning via Stockyard Track.

Fri 20 Sun 22 Oct Mt Bogong Medium hard

Leader: Bruce Key

This is tentative. A friend is expecting a Canadian visitor who would like to go walking so this is for him. We would leave Fri afternoon, drop the car at Mountain Creek camping area and then proceed by taxi (?) to Watchbed Creek near Rocky Valley pondage. We will then walk to Ropers Hut to camp, next night at Cleve Cole Hut and then down via Staircase Spur. Others are welcome of course.

Sun 29th Oct Cycle ride to Burrumbuttock Easy/medium

Leader: Liz Hammond

We'll start at Jindera, ride to Walla Walla, then to Burrumbuttock, then back to Jindera. The ride is on quiet country roads, with a few undulations but no serious hills. I've chosen this date because it is the Burrumbuttock Festival, which has taken the place of the old Burrumbuttock Wattle Day and I'm told will include flower, craft, photography, and food shows, with much more!

The total distance is about 50kms but I'll arrange for a sag wagon to meet us at Burrum at lunch time, in case anyone gets weary legs.

Sun 29 Oct. Drapers Hill Easy

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Drapers Hill, called Charlie's Hill by some locals, is between Castle Creek Road and Beechworth-Wodonga Road. At 550 metres it is the highest point in the range that joins Mt Lady Franklin with Mt Baranduda. This walk of about eight kilometres is all on private property through cleared and sparsely timbered terrain. The top of Draper's Hill is said to offer good views towards Mt Pilot, Wodonga and of the Murray Valley.

Sat 4th Nov The BIG Walk, Mt Buffalo Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn 22km round trip

This is one of the more popular walks on our calendar. The Big walk starts at the park entrance and winds its way up to the Chalet, where lunch can be purchased at the coffee shop or BYO. Then we will retrace our tracks back to the cars.

Sat 11th Nov CLEAN UP THE ALPS Mount Buffalo Rewarding

Sun 12th Nov Falls Creek

Parks Victoria /Clean up Australia

Clean Up Australia is working with Parks Victoria, Conservation Volunteers Australia and the local resorts to help Clean Up the Alps. To learn more about this partnership visit the Alps overview page on the Clean Up Australia website. www.cleanup.com.au

The fragile alpine environment contains moss beds which guarantee the delivery of quality water to the catchments. Over the years, they have been severely damaged. Introduced weed and pests threaten the diverse native flora and fauna. To learn more about the alpine environment click here.

Sat 11th Nov All Saints by foot Easy/Social

Leader: Deb Kahn

Starting at the old bridge in Wahgunyah, this is a beautiful walk that follows the Murray all the way to All Saints winery. Once there, we will have a picnic lunch in the beautiful gardens near the lake. You can either BYOL or purchase a cheese platter with accompanying wines (having had this before I can highly recommend it and the

one platter is enough for 4 – 5 people). Then we will just casually retrace our way back to the start. It's an easy 1 ½ hour stroll each way and if you want to bring kids they could easily ride their bikes.

Fri 17th – Sun 19th Nov Bright and Beyond - Federation Weekend Varied

Co-ordinator: David Gordon

A great weekend for everyone! See more information on page 2 of this edition. 22 walks on offer on Mt Buffalo, Mt Hotham, Falls Creek and around Bright.

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Leaders: Ron Hammond

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Sun 12th Nov Mt Pilot about 12kms

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Co-Leader Don Ingram

Magnificent views from the top of Mt Pilot giving you a 360 degree viewing of the local area is what awaits you. We will mostly be walking on track with about 1km bush bashing involved. November can be a hot month so we will be leaving early around 8.00am, ensure that you carry ample water. Mt Pilot was important to the Duduora, Pangarang, Quat Quatta and Minjambutta clans as a spiritual and ceremonial site. We may finish at Reidy creek for a swim or just enjoy dangling your feet in the cool water.

Sat 26th Nov The Razorback Cross over

Leaders: Ron Hammond

This walk will be split into two and done as a cross over. One group will start at Diamantina Hut on the Mt Hotham Road, walk along the Razorback up Mt Feathertop and down Bungalow Spur. The other group will walk up Bungalow Spur to Mt Feathertop and then along the Razorback to the cars. If we time it right we can meet for lunch at Federation Hut.

Sun 26th Nov Rail trail morning ride: Myrtleford – Bright return Bicycle ride

Leader: John Stevens Distance 60 kms+

We'll cycle up the rail trail from Myrtleford to Bright. After a mid morning coffee in Bright, we'll return to Myrtleford along the same route. To join this ride, you need to be able to maintain an average riding speed of 18 to 20 kms per hour.

Sun 26th Nov Mt Samaria State Park Peppermints & Blue Gums Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Escape to the much cooler temperatures on Mt Samaria State Park (between Mansfield and Benalla), amongst the scented peppermint and blue gum forests high above Lake Nillahcootie. The grass is still green up there as we do the approx 4 hr walking track between Back Creek falls and Wild Dog falls. We'll be visiting Back Creek falls. Lovely undulating grassy old 4WD track, maybe some everlastings or other wildflowers on the road up. Lunch at one of the picturesque walk – in campsites along the track amongst tall timber. Views of Lake Nillahcootie on the road up and at falls.

Fri 1st Dec Macdonald's Hill & McFarlane's Hill Night Walk Easy

Leader: John Stevens Distance 8 kms

This walk is scheduled to be a few days before the full moon. Weather permitting, we'll walk under bright moonlight most of the way and may not use our torches. This walk will start late in the afternoon. It will follow a circuit route that will first bring us to the top of Macdonald's Hill. We'll then walk down the main spur to Coyles Road and follow a distinct 4X4 track to the top of McFarlane's Hill. There are a few ups and downs along the way. Subject to weather conditions, I plan to stop on top of McFarlane's Hill for a snack/light dinner and a cup of tea/coffee while enjoying the sights of Wodonga lights below us. I'll bring a billy and a stove. Bring cups, tea/coffee, and food to share. A short walk down a steep track will then bring us back to our cars. Bring a torch (essential), spare batteries for the torch, warm clothes. Because at night, it is a lot harder to keep track of the members of a walking group, I will only take 8 walkers on this walk.

Fri 1st – Sun 3rd Dec Thredbo Experience Easy

Leader: Denise Smith

Fully booked.

Sat 2nd –Sun 3rd Dec Bogong High Plains Track Work Rewarding

Contact: Bill Metzenthien

VicWalk conservation Committee is working with the Mt Beauty off ice of Parks Victoria to organise a bushwalker work party for the weekend. The exact nature of the work party is not yet certain. There are likely to be options for participants to choose amongst, including track maintenance and spring cleaning of some of the more remote huts. If you can help, contact Bill who is the VicWalk Project Officer for Alpine Region NR 1.

Sat 2nd Dec Murray River (west Yarrawonga /nth of Tungamah Easy Canoe

Leader: Jan Andrews

West Yarrawonga /nth of Tungamah – Gravel bend to Duffy"s no 2 beach. Large white beaches on every bend- before the campers arrive! (starting where we pulled out in 2004 / 2005) Swimming and lunch on many of the beaches. Followed by afternoon tea & fresh oven baked home -made scones at nearby historic BURRAMINE HOMESTEAD (1880's, Elisabeth Hume's home on the Murray, with wide shady verandahs and shady deciduous trees. Restored and owned by National trust. You can come for afternoon tea if not canoeist)

Sat 2nd /Sun 3rdDec Four Hills of Albury Wodonga Challenge Easy/Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

Challenge yourself this weekend to climb to the lookouts on the four hills of Albury/Wodonga and receive a certificate at the end to prove it. Nail Can Hill and Eastern Hill Lookouts in Albury will be bagged on Saturday, whilst Huon Hill and Bear"s Hill in Wodonga will be Sunday"s challenge. A social dinner at Harmony Indian Restaurant will take place on Saturday night for contestants, their partners or anyone else who would like to join in. You can do all the walks or any combination that suits you, but to receive the coveted Albury Wodonga Hill Baggers Certificate you must complete all four in the weekend. As I will have to book the restaurant at least 7 days in advance please let me know the week before (by Saturday 25th Nov) if you are going to join us for dinner.

Sun 3rd Dec Black Possum Spur Track Medium/Hard

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from Bogong Village. We will walk up the Black Possum Spur track all the way up to Mount Arthur. We will then walk down to Bogong Creek saddle before walking down the Big River Fire trail to Clover Dam. This walk will require a car shuffle. We will leave a car near clover dam on the way up to take the drivers back to the cars. Distance over 20 kms. The lower section of the Black Possum Spur track is quite steep. This is a very scenic walk.

Fri 8th – Sun 10th Dec Barmah Base Camp Easy Day Canoeing

Leader: Jan Andrews

Base camp at the main camping area in the forest on Barmah lake. BBQ"s and pit toilets only. Many possibilities for day canoe trips- will choose 2 of the following 3: from camp up Broken creek & return / from camp up Barmah Lake into Budgee creek and return (often seen wild brumbies and roos on beautiful park like „War Plains“) or from camp down Murray into Barmah village with car shuffle. All about 4 hrs. Time to cross river in to NSW usually and look into Moira Lake system by canoe & go to Darnya centre nearby if desired. (by foot track or car). Tea 1 night Barmah pub, BBQ other night.

Sat 9 Sun 10 Dec Khancoban to Geehi Medium

Leader: Paul Schirmer

This walk starts from near Waterfall Farm just out of Khancoban. We follow the Geehi Walls Trail past Geehi Walls and Devils Grip Gorge. Several huts and hut sites are passed along the way, these include Major Clews Hut, Keebles Hut, Doctors Hut and old Geehi Hut. To make this walk work we will need someone to drive on to Geehi after dropping us off and camp there so they can bring us home. The other option is to do the walk as a cross over but as I have never done this walk before I prefer option.

Sun 10th Dec Back of Yackandandah Easy/Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh about 12km

Co-Leader: Don Ingram

Yackandandah on foot is definitely a pleasurable experience in this picturesque former gold mining town. Our scenic walk will focus on the Back of Yack. It will be mostly on track; however some bush bashing will be involved.

Don Ingram knows this area like the back of his hand so you can be guaranteed that we will be taken to some very interesting spots. December is a hot month so we will be leaving Wodonga around 8.00 am.

Sun 17th Dec Xmas Reedy Creek Ramble and Swim - Eldorado Easy Walk/swim

Leader: Jan Andrews

After all the stress of a year's work and Xmas parties, an easy stroll alongside Reedy with regular swims in shallow waterholes. Reedy creek is a clear small river flowing gently over sand with small beaches and rock outcrops. Probably start at or near the ford about 5km Eldorado. We're walking along some banks that are usually easy walking without the dense understorey of some sections of Reedy Creek. Surrounded by the hills and forests of the Eldorado area. A relaxing day- before the Xmas rush.

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Fri 1st Dec Macdonald's Hill & McFarlane's Hill Night Walk Easy

Leader: John Stevens Distance 8 kms

This walk is scheduled to be a few days before the full moon. Weather permitting, we'll walk under bright moonlight most of the way and may not use our torches. This walk will start late in the afternoon. It will follow a circuit route that will first bring us to the top of Macdonald's Hill. We'll then walk down the main spur to Coyles Road and follow a distinct 4X4 track to the top of McFarlane's Hill. There are a few ups and downs along the way. Subject to weather conditions, I plan to stop on top of McFarlane's Hill for a snack/light dinner and a cup of tea/coffee while enjoying the sights of Wodonga lights below us. I'll bring a billy and a stove. Bring cups, tea/coffee, and food to share. A short walk down a steep track will then bring us back to our cars. Bring a torch (essential), spare batteries for the torch, warm clothes. Because at night, it is a lot harder to keep track of the members of a walking group, I will only take 8 walkers on this walk.

West Yarrowonga /nth of Tungamah – Gravel bend to Duffy's no 2 beach. Large white beaches on every bend- before the campers arrive! (starting where we pulled out in 2004 / 2005) Swimming and lunch on many of the beaches. Followed by afternoon tea & fresh oven baked home -made scones at nearby historic BURRAMINE HOMESTEAD (1880's, Elisabeth Hume's home on the Murray, with wide shady verandahs and shady deciduous trees. Restored and owned by National trust. You can come for afternoon tea if not canoeist)

Fri 8thth – Sun 10th Dec Barmah Base Camp Easy Day Canoeing

Leader: Jan Andrews

Base camp at the main camping area in the forest on Barmah lake. BBQ's and pit toilets only.

Many possibilities for day canoe trips- will choose 2 of the following 3: from camp up Broken creek & return / from camp up Barmah Lake into Budgee creek and return (often seen wild brumbies and roos on beautiful park like _War Plains') or from camp down Murray into Barmah village with car shuffle. All about 4 hrs. Time to cross river in to NSW usually and look into Moira Lake system by canoe & go to Darnya centre nearby if desired. (by foot track or car). Tea 1 night Barmah pub, BBQ other night.

Sun 17th Dec Bald Hill McKay Creek Fire Track Medium

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from the boom gate on the road leading to the McKay Creek Power Station. We walk down to Pretty Valley Creek which we ford before the long walk up along the Bald hill McKay Creek Fire Track all the way to where it branches off the Fainter track. We then walk down to Springs Saddle. We will check the Springs Saddle before following the track down to Bogong village and our waiting cars.

This walk will require a car shuffle. Distance approx. 18kms

Sun 17 Dec Red Robin Mine and Dibbins Hut Medium/Hard

Leader: Bruce Key 22km

This will be circuit beginning at the Mt Loch car-park near Mt Hotham, going past Mt Loch and the Red Robin Mine to Dibbin's Hut which is beside the Cobungra River. The return will via Swindler's Spur. In addition to the length of the walk there is a climb of about 700m.

Sun 17th Dec Xmas Reedy Creek Ramble and Swim - Eldorado Easy Walk/swim

Leader: Jan Andrews

After all the stress of a year's work and Xmas parties, an easy stroll alongside Reedy with regular swims in shallow waterholes. Reedy creek is a clear small river flowing gently over sand with small beaches and rock outcrops. Probably start at or near the ford about 5km Eldorado. We're walking along some banks that are

usually easy walking without the dense understory of some sections of Reedy Creek. Surrounded by the hills and forests of the Eldorado area. A relaxing day- before the Xmas rush.

Wed 27 Dec – Sun 31 Dec Mt Hotham to Mt Bogong Medium/Hard

Leader: Rick Pickering

This is a walk which I think could be quite challenging, and which has interested me for some time. I have walked each end of it, but not the middle, though I am aware that many others in the Club would know the middle parts well, and I would be pleased to get their advice about the route set out below, suitable camping spots, water points, etc. My plan would be to follow the Alpine Walking Track from Mt Hotham to Madison's Hut, and then climb Mt Bogong and descend via the Staircase. The first day of walking will be 27th December, going down Swindlers Spur and up onto the High plains via the Basalt Temple, with an overnight stop at Young's Hut. The second day would be across the Bogong High Plains, with an overnight stop somewhere around Cope Hut. Depending on weather and the wishes of the participants, we could go a bit further. The third day would be up to the Mt Nelse area, overnighing in the vicinity of Johnston Hut. The fourth day would be up to either Madison's Hut ruins or Cleve Cole Hut, with the last day being the climb up to Mt Bogong and down the Staircase to Mountain Creek. We will need to arrange a pick up from Mountain Creek. You can see from the description that most of the overnight stops could be varied, and if others wanted to get back a day before New Year's Eve it may be possible to cut a day out of this itinerary. Similarly it has been suggested that a start from Harrierville and a climb of Mt Feathertop should be included. If anybody is interested please talk to me at the Christmas Party or call me by mid December. (If the weather forecast indicates really high risk fire days I would not go ahead with this walk.)

Sat 30 Dec – Mon 1 Jan Spion Kopje/Grey Hills/Bogong Creek Saddle/Quartz Ridge/Mt Bogong Medium

Leader: John Stevens

We'll start from Bogong village and follow the Spion Fire track to Spion Kopje. We'll camp for the night in the grassland close to Crowsnest. The following day, we'll follow the foot pad along the top of the Grey Hills to Mount Arthur and walk down to Bogong Creek Saddle where we'll spend our second night. The next day we'll walk up Quartz Ridge to Bogong West Peak and on to the East Peak before walking down Staircase Spur. A car shuffle will be required to get back to the car at Bogong village.

Sat 30th Dec Kelly's Hut Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark

We'll start at Langfords Gap and go up along the Alpine Walking Track to Kelly's Hut, visiting Fitzgerald's Hut along the way. After lunch we'll return via the aqueduct.

2007 Club member of the year - Ron Hammond

Ron Hammond - *Clubmanship Award* to recognise his outstanding work as a member, not only leading walks and working bees, but for his behind-the-scenes activities getting out Footprints, maintaining the database, creating and maintaining the web site, storing and repairing the canoes, and many other jobs that have to be done. Every successful club needs a cheery, helpful and enthusiastic member like Ron Hammond.

BBC Awards 2006

Edna Jakobs received *Life Membership of Border Bushwalking Club* When The Border Bushwalking Club was established in 1978, Edna was part of the large group who walked to Tabletop for the inaugural walk. Since then, she has continued to be a staunch member of the club throughout its existence and has served on committee several times. Edna has led walks and has participated in many walks where she has always displayed interest and concern for all others in the group. Edna's cheerful face is always present at club nights as she enjoys hearing about the experiences of other members and guest speakers who provide enjoyment and entertainment. And Edna enjoys catching up with friends for a

chat. Always willing to lend a hand, Edna was a member of the organising committee when the club celebrated its 25th anniversary. When Federation Weekend was on the agenda, Edna offered help and was a valued leader at the weekend. It is our privilege to grant Life Membership to Edna in recognition of her outstanding contribution to our club. We hope that she will continue to share her enthusiasm with us for many years to come.

Bruce Key - "*Best Walk Report Award*" for his detailed report of the Mt McLeod walk on 14th May and his consistency in returning clear, detailed reports.

An example is: "...the track is gently undulating but gradually gains 100 m of altitude before it reaches Mt McLeod walk-in camping area."

Rick Pickering - "*Best Report in Footprints Award*" for his article, "Wilson's Promontory Southern Circuit" submitted in the November edition of *Footprints*. The report gave a clear picture of the trip as well as some of the leader's thoughts about the AFL Grand Final.

One quote to show the imagery is: "...got our last sighting of the lighthouse, now barely more than the size of a match in the far distance."

David Gordon - "*Fantastic Effort Award*" for leading a committee comprised of members of four clubs so that 435 could enjoy a wonderful weekend of walking in and around Bright.

Noelene Young - "*How much Is That Doggy In The Window Award*" on, for introducing her new canine friend, Kelly, to the wonders of bushwalking.

Debbie Kahn was presented with the "*I Know Where I'm Going Award*" for heading off to Nepal on a trip she won, only a few days after giving a talk on the Silk Road.

Amity Marantelli - "*Ain't She Sweet Award*" for being the youngest active member of our club. Amity joined the club this year at age 2.

Bernice and Stan Duffield - "*We'll Meet Again Award*" for being the first to leave camp on the last day of the Sunset Desert trip and managing to be the last to arrive at the cars after taking the wrong turn.

Peter Jacob - "*Beautiful Dreamer Award*" on for believing that his walk on Wobonga Plateau was suitable for school groups. Many hours of searching for tracks and much scrub bashing by the group, might suggest otherwise.

David Gordon - "*Peaceful Easy Feeling Award*" for his patience, endurance, fortitude and tolerance while playing *patience* at Sydney airport when the flight to Darwin for the Kakadu trip was delayed for several hours.

Warwick McLachlan - "*Don't Look Back Award*" for managing to leave his camera at the Bright Lookout and having to retrace his steps on Federation Weekend.

Kaye Pickering - "*Born Free Award*" for her attachment to wildlife. On the Kakadu trip she was catching fish: when she came home she was challenged by a snake in the house.

Sandy Kaitler - "*Games People Play Award*" for the tug of war she had with a possum while at Wilson's Prom.

Cindy Marsh - *“Walk Right In Award”* for her close encounter with two other bushwalking groups while taking a comfort stop at Warby Ranges.

Alex Hammond - *“Up-Up and Away Award”* for her ability to take on every new challenge she is faced with. Since joining the bushwalking club she’s also been known to go abseiling, rock climbing, and paddling. What’s next?

Rick Pickering and Stan Duffield - *“Don’t Fence Me In Award”* for managing to walk 3.4 kms in 38 minutes on the Wilson’s Prom trip.

Bruce Key - *“Happy Wanderer Award”* for displaying his true happy self by chatting away and not being able to find The Pinnacles.

Gabriele Lob - *“Ain’t That Just Like A Woman Award”* for being able to use one tea bag for dual purposes. i.e. to make a drink and to wash her face to save on fuel for heating water.

Liz and Ron Hammond - *“Hit The Road Jack”* Award for wanting to delay their return from Wilson’s Prom by needing jump leads to start the car.

Peter Jacob - *“Burnt Boot Award”* for an adventurous trip on 20th-22nd September to Wabonga Plateau. Eg: After 18kms of driving, needed a GPS to confirm the group was „bushed“; after 4 hours and 4kms of scrub bashing, no sign of Mt Warwick; a track marked on the map no longer exists; found a new track so 11kms and 9 hours later the group reached camp.

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Sat 6th Jan Mt Wills Medium

Leader: Bruce Key 10km

This is part of the Alpine Walking Track, some of which is on a 4WD track and some on a foot track. There is a climb of about 500m to reach the top of Mt Wills where there is a good view, including the Snowy Mountains. With enough starters we will do it as a cross-over to avoid a car shuffle.

Sun 7th Jan Chateau Tahbilk Historic Canoe, Nagambie Canoe

Leader: Jan Andrews

Our annual canoe through the lagoons of Chateau tahbilk- with waterlilies, old historic bridges and a maze of old backwaters of the Goulburn system. There is now a classy new café near the end of the lagoon systems with good views, either pull out there or continue on through the smaller backwaters to canoe the ½ km to chateau tahbilk. Chateau tahbilk is 100 years old, with large shady plane trees, an old homestead with lovely gardens and ancient mulberry trees lining an old entrance to Chateau tahbilk. Many waterbirds if no wind.

Sun 7th Jan morning ride: Porepunkah to Mt Buffalo return Hard

Leader: John Stevens Distance 50 kms+

We’ll cycle up the road to the Chalet. After a coffee break, we’ll return to Porepunkah along the same route. To join this ride, you need to have done some bike riding up mountain roads.

Sat 13th-Sun 14th Jan Young’s Hut Working Bee Rewarding

Leader: Ron Hammond

Our working bees at Young’s Hut are always good fun – carrying the equipment out is half the fun!! There’s work to be done as well as time to sit and enjoy the scenery and the comfort of the hut. Workers attend for the weekend but day walkers are asked to help carry equipment on Saturday. The work to be carried out is: Complete the interior lining, (some old sheets of ply needed - 3 6x4s should do the trick), repair floorboards and some general maintenance.

Sun 14th Jan Lake William Hovell & King River (near Whitfield) Relaxing Canoe

Leader: Jan Andrews

This seemingly small lake has some interesting spots along the edges that are worth stopping at. Lined with scented peppermint forests (instead of the usual Red Gum), this clear lake is at the foot of the Alps with easy sealed access. After perusing the shores and forests of the western bank, we canoe up into the King River as far as the rapids. Here we reach a clear mountain stream with colourful pebbles after canoeing through rocky banks and steep hills a short distance. Return same way with views of Wabonga Plateau National Park above us on the east.

NB Option to camp Fri & Sat nts at „Gentle Annie“ caravan park (under large deciduous trees bushcamping section) on deep waterholes on the King River. Access to CP showers etc.)

Sun 21st Jan Mt Feathertop – up the Northwest and down Bungalow Spur Hard

Leader: John Stevens 20 kms+

We'll start from near the trout farm, about 4 kms north of Harrierville. We'll follow the walking track all the way to the summit of Feathertop. Some sections are quite steep. We'll either have lunch there or near Federation Hut, depending on weather conditions. Then, we'll follow the walking track down Bungalow Spur all the way to Harrierville. A car shuffle will be required to get back to the cars near the trout farm.

Sun 21st Jan Canoe Freeway – Wangaratta Easy Canoe

Leader: Jan Andrews Basic Skills Needed

Starting at the huge white beach near the freeway, we have about a leisurely 4 hr canoe with many beaches for swimming and the usual sharp corners (which you can bypass by dragging over the edge of beaches). As the river approaches Wangaratta, it becomes deeper, slower and more winding. The river is still quite clear in this section. Pull out at the beach behind the Sydney hotel, Wangaratta. Afternoon tea on the beach or in Wangaratta.

Sun 21st Jan Mt McLeod Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh 17km

Mt McLeod is a rocking outcrop on the northern end of the Mount Buffalo plateau overlooking the Ovens Valley. The views are sensational, you can expect to see beautiful vegetation and massive granite rocks. Most of this walk is on a 4WD track, with about 300 metres on a foot track. Be prepared for a rock climbing on the last part as we climb to Mt McLeod.

Thurs 25th- Sun 28th Jan Mossbed Rehabilitation Rewarding

Leader: Steven Robertson I – VicWalk Conservation Convenor

Feel like a break from the usual routine and a satisfying holiday?

VicWalk will again be participating with Parks Victoria on Mossbed Rehabilitation on the Bogong High Plains in January 2007. This is a very rewarding activity where you actually see at the end of a day's work, the results of rehabilitating the sphagnum mossbeds that have been damaged over time. Over 25 VicWalk participants thoroughly enjoyed this endeavour over the Labour Day weekend in March this year.

When: Thursday night 25 January 2007 - Sunday PM 28 January 2007 (an official long weekend to celebrate Australia Day)

Where: Bogong High Plains - based at Alpha Ski Lodge in Falls Creek

People required: we need 30 (places will fill quickly)

Cost: A rather complicated formula but to simplify WE PAY YOU

- You will receive three nights accommodation at Alpha Ski Lodge at NO CHARGE
- You will be invited to partake in one BBQ Dinner for Free
- Each participant will receive \$22.00 subsidy toward fuel costs

Doesn't this sound great and an opportunity not to be missed? Contact Steven Robertson to register your name.

Sat 3rd Feb Early morning bike ride slow and easy

Leader: Liz Hammond

This will start at Sumsion Gardens, then along the bike path to Noreil Park, and through South Albury and Doctor's Point to Mungabareena Reserve. After a rest there, we'll ride back the same way to Sumsion Gardens, finishing off with coffee.

Sun 4th Feb Bogong High Plains Circuit Medium

Leader: Noelene Young

A pleasant 15 km. circuit over gently undulating terrain from Pretty Valley pondage along the creek east to Cope West track, following it past Cope Hut and Ryders Yards to a weir on the aqueduct south-east of Mt. Jim. Then cross over to the Alpine Walking track to follow it north west for a short distance then walk north across the plains to the Fainter Fire trail and return east to the cars at the Pondage. There is about 3 km. off-track. (If this area of the High Plains is still closed, there will be an alternative walk on the Eastern side of the High Plains Road to Kelly's Hut)

Thurs 8 Feb Canoe Mungabareena to Norieul Park Easy

Leader: Bruce Key

This will be an after work canoe from Mungabareena Park to Norieul Park. When we reach Norieul Park we will have pizzas for tea. The club has four canoes available for hire at (I think) \$15 per canoe. It will be necessary to have some experienced canoeists, but we can take a few inexperienced people too. This is a wonderful way to enjoy the river on our doorstep. Depends on enough water in the Murray.

Sat 10th Feb Wonga Wetlands Wanderings Social

Leader: David Gordon

This trip is being put on for purely social reasons. The plan is to get to the Wetlands at 5.00 in the afternoon and spend about 2 hours exploring the wetlands. If we get bored with this and time permits we will head off down to Horseshoe Lagoon for a bit of an early evening walk. Hopefully at this time of day we will get to see plenty of bird life. Exercise is good for the appetite so the plan is to bring a picnic dinner to watch the sun set over the wetlands. For those still interested, a few drinks will be shared back at my place.

Sun 11th Feb Edmondson's Hut Easy/Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

After driving beyond Falls Creek and over Rocky Valley Dam, we'll park cars at Watchbed Creek and Heathy Spur to save a walk along the road at the end of the day. We'll walk along the Heathy Spur Track till we meet the Big River Fire track which we'll follow for about a km before taking a left turn onto the track that takes us to Edmondson's Hut for lunch. After relaxing at the hut, we'll retrace our steps to the junction of Heathy Spur, but will continue on the Big River Fire Trail beside Watchbed Creek to the Bogong High Plains Road. About 12km. Depends on weather and fires as to whether this trip will proceed.

Sat 17th Feb Mt Blue Rag Range Medium

Leader: Bruce Key 14km

Mt Blue Rag Range is near Mt Hotham and because of the elevation (1718m) it should be reasonably cool. The walk is mostly along a ridge although there is a rise and fall of about 300m on the way out and the same on the way back because we will return by the same route. There are excellent views to the nearby mountains the Wongungarra valley. A good summer walk.

Sun 18th Feb Travelling to Albury - then and now

Easy Leader: Eileen Clark about 10km

This will be an early morning walk to beat the heat. We'll start in Thurgoona and follow the Hume and Hovell track to North Albury, then cut across to the new footpath/bike path running parallel with the new freeway and return on it to Thurgoona. With the freeway due to open soon, this will be an opportunity to test out the footpath without noise and pollution from freeway traffic.

Tues 20th Feb (Tuesday Night) Twilight Stroll around The Causeway Easy/Social

Leader: David Gordon

There is a lovely little track that follows the river around the back of the Lincoln Causeway and has a couple of bird hides that are well worth a visit. It also gives a great view of the new highway and bridge over the Murray. The plan is to meet early evening (hopefully the bird life will be very active at this time), take our time wandering around and check out these hides. After about an hour and a half to two hours of wandering – we will stop off at the Three Monkey's Tavern for a well earned refreshment. This is very much a dog friendly walk.

Sat 24th -Sun 25th Feb Young's Hut Working Bee Rewarding

Leader: Ron Hammond

January's working was cancelled due to the bush fires and park closure. Let's hope for some rain and relief from fire and the heat

Our working bees at Young's Hut are always good fun – carrying the equipment out is half the fun!! There's work to be done as well as time to sit and enjoy the scenery and the comfort of the hut. Workers attend for the weekend but day walkers are asked to help carry equipment on Saturday. The work to be carried out is: Complete the interior lining, repair floorboards and some general maintenance. Thanks to John Kaitler we have all materials needed.

April Footprints report - Young's Hut Working Bee – 24th – 25th February

Thanks to the great effort by "Foreman", Ron a lot was achieved. There were 5 day walkers who helped carry the sheets of plywood and lengths of 4 x 2 across the High Plains in drizzly rain, and 10 overnight campers with hammers and saws hidden in their packs. Young's Hut is now fully lined, the wood shed has been rebuilt, the roof has been stabilized, some new curtains have been installed and the floor-boards have been secured. Everyone who was there would agree that the weekend was very

satisfying and most enjoyable. Thanks Ron for your loving care of Young's Hut and for your organisation of the group.



Sat 24th Feb Budginigi Hill Easy

Leader: David Ross

Budginigi Hill is a prominent feature on the outskirts of Albury on a section of the Hume and Hovell Track. From the top there are great 360 degree views of Table Top, The Hume Weir and The Paper Mill. We'll start at 7pm, so bring a snack for tea and maybe we'll finish with a drink at the Ettamogah Pub.

March 2007 Footprints - THE EASY WAY TO NAVIGATE

Dropbear

Think you can't navigate or it's all beyond you? Bearings make your head spin? Here's a simple three step process that will have you navigating effectively in five minutes-

Grab your 1:25,000 scale map and your compass and away we go. This is what you do. Set the compass dial to minus 12 degrees (or 348 degrees which is the same)

Place the edge of the compass along one of the North-South grid lines on your map. Hold the compass down firmly with the thumb of the hand holding the map so that map and compass are stuck together as one unit.

Rotate map and compass together until the red end of the compass needle is inside the hollow arrow on the dial

That's all there is to it. Your map is now oriented, which means that the direction of things around you on the ground are the same as the direction of those things on the map from your location on the map. It's all lined up. The track you are standing on runs in the same direction on the map as it does on the ground. You can see on the map which direction you want to go. Simply head in that same direction on the ground under your feet.

Orienting the map like this I regard as the single most important and effective navigation technique. You can navigate anywhere simply by orienting your map repeatedly. I often navigate by walking with my compass held on my map and repeatedly and quickly orienting them so I can easily identify the features around me. No need to take bearings. Simply remember to set the dial to minus the magnetic variation which in most of our Victorian walking areas is 12 degrees.

This works because you have made the magnetic north on the map line up with magnetic north on the ground (which is what the red end of your compass needle points to)

Bearings are useful in featureless terrain or fog but not essential. The rest of navigation is interpreting what you see on the map (contours etc) and correlating that with what you see on the ground around

you. This of course only makes sense if the map is oriented and comes with practice, for which rogaining and orienteering are very good.

Jopie Bodegroven - The News of the Melbourne Bushwalkers October 2006

Sat 3rd March Clean Up Australia Rewarding

Leaders: Pauline McLaughlin

Pauline's group will walk from Gateway Island to Noreuil Park, cleaning along the track and the surrounding parklands and will meet Ant's group who will have cleaned the Murray River while paddling from Doctor's Point to Noreuil Park. The two groups will finish together with a BBQ lunch.

Sun 4th March Canoe Murray River Albury Easy

Doctor's Point to Noriel Park

Leader: Jan Andrews

This assumes river low, thus slow (if big release will go from Waterworks down) Canoes / trailer available at low cost from Border club -or use own roof bars (otherwise can get transport and canoes from Albury Backpackers at much higher cost). Like other rivers we canoe it is actually more interesting canoeing if lower water, more beaches and swimming spots too. Scenic trip around Albury with no sign of civilization as we canoe through picturesque hills in the local area. PS BOOKINGS TO MOBILE NO ONLY FROM MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY.

Fri 9th to Sun 11th March Wilkinsons Creek/Byatts Camp Medium/hard

Leaders: Ron and Liz Hammond

This was in last month's footprints as a walk down Hanel Spur, but we've heard reports that the top of the Spur is heavily overgrown with thick scrub. We don't want to be caught out after dark, trying to find our way down it. Also, the date we'd chosen didn't suit many people. So, Plan B is to go to Thredbo on Friday, stay overnight, catch the chairlift up Kosie on Saturday morning, set up camp at Wilkinsons Creek, and spend the afternoon doing a reconnaissance of Hanel Spur, trying to get as far as Byatts Camp before turning back. On Sunday we'll return to Thredbo and drive home from there. If it seems passable, we'll save Hanel Spur for a future date. We will need to know numbers at least a week before so bookings for Fri night can be made.

Fri 9th – Monday 12th March Dinner Plain weekend Easy

Leader: Jenny Brown

I have made a temporary booking for the long weekend in March (3 nights). It is earlier than mentioned in the last newsletter but the weather will be more reliable for walking. The lodge owners have made renovations and it now can sleep 16 with new bedrooms and activity room with a pool table added. Cost for the whole weekend will be between \$50-\$60 per person depending on numbers attending.

I've yet to finalise walks but will include walking into Omeo for lunch and a browse around. My walks will be easy, but if anyone wants to lead a more challenging walk that would be great. Of course, you can always take it easy and spend the day in the village. Following the successful format of previous weekends away we will have a shared dinner on Friday Night and eat out on Saturday Night. Sunday Night's dinner can be organised closer to the time. For those who haven't been to Dinner Plain, it is a beautiful village with a bakery, hotel, café etc and often has activities/entertainment organised on weekends. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible so I can confirm the booking. I can be contacted anytime.

Sat 10th March Flaggy Creek, Mt Lawson Medium

Leader: David Gordon

Map: Home Flat-Mt Lawson 1:25000

An excellent local walk starting at the Murray Valley Highway. Walk to Valley View Lookout. Then on past Mt Porcupine to The Oaks, Flaggy Creek Gorge and Waterfalls. Mostly easy walking with only short steep sections. Excellent views of the Upper Murray Valley and Flaggy Creek Gorge. (This is the walking track the club has adopted). Total walking for this round trip is about 16 kms.

Sun 11th March Howqua River Walk (near Mansfield) Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A walk on foot tracks along the Howqua River which is a mountain stream through manna gum and blue gum forests. Interesting old Gardener's hut with wooden verandahs and deciduous trees on the river. Couple of deep permanent waterholes for swimming with hopefully ripe blackberries. Several shallow fords so wear boots that can get wet. Return via high track with magnificent views. (Alternative walk will be organised if this area burnt out eg beaches of Murray)

Fri 16th to Sun 19th March Hanel's Spur Medium/hard

Leaders: Ron and Liz Hammond

We'll leave Albury Friday lunchtime and drive to Thredbo, to stay overnight at the hostel. We'll catch the first chairlift Saturday morning, go up Kossie if people want to, and Mt Townsend, and camp at Wilkinsons Creek. On Sunday we'll walk down Hanel's Spur, the highest descent in Australia, finishing at Geehi. If possible, we'd like to avoid shuffling cars at the end of the walk, so are hoping that some kind soul would like to have an easy weekend, vegging out at Thredbo and helping to drive cars around for us. If you'd like to join us, please book in at least one week beforehand so that we can arrange cars and accommodation.

Sun 18th March Canoe Ovens Lagoons Easy Day Canoeing

Leader: Jan Andrews

Many interesting and complex creeks, lagoons and backwaters at the junction of the Ovens and Murray rivers between Rutherglen and Yarrawonga. Jan has been exploring this area for over 20 years. Lunch on a peaceful grassy bank on the Murray under gnarled ancient Red Gums. Much bird life usually. Start and finish Williams bridge- an old wooden private bridge.

Sun 18th March The Three Peaks Exploratory (hard-ish)

(Hoon, Federation & Hunchback) distance depends on which route taken

Leader: Ant Packer

Meet at 9am at the Blazing Stump Hotel carpark (Murray Valley Highway, Bandiana). We will attempt to cycle / jog / walk (pushing the bikes) using a mix of walking tracks, bike tracks, 4WD tracks & an occasional minor road, "ticking off" the highest three peaks.

Sat 24 March - Sat 7 April 2007 New Zealand - North Island

Leader: Marie Maguire

Next year I am planning to do 2 multiday trips in the North Island. The first is a 4-6 day circuit in Tongariro National Park. Tongariro was the first national park established in NZ in 1887, it has World Heritage status and its trademark is active volcanoes! It offers a unique & remarkable walking experience. This trip may include climbing Mt Ngauruhoe to have a peek into an active volcano, spectacular alpine (some say "lunar") scenery, crater lakes, mud pools & thermal things & engaging company.

After a couple of days of R & R and repacking, we will do another 4-5 day trip – possibly the Mt Taranaki circuit?

Both these trips are classified as "medium" (which is true!) in the Lonely Planet "Tramping in N.Z." guidebook. At the moment Air NZ return flights from Melb. to Wellington are available for \$636. If you are interested in coming along or just want a bit more info. give me a ring. If anyone wanted, it would be possible to just join us for one the trips planned.

Sat 24th March Porepunkah- Ovens-Porepunkah Bike Ride Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn 40km

We will take a leisurely ride from Porepunkah to Happy Valley Pub in Ovens where we will have lunch (BYO or buy from the pub) before retracing our tracks back to Porepunkah. The leaves will be changing colour so we will stop and admire their colour whenever sore bottoms need relief.

Sun 25th March Huon Hill parklands circuit walk Medium

Leader: Ant Packer 9km

Check out the new walking track that BBC members helped construct in previous years. Meet at 2pm at the Kiewa River carpark (north or right off Murray Valley Highway at Killara). We will groan up the Stringybark Track to Huon Hill summit (2km) then stretch out along the Whitebox Track (3km) that descends along a benched out track from the Huon Hill Summit across to Watsons Hill (spectacular views) then down to the banks of the Murray River. It is an easy 4km stroll back along the Kiewa River (Red Gum track) to the Kiewa River carpark. Not suitable for those with weak ankles or knees. Great views and bird watching.

Sun 25th March King Valley Forests, Hills and Rived Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

We meet at Moyhu store, 30 mins from Wangaratta.. A lovely walk on quiet 4WD tracks through state forest with views. Second part of the walk along a track beside the clear King River with swimming in permanent deep waterholes off pebbly beaches and chairs under shady willows.

Sat 31st March Mc Farlane's Hill – Family Walk Very Easy

Time 3.30pm to 6.00 pm 4 kms

Leader: Cindy Marsh

McFarlanes Hill, Wodonga is a 4 km circuit that takes in views of the surrounding bushland, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury taking in Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great walk for children/teenagers or anyone who wants to end the day with a little light exercise.

Sat 31st March The Razorback X-over Medium

Leaders: Debbie Kahn

Noelene Young

This walk will be split into two and done as a cross over. One group will start at Diamantina Hut on the Mt Hotham Road, walk along the Razorback up Mt Feathertop and down Bungalow Spur. The other group will walk up Bungalow Spur to Mt Feathertop and then along the Razorback to the cars. If we time it right we can meet for lunch at Federation Hut. There is the option to stay Friday night the 30th at Harrietville Caravan Park so that an early start can be made.

Sat 31st Mar-Sun 1st Apr Mt Buffalo Varied

Leader: David Gordon

The Ben Cruachan Walking Club is spending this weekend camping at Lake Catani and doing day walks from there. I thought it would be a nice idea to join one of our fellow clubs for some walks. This also gives us the opportunity to do some of those walks that are just a little too long for a day walk when we have to travel home – such as Mt McLeod and Mollison's Gallery. For those wanting to take it a bit easier – plenty of short to medium length walks to be done.

Sun 1st – Tues 10th April Penguin to Cradle Mountain

Leader: Liz hammond

. Fully Booked.

This is an 80 km walk through a variety of landscapes from the town of Penguin on the north coast of Tasmania to Cradle Mountain. It is recommended that you allow 5 to 7 days to complete it. The track is maintained by the North West Walking Club and maps and track notes are available on their website at www.nwwc.org.au.

Sun 1st April Wild Dog Creek-Lake Nillahcootie Easy

(between Benalla/Mansfield)

Leader: Jan Andrews

Start at Lake Nillahcootie picnic area where the pinoaks are usually in autumn leaf this early.

Crossing the dam wall we walk to wild dog creek which even if not flowing has a nice spot to have lunch under blue gums with views of rugged Mt Samaria state park forests at the top of the creek at Wild Dog Falls.

Crossing a small but delightful range of hills by track we reach white beaches on Lake Nillahcootie for swimming. Walk back along the beaches to the wall and the cars. About 4 hrs leisurely. Afternoon tea at spectacular Lake Nillahcootie winery and outdoor café balcony with views down the whole length of the lake and the Mt Samaria ranges.

Easter: 6th - 9th April Mt Hotham to Mt Bogong Hard

Leader: Rick Pickering

This is a rerun of a proposal I put forward for the Christmas/New Year period that had to be abandoned because of the fires. The plan is to follow the Alpine Walking Track from Mt Loch car park at Mt Hotham over to Madison's Hut, and then to climb Mt Bogong and descend via the Staircase. The first day of walking will be Good Friday (6 April), going down Swindlers Spur and up onto the Bogong High plains via the Basalt Temple, then we will cut across south of Mt Jim to the Cope West aqueduct with an overnight stop at Ryder's Yards. The second day will be across the Bogong High Plains south of Rock Valley dam, with an overnight stop at Johnston Hut. The third day will be up to the Madison's Hut ruins, with the last day being the climb up Mt Bogong and down the Staircase to Mountain Creek. We will need to arrange either a pick up from the Mountain Creek camping area, or alternatively will need to leave a car there. On most days the walk will be about 20 km, usually with a significant climb of more than 500m, and although I have not walked about half of this route, these sound like long days to me, and it looks quite challenging on the map. If anybody is interested please call me by beginning of April. (If the weather forecast indicates really wet/cold days I would not go ahead with this walk, as it is primarily through high altitude, exposed areas, and this area has experienced significant snow in early April in previous years.)

Sat 7th April Autumn on The Howqua Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Delightful circuit from Sheeppyard Flat along the river track to historic FRYS log hut with autumn poplars. Then some river fords further downstream. Return via the other side of the river with historic cabins in gardens with autumn foliage. A beautiful 4hr leisurely walk at the foot of forested hills with reflections in the clear Howqua river as it bubbles over pebbles. Permanent deep waterholes along the way. Wear boots which can get wet.

Tues 10th-Fri 13th April Autumn in Marysville Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

This bush mountain village at the foot of Lake Mountain alpine area is surprisingly quiet a in the school holidays, but with a craft market and interesting art shops. The walks are also very diverse from rainforest to alpine to bubbling mountain streams lined with tree ferns.. We'll be doing

„ the fern gully walk" from Stephenson's Falls down into Marysville; Lake Mountain alpine trails; „the ancient beeches and rainforest" walk; a walk along the bubbling clear Taggerty river with foot bridges- all close to Marysville (the cottages we usually get at a church camp are now occupied by reverends unfortunately....)

2 bedroom cabins are about \$40 pp/nt - or you can have 4 star luxury at historic „Marylands resort" with huge open fire and gourmet breakfasts)

Stephenson's falls seems to be a permanent raging torrent even in drought.

Sat 14th April Woolshed Falls/Ingrams Rock Easy/Medium

Leader:Sandy Kaitler

Co-Leader: Deb Kahn

A great walk close to home. We start at Woolshed Falls and follow the walking track through paddocks and up the Gorge to Ingrams Rock. The views here are great so we will soak them up while having lunch before returning to the cars.

Sun 15th April Wodonga to the 3 bridges Easy Bike ride across the Kiewa floodplain 15 kms

Family Ride

Leader: Cindy Marsh

We will leave the Wodonga City Council car park at 8.30 am, and cycle along Thomas Mitchell Drive where the bike track runs on the southern side, along the service road, meeting the Rail Trail at the start of the Murray Valley Highway. We will follow a well-signed bike path out to the Saleyards. In April 2006, three bridges across the Kiewa floodplain were completed. We will stop there for a break before returning to Wodonga for a coffee. The High Country Rail Trail is a mix of gravel and paved off-road recreational trails so it is suitable for cycling. This is a great opportunity for the family to get out and enjoy a ride together. The pace will be easy and relaxed.

Sat 21st April Nail Can Hill Easy/Medium

Leader:Mandy Evans approx 11kms

Beginning at the top of Range Road the aim is to wander along the Ridge Track to Reedy Dam where we will take a short break. These tracks are well used and maintained but do involve short steep ups and the corresponding downs. Once we have enjoyed the serenity of the reflections in the dam we will meander back to the cars along the bike paths. These snake around the side of the ridge and are narrow, rocky and require single file walking. They are interesting as they lead down into the gullies; which ones we take will depend on the group and the weather on the day.

Sat 21st – Sun 22nd April Nestbox Weekend Rewarding

Contact: Ray Thomas

This is part of the Regent Honey Eater Project. We'd love you to experience these delightful little animals for yourself, so you're invited to join us on this exciting weekend to help check all of our 174 nest boxes. Details in last issue, but contact Pauline for more information.

Sat 21st- Sun29th April Explore National Parks along Waterfall Way Varied

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

There are several National Parks, with a rich variety of native plants and animals, as well as some fascinating Aboriginal and early European cultural sites, along Waterfall Way which stretches through the New England area of NSW between Armidale and the coast. These include Oxley Wild Rivers, New England, Cathedral Rock and Dorrigo National Parks. We will drive to Gulgong on Saturday for an overnight stop before driving further north through Armidale to our self contained accommodation in New England National Park where we will spend 6 nights. During our stay we will walk as many tracks as we can. Oxley Wild Rivers Park features wide

cascading rivers, dramatic gorges and waterfalls, one of which, Wollomombi, is the highest in NSW. Cathedral Rock Park has huge granite boulders, while the New England Park has moss-covered Antarctic Breech trees, cold, dark caves and narrow tracks to clinging cliffs and Dorrigo has its skywalk. On Saturday we'll draw ourselves away from the parks to head south to an overnight stay in Wellington before arriving home on Sunday. All accommodation will be self contained at a cost of between \$7 and \$20 per night depending on numbers. All you will need to bring will be a sleeping bag, pillow and food. Contact me for more detailed information. I need to have an indication of numbers by the end of November so that I can confirm the accommodation booking.

Sun 22nd April The Grey Hills Hard

Leader: John Stevens 20 kms

This circuit walk will start from Bogong Village and walk up the Black Possum spur track all the way to where it comes out on the Grey Hills ridge top. The walk up to that point is a hard slog. The altitude gain is about 1,000 metres. At that point, we'll turn right and follow the crest of the Grey Hills south Eastwards. The walking here is much easier. There is a foot pad all the way and all the climbs are much gentler than in the first section. This section offers great views towards Mt Bogong to the north, Mt Nelse to the south east, Mt Fainter and the Mt Beauty to Falls Creek Road to the west. The steep climb up Crowsnest will bring us up to the Bogong High Plains. Once there, a 1 km walk cross country will bring us to the Spion Kopje Fire track. We'll then turn right and walk up the track to Spion Kopje. The rest of the walk is down hill all the way to Bogong village, mostly along the Spion Kopje fire track. The walk along the top of the Grey Hills and all the way to Spion Kopje is very exposed and unsuitable for wet and windy days.

Sun 22nd April Cycling Circling Wodonga Medium Bike ride

Leader: Cindy Marsh 15 kms

A pleasant ride is ensured for those who want to make the most of the morning cooler weather. Daylight saving has finished. We will meet at 7.30 am Sumison Gardens from there we will cycle around the outskirts of Wodonga. The route we will take is; the bike path around Sumison Gardens, to Sangsters Rd, to Melbourne Road, to Moorefield Park Dr, to Mckoy Str, to Elkington Rd, to Brewers Rd, to Ingram Rd (base of McFlarland Hill), to Felltimber Creek Rd, and after a short distance we will turn left onto the fire track at the base of Federations hills, to McGraffins Rd, back onto the fire track. We follow that track until it finishes, making our way down via Avondale Dr, to Yarralumba Drive eventually picking up the bike path at Willow Park, using this path to make our way back to Sumison Gardens. On this ride the changing scenery, views of Wodonga and the surrounding hills will delight you. The surfaces we will be riding on are a mixture of road, gravel, dirt and bike paths. The destination for coffee can be decided on our return. There are a few hills involved but they are definitely worth the effort as the views are wonderful.

23rd –28th April Autumn in The Blue Mountains & Sydney Easy

Upmarket YHA's

Leader: Jan Andrews

Staying at the new Katoomba YHA (best in Australia) and Sydney central YHA (voted 2nd best in Australia). Delightful Blue Mountains walks- Leura Falls, Wentworth Falls „undercliff walk. The autumn „ open gardens“ at remote Mt Wilson village. The 7 sisters, giants starway, clifftop walk with rainforest and waterfalls- plus the steepest railway and revolving café. Many lookouts and all the fascinating historic places that make up this old world area. Dinner local cosmopolitan cafes nearby. I max large screen to view the film of the Blue Mountains in Katoomba.

In Sydney- the lovely coastal „ Covelly to Bondi“ sealed walkway; plus a walk we haven't done from Tooronga Zoo along the Harbour to a beach on Middle Harbour; and of course Darling Hrabour and „out of the way walks in the Rocks area“.

Taking XPT to and from Sydney, and Blue Mountains local train Sydney to Katoomba (2 hrs)

YHA's and discount seats on XPT need to be booked by early March at very latest.

Sat 28th/Sun 29th April Beginners' back-pack/camp-out Easy

Leader: Debbie Kahn

This is an easy overnight backpack for those who are just beginning or those of us who just want to get away for the weekend. We will park the cars at Watchbed Creek and follow the track to the bottom of Mt Nelse where we will branch off and head towards the peace and quiet of Johnsons Hut. We will set up camp and then the afternoon is free to either explore the surrounds; Mt Nelse and Edmondson's Hut or simply chill out and read or take photos. The choice is yours. After a leisurely start to Sunday we will head back to the cars and down the hill before the cafes shut.

Sat 28th Sun 29th April Rock Scramble Easy/Med

Leader: Kate Greenaway

Co-Leader: Mandy Evans

After participating in the Mt Buffalo experience with the Ben Cruachan walking club and being able to do a little exploring of the rock shapes of the area my appetite has been wetted for further rambles of these impressive structures. I would like to take a small group of like-minded people weather permitting. The challenge of finding the route to the top is rewarded by the views and a new appreciation of life.

Sun 29th April Federation Hill circuit walk Easy

Leader: Ant Packer

Meet at 2pm at Wodonga Civic Centre carpark. Great views but no birds unless we get heaps of rain before then.

Sun 29th April Mt Glenrowan Warby Ranges Easy walk 15 km Including Chick Hill Family Walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

There is no better place to view the Ovens and King Valley and the Victorian Alps than from the top of Mt Glenrowan in the Warby Ranges near the Glenrowan Township. The 9 km return walk to the lookout begins from the stile at the Taminick Gap and follows the Ridge Track. The views to Lake Mokon are spectacular. There is one steep section of sealed road leading up to the communication towers near the start of the walk, while the remainder of the walk is considered easy. We can also take a detour of 5 km and walk to Chick Hill. We will be leaving Wodonga Council car park at 8.00 am, if necessary we can also meet Wangaratta walkers at the Wangaratta Kmart car park around 9.00am.

Sat 5th May Woolshed Falls Easy/Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh 16kms

Sat 5th – Sun 6th May Overnight Hike Cleve Cole Hut Hard

via Staircase and Eskdale Spurr

Leader: Connie Constas

Leaving the cars at Mountain Creek car park, we will walk up the Staircase, enjoy the views from the top of Mt Bogong, then stroll over to Cleve Cole Hut. This is approximately 8 kms, however the Staircase section is quite steep most of the way. If we make an early start in the morning, we might score a bed in the hut on Saturday night. Tents should still be carried. On Sunday we will walk down the mountain via the Eskdale Spur for 6 kms, then along the 4WD track for the last 5 kms to the cars.

Sun 6th May Bright to Wandiligong Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Walk from Dohertys bridge following Morses Creek into the park at Wandiligong where we have lunch. Usually craft market/ Nut festival in the park this Sunday. Bright is a blaze of autumn leaves this weekend- it is also the Bright autumn festival.

We continue walking around the lanes of Wandiligong village with more autumn foliage and old houses, finishing with afternoon tea at „the maze” café with it’s giant sponges made with 20 duck eggs. Only yours truly has managed to eat a slice on own as far as is known.

Sat 12th May MacFarlands Hill Wodonga Easy/Family

Leader: Cindy Marsh 4kms

McFarlanes Hill, Wodonga is a 4 km circuit that takes in views of the surrounding bushland, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury taking in Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great walk for children/teenagers or anyone who wants to end the day with a little light exercise. Mothers day is the following day so this walk will help you shed a kilo in anticipation for Sunday lunch!

Sun 13th May Stanley to Beechworth Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Starting at Lake Kerford near Stanley it is a mainly downhill walk on foot tracks through lovely peppermint and blue gums forests. Autumn foliage at an old bridge where we usually have lunch on a creek. Many old mining relics on walk. The walk finishes as we walk alongside Lake Sambell in Beechworth, with much autumn foliage in Beechworth. Finishing at the historic station.

The walk follows the creek flowing between the 2 lakes. Meeting at historic Beechworth rail station. (now bike trail) Usually harvest festival in main street today (free after 3.30pm when we arrive, but only \$2 anyway...)Parking the cars at Woolshed Falls following the Spring Creek track and the Gorge Road into Beechworth Camp Street for lunch. Lunch will be a counter meal at a local Pub. Afterward a stroll around the

shops including the lolly shop and the Bakery before returning to Woolshed falls. Depending on the hour we may return to Woolshed falls via the One Tree Hill track.

Sat 19th May Mt Emu Medium

Leader: Debbie Kahn

Mt Emu is on the other side of the valley to Mt Bogong but nowhere near as high. This walk follows the continuation of the Eskdale Spur to Mt Emu. Lunch will be at the top, where last year light snow fell as we were eating. It is from the top that hanggliders launch themselves and that the view is best. Alas no emus to be found!

Sun 27th May Lima (Hills near Benalla-Strathbogie Ranges) Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

About 30 mins drive from Benalla on good roads. An interesting walk in the last range of hills near Benalla in the Strathbogies before you reach the plains. All on a maze of 4WD tracks through bush and pine with some lovely views & vistas. Slightly different variation to other years' walks in this area.

Sun 20th May CPR Certificate

9 – 11 am approx. Contact: Deb Kahn

Come and either up date your credentials or learn new skills at this valuable morning course. The 2-hour session will be run by a qualified Royal Lifesaving Association Instructor who will take the group through the theory to applying CPR and emergency care to accident victims. This will be followed by a testing session where your knowledge of how to help at an accident scene and your application of CPR will be assessed. Successful participants will be issued with a Royal Lifesaving Association Certificate which is valid for 12 months.

Sun 20th May King Valley Hills and King River Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

This is an area of quiet 4WD tracks through tall eucalypt forests. Views of farmland and King Valley. Finishing along a track beside the King River where our shuttle car is parked near the Edi bridge. There should still be autumn foliage of willows and oaks along the river and picnic areas near the bridge. Otherwise Red Gums line the river, with peppermint and stringybark forests in the hills.

Sat 26 May Mount Big Ben Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

Mt Big Ben is a significant hill not far from Yackandandah. I have not been there but there should be good views from the top. There is a climb of about 750m.

Sun 27th May Mt Feathertop Hard

Up North West Spurr/down Bungalow Spurr 20kms

Leader: John Stevens

We'll start from near the trout farm, about 4 kms north of Harrietville. We'll follow the walking track all the way to the summit of Feathertop. Some sections are quite steep. We'll either have lunch there or near Federation Hut, depending on weather conditions. Then, we'll follow the walking track down Bungalow Spur all the way to Harrietville. A car shuffle will be required to get back to the cars near the trout farm.

Sun 27th May Flaggy Creek, Mt Lawson Medium

Leader: David Gordon

Map: Home Flat-Mt Lawson 1:25000

An excellent local walk starting at the Murray Valley Highway. Walk to Valley View Lookout. Then on past Mt Porcupine to The Oaks, Flaggy Creek Gorge and Waterfalls. Mostly easy walking with only short steep sections. Excellent views of the Upper Murray Valley and Flaggy Creek Gorge. (This is the walking track the club has adopted). Total walking for this round trip is about 16 k

Sun 27th May Sunrise Track Warby Ranges Easy/Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh 6kms

The Sunrise Walking Track is located in the Warby Ranges south of Wangaratta. The Track provides a choice of 2- 6 km walks including Hilly sections that is why I have rated this walk easy/medium. My favourite part of this walk is the quarry where the granite was obtained to build the Anglican Cathedral in Wangaratta. I am

planning to do this walk in the afternoon which gives people the opportunity to travel to Beechworth, Glenrowan, or Milawa to see the surrounding area and make a day of it.

Sun 3rd June Albury Botanic Gardens to Jindera Gap Easy/Med

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

Starting from the Botanic Gardens we will walk up Monument Hill linking onto the Nail Can Hill Track. The Ridge Trail will be followed with a few side track diversions, including Reedy Dam for lunch. We will continue on to Hamilton Trig the highest spot on Nail Can and finish with a downhill wander to Jindera Gap and waiting cars. Option of a cross over if enough people otherwise a car shuffle will be needed.

Sun 3rd June Myree (Hills between Benalla/Wangaratta Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Easy sealed road access from Wangaratta or Benalla. A walk both on and off track in a little known delightful area. Walk up onto the ridge by an open untracked spur. From here we follow a narrow undulating ridgeline on kangaroo tracks through forests most of the way. Lunch is in a cleared area with views of Mt Bellevue and the Edi Range, with Buffalo in distance as usual. Finally we wind our way down to the shuttle car past an artist's cottage and a 4WD track through delightful farming country. About 4 hrs.

9-11 June Yarrangobilly car camp

Contact: Alf (Wagga Wilderness walkers)

Over the June long weekend Alf plans to camp at Yarrangobilly and do day walks in the area. One possibility is a walk down Coppermine Fire Trail to the river and up again along Blue Creek Fire Trail.

Sun 10th June Bagging Bright Med

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

There are 3 hills with walking tracks around Bright. Each gives a different view of the town and surrounds. We will ascend and descend each hill, linking them with the canyon walk, a part of the rail trail and a lovely reserve walk. All up the walk will be about 15km with lots of variety in gradient

Sun 10th June Champion Spurr Hard

Leader: John Stevens Max. 8 walkers

We'll start at Harrietville and follow a 4X4 track along Ovens River East branch in a southerly direction for about 3 kms. This will involve crossing the Ovens about 10 times. It's neither deep nor wide in this area. It's just a creek. We will then follow the track up Champion Spurr until the track ends at the bottom of a steep section of the spur, about 1.5 kms from the Razorback. (The lower section of Champion Spurr is also quite steep.) A few hundred metres of bush bashing through thick regrowth will follow until we come out on a more rocky section of the spur where progress will become easier. The final 500 metres to the Razorback will be along a new trail currently being developed. Depending on weather conditions, on reaching the Razorback, we will either turn left and come down Bungalow Spur, or turn right and come down Bon Accord Spur. If there is snow on the Razorback or the weather is not suitable for a walk in that area, I'll organise a walk somewhere else.

Sat 16 June Huggin's Lookout Bright Easy

Leader: Jenny Brown 10kms

Huggins Lookout is 5km from the town centre, up Baker's Gully Rd which is unsealed and overlooks the town of Bright. I plan to leave Wodonga at 9.00am which will allow plenty of time for the walk and to have afternoon tea at a Bakery in Bright. Hopefully there will also be time for a wander around the shops for those who are interested.

Sat 16th June Car Rally and three easy walks Social

Leaders Mandy Evans

David Gordon

A bit of fun during the cooler weather involving a carload of people, a set of clues, a hunt for some treasure, three short walks, a tour of some of our local region and the mandatory stops at venues that provide good food and a choice of beverages. This outing will be limited to five cars and is not a race. The distances are not great enabling all cars to carry a maximum number of passengers if necessary. The aim is to have fun and to accommodate members or guests of the club that will want to remain at restful venues (probably in the car with the heater on) whilst the explorers wander out in search of answers to very important questions.

Sun 10 June Lake Nillahcootie- Wild Dog Creek Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

A delightful circuit from Lake Nillahcootie Picnic area. Crossing the Broken River below the dam we head out to wild dog creek which has ferns and blue gums at our lunch spot. Mt Samaria NP and wild dog falls are the wooded ranges around us. After lunch cross a low range of wooded hills on track but open vegetation for crossing anywhere really. Return to cars along lake and Nillahcootie beaches.

Sun 17th June Mt Killawarra Circuit, Warby Ranges easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

An attractive circuit walk starting along a quiet sandy 4WD track lined with large mossy boulders. Rest of walk is easy off track as we wander across the flanks of Mt Killawarra with forest red gum forest and large open flat rocky areas. Lunch is on the summit with views far below to the Killawarra forest and beyond to the plains. Easy descent off the side takes us back to the cars via an open creek valley

Sun 17th June Wooragee to Beechworth Mystery/Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Co-leader: Don Ingram

I know the tracks we will be taking but to add interest to this great walk I have decided to withhold that information. However, this is a great winter walk over varied terrain in a scenic local area. A car shuffle is required which will naturally end in Beechworth for a streaming cup of coffee

Sun 24th June Upper Little Arthur Fire Track Medium

Leader: John Stevens Approx. 15kms

This walk starts from Bogong Village and follows the Upper Little Arthur Fire Track in a clockwise direction. The first section of the walk is up to an altitude of approximately 1350 metres. We will then drop about 200 metres down the Black Possum Spur and follow the contours for about 2 hrs before commencing a gradual descent towards Bogong Village. We will need to cross Rocky Creek towards the end of the walk. Rainfall in the coming weeks will have a lot of bearing on water level

Sun 24th June Lower Howqua River- Lake Eildon (near Mansfield) easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

Follow the old pack horse track from the Jamieson rd. Start near the Howqua Gourmet Cooking school' and 'Lauriston Girls school camp' (private melb school).The track follows through bush above the Howqua river, return same way. This is the Howqua feeder track for the Alpine track onto Mt Howitt (we have walked in many upper sections from the less accessible sheepyard flat).Wander along the edge of the Howqua to where the Howqua enters nearby Lake Eildon on return to cars, if feasible.

30th June Falls Creek easy and longish

Leader: Marie Maguire

Day ski trip to Falls Creek – leg stretcher. This will go in whatever direction the sun, prevailing wind and snow cover takes us. Possibly to Mt. Cope or possibly to Mt Jaithmathang. Should be back before dark, probably.

July 2007 Footprints - how to find North without a compass

How to find North without a compass

- ❖ Point your watch's 12 o'clock towards the sun
- ❖ Dissect the distance between the 12 and the hour hand
- ❖ Halfway between is north

Also remember:

- ❖ At 12 noon the sun is directly North
- ❖ At 6 am the sun is in the East
- ❖ At 9 am the sun is North-East
- ❖ At 3 pm the sun is North-West
- ❖ At 6 pm the sun is West



Important:

During daylight saving time subtract an hour to get Eastern Standard Time.

If you wear a digital watch – use your imagination.

dropbear

6 – 14 July 07 approx Larapinta Track Easy/Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

Larapinta Track. (Along the McDonnell Ranges near Alice Springs) Some of the club members did this a year or so back, using the supported option. Apparently it is an excellent walk that visits many of the spectacular gorges and waterholes. I am thinking of doing it un-supported (to keep the cost down), based on how some members of the Hobart Walking Club have done it. The plan is to fly to Alice Springs, hire cars and use them to take us to the same sections of the track, ie the more attractive parts, as the supported walkers do. Almost all of the walking would be with day-packs only. I have not worked out an approximate cost yet but it would be mainly the air-fare (\$500?) plus vehicle hire and fuel at about \$35 per person per day. A group of eight would be ideal. Is anyone interested? As at mid May I have 16 who have expressed interest. I will be driving there because we are going on to the Kimberley afterwards. There may be others wanting to drive, especially if you haven't been there before. The chosen dates are in the school holidays.

Sat 7th July Easy bike ride

Leader: Liz Hammond

We'll start from Gateway Island on the Lincoln Causeway and ride through South Albury to the southern end of the new bike path which follows the Freeway through to Thurgoona. We'll follow the bike path for its full distance and at Thurgoona we'll go to the bakery for coffee. According to how people feel, we can either go back the same way, or ride through Mungabareena and Doctors Point, back to the Gateway. The total distance is about thirty kms, with no serious hills, and mainly on bike paths.

Sunday 8th July Bald Hill McKay Creek Fire Track Hard

25kms+ Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from Bogong Village. We walk up the Junction Spur Fire track to Howmans Gap. A 1 km walk along the road brings us to the boom gate on the road leading to the McKay Creek Power Station. We walk past the power station down to Pretty Valley Creek which we ford before the long walk up along the Bald Hill McKay Creek Fire Track all the way to where it branches off the Fainter track. We are likely to walk through snow in the upper section of this track. We then walk down to Springs Saddle. We will check the Springs Saddle before following Springs Saddle Track down to Bogong Village and our waiting cars.

14th-15th July Mount Stirling Intermediate ski

Leader: Marie Maguire

Basically a simple snow camp about 2 K from Telegraph Box junction, with a day ski trip on Saturday and Sunday. Suitable for skiers wanting to learn snow camping in a protected environment among the Alpine Ash on the flanks of Mount Stirling.

Sat 14 July Mount Buffalo/Falls Creek Snow Shoe easy

Leader : Ron Hammond

If you haven't tried snow shoeing before here's your chance

If we are lucky Mt Buffalo will be the go, Buffalo is magnificent when there's a good snow cover. If not we will head for Falls Creek to walk amongst the snow gums. Probably Heathy Spur and Ropers Lookout. 14th July White Box Walking Track Easy-8.5 km

Sun 15th July Mt Murramurrangbong Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Map: Yackandandah 1:50,000

A 12 km walk in the Kergunya/Tangambalanga area. The first section is a steep climb along a four wheel drive track through bush, but is interrupted by open patches with great views towards Lake Hume, Albury-Wodonga and the surrounding areas. From the top, the descent is through open farm land. A car shuffle is involved.

Sun 15th July Come and Try it & MTBO Nail Can Hill Orienteering

Contact: Leigh Privett

An opportunity for novices to get a taste of bush orienteering at our back door. The club will be providing navigation training and a mentoring service for those not confident in their skills, so please encourage all your walking friends to come along and learn the art of orienteering. In addition, our annual MTB King of the Hill event will be held. At least 2 courses will be provided, ranging from 10 to 20+km. Start at the first tank on Ridge Track, just up from Pemberton Street. More details on this event next edition.

Sat 21/Sun 22 July O'nite snow shoe to Youngs Hut Experienced

Leader: Ron Hammond 14k one way

Overnight snow shoe to Young's Hut. Medium/Plus depending on snow conditions. We'll walk up over the downhill ski slopes and on to Pretty Valley for lunch. Then on to Young's Hut, for a night of port drinking and good company. I did this walk last year on firm snow, therefore the going was fairly easy. It took us about 6 hours,

Sunday 22nd July Moncrief Gap track, Little Bogong Track Medium

& Kiewa Fire Track 15 kms

Leader: John Stevens

We'll start from the eastern boundary of Mt Beauty and follow a circuit route along the above fire trails through Moncrief Gap and Four Mile Gap in the foot hills of Mt Bogong.

28th-30th July Young's Hut Medium ski

Leader: Marie Maguire

We can't make Ron's snow shoe the previous weekend to the same place so this is an alternative for those who want a longer trip in a sublime wilderness setting. Cruise near the hut or stretch the legs to Fainter and McNamara's hut on day trips.

Sat 28 July Beginners Cross Country Ski Easy

Leader: David Gordon

Time to dust off the skis, get the ski racks back onto the back beast and check out that white stuff. The plan will be determined by which ever mountain has the best snow on the day. We will either:

1. Check out Lake Catani and the Horn on Mt Buffalo
2. Wander around the Bowl and out the back of Windy Corner up at Falls
3. Go explore the cross country tracks between Hotham and Dinner Plain.

28th/ 29th July Navigation and Map Reading Courses Worthwhile

Leader: Dick Wellard

Saturday, 28th July - Basic map reading and navigation.

The aim of this course is to introduce members into basic map reading and navigation skills.

Entry level. No previous experience necessary.

At the completion of this course, members will be able to:

- Understand, identify and use key information on a topographic survey map.
- Compute grid references
- Measure and convert grid and magnetic bearings.
- Compile a navigational data sheet.
- Navigate on a compass bearing. and
- Navigate using a navigation data sheet.

Sun 29th July Moncrief Gap track, Little Bogong Track Medium 15 kms

& Kiewa Fire Track

Leader: John Stevens

We'll start from the eastern boundary of Mt Beauty and follow a circuit route along the above fire trails through Moncrief Gap and Four Mile Gap in the foot hills of Mt Bogong.

Sat 4th Aug Heathwood Park to Jindera Gap Easy/Med

Leader: Mandy Evans

Enjoy the walking in the local area. You can even sleep in and still make this amble from Heathwood Park along the ridges to Jindera Gap, lunching on the way at Reedy Dam. A few ups and downs just too get warm..

Sunday 5th Aug Springs Saddle to Bogong Jack Saddle Hard

walk & snowshoe trip 15kms+

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will require using snowshoes for about half the distance. It will start from Bill Hill lookout, or if the road up is closed due to snow, will start from either Bogong Village or Simmonds Creek. The route will be decided closer to the date in the light of the snow conditions. In all cases, Springs Saddle will be reached by walking along a 4X4 fire trail. The final section to Springs Saddle will most likely involve use of snowshoes. From Spring Saddle we'll follow the Fainter fire trail past Bald Hill and on to Bogong Jack Saddle. We'll return to the cars the way we came.

11th-12th August Main Range, Snowy Mountains Medium ski

Leader: Marie Maguire

As always this will be easy, medium or hard depending on the weather but is yet another opportunity to learn the skills of camping and the pleasure of finding your way in the snow, swooping in your particular fashion down the available slopes and generally being out there.

Sun 11th August Mt Baranduda to Yackandandah Exploratory/Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Co-leader: Don Ingram

Varied terrain, cross country and off track walking is involved in this exploratory walk. If you are keen for something different, with a twist of adventure then this is the walk for you. I'm sure we will all enjoy sharing the highlights of the day over a cup of coffee at the Yackandandah Bakery afterwards. Car shuffle is required

Sun 12 Aug The Rock – Morgan's Lookout Easy

Leader: David Gordon

Winter time is here but for all you walkers who aren't freezing your buns on an overnight trip, here is a nice winter's day walk for you. We will be leaving from Lavington at a sociable hour. We will be driving for about an hour north to the Rock. This is a high point that juts out in the middle of the plateaus of Lockhart Shire.

The walk to the top will take about 1 ½ - 2 hours and is all uphill. Never fear, in keeping with the social theme of the day, regular stops to admire the views are mandatory. We will stop at the top (which is breathtaking) for lunch and (more) views. The trip down should take just a little over an hour.

As this is a relatively short walk, we are going to head home via Morgan's Lookout (about half an hours walking) to view this hideout of one of the region's infamous bush-rangers.

Total walking for the day will be about 7-8kms, so not a hard day - but the uphill section is a bit steep in places.

Sun 12th Aug Mt Jack Medium

Leader: David Bradshaw

This Walk starts from Dederang; Walk up north House Creek Track to Mt Jack and down Bill Hicks track. This circular walk is through native bush with views of the Kiewa valley and snow covered mountains. A distance of about 20km with some steep sections, but all on walking track. A reasonable level of fitness is required for this walk. The weather must be favourable for this walk.

Aug11/12 Aug25/26 Planting Weekends Rewarding/Fun

Sep8/9 Sep22/23` Contact: Ray Thomas

These weekends are part of the *Regent Honeyeater* project at Lurg, situated east of Benalla. The planting weekends are always an amazing demonstration of —people power!, with up to a hundred willing souls working like a well-oiled machine to achieve outstanding results on the ground. And there are always those special social aspects as well – new friendships made and old ones renewed, sharing hearty meals together, or even some good old fashioned bush dancing. More details closer to the events.

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17th-19th August Howman's Gap Cushy

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

I need expressions of interest for the Howman's Weekend to gauge the numbers I should book for so if interested let me know. At this stage it seems at least six folk could be starters and if the usual suspects enroll, I would expect 15 plus. \$204 for the weekend, (this includes 6 meals and 2 nights accommodation) with student discounts available.

Sat 18th Aug Card Night Social

Leader: Rob Ashworth

Here's a chance for members to prove how good they are at playing cards. Games will include 500, euchre, etc. Other cards games depending on numbers. A great social opportunity.

Sun 19th Aug Barwingee Creek, near Mudgegonga Medium

Leader: Noelene Young 8kms

This is in State forest comprising undulating walking on footpads and firetrails, and includes a 200m. climb onto a ridge which we'll walk along off-track to return to the cars. The views are quite good of Mt Big Ben to the north and Mt. Stanley to the west. This will also be the third annual search by the leader to find a cave with aboriginal art which she had previously twice visited. Come along and enjoy her success at last?

25 August – 1 September Snow Camping in Jagungal area

(eight days) Leader: Marie Maguire

If you have been tempted to try the ultimate wilderness experience available in the Snowy mountains in winter but have been held back by, oh, and myriad of things, then you are invited to apply to join Marie and Warwick for their annual week in the snow. This year, dependant on snow cover, it will be east of Jagungal. Obviously there are criteria to be met for the group. However, given that in the 4+ years of having these trips we have never had an applicant, it's all a bit academic really.

Sun 26th Aug Mt Bogong walk & snowshoe TripHard

Leader: John Stevens 15 kms+

We'll start from Mountain creek and go up the Staircase. If weather conditions are good, we'll continue on to Cleve Cole Hut for lunch before coming back down the Staircase. Should the weather be bad, we'll cut the walk short and either walk down Eskdale Spur or the Staircase.

Sun 26th Aug Mt Granya Easy/Medium

Leader: Rob Ashworth 16 km Phone:

This is an enjoyable walk in the Mount Granya State Park approx 60 kms east of Albury/Wodonga. Mt Granya is one of the dominant features of the upper Murray. Great northerly views from the Mt Granya access track. At the summit 870 metres, there are good views of George's Creek, the Hume Weir and the lower Mitta valley. There may possibly be early wildflowers.

Sun 26th Aug Spring Creek Gorge, Warby Ranges Easy

Leader: Jan Andrews

This is a spectacular walk circuit from lovely Spring Creek Picnic area down Spring Creek Gorge where the creek plunges down off the Warby Ranges for 2 km via waterfalls, cascades, mossy rocks, lovely grassy flats and rock pools. No tracks! 100m overall descent from 300m alt to 200m but seems much more. We return to the cars for 5 km along undulating Granite Track which is a lovely peaceful 'walkers only' grassy 4WD track through the bush and granite rocks of the Warby Ranges with views.

Sat 1st Sept McFarlanes Hill Very Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh 4kms

McFarlanes Hill, Wodonga is a 4 km circuit that takes in views of the surrounding bushland, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury taking in Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great walk for children/teenagers or anyone who wants to end the day with a little light exercise.

Sun 2nd Sept White Box Walking Track – Chiltern NP Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin 8.5kms

Starting at the Cyanide Dam, the track follows a series of numbered posts with interpretive information about the features along the way, including the Golden Bar Open Cut mine and the vegetation. There are very gentle ups, but most of the walk is flat. We might see early orchids amongst the undergrowth.

Sun 2nd Sep Strathbogie Ranges, Boho easy

(between Benalla and Violet Town)

Leader: Jan Andrews

Features: Beautiful eucalypt forests in little known area, silver wattle forests, cascades, views About 4 hour circuit off and on track in state forest on the edge of the Strathbogie Ranges. Masses of spectacular silver wattle blanket some of the open slopes. Lovely Blue Gum, Manna Gum and Stringybark forests. A beautiful walk, finishing on cascades of a small creek. Lunch with open vistas on granite boulders on edge of Ranges overlooking the plains.

Sun 2nd Sept The Rock – Morgan's Lookout Easy

Leader: David Gordon

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Sat 8th/Sun 9th Sept Planting Weekend Rewarding/Fun

Club co-ordinator: Pauline McLaughlin

Community Planting Weekends for the Endangered Regent Honeyeater are held regularly at Lurg near Benalla.

Join with landholders, local schools and scores of other volunteers in this nationally significant project where everybody wins: • *Habitat restoration* • *Preserving big old trees* • *Salinity control* • *Better water quality* • *Sustainable land use* • *Reducing Greenhouse Effects*

We will need to be in Benalla by 9.am on Saturday.

Accommodation: Sleeping quarters at Benalla Scout and Guide Halls. Mattresses supplied & small kitchen facilities available. BYO sleeping bag, pillow. Free hot showers at Benalla Aquatic Centre.

What to Bring: Sun-screen, hat, boots or sturdy shoes, long trousers, gloves, hand-trowel if you'd like.

Meals: BYO lunch for Saturday, as we will be out in the field all day. Hot cuppa supplied for morning and afternoon tea. Sumptuous meal supplied on Saturday evening. BYO breakfast for Sunday, or sample the delights of the local bakeries. Free BBQ lunch in the bush on Sunday after planting.

Activities: Bush dance on Saturday night for the energetic. Or spotlighting evening for a close up view of possums and maybe some gliders. Wildflower & ecology walk on Sunday afternoon, in some of our best bush remnants.

See the fantastic growth in some of our older sites, a decade or more after planting.

I'll need to know numbers by Wednesday 5th September so I can notify the organizers for catering.

Sun 9th Sept Wild Goat Track/Ross Lookout/Bluff Falls-Burrowa/ Pine Mt Area Medium+

Leader: David Bradshaw

Start from Bluff Creek picnic area, walk along the lower Dogman Track then on to the Wild Goat - Bush Rat Track to Black Mountain and return past Ross Lookout and Bluff Falls. A walk of about 20km with some steep sections, all on walking track with flattish sections along the ridges with some creeks to cross in the valleys.

Excellent views over Corryong and Mt Kosciuszko / Main Range. (This walk is well recommended a new area).

The weather must be favourable for this walk. Must have a reasonable degree of fitness for this walk.

Sun 9th Sept Kangaroo Hill to Eldorado Dredge Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Co-leader: Don Ingram Scenic views from Kangaroo Hill, Wattles in flowers, rock hopping, meandering along creeks are just some of the highlights of this walk. Be prepared for some steep climbing in sections, and rock hopping. This walk is in parts semi-exploratory, however we will be walking from Kangaroo Hill to the Eldorado Dredge. The dredge was built in Castlemaine and assembled on site in June 1936, and was at the time the largest dredge constructed in Australia. It continued to operate until 1954, producing over 70,000 ounces of gold though at the cost of degrading the surrounding land.

Sat 15th Sept Splitters Creek - Bungowannah Easy/Medium

Leader: David Ross

This half day walk goes up hill to an old mine after crossing a creek bed and continues to Mt Connor and Breadloaf Rock which was once painted by the famous artist, Russel Drysdale. We return via the same route.

Sun 16th September Mt Baranduda Circuit Medium

Leader: Noelene Young 16km

Walk from Hodgson's Lane across country up the ridge with a rise of about 300 m to the Mt Baranduda Fire Trail. Follow another ridge cross country to Glass's Lane and follow the contours along a foot pad to the start of the walk.

Sat 22nd- Sun 23rd Sept Planting Weekend Rewarding/Fun

Details as 8th/9th Sept. Contact Ray Thomas to book in.

Sat 22nd September Car Rally and three easy walks Social

Leaders Mandy Evans

David Gordon

A bit of fun during the cooler weather involving a carload of people, a set of clues, a hunt for some treasure, three short walks, a tour of some of our local region and the mandatory stops at venues that provide good food and a choice of beverages. This outing will be limited to five cars and is not a race. The distances are not great enabling all cars to carry a maximum number of passengers if necessary. The aim is to have fun and to accommodate members or guests of the club that will want to remain at restful venues (probably in the car with the heater on) whilst the explorers wander out in search of answers to very important questions.

Sun 23 Sept Mitta Area- O'Connell's Peak, Watchingorra Medium

Leader: David Bradshaw

A walk in the Mitta area starting at Callaghan's Creek Watchingorra. Walk up Callaghan's Creek Track to O'Connell's Peak and back down to Fairyknowe. A circular walk of about 22Kms. Mostly easy walking with a gradual climb with only short steep sections, but all on track. The walk is through native bush with views of the snow covered high plains, Callaghan's Creek Valley and Tallangatta Valley (A new area). A reasonable level of fitness is required for this walk.

Sat 29th Sept The Pinnacles Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh about 10 km Phone: 6059 7618 after 7 pm

Co-leader: Don Ingram

This is a semi-exploratory walk near Rosewhite. It will be almost all off track, possibly with some scrub and involves some rock scrambling and a reasonable head for heights. The pinnacles are a series of large rocks on the north side of the Ovens Valley and there is a good view over the valley towards Mt Buffalo. There should be at least a few wildflowers out as a bonus.

Sun 30 Sept Pine Mountain Medium

Leader: David Bradshaw

Map: Corryong 1:100 000

This is one of the best walks in northeast Victoria, especially at this time of year. A walk of about 12Km in the Burrowa Pine Mountain National Park. Some steep sections on this walk and also some rocky sections to scramble over. Excellent views of the Upper Murray and the snow covered Kosciuszko main range. (This walk is well recommended). Must have a reasonable degree of fitness for this walk.

Sat 6th – Sun 7th Oct Paling Spur Medium

Leader: Marie Maguire

From Hotham we will drop down to the Cobungra River, climb up Paling Spur to camp at Young's Hut. On Sunday we will drop down to Dibbin's Hut, then up to Mt Lock via Machinery Spur. This is a combined trip with VMTTC (Victorian Mountain Tramping Club).

Sun 7th Oct Burrowa/Pine Mt Nat Park Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

After a scenic drive of 130 kilometres to the east of Wodonga to Burrowa Pine National Park, the walk will start at the Cudgewa Bluff Falls and continue up-hill to Ross Lookout for lunch. The afternoon will be downhill returning along the same track. There is some climbing involved and there is a short ladder to climb near the falls. Spectacular views and wildflowers should be a feature of the day. Approx 9 kilometres

Sunday 7 Oct Bald Hill McKay Creek Fire Track Medium

Leader: John Stevens approx 18kms

This walk starts from the boom gate on the road leading to the McKay Creek Power Station. We walk down to Pretty Valley Creek, which we ford before the long walk up along the Bald hill McKay Creek Fire track all the way to where it branches off the Fainter track. We then walk down to Springs Saddle. We will check Springs Saddle before following the track down to Bogong village and our waiting cars. This walk will require a car shuffle.

Sat 13th Oct Table Top Easy/Medium

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Tabletop Mountain is just north of Albury, off the Olympic Highway. It is a very interesting place to visit and when there you could imagine yourself in central Australia. The walk is short, with a 400 metre climb and there is some rock scrambling in places but the views from the top are worth it. There are other short tracks to explore as well. Bring your cameras and binoculars as the wildflowers should be abundant. Because the walk is on private land, there is an admission fee of \$5 each.

Sun 14th Oct Koetong Creek Track Easy/Medium

Leader: David Ross

There will be a car shuffle to allow us to start uphill and walk downhill along a formed track, through magnificent bush, to farmland on the Koetong Creek. There is a steep descent for part of the way. Finish with coffee, tea, whisky or whatever you fancy at the Koetong Hotel.

Sun 16th Oct Huon Hill/Kiewa River Medium

Leader: Joy Bayes

Join the Friends of the High Country Rail Trail, as they go "Off the Rails" to experience one of the many local trails adjoining the Rail Trail. Climb to the summit of Huon Hill for spectacular views. Descend along a track to the banks of the Murray River with great views of the snowfields and Lake Hume along the way. Stroll back to Killara along the banks of the Kiewa River. Meet: 10am Kiewa River Picnic Area, Murray Valley Highway Killara.

Fri 19th – Sun 21st Oct Healesville Varied

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Drive to Healesville on Friday and camp. On Saturday, we'll walk one of the walks on the Federation Day program and on Sunday we can all walk on whichever walks we've booked into for the Federation Day. Friday night dinner will either be en route or at a local establishment. Saturday night, either self cater or again take advantage of local hospitality. Drive home on Sunday night or Monday morning, depending on the group. Bookings have been made so members who book from now on will be required to pay \$20 on the day. Details of Federation Day were in the last edition of *Footprints*.

Sat 20th – Sun 21st Oct Kelly's Hut and Track 107 Easy/Medium

Leader: Ron Hammond

Overnight walk to Wild Horse Creek, about 3 1/2 km east of Kelly's Hut on Track 107. An easy/medium overnighter of 24 km (12 each way). Suitable for beginners with no serious climbing. Camp on an open plain with good water and camp site, complete with some ruins if the fire didn't get them.

Sat 20th Oct Bagging Bright Easy/Med

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

There are three hills with walking tracks that surround Bright. Each has different views and different gradients. We will walk up (and down) each of these linking them with a short drive and some other flatter walking. Lunch will be in a pleasant reserve and afternoon tea will be at one of the cafes back in town and/or the ice-cream shop.

Sun 21 Oct Mt Lawson State Park Northern Ridges Hard

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from the Kurrajongs picnic area, off the Murray Valley Highway. It is about 18 kms long. It follows a distinct ridgeline, is mostly off track and the latter section is unsurveyed. Initially, we'll walk along the Flaggy Creek walking track. At —The Oaksll, we'll branch off and go off track, walking south eastwards up a spur until we reach the main ridgeline, at an altitude of 593 metres. Once there, we'll follow the ridgeline in a north eastwards direction until we reach the Murray Valley Highway and a waiting car sometime late in the afternoon. Along the way, there are areas where the vegetation is quite dense and scruffy. On the other hand, the ridge top is reasonably open and offers good views over the surrounding area. The descent along the eastern section of the ridge is unsurveyed but looks steep. Maximum: 8 walkers

Sun 21st Oct Federation Walk – Healsville Varied

Coordinator: David Gordon

All bookings must be made via David and a choice of 3 walks is needed. Full details on following page.

Fri 19th – Sun 21st Oct Healsville Varied

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Drive to Healsville on Friday and camp. On Saturday, we'll walk one of the walks on the Federation Day program and on Sunday we can all walk on whichever walks we've booked into for the Federation Day. Friday night dinner will either be en route or at a local establishment. Saturday night, either self cater or again take advantage of local hospitality. Drive home on Sunday night or Monday morning, depending on the group.

NB. All Federation day walks must be booked and paid for with David Gordon and you need to have 3 choices.

Sat 27th Oct Mt Dunn Circuit Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

This is one of the scenic walks on Mt Buffalo. Except for a short distance on fire track, the walk is on foot tracks that traverse a range of rocky terrain, snow gum forest, taller forest and open snow grass plains. We begin at the reservoir and follow tracks with a side trip to the rocky outcrop of Og Gog and Magog. When Mt Dunn is reached, there is an option to climb ladders to the summit for excellent views of the plateau. From there we continue on the circuit to end the walk at the reservoir. To remind us of the days when we used to end walks with a coffee at the Chalet, we'll boil the billy and enjoy afternoon tea on the lawns at the Chalet.

Sun 28th Oct Bike Ride to Walla Walla Medium

Leader: Liz Hammond

This will start from Jindera so we don't have to huff and puff over the Gap. We'll ride to Walla then back via Glenellen. Total distance is about 50kms, on quiet country roads with no major hill.

Sat 3rd/Sun 4th Nov Mt Hotham Car Camp Easy/Med

Leader: David Gordon

Co-Leader: Rick Pickering

The plan is to enjoy two day walks that normally would be a bit short to travel for. On Saturday we will do the Hotham to Dinner Plain track (normally we do this as a cross country ski but is also a beautiful place to walk). This is about 12 km taking us through Whiskey Flat, Paw Paw Plain and JB Plain before we get to Dinner Plain. We will camp at JB Plain for the night.

On Sunday we will head out from JB Plain to Mt Tabletop. This is about a 10 km round trip through the plain, meander through the snow gums, through some small creeks and parallel to a marshy water course before hitting a short sharp climb and some magnificent views from the top of Tabletop.

This is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to try camping for the first time, remember the club has tents available for hire.

Sat 3rd November Bike ride from Myrtleford to Bright via rail trail Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh 60kms return trip

This picturesque ride from Myrtleford to Bright using the rail trail is worth the effort. A gradual slow climb from Myrtleford to Bright is compensated by the ease of peddling on the return trip. Let's not forget the Chocolate shop at Bright, and with daylight saving we have time to stroll around Bright. I plan to leave Myrtleford by 8.30am; I have room to transport a limited number of bikes, on my car, from Wodonga to Myrtleford, otherwise you will need to arrange transport to and from Myrtleford. This cycle trip is one of those must, especially as we live so close.

Sun 4th Nov Lake Walk – Beechworth Area Easy/Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at Lake Sambell, we'll follow Hurdle Creek past old mine shafts to Lake Kerford. From there to Fletcher's Dam for lunch. The return trip to Beechworth will follow an alternative route to Lake Kerford and then along the walking track to Lake Sambell, making it a walk of about 17 kms of easy walking over flat country on walking tracks and roads. We'll finish with a well-earned coffee/tea in Beechworth. (If the day is very hot, the walk will be shortened).

Sat 10th & Sun 11th Nov Mt Bogong walk & Cleve Coles Hut Hard

Leader: John Stevens 20 kms+

On Saturday, we'll start from Mountain Creek in the morning and go up the Staircase. We'll continue on to Cleve Coles Hut that we'll reach about lunch time. The afternoon will be spent exploring the surroundings. We'll spend the night near the hut. On Sunday, we'll walk to Mt Bogong West Peak before coming back down Eskdale Spur.

Sat 10th Nov Rollasons Falls (Mt Buffalo) Easy/medium

Leader: Liz Hammond

This walk starts from the entrance to Mt Buffalo National Park and follows the first part of the Big Walk up Mt Buffalo. We climb for about 400 metres then walk back down the road for a few minutes and take the turn off down to the falls. From the road it is about 2 kms each way, and is steep in places. We'll have lunch at the falls then climb back up to the road and down the Big Walk track to the cars.

Wed 14th Nov Street & Park Orienteering

Willow Park

all events start between 5.30-6.30pm

The Albury Wodonga Orienteering Club summer series of events commences on Wednesday 14th November.

This is a great way to enjoy our wonderful parks and to keep fit over the summer months. As per last year, each event will also feature a mountain bike option. We hope to have all upgraded maps for these events. Encourage your friends to come along and try orienteering at a fairly easy level. Dates of events are shown above.

(This is a great way to practice navigation skills and everyone is welcome.)

Fri 16th – Sun 18th Nov Boundary Creek Gorge O/night/difficult

Leader: Peter Jacob

This spectacular gorge drops down to the Murray River from the Wulgulmerang Buchan Road. Travelling Friday is essential as the dip down to the gorge is slow going with no campsites. The intention is to camp at the Snowy River and return via the St Helena Track

Sat 17th Nov the Big Walk Hard

Leader: Cindy Marsh 22 kms return trip

The Big Walk is the longest walk on Mt Buffalo; this track climbs the plateau from the park entrance to the

Chalet, taking in Rollasons Falls and lookouts along the way. Spectacular views and waterfalls are a feature. I am planning to leave Wodonga by 7.00am. I have limited the number of walkers to 10 persons.

Sun 18th Nov Mt Buffalo Short walks Easy

Leader: Mandy Evans

The plan is to complete a series of short walks on Mount Buffalo beginning at the Cathedral picnic area and walking up and around the Cathedral to The Hump. This summit provides great views of Cresta Valley and The Horn. From here we'll wander across the road and up to the Corral and across to Mohammed's Tomb. The views across the Buckland valley are well worth the rock scramble. Depending on the group we would then do the View Point Nature Walk. This walk begins at the Lake Catani campground. Mt Buffalo's terrain is undulating and rocky but well worth any effort. There would be a total of about 10km involved and plenty of time for those who like to scramble and play around on rocky outcrops.

Sun 18th Nov Murray River Easy paddle

Leader: David Ross

This is a combined trip with members of The Mitta Canoe Club. Their members will paddle their kayaks from Noreuil Park to the 12 mile reserve while our members will paddle canoes from the 6 mile reserve to the 12 mile reserve. The 2 groups will enjoy a combined BBQ after the paddle. Club canoes are available for hire.

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Sunday 25th November Burrowa - Pine Mountain National Park Hard

Leader: John Stevens 20 kms+

This circular walk will start from the Bluff Creek car park. We will follow the trail to Blue Gum camping ground and continue on past Bluff Falls and Campbells Lookout to Ross Lookout. We'll then follow the Ross Lookout track westwards to the track leading to Black Mountain. We'll follow that track northwards over Black Mountain to Hinces Saddle. The track in this area is very faint.

We'll walk down Hinces Creek walking track to Hinces Clearing and will follow the Upper Dogman track back to Blue Gum Camp & Bluff Creek car park.

Fri 23rd November Macdonald's Hill & Mc Farlane's Hill Night Walk Easy

Leader: John Stevens 8kms

Maximum: 8 walkers

This walk is scheduled to be before the full moon. Weather permitting, we'll walk under bright moonlight most of the way and may not use our torches. The walk will start late in the afternoon. It will follow a circuit route that will first bring us to the top of Macdonald's Hill. We'll then walk down the main spur to Coyles Road and follow a distinct 4X4 track to the top of McFarlane's Hill. There are a few ups and downs along the way. Subject to weather conditions, I plan to stop on top of McFarlane's Hill for a snack/light dinner and a cup of tea/coffee while enjoying the sights of Wodonga lights below us. I'll bring a billy and a stove. Bring cups, tea/coffee, and food to share. A short walk down a steep track will then bring us back to our cars. Bring a torch (essential), spare batteries for the torch, warm clothes.

Fri 30th Nov – Sun 2nd Dec High Country Hiking Jindabyne Varied/fun

Leader: Denise Smith

Cabin accommodation on lake at Snowline Holiday Park Jindabyne, camping also available.

I have booked 2 self contained cabins for 5 people \$38 per person per night. Depending on numbers another cabin could be possible. Saturday: Walk to Whites River Hut, easy med. 14 kms. I would be happy to hear from anyone with knowledge of the area & willing to lead a walk. Non walking family members welcome as Jindabyne in the heart of the Snowy Mountains is a wonderful place to spend a weekend. An opportunity to discover this part of Kosciuszko National Park. Bookings to be finalized & paid for by Nov. 10th.

Sat 1st- Sun 2nd Dec Nest box placement Fun

Contact: Ray Thomas, Regent Honeyeater Project Co-ordinator.

Meeting at the DSE offices, Sydney Rd, Benalla, 9 am each day. Come prepared for being out at Lurg all day. BYO lunch, a drink, sun protection, & grass-seed protectors for your socks!! Roof rack or tow bar to carry a ladder would be good (if you have one.). I'd love you to come and join the team if you are free. It's good for the animals and good fun for us as well! RSVP a few days before each event.

Sat 1st Dec Mt Bogong Med/Hard

Leader: Debbie Kahn

I am putting this walk on as a training walk for a group of people who are going to be doing the Kokoda Track next year. Many of them are not bushwalkers and this will be their first time up Eskdale Spurr and down The Staircase. It would be great if some club members could come and join us on the day and give a helping hand and some useful tips to these "extended trekking virgins."

Sun 2nd Dec Mt Blue Rag Range Medium

Leader: Bruce Key 14km

Mt Blue Rag Range is near Mt Hotham and because of the elevation (1718m) it should be reasonably cool. The walk is mostly along a ridge although there is a rise and fall of about 300m on the way out and the same on the way back because we will return by the same route. There are excellent views to the nearby mountains the Wongungarra valley. A good summer walk. I programmed this last year but had to substitute another walk because of the fires.

Wed 5th Dec Street & Park Orienteering

Glen Park, Glenroy

Start between 5.30-6.30pm

Sat 8th December. Goldie's Spur track to Cresta Med/Hard

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Nature Walking Track from Goldie's Spur track to Cresta. Last time we tried this walk we couldn't find the start point. This time I have a map that is more definite. Total distance is about 8 kilometres but as I am not sure of the gradient I would have to grade the walk medium to hard. Any views we have will be back over the Buckland Valley. If still not successful in finding the walk we can explore the upper end of the Buckland Valley. I believe there are still mining relics to see and restored grave sites.

Sun 9th December Bogong High Plains Medium +

A circular walk - Wallace Hut, Mt. Cope, Ryder's Yards

Leader: David Bradshaw

This is a circular walk visiting places of interest. Starting at Pretty Valley follow the creek across country to Wallace Hut, Then follow the aqueduct to Cope Hut, from Cope Hut up and across country to Mt Cope and onto Ryder's Yard all off track, before returning to Pretty valley, This walk has magnificent views over the Bogong

High Plains from Mt cope. Some on track walking but mostly off track walking with only gentle climbing. A walk of about 20Kms with excellent views. There should be some wild flowers out at this time of year. The weather must be favourable for this walk. Must have a reasonable degree of fitness for this walk.

Sun 9th December Weston Hut Circuit Med/Hard

Leader: John Stevens Distance: 20 Kms+

This walk will start from Pretty Valley Dam. After initially following the Fainter Fire Track, we'll head south across the grassland until we reach the pole line. We'll then follow the pole line to Weston Hut and walk down the spur to the West Kiewa logging road. Once there, we'll follow that road southwards past the Red Robin Battery and up a spur until it ends, one kilometre short of Cobungra Gap. This section of the road is rough and steep. A cut trail that follows the contours will lead us up to Cobungra Gap. We'll then follow the Alpine walking track up the spur past Basalt Temple and back to the Bogong High Plains. Altogether, the walk up the logging road and up the spur will involve an altitude gain of about 800 metres. Once on the Bogong High Plains, we'll follow the Alpine Walking track northwards until it we reach pole 333. At that point we'll head north cross country until we reach the Fainter Fire track and walk back down to Pretty Valley Dam.

Sat 15th – Sun 16th Dec The Grey Hills Medium]

Leader: John Stevens Distance: 25 Kms+

This walk will start from Bogong Village. On Saturday, we'll walk up the Spion Kopje Fire track to the Bogong High Plains and camp beside a creek not far from Crows Nest. On Sunday, we'll walk along a faint trail along the top of the Grey Hills until we reach the junction with the Black Possum Spur. After an initial descent along the Black Possum Spur, we'll follow the Little Arthur Fire track westwards down to Lake Guy and our parked cars.

Thurs 27th-Sun 30th Dec Bogong to Hotham via Fainters Hard/exploratory

Leader: Rick Pickering

Last April I walked from Hotham to Bogong via the Alpine Track. This time I want to go the other way, and not use the Alpine Track. I have only walked some small sections of the route, so most of what follows is based on scrutiny of the map. Day 1 - start from Mountain Creek and go up the Staircase to Mt Bogong, then down Quartz Ridge, camping somewhere near Bogong Creek saddle (about 16 km, with a big climb and descent). Day 2 go down the Grey Hills trail and cut across to the Black Possum Spur track, then down to Bogong village and across the road and up toward Spring Saddle to camp overnight (probably similar distance and altitude gain/loss to day 1). Day 3 head south down the Fainter fire track, which turns into the Fainter walking track, past Bogong Jack Saddle, then Mt Fainter North and South, overnighing at Tawonga huts (about 16 or 17 km, but flatter than first 2 days). Day 4, head south past Young's Hut, find the Paling Spur, then go down it to the Cobungra river, and up the Brandy Creek fire trail to be picked up on the Hotham/Omeo road (about 20km, the last third being steep down and then steep up). The trip will be dependent on the weather - it's not the place to be if there was significant fire danger. However if you are interested please contact me.

2008 Club member of the year - Pauline McLaughlin

Last year's recipient of the "Clubmanship Award," Ron Hammond, presented it this year to Pauline McLaughlin for her outstanding contribution to the Border bushwalking Club. This award is not only for the past year but for her many years of service in a variety of roles. She is always the one to nominate and praise others so.... Pauline really is the One this year.

BBC Awards 2007

Each year at the Christmas Party, some awards are presented for either *outstanding* achievements or for *quirky* happenings on club trips. Thanks to all club members for their contributions to the club and congratulations to those who received awards.

Ant Packer - "Best Report in Footprints Award" for her article, "The Three Peaks – Huon, Federation & Hunchback" submitted in the May edition of Footprints. The report described the trip in detail with quotes like "The day loomed cool and dry" and "we shed 50% of our peak-bagging team of four by the time we reached the 2nd of 3 peaks."

Connie Consta - "*Best Walk Report Award*", for her detailed report of the overnight walk to Cleve Cole Hut in May. She presented a coloured map, detailed description of the track, the distance and the time it took.

Cindy Marsh - "*New Skills Award*" for mastering the technology to be caretaker of the web site for a few months.

Bernadette Cromarty - "*I'm Not Lost Award*" because she knew she needed a map for her walk, but took a map of Wales for a walk at Bright.

Stan Duffield - "*Resident Cleaner Award*" because of all the help he gave at Waterfall Way.

Les Sobey - "*Better late than Never Award*" because he phoned on a Tuesday to book in for a walk that was the previous Sunday.

Mandy Evans - "*Awesome Driver Award*" for demonstrating her skills when she "gunned the engine and headed over the point successfully" on Fraser Island.

Amity Marantelli - "*Prettiest Hat Award*", for wearing a very pretty sun hat on the Ross Lookout Walk

Nonie Fielder - "*I'll Never be Hungry Again Award*" because she ate such a very large cake for lunch on a day trip to Dorrigo while at Waterfall Way.

Val Rolfe - "*Not Me Again Award*" because photos of her always feature in the photo competition.

Lois Salvisberg - "*Alarm Clock Award*" because she played with many plastic bags in the early morning and woke everyone at Dinner Plain.

Christine O'Toole - "*There's no stopping me Award*". because she has taken on new challenges since joining the bushwalking club.

Pam Duncan - "*Personal Trainer Award*" for her efforts to keep Ron and Duncan on the move at Waterfall Way.

Liz Hammond - "*Save some for later Award*" because, after filling up on nibbles at lunch time, she ate the lunch she'd left in the car on the Rollason's Falls walk.

Marie Maguire - "*Gardener's Encouragement Award*" because she was heard to ask "What is the blue stuff in the paddocks?" while on a club trip. They mustn't grow Patterson's Curse at Rosewhite.

Don Ingram - "*Not Rainy days and Mondays Award*" because when he cancelled from a walk to Beechworth he said "I was expecting a sunny day."

Noelene Young - "*Pathfinder Award*", for her efforts to find the track on the Illawong Hut walk from Jindabyne.

Duncan Thurlow - "*Who needs friends award*". Because he put snow down Alex's back and another person on the trip was heard to say "That's the most unfriendly thing I've seen".

Denise Smith - "*Animal Lover's Award*" for her treatment of the antechinus in the toilet at Waterfall Way

Ron Hammond "*Light my way Award*" because he left lights on and had a flat battery after a day of snow shoe shuffling at Mount Buffalo.

Bruce Key - "Burnt Boot Award", for his thorough organisation skills that resulted in a very memorable club trip for all participants on the Larapinta Trail in July.

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Sun 6th January Mt Feathertop – up the Northwest Spur Hard

Leader: John Stevens 20 Kms+

Maximum: 8 walkers

Here is a repeat of an old tough favourite. Just what you may need to get over eating too much over the Christmas season! We'll start from near the trout farm, about 4 kms north of Harrietville. We'll follow the walking track all the way to the summit of Feathertop. Some sections are quite steep. We'll either have lunch at the MUMC Hut or on Feathertop, depending on weather conditions and our progress. Then, we'll walk down to Federation Hut before following the walking track down Bungalow Spur all the way to Harrietville. A car shuffle will be required to get back to the cars near the trout farm.

Sat 12th - Sunday 13th Jan Mt Kosciuszko via Dead Horse Gap Medium

Leader: Paul Schirmer

The actual walk will be on the 13th. We will drive to Khancoban or Dead Horse Gap later on Saturday and car camp the night for an early start next morning. From Dead Horse Gap we will walk cross country past Lake Cootapatamba then onto the top of Mt Kosciusko. Bring your swimmers as last time I did this walk we took a dip in the lake.

Sat 12th Jan Falls Creek - Kellys Hut Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark About 16 km

The walk starts from Langfords Gap and follows the Alpine Walking Trail up to Marms Point. From there we'll walk to Fitzgerald's and Kelly's Huts, returning via Kelly Track to the aqueduct which we follow back to Langford's Gap. We should have good views and wildflowers.

Sun 13th Jan Pretty Valley - Mt. Cope Circuit Medium

Leader: Noelene Young

Over 16 kms. this walk is a mixture of on and off track, sometimes following the aqueduct, detouring to climb Mt. Cope and cross country to Ropers Yards and return via Mt. Jim and the Fainter Fire trail.

Sat 19th Jan Early morning bike ride slow and easy

Leader: Liz Hammond

This is a repeat of a ride we did last summer. We'll start at Sumsion Gardens, and go along the bike path to Noreil Park, then through the back streets of South Albury to Doctor's Point and on to Mungabareena Reserve. After a rest there, we'll ride back the same way to Sumsion Gardens, finishing off with coffee at Hollywoods Cafe. (We'll be starting early to avoid the heat)

Sat 19th - Sun 20th Jan Bogong Creek Saddle & Mt Bogong Medium

Leader: John Stevens Distance: 25 Kms+

This walk will start from Clover Dam.

On Saturday, we'll walk up the Big River Fire track to the Bogong Creek saddle and camp there overnight. There is water in a nearby creek.

On Sunday, we'll walk up Quartz Ridge until we reach Mt Bogong summit Ridge. After lunch near the summit, we'll walk down the Staircase to Mountain Creek.

A car shuffle will be required to get back to the cars near Clover Dam.

Sun 20th Jan Alpine Walking Track (Mt St Bernard to west) Medium Leader: Bruce Key 20km Phone: 6024 3986
This is a crossover walk with one group beginning from the Dargo turn-off on the Mt Hotham Road and walking west along the top of the dividing range to a point at the head of the Buckland valley. The other group will do the reverse. This is a good walk with great views in all directions for most of the way. There are quite a few climbs including a very steep ascent of „The Twins“ en-route, but the views from the top are particularly impressive. The whole walk is high so heat should not be much of a problem, although there will not be much shade.

Fri 25th Jan Huon Hill Night Walk Easy

Leader: John Stevens Distance: 8 kms

Maximum: 8 walkers

This walk is scheduled to be before the full moon. Weather permitting, we'll walk under bright moonlight most of the way and may not use our torches.

This walk will start late in the afternoon. It will follow a circuit route that will first follow the Kiewa River. We'll then walk up to the top of Huon Hill. There is a steep climb through grassland along the way. A 40 minute walk down the Huon Hill Summit track will then bring us back to our cars.

Subject to weather conditions, we will drive back to the top of Huon Hill for a barbecue after the walk has ended. I'll bring a billy, some lighting and a stove. Bring cups, tea/coffee, and food to share. Bring a torch (essential), spare batteries for the torch, warm clothes.

Sun 27th Jan The Back Wall Easy/Medium

Leader: David Gordon

Rumour has it that this walk will be open again by January (although I will confirm closer to the date and an alternate walk will be arranged if still closed). This is one of the great walks on Buffalo and it will be interesting to see the damage caused by last year's fire. At the back wall there are excellent views to the south and west.

Sat 2nd Feb Buckland Valley wet and sloshy

Leader: Liz Hammond

This will be an exploratory trip as I haven't done it before. It will involve a car shuffle and wading/swimming in the Buckland River. Bring old boots or shoes and leave the expensive camera at home. Further details nearer the time

Sun 3rd Feb Bon Accord Spur Hard

Leader: John Stevens 30+ Kms

Maximum: 8 walkers

This walk will start from Harrierville and will follow the Bon Accord Track all the way where it joins the Razorback. At that point we'll turn left and follow the Razorback all the way to Federation Hut.

We will down to Harrierville along the Bungalow Spur track.

Expect a long hard day out.

Sat 9th Feb Wonga Wetlands Wanderings Social

Leader: David Gordon

This trip is being put on for purely social reasons. The plan is to get to the Wetlands at 5.00 in the afternoon and spend about 2 hours exploring the wetlands. If we get bored with this and time permits we will head off down to Horseshoe Lake for a bit of an early evening walk. Hopefully at this time of day we will get to see plenty of bird life. Exercise is good for the appetite so the plan is to bring a picnic dinner to watch the sun set over the wetlands. For those still interested a few drinks will be shared back at my place.

Sun 10th Feb Razorback, Mt. Feathertop, Harrierville Medium

Leader: Noelene Young

Robin Rhodes will lead the uphill group

We'll do a crossover with one group starting at Mt Hotham and walking along the Razorback to Mt Feathertop and on to Federation Hut before walking down Bungalow Spur. The other group will have the uphill climb up Bungalow spur and walk out along the Razorback. When I did this walk last year I thought it was the best thing I'd done for ages.

Sun 10th Feb Mt Fainter – Bogong High Plains Medium

Leader: David Bradshaw

Map: Bogong Alpine Area 1:50,000

Starting from Pretty Valley, Falls Creek, take the Fainter fire track and then across open country to Mt Jaithmathang and then along the ridge and grassy plains to Mt Fainter. Return via Tawonga Huts to Pretty Valley. Some off track walking with only gradual climbing. A walk of about 22+ kms with views over the High Plains, Mt Feathertop and Mt Bogong. The wild flowers will also be out at this time of year. A reasonable level of fitness is required for this walk. The weather must be favourable for this walk.

Sun 17th Feb Introduction to the High Plains Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Three short walks will provide an introduction to the High Plains for those who haven't yet experienced the beauty of the wildflowers and the historic huts. We will start with a climb of about 200 meters over about 2 kms to the top of Mt Cope, to experience some of the magnificent views. After retracing our steps, we will drive to Cope Hut where we will start a 5 km walk which takes in some of the High country history by passing Wallace's Hut, (the oldest on the High Plains), the Rover Lodge and Cope Hut. To finish, we'll drive to Bogong Village and walk around Lake Guy (about 2kms) and top it off with afternoon tea by the lake. Participants can walk as much or as little as they choose.

Sun 17th Feb Cobungra River & Swindlers Spur Medium

Leader: John Stevens Distance: 18 Kms

This walk will start from Brandy Creek car park. We'll walk down the Brandy Creek track to the Cobungra River. Then, we'll follow a foot pad up valley, initially along Swindlers Creek, over Swindlers gap on to Dibbin's hut. An afternoon walk up Swindlers Spur will bring us to Mt Hotham. A car shuffle will be required between Mt Hotham and Brandy Creek car park. The section between the lower end of Brandy Creek track and Dibbin's Hut is unsurveyed.

Sat 23rd Feb Mt Feathertop Hard

Via Bungalow Spurr and Nth West Spurr

Leader: Debbie Kahn

This is the next in the series of training walks for my Kokoda trekkers. Having only been up the North West Spurr once I would appreciate it if someone who has done it a few more times could join me on this walk. The plan is to take them gently up Bungalow Spurr and then rather abruptly introduce them to the gradient of going down the North West Spurr. A car shuffle will be necessary.

Saturday 23 February Rail trail morning ride: Myrtleford – Bright return Bicycle ride

Leader: John Stevens Distance: 60 Kms+

We'll cycle up the rail trail from Myrtleford to Bright. After a mid morning coffee in Bright, we'll return to Myrtleford along the same route. To join this ride, you need to be able to maintain an average riding speed of 18 to 20 kms per hour.

Sat 23rd Feb Budginigi Hill Easy

Leader: David Ross

Budginigi Hill is a prominent feature on the outskirts of Albury on a section of the Hume and Hovell Track. From the top there are great 360 degree views of Table Top, The Hume Weir and The Paper Mill. We'll start at 7pm from the Ettamogah Pub, so bring a snack for tea and maybe we'll finish with a drink at the Ettamogah Pub.

Sun 24th Feb South Buffalo Viewpoint Easy/Medium

Leader: David Gordon 8 Kms

Starting from Cresta Valley this walk gradually climbs a ridge to the lookout. It crosses little grassy plains and sphagnum bogs separated by glades of snow gums and granite formations such as split peak. There are views over Lake Buffalo, across the Rose River Valley to Mt Cobbler and left to the back wall and the Horn. If time allows we will stop off at Lake Catani for a swim to cool down.

Sat 1st March Clean Up Australia Paddle Medium

Leader: Ant Packer

Back by popular demand, we will be filling the BBC canoes with rubbish as we paddle along the Murray River from Waterworks to Noreuil. Last year, we filled an entire skip with rubbish... it is amazing just how much can be carted with half a dozen canoes and some nimble kayakers at hand. Previous canoeing experience is essential.

Sunday 2 March Mt Bogong traverse Hard

Leader: John Stevens 25 Kms+

This walk will start from Clover Dam. We'll first walk up the Big River Fire track to the Bogong Creek saddle. We'll continue on up Quartz Ridge until we reach Mt Bogong summit ridge. We'll walk down the Staircase to Mountain Creek. A car shuffle will be required to get back to the cars near Clover Dam.

Sun 2nd March Padman Park Clean Up Australia Day, Albury Easy

Leader: Ant Packer

Join hundreds of thousands of Australians (but not all here in Albury!) cleaning up the environment. 10am at Padman Park, corner of Day St and Padman Drive.

8th, 9th, 10th March Mount Jagungal Medium

Leader: Liz Hammond/Connie Constat

This is planned as a three day walk. We'll leave Albury on Friday evening and drive to Round Mountain car park, probably stopping at Corryong for dinner. Depending how late we arrive, we'll either car-camp at Round Mountain car park, or walk the two kms to Round Mountain Hut and camp there. On Saturday we'll walk along Farm Ridge firetrack to the site of O'Keefe Hut and spend the night there. On Sunday we'll walk to the base of Jagungal, drop our packs, and climb to the top. We then go back down, pick up our gear, and walk on to Derschko's Hut, to spend Sunday night there. On Monday we walk back to the cars.

Sat 8th March McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh 4kms return trip

McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga is a 4 km circuit that takes in the views of the surrounding bushland, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury to Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great social walk for children/teenagers or anyone who wants to build up their fitness level. I am planning to leave at 3pm and we should be finished around 5pm.

Sat 15th –Sun 16th March Mt Buffalo - Bog Rehabilitation Busy/Fun

Details later. Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

15/16 March Nest box Placement

Ray Thomas, Regent Honeyeater Project Co-ordinator.

Come prepared for being out at Lurg all day. BYO lunch, a drink, sun protection, & grass-seed protectors for your socks!! Roof rack or tow bar to carry a ladder would be good (if you have one.)

I'd love you to come and join the team if you are free. It's good for the animals and good fun for us as well!

RSVP a few days before each event. Meeting at the DSE offices, Sydney Rd, Benalla, 9 am (Details on page 4).

Sat 15th March Baranduda Range Medium

Leader: Ron Hammond

This is a circuit walk of about 15 kms on the Baranduda Range, starting at Range Lane, climbing 400m to the ridge line and walking along the top for a few kms. We will then descend to the Leneva Valley for a bite to eat. Refreshed, it's up 400 m and of course down 400 to the cars. All on fire track but some great views and good training.

Sunday 16 March Diamantina Spur and Machinery Spur circuit Hard

Leader: John Stevens 25 Kms+

This walk will start from the Diamantina Hut car park. We'll follow the Razorback to the Diamantina Spur turn off. The next section of the walk will take us down Diamantina Spur to the West branch of the Kiewa River. We'll follow the valley to the Red Robin Battery before turning right and walking up Machinery spur along the 4X4 track. A walk along the top will bring us to Mt Loch and ultimately to the Mt Loch car park.. A sort car shuffle will be required to get back to the cars at the Diamantina Hut car park.

Sat 15th/Sun 16th March Car Camping & Walking in the Bunroy Gap area Medium

Leader: Leader; Don Ingram

Co-Leader: Cindy Marsh

Bunroy Gap is between the Kosciuszko National park, and Elliott Ridge State Forest. This is a very scenic area just below Corryong. We will drive in on 4 wheel drive tracks on Saturday afternoon, and make the most of the remaining afternoon walking along tracks with views of the Murray River and enjoying some of the most beautiful scenery that this part of the world has to offer. In the evening we will set up camp. The sun, the birds and the sounds of running water will be our alarm clock next morning. After breakfast we will grab our day packs and set off walking. The ease of car camping allows you to pack those extra home comforts that will guarantee that this trip will be enjoyable whilst you are experiencing this beautiful part of the NSW. Returning home late Sunday afternoon.

Fri 21st Mar – Sat 5th April Tasmania

Leader - Marie Maguire

Starting with spending several days exploring the Walls of Jerusalem so we aren't travelling too far with heavy packs. Then walking down the infrequently visited Mersey River Valley to join the Overland Track. We will continue down to Pine Valley where we will spend a few days, allowing plenty of time to visit The Acropolis & The Labyrinth & surrounding area. Eventually we will exit at Lake St Clair, approximately 10-11 days after setting out. This medium trip will include a mix of day walks & rest days in between heavier pack carrying days. Both the Walls of Jerusalem & Pine Valley are well known for their spectacular scenery (& the bit in between should add some navigational challenges & possibly off track interest!).

21st – 24th March Mossbed Rehabilitation

Contact - Steve Robertson

Project Officer Mossbed Rehabilitation Bushwalking Victoria

What we require of you: help in restoring the Mossbeds – jobs for young and old. Do as much or as little as you feel like!!

Incentives: Free Accommodation at Alpha Ski Lodge (Falls Creek); 10 cents per km fuel reimbursement with a maximum of 20 cents per km per vehicle; Dinner provided on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, Lunch provided Saturday, Sunday and Monday. SO what is stopping you from committing to attend? We have had an outstanding response on previous Mossbed activities even without these incentives. TOTAL people required is 30. Please show your support quickly and commit to the event. All rehabilitation works we will undertake will be supervised by Parks Victoria and Parks Victoria insurance applies. I look forward to hearing from you soon on your commitment

Fri 28 Mar-Sun 30 Mar Mt Buffalo Varied

Leader: David Gordon

The Ben Cruachan Walking Club is spending this weekend camping at Lake Catani and doing day walks from there. I thought it would be a nice idea to join one of our fellow clubs for some walks.

This also gives us the opportunity to do some of those walks that and just a little too long for a day walk when we have to travel home – such as Mt McLeod and Mollison's Gallery. For those wanting to take it a bit easier – plenty of short to medium length walks to be done.

There is also the option of coming up on Sat morning or coming up for day walks.

As I do need to book camp sites I need to know by next club night if you are interested.

Sat 29th/Sun 30th March Young's Hut O'nite Med/Hard

Via Brandy Creek Fire Trail, Palings Spur & Dibbin's Hut

Leader: Debbie Kahn

March's walk for my intrepid Kokoda people is an overnight walk into The Young's Hut Hilton. Ron Hammond has kindly offered to accompany me so I don't get lost. If anyone else would like to come along please do so. The more the merrier.

Sat 29th March Myrtleford to Bright via rail trail Bike/Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh 60 kms return trip

This picturesque ride from Myrtleford to Bright using the rail trail is worth the effort. A gradual slow easy climb from Myrtleford to Bright is compensated by the ease of peddling on the return trip. Let's not forget the Chocolate shop at Bright, and with daylight saving we have time to stroll around Bright. I plan to leave Myrtleford by 8.00am; I can transport a limited number of bikes from Wodonga to Myrtleford, otherwise you will need to arrange transport to and from Myrtleford. This cycle trip is one of those must, especially as we live so close.

Sunday 30 March Mt Fainter traverse Medium

Leader: John Stevens 24 Kms

This walk will start from Pretty Valley Dam. It will follow the Fainter Fire trail, past the Tawonga Huts, Mt Fainter & Bogong Jack Saddle to Springs Saddle. We will then walk down the Springs Saddle track to Bogong Village. A car shuffle will be required to get the cars back from Pretty Valley.

April 2008 Footprints - Mount Buffalo Chalet

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There has been a lot of negative publicity in regard to the reopening of the Mount Buffalo Chalet, but a recent quote from a Parks Victoria representative working on the project is: "I am as confident as ever that we will get a good outcome".

The following, is a media release from Parks Victoria on 25th February.

Negotiations between Parks Victoria and the Burbank Group of Companies have now commenced regarding the redevelopment of the Mount Buffalo Chalet, Parks Victoria's Chief Executive, Mark Stone, announced today.

Mr. Stone confirmed that, having considered the findings of two recently completed reports on the needs and viability of the Mount Buffalo Chalet, Parks Victoria has entered negotiations to try to secure a redevelopment of the Chalet with existing lease holders, the Burbank Group of Companies.

The Burbank Group holds the lease for the Chalet, which expires in 2015. However, **the Chalet ceased operations in December 2006** because of fire risk, the deteriorating state of the infrastructure and an inability to meet required contemporary building and safety standards.

—Parks Victoria is committed to working with the Burbank Group to secure a commercially viable and sustainable future for the Chalet, Mr Stone said.

April 2008 Tongariro Northern Circuit/Lake Waikaremoana Medium

Leader: Liz Hammond

Both of these walks are in the North Island of NZ. They are both designated as Great Walks, so walkers have to make advance bookings and we'll stay in huts with bunks and cooking facilities. We'll fly from Melbourne to Auckland then go by intercity coach from there to Taupo. Each walk takes about four days and I plan to have a couple of days rest in between. The Tongariro walk is around the base of active volcano Mt Ngauruhoe. The walk features lava flows, mineral springs, emerald lakes, and craters. The Lake Waikaremoana walk has magnificent scenery and a range of terrain, including beech forests and dense rainforests, and follows the shore of the lake with plenty of opportunity for fishing and swimming. Details of both walks are available at website www.doc.govt.nz.

Please contact me if you are interested and we can talk about dates. (I'll be out of town from 9/2/08 to 1/03/08)

Sat 5th – Sun 6th April Mitta Mitta Car camp Varied

Leader: David Ross

We'll drive to Mitta on Saturday morning and set up camp at either the Mitta camping ground or The Walnuts. From there, there's an opportunity to do a few short walks around Mitta. There's the easy 1km Pioneer Mine walk that passes through the revegetated mine site; an easy 2 km River Walk that follows the Mitta Mitta River to the Mill Picnic area; a moderate 2.2 km Deep Gully Walk which is an extension of the river Walk; or the moderate 3.5 km Upper Pioneer Trail that branches off the Deep Gully Walk and passes through a magnificent stand of Brittle gum and offers excellent views of the Pioneer Mine and the Mitta Valley. On Saturday night, we'll enjoy dinner at the Mitta Pub before settling into the tents. On Sunday we'll walk the harder 8 km Mt. Welcome Walk that follows a mountain ridge offering spectacular views of the valley below.

Sat 5th – Sun 6th April Nest box Monitoring Informative

Leader: Ray Thomas - Regent Honeyeater Project Co-ordinator.

RSVP a few days before each event. (Details on page 4)

Sat 5th – Sun 6th April Track Maintenance – Mt Buffalo Busy

Leader: Jim Harker – Bushwalking Victoria

Sun 6th April McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh 4kms return trip

McFarlanes Hill, Wodonga is a 4 km circuit that takes in the views of the surrounding bushland, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury to Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great social walk for children/teenagers or anyone who wants to build up their fitness level. I am planning to leave at 10am and we should be finished around lunchtime.

Sun 6 April Mt Benambra (1480m) Easy/Medium

Leader: Rob Ashworth 16kms

Mt Benambra overlooks Lake Dartmouth. But the views don't stop there. We will be able to see Mt Buffalo, Mt Bogong, Mt Wills Mt Feathertop, Mt Buller and hopefully the Snowy Mts to the east. Also the Mitta and Tallangatta Valleys should be visible. This walk is all on track and a great way to spend an April Sunday.

Sat 12th April Bright to Wandiligong Easy/Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh 15km

We basically leave from the centre of Bright and walk along Morses Creek. With some minor deviations the walk follows the creek bank to Alpine Park, which is an attractive place to take a break. Other attractions to see are the Maze and the sites of Wandiligong. We return to Bright via the same track. The track is flat and it is an easy stroll along with scenic views.

12th - 13th of April Long Spur to Maddison's Hut ruins Medium

Leader Peter Smith-Allen

This overnight walk will start from near Mt Wills and follow the Alpine walking track to Maddison's Hut ruins. The first section of the walk follows a four wheel drive track which then changes to a walking track continuing up the Long Spur. The vast majority of this walk sticks to the ridge-top and passes through some extensive stands of unburnt snow gums. As we near Mt Bogong the track climbs steeply onto a grassy plateau. We will pitch camp at Maddison's which is situated at an approximate altitude of 1800 metres. There is a small stream located nearby that will supply good drinking water. We should have enough daylight left to explore the nearby Howman's Falls or venture up to Cleve Cole hut for a look. Sunday we will pack up camp and walk back to the cars.

Sat 13th April A Day Out in Bright Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh 2 walks at 6 km each

This walk is broken up into 2 parts. In the morning we will do the Bright Canyon Walk which is a distance of about 6 km return of easy walking, with no climbing involved. This walk begins on the southern side of the Ovens River and follows a foot track downstream. We will stop for morning tea somewhere along the track and be back in Bright for lunch in the park. Part 2. In the afternoon we will do the Cherry Walk, a distance of 6km return. This delightful walk ambles along the Ovens River virtually within the township of Bright. The Ovens River is a beautiful stream and it is a delight to walk along it. I believe you will enjoy this day out, and we will have time to take in some of the sites around Bright.

Sat 19 April Chiltern/Mt Pilot NP Easy/Beginners

Leader: Rob Ashworth

Casual informal walks in Chiltern NP that is right in our backyard. We will visit Magenta Mine, walk the White Box Track and visit the Yeddomba rock art site. A short walk will follow this to the summit of Mt Pilot and then onto Woolshed Falls. If time permits we will have afternoon tea in Beechworth.

Sat 19th –Sun 20th April Mt Buffalo - Bog Rehabilitation Busy/Fun

Details later. Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

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Sat 26 April Mt Feathertop via NW Spur Med/Hard

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk will take us to from the Harrierville Trout Farm to the top of Mt Feathertop via the North West Spurr. Lunch will most likely be at the MUMC Hut before we tackle the summit of Feathertop. The return trip will be via Federation Hut and Bungalow Spurr. An early start and a car shuffle will be necessary. Or if you don't like getting up really early, a night in Harrierville might be the go.

Sunday 27 April Mt Loch, Derrick Hut & Spargo's Hut Easy/Medium

Leader: Rick Pickering

This walk will leave the Great Alpine Road near Mt Hotham and follow the Alpine Walking Track as far as Derrick Hut, with small diversions to Mt Loch and Spargo's Hut. We will return the same way, with a total walking distance of around 13km. If the weather is good the views from Mt Loch are well worth the effort, while the snow gums around Derrick Hut are also very pretty (having escaped the fires). While the walk is not dead flat, there aren't a lot of hills to climb or descend (maybe 300m difference between the top of Mt Loch and Spargo's Hut). There isn't any water on this route, so bring plenty. It should be an easy day, and at the end of it there is the opportunity for a coffee or a beer at the General before the drive home.

Sunday 27 April Champion Spur Circuit Hard20 Kms plus

Leader: John Stevens Maximum 8 walkers

We'll start Harrierville and follow a 4X4 track along Ovens River East branch in a southerly direction for about 3 kms. This will involve crossing the Ovens about 10 times. It's neither deep nor wide in this area. It's just a creek. We will then follow the track up Champion Spur until the tracks ends at the bottom of a steep section of the spur, about 1.5 kms from the razorback. (The lower section of Champion Spur is also quite steep.) A few hundred metres of bush bashing through thick regrowth will follow until we come out on a more rocky section of the spur where progress will become easier. The final 500 metres to the Razorback will be along a new trail currently being developed. We will walk along the Razorback to Federation Hut and will come down Bungalow Spur.

Sat 3rdh – Sun 4th May Nest box Monitoring Informative/Fun

Leader: Ray Thomas – Regent Honeyeater Project Co-ordinator.

Sat 3rd May Mt Buffalo – Rollason's Falls to The Chalet Easy/Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Phone:

We'll drive to Rollason's Falls picnic area and join the Big Walk Track, having avoiding the steeper, harder section of the track. The upper section of the track features a series of lookouts and changing vegetation along the way. We'll have lunch on the lawns of The Chalet and take time to admire the views from The Gorge. After lunch we'll retrace our steps. Approx 9 kms. We might add the additional 4 km walk down to Rollason's Falls when we return to the Falls picnic area.

Saturday 3rd May Mt Buffalo – Rollason's Falls to The Chalet Easy/Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin Approx 9 kms.

We'll drive to Rollason's Falls picnic area and join the Big Walk Track, having avoiding the steeper, harder section of the track. The upper section of the track features a series of lookouts and changing vegetation along the way. We'll have lunch on the lawns of The Chalet and take time to admire the views from The Gorge. After lunch we'll retrace our steps. We might add the additional 4 km walk down to Rollason's Falls when we return to the Falls picnic area.

Sunday 4th May Mt Big Ben Easy/Medium

Leader: Noelene Young about 12 km

Mount Big Ben is one of the hills to the east of Yackandandah. The walk is all on track and involves a 500m climb. A great walk not far from home.

Saturday 10th May Black Range, Lavington Medium

Leader: Mandy Evans

This walk will involve a small car shuffle and will begin at the top of the Jindera Gap. We will wander up the hill to the Hamilton Trigg point and then across the ridge to Reedy Dam. This dam always has water in it and has the most beautiful reflections. From here we will meander around the plethora of bike paths, (if we have had rain down to the waterfalls) skirting around the main trails of the Gorge, Ron's, Ridge and Range before looping back to the cars via the Ridge, Guy's and some the newly graded Pete's (old Link) track at the end of Union Road. Whilst many people may find this an easy walk there are a few very steep „ups“ and „downs“ that some walkers will find a challenge.

Saturday 10th May Aboriginal Art near Mt Lawson Easy/Medium

Leader: Bruce Key Off track

This description is an exact copy of a walk by Ron Hammond in 2006. I haven't done it yet.

“This walk is only about 6 km, but with a steep downhill slide 300m and a scramble back up makes it an easy/medium walk. These paintings are the best I have seen in Victoria – you don't need good imagination as you do at Mt Pilot. I have been to this site a couple of times before but it is difficult to find. After the walk we will retire to the Koetong pub for a beer/coffee or good feed.”

Sunday 11th May Mountain Creek, Tawonga Easy/Social

Leader: Eileen Clark

This is a walk for Mother's Day. There'll be time to give Mother breakfast in bed before leaving Wodonga for the drive to Tawonga. Mountain Creek picnic ground is at the base of Mt Bogong and there are several tracks leading from it that wind through lush forest with tree ferns and sparkling creeks. There will be a choice of walks (very short, short and shortish) followed by a picnic or barbecue lunch (fireplaces available or BYO). There will be time to explore local wineries or cafes for afternoon tea before heading home. Children are welcome under close parental supervision.

Saturday 17th May Ridge Trail, Nail Can Hill Easy/Medium

Leader; Hans Kaspers 12-14 kms

Co-Leader: Cindy Marsh

Hans has spent time researching the history of Nail Can Hill. We have planned a walk that is not only interesting but slightly challenging in places and most definitely enjoyable. We will start our walk at 9.00am, meeting at the carpark on the cnr of Sackville Street and Gap Road, Albury (behind Kalianna). We will be following the Ridge Trail to Reedy Dam, then travelling along Water View Trail to the Gorge Trail. There are great many spots of interest along the way. Be prepared for a steep decent from Reedy Dam to the Water View Trail, and an equally steep rise up the Gorge Trail. Walking at your own pace and resting when required, is encouraged. Our wandering will see us end up back on the Ridge Trail to the cars. Pack your morning tea, lunch and your camera and join us on this very scenic walk.

Saturday 17th May Tawonga Gap to Simmonds Ck Road Medium

Leader: Bruce Key 12km

We will drive to Tawonga Gap, then walk about 7 km along a ridge with a few ups and downs and then down about 700 vertical metres to Simmonds Ck Rd. Requires a car shuffle, or if we get some athletic walkers willing to walk uphill we can do a crossover.

Sunday 18th May Woolshed Falls Beechworth Easy/Medium

Leader: David Gordon

This will be a walk of about 12-14 kms all on track. We will start at Woolshed Falls heading up the gorge track with a stop at Cascade Falls. From here we will walk up to One Tree Hill and onto Ingram's Rock for lunch. Depending on the group we might head back via the Quarry then back to Woolshed Falls. Of course we will finish with coffee and cake back in Beechworth. This is an old gold mining area so we will get to take in some of the history as well as some breathtaking views. This walk is suitable for new comers wanting to have a try at bushwalking as well as old timers wanting a nice relaxing day out.

Sat 24th- Sun 25th May Young's Hut Working Bee Busy/fun/rewarding

Leader: Ron Hammond

Young's Hut is on the High Plains beyond Falls Creek and is maintained by our club members. From time to time, a working bee is held so that it can be kept in good condition. This time we don't know what Ron has lined up for us to do, but I did hear him say something about paint. Whatever he wants us to do, it will be a fun-filled weekend and we'll come home knowing that Young's Hut is in good condition.

Fri 24th to Sun 26th May Harrington's Track Bunroy Gap to Surveyors Creek Medium

Car Camping & Walking approx 20 kms return

Leader: Cindy Marsh / Co-Leader: Marijke Korting

Bunroy Gap to Surveyors Creek is between the Kosciuszko National Park, and Elliott Ridge State Forest. This is a very scenic area just south of Corryong. I have arranged access to the hut at the start of Harrington's Track; the hut provides gas cooking facilities and there is ample wood to light a fire. Undercover accommodation is available for your tent. On Friday night we will arrive at the hut and set up camp, and enjoy an evening around the camp fire. On Saturday we will rise early and after breakfast we will gab our day packs and set off walking along the undulating Harrington Track and making the most of the wonderful views of the Indi (Upper Murray) River. We will stop for lunch at the memorial where Jack Riley (The Man from Snowy River) died at Surveyors Creek, before returning along the same path arriving back at the hut late in the afternoon. On Sunday we can take the opportunity to do some of the short walks on offer. The ease of car camping allows you to pack those extra home comforts that will guarantee that this trip will be enjoyable whilst you are experiencing this beautiful part of the NSW. We will be returning home after lunch on Sunday.

Saturday 24th May The Viking Hard

Leader Peter Smith-Allen Max 8 walkers.

Situated in the Razor Viking wilderness zone is a mountain called the Viking. Rising to a height of 1519 meters with rugged sheer cliffs on one side, the Viking is a very impressive feature. This walk will commence and finish at the junction of Harry Shepherds track and Selwyn track, and follow the Alpine walking track downhill to Barry Saddle. We then depart from the four wheel drive track and follow a foot track along a ridge to the base of the Viking. Here the track ascends steeply to the summit ridge and some rock scrambles are needed. As we near the summit the going becomes much easier and the track passes through Alpine ash and Snow gum forest. From the summit on a clear day the views are nothing short of spectacular. Access to this walk will require drivers to have some four wheel driving experience to negotiate a short steep section of Harry Shepherds track. Participants will need to be able to depart from Myrtleford by 6:30am.

Saturday 31st May Mt. Cudgewa Medium

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Starting from Lucyvale we will walk about 12 kms to Mt Cudgewa. It will all be on old tracks with the last 5 kms on 4WD road. We will have to return on the same tracks as to do the circuit would make the walk over 30 kms. I have not been into this area before but looking at the maps the views should be very good. Even though Mt Cudgewa is 1099 meters there shouldn't be any steep climbs.

Saturday 31st May Mt. Jack Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

They say that it's not the destination that counts but the journey and this is very true when applied to Mt Jack as there are no great views from the top but the walk passes through a variety of vegetation and scenery. A great walk in Dederang that entails a long uphill haul with plenty of stops to catch your breath.

Sunday 1st June Mt. Granya Easy/Medium

Leader: David Gordon

The magnificent views from the top of Mt Granya along the Mitta Arm of the Hume Weir make this walk one of the must do's this month. Highlights of this walk include the old Scout Hut, Granya Waterfalls which are spectacular when water cascades over the giant boulders. The walk has some uphill sections, (it is a mountain after all) but with lunch at the top and a slow descent to follow this out and back walk of approximately 12kms is just perfect for winter.

Sunday 8th June 3 Peaks Bright Easy/Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

We attempted this walk in October but we only managed one peak as it was too hot. There are 3 hills around Bright that give beautiful views and get the heart racing as we climb. This walk is about 16 km and involves varying terrain but certainly some climbing and descending. It is a circuit apart from one small drive linking 2 parts of the walk. It won't be too hot in June!!!! I promise.

Monday 9th June McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga Easy

Phone: 6059 7618 after 7 pm

I am taking advantage of the June long weekend and walking on a Monday. McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga is a 4 km circuit that takes in the views of the surrounding bushland, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury to Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great social walk for children/teenagers or anyone who wants to build up their fitness level. I am planning to leave at 10am and we should be finished around Lunchtime. As we are meeting at McFarlane's Hill the cost of fuel is at the individual expense. You may consider riding a bike or walking if this walk is close to home.

Saturday 14th June Barwidgee Creek, near Mudgegonga Medium

Leader: Noelene Young Approx. 8 km.

This is the 5th annual winter walk at Barwidgee Creek. First call will be the Aboriginal art site - I've discovered a certain way to find it. We'll then climb up over a saddle and down to Barwidgee Creek which is followed on an old logging road, after which we'll walk up 200m to good views and then follow the ridge line back to the cars. A nice walk for a winter's day!

Sunday 15th June Killara to Huon Hill Easy

Leader: Tony Marsh

Parking some of the cars at the top of Huon Hill we will start walking from the top of Huon Hill down to the Kiewa River to its junction where it meets the Murray River. We will follow the Kiewa River back to the driveway entrance of Huon Hill. Whereby we will drive back to the cars and the opportunity to have a BBQ lunch on the top of Huon Hill is an option, weather permitting.

Sat 21 and Sun 22nd June Cycle Wodonga, Beechworth, Wangaratta, Hard

Cycle Wangaratta, Beechworth, Wodonga 145 kms

Leader Cindy Marsh

This is a trip I have wanted to do for a long time. It is not for the faint hearted but it is a great ride. We will leave Wodonga and cycle using the back roads to Beechworth via Chiltern, stopping in Beechworth for lunch. From Beechworth we will pick up the rail trail and cycling down to Wangaratta. I have already booked a self contained cabin at the North Cedars Holiday Park Hume Hwy North Wangaratta 3677 (03) 5721 5230 as my overnight accommodation. To achieve this trip you must be able to average 18 to 20 kms per hour over a distance of about approx 95 kms, 1 way. You will need to bring all your gear that is you require along with you. There is also the option of going one way only, and having someone pick you up in Wangaratta.

Saturday June 21st Bogong Village/Arthur Fire Track Hard

Leader: John Jamison Minimum walkers: 8

Booking Person: Cindy Marsh 14 Kms

We will start at Bogong village and climb up black possum spur track & come back down little Arthur fire track crossing the creek to Bogong village. Hopefully we will have seen some snow by then and it may be a good idea to pack the snow shoes. Cindy will be taking the bookings for this walk and John will be leading the walk on the day.

Saturday 21st June Jindera to Albury Crossover Easy/Medium

Leader: Louise Evans

Co-Leader required for opposite direction

Starting at Jindera Gap, one group will follow the trails to Albury, taking note of the views over Albury and the surrounding areas from vantage points along the way with another group walking in the opposite direction. There are ups and downs along the way but the views and the bush are worth the effort.

Sunday 29th June Mt Glenrowan Warby Ranges Easy walk

Including Chick Hill 1 5km

Leader Cindy Marsh

There is no better place to view the Ovens and King Valley and the Victorian Alps than from the top of Mt Glenrowan in the Warby Ranges near the Glenrowan Township. The 9km return walk to the lookout begins from the stile at the Taminick Gap and follows the Ridge Track. The views are spectacular. There is one steep section of sealed road leading up to the communication towers near the start of the walk, while the remainder of the walk is considered easy. We can also take a detour of 5 km and walk to chick Hill. Naturally we will be stopping in Wangaratta for a coffee on the way home and maybe a slice of the delicious Mars Bar cake at Hollywoods!

Saturday 5th July Easy Bike Ride Easy

Leader Liz Hammond

We'll start at Gateway Island on the Lincoln Causeway and ride along the bike path then through the back streets of South Albury. Round by Doctors Point and through Mungabareena Reserve to Borella Road. The short option is to pop into Peards Café for morning tea then westwards along Borella Road, on the cycle/footpath so we're away from the traffic, to the freeway, then down the cycle path back into South Albury and back to Gateway Island. The longer option is to go up Elizabeth Mitchell Drive to Thurgoona, stop at the Thurgoona Bakery for morning tea, then down the freeway cycle path into South Albury. We can take either option, depending on the mood of the group, or if we have sufficient numbers we can split into two groups and do both.

Sunday 6th July Cycling Circling Wodonga Medium Bike ride

Leader: Cindy Marsh 15 kms

A pleasant ride is ensured for those who want to keep fit over winter, or are in training for skiing etc. We make the most of the morning cooler weather. We will meet at 9.00 am Sumison Gardens; we will cycle around the outskirts of Wodonga. The route we will take is; the bike path around Sumison Gardens, to Sangsters Rd, to Melbourne Road, to Moorefield Park Dr, to Mckoy Str, to Elkington Rd, to Brewers Rd, to Ingram Rd (base of McFlarland Hill), to Felltimber Creek Rd, and after a short distance we will turn left onto the fire track at the base of Federations Hills, to McGraffins Rd, back onto the fire track. We follow that track until it finishes, making our way down via Avondale Dr, to Yarralumba Drive eventually picking up the bike path at Willow Park, using this path to make our way back to Sumison Gardens. On this ride the changing scenery, views of Wodonga and the surrounding hills will delight you. The surfaces we will be riding on are a mixture of road, gravel, dirt and bike path. There are a few hills involved but they are definitely worth the effort as the views are wonderful.

Sun 6th July Mt Barambogie Area Exploratory

Leader; Hans Kaspers

Going bushwalking alone is not a very good idea, therefore I am looking for volunteers to go on exploratory walks with me (safety in numbers!).

I will offer a walk on 6th July to the Mt Barambogie area. I have never been to this area, and as this walk is planned entirely from maps, it is hard to say if it is easy or medium. Total distance is about 9km, mostly along 4wd tracks, but involving some off-track walking to Mt Barambogie. Knowing the general area, I would say the walk would be easy rather than medium.

Any day Leader; Hans Kaspers Exploratory

In addition, I am also seeking interested person(s) to accompany me on numerous walks, all yet to be investigated. After studying CFA maps of NE Victoria I have decided the walks of interest are Beechworth to Yackandandah, Beechworth Gorge, Murrungee, Myrtleford, Nug Nug, Ovens Valley from Freeburgh to Harrierville (Mt Ebenezer), and many others. If you are interested on joining on these exploratory to check on the track conditions, distance and grading etc you can phone me.

Saturday 12th July Magenta Mine – Chiltern National Park Easy

Leader: Margariete Harding Approx 10 kms

An exploration of historic sites in the Chiltern National Park! We'll start at Magenta mine where we'll see the mining pits and other relics of the gold rush era. From there we'll walk to Green Hill and along the Wallaby and Stringy Bark Tracks to the old cemetery. After browsing here, we'll return to Magenta mine where our BBQ supplies will be waiting in the cars and we'll enjoy a bush BBQ for lunch.

Sunday 13th July Mt Baranduda-Yackandandah Medium (overall)

Leader: Dick Wellard

Starting at Dick and Alison's place at Hodgson's Lane Yack, we will saunter part way up the lane then via track to spur line leading up to main Baranduda ridge. Bush bash up spur to Ewarts road, running along main ridge, turn south along road to top of Hodgson's Lane easement, then down lane back to start point. Total distance approx 10 km. Both Hodgson's Lane and Ewarts Rd are walker friendly. Bash up spur line (3 km) a bit hard but we will take it easy for the navigators, Yackandandah Map, start and finish point GR893843. There is plenty of parking available at Wellards. Suggest 1000hr start.

Sunday 13th July Holbrook – Morgan's Ridge Southern Section Easy/Medium

Leaders: Bernice & Stan Duffield

This walk is uphill for the first km (approx 280m). After that there are some lovely views of Holbrook and The Rock and scenic views of the surrounding district.

Sat/Sunday 19 – 20th July Snow camp Lake Catani Mt Buffalo Easy

Snowshoe or skiing

Leaders Ron Hammond

Snow camping at Lake Catani, here's your chance to experience snow camping with ease. We only have a one km to snowshoe or ski to camp. Snow conditions will dictate where we go. The club has 4 pairs of snowshoes for hire at \$10 per day

Saturday 27th July Huon Hill Easy/Medium

Leader: Louise Evans 15-16kms

Start at Killara and walk up Huon Hill where there are views over Wodonga and the surrounding district. Follow the spur down to the Kiewa River and walk along the river to the cars. Hopefully the wattles will be out along the river.

Saturday 2nd August Spring Saddle to Bogong Jack Saddle & Snowshoe 15km +Hard

Leader: John Jamison Maximum walkers: 8

I am starting the walk at Big Hill lookout, and following Bald Hill fire track to Spring Saddle & then Fainter Fire Track to Bogong Jack saddle .The last section may require snow shoes.

Sunday 3rd August Mt Barambogie Exploratory/Easy /Medium

Leader: Hans Kaspers about 9km

We will start at the corner of Edgar track and Water Trust Road, following Water Trust Road and via Bear Track to Mt Barambogie (about 500m off-track). After lunch at Mt Barambogie we follow Edgars Track back to the cars. This walk is planned entirely from maps: from the contours there are a few ups and downs, but it is hard to grade the walk; probably towards the easy part of medium. Coffee at historic Chiltern after the walk might be a good idea!

Sat/Sun 9th & 10th August Mt Jim Ski Tour Medium

Leader Marie Maguire

From Windy Corner, Falls Creek, we will glide out to Mt Jim to set up our camp amongst the snow gums. We will tour to Young's Hut either Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, returning Sunday afternoon. Joint trip with VMTC

Sunday 10th August Kelly and Police Caves 10km Medium

Mick Webster Maximum 12 walkers

These are two historical but rarely-visited caves, the Kelly Cave which overlooks Woolshed Valley, and the Police Cave used to spy on the inhabitants in their attempt to catch the Kelly's in the 1880's.

A day walk is required to walk to the caves (Kellys and Police), a distance of about 10km through some fairly rough country, including steep hills and dense bush. Wonderful views over the Woolshed valley.

Saturday 16th August Mt Bogong winter walk & snowshoe Grading hard

Leaders: John Jamison 15km +

We'll start from mountain creek & go up the staircase. If the weather is good, we'll continue to on Cleve Coles hut for lunch before coming back down the Staircase. If the weather is bad, we'll cut the walk short & walk down Eskdale spur or the staircase.

Saturday 16th August Mt Stanley Medium

Leader Peter Jacob

Start from Bruarong area we walk south below the escarpment before climbing steeply to meet a foot track which leads to the summit. We return via Escarpment Road. A booking person is required preferable some one who is going on the walk to meet the participant at Wodonga.

Sat 16th - Sun 17th Aug Tree Planting Rewarding

BBC Coordinator: Pauline McLaughlin

As part of Bushwalking Victoria's 75th Anniversary Celebration Events, bushwalkers are being encouraged to join Ray Thomas & the Regent Honeyeater Project at Lurg Hills (near Benalla). The weekend involves planting of tree to provide habitat for endangered wildlife such as the Regent Honeyeater. As well as tree planting, fun is promised; – sumptuous evening meal on Saturday, BBQ lunch Sunday, guided wildflower walk, spotlight walk, and a bush dance! Free accommodation available just bring sleeping bag etc. How can you resist this opportunity? In this BWV anniversary year, it would be really special to see as many clubs as possible working together at the same weekend. It will be a great way to unite BWV clubs and members of all ages, so come along and work alongside fellow walkers. Although the planned weekend is not exclusive to BWV members, with strength in numbers, BWV would send a powerful message to many like-minded people in the community and promote BWV and our individual clubs.

Join in for the weekend or come for a day. Numbers needed by 9th August for catering purposes

Further information on the Regent Honeyeater project is available at <http://regent.org.au/index.php>

Sunday 17th August Day Walk to Granite Peak (near Mitta Mitta) Medium/Hard

Leader Chris Sobey

I walked up this peak years ago with the kids, before recent fires burned the top. There'll most probably be a band of thick scrub to work through up there, but on the other hand the 360deg. view should now be open. It gets pretty steep near the summit, so it's a slow, steady climb. A fine weather walk only with a limit of 8, it'll be lunch at the top after an early start. We'll come down off the peak following a spur to the 4WD track a kilometre or so below. This track winds back around the mountain through glades of treeferns (may also be early orchids), to the cars at the bottom.

Sunday 17th August Woolshed Falls- Beechworth Circuit Easy-Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty 16Kms

Starting at Woolshed Falls we walk on track through undulating terrain to the Beechworth Gorge. As we walk straight through Beechworth at lunch time a cafe lunch is a possibility. The walk is about 16km and a great winter walk.

Sunday 17th August Glenrowan/ Taminik Gap crossover Easy/Med

Including Mt Glenrowan and Chick Hill Max 12 walkers

Leaders: Warren Brown

Cindy Marsh

Starting from the Taminick Gap gate this meandering walk will take us to parts of the Warby Range State park not often seen. We can look forward to views from both sides of the range across the surround plains, plus we may also see the first of the spring wild flowers. There will be two off track parts including the step descent of 250m from the summit of Mt Glenrowan down to the finish at Glenrowan.

Saturday 23rd to Sat 30th Aug Extended ski tour to Jagungal Saddle Medium

Leader Marie Maguire

Seven days out ski touring. We will out there to enjoy the scenery, slopes & camping so pack carrying distances each day will be shortish, with a base camp for a few days at Jagungal Saddle. It would be feasible for anyone who only has a couple of days available to join us at the beginning.

Saturday 23rd August Leader; Hans Kaspers Easy/Medium

Ridge Trail, Nail Can Hill 12-14 Km

Booking Person: Cindy Marsh

Hans has spent time researching the history of Nail Can Hill; we have planned a walk that is not only interesting but slightly challenging in places and most definitely enjoyable.

We will start our walk at 10.00 am, meeting at the carpark on the cnr of Sackville Street and Gap Road, Albury (behind Kalianna). We will be following the Ridge Trail to Reedy Dam, then travelling along Water View Trail to the Gorge Trail. There are great many spots along the way of interest. Be prepared for a steep decent from

Reedy Dam to the Water View Trail, and an equally steep rise up the Gorge Trail. Walking at your own pace and resting when required, is encouraged. Our wandering will see us end up back on the Ridge Trail to the cars. Pack your morning tea, lunch and your camera and join us on this very scenic walk.

Sunday 24th August Mt Emu Easy/Medium

Leader: David Bradshaw

Map: Bogong 1:100 000

Mostly easy walking with a gradual climb, starting from above Mountain Creek (Mt Beauty area). Walk to Trappers Creek Gap along Eskdale Spur to Mt Emu and back down to Mountain Creek. Views of Mt Bogong, Mt Feathertop, and Mt Beauty below. A walk of about 17km and a gradual climb of about 700m

Saturday 30th August Eastern Hill - Albury Medium

Leader: Liz Hammond

This is a nice short walk for a winter's day. We'll start at Mungabareena Reserve, and pick up the Hume Hovell walking track to zigzag up Eastern Hill to the lookout at the top. There won't be any wild flowers out but it's interesting to look down on Albury and see it from a different angle. From there we'll do a bit of a loop then finish up back down in the Reserve. If the weather is nice we'll boil the billy and have a cup of tea by the lagoon. There are usually a few waterbirds there so bring your bird book if you have one.

Sun 31 August Hinces Saddle-Black Mountain Medium/Hard

Burrowa-Pine Mountain Area

Leader: David Bradshaw

Map: Corryong 1:100 000

This walk starts at Cudgewa Bluff Falls, Take the lower Dogman Track to Hinces Clearing and on to Hinces Saddle and Black Mountain, then return past Ross Lookout to Bluff Falls a circular walk of about 22Kms. Some off track but mostly on track walking. Excellent views over Corryong and Mt Kosciuszko / Main Range. The weather must be favourable for this walk. Must have a reasonable degree of fitness for this walk.

Sun 24 August Mt Emu Easy/Medium

Leader: David Bradshaw 17 kms

Map: Bogong 1:100 000

Mostly easy walking with a gradual climb, starting from above Mountain Creek (Mt Beauty area). Walk to Trappers Creek Gap along Eskdale Spur to Mt Emu and back down to Mountain Creek. Views of Mt Bogong, Mt Feathertop, and Mt Beauty below. A walk of about 17kms and a gradual climb of about 700m.

Saturday 23rd August Ridge Trail, Nail Can Hill Medium 12-14 Km

Leader; Hans Kasper

Booking Person: Cindy Marsh

Hans has spent time researching the history of Nail Can Hill, we have planned a walk that is not only interesting but slightly challenging in places and most definitely enjoyable.

We will start our walk at 10.00 am, meeting at the carpark on the cnr of Sackville Street and Gap Road, Albury (behind Kalianna). We will be following the Ridge Trail to Reedy Dam, then travelling along Water View Trail to the Gorge Trail. There are a great many spots of interest along the way. Be prepared for a steep descent from Reedy Dam to the Water View Trail, and an equally steep rise up the Gorge Trail. Walking at your own pace and resting when required, is encouraged. Our wandering will see us end up back on the Ridge Trail to the cars. Pack your morning tea, lunch, and your camera and join us on this very scenic walk.

Saturday 30 Aug - Saturday 6 Sept Extended Ski Tour & Snow Camp Medium

to The Paralyzer & Beyond

Leader - Marie Maguire

We will drive up to Thredbo then take the train through to Perisher. Climb up onto the Paralyzer to base camp there for a few nights with day trips to explore this area. Then we will shift up to camp near Mt Twynam which will allow day trips onto Mt Twynam, Mt Anton, Mt Tate & beyond. Suitable for medium level skiers with some snow camping under their belt. Also suitable for anyone who wants to join us or a few days - the Sat to Mon at the Paralyzer would be ideal.

Saturday 6th September Bungowannah mine/mount corner summit/ bread loaf rock Easy

Leader David Ross

A walk with great views is planned. We will be taking in the sights of the Bungowannah mine, bread loaf rock and the Mt Corner loop please bring own water and afternoon snack. Expect some up hill climbing and getting over fences-if wet the slopes may be slippery.

Saturday 6th September Salisbury Falls, Mt Warby Loop. Easy/medium

Leaders: Rosy Black and Warren Brown 12km

This walk takes us past the Salisbury Falls (which we hope will have running water) and through a variety of vegetation, including some amazing Grass Trees. The return along the Alpine View Track should offer some good views across the Ovens Valley to the Alps, which will hopefully be covered in snow!

Saturday 6th September Mt Bogong Winter Walk and Snowshoe Hard

Leader: John Jamison 15km +

We'll start from Mountain Creek and go up the staircase. If weather conditions are good, we'll continue into Cleve Cole Hut (if possible) for lunch before coming back down to the staircase.

Should the weather be bad, we'll cut the walk short and either walk down Eskdale spur or down the staircase.

Sunday 7th September Mt Murrumurangbong Medium

Leader Peter Jacob approximate 16km

Booking person required

Start from Simpson's Lane we head out past summit to the lookout and return.

Friday 12th September Night Walk Medium

Pancakes on Huon Hill

Leader: Cindy Marsh

I thought it would be fun to do a night walk on Huon Hill. We will drive to the top of Huon Hill and start our walk following the track down to the Kiewa River. The track continues along the Kiewa River to the gateway of the Huon Hill entrance. We leave the sounds of running water behind us as we make our way up the hill back to the cars. This walk will be by the light of a full moon and I consider it to be a very picturesque walk. We will end the evening by cooking pancakes on the gas BBQ at the top of Huon Hill.

Sunday 14th September BBC 30th Birthday Party Varied

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Mitta Canoe Club rooms

The following walks and rides will arrive at Brown's lagoon for lunch. Join one of them from the start or at any point along the way. Contact the leader to arrange times. After lunch there will be option of retraces your steps or getting a lift with a someone who has driven to Brown's Lagoon.

Route	Leader	Phone	Grad/distance	Description
Lavington to Brown's Lagoon - Ride	Liz Hammond			Meet in the Rotary Park opposite Lavington Public School and ride the length of the bike path from there into town. From Noreuil Park, we'll go through South Albury and finish up at Browns Lagoon in time for the birthday party. After that, those who are up to it can cycle back to Lavington, while we can organise a car shuffle for those who don't want to cycle both ways.
Walking from Sumsion Gardens to Brown's Lagoon	Cindy Marsh		Easy 14km	We will be meeting at the Sumsion Gardens carpark, from there we will follow the footpath from the gardens, over the Wodonga Creek bridge, and follow the Murray River to the bridge. From there we will make our way to Brown's Lagoon. A car shuffle can be organised to get you back to Sumsion Gardens to pick up your car, otherwise we will be walking back later in the day.
West Albury to Brown's Lagoon - walk	Pauline McLaughlin		Easy / 6km each way	Walk from Patricia Gould Reserve in West Albury to Padman Park and then to Noreuil Park and on to Brown's Lagoon. After lunch we'll retrace our steps.
Jindera Gap to Albury	Warwick McLachlin		Medium	Departing Jindera Gap at 8.45 to walk 11 km to Pemberton St at the rate of 15 min/km with the prospect of lunch at Brown's Lagoon. A bit of up, a bit of down but

				nothing too much. We will walk briskly. Car shuffle required so no last minute entries please, preferably make contact by email
Baranduda to Browns Lagoon ride	Tony Marsh		Easy 15km each way	Starting from Baranduda Community Centre we will cycle into Wodonga and then to Browns Lagoon possibly joining other club cyclists en route - return cycle in the afternoon or alternatively a vehicle pickup option may be arranged

Invitation to the Border Bushwalking Club's 30th Birthday Celebration

You are invited to the **Border Bushwalking Club's 30th Birthday Celebration**

How can I be involved?: Either as a leader of a walk, or as a participant

When: Sunday September 14th 2008

Time: 12.00pm for a 12.30pm lunch

What do I bring?

Sandwiches and cake/slice/biscuits to share

BBC event photos to share

Tales to tell

How do I get there?

Book in on an activity and either walk, cycle, or canoe to Brown's Lagoon. Refer to program in August & September Footprints for activities.

Or just turn up, irrespective of how you get there. We would love to have you join us for lunch at Brown's Lagoon.

The BBC Committee will provide tea and coffee

Report- October Footprints

BORDER BUSHWALKING CLUB'S 30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

After a blustery Saturday night and Sunday morning, the skies cleared and the sun shone on the happy group who gathered after walking, riding or driving to Brown's Lagoon for lunch and lots of chatter. It was wonderful to see some original members of the club and to hear of the early days in the club. Members browsed through photos which reminded them of some of the great trips they'd been on, and the members who they'd enjoyed them with.

There were messages from Bob Fisher, the club's first President and from Jenny Stamp (now McConnell), who was President in 2001.



Debbie had made a birthday cake, and it was cut by six of our seven Life Members, Edna Jakobs, Jan Andrews, Les Sobey, Chris Sobey, Warwick McLachlan and Ray Henderson



With a tear in her eye, Chris read a poem that had been written by Joan Causer when she and Les were married

Sunday 21st September Lockhart Gap (near Talangatta) Easy-Medium

Leader: Hans Kaspers Estimated: 15km

Another walk planned entirely from looking at maps, so terrain conditions are unknown. From the contours on the map it seems to be following ridges with few slopes. Starting at Lockhart Gap on the Kiewa-Tallandoon Road, we will take a the Eskdale Spur Tk to "Lockhart" (hill or Mt?). Back to the cars along the same track. The walk will be mainly on tracks, but a few off-track (shortcuts) are possible.

Saturday 20th September Mt Pilot easy/medium

Leader: Liz Hammond

We'll park the cars at the Yeddonba Aboriginal rock art site off Toveys Road and do a loop through the bush up to the lookout at the top of Mt Pilot. From there, we'll continue in a clockwise direction back down and around to Toveys Road and the cars. This will be exploratory as I haven't been out there in years and don't know how thick the scrub will be.

Sunday 21st September Glenrowan/ Taminik Gap crossover Easy/Med

Including Mt Glenrowan and Chick Hill Max 12 walkers

Leaders: Warren Brown

Cindy Marsh

Starting from the Taminick Gap gate this meandering walk will take us to parts of the Warby Range State park not often seen. We can look forward to views from both sides of the range across the surround plains, plus we may also see the first of the spring wild flowers. There will be two off track parts including the step descent of 250m from the summit of Mt Glenrowan down to the finish at Glenrowan.

Saturday 27th September Chiltern Mt Pilot Nat Park Medium

Leader Peter Jacob Approx 15 Km

Starting At Ford below Mt Kangaroo Climb to Summit and Follow Ridge to Dry Creek Mine Return via another Ridge Down To Reedy Creek Which Is Followed Back To Start

Mostly Off Track Distance Approx 15 Km. A booking person is required preferable someone who is going on the walk to meet the participant at Wodonga.

Sat 27 September Nail Can Hill Wildflowers Easy-Medium

Leader: Bruce Key 8km

One of the treasures of Albury Wodonga that is unknown to many is the abundance and variety of wildflowers on Nail Can Hill. We will wander along in various locations looking at the flowers. It will be an easy day and the only reason for the 'medium' classification is that we will have to climb some hills.

Sunday 28th September Pine Mountain Medium

Leader: David Bradshaw about 12 km

Map: Corryong 1:100 000

This is one of the best walks in northeast Victoria, especially at this time of year. A walk of about 12Km in the Burrowa Pine Mountain National Park. Some steep sections on this walk and also some rocky sections to scramble over. Excellent views of the Upper Murray and the snow covered Kosciuszko main range. (This walk is well recommended). Must have a reasonable degree of fitness for this walk.

Sat 28th Sept – Sun 5th Oct Grampians

Leader: Tony Marsh

it's a car base camp at a camping place called Emu Park in the north just outside the park but with few people and great access to lots of areas I love. Camping costs are pretty reasonable and there are a couple of onsite vans and cabins, communal kitchen wash-up facilities, hot showers and toilets etc. I will follow up with more details. <http://www.takeabreak.com.au/wartookvalley/thegrampians/emuholidaypark.htm>

Sat 4th & Sun 5th October Koetong Creek Track-Car Camping Easy

Leader David Ross

Koetong creek track-car camp on Saturday night, There is also the opportunity of arrive on the Sunday to take part in this walk whereby a car shuffle will be required. October is the best month to take advantages of the plethora of wild flowers.

Sunday October 5th Wandiligong to Bright Easy

Including walking the Maze

Leader: Jason Brown

Co-leader: Cindy Marsh

Jason has thought of a sensational walk for the young and the young at heart. It does not take much imagination to conjure up the picturesque scenery that awaits us when we walk from Bright to Wandiligong. However the real buzz is after lunch when we tackle the Maze. In March 1990 the hand planting of 850 Cypress Lambertiana began in the home paddock in the rural village of Wandiligong; the results were the Wandiligong Maze. The Alpine Park, is located just 100 metres away from the Maze, it is a beautiful picnic spot. This will be where we have our lunch. The entry cost are Adults (18 years and over) \$10, Children (4 to 17 years) \$8.00; Special 2 Adults and 1 Child \$28 (extra Children \$6.00); Special 1 Adult and 3 Children \$26 (extra Children \$6.00) for more information on the Maze refer to www.wandimaze.com.au

Jason, the leader, is 15 so it would be a lot of fun for family groups to join in. All walkers under 18 are to be accompanied by a responsible adult who will also enjoy the fun.

Sunday 5th October High Plains Exploratory Hard

Snow shoeing

Leader: John Jamison

Walking from Bogong Village. The exploratory walk will depend on the weather and the conditions of the snow. The details of this walk will be determined closer to the date. However, I can guarantee a good day walking, but be prepared for all conditions.

Saturday 11 - Sun 12 Oct Mt Bogong Medium -but could be hard

Walk, ski tour &/or snow shoe & snow camp

Leader Marie Maguire

We will climb up onto Bogong on Saturday morning, hopefully skiing some of the gullies in the afternoon, possibly camping near Cleve Cole hut on Sat evening. A trip out to West Bogong Sunday morning if possible before heading back down. This is a joint trip with VMTC - their group includes some walkers/snow shoers as well as some skiers.

This trip will be weather dependent! It will be fantastic up there if we luck it in with fine spring weather.

Sat 11 October Tawonga Gap to Simmonds Ck Road Medium

Leader: Bruce Key 12km

We will drive to Tawonga Gap, then walk about 7 km along a ridge with a few ups and downs and then down about 700 vertical metres to Simmonds Ck Rd. Requires a car shuffle, or if we get some athletic walkers willing to walk uphill we can do a crossover. If there are insufficient starters for a crossover or car shuffle, we can do a loop beginning and ending at Simmonds Creek Road, which means walking both up and down the 700 metres.

Saturday 18th October. Geocache walk; Flaggy Creek Gorge walk Med to Hard

Leader Allan Van Damme 14 K return.

The Flaggy Creek Gorge walk of about 14 K return. It includes 3 caches and outstanding views of Wagra

Mountain, Woomargoma State forest, Talmalmo and many more places along the Murray valley can be seen as well as the nearby Mt Porcupine (537m). Note it is quite a steep hike.

Sunday 19 October Kelly and Police Caves 10km Medium

Mick Webster Maximum 12 walkers

These are two historical but rarely-visited caves, the Kelly Cave which overlooks Woolshed Valley, and the Police Cave used to spy on the inhabitants in their attempt to catch the Kelly's in the 1880's.

A day walk is required to walk to the caves (Kellys and Police), a distance of about 10km through some fairly rough country, including steep hills and dense bush. Wonderful views over the Woolshed valley.

Sat 25th October The Pinnacles Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh about 10 km

Co-leader: Don Ingram

This is a semi-exploratory walk near Rosewhite. It will be almost all off track, possibly with some scrub and involves some rock scrambling and requires a reasonable head for heights. The Pinnacles are a series of large rocks on the north side of the Ovens Valley and there is a good view over the valley towards Mt Buffalo. There should be at least a few wildflowers out as a bonus.

Sat 25th October Young's Hut easy/medium

Leader: Ron Hammond 15km return

Spring has sprung and the snow's all gone so we're off to Young's Hut. I have been collecting books from various members for the Young's Hut library .Help keep the snow bunnies occupied on the long winter nights. So come along for a walk on the High Plains - just keep some room in the pack for a few books.

Sunday 26th October Mt Ebenezer Medium-hard.

Leader: Hans Kaspers 15-20 km Exploratory

Mt Ebenezer is West of Smoko on the Bright-Harrierville Road. The walk is planned from maps and Google-Earth, which indicates that a total climb of some 700 m is required. There are quite a few 4wd tracks available: Cavalier Spur, Homeward Bound Track and Wet Gully Track. I anticipate that most of the walking will be along these tracks, but some off-track walking is possible. At the highest point we will reach an altitude of 1200m, so there should be good views of Mt Feathertop and Mt Buffalo.

An early start will be required.

The following trip report was published in the subsequent Footprints:

Mt Ebenezer, 19th October 2008.

Only three members were brave enough, (or mad enough!?) to join me on this exploratory walk. Mt Ebenezer is West of Smoko, and can be reached by taking the Cavalier Spur Track to the Wet Gully Track (the track that runs along the ridge from Harrierville to Bright), from which it is only a 1.5 km diversion. Unfortunately the first 200 m. of the Cavalier Spur Track is on private property, so I planned a shortcut (off-track) to meet the Cavalier Track on public land. To get to the start of the walk we had to turn into Brooks Lane at Smoko, pity, Brooks Lane exists on maps, but Smoko Creek Road exists on the ground! We finally got somewhere that looked like the start of the walk, parked the car and started the walk.

First question: three or four tracks, which one to take? We picked one likely one, crossed a creek and headed up a ridge where after a while the track petered out and it became off-track. It was not very steep, fairly open forest, so medium rather than hard.

After climbing about 400 m. we hit the Cavalier Spur Track, obviously a fire-track, but since it must have been a few years since the last fires, it was beginning to get overgrown. Along this spur we had some great views of Mt Feathertop and Mt Bogong and the occasional glimpse between the trees of Harrierville.

About 1 ½ km. along the Cavalier Spur Track, we came across a TV repeater station (?), which afforded us a great view of Harrierville and a panorama of the Victorian Alps from Mt Bogong, to Mt Hotham and Mt Cobbler. A bit further and we hit the Wet Gully Track, where we found an immense gum tree. By this time we decided to skip Mt Ebenezer and go back to the car via the "Homeward Bound Track". We somehow missed this track, so we had to revert to plan "A": going off-track to the car. This involved a descent of 800 m. in 2.5km through fairly heavy vegetation (just as well, the vegetation gave us something to hang onto as we slid down the slope!). This put the walk into the hard to very hard class. Finally at 7PM we came out of the bush and could go home.

This was a walk, which gives great pleasure to look back on, but was almost agony while doing it!!

Anyway, I think the four of us went where no other member of the BBC has been, even though we still haven't been to Mt Ebenezer!!!! Hans Kaspers

Sat 1st November The BackWall – Mt Buffalo Easy+

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin 10km

Walk past Egg Rock and Chinaman's Dam, across The Devil's Playground, through snowgums, granite rocks and beautiful vegetation, to a scenic lunch spot at the Back Wall overlooking surrounding valleys. Return mainly along the same route with a short alternative track for part of the way.

Sunday 2nd Nov Bike ride from Baranduda to Bonegilla Easy

Tony Marsh

I would like to offer a bike ride from Baranduda to Bonegilla - starting at the Baranduda community centre at 10am -featuring the recently hotmix sealed Baranduda to Bandiana bike track, the Bonegilla grasslands wildflowers and birds near Bonegilla station and lunch and exploration at the Bonegilla Block 19 Migrant Experience centre. Return via Whytes Road to the bike track and Baranduda community centre. Non cyclists welcome to join us at Bonegilla station and/or Block 19. More info here <http://www.parklands-lburywodonga.org.au/parks/Block19Bonegilla.htm>

Saturday 8th Nov Kiewa River to Murray River walk Easy

Leader: Bill Myers 8 km

We will start the walk about 7 km east of Wodonga where the Murray Valley Hwy crosses the Kiewa River. We will follow the Kiewa River north for about 4 km to meet the mighty Murray River and return. There is a bird hide about 500 m from our start point but the dry weather might disappoint any hopeful bird watchers. The snake season will be upon us so bring your gaiters if you have them.

Saturday 8th Nov Black Perry Mountain Medium

Map Talbingo 1:25 000 Walking: - All off trail

Leader Bill Krautz

Situated 10 kilometres from Talbingo along the Snowy Mountains Highway in Kosciusko Nat Park lies the very rarely visited Black Perry Mountain. It appears as a huge Rock jutting up above Jounama Creek. The rock which makes up the Mountain is limestone which has been heated and deformed underground then lifted up above the surrounding eroding rocks, forming what is known as a Skarn Mountain, and this, apart from its appearance, makes it a mountain of national significance. When walking on the mountain the crystals on the surface are intriguing. The walk is a total of 6 Kilometres with two descents of 250 metres and two rises of 250 metres elevation. This area of the park has not been burnt in a long time.

Sunday 9th Nov Baranduda Range Easy/Med

Tony Marsh

I invite you to join me on this scenic walk along the northern side of the Baranduda Range. We will walk a circuit from Jamison drive Baranduda - this is a half day loop walk of about 5km involving a 150m climb mostly on track but with about 1 km off track and featuring a wide range of vegetation including some endangered flora, black wallabies, a variety of birds and great scenery. I suggest we meet at Jamison Drive Park at 10am, and return to the same park for lunch at 1pm.

Saturday 15th Nov Lake Sambell to Lake Kerford – Beechworth Easy

Leader: Val Rolfe 11km

Co-Leader: Pauline McLeod

We'll start at Lake Sambell in Beechworth and walk along the well-marked track through bushland, passing several mine shafts that have been protected by wire until we reach Lake Kerford for morning tea. We'll retrace our steps and finish with lunch at Beechworth.

Sat 15th Nov The BIG Walk, Mt Buffalo Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn 22km round trip

This is one of the more popular walks on our calendar. The Big walk starts at the park entrance and winds its way up to the Gorge, where we will have lunch whilst taking in the magnificent views. Then we will retrace our tracks back to the cars

Sat-15/Sun-16 Nov Car Camping Bogong High Plains Enjoyable

Leader Ron Hammond

A weekend of easy walking and socializing on the Bogong High Plains. We will camp at either Langford west camp, or Raspberry Saddle. I'll probably go up on Friday night.

Saturday 22nd Nov Mt Dunn Circuit Medium

Leader: Pam Duncan 10 km

This is one of the scenic walks on Mt Buffalo. Except for a short distance on fire track, the walk is on foot tracks that traverse a range of rocky terrain, snow gum forest, taller forest and open snow grass plains. We begin at the reservoir and follow tracks with a side trip to the rocky outcrop of Og Gog and Magog. When Mt Dunn is reached, there is an option to climb ladders to the summit for excellent views of the plateau. From there we continue on the circuit to end the walk at the reservoir.

Saturday 22nd Nov Brandy Creek Circuit Hard

Leader: Rick Pickering 25 + km

I did this walk in April, and there is a great range of scenery, though it is a long, hard day. We will walk down the Brandy Creek fire trail, cross the Cobungra River, walk up the Paling Spur (a bit of a grunt), and have lunch at Young's Hut. Then we walk across the High Plains, down past the Basalt Temple to Dibbins Hut, and then complete the circuit by following the Dunphy Track south back to the Cobungra River and the Brandy Creek fire trail (unfortunately the last 3 km are uphill). The first 4 or 5 to register have the option of staying over night with me at our place at Mt Hotham, I will be travelling back on Sunday morning, but the opportunity to spend another day in the mountains can be arranged, if you are interested let me know.

Sunday 23 November Indigo Classic Bike Ride –Audax Event Standard - as you choose

Leader: Marie Maguire

This is an Audax road ride starting at Beechworth with a choice of 50, 100, 150 or 200km rides. Check out the description on the calendar of events on the website (audax.com.au) where bookings are done as well. I'm planning on doing the 50km ride, (or maybe the 100km ??). Ring or email me if you are interested in making up a group.

Fri 28th Nov to Mon 1st Dec The Cobberas Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

The Cobberas are the southern extension of the Snowy Mountains. The area is interesting with rocky peaks, lots of brumbies, an old plane wreck, Cowombat flat, the start of the Murray River and the point where the straight part of the state border meets the Murray. The plan is to leave Friday night, camp en-route, probably near Omeo. Next day we will walk to a camp spot near Cleft Peak (which is a rocky summit with excellent views). On Sunday we will move on to Cowombat Flat, set up camp, and then do a circuit up to Forest Hill where there is a border cairn. We will then compass traverse westerly along the border until we find the tree marking the start of the Black-Allen line (the straight bit of the border), thence back to camp. On Monday we will walk out on the fire track to the cars. Except for Monday almost all of the walking is off-track, and walkers will need to be well equipped, especially if the forecast is for cold weather.

Sat 29th Nov The Razorback Cross over Medium

Leaders: Debbie Kahn (up)

Pauline McLaughlin (down)

This walk will be split into two and done as a cross over. One group will start at Diamantina Hut on the Mt Hotham Road, walk along the Razorback up Mt Feathertop and down Bungalow Spur. The other group will walk up Bungalow Spur to Mt Feathertop and then along the Razorback to the cars. If we time it right we can meet for lunch at Federation Hut.

Saturday 29th November MT Brutal Exploratory Easy/Medium

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Mt Brutal is SW of Koetong. The name might be bad, but the walk is all on-track; (so off-track activities are purely optional). With a total height difference of 200m and a total distance of 11 km it should be an easy walk.

Wed 3rd Dec to Sun 7th December Snowy Mountains Medium 5 day backpack

Leaders: Bill Krautz

& Tony Marsh

We plan to walk in the Snowy Mountains from Round Mountain to Kiandra. Total distance is about 55km From Round Mountain we descend to the Tumut River then climb out of the valley to the summit of Far Bald Mountain. From there we go through the Boobee hut site and then over Happy Jacks plain to the Arsenic Ridge and the Brooks Hut site.

Broken Dam hut will be the next destination and the final day walk to Kiandra

Sat 6th and Sun 7th December Car Camping Granite Flats Mitta Mitta Exploratory

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Co-leader: Don Ingram

Did You Know?-The Mitta Mitta run was taken up in 1840 but a township did not develop until gold was discovered in 1864. The Pioneer Mine, at the western rim of town, became one of the state's largest open-cut mines. Gold dredges ate their way through the landscape in the early years of the 20th century. The mine yielded 425 kg of gold over a 16-year period. In the 19th century there were a number of gold and tin-mining settlements in the valley but virtually nothing remains other than the odd building and some tailings. The abandoned gold mining settlements of Granite Flat is where we will be going to take in the spectacular views, including Mitta Mitta which is a little rural hamlet within one of the most beautiful river valleys of the state.

So why did I take the time to let you know this information? This is the background information for the numerous short walks we will be taking on Saturday afternoon. However, on Sunday we will be driving up to granite flat, but not to the top, as we will do an exploratory walk, mostly on a logging track to the top. This activity is planned for your relaxation, and enjoyment; A great way to unwind before the Xmas rush.

Sat 6th and Sun 7th Dec Canoeing/kayaking from Albury to Howlong Medium

Leaders: Rick and Kaye Pickering

I should say at the start that a 2 day overnight kayak will be a new experience for Kaye and me, so it's hard to know how to rate it. As far as I can estimate the distance will be about 70km, but it's all downstream. The plan is to camp halfway, at Richardson's Bend, but as you will have guessed by now it will be a bit of an exploratory trip. The Club has some Canadian canoes, and there are places in Albury to hire kayaks or canoes. If you are interested let me know as early as possible, as this trip will require a bit more planning to get the canoes back to Albury than our normal walks!

Sunday 7th December Rollison's Falls: Easy/Medium

Leader: Liz Hammond

This walk starts at the base of Mt Buffalo and follows the Big Walk track about halfway up the mountain (the steep bit). We then turn off the Big Walk track, cross the road, and take a side path to drop down to Rollisons Falls. After lunch we retrace our steps – up the path to the road then back down the Big Walk track to the carpark. If the weather is hot that weekend, we might make an early start to get most of the climbing over in the cool early morning.

Saturday 13th December Mt Buffalo Short Walks Easy

Leader: Hans Kaspers

We will start at the Eurobin Falls walking track. After that there are numerous walks to choose from: Pulpit Rock, the Old Galleries, the Monolith, etc. All walks are easy, with no back-packs to carry. (only carry water).

Saturday 13th December Wodonga to the Hume Weir Easy

Bike Ride

Leader Cindy Marsh

We will start this morning ride at Wodonga City Council car park and follow the Rail Trail to the Hume Weir. There is the opportunity for those who choose to ride home via the same rail trail or to be picked up at the Weir. I invite you to try a triple scoop ice-cream at the Hume Weir milk bar, or bring along a snack, water is a must as December's temperature can vary. All the information can be found on the web site

<http://www.highcountryrailtrail.org.au/>

Sunday 14th December Tunnel under Beechworth Limit 8 people

Leader: Mick Webster

Explore the Rocky Mountain Tunnel under Beechworth. Non-claustrophobics only and you will get wet!

Saturday 20th December Weston's hut Medium

Leader: John Jamison Circuit - 22 km

The walk starts at Pretty Valley dam. The walk crosses over the edge of the Bogong High Plains down into the West Kiewa valley (great views of Feathertop), follows the West Kiewa logging Rd to the Cobungra Gap . Stop at Dibbin's hut for lunch then walk up the spur past Basalt Temple (interesting rock formation) back up on the High Plains to return to Pretty Valley dam.

Sunday 21st December Bicycle Ride Bonegilla to Sandy Creek Inlet Easy/Medium

Leader: Tony Marsh 50km

This ride follows on from the recent Baranduda to Bonegilla ride and fills in another section of High Country rail trail.

The trail hugs the shoreline of the Hume Weir all the way so if it's hot we can take a refreshing dip every so often. A feature of this trip is a new low level route across Sandy Creek inlet that avoids having to ride on the highway. We will start early and meet at the Kookaburra point store at Bonegilla. Web site <http://www.highcountryrailtrail.org.au/>

Saturday 27th December Mt Bogong via Staircase Medium

Leader: Rick Pickering

As the name suggests, this walk involves quite a climb - approx 1300 metres, over about 6.5km, so it is quite a workout. If the weather is good, and we all feel like it when we get to the top of Mt Bogong we can extend the walk and come down the Eskdale Spur, which would add about 4km to what would otherwise be about a 13km round trip. Bring plenty of water on this walk

2008 Club Awards

The following awards were presented at the Christmas Party.

Dick Wellard - "Where's Our Leader?" Award because he and Bruce Key were chatting so much on the birthday walk, that they left the rest of the group behind.

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Cindy Marsh - "Where Oh Where Have My Walkers Gone?" Award because she lost two of her group on the birthday walk.

Aaron Pomeroy - "Long Distance Traveller" Award because he travelled from his home at Terang near Warnambool to do a club walk up and down Bungalow Spur to Mt Feathertop.

Alison & Dick Wellard - "Alarm Clock" Award because of their attempts to wake campers with their whistling kettle early in the morning.

Chris Sobey - "Good morning Officer" Award because she was stopped by members of the police force while riding her postie bike to the Grampians.

Debbie Kahn - "I Hadn't Noticed" Award, because of her explanation to Bernadette that it would be easier to walk down hill if she used 2 sticks.

John Flemming - "Good Scout" Award because he arrived at camp without poles and fly for the tent and used newspaper for a bed. He was able to adapt!

Marie Maguire was presented with the "The Good Life" Award because she cooked Pasta Puttanesca, a traditional Italian dish while on the Mount Jagungal trip.

Olga Juskiw was presented with the "Show Me The Way" Award because of the navigation skills she displayed on the NSW South Coast trip.

Paul Schirmer was presented with the "Where Are The Keys?" Award because he left his keys in a car at the other end of the car shuffle at Thredbo.

Ray Hancock was presented with the "Light My Fire" Award he had to have the RACV drive to the High Plains to start his vehicle when the fuel froze overnight.

Tony Marsh was presented with the "Modern Camper" Award because he set up camp at the Grampians with a microwave oven, an electric frypan and an electric heater as well as all the equipment for showing movies at night.

Troy Gabriel was presented with the "Who Needs Instructions?" Award because he forgot to read the instructions to pick up the leader for the Pinnacles Trip.

Warwick McLachlan was presented with the "Tippy Toe" Award because while on the Mt Jagungal trip, he explained that he had blisters under the ball of his foot because he'd been walking in high heels.

Bernadette Cromarty was presented with the "No! Not Magpies" Award because of her reaction to them on the Woolshed Falls walk.

John Jamison was presented with the “*Popular Hard Walks Leader*” Award because he has taken on the challenge of leading at that level

Hans Kaspers was presented with the “*Popular Medium Walks Leader*” Award because of his enthusiasm and preparation when leading walks.

Jason Brown was presented with the “*Popular Easy Walks Leader*” Award because he is an inspiration to other new leaders.

Debbie Kahn - “*Burnt Boot Award*”, for a memorable trip to Young’s Hut in March when one walker fell and the group rallied to deal with his injuries and this was followed by a dumping of snow overnight with tents caving in under the pressure.

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Saturday 10th January Falls Creek - Kelly’s Hut Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark 18 km

This walk starts at Langford’s Gap and follows the Alpine Walking Track up to the Kelly’s Hut turnoff. We return via the aqueduct. Apart from one climb near the start the walk is almost flat, so it is good for those looking to upgrade from easy walks. The wildflowers should be at their best; we visit Kelly’s and Fitzgerald’s huts and get some splendid views.

Sunday 11th January Mt Loch Easy and Social

Leader: Beverley Johnston approx 8 km

We will walk to Mt Loch from car park on the Mt Hotham Road. Great views of surrounding peaks. Hopefully alpine flowers will be in bloom. Depending on the group, we may stop for a swim on the way home or other alternatives. This is a great easy walk to enjoy the beauty of the high plains in summer

Sunday 11th January Bogong High Plains MTB - Ride Medium

Leader: John Jamison 30km approx

We start the ride at Falls Creek Information centre, follow the Bogong High Plains Rd to Langford’s west camping area, turn onto the Aqueduct track and follow it to Marum Point. The option here is to continue on to Mt Nelse or ride back to Falls Creek.

Sat 10th to Thurs 15th January 5 days in the Northern Snowies Limit 10 people

Leader: Mick Webster

5 days in the Northern Snowies including Round Mountain, Jagungal, Valentine Falls. Easy walking, no huge hills, but heavy(ish) packs. Open snowgrass plains, nice and high to escape the summer heat.

Saturday 17th January Roper’s Hut Medium/ Exploratory

Leader: Hans Kaspers 20km

Starting at the Rocky Valley Dam, we will walk to Roper’s Hut and back along the same track, (or a different way if possible). All on-track, but due to the distance (close to 20 km) we will have to call it “Medium”. Since I haven’t been in this area for more than forty years, this is a sentimental journey.

If you think you would enjoy Hans trip maybe you would also consider Tony’s trip

Sat/Sun 17/18/19 January Falls Creek to Mountain Creek Medium

via Mt Bogong 25km 3 day backpack trip

Leader: Tony Marsh

We will join Hans Kaspers’ group on the first day for the walk from Rocky Valley to Roper’s Hut where we will camp overnight while the day walkers return to Falls Creek - the second and third days of this trip then involve continuing to head north negotiating a 700 m descent of the Duane Spur to Big River from Roper’s Hut and then a 900 m climb up the T spur past Cleve Cole hut to the summit of Mt Bogong. If the weather is kind we will camp overnight on the summit-alternatively near Cleve Cole Hut. The third day will then be a 1200m descent of the Staircase Spur to Mountain Creek - total distance about 25km. We may need to return to Falls Creek to retrieve cars.

Sunday 18th January Canoeing on Lake Sambell Beginners

Leader: David Ross

Co Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Have you ever wanted to learn how to canoe in a safe environment? Did you know you can hire canoes from the bushwalking club; with a trailer if required? Or bring your own. We are organizing a beginner’s canoe skills day

on Lake Sambell at Beechworth. This canoe activity is aimed at teenagers and those members who have never canoed before or who are a little rusty. Beechworth's Lake Sambell area is very scenic; maybe you would like to take advantage of the BBQ area, or a walk around the lake between canoe lessons. Lake Sambell offers a variety of activities - boating, fishing, swimming, canoeing, or the opportunity to relax under a tree and read the paper.

Saturday 24th January A night out in Beechworth Easy and Social

Including the Ghost walk

Leader: Jason Brown

Co-Leader Cindy Marsh

This walk is aimed at all walkers, especially families, who want to add a little spooky excitement to the activity. Jason plans to start this about 5.30 pm from Lake Kerford and walk into Beechworth via Lake Sambell (an easy 6km). Takeaways or a picnic is planned for tea at the picturesque Lake Sambell (BBQ facilities available). After tea we will continue the walk to the grounds of the former Mayday Hills Lunatic Asylum in the grounds of La Trobe University BEECHWORTH AND JOIN THE guided ghost tours at 10.00pm.<http://www.beechworthghosttours.com/>. We will leave the car at Lake Sambell near the BBQ and do a car shuffle

Sunday 1st February Mt Buffalo ShortWalks Easy

Leader: Hans Kaspers

We will start at the Eurobin Falls walking track. After that there are numerous walks to choose from: Pulpit Rock, the Old Galleries, the Monolith, etc. All walks are easy, with no back-packs to carry. (Only carry water).

Saturday 7th February Introduction to the High Plains Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Three short walks will provide an introduction to the High Plains for those who haven't yet experienced the beauty of the wildflowers and the historic huts. We will start with a climb of about 200 meters over about 2 kms to the top of Mt Cope, to experience some of the magnificent views. After retracing our steps, we will drive to Cope Hut where we will start a 5 km walk which takes in some of the High country history by passing Wallace's Hut, (the oldest on the High Plains), the Rover Lodge and Cope Hut. To finish, we'll drive to Bogong Village and walk around Lake Guy (about 2kms) and top it off with afternoon tea by the lake. Participants can walk as much or as little as they choose.

Sunday 8th February Buckland River: wet

Leader: Liz Hammond

We did this last year and had quite a pleasant day so I thought I'd repeat it. We'll drive up the Buckland Valley to the picnic ground at the end of the bitumen (12 kms from Porpunkah). That will be the start of our walk, and we finish our walking 4kms upriver, near the Buckland Valley Cemetery. Four kms doesn't sound much, but walking against the current, plus scrambling over a few fallen tree trunks, adds a bit of effort to the walk. Afterwards, we will have lunch by the river and a swim, and if I've got the timing right we can pick some blackberries to take home. Please wear old boots or shoes, bring a walking pole, or pick a stick up from the riverbank, and don't bring anything that you wouldn't want to get wet, such as an expensive camera. Last year, the water was mainly around knee-deep, though waist-high in some spots. The Buckland is notorious for flash flooding, so if it's raining that day, I will cancel the trip.

Saturday 14th February Mt Jaithmathang Med Exploratory

Leader: Hans Kaspers Approx 15Km

Starting at Pretty Valley Pondage we will follow the Fainter fire-trail until it meets the Alpine Walking track about 1 km South of Tawonga Huts. Here we go off-track and follow a ridge to Mt Jaithmathang and continue along this ridge to "Little Plain". From there it is back along the Fainter Fire trail to the cars.

Sat 14th / Sun 15 February Mt Jaithmathang Med overnight backpack

Leader: Tony Marsh

Tony and Hans are teaming up again to offer a day walk or an extended walk. We will leave a car at Bogong on the way up to Pretty Valley at Falls Creek and join the day walkers out to Tawonga Huts/Jaithmathangs carry water up on to and camp on Mt Jaithmathang and on the Sunday continue over to the Mt Fainters and then down to Bogong Jack saddle, down to Spring Saddle and finish the walk at Bogong village. With a bit of luck and astute planning we may not even need to return to Falls Creek to retrieve a car. I would grade this as a medium overnight backpack - distance approx 25km all up - day 1 10km and day 2 would be about 15km but mostly downhill.

Saturday 21st February McFarland's Hill Easy and Social

Family Walk

Leader Cindy Marsh

We will start this walk at 6.30 pm. McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga. This is a 4 km circuit that takes in views of the surrounding bush land, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury taking in Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great walk children/teenagers or anyone who wants to end the day with a little light exercise.

Saturday 21st February Young's Hut Easy/Medium

Leader Ron Hammond

A 16km return walk to Young's Hut, suitable for new members with some fitness. After Pauline's introduction to the High Plains come on out to Young's Hut, you may see some brumbies but you'll always get great views. The walk to Young's is exposed to the elements but with the right gear you will have a great day.

Sunday 22nd February Clean up the Murray A fun/worthwhile day.

Leader: Ant Packer

Back by popular demand! Parks Victoria will be cleaning sections of the Murray. So Ant has decided to get a team together and clean up a section around Albury, and you are invited to join her. Club canoes will be available for collecting rubbish from the water, or bring your own (not rubbish! canoe). Bags etc will be available for those who are cleaning up along the Murray. Note: The National Clean Up Australia, day is Sunday 1st March.

Sunday 22nd February Edmondson's Hut Easy/Medium

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin 12km

After driving beyond Falls Creek and over Rocky Valley Dam, we'll park cars at Watchbed Creek and Heathy Spur to save a walk along the road at the end of the day. We'll walk along the Heathy Spur Track until we meet the Big River Fire track which we'll follow for about a km before taking a left turn onto the track that takes us to Edmondson's Hut for lunch. After relaxing at the hut, we'll retrace our steps to the junction of Heathy Spur, but will continue on the Big River Fire Trail beside Watchbed Creek to the Bogong High Plains Road.

Sat 23rd Feb Mt Feathertop Hard

Via Bungalow Spur and Nth West Spur

Leader: Debbie Kahn

This is the next in the series of training walks for my Kokoda trekkers. Having only been up the North West Spur once I would appreciate it if someone who has done it a few more times could join me on this walk. The plan is to take them gently up Bungalow Spur and then rather abruptly introduce them to the gradient of going down the North West Spur. A car shuffle will be necessary.

Sat 28thFeb - Sun 1st March Weekend at Falls Creek Varied

Leader: John Jamison Canoe, Walking or Cycling

2 nights' accommodation is available for BBC members at a cost of \$25.00 per night. Consider spending a leisurely weekend at Falls Creek walking, cycling, and/or canoeing. Take your pick of one activity or the lot. The BBC has 3 canoes available that can be transported to Falls Creek. Booking will be required if you choose to take advantage of the canoes. This cost of \$15.00 per day will be shared amongst those who hire them. All you need to bring is food, wine, maybe a good book, and anything you need for walking or cycling. Day trippers who would like to join a mountain bike ride on Sunday would be welcome. We'll start the ride at Falls Creek Information centre, follow the Bogong High Plains Rd to Langford's west camping area, turn onto the Aqueduct track and follow it to Marum Point. The option here is to continue on to Mt Nelse or ride back to Falls Creek.

Sunday 1st March Stage 1, Bright to Harrierville via Exploratory, Medium, 12km.

The Wet Gully Tack - Bright to Freeburgh.

Leader: Hans Kaspers

This will be the first stage of a trilogy of walks, which will go from Bright to Harrierville.

Stage 1 is from Bright to Freeburgh, Stage 2 is from Freeburgh to Smoko, and stage 3 from Smoko to Harrierville.

Stage 1 will start at the Back Wandiligong Road and follow the Wet Gully Track. This involves a climb of 550m. The Wet Gully Track follows the ridge from Bright to Harrierville and should provide good views of Wandiligong and the Ovens valley. Near Freeburgh we will take the Reliance Track and finish our walk at Great Alpine Inn Foods. A car shuffle is required. The walk and its stages are planned mainly by looking at maps and Google Earth.

Note: Stage 2, Sun 15th March: Bright to Harrierville via the Wet Gully Track, Freeburgh to Smoko.

Stage 3, Sun 5th April: Bright to Harrierville via the Wet Gully Track, Smoko to Harrierville.

Sat 7th & 8th Sun March Rocky Creek Camp Easy overnight

Mollison's Plain Max 10 Walkers

Leader: Warren Brown 12km each day
 Booking Person: Pauline McLaughlin

We will be spend a night out in the Mt Buffalo National Park at the area. Starting at The Reservoir we will walk out the Rocky Creek track with a side trip to Mac's Point. The next day we return via Mollison's Plain. This is not a big two days but there are a few steep sections. Places are limited due to limited camping sites at Rocky Creek and camping fees apply.

Saturday 7th March Tuan Track Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park Worthwhile

Leader: Tony Marsh

Tuan Track Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park - volunteering to help install track signage plus an easy half day walk 7km.

The Friends of Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park have working over the last few years to establish a new campground on Depot road and the Tuan Track walk a 7km return walk from the campground which takes you along a ridge, down to historic Bartleys Block and returns via Bartleys track to rejoin Tuan track . On Saturday March 7th provided the parks people have had sufficient time away from the fires, the group will be installing Tuan Track signage.

The Tuan track walk is described as a pleasant walk through a variety of habitats suitable for all but the very hottest days of summer. Meet at the car park at Wodonga Civic Centre at 8-20am or the Chiltern Post Office at 9am.

Sunday 8th March Buckland River: wet

Leader: Liz Hammond

This walk was scheduled for February but had to be cancelled because of the bushfires. We'll drive up the Buckland Valley to the picnic ground at the end of the bitumen (12 kms from Porpunkah). That will be the start of our walk, and we finish our walking 4kms upriver, near the Buckland Valley Cemetery. Four kms doesn't sound much, but walking against the current, plus scrambling over a few fallen tree trunks, adds a bit of effort to the walk. Afterwards, we will have lunch by the river and a swim, and if I've got the timing right we can pick some blackberries to take home.

Please wear old boots or shoes, bring a walking pole, or pick a stick up from the riverbank, and don't bring anything that you wouldn't want to get wet, such as an expensive camera. Last year, the water was mainly around knee-deep, though waist-high in some spots. The Buckland is notorious for flash flooding, so if it's raining that day, I will cancel the trip.

Saturday 14th March Grey Hills Circuit Hard

Leader: John Jamison 25km

Walk starts at Bogong village there is steep climb up black possum spur to reach the summit of Mt Arthur & crest of the grey hills. Follow it along in a southern direction till reaching the crows nest for lunch. After lunch we travel cross country till reaching Spion Kopje fire track. From there we make our way back down to Bogong village including crossing the rocky creek.

Saturday 14th March Budginigi Hill Easy

Leader: David Ross

Budginigi Hill is a prominent feature on the outskirts of Albury on a section of the Hume and Hovell Track. From the top there are great 360 degree views of Table Top, The Hume Weir and The Paper Mill. We'll start at 7pm, so bring a snack for tea and maybe we'll finish with a drink at the Ettamogah Pub.

Saturday 14th March Mt Dunn Circuit Medium

Leader: Pam Duncan 10 km

This is one of the scenic walks on Mt Buffalo. Except for a short distance on fire track, the walk is on foot tracks that traverse a range of rocky terrain, snow gum forest, taller forest and open snow grass plains. We begin at the reservoir and follow tracks with a side trip to the rocky outcrop of Og Gog and Magog. When Mt Dunn is reached, there is an option to climb ladders to the summit for excellent views of the plateau. From there we continue on the circuit to end the walk at the reservoir.

Sunday 15th March Stage 2, Bright to Harrietteville Exploratory, Medium-Hard

via the Wet Gully Track - Freeburgh to Smoko. 18km

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Starting off at the Great Alpine Inn we will make our way to the Wet Gully Track, where we left it at the end of stage one. This will be a 400m climb. Once we hit the Wet Gully Track there is still another 500m to climb to make it to the highest point on the Wet Gully Track: 1253m. We will descend along the Homeward Bound Track to Smoko. This walk, and its stages, is planned mainly by looking at maps and Google Earth. A car shuffle is required.

Note: Stage 3, Sun 5th April Bright to Harrietteville via the Wet Gully Track, Smoko to Harrietteville.

Sat 21st to Sat 28th March Cape Conran Easy and relaxing

Leaders: Liz Hammond

Pauline McLaughlin

Fully booked – waiting list only. Accommodation payment due to Liz by Tuesday 3rd February 2009.

Have you booked your summer holiday at the coast yet? If not, come with us to Cape Conran. Cape Conran is in Gippsland and to get there, we'd go over Mt Hotham and down the Great Alpine Road, turn left at Bruthen, and its just before Orbost. It is a coastal park, run by Parks Victoria, and has nearly 12,000 hectares of heathlands, wild ocean beaches, and banksia woodlands.

Things to do at Conran include: day walks in the bush and along the beaches, swimming, fishing, bird watching, a day trip to the Buchan caves, maybe take bikes and do a bit of the East Gippsland Rail Trail, coffee shopping in Marlo, etc.

Sat 28th – Sun 29th March Wheeler's Hut – 2 Day Walk Easy to Medium

Leader: Bruce Buchan

From the Wagga Wilderness Walkers club

This is another classic walk & has become something of a tradition with WWW club members over the years.

Walk in via the Snaky Plains fire trail with a crossing of the Tooma River (depending on water levels) and exit via the newly constructed Paton's Hut. View are from the front veranda of Wheeler's Hut faces the Tooma River & Mount Jagungal.

We plan to leave Wagga Wagga at 7.30am on the 28th. We would be at the intersection of the Snakey Plain Fire Trail and the Tooma road at 11.00am. There would be a car shuffle of about 3.5kms at the end of the walk. It would be great if some of the BBC members could join us on this walk. Map for this walk is Khancoban 1:50000

Sat 28th – Sun 29th March Young's Hut O/nite Med/Hard

Via Brandy Creek Fire Trail,

Palings Spur & Dibbin's Hut

Leader: Debbie Kahn/Rick Pickering

Join us on an overnight walk into The Young's Hut Hilton. The walk will start with a car shuffle leaving cars at Mt Loch car park for our return. Then we will return to the Brandy Creek Fire Trail for a 4km descent before the ascent to the plateau and Young's Hut via Palings Spur. After a peaceful night (last year on this walk we woke to 15cm of snow!) we will descend via Cobungra Gap to Dibbin's Hut for lunch before a steep ascent up Swindlers Spurr. Don't be put off by the ups and downs of this walk there will be no prize at the end for the first person back so we will be taking our time and enjoying the great outdoors.

Saturday 4th April Porepunkah- Ovens- Porepunkah Bike Ride Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn 40Km

We will take a leisurely ride from Porepunkah to Happy Valley Pub in Ovens where we will have lunch (BYO or buy from the pub) before retracing our tracks back to Porepunkah. The leaves will be changing colour so we will stop and admire their colour whenever sore bottoms need relief.

Saturday 4th April White Box Walking Track – Chiltern NP Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin 8.5kms

Starting at the Cyanide Dam, the track follows a series of numbered posts with interpretive information about the features along the way, including the Golden Bar Open Cut mine and the vegetation. There are very gentle ups, but most of the walk is flat.

Sunday 5th April Bushwalking Victoria 75th Anniversary Walks Varied

Club Contact: Pauline McLaughlin

The 75th Anniversary Walk consists of 18 walks in the Mt Disappointment area (near Whittlesea). This is in recognition of its historical significance to the early exploration and bushwalking in Victoria.

Each of the walks is being coordinated by a Club affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria. Walk list, club registration form & accommodation details (for those wanting to stay on Saturday night) can be found on Bushwalking

Victoria website www.vicwalk.org.au/75_anniversary.htm. For walk registration contact Pauline.

Sunday 5th April Stage 3, Bright to Harrierville Exploratory, Medium, 14 km.

via the Wet Gully Track - Smoko to Harrierville

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Starting at Smoko, we climb the Homeward Bound Track to the Wet Gully Track. This is a 700m climb in 3 km, so a bit steep. At the intersection with the Cavalier Spur Track, we might make a detour to the lookout. We follow the Wet Gully Track to its end and take Cemetery Lane into Harrierville. A car shuffle is required. This walk, and its stages, is planned mainly by looking at maps and Google Earth.

Easter Saturday 11th April Garden to Garden walk social and enjoyable

Leader Cindy Marsh

I would like to extend a special invitation to our new members to join me on this activity. How does taking a leisurely stroll from Sumsion Gardens to the Botanical Gardens, via the Murray River (if access is allowed) sound? This easy relaxing social walk, mostly on footpaths, will be a great way to spend a lovely autumn afternoon with family and friends. I hope to stroll along the footpath, following the Murray, where we will find a nice spot to take a break to enjoy a cuppa, watching the river flow by. We will then make our way to the Botanical Gardens to complete our relaxing afternoon. The opportunity is available to walk back to Sumsion Gardens with me, or a car shuffle can be arranged.

Sunday 18th April Bright to Wandiligong Easy

Including walking the Maze

Leader: Jason Brown

Co-leader: Cindy Marsh –

This is a activity is designed for those who like to have "lots of fun", a sensational walk for the family, young and the young at heart. It does not take much imagination to conjure up the picturesque scenery that awaits us when we walk from Bright to Wandiligong. However the real buzz is after lunch when we tackle the Maze. In March 1990 the hand planting of 850 Cypress Lambertiana began in the home paddock in the rural village of Wandiligong; the results were the Wandiligong Maze. The Alpine Park, is located just 100 metres away from the Maze, it is a beautiful picnic spot.

For more information, including the entry fee, check out the website www.wandimaze.com.au

Sat 18th / Sun 19th April Upper Murray walking, camping and cycling weekend

Leader: Tony Marsh

Choose one or more of three activities

1. Saturday - Burrowa Pine Mountain National Park - Lookouts Walking track - out and back return distance 6km taking 3-4 hours "From the Bluff Falls carpark we climb up the smaller Top Falls where Bluff Creek cascades into a narrow wet gully. The track rises again to Campbells Lookout a rocky escarpment that overlooks the steep cliffs and scree covered slopes of Cudgewa Bluff"
2. Saturday night - camping overnight at the Blue Gum Camp in Burrowa Pine Mountain National Park - including a spotlighting for arboreal mammals activity
3. Sunday April 19th - 62km cycling on sealed roads from Walwa to Granya following the Murray river downstream - one of the classic road rides of Victoria - only one very minor hill Mt Alfred in the way! We will also need support drivers for this weekend so if you simply want to come along "for the ride" so to speak

Sunday 19th April Exploring the Woomargama National Park Exploratory,

Leader: Hans Kaspers Med 10-15km circuit

This will be a walk alternating between Pine Forests and Native Forest. We will start where Ferndale Road reaches the pine-forest; from this spot there are numerous tracks to choose from. The walk has been planned from Google Earth.

Sunday 19th April Friends of the Rail Trail - "Crossing the Gap"

This ride will take us from Huon Reserve to Sandy Creek Inlet. Surface of the trail along this section is rough. After crossing the flood plain beside the old railway bridge pylons participants can continue on the Rail Trail to Tallangatta. Enjoy a break in the township before returning back along the shore of Lake Hume to Huon Reserve. Those looking for a longer ride could continue on to old Tallangatta before returning.

Distance from Huon to Tallangatta is approx 24km return. Old Tallangatta is a further 9kms from Tallangatta

Registration: 10.30am at Huon Reserve

Walkers – from Huon to the other side of the Inlet is approx 6kms return.

Bring: a snack on your back. or purchase lunch or light refreshments in Tallangatta

Be prepared for possible wind chill off the lake

Saturday 25 April Woolshed Falls Easy/Medium 16kms

Leader: Cindy Marsh

This will be a walk of about 12-14 kms all on track. We will start and finish at Woolshed Falls heading up the gorge track with a stop at Cascade Falls for morning tea. From here we will walk up to One Tree Hill and onto Ingram's Rock for lunch. This is an old gold mining area so we will get to take in some of the history as well as some breathtaking views. This walk is suitable for new comers wanting to have a try at bushwalking as well as old timers wanting a nice relaxing day out.

18 April to 30 April approx - North-Western NSW

Leaders: Ron and Liz Hammond

Base camp for two - three days with hot showers and toilets then a 4 day wilderness walk to explore the Mutawintji National Park – no tracks, no sign posts, just us and the Outback. On the way home we will stop at Lake Mungo for a couple of nights. The road to Mutawintji National Park is dirt from Broken Hill, and a fair bit to Lake Mungo, but suitable for TWD. The only thing that will upset this trip is if it rains, NSW Parks close all the roads. More info later. <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NationalParks/parkHome.aspx?id=N0113>
Mutawintji National Park is 130k north of Broken Hill. The rugged, mulga-clad Byngnano Range is dissected by colourful gorges, rock pools and creek beds lined with red gums. Scattered among the caves and overhangs are galleries of Aboriginal rock art and engravings. The park was returned to its traditional owners in 1998 and is held on their behalf by the Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council. Visitors most commonly accompany guides into the areas where Aboriginal rock art can be seen and photographed. Guides also tell stories of Dreamtime legends relating to the creation of the landscapes. The 4 day wilderness walk will be medium, I just want to explore the area and enjoy the place. Definite numbers by 15th February please.

MUTAWINJI TRIP

Departed Albury 7.40am for Mutawinji, stopping at Mildura over night stay. Next morning we set off early for Broken Hill through country side starting to flatten out. Arrived at BH and after a quick lunch met up with the rest of the party who had left two days earlier to explore the The Hill and Silverston.

On to Mutawinji over 70 km of dirt road. Not many animals to be seen along the way but picked up wood for the fire. Reached Mutawinji (mootawinji) campsite at last, put billy on, set up camp, solar hot shower and flush toilets (a home away from home).

Early next morning we completed several short walks one being Bynchano Range walk, it's made up of tranquil valleys and rugged ranges, and another was Home Gorge walk that has a large water hole at the end, (more like a farmyard duck pond full of feathers and poo), never mind though as us Borderbushies still swam in it to the cliff face. We found that the cliff face where after eons the water had carved into it a cathedral dome which looked 'spectacular'

We booked a local tour then drove to the historic site. Watched a video then on to rock carvings and paintings in several different places which were very interesting. Nearly all hand paintings are of the left hand. The longer the arm the higher the importance of the person.

Next day was still very warm. We drove to locked gates, put on our packs and off we set on a good track which was sandy in places. Reached New Tank then hiked on to Split Rock for a morning break. Looked around and saw some paintings and large rock caves.



Walking through a narrow gorge our fearless leader disappeared behind a rock to reappear carrying a goat kid a few hours old. "Kid for dinner tonight" he yelled, but it was too young so he put it back.

We headed off and met up with a ranger who was amazed we were out there. Got some fencing wire from him for Nico's boots which had completely lost its sole.

Next day we set off to Bundara Water Hole a distance of 17 km return. Lots of goats, Euros and the odd emu. Walking on we finally reached Wrights Tank which was full of lovely clear water. Louise pointed out a leopard tree so named for its bark. The water hole was dry but still beautiful.



Next day we walked to Mount Wright - 10 km return. Country consisted of sand hills, stony planes and gullies. Lots of artefacts (stone chips cutting tools etc). Mount Wright looks large from a distance but up close its only 80 metres high. Climbed to the top. It had spectacular views then returned to camp.

Next day we packed up and walked out, sad to leave. An eye opener on the hardships which the early explorers and settlers went through. Steady pace to Split Rock for lunch then on to cars. Drove back to main camp where Denise and Paul welcomed us warmly. Showers, dinner, drinks and good conversations around the fire.

Day later we went back to The Hill and then on to Mungo. Not sure we could reach Mungo as roads were closed after heavy rain. We rang around but no one seemed to know if roads were open. With luck we reached the camp grounds anyway. Pitched camp then went for walk through visitors centre and woolshed. Did a sunset walk which was beautiful. Booked guided tour for next day.

All in all it was an excellent trip. Thank You Ron for organising the trip and all others for their great company.

Duncan Thurlow

Saturday 25th April Nailcan Hill Mtn Bike Ride medium

Leader: John Jamison 15-20 km

This is a training ride for anyone interested in doing the annual Nail Can Hill Mountain Bike ride on May 3rd. The course will probably be marked. It involves climbing up the ridge track & following along single trails back down the hill.

Sunday 26th April Skeleton Hill – Chiltern Easy/Social

Leader: David Ross

I propose to walk the Skeleton Hill track to the trig point then cross country to Forest Lane with good views and access in the afternoon of Anzac Day; we will finish at our farmlet on Black Dog Creek for a bonfire/cooking fire byo etc.

Sunday 26th April Diamantina Spur & Machinery Spur circuit Hard

Leader: John Jamison 27 km

We start this walk at the Diamantina Hut car park. Our course is to follow the Razorback to Diamantina Spur, turn off and walk down the spur to the west branch of the Kiewa River. We follow the logging track along the river to Red Robin Battery, turning right along Machinery Spur. Our course takes us past the Red Robin gold mine on the way to Mt Loch & ultimately to Mt Loch car park. A short car shuffle will be required to get back to cars at Diamantina Hut car park

Sat 25th – Sun 26th April Nest Boxes for Rare Species rewarding/enjoyable

Ray Thomas - Regent Honeyeater Co-ordinator

Over several years Ray and many volunteers have re-established areas of natural habitat for Squirrel Gliders, Sugar Gliders, rare Brush Tailed Phascogales and native bird species at Lurg, east of Benalla.. He regularly invites bushwalkers to join him for weekends of monitoring of the nest boxes or planting of vegetation.

Bush Navigation These weekends provide an excellent opportunity for bush walkers to practise their map reading and navigation skills while looking for the nest boxes. The sites are all mapped carefully on 1:25,000 contour maps, with AMG references and brief location descriptions.

GPS Fixes Most of the box locations have been recorded by GPS, so future groups can find the boxes more easily. If you can bring a GPS unit, it will help confirm some locations that are a bit uncertain. We will be using the GDA 1994

co-ordinate system from now on, to better utilise the new digital maps available.

Meeting: 9.30 am Sat & Sun Dept Sustain & Envir, Benalla. 5.30 pm Sat Old Lurg School BYO picnic tea

Activities: Checking nest boxes to see the wildlife at home, Recording observations for our ongoing research efforts Placing some new nest boxes in likely habitat areas, Possible stag-watching at dusk to see gliders emerging Spotlighting after dark to survey some old planting sites, BBQ tea at the old Lurg School House (BYO)

What to bring: Sun screen, hat, sturdy shoes, long trousers, Roof rack/ropes (if you have them) to help carry ladders We have 4 extension ladders of our own, but let me know if you have one, in case we need extras GPS unit if you wish, to help with easy location of boxes

Meals: BYO lunch & drinks for Sat & Sun, as we are out all day.

BYO Food for Saturday Night BBQ At Old Lurg School

Accomm: Free accommodation at the Benalla Scout Hall if needed. Mattresses supplied; BYO sleeping bag & pillow,

Minor kitchen facilities available. BYO tent if you prefer to camp outside,

Bookings: Please let us know numbers expected to assist planning

Saturday 2nd May Basic Map Reading and Navigation Course:

9am to 4: 30 pm (approx) Yackandandah Community Education Centre and Mt Pilot area

Presenter: DickWellard

Class room theory at Yackandandah including:

Introduction and use of topographical maps.

- Setting of, and navigation by, compass.
- Relationship between map and compass.
- Compilation of navigational data sheets.
- Practical navigational exercise in open and close
- country.

Followed by practical exercise in Mt Pilot area

Need to bring

- Map topographical Beechworth 1: 50,000
- (Available Snowgum Wodonga and Yack news
- agency)
- "Silva type" compass with degree markings.
- Basic protractor (in degrees)
- Note book and writing stuff.
- Pencil, eraser and sharpener (for marking map)
- Lunch

We will move from Yackandandah to Mt Pilot at approx. lunch time.

Saturday May 2 Blue Rag Range Medium about 16 km return

Leader: Allan Van Damme

The plan is to meet at the Harriet Village Caravan Park at 8.30 am, I plan on being there the night before. Drive to the start of the track and then walk to the Helipad for lunch and return. I drove it many years ago and now I would love to see the view. It's a medium walk with sections of short steep hills on a 4WD track.

Saturday 2nd May McFarland's Hill Easy and Social

Family Walk

Leader Cindy Marsh

We will start this walk at 2.00pm and leaving from McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga. This is a 4 km circuit that takes in views of the surrounding bush land, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury taking in Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great walk children/teenagers or anyone who wants to end the day with a little light exercise.

Sunday 3rd May 2009 Advanced Map Reading

9:30am to 3pm (aprox) Yackandandah Community Centre and Mt Big Ben area

Presenter: DickWellard

Class room theory at Yackandandah

- Establishing location by means of resection.
- Intervisibility (Can I see X feature from Here?)
- Relating map to ground
- Introduction to GPS as an aid to navigation.

Followed by practical (static) exercise at Mt Big Ben area

Need to bring

As above except: Yackandandah map 1:50.000 rather than Beechworth (available as above).

We will move from Yack to Big Ben at aprox lunch time.

Saturday May 9th Jagungal Wilderness - Mountain Bike Ride Exploratory/Medium

Leader John Jamison approx 50 km

We start this ride south of Cabramurra following undulating tracks within the Jagungal wilderness area. The ride involves some creek crossings. The plan is to ride a circuit past Mt Jagungal returning to the main rd with a short ride along it back to the cars. Riders need to be well prepared for we are riding behind locked gates.

Sunday May 10th Dargal Mountains - Mountain bike and walk Hard

Leader: Bill Krautz

Maps Greg Greg 1:25000 Toolong Range 1:25000 Jagungal Wilderness Area 20minutes drive from Corryong.

We leave the cars on Khancoban-Cabramurra Road (Tooma Road) at Snakey Plain trail Junction; ride the fire trail through forest to the delightful Snakey Plain. From here it is off track walking up the Snakey Plain Creek through open snow plains that split into three lanes that lure you onto either West Peak, Dargal Mountain or Big Dargal. Elyne Mitchell describes the view from West Peak as a "sweeping fall to the Murray valley, 5000 feet below". Back to the bikes and downhill through forest for Lunch at amazing Wheelers Hut and historical Toolong Diggings. Onto

the Tooma river (hopefully it is low enough to cross) and follow the track through snow plains past Patons Hut and around Tooma Reservoir back to cars.

Sat 9th & Sun 10th May Working Bee - Mt Buffalo Satisfying

Co-ordinator: Pauline McLaughlin

Following on from work club members did last summer, there will be more bog rehabilitation, weed spotting, identifying and/or removing and following up on work done by contractors while being supervised by a Park Ranger. Parks Victoria will provide free camping and evening meals. We'll drive up on Friday night ready for a BBQ and settle in so that we're ready for work on Saturday. We'll enjoy dinner around a campfire on Saturday night. On Sunday we'll continue working before driving home knowing we've contributed to the survival of the bush we all enjoy.

Thus 14th to Mon 18th May Kosiuszko Huts Medium

Leader: Liz Hammond

To get to this walk, we drive down the Snowy Mountains Highway and turn off at Rules Point, opposite the entrance to Yarrongbilly Caves. We then drive 14kms on a dirt road to the start of the walk at Cooinbil Hut.. The first day is about 12kms, on tracks, finishing at the historic Currango Hut. Day two is about 10kms, some of it off track, finishing at Pocket Hut. Day three is about 15kms, on track, staying overnight at Magpie Flat, close to Blue Waterholes. Day four is about 12kms, on track, taking us back to the cars at Cooinbil Hut. Detailed track notes are available in Wild Magazine, Spring 2007. This walk consists of 4 days of walking, plus a long drive

each way. I plan to drive to the start on Thursday 14th May, walk on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and drive home late on Monday. To allow us to plan cars, tent sharing etc, please book in by mid April.

Saturday 16th May Baranduda Range Medium

Leader: Debbie Kahn

This is a circuit walk of about 15 kms on the Baranduda Range, starting in Barton Drive, climbing 400m to the ridgeline and walking along the top for a few kms. We will then descend to the Leneva Valley for a bite to eat. Refreshed, it's up 400 m and of course down 400 to the cars. Mostly on fire track with some great views and good training.

Sunday 17th May The (not so) Big Walk Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

The Big Walk up Mt Buffalo is one of the better walks in our area. It passes through a variety of terrain and has wonderful views. Because the days are getting shorter I propose to shorten the walk by omitting the first (steep) part. Instead of beginning at the gate house, we will start at the point where the track first crosses the road, thus reducing the climb by about 500m. I propose to walk up and down, but if others want to walk one way we will probably be able to organize it.

Wednesday 20th May Kay's Afternoon Walk Easy

Leader: Kay Hardie

My plan is to start this walk at 1.30 pm from my place in West Albury, making our way around the sewerage treatment works and Horseshoe Lagoon - about 1.30hrs of easy walking. We will enjoy taking in the bird life and water life at the Lagoon. Maybe even coffee at the West Albury medical centre if we need a coffee fix.

Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd May Leaders' Training Exercise at Shelley Camp Very Worthwhile

Coordinator: Pauline McLaughlin Limit 20

This is a weekend activity with accommodation on Saturday night (and Friday for those who would like to arrive early) at Shelley Forrest Camp at Koetong. It is a practical exercise in the field and is a chance to play out some real life situations and see how a leader could or should respond. It is open to all new leaders, potential leaders and also to the more experienced leaders. The activities being organised by leaders from the Victorian National Parks Association will

give you a chance to brush up on your leadership knowledge with scenarios to challenge your skills in a pleasant environment. New leaders will gain the practical experience they need to lead an activity with confidence.

Participants will be asked to pay an annual subscription of \$50 to VNPA, bring their own breakfast/s, lunch for Saturday and something to share for Saturday night's dinner. The club will provide a BBQ lunch on Sunday. The accommodation cost of \$15 per night, will be reimbursed to participants who lead 2 club walks within the 12 months after the weekend.

Sat 30th & Sun 31st May Young's Hut working Bee Enjoyable/Satisfying

Leader Ron Hammond

Young's Hut is on the Bogong High Plains, about 7kms from the Pretty Valley car park. It's an old SEC hut that our club has been looking after since 1985, doing maintenance whenever it is required. Our old friend needs some TLC as the roof battens are rotting away and the iron is lifting in places. A portion or all of the iron needs to come off to replace the timber. So calling all chippies and roofing plumbers out there, please give me a call.

Sunday 31st May MT Feathertop via NW Spur Med/Hard

Leader: Debbie Kahn

This walk will take us from the Harrietville Trout Farm to the top of Mt Feathertop via the North West Spur. Lunch will most likely be at the MUMC Hut before we tackle the summit of Feathertop. The return trip will be via Federation Hut and Bungalow Spur. An early start and a car shuffle will be necessary. Or if you don't like getting up really early, a night in Harrietville might be the go.

Tues 26 May to Tues 9 June Larapinta Trail Medium, Pack carrying trip

Leader: Marie Maguire

Booked and ready to go!

Saturday 6th June The Watchbox Range Exploratory Medium

Leader: Don Ingram 10 to 12 km

Co-leader: Cindy Marsh

The views from the Watchbox Ranges are worth taking the time to enjoy; along with the granite boulders which will add interest. This locate walk is mostly on track however expect some climbing to be involved.

Sat 6th and/or Sun 7th June Fire Recovery Satisfying

Phone:

Some of our members have property in the areas affected by the fires earlier this year. As we all know, the recovery is an ongoing process. If you would like to help with the recovery on one of the properties on the Yackandandah - Myrtleford Road near the Stanley Road, come along on one or both of these days. The property owner would appreciate the clearing of light wood around the fences (the heavy stuff has been done) (hills involved). If anybody wishes to bring a ute or trailer they are welcome to take the wood home.

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Leader: Don Ingram 10 to 12 km

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Sunday 7th June "Blowing in the Wind" Medium

Lake Urana

Map Urana 1: 100,000

Leader: Bill Krautz

Ever wanted to go to Lake Mungo? Visit world class archaeological sites? Gaze across ancient lakes? Climb large sand dunes? Wondered how these were formed and got there? Glean over glacial landforms? Pondered about the effects of glaciers on us as a species? Thought about the weather for last 35 thousand years? Wondered where the old rivers run? Well if you have, then don't spend your money on expensive Australian and OS trips, give the Sunday Philosophy Club the flick, and come along as your answer is "blowing in the wind" at Lake Urana.

Saturday 13th June Hume & Hovell Walking Track

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Preparation are been made to complete the Hume and Hovell Walking Track during 2009/2010

Date	Stage	Walk	Grading
Sat 13 th June 09	Stage 1	Hovell Tree to Thurgoona	15 km Easy
Sun 12 th July 09	Stage 2	Thurgoona - Ettamogah Pub	16 km Easy
Sun 16 th August 09	Stage 3	Mitchell Road - Plunkett Road	13 km Easy
Sun 13 th September 09	Stage 4	Plunkett Road - Wymah Road	13 km Easy
Sun 18 th October 09	Stage 5	Wymah Road - Tunnel Road	22 km Med-Hard.
Sat 14 th November	Stage 6	Tunnel Road - Tin Mines Camp Site Camp overnight	22 km Med-Hard.
Sun 15 th November	Stage 7	Tin Mines Camp Site - Lankeys Creek	22 km Hard
Sun 27 th December 09	Stage 8	Lankeys Creek / Clear Spring Road	11 km Easy
Mon 28 th December 09	Stage 9	Clear Spring Road - Munderoo Road	14 km Easy.
Tues 29 th December 09	Stage 10	Munderoo Road - Linden Roth Drive	16 km Easy - Medium.
2010		Details to complete the Hume and Hovell Track will be advised at a later date	

Sunday 14th June Reform Hill and part of bike trail Easy/historical/social

Leader: Bev Johnston

Reform Hill overlooks Myrtleford and is the site of gold mining in the 19th Century. It is a short uphill walk to the top overlooking Myrtleford and the Ovens Valley. Lunch will be at one of the local eateries followed by a short car shuffle to walk part of the rail trail around Myrtleford.

Sunday 14th June Barnawartha up the Indigo Valley Easy/ Medium

Leader: Kay Hardie

This scenic ride is about 50 km return, mainly on the flat except for a hill at the end near the Beechworth Road.

Note: This activity was previously stated in May's Footprints as Bright to Harrietville.

Sunday 21st June 2009 Bike Ride from Beechworth Easy

Leader: Liz Hammond

The plan is to drive to Beechworth with our bikes and to start cycling from there. We'll cycle down the rail trail from Beechworth to Everton, which is about 15kms, nearly all downhill, then about 12 kms through flat farmlands. After that comes a couple of kms of uphill over Taylors Gap – not too steep as it was built for steam engines to climb, then a downhill run to Gapsted Winery. We'll have lunch there, either the gourmet option from the cellar door, or our own sandwiches in their gardens, and we'll drive back to Beechworth with Geoff's Bike a Bus service. This is a mini bus with a bike trailer on the back which runs a door to door service to and from any point on the rail trail. I need to book the bus for us and its only viable if we have at least 6 people. So, please contact me to book in for this ride by Saturday 13th June. If we don't have six people, I might look at driving to Everton and we can cycle n so that we don't need the bus from there to Gapsted and back again.

Sunday 21st June Tallangatta to Old Tallangatta/ Challenging/Fun

Jervis Creek ride

Leader John Jamison

High Country Rail Trail; Tallangatta to Old Tallangatta/Jervis Creek ride. There is a rumor that scones, jam and cream await those riders who can make it to the top!

Saturday 27th June Lake Sambell to Lake Kerford – Beechworth Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin 11km

We'll start at Lake Sambell in Beechworth and walk along the well-marked track through bush land, passing several mine shafts that have been protected by wire until we reach Lake Kerford for morning tea. We'll retrace our steps and finish with a picnic lunch overlooking Lake Sambell. After lunch we'll drive to La Trobe and do the Heritage Gardens and Historic Walking Tour and finish with a coffee at the café.

Sun 28th June Mt Emu Approx 16kms Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

Come along and see the other side of the Eskdale Spur that is adjacent to Mt Bogong. This pleasant walk all on 4WD track ends up on Mt Emu with a fabulous view over Mt Beauty.

Life Membership award - Pauline McLaughlin

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Presented to Pauline McLaughlin at the 2009 AGM

*AN ACT TO BESTOW THE AWARD OF LIFE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE BORDER BUSHWALKING
CLUB ON
PAULINE MCLAUGHLIN*

Pauline joined the Border Bushwalking Club in 1989. Over that period she has occupied all executive positions on the committee, culminating in the position as president for the last 3 years.

Over those 3 years she has worked tirelessly for and on behalf of the club displaying a mix of positive leadership, excellent organisational skills, great drive and empathy towards all members. Perhaps above all, her boundless enthusiasm and inclusive style of management has assisted the club to move from strength to strength.

Pauline has always espoused that the real strength of the club lies in those that are prepared to take on the role of activities leaders. Again Pauline led from the front. Rarely is a Footprints issued that does not have at least one activity with Pauline at the helm. If participation is the criteria on which we judge worthy members, Pauline again leads by example. Rarely if ever, does a week pass during which Pauline does not participate.

During her time with the club, Pauline has walked or skied or walked and skied in excess of 40 separate locations in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, south Australia and New Zealand. Given that Pauline is an all weather walker she has most likely swum or floated across many of those locations.

Pauline has nominated as a member of the Alpine Advisory Committee and the Greater Alpine National Parks Advisory Committee. She is also this Club's representative with Bushwalking Victoria and Bushwalking Victoria's Mount Buffalo field officer for the environment committee.

Pauline, I think all of us here tonight would agree that your contribution to this club, especially over the last 3 years, has been of the absolute highest order. Moreover, I know and you know, that this contribution is far from over.

With all this in mind I am both privileged and delighted to announce that:

*"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY
INVESTED IN THEM BY THE CONSTITUTION
OF THIS BORDER BUSHWALKING CLUB, THE
LAST ACT OF THE OUTGOING COMMITTEE
WAS A UNANIMOUS DECISION TO BESTOW
ON PAULINE MCLAUGHLIN THE AWARD OF
LIFE MEMBER"*



CONGRATULATIONS PAULINE

Saturday 4th July Tawonga Gap Track Medium to hard

Leader: Allan Van Damme

I propose a walk to view a tree that is reported to be the tallest in the NE. The tree is 9 metres in circumference, 80 metres high, 400 years old. At an altitude of 1,050 metres above sea level (asl). The posted co-ords for the tree are UTM: 55H E 509768 N 5931017 WGS 84. for all the cachers and new map readers. Its approx 7.5K along the Tawonga Gap Track from the Tawonga Gap Road, the walk is on undulating on a 4WD track, but then I propose to use some of Dick Wellards training and follow a ridge line back to Mt Beauty for approx 7 K. Naturally a geocache is near the tree and this has attracted me to do this walk. Because of the return journey I would rate it medium to hard.

Saturday 4 July Dibbins Hut Snow Shoe Medium/Hard 15km

Leader John Jamison

Starting at the Mt Lock carpark at Mt Hotham we follow the Australian Alpine walking track along the ridge to Derricks Hut, then continue down Swindlers Spur to Dibbins Hut for lunch. After lunch which we will retrace our steps back up the 450 m climb to the car park.

Saturday 4th July Huon Hill Easy

Leader: Val Rolfe 10 kms

Co-leader: Pauline McLeod

We'll start at Killara and walk up Huon Hill where there are views over Wodonga and the surrounding district from the top of the hill. From there we veer round to go down to Hidden Valley and back on the track, ending up back at the Kiewa River and walk along the river to the cars.

Sunday 5th July McFarland's Hill Easy/Social

Leader Cindy Marsh

We will start this walk at 1.00 pm. McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga. This is a 4 km circuit that takes in views of the surrounding bush land, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury taking in Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great walk children/teenagers or anyone who wants a little light exercise on a winter's day.

Saturday 11 July Along the Rail Trail Shelley Forestry Camp-Koetong Pub Easy/Social

Leader: Deb Kahn

What could be nicer on a winters day than a walk along the rail trail from Shelley Forestry camp to the Koetong Pub.

This wide relatively flat track will allow people to chat while enjoying some wonderful views. We will start with a short car shuffle and finish with a shared picnic lunch. When booking in please let me know whether you will be bringing nibbles, main or sweet treats to share for lunch.

Sunday July 12 Falls Creek : Activity day/weekend trip Easy/Fun

Leader: Tony Marsh

I am planning to give members the opportunity to try a joint snowshoe/ski day or weekend activity at Falls Creek. This trip will follow the snow activities presentation at the July Club Night. Snow Shoes are available for hire from the club. Ski hire is available at Windy Corner or off the mountain - in the event of insufficient snow will move it forward to a later weekend.

Saturday 18th July Table Top Easy/Medium Easy/Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh

This local walk is all on track and 140 species of birds have been identified on Table Top Mountain. Walks are not difficult and designed to be fun. 1000 hectare (2400 acre), natural, privately owned bushland property is for us who enjoy nature, peace and tranquillity. A \$5.00 entry fee is required to enter Tabletop. The website provides a list of the birds and walking tracks <http://www.tabletopmountain.com.au/walking.html>

Sunday 19th July Mount Stanley Medium/Exploratory

Leader: Liz Hammond

This walk starts from Barwidgee, which is just past Mudgeegonga, on the Yack to Myrtleford Road. We walk up a fire track to the towers at the top of Mt Stanley. This is a climb of 700 metres over 5 kms so its quite steep in places. From there, we can either return by the same route or go across country to pick up another track so that the walk is a loop rather than just up and back.

Saturday 25th July The Chocolate Walk Tasty/Easy

Leader: Sally Francese

Co-leader: Cindy Marsh

Sally is one of our younger leaders at just 16. Sally invites all ages to join her on this activity. Take a moment to picture a sunny winter's day strolling from Lake Kerford to Lake Sambell, taking the time to rest beside the shore of Lake Sambell, with a steaming hot cup of chocolate or coffee and indulging on chocolates you and others have brought to share. The enjoyment is enhanced by knowing that as you do the return walk from Lake Sambell to Lake Kerford the excesses of the day will simply melt away.

Sunday 26th July Mt Jack Approx 16kms Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

They say that it's not the destination that counts but the journey and this is very true when applied to Mt Jack as there are no great views from the top but the walk passes through a variety of vegetation and scenery. A great walk in Dederang that entails a long uphill haul with a 700m ascend on the Bill Hicks track with plenty of stops to catch your breath. We then hook onto the Mt Jack Track and come home via North House Creek Track.

Sunday 26th July Huon Hill Wodonga Easy

Leader : Chris Sobey

A leisurely circular walk, starting about 11:00 am from the bottom of the cattle grid and up the track to the top BBQ area for lunch. Then down and up the opposite hill to the north, from where we dip back down and cross country to near the start of the "up" track, and so to the cars. A pleasant walk on a fine day.

Sunday 2nd August 2009 Murray River & Nail Can Hill Easy

Leader: Hans Kaspers

From the Albury Botanic Gardens, we'll walk along the Murray through Padman Park and Mates Park to Horseshoe lagoon. After a short walk through West Albury, we'll climb Nail Can Hill, and follow the Ridge to the Monument and back to the Botanic Gardens.

Sat 8th – Tuesday 11th August Youngs Hut Ski Tour Medium

Leader: Marie Maguire

It will snow! We will ski out to Young's Hut, where we will base ourselves for the next 2 days. Day trips planned for Sun & Mon depending on the weather & snow cover. Then back to Falls Creek on Tuesday. We will be joining a group from VMTC who are planning a week at Young's Hut from 15 August. Leaving a food drop at Young's Hut prior to winter would make for an easier journey out - Ron's working bee trip at the end of May could be an ideal opportunity to leave a food drop. With a little bit of forward planning this is a great opportunity to spend a few days skiing & exploring in this area, without having to get out there with heavy packs.

Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th August Tree Planting Satisfying/social

Coordinator: Pauline McLaughlin

As part of Bushwalking Victoria's 75th Anniversary celebrations this tree planting event with Ray Thomas and the Regent Honey Eater Project will bring together BWV members from many clubs...and what better way to do this than to put something back into the environment whilst socializing and having fun. To find out more, download the [tree planting information](#) (Pdf, 378k)

Come for a day or the weekend. There are a few accommodation options for the weekend: free wall to wall mattresses

in the Scout Hall; a tent outside the hall; or we could hire a cabin in the caravan park. Contact me if you'd like to attend for the weekend and we can discuss preferences for accommodation.

Sunday 9th August Woolshed Falls- Beechworth & return Easy/Medium Approx 16km

Bernadette Cromarty

This walk begins at Woolshed Falls and covers some flat country and some hilly parts. If it has been wet it may be a bit soggy underfoot at times but we may be rewarded with Cascade Springs Falls actually flowing. For those who've done this before it has been timed to be ahead of magpie season so you'll miss the thrill of watching

the leader run in terror. The middle of the walk is in Beechworth so we can have a comfortable lunch in the bakery if desired.

Sunday 9th - Thursday 13 August Hotham Heights As you choose

Host: Rick Pickering

I am offering a night or two at my unit at Mt Hotham. The unit has 2 bedrooms, I will be staying upstairs, but the downstairs bedroom which sleeps 4 (a double bed and 2 bunks) can be used by BBC members. No charge, but to share it around a bit there's a limit of 2 nights per person/group. The unit is near the village centre, and is an ideal base to cross over to the dark side and try some downhill skiing/boarding. There are other options such as cross country skiing, dog sledging, snow grooming tours in the evening, etc.

Saturday 15th August Beechworth-Eldorado circuit MTB ride 57 km medium grade

Leader John Jamison

This ride starts at the Beechworth Rail Trail Station. We ride down to Woolshed Falls and follow the road out to Eldorado. We will stop for a break at the Eldorado shop and have a look at the gold dredge before riding south to pick up the rail trail for the slow climb back up to Beechworth. This ride is suitable for Hybrid and Mountain bikes.

Sunday 16th August Stage 3: Mitchell Road – Plunkett Road 13 km Easy

Leader: Hans Kaspers

For this stage we start at the Ettamogah Pub and walk along the road to Mitchell Road. A short detour will take us to the top of Budginigi Hill. From there we'll continue along Mitchell Road to a track along the Hume Highway to Bowna Reserve

Sunday 16th August 2009 Beechworth to Everton Bike Ride Easy

Leader: Liz Hammond

Back in June, I organized a bike ride from Beechworth down to Everton, and over Taylor's Gap to Gapsted Winery. We had so many people book in for that ride that I had to turn some away so I thought I'd put it on again.

We'll meet at Beechworth at 9.00am, have a leisurely ride to Gapsted, have lunch there, and I'll arrange for the bus to pick us up at 1.30pm to take us and our bikes back to Beechworth. The bus costs \$11 per person and we need at least 6 people on it. If you want to come, please contact me before 8th August so I can liaise with the bus driver. If it's raining on the day, we won't go.

Tuesday 18th August "Albury under lights" Night Ride Easy 14km 7pm start

Leader: Bill Krautz

Albury to Thurgoona and return on the lighted bike/walking path. The southern end is quiet scenic taking in the lights of Albury CBD. Suitable for all types of bikes with a headlight and tail light. (About \$20.00 at a bike shop). A good way of keeping fit on winter nights.

Fri 21 August – Sun 23 August Howman's Gap Weekend as easy or hard as you like

Leader: Sue Cardwell

Come and have a great 3 day weekend (skiing – downhill or cross country or snow shoeing) & staying at YMCA Howman's Gap Alpine Centre just near the entry gate to Falls Creek. The trails will be groomed for the Hoppet the following weekend + the new Hoppet warm up event will be on Sunday 23 August. Sounds like a fun low key event – check out the Hoppet web site.

Accommodation – 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 bunk bedrooms, single & communal bathrooms & disabled facilities. All meals included from Friday night dinner to Sunday packed lunch. BYO bed linen/sleeping bag, towel. & wine & nibbles for around the fire pre-dinner. Blankets & pillows supplied. Large drying rooms & guest fridge available. Cost \$233. Please ring Sue by end of July to confirm our club booking & to organise transport & times. Choice of travel departures Friday morning or Friday evening.

Saturday 22th August Parklands Pearla Easy 10km

MAP: Parklands- Albury Wodonga

Leader: Joy Grinham

This is a delightful area along a newly established path along the Murray River that will take us back to the days of smugglers and even further. You will see a different view of the river in its winter state showing sandbars and logs. Enjoy a picnic lunch in a grassy setting overlooking Wodonga Creek before retracing our tracks back home. Coffee before hand at La Maison will send us on our way.

Sunday 23rd August Hills around Bright Easy/Medium Approx 15 kms

Bernadette Cromarty

There are 3 hills that have tracks to give you a work out around Bright; Apex lookout/ Canyon Walk/ Rail Trail/ Valley View Walk/ Bakers Gulley Reservoirs/ Huggins Lookout walks combined with one short drive. Each is a steep climb with different views but linked with flatter tracks for a rest in between. A great way to keep fit in the Winter months all almost within the smelling range of a latte in town.

Sunday 23rd August Granite Peak Medium/Hard

Leader: Chris Sobey

This is a 3000 feet climb, starting on a faint track through open woodland, becoming steeper and rockier near the top. There's a lovely circular grassy spot on the top for a well-earned lunch. An early start and back to the cars the way we came. Fine weather walk only.

Saturday 29th August Back of Yackandandah Medium Approx 12kms

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Co-Leader: Don Ingram

Our scenic walk will focus on the Yackandandah area. It will be mostly on track; however some bush bashing will be involved. We will see the underground house and hear about the mystery that surrounds that house. We will also view caves, mine shafts and other interesting spots.

Saturday 29th August Along the Rail Trail Easy/Social

Shelley Forestry Camp to Koetong Pub

Leader: Deb Kahn

What could be nicer on a winter's day than a walk along the rail trail from Shelley Forestry camp to the Koetong Pub. This wide relatively flat track will allow people to chat while enjoying some wonderful views. We will start with a short car shuffle and finish with a shared picnic lunch. When booking in please let me know whether you will be bringing nibbles, main or sweet treats to share for lunch.

Saturday 5th September Cycle from Eurobin to Bright & return leisurely 30km return

Including the Canyon Walk 3km easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

This enjoyable and popular bike ride from Eurobin to Bright will bring us into Bright for lunch in the park. There is the option to lock the bike up and complete the Bright Canyon walk which is an easy 3 km before we do the return ride.

Saturday 5th Sept Bungowannah Mine and Mt Corner Loop Easy/Medium

Leader: Tony Marsh Phone: (

Co-Leader: David Ross

An afternoon walk with great views is planned. We will be taking in the sights of the Bungowannah Mine, Bread Loaf Rock and the Mt Corner loop. Please bring own water and afternoon snack. Expect some uphill climbing and getting over fences-if wet the slopes may be slippery.

Sunday 6th Sept Salisbury Falls Mt Warby Loop 12 km Easy

Leader: Warren Brown

This walk climbs past Salisbury Falls (which we hope will have running water) and through a variety of vegetation, including some amazing Grass Trees. With spring upon us we can also expect lots of wild flowers. Mt Warby whilst being at 480m offers little views, however the return trip along the Alpine View Track will provides plenty of views across the Ovens Valley to the Alps

Sunday 6th September Exploring Kirks Track, Georges Creek Exploratory, Med 15km

Leader: Hans Kaspers

From Talgarno we take the Georges Creek Road to where Kirks Track (Google Earth) or Georges Creek Track (CFA maps) starts. This is the start of the walk. We follow Kirks track for 5km (with a climb of 300 m), and then start a 5km circuit, all along tracks. Finally we return along Kirk's track to the cars. Opportunities exist for off-track walks. Since we will be just to the West of Mt Granya we should get some good views of Mt Granya across the Georges Creek valley.

Sunday 20th September Barranduda Ridge Ramble Medium

Leader: Dick Wellard

Maps: Albury & Yackandandah 1:50,000

We will commence this walk opposite Tony Marsh's house at 4 Jamieson drive Baranduda. An ideal start point, with plenty of parking. Moving up onto the main Baranduda ridge line via well defined tracks is a bit of a slog but we can take it easy. Once onto the ridge line, follow it in a south westerly direction towards the towers and beyond again along a well defined track over undulating country. A little past the towers, we will leave the track to the south, following a spur line, cross country, to link up with Hodgson's lane. Down the walker friendly lane for 2 km to the Wellard's for arvo tea and a shuttle run for drivers, back to their cars. The wild flowers should be out along the way

and the bird life extensive. Only distraction may be the odd trail bike. Lunch along the way as we see fit. No water available along route. Total distance about 20 km with a couple of steep bits but mostly easy walking. Meet at Jamieson drive at 0900hr for a 0930hr move out. ETA at the Wellard's 1530hr.

Saturday 26th Sept Big Hill MTB bike ride Exploratory Hard

Leader John Jamison

I plan to start this ride at MT Beauty and follow the bike path up to Cranky Charlie, then turn off & follow the track up to the Big Hill lookout & then up to the towers. We return via Woollybutt Spur Track.

Sunday 13th Sept Dean St to Jindera Easy/ Medium 12 km

Via Nail Can Hill

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This will involve a car shuffle or, if numbers are sufficient and someone is willing to lead from the other end, a crossover. Starting in Dean St this walk will begin with a climb up to the War Memorial and then up and along Nail Can Hill with a few diversions from the Ridge Trail along the way.

Sunday 27th Sept Wandiligong to Bright Fun/Easy

Including walking the Maze

Leader: Jason Brown Co-leader Cindy Marsh

Jason has thought of a sensational walk for the young and the young at heart. It does not take much imagination to conjure up the picturesque scenery that awaits us when we walk from Bright to Wandiligong. However the real buzz is after lunch when we tackle the Maze. In March 1990 the hand planting of 850 Cypress Lambertiana began in the home paddock in the rural village of Wandiligong; the results were the Wandiligong Maze. The Alpine Park, is located just 100 metres away from the Maze, it is a beautiful picnic spot. This will be where we have our lunch. The entry cost and details are found on the website www.wandimaze.com.au

Tues 29th Sept to Sun 5th October Desert Discovery Walk Backpack Medium 84km

Leader Tony Marsh

Experience the fascinating environments of the Little Desert National Park on the Desert Discovery Walk. The track, completed in 1994, extends through 84 km of gently undulating terrain. The park is internationally famous for its magnificent wildflower displays. There is a limit to the number of walkers in the party imposed by Parks Victoria of 8.

Saturday 3 October Granite Peak Mitta Walk Medium/Hard

Leader: Chris Sobey

This day walk, postponed from August, is a 1000 m climb up through open scrub to the top of the Peak. Good views are had on the way, with a circular grassy area at the top for lunch. Back the same way, and there should be lots of wild flowers on the lower slope.

Sunday 4th October Mitchell Road – Plunkett Road Walk 13 km Easy

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Stage 3 of the Hume and Hovell walks needed to be re-scheduled. It was originally advertised on the BBC program as Sunday 16th August. For this stage we start at the Ettamogah Pub and walk along the road to Mitchell Road. A short detour will take us to the top of Budginigi Hill. From there we'll continue along Mitchell Road to a track along the Hume Highway to Bowna Reserve.

Saturday 10th October Wildflower Walk, Table Top Easy/Med about 5km return

Leader: Daniel Francese Co-leader Cindy Marsh

The views from Table Top, Albury are sensational. Due to the popularity of the last walk and the sensational views of the surrounding landscape and rock formation, I have had requests to re scheduled this walk.

The route will be from the information board to follow the wildflower track up to Table Top, a distance of about 5 km return however, it is all uphill and climbing through rocks for the last stage. I will be placing a limit of 12 walkers on this activity.

Saturday 24th October Blue Rag Range Medium 16km

Leader: Allan Van Damme

I'm planning ahead and have found the 25 of October would be a good date to attempt the Blue Rag Range Hike.

The weather squashed my last attempt, but I won't give up because there is a cache there as well. I am told it is a medium hike of about 16 K round trip. The plan would be to camp at the Harrierville Caravan Park Friday night for relaxed start on Saturday.

Sunday 11th October Tallangatta Tall Trestle Ride Cycle easy

Contact: David Pinder

Bookings close 6th October – or when buses are filled.

BBC Contact: Cindy Marsh

A marvellous day of easy riding, exploring the upper reaches of the High Country Rail Trail. Leaving Tallangatta at 8 am, the four short rides of approx 10kms each are mainly downhill. Corryong to Colac Colac, Shelley station site through magnificent forest to the Koetong Pub for lunch, and then downhill to Darbyshire with superb views along the way. Following afternoon tea at Old Tallangatta return to Tallangatta along the sealed section of the Rail Trail. A fully supported ride with bus transfers between each ride and morning and afternoon tea. Cost is \$65 per rider all inclusive.

Unfortunately we cannot provide a concession cost. A deposit of at least \$30 per rider is required by 5th October to secure your seat. Balance is payable on the day. Cheques payable to: Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group. Places will not be reserved until a deposit or full payment is made. Contact Cindy to make arrangements to car pool.

Saturday 17th October Myrtleford to Bright & Return Cycle Easy 58kms

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

Booking accepted after 6th October

This is an easy ride is on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail and is mostly flat with scenic views of Mount Buffalo, hop farms and open farmlands. It takes around two hours one way. We shall lunch at the Cozy Kangaroo in Bright and stretch our legs with a stroll around town before riding back to Myrtleford. There is also the option for a quick coffee break at the fabulous Rail Trail Café at Porepunkah. Riders are asked to meet at Myrtleford Visitor's

Information Centre, Post Office Complex, Great Alpine Road at 9:30am.

For more info check out www.murraytomountains.com.au

Saturday 17th October Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park Walk Hard 25km

Leader: John Jamison

This is a circular walk starting at the Blue Gum camping area to Hinces Saddle then to Black Mountain. Highlights include Bluff Falls, Ross & Campbell's Lookouts.

Saturday 17th October Nail Can Hill Wildflower Walk Easy 6 km

Meet at front gate of Albury Botanic Gardens at 9am for a morning walk. Will probably drive a bit to gain some altitude and try to avoid a hard slog uphill. Wildflowers should be spectacular on Nail Can Hill range.

Sunday 18th October Canine capers along the Kiewa Walk Easy 9km

Code name: "Bringyadogalong"

Co Leaders: Dick Wellard and Pablo

Map: Albury 1:50,000

A chance to include Fido or Fifi in a club activity. An easy 9km stroll for man or beast along a well defined track along the Kiewa river from Killara bridge, Murray Valley Highway (GR 960008) to the Murray River (GR953034) and return.. Lots of exciting smells and sights a couple of styles to navigate and all in all, a very pleasant walk.

Strongly suggest all dogs come equipped with a lead although there is ample chance for some free running. Sufficient water along the way for the dogs and lots of toilet trees. Ample parking at start point. Meet at parking lot at 1pm for 1:15pm start. All dogs exempt \$5:00 non club member starting fee. Dog less members also most welcome. Only

downer is it is sometimes a bit snakey (dogs on leads?)

Saturday 24th October Blue Rag Range Walk Medium 16km

Leader: Allan Van Damme

I'm planning ahead and have found the 24th of October would be a good date to attempt the Blue Rag Range Hike. The weather squashed my last attempt, but I won't give up because there is a cache there as well. I am told it is a medium hike of about 16 K round trip. The plan would be to camp at the Harrierville Caravan Park Friday night for relaxed start on Saturday.

Saturday 24th October Koetong Walk Easy/Medium 8km

Leader: Tony Marsh

Co- Leader: David Ross

This one way walk is a great marked track with grass trees, wildflowers, wild dog poo and hairballs evident and great bush scenery. The Koetong creek track has some steep ascents and descents- if we have enough walkers we may be able to do a car crossover with two groups walking in opposite directions.

Sunday 25th October Back of Yackandandah Walk Medium 12 km

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Co-Leader: Don Ingram

I am re-scheduling this scenic walk. The rain spoiled our previous attempt. The walk is on and off track, including bush bashing, we will focus on the picturesque Yackandandah area. We will view stunning bushland, caves, (bring a touch), mine shafts and other interesting spots.

Sunday 25 October MTB ride Mitta to Mt Beauty. Cycle 55km Challenging

Contact: John Jamison

Via Scrubby creek & Trappers gap. This an annual event organised by team mount Beauty MTB Club. Further details www.tmb.org.au

Sunday 25 October VILLAGE FAIR - Burrumbuttock Social/Family Day

Wirraminna Gardens Fun Run, Dash for Cash, family races.

Contact: Joy Grinham

Betty Carrasco was a member of BBC until September 2004. She was a tireless worker for the environment, globally and locally. Betty attended Earthwatch expeditions overseas, did field trips in central Australia, and weekly she visited Wirraminna Gardens, weeding, collecting seeds, and working with school children. Betty even had a special plot where she had planted seeds and plants from on Monument Hill, Albury.

You are invited to come to Burrumbuttock, a 30 minute drive from Albury, and wander around the gardens. These feature wildlife habitat, a forest nelder, and seed collection of indigenous plants. Along with the gardens, you can be part of the Burrumbuttock Village Fair. 9am for the Fun Run, 11 am old fashioned wheelbarrow races, and 12 noon Dash for Cash. Be a kid again and nominate with 3 others for team events such as wheelbarrow races, and sack races.

For a lot more information, visit www.wirraminna.org

Saturday 31st October Everton to Beechworth & Return Cycle Medium/Hard 32kms

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

This ride begins at the old Everton railway station – turn right at the sign about 15 km out of Beechworth on the Londrigan-Tarrawingee Road. This is a challenging uphill ride to Beechworth on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail, offset by the exhilarating downhill ride back. (An average rider takes between one and a half to two hours to make Beechworth). We shall have plenty of time to lunch in one of the many cafes and wander the town centre since it's only about a 45 minute ride back to Everton. Riders are asked to be at the Everton railway station by 10:00am. For more info check out www.murraytomountains.com.au

Sat 31 October – Sun Nov 1 Bogong High Plains

Beginners Easy Backpack Leader:

Chris Sobey

Leaving the cars at Strawberry Saddle, it's a short 3k walk along a cattle pad to Faithfull's Hut. Set up tents here for the night. On Sunday we can trip down for a dip in the icy waters of the Faithfull Falls, then it's coffee and papers on the verandah. After lunch it's an easy walk back out through pretty bushland. Other overnight walkers welcome.

Sunday 1st November Exploring Kirks Track, Georges Creek Walk Medium 15km

Leader: Hans Kaspers

From Talgarno we take the Georges Creek Road to where Kirks Track (Google Earth) or Georges Creek Track (CFA maps) starts. This is the start of the walk. We follow Kirks track for 5km (with a climb of 300 m), and then start a 5km circuit, all along tracks. Finally we return along Kirk's track to the cars. Opportunities exist for off-track walks on this exploratory walk.

Saturday 7th November Bonegilla Grasslands & Block 19 Cycle Easy 24km/Walk Easy 6km

Leaders: Tony Marsh

Cyclists will start and finish at the Baranduda community centre and ride to Bonegilla railway station for the grasslands exploration and then to Block 19 Migrant Experience Centre for the tour – distance about 24km return.

Walkers will meet at Whytes road Baranduda arrange a car shuffle and walk to Bonegilla grasslands on the rail trail.

Together we will explore the rich flora and fauna of the Bonegilla grasslands. We will then drive or cycle to the Bonegilla Block 19 Migrant Experience centre and enjoy a conducted tour starting at 1-30 pm.

Saturday 14th November Hume & Hovell Stage 6:

Tunnel Road – Tin Mines Camp

Camp overnight 22km Med-Hard

Sunday 15th November Hume & Hovell Stage 7:

Tin Mines Camp site to Lankeys Creek 22km Med-Hard

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Co- Leader: Tony Marsh

We will be able to do these two stages (6 and 7) without having to carry heavy packs. With a backup vehicle support overnight camping equipment can be transported by vehicle to the overnight campsite. Here is your chance to do two days of walking with creature comforts your reward (ok, I admit there won't be hot showers!)

Saturday 21st November Woolshed Falls into Beechworth Easy 6km

Leader: Cindy Marsh

The plan is to drive to Woolshed Falls and enjoy an early picnic tea at the Falls from 4.30 to 5.30 pm. At 5.30pm we will start the walk from Woolshed Falls and follow the picturesque track into Beechworth. A car shuffle is required as this walk is one way only.

Sunday 22nd November The Back Wall – Mt Buffalo Easy+ 10 Km

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Walk past Egg Rock and Chinaman's Dam, across The Devil's Playground, through snowgums, granite rocks and beautiful vegetation, to a scenic lunch spot at the Back Wall overlooking surrounding valleys. Return along the same route.

Friday 27th November Nailcan Hill Grade med/hard

Evening bike ride at 6pm

Leader: John Jamison:

After a steep climb up the ridge track we can enjoy some single trails on the way down.

Saturday 28 November McFarlane's Hill Easy and Social

Leader Cindy Marsh

We leave from McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga at 4 pm. This is a 4 km circuit that takes in views of the surrounding bush land, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury taking in Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great walk children/teenagers or anyone who wants to end the day with a little light exercise.

Sunday 29th November Horseshoe Lagoon Easy bike ride

Leader: Liz Hammond

We will meet at the Tourist Information Office at Gateway Island on the Lincoln Causeway. From there we'll cycle along the bike path by the river, through Noreil Park, past the swimming pool, to Kremer Street in West Albury. We'll cross Kremer and follow the walking path around Horseshoe Lagoon. This is unsealed but quite firm - suitable for most bikes. If we are there early enough there should be a few pelicans and ducks on the water. We then return to Gateway Island by the same route and finish up at the Three Monkeys for coffee with or without cake. This is an easy bike ride of 20 odd kms, all on bike or walking paths, with only a couple of very short hills. Suitable for beginners and children.

Thursday 3rd December 2009 Donkey Farm at Doctors Point to Noreuil Park Canoe Activity

Leader: David Ross

Contact Person: Tony Marsh

Canoe activity from Donkey Farm at Doctors Point to Noreuil Park; A short evening paddle, meeting at 6.30pm, start paddling downstream at 7 pm -propose The evening of the 3rd December is one night off a full moon. I expect we should finish the paddle at boat ramp just as the Moon rises. BBC canoes are available for hire and depending on response extra boats can be arranged, if required. The start has excellent access and a great spot to launch boats. This activity is open to all but participate must ensure that they can swim

Friday 4th December Ewarts Road Baranduda range Easy Night Walk

Spotlighting for arboreal mammals

Leader: Tony Marsh

Join us for a night of spotlighting at the top of Ewarts Road in the tall peppermint forests on Baranduda range. We hope to see greater gliders (our largest glider species) and perhaps ringtail and brushtail possums. Meet at 7.30 pm at the Baranduda Community Centre car park or meet on location at 8pm. BYO: Mug for tea or coffee, warm clothes and sturdy footwear, binoculars, head lamp, torch or spotlight and your kids.

Saturday 5th December Cycle from Eurobin to Bright & return leisurely 30km return

Including the Canyon Walk 3km easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

This enjoyable and popular bike ride from Eurobin to Bright will bring us into Bright for lunch in the park. There is the option to lock-up the bikes and complete the Bright Canyon walk which is an easy 3 km before we do the return ride. The opportunity is available for the keen cyclist who want an extended ride, to cycle from Myrtleford and met the group at Eurobin.

Saturday 5th December Mt Lawson State Forest / Rock Art Medium Walk 8 Kms

Leader: Ron Hammond

Although this walk is only 8 kilometres we have a couple Ks bush bashing and a steep decent of 400 meters . We will visit some Aboriginal paintings which I have been to before, plus scout around for some hand stencils near by, ending the walk at a camp site on the Koetong Creek and a swim if there is any water flowing. A short car shuffle is required.

Sat 5th & Sun 6th December Overnight Camp at Mt Cobbler Medium Walk 10 kms

Leader: Tony Marsh

Co-Leader: Tracey Barkley

We will travel to and camp overnight at Lake Cobbler on Sat Dec 5 which is about 3 hours drive from Wodonga – a four wheel drive or high clearance two wheel drive is needed for the recently graded road from Bennies to the lake.

On Sunday we will walk to Mt Cobbler, an exposed, rocky alpine summit from the camping area at Lake Cobbler. We enter the forest that dips into a moist creek gully, before starting the steady and sometimes steep climb to an open snow plain area. The walk to the summit is well worthwhile for both the views and wildflowers you will encounter along the way. This is moderate walk with some steep sections.

Sunday 6th December Belvoir Park/ Sumsion Garden Satisfying /Fun

Working Bee including Canoeing

Contact: Ant Packer

Our aim is to clean up Belvoir Park/Sumsion Gardens with the newly formed Friends of Belvoir Park. Canoes will be used to canoe around the Lake collecting rubbish.

12th – 13th December Mt Buffalo - revegetation Working bee Satisfying

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Over the last 2 years club members have been working with the Mount Buffalo Rangers on fire recovery in bog areas that were damaged during the 2003 fires. Bog areas were covered with straw and jute to protect them, and in some areas weeds have been identified for eradication. Now it's time to help replant some of the bog areas. Parks Victoria provide free camping for the weekend so we'll drive up and settle in on Friday night, and funds from a Parks Victoria Community Group Grant will provide meals for the weekend. It's a weekend of fun and productive work. Previously advertised for November, this activity has been postponed till December due to weather conditions.

Saturday 12th December Mt Feathertop via North West Spur

& Bungalow Spur Max 8 Walkers Hard

Leader Peter Smith-Allen

Beginning from behind the trout farm in Harrietville this walk follows the North West Spur track, up the side of Mt Feathertop. This first section of the walk is very steep, before levelling out at the Melbourne university hut. Here we will break for lunch before continuing along the track just below the main peak. This section of the walk offers some spectacular views of the summit. We will then join up with the Mt Feathertop summit track, depending on the weather and how we feel; we may then take a short walk up to the summit. The next stage will see us continue down to Federation Hut and follow the Bungalow Spur track back down to the bottom of the mountain.

Sunday 13th December Yackandandah Walk Medium Walk 10 Km

Leader: Don Ingram

Co-Leader: Cindy Marsh

To beat the heat we will start walking at 7.30 am. Our aim is to do a circuit, walking mostly on track, along Back Creek Valley and up Stringer's Ridge before returning to the cars. The early start is designed for us to be out in the best part of the day and hopefully be back in Yackandandah for lunch in the Park. This scenic area is worth the early start.

17th December Weekday Walk Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

Leader: Tracey Barkley

We are hoping to do some midweek medium graded walks as an antidote to the silly season. We will decide where after assessing the weather and the preferences of anyone who would like to join us. Contact one of us at least 3 days before the planned walk and we'll discuss the details.

Saturday 19th December Two peaks in a day Medium

MTB ride & walk

Leader: John Jamison

The ride starts at Falls Creek, we follow the Mt Mackay Rd to Mt Mackay; riding down to Pretty Valley Rd past the dam out to the Tawonga Hut. The next stage is to hop off the bikes & walk up our second peak of Mt Jaithmathang.

Saturday 19th December Mt Buffalo Galleries

Chalwell Galleries & Old Galleries Easy Walk

Leader: Hans Kaspers

The distance defines this walk as easy, but some rock-climbing is involved. Refer to this website

http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_0393.pdf

Wednesday 23rd December Weekday Walk Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

Leader: Tracey Barkley

We are hoping to do some midweek medium graded walks as an antidote to the silly season. We will decide where after assessing the weather and the preferences of anyone who would like to join us. Please contact one of us at least 3 days before the planned walk and we'll discuss the details.

Sunday 27th December Mt Buffalo Rocks Easy Walking

Leader: Hans Kaspers rock- climbing involved

Mt Buffalo was named by explorers Hume and Hovell in 1824, who made out the shape of a resting buffalo in this towering granite mass. This walk is about enjoying some of the most spectacular rock formation in Australia; Torpedo, Leviathan, Sentinel, Riven Rock, Egg Rock, and the Monolith.

Thursday December 31st Bungalow Spur to Feathertop Medium Overnight

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

Bookings accepted after 2nd November 09

New Year Eve, December 31st is a full moon. What better day to put on the overnight pack and amble up Bungalow Spur in the morning. We'll set up camp near Federation Hut and relax, until after dinner when we will stroll up Feathertop minus packs to watch sunset. (With 360 degree views we should be able to locate it.) Once the sun has set we'll walk back down by the light of the full moon (or torch if needed). Sure beats fireworks and kissing strangers!!!! You can go to bed whenever you like and we'll walk back down after packing up next year.

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Sunday 3rd January 2010 Mt Buffalo Peaks

Leader: Hans Kaspers Easy rock- climbing

The distance rates this walk as easy and the views ensure the effort is worthwhile. Join me to see the peaks on Mt Buffalo; Le Souef Peak, Corral Peak, Cathedral & Hump, The Horn. Refer to this website

http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_0393.pdf

Saturday 9th January 2010 Watchbed Creek to Bogong Village

along Grey Hills Medium Walk 22.5 km

Leader: John Jamison

This walk starts at Watchbed Creek (behind Falls Creek) & follows the Big River fire track to Warby Corner. We then head west along Mt Spion Kopje track to reach the crows nest for lunch. This is the start of the Grey Hills ridge which we will follow to the junction of the Black Possum Spur which will lead us to Bogong Village. This walk does not involve any long /steep climb but the descent along Black Possum Spur is both long & steep. A car shuffle will be required to get cars back from Watchbed Creek gate.

Saturday 9th January 2010 Pretty Valley Pondage Medium Walk 15 km,

Mt Jim & Mt Bundara circuit. some parts off-track.

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Refer to the map on this website to view where we will be walking;

http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_0519.pdf or

http://203.19.59.184/wiki/pub/Knowledge/Maps/Bogong_roads.pdf

Sunday 10th January 2010 South Buffalo View Point Easy Walk

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin 10km

Leaving the Cresta car park, the winding track passes through snow gums and grass plains near some interesting rock outcrops. From the rocky spur top, there is a very good view to the south and west. We'll take time to cool off in Lake Catani after the walk.

Jan 12th to Jan 18th 2010 Backpacking in New Zealand Medium Walk

Contact Tony Marsh for more information

We will be completing a 7 day moderate to demanding backpacking trip - the Travers-Sabine circuit - an 83km loop in the Nelson Lakes area of the south island of NZ - the walk features grassy river flats, beech forests and two alpine saddles and magnificent alpine scenery - we will mostly be staying in huts.

Saturday 16th January 2010 A evening stroll around Yackandandah Easy 2 hours Walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

I plan to start my evening stroll around picturesque Yackandandah, at 7.00pm. The route I have chosen is the Historic Gorge walk. Don Ingram has agreed to join us to provide the history of the area.

Sunday 17th January 2010 Mt Buffalo: Eagle Point Easy – medium 10km.

Exploratory

Leader: Hans Kaspers

From the Reservoir Picnic Area we take the Mollisons galleries track, past Og Gog & Magog to Eagle Point and back to the Reservoir the same way.

23th, 24th, 25th Jan 2010 The Crosscut Saw, Med / Hard Walk

Leader Peter Smith-Allen,

It is recommended we drive to the start of the walk on Friday evening and camp overnight on the Howqua River, just off Bindaree Road. On Saturday we will make our way up the Howqua feeder track, to the top of Mt Howitt. From here it's only a short walk to Macalister Springs, where we will camp for the night. Sunday we will walk over the Crosscut Saw and Mt Buggery to an overnight camp at Mt Speculation. This section has some short rock scrambles; however the hard work is well worth it, as the views are nothing short of spectacular. Monday we will retrace our steps part of the way across the Crosscut Saw before taking a walking track that follows a ridge down to the Howqua Spur road. The top section of this track is very steep and some rock scrambles will be needed. We will

then link up with the Howqua Feeder track and follow the river back to the cars. Note: A four wheel drive or high clearance two wheel drive is needed to cover a short section of Bindaree road.

Saturday 23rd January 2010 Edmonson's Hut Easy – Medium Walk 15 km

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Starting at Watchbed Creek we will make our way to Edmonson Hut. On the way back we'll take the Heathy Spur track to the Rocky Valley Dam. Edmonson's Hut; In 1953 grazer James (Jim) Edmondson built a hut after leasing the lot in 1945. Timber was brought up from Tawonga by the builder Harry Damm. Jim vacated the block by 1971. The hut is a gabled iron clad building with a mezzanine and masonite lining. There are two bunks and a loft for visitors.

Sunday 24th January 2010 Audax Alpine Classic 2010 Road Cycling Event

Contact person: John Jamison

There are rides from 50 to 200km starting from Bright. Consider the enjoyment of riding through some of Victoria most spectacular country side more details www.audax.org.au

Sunday 24th January 2010 Buckland Valley River Walk Cool and Wet

Leader: Liz Hammond

We drive up the Buckland Valley and park at the picnic area by the bridge, 14kms from Porepunkah. We then do a car shuffle so there are cars to pick us up at the end of the walk. From the picnic area, we walk up river, in the water, for 4 or 5 kms, exiting near the Buckland Cemetery. Wear old shoes or boots, and a walking stick is handy as the riverbed is slippery in places. There should be ripe blackberries to pick along the way, and every time we get hot we'll stop and cool off in the water.

Friday 29th January 2010 Night Ride Medium 42km return

Leader: Cindy Marsh Cycle Ride

I plan to take full advantage of the cool of the evening and the full moon by cycling from Wodonga (leaving at 8.30pm) to Barnawartha, via Plunkets Road, Wodonga. After a refreshing drink at the Star Hotel, we will cycle back to Wodonga. Cyclist must ensure that they have bike lights and they wear reflective clothing for night riding.

Sunday 31st January 2010 Sunrise Breakfast Medium 12 Km and Social

Huon Hill Walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

To beat the heat and take advantage of a sunrise I am proposing that we start very early to walk up Huon Hill to see the sun rise on 31 Jan 2010 at 06.28 am, enjoy our breakfast at the BBQ area and return to the cars via the Kiewa River.

Sunday 31st January 2010 Mt Buffalo: Anderson's Peak – Medium Walk 12 km.

Exploratory.

Leader: Hans Kaspers

This will be my first visit to the North Buffalo Plateau. It should be all on track, but the contours show it is quite hilly. Since we will take the same track back, we can return any time. Hopefully we will reach Anderson's Peak and even Ulrich Peak! Refer to <http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources/mresources/fire/Map1.pdf>

Thursday 4th February Canoeing Mungabareena to Norieul Park Easy Canoe Trip

Leader: Bruce Key

This is an after work canoe to enjoy the river in the early evening. We will be leaving Mungabareena (just near where the Doctor's point road leaves the park) at 5.30 pm. Participants need to have some canoeing experience but if you are a novice we may be able to include you if there are sufficient people with experience. I will respond on Sunday 31 January to those who book (preferably by email). There will be a charge for canoe hire of \$8 per head Those with their own canoes are welcome. We will have a pizza tea at Norieul when we finish.

Sat 30th & Sun 31st Jan 2010 Diamantina Spur & Swinders Spur circuit Hard

Overnight Walk

Leader: John Jamison Distance 30 km approx

This walk starts at the Diamantina Hut & follows the Razorback Track. We head east down the Diamantina Spur to the valley of the West Kiewa River. The last section of the Spur is steep & the walking track disappears, but following the ridge line will bring us to the track again. We head south along the West Kiewa logging track to Blairs Hut for lunch. Afterward we continue past Red Robin battery to Dibbins Hut to camp overnight. Next day we climb up Swindlers Spur back to the car waiting at Mt Loch. This walk requires a short car shuffle.

Saturday 6th February The Twins 10 km Medium Walk

Leader: Bruce Key

The walk will start and finish at Mt St Bernard where the Dargo road intersects the Great Alpine Road. This walk involves some steep climbing to the peak at 1703 m The mountain was burnt in 2003. As you climb the mountain from St Bernard on the 4WD track, you cross along the broad north face of the mountain, through open forest of snowgum.

Sunday 7th February Exploring Mt Jim 10 to 12 km Medium Walk

Leader: Hans Kaspers

The idea is to park at Pretty Valley Pondage, cross the causeway and head to Mt Jim in the shortest way: off-track! At Mt Jim we'll explore it's rocky slopes, before heading back to the Pondage; total distance 10 to 12 km; 200m on track. There is not much bush-bashing, but it can be rocky and there are numerous bogs and creeks. Off-track walking on the high plains is easier than walking the blue-stone gravel. See our Flickr site for photos.

Sat 6 – Sat 13 February Mt. Kosciuszko N.P. Day Walks Med/Easy/Walk

Leader: Noelene Young

See previous newsletters for full details of this trip. There are five club members listed for this event so far. The proprietor of the Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat offer accommodation of 4 in a 6 berth "alpine" cabin with kitchen and shower at \$24/night and we can make a booking immediately prior to the event. If the threat of fire holds off then we will be able to enjoy a week of good walking on and near the main range, and the well- resourced town of Jindabyne is nearby. I look forward to hearing from you when the time is right.

Friday 12th February McFarlanes Hill Easy and Social Walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Walk start time: 7pm

McFarlanes Hill is an excellent place to escape the hustle and bustle. Experience the bush ambience by taking a stroll among rolling hillsides and remnant bushland. The view of Wodonga from the ridge is well worth the 4 km walk along the Ridge Walking Track. <http://www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au/parks/McFarlanesHill.htm>

14th February Mt Buffalo: Mac's Point Medium Walk

Leader: Hans Kaspers

We will start near the Leviathan to do this seven km walk, with the possibility of extending it into a circuit, going to about 12km.

Saturday 20th February Mt Wills Easy – Moderate day walk 14 KMs

Leader: Tracey Barkley

Contact Tracey after 7pm

Co – leader: Hans Kaspers

Mount Wills is similar to Mt Buffalo with its granite boulders and snow gums. Although included on the Australian Alps Walking Trail (AAWT) it is a sometimes forgotten part of the high country and doesn't receive many visitors. Mt Wills offers different views of the Bogong High Plains and Mt Bogong.

Sunday 21st February Introduction to the High Plains Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Three short walks will provide an introduction to the High Plains for those who haven't yet experienced the beauty of the wildflowers and the historic huts. We will start with a 2km walk on the new Fainter Falls Walking Track which goes approx. 800 meters uphill to a series of viewing platforms. The second walk has a climb of about 200 meters over about 2 kms to the top of Mt Cope, to experience some of the magnificent views. After retracing our steps, we will drive to Cope Hut where we will start a 5 km walk which takes in some of the High country history by

passing Wallace's Hut, (the oldest on the High Plains), the Rover Lodge and Cope Hut. Those who would like to can wait at Wallace's hut for the cars to return. Participants can walk as much or as little as they choose, but those who complete the 3 walks will have walked 11 kms.

Friday 26 to Sun 28 Feb Weekend camp at Lake Catani Mt Buffalo

including half and full day walks

Leader: Tony Marsh

Bookings are required - contact Tony for more information

Saturday 27th February Along the Rail Trail Easy/Social Walk

Koetong Pub to Shelley Forestry Camp

Leader: Deb Kahn

Hopefully for this walk it will be a case of third time lucky. What could be a nicer way of escaping the summer heat than a walk along the rail trail from Koetong Pub to Shelley Forestry camp. This wide relatively flat track will allow people to chat while enjoying some wonderful views. We will start with a short car shuffle and finish with a shared picnic lunch. When booking in please let me know whether you will be bringing nibbles, main or sweet treats to share for lunch.

Sunday 28 th February Noreuil Park to Yarralumla Drive Easy and Enjoyable

Cycle Ride

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Start Time: 8 am Starting from Noreuil Park to Yarralumla Drive, Wodonga and returning to Noreuil Park for an ice-cream. The route will follow the Bike Path.

Saturday 6 – Monday 8 March Mt Kosciuszko circuit walk Medium Walks

Leader: Connie Constas.

Starting Saturday morning from Thredbo, we will take the Crackenback chair lift up the mountain, walk to Seamans Hut, then descend off track to find a camp by Rawson's Creek. On Sunday we will follow the summit walking track towards Charlotte's Pass, then onto the Main Range walking track to Blue Lake for lunch. We continue on, passing Club Lake and Lake Albina to our camp on Wilkinson Creek. On Monday morning we summit Mt Kosciuszko then make our way back to the top of the chairlift where we have the choice of taking the chairlift or walking down to the cars.

Approximately 10 kms walking each day.

Sunday 7th March My favourite places on Mt Buffalo

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Easy and social, but some rock climbing

This will be a series of little walks, none longer than 3 km, some clambering over rocks, some off-track, some with spectacular scenery. This will be my last walk on Mt Buffalo until next spring.

Thursday 11 March Donkey Farm at Doctor's Point to Noreuil Park Canoe Activity

Leader: David Ross

Let's do it again! Canoe activity from Donkey Farm at Doctor's Point to Noreuil Park; A short evening paddle, meeting at 6.30pm at the old Cumberoona Boat Ramp, start paddling downstream at 7 pm. I expect we should finish the paddle at the boat ramp just as the moon rises. BBC canoes are available for hire and depending on response extra boats can be arranged, if required. The start has excellent access and a great spot to launch boats. This activity is open to all, but participants must ensure that they can swim.

Saturday 13th March Introduction to Mt Bogong 11.5km Medium Walk

Map: Bogong Alpine Area

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Leader Dick Wellard

The walk will commence at Mountain Creek car park (GR 227835) and follow the creek for 2.5 km to the Staircase track. We continue along (and ever upwards) the Staircase for 3.25 km to Bivouac Hut (GR 265368). A total climb of 900 metres. Lunch at the hut in pleasant surroundings and descend back to the car park. This is a prelude to a longer (over 3 days) walk from Mountain Creek to Cleve Cole hut and return, planned for April.

Sunday 14th March Fitzgerald Hut & Kelly Hut Medium Walk 16+ Km

Leader: Cindy Marsh

http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_0519.pdf

I plan to park the cars near the Bogong High Plains Road and walk from the intersection. We walk along the track through snow gum woodlands, along Watchbed Creek and make our way to Fitzgerald Hut & Kelly Hut.

Sat 13th & Sun 14th March Working Bee - Mt Buffalo Satisfying

Co-ordinator: Pauline McLaughlin

Another great opportunity to help restore the vegetation on Mount Buffalo while having a fun weekend! We'll be planting, identifying weeds or laying mulch, and those who attend will feel satisfied that they've contributed to our natural environment. Parks Victoria provide free camping & evening meals, so we can drive up on Friday evening and settle in. If unable to come for the weekend but would like to help, you could come for the day on Saturday.

Saturday 20th March High Plains Creek Falls Medium Exploratory Walk- 15km

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Starting near Pretty Valley Hut we'll take the Cope Saddle Track and the Cope West Aqueduct Road to the track to the falls. On the way back we might cut across Mt Bundara (off track) to snow pole 395 and follow the snow poles to Cope Saddle Hut. If enough time is left we might visit the Falls Creek Falls and Fainter Falls on the way back.

Sat 20th & Sun 21st March Rocky Creek Camp Easy walking + overnight Camping

Leader: Warren Brown

Max 8 Walkers. Day 1 : 12km and Day 2 : 9km

We'll spend a night out in the Mt Buffalo National Park at one of the remote camping areas. Starting at The Reservoir we'll walk out the Rocky Creek track with a side trip to Mac's Point. Next day we return via the direct route to The Reservoir. This is not a big two days but there is a 350m climb (over 2.5km) down and back up from the camping area. Places are limited due to limited camping sites at Rocky Creek and camping fees apply (\$4.50).

Monday 22nd March McFarlane's Hill Easy and Social Walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Walk start time: 6pm

McFarlane's Hill is located an easy drive from the centre of Wodonga, and is an excellent place to escape the hustle and bustle. Experience the bush ambience by taking a stroll among rolling hillsides and remnant bushland. The view of Wodonga from the ridge is well worth the 4 km walk along the Ridge Walking Track.

<http://www.parklandsalburywodonga.org.au/parks/McFarlanesHill.htm>

Sunday 21st March Feathertop Crossover Medium Walks 22kms

Leaders: Bungalow Spur/ Razorback: Bernadette Cromarty

Razorback/Bungalow Spur: Tracey Barkley (

You can walk along the undulating Razorback from Mt Hotham to the base of Feathertop or up the Bungalow Spur from Harrierville. The groups will then meet to walk up Feathertop, have lunch and swap car keys. The group will then split to complete the walk on the sector they have not yet done, meeting at Harrierville at the end of the day. If you prefer more up call Bernadette, if you prefer more down call Tracey. Please let us know if you are willing to swap groups as they will need to be fairly even for transport.

March 20th to March 27th A week at Cape Otway Easy/social walk

Leaders: Liz Hammond/Pauline McLaughlin

At Cape Otway on the Great Ocean Road. If you come, you'll choose what to do each day, whether swimming, fishing, bushwalking in the Otways (maybe do part of the Great Ocean Walk), driving or cycling along the coast, horse riding, or just sitting on the beach. I've been in touch with Bimbi Park, which is a camping/caravanning park in a bush setting at Cape Otway. It has bunkhouse accommodation, a camp kitchen, BBQ, dining room, internet, even koalas! For more information go to www.bimbipark.com.au FULLY BOOKED, WAITING LIST ONLY

Saturday 27th March White Box Track Easy social walk

Chiltern National Park

Leaders: Tracey Barkley /Jan Douglas (

Start Time: 3.00 to 3.30pm

We are planning on doing this walk in the afternoon/ evening of the 27th of March and enjoying a BYO picnic tea afterward to wind up daylight saving. White Box walking track is approximately 8 kms long and takes about 2-3 hours to complete. I have attached a link for more information about Chiltern National Park. If interested or for more information ring Tracey or Jan.

http://www.beechworth.com/destination_beechworth/whitebox_national_park.pdf

Saturday 27th March Mt Bogong Med /Hard Walk-16km

Leader: John Jamison

A short warm up walk along Mountain Creek before climbing the 6km up the staircase. After enjoying the views on top we walk back down the Eskdale Spur then back along the creek to the car.

Sunday 28th March Mt Benambra Easy/Medium 16Km Walk

Leader: Rob Ashworth

This is an excellent walk in the Dartmouth area. We keep to the track as we walk up to Mt Benambra. Mt Benambra (1480mts) is the highest point in the area. The 365 degrees views from the lookout at the summit are endless including Mt Bogong, Mt Wills, Mt Buffalo, Mt Buller and the Snowy Mountains.

http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_1415.pdf

Thursday 1st April – Monday 5th Geehi River circuit Hard Walk

Leader: Peter Smith-Allen

We will depart Thursday late afternoon and car camp at Geehi reservoir. On Friday we walk up the Greymare fire trail to the Greymare Hut where we camp for the night. On Saturday we follow Black Flat creek, climbing steeply, passing Valentine Falls to reach Valentine's hut for lunch. We then continue off track to Mawson's Hut for our overnight camp. On Sunday we will follow Kerrie's Ridge past Mt Gungartan to White's River Hut for our overnight camp. This section is all off track. On Monday we walk down Schlinks' trail back to Geehi reservoir and the cars.

Saturday 3rd April Budginigi Hill Medium Walk

Leader: David Ross

Easter Saturday is the end of daylight saving. We will meet at the Ettamogah Pub 6.30 pm and then scramble up to top of the hill to enjoy the view and ambience of the sun setting. It is part of the Hume and Hovell Track and is dog friendly.

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th April 2010 Hume and Hovell Walking Track

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Refer to http://www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au/hume_hovell_schedule.htm for the listing of all the walks

Saturday April 3rd Stage 06 Tunnel Road to Tin Mines Camp site Medium Walk 22 km

Sunday April 4th Stage 07 Tin Mines Camp site to Lankeys Creek Hard Walk 22 km

Note: Stages 6 & 7 to be done as 2 day walk, camping at Tin Mines Camp Site, Hume and Hovell walking track.

Sunday 4 April. Mt St Bernard to Buckland Valley Medium Walk 17 km +

Leader: Bruce Key

This walk is along part of the Great Alpine Walk between the head of the Buckland Valley and the intersection of the Dargo Road with the Hotham Road near Mt St Bernard. It is all on a ridge and has fabulous views in many places. It will have to be done as a cross-over, so I will be looking for someone to lead from the opposite end to the one where I start. It is classified medium plus because it has several steep climbs (including one to the top of The Twins) totalling about 800m in one direction and 1000m in the other direction. There is no water available. We will be late returning to Wodonga. Early bookings will help with the logistics.

Saturday 10th April Mt Glenrowan and Chick Hill Easy/medium Walk

Leader: Tracey Barkley 12km

This walk is all on track and offers views of Lake Mokoan to the south and the Warby Ranges to the north. See link for map http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources05/05_1158.pdf

Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th Mt Bogong in style Medium Walk

Map: Bogong Alpine Area 1:50,000 27.5km

Leader: Dick Wellard

A chance for a mid week stroll up one of our favourite mountains before the weather turns really cold. Starting at Mountain Creek (GR 227835) and walking half way up the mountain to Bivouac Hut (GR 265368) (5.5 Km) on day one, a total climb of 700 metres. Spend the night at the hut and conquer the second half of the mountain to Mt Bogong Summit on day two; another climb of 500 metres. Continuing on to Cleeve Cole Hut (GR 322291) along the Bogong plateau for a total day's distance of 7 km. Depending on how we feel the option is to do a short "packs off" detour of about 4 km to Howman Falls, well worth the effort. Spending the night at Cleeve Cole Hut, return to Mountain Creek via Eskdale Spur on day 3. A total distance of 15km, almost all downhill, and the last 7km along a pleasant very well defined undulating track. There is no off track.

Saturday 17th April Woolshed Falls into Beechworth Easy Medium Walk 12km

Leader Cindy Marsh

I propose to start of this walk from Woolshed Falls and walk into Beechworth for a lunch; bring your own or maybe try the Bakery. We will take time at the beginning & after the walk to stroll around the Falls. Woolshed Falls were once the centre of the richest Goldfields in Victoria, with more than 8000 Gold Miners or Diggers living along the banks of this small stream. For information <http://www.beechworth.com.au/Things-to-do-in-Beechworth/Beechworth-Walks/Woolshed-Falls-Walk.html>

Sunday 18th April Chiltern NP. –Brunch @ Barnawartha Easy & Social Walk

Leader: Denise Smith Maximum 12 walkers

Short walk Rileys Rd. to Pioneer Cemetry return via Klotz Track. Aprox. 1 1/2 -2 hrs. Time to photograph the wildlife.

BYO for a BBQ brunch at Chiltern Rd. Barnawartha after walk.

Sunday 18th April Mt Beauty Area Easy Walks

Leader: Rob Ashworth

I am offering a series of informational walks around The Mt Beauty area; Mountain Creek, Bogong Village, Lake Guy, Fainter Falls.

Sunday 18 April MTB day at Beechworth Medium Cycle Ride

Participate in one or both rides

Contact Person: John Jamison

Morning ride on the Beechworth MTB Park on single trail riding approx 9km, grade medium. Come along and try some x country single tracks at your own pace.

Or The afternoon ride is approx. 55km Beechworth to Eldorado circuit. This is also a medium grade ride. The start is at Rail Trail station following gravel tracks down to the Eldorado Township. We stop at the shop & have a look at the gold dredge. The return ride to Beechworth is via the steady climb up the rail trail.

Saturday 24th April Mountain bike ride Medium to Hard Cycle Ride

Machinery Spur Track to Red Robin mine & return

Leader Allan Van Dame

I hope to include a tour of the mine. Its approx 6-7km round trip and a medium to hard bike ride over rocky plain tracks.

The mine owner will give us a tour of the mine so bring a torch.

http://www.visitdinnerplain.com/files/Walking_Brochure_Parks_Victoria.pdf

Saturday 24th & Sun 25th April Mt Bogong Crossover – Mulhauser Spur

Leader: Marie Maguire Medium overnight

Co- Leader: John Jamison

On Saturday one group will climb from the Mitta side, up Mulhauser Spur (800 up, some off track) to meet the Long Spur track up to Maddison's Hut site (200m up). Distance about 15 km.

The other group will depart from Mountain Creek, up the Staircase to Mt Bogong (1280m up, on track, total about 10 km), across to all camp together at Maddison's Hut site (or Cleve Cole Hut which will become attractive if the weather is not!).

On Sunday the Mitta group heads across Bogong down to a car at Mountain Creek, while the other group heads down Mulhauser Spur to a car. Total distance for the weekend 25km.

Sat 24th & Sun 25th April 2010 Hume and Hovell walking track stages

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Refer to http://www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au/hume_hovell_schedule.htm for the listing of all the walks

Saturday April 24th Stage 08 Lankeys Creek to Clear Spring Rd Easy Walk 15 km

Sunday April 25th Stage 09 Clear Spring Road to Munderoo Road Medium Walk 17 km

Hume and Hovell walking track: Members are requested to let me know of their interest well in advance of the date of the stage, so preparations can be made. Stage 5 will be repeated in October, Stages 1 to 4 can be repeated in the winter months, as long as a sufficient number of members have indicated that they want to do those stages.

Monday 26th April Skeleton Hill Track followed by bonfire Medium Walk

Leader: David Ross

Monday April 26th afternoon and evening --a gazetted public holiday--cooking fires --bring your own torch ,chair, tea etc--a bonza setting on the black dog creek --play spot the rabbit--kid friendly--post walk legal rockets--telescope for count the rings of Saturn and the moons of Jupiter-- view the moon.

Sat 1st Sun 2nd May Young's Hut working bee Medium overnight 8km one way

Leader: Ron Hammond

Our old friend needs a bit of maintenance: the heater is rusting and needs a good clean and a dollop of stove black, some timber on the veranda is hanging loose, and a few of the weatherboards need reattaching. There'll be no major surgery this time just a general check up. If you haven't been to Young's Hut before here's your chance. For those new to the Club we have been maintaining this Hut for almost 28 years Young's Hut is 8k south of Pretty Valley Falls Creek.

30th April – 3 May The Crosscut Saw Med/Hard walk

Leader: Rick Pickering Exploratory

This is a carbon copy of the walk Peter Smith-Allen led in January. The only problem is for me it's exploratory.

We will drive to the start of the walk on Friday afternoon, leaving Albury-Wodonga about 1.00pm. We can buy something for tea at Mansfield as we drive through to the first night's camp site where the Bindaree Rd meets the Howqua feeder Track. The next day (Saturday) we will make our way up the spur to the top of Mt Howitt, a climb of approx 800 metres,

and then go over to Macalister Springs, where we can either camp or stay in the Vallejo Ganter hut. The next day we will retrace our steps a little and go along the Crosscut Saw ridgeline, past Mt Buggery, and on to Mt Speculation, where we will camp. Unfortunately there is no water where we will camp, so we either have to carry it, or go a further km down to a creek and bring it back. On the final day we walk back along most of the Crosscut Saw before taking a walking track down a steep, rocky ridge to the Queen Spur road, and then back to the cars. I have a mate from Canberra

who will join us for this walk, and I can take 2 others in my car. If more than 2 want to do this walk we will need another 4WD. If snow or heavy rain is forecast the walk will not go ahead.

Sat 1st & Sun 2nd May Young's Hut Working Bee Medium o/n 8kms one way

Leader: Ron Hammond

Our old friend needs a bit of maintenance: the heater is rusting and needs a good clean and a dollop of stove black, some timber on the veranda is hanging loose, and a few of the weatherboards need reattaching. There'll be no major surgery this time just a general check up. If you haven't been to Young's Hut before here's your chance. For those new to the Club we have been maintaining this Hut for almost 28 years. Young's Hut is 8kms south of Pretty Valley Falls Creek.

Saturday 1st May Yackandandah Area Medium Walk 15kms

Leader: Alison Wellard

Starting on Ewart's Road near Mt Baranduda we will walk down Hodgson Lane to Smiths Lane, then make our way to Yackandandah via Allan's and Osborne's Flat. An easy walk on minor roads but possibly involving a wade of the Yack Creek so bring your crocks and a towel. Finishing with coffee in Yackandandah, and involving a car shuffle.

Sunday 2nd May Nail Can Hill Event*

Contact Person: Tony Marsh

Let Tony know if you are participating.

Join other BBC members for a fun Sunday morning walking or jogging the Nail Can Hill event. The event is now being organised by Rotary Club of Albury West who will donate all funds raised to the local charity organisation Woodstock Support Inc. These funds will help develop an outdoor playground for kids with a disability. Entry fee is \$23 for adults. Full details at the Nail Can Hill fun run website. <http://www.nailcanhillrun.com/>

Sunday 2nd May Blue Rag Range Medium Walk 16kms

Leader: Debbie Kahn

After an early morning departure and stopping for coffee at Morrie's in Harrierville, we will head up the Hotham Rd, turning off at the Dargo High Plains Rd, which should still be open. The walk will start at the junction of the Dargo High Plains Road and the Blue Rag Range 4WD track, approx 12kms from the turn off. This very scenic, out and back walk involves a few good ups and downs as we head out to the trig station, our lunch spot. Great walk in a lovely part of the world.

Saturday 8th May Lockhart Gap- Tallangatta Lookout Medium 22kms Approx.

Leader: Rob Ashworth Exploratory Walk

We will start this walk at Lockhart's Gap and finish the walk at the Tallangatta Lookout. All on track, a car shuffle is involved.

Saturday 8th May 2010 Hume and Howell walking track stages Medium Walk

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Refer to <http://tinyurl.com/y4wkp3> for the listing of all the walks H&H Stage 9, Clear Spring Road to Monderoo Road. Either an early start from Albury or camp at Lankey's Creek on Friday night. A car shuffle is required.

Sunday 9th May Noreuil Park to Horseshoe Lagoon Easy Walk

Wonga Wetlands for lunch

Leader: Margret Coulston and Tracey Barkley

We anticipate that we will start at 10 am with a short car shuffle from Noreuil to Horseshoe Lagoon followed by a car trip to Wonga Wetlands. This walk is all on cycling/ walking track and some other tracks all well defined with much of it along the Murray River or wetlands.

Saturday 15th May Mt Buffalo – Two options Medium Walk

The Big Walk or The Not so Big Walk

Leader: Debbie Kahn

The Big Walk is my favourite walk on Mt Buffalo. The 23kms up and back walk will take us from the Ranger's Station to the Chalet passing through a variety of vegetation zones as we climb 1100m. As we wander up the mountain, we will stop to pick up those walkers who have chosen the Not So Big option (which avoids the challenging first section of the walk) about 1 ½ hours into the walk. The ability to be able to walk, talk and gawk is an advantage on this walk as stunning views will just blow you away.

Saturday 15th May Mountain Bike Ride : Keotong Medium Cycle Ride

Leader: David Ross

Co-Leader: Cindy Marsh

One way following the Thologolong Track, Bounder Track, to Stockyard Gully. Mountain or hybrid bike required.

Sunday 16th May Kancoona Gap Track Medium Walk,

Leader: Hans Kaspers Exploratory 10-12kms

From Happy Valley Road we turn right into Kancoona Gap Track, which runs on top of a ridge for 5kms. We then take a sharp left turn and follow Rolland's Road past pine plantations to Kancoona South Road. As we start at an elevation of 577m, reach a top of 737m and finish at 381m it is hilly country, but nothing appears to be steep. A car shuffle is required.

Sunday 16th May Bright to Wandiligong Maze Easy Walk 12kms

Leaders: Jason Brown & Tracey Barkley

It's that time of year again, time for another picturesque walk from Bright to Wandiligong, through the amazing Wandil Maze and back again to Bright in time to be home early as we all would like on a Sunday. The walk will along the Morse's creek to Wandiligong, go through the maze and have some lunch, and then returns back along the creek.

This is an easy and fun family walk for all ages, hurry as places are limited.

Saturday 22nd May The Rock Easy Walk

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Situated 30kms south of Wagga, The Rock is an impressive landmark, towering 250 metres over the surrounding countryside and after walking the 3 km Yerong Nature Trail through changing vegetation communities to the top you can see Mount Kosciuszko and the Victorian Alps on a clear day. Being a very short walk with a rise, we'll take it slowly so we can appreciate the surroundings.

Saturday 22nd May Bright to Freeburgh Medium Walk 15kms

Via the Wet Gully Track

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Contact Hans for details.

Sunday 23rd May 3 Bright Hills Medium + Walk

Leader: Bernadette Cromaty

This walk incorporates three short walks up and down hills that give different views of Bright: Apex Lookout, Valley View Walk and Huggins lookout. The first two can be done as circuits by grunting up the fire trail and descending down the track. The last is out and return. They are linked by the canyon walk, rail trail (flat), a bit of road and Bakers Gully Reservoirs (slightly hilly). In all it's about 1.5kms and a good way to keep fit. Be brave and join me.

Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd May Weekend at Falls Creek*

Contact Person: John Jamison

Accommodation is available at Kiewa Valley Ski Club on Falls Creek Rd at \$25 pp Shared bathrooms & Kitchen, 2-4 berth bedrooms Activities include; bushwalking, bike riding & club canoes available for hire . Or just relax & read a book.

Saturday 29th May Kelly Caves Medium Walk 10km

Leader: Don Ingram

Co-Leader: Cindy Marsh

There are two famous caves, the Kelly Gang Caves which can be seen from Woolshed Road at Sebastopol, and the caves the police used to spy on the inhabitants in their attempt to catch the Kellys in the 1980's. A day walk is required to walk to the caves (Kellys and Police), a distance of about 10km through some fairly rough country, including steep hills.

Saturday 29th May 2010 Hume and Howell Walking Track Medium Walk

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Refer to <http://tinyurl.com/y3ay2mo> for the listing of all the walks. H&H Stage 6, Tunnel Road to Tin Mines Camp Site. This is possible as a day walk, but a 4WD car shuffle is required.

Sunday 30th May Bike Ride Everton to Gapsted Winery 38kms Easy/70kms Challenging

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

A ride on the Rail Trail from Everton to Gapsted Winery (all sealed) where we'll enjoy lunch before returning to Everton. Possibility of riding up to Beechworth for a late afternoon coffee for those who want a bit of a challenge, (32kms return), before finishing the day with an exhilarating ride all downhill back to Everton. Need to know numbers by May 23rd to book at the winery restaurant.

Sunday 30th May Baranduda Walk Easy Walk 6kms

Leader: Tony Marsh

This easy 6km loop walk all on track at Baranduda - starting and finishing at the Baranduda Community Centre - start 10am bring morning tea / lunch featuring a short climb to a saddle giving great views of the Leneva and Kiewa valleys.

Saturday 5th June Mt Emu Medium Walk

Leader: Debbie Kahn

Mt Emu is on the other side of the valley to Mt Bogong but nowhere near as high. This walk follows the continuation of the Eskdale Spurr to Mt Emu. Lunch will be at the top, where one year light snow fell as we were eating. It is from the top that hanggliders launch themselves and that the view is best. Alas no emus to be found!

Saturday 5th June Burrowa Pine Mountain National Park Hard walk

Leader: John Jamison approx 25km

This circular walk starts at the Blue Gum Camp; from there we follow Upper Dogman's Track to Hince's clearing. Continue along Hince's Creek walking track to Hince's Saddle then climbing Black Mountain. Following Ross Lookout track we reach the highlight of the walk; Ross & Campbell's lookouts. Then continue along past Bluff Falls back to the cars.

Sunday 6th June Mt Terrible, Lavington - interclub relay event *

Contact Person: John Jamison

For the latest Orienteering event results go to the club website www.orienteeingalburywodonga.org

This is a first for the club and the location provides an opportunity to cater for all skill/fitness levels. There will be 4 legs available, 2 x hard, 1 medium and 1 easy. Each leg will be approx. 2.5- 3km. Teams can comprise from 2-4 persons (a competitor can do several legs if they like). It is proposed to have a mass start at 10.30am. To assist in planning this event and sorting out the teams, it would greatly help if you could advise Rick by 3rd June () of your intention to compete. Please advise the standard of the course you want to compete in and how many legs you want to do.

Saturday 12th June Hume and Hovell Walking Track

Leader: Hans Kaspers

H&H Stage 7, Tin Mines Camp Site to Lankey's Creek. This is possible as a day walk, but a 4WD car shuffle is required. Contact Hans for details or check the Border Bushwalking Club website

Saturday 19th June Riverside Walk Easy 2or 3 kms

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

This will be a very easy stroll in a beautiful area along the banks of the Murray River within half an hour's drive of Albury-Wodonga. It's really an excuse to move away from the heated house and spend a few hours outdoors on a winter's day. We'll leave late in the morning and stroll for a short while before lighting a fire to boil the billy and maybe cook a sausage or two on a stick for lunch. After a leisurely lunch we'll stroll for a bit longer. Bring cameras, as there will be great views of water and magnificent trees.

Sunday 20th June Tracks in Wodonga Easy Walk

Leader: Bev Johnston

A walk on the paths in part of Wodonga. We will walk behind Willow Rise, along part of Huon Creek and climb to the top of Federation Hill ridge. Some brief climbs and the short steep climb onto Federation Hill. Tracks will be a combination of paved path and gravel tracks with lovely views and through some open areas. Late start and early finish with lunch on top of Federation Hill looking out over Wodonga and Albury.

Sunday 20th June Jam, Cream and Scones A Challenge

Tallangatta / Jarvis Creek circuit*

Mountain Bike Ride

Contact Person: John Jamison

This is a 'Friends of the Rail Trail' event

http://www.highcountryrailtrail.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3&Itemid=31

Sunday 20th June Mt. Buffalo Medium Walk

Part Big Walk and including Rollasons Falls

Leader: Charles Dunn Co-Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

We start at the park entrance, over the swing bridge and up the track we go to the middle of the open rock escarpment.

Magnificent views of the Ovens Valley and the Bogong High Plains. Then back down the mountain to Rollasons Falls for lunch. After lunch we make our way back up the track and then our final decent back to our starting point. BYO afternoon tea. The picnic ground is wonderful. Total distance is about 17.5ks. Close to the shortest day of the year, it is important that we are off the track by 4pm at the latest. By 4pm the track is in complete shadow and can be slippery. It is a chilly 8am start at Buffalo.

Saturday 19th or Sun 20th June Local Event on map close to town * Orienteering

Contact Person: John Jamison

Orienteering is a great way to get BBC members practising map reading skills

For the latest Orienteering event results go to the club website www.orienteeingalburywodonga.org

Saturday 26th June Hume and Hovell Walking Track

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Munderoo Road to Mannus. Either an early start from Albury or camp (Motel) at Tumberumba. Contact Hans for details or check the Border Bushwalking Club website

Sunday 4th July Mt Jack Medium Walk

Leader: Deb Kahn

They say that it's not the destination that counts but the journey and this is very true when applied to Mt Jack as there are no great views from the top but the walk passes through a variety of vegetation and scenery. A great walk in Dederang that entails a long uphill haul with plenty of stops to catch your breath.

Sunday 4th July Beginners Snow Shoe Shuffle Easy and Fun

Leader: Ron Hammond

Beginner's snow shoe, hopefully at Mount Buffalo. An easy snow shoe experience for first timers to be followed by a longer snow shoe later in July.

Wednesday 7th July Flagstaff Range Medium Walk

Leader: Debbie Kahn

This mid week walk is just out of Beechworth in an area not often visited by our club. We will walk from Taylors Gap uphill onto The Flagstaff Range which will give us great views across to Mt Buffalo and the surrounding valleys. Once on the ridge line the gentle undulations will allow us to enjoy a great part of the world that has undergone a remarkable transformation since that fateful day in February 2009. We will emerge at Buckland Gap and waiting cars. To really enjoy this walk participants will be asked to bring a shared lunch so please let me know what you will be bringing when you book.

Friday 9th July Mt Granya Medium Walk

Leaders: Tracey Barkley/Tony Marsh

Starting from the Cotton Tree Creek camping ground we will be mainly on 4 wheels drive tracks. A stop at Granya Falls and then up to the summit for lunch before continuing down the track back to the cars. There are some short steep parts in this walk. A car shuffle is required.

Saturday 10th July Hume and Hovell Walking Track Medium Walk

Leader: Hans Kaspers

H&H Stage 11, Mannus to Tooma Road. This is a 23 km walk, so an overnight stay in Tumberumba, camping or motel seems the best!

Sunday July 11th Everton to Beechworth/Return 32kms Moderate Bike Ride

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

Departing from the former Everton Railway Station at 10:00am the ride is all on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail and is a challenging two hour uphill ride to Beechworth. Lunch at Beechworth at a cafe of choice before enjoying an exhilarating 40 minute downhill coast back to Everton. More information available at www.murraytomountains.com.au

Sunday 11th July Albury Trails Medium Walk

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

I'll be away for a week until July 7th so please book via email Bernadette at or via the website (or ring by the 29th June.) Leave your phone number and I'll ring or email details on the 8th. You don't have to leave Albury to do a good walk. I plan to walk from Pemberton St. along the Ridge Trail of Nail Can Hill and then cross over to Bakes Trail towards Jindera Gap. After a lunch spot with views we'll do it all in reverse. It will depend on the energy of the group and time whether we go all the way to the Gap and/ or take some side trails for variety. All up it should be about 23km of up and down. The advantage of being close to home is that we don't need to start at the crack of dawn despite the distance.

Saturday 17th July. Draper's Hill Easy Walk

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Drapers Hill, called Charlie's Hill by some locals, is between Castle Creek Road and Beechworth-Wodonga Road. At 550 metres it is the highest point in the range that joins Mt Lady Franklin with Mt Baranduda. This walk of about eight kilometres is all on private property through cleared and sparsely timbered terrain. The top of Draper's Hill offers good views towards Mt Pilot, Wodonga and of the Murray Valley. We will leave Wodonga at 3.00 pm so we can have dinner around a campfire and enjoy the lights of Albury/Wodonga before heading back down. Bring your sausages or marshmallows and a torch.

Saturday 17 July Lockhart's Gap MTB Circuit Ride 40 kms Hard

Leader: John Jamison

Ride starts at the Tallangatta Lookout, following the Murray Valley Hwy then up Bryant's Gap Rd to Lockhart's Gap Rd. Steady climb up to Lockhart's Gap where we leave the bitumen to follow the gravel track back to the lookout. There is still some more climbing to do before enjoying the ride down to the cars.

Saturday 17th July Federation Hut and Return 18kms Medium/ Hard Walk

Via Bungalow Spur

Leader: Dick Wellard

From Harrierville, up the Bungalow Spur to Federation Hut, a climb of 1225 meters, and return. The track is well defined and no cross-country navigation is required. Some snow may be expected on the higher slopes.

Accordingly, good footwear, waterproof coat (Gortex type), gloves and warm head covering are essential. If the snow becomes too heavy, or makes walking too difficult we will abort and return at that point. This is not a snow shoe activity. Bogong Alpine Area Map 1:50,000 refer.

Sunday 18th July: Mt Stanley Medium Walk

Leader: Liz Hammond

This walk starts near the Stanley Road/Myrtleford Road junction, just past Mudgegonga. We walk up a fire track, in a loop, to the top of Mt Stanley, then continue around the loop and back down again. It's very steep up and very steep down so it's a good idea to take a walking pole to lean on.

Saturday 24h July: Hume and Hovell Track Medium Walk

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Contact Hans for details or check the Border Bushwalking Club website

Saturday 24th July Magenta Mine- Chiltern 10 kms Easy Walk

Leaders: Margariete Harding/Tracey Barkley

An exploration of historic sites in the Chiltern National Park! We will start at Magenta Mine where we'll see the mining pits and other relics of the gold rush era then walk to Green Hill and along the Wallaby and Stringy Bark Tracks to the old cemetery before returning to the Magenta Mine and enjoy a BBQ lunch.

Saturday 24th July Jeff's Walk 10 kms Easy Walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Jeff Robins is celebrating a special birthday (ends in one of those zeros!) and you're invited to join him on this walk. We plan to have a BBQ lunch (BYO) at the picturesque Lake Sambell, Beechworth, then walk from Lake Kerford, follow Hurdle Creek to Spring Creek, finishing at the bridge over Spring Creek on Peach Drive.

Sunday 25th July Mt Murramurrabong 10 kms Medium Walk

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

A 10 km walk in the Kergunyah/Tangambalanga area. The first section is a steep climb along a four wheel drive track through bush, but is interrupted by open patches with great views towards Lake Hume, Albury- Wodonga and the surrounding areas. From the top, where we'll have lunch, you can see for miles on a clear day. We'll retrace our steps to the cars. (So after lunch it's all downhill). Map: Yackandandah 1:50,000.

Saturday 31st July Baranduda Range 15 kms Medium Walk

Leader: Debbie Kahn

No early start for this one as it's in our backyard. This is a circuit walk of about 15 kms on the Baranduda Range, starting at Barton Drive, climbing 400m to the ridgeline and walking along the top for a few kms. We will then descend via Cobb Track, to the Leneva Valley for a bite to eat. Refreshed, it's up Trig Point Track a climb of 400 m and of course down 400 to the cars. All on fire track but some great views and good training.

Saturday 31 July. Snow Shoe Shuffle at Falls Creek 12 kms Medium Shuffle

Leader: Ron Hammond

Heading over the ski slopes, for some off track snow shoeing.

Saturday 31 July Edmondson's Hut XC Ski Circuit 17 kms Medium Ski

Leader: John Jamison

Starting from Windy Corner we'll follow the Bogong High Plains Rd to the turnoff up Heathy Spur track and follow the snow poles to Edmondson's Hut for lunch. Return trip follows the Big River fire track then back along the main road to Falls Creek.

Saturday 7 Sun 8 August Khancoban to Geehi Medium Walk

Leader: Paul Schirmer

This walk starts from near Waterfall Farm just out of Khancoban. We follow the Geehi Walls Trail past Geehi Walls and Devils Grip Gorge. Several huts and hut sites are passed along the way; these include Major Clews

Hut, Keebles Hut, Doctors Hut and Old Geehi Hut. This walk is part of the Bi-Centennial Walking track. We start at an elevation of 300 metres and the maximum height we get to is 680 metres. One option is to do the walk as a cross over, the other is for someone to drive to Geehi after dropping us off and camp there so they can bring us home.

Saturday 7th August West Wodonga to Mt Lady Franklin Medium Walk

Leaders: Tracey Barkley/Don Ingram

This walk will begin in West Wodonga and will be mostly off track, however not tough going. We will be having afternoon tea at the completion of this walk so please bring a cup and let me know when booking if you would like to bring something to share.

Saturday 14th August Jindera Gap to Albury Botanic Gardens Medium Walk

Leader: Debbie Kahn

Wandering the Nail Can Hill Range allows us to appreciate how lucky we are to live in the Albury region where fabulous walking trails are right on our doorstep. This walk will mainly be along the Ridge Track but will deviate a few times just to keep your mind active as well. About 13kms all up with the option of a cross over if there are enough interested people.

Sunday 15th August The Rock Easy Walk

Leaders: Jeff Robins/Tracey Barkley

From the car park, the Yerong Nature Trail is very flat for the first km and then the track climbs through the rocky outcrop for 250m until the top is reached.

Wednesday 18th August Night Skiing at Falls Creek Fun and Easy Ski

Leader: John Jamison

Come along and try downhill skiing or practise your telemark turns under floodlights. \$20 for a 3 hour lift ticket (6pm -9pm). Further details : www.fallscreek.com.au/nightskiing

Saturday 21st August 2010 Kelly Caves Medium Walk 10kms

Leaders: Don Ingram/Cindy Marsh

There are two famous caves, the Kelly Gang Caves which can be seen from Woolshed Road at Sebastopol, and the caves the police used to spy on the inhabitants in their attempt to catch the Kelly's in the 1980's. A day walk is required to walk to the caves (Kelly's and Police), a distance of about 10km through some fairly rough country, including steep hills.

August 2008 Footprints - Mt Buffalo Skyway proposal

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MOUNT BUFFALO

Recently, Dick Wellard, President of BBC, and I attended the "Mount Buffalo Skyways Open House" at Bright, where there was an overview of the proposed Gondola for Mt Buffalo.

We received the email about the Open House at 4.15 pm the previous day, so there was very little notice for anyone from out of town to attend. We wondered whether that was a deliberate plan to exclude all but the locals who seem to favour a gondola as a great tourist asset.

However, it was an "Open House" so people could drop in any time between 4 pm and 6 pm. While we were there, there would have been about a dozen people.

I've attached a copy of that notice about the Open House and a copy of the information sheet we received.

From the PowerPoint overview and discussion with one of the committee members of the Mt Buffalo Skyways task force we learned that:

- Only 424 people responded to the survey either directly or on line
- 30 % of those were against the project
- There is no definite planned route for the gondola, although Parks have said that if it does go ahead they would prefer it to be on already disturbed land.
- One proposed site for the upper landing is the tennis court behind the Chalet, another is the cricket pitch.
- A proposed site for the start would be the entrance booth or maybe Crown land or private land.
- No costing has been determined.
- Two overseas companies who have built lifts at Mt Hotham have looked at the proposal and have said it's a possibility.
- The responses to the survey and to discussions held with community groups are now to be presented to the Alpine Shire Council for further approval to proceed.

- If Council does approve it, the next step is for them to apply to the Victorian Government for a grant to conduct a Viability study.
- If the grant is not available the plan will be abandoned.
- If the Viability study goes ahead, tenders will be put out for a feasibility study.
- A private developer would then be sought to proceed with the project.

The opportunity to respond to the survey closed on Wednesday, but comment can still be made on the website.

It seems to me that this project will not proceed, but I'm not the expert!!

Pauline McLaughlin
BV Mt Buffalo Field Officer

The following is a report received from Natasha Pritchard of Parks Victoria East Alps unit on the Australian Alps Walking Track

ALPS NO.1

After reading a report from Cindy Marsh in the May issue of the Bushwalking News Victoria about the Australian Alps Walking Track, I thought you might be interested in an update on AAWT track conditions.

The section referred to in the newsletter, Mt Wills to the Omeo Hwy, was cleared in February 2009. Last week I improved the track marking from Mt Wills to Mt Wills South. This section passed through some snow gum fire regeneration that is already starting to regrow after last year's clearing efforts. Over the next few weeks I intend to check the section from the Omeo Hwy to Mt Wills South and improve marking where needed.

I am more than happy to provide updates if walkers wish to contact me at the Omeo office.

Also, it is great to have feedback from people who have just completed walks (the good, the bad and the ugly) as this helps in the planning process and priority setting.

Sunday 22nd August Coffee and croissants at the crack of dawn Easy/Medium Walk

Leader: Debbie Kahn

Walking with the aid of torch light up the Eastern Hill Reserve Track and along Eastern Hill to the far lookout in time for sunrise. While watching the sun emerge from the underworld coffee/tea and croissants will be served. From the lookout we will then go down into Doctors Point around and through Mungabareena climbing back up the hill and return to our starting point. If you can bring a hot thermos to help out it would be appreciated and everyone will need to bring their own mug. A \$1 charge will help cover the cost of the croissants. PS rug up because it will be cold.

20 August – 22 August Howman’s Gap Weekend Easy or Hard Walk/Snowshoe/Ski

Leader: Sue Cardwell

Come and have a great 3 day weekend - skiing (downhill or cross country), snow shoeing, walking in the snow or lazing around the fire & reading. Staying at YMCA Howman’s Gap Alpine Centre just near the entry gate to Falls Creek. The trails will be groomed for the Hoppet the following weekend.

Accommodation : 2 x 7 bunk bedrooms, single & communal bathrooms & disabled facilities. All meals included from Friday night dinner to Sunday packed lunch. BYO bed linen/sleeping bag, towel, wine and nibbles for around the fire pre-dinner. Blankets & pillows supplied. Large drying rooms & guest fridge available. Cost \$245. Please ring Sue as soon as possible to confirm our club booking and to organise transport and times. Choice of travel, departures, Friday morning or Friday evening depending on drivers.

Saturday 28th August Footsteps of Hume and Hovell Medium Walk 28kms

A Long Flat Bit

Leader: Debbie Kahn

This flat 28km section of the Hume and Hovell Track will have us start in Doctors Point and finish near Ettamogah Pub. We will wind our way through paddocks and the back roads of Thurgoona following the explorers route. Even though 28kms is a long way we won't be doing it hard like they did.

Saturday 28th August Kangaroo Hoppet Skiing Easy or Hard

Tony Marsh

The Kangaroo Hoppet is the premiere snow activity in Australia attracting participants worldwide. Come along and help celebrate the 20th anniversary of this wonderful event by skiing the 7km, 21 km or 42km course or simply by being there and supporting the Aussie skiers - byo sleeping bag if you want to see a certain BBC wannabee finish the 42km event. <http://www.hoppet.com.au/>

Sunday 29th August Mt Granya Medium Walk

Leader: Rob Ashworth

We will begin this walk from Cotton Tree Camping Ground and wind our way up past the Granya Falls; up to Mt Granya summit for lunch. On a clear day you are able to view the snow covered mountains in the distance. After lunch we will return to the cars via Georges Track.

Saturday 4th September Morgan’s Ridge Medium

Leaders: Stan & Bernice Duffield

This walk begins on private property, about 9 Kms east of Holbrook. We start 350 metres and rise to 616 metres at the highest point. We will visit 3 lookout points and there should be plenty of wild flowers. [Distance of approx.. 10kms]

Sunday 5th September Orchids of Baranduda Easy Half Day

Leader: Tony Marsh

A 5km circuit walk starting and finishing at Jamison Drive Baranduda that will feature remnant roadside vegetation in flower and unusual terrestrial orchids found on the upper sections of Ridge Lane and a gully that descends from the ridge to the old part of Baranduda. Be prepared for some steep terrain and painfully slow progress when the wildflower enthusiasts get excited.

Thursday 9th September Barnawartha Pub Medium Ride 50kms

Leader: John Jamison

Come along for a casual cycle down to Barnawartha Pub from Wodonga for a evening meal. Medium Grade 50 km round trip

Saturday 11th September Mollison’s Galleries Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

A walk from about 1 km below Buffalo Dam towards Mollison’s Galleries. There appears to be a 4WD track on the map that we will follow up and back. Uphill all the way with a rise of about 500m. It will be a good day out.

11th, 12th and 13th September Gunderbooka Mountain Range Hard Backpacking

Leader: Bill Krautz

90% off track through relatively open country traversing an inland range. Dry camp overnight and must carry two days water supply. Roads closed if it rains. Limited Number of walkers, Gunderbooka National Park is an ancient mountain range sticking up from the flat western plains about 30 K south of the Darling River and Bourke. Stony creeks run from its rocky slopes with the eastern end bordering attractive open woodlands.

Sunday 12th September Short Walks Chiltern N.P Easy

Leader: Rob Ashworth

Rob will take the participants of this activity on several short walks in and around the Chiltern National Park. Walks during the day may include Woolshed Falls, Aboriginal Rock Art Site, and the White Box Walking Track.

Friday 17th after work to Sunday 19th September Medium/Hard

Two walks on Lake Buffalo side of Mt Buffalo near Nug Nug

Leader: Paul Schirmer

The first walk, Saturday, is 50% off track and will take us to a split in a large rock on the side of Mt Buffalo at about 900 metres. It can be seen from below Lake Buffalo.

We tried this walk a few years ago but only made it about two thirds of the way.

Some of this area was burnt in the 2009 Black Saturday fires so may be opened up enough of us to make it all the way this time. The walk on Sunday is to Mollison's Galleries, again from the western side of the mountain. We will start at 660 meters and end at the galleries which are at 1260 meters. Travelling after work Friday we will stay both nights near the Buffalo River Dam in a converted school room. It has three bedrooms and can accommodate up to 12 people. There is a small kitchen and a bathroom with a shower.

Saturday 18th September Kangaroo Flat to Eldorado Easy/Medium

Leaders: Don Ingram/Tracey Barkley

This walk will begin in Woolshed Valley and end in Eldorado following Spring Creek. Half of this walk is on track and about half off track. Approx 12 kilometres

Sunday 19th September Baranduda Range Flora Survey Easy

Leader: Tony Marsh

After meeting Baranduda Landcare members at the Baranduda Community Centre we will drive to the end of Avalon Road Baranduda and walk up on the Baranduda range to the sites where the silky swainson pea plants have previously been located, guarded and recorded. We will record observations and hope to find some new occurrences of this rare plant. Total distance about 5km but with some off track walking and steep terrain involved.

Sunday 19th September Orienteering

Leader: John Jamison

An opportunity to practise your navigation skills in the bush, courses suitable for all levels of skill & fitness.

Sunday 19th September Beechworth Ramblings Medium Walk

Leader: Charles Dunn

This walk starts from the township of Beechworth, down to the Woolshed Falls for little-little lunch. Then up to One Tree Hill for little lunch. From here we go to The Precipice, Fiddlies Quarry and on to Ingram's Rock for lunch. After lunch it is an easy doddle back to One Tree Hill and back into Beechworth for a good coffee. Total distance is about 21Km's.

Saturday 25th September Long Range Track Circuit Medium Walk

Beechworth Eldorado area

Leader: Tracey Barkley

Leaving the cars part way along Woolshed Road we will go off track for a short time then all on track. Following Long Range Track we will commence.

Saturday 2nd October Exploring Kirks Track Easy-medium 15 km

Exploratory

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Kirks Track runs off St Georges Creek Road, almost opposite Mt Granya. Email bookings preferred thanks.

Sunday 3rd October Mt Tabletop Easy-medium 12km

Leader: Bruce Key

Mt Tabletop is not far from Albury but it is a great place to visit, especially in the spring when the wildflowers are blooming. Unfortunately it is on privately owned land and there is an access fee that I think is about \$5 per head, but there is time to save up.

Saturday 9th October Mt Barambogie Easy 11 km

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Some slight slopes, short distance off-track. For further info contact Hans, email bookings preferred.

Sunday 10th October Tallangatta Tall Trestle Ride* Cycle Ride

Contact person: Cindy Marsh

Four separate supported rides that explore different sections of the High Country Rail Trail and some of the Spectacular Trestle bridges. Starting at Tallangatta includes bus transfers and full catering. This is a full day event. This event is organised and run by the Friends of the Rail Trail. For more detailed information and registration forms go to www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au and look under 'Special Events'.

Saturday 16th October Morgan's Ridge Medium

Leaders: Stan and Bernice Duffield

This walk begins on private property, about 9 kms east of Holbrook. We start 350 metres and rise to 616 metres at the highest point. We will visit 3 lookout points and there should be plenty of wild flowers. Distance of approximately 10kms.

Saturday 16th October Moonlight Track, Chick Hill Easy/medium

Warby Ranges

Leader: Tracey Barkley

We will begin at the car park on Tamminick Gap Road. This walk in the Warby Ranges will take in Chick Hill with views toward Wangaratta and then we will walk the Moonlight Track circuit taking in views of the now deregulated Lake. With all the recent rainfall this once very large lake should have plenty of water in it. This walk could be run to include an overnight camp at a designated camp ground in the Warby's if enough interest is shown. On Sunday we can join Warren Brown on his walk on the Salisbury Falls Loop.

This of course would depend on the interest shown or we will do it as a day walk.

Sunday 17th October Salisbury Falls, Mt Warby Loop 12kms Easy

Leader: Warren Brown

This walk climbs past the Salisbury Falls (which I hope this year will have running water) through a variety of vegetation, which includes some amazing Grass Trees and no doubt some wild flowers. Mt Warby whilst being at 480m offers little views, however the loop back via the Alpine View Track provides plenty of panoramic views across the Ovens Valley to the Alps.

Saturday 23rd October Nail Can Hill Easy-Medium 12 km

Leader: Hans Kaspers

A pleasant walk on Nail Can Hill including a steep descent and a steep climb. For more information contact Hans. Email bookings preferred

23rd & 24th October Khancoban to Geehi Medium Walk

Leader: Paul Schirmer

This walk starts from near Waterfall Farm just out of Khancoban. We follow the Geehi Walls Trail past Geehi Walls and Devils Grip Gorge. Several huts and hut sites are passed along the way; these include Major Clews Hut, Keebles Hut, Doctors Hut and Old Geehi Hut. This walk is part of the Bi-Centennial Walking track. We start at an elevation of 300 metres and the maximum height we get to is 680 metres. For further information please ring Paul.

Sunday 24th October 3 Bright Hills Medium +

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

The last time we did this walk was in May when we saw a range of interesting fungi. We vowed to return in Spring to look for wild flowers. This walk incorporates three short walks up and down hills that give different views of Bright: Apex Lookout, Valley View Walk and Huggins Lookout. The first two can be done as circuits by grunting up the fire trail and descending down the track. The last is out and return.

These steep hills are linked by the canyon walk, rail trail (flat), a bit of road and Bakers Gully Reservoirs (slightly hilly). In all it's about 17 kms and a good way to keep fit.

Saturday 30th October Wymah Road to Tunnel Road Medium 16 kms

(Stage 5 Hume and Hovell Track)

Leader: Hans Kaspers

A delightful walk with 8km of farmland and great views, followed by 8km of Woomargama National Park. A profusion of orchids and other wildflowers! Email bookings preferred.

Sunday 31 October Mitta to Mt Beauty MTB ride * Grade hard 55km

Contact: John Jamison

Annual bike ride run by Team Mt Beauty MTB club. The Course is mainly fire tracks via Scrubby Creek and Trappers Gap. For further details visit www.teammtbeauty.wordpress.com/events/mitta-to-mt-beauty

Wednesday 3rd November McFarland's Hill Easy

Leader: Tracey Barkley

Come and join me for the first of our mid week daylight saving evening walks. If enough interest we could have pizza somewhere in Wodonga after or bring along a picnic tea to eat together after the walk. If a picnic tea is the preferred option I will bring esky and ice to leave food in car while we walk.

Saturday/Sunday 6/7 November Bushwalking Victoria – Walk & Social Gathering Easy

Coordinator: Pauline McLaughlin

The Board of Bushwalking Victoria will hold their November meeting in the North East. The plan is to have a walk in the Warbies on Saturday 6th with members of surrounding clubs, organised by Benalla Bushwalking Club and have an open social gathering at the home of Benalla members, Doug & Lauris Kneen, in Wangaratta on Saturday night, then hold their meeting on Sunday morning before departing. Emphasis is on meeting local members of Bushwalking clubs in an informal atmosphere while enjoying the local area. The walk on Saturday will be up to Salisbury Falls then on to Mt. Warby and Wenham's camp for lunch, and back via Kwat Kwat lookout and Alpine Views track, a distance of around 12 km. This is a good opportunity to mix with members of other clubs. If our club members would like to stay overnight in Wangaratta a walk could be organised for Sunday as well.

Saturday 6th November Koetong Creek Track Easy 11kms

Leader: Davis Ross

Co Leader: Tracey Barkley

This 11 km track walk is in beautiful bush, riparian ecology including signs of wild dog habitation. The walk requires a car swap at the beginning and a crossover with walkers meeting in the middle for lunch.

Sunday 7th November Snowy Creek – Mitta Easy

Leader: Chris Sobey

A short walk down off the side of the Omeo Highway just out of Mitta on a fishermen's track to the Snowy Creek. A relaxing day, maybe a BBQ lunch, with a bit of an exploratory wander. Doing nothing much at all!

Sunday 7th November Mt Buffalo Big Walk Medium 23 kms

Leader: Charles Dunn

Come and join me on the Big Walk up Buffalo. If time permits and we feel that we have the energy we can add in Rollason's Falls. This will add another 5kms to the walk and the walk level changes from medium to hard because of distance. There is a super picnic spot at the starting point so BYO afternoon tea.

Wednesday 10th November Evening Riverside Wander Easy 8kms

Leader: Tracey Barkley

A pleasant evening walk along the Kiewa River, from the picnic ground below the bridge at Killara (GR 960008, Map Albury 8225-N 1:50,000) to the junction with the Murray River and return. The walk is along formed foot tracks and is an ideal bringyadogalong event. Meet at the picnic ground at 5:30pm. Expected finish about 7:30pm. Whilst dogs are welcome, leads are to be carried just in case.

Saturday 13th November Kirk's Track Easy 14 kms

Leader: Tracey Barkley

This walk is a good beginner's walk with the opportunity to shorten if required. This walk is all on track with a short little off track at the end. It begins with a gentle slow climb to the ridgeline. Some gentle ups and downs with nothing too steep.

Sun 14 November Twin Falls on Buffalo Creek Medium Rough

Leader: Bruce Key 15kms

This is very much an exploratory walk. The idea is to park at the Rollason's Falls carpark on the road up to Mt Buffalo, walk down to the falls and then try to follow the stream down for 8 kms to Twin Falls and Twin Falls Gorge. We will then climb 400m to a 4WD track (Nine Mile Track) and follow it back to the cars. If time and

terrain prevent us reaching Twin Falls, we will short circuit, but still return via Nine Mile Track. Note that most of this walk is off-track and probably slow going.

17th to 21st November Round Mountain to Dead Horse Gap

Leader: Paul Schirmer

The first day we will be on the Valentine Fire Track. On second night stay at White's River Hut. On the walk we will cross the Tumut River, walk over "The Rolling Ground", through Consett Stephen Pass, over Mt Anton, see Blue Lake and Lake Albina, visit Mt Kosciuszko and then finish with a swim in Lake Cootapatamba. A bus will take us to the starting point and pick us up at the end. Cost for the bus is \$50 per head including a light meal and hot drinks at start and end of walk.

20-21st November High Plains Beginners overnight walk

Leader: Chris Sobey

An easy and relaxed camp in the Strawberry Saddle area, designed primarily for first-time overnights. A short walk in and out totalling 3k, with the emphasis on equipment and camp procedures. Bring a good book, maybe your cossie if you're brave enough!

Sunday 21st November The Back Wall -Mt Buffalo Easy 10kms +

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Walk past Egg Rock and Chinaman's Dam, across The Devil's Playground, through snow gums, granite rocks and beautiful vegetation, to a scenic lunch spot at the Back Wall overlooking surrounding valleys. Return along the same route.

Wednesday 24th November Back of Yack Circuit Easy 8kms

Leader: Tony Marsh

Meeting at Smith's Lane on Yackandandah/ Wodonga road, (GR 898847 Map Yackandandah 8225/S 1:50,000) we will wander down the lane and along little used back roads and foot tracks, returning to the starting point. No steep hills or rough going. Ideal walk for those wishing to engage in deep and meaningful conversation whilst walking, another bringyadogalong along event. Meet at Smith's Lane (Just off Yack/ Wodonga road 5:30pm. Expected finish about 7:30pm. Whilst dogs are welcome, leads to be carried just in case.

Saturday 27th November Hotham to Falls Creek Crossover Medium

Hotham Leaders: Debbie Kahn

To go ahead this walk needs a volunteer to lead walkers from Pretty Valley Pondage to Mt Loch Car Park at Hotham via Cobungra Gap and Dibbins Hut. The other group of walkers will do the walk from the Mt Loch Car Park to Pretty Valley Pondage in reverse. We will meet at Dibbins Hut for lunch before going on our separate ways again, reuniting in Wodonga at the completion of the walk. Please ring me before 8pm if you would like to be the Falls Creek leader.

Sat 4th & Sun 5th December Mt Buffalo Overnight Easy

Max 8 Walkers Max 17 kms over 2 days

Leader: Warren Brown

We will be hiking out to the remote camping area at Dells Plain. Dells Plain is a snow grass plain at 1400m and about 1 km before and 150m below the summit of Mt McLeod. The walk out will take us through a variety of open forest and for most part follows the jeep track however we will make use of a "short cut track" which cuts out a decent climb of about 150m. Next morning we will return via the same path.

Places are limited due to limited camping sites and camping fees apply.

Sat 4th & Sun 5th December Bog Rehabilitation – Mount Buffalo Rewarding

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Enjoy a free weekend camping at Lake Catani with a BBQ on Saturday night. Your contribution will be to assist a Park Ranger with bog monitoring with the use of a GPS.

Saturday 4th December Staircase to Bivouac Hut Hard Reccy Walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

I have not attempted the Staircase or walked to Bivouac Hut on Mt Bogong, but I am willing to give it a go. This will be a reccy walk so if you are experienced or want to take the challenge with me your company will be welcomed.

Tuesday 7th December Pre-Chrissie Party Wetlands Wander Easy Ramble

Leader: Alison Wellard

As a prelude to the Club Christmas Party a slow and easy wander through the Wonga Wetlands to work up an appetite, engage in some social conversation and spot and identify the odd bird. Meet at the Wetlands at 4:30pm.

Wednesday 8th December Nailcan Hill Easy

Leader: Louisa May (Ehlers)

We will meet at the small gravel parking spot on Gap Road in Albury. (Just past where North St ends at Gap Road). We will walk up to the ridge until it's time to come down & end up back where we started.

Sat 11th/Sun 12th December Fainters Overnight Medium

Leader: Louise Evans

This walk is mainly all on track. We will camp near the Fainters. For further information ring Louise

Saturday 11th December Bike Ride Easy 48kms

Myrtleford to Porepunkah and Return

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

Meet at the rear of Coles Supermarket, Myrtleford at 10:00am for this easy ride on the Rail Trail. We will lunch at the Rail Trail Cafe in Porepunkah (www.railtrailcafe.com.au) or by the river. Riders to ensure they have with them: puncture repair kit, pump, spare tube, sunscreen and water. More info and maps on this ride at

www.murraytomountains.com.au

Sunday 12th December Alpine Assault MTB event *

Contact: John Jamison

Mountain Bike event held at Falls Creek and Mt Beauty with 3 courses : 20 km, 67km & 100km. Further details and entry forms at www.alpineassault.com.au Audax rides are non-competitive long distance bike tours. Courses range from 60km to 250km. Further details and entry forms www.alpineclassic.com.au

Sunday 12th December Mollison's Galleries (sort of) Medium 12kms

Leader: Bruce Key

I propose to walk from about 1 km below Buffalo Dam towards Mollison's Galleries. There appears to be a 4WD track on the map that we will follow up and back. It's uphill all the way with a rise of about 500m.

Not sure about the views, but it will be a good day out. In September I was going to do this but the road was flooded.

Wednesday 15th December Bird Watching Easy, Patient Silent

Leader: Chris Gay

This activity is one that has been requested for a while and Chris Gay has kindly offered to put on a "What Bird is That?" for the club. Please bring binoculars if possible as well as : water, hat, sunscreen, camera, and bird book (if you have one, and if it's small enough to carry). Try to wear clothes that blend into the environment. Note: This isn't a walk, if we see lots of birds in one area, then we may only walk several hundred metres. Also people need to be prepared to walk quietly, stop frequently, and be patient. Please ring Chris by Monday the 13th of December if you would like to join him.

Saturday 18th December Bike Ride : Tallangatta – Old Tallangatta Easy 18kms

Leader: Cindy Marsh

An easy bike ride is planned to burn off a few calories before Christmas. This leisurely ride takes in the wildflowers and magnificent box woodlands as the trail skirts Lake Hume. The section between Tallangatta and Old Tallangatta is sealed. This is a magnificent and picturesque ride. <http://highcountryrailtrail.org.au>

Saturday 18th December Mt Buffalo Waterfalls Easy 10kms

Leader: Hans Kaspers

We'll visit Eurobin Falls (1.5km), Rollason's Falls (4 km), Dickson Falls (4 km) and Gorge Falls (0.5 km). A good walk for beginners: Do as much or as little as you like.

Saturday 18th December Flaggy Creek Gorge Easy 10 - 12kms

Leaders: Don Ingram/Tracey Barkley

This walk is mostly on track. We will have lunch by the waterfalls which should be spectacular from all the rainfall.

Sunday 19th December Ramblings around Albury Easy

Leader: Charles Dunn

This is a late start in the morning : 9am at the Botanical Gardens. From here we head up the hill to the War Memorial. Walking along the river to the end of the track and return to the Gardens for a picnic lunch and then

home. Should we decide to wander this way or that, or not at all then we will do so. So put on your best Christmas bonnet and come for a wander with me.

Sunday 19th December Mt Pinibar Medium/Hard

Leader: John Jamison

Mt Pinibar Mountain Bike Ride : 25km hard circuit or 10km medium walk. At 1773 Mt Pinibar has Victoria's highest 4WD track which will offer a challenging ride. Great views of the Kosciuszko Main Range is the highlight of this trip.

Saturday 25th December Evening River Walk and Picnic Tea Easy

Leader: Tracey Barkley

My plan is to walk along the river on the path from Park towards Wodonga and just have a relaxing time enjoying a picnic tea somewhere that takes our fancy. I do realise that this is Christmas Day. This will be a stress free walk.

Tuesday 28th Dec to 31st Dec Upper Murray Crawl by Canoe/Kayak

Leader: Joy Grinham

Expressions of interest are sought for a few days at Tintaldra. Days spent paddling the delights of the pristine waters of the Murray, evenings enjoying folk music and bush dances at the Nariel Folk Festival. Limited to experienced paddlers.

Club member of the year - Deb Kahn

The 2010 award went to Deb Kahn in recognition of her taking on various committee roles over the years, her contribution in leading many walks both within our local region and overseas, and her willingness to then share these walks at subsequent club nights.



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Saturday 1st Jan to Mon 3rd Jan Mt Kosciuszko Circuit Medium 10kms both days

Leader: Connie Constat

Starting Saturday morning from Thredbo, we will take the Crackenback chair lift up the mountain, walk to Seaman's Hut, then descend off track to find a camp by Rawson's Creek. On Sunday we will follow the summit walking track towards Charlotte's Pass, then onto the Main Range walking track to Blue Lake for lunch. We

continue on, passing Club Lake and Lake Albina to our camp on Wilkinson Creek. On Monday morning we summit Mt Kosciuszko then make our way back to the top of the chairlift where we have the choice of taking the chairlift or walking down to the cars. Approximately 10 kms walking each day.

Sat 1st and Sun 2nd Jan Mt Bogong Traverse 30km hard

Leader: John Jamison

The walk starts from below Clover Dam on the Big River fire track. Crossing the East Kiewa River, we continue to Bogong Creek Saddle where we will camp at the helipad. At 1350m the saddle offers great views towards Mt Buffalo. Next day we climb up the Quartz Ridge walking path, passing the Quartz Knob to reach the west peak of Bogong. We then walk down the Staircase Spur to Mountain Creek camping ground. This walk requires a car shuffle with a car left at Mountain Creek.

Sunday 2nd January Mt Buffalo Rocks and Galleries Easy 5kms

Leader: Hans Kaspers

We'll visit Torpedo Rock, The Leviathan and Egg Rock, before doing the 1.5 km circuit of the Old Galleries and we'll finish with the 2.5 km circuit of the Chalwell Galleries. Please note that the Chalwell Galleries have quite a rock scramble!

Thursday 6th January Canoe, Paddle, Swim Social

Leader: John Jamison

Canoe paddle, swim & BBQ at Ebdon Reserve. Drop in from 6pm and bring a few snags to cook.

Thursday 6th Jan to Sun 9th Mt Bogong 50kms + Climbs Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

This walk will be loop walk beginning at Watchbed Creek near Rocky Valley Reservoir. On Thursday afternoon we will walk past Mt Nelse to Roper's Hut and camp there. On Friday we will descend to Big River and then up to Cleve Cole Hut to camp. Next day we will go past Mt Bogong, down Quartz Ridge and camp at Bogong Creek Saddle (on the helipad if there is no wind). On the final day we will return to the start via Timm's Spur. In addition to the spectacular scenery and the exercise, there should be some great floral displays.

Saturday 8th January Falls Creek – Kelly's Hut Medium 18kms

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk starts at Langford's Gap and follows the Alpine Walking Track up to the Kelly's Hut turnoff. We return via the aqueduct. Apart from one climb near the start the walk is almost flat, so it is good for those looking to upgrade from easy walks. The wildflowers should be at their best; we visit Kelly's and Fitzgerald's Huts and get some splendid views.

Saturday 8th January Bluff Waterfalls Medium

Burrowa-Pine Mountain

Leader: Debbie Kahn

It's been a while since I have been to the falls but they should be beautiful after all the rain we have had. Bluff Falls is a spectacular set of waterfalls where water cascades over Cudgewa Bluff and into a tranquil grotto below. A viewing platform below the falls provides excellent photographic opportunities. This walk may take the form of a recce as my memory has faded as time has gone by.

Sunday 9th January Bogong High Plains Medium 15kms

High Plains Creek Falls

Leader: Hans Kaspers

From Pretty Valley Hut we'll take the Cope Saddle track to the aqueduct and the falls and back along the same route.

Wednesday 12th January Falls Creek – Young's Hut Medium 18kms

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk starts at Pretty Valley and skirts Mt Jim on the way to Young's Hut. There is some off track walking and a few ups and downs, but nothing too challenging. We can expect great views, wild flowers and brumbies.

Saturday 15th January Bike Ride Everton to Beechworth Moderate/Hard 32kms

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

The ride to Beechworth is one of the best sections of the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail, whilst the uphill ride will be challenging to many – the return downhill ride is quite exhilarating. Meet at the former Everton Railway Station at 9:00am. Riders are to ensure they have with them: puncture repair kit, pump, spare tube, sunscreen and water. More info and maps on this ride at www.murraytomountains.com.au

Saturday 15th January Mt Buffalo Mollison's Galleries Medium 15kms

Leader: Hans Kaspers

From the Reservoir we'll take the track past Og Gog and Magog to the Mollison's Galleries and back along the same route with possible diversions to Eagle Point and Og Gog and Magog. I haven't been past Eagle Point before, so it is "Exploratory".

Sunday 16th January Feathertop Crossover Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

One group will start at Harrierville and climb the Bungalow Spur up to Mt Feathertop. The other group will drive up to Diamantina Hut and walk across the Razorback up to Feathertop. We will meet for lunch swap keys and then proceed the way we haven't yet been. When you ring please indicate your preferred direction (those who prefer up are best to start at Harrierville, those who prefer more gentle climbs and down are best to start at Diamantina). I would love to hear from someone who is prepared to co-lead from Diamantina.

Numbers need to be balanced and, as a car shuffle is required, bookings will be finalised on Wednesday January 12th. Bookings before December 17th or after January 9th.

Sat 15th & Sun 16th January Snowy Mountains Medium

Guthega to Mungyang

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

Having left a car at Mungyang power station, we start from Guthega Pondage on Saturday morning and travel via the Rolling Grounds to Schlink Hilton Hut for Saturday night (or camp on the Rolling Grounds if weather is OK). Sunday is up to Gungarten then south along Disappointment Spur and a bush bash down to the fire trail leading to Mungyang. Mostly off track with easy walking. We will need to leave Friday night to car camp at Island Bend. May do the circuit in reverse if the weather permits

Saturday 29th January Bogong Creek Tramway Easy 10kms

Leader: Paul Schirmer

This is a really lovely area with tall trees and ferny gullies. Also interesting historically and engineering aspects because of the race line and the old trains on it. After the walk, we can adjourn to Bogong Village for a cup of tea or coffee in the restaurant.

Sunday 30th January Buckland River Wet /4 kms

Leader: Liz Hammond

We've done this walk before but on a hot summer's day, the river is the place to be. We drive up the Buckland Valley to the picnic ground at the end of the bitumen (12 kms from Porepunkah). That is the start of our walk and we finish it 4 kms upriver, near the Buckland Valley Cemetery. Four kms doesn't sound much, but walking against the current, plus scrambling over a few fallen tree trunks, adds a bit of effort to the walk. Afterwards, we will have lunch by the river and a swim. Please wear old boots or shoes, bring a walking pole, or pick a stick up from the riverbank, and don't bring anything that you wouldn't want to get wet, such as an expensive camera. The water should be mainly around calf-deep, though hip-high in some spots. The Buckland is notorious for flash flooding, so if it's raining that day, I will cancel the trip.

Wednesday 2nd February Young's Hut- Falls Creek Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk starts at Pretty Valley and skirts Mt Jim on the way to Young's Hut. There is some off track walking and a few ups and downs, but nothing too challenging. We can expect great views, wild flowers and brumbies.

Thursday 3rd February Canoe after work Easy/Fun

Contact: Tracey Barkley

Come and join us for a paddle down the river. More information is available by contacting Activities Coordinator Tracey Barkley.

Saturday 5th February Mt Buffalo View Point and Lake view Easy

Leader: Hans Kaspers

From the Chalet Car Park we'll take the track to the Underground River and beyond to View Point. Returning along the Chalet - Lake Catani Road after lunch we'll do the climb to Lakeview.

Sat & Sun 12th & 13th Burrowa - Pine Mountain National Park Car Camp

February Day 1 Medium 14km; Day 2 Easy/Medium 6km

Leaders: Iris Joss/Tracey Barkley

We plan to camp overnight Friday and Saturday night to give us an early start to Saturday's and Sunday's walks. This will mean we don't have to leave as early on Saturday morning and we will beat some of the heat. We will leave Wodonga at 5:30pm Friday night.

Day 1 Medium grade

Walk to Hince's Saddle 14 km return. The walk rises steadily beside Hince's Creek. From memory it was not very steep. Probably around 7 hours return. Car camp at Bluff Creek or Blue Gum Camp.

Day 2 Medium grade

Walk to Ross Lookout, 6 kms return, approx. 4 Hours return some steep parts, but rewarding with good views

Sunday 13th February Introduction to the High Plains Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Three short walks will provide an introduction to the High Plains for those who haven't yet experienced the beauty of the wildflowers and the historic huts. We will start with a 2km walk on the Fainter Falls Walking Track which goes approx. 800 metres uphill to a series of viewing platforms. The second walk has a climb of about 200 metres over about 2kms to the top of Mt Cope, to experience some of the magnificent views. After retracing our steps, we will drive to Cope Hut where we will start a 5 km walk which takes in some of the High country history by passing Wallace's Hut, (the oldest on the High Plains), the Rover Lodge and Cope Hut. Those who would like to can wait at Wallace's Hut for the cars to return. Participants can walk as much or as little as they choose, but those who complete the 3 walks will have walked 11 kms.

Wednesday 16th February Noreuil Cycle, Swim Easy

Leader: John Jamison

Meet at 6pm at the Mitta Canoe clubrooms for an evening ride along the river and park pathways including a climb up Monument Hill before returning for a swim.

Saturday 19th February Mt Buffalo Lookouts Easy 5kms

Leader: Hans Kaspers

All lookouts around the Gorge: Echo Point, Bent's Lookout, Falls Lookout, Pulpit Rock, Wilkinson's Lookout, Reed's Lookout, Mansfield's Lookout and perhaps Keat's Lookout.

Fri 18th to Sun 20th February Mt Townsend Medium

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Mt Townsend is only a few metres lower than Mt Kosciuszko, but far more spectacular because it has a steep rocky top and looks directly down on Geehi, which would be the largest height difference in Australia. Thousands visit Kosciuszko, but only a handful go to Townsend even though it is only a few kilometres away. We will drive to Geehi on the Friday night, next morning we may take the easy route to the high ground via the Thredbo chairlift. This will cost about \$23 one way or \$36 return. If we don't take the chairlift we will walk up from Dead Horse Gap. The chairlift option will allow us to reach camp in the vicinity of Mt Townsend early. This will give us more time to explore the area including a look down on Lake Albina and Lady Northcote Canyon and if time permits we can look for the start of Hannel's Spur. On Sunday we can then walk to Mt Twynam and swim in Blue Lake, Hedley Tarn and Club Lake on our return. In addition to the fabulous views there should be lots of wildflowers.

Sat 19th to Sun 20th February Bog Rehabilitation – Mount Buffalo Satisfying and fun

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Since 2008 our club has worked with Park Rangers on Mount Buffalo to assist in bog rehabilitation, weed identification and eradication as well as some general work in the Lake Catani camp ground. With Community Grants from Parks Victoria, club members have enjoyed free camping in the campground as well as evening meals. This weekend your contribution will be to assist a Park Ranger with bog monitoring with the use of a GPS. (Instruction will be given as to how to use the GPS) or assist with some track clearing or any other general maintenance that is required. What a great way to spend a weekend!!!

Sunday 20th February Tawonga Huts Easy 8kms return

Leader: Tracey Barkley

Leaving Pretty Valley Pondage we will follow the track out to the Tawonga Huts. On the way we will take a slight detour for the great views of Mt Hotham and Mt Feathertop and then make our way to the huts before returning along the same track. This walk is all on marked tracks.

Frid 25th to Sun 27th February Snowy Mountains Medium

Guthega to Munyang

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

Having left a car at Munyang power station, we start from Guthega Pondage on Saturday morning and travel via the Rolling Grounds to Schlink Hilton Hut for Saturday night (or camp on the Rolling Grounds if weather is OK). Sunday is up to Gungarten then south along Disappointment Spur and a bush bash down to the fire trail leading to Munyang. Mostly off track with easy walking. We will need to leave Friday night to car camp at Island Bend. We may do the circuit in reverse if the weather permits.

Sunday 27th February Mt Jim Medium 15kms

Leader: Hans Kaspers

On last year's "Exploring Mt Jim" we found that Mt Jim possessed glacial rock flows. We passed above one and came down a second rock flow. Further research showed that Mt Jim has seven glacial rock flows, so this is a further exploration.

Sat 26th and Sun 27th Feb Young's Hut Overnight Medium

Leader: Debbie Kahn

Young's Hut is in an idyllic setting and the walk in and out is relatively flat. This overnight walk would be ideal for anyone who has not carried a big pack before and would like to give it a go. Our stroll into Young's Hut will take us past Mt Jim and if we are lucky we should get up close and personal with the brumbies that live up on the high plains. If you can't come for the whole weekend why not join us just for the day

Saturday 5th March Mt Buffalo View Point and Lake view Easy

Leader: Hans Kaspers

From the Chalet Car Park we'll take the track to the Underground River and beyond to View Point. Returning along the Chalet - Lake Catani Road after lunch we'll do the climb to Lakeview.

Sunday 6th March Rambles Around Chiltern Easy

Leader: Charles Dunn

Start at 9:15am and finish at sunset.

I would like this to be a social walk. It comprises of 3 walks, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. So let's start off with morning tea in Chiltern round 9:15am. At 10:00am we head off to walk the Tuan Track which some of us have already walked this year. This is an easy 2 hour walk. We then take a short drive to the White Box Forrest for a picnic lunch. After lunch a leisurely 3 hour walk followed by afternoon tea. From here we drive up to Mt. Pilot for a 300mtr walk, one way, then back and settle in for dinner. Morning tea let's support the township of Chiltern. Lunch will be as per usual BYO lunch. Afternoon tea I will ask some walkers to assist. Dinner is BYO - chops, sausages or whatever you may wish to burn on the BBQ whilst salads and something sweet to finish with, again I will ask others to bring along something for the group. You will need to bring plates, knives, forks, spoons and drinking vessels.

Sat 12th March Not So Big Walk Easy/Medium

Leader: Debbie Kahn

After a 7am departure, we'll drive to Rollason's Falls picnic area and join the Big Walk Track, having avoided the steeper, harder section of the track. The upper section of the track features a series of lookouts and changing vegetation along the way. Lunch will be at the Gorge and then we'll retrace our steps. Before afternoon tea at the picnic area we will walk down to Rollason's Falls (or not if you don't want to).

Sat 12th and Sun 13th March Upper Kiewa Lions Club- Bogong Conquestathon*

Contact: Cindy Marsh

The Border Bushwalking Club is assisting the Upper Kiewa Lions club to stage the 32nd Mount Bogong Conquestathon, which will be held on Sunday 13th March 2011, Labour Day Weekend. I am seeking the company of seven other BBC members to camp on the summit or nearby on the Saturday night in order to be available to provide guidance in relation to weather conditions at approximately 6.30am on the Sunday and sweep down Eskdale after 1.00pm on Sunday to ensure all participants reach home safely. If you are interested to find out more please email Cindy Marsh.

Sat 12th & Sun 13th March Fainters Overnight Medium

Leader: Louise Evans

We'll carry overnight packs from Pretty Valley Pondage via Jaimathangs to a campsite near water and the Fainter Track, a distance of about 9 kms, some off track. A few kms with daypack to roam around North and South Fainters. Return on Sunday on Fainter Track, with a detour (without packs) to Weston's Hut if we have the time and energy.

Sat 12th to Sat 26th March Traveller Range & DuCane Range Tasmania Medium /Hard

Leader: Marie Maguire

It will be possible for walkers to exit or join the first or second part of this trip at DuCane Gap if wanting to do a shorter walk. Initially we will do a 6 day trip on the Traveller Range. Starting from Narcissus Hut we will head up, then meander along the range to eventually arrive at DuCane Gap. The climb up is not large, only 450m, but off track and through some dense forest. The total distance covered over the 6 days will not be long, probably 20 -25 km in total on the map, but there is no straight line walking and no tracks on the

Traveller Range! We will visit Mt Spurling and then set up a camp for 2-3 nights to allow us to explore, (eastern day trip to Mts of Jupiter one day, western day trip to circumnavigate Lake Pallas another day). This trip will be medium, but walkers need to be comfortable with off track walking and experienced with pack carrying. Cold weather is always possible in Tassie in March but we have enough time to have a tent rest day if the weather is challenging.

The group continuing on to walk the DuCane Range will retrieve a food drop at DuCane Gap. The DuCane Range is spectacular but very exposed and involves some boulder hopping and rock scrambling. If we are lucky with the weather we will climb up to Falling Mt, onto Mt Massif, through Big Gun Pass, onto Lake Helios, Mt Hyperion, Labyrinth then Mt Gould if all going well. This is a 6 day trip finishing at Narcissus Hut on Fri 25th March. This trip could be hard. Map – DuCane (4235) Tasmania 1:25000 series
Please feel free to ring me if you are after any more information.

Sunday 13th March Bogong High Plains Medium 15kms

High Plains Creek falls

Leader: Hans Kaspers

From Pretty Valley Hut we'll take the Cope Saddle track to the aqueduct and the falls and back along the same route. This time we'll go by track straight to the falls and we might meander on the way back.

Monday 14th March Weston Hut Circuit Medium 22kms

Leader: John Jamison

Highlights of the walk are great views of Mt Feathertop, a visit to the rebuilt Weston Hut and Dibbins Hut.

Walking from Pretty Valley Dam, we walk along the edge of the High Plain dropping down into the West Kiewa Valley. Morning tea will be at Weston Hut after which we continue down to valley floor. Turning south, we walk along the river to Cobungra Gap then to Dibbins Hut for lunch after which we walk up the spur above Cobungra Gap past Basalt Temple (an interesting rock formation) to the High Plain and return to the cars.

Fri 18th - Sun 20th March Day Activity Leaders, Skills Weekend

Easy/Social/Informative

Shelley Camp

Leader Cindy Marsh

This weekend is for new and experienced leaders. Its purpose is to attract new and aspiring leaders, to support all current leaders, to promote and encourage leadership from within the membership, to skill our leaders, and to understand the role of participants in Club activities. Costs to participants for this weekend are being subsidised by your club.

Saturday 19th March Mt Buffalo Long Plain Track, Mt Dunn Easy 12-13kms

and the Giants Causeway.

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Mt Dunn is rated 'Medium'. For more information on this walk phone Hans.

Fri 18 to Sun 20 March Mount Cobbler Car Camp as easy or hard as you want

Leader: Deb Kahn

To make the most of the last weeks of daylight saving we will leave Albury/Wodonga at 4:30pm Friday afternoon (or make your way up later) arriving at the Lake Cobbler Camp grounds in time to put tents up before the lights go out. This car camp will be as physical or as cruisey as you want to make it. On Saturday we may do the circuit of Mt Cobbler and then on Sunday we could amble out to Dandongadale Falls. Friday night's dinner will be a community one so when booking please let me know what you will bring to share. Join us even if it's only to drop a line in and catch some fish or catch up on some reading.

Saturday 26th March Myrtleford-Porepunkah Bike Ride Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

After meeting at the Old Butter factory at 10am we will take a leisurely ride from Myrtleford to Porepunkah where we will have lunch (BYO or buy from the Rail Trail Cafe) before retracing our tracks back to Myrtleford. The leaves will be changing colour so we will stop and admire their colour whenever sore bottoms need relief or to buy a berry ice cream at a berry farm.

Saturday 2nd April Falls Creek Ski Slopes Easy/Medium

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Start at the day shelter next to the ARC Office and go up Wombat's Ramble until we reach the Panorama Poma. We will then walk up the Poma to Cloud Nine Restaurant. From here we will walk to the Lorna Dunkley memorial shelter where several chairlifts start/finish. The next stage is to the Ruined Castle Rock formation. (A basalt rock

outcrop of closely fitting columns). From there we will walk across to the top of Mt. McKay, (which offers excellent views of the area). The return will probably be via Sun Valley.

Sunday 3rd April Lockhart's Gap Track Easy/Medium

Exploratory

Leader: Hans Kaspers

This walk is to investigate the possibility of a Lockhart's Gap to Tallangatta walk.

Saturday 9th April Nail Can Hill Easy 13km

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Start at Kaliana, climbing along a foot track to the Ridge Trail, then along the Ridge Trail to Reedy Dam where we'll have lunch. There is a possibility to make it a Medium walk, by going down the Waterview Trail and up the Gorge Trail.

Saturday 9th and Wilson's Prom Day Walks Easy

Sunday 10th April Leader: Tony Marsh

Wilson's Promontory is one of Victoria's oldest and best loved National Parks. Unfortunately however it's a long drive from Wodonga to Wilson's Prom. I will be working in Gippsland from April 6 to April 13 and want to call in and revisit "the Prom". I'm proposing two easy day walks on the weekend of April 9-10.

Saturday 9th and Overnight at Ryder's Yards Easy

Sunday 10th April Leader: Warren Brown

This walk is easy with some off track. We will start walking after lunch on Saturday and camp at Ryder's Yards for the night. Return trip on Sunday will take us past some of the highlights of the Bogong High Plains. A maximum of 8 walkers

Sunday 10th April Fainter Falls and Bogong Village Easy/Beginners

A series of short walks

Leader: Henry Banninger

We will walk and visit the Fainters Falls and return to the picnic area on the shore of Lake Guy (just below Bogong Village) for a BYO lunch at the BBQ facilities. After lunch we will walk through the weir wall, along the far side, past the fitness station and towards the top end of Lake Guy. Visit the new green power station (open Saturday & Sunday from 9am to 3pm), perhaps watch the presentation and walk back to the BBQ picnic facilities. Have a snack and head home.

Wednesday 13th – 19th April Light to Light Exploratory

Ben Boyd tower to Green Cape Light House

Leader: Alison Wellard

Alison and Dick are planning to walk from the Ben Boyd Tower to Green Cape Lighthouse in 3 days and are hoping some club members will join us. It is a distance of 31 km so it should be fairly leisurely although the track is rated as hard. The walk is in the Ben Boyd National Park south of Eden on the south coast of NSW. There is no drinking water available at the two campsites so I plan to do a car shuffle each day and leave water and camping gear in advance which means we will not have to carry more than a day pack. However, we will need to bring a container

with enough drinking water for 4 days. Each camping area has road access. On finishing the walk I would like to spend the night at the Womboyn camping ground and then spend perhaps 2 days having a look at the Nadgee Nature Reserve which is further down the NSW coast. Unfortunately, the drive is about 500km from Wodonga, either via Mt Hotham and Bruthen, or through the mountains via Cooma and Bega, arriving from the north.

Saturday 16th and Gundowring Road Cycle / Car Camp Medium 35kms/return

Sunday 17th April Leader: John Jamison

Starting from Kergunyah, we will ride along Gundowring Rd which follows along the eastern side of the Kiewa Valley. Camping overnight at Mongan's Bridge Camping Park and returning next day. A support vehicle would be handy to carry camp gear.

Sunday 17th April Barambogie Triangle Medium 17kms/Exploratory

Leader: Hans Kaspers

We'll start the walk at the Bear track. At the end of Bear Track there is 500m off-track to Mt Barambogie from there

to the East Triangle Track, South Triangle Track and West Triangle Track back to the cars.

Saturday 23rd April Mt Bogong Hard 18kms

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

I intend walking up via the Staircase and down via Eskdale Spur. It will be 18kms all up but, if anyone with a 4 wheel drive signs up we could cut it down by driving in a few kilometres.

Monday 25th April Skeleton Hill (afternoon /evening) Easy 5kms

Leader: David Ross

A 5km walk including Skeleton Hill trig point-circuit, some bush bashing, great views and all followed by a bonfire. Please bring your own tea, torch etc.

Saturday 30th April Indi River Circuit (Car camp) 14 km Easy

Sunday 1st May Harrington's Trail 20km Medium

Leader: Iris Joss

Co Leader: Tracey Barkley

Meeting in Corryong at 9am Saturday we will drive approx 40 kms to the Indi River camp ground (last bit is 4x4). From there we will start walking a 14.6 km round trip, all on a forest road. There is one steep hill, with a few downs to the Indi River. The rest of the walk through the bush is mostly flat. The campground has tables and BBQ and a toilet. The river is only a few steps away.

On Sunday we pack up and drive a short distance to the start of Harrington's Trail, 20km return trip with ups and downs but not steep. This walk includes an easy creek crossing. We will need 4WD vehicles to do this walk.

Sat 30th April Falls Creek Ski Slopes Easy/Medium

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Start at the day shelter next to the ARC Office and go up Wombats Ramble until we reach the Panorama Poma. We will then walk up the Poma to Cloud Nine Restaurant. From here we will walk to the Lorna Dunkley memorial shelter where several chairlifts start/finish. The next stage is to the Ruined Castle Rock formation. (A basalt rock outcrop of closely fitting columns). From here we would walk across to the top of Mt. McKay, (which offers excellent views of the area). The return would probably be via Sun Valley.

Sat 30th April Breakfast on the hill Medium

Leader: Debbie Kahn

See the sun rise, enjoy a gourmet breakfast and then go for a wander on, down up and around the ridge and hills of East Albury. Yes you will have to get up early, no you can't wear your PJ's but once you see the sun make its way up and across the Murray River flood plain it will be worth it. Participants will be asked to bring something yummy for a shared breakfast.

Sat 30th April – 2nd May Mt Numbanaga Medium

Leader: Bill Krautz

An overnight backpack trip on fire trails in the Tumut area of Kosciuszko NP. In the north-western end of Kosciuszko Nat Park is Bogong Peaks Wilderness Area above Tumut. We will begin by entering from Goobragandra River on Saturday and walking on fire trails into the Rings Creek, camping the night near the Bora Ground which is a significant cultural site. This is a large frost hollow clearing in the Wilderness Area in Kosciuszko National Park.

Saturday 7th – Sun 8th May Bog Rehabilitation Mt Buffalo Fun

Coordinator: Pauline McLaughlin

Since 2008 our club has worked with Park Rangers on Mount Buffalo to assist in bog rehabilitation, weed identification and eradication as well as some general work in the Lake Catani camp ground. With Community Grants from Parks Victoria, club members have enjoyed free camping in the campground as well as evening meals. This weekend your contribution will be to assist a Park Ranger with bog monitoring with the use of a GPS. (Instruction will be given as to how to use the GPS) or assist with some track clearing or any other general maintenance that is required. The ranger is hoping to have a "Uni" expert to help with bog monitoring. We'll drive upon Friday afternoon and settle in, ready for work on Saturday. If you would like to contribute and can't come for the weekend, join us for a day. What a great way to spend a weekend!!!

Saturday 7th May Mt Emu Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

You don't see buffaloes when you walk Mt Buffalo so if you are doing this walk just to see emus forget it. The walk up Mt Emu gives you spectacular views from all directions. The top (where hang gliders launch) affords us views over Mt Beauty. As we ascend the mountain there are more ups than downs. On the return journey there are more downs than up.

Friday 13th – Sun 15th May Mt Buller Medium

Leader: Marie Maguire

We can have our cake and eat it too! A spectacular rugged climb up Little Buller Spur, with many rewarding views on the way, but only needing to carry day packs and then the comfort of accommodation and a hot shower on Saturday night. My plan is to camp at Sheep yard Flat on Friday night after a counter meal in Mansfield. On Saturday we will walk up Little Buller Spur onto Mt Buller (1200m climb, on track/route). Camping is not allowed on Mt Buller so I will be organising some economical lodge accommodation. On Sunday we will visit the summit of Mt Buller then walk down Four Mile Spur to return to the cars by 4pm.

Saturday 14th May 3 Bright Hills Medium 17k

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

The last time we did this walk in May we saw a range of interesting fungi. This walk incorporates three short walks up and down hills that give different views of Bright: Apex Lookout, Valley View Walk and Huggins lookout. The first two can be done as circuits by grunting up the fire trail and descending down the track. The last is out and return. These steep hills are linked by the canyon walk, rail trail (flat), a bit of road and Baker's Gully Reservoirs (slightly hilly). In all it's about 17 kms and a good way to keep fit.

Saturday 14th May Bungowannah Mine Loop Easy/medium

Leader: David Ross

Waterfall creek, Bungowannah mine, bread loaf rock-mt corner loop--a challenging but fun walk up water fall ck to bungo mine-arvo tea over looking bread loaf rock-then up to mt corner summit-returning to our cars through bush along a ridge.

Sunday 15th May Everton to Gapsted Winery Ride 38km Medium

Leader: Ian Trevaskis 70 Km Hard

A ride on the Rail Trail from Everton to Gapsted Winery (all sealed) where we'll enjoy lunch before returning to Everton. Possibility of riding up to Beechworth for a late afternoon coffee for those who want a bit of a challenge,(32kms return), before finishing the day with an exhilarating ride all downhill back to Everton. Need to know numbers by May 7th to book at the winery restaurant.

Sunday 15th May Indigo Falls to Baranduda Hard

Leader: Tony Marsh

We will start at the recently remodelled Indigo Falls on Ewart's Road near the start of the road up to Mt Baranduda. This will be difficult, steep off track walking. From the top of the Falls, we will then pick up the 4wd track that leads north for 1.5km to Baranduda. We will meet at Jamison Drive Baranduda and finish the walk there as well.

Tuesday 17th May Full moon walk Chiltern Area Easy with BBQ

Leader: Tracey Barkley

What better way to get warm and enjoy the full moon on a crisp evening in May. This walk will be on well defined tracks with a BYO BBQ before the start of the walk.

Fri 20th – Sun 22nd May Weekend at Falls Creek Social

Leader: John Jamison

Accommodation is available at Kiewa Valley Ski Club at 5 Falls Creek Road (\$25 pp kiddies 1/2 price.) Bring your single sheets, pillow case, towel & slippers .Self catering with full kitchen. Go walking, bike riding, paddle a canoe or just relax

Saturday 21st – sun 22nd May Young's Hut Working Bee Medium

Leader: Ron Hammond 8km one way

Our old friend needs a bit of maintenance: a few of the weatherboards need reattaching. Some of the floorboards need nailing down. All welcome bring, your hammer and a few nails a bottle of wine and a port for the Leader

Saturday 21st May Blue Rag Range Medium 15km

Leader: Debbie Kahn

This walk is all on a 4WD track that leaves the Dargo Road about 12 km from where it meets the Mt Hotham Road. The views to the north and the south are unhindered. The route in and out is the same and there is about 300m down and up in each direction.

Saturday 21st May Movie and or Dinner * Social

Coordinator: Tracey Barkley

Join us for a movie/ and or dinner. Movie will be decided on during the week. This is purely a social evening with no physical activity involved other than a few laughs.

Saturday 21st May Great Alpine Challenge *

Contact person: John Jamison

Website info: www.hoppet.com.au

Great Alpine Challenge Complete all three in a calendar year & receive a "Great Alpine Challenge" medal to mark your achievement. Mt Beauty Fun Run May 21; Kangaroo Hoppet August 27; Mitta to Mt Beauty MTB Ride Oct 30

Further details www.hoppet.com.au

Thursday 26th May Evening Cycle/ Walk

Leader: John Jamison

Meet at the East Albury Tennis Courts at 6pm for an easy cycle or walk along the freeway bike/walk path. The path is well illuminated bring a torch /headlight. There is the option of a counter meal afterwards at a local pub.

Sat 28th – Mon 30th May Gunderbooka Mountain Range Medium

Leader: Bill Krautz

Two days walking 90% off track through relatively open country traversing an inland range. Dry camp O/Nite and must carry two days water supply. Roads closed if it rains. Numbers are limited. Gunderbooka Nat Park is an ancient Mountain Range sticking up from the flat western plains about 30 K south of the Darling River and Bourke. Stoney creeks run from its rocky slopes with the eastern end bordering attractive open woodlands.

Sunday 29th May Wooragee and Old Coach Road Easy-Medium- Exploratory

Mt Pilot NP 10 -15km

Leader: Hans Kaspers

We will start where the Old Coach Road crosses Beechworth-Chiltern Road. After about 400m along the Old Coach Road Google Earth shows a track to the South East. With a few other tracks it looks like a 10 km circuit is possible. A 2km return to Mt Pilot could be added to the circuit.

Saturday 4th June Lake Sambell to Lake Kerford – Beechworth Easy 11kms

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

We'll start at Lake Sambell in Beechworth and walk along the well-marked track up and down through bush land, passing several mine shafts that have been protected by wire until we reach Lake Kerford for morning tea. We'll retrace our steps and finish with a BBQ overlooking Lake Sambell.

Sunday 5th June Bogong Tramway Medium 18kms

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Back by popular demand, this is a really lovely area with tall trees & ferny gullies. There are also interesting historic and engineering aspects because of the race line and the old trains and wagons on it. After the walk, if time permits, we can go to Bogong Village for a look at Lake Guy and visit the new power station. The walk is all on well formed tracks but with some fairly difficult creek crossings. Please remember to wear warm clothing as it can get cold in the deep ferny gullies this time of year.

Sunday 5th June Walk around Mt Pilot Easy/Medium 14kms

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Start at Tovey Road walk to Pine Gap Road then to Old Coach Road and back to Tovey Road. A visit to Mt Pilot would add about 1.5 kms.

Sunday 5th June Orienteering *

Contact: John Jamison

What better way to practise your navigation skills in the bush? Courses are available for all levels of skill & fitness. Expert coaching is available for beginners, a few minute's drive north of Lavington.

Saturday 11th June Lockhart's Gap to Tallangatta Lookout Medium

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

After leaving some cars at Tallangatta Lookout we will drive to Lockhart's Gap where the walk will start. We will wander up and down the hills of the 4WD track eventually emerging at Tallangatta Lookout. Some walkers will go and retrieve cars; the others will head off for afternoon tea at Cafe Trevaskis.

Saturday 11th June Stage 1 Hume and Hovell Easy 16kms

Leader: Hans Kaspers

Beginning at the Hovell Tree Albury heading towards South Albury to Doctors Point Road and then onto Eastern Hill and Mungabareena Reserve ending in Thurgoona.

June 2011 Footprints - Life membership awarded to Bruce Key

CONGRATULATIONS BRUCE!

AN ACT TO BESTOW THE AWARD OF LIFE MEMBER OF THE BORDER BUSHWALKING CLUB ON BRUCE KEY

Bruce has been a member of the Border Bushwalking Club for a period of some 25 years. During that period he has served on our committee in a number of different positions :

President and Footprints Editor 1997 and 1998.

Club Historian 1999.

Vice President 2000.

Activities Coordinator 2001 and 2002.

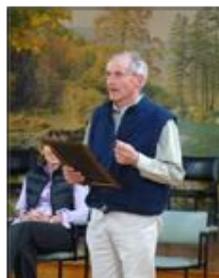
Data Base Manager 2003. And

Web Site Manager 2006 to 2008.

If I have done my sums correctly, this would indicate Bruce has served on the committee, uninterrupted, for a period of at least seven years during which time he contributed in six different areas of Club administration. Additionally, Bruce was awarded the Clubmanship award in 2005. Bruce has always been a consistent leader of club activities both locally and interstate and has participated in a number of unofficial overseas activities. Bruce has been a generous mentor to many members and has contributed formally and informally to the enhancement of many member's navigational skills. Bruce was instrumental in initiating the club policy documents which was a most difficult and time consuming task to begin from scratch. He is a constant attendee at our Club Nights and is ever willing to offer advice, accept responsibility and provide support. He is always willing to help, displays great enthusiasm and cheerfulness, is a passionate protector of the environment in which we walk, is one of nature's gentlemen and is one of the few members who can continue talking regardless of the steepness of the slope!

With this in mind I am both privileged and delighted to announce that:

**“IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY INVESTED IN THEM
BY
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BORDER BUSHWALKING CLUB,
THE
LAST ACT OF THE OUTGOING COMMITTEE
WAS A UNANIMOUS DECISION
TO
BESTOW ON BRUCE KEY
THE AWARD OF LIFE MEMBER.”**



Sunday 12th June Nine Mile Historic Area (Just out of Yackandandah) Exploratory

Leader: Liz Hammond

According to the "Rooftop" map for that area, there are walking tracks, old mining relics, a waterfall, and a few 'undulations'. I haven't been there before so can't give any guarantees, but we should be able to have a look around and stretch our legs a bit. Afterwards, we'll have coffee in Yackandandah.

Saturday 18th June Afternoon Walk Gateway Island Tracks Easy

Leader: Hans Kaspers

This walk is designed to work up an appetite for Tracey's Wine and Dine.

Saturday 18th June Wine and Dine * Social

Contact: Tracey Barkley

I am extending an invitation to have dinner in a social atmosphere with other members of the club come along and get to know others over a great meal. We have a number of great eating places in the area.

Saturday 18th June Pine Mountain Medium + 12kms

Leader: Bruce Key

Pine Mountain is in the Burrowa Pine Mountain National Park near Walwa on the upper Murray. There is a foot track to the top with many good views, and if we are lucky, excellent views of the Snowy Mountains from the top. There is a climb of about 700m involved, and if the vehicle access track is not open we may have to walk an extra 2½ kms each way.

Sunday 19th June Jam, Cream and Scones Bike Ride * Medium 50kms

Contact: John Jamison

This is a 'Friends of the Rail Trail' event. The full length of this ride is 50kms and is graded as medium and is suitable for MTB or hybrid bikes. Previous years a support vehicle was available to carry riders to the top of the Jarvis Creek plateau to enjoy the yummy morning tea and the fun ride back down to Tallangatta. Cost for the morning tea is a gold coin donation. For further information call John.

Saturday 25th June Old Coach Road West Circuit Easy/Medium 12kms

Leader: Hans Kaspers

From Chiltern Beechworth Road we'll take the Old Coach Road going west and a nice circuit is possible via Warners Track, Davis Track, and Warners Track (again), then Old Coach Road and Gidley's Track back to the start. A visit to Sugarloaf is possible and would add about 2kms.

Sunday 26th June White Box Track Chiltern Easy 8kms

Leader: Tracey Barkley

White Box Walking Track takes about 2-3 hours to complete. I plan on doing this walk after a picnic lunch at Honeyeater Picnic ground in the Mt Pilot National Park- Chiltern.

Sunday 26th June Mt Stanley Medium/steep

Leader: Liz Hammond

We've done this walk a couple of times before. We take the road to Myrtleford and turn off on to the Stanley Road at Barwidgee. Park the cars near the turn off, cross a small creek which shouldn't be more than ankle deep, then follow a fire track up the ridgeline. After a lot of huffing and puffing we'll reach the summit then do a bit of a loop and return to the cars. It's a good idea to take a walking pole as it's steep most of the way and if it is very wet that weekend, I'll cancel the walk as it'd be slippery and nasty.

Saturday 2nd July Bike Ride Easy 16kms

Leader: Dianne Ryan

Come along and enjoy a leisurely ride from Thurgoona to Dean Street on the bike track. We will stop at a cafe in Dean Street for a coffee if the group would like and then head back the same route.

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd Zulu Creek Goldfield Medium/Exploratory 10kms

July Leader: Paul Schirmer

From the highest point of the Wild Boar Range a spur to the west leads down to the Zulu Creek. The mine is in a gully below the alpine ash level. We should be able to find the remains of a battery and a portable steam engine. All that remains of the battery are the battery box and cam shaft. The stamper stems have been removed. The single cylinder steam engine was made in England in 1858 and is fairly complete except for the boiler's outer casing and the flue. There will be some bush bashing and no guarantee of finding the mine and machinery however there are other mines in the area we can explore. Because of the distance to get there (about 180 kms) I will make this an overnight activity. We will set up a base camp and walk with a day pack. Transport costs will be between \$20.00 and \$25.00.

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July Wombat PO - Mt Wills area Medium/Hard 10kms both days

Leader: Bill Krautz

Overnight back pack all on fire trails. This walk will proceed subject to weather conditions. Mt Wills is located about half way between Mitta and Omeo on the Omeo Highway. We will turn left at the top of the Great Divide and follow the Razorback Spur before leaving cars at the Wombat Creek turn off. On Saturday we'll set up camp and look around. I propose to walk about 10kms with a drop of elevation of about 800 metres to Wombat PO. This old hut, situated in a clearing between mountains, was once the site of a mining rush, tin being the metal sought. On Sunday we will do some more exploring then return the same way.

Sunday 10th July Bates Dam/Dingle Range Easy/Exploratory 12kms

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

A circuit of about 12kms along undulating fire trails in the forest between Beechworth and Stanley. Finish with a BBQ or picnic lunch at Bates Dam.

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July Mt Wills Medium 8kms

Leader: Chris Sobey

The magic of an overnight camp in the hut on top of Mt Wills would be lost unless it's a sunny weekend. A short 4km walk up the 4WD track from the Tallangatta Ski Lodge through old snow gums to the top for its 360 degree views is worth hanging out for. Enjoy a lazy morning, returning after lunch.

Tuesday 12th July Nail Can Hill (the hard way) Medium 6 -7kms

Leaders: Peter Presutti/Tony Marsh

Starting at Range Road entrance to Nail Can Hill reserve we will follow the mountain bike tracks starting with the Goats Track - on the way there are 5 geocaches which we can find. The track at times is narrow and single file only. This walk / geocaches is about 6.5km and may be scheduled for the second time on a weekend day in the spring if this walk is successful.

Saturday 16th July Social Bike Ride Fun/Easy 12kms

Leader: Liz Hammond

On Saturday mornings they serve cheap breakfasts at the Kinross Woolshed, such as \$2.00 for scrambled eggs on toast. I plan to meet there about 9.00am (I can give you directions if you don't know where it is), and have breakfast together. By then the mist will have cleared and the sun will be out and we will ride to Bowna Picnic Reserve, admire the rare sight of Lake Hume full of water, and then ride back. The distance is only about 12kms in total so if you are a keen cyclist you may wish to ride from Lavington or even central Albury to add some distance to your ride.

Wednesday 20th July Night Skiing Falls Creek Fun and Easy

Leader: John Jamison

Come along and try downhill skiing or practise your telemark turns under floodlights. \$20 for a 3 hour lift ticket (6pm -9pm). Further details www.fallscreek.com.au/nightskiing

Thursday 21st July Mid Week Afternoon Walk Easy 8kms

Leader: Kay Hardie

Join me in my local area of Nail Can Hill for an afternoon walk, weather permitting.

Saturday 23rd July Baranduda Loop Medium 16kms

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk starts and finishes at Barton Drive. Most of the walk is on 4WD fire trails including Ridge Track, Cobb Track and a long slog up Trigg Track. All up we climb about 500m.

Saturday 23rd July Evening Walk and Dinner/Movie Easy 3kms

Leader: Tracey Barkley

Join me for a winter evening walk followed by dinner and/or a movie.

Saturday 6th August Mount Buffalo Snow Shoe Easy

Leader: Ron Hammond

This activity is an introduction to snow shoeing with a wander to Dickson Falls, then a walk amongst the snow gums towards Southern View Point. If you can walk you can snow shoe so come along and give it a try!

Saturday 6th and 7th August Sunday Pine Mountain Hard

Leader: Chris Sobey

Hopefully cutting out the initial 4WD slog, we'll camp near the summit, walking out east along the ridge through the bush that'll be splashed with wattle amongst rocky pools, and looking out over the Murray Valley and the Snowy Mountains. We will have lunch at the end of the ridge, then hike down through the scrub following a spur to the road below. A short car shuffle is involved. Because of the scrub work, once again a fine weekend is needed.

Sunday 7th August Rail Trail Cycle 30kms Medium

Leader: John Jamison

Meeting at Bunning's car park at Bandiana. We will ride along the Rail Trail to Ebden Reserve. Here we will cook a bbq lunch before riding back to Wodonga. You will need to bring your lunch ingredients in your pack to cook at lunchtime. This ride is suitable for mountain bikes and hybrid bikes. There are sections of gravel and uneven surfaces.

Saturday 13th August Falls Creek Snow Shoe Medium

Leader: Ron Hammond

Now that you are confident on those snow shoes we'll walk to Roper's Lookout, maybe in a straight line from Windy Corner, then cross country over Heathy Spur and return trip via Watchbed Creek.

Saturday 13th August Flagstaff Range 21kms Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

This is a great walk with a varied terrain and fabulous views. We will need to have a car shuffle with some cars being left at Buckland Gap, our ultimate destination. Participants will be asked to contribute to a shared lunch, so please let me know what you would like to bring when you book in.

Sunday 14th August Krohn's (Hermit's) Hut Exploratory/Easy

Leader: Paul Schirmer

This is a walk of about 7 kilometres return near Yackandandah. It will be all on 4WD tracks with a very short distance off track to visit the "hut". I am told that the hut is actually a dug out so it should be interesting. In the afternoon we can explore the Wallaby Mine relics and falls.

Saturday 20th August Bunroy Valley 18kms Medium

Leader: Iris Joss

We will walk up Tea Pot Creek track, then along Mt Elliott track. After lunch it's all downhill on Davis Creek track back to the cars. Some steep sections, but not too long. The walk is all on fire trails, not much view, just lovely trees and fresh air.

Saturday 20th August Livingston State Park/ Rock 21kms Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

I love climbing The Rock but it seems like a long drive for a 7km walk so I am proposing two walks in the area. The first walk is in Livingston State Park, near Mangoplah. It will be about 13kms on undulating formed tracks. Then we will drive 20kms to The Rock for lunch, followed by the sharp climb up the Rock. This is a good winter walk.

Sunday 21st August Spring Creek Gorge, Warby Ranges Easy

Leader: Tracey Barkley

This is a spectacular walking circuit from lovely Spring Creek Picnic area down Spring Creek Gorge where the creek plunges down off the Warby Ranges for 2 km via waterfalls, cascades, mossy rocks, lovely grassy flats and rock pools. No tracks! 100m overall descent from 300m alt to 200m but seems much more. We return to the cars for 5 km along undulating Granite Track which is a lovely peaceful walkers-only grassy 4WD track through the bush and granite rocks of the Warby Ranges with views.

Saturday 27th August Mt Jack 14kms Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

They say that it's not the destination that counts but the journey and this is very true when applied to Mt Jack as there are no great views from the top but the walk passes through a variety of vegetation and scenery. A great walk in Dederang that entails a long uphill haul (>700m rise) with plenty of stops to catch your breath.

Saturday 27th August Nail Can Hill 14kms Medium

Leader: Louise Evans

Starting at Kaliana (next to Albury TAFE), uphill via some recently upgraded side tracks to the ridge track and out to the lookout near Reedy Dam. Early spring flowers, wild flowers and views of the snow fields if the weather is fine.

Sunday 28th August Bright to Wandiligong 14kms Easy

Leaders: Jan Douglas and Sarah –Jane Harrington

The walk begins in the centre of Bright near the Morse's Creek Bridge. We then follow Morse's Creek to Wandiligong. Bring your own lunch to enjoy in the park before returning back along the creek. This is an easy and fun family walk for all ages.

Saturday 3rd September Mount Stanley Medium 16km

Leader: Charles Dunn

This walk has traditionally been led by Liz and Ron Hammond. It is a super walk, and I thank them for introducing me to it. This walk is mainly on four-wheel-drive tracks, a little creek crossing at the beginning and end. There is a little bit of walking track to add to the mix. The views on a clear day are superb. Some good grunt going up and it will test your sense of direction going down.

9th to 12th September Gunderbooka Mountain Range Exploratory/Hard

Leader: Trish Madden Limited Numbers

Leaving 5am Friday morning, and staying in the Belah shearer's quarters the first night, ready for an early start Saturday. The aim is to climb Mt Gunderbooka and follow the range around to the south east and set up camp. Dry camp overnight, so must carry two days of water. Sunday we will be dropping down onto the grassy plain and following the base of the range back to our start point. We will make the most of the day and camp again, or maybe stay at the shearer's quarters Sunday night. Monday we head home. This walk will only go ahead if the weather is fine.

Saturday 10th September Mount Buffalo Medium 18km

Leader: Charles Dunn

This walk begins at the beginning of the four-wheel-drive track and then joins the Big Walk track. This first section has loads of grunt! Once we get onto the Big Walk section we can all catch our breath and take it easy to the rock escarpment. We will have morning tea where the water splashes down the face of the rocks and admire the view. From there we retrace our steps and go down to Rollason's Falls for lunch, which should be spectacular at this time of the year. After lunch it is a steep climb back out. Then it is easy walking till we get back to the steep section on the four-wheel-drive track.

Saturday 10th September Bates Dam/ Dingle Range Easy 12km

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

A circuit of about 12 kms along undulating fire trails in the forest between Beechworth and Stanley. Visit the interesting relics at Bate's Dam and admire the view from Murrungee Lookout.

Sunday 11th September White Box Track – Chiltern NP Easy 8.5 km

Leader: Denise Smith

Walked this track about this time last year and the wattle and wildflowers were spectacular.

Friday 16th September Nail Can Hill –Night Walk Medium 8km

Leader: Marie Maguire

We will meet at 6pm Friday evening, warm up and leave behind the week's work demands with an 8km walk along Nail Can Hill. Head lamps will be needed but the moon will only be a couple of days past full. We will finish the walk at Warwick's, where we will have a shared supper.

17th and 18th September Overnight in the Warby Ranges Easy 12km

Mt Killawarra to Sunrise Track Maximum 8 walkers

Leader: Warren Brown

This walk will take us through a variety of country in the Warby Ranges. Starting at Mt Killawarra in the north we will make our way south, to our bush camp for the night. On Sunday we will continue our journey south and make our way down through the Sunrise track complex to the cars. We will be walking on a mix of tracks and there will be off track sections that may be rough in spots.

Saturday 17th September Nail Can Hill Ramble Easy 14 km

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

Starting at the Botanic Gardens we will warm up with Monument Hill and then link up to the Nail Can Hill tracks taking us through to Jindera Gap. While it's rated easy it is about 14kms of ups and downs.

Sunday 18th September Mountain Bike Ride - Bright Medium 10 – 20km

Leader: John Jamison

I've recently purchased a Mountain Biking Guide of Bright and District. I'm planning to pick out a couple of rides to try. They will be medium grade and between 10 -20km in length. You will need to be comfortable riding on gravel surfaces.

Saturday 24th September Rutherglen to Wahgunyah Easy 14.5 km

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

We will walk on the picturesque rail trail where the scenery changes from bush to farmland, (and of course grape vines), from Rutherglen to Wahgunyah and continue along a track to St Leonards winery where we'll enjoy our picnic lunch by the river. A car shuffle will be required and I have it on good authority that there will be a protective magpie who will be keeping an eye on us, so head protection is advisable!

Sunday 25th September Chiltern National Park walk Easy 8 km

Leader: Denise Smith

The walk will start in the Barnawartha area, Grevillea Track, to Pioneer Cemetery then to Magenta Mine and finish at Frog Hollow. This walk will require a car shuffle .Hope to see some Regent Honeyeaters along the way. Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd October Bogong High Plains Med 16km Saturday

Leader: Marie Maguire Med 16km Sunday

From Watchbed Creek we will head up to Warby corner visiting Mt Nelse on the way. Then out along Spion Kopje

Spur, dropping packs to visit the Crows nest. We will camp on White rock Creek & visit the falls if time. On Sunday we will visit Timms Spur & Ropers Hut before heading back down to the cars. Accommodation will be available Friday night at Myrtleford Ski Club.

Saturday 8th October Hume and Hovel Track Easy 10km

Leader: Dianne Ryan

We will meet at the top of Corry Road in Thurgoona. We will follow the track through bushland, creek beds, grassy paddocks and past David Mitchell Wetlands. On route will see plenty of bird life, kangaroos and the campus of CSU rammed earth buildings. We will circuit a different way back to the cars.

Saturday 8th October Mount Beauty Walk Easy-Medium 14 km

Leader: Eileen Clarke

Explore the hills around Mt Beauty, including an ascent of Mt Beauty itself. Good views and orchids may be flowering.

There's not much 'flat' on this walk, but the gradients are not too challenging and we have all day!

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October Cleve Cole Overnight Hard– 12km Daily

Leader: Connie Constas

Start at Mountain Creek car park; walk up the Staircase Spur and on to Cleve Cole hut where we camp for the night,

returning the same route on the following day. With a 1400 metre ascent on Saturday and 1400 metre descent on Sunday.

Wednesday 12th October McFarland's Hill—Mid Week Walk Easy and Social

Leader: Cindy Marsh

We will start this walk at 5.30 pm. McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga. This is a 4 km circuit that takes in views of the surrounding bush land, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury taking in Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great walk children/teenagers or anyone who wants to end the day with a little light exercise

Saturday 15th October 3 Bright Hills Medium 19 km

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

There are 3 hills that have tracks to give you a work out around Bright; Apex lookout/ Canyon Walk/ Rail Trail/ Valley View Walk/ Bakers Gully Reservoirs/ Huggins Lookout walks combined with one short drive. Each is a steep climb with different views but linked with flatter tracks for a rest in between. At this time of the year we usually see many spring flowers.

Saturday 15th October Conic Ranges Part Exploratory

Leader: Don Ingram Medium 15km

Co- Leader: Cindy Marsh

We start at Darbyshire and following Whitebull Creek up to Firebrace Track, where we make our way to the ridge line, following the Conic Ranges Walking Track. At 900 metres the views of the area will be worth the

climb. We follow the ridge line, eventually making our way down to the Koetong Creek Track. This walk is mostly off track and will require a certain amount of bush bashing. If you enjoy Rock formation, views and walking off track, this walk is for you. A car shuffle is required.

Sunday 16th October South Buffalo View Point Easy 10km

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Leaving the Cresta car park, the track initially climbs a ridge then meanders through Snow Gum glades and small snow plains terminating at the South Buffalo view point where we'll have lunch while admiring the views to the south and west. We'll return along the same track having covered a total of 10 km.

Tuesday 18th October Botanical Gardens Walk Easy and Social

Leader: Cindy Marsh

We will start this walk at 5.30 pm from the Gateway Island on the Causeway and follow the river most of the walk until we reach the Botanical Gardens. We stop there for a break. Our return trip is via the same way we came. This scenic walk following the river and enjoying the gardens is a great way to relax at the end of the day with a little light exercise.

Saturday 22nd October Koetong Creek Track Easy 11km

Leader: David Ross

Co Leader: Tracey Barkley

Koetong creek track--a great days walk--some steep up and downs--a lively riparian ecosystem--unfortunately Konic range--where the aboriginal paintings are-- was a dse controlled burn 2 years ago some of the bush has been destroyed-- walking poles recommended we will do a car swap over at a combined lunch.

Saturday 22nd October Livingston State Park/ Rock Medium 21km

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

I love climbing The Rock but it seems like a long drive for a 7km walk so I am proposing 2 walks in the area. The first walk is in Livingston State Park, near Mangoplah. It will be about 13kms on undulating formed tracks. Then we will drive 20kms to The Rock for lunch followed the sharp climb up the Rock. This is a good winter walk.

Saturday 22nd October Mt Feathertop via northwest spur Hard – 25km

Leader: Peter Smith- Allen

Bookings: Connie Constas

A steady, at times, steep climb up the North West Spur, to MUMC hut, then if conditions are suitable, summit Mt Feathertop. On to Federation Hut then walk down the Bungalow Spur. A short car shuffle is required at the end.

Fri day 28th to Monday 31st Start of the Murray River Hard

October Leader: Peter Smith- Allen

Bookings: Connie Constas

Friday 28 October depart about 5.30pm - drive to near Blue Duck Hotel, car camp along Big River or Cobungra River.

Saturday 29 October – drive to Cowombat Flat track entrance gate, Follow Cowombat track to Cowombat Flat, as we enter the clearing we pass the remains of an old RAAF C-47 plane wreck. It is in this clearing we camp for the next two nights. (4 hours), 13km.

Sunday 30 October – Leave overnight packs at camp and Follow Cowombat Trail before venturing off track to start of Murray River. From here walk up the hill to the Border Cairn, re trace steps following Cowombat trail to base of Mt Pilot, then (weather permitting) walk off track to the summit. Return following Snow Gum Trail, Pilot Creek trail back to Cowombat Flat. Approx 25km, Full day's walking. Monday 31 October - follow Cowombat Flat track back to cars, return home.

Saturday 29th October Yackandandah to Stanley and back Medium/16km

Leader: Dick Wellard

Walk to Mt Stanley from the dam at Back Creek Road Yackandandah and possibly return. We will be walking on back roads up through the pine forest area. An option of only walking one way is a consideration.

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October Zulu Creek Gold field Medium 10km

Leader: Paul Schirmer Exploratory

From the highest point of the Wild Boar Range a spur to the west leads down to the Zulu Creek. The mine is in a gully below the alpine ash level. We should be able to find the remains of a battery and a portable steam engine. All that remains of the battery are the battery box and cam shaft. The stamper stems have been removed. The single cylinder steam engine was made in England in 1858 and is fairly complete except for the boiler's outer casing and the flue. There will be some bush bashing and no guarantee of finding the mine and

machinery however there are other mines in the area we can explore. Because of the distance to get there (about 180 kms) I will make this an overnight activity. We will set up a base camp and walk with a day pack. Transport costs will be between \$20.00 and \$25.00.

Saturday 5th November Skeleton Hill Track Easy 6kms

Leader : David Ross

An easy late afternoon /early evening 6km circuit walk starting and finishing on Koala track. The walk is almost entirely on 4WD tracks except for a short off track section. Enjoy the views over Chiltern and Mt Pilot and the Barambogie range. Followed by a campfire and possibly a BBQ dinner.

Saturday 5th November Rail Trail Medium 18kms

Tallangatta to Old Tallangatta

Leader :Pauline McLeod

We will start the trail at Tallangatta and walk to Old Tallangatta where we will have lunch, then return via the same track back to Tallangatta. It is all flat and downhill on the way out, and a bit of a climb on the way back. The views with the weir being full will be picturesque.

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November Volunteering at Mount Buffalo Busy/Fun

Leader : Denise Smith

One of the volunteering possibilities suggested by the Mount Buffalo Ranger at our last Club Night was caring for the beautiful garden at the Chalet. So gardening enthusiasts here's a chance to spend a weekend camping at Lake Catani and enjoying the delightful garden while pulling a few weeds or trimming some plants. Those who would like extra time on the mountain will go up on Friday night and settle in; others can arrive on Saturday morning ready for work. The rangers will supply tools and equipment. To add to the fun there will be a prize for the best decorated gardening hat.

Thursday 10th November After Work Canoe Easy/Fun/Social

Leader : Jan Douglas

Come and enjoy a relaxing paddle after work on this beautiful river. Canoe hire will be arranged or BYO your own canoe. We will meet at Noreuil Park at 5.30pm. This activity will be followed by a BBQ dinner. Please note participants need to be able to swim at least 25 metres.

Saturday 12th November Mt Lawson to the Tin Mine Medium

15km Leader: Cindy Marsh

We will start this walk at the top of Mt Lawson by completing the summit loop walking track. From there we start the next leg of the walk, walking off track; bush-bashing all the way from the top of Mt Lawson, down to the Creek. We follow the Creek until we reach the abandon Tin Mine. A car shuffle is required to return us to the Mount Lawson summit.

Saturday 12th November Big Walk - Mt Buffalo Medium 22kms

Leader : Charles Dunn

Iconic Big Walk starting at the bottom car park and over the new bridge. After completing this iconic walk we will enjoy a BYO afternoon tea.

Sunday 13th November Flaggy Creek Gorge Walking Track Easy/enjoyable/

Working Bee rewarding

Co-ordinator : Cindy Marsh

This rugged walk (14 kms return) passes through the northern end of Mt Lawson State Park from The Kurrajongs picnic area and provides access to waterfalls and rock pools within Flaggy Creek Gorge.

I invite you to join me on a day of easy pruning, light weeding and general track maintenance. Recent rains have resulted in rapid growth in the vegetation. The hard work has been done by Parks Victoria, now it is left to us to casually make our way up the track, to enjoy the great views, and tidy up the track as we go. There is the opportunity to camp under the stars and a full moon at the Kurrajongs Camping Grounds on Saturday night.

Saturday 12th Sunday 13th November Car Camp at JB Plain Two Medium walks

Leaders : Dick and Alison Wellard

A Saturday night camp at JB Plain would enable us to walk to Mt Tabletop one day and discover a new trail, 'The Cobungra Ditch' on the other. This latter walk is about 12kms and starts near Mt Hotham and finishes on the Brandy Creek Track. We will be camping at JB Plain on the Friday night if anyone wants to join us. Saturday night we will have a shared meal which can include nibbles and main course.

Wednesday 16th November McFarland's Hill Easy/social

Mid - week Walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

We will start this walk at 5.30 pm. McFarland's Hill, Wodonga. This is a 4 km circuit that takes in views of the surrounding bush land, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury taking in Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great walk children/teenagers or anyone who wants to end the day with a little light exercise.

Saturday 19th November Eldorado Easy/social

Leader : Margariete Harding 6-8kms

Eldorado- Understated in its significance regarding the regions' gold mining history. An easy walk encompassing the banks of Reedy Creek, which will then lead us into an area where there are numerous historic sites. These date back to 1870. Most importantly we will see the rather large gold dredge which operated until the 1950's.

Saturday 19th November Mount Buffalo Walk Medium 19kms

Leader : Charles Dunn

This walk starts at the beginning of the four wheel drive track which joins the Eurobin Creek Track at the northern most end of the Park. We make our way up into the open rock area and have morning tea by a lovely stream and rock pool. From here we head down to Rollason's Falls for lunch. We then climb back out of the falls area and back down to the cars. The beginning and end are hard. Getting down to the falls is deceptively easy. Not so easy to get out of. It is a tough medium walk. BYO afternoon tea.

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th November BSAR Training Weekend Instructional

Contact : Marie Maguire

This is a training weekend for all current and prospective BSAR (Bush Search and Rescue) members. Format will be GPS Rogaine and skills workshops over the two days. Four of us participated in this training weekend two years ago and found it to be an extremely well organised and valuable weekend.

Sunday 20th November Canoe Trip -Weir to Noreuil Park Fun/Easy

Leader : Ron Hammond

A day on the river, travelling from the weir wall to Noreuil Park. This trip takes 5 to 6 hours depending on river flow, swimming and lunch stops. Depending on numbers we'll utilise the club canoes or hire from the canoe guy.

Wednesday 23rd November Botanical Gardens Walk Easy and Social

Leader : Cindy Marsh

We will start this walk at 5.30 pm from the Gateway Island on the Causeway and follow the river most of the walk until we reach the Botanical Gardens. We stop there for a break. Our return trip is via the same way we came.

Saturday 26th November Conic Ranges Part Exploratory

Leader: Don Ingram Medium 15km

Co- Leader: Cindy Marsh

Re-schedules activity. We start at Darbyshire and following Whitebull Creek up to Firebrace Track, where we make our way to the ridge line, following the Conic Ranges Walking Track. At 900 metres the views of the area will be worth the climb. We follow the ridge line, eventually making our way down to the Koetong Creek Track. This walk is mostly off track and will require a certain amount of bush bashing. for you. A car shuffle is required.

Friday 25th to Jagungal Wilderness Area Hard/Overnight backpack

Monday 28th November Le Huts Tour

Leader : Bill Krautz

Friday: Wheeler's Hut via Snakey Plain; Saturday Pretty Plane Hut.

Sunday: Derschko's Hut,

Monday: out via Round Mountain.

This would make about 70% off track, plus taking in some mountain tops along the way.

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November Falls Creek to Mt Hotham Cross-over Medium 21kms Leader : Deb Kahn

Mt Hotham to Falls Creek Cross-over Hard 25kms Leader : Peter Smith-Allen

This walk allows you to choose the degree of difficulty. Both groups will meet up and overnight at Blair's Hut. The walk from Falls Creek – Pretty Valley has been graded medium and will be led by Deb. On Saturday this group will start at Pretty Valley Pondage and either (group consensus) go down Cobungra Gap and hook onto Machinery Spur or follow the track to Weston's Hut and then onto Blair's Hit via Red Robin Mine.

The other group that Peter will lead will start at Mt Loch car park and head towards Blair's Hut via Diamantina Spur, this route has been graded hard. On Sunday Deb's group will follow Machinery Spur (all on 4WD track)

to Mt Loch whilst the other group (Peter's) will ascend Cobungra Gap and head to Pretty Valley and the cars. This walk takes in all the splendour that the High Plains has to offer. The walk is all on well defined tracks and features include the active descents and ascents and passive ambles through snow grass and snow gums. An early morning departure from Albury will be necessary but well worthwhile.

Saturday 3rd December Everton to Gapsted Winery Bike Ride Easy 35kms

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

A ride on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail from Everton to Gapsted Winery (all sealed) where we'll enjoy a leisurely lunch before returning to Everton. Need to know numbers by Friday 18th November to reserve a table at the winery restaurant.

Sunday 4th December Central Mt Buffalo Medium 15kms

Leader: Connie Constat

Starting at Long Plain Track we will walk to Mt Dunn for morning tea. Mt Dunn offers fantastic 360 degree views of the Park. Then we walk on to Eagle Point for lunch, via the Reservoir and Og, Gog and Magog - fantastic rock boulders. We will return via Five Acre Plain and Giant's Causeway back to Long Plain Track. Note that the climb up Mt Dunn and up Eagle Point is on steep steel ladders, fixed to the rocks but the views when you get there are glorious.

Tuesday 6th December Wonga Wetlands BirdWatching Wander Easy/Social

Leader: Alison Wellard

Bring your binoculars and walking shoes for a wander around the Wonga Wetlands before settling down with a glass of wine to enjoy the annual Christmas Barbeque. Last year we saw tortoises laying eggs and the most unusual Musk Duck. Walk leaves about 4.30pm.

Saturday 10th December Falls Creek: Mt Nelse/ Edmondson's Hut Medium 12kms

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk is a good introduction to the Bogong High Plains. We will probably go up Heathy Spur, with good views over Rocky Valley Dam, and then make the steady climb towards the summit of Mt Nelse, from where we get 360o views of the surrounding peaks. We then descend through snow gums to visit Edmondson's Hut before heading home.

Thursday 15th December Canoe After Work Easy

Leader: Jan Douglas

Come and enjoy a relaxing paddle after work on this beautiful river. Canoe hire will be arranged or BYO your own canoe. We will meet at Noreuil Park at the Cumberoona Wharf at 5.30pm. Following the paddle there will be a BBQ dinner for those who wish to stay and socialise. Please note participants need to be able to swim.

Tuesday 20th to Lake Catani Car Camp Variable

Thursday 22nd December Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

I am proposing an escape from the 'Silly Season' for a few days. We could head up Mt Buffalo on Tuesday and do a short walk before setting up camp. Wednesday could be one of the longer walks and then a shorter one on Thursday with still time left at home to clean out the chimney in anticipation of Santa's arrival. If anyone is interested please contact me by November 11th as campsites will need to be booked.

Thursday 29th December Mungabareena Picnic Walk Easy 7kms

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

The plan is to meet at Mungabareena Reserve and walk a circuit along Eastern Hill and back around to Mungabareena where our eskies full of Chrissie leftovers will be waiting for a pleasant picnic dinner.

Club member of the year - Liz Hammond

2011 CLUB PERSON ... Congratulations Liz!

Congratulations are extended by all Club members to Liz Hammond who was the most worthy recipient of the **2011 Club Person Award** which was presented by the 2010 winner, Deb Kahn, at our Annual Christmas Party in December. Below is the citation that Liz received.

CLUB PERSON AWARD

This is to certify that

LIZ HAMMOND

was presented with the Club Person Award for 2011.

"During 2011 Liz has continued to be a great supporter of BBC in all its endeavours and in promoting BBC in the wider community. Liz's contributions to the club are numerous and varied. They include leading and organising day activities such as walks, bike rides and wades up very cool rivers on very hot days. Liz has also organised the annual beach getaway and longer interstate trips.

Liz's contribution to BBC is enjoyed and appreciated by all."



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Wednesday 4th January Twilight Walk Medium 5kms

Lavington One Tree Hill (TBC)

Leader: Eileen Clark

One Tree Hill (aka Red Light Hill) sits behind Springdale Heights. It is a steady climb to the top, but with great views.

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th January Falls Creek Car Camp Easy/Medium

Leader: Ron Hammond 10 to 12kms

We will camp at Langford West Camp Ground. Walk choices will include Faithfull's Hut, Mac's Hut, Cope Hut, Mount Cope or just relax under a shady tree. I may go on Friday.

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th January Feathertop Full Moon Walk Hard

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty 13kms/10kms

My plan is to walk up Bungalow Spur on Monday, January 9th. We will set up camp at Federation Hut, have dinner and then walk up Feathertop in time to watch the sun set. We will then walk down with a full moon shining brightly on us. There will be no clouds or storms. After a great night's sleep we will walk down to the waiting Harrierville ice-cream shop.

Wednesday 11th January West Albury after work walk Easy 6kms

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at Hovell Tree Park we'll follow the Murray River Trail with views over the river as we walk to Horseshoe Lagoon where the birds are very active late in the day. To complete the circuit we'll follow the path along Padman Drive.

Saturday 14th January Falls Creek – Ryder's Yards Medium 14kms

Leader: Pauline McLeod

We will start at Cope Hut (pole no.532), take the track and follow the poles to the SEC Hut, up Mt Bundora, then to pole no.380. Cross country- this is the only bit off track - down to the aqueduct then onto Ryder's Yards where we will have lunch, then back to the SEC Hut and Cope Hut. This walk has great views over Falls Creek.

Sunday 15th January Falls Creek - Kelly's Hut Medium 18kms

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk starts at Langford's Gap and follows the Alpine Walking Track up to the Kelly's Hut turnoff. We return via the aqueduct. Apart from one climb near the start, the walk is almost flat, so it is good for those looking to upgrade from easy walks. The wildflowers should be at their best. We will visit Kelly's and Fitzgerald's huts and get some splendid views.

Wednesday 18th January East Hill Walk Easy 6kms

Leader: Rowena Smith

We'll walk along Borella Road past the Base Hospital and turn up between the hospital and vet's and into the East Hill Reserve. There is a steep climb but it is quite short, then along the ridge (fairly flat) till we get to East Street. We cross the street and have another short steep climb to the lookout. Then past the antennae and to the end of the ridge, (great views along here) then we go down the back of the hill to Mungabareena. We follow the road back to Borella

Road and Peard's. Nursery. We can include a loop around Mungabareena if the group would like to.

Saturday 21st January Back Wall – Mt Buffalo Easy 10kms

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

We will walk past Egg Rock and Chinaman's Dam, across The Devil's Playground, through snow gums, granite rocks and beautiful vegetation, to a scenic lunch spot at the Back Wall overlooking surrounding valleys. Return along the same route.

Wednesday 25th January Twilight Walk Easy 5km

Leader: Eileen Clarke

Starting in Thurgoona we follow part of the Hume and Hovell Track as it winds through what is now Charles Sturt University. Return probably by the same route.

Wednesday 25th to Sunday 29th January Cobberas Wilderness Walk Hard

Leader: Peter Smith-Allen

Wednesday (Day 1): Leave Albury/Wodonga at approximately 5.30pm and drive over Falls Creek to car camp at the Mitta River just beyond the Blue Duck Inn.

Thursday (Day 2): Drive to Cowombat Flat Wilderness gate and park the cars. Walk on the Cowombat Flat Track, then walk off track making camp between Mt Cobberas Number 2 and Moscow Peak. We will climb up Mt Cobberas Number 2 (1729 mts) in the afternoon.

Friday (Day 3): Pack up camp and walk up to Moscow Peak (1685 metres) for lunch, set up base camp between Moscow and Middle Peaks.

Saturday (Day 4): Traverse the ridge to Mt Cobberas Number 1 (1810 mts), walk to Cleft Peak (1802 mts) via Middle Peak, then descend back to base camp for the night.

Sunday (Day 5): Walk off track back to Cowombat Flat Track, then back to cars and return home.

Saturday 28th January Falls Creek: Spion Kopje Hard 25kms

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk takes us to a little-visited part of the Bogong High Plains. Starting at Watchbed Creek we walk past Mt Nelse and onto Warby Corner before heading west to Spion Kopje. We pass pristine bog areas and get great views over Falls Creek. Return by the same route. The walk is all on track but with several climbs and descents.

Wednesday 1st February Twilight Walk Nail Can Hill 5km/Easy

Leader: Eileen Clark

We'll take a walk along one of the wide well marked undulating trails on Nail Can Hill, probably starting at the Lavington end, and maybe take a picnic to have along the way.

Saturday 4th February Coffee and Croissants on the hill 6km/Easy

Leader: Deb Kahn

At this time of the year it seems that mornings are the best part of the day. What better way to start the weekend than with a short walk up a small hill and then when at the top, whilst looking over the spectacular Murray Valley, indulging in some real coffee/tea and croissants. When we are ready we will then make our way down East Albury Hill into Mungabareena and wind our way through Doctors Point back to the cars. This walk is on a variety of tracks, involves a few short steady climbs and requires an early departure but is well worth the effort. Participants will be asked to pay \$2 towards the cost of croissants and jam.

Saturday 4th February Buckland River 4km /Cool and wet

Leader: Liz Hammond

This has become an annual event but didn't happen last year because of adverse conditions. We drive up the Buckland Valley to the bridge at the end of the bitumen, which is about 12kms from Porepunkah. We unload the passengers and their gear and organise a car shuffle so that one car is left at a point about 4kms further up the valley. We all get into the river and make our way upstream through the water, climbing out onto the bank near where the car is. We then transfer all the walkers back to the starting point, have lunch and go home. Walking 4kms sounds too easy, but walking upstream against the flow makes it harder, picking your way over slippery boulders can be a bit difficult, and scrambling over and under fallen logs is also challenging. However, on a hot day in the middle of summer, it's a nice cool activity. The Buckland is subject to flash floods so we won't go if heavy rain is forecast for that day. If you are coming, wear old shoes or boots, bring a stick if you have one, and don't take anything you wouldn't want to get wet. In places, the water is waist deep.

Friday 3rd to Overnight camp at Nug Nug 15km/Medium

Sunday 5th February Leader: Paul Schirmer

This will be an easy couple of days using Nug Nug as a base to do a couple of walks on that side of Mount Buffalo. We will travel to Nug Nug on Friday so we can enjoy more of Mt Buffalo over the week-end. It will be coming up to a full moon, this always makes it nicer for camping.

Wednesday 8th February Kiewa River Track – late afternoon walk 8km/Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting from the Murray Valley Highway at Killara the track follows the Kiewa River to the junction of the Murray and Kiewa Rivers so we'll be cooled by the sound of the water flowing past. It is flat walking and there are bird hides along the track overlooking wetlands. We'll return along the track to the cars and the picnic table for our picnic tea.

Thursday 9th February After Work Canoe Easy/Fun

Leader: Jan Douglas

Come and enjoy a relaxing paddle after work on this beautiful river. Canoe hire will be arranged or BYO your own canoe. We will meet at Noreuil Park 5.30pm. Following the paddle there will be a BBQ dinner for those who wish to stay and socialise. Please note participants need to be able to swim 25 metres.

Saturday 11th February South Buffalo View Point 12km/Easy

Leader: Deb Kahn

This lovely walk on my favourite local mountain is all on track and winds through a variety of alpine vegetation zones, past bogs and stands of snow gums. It ends on a rocky granite outcrop with stunning views over Lake Buffalo. Whilst it is not a long walk the track is undulating and rocky in places. It is proposed that we will have a shared picnic lunch whilst looking over the Buffalo Valley. Participants will be required to bring their own plate and eating utensils and when registering for the walk will be asked what they would like to bring to share for lunch.

Sunday 12th February Track around Yack 14km/Easy

Leaders Dick/ Alison Wellard

A bush walker's dream - nearly all downhill! Although 14 kms in length, this along track/road ramble starting on Baranduda ridge and ending in Yackandandah, via Hodgson's Lane, Smith's Lane, Mahon's Lane and various tracks is a happy, talk-a-lot-event. Good chance of seeing some bird life and perhaps the odd kangaroo. Involves a minor creek crossing but no real hassles. Meet at Isaac Isaac's Park, Yackandandah at 0900hr for a car shuffle to the start point. Bring a lunch along! Arvo tea or coffee at Yack Township on completion with perhaps an extended walk to the gorge if time permits.

Thursday 16th to Thursday 23rd February Maria Island and Freycinet National Park Medium

Leader: Paul Schirmer

See previous editions of Footprints for details

Saturday 18th February The other way to Young's Hut 20km/Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark

Young's Hut stands at the head of a little valley between Falls Creek and Mount Hotham. We will start at Cope Hut and follow the Alpine Walking Track to Cope Saddle, from where we take the aqueduct past Ryder's Yards to its end. Then we strike out cross-country to the pole line leading down to the hut. Return journey is via the Alpine Walking Track. We should have great views and possibly brumbies. Walk is mainly on track, undulating but nothing too steep, but is very exposed. NB: Walk is not suitable for beginners.

Sunday 19th February Introduction to the High Plains 11km/Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Three short walks will provide an introduction to the High Plains for those who haven't yet experienced the beauty of the wildflowers and the historic huts. We will start with a 2km walk on the Fainter Falls Walking Track which goes approx. 800 meters uphill to a series of viewing platforms and we'll retrace our steps to the cars to drive to the second walk which has a climb of about 200 meters over about 2kms to the top of Mt Cope, to experience some of the magnificent 360° views. After retracing our steps, we will drive to Cope Hut where we will start a 5 km walk which takes in some of the High Country history by passing Wallace's Hut, (the oldest on the High Plains), the Rover Lodge and Cope Hut. Those who would like to can wait at Wallace's Hut for the cars to return. Participants can walk as much or as little as they choose, but those who complete the 3 walks will have walked 11kms.

Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th February Weston's Hut Overnighter 20km/Medium

February Leader: Deb Kahn

Never been overnight backpacking before, well here is your chance to try out what everyone is raving about. Weston's Hut was destroyed in the bushfires and the new hut has only recently been opened. So come and have a look at the new Weston's Hut and enjoy the solitude and serenity of the High Plains. This walk is mostly on well defined tracks, very straightforward and doesn't involve any huge climbs. We will head off from Pretty Valley navigating our way cross-country to Pole 333. From there we will follow the snow poles directly to Weston's Hut, which we should arrive at before lunch and set up camp. The rest of the day can be spent relaxing, reading, snoozing, chatting or drinking coffee. The return trip back to the cars on Sunday will take a short detour and a visit to Tawonga Huts. Bookings no later than Saturday 18th February please.

Saturday 3rd March Hotham Huts Walk 21kms/Hard

Leaders: Bernadette Cromarty/Charles Dunn

This walk is a delightful 21km circuit leaving from Hotham Village and incorporating Silver Brumby Hut, Spargo's Hut and Derrick Hut. It also includes a small sector of the Cobungra Ditch Track. It is all on track with some steep up and down sections early in the walk. There are some wonderful views of the surrounding mountains as well as a variety of vegetation and landscapes on the walk. As there is a fair drive involved it will mean an early start.

Wednesday 7th March Kiewa River Track – late afternoon walk 8kms/Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting from the Murray Valley Highway at Killara the track follows the Kiewa River to the junction of the Murray and Kiewa Rivers so we'll be cooled by the sound of the water flowing past. It is flat walking and we will return along the track to the cars.

Wednesday 7th – Backpack/ Base Camp Edmondson Hut 11.5kms/Medium Friday 9th March Leaders: Dick and Alison Wellard

Preliminary advice of a walk in to Edmondson Hut via Heathy Spur. Camp on Wednesday and Thursday nights at the huts with a couple of day walks. Perhaps Spion Kopje, Ropers, Batty or Johnston huts and out again on Friday arvo(via Big River fire trail). Ideal beginner's back pack as we will only be carrying packs for 6.5kms out and 5kms back. Also ideal for those of us couldabeens, shouldabeens or wouldabeens whose spirits are willing but flesh is weakening.

Thursday 8th March After Work Canoe Canoeing /Easy

Leader: Jan Douglas

Come and enjoy a relaxing paddle after work on the beautiful Murray River. Canoe hire will be arranged or bring your own canoe. We will meet at the Cumberoona Wharf, Noreuil Park at 5.30pm. Following the paddle there will be a BBQ dinner for those who wish to stay and socialise.

Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th March Mt Bogong and return 18kms/Hard

Leader: Dick Wellard

This activity is in support of the Mt Beauty Lions Conquestathon and is worth \$500.00 to our club. Our role is to man (or woman) the turnaround point at the Mt Bogong summit; check all participants through, make sure they return via Eskdale Spur (and not wander off to Cleeve Cole Hut) close the control point and finally, sweep down Eskdale Spur and perhaps the Staircase, to ensure all participants get off the mountain. To achieve this we will have to walk to the Bogong summit on Saturday 10 March to ensure we are in place by start of play Sunday 12 am. On completion of the event we will sweep the area. We will have to establish a couple of control points, (one at the top of the Staircase and one at the Eskdale Spur track turnoff). With this in mind, I believe we need members who are familiar with the area and are confident enough to firmly ADVISE participants who may be taking the wrong track. I believe we need a minimum of 6 members to complete the task. At the time of writing, there are 5 starters. Having said 6 (minimum), the more the merrier. Please help.

Saturday 17th March The Big Walk – Crossover 11.3kms/Medium

Leader up: Charles Dunn

Leader down: Pauline McLaughlin

The Big Walk is an iconic walk from the foot of Mount Buffalo to the Chalet on the Gorge at the top. To ease the stress and strain of walking in both directions, we'll have a crossover. One group will start at the foot of the mountain and climb steadily for 1000 metres while the other group will drive to the top and walk down. When the latter group reaches the bottom, they'll drive cars to the top to join the other group for a shared lunch and swim at Lake Catani. Each group will walk 11 kms.

Sunday 18th March Tour de Pools 4kms/Easy

Leader: Paul Schirmer

This activity was originally put on by Warwick McLachlan back in 2001. Below is the original script he used for the walk. It has been put on a few times since but not for some time now.

"There are various (I make it 6) still bodies of water in Mt Buffalo National Park into which hot sweaty bushwalking bodies could conceivably plunge. There is modest walking involved to each pool, and that means wearing a sensible swimsuit as befits the tone of this Newsletter. Wetsuits will be frowned upon unless you don't like the likely water temperature. Hopefully the air temperature will prevent hypothermia. This trip is not suitable for the people with a heart condition, no sense of humour, or with less body fat than the leader." The Chalet pool is no longer, so that reduces the number to five. During the day we will visit Ladie's Bath below Eurobin Falls, then Rollasons Falls and then to Lake Catani for lunch. If there is time we will walk to Challwell Galleries after lunch, and then it's off to the Reservoir. The fifth and final pool is underneath the bridge at Crystal Book on the Gorge Walk. There is also another pool in the creek near the Entry Booth. This is not as interesting as the other pools but if the group wants to swim there as well we will. I'm aiming to be in the first pool by 9: 30 or 10.00 am. BYO swimming costume, towel, lunch and runners or similar footwear for the various short walks to the pools.

Sunday 18th March to Thursday 22nd March Prom Country Waratah North Exploratory

Leader: Pauline McLeod

Details in previous editions of Footprints or contact Pauline.

Wednesday 21st March Horseshoe Lagoon – late afternoon walk 8kms/Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at Hovell Tree Park we'll follow the Murray River Trail with views over the river as we walk to Horseshoe Lagoon where the birds are very active late in the day. After doing a circuit of the lagoon, we'll return to Hovell Tree Park along the original track.

Friday 23rd to Saturday 24th March Mt Feathertop 23kms/Hard

Leaders: Bernadette Cromarty/Charles Dunn

We will leave from Harrierville early on the Saturday morning to walk up Bungalow Spur to the peak of Feathertop. You can't get many better views than from there. We will then walk across the Razorback to Mt Hotham. A car shuffle will be organised the night before and those who wish to avoid a very early morning start are advised to stay at Harrierville on Friday night. Book in early to share a cabin. Limited numbers to ensure a smooth car shuffle

01/04/2012 White Box Walking Track - Chiltern State Park - 8.5 kms - Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at the Cyanide Dam, the track follows a series of numbered posts with interpretive information about the features along the way, including the Golden Bar Open Cut mine and the vegetation. There are very gentle ups, but most of the walk is flat.

05/04/2012 - 08/04/2012 Upper Jamison Ridge Traverse - 49km - Hard

Leader: Peter Smith-Allen

Depart Wodonga Thursday afternoon, drive via Mansfield to Upper Jamieson River North Branch. Gravel road for about one hour, but is suitable for 2 wheel drive. Car camp for the night. Good Friday 6th April: The walk starts early on Friday morning. We will leave the cars at the junction of Clear Creek Track and Nobs Track. Very steep walking on 4-wheel drive track for 2 kms, then join the Alpine Walking Track, passing the peaks of the Nobs, High Cone, Square Top and Mt Clear to the night's camp at Chester's Yards. Water is available here. Total kilometres for the day is approximately 17. We will stay at this camp for two nights. Easter Saturday 7th April: The next day we will carry day packs and walk over the summits of Mt King Billy No 1 and 2 to Mt Magdala for lunch, returning the same way to our camp at Chester's Yards. This will be a 20km return trip. Easter Sunday 8th April: We will retrace 3.5kms back along the Alpine Walking track then branch off to Mt Clear Track, walking back to the cars. Total of 12 kms for the day.

07/04/2012 A Loop from Mt Loch - 23km - Hard

Leader: Deb Kahn

The majority of our walks start off going uphill and descending in the afternoon. Not this one! We will leave cars at Mt Loch car park, Mt Hotham and take the downhill route via Derricks Hut and Swindlers Spurr (with its new works freshly completed) to Dibbens Hut. After lolling around in the grass and listening to the gurgling Cobungra the hard work will begin. Crossing the river we will head up Cobungra Gap before leaving this track and heading for Machinery Spurr and the active ascent (up a mighty big hill) zig zagging our way back to the cars.

07/04/2012 Mt Murramurrangbong - 8km - Easy

Leader: Don Ingram

Walk up the spur for great views. It's a little uphill to start but plenty of time to do it. Half on track. Back to Kiewa for coffee

14/04/2012 Bogong Village to Falls Creek - 20kms - Grade: Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk is all on tracks through woodland but with an altitude gain of about 700 m (i.e. it's all uphill). We start at Bogong Village and follow the Junction Spur Fire Track to Howman's Gap and then take the newly-developed Packhorse Heritage Trail to Falls Creek Falls, near the entrance to the Falls Creek ski resort. After lunch and recovery we then retrace our steps and descend to Bogong Village.

15/04/2012 Weston's Hut - 16 km - Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

I have never been to Weston's Hut, either before it was burnt or since it has been rebuilt, so it is about time that I rectified this deficiency. This will be a typical Bogong High Plains walk. It is fairly flat

except the last kilometre before Weston hut where there is a drop of about 200m. We will return by roughly the same route.

21/04/2012 Back of Yackandandah - 10km - Easy

Leader: Don Ingram

The walk is mostly on track. We'll see historical mining areas, Fugitive's hut, creeks and bush. Then back to Yack for afternoon tea.

21/04/2012 Ryder's Yards via Mt Cope and return - 10km - Medium

Alison and Dick Wellard

This has been rated medium as it includes some off track walking. Begin at Mt Cope car park, climb Mt Cope and then cross country (2km approx) to Ryder's Yards. Return on track via Cope Saddle and Cope Saddle (SEC) Hut. Plenty of scope for a bit of extra wandering if time, energy and enthusiasm warrants. Ideal opportunity to hone up on cross country navigational skills if required.

25/04/2012 Nail Can Hill – Jindera Gap to War Memorial - 13kms - Grade: Easy

Anzac Day Walk walk to War Memorial at top end of Dean Street

Leader: Deb Kahn

Anzac Day is a time when we remember who we are and what we have to be thankful for. This Anzac Day walk, which is all on well defined tracks, will allow walkers to take in the beauty of the bush in our own backyard. Whilst this walk is straightforward there are a few steep sections that will provide some aerobic training. We will share an Aussie picnic lunch at Reedy Dam and participants will be asked what iconic Aussie culinary delight they would like to bring. Please bring your own plate and utensils plus a mug for coffee/tea and Anzac biscuits at the end. A car shuffle will be necessary.

28/04/2012 Porepunkah to Ovens - Bike Ride - 40kms return - Easy

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

Meet at the Rail Trail Cafe, Porepunkah (www.railtrailcafe.com.au) for a kick-start coffee at 10:00am. Clip on helmets, adjust the lycra and take an easy 20 km ride to Ovens where we will lunch from the extensive menu at the Happy Valley Hotel (www.ovenhappyvalleyhotel.com.au). After lunch and a few refreshments we ride back to Porepunkah with a possible side trip to Boynton's Feathertop Winery (www.boynton.com.au) for a spot of wine tasting/buying (bring a back pack for your purchases). To assist with bookings at Happy Valley Hotel intending participants need to notify the leader no later than FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL. Riders must have a roadworthy bike and carry spare tube/puncture kit.

29/04/2012 Bogong High Plains - Fitzgerald's and Kelly's Huts - 16 km - Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

This is a popular high plains walk because it includes two well known huts, some good views along the way and it is relatively flat. In fact about half of it is dead flat because we will return via the Langford East aqueduct. Join us for a great day out in the high plains before winter sets in.

05/05/2012 The Twins, near Hotham, Bogong High Plains - 15km - Medium/Exploratory

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk will be an exploratory one retracing the steps I vaguely remember taking with Bruce Keys as a leader a number of years ago. The walk starts just near the Dargo Road turn off below Hotham and follows a good track for most of the walk. When we get to Twin No 1 the track becomes less well defined in fact at times there is no track but we just keep ascending the Twin till we summit. Then it's a gentle undulating stroll to Twin No 2. from where we head downhill till we meet the 4WD track and follow it back to the cars. If there is anyone who has knowledge of this walk I would love to hear from you. Better still come along and be my human GPS.

06/05/2012 Lake Sambell to Lake Kerford – Beechworth - 11km - Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

We'll start at Lake Sambell in Beechworth and walk along the well-marked track through bush land, passing several mine shafts that have been protected by wire until we reach Lake Kerford for morning tea. We'll retrace our steps and finish with a picnic lunch overlooking Lake Sambell.

12/05/2012 Blue Rag Range - 16km - Medium

Leader: Clayton Pollett Co-Leader /Bookings: Deb Kahn

There is a very limited window of opportunity to walk on Blue Rag Range due to its exposed location just below Hotham, you either fry or freeze. So take this opportunity to do a really spectacular walk before the snow closes the road and we can't get in. We take the Dargo Plains Road and park cars at its junction with the Blue Rag

Range 4WD track. The walk involves some good ups and downs all on track and all the way out to the trig point where if the weather is kind to us we will have beautiful views across the High Plains. This is an out and back walk, so we will return via the same route and I believe there may be a geocache at the trig point somewhere.

12/05/2012 Bungowannah Mine, Bread Loaf Rock Mt corner Loop - 10km - Easy

Leader: David Ross

An easy afternoon walk in the local area with good views, following wallaby tracks. Bring arvo snack and water. Be prepared for some getting over/under fences.

Footprints May 2012 - Using gas with less guessing

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Using Gas with less Guessing

Lightweight gas-stoves of the "Pocket Rocket" and similar styles have become the most popular type for overnight bushwalking. The weight of fuel needed to produce a given amount of heat using gas is less than half that of methylated spirits. The weight advantage isn't always realised – gas canisters come in a limited range of sizes, with a full one containing much more than is needed for a one or two night walk, thereby resulting in surplus weight being carried.

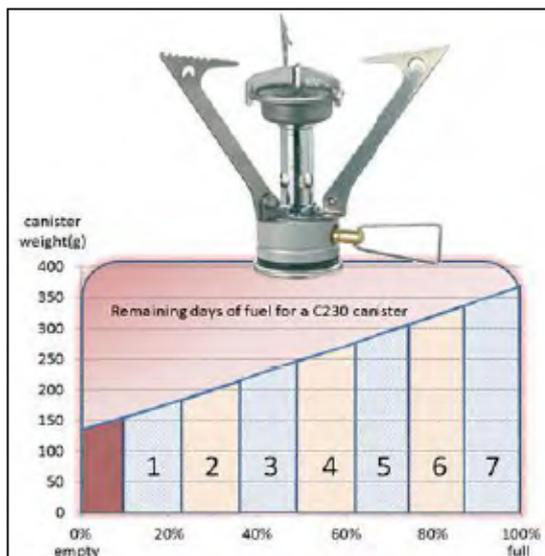
As a canister is consumed, another dilemma arises – is there enough fuel remaining for another trip or is it safer to take a full one instead (or as well)? Near-empty canisters can be used up on base-camps or while still next to a vehicle, however erring too much on the side of caution can soon result in a collection of "Saturday morning" canisters and frequent purchases of new ones. Kitchen scales, preferably digital, and the chart below take the guesswork out of deciding how much longer a canister will last.

- Boiling 1 cup (250ml) water requires approx. 5g gas.
- Simmering (ie gas turned down very low) a single portion meal (~2 cups) consumes 1g gas/minute.

Other factors affect gas consumption; using a lid on a billy and shielding the stove (allow some ventilation space around the canister) should achieve at or better than these rates.

Moderate usage (1 cup each of a hot drink, soup and porridge, and 1 meal simmered for 5 minutes) equates to 30g of gas/person/day. Some frugal walkers get by on half that (eg rehydrating a freeze dried meal and one cup of soup), whilst anyone who enjoys a few more hot drinks or likes to heat water for a wash needs to allow more using the two rules of thumb above. The diagram is based on the most popular 230g size canister. Obtain the weight then see how many remaining days; eg 250g = 48% full or 3 full days remaining. A 20g safety margin is included in the allowance. For the large sized canisters (C460), a similar chart can be created using an empty-full weight range of 200-660g.

(from YETI - the newsletter of YHA Bushwalking Summer 2011-12)



19/05/2012 Baranduda Loop – 10km - Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

This replaces the scheduled Ross Lookout – Pine Mountain NP walk on this day as the Bluff Falls track is closed.

19/05/2012 Scenic walks around Mt Lawson - 6km - Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Join me for 3 easy day walks in one day all in the Mt Lawson area. We will meet at the Koetong pub and drive to the start of each walk. The first walk is from the car park to the Historic Trestle Bridge, a distance of about 300 metres. The second walk is the Conic Range Walking Track 1.5 km. the track rises quickly for the first 200metres and then becomes gentle and undulating to the Conic rocks. The views from the rocks at the edge of the ridges are worthwhile. On completion of this walk I will light a camp fire, at the camping grounds, where we can enjoy a picnic or BBQ lunch. Our last walk for the day will be the Mount Lawson Summit walking track, about 700 metres, there is a moderate climb to the Summit.

20/05/2012 Livingston State Park, The Rock - 20km - Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This is a combination of 2 walks: The first walk is in Livingston State Park, near Mangoplah. It will be about 13kms on undulating formed tracks. Then we will drive 20kms to The Rock for lunch at the Reserve followed by the sharp climb up The Rock.

20/05/2012 - 21/05/2012 Madison Hut Ruins, Mt Bogong - 20km - Hard

Leader: Peter Smith-Allen

This walk will start at the base of Eskdale Spur where we will leave the cars. We will then make our way up Mt Bogong passing Cleve Cole Hut on our way down to Madisons. There is a small campsite here next to a little creek where we will set up camp for the night. We can then spend the rest of the day exploring the nearby Howman Falls or just relaxing. Return back the same way on Sunday.

25/05/2012 - 27/05/2012 Cathedral Range - 16km - Medium

Leader: Ron Hammond

The Cathedral Range is a spectacular seven kilometre ridge of sharply upturned sedimentary rock. A variety of walking tracks ranging in difficulty from easy to challenging offer the opportunity to explore the park's main features and climb the peaks to enjoy views of the forests and farmland in the valley below. Rock climbing, fishing and camping are other popular activities that can be enjoyed in this park. Leaving Friday pm, or join us Saturday morning 2.5- 3 hours from Albury. Saturday will be a Medium walk along the Ridge Track, Sunday morning maybe check out the cave. Or come for a leisurely weekend and short walks along the river.

26/05/2012 Mt Beauty: Moncrieff Fire Trail - 12km - Medium Exploratory

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk is a rerun of one I did many years ago. The Moncrieff's Gap Fire Trail starts near the Mountain Creek Picnic Area in Tawonga and winds round the base of Mt Little Bogong into Mt Beauty, with quite a few ups and downs on the way. There are some views up to the (snow covered?) peaks. The walk finishes with a paddle across the East branch of the Kiewa River. I will check this out before the walk and if it is too deep to cross safely we will turn around at lunchtime and head back the way we came.

26/05/2012 - 27/05/2012 Vickery's Hut - Talbingo - Medium - 7 km

Leader: Bill Krautz

This unique hut sits beside a mountain stream in a small clearing. The walk all on fire trail has one small creek crossing. A 3.5km reasonably steep descent and a 3.5km return same way with ascent. Plenty of time to explore the surrounding slopes, fish and relax around a log fire in country not often visited. Do not let the short distance fool you as this place is well worth the small effort

02/06/2012 3 Bright Hills - 17km - Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This walk incorporates three short walks up and down hills that give different views of Bright: Apex Lookout, Valley View Walk and Huggins Lookout. The first two can be done as circuits by grunting up the fire trail and descending down the track. The last is out and return. These steep hills are linked by the canyon walk, rail trail (flat), a bit of road and Bakers Gully Reservoirs (slightly hilly). In all it's about 17 km and a good way to keep fit.

02/06/2012 - 03/06/2012 Tawonga Huts Overnighter - 16km - Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

As Billy Connelly says "there's no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing" neither of which will be on this straightforward overnighter. Hopefully we will get two good days (even though a dodgy track record

has seen my last few overnights' start in brilliant sunshine and end in less than desirable conditions) before the fluffy white stuff settles on the ground for a few months. We will follow the Fainters Fire Track to the huts in their magical setting and set up our camp for the night. Feel free to explore the surrounding the Jaithmathangs and Fainter areas before enjoying dinner under the stars. On Sunday we will retrace our steps and get back to the cars in time to drive down the hill and have a coffee before heading home.

02/06/2012 Woolshed Falls to Beechworth and return - 12km - Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

I hope I have not left this walk too late in the year If the weather is nice it will be a great walk. Whilst it is only 6 km each way, the walk does involve some climbing on well-formed track. Stairs have been cut into the path to make the walk even more enjoyable. This walk is a personal favourite of mine.

09/06/2012 Flagstaff Range - 20km - Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk requires a short car shuffle and starts just off the Wangaratta/Myrtleford Road. It's all on well defined 4WD forestry trails up and down a number of hills, through areas of regrowth that take us back to the days of recent bushfires and through remnant pine plantations all the way to Buckland Gap. The first 8km is all uphill and when we get to the ridge the views are pretty amazing. Lunch will be shared picnic style on a wide grassy area and participants will be asked what they would like to bring to share when booking in. Please bring own plate, eating utensils and a mug for tea/coffee/cake at the end

10/06/2012 Bright to Wandiligong - 12km - Easy

Leaders: Val Rolfe and Pauline McLeod

This easy walk along Morses Creek is stunning at any time of the year. Put your winter woollies on and join us for a walk in a beautiful part of our world.

16/06/2012 From the Bush to Bollywood - 12km - Easy & delicious

Leader: Deb Kahn Co-Leader: Sarah Maxted

Some of the best views of the Murray River and surrounding valley are right on our doorstep. Couple this with some of the most delicious Indian food around and you have the best of both worlds. This afternoon walk will take in these views as we wind through Mungabareena, up Eastern Hill, down into Doctors Point via Gunbower Court and then back up Eastern Hill via Murray View Road along the ridge to gaze over towards Huon Hill and then back down Eastern Hill into Mungabareena around into Eastern View Estate. Through the estate and back up towards Eastern Hill along the track that joins East Street and the Hospital and back to the cars. Then when all the huffing and puffing has subsided and fresh clothes donned we will gather at Little India on Borella for a social get together over some of the tastiest Indian you'll try outside of the subcontinent. Out-of-towners will be more than welcome to freshen up at either residence and an overnight stay can be arranged if you would like to enjoy some liquid refreshments. Join us for the walk and/or dinner; just join us. Active and non-active partners welcome. Bookings no later than Friday 8th June so a reservation can be made.

23/06/2012 Mt Emu - 16km - Medium

Leader: Brian Franklin

You don't come on this walk because you'd like to see emu's. You come on this walk to get the most amazing view over Mount Beauty and the surrounding area possible while still keeping your feet on the ground. The walk follows Mountain Creek Road uphill and turns onto the Eskdale Spurr 4WDTrack. From here it follows the undulations of Eskdale Spurr all the way to Mt Emu and our lunchtime view. After retracing a small section of the track, we will take a different route downhill along exposed ridges and through ferny valleys to the cars.

24/06/2012 Mudgegonga Area - 10km - Easy

Leader: Don Ingram Co Leader/Bookings: Val Rolfe

The Mudgegonga area has all sorts of surprises. This walk will take in some of them including; The Hidden Valley and Barwidgee Creek. A lovely way to spend a winter's day.

30/06/2012 Flaggy Creek Gorge - 14km - Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

Flaggy Creek Gorge is off the upper Murray, between Granya and Jingellic. Our club helps with the track maintenance but we have not done much for some time. The walk has a few ups and downs, and some great views of the Murray Valley. We have to go out and back by the same route, but it is a pleasant route on a foot-track.

01/07/2012 Mount Pinnibar - 10km - Beginners XC - Medium

Ski Leader Bill Krautz

Turn off Corryong-Benambrara Road drive into Pinnibar along Dunstons Road till we meet snow. Put Skis on and ski along road through the forest. Relatively level going and would suit beginners. Remote country and people should have suitable gear. This area is very rarely skied but in the 1960's the Australian Ski championships were held here. As usual everything depends on the amount of snow and weather conditions on the weekend.

21/07/2012 Jindera Gap - 26km - Hard

Leader Charles Dunn

This is almost all on four-wheel-drive track. For this walk we start at Noreuil Park, up the Nail Can and onto Jindera Gap and return. Whilst it is listed as a hard walk it is only because of its distance not because of its steep or difficult terrain. However there are a number of steep ascents and descents involved to keep you on your toes. So don't let the distance put you off as we have all day to do it.

21/07/2012 Snow Shoe: Mt Loch 13km - Medium

Leader: Clayton Pollett Bookings: Deb Kahn

We will put our snow shoes on near Mt Hotham and follow the Alpine Walking Track as far as Derrick Hut, with small diversions to Mt Loch and Spargo's Hut. If the weather is good the views from Mt Loch are well worth the effort and the snow gums around Derrick Hut will be very pretty in their winter wonderland. While the walk is not dead flat, there aren't a lot of hills to climb or descend (maybe 300m difference between the top of Mt Loch and Spargo's Hut). Despite being on snow shoes it should be an easy day with plenty of time for photos and chatting.

21/07/2012 Walk along the Weir 9km - Easy or 18km - Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh

This easy walk can be completed as a 9km one way trip or as a return trip for 18 km. I plan to park the cars at the Old Tallangatta Lookout and walk into Tallangatta, following the rail trail, for lunch. Returning to the cars the same way. This easy walk following a well formed track takes in the views of the Hume Weir and the surrounding countryside.

22/07/2012 Mt Beauty Area 10km - Easy

Leader: Rob Ashworth 1

A day of short walks in and around the Mt Beauty and Mountain Creek area. All on track.

28/07/2012 Baranduda Bash 14km - Medium

Leaders: Dick and Alison Wellard)

This walk is on track along the Baranduda Range. Beginning at a gate on Ewart's Road, south of communication tower, it continues past the tower along an undulating ridge. Our final descent is down Ridge Lane track, close to Wodonga – Yackandandah road. Will require either a car shuffle or cross over. Final decision dependant on number of starters. A couple of steep pinches but all in all, very pleasant walking

28/07/2012 - 29/07/2012 First Aid Course - Grading: valuable

Organiser: Pauline McLaughlin

Keep this weekend free and learn some of the most valuable skills you could have as a walker. More information to follow in future Footprints.

05/08/2012 Mount Buffalo- Beginners Snow Shoe - 10km - easy

Leader: Ron Hammond Phone:

An easy snow shoe to Dickson Falls. Followed by a walk up to the Horn or through the snow gums towards South Buffalo View Point.

11/08/2012 Falls Creek - Snow Shoe - 15km - medium

Leader: Ron Hammond

We will walk over the ski runs to Pretty Valley for lunch, then cross country to Sun Valley returning to Windy Corner.

11/08/2012 Lower Mount Buffalo - 18km - Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

At this time of the year the top of the Big Walk may be snowbound and this leader is no snow bunny! We will start the Big Walk taking us as high as Marriot's Lookout at 1080m. After taking in the views of the Gorge we will start down, taking a side trip to Rollason's Falls.

17/08/2012 - 19/08/2012 Howman's Gap Weekend - easy/hard/social

Leader: Sue Cardwell

A great 3 day weekend of skiing (downhill or cross country), snow shoeing, walking in the snow or lazing around the fire and reading. Staying at YMCA Howman's Gap Alpine Centre just near the entry gate to Falls Creek. The trails will be groomed for the Hoppet the following weekend. Accommodation is 2 x 7 bunk bedrooms, single and communal bathrooms and disabled facilities. All meals included. BYO bed linen/sleeping bag, towel, wine and nibbles. Blankets and pillows supplied. Large drying rooms & guest fridge available.

Cost : \$270 pp for 2 nights and 6 meals.

Please ring Sue early July to confirm your booking and to organise transport. Choice of travel departures Friday morning or Friday evening depending on drivers.

18/08/2012 Federation Hill – West Wodonga - 6km - Easy

Leader: Rob Ashworth

An informal twilight walk starting at 7pm. Federation Hill runs between Felldoone Creek Road and Huon Creek Road. Come and check out the lights of Albury and Wodonga.

19/08/2012 - 23/08/2012 Bogong High Plains via Falls Creek - Snow Camping - Grade: Hard

August 19th-23rd

Leader: Michael Lowe



The thought was to spend time skiing around the Bogong High Plains and snow camping by huts. The itinerary is variable, but it might be good to stay at Pretty Valley for two nights and check out that area. Then move towards Mount Nelse and spend a few days in that area. It would be a chance to have a good look around the High Plains in winter. By way of introduction, I was a club member until moving to Launceston in 2002 and would like to get back into cross-country skiing.

25/08/2012 Baranduda Ridge Track to Radio Towers - 30km - Hard

Leader Charles Dunn

This is almost all on track with a little off road up to the trig point at the beginning. It is a long walk with lots of up and downs as we follow the spine of the ridge. If you can do Jindera Return then you are up for this. So don't let the distance put you off. It is close to home and we have all day to do it.

25/08/2012 Mt Jack - 16km - Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

Mt Jack is in Dederang and access for this walk is via private property. Whilst at various stages of the very active ascent (700m+ rise) we can see right across to the Main Range and Kosci there aren't any drop dead views from the summit. However it's guaranteed to warm you up in winter and a great way to spend a day outdoors.

25/08/2012 Wandii Wobble - 20km - easy cycle ride

Leader: Liz Hammond

From Porepunkah we will ride along the bike path into Bright, go through Bright and pick up another bike path to Wandiligong. We'll have a look around Wandii, enjoy lunch then ride back to Porepunkah. Apart from about half a km through Bright, it's all on sealed bike paths so no hassles with traffic. We won't go fast and I'm sure there will be plenty of opportunities to stop to admire the view and of course to drink coffee.

26/08/2012 Yackandandah Area - 10km - Easy

Leader: Rob Ashworth

A formal tour of Kerr's Reef Gold Mine, near Yackandandah. Cost: adults \$25/Concession \$20. A two hour tour departing Yack. To be followed by other secret activities!

09/09/2012 Beechworth Area - 12km - Easy

Leader: Don Ingram

This is the first of two walks in the beautiful Beechworth area to enjoy the delights of spring. The second part will be in October.

09/09/2012 Mt Granya - Georges Track - 16km - Medium

Leader: Rob Ashworth

An enjoyable walk all on track with views to the Hume Weir, Victorian Alps. Walk passes by Cotton Tree Creek Waterfall and an historic scout hut. Car shuffle required.

15/09/2012 Bon Accord Spur - 22km - Hard

Leader: Charles Dunn

This active ascent starts gently along the Ovens River at Harrierville. Then from the junction of Washington Creek and the Ovens River the harder stuff begins. The snow line, how thick the snow is and the weather conditions will determine how far we ascend the Spur. Hopefully we may go as far as the junction of Bon Accord Spur and the Razorback tracks before a descent via the same route. So have your thermals and gloves at the ready!

15/09/2012 Mt Pilot Area - Woolshed Falls - 15km - Easy

Leader: Rob Ashworth

A great walk starting at Yeddonba Rock Art site and walking along Green Break Track and Old Coach Road to Mt Pilot summit. Return via McGuinness and Toveys Road.

22/09/2012 Tree Planting at Lurg - Social and feel good

Contact: Liz Hammond

Ray Thomas has been organising tree planting weekends at Lurg near Winton for over ten years. In that time he has been responsible for the regeneration of over 800 hectares of bushland, creating wildlife corridors for endangered native birds and animals, including the Regent Honeyeater. Thanks to his enthusiasm and energy, Ray's project has become one of the most active volunteer conservation projects in Australia, involving over 17,000 volunteers, being local land owners, school groups, and bushwalkers. This year, I'd like to organise a group of people from our club to drive down to Winton on the Saturday morning, spend the day helping to plant three or four thousand little plants, and then drive home. Those who want to can stay for the weekend, can camp at the scout hall, go to a bush dance, get a free dinner, and plant some more on Sunday. But I find that one day is as much as my arthritic knees can cope with. Anyone who is interested, please call me by the evening of Wednesday 19th September so that I can organise car pooling and let Ray know how many are coming.

29/09/2012 3 Bright Hills - 17km - Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This walk incorporates three short walks up and down hills that give different views of Bright: Apex Lookout, Valley View Walk and Huggins Lookout. The first two can be done as circuits by grunting up the fire trail and descending down the track. The last is out and return. These steep hills are linked by the canyon walk, rail trail (flat), a bit of road and Bakers Gully Reservoirs (slightly hilly). In all its about 17 km and a good way to keep fit. Hopefully the wildflowers will be abundant at this time.

29/09/2012 Wandii Wobble - 20km - Easy bike ride

Leader: Liz Hammond

We will drive to Porepunkah, park the cars there and unload the bikes. We then ride along the bike path into Bright, go through Bright and pick up another bike path to Wandiligong. We'll have a look at Wandii, eat lunch and then ride back to Porepunkah to pick up the cars. Apart from about half a km through Bright, it's all on sealed bike paths so no hassles with traffic. We won't go fast and I'm sure there will be plenty of opportunities to stop to admire the view and of course to drink coffee.

30/09/2012 Chiltern Forest Whitebox Track Birdwatching - 8.5km - Easy

Leaders: Trav Radford and Chris Gay Join the 'Birdmen of Baranduda' for a very slow bird watching walk – stopping often to gaze, identify and discuss the birds that we encounter. Lunch break followed by a star burst home at the end.

03/10/2012 Lake Sambell to Lake Kerford -Beechworth - 11km - Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

We'll start at Lake Sambell in Beechworth and walk along the well-marked track through bush land, passing several mine shafts that have been protected by wire until we reach Lake Kerford for morning tea. We'll retrace our steps and finish with a picnic lunch overlooking Lake Sambell.

06/10/2012 South Buffalo View Point - 10km - Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Leaving the Cresta car park, the track initially climbs a ridge then meanders through Snow Gum glades and small snow plains terminating at the South Buffalo view point where we'll have lunch while admiring the views to the south and west. We'll return along the same track having covered a total of 10 km.

07/10/2012 Beechworth Area - 12km - Easy

Leader: Don Ingram

The second walk in The Beechworth Spring series.

10/10/2012 Twilight walk – Lavington One Tree Hill - 6km - Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark

One Tree Hill (aka Red Light Hill) sits behind Springdale Heights. It is a steady climb to the top, steep in places, but the views are panoramic and spectacular. A moderate level of fitness is needed.

13/10/2012 Mt McLeod - 22km - Medium

Leader: Clayton Pollett This walk leaves from the Mt Buffalo Rd near the Rangers office and we walk out the Reservoir track to the Mt McLeod track turnoff and then follow this out to Mt McLeod. Walking is all on track except for the last 50 metres on to the summit. There are great views of the Ovens valley and surrounding peaks, also good views across the Mt Buffalo Plateau. Return following the same route. Whilst this walk is slightly longer than the upper limit of medium it is over easy, well defined terrain.

14/10/2012 Federation Walks – Marysville - Varied

Contact Person: Cindy Marsh

The Federation Walk this year is to be held at Marysville. The event is being hosted by the MaroonDAH Bushwalking Club. The coordinator for the Border Bushwalking Club is Cindy Marsh. A description on the available walks can be found at <http://www.mbw.org.au/>. Booking and payment of \$22.00 to cindy.bushwalking.com.au by 31/08/2012.

14/10/2012 Howells Falls - 20km - Hard - Max 8 walkers

Leader: Peter Smith-Allen

Situated on the eastern side of the Mt Buffalo National Park, these spectacular water falls are rarely visited, due to their remote location and difficult access. Following the little Buffalo creek we walk through towering tree ferns, with some magnificent views of the falls as they plunge through the sheer gouge. Access to these falls is mostly off track and some rock scrambles are needed.

18/10/2012 Kiewa River Ramble - Easy - 6 km

Leader: Dick & Alison Wellard

A pleasant afternoon stroll along a flat well formed track following the Kiewa River from the picnic area adjacent to the bridge over the river at Killara, (GR 960008, Map Albury 1:50000), to where the Kiewa meets the Murray and return. Members or visitors not wishing to complete the walk can drop off at any point and await our return. Afternoon tea (BYO) at the picnic ground on completion.

20/10/2012 - 21/10/2012 Mount Buffalo - Easy - Satisfying

Coordinator: Pauline McLaughlin

Walk, talk and plan with the Park Rangers at Mount Buffalo. Over the weekend we'll walk Viewpoint, Lakeside and Eurobin Falls tracks with the rangers and have input into the planning of improvements on these tracks. Later we'll follow up with some work on the tracks. Camping will be at Lake Catani.

20/10/2012 Ovens to Rollasons Falls - 20km - Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

At the time of planning I have not actually done this walk but have spoken to people who have and intend exploring between now and then. It is all on 4WD drive track and, apart from a small steep section early in the walk, the rise is fairly gentle (About 500 m over the first 16km) It will require a car shuffle at the start of the day. If I am not confident that it is suitable I will offer an alternative walk at the time of booking

21/10/2012 Tallangatta Tall Trestle Treadle - Enjoyable Bike Ride

Details: Cindy Marsh

Cyclists keep this date free. More details to come closer to the date.

24/10/2012 White Box Walking Track – Chiltern NP - 8.5km - Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at the Cyanide Dam, the track follows a series of numbered posts with interpretive information about the

features along the way, including the Golden Bar Open Cut mine and the vegetation. There are very gentle ups, but most of the walk is flat.

25/10/2012 Horseshoe Lagoon – late afternoon walk 8km/Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at Hovell Tree Park we'll follow the Murray River Trail with views over the river as we walk to Horseshoe Lagoon where the birds are very active late in the day. After doing a circuit of the lagoon, we'll return to Hovell Tree Park along the original track.

27/10/2012 Mt Beauty - 14km - Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark Explore the hills around Mt Beauty, including an ascent of Mt Beauty itself. Good views, and orchids may be flowering. There's not much 'flat' on this walk, but the hills are not too challenging and we have all day. The track could be muddy so footwear with good grip is needed.

03/11/2012 Koetong - approx 13k - Medium

Leader: Iris Joss

We will park the cars at the start of Cravensville Road which turns off the Murray Valley highway about 500 meters before the trestle bridge. From there we walk along Cravensville Road, then up the emperor track. After morning tea we turn in to Mount Brutal track. Lunch will be a bit late, after the last 20 minutes uphill along the pine forest. The walk is up and down but all on track.

04/11/2012 Bald Hill McKay Creek Fire Track - approx 20km - Medium

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts about half way between Bogong Village and Howmans Gap.

We walk up to the McKay power station and then down to Pretty Valley Creek which we ford before the long walk up along the Bald Hill McKay Creek Fire Track all the way to where it joins the Fainter track. Expect water at the crossing to be at least knee deep.

We then walk down to Springs Saddle. We will check the Springs Saddle before following the track down to Bogong village and our waiting cars.

This walk will require a short car shuffle.

08/11/2012 Eastern Hill Mungabareena - approx 4km - Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin :

This is a late afternoon walk. We'll meet at the Eastern Hill Lookout and follow the track down to Mungabareena where we'll walk around the tracks before walking back up the hill to the lookout.

09/11/2012 - 12/11/2012 Mount Jagungal - Medium - Overnight

Leader: Paul Schirmer

The last time I did this walk was in March '08. Liz and Connie were the leaders so I will cheat and use their notes. This is planned as a three day walk. We'll leave Albury on Friday evening and drive to Round Mountain car park, probably stopping at Corryong for dinner. Depending how late we arrive, we'll either car-camp at Round Mountain car park, or walk the two kms to Round Mountain Hut and camp there. On Saturday we'll walk along Farm Ridge fire track to the site of O'Keefe Hut and spend the night there. On Sunday we'll walk to the base of Jagungal, drop our packs, and climb to the top. We then go back down, pick up our gear, and walk on to Derschko's Hut, to spend Sun-day night there. On Monday we walk back to the cars. As I said, the last time I did this walk was in March '08. The mornings were very cold with ice about 5mm on the puddles. This time will be in November but I expect there will be some snow still about so be prepared.

10/11/2012 Moncrieff Fire Trail - 12km - Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk is a rerun of one I did many years ago. The Moncrieff's Gap Fire Trail starts near the Mountain Creek Picnic Area in Tawonga and winds round the base of Mt Little Bogong into Mt Beauty, with quite a few ups and downs on the way. There are some views up to the peaks. The walk finishes with a paddle across the East branch of the Kiewa River. I will check this out before the walk and if it is too deep to cross safely we will turn around at lunchtime and head back the way we came.

11/11/2012 [Koetong Creek - 12km - Easy](#)

Leaders: David Ross and Andrew Kingerlee

A great walk all on track following Koetong Creek in the Mt Lawson park—a unique riparian display—wild dog country.

14/11/2012 - 16/11/2012 Edmonsons Hut Via Heathy Spur - approx 20 km - Easy Backpack overnight

Leaders: The Wellards (dead easy for a back pack) Phone: 02 6027 1622

This is a mid week back pack over 3 days (2 nights) for the has been, would a been, could a been, should a been and new back packers. We plan to walk to Edmonsons Hut via Heathy Spur (aprox 6.5km) and camp. Next day, a couple of walks around the area without big packs and return, with packs, via Big River Track on day 3 (Fri 16 Nov).

Pace will be gentle throughout with lots of breaks to discuss matters of state, take deep breaths and even brew up if required. Back pack involvement so sedate that one may consider stowing extra weight of a bottle of red. Level of discussion on matters of state will be dependent on members attending and whether or not, bottle of red option is taken up.

We plan this to be a thoroughly enjoyable and not too strenuous activity.

16/11/2012 - 18/11/2012 Goulburn River Rail Trail - 134 km - Medium Cycle

Leader: Bruce Key

This is a new rail trail (opened on 1 June 2012) that follows a very picturesque route from Mansfield to Tallarook including a long bridge crossing Lake Eildon at Bonnie Doon and also a 200m long tunnel. Most of the surface is gravel so fat tyres are recommended. In addition, some sections are apparently prone to becoming very soft after rain. There are some climbs but they are obviously not too steep since the trail is along a railway route. The plan at this stage is to take a trailer for the bikes and to also have a sag-wagon available for those who need it. We will drive to Mansfield on the Friday evening and camp or stay at the pub (your choice). On Saturday we will ride from Mansfield to Cathkin and then use our sag-wagon to take the bikes to Alexandra (camp or pub) and then retrieve the cars from Mansfield. On Sunday we will ride downhill from the Alexandra gap to Cathkin and then towards Tallarook. This section includes the Cheviot tunnel and nice views along the Goulburn River. At Tallarook we will use the sag-wagon to return to our cars at Alexandra and thence home. This arrangement avoids the need for riders to carry all their camping gear and allows casual riders to participate. The car shuffles may vary according to the number of vehicles and riders. As I will not be around much in early October, please book in from the last week in October. I am looking for a volunteer to drive the sag-wagon, and there is an unbelievable hourly rate of pay available.

17/11/2012 Diamantina Hut to Harrierville - 13.5km - Medium - Bluegrass and Bushies

Leader: Clayton Pollett

Walk the Bon Accord spur track from Diamantina Hut to Harrierville. The map does mention some steep sections on this walk. A car shuffle will be required to complete this walk. The aim of the walk is to arrive early enough in Harrierville for those who are interested to attend the following event on Saturday night. This is the weekend of the 24th annual Harrierville Bluegrass Convention which involves almost non-stop music from Friday evening until Sunday evening. Accommodation will probably be scarce but camping is available at my place.

17/11/2012 - 18/11/2012 Friends of Bogong Working Bee - Helpful

Contact: Eileen Clark

Come for one day or both; car camping/cheap accommodation may be available.

18/11/2012 Mt Feathertop - approx. 20km - Hard

Leader: Peter Smith-Allen

Starting at the base of the North West spur we will follow the steep track up until reaching the M.U.M.C Hut. Shortly after this we will go off track following the spur to the summit. The descent will see us pass Federation Hut as we follow the Bungalow Spur track to the base. There will be a short car shuffle at the end.

18/11/2012 The Back Wall – Mt Buffalo - Easy + - 10 Km

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin :

Walk past Egg Rock and Chinaman's Dam, across The Devil's Playground, through snow gums, granite rocks and beautiful vegetation, to a scenic lunch spot at the Back Wall overlooking surrounding valleys. Return along the same route.

21/11/2012 McFarland Hill - 4km - Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

An easy walk after work starting at 5.30 pm

24/11/2012 Beechworth to Everton - 16km - Easy

Leader: Pauline McLeod

We will follow the old railway line starting at Beechworth and return by the same track. There should be lots of wildflowers and some great views. It is all on track and flat.

24/11/2012 Sandy Creek – Bike ride - Easy

Leader; Cindy Marsh

The ride will be from Old Tallangatta to the Sandy Creek Bridge and return, travelling along the rail trail.

25/11/2012 Cobungra River & Swindlers Spur - 18km - Medium

Leader: John Stevens

Maximum: 8 walkers

This walk will start from Brandy Creek car park. We'll walk down the Brandy Creek track to the Cobungra River. Then, we'll then follow a foot pad up valley, initially along Swindlers Creek, over Swindlers gap on to Dibbins hut. An afternoon walk up Swindlers Spur will bring us to Mt Hotham. A car shuffle will be required between Mt Hotham and Brandy Creek car park.

01/12/2012 Falls Creek to Hotham CrossOver - 21km - Hard

Leaders: Deb Kahn – Hotham to Falls Creek Paul Shirmer – Falls Creek to Hotham

The title of this walk says it all. One group will walk from Pretty Valley Pondage to Hotham via Pole 333, Cobungra Gap, Basalt Temple, Dibbins Hut and Swindlers Spurr, while the other group does the reverse.

01/12/2012 Sandy Creek – Bike Ride - Easy

Leader; Cindy Marsh

The ride will be from Old Tallangatta to the Sandy Creek Bridge and return, travelling along the rail trail.

04/12/2012 Wonga Wetlands - Easy - Minimal distance

Leader: Alison Wellard

Come for a pleasant stroll around the wetlands to build up an appetite before the Christmas party BBQ. The bird life at dusk is a site to see.

04/12/2012 Christmas Party Barbecue - Wonga Wetlands - Visitors most welcome

See the November and December Newsletter for details but usually kicks off about 5.45pm. Intemingling will be encouraged, pseudo activities like frisbee throwing and beach volleyball will likely occur and gentle mayhem is always a possibility, depending on the news of the day and who turns up .

Mosquitos are not encouraged to attend but gatecrash at dusk. Veils and/or phenolic remedies are suggested as calling the police is ineffective.

08/12/2012 Everton to Gapsted Winery Bike Ride - 35km - Easy

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

A ride on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail from Everton to Gapsted Winery (all sealed) where we'll enjoy a leisurely lunch before returning to Everton. Need to know numbers by Friday 23rd November to reserve a table at the winery restaurant.

08/12/2012 Falls Creek - Mt Nelse & Edmonsons Hut - 12 km - Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk is a good introduction to the Bogong High Plains. We will (probably) go up Heathy Spur, with good views over Rocky Valley Dam, then make the steady climb towards the summit of Mt Nelse, from where we get 360o views of the surrounding peaks. We then descend through snow gums to visit Edmonson's Hut before heading home

09/12/2012 Bogong Creek Saddle & Mt Arthur - 20km+ - Hard

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will start from Clover Dam. Altitude gain: 1,100 metres+. We'll walk up the Big River Fire track to the Bogong Creek saddle and have lunch there.

We'll then walk up Mt Arthur and walk down Black Possum spur to Bogong Village

A short car shuffle will be required to get back to the cars near Clover Dam.

15/12/2012 Mt Buffalo - View Point - 10k - Easy

Leader: Bruce Key

This is an easy walk from the Chalet, past the Monolith and Lake Catani, out to the View Point. The return route is past the Underground River, but access to that without a guide is now prohibited. For those who want a little

more we can visit Chalwell Galleries whilst passing lake Catani. Mt Buffalo is a wonderful place and this walk highlights this.

28/12/2012 - 29/12/2012 Overnight on Feathertop Full Moon/ Sunset - 23km - Hard

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

I am calling this the meatloaf walk as 2 out of 3 wouldn't be bad. The first attempt in 2009 didn't go exactly to plan but in January 2011 we had a great experience. We will walk (not like bats out of hell) to Federation Hut on Friday and set up camp. After dinner (meatloaf not compulsory) we will head up to the summit of Feathertop for the sun-set. We will then walk down in the twilight to watch the full moon rise over Feathertop and walk back to camp being followed by a moonshadow (oops wrong artist). After a great nights sleep we will retrace our steps but this time down Bungalow Spurr and return back to the cars. Who knows what we'll find by the dashboard light! Expressions of interest no later than Dec 12th.

28/12/2012 - 31/12/2012 Razor Viking wilderness area - 42.5km - Hard

Leader: Peter Smith-Allen

Day One: Overnight car camp at Lake Cobbler. (If we get here early enough we may like to walk to the summit of Mt Cobbler.(Approx. 8km). Day Two: Leaving the cars at Lake Cobbler we will make our way up the Lake Cobbler track then the Speculation Rd. We will follow this past the locked gate then continue downhill to Catherin Saddle. Here we will top up our water and follow the Alpine walking track approx. 2km to a camp just behind Mt Despair. (This will be a dry camp. Approx. 18km) Day Three: We will leave our overnight packs at Mt Despair and continue on with day packs, following the ridge to the rugged rock formation of the Razor. From this we will walk to our next water point at Viking Saddle. We will then climb to the summit of the Viking that offers some spectacular views. Retracing our steps we will pick up our packs and make camp for the night at Mt Speculation. (There is a good water source just down from here Approx. 17km) Day Four: We retrace our steps down the Speculation Rd then the Lake Cobbler Rd back to the cars (Approx. 13km)

Club member of the year - Bernadette Cromarty

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Christmas Party at Wonga Wetlands was a well-attended event and provided members with an opportunity to catch up with friends and reflect on the many and varied activities provided by our Leaders over the year.

We had the honour of being entertained by long-time member, Les Sobey, who read an hilarious account of his time spent working on the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme as a young man. The account had been published in 'The Australian' newspaper and was a unique insight into the life story of one of our 'elders'.

The Christmas Party was also an opportunity to recognise the outstanding contribution made by **Bernadette Cromarty** who was presented with the 'Club Person' award by last year's recipient, Liz Hammond.

The citation for Bernadette's award read thus ...

"This is to certify that Bernadette Cromarty has been presented with the Club Person Award for 2012.

Bernadette has been a club member for many years. When she first joined, she used to participate in walks led by other people. From there, she graduated to leading easy walks and over time has taken on the leadership of more challenging trips.

Things have certainly changed since her early days as a walks leader: when she was told that the walk leader had to take a map she complied by taking a walking map of Scotland!

For someone who no longer lives in Albury, Bernadette takes a very active part in organising and leading club activities and is a great asset to the club."

CONGRATULATIONS BERNADETTE!



Les Sobey entertains members



Members gathered at Wonga Wetlands for our Annual Christmas Party



Bernadette Cromarty proudly displaying her 'Club Person Award' with Liz Hammond

2013

05/01/2013 Westons Hut - 16km - Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

I planned to do this walk in April but had to withdraw. This will be a typical Bogong High Plains walk. It is fairly flat except for the last 1 km before Westons Hut, where the drop is 200m approx. The area near the hut is very pretty and wildflowers at this time of the year will add to this. Roughly the same route will be taken for the return journey.

06/01/2013 - 20/01/2013 China from North to South - Adventurous (Non BBC trip)

This item has been included as items which may interest members of the BBC – while it is included in the BBC Footprints they are not covered by the clubs insurances.

Note ; Dates are subject to change January 2013 (17 days)

Leader: Deb Kahn

China is more than big cities, large numbers of people and long walls. This trip to the world's most populous country will reinforce this. We will be travelling to China during their winter as this is when the world's greatest annual Ice and Lantern Festival in Haerbin (Manchuria) takes place. Other places on the trip include Beijing where we will visit Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and a whole day walking the Great Wall. From Beijing we will head south west visiting the pandas in Chengdu, Leishan and the giant carved Buddha. Leaving the colder weather behind we head south east to Fujian Province, home to a minority group, the Hakka who still live in their traditional round mud brick communities. Our final stop will be Yangshou where amongst other things we will have a cooking lesson, ride through the beautiful Karst countryside to Moon Hill and drink decent coffee. Waiting list only.

06/01/2013 Weston Hut Circuit - 20 Kms+ - Hard

Leader: John Stevens

Maximum 12 walkers .This walk starts from Pretty Valley Dam. We'll head for Weston Hut site and walk down the spur to the West Kiewa logging road and on to Cobungra Gap. After lunch at Dibbins hut, we'll walk up the spur past Basalt Temple. We'll walk back to Pretty Valley across the Bogong High Plains. Altogether, the walk up the logging road and up the spur will involve an altitude gain of about 800 metres.

12/01/2013 Falls Creek - Kellys Hut - 18km - Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk starts at Langfords Gap and follows the Alpine Walking Track up to the Kellys Hut turnoff. We return via the aqueduct. Apart from one climb near the start the walk is almost flat, so it is good for those looking to upgrade from easy walks. The wildflowers should be at their best, we visit Kellys and Fitzgeralds huts and get some splendid views.

12/01/2013 - 13/01/2013 Young's Hut via Pretty Valley - Overnight - 16km - Medium

Leader: Ron Hammond

A relaxing weekend at Youngs Hut. For those who need a bit more exercise we'll walk 4km (with day packs) to the Falls.

13/01/2013 Mt Buffalo - Tour de Pools - 5km - Easy

Leader: Paul Schirmer

There are five bodies of water in Mt Buffalo National Park into which hot sweaty bushwalking bodies could conceivably plunge. We will drive to the car park near each pool but there is modest walking involved to get to each pool. The longest walk is to Rollasons Falls, about 700 metres each way. That means wearing a sensible swimsuit, a shirt to protect you from the sun's harmful rays and sensible footwear such as runners.

Through the day we will visit Ladies Bath below Eurobin Falls, then Rollasons Falls and then to Lake Catani for lunch. After lunch we will walk the 250 metres or so to Challwell Galleries, then it's off to the Reservoir. The fifth and final pool is underneath the bridge at Crystal Book on the Gorge Walk. A sixth pool is in the creek near the Entry Booth. This is not as interesting as the other pools but if the group wants to swim there as well we will. I'm aiming to be in the first pool by 9: 30 or 10.00 AM.. BYO swimming costume, towel, lunch and runners or similar footwear for the various short walks to the pools.

17/01/2013 Leisurely Short Bike Ride - Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

We will start at the Black Duck Café and follow the bike path around the Murray River, returning to the Cafe

19/01/2013 The Huts Walk - 21km - Hard

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This is a circuit on Mt Hotham including 3 huts, part of the Cobungra Ditch, part of Machinery Spur and many other picturesque sections. It is all on well marked tracks and is undulating throughout the day.

20/01/2013 Watchbed Creek to Bogong Village along the Grey Hills - 20+km - Hard

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from the gate at Watchbed Creek. We'll follow the Big River fire track towards Spion Kopje. Then, we'll head cross country towards Crowsnest and continue on along the top of the Grey Hills. We'll walk down Black Possum Spur to Lake Guy. This walk does not involve any long/steep climb. On the other hand, the walk down Black Possum Spur is both long and steep. A car shuffle will be required between Bogong Village and the Watchbed Creek gate.

24/01/2013 McFarland Hill - 4km - Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

An easy walk after work starting at 6.00 pm, from McFarland's Hill.

25/01/2013 - 28/01/2013 Tooma River Huts - 38km - Medium

Leader Peter Smith-Allen

Day one. Approx. 3Km. Driving to the Tooma Dam, we will leave the cars and make the short walk (3km) to Paterson Hut where we will make camp for the night.

Day Two. Approx. 15km We will walk along the Dargals trail to Hell Hole Creek trail, following this for a short distance, before branching off down Pretty Plain following a faint foot track. Near the end of this plain we will make camp for the night at Pretty Plain Hut.

Day three. Approx. 12Km In the morning we will retrace our steps back to the junction of the Dargals trail and Hell Hole Creek trail. We will then head off track, following the Tooma River through Broadway Plain to Wheelers Hut where we will camp for the night.

Day four. Approx. 8KM We will follow the Snakey Plain track back to the cars. (Note there will be a short car shuffle between Snakey plain trail and Tooma Dam Trail Head.)

26/01/2013 [Falls Creek- Spion Kopje - 25km - Hard \(Postponed to 2 March due to heat & fire risk\)](#)

Leader: Eileen Clark

(now on 2nd March –)

This walk takes us to a little-visited part of the Bogong High Plains. Starting at Watchbed Creek we walk past Mt Nelse and onto Warby Corner before heading west to Spion Kopje. We pass pristine bog areas and get great views over Falls Creek. Return by the same route. The walk is all on track but with several climbs and descents.

02/02/2013 An evening on Nail Can - 12km - Easy

Leader: Deb Kahn

This won't be your usual Nail Can wander. There will be two short but quite steep uphill sections to make it all worthwhile. The idea is to enjoy the panoramic views from the lookout and share a light evening meal. Head torches are a necessity as who knows when we will return to the cars. Please bring something to share for a picnic style meal

02/02/2013 - 03/02/2013 Khancoban to Geehi Crossover - Medium Overnight

Leader : Paul Schirmer

One group starts from near Waterfall Farm just out of Khancoban, the other will follow the Geehi Walls Trail past Geehi Walls and Devils Grip Gorge. Several huts and hut sites are passed along the way; these include Major Clews Hut, Keebles Hut, Doctors Hut and Old Geehi Hut. This walk is part of the Bi-Centennial Walking track. We start at an elevation of 300 meters and the maximum height we get to is 680 meters. Wild flowers and good views of the Main Range are features of this walk. All on 4WD track, a good intro to overnight hiking. A co-leader is needed for the group starting at the other end.

03/02/2013 The Jaithmathangs and Mt Fainter - 20+km - Hard

Leader: John Stevens

Maximum 12 walkers .This walk will start from Pretty Valley Dam and will take us over the Jaithmathangs before lunch at Mt Fainter. We'll follow the Fainter Track back to Pretty Valley.

09/02/2013 Buckland River Walk - Easy/Sloshy

Leader: Liz Hammond

In past years, we've parked at the picnic area at the Buckland River bridge then walked upriver for 4 or 5 km. However, floodwaters have changed the course of the riverbed and washed out some of the access tracks so this year's walk will be different. Instead of starting at the bridge, we will finish there. We'll start walking 4 or 5 km downriver (i.e. closer to Porepunkah) and follow the river upstream to the bridge. There are some lovely

deep swimming holes along the way, birds to see, and blackberries to pick. The water is quite deep in places so don't bring anything you wouldn't want to get wet. Also, parts of the riverbed are slippery and stony so please wear old boots rather than sandals or sneakers.

09/02/2013 Falls Creek-Ryder's Yards - 14km - Easy

Leader: Pauline McLeod

We will start the track at the Cope Hut car park at pole no. 532. Follow the track to the SEC hut, then go up Mt Bundora (not a steep hill) follow to pole no. 380 then we will go cross country down the slope to the Aqueduct. Follow the track to Ryder's Yards, then to the SEC hut and back to Cope Hut car park. We will have great views and see plenty of wild flowers.

09/02/2013 - 10/02/2013 Teddy's Hut and Chimneys Mountain - Overnight - Hard

Leader : Bill Krautz

This walk is located in the Thredbo area. We will walk up the Thredbo River valley to historical Teddy's Hut and camp overnight. Next day we will return to the cars via Chimneys Mountain peaks. The walk encompasses track, single trail, brumby pads, cross-country walking and rock scrambling. Teddy's Hut is a rarely visited mountain hut with alpine valleys, mountain passes and peaks with exceptional views of Rams Head and the Main Range.

10/02/2013 Lawson Rock Art - 4km - Easy

Leader: Ron Hammond

This is a short sharp walk of about 4kms with 200m off track on a steep descent – so wear old pants. The paintings are on a large rock in the middle of the bush. Rehydration at Koetong Pub after.

10/02/2013 Mountain Creek Track - 2km - Easy

Leaders : Ron Hammond/Cindy Marsh

The Mountain Creek Nature Trail has recently re-opened. This walk, after lunch, will follow Ron's Lawson Rock Art walk. The walk has numbered trail markers show points of interest and abundant of native flora and fauna.

16/02/2013 The Razorback - 22km - Hard

Leader: Deb Kahn

After an early departure from Albury we will start this iconic walk from Diamantina Hut. The Razorback is an exposed ridge that undulates to the base of Mt Feathertop. Those who wish to summit can do so whilst those who wish to rest can choose this option. We retrace our outward journey and return to the cars. Participants will need to make sure that they have gear for all 4 seasons as the Razorback is notorious for its unpredictable weather.

17/02/2013 Bon Accord Spur - 30+km - Hard

Leader: John Stevens

Altitude gain approx 1500m. This walk will start from Harrietteville and follow the Bon Accord track all the way to the Razorback. At that point we will turn left and follow the Razorback to Federation Hut. We will walk back down to Harrietteville via the Bungalow Spur. Expect a long hard day out. Walkers who wish to do this walk must have done another of my hard walks.

23/02/2013 Mt Jaithmathang - 14km - Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

This is a very attractive walk with some open high plains scenery, some historic interest because we go past Tawonga Huts, and a fabulous view from the top of Mt Jaithmathang. If the word mountain puts you off, the climb is only about 200m above the general area and we can take it slowly.

02/03/2013 Falls Creek- Spion Kopje – 25km – Hard

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk takes us to a little-visited part of the Bogong High Plains. Starting at Watchbed Creek we walk past Mt Nelse and onto Warby Corner before heading west to Spion Kopje. We pass pristine bog areas and get great views over Falls Creek. Return by the same route. The walk is all on track but with several climbs and descents.

02/03/2013 Half Day canoe trip on the Murray - Cool and wet - Easy

Leader: Deb Kahn

We'll start at Mungabareena and float down to Norieul Park. Canoes will need to be hired or bring your own. About 4 – 5 hours including breaks for lunch and swimming. Participants MUST be able to swim 25m and be confident on the river to do so. Maximum 20 people. Bookings no later than 23rd February.

02/03/2013 Mt Buffalo - Macs Point Track 7km - Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Start at the snow plain 300m south of the Leviathan. This track also links into Long Plain Track via Stanley Rocks and Giants Causeway. Afterwards there is the opportunity to one of the many shorter walks around the Chalet.

02/03/2013 - 03/03/2013 The Grey Hills - 25+km - Hard

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from Bogong Village. On Saturday, we'll walk up the Spion Kopje Fire track to the Bogong High Plains and camp beside a creek not far from Crows Nest. On Sunday, we'll follow a foot pad along the top of the Grey Hills until we reach the junction with the Black Possum Spur. We'll walk down the Black Possum track to Lake Guy and our parked cars.

03/03/2013 Clean Up Australia Paddle - Medium

Leader: Ant Packer (previous paddling experience required)

Back by popular demand, this Border Bushwalking Club paddle from Mungabareena to Noriel will be cruisy, due to the fast flowing Murray River. We will collect rubbish in the waterway and transport this in canoes to the end point. We filled an entire skip with rubbish the first year this paddle was done. The following year we only filled 7 Clean Up Australia bags ... so who knows what to expect. Please book early as we will need to organise canoes or kayaks if you don't have one.

08/03/2013 - 17/03/2013 Port Fairy Folk Festival /Portland - Varied

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Here's a chance to combine culture, bushwalking and beach rambling. There's an opportunity to come for all or part of the trip. From Friday 8th till Monday 11th March is the Port Fairy Music Festival. This is a wonderful festival of mu-sic of various styles with musicians from Australia and overseas. There is a range of ticket prices with early bird tickets available until 14th October. Check out the web site <http://www.portfairyfolkfestival.com/> and if you would like to attend the Music Festival, book your tickets or contact me ASAP. The earlier you book, the cheaper they are. We will camp for the 3 nights of the festi-val in a caravan park at Port Fairy within walking distance of all the music venues. Camping cost is \$99 per person and bookings need to be made early to be guaranteed a booking, so if planning to come on this part of the trip, contact me ASAP. You can also come for the weekend without a festival pass and enjoy free musical performances in open areas, ride the bike trail to Warrnambool, explore Port Fairy or sit on the beach. After the festival we move to Portland where bunkhouse accommodation is booked from 11th -17th March. The cost of this will depend on numbers but will be between \$150 and \$250 for 6 nights. It will be a wonderful opportunity to explore the many walks of varying lengths in the area as the Great South West Walk starts and finishes at Portland. For more details about the trip, contact me for a chat.

09/03/2013 Mt Buffalo - Back Wall Track - 12km - Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

We begin this walk on the Dicksons Falls Nature Walk, turning right after 500m passing by the historic Chinaman's Wall. Afterwards there is the opportunity to Climb the Horn and take in the sensational views.

09/03/2013 Ovens to Rollasons Falls - 20km - Hard

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This little known walk requires a car shuffle before beginning. It starts at the village of Ovens and gradually climbs to the Mt Buffalo Rd just below the Rollasons Falls car Park where cars will be waiting. We will then complete the last 4kms by going down to the falls and back. Along the way there are great views of the mountains, the valley and the face of Buffalo. The climb is not terribly steep but there are some downs amongst the up and a lot of up. The long weekend crowds won't be found on this walk (unless it's at Rollasons)

12/03/2013 - 17/03/2013 Portland - Varied

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

The South West Walk is a 250 km loop that starts and ends at Portland. We'll explore some of the many options for day walks on sections of the tracks. We'll stay in a bunkhouse close to Portland. The cost of this will depend on numbers but will be between \$150 and \$250 for 6 nights.

16/03/2013 Mt Buffalo - 22km - Hard

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk goes from the ranger's station at the bottom to the chalet at the top of the gorge and returns via the same track. It's one of the most visually stunning walks in our region (when not clouded in) and one that you should not miss. At the top we will share a picnic lunch, rest and relax before the stroll downhill.

17/03/2013 Mt Bogong Traverse - 30km - Hard

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will start from Clover Dam. We'll first walk up the Big River Fire track to the Bogong Creek saddle. We'll continue on up Quartz Ridge until we reach Mt Bogong summit ridge. We'll walk down the Staircase to Mountain Creek car park. A car shuffle will be required to get back to the cars near Clover Dam. Expect a long hard day out. Walkers who wish to come on this walk will have done another hard walk with me previously.

23/03/2013 South Buffalo View Point - 11km - Easy

Leader: Bruce Key

Like all walks on Mt Buffalo this is a lovely walk, passing through small open areas and large granite tors. The view at the South Wall is very impressive. There and back from the old Tatra Inn site is only about 8 kms, so we will also walk out to Dickson's Falls where there is a splendid view over the Buckland Valley. This little addition is only about 3 km return, but is well worthwhile. ogong Creek saddle. We'll continue on up Quartz Ridge until we reach Mt Bogong summit ridge. We'll walk down the Staircase to Mountain Creek car park. A car shuffle will be required to get back to the cars near Clover Dam. Expect a long hard day out. Walkers who wish to come on this walk will have done another hard walk with me previously.

30/03/2013 Mt Bogong via staircase - 17km - Hard

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This is a good way to make a pre-emptive strike on the Easter choc-fest. A steep climb to the peak of Victoria's highest peak will leave you needing those eggs the next day. If anyone has a 4WD this will cut off a few kms which will be appreciated at the end of the day.

06/04/2013 Woolshed falls into Beechworth - 12km - Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

This walk is a personal favourite of mine. We start at the falls, walk into Beechworth for lunch at Lake Sambell and then return to the falls.

07/04/2013 Fishy Trail Run and Half Marathon

Leader: Ant Packer Contact: www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au (please book on line prior to this fundraising event)

A fundraising event for Parklands Albury-Wodonga and the Border Trust. Walk, jog or run for 12kms or 21kms along the banks of the Murray River and tributaries (Kiewa River and Wodonga Creek), including sections of Wodonga Creek that are private property, and therefore not normally accessible.

13/04/2013 Loop from Mt Loch - 22km - Hard

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk will see us depart from and return to Mt Loch carpark. We will walk all on track via Derrick's Hut and Swindlers Spur to Dibbins Hut in the valley below. After lunch we'll check out the new toilet and tent platforms before returning to the waiting cars via Red Robin Battery and Machinery Spur and lots of puffing.

13/04/2013 Mt Buffalo - The Not So Big Walk - 18km - Medium

Leader: Cindy Marsh

We will start this walk at Rollasons Falls car park and walk to the Chalet and return the same way after lunch

20/04/2013 3 Bright Hills - 17km - Medium

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This walk incorporates three short walks up and down hills that give different views of Bright: Apex Lookout, Valley View Walk and Huggins lookout. The first two can be done as circuits by grunting up the fire trail and descending down the track. The last is out and return. These steep hills are linked by the canyon walk, rail trail (flat), a bit of road and Bakers Gully Reservoirs (slightly hilly). In all its about 17km and a good way to keep fit.

27/04/2013 Mount McLeod Track - 16km - Medium

Leader: Clayton Pollett

The Mount McLeod walk on Mt Buffalo, starts near the Reservoir Picnic Area. The track leads to the most remote part of the park, North Buffalo Plateau. The views are ensational.

27/04/2013 Wheelers Hut - 20 km - Hard

Leader: Iris Joss

Wheelers Hut is located in the Kosciuszko National Park via the Khancoban Cabramurra Road. Weather permitting we will walk a loop, all on track starting at Dargals Trail Head – Tooma dam, and walk via Patons Hut to the Tooma River. Bring suitable shoes for the river crossing. From the river its up the hill to Wheelers Hut for lunch. The bad news ,from the hut its up hill for a while before we get a break. A short car shuffle will be required at the end of the walk. If the weather is bad we will walk in and out the same way along Snakey Plain

Track. We need a 7.30 am start in Corryong so consider a car camp the night before at Clover Flat rest area on the Khancoban/Cabramurra Rd.

04/05/2013 Lake Sambell to Lake Kerford – Beechworth - 11km - Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin We'll start at Lake Sambell in Beechworth and walk along the well-marked track through bush land, passing several mine shafts that have been protected by wire until we reach Lake Kerford for morning tea. We'll retrace our steps and finish with a picnic lunch overlooking Lake Sambell.

04/05/2013 Nail the Can - 18km - Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk will be on parts of Nail Can you may never know existed. Great views, of the local area from different perspectives.

04/05/2013 - 05/05/2013 Young's Hut Hut Overnight - 25km - Medium

Leader : Ian Trevaskis

Young's Hut is a rustic former SEC survey hut that our club maintains in conjunction with Parks Victoria. The walk starts at Cope Hut and follows the Alpine Walking Track to Cope Saddle, past the aqueduct and up a slight climb to Pole 333 where we turn left, pass Mt Jim and follow the track leading down to the hut. Return journey is via the same route. We should have great views and possibly see some brumbies. Walk is all on track, with nothing too steep, but is very exposed. This would be a perfect follow-up to the Edmondson's Hut overnighter.

05/05/2013 Cobungra River Upper Circuit - 25km - Hard

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will start from Brandy Creek car park. We'll walk down the Brandy Creek fire trail to the Cobungra River. Next, we'll walk up Palling Spur and follow the summit ridge all the way to pole 267. Then, it will be down to Cobungra Gap. After lunch we'll walk along Dungeys Track all the way back to the Brandy Creek fire trail. We'll follow the fire trail back to the cars. This is a scenic walk with a lot of variety.

05/05/2013 McFarlane's Hill - Easy and Social

Leader: Cindy Marsh

At 11.00 am, we will start the walk from the base McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga. This is a 4 km circuit that takes in views of the surrounding bush land, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury taking in Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great walk children/teenagers or anyone who wants to enjoy a picnic lunch up the top.

11/05/2013 - 12/05/2013 Bogong Peaks Wilderness Area - Hard

Leader : Bill Krautz

Saturday afternoon drive through Tumut and just before Yarrongabilly turn on to Goobragandra Fire Trail and camp overnight. Early start on Sunday with an all day hard walk off track, with bush walking and rock scrambling to the peaks.

These are very remote mountain peaks and are rarely climbed, but well worth the challenge.

11/05/2013 Mt Buffalo - South Buffalo Track - 8km - Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

From Cresta Valley this track initially climbs a ridge then meanders through Snow Gum glades and small snow plains, finishing at the South Buffalo view point. Afterwards there is the opportunity to do one of the many shorter walks around the Chalet.

11/05/2013 The Twins - 10km - Medium

Leader: Brian Franklin

Co Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk is on the Alpine Walking Track near Mt Hotham. Short, but steep to the top. Up, down and around, this walk has amazing views and a dark past.

12/05/2013 Yackandandah Walk - 8km - Easy

Leader: Don Ingram

This easy walk is 5 km on track with 3 km walking through bush around the picturesque Yackandandah area.

17/05/2013 - 19/05/2013 Mt Kosciuszko environs - Medium (Hard, if rain, snow or blowing a gale)

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

Leaving late Friday afternoon/early evening for car camp above or below Thredbo, then either up from Dead Horse Gap OR onto the Chairlift on Saturday morning to a spot near North Ramshead setting camp, then a day walk to South Ramhead via Lake Cootabataba and return via Mt Ramshead (the middle one). So far so good. Sunday will be another day walk to or towards Mount Townsend OR simply Rawsons Pass, Seaman's Hut then retrace steps to the camp and either back down the chairlift or return to Dead Horse Gap, wherever the cars be. Maximum of six participants. Will undoubtedly be cold and obviously the walking will not be strenuous but if the weather is tricky..... I will need a pre walk gear inspection and briefing for those not familiar with Alpine walking. A possible bad weather alternative is the Chimneys, and Teddies ruins

18/05/2013 Mt Jaithmathang - 14km - Easy

Leader: Bruce Key

This is a very attractive walk with some open high plains scenery, some historic interest because we go past Tawonga Huts, and a fabulous view from the top of Mt Jaithmathang. If the word mountain puts you off, the climb is only about 200m above the general area and we can take it slowly. This was planned for earlier this year but did not happen because of a bushfire near Falls Creek.

19/05/2013 Lockhart's Gap to Tallangatta Crossover - 20km - Medium

Leaders: Ian Trevaskis and one other?

One group led by "one other" will start from Lockhart's Gap while the other group led by Ian will start from Tallangatta Lookout. After meeting somewhere on the track, keys and pleasantries will be exchanged before walking on. Following the walk participants can adjourn to Cafe Trevaski to enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea. This walk will require a car shuffle.

25/05/2013 Full Moon Cycle for your Supper - Dark and Mysterious

Leader: Ant Packer Contact: www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au (please book on line prior to this fundraising event)

This activity is are included for your enjoyment but is not covered by BBC Insurance Policy

A fundraising event for Bonegilla Rail Trail Advisory Group and Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group. Cycle by the light of the full moon from Huon Reserve, Murray Valley Highway, along the High Country Rail Trail to dine in style on the Sandy Creek Bridge. Three course dinner by candlelight of typical 1950's country cuisine. Rug up as it may be a cool evening and bring a head torch just in case there are clouds and you can't see whilst cycling.

25/05/2013 Mt Fainter Traverse Cross-Over - 24km - Hard

Leader: John Stevens (Bogong Village up)

Co Leader: Deb Kahn (Pretty Valley dam down)

This walk will be done as a cross over with one group starting at Pretty Valley Dam and the other group at Bogong Village. It will follow the Springs Saddle Fire Trail then the Fainter Fire Trail, past the Tawonga Huts and all the way to Pretty Valley. The plan is to exchange car keys with the walkers coming down from Pretty Valley, therefore avoiding a long car shuffle. Maybe drivers could take an extra key for the just in case factor. When booking through John please indicate preference of direction.

26/05/2013 Mt Beauty - 14km - Medium

Leader: Eileen Clark

Explore the hills around Mt Beauty, including an ascent of Mt Beauty itself. Good views, perhaps with a dusting of snow on the high peaks. There's not much 'flat' on this walk, but the gradients are not too challenging and we have all day.

26/05/2013 Twin Falls on Buffalo Creek - 15km - Probably hard - Exploratory

Leader: Bruce Key

This is very much an exploratory walk. The idea is to park at the Rollason's Falls car-park on the road up to Mt Buffalo, walk down to the falls and then try to follow the stream down for 8 km to Twin Falls and Twin Falls Gorge. We will then climb 400m to a 4WD track (Nine Mile Track) and follow it back to the cars. If time and terrain prevent us reaching twin falls, we will short circuit, but still return via Nine Mile Track. Note that most of this walk is off-track and probably slow going.

01/06/2013 Myrtleford - 12km - Exploratory

Leader: Eileen Clark

The Alpine Shire has developed a series of walking tracks around Myrtleford, including a 5 km riverside walk and some trails on Reform Hill. I haven't checked these out but if you have a sense of adventure come and explore them with me. The walk is probably easy grade, but be prepared...

08/06/2013 - 09/06/2013 Cairn Creek Hut - 30km - Hard

Peter Smith-Allen Max 8 walkers

Situated at the junction of Cairn Creek and Big River, Cairn Creek Hut was built in 1952 and is one of the most remote Huts in the Park. Saturday morning we will make our way up the Eskdale Spur to Tadgell Point, at this point we will leave the track. Heading down we will follow Horse Ridge then Granny Spur, off track towards Big River. (There are some steep sections as we near Big River). We will cross Big River to Cairn Creek Hut, where we will camp for the night. The following day we will make our way up the overgrown track to Quartz Ridge. (Some bush bashing will be required on the bottom section of this track). Upon meeting up with the Quartz Ridge track we will follow this up to West Peak, Hooker Plateau, Summit and then back down the Eskdale Spur to the cars. This walk will only run if the weather is good.

15/06/2013 Sandy Creek – Bike ride - 40km Return - Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

The bike ride will be from Old Tallangatta lookout, to the Sandy Creek Bridge and return, travelling along the rail trail. Lunch at the Sandy Creek. Transport is available for your bikes from Wodonga.

22/06/2013 Bike Ride – Bonegilla to Tallangatta 48km - Easy (Note change of date to Saturday)

Leader: Bruce Key A ride along the rail-trail adjacent to Lake Hume. We will start at Bonegilla and ride to Tallangatta and back, which of course means that we will be crossing the recently erected Sandy Creek Bridge. Fat tires might be necessary although the part I have ridden has a reasonably good surface. If anyone needs their bike taken to Bonegilla I can use a bike rack in a trailer that can accommodate 5 bikes.

22/06/2013 Mt Emu - 16km - Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

Even though this walk is all on 4WD track, the fact that it is rarely used at this time of the year, gives you the sense of isolation. Great views across to Mt Bogong and even better views from the summit where we have a grand vista of Mt Beauty and environs.

29/06/2013 Bates Dam/Dingle Range - 12km - Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

A circuit of about 12 kms along undulating fire trails in the forest between Beechworth and Stanley. Visit the interesting relics at Bate's Dam and after a steady climb, admire the view from Murrungee Lookout.

30/06/2013 Mollisons Galleries – Mt Buffalo - 20K approx- Grading: Hard

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will start from the reservoir car park. We'll follow the Rocky creek vehicle track to the Rocky Creek campground. After a stop for morning tea, we'll head uphill northwards along the foot track to the Mollisons Galleries for lunch. We'll return to the cars past Eagle Point and Og Gog. This walk will only go ahead if there is no snow cover in that area.

07/07/2013 Rock Art Site on Upper Murray - about 8km - Medium - Exploratory grade

Leader: Bruce Key

Bookings finalised on Wednesday 3rd July This walk is exploratory. It will be off-track and I only have a general idea where the rock art site is located. It is near the Flaggy Creek gorge area.

10/07/2013 Magenta Mine - Chiltern - 8km - Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

A delightful place (16 kms from town) that has the capacity to draw you back very quickly into the gold mining days as it has all the evidence of it. We'll start at Magenta mine and pass other mining areas as we walk out to the Chinese Cemetery for some reflection of bygone days before returning to Magenta.

13/07/2013 [Huon Hill, Wodonga - 10km - Easy](#)

Leader: Cindy Marsh

This is a great local winter walk, close to Albury/Wodonga with sweeping views of the surrounding area.

14/07/2013 Cycling to the Chocolate Factory & All Saints Winery - 25km - Easy

Leader: Katia Bertazzo

We cycle from Rutherglen to Corowa, along the river to the top of Corowa. The plan is to cycle from one destination to another, starting at Rutherglen, arriving at the Chocolate Factory for lunch, then after lunch onto All Saints Winery for wine and cheese tasting and purchases and then back to Rutherglen via the bike tracks. For booking purposes I need to know a few weeks in advance.

14/07/2013 Upper Little Arthur Fire Track – walk/snowshoe - approx 15 kms - Medium

Leader: John Stevens

This walk / snowshoe trip starts from Bogong Village and follows the Upper Little Arthur Fire Track in a clockwise direction. The first section of the walk is up to an altitude of approximately 1350 metres. We will then drop about 200 metres down the Black Possum Spur and follow the contours for about 2 hrs before commencing a gradual descent towards Bogong Village. We will need to cross Rocky Creek towards the end of the walk. Rainfall in the coming weeks will have a lot of bearing on water level.

20/07/2013 Baranduda Loop - 15km - Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

This loop walk is a great one for winter. An altitude gain of around 500m (on both sides of the hill) will certainly warm you. Spectacular views over the local area.

20/07/2013 - 21/07/2013 Cross Country Snow Camp to Mt Jim - 22k return - medium

Warwick McLachlan –A cross country ski from Falls Creek to snow camp near the snow gums on the east side of Mt Jim, with a side trip to Young's Hut on one of the days. If the weather looks bad or the group are mainly beginners a more sheltered ski and camp in the back of Marms Point will happen. Backpackers on snow shoes with cold weather experience can apply.

20/07/2013 Rutherglen to Wahgunyah - 18km - Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

We will walk on the picturesque rail trail where the scenery changes from bush to farmland (and of course grape vines), from Rutherglen to Wahgunyah, have a picnic by the river and return along the track to Rutherglen. The walk could be graded medium due to the length but the track is FLAT so the walking is easy. There is an option to walk one way (9kms) and return by car.

27/07/2013 Pine Mountain - 14km - Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

Pine Mountain is in the Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park in the Upper Murray area. The walk is off track and fairly rough, but passes through very interesting country with huge boulders and good views over the Upper Murray. The view from the end is excellent because it looks right out across the Main Range which will be snow covered. If it is too wet, it will not be possible to do this walk because the rocks are covered in moss and will be very slippery and dangerous. In that event we will go to Flaggy Creek gorge instead. This is a walk of similar standard and distance.

28/07/2013 Sunday 28 July Bogong Village to Bogong Jack Saddle Walk & Snowshoe trip Grading: Hard 20kms+

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will require using snowshoes for about half the distance. This walk will start from Bogong Village. It will follow the Springs Saddle Fire trail then the Fainter Fire trail past Bald Hill and on to Bogong Jack Saddle. After lunch, we'll return to the cars the way we came.

03/08/2013 Yackandanah Walk - 8km- Easy

Leader: Don Ingram

Booking finalized on Wednesday 31/07/2013 This easy 8km walk is mostly on track with short sections bush around the picturesque Yackandandah area.

04/08/2013 Kiewa River Walking Track - 12km return - Easy

Leader: Cindy Marsh

I plan to do this walk in the afternoon starting soon after lunch. The Rotary Club of Wodonga has completed work on the Kiewa River Walking Track, extending it 4 kilometres from the Murray Valley Highway to the Murray-Kiewa Junction. Bird hides have been constructed along the track overlooking wetlands. We will also follow the Kiewa Track to the junction of the Murray and Kiewa Rivers then stroll along the Wodonga Creek arm of the Murray River for another 2kms.

06/08/2013 General Monthly Club Night - Visitors most welcome

Club Nights are regularly held on the first Tuesday of the month (except December and January) at 7:30pm. The room is opened half an hour before the start so that members may socialise.

Where: : Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, Civic Centre Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga (Havelock Street end of car park)

Visitors are always welcome, supper is served.

10/08/2013 Lower Big Walk Highlights

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

We will commence at the start of the Big Walk and walk up as far as Marriotts Lookout. At this point we will retrace our steps until we come to Rollasons Junction where we will make a side trip down to Rollasons Falls on our way back. All of this walk is on well formed tracks although there may be some fallen trees or recent erosion to contend with. Much of the walk is steep (equally up and down, not surprisingly)

14/08/2013 Sandy Creek Bridge - Easy walk - Approx 10 kms

Sandy Creek Bridge Easy Approx 10 kms walk

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at Huon Reserve, we'll walk along the High Country Rail Trail, cross the Sandy Creek Bridge and continue to Murray's Wayside Stop where we'll have morning tea overlooking Lake Hume before retracing our steps to Huon Reserve for lunch.

16/08/2013 - 18/08/2013 Howman's Gap Weekend - as easy or hard as you choose

Leader: Sue Cardwell

Come and have a great 3 day weekend – skiing (downhill or cross country), snow shoeing, walking in the snow or lazing around the fire and reading. Staying at YMCA Howman's Gap Alpine Centre just near the entry gate to Falls Creek. The trails will be groomed for the Hoppet the following weekend.

Accommodation – 2 – 7 bunk bedrooms, single and communal bathrooms and disabled facilities. All meals included from Friday night dinner to Sunday packed lunch. BYO bed linen/sleeping bag, towel. and wine and nibbles for around the fire pre-dinner. Blankets and pillows supplied. Large drying rooms and guest fridge available.

Cost \$285 for 2 nights and 6 meals. Please ring Sue early July to confirm our club booking and to organise transport and times. Choice of travel departures Friday morning or Friday evening depending on drivers.

17/08/2013 Sandy Creek to Tallangatta on the Rail Trail - Medium Walk

Leader: Pauline McLeod

Starting at Sandy Creek and follow the trail to Tallangatta, where we will have lunch at the park in the town. Return by the same trail back to Sandy Creek. All flat walking, with great views of the countryside and the water. This is a great winter's day walk.

18/08/2013 Tallangatta Tall Trestle Treadle cycling

Event date: Sunday 20th October

Information and booking forms are located on

www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au

This event is not a Border Bushwalking Club (BBC) activity. In partnership with the Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group Inc. the BBC promotes this activity for the enjoyment of the Members.

24/08/2013 Falls Creek (or Buffalo if there is enough snow) Beginner X/C Ski

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

A come and try cross-country skiing day trip, cancellable if the weather is bad as it would be even badder for beginners. Skis, stocks and boots can be hired at Snowgum Wodonga, ideally there, as you can be kitted and fitted up beforehand or, alternatively at Mt Beauty (Rocky Valley Ski Hire is good, but book beforehand to save time) on the way up. I have a modest supply of warm headgear, some gloves, raincoats and mannish over pants (essential, any gender) for lending. Under no circumstances wear jeans or cotton shirts. This trip is for adults and completely compliant, fittish children, with limited or no ski experience to have a journey to the snow and see what works. Depending on numbers and people, a pre-trip get-together at my Glenroy home, maybe on the Thursday evening, would be useful to sort gear, cars etc. Incidentally, Snowgum Wodonga used to do this sort of thing on a commercial basis so if that appeals better.....

24/08/2013 Flagstaff Range - 19km Medium Walk

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk all on 4WD track, is just out of Beechworth in the Stanley State Forest. The first 8km are uphill and then its gentle undulations through regrowth areas burnt in the fires to our lunch spot. Murrungee Lookout just after lunch gives us great views over the remnants of a glacial impacts that occurred millennia ago. A picnic style lunch is traditional for this walk so please nominate what you would like to bring when booking. Car shuffle required.

24/08/2013 Huon Hill, Wodonga 10-12 km Easy Walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

This is a great local winter walk, close to Wodonga. Huon Hill has sweeping views of the surrounding area.

25/08/2013 Magenta Mine - Chiltern 8kms Easy walk

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

A delightful place (16 kms from town) that has the capacity to draw you back very quickly into the gold mining days as it has all the evidence of it. We'll start at Magenta mine and pass other mining areas as we walk out to the Chinese Cemetery for some reflection of bygone days before returning to Magenta.

25/08/2013 Mount Bogong – Howmans Gap Walk & Snowshoe Trip- Hard 20 kms +

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from Bogong Village. We walk up the Junction Spur Fire track to Howmans Gap. A 1 km walk along the road brings us to the boom gate on the road leading to the McKay Creek Power Station. From the power station, we will walk along the powerline service road down to a car parked there earlier in the day. This walk will require a short car shuffle.

01/09/2013 - 15/10/2013 Nepal – Upper Mustang -- Hard (Note: Dates approximate at this point)

Leader: Deb Kahn

Please note that participants in this activity is not covered by normal BBC Insurance and should take steps to ensure they have taken out appropriate travel insurance and have appropriate medical cover.

Tucked away in north western Nepal is the ancient Kingdom of Mustang. Our trek to Upper Mustang, the home of the Dolpo people, some of whom still practice polyandry, starts in Jomson after a spectacular flight from Pokhara. This Upper Mustang area has an elevation of around 3500m – 4000m, is a barren treeless but sparsely beautiful landscape, way off the beaten track but popular with adventurous trekkers and destined to change when a road between China and Nepal is constructed. Time will be spent in Kathmandu and Pokhara before our trek. Before the trek you can choose to spend a few days helping out at Sonrisa Orphanage, in Kathmandu. There is also the possibility to spend some time on a houseboat on Dal Lake in Srinagar, Kashmir doing day walks and visit the Taj Mahal on our way home. Cost dependent on numbers. Expressions of interest sought.

01/09/2013 McFarland's Hill Wodonga -easy and social - picnic lunch walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

At 11.30 am, we will start the walk from the base of McFarlane's Hill, Wodonga. This is a 4 km circuit that takes in views of the surrounding bush land, Wodonga, Huon Hill, and right across to Albury looking at Monument Hill and Nail Can Hill. This is an easy walk with just some gradual climbing involved. This is a great walk for children/teenagers or anyone who wants to enjoy a picnic lunch up the top.

03/09/2013 HIKING in HOKKAIDO JAPAN - Border Bushwalking Club Night - Tuesday September 3rd

HIKING in HOKKAIDO JAPAN

Last July, Carl and Michelle Roe set off to do a spot of hiking in Japan. They hiked and camped, climbed nine peaks, and saw some spectacular scenery.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to share in some of the sights and to hear about the logistics of planning such a trip. Why not bring a friend?

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Where : Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, Civic Centre Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga (Havelock Street end of car park). Members and visitors are always welcome at Club Nights and supper is served afterwards.

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07/09/2013 Kiewa River Walking Track - Easy - 12km return

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Second attempt. Flooding prevented this activity going ahead. I plan to start this walk late morning. The Rotary Club of Wodonga has completed work on the Kiewa River Walking Track, extending it 4 kilometres from the Murray Valley Highway to the Murray-Kiewa Junction. Bird hides have been constructed along the track overlooking wetlands. We will also follow the Kiewa Track to the junction of the Murray and Kiewa Rivers then stroll along the Wodonga Creek arm of the Murray River for another 2km's. Saturday 7th September is the date of the Australian federal election, so remember to vote in the morning.

08/09/2013 Around Yackandanah - 10 km - Easy Walk

Leader: Don Ingram

This easy walk follows on from a similar walk advertised last month. It is in a different area and mostly on track with short sections bush around the picturesque Yackandandah area.

11/09/2013 White Box Walking Track – Chiltern NP - Easy 8.5 kms

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at the Cyanide Dam, the track follows a series of numbered posts with interpretive information about the features along the way, including the Golden Bar Open Cut mine and the vegetation. There are very gentle ups, but most of the walk is flat. This is a delightful spring walk among the wildflowers.

14/09/2013 Chiltern MT Pilot National Park- Skeleton Hill Track Easy 6 kms

Leader: David Ross

This afternoon walk offers great views. Be prepared for some walking on and off tracks. The highlight is the great views during afternoon tea from the Skeleton Hill trig point

14/09/2013 Mountain Creek to Camp Creek Gap - 14km Medium Walk

Leader: Eileen Clark

This not-too-difficult walk winds around the base of Mt Bogong, on tracks that pass through tall timber, tree ferns and babbling mountain streams, some of which we have to paddle through, but they shouldn't be more than ankle deep. We should catch glimpses of late snow on Bogong, and maybe a lyre bird or two. The walk is mainly up before lunch, returning by a slightly different route that is mainly down.

15/09/2013 Cycling to the Chocolate Factory & All Saints Winery - Relaxed and Enjoyable

Leader: Katia Bertazzo

We cycle from Rutherglen to Corowa, along the river to the top of Corowa. The plan is to cycle from one destination to another, starting at Rutherglen, arriving at the Chocolate Factory for lunch, then after lunch onto the All Saints Winery for wine and cheese tasting and purchases and then back to Rutherglen via the bike tracks. For booking purposes I need to know number by the Sunday 8th September.

21/09/2013 3 Bright Hills -17km Medium Walk

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This walk has become a biannual regular and incorporates three short walks up and down hills that give different views of Bright: Apex Lookout, Valley View Walk and Huggins lookout. The first two can be done as circuits by grunting up the fire trail and descending down the track. The last is out and return. These steep hills are linked by the canyon walk, rail trail (flat), a bit of road and Bakers Gully Reservoirs (slightly hilly). In all its about 17 kms and a good way to keep fit. Hopefully the wildflowers will be abundant at this time.

22/09/2013 Howells Falls Hard approx. 20km, Max 8 walkers

Leader: Peter Smith-Allen

Situated on the eastern side of the Mt Buffalo National Park, these falls are rarely visited, due to their remote location. Following the little Buffalo creek we walk through towering tree ferns, with some magnificent views of the falls as they plunge through a sheer gouge. Access to these falls is mostly off track and some rock scrambles are needed.

25/09/2013 Lavington to Jindera Gap (almost)- Easy 10 kms Walk

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk explores the northern part of Nail Can, starting near Centaur Road and following the Ridge Trail and Bakes Trail to the highest point for lunch with a view, before returning by the same route. The outward journey is quite steep in parts so we will take it slowly. Hopefully there will be a profusion of wildflowers in bloom.

28/09/2013 Ned Kelly Lookout-10-12 Easy Walk

Leader: Don Ingram

This walk will included walking on track and through open bush and involve rock scabbling. We will be going to Ned Kelly lookout where he could see over the Beechworth and spot any approaching Troopers.

29/09/2013 Frying Pan Spur Grading: Medium 15kms Walk

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will start from Howmans Gap.

We'll walk up Frying pan Spur track to the summit ski lift tower, then follow the track southwards until we reach the dirt road that will take us back to Howmans Gap.

29/09/2013 Rutherglen to Wahgunyah Easy 18kms Walk

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

We will walk on the picturesque rail trail where the scenery changes from bush to farmland (and of course grape vines), from Rutherglen to Wahgunyah, have a picnic by the river and return along the track to Rutherglen. The

walk could be graded medium due to the length but the track is FLAT so the walking is easy. There is an option to walk one way (9kms) and return by car.

01/10/2013 The Border Bushwalking Club Nights

'TWO for the PRICE of ONE'

Marie Maguire will present the story of two fantastic trips she has enjoyed this year. One covering more than 1000 kilometres on knobby tyres, the other travelling eight days on snowshoes and boot chains. One cycling the Mawson Trail in SA, from Adelaide to Blinman, the other walking the Overland Track in Tasmania in mid winter. Why not bring a friend?

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03/10/2013 Border Bushwalking Club Xmas Party

Border Bushwalking Club Xmas Party

Where: Wonga Wetlands Albury

Refer to the front page of the December edition of Footprints for details.

See you there!

04/10/2013 Booking required for the Everton to Gapsted Winery by Bike Ride

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

A ride on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail from Everton to Gapsted Winery (all sealed) where we'll enjoy a leisurely lunch before returning to Everton. Need to know numbers by Friday October 4 to reserve a table at the winery restaurant.

05/10/2013 Livingston National Park- 25km Hard Walk

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

Some of you have walked a 12km circuit of this little known park, near Mangoplah (1 hr north of Albury) with me . This walk is a circuit of the whole park. Whilst there are no views, the surroundings are very pleasant and, hopefully, the wildflowers will be lovely at this time. The walk is undulating, that is to say lots of up and down, and all on track.

05/10/2013 - 07/10/2013 October (NSW long weekend) Pretty Plain , Snowy Mountains 30km Medium Walk

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

Saturday morning drive (180 K from Albury), with a short car shuffle between the Tooma Dam finish and the track head start on the Snakey Plain fire trail. Then at about 1 PM. walk the 7K to Wheelers Hut. Day 2 is country 9 K to Pretty Plain Hut, beautifully reconstructed after the fires. Day 3 is 13 K along the Dargals Fire Trail to Tooma Dam, visiting Patons Hut on the way . There is about 4K off track and at least two creek crossings and one crossing of the Tooma River which, if running a banker with snow melt (unlikely given the poor season) may mean returning to Wheelers and exiting north along the Snakey Plain fire trail. The road to Cabramurra is already open so access is not a problem.

06/10/2013 Bogong Jack Saddle Grading: Hard Distance: approx. 20kms

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will start close to Howmans Gap We'll walk up the Bald Hill Fire Track for about 2 hours before going off track uphill to reach Bogong Jack Saddle.

After lunch we'll walk down the Fainter Track to its junction with the Bald Hill Fire Track. We will return to our cars along the Bald Hill Fire track .

There is one creek crossing. Expect water at the crossing to be at least knee deep.

09/10/2013 McFarlane's Hill Wodonga - Easy 4 kms Walk

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Meet at Willow Park off Pearce Street at 10 am and drive along Felltimber Creek Road to McFarlane's Hill for a delightful morning stroll up the hill for magnificent views over Wodonga while enjoying morning tea. The wild flowers will be a feature of the walk at this time of the year.

12/10/2013 Everton to Gapsted Winery by Bike - Easy 35km

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

A ride on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail from Everton to Gapsted Winery (all sealed) where we'll enjoy

a leisurely lunch before returning to Everton. Need to know numbers by Friday September 27th to reserve a table at the winery restaurant.

13/10/2013 Back Wall – Mt Buffalo - Easy 10kms Walk

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

We will walk past Egg Rock and Chinaman's Dam, across The Devil's Playground, through snow gums, granite rocks and beautiful vegetation, to a scenic lunch spot at the Back Wall overlooking surrounding valleys. Return along the same route.

19/10/2013 Koetong Creek Track - 12 kms Medium Walk

Leader: David Ross

Leader: Andrew Kingerlee

This is a great walk. We walk through unique Riparian environment. Be prepared for loose gravel and some steep pinches. Walking poles are recommended.

19/10/2013 Night Walk - Tallangatta to Sandy Creek & return - Medium 19 km return walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

The opportunity does not always allow us to walk by the light of a full moon. We start this walk at Tallangatta and follow the Rail Trail to the Sandy Creek Bridge. An internet search shows the Moon will start to rise around 7.50 pm. I expect seeing the sun set over the Hume Weir and the moon rise will ensure a spectacular evening is had by all. Bring a picnic supper to share e.g. cake, wine, cheese, dips, at the Sandy Creek Bridge.

20/10/2013 Machinery Spur circuit - Grading: Hard Distance: 20 Kms+

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will start Mt Loch car park. We'll follow the machinery Spur track down to the Red Robbin Battery and on to Dibbins Hut. In the afternoon, we'll walk up Swindlers Spur on our way back to the cars.

26/10/2013 Flaggy Creek Track - Overnight Camp - Medium 14 kms walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Flaggy Creek Track overnight camp on Friday 25 October followed by a Medium 14 kms walk on Saturday 26 October.

This rugged walk (14 km return), passes through the northern end of Mt Lawson State Park from the Kurrajongs picnic area and provides access to waterfalls and rock pools within Flaggy Creek Gorge. Plus, this is a great spot to camp. We will leave Albury/Wodonga after work on Friday and camp overnight at the camping ground. An evening under the stars around a log fire is always enjoyable.

27/10/2013 Bright To Wandiligong & return Easy 12km walk

Leader: Val Rolfe

Co-Leader: Pauline McLeod

We start this walk at Bright and follow Morse Creek to Wandiligong. The track is a little undulating, but mostly flat, and is very pretty along the creek with the wild flowers and wattle trees. We will have lunch at the Chinese Bridge, then follow the same track back to Bright.

27/10/2013 Mt McLeod on Mt Buffalo NP - Medium 22km walk

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

This walk leaves from the Mt Buffalo Rd near the Ranger's office and follows the Reservoir track to the Mt McLeod track turnoff and then to Mt McLeod, the most remote part of Mount Buffalo National Park. Walking is all on track except for the last 50 metres to the summit. There are great views of the Ovens Valley and surrounding peaks, also good views across the Mt Buffalo Plateau. Return following the same route. This walk is over easy, well defined terrain.

02/11/2013 Kiewa River Walking Track - Easy 12-14 kmWalk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

I plan to start this walk in the morning to avoid the heat of the day. The Rotary Club of Wodonga has completed the work on the Kiewa River Walking Track, extending it 4 kilometres from the Murray Valley Highway to the Murray-Kiewa Junction. Bird hides have been constructed along the track overlooking wetlands. We will also follow the Kiewa Track to the junction of the Murray and Kiewa Rivers then stroll along the Wodonga Creek arm of the Murray River for another 2km's.

03/11/2013 Weston Hut Circuit - Grading:Hard Distance: 20 Kms+

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from Pretty Valley Dam. We'll head for Weston Hut and walk down the track to the West Kiewa logging road and on to Cobungra Gap. After lunch at Dibbins Hut, we'll the Australian Alps walking track past Basalt Temple. We'll walk back to Pretty Valley across the Bogong High Plains. Altogether, the walk up the logging road and up the spur will involve an altitude gain of about 800 metres.

05/11/2013 BBC Club Night - Into the Wilderness

Border Bushwalking Club, Club Night
'Into the Wilderness'

This presentation by Ian Trevaskis will showcase some incredibly scenic and rugged wilderness areas including Gundabooka NP and The Cobberas that he and other club members have visited recently.

Why not bring a friend?

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

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09/11/2013 Mt Buffalo - The Big Walk (return) - 23km Hard Walk

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This is a walk that involves variety as you climb around 1000m from the Park entry to the chalet throughout the morning. After lunch at the top the walk is reversed. There are some spectacular lookouts and some lovely changing environments throughout the day.

11/11/2013 - 25/11/2013 Australian Alps Walking Track - 222 kms - Hard

Leaders : Michael Lowe,

Paul Schirmer,

The plan is to walk the top section of the Alpine Track from Dead Horse Gap (near Thredbo) to the northern track terminus, at the Namadgi Visitor Center near Tharwa in the ACT. This will involve doing a food drop beforehand at Kiandra, and restocking with that food at the end of the first week of the two-week trip. The start point could be moved slightly to shorten the trip, depending on the make-up of the group. Please let us know if you are interested, as places are limited. Costs, transport and other details are still being worked out.

13/11/2013 Horseshoe Lagoon – late afternoon walk - Easy Walk 8 Kms

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at Hovell Tree Park, Albury we'll follow the Murray River Trail with views over the river as we walk to Horseshoe Lagoon where the birds are very active late in the day. After doing a circuit of the lagoon, we'll return to Hovell Tree Park, along the original track.

16/11/2013 Howmans Gap Loop Walk - Waterfalls, Wildflowers and Views - approx. 14 kms Medium Walk

Leader: Carol Tonn

We will meet at Bunning Wodonga and rendezvous with the Carol at Mt Beauty. The walk will start at Howmans Gap, walk up Road 24 to the top of the McKay Pipeline then past waterfalls toward the Summit Chairlift. Then it's all downhill along foot trails leading into Falls Creek Village Bowl and down the Packhorse Trail back to Howmans Gap. An easy short side trip to Frying Pan Spur Lookout a possibility too depending on how the group is going.

Walking on dirt roads up to the Summit and a gradual altitude gain of 450 mtrs then on foot pads down to Falls Creek Village Bowl and along the Packhorse Trail back to Howmans Gap.

16/11/2013 - 17/11/2013 Rogaine and Cyclogaine Weekend Event in Beechworth

16th November, 6 hour, foot Rogaine, 12-6pm,

17th November, 5 hour, Cyclogaine 10am to 3pm.

These events will be fun navigation activities for teams of 2-5 people, with checkpoints throughout Beechworth township and Beechworth Historic Park.

Contact: Helen Robinson,

Email: NovemberEnquiries@vra.rogaine.asn.au

or website <http://vra.rogaine.asn.au>

This event is not a Border Bushwalking Club (BBC) activity. In partnership with the Victorian Rogaining Association the BBC promotes this activity for the enjoyment of its members.

17/11/2013 Cobungra River - Medium - Distance:18 Kms

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will start from Brandy Creek car park. We'll walk down the Brandy Creek track to the Cobungra River. We'll follow a foot pad up valley, initially along Swindlers Creek, then over Swindlers Gap to Dibbins hut. An afternoon walk up Swindlers Spur will bring us to Mt Loch car park. A car shuffle will be required between Mt Loch car park and Brandy Creek car park.

23/11/2013 Mt Dunn – Mt Buffalo- Easy 10kms Walk

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Starting near Mt Buffalo Lake Cartani, we'll follow the picturesque Long Plain Track before taking a circuit past Giant's Causeway, Devils Couch and Mt Dunn where there is an option to climb the ladder to the top for a 360° view of the plateau. From there we'll complete the circuit to rejoin Long Plain Track and retrace our steps to the cars. The tracks are gently undulating.

24/11/2013 Bike Ride – Bonegilla to Tallangatta - Easy Cycle Ride on the Rail Trail - Approx.48km Ride

Leader: Cindy Marsh

A ride along the rail-trail adjacent to Lake Hume. We will start at Bonegilla and ride to Tallangatta and back, which of course means that we will be crossing the recently erected Sandy Creek Bridge. Fat tires might be necessary although the part I have ridden has a reasonably good surface. Transport is available for your bike from Wodonga.

30/11/2013 Mt Hotham to Falls Creek to Hotham x-Over 21km/Hard Walk

Leaders: Deb Kahn

Co- Leaders: Cindy Marsh and Sarah Jane Harrington

The title of this walk says it all. One group will walk from Pretty Valley Pondage to Hotham via Pole 333, Cobungra Gap, Basalt Temple, Dibbins Hut and Swindlers Spur, while the other group does the reverse.

01/12/2013 Up Mt Feathertop Northwest Spur - Grading: Hard - Distance: 20kms+

Leader: John Stevens

We'll start from near the trout farm, about 4 kms north of Harrierville. We'll follow the remains of the walking track all the way to the MUMC Hut. Our next target will be the summit of Feathertop. Afterwards, we'll walk down to Federation Hut before following the walking track down Bungalow Spur all the way to Harrierville. We'll either have lunch at the MUMC Hut or on Feathertop, depending on weather conditions and our progress. A car shuffle will be required to get back to the cars near the trout farm.

The track up Northwest Spur was damaged by fire last summer, has not been maintained and has not been officially re-opened. Overall, it is not in a bad condition, but some short sections no longer exist. To avoid any misunderstanding, this walk should be regarded as an off track walk.

03/12/2013 BORDER BUSHWALKING CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Border Bushwalking Club Xmas Party

Where: Wonga Wetlands

RSVP – November 30th to Alison

Time: 6.00 to 6.30 pm

Members with surnames beginning A to N please bring a salad to share.

Those with surnames beginning M to Z please bring a dessert or fruit platter to share.

Gluten free salads and desserts are very welcome.

Everyone to bring their own drinks, plates, cutlery, glasses, chairs and insect repellent.

Nibbles, Meat, veggie burgers, sauce, bread, tea and coffee are provided.

Please indicate if you are vegetarian or have other special dietary requirements when notifying of your attendance.

Enjoy a walk around the wetlands to view the bird life before the BBQ. (see The Border Bushwalking Activities Program, in the December editions of Footprints.)

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03/12/2013 Wonga Wetlands Albury- Easy stroll

Leader: Alison Wellard

Come for a pleasant stroll around the wetlands to build up an appetite before the Christmas party BBQ. The bird life at dusk is a site to see.

07/12/2013 - 08/12/2013 Overnight at Federation Hut - 22km/Hard Walk

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk along the Razor Back is a walk on the roof of the world – well it feels like it. The plan is to wander out from Diamantina Hut, at a leisurely pace and set up camp at Federation Hut. Those who wish to trip the light fantastic and see sunset can walk up Feathertop others may prefer to indulge in pre diner canapés in the dwindling summer light. Either way we will retrace our steps back along the Razorback the following day back to our cars and down to Harrietville in time for a gelato or coffee.

07/12/2013 Sandy Creek – Bike Ride - Easy Cycle - Ride on the Rail Trail- Approx. 40km return

Leader: Cindy Marsh

The bike ride will be from Old Tallangatta lookout, to the Sandy Creek Bridge and return, travelling along the rail trail. Lunch at the Sandy Creek. Transport is available for your bike from Wodonga.

11/12/2013 Mountain Bike Ride, Flame Trees Trail, Beechworth Easy Ride

Contact Person: Bill Krautz

Meet at Beechworth Railway Station 6.45 pm.

Evening ride from Barmunda railway siding down the Flame Trees Trail.

The trail goes downhill on the southern side of old railway line and returns via northern side. Good flowing single trail with a couple of dips on the way down.

Estimated time to ride about one and three quarter hours to two hours.

Headlight required.

14/12/2013 Mt Bogong via the Staircase -17km Hard Walk

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

Join me in conquering Victoria's highest peak! It's a steep climb to the top but the views from the top are well worth it. Despite the name there are no marble handrails to help (nor even escalators) If anyone has a 4WD this will cut off a few kms which will be appreciated at the end of the day.

14/12/2013 - 15/12/2013 Young's Hut from Mt Hotham Overnight Hike Medium

Leader : Marie Maguire

This is a walk designed to meet Ian Trevaskis's Youngs Hut overnight walk on Saturday evening. This is a longer and very scenic route going down Machinery Spur, off track to Blairs Hut, then climbing up to Westons Hut and onto Youngs Hut for the night (17k). On Sunday we will return via Dibbins Hut and Swindlers Spur (13k). Departing from Albury early Saturday morning.

14/12/2013 - 15/12/2013 Young's Hut Overnight Walk - 20 km Medium Walk

Leaders: Ian Trevaskis

Final date to book in: Saturday 7th December

This walk to Young's Hut is suitable for those who have not previously completed an overnight walk. Those who are interested in doing a beginners overnight walk, but are unsure, should contact the leaders for further information.

Young's Hut is a rustic former SEC survey hut that our club maintains in conjunction with Parks Victoria. The walk starts at Cope Hut and follows the Alpine Walking Track to Cope Saddle, past the aqueduct and up a slight climb to Pole 333 where we turn left, pass Mt Jim and follow the track leading down to the hut. Return journey is

via the same route. We should have great views and possibly see some brumbies. Walk is all on track, with nothing too steep, but is very exposed

15/12/2013 Mt Fainter Hard Walk Distance: 20Kms +

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will start from Pretty Valley Dam. It will follow the Fainter Fire trail, past the Tawonga Huts, Mt Fainter & down to Bogong Jack Saddle. At that point, we'll take a short cut down to the Bald Hill fire track and follow it down all the way to Mt McKay power station and on to a car parked near the entrance gate. The plan is to have lunch on top of Mount Fainter, subject to favourable weather conditions. A car shuffle will be required to get the cars back from Pretty Valley.

21/12/2013 Falls Creek: Mt Nelse/Edmonsons Hut - 12 km Medium Walk

Leader: Eileen Clark

Escape from pre-Christmas madness with this walk, which is a good introduction to the Bogong High Plains. We will go up Heathy Spur, with good views over Rocky Valley Dam, then make the steady climb towards the summit of Mt Nelse, from where we get 360o views of the surrounding peaks. We then descend through snow gums to visit Edmonson's Hut before heading home.

28/12/2013 The Cobungra Ditch Track - Mount Hotham 25km return - Hard Walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

The Cobungra Ditch (12.5km one way) – One of the few interpreted historic walking tracks in the area, the Cobungra Ditch follows the course of an abandoned water race which supplied water for the hydraulic sluicing operations at the Brandy Creek mines. The ditch was cut by the Cobungra Gold Mining Company in 1884 at the cost of £11,000, and employed upwards of 120 men in its construction. Today interpretation signs along the course of the Ditch describe the history of the water race and its construction. The feature is retained for much of its length by ancient looking dry-stone walls and passes through snow gum and mountain ash forests.

[http://www.mthotham.com.au/mountain/summer/track_notes/images/Track_Notes - Cobungra Ditch2.pdf](http://www.mthotham.com.au/mountain/summer/track_notes/images/Track_Notes_-_Cobungra_Ditch2.pdf). It is recommended that you View the pdf attachment before booking in.

Club member of the year - Eileen Clarke

Club Person Award

This is to certify that
Eileen Clark
was presented with the Club Person award
for 2013

Eileen has been an active club member for many years. She has participated in walks regularly and has been a consistent walks leader over this time.

The role of leader is one she takes seriously. She plans well and ensures that all participants are aware of the challenges, risks and pleasures that await them. She also seeks out new and different walks that are varied and range in their difficulty level, allowing many different walkers to join her.

In particular, her Summer walks in the Falls Creek area are eagerly anticipated by many club members. Eileen has been a great asset to the club as a leader and participant over many years. We look forward to many more.



2014

04/01/2014 Mount Feathertop Crossover 23km Hard Walk

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty and Cindy Marsh

This walk will involve either walking up Bungalow spur from Harrierville and over the razorback to Hotham or Starting from Hotham across the Razorback and down Bungalow Spur. Both groups will ascend Feathertop and car keys will be swapped here. The first way requires more up but both involve a lot of undulations. Book early if you want to choose which route you take. As there are a lot of logistics in organizing this, the final date is firm and earlier bookings would be appreciated.

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05/01/2014 Spargo's Hut & Cobungra Ditch Medium Distance: 17 Kms approx

Leader: John Stevens

As I can't come on Cindy's walk, here is an easier walk built around the Cobungra Ditch.

This walk will start at Mt Loch car park. We'll begin by following the Alpine Walking track but will leave the track on reaching the top of Golden Point Spur and walk down to Spargo's Hut. We will continue down the Spur, cross Swindlers Cree & walk up to the Cobungra Ditch.

The rest of the walk will follow the Cobungra Ditch track all the way to the Brandy Creek Fire trail. The walk will end at the Brandy Creek car park..

A car shuffle will be required between Mt Loch car park and Brandy Creek car park.

06/01/2014 Cycle Ovens to Porepunkah and return Medium Bike Ride

Leader: Deb Kahn

Ride from Ovens to Porepunkah on the Rail Trail. Lunch in Porepunkah – bring your own or purchase from Rail Trail Café. Return via same route.

09/01/2014 Canoe The Murray Relaxing

Leader: Deb Kahn

Spend a few hours canoeing one of our local areas greatest assets – The Murray River. Participants must be able to swim 25m. Maximum 10 people

11/01/2014 Mountain Creek to Michell Hut via the Eskdale Spur 16 km Medium Walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

We follow the track up Mountain Creek past the bottom of the Staircase Spur for approximately 5.5 km to Camp Creek Gap. The track climbs steeply up the Eskdale Spur to Michell Hut. Returning the same way.

16/01/2014 - 17/01/2014 Mt Feather Top - Full Moon Walk - 23km Overnight Hard Walk

Feather Top full moon walk 23km Overnight hard

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

Final date to book: Friday January 10th 2014

This walk has become an annual event. My plan is to walk up Bungalow Spur on Jan 16th. We will set up camp at federation Hut, have dinner and then walk up Feathertop in time to watch the sun set. We will then walk down with a full moon shining brightly on us. There will be no clouds or storms. After a great night's sleep we will walk down to the waiting Harrierville ice-cream shop.

17/01/2014 Early Morning on Nail Can Walk - 15kms

Leader: Deb Kahn

Spend a few hours in the cool of the morning wandering a few of Nail Cans steeper hills. This will be an early start and maybe we could follow the walk with a picnic style lunch in the gardens.

18/01/2014 Falls Creek: Cope Hut to Young's Hut - 25 km Hard Walk

Leader: Eileen Clark

This walk starts near Cope Hut and follows the Alpine Walking Track to the Mt Hotham turnoff before descending through snow gums to Young's Hut, set in an isolated and beautiful valley. We return by the same route. There are no big or steep climbs, but several ups and downs. The wildflowers should be at their best and we get some splendid views of Feathertop.

19/01/2014 Watchbed Creek to Bogong Village Grading: Hard Distance:20 Kms+

Leader: John Stevens

This walk starts from the gate at Watchbed Creek. We'll follow the Big River fire track to Warby Corner.

From there on, we'll follow the Spion Kopje track all the way down to Rocky Creek.

After crossing Rocky Creek, we'll walk down to the waiting cars at Bogong Village.

This walk involves minimal climbing. On the other hand, there is a long descent to Rocky Creek.

A car shuffle will be required between Bogong Village and the Watchbed Creek gate

23/01/2014 Canoe The Murray Relaxing

Leader: Deb Kahn

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23/01/2014 - 27/01/2014 Jagungal, Mountains, Hills and Plains Approx. 73 Km Hard Walk

Leader Peter Smith-Allen

Thursday 23rd, Day one. 3Km

Driving to Tooma Dam, we will leave the cars and make the short walk (3km) to Paterson Hut, where will make camp for the night.

Friday 24th, Day two, 18Km

Following Dargals trail, then Hell Hole Creek trail, we cross the Tooma River a couple of times. We then head up hill to the Round Mountain trail and Derschkos hut, for the nights camp.

Saturday 25th, Day Three, Approx. 17Km

We continue along the Round Mountain trail and then turn onto the Grey Mare Fire Trail for a short distance before heading off track to Strumbo Hill. We follow the ridge-line passing Strawberry Hill, then down to the Geehi River and maybe a quick swim as we cross. We then make our way through open plains to Mawsons Hut for the night.

Day Four, Sunday 26th, Approx. 20Km

From Mawsons Hut we make our way past Tarn Bluff, McAlister Saddle, and Jagungal Saddle to the summit of Mt Jagungal. We then follow the ridge line down to the weather station, re-joining the Grey Mare Fire trail to O'Keefes Hut for the night.

Monday 27th, Day five, 15Km

We follow the Grey Mare Fire Trail for a short distance before turning onto the Farm Ridge Trail, following the ridge down to the Tumut River and then up to Round Mountain Hut. Just past here we join the Round Mountain Fire Trail for the short walk back to the cars. (Note there will be a short car shuffle between Tooma Dam and Round Mountain Trail Head.)

02/02/2014 Tramway & Little Arthur Fire Track Grading: hard approx. 20 kms

Leader: John Stevens

This walk follows the tramway and continues on along the Upper Little Arthur Fire Track before dropping down to Bogong Village. This is a great walk for a hot day as it stays on the east (shaded) side of the valley and has a lot of tree cover. We will need to cross Rocky Creek towards the end of the walk.

08/02/2014 Weston's Hut Medium 16 km Walk

Leader: Bruce Key

Weston's Hut has been recently rebuilt. It is in a good spot with excellent views across to Mt Feathertop. This will be a typical Bogong High Plains walk. It is fairly flat except the last kilometre before Weston's hut where there is a drop of about 200m. We will return by roughly the same route. Please book by preceding Wednesday.

08/02/2014 - 09/02/2014 Youngs Hut Overnight 20 km Walk

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

A rating has not been included as it is 10kms per day and not strenuous but it is with an overnight pack. Youngs Hut is a great place to spend the night. We will walk there from Pretty Valley via Tawonga Huts. These huts will be our morning tea or lunch spot as our departure time will be determined by the weather. There is no strenuous climbing or difficult walking involved. Our return trip route will be determined by the group at the time.

14/02/2014 Macdonald's Hill & McFarlane's Hill Night Walk Easy Distance: 8 kms

Leader: John Stevens

This walk is scheduled to be just before the full moon. Weather permitting, we'll walk under bright moonlight most of the way and may not use our torches. The walk will start in the early evening. It will follow a circuit route that will first bring us to the top of Macdonald's Hill, down to Coyles Road and along a distinct 4X4 track to the top of McFarlane's Hill. There are a few ups and downs along the way. Subject to weather conditions, I plan to stop on top of McFarlane's Hill for a snack/light supper and a cup of tea/coffee while enjoying the sights of Wodonga lights below us. Bring cups, hot water, tea/coffee, and food to share. A short walk down a steep track will then bring us back to our cars. Bring a torch (essential), spare batteries for the torch, warm clothes.

15/02/2014 Fitzgerald's and Kelly's Huts Medium 12 km Walk

Leader: Bruce Key

This is a popular high plains walk because it includes two well known huts, some good views along the way and it is relatively flat. In fact about half of it is dead flat because we will return via the Langford East aqueduct. Join us for a great day out in the high plains where it will be about 10 degrees cooler than in Albury-Wodonga. Please book by preceding Wednesday.

16/02/2014 Buffalo bits - 15km Easy Walk

Leader Bernadette Cromarty

his walk will begin at the Gorge Visitors Centre on Mt View Point, named for its magnificent views. We will then continue to the lake for lunch. After lunch we will return to the cars and head down to Rollasens Picnic area. (Anyone who is feeling weary can simply rest here while the others head to the falls) A short steep walk will take us down to the falls where a refreshing dip is a possibility. The climb back will warm us up but there is a possibility of another dip at Eurobin Falls on the way home.

22/02/2014 Dorevitch Lake Hume Cycle Challenge

Contact person: Cindy Marsh

40km 'Weir Wall Waddle' – 9.00 am start: come and join me on this popular event. Other distances are available, for all the information refer to the website. <http://www.lakehumechallenge.com.au/>

This ride suits anyone who can ride and has a sense of adventure. A comfortable to moderate ride along the Murray Valley Highway, along the edge of the Lake then across the Hume Dam wall. Stop for refreshments at Lake Hume Village before returning to Albury via the Riverina Hwy, and Mungabareena Reserve.

22/02/2014 Introduction to the High Plains Easy 11kms walk

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Three short walks will provide an introduction to the High Plains for those who haven't yet experienced the beauty of the wildflowers and the historic huts. We will a walk on the Fainter Falls Walking Track which gradually goes approx. 800 meters uphill to a series of viewing platforms and we'll retrace our steps to the cars to drive to the second walk which has a climb of about 200 meters over about 2 kms to the top of Mt Cope, to experience some of the magnificent 360° views. After retracing our steps, we will drive to Cope Hut where we will start a 5 km walk which takes in some of the High country history by passing Wallace's Hut, (the oldest on the High Plains), the Rover Lodge and Cope Hut. Those who would like to can wait at Wallace's hut for the cars to

return. Participants can walk as much or as little as they choose, but those who complete the 3 walks will have walked 11 kms.

28/02/2014 - 02/03/2014 Langford West camp area. Falls Creek Car Camp Social & Easy

Leader: Ron Hammond

Weekend car camp at Langford West camp area, relax under shady trees, take a short or medium walk lots of options .Mt Cope / Faithfulls Hut / McNamara's / walk the Aqueducts

01/03/2014 - 02/03/2014 Diamantina Spur and Dibbins Hut circuit Hard Walk 30km+

Leader: John Stevens

This walk will start from the Diamantina Hut car park. We'll follow the Razorback to the Diamantina Spur turn off. The next section of the walk will take us down Diamantina Spur to the West branch of the Kiewa River. We'll camp overnight at Blair's Hut. On Sunday, we'll follow the valley to the Red Robin Battery then continue on to Cobungra gap and Dibbins Hut, before walking up Swindlers spur on our way to Mt Loch car park.

A short car shuffle will be required to get back to the cars at the Diamantina Hut car park.

01/03/2014 Falls Creek: Windy Corner / Ropers Lookout Loop - Easy. Approx. 12 kms

Leader: Carol Tonn

Walking from Windy Corner past the dam wall to Ropers Lookout then cross country to Heathy Spur Track before heading back along the footpad and ski trails to the cars. Walking on Aqueduct Trails, foot tracks and off track

01/03/2014 Hotham: Huts Walk - Hard Walk 21km

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This 21km circuit is on Mt Hotham and takes in Silver Brumby Hut (2006/7) , Spargo Hut (1927/28) and Derrick Hut (1967) There is a small amount of road walking but the majority is on well formed tracks including parts of The Cobungra Ditch Track, Golden Point Spur, Australian Alps Track and Machinery Spur Track.

04/03/2014 General Monthly Meeting - New Members Night

A warm welcome is extended to new and intending members on this special night. After a brief introduction to the workings of the Club by President, Warwick McLachlan, information will be provided about the range of activities we provide – day walks and extended hikes, car camping, skiing and snow-shoeing, cycling, canoeing, guest speakers, hire gear, even overseas trips.

Current members are encouraged to bring along any friends who may be interested in what we have to offer. Club Nights are regularly held on the first Tuesday of the month (except December and January) at 7:30pm. The room is opened half an hour before the start so that members may socialise.

Where : Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, Civic Centre Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga (Havelock Street end of car park)

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08/03/2014 Sunrise @ Huon Hill, Wodonga- Easy 12 Kms

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Huon Hill, Wodonga features 360 degree views of stunning panoramas overlooking Albury, Wodonga, Lake Hume, Mt. Bogong, Mt. Feathertop, the Kiewa Valley, Bonegilla, Baranduda Range, Table Top Mountain and the Murray Valley towards Corowa. To take advantage of cool weather and the joy of a sunrise, we will start walking at 6.00am. This walk does involve climbing uphill and a gradual descent and eventually following the Kiewa River Track back to the cars.

09/03/2014 The Back Wall - Mount Buffalo - Medium Walk 14 km

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Mt Buffalo's Back Wall walk begins along the path to Mt Buffalo's Dicksons Falls Nature Walk, turning right after

500m passing by the historic Chinamans Wall. This walk will possibly have members from the YHA Bushwalking Club, from Melbourne, who will be spending the long weekend in our area. The walk is undulating, with great views from the Back Wall.

15/03/2014 - 25/03/2014 South Coast Track, Tasmania - This walk is booked out

Leader: Bill Krautz

This activity is full

16/03/2014 Porepunkah to Myrtleford and Return by Bike - 48km/Easy

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

After an early morning coffee at the Rail Trail Café we will ride on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail to Myrtleford and lunch at the Myrtleford Butter Factory before returning. Cyclists need to carry a spare tube and puncture repair kit.

16/03/2014 The Grey Hills - Grade 4 – Medium Hard - Distance 20+ Kms

Leader: John Stevens

This circuit walk starts from Bogong Village and goes up Black Possum Spur track all the way to where it comes out on the Grey Hills ridge top.

At that point, we turn right and follow the crest of the Grey Hills south eastwards to Crowsnest and on to the Spion Kopje Fire track. There is a foot pad most of the way. This section offers great views.

The rest of the walk is downhill all the way to Bogong village, mostly along the Spion Kopje fire track.

Note: Grading of Activity – 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.

22/03/2014 Falls Creek: Spion Kopje - 25 km Hard Walk

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This walk takes us to a little-visited part of the Bogong High Plains. Starting at Watchbed Creek we walk past Mt Nelse and onto Warby Corner before heading west to Spion Kopje. We pass pristine bog areas and get great views over Falls Creek. Return by the same route. The walk is all on track but with several climbs and descents. It is not suitable for beginners.

22/03/2014 Mt Buffalo National Park- Mac's Point walk & Kayak paddle on Lake Catani - Approx 7 km return [Easy- Medium](#)

Leaders: Katia Bertazzo and Clayton Pollett

We have rated it easy/medium, because the walk has a few up and down bits. We will then go to Lake Catani for lunch. The Kayak/ paddling will be on Lake Catani which is not very big! If people want to just share a couple of canoes between the group members, while some are paddling and others do another short walk around the lake after lunch that will be fine with us. You can swim there if you like too.

23/03/2014 - 28/03/2014 Cape Conran - relaxing, varied and enjoyable

Leader: Pauline McLeod

I have made a booking for the Oliveberry Lodge at the Cape Conran Coastal Park for 6 nights. It fronts onto 50 kilometers of sandy beaches. You can bushwalk, fish, surf, and also enjoy plenty of nature walks or just laze around. Camp sites and cabins are available for those who don't want to stay in the lodge. Cape Conran is approx 500km from Albury and is 19km from Marlo. Cost will depend on numbers, but should be approx \$220. per person. Phone me for more info.

29/03/2014 Beechworth Powder Magazine to Wool Shed Falls 12 kms Easy Walk

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Final date to book: Thursday 27/03/2014

This is a very popular walk in the Beechworth State Forest. Starting at the Powder Magazine at Beechworth, we walk down to Woolshed falls for lunch. We return to Beechworth, via the Gorge, for a coffee before heading home.

http://www.beechworth.com/visitor_information/brochures/beechnorth_historic_park.pdf

29/03/2014 Blue Rag Range - 18km Medium Walk

Leader: Deb Kahn

Recent previous attempts to the trig point on Blue Rag Range have been aborted due to heat/snow/rain. This year I am sure is the year of successful attempts. This walk accessed via Dargo High Plains Road is all on 4wd track is steep in places, rocky in parts and exposed entirely. The 360 degree view from the trig point is definitely worth the walk

30/03/2014 Falls Creek Area, Wallace's & Cope Huts 9km Easy Walk

Leader: Bruce Key

This is an easy walk as an introduction to the Bogong High Plains. We will drive to near Wallace's Hut and then walk about 1 km to the hut. This is the oldest hut on the high plains and by far the most photographed. We will continue along an aqueduct until we come to the Rover Lodge and a little later Cope Hut and thence back to our cars, mostly along a snow pole line. It should be a good time to enjoy the cooler weather on the high plains.

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30/03/2014 Mt Lawson – Kurrajongs revegetation project social

Contact Andrew Kingerlee

The Mt Lawson friends group has been awarded a grant under the Department of Environment and Primary Industries Communities for Nature grants program to cover revegetation and other improvements to the On Sunday 30 March there will be an "education day" at the Kurrajongs when John Palmer of Upper Murray Gro will talk about the process of seed collection and give some guidance on plant identification. It is also planned to install sediment traps in the creek for erosion control. Anyone with an interest in seed collection, or getting involved in the revegetation project is welcome to attend. A BBQ will be provided.

http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/315609/Park-note-Mount-Lawson-State-Park.pdf

This is not an Border Bushwalking Club event.

05/04/2014 Kelly's and Fitzgerald Huts 12kms/ Grade 2 (Easy-Medium)

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

The huts are on the High Plains beyond Falls Creek and we'll walk the "easy" route to them. Starting at Watchbed Creek, we'll follow Big River Fire Track to a junction where we'll turn onto the Kelly Track. On the way we'll make the short detour to Fitzgerald Hut before having lunch at Kelly's Hut. We'll retrace our steps to the cars after lunch. The walk is all on track with slight undulations.

Note: Grading of Activity 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.

05/04/2014 Loop from Mt Loch - 22km Hard Walk

Leader: Deb Kahn

Departing from and returning to Mt Loch car park, a walk all on track via Derrick's Hut and Swindlers Spur to Dibbins Hut in the valley below. After first little lunch we'll check out the new toilet and tent platforms before returning to the waiting cars via Red Robin Battery and Mine where we will have big lunch before continuing up Machinery Spur. Lots of puffing involved.

06/04/2014 Mollisons Galleries Mt Buffalo 20km Hard Walk

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

This walk will start at the Reservoir Car Park and will follow the Rocky Creek vehicle track to the Rocky Creek campground. After a stop for morning tea, we'll head uphill along the foot track to Mollisons Galleries for lunch. We'll return to the cars past Eagle Point and Og Gog.

06/04/2014 - 03/05/2014 Nepal and Bhutan 2014

Please be aware that the following activities on our calendar are included for your enjoyment but are not covered by BBC Insurance Policy.

Nepal and Bhutan 2014

Contact Person: Rosemary McConnell

Leaving Brisbane 06/04/2014 and returning 03/05/2014. Contact Rosemary for a detailed itinerary.

12/04/2014 - 13/04/2014 Tawonga Huts Overnight - Easy 8km Walk

Leader: Warwick McLachlan

Starting around 10 AM on Saturday at Pretty Valley, west of Falls Creek, a 4K backpack moderate uphill on track then across to the saddle above Tawonga Huts to set up camp. After lunch, a visit to the top of and along the Jaitmathangs and a drop down to the Fainter Road to return to camp via the Huts. Sunday will be a return backpack loop out to Mt Jim and cross country to Pretty Valley pondage.. Maximum 10. Suitable for persons with limited or no backpacking experience who have a level of day walk type fitness who wish to try out an overnight camp on the High Plains. A pre-trip briefing in the week prior will be needed to check your gear, organise tents, food etc

17/04/2014 - 20/04/2014 The Crosscut Saw Approx. 35 km Grade 4 (Medium-Hard)

Leader: Peter Smith-Allen.

Day 1, 17th April

On the evening of the 17th of April we will drive close to the start of the walk and car camp overnight.

Day 2, 18th April

In the morning we will make our way up the Howqua feeder track crossing a number of small creeks to the base of Mt Howitt. Here the track climbs steeply to the summit. From the summit we make our way to Macalister Springs and the Vallejo Gantner hut where we camp for the night.

Day 3, 19th April

Today offers some spectacular views as we make our way over the crosscut saw, Mt Buggery, Horrible Gap, to our campsite on the northern side of Mt Speculation.

Day 4, 20th April

Early this morning we retrace our path back over the crosscut saw to Stanleys Spur, where the track drops steeply to the Queen Spur. Following Queen Spur walking track we once again meet up with the Upper Howqua Feeder track that we retrace back to the cars.

Please note, there are some steep rock scrambles on this walk.

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.

18/04/2014 - 27/04/2014 Port Lincoln, S.A. Grading: Exploratory

Leader: Trevor Potts

I intend to travel over to the area, and then have a close look around at the various areas. There are a number of parks, some you have to book to stay in, and others are select a site. It cost \$11/vehicle/day. I intend to camp at a place, do walks, then move further on and explore others areas. Limited water is available at some camp sites, whilst not at others, so we have to carry some with us and use sparingly. Travel time:- it takes 12 hours approximately to travel from Melbourne to Port Augusta, then another 4 hours down to Port Lincoln. My thoughts were to get away on Friday morning (from Albury) and see how far we get the first day. With tents, we can stop at a caravan park. The weather for last April was averaging 14oC min to 25oC max. The most important is that we intend to be flexible as haven't been there before and take it as it comes.

26/04/2014 - 27/04/2014 Cleeve Cole Hut Via Granite Spur - 16km Easy and Hard Sections

Leader: Dick Wellard

An unusual rating of hard/easy is given as any ascent of Mt Bogong with an overnight pack is difficult. BUT given

the short distance to the summit from the car park (3km max), and the delicate nature of the leader, we will be taking things very,very easy .The walk does, however involve a 500m climb. On reaching the summit it is but a pleasant 3km stroll along almost flat terrain to Cleeve Cole hut. The hut is sighted in a flat, open, grassy area with available water. An ideal camp site. On arrival, we have the opportunity of a 4km return almost flat, packs off, stroll to Howman Falls. Well worth the effort. Return journey is an absolute doddle as we drop the afore mentioned 500m. Access is via Trappers Gap Track/ Camp Creek Rd, both 4WD access only. At the time of writing the tracks are in good condition.

There are currently 2 places still available in the initial vehicle. Further places will depend on the availability of other 4WD vehicles.

26/04/2014 Ovens to Porepunkah and return Bike Ride approx 40km ride

Leader: Deb Kahn

This very pleasant bike ride; all on dedicated cycle path – Murray to Mountains Rail Trail; will start near Ovens Pub. Lunch at Rail Trail Cafe or bring your own, before returning the same way. Please make sure you have a spare tube (and know how to fit it) with you on the day. Bookings no later than Friday 11th April as I will be overseas on a school trip after this date. I will also need to know if you intend to have lunch at the Rail Trail cafe so I can make a booking.

04/05/2014 Bon Accord Spur Track Crossover Grade 4 (Medium-Hard) 12 Kms each way

Leader: Cindy Marsh

12 Kms each way

Leader: David G

Numbers limited to 10

Altitude gain approx 1700m . The Bon Accord Spur – commences in Harrierville and slowly climbs up to the Razorback, joining the ridge not far from Mt Hotham. The Bon accord Spur follows an old mining route that once went to Omeo, the track follows the ovens Rivers for 4 Kms the climbs steeply the final climb above the Bon Accord is very steep.

http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/313163/Park-note-Alpine-NP-Walks-around-Feathertop.pdf

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Note: The opportunity to camp overnight at Harrierville on the Saturday night after Deb's walk on Saturday May 3rd and join Cindy and David on Sunday. Contact Cindy if an overnight camp and tea at the pub appeals to you.

06/05/2014 Adventure Gear Albury highlighting the latest in outdoor gear and clothing and the Border Bushwalking Club AGM

The Border Bushwalking Club Night at 7:30pm

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS

The Annual General Meeting includes the election of members to form the new Committee and the presentation of Reports.

Prior to the AGM there will be an informative presentation by staff from Adventure Gear Albury highlighting the latest in outdoor gear and clothing that we can't do without if we are to enjoy all that the great outdoors has to offer!

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10/05/2014 - 11/05/2014 Cairn Creek Hut, Approx. 30km, max 8 walkers. Medium - Hard

Leader: Peter Smith-Allen

Situated at the junction of Cairn Creek and Big River, Cairn Creek Hut was built in 1952 and is one of the most remote Huts in the Park.

Saturday morning we will make our way up the Eskdale Spur to Tadgell Point, at this point we will leave the track. Heading down we will follow Horse Ridge then Granny Spur, off track towards Big River. (There are some steep sections as we near Big River). We will cross Big River to Cairn Creek Hut, where we will camp for the night. The following day we will make our way up the overgrown track to Quartz Ridge. (Some bush bashing will be required on the bottom section of this track). Upon meeting up with the Quartz Ridge track we will follow this up to West Peak, Hooker Plateau, Summit and then back down the Eskdale Spur to the cars.

10/05/2014 The Twins 10km/Medium Walk

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk is on the Alpine Walking Track near Mt Hotham. Short, but steep to the top. Up, down and around, this walk has amazing views and a dark past.

Grade 3 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.

17/05/2014 High Country Rail Trail Event - Whistle Stop Progressive High Tea - 24 kms on Rail Trail

Contact person: Cindy Marsh

As part of the North East High Country Harvest Festival, the Bonegilla Rail Trail Advisory Group, Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group and Parklands Albury Wodonga invite you to get on your bike as part of this progressive High Tea.

Start: 1.30pm at Huon Reserve, Murray Valley Highway, Huon (20 minutes drive east of Wodonga)

Distance: 24km return cycle from Huon Reserve over the Sandy Creek Inlet bridge to Tallangatta and return

Cost: Adults \$20, children \$10.

Refer to <http://highcountryrailtrail.org.au/> for information and bookings.

Bookings are essential

Contact Cindy if you need assistance with transporting bikes.

17/05/2014 The Tramway and Arboretum (Near Mount Beauty) 10 kms Grade (3) Medium

Leader: Carol Tonn

The Tramway is situated 9 kms from Mount Beauty on the Bogong High Plains Road. The first couple of kilometres is uphill on a fire trail then the terrain is flat but rough in parts along the Tramway with 2 scrambles below trestle bridges. We will end up with a walk through the Arboretum which once contained 17 homes for the men who worked on the Kiewa hydro scheme in the early 1940s before a short walk down the road back to the cars.

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.

18/05/2014 Mt Corner, Waterfall Creek and the Bungowannah Mine Grade 3 - 10 Kms

Leader: David Ross

Final date to book: by 8 pm Friday May 16

Following the wallaby track, we experience great views, with a steep hill up to start with, please bring own refreshments

25/05/2014 Sunday afternoon stroll - Sumison Gardens Circuit via Gateway Island Grade 1 Easy 10 kms

Leader: Cindy Marsh

A pleasant Sunday afternoon walking from Sumison Gardens in Wodonga, following the path to the Wodonga Creek, crossing over the new swing bridge and picking up the path again that follows the Murray River to the Gateway Island. We will stop and purchase coffee at the La Maison Café, before picking up the path again to walk back to Sumison Garden. Note: As we are walking on Footpaths, comfy shoes are required as well as water, snacks etc

31/05/2014 Falls Creek Trails: Walking on Water - Medium 17 km. Grade 3

Leader: Eileen Clark

This is a variation of a walk we did last autumn. Starting at Howmans Gap, we follow Route 24 past a couple of waterfalls to Ruined Castle, thence along McKay Road, looking down on Falls Creek, to Wombat's Ramble and the Walking on Water trail to Rocky Valley Dam for lunch. Return will be via the aqueduct to Falls Creek then the Packhorse Trail. Mainly up in the morning, down after lunch, but nothing too steep. Spectacular views along much of the way!

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.

08/06/2014 The Big Walk (return) Mt Buffalo - Grade 4 - Medium Hard Walk

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

Last day to book Wed: June 4th

This walk goes from the ranger's station at the bottom to the chalet at the top of the gorge and returns via the same track. It is a varied walk as you climb with great views and changing scenery and track conditions. It is all on track.

14/06/2014 [Mt Emu Grade 3- Medium -16km](#)

Grade 1

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk is adjacent to Mt Bogong and whilst we don't climb as high, the views over Mt Beauty at lunchtime are amazing. The walk follows Eskdale Spurr as it winds its way up to the launch pad for hang gliders

21/06/2014 The Hills of Nail Can 18km/Grade 3

Leader: Deb Kahn

Walk in our local backyard along some of the lesser known tracks and up some of the infrequently visited hills of Nail Can Hill. This walk all on wide well defined tracks will be full of great views across Murray River floodplain. This walk will have a picnic style shared lunch so please nominate what you would like to bring to share when booking in.

22/06/2014 High Country Rail Trail- Jarvis Creek Jaunt - Walk and Ride.

Website: <http://highcountryrailtrail.org.au/> This activity, organized by the High Country Rail Trail, is included for your information and enjoyment, but is not covered by BBC Insurance Policy. Refer to the highcountryrailtrail.org.au website for more information.

22/06/2014 Wodonga to Barnawartha Along the Black Range. - Exploratory Walk - 20km/Grade 5,-

Leader: Paul Schirmer

Be prepared for some spectacular views as we wander along the ridges of the hills that run between Wodonga and Barnawartha. From various spots along the way we will have views to Tabletop, Corowa, Mt Pilot, Mt Bogong and possibly Mt Kosciuszko. At this time of the year there will be snow on the High Plains making the views even more impressive. I have listed this walk as exploratory because I haven't done it before and therefore don't know the terrain. There are no tracks but most of the walk will be through open farmland. According to the map there will be some steep climbs and descents. If all goes well we could have coffee and cake in Barnawartha or if we time it right a counter tea at the pub.

01/07/2014 Border Bushwalking Club Night - incorporating the AGM

General Monthly Meeting :

Speaker: cross-country skiing with Peter Cranage of Snow Trek and Travel (formerly Snowgum) attending to details, with gear and tips to enjoy the Alpine area in snow.

followed by the

AGM -The Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012 requires financial statements to be submitted in a fuller form than that previously to members of the Club. These are now presented and will be tabled for approval by members at an adjourned AGM on Tuesday, 1 July 2014, for which notice has already been given.

The Border Bushwalking Club Nights are regularly held on the first Tuesday of the month (except in December and January) at 7:30pm. The room is opened half an hour before the start so that members may socialise.

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Border Bushwalking Club Inc

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Warwick McLachlan

President – Border Bushwalking Club

05/07/2014 Baranduda Loop - 15 Km Walk - Grade 3

Grade 3

Leader: Deb Kahn

This is a great walk for this time of the year . An altitude gain of around 500m (on both sides of the hill) will certainly warm you. Spectacular views over the local area.

05/07/2014 Mt Buffalo Snow Shoe

Grade 2

Ron Hammond

Leader: Ron Hammond

An easy snow shoe out to Dickson's Falls, then up to the Horn car park suitable for beginners so come and have a go.

05/07/2014 Woolshed Falls to Beechworth Returning via the Gorge Road - Grade 3 - 15 Km Walk

Leader: Janet Buckton

Co- Leader: Cindy Marsh

This popular walk combines easy tracks to walk on, great views, waterfalls, and of course the Lolly or Ice-Cream shop in Beechworth for the young at heart; that's all of us! We start the walk from Woolshed Falls and follow the track into Beechworth, passing the Beechworth Powder Magazine on the way. The return trip is via the Beechworth Gorge which meets the track back to Woolshed Falls.

12/07/2014 Baranduda Range - Grade 4 - 26 Km Walk

Bernadette Cromarty

This walk will take us from Ridge Lane along the Baranduda Ridge to Boiler track. We will walk down Boiler track and along and up Kennys track to rejoin the ridge. There are some steep climbs in this walk but all are on good tracks.

19/07/2014 Mt Emu - Grade 3- Medium Walk-16km

Grade 1

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk is adjacent to Mt Bogong and whilst we don't climb as high, the views over Mt Beauty at lunchtime are amazing. The walk follows Eskdale Spurr as it winds its way up to the launch pad for hang gliders

20/07/2014 Sunday Afternoon Stroll - Easy Walk 10 Km - Grade 1

Grade 1

Leader: Cindy Marsh

We start this stroll at Belvoir Park (Sumsion Gardens), following the walking/bike path through Willow Park,

winding our way to the Wodonga Plant Farm, for a cuppa and chat. Whereby, we will return to Assumption Gardens, via Beechworth Road, picking up the Willow Park track at Pearce Street.

26/07/2014 Three Bright Hills - Grade 3 - Medium Walk

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This walk incorporates three short walks up and down hills that give different views of Bright: Apex Lookout, Valley View Walk and Huggins lookout. The first two can be done as circuits by grunting up the fire trail and descending down the track. The last is out and return. These steep hills are linked by the canyon walk, rail trail (flat), a bit of road and Bakers Gully Reservoirs (slightly hilly). In all its about 17 kms and a good way to keep fit.

02/08/2014 - 10/08/2014 Heysen Trail, Flinders Ranges

Grade 4

Bill Krautz

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Four days walking on Heysen Trail from Yanyanna Hut to Hawker. Walk takes in Heysen Range, ABC Range, Wilpena Pound, Wilpena Range, Red Range, Elder Range and the Wide Range. The area is world famous for its magnificent geology and stunning scenery.

03/08/2014 Thurgoona Explorers' Walk

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

We will follow the Hume and Hovell track from the Riverina Highway north to the vicinity of Charles Sturt University, loop around Thurgoona and back to the start. Some exploration of our own will be required because I haven't done quite all the walk before. Mainly on tracks but with a little bitumen bashing as well. Total length about 12 km.

09/08/2014 Flagstaff Range - Grade 3 - 19km Walk

Leader: Deb Kahn

This walk all on 4WD track, is just out of Beechworth in the Stanley State Forest. The first 8km are uphill and then its gentle undulations through regrowth areas burnt in the fires to our lunch spot. Murrumbidgee Lookout just after lunch gives us great views over the remnants of a glacial impacts that occurred millennia ago. A picnic style lunch is traditional for this walk so please nominate what you would like to bring when booking. Car shuffle required.

10/08/2014 Reform Hill and Ovens River Loop - Myrtleford

Grade 2

Pauline McLaughlin

Reform Hill takes its name from a rich gold-bearing quartz ridge discovered in 1854. The short walk of about 5kms on the hill on the outskirts of Myrtleford leads to a lookout where there are views over the surrounding countryside. We'll stop here for morning tea after we've taken a detour to the tower higher up the hill. From there we'll follow an alternate track to complete a circuit. The walk involves a gentle uphill climb with interpretive signs about the history of the area and seats along the way. From there we'll go to the Butter Factory for lunch and walk lunch off by following the Ovens River Loop of 5.6km. This walk is flat so no effort is required. It follows the Ovens River closely and passes through native bush. Bookings required so that I can book for lunch.

15/08/2014 - 17/08/2014 Howman's Gap Weekend - As easy or hard as you choose

Grade 1

Leader: Sue Cardwell

Come and have a great 3 day weekend – skiing (downhill or cross country), snow shoeing, walking in the snow or lazing around the fire & reading. Accommodation is the at YMCA Howman's Gap Alpine Centre just near the entry gate to Falls Creek. The trails will be groomed for the Hoppet the following weekend.

Accommodation – 2 – 7 bunk bedrooms, single & communal bathrooms & disabled facilities. All meals included from Friday night dinner to Sunday packed lunch. BYO bed linen/sleeping bag, towel. & wine & nibbles for around the fire pre-dinner. Blankets & pillows supplied. Large drying rooms & guest fridge available.

Cost \$299 for 2 nights & 6 meals. Please ring Sue BY 1ST JULY to confirm our club booking & to organise transport & times. Choice of travel departures Friday morning or Friday evening depending on drivers

16/08/2014 Nail Can Hill 26km (or 13km) Grade 3/4

Grade 4

David G

This walk will commence at Jindera Gap and follow Bakes and Ridge trail to the Botanic Gardens where we will have lunch and then return to the Gap. The walk is undulating on good track (apart from a little paddock meander at the beginning) but with a few steep climbs. The ratings are based on the differences in distance. For those who would like the easy option there is the possibility of having a morning walk one way.

17/08/2014 Chiltern forest - 11kms - Grade 2 Medium

Grade 2

Ira Robinson

We will be walking in the Chiltern forest south of the freeway.

There will be gentle ups and down along parts of various vehicle tracks, a short section of the White Box walk and a very small part where there is no track at all.

Birds, dams, old gold mining remains and the early spring wildflowers are there to be enjoyed.

All up about 11kms.

23/08/2014 Mt Welcome Circuit, Mitta Grade 4

Grade 4

Bernadette Cromarty

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

This walk is a circuit walk near Mitta, combining a few sections from the Walking Tracks of Mitta Miita brochure:

<http://www.mitta.com.au/mittawalking.html> After completing the Deep gully section we begin a long climb of 625m up Mt Welcome on a steep, footpad. Whilst the summit is underwhelming, the views on the way are worth it; and rests will be needed and taken. At the top we meet a 4wd tack that takes us down to a superb lunch spot with great views of Mitta and the valley. When we reach the bottom there are a few kms of road walking before we link into our final sector, the River Walk. In all it's around 16km of varied walking.

02/09/2014 Club night - Tuesday 2nd September at 7:30pm

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SEPTEMBER's club night will feature a short film – 5 Aussies on their Bicycles – Riding the Road of Bones in Siberia.

In August 2013, 5 locals mountain biked 1500k on this infamous road through mud, snow, ice, over mountain passes and learnt of the tragic past along this gulag road.

Come along to watch the film and have a chat with Leigh, Ro, Hugh, Dave, and Jason.

05/09/2014 - 07/09/2014 Wagga Walking Weekend

Grade 4

Bernadette Cromarty

This weekend includes the Wiradjuri Walking Track on Saturday and The Rock on Sunday. The Wiradjuri track is a track that goes around Wagga taking in a number of points of interest. There is a lot of flat walking with some gentle undulations and a few hills. It is 34+ km and a good chance to test out your endurance as there are a number of points where you can pull out if needed. The Rock can be completed on the return trip and is a much shorter but steeper 7km walk. The views from the top are worth the climb.

There is limited bed, floor and tent space available for Friday and Saturday night so early booking is suggested. Please phone after 5pm to book in.

This walk is rated at level 4 only because of the distance. The walking is all on track and not difficult apart from the distance.

http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au_data/assets/pdf_file.../Wiradjuri_track_final.pdf

<http://bushwalkingnsw.com/park.php?nid=163>

07/09/2014 Snow shoe - Falls creek - Grade 3/4 Medium-Hard

Grade 4

Ron Hammond

We'll walk up to Ropers Lookout for views over Falls Creek Village, then wander through the snow gums over Heathy Spur for lunch.

07/09/2014 The Rock - grade 3

Grade 3

Bernadette Cromarty

The Rock is a short but steep 7km beginning at the nature reserve just outside of the township of The Rock. Those who are walking in Wagga on the day before plan to complete this walk on the Sunday morning and have a picnic lunch at the end of the walk. All are welcome to join us for the morning.

bushwalkingsw.com/walk.php?nid=715

14/09/2014 Mt Beauty Moncrieff Fire Trail

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

The Moncrieff Gap Fire Trail starts near the Mountain Creek Picnic Area in Tawonga and winds round the base of Mt Little Bogong into Mt Beauty, with quite a few ups and downs on the way. There are some views up to the peaks. The walk finishes with a paddle across the East branch of the Kiewa River. Length about 12 km, short car shuffle needed.

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.

20/09/2014 Chiltern Mt-Pilot National Park. Approx. 10 kms. 20 September Grade 1 Easy

Grade 1

Denise Smith

A walk in the northern section of the park, Wallaces Gully Track. The track is undulating . It's interesting to note as you walk through where different types of plants seem to settle in and give their best. The wildflowers should be excellent at this time. This area seems to have a quite vocal population of birds. Morning tea will be enjoyed along the way, lunch will be at Donchi Picnic Area a short drive from the end of our walk. BYO sausages and bread if desired – I will bring wood for anyone who might need a fire at the fireplace provided by Parks Vic.

21/09/2014 Sunday afternoon on Mahers Hill

Grade 1

Leader: Cindy Marsh

Final date to book: Thursday September 18th

This walk starts on Lee Lane, off Mahers Road, Bonegilla and winds its way along the eastern face of the hill, where the track is considered steep, before completing a loop on the western side of the hill. This sections provides magnificent views of Huon Hill, Kiewa Valley, Hume Dam and the Baranduda Range.

27/09/2014 Mt Beauty circuit

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

Explore the hills around Mt Beauty, including an ascent of Mt Beauty itself. Good views, perhaps with a dusting of snow on the high peaks. There's not much 'flat' on this walk, but the gradients are not too challenging and we have all day. Early wildflowers should be out. About 14 km.

27/09/2014 - 28/09/2014 Wabonga Plateau

Grade 4

Bill Krautz

Between Myrtelford and Wangaratta. (Upper RoseRivere).

Friday after work drive to Typo Homestead which has accommodation.

Saturday morning walk from The Bennies along an old fire trail up to Stockyard Creek trail. From the "Cherry

Tree" descend through the bush and an old bridle track to Top Hut on the King River. Camp in tents . Sunday morning, after some fishing return the same way.

28/09/2014 Livingston National Park

Grade 4

Bernadette Cromarty

This walk is a 25km circuit of the whole park, located near Mangoplah. Whilst there are no big views, the surroundings are very pleasant and, hopefully, the wildflowers will be lovely at this time. The walk is undulating, that is to say lots of up and down.

www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/livingston-national-park

04/10/2014 Falls Creek Mt Nelse

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

We will go up Heathy Spur and steadily ascend the Big River Fire Trail to visit the summit of Mt Nelse before dropping down to Edmonsons Hut, nestled among snow gums. Return by the same route. The walk is nearly all on track, some climbing involved but not too steep, about 14 km in all. It's early in the season so be prepared for possible cold weather and snow patches. Route/destination might be altered if there's lots of snow up there.

05/10/2014 Everton to Beechworth and Return Bike Ride 30kms

Ian Trevaskis

Grading: Challenging

This ride will commence at the former railway station at Everton at 10:00am where riders should met by 9:45am. The ride is mainly all uphill to Beechworth on a sealed rail trail, but the bonus is that it's all downhill back to Everton! Lunch in Beechworth at one of the many cafes or grab a pie from the bakery. If we feel up to it we might do the town loop (9.5kms) before returning to Everton. Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), a water bottle and sunscreen.

More info at www.murraytomountains.com.au

05/10/2014 Nail can Hill Weed-a- Rama

Grade 1

Friends of Nail Can Hill

Come and join Friends of Nail Can Hill for their 1st activity. Starting at Pemberton Street entrance to Nail Can Hill near Water tank this will be socialising and weed removal with Jan Mitchell, Albury Council Noxious Weeds officer followed by barbecue lunch at 12Noon.

RSVP is essential to tim@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au for catering purposes if staying for BBQ.

Bring gloves and covered shoes.

07/10/2014 BBC Club Night - Koetong Trestle Bridges

David Saxton will give a presentation on the Koetong Trestle Bridges on the High Country Rail Trail.

The official opening of the trestle bridges is on 19th October and would be delighted to have Border Bushwalking Club members join us.

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Visitors are always welcome at Club Nights.

08/10/2014 Canoeing Every Wednesday After Work

Sasho Dillow

This canoeing event will be held every Wednesday

Come and paddle with us from the Donkey Farm down to Noriuel Park . This will be the first after work canoeing trip for the summer 2014-2015 .The cost will be \$12 covers canoe hire and transport . We will meet at the Cumberoona Wharf at Noriuel Park at 5:30 pm . Bring a change of clothes and let me know if you want to join us for the BBQ at \$3 cost . Bring your own cutlery, plate and salad to share .The activity is suitable for

experience and not inexperienced paddlers. The expected finish time for the canoe trip is approx. 7.30, followed by a BBQ finishing around 8.30.

08/10/2014 Full Moon Walk Maher's Hill Bonegilla - Total Lunar Eclipse

Grade 3

Cindy Marsh

Join me for a midweek walk on Wednesday 8 October, Maher's Hill, Bonegilla to experience the Total Lunar Eclipse (Refer to <http://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/australia/albury>) The first of the many stages will start just after 7.00. So bring a picnic tea to share with others, a camera, a torch and a sense of wonder and experience a full moon walk with the added bonus of a total lunar eclipse. (wine is appropriate for the occasion)

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.

09/10/2014 - 19/10/2014 Tallangatta Tall Trestle Ride incorporating the opening of the Koetong Bridge

Closing date for booking 9 October 2014

Event date 19 October 2014

Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group Incorporated

...will 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 lunch – all included for \$80

Ride Highlights

Corryong to Colac Colac: 6 kms of cruisy flat riding Shelley station site to Koetong Pub: 8 kms easy downhill riding through magnificent forest Koetong station site 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

Help spread the word

Plus the Official Opening of the Koetong Trestle Bridge:

Unable to participate in the full tall trestle treadle experience? Join us for the celebrations, check out the restored trestle bridges and appreciate the restoration volunteer team's craftsmanship.

Official speeches and opening ceremony from midday

Local produce lunch for \$25 courtesy Koetong Pub. RSVP by Tuesday 14 October. BYO chair and hat.

Bookings essential. Refer to the website

www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au/news/events

11/10/2014 Saturday Afternoon Stroll - Kling Hill 10 kms

Grade 2

Cindy Marsh

Kling Hill is a part of a track, under development, that starts at the ridge line of McFarland Hill, walking part of McDonald Hill, Wodonga and descends toward the Swainsona Reserve. I loosely use the word track. The views are great; the walk is about 10 km and an achievable Sunday afternoon stroll in the hills that overlook Wodonga.

12/10/2014 Young's Hut day walk portage

Grade 3

Ron Hammond

Next week we have the BIG working bee to fix the weatherboards

On this day walk we will carry out a few tools and check on materials taken out over winter. Needed a small ladder 5-6 foot or 2 meters either left at Young's or brought back when job finished.

17/10/2014 - 19/10/2014 Young's Hut working bee

Grade 3

Ron Hammond

The Border Bushwalking Club is committed to the upkeep and maintenance of Young's Hut. The working bee for Young's Hut is scheduled for this weekend.

Calling all carpenters/builders/and handymen (and women). Your help is needed to replace over half the weatherboards on Young's Hut. Leaving Friday afternoon so we can have two full days at Young's or longer if you have the time. This is a major project to ensure the Huts future. The boards have been transported by skidoo over winter so no carrying out this time, Yes I no your disappointed !. Our Club has been maintaining Young's Hut for 30 years, it's 8 klm south of Pretty Valley Falls Creek

An update:

A few points for those considering supporting this event;

- We'll need to transport in a bit of gear including a ladder, 2 x aluminium scaffold platforms (saw horses on steroids), Timber corner stops, Permishield insulation roll (sisal on steroids!), flashing rolls, spirit levels, battery tools (lots of batteries), stapler, various hand tools, spirit levels, chalk lines
- I'm still hopeful of driving out Cope Saddle Hut Track to the Aqueduct track but that remains in PV's court. All depends on the snow assessment
- To assist with the carry out, I'm contemplating using a bag trolley or two but much depends on the route
- There will be a bit to do I think, demolition and preparing the walls, insulating and sealing, fitting flashings and weatherboard stops, fitting the weatherboards and cleaning up the debris.
- Minimum personal gear should include a tape measure and pencil!

For information on this event contact Ron Hammond

18/10/2014 Falls Creek Youngs Hut

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

This is a day walk to give assistance and encouragement to Ron and his crew on the working bee. We'll walk in from Pretty Valley and get some splendid views before dropping down to the hut, nestled among the snow gums. Parts of the walk are very exposed so be prepared for all weathers.

18/10/2014 Myrtleford to Bright Bike Ride 60kms

Ian Trevaskis

Grading: Long but Easy Ride

This is an easy ride on a flat, sealed rail trail. We will meet at the back of the Coles Supermarket in Myrtleford, opposite the supermarket carpark at 9:45am for a 10:00am start. The ride passes open farmlands, hop fields, wineries and Mt Buffalo looms on the nearby horizon. Once in Bright riders can chose a number of options for lunch before we ride back to Myrtleford.

Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), a water bottle and sunscreen.

More info at www.murraytomountains.com.au

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25/10/2014 Everton to Myrtleford Bike Ride 55kms

Ian Trevaskis

This ride is mostly flat, with a bit of a climb over Taylor's Gap near Gapsted. We will meet at the former Everton railway station at 9:45am for a 10:00am start. There are a couple of cafes in Myrtleford that serve tasty lunches.

Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), a water bottle and sunscreen.

More info at www.murraytomountains.com.au

26/10/2014 White Box Walk - Chiltern

Grade 2

Pauline McLaughlin

The 8.5 km track in the Chiltern National Park follows interpretive signs through native bush where wildflowers are abundant in spring. There are a couple of sections with gentles rises.

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.

01/11/2014 - 02/11/2014 Mammal survey weekend Shelley Forest camp – 1 & 2 November

During the Melbourne Cup long weekend the Mammal Survey Group of Victoria will be visiting the northeast to study the distribution and occurrence of mammals in the Shelley area, and the Friends group is inviting all members of the public to participate in a weekend of activities around their visit.

The weekend will be based at Shelley Forest camp and is hosted by The Friends of Murray Mountain Parks with support from the Country Action Grant Scheme. Planned activities include presentations by the Mammal Survey Group and Parks Victoria, short walks including a frog identification walk and evening spotlight walks. There will be a barbecue, and also camping options for visitors who wish to attend both days.

Make a note in your diary.

Call Andrew Kingerlee

Friends of Murray Mountain Parks Inc

01/11/2014 The Big Walk (return) Mt Buffalo – Grade 4 – 23 Km

Grade 4

Cindy Marsh

Bushwalking Event

This walk starts from the ranger's station at the bottom to the chalet at the top of the gorge and returns via the same track. It is a varied walk as you climb with great views and changing scenery and track conditions. It is all on track.

Grade 4: 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.

04/11/2014 Border Bushwalking Club - Pizza Night - 7 pm

Warwick McLachlan

Yes fellow walkers, you read right. It's an informal pizza night. You are invited to send Warwick McLachlan up to 3 hiking photos that you would like to share and even talk about. Pizza, wine and soft drinks supplied. If you like to bring something extra to share, that's fine too.

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Where : Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, Civic Centre Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga (Havelock Street end of car park)

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

08/11/2014 - 09/11/2014 Wheelers Hut, North Snowy Mountains

Grade 3

Warwick McLachlan

One of the classic overnight circuit walks the Club has done many times over the years . Commencing from Tooma dam on Saturday morning, down the Dargals Fire Trail about 12 km, crossing the Tooma River to camp at Wheelers hut on Saturday night. Sunday is a good climb onto the Snakey Plain Fire Trail a short 8 km back to the Khancoban – Cabramurra road for a short car shuffle. An excellent Spring walk suitable for less experienced overnight walkers.

16/11/2014 A WALK FROM PRETTY VALLEY

Grade 4

Bernadette Cromarty

This walk will start at Pretty Valley Pondage and walk along the Fainter Fire Track to Tawonga Huts. After a morning tea break at the huts we will walk back to pole 333 and up Mt Jim. From here we will head down to Weston Hut and back to 333. We will then go cross country for a short while heading back to Fainter Trail and our waiting cars. Most of the walk is fairly flat with a few short steep pinches. The walk is about 22km in length.

22/11/2014 Hotham to Falls cross-over walk Grade 3/4

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

This walk is a great way to see the high plains. One group will start at each end and follow a clearly defined and well maintained track that meanders, ascends, descends and fords a river. You'll see Swindlers Spurr, Basalt Temple, Dibbens and Derricks Huts, the Cobungra Gap, the mighty Cobungra River and views that stretch for kilometres.

Participants may provide a preference to walk Falls Creek to Hotham or vice versa.

23/11/2014 [Beechworth](#)

Grade 2

Bill Krautz

Walk along an old mining water race, located on the "Murmungee Rim".

Takes in the history and scenery of the area. Leaving Beechworth Post Office at 9am

30/11/2014 BBC - Everton to Myrtleford Bike Ride 55kms

Ian Trevaskis

This ride didn't happen in October so I'm offering it again.

The ride is mostly flat, with a bit of a climb over Taylor's Gap near Gapsted. We will meet at the former Everton railway station at 9:45am for a 10:00am start. There are a couple of cafes in Myrtleford that serve tasty lunches.

Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), a water bottle and sunscreen. More info at www.murraytomountains.com.au

Note: If forecast is for hot weather the ride will not go ahead.

02/12/2014 BBC Christmas Party Wonga Wetlands Walk Easy Stroll

Grade 1

Alison Wellard

Come for a pleasant stroll around the Wetlands to build up an appetite before the Border Bushwalking Club Christmas BBQ. The bird life at dusk is a sight to see. You might like to bring your binoculars.

02/12/2014 Border Bushwalking Christmas Party at Wonga Wetlands, Albury

Wonga Wetlands Albury, 237 Riverina Hwy New South Wales

Members need to notify their attendance by RSVP –by Thursday 27th November to Ira Robinson

Time: 6.00 to 6.30pm

Members with surnames beginning A to M please bring a salad to share.

Those with surnames beginning N to Z please bring a dessert or fruit platter to share.

Gluten free salad and dessert are very welcome.

Everyone to bring their own drinks, plates, cutlery, glasses, chairs and insect repellent.

Nibbles, meat, veggie burgers, sauce, bread, tea and coffee are provided.

Please indicate if you are vegetarian or have other special dietary requirements when notifying of your attendance.

Enjoy a walk around the wetlands to view the bird life before the BBQ. (refer to the BBC website)

The Committee wishes all Border Bushwalking Club members a very happy and safe festive season and a New Year full of fun and enjoyment in the great outdoors.

06/12/2014 - 07/12/2014 [Overnight to Fainters](#)

Grade 4

Louise Evans

On track from Pretty Valley Pondage via Tawonga Huts to campsite near the Fainters. Off track to explore the Fainters. Distance to campsite and return 20km. Extra few kms exploratory. Views and wildflowers.

09/12/2014 Canoeing Every After Work

Sasho Dillow

This canoeing event will be held on Tuesday. Next week canoeing event will return to the usually date of Wednesday

minimum of 6 canoeist for this event to go ahead

Come and paddle with us from the Donkey Farm down to Noriuel Park . This will be the first after work canoeing trip for the summer 2014-2015 .The cost will be \$12 covers canoe hire and transport . We will meet at the Cumberoona Wharf at Noriuel Park at 5:30 pm . Bring a change of clothes and let me know if you want to join us for the BBQ at \$3 cost . Bring your own cutlery, plate and salad to share .The activity is suitable for experience and not inexperience paddlers. The expected finish time for the canoe trip is approx. 7.30, followed by a BBQ finishing around 8.30

13/12/2014 - 14/12/2014 Mt Buffalo, Buffalo River side

Grade 5

Paul Schirmer

Grade 5, Exploratory

We will leave Wodonga on Saturday afternoon and stay on a property in the Buffalo River Valley so we can get an early start on Sunday morning. Our destination is a cave in a rock that can be seen from the Buffalo River road. This is all bush bashing and there is no guarantee that we will reach it. A local and his wife are going with us as guides as they have been there a couple of times. There are some beds available. There is a \$15.00 cost if you want to use them or we can pitch our tents on the lawn.

13/12/2014 THE HUTS WALK

Grade 3

Bernadette Cromarty

This 21km walk is on Mt Hotham and takes in the Silver Brumby Hut (2006/2007), Spargo Hut (1927/1928) and Derrick's Hut (1967). There is a small amount of road walking but the majority is in well formed tracks including parts of the Cobungra ditch, Golden Point Spur, Australian Alps track and machinery spur.

www.mthotham.com.au/.../bushwalking.../Track_Notes_-_Huts_Walk2.pdf

17/12/2014 Last chance to join the Wednesday Evening Canoe Activity for 2014

This event will be taking a break over Christmas. The last canoe event for 2014 will be on Wednesday

17/12/14 and will resume on Wednesday 14/01/15 .

minimum of 6 canoeist for this event to go ahead

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20/12/2014 Everton to Beechworth and Return Bike Ride 30kms

Ian Trevaskis

Grading: Challenging

This ride will commence at the former railway station at Everton at 10:00am where riders should meet by 9:45am. The ride is mainly all uphill to Beechworth on a sealed rail trail, but the bonus is that it's all downhill back to Everton! Lunch in Beechworth at one of the many cafes or grab a pie from the bakery. If we feel up to it we might do the town loop (9.5kms) before returning to Everton. Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), water bottle and sunscreen.

More info at www.murraytomountains.com.au

Please note: This ride will NOT go ahead if hot weather is forecast for the day of the event.

27/12/2014 - 28/12/2014 BBC Overnighter to Cleve Cole hut (Mt Bogong) - 20km+ Grade 4 medium-hard

Grade 4

David G

We will start walking from the mountain creek campground early Saturday and take it slow up the staircase, stopping for morning tea and lunch wherever we are when it reaches that time.

After a pause to look at the scenery from the Bogong summit cairn, we'll continue on to Cleve Cole hut and set up camp.

The next morning we can decide whether to return by either the staircase or Eskdale spur.

The whole walk is on track, but the ascent up Bogong is quite steep and will be slowed by the summer heat and our full packs. This will also be the first time I've been from the summit out to Cleve Cole.

Accordingly, I'm restricting this walk to current club members who have done Bogong previously.

Bookings – my phone has unfortunately had an aquatic incident this past week, so please email me.

I'll email you back with confirmation and times.

29/12/2014 Christmas Dinner shakedown

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

This will be an evening walk on Nail Can Hill to work off those Christmas dinner excesses. Starting at Centaur Road, we'll head north up Bakes Trail to the highest point, take a short refreshment break while we enjoy the view, then head back to the cars. The walk is about 8 km in all, on tracks and with a bit of a climb on the outward journey. Bring a head torch if you have one, just in case.

30/12/2014 Along The Hume and Hovell Track -Noriuel Park to Thurgoona 18km

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

This walk will mostly follow the Hume and Hovell Walking track route. Mostly flat with a few steep pinches for variety, we will weave our way via Eastern Hill, and Mungabareena.

Burnt Boot Award

dropbear

It seems the Burnt Boot Award is not well-known by the new club members. We are presently trying to find the object itself but in the meantime here is a excerpt from our 25th anniversary booklet as to its origins:

"It's been some years since this was awarded for the gnarliest, most dysfunctional, heroically stupid trip of the year.

Some leaders accepted the award as a badge of honour but some would absent themselves from the handover ceremony and needed to have it thrust upon them later on. It is fitting to record its germination. In the first three years of the club's life, misadventure and idiocy went unrewarded until.....

In 1991 about 8 of us started from Howitt Hut with full packs for a weekend trip up Queen's Spur to Macalister Springs and Mount Howitt. The day was rainy, visibility lousy, the navigation appalling and East became West and late Saturday afternoon quite by accident we arrived back at the cars at Howitt Hut. Having carried full packs up to 1700 metres elevation and back down again in a day, liquid compensation was sought and drunkenness shortly ensued. We were young. Dorothy Reidy left her boots on the mantelpiece in the Hut to dry but an errant elbow, a passing rat, an earth tremor or simply God's punishment displaced one of the boots into the fireplace hearth where the magic of heat and an inebriated inattentive owner turned it into the work of molten art that is now attached to the mulga wood that Bill Krautz crafted into the Burnt Boot Award.

Over the years there have been many BBC walks and ski trips that make bushwalkers from other clubs turn their heads away in shame. Better education, greying hair, the thought of loved ones,

mobile phones and emergency beacons have conspired to make walks more predictable, retrievable and arguably more boring.

So the Award gathers dust waiting for the next time the “stupid” gene is let out of a leader’s walk bottle to dance the landscape prettily and at year’s end be rewarded with the gift of the Burnt Boot.”

Club member of the year - Ian Trevaskis

2014 Christmas BBQ

CHRISTMAS BBQ.



Ian Trevaskis. Our very worthy Club Member of the Year.



2015

03/01/2015 - 04/01/2015 Almost full moon on Feathertop!

Grade 4

Bernadette Cromarty

This walk up Mt Feathertop has become an annual event each Summer. This year we are walking up the day before the full moon to take advantage of the weekend. The walk starts at Harrietville and ascends via the Bungalow Spur track. We walk to Federation Hut where we set up camp and eat our dinner. After that we walk up Feathertop for the magnificent 360 degree views and to watch the sunset. Hopefully the fullest moon will then guide us back to our waiting tents. After a leisurely pack up on the Sunday we walk back down the spur to the ice-cream shop!

10/01/2015 Lake Hume Cycle Challenge 2015

Saturday, 21 February 2015

Noreuil Park

South Albury, NSW 3691

Australia

Email: lakeride@bigpond.net.au

Booking open 10 January 2015

Website: www.lakehumecyclechallenge.com.au

14/01/2015 Albury - Nail Can Hills 15km

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

An early start will allow us to enjoy the delights Nail Can Hill has to offer. This walk is all on well defined tracks, with a few hills thrown in for good measure.

17/01/2015 - 18/01/2015 Falls Creek bike ride

Grade 3

Warwick McLachlan

The idea is to mountain bike tour in the Falls Creek area on Saturday firstly towards Timms Lookout, then return to camp about 200 m from the cars in a spot off the High Plains road near Cope Hut, and then on Sunday a cycle along the Aqueduct system south of the High Plains road with a sidetrip to Wallaces. Timms may be an ask but touring the tracks round the Village may be an easier option for the party mix. Main thing is a weekend on bikes in the cool of the High Plains. Doubtful for hybrids.

17/01/2015 - 18/01/2015 Federation Hut overnight

Grade 4

Bernadette Cromarty

The almost full moon walk of Jan 3/4 had to be cancelled due to extreme weather predictions (and I'm glad I wasn't there for the 95km winds). I can't manage a full moon for this weekend but thought I'd have a talk to the weather Gods and try again. We will walk up to Federation hut via Bungalow Spur and plan our ascent of Feathertop in the evening or the following morning depending on weather and the inclinations of the group. On the Sunday we will head back down to the ice-cream shop/ coffee in Harrietville.

22/01/2015 - 26/01/2015 Pilot, Cobberas, Wilderness walk.

Grade 5

Peter Smith-Allen

Day 1. Thursday 22nd January

In the evening we will drive over to the big River and car camp along it, at either the Joker camp ground or Anglers Rest camp ground.

Day 2. Friday 23rd January. Approx. 20Km (including side trip)

Early morning we will drive to the locked gate, at the start of the Piolet Cobberas Wilderness area and leave the cars. We will walk up the track to Cowombat Flat and make camp. In the evening we will do a short walk to the source of the Murray River and Forest Hill cairn and return back to camp.

Day 3 Saturday 24th January. Approx. 20km

Today we will walk north up Cowombat flat track to Marble creek. Here we will go off track following the spur of Mt Pilot to the summit, 1829m. From here we will descend in a north-easterly direction following the valley until we once again reach the Cowombat Flat walking track. We will continue on track for a short distance and make camp at Tin Mine huts, in the Ingeegoodbee River Valley.

Day 4 Sunday 25th January. Approx. 20Km

We leave camp early in the morning, following the Cowombat Flat track back to Cowombat Flat. We will then leave the track and follow a ridge just east of Mountain Trout Creek to a clearing below Mt Cobberas No 2, where we will camp for the night.

Day 5 Monday 26th January. Approx. 15 Km

Early morning we will follow the ridge up to the summit of Mt Cobberas No 2, 1725m. From here we will descend into the valley and follow a small creek west back to Cowombat Flat track and the cars.

31/01/2015 Youngs Hut

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

The walk out to Youngs Hut makes you feel as though you are on top of the world. Starting at Pretty Valley car park we will make our way to Pole 333 for morning tea. Then we follow the snow poles to the hut that BBC like to call theirs, thanks to the tireless efforts of Ron Hammond. Lunch and relaxing around the picturesque hut will be followed by the return walk.

03/02/2015 Club Night- Canoeing

CLUB NIGHT

Tuesday February 3rd

7:30 pm.

Our guest speaker this month is Dave Breeden, "The Canoe Guy".

Dave will be speaking on all things canoe and kayak related from safety issues to the variety of options available to the keen or novice paddler be it short or overnight ventures.

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07/02/2015 Bungalow Spur

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

If you missed last month's walk up Bungalow Spur, here is your chance to do it. Starting from just out of Harrierville we will climb up to Federation Hut. This will be our base from which you can decide which of the Feathertops you would like to summit – the tall one or little Feathertop. A visit to the memorial cairn is another option as is staying at the hut and chilling out.

07/02/2015 Tour de Rocks (and Pool) - Mt Buffalo

Grade 2

Warwick McLachlan

A series of short walks of between 1k and 2.5 k to visit 4 of the rock formations on Mt Buffalo followed by an optional dip in Lake Catani or the Ladies Bath, depending on inclination and heat. 1st up is Challwell Galleries in anticlockwise direction. This involves sidling up through the cleft which previously was difficult but Parks have reinstalled a ladder, walkers, for the use of. Next is Old Galleries, a quite beautiful rock formation with no scrambling. We will have lunch somewhere near Mahomet's Tomb and Corral peak which is the 3rd set of rocks and combine a side trip to the Sentinel and a view to the Castle. Finally up the staircase to the Hump with unarguably the best views of the Buffalo Plateau. Absolutely essential to wear gardening gloves or similar – the rock is very abrasive on hands. Long trousers that you don't care for could also be useful.

14/02/2015 Blue Rag Range 16kms approx

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

This walk starts from a car park on the Dargo High Plains Road. Whilst it is all on 4WD track it is one of the most spectacular ridgeline walks in Victoria. Unfortunately its exposed location means that the last few years it has been cancelled. So fingers crossed this year will be different.

21/02/2015 The Razorback 22kms

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

This iconic walk has it all; elevation, distance, views, exposure to the elements, snakes, huts and more. There will be an option to summit Mt Feathertop or laze in the grass; the choice will be yours to make.

21/02/2015 - 22/02/2015 West Peak via Granite Spur and Michelle Hut

Grade 4

Dick Wellard

The vision splendid is to Back Pack to Michelle Hut from Granite Spur car park (aprox 2km), drop packs and proceed to West Peak via Mt Bogong,(aprox 10 km return).

We plan to camp overnight at Michelle Hut, allowing the walk to West Peak to take place either PM Sat or AM Sun, depending on weather/time.

The possibility exists to return from Michelle Hut to Mountain Creek car park via the Staircase for all but the drivers.

Access to Granite Spur car park is limited to 4 wheel drive vehicles, hence the number of participants will be limited to the availability of such vehicles. At the time of writing, only one extra passenger spot is available.

27/02/2015 - 02/03/2015 Main Range Walk, Kosciuszko National Park

Grade 4

Ron Hammond

Leaving Friday afternoon for Geehi camp ground, where we will camp the night.

Sat morning, travel to Thredbo and take the first chair lift. Start walking to our first camp site below Seamans Hut on the Snowy River, with a side trip to Mt Kosciuszko on the way.

Sunday follow the Snowy River, off track if possible, to Charlottes Pass then up the fire track to Blue Lake and on to our camp at Wilkinson's Creek.

Monday return to Thredbo via Mt Kosciuszko (chair lift down) then back to Albury.

28/02/2015 Canoeing - Hume Weir Wall to Noreuil Park

Grade 2

Sasho Dillow

Meeting Time: 7.30am at Noreuil Park

Distance: Approx. 30km

Time: Approx. 5 hours

Cost: \$30 per person for canoes [30% discount for the club , the normal price is \$45]

Lunch, after the paddle, will be pizzas delivered to Noreuil Park (\$7 to \$9 for pizza)

Dave Breedon will transport us to the Weir Wall, were we will paddle back to Noreuil Park. Afterwards enjoying Pizza for lunch .

01/03/2015 Myrtleford to Porepunkah by Bike 50 km return/Easy

Grade 3

Ian Trevaskis

This ride on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail starts and finishes in Myrtleford and is all on a sealed trail that passes through the picturesque Ovens Valley. Once in Porepunkah riders can lunch at Rail Trail Café and weather permitting, take a cool relaxing dip in the Ovens River at Porepunkah, before riding back to Myrtleford.

All riders must carry a puncture repair kit, spare tube and pump and have a roadworthy bike.

01/03/2015 Twin Falls Gorge (Mt Buffalo) 18 kms

Grade 5

Peter Smith-Allen

Situated in a remote valley on the north side of Mt Buffalo these falls are not often visited, due to the difficult access. Plunging into a steep gorge, covered on top by fallen rocks, these falls are really something different. Participants on this walk will need to be able to, pushbike ride, (on four wheel drive track), Walk off track, River walk, Rock scramble, Swim and handle full on adventure. (Walk could be cancelled at short notice if bad weather occurs).

01/03/2015 Wandiligong, Morses Creek

Grade 3

Paul Schirmer

We start at Alpine Park in Wandiligong and follow the Morses Creek walk down stream to Dougherty's Bridge. There we will put on our waders or old sand shoes and walk in the creek back to Alpine Park. There is at least one section in the creek where the going will be a little difficult but mostly it will be easy walking. If we have any energy left after that we can do the "Diggings Walk" and the 'Historic Town Walk'.

The "Diggings Walk" is 2 km on a flat track with some steps. It takes us past The Adit, The Diggings Picnic Area, the Junction Mine, the Chinese Pavilion and over the Chinese Bridge. It should take about 1 hour.

The "Historic Town Walk" is about 3 km and should take about 1.5 hours. This walk is on a well formed track with some small hills. Places of interest we will see include the Wandil Pub (1864), Post Office (1885), General Store (1860s), Public Library (1878) and the State School (1877).

03/03/2015 Border Bushwalking Club Night

CLUB NIGHT

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD 7:30 PM

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT.

Border Bushwalking club invites to this club night all those who may be considering activities of the outdoors as a new hobby as well as those who already enjoy such pursuits and would like to do so with a like minded group of adventurers.

At this meeting, current members will provide information regarding the variety of activities we undertake, the equipment we use and have for hire, how to pack for day and overnight activities, as well as a slide show of some of our outings.

We do day and multi day bushwalks, kayaking, cross country skiing and snow shoeing, local, interstate and even international walking.

All this followed by supper. SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Why not bring a friend?

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06/03/2015 - 09/03/2015 Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT) Track Clearing

Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT) Track Clearing 6-9th March 2015, in the Omeo area.

We will again be working with Parks Victoria to keep this track open as it gets overgrown due to the vigorous growth of the bush. We are looking for people willing to camp out and help, using loppers and motorised tools. If you can use these we would be especially interested in you joining us. We would give training to those willing to learn, so this is not a must.

There will be jobs to suit all levels, including removal of cut materials and clearing of the runoff channels.

We are looking to put on the traditional Pot Roast!

Please show your interest by contacting me at: conservation@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au

Kind regards

Charlie Ablitt

Bushwalking Tracks & Conservation Projects Coordinator

06/03/2015 - 09/03/2015 Overnight to Tali Karng and Mount Wellington

Grade 4

Rosemary McConnell

This walk is graded as moderate and is on open snow plains with mountain views and a lake. Overall distance is 37 km (47 with side trip). We will camp at McFarlane Saddle on the first night and the second and third will both be at Millers Hut.

The walk is mostly on good tracks although on day three there is a small section which requires basic navigational skills.

As it is a long drive there and back we will need to leave on Friday morning and it will probably be a late return on Monday evening.

07/03/2015 Across Nail Can Hill

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

This local walk across the ridge of hills known to most people will take the tracks less trodden. Starting and finishing at Jindera Gap we will pass Hamilton Trig, The Lookout, The Gorge Trail and Bakes Trail as we loop our way back via The Hidden Dam to our cars.

07/03/2015 Young's Hut Day Walk

Grade 3

Ian Trevaskis

Young's Hut is a rustic former SEC survey hut that our club maintains in conjunction with Parks Victoria. This walk will start at Cope Hut and follow the Alpine Walking Track to Cope Saddle, past the aqueduct and up a slight climb to Pole 333 where we turn left, pass Mt Jim and follow the track leading down to the hut. Return journey is via the same route. We should have great views and see some brumbies. Walk is all on track, with nothing too steep, but is very exposed. Long range weather forecast tells me it will be perfect walking weather – 22 degrees and cloudy.

14/03/2015 Mount Buffalo - The Big Walk - 22kms

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

This is the most amazing walk for variety of vegetation, views from many vantage points and bang for your buck in terms of quality. We will start at the Rangers station and follow the track all the way up to the Gorge and Chalet. After lunch taken on the chalet verandah we will retrace our tracks back down to the cars. I would be happy to have a co-leader who would like to do the Not So Big Walk option, starting at Rollasons Falls, as this would allow us to cater for more people.

14/03/2015 - 22/03/2015 Port Davey Track Walk Tasmania

Grade 5

Bill Krautz

Scots Peak Dam to Melaleuca.

“Walking to the southern extremity of an island at worlds end, this is wilderness”

15/03/2015 Weston's Hut 16 km

Grade 3

David G

Weston's Hut is a relatively new hut. This will be a typical Bogong High Plains walk, starting from Pretty Valley pondage. There are excellent views across to Mount Feathertop.

There are a couple of gradual rises, but they are not long or steep and the track is good. However there is a drop of about 200m down in the last kilometre into the tree-line and Weston's hut. We will return by the same route.

This is a good walk for new members to the club as it is not a particularly long walk and we get great views across the high plains.

Please book by preceding Wednesday.

20/03/2015 - 29/03/2015 Overland Track, Tasmania - Grade 4 (Medium-Hard) - 70 + plus kms walk

Cindy Marsh

Website: <http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/index.aspX?base=7771>

Having recently completed the Overland Track. I consider it is an Australian iconic 'must-do' long-distance bushwalk. Normally, it's a 65 km, six-day trek through the heart of the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, part of the magnificent Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. However, with travel and a rest day, plus taking in Pine Valley Hut, our trip length will be 9 nights- 10 days.

The stunning scenery and the physical challenge of the Overland Track have assured it a national and international reputation as one of the great wilderness bushwalks.

Contact Cindy for an information sheet and also refer to the website.

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22/03/2015 - 28/03/2015 Ulladulla

Liz Nilbett

The Mollymook, Milton, Ulladulla area is bounded by the Morton National Park to the west, the Conjola National Park to the north and the Meroo National Park to the south and the Tasman Sea to the east. The National Parks provide for some excellent bush walking/Hiking trails, astonishing views westward to the Budawang mountains and wilderness areas, and east to the majestic coastline. On these National Park walks you will experience an array of bird-life, flora and fauna.

Staying at the Ulladulla lodge for a great week of walking in this picturesque coastal New South Wales town.

Contact Liz on her email address

28/03/2015 South Buffalo View Point - Dickson Falls 18kms Walk

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

The South Buffalo Viewpoint walk is one of the most picturesque walks on the Buffalo Plateau. Starting at Cresta and meandering to a rocky outcrop that overlooks Lake Buffalo, it goes through bog, heath and grassy plains.

Ideally suited to a picnic lunch, participants will be asked to bring a share plate to contribute to lunch. After returning to the car park, those who wish to can then walk out to Dickson Falls, that looks across the other side of the National Park.

04/04/2015 Cobungra Gap and Beyond 23km Approx

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

I haven't done this exact walk before but have done most of the bits as part of other walks. The plan is to walk a loop from Pretty Valley Pondage via Basalt Temple and Cobungra Gap to Blairs Hut. From there it will be a bit steep up to Westons Hut and finally back to the cars via "the green tree". I would be interested in hearing from anyone who has done this walk before and would love to have them on the walk as a co-leader.

07/04/2015 Border Bushwalking Club Night

Why not bring a friend?

The Border Bushwalking Club Nights are regularly held on the first Tuesday of the month (except December and January) at 7:30pm. The doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 start, so that members may socialise.

Where : Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, Civic Centre Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga (Havelock Street end of car park). Members and visitors are always welcome at Club Nights and supper is served afterwards.

Border Bushwalking Club Inc PO Box 857 WODONGA 3689 Association No. A5665B

11/04/2015 - 12/04/2015 Young's Hut Restorations

Grade 3

Ron Hammond

The remaining weather boards to finish the exterior cladding of Young's have arrived. To complete the restoration work, I have organised an overnight walk to be lead by myself for April 11 & 12th.

Cindy Marsh will lead a day walk to Young's Hut on Saturday April 11, to assist with carrying items out to the Hut.

We need oil the weather boards a couple of times and I have 6 three meter lengths of weatherboards and a small ladder to carry to the hut.

In additions, I will organise a working bee at short notice towards the end of April, to fix the weather boards and hang the new curtains, compliments of Trish Trevaskis.

18/04/2015 Cobungra Gap and Beyond

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

Originally scheduled for a wet weekend this walk is approx 23kms. Starting and finishing at Pretty Valley Pondage, this walk follows parts of the Alpine Walking Track as it descends Cobungra Gap via Basalt Temple, Red Robin Battery and Blairs Hut allow us to stretch our legs before a steepish climb to Westons Hut and eventually back to the plateau. All on track with guaranteed views. Fingers crossed for good weather.

19/04/2015 Milk Run or Walk

Event Date: Sunday 19 April 2015

Kiewa Tangambalanga Lions Club invite you to participate in the 6km or 10km Milk Run on the High Country Rail Trail. There will be tucker, spot prizes, water points and some great views as you run along the foreshore of Lake Hume.

Before the cooler winter weather arrives once more, take advantage of the mild autumn weather by being part of the 4th MILK RUN family walk or run event. The walk is the brainchild of the Kiewa Tangambalanga Lions Club and is supported by both Indigo Shire and Murray Goulburn, as well as other sponsors and the Bonegilla Rail Trail Advisory Group.

There are two options on the day: a 6km or 10km course along the rail trail over the new Sandy Creek bridge starting at the beautiful Huon Reserve. With the weir containing good amounts of water over recent years, the views along the course remain sensational and will be much more enjoyable with a coffee, sausage, flavoured milk or yoghurt in hand after you complete your run/walk. There will also be loads of spot prizes on the day.
Start / Finish:

High Country Rail Trail at the Huon Reserve, Murray Valley Hwy, Huon VIC 3695. This is a 20 minute drive east of Albury Wodonga.

Registrations and Payment:

Help event organisers by registering online prior to the day (credit card payments):

Online registration details will be available closer to the date

25/04/2015 Anzac Service & Walk to Woolshed Falls and return

Grade 3

Cindy Marsh

I invite you to join me in Beechworth for the Anzac street march starting at 11:00am, commencing from corner Ford and Church Streets, followed by a 11:30 Memorial Service, cenotaph, Town Hall Gardens.

Followed by lunch in the Town Hall Gardens.

After lunch we will start the popular walk from Beechworth to Woolshed Falls. The return trip from Woolshed Falls is via the Beechworth Gorge.

Grade 3: 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.

25/04/2015 Mt Bogong

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

A memorable walk on a memorable day. Summit one of Victoria's iconic peaks to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli. This walk will start from Mt Creek carpark and go up and down the Staircase.

02/05/2015 Baranduda Loop

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

Baranduda State Park is easy to access and a convenient location for an autumn walk. This walk is all on 4wd fire trails and has an ascent and descent of about 650m. The hills allow us great views in all directions. Total distance covered will be approximately 14km and the track is undulating once we are on the ridge.

03/05/2015 SPION KOPJE

Grade 4

Bernadette Cromarty

This walk starts at Watchbed Creek in the Falls Creek area. We walk past Mt Nelse and then towards the peak of Spion Kopje. The walk is all on track with gentle undulations until the final, steeper climb to the peak. On a clear day the views from the top are fantastic. It is 25km in distance.

05/05/2015 [Border Bushwalking Club Night – incorporating the AGM](#)

Warwick McLachlan

The Border Bushwalking Club Night will include a speaker followed by the AGM.

Border Bushwalking Club members are invited to participate in supporting the Club.

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Warwick McLachlan

President – Border Bushwalking Club

09/05/2015 Melbourne Gardens 10 kms +

Grade 2

Tim Weyland

This is not your usual day outing with the Border Bushwalking Club. I am working in Melbourne for a few months I've decided to put on a day walk from Flinders Street Station where we will walk along the Yarra River out to Como House to admire the heritage listed house and gardens. <http://www.comohouse.com.au/>

From there we will back track to the Melbourne Botanic Gardens and spend an hour or so investigating the Gardens before wandering back toward the city.

We'll plan to have lunch at any number of places between the Botanic Gardens and the city.

In the afternoon, we may investigate all the hiking shops around little Burke Street so you can replace some of your old tired gear or buy that special bit of kit you don't know you need yet.

Depending on what different members of the group want to do, another choice is to catch public transport down to Rippon Lea Estate to walk around the Gardens and to also see the Phryne Fisher costume exhibition within Rippon Lea if that appeals to you. http://www.ripponleaestate.com.au/what_s_on

The train leaves Wodonga at 0645am and gets into Melbourne at 1030am. If you wish to catch the train back that day, it leaves at 6.02pm or 7.50pm for the XPT.

If you decide to stay in Melbourne overnight, I will be putting on a walk down at the Point Nepean National Park the next day.

09/05/2015 The Back Wall Mt Buffalo - Grade 3, 12kms

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

Mt Buffalo is my favourite mountain, it's rock formations and extensive views are hard to beat. The walk (all on track) out to the Back Wall will make the most of all Buffalo has to offer. Approx 12kms all up and maybe the opportunity to walk to Dickson Falls at the end if time permits.

10/05/2015 Lake Urana "Walking through time" - this walk is booked out

Grade 3

Bill Krautz

Lake Urana

Lake Urana offers massive 90 feet high sand dunes, ancient lake and beaches, middens, 23 thousand year old burial site, and remnant vegetation.

Massive climate cooling and warming events are displayed in the lunette.

All off track through clean open forest (easy walking), with one ascent of the dune giving views of surrounding country side and lake

10/05/2015 Point Nepean National Park - 10 km +

Grade 2

Tim Weyland

Saturday the Melbourne Garden... Sunday Point Nepean National Park

I'm staying at Greensborough the night before but can pick up 4 people from Frankston train station on the way down if that is convenient. Bring your own lunch or we can get something trendy and tasty at Sorrento.

<http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/point-nepean-national-park> Depending on time, we may walk and investigate some close by back beaches or climb Arthur's Seat on the way back.

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16/05/2015 High Country Rail Trail- Whistle Stop High Tea

Whistlestop Progressive High Tea

Event Date: Saturday 16 May 2015

As part of the North East High Country Harvest Festival, the Bonegilla Rail Trail Advisory Group, Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group and Parklands Albury Wodonga invite you to get on your bike as part of this progressive High Tea.

Start:

1.30pm at Huon Reserve, Murray Valley Highway, Bonegilla (20 minutes drive east of Wodonga)

Distance:

24km return cycle from Huon Reserve over the Sandy Creek Inlet bridge to Tallangatta and return.

What is provided:

Sociable afternoon mingling with other High Tea participants at this Friends of the High Country Rail Trail event. There will be High Tea (1950's style tucker) and hot drinks at various "whistle stops" along the High Country Rail Trail between Huon and Tallangatta.

What to bring:

Bicycle, bicycle helmet and water bottle.

Why are we doing this:

To celebrate the High Country Rail Trail, showcase the region and attract visitors during this quiet period for tourism.

We are also fundraising for the High Country Rail Trail. Many many community and business volunteers continue to contribute significant time in restoring traditional trestle bridges, fencing and establishing access so as to open this spectacular High Country Rail through to Corryong. Lots of people all contributing a little (time and donations) has enabled us to open 60km of rail trail....only 40km to go!

Bookings essential:

Registration is via bank transfer of \$20 per person to:

Bank Name:WAW Credit Union

BSB:803 070

Account Name:Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group Inc

Account Number:54629

Please include your name (for group booking the name of the person paying is sufficient) in the Reference section of the bank transfer.

Then email railtrail@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au to confirm.

16/05/2015 - 17/05/2015 Youngs Hut Working Bee

Grade 3

Ron Hammond

The crew from the Victorian High Country Huts Association will be fixing the remaining weather boards over the weekend of May 16 & 17.

So please join us to give them a hand; there maybe a few tools to help carry out.

There is snow forecast so hoping the road is open, it will be great to get Youngs Hut finished for Winter.

23/05/2015 Nail Can Hill

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

Starting and finishing at Jindera Gap this local walk will criss cross the main ridge track as it goes to Reedy Dam and then The Lookout for morning tea. Descending Waterview Trail we access The Gorge Trail and climb back to the ridgeline before making our way to The Hidden Dam for lunch. Retracing our steps we eventually return to the waiting cars. This walk is approx. 18km and by the time you have finished you will have earned the coffee and cake (provided by the leader) waiting for you at the end. Don't forget to bring your own mug.

27/05/2015 Banff Mountain Film Festival

Highly Recommended

Banff Mountain Film Festival

Albury's Regent Cinema

6.30 to 9.30pm

Refer to the website: banffaustralia.com.au/tickets.

29/05/2015 CROSS COUNTRY SKIING - borderskiers Yahoo site.

Trips are planned with a few days notice snow & weather permitting on the borderskiers Yahoo site. Most trips Grade 3 medium with some hard at times.

If you wish to be included on the group email, please contact the co-ordinator

Warwick McLachlan

30/05/2015 Bivouac Hut - grade 4

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

Bivouac Hut is located approximately halfway up The Staircase Spur Walk, that leads to Mt Bogong. The track to the hut climbs steadily upwards and is generally protected from wild weather. Just when your legs are turning to jelly and your stomach needs refuelling, the track flattens out and Bivouac Hut comes into view. After a break we will return down to Mt Creek campground and the cars.

01/06/2015 Jatbula trail, from Katherine in the NT, to Edith Falls, 2015

Dick Wellard

It is 62.2 km over 6 days. It is rated medium-hard.

There are a limited number of places available.

The dates we are considering is based on the current camping spots available;

On June 10th – 5 places are currently available

On June 11th – 4 places are currently available

June 12th – 3 places – all excluding the 2 of us.

Booking will need to be finalised this week to take advantage of the current available spaces. First in best dressed.

Details to be sorted out later.

Information about the actual walk is on the website.

<http://www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/parks/walks/jatbula-trail-nitmiluk-national-park>

13/06/2015 Mt Jack

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

Mt Jack is in the hills behind Dederang and a great way to warm up in winter. We will ascend (700m approx) the Bill Hicks Track up to its intersection with the Mt Jack Track. From here there is a series of hills that we follow to Mt Jack itself. Whilst there is no summit to climb if the day is clear we will have views to The Main Range and

Kosciuszko. After lunch it's all downhill as we follow the North House Creek Track back to our starting point. All up about 16km and lots of puffing.

14/06/2015 Walk and woodfired oven

Bernadette Cromarty

This is a social event with the opportunity to walk off your lunch before you eat it! There will be a choice of two walks before meeting at the Community Wood Fired oven for lunch. One group will walk some of the tracks on Nailcan Hill via the monument (Grade 3) while the other group will avoid hills by walking along the lovely River tracks nearby. (Grade 2) Family and non-walkers are also welcome to join the group for lunch. Book early to nominate what you can contribute for lunch: nibbles, salad, sweets or something to put in the oven.

27/06/2015 Eileen's Big Birthday Bash

Grade 1

Eileen Clark

This starts with a short walk (5 km) around the trails at Mountain Creek in morning followed by shared lunch, picnic style, in the extensive grounds of my small home unit at Tawonga South (or in the carport if it's damp). Non-walkers welcome to come for lunch. When booking in, please nominate what food you will bring to share. Please also BYO plates, cutlery and mugs if you want them. If the weather is really wet, we'll just have lunch. Cindy Marsh to co-ordinate transport from Wodonga.

29/06/2015 Jarvis Creek Jaunt or Touring Tallangatta - Walk or Cycle

Event Date: Sunday 29 June 2015

Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group invite you to join their annual Friends of the Rail Trail Jarvis Creek Ride. Jarvis Creek Jaunt:

Registration: 8.30am for 9am start at Tallangatta Information Centre (The Triangles)

Medium 49km circuit, 9km on the sealed rail trail to Old Tallangatta followed by a climb up into Jarvis Creek Plateau Regional Park & spectacular downhill run on 4WD tracks.

Lifts to the top available from Information Centre but will not leave until after 10 am. Book in when registering (limited spots available)

Morning tea available on plateau for gold coin donation. The damper and morning tea at the top are worth the effort.

Mountain bike best but robust hybrid OK as well.

Ride or walk from Tallangatta to Old Tallangatta:

Registration: 10am at Tallangatta Information Centre

This is an easy ride on the sealed section of the rail trail. 18km return. Enjoy morning tea Old Tallangatta (gold coin donation). Bring a snack/lunch on your back. On return enjoy a local counter meal/take away or BYO BBQ lunch or a picnic in Tallangatta.

Refer to the website: www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au

More Information:

Rob Caddell: 02 6071 2374

Kerry Love: 02 6071 2334 (AH)

04/07/2015 Snow shoe Mount Buffalo (grade 3)

Grade 3

Ron Hammond

This will be an easy snow shoe to start the season, we will walk out to South View Point if snow conditions allow. Alternatively if no snow on Mt Buffalo, the snow-shoe may be moved to Falls Creek.

There be more snow shoes throughout July – August at shorter notice depending on snow conditions – keep an eye out for the notification emails.

Please note with regards to bookings, I will be away till end of June.

05/07/2015 Huon Hill, Grade 3, 14kms

Grade 3

Margaret Coulston

This walk begins after a sleep in with a stroll along the Kiewa River. We then walk up the hill via Stringybark Track. We will rest at the top for lunch and a chance to take in the views of Albury and Wodonga. We will then

head down to the river via Bundy track with a chance to explore the Hidden Valley on the way. All up the walk will be around 14kms. Whilst the hill can be steep it is early in the day and we will rest often on the way up. Bookings open 14 June, and will close 1 July.

12/07/2015 “Cordyceps Calling” - Mt Lawson National Park - 7 kms

Grade 3

Bill Krautz

“Cordyceps Calling”

This is a chance to catch the intriguing Cordyceps fungi eating and fruiting on its annual appearance. After this WOW moment there is a short steep walk to a significant cultural rock shelter. All off track through slightly scrubby forest. This is the only walk where culture and Cordyceps combine (weather permitting). Bookings will be taken up to the night before, subject to available spaces.

18/07/2015 Mt Welcome Circuit, Mitta - grade 3, 14kms

Grade 3

Bernadette Cromarty

The Mount Welcome circuit involves walking walking in Deep Gully where some little surprises await. After this its up the steep hill (climb of 600 M) to Mt Welcome. From the top there are great views into the valley and Mitta village. We then follow the River back to our cars via a quick visit to the pub. There is no need to rush the hill as we only have 14km to cover over the day.

19/07/2015 Snow shoe (not shuffling)

Grade 3

Ron

This will be an easy snow shoe to start the season – we will walk out to South View Point if snow conditions allow. Alternatively if no snow on Mt Buffalo, the snow-shoe will be moved to Falls Creek.

There be more snow shoes throughout July – August at shorter notice depending on snow conditions – keep an eye out for the notification emails.

If you can walk you can snow shoe!

22/07/2015 Midwinter Midweek Meander (1) - Albury Riverside Trails, grade 2, approx. 18kms

Grade 2

Eileen

This will be a double loop along the river from Noreuil Park. In the morning, we'll walk to Sumsion Gardens and return, then after lunch we'll follow the Wagirra Trail to Wonga Wetlands. Join me for one or both loops.

25/07/2015 Mt Emu - grade 4 - 15km

Grade 4

Deb Kahn

Directly adjacent to Mt Bogong, lower and easier to access, the 15km Mt Emu circuit has great views which at this time of the year should include snow capped peaks. All on 4wd tracks the halfway point, the summit of Mt Emu, affords magnificent views across to Mt Beauty and Tawonga in the valley below. It is likely that this walk will be on snow covered tracks, so waterproof boots are a necessity.

29/07/2015 Midwinter Midweek Meanders (2), Bungambrawartha Creek Trail, grade 2, 13 km

Grade 2

Eileen

Starting in or near Noreuil Park, we head north along the cycle/footpath alongside Bungambrawartha Creek past the Albury Golf Club to Heathwood Park in Lavington for lunch, then return by a similar route.

01/08/2015 Mt Stanley, grade 4, 17kms

Grade 4

Bernadette Cromarty

This walk will start at the top of Mt Stanley in order to avoid walking through the creek. We will walk to Myrtle Creek for morning tea and then begin the climb back up the mountain. Most of this walk is on well-formed tracks but there is a small bush-bash towards the end. It is 17km in length.

01/08/2015 - 02/08/2015 Regent Honeyeater weekends

[Regent Honeyeater Project – Planting Weekends](#)

The following is not a Border bushwalking event, but we bring it to members attention for your interest – it has been highly recommended by some current BBC members.

Refer to the www.regenthoneyeater.org.au website to confirm dates and for more details.

2015 planting weekends 01 – 02 August 2015, 15 – 16 August 2015, 29 – 30 August 2015, 12 – 13 September 2015.

The Regent Honeyeater Project has established itself as one of the most active volunteer conservation projects in the nation.

Propagation and [planting days](#) are organised each year for a thousand students from more than 20 local schools and hundreds of volunteers from universities, walking clubs, church groups, bird observers, scouts, environment groups and the like.

A range of other activities such as [nest box placement](#) and monitoring provide crucial habitat for rare mammals as well as valuable motivational experiences for visiting groups.

02/08/2015 Snow Shoe Falls Creek

Grade 4

Ron

We will walk up to Mt Mackay, returning veer Sun Valley some cross country but definitely no scrub bushing this time

04/08/2015 Club night - 7:30pm

Club night Tuesday, August 4th at 7:30

Jatbula Trail Northern Territory.

Come along as Dick, Alison and Rosemary talk about their recent multi day hike in the Top End.

Following the ancient tribal route, from waterhole to waterhole, their group of 5 intrepid walkers completed the 62kms from Katherine Gorge along 17 Mile Creek and Edith River to Lelyn.

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Where : Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, Civic Centre Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga. Visitors are always welcome at meetings and supper is served afterwards

05/08/2015 Midwinter Midweek Meanders (3), Hume and Hovell Track, grade 2, approx. 18kms

Grade 2

Eileen

From Noreuil Park we'll follow the Hume and Hovell track over Eastern Hill and through Mungabareena Reserve, and head towards Thurgoona for lunch. Return the same route or via the Freeway bike path.

09/08/2015 Falls Creek Snow Shoe - Sunday 9 August

Grade 4

Ron

Last week's snowshoe didn't go ahead as only one Person booked in, probably due to the crook weather.

Hopefully we can make it to Mt Mackay this time, so remember there's no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing.

12/08/2015 Midwinter Midweek Meanders (4), Nail Can Hill, grade 3, approx. 14kms

Grade 3

Eileen

From Noreuil Park we'll head up past the Monument and along the Nail Can Hill ridge trail until lunchtime, then turn round and retrace our steps.

14/08/2015 - 16/08/2015 Howman's Gap weekend - as easy or hard as you choose

Sue Cardwell

Come and have a great 3 day weekend – skiing (downhill or cross country), snow shoeing, walking in the snow or lazing around the fire & reading. Staying at YMCA Howman's Gap Alpine Centre just near the entry gate to Falls Creek. The trails will be groomed for the Hoppet the following weekend.

Accommodation – 2 – 7 bunk bedrooms, single & communal bathrooms & disabled facilities. All meals included from Friday night dinner to Sunday packed lunch. BYO bed linen/sleeping bag, towel. & wine & nibbles for around the fire pre-dinner. Blankets & pillows supplied. Large drying rooms & guest fridge available.

Cost \$235 for 2 nights & 6 meals. Please ring Sue BY 1ST JULY to confirm our club booking & to organise transport & times. Choice of travel departures Friday morning or Friday evening depending on drivers.

15/08/2015 Flagstaff Range, grade 3, 19kms

Grade 3

Deb

This 19km walk is on 4WD tracks that wind through Stanley State Forest. After the initial 8km climb onto the ridge line, the walk follows the ups and downs as it snakes its way through new growth forest and pine plantations. After our picnic style lunch we continue on to Murrungee Lookout, with great views across an old glaciated valley. The final downhill run takes us back to Buckland Gap, some of our cars and afternoon tea. As this is a shared picnic style lunch please indicate what you would like to bring when booking. A car shuffle is also required.

19/08/2015 Wednesday Wanders Wround Wodonga (1)

Grade 2

Eileen

Albury-Wodonga Riverside trails

Take 2 on this one, hoping for a fine day!

This will be a double loop along the river from Noreuil Park. In the morning, we'll walk to Sumsion Gardens and return, then after lunch we'll follow the Wagirra Trail to Wonga Wetlands. Join me for one or both loops.

Distance abt. 18km but all flat

26/08/2015 Wednesday Wanders Wround Wodonga (2)

Grade 3

Eileen

Kiewa River/Huon Hill

Route to be decided closer to the time, but there will be some climbing and spectacular views. Co-leader welcome!

Distance abt. 13km

30/08/2015 Bogong Tramway, grade 3 - medium, 10 kms

Grade 3

Paul

The Tramway is situated 10 kms from Mount Beauty on the Bogong High Plains Road. The first couple of kilometres is uphill on a fire trail then the terrain is flat but rough in parts along the Tramway with 2 scrambles below trestle bridges.

We will end with a walk through the Arboretum, which once contained 17 homes for the men who worked on the Kiewa hydro scheme in the early 1940s, before a short walk down the road back to the cars.

01/09/2015 CLUB NIGHT Tuesday, September 1st 7:30

DEB TALKS TURKEY.

When you first set foot in Turkey, you know you will return. So our return to Anatolia was well researched and planned, would not retrace any path taken previously, but instead would venture into what we referred to as The Wild Wild East; from Ankara and Trabzon to the borders of Georgia and Armenia, Iran and Iraq and Syria.

From the Kaçkar Mountains in the north east to Mt Ararat in the south east, from Van Gölü to the Mesopotamian Plateau, the Fertile Crescent, Cradle of Civilisation and the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. We visited archaeological sites that dated back 12,000 years, followed the ancient Silk Road for days and stayed in the most chic

boutique hotels with wifi. Hamams and nargilas, pul biber and baklava, dondermasi and gozlemes, we had the full Turkish experience.

Don't know your nargila's from your pul biber? How about your dondermasi from your gozleme?

We'll come along and be enlightened as Deb takes us on this magical cultural tour.

Find out why this is the Mona Lisa of mosaics (and it's not because you can't tell if she's smiling or not).

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02/09/2015 Wednesday Wanders Wround Wodonga (3)

Grade 2

Eileen

High Country Rail Trail, Huon to Old Tallangatta and return

This is a chance to wander along beside Lake Hume and enjoy the Spring weather, including crossing the spectacular Sandy Creek bridge. At the slightest provocation, the leader will bore you with her story of riding on one of the last passenger trains along this route from Wodonga to Cudgewa.

Distance abt. 18 km

05/09/2015 The Big Walk, grade 4, 16kms/22kms

Grade 4

Deb

The names says it all... This is a big walk up Mt Buffalo starting at the Ranger's station at the bottom and following the track all the way to the Gorge at the top. Here we will have lunch before returning via the same route to the bottom.

If there is enough interest, the Not-So-Big walk, which starts near Rollasons Falls, will also take place but this will be subject to numbers. The Big walk is 22.6kms whilst the Not-So-Big walk is approx. 16kms.

09/09/2015 - 17/09/2015 [Mutawintji National Park](#)

Grade 4

Ron

This is a fantastic area in Northern NSW, north of Broken Hill.

We will base camp for 2 nights at Homestead Creek Campground and walk the Gorge and water hole tracks with day packs, then explore the wilderness area for 4 days 3 nights camping with full packs.

I will be away and unable to take phone bookings between the 9th and 25th of August, but can be contacted by email at ronlizhammond [at] gmail.com

Follow this link for full details of the area

<http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/camping-and-accommodation/campgrounds/Homestead-Creek-campground/LearnMore>

09/09/2015 Wednesday Wanders Wround Wodonga (4)

Eileen

McFarlane's Hill and Federation Hill

I think it should be possible to do these two Wodonga landmarks in one day. I'm open to suggestions about the best routes to take, and co-leaders welcome.

Distance abt. 14 km

12/09/2015 Chiltern area - probably White Box Walking Track

Sue Lidden

This is a Wagga Wilderness Walkers walk. They are having a weekend exploring Chiltern- Mt Pilot area and the day walk advertised may be of interest to members. BBC and Wagga have joined each other's walks on several occasions and I imagine this is no exception.

13/09/2015 Mount Stanley Grade 4 - Medium Hard Walk

Grade 4

Bernadette

This walk will start at the top of Mount Stanley and then head down for a lunch stop near Myrtle Creek. After this its uphill, with a big down and then up again. Most of the walk is on well formed track with a little bit of bush-bashing at the end. In all its about 17km.

19/09/2015 Mitta Mitta Mammoth Mining Company Race Day Walk, Grade 3 Exploratory

Exploratory

19th Sept 2015 Mitta Mitta Mammoth Mining Company Race Day Walk, Grade 3 Exploratory

Leader Bill

Car camp at Lightning Creek Camp site on Omeo Highway Saturday night or meet at site 9 am Sunday morning. (I will be camping). This race was built in 1886 and was then the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. It carried water 22 Km from Snowy Creek to Yankee Hill near Mitta Mitta. At the present day campsite a giant flume 220 meters and 33 meters high was built to carry water over Lightning creek with the Omeo Highway passing beneath it. Planning to explore the race down from lightning Creek passing Reef Mine Tunnels and shafts. The bush along the race is scrubby at present due to fire regeneration.

23/09/2015 - 24/09/2015 Wednesday walks

Grade 1

Alison W

1 . September 23rd

Noreiul Park to Wonga Wetlands.

Grade – Level 1.

Meet to start at the River Deck Café car park.

A distance of about 5.7km each way on a well formed track.

2. September 30th.

Kiewa River track.

Commencing at the Killara Bridge the almost flat track follows the Kiewa river to its junction with the Murray River.

Grade – Level 1

3. October 7th.

Eastern Hill.

This walk is already advertised to be led by Bernadette Cromarty.

4. October 14th

McFarlane's Hill.

Grade – Level 2

Exact route and meeting place still to be decided.

5. October 21st

Tallangatta to Huon

About 11 km on a good track.

Grade – Level 1

Meeting at Huon for a car shuffle.

6. October 28th

Gorge walk Yackandandah

About 8km.

Meeting at Isaac Park

Grade – Level 1

26/09/2015 Reform Hill and Ovens River Loop– Myrtleford, grade 2, 5kms

Grade 2

Pauline McL.

Reform Hill takes its name from a rich gold-bearing quartz ridge discovered in 1854. The short walk of about 5kms on the hill on the outskirts of Myrtleford leads to a lookout where there are views over the surrounding countryside. We'll stop here for morning tea after we've taken a detour to the tower higher up the hill. From there we'll follow an alternate track to complete a circuit. The walk involves a gentle uphill climb with interpretive signs about the history of the area and seats along the way. From there we'll return to J.A. Jones Memorial

Reserve for lunch and walk lunch off by following the Ovens River Loop of 5.6km. This walk is flat so no effort is required. It follows the Ovens River closely and passes through native bush.

03/10/2015 Mt Beauty Moncrieff Gap Fire Trail

Grade 3

Eileen

The Moncrieff Gap Fire Trail starts near the Mountain Creek Picnic Area in Tawonga and winds round the base of Mt Little Bogong into Mt Beauty, with quite a few ups and downs on the way. There are some views up to the peaks. The walk finishes with a paddle across the East branch of the Kiewa River. If it is too deep to cross safely we will turn around at lunchtime and head back the way we came.

06/10/2015 Canoeing after work - 2015/16

Finally the winter is over and the after work canoeing starts again.

We will meet at Cumberoona wharf in Noreuel Park at 5:30 pm every Tuesday.

The cost is \$ 12 per person, which covers canoe hire and the transport. Bring a change of clothes, and let me know if you want to join us for the BBQ at \$3 cost. Bring your own cutlery, plate and salad to share.

This activity is suitable for experienced and inexperienced paddlers, however a minimum level of water ability is required. The expected finish for the canoe trip is approximately 7:30pm, followed by a BBQ finishing around 8:30 .

I'll take bookings till 1:30 pm on the Tuesday.

Call Catherine Byrne (Sasho is away, and Catherine is leading with Cindy as co-leader in his absence).

06/10/2015 - 07/10/2015 CLUB NIGHT Tuesday, October 6th 7:30

LOST AND FOUND: WHERE A MAP FITS IN.

This month our resident map expert, Bruce Key, will be unravelling the mysteries of maps. Bruce not only has experience in using maps, but for many years made them. His talk will cover many aspects of map usage and navigation that are not so well known. If you want to know how to become lost, come along and find out. And if you display some talent for being lost, Bruce will explain some approaches that you can use to find where you are.

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.

07/10/2015 East Albury stroll

Grade 2

Bernadette

This morning walk will start and end at Cafe Borella. We will walk over Eastern Hill and down to Mungabareena Reserve. We will enjoy a stroll along the river before heading to our start point where people may wish to have lunch or a cuppa. The walk will be held in conjunction with Seniors Week so come along for a leisurely gathering and stroll.

10/10/2015 Easy walking at Bright, grade 2, 8.5kms

Grade 2

Pauline McL.

Enjoy some easy walking along the banks of the Ovens River as we follow the Canyon Walk for 3 km and then the Cherry Walk for another 3 km. Later we follow Morses Creek as we walk along Bennetts Track for 2.5 kms.

10/10/2015 EVERTON TO MYRTLEFORD AND RETURN BIKE RIDE 55km

Grade 3

Ian

EVERTON TO MYRTLEFORD AND RETURN BIKE RIDE 55km

The ride is mostly flat, with a bit of a climb over Taylor's Gap near Gapsted. We will meet at the former Everton railway station at 9:30am for a 10:00am start. There are a couple of cafes in Myrtleford that serve tasty lunches. Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), a water bottle and sunscreen.

More info at www.murraytomountains.com.au

11/10/2015 Jindera Gap - 26km Hard or 13kms Medium

Grade 4

David G

We'll start early at Noreuil Park, up the Nail Can and onto Jindera Gap for lunch and return. The walk is almost all on 4wd track. There are a number of steep ascents and descents involved to keep you on your toes – including the initial climb up onto the ridge track and where the track dips to cross Centaur road.

Depending on the group, we have the option to also visit Reedy dam and the viewpoint on the return.

Finally, there is an option of only walking the morning half – I can provide a limited number of people a lift from Jindera gap to Noreuil.

14/10/2015 Wednesday walks - Wednesday October 14th

Alison W

Changed plan for Wednesday walk October 14th.

Walking from Norieul Park to Wonga Wetlands and return.

5.7 km each way.

Meet at the River Deck Café at 9am with lunch.

24/10/2015 - 25/10/2015 Federation walks weekend

The following is not a Border bushwalking event, but we bring it to members attention for your interest.

Please refer to the Federation walks website for further information; <http://www.fedwalks.org.au/>

FEDERATION WALKS WEEKEND

The Federation Walks Weekend is a [Bushwalking Victoria](#) (BWV) event. Each year one or more walking clubs affiliated with BWV take turns to host the event in a different location, offering the opportunity for bushwalkers to participate in walks led by walk leaders with local knowledge.

FEDERATION WALKS WEEKEND 2015

The 2015 event is being hosted by [Bayside Bushwalking Club](#) (BBC, based in the Melbourne Bayside suburb of Hampton) and the [Great Dividing Trail Association](#) (GDTA, based in Daylesford).

Walks will be in the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs spa country and nearby goldfields, on the weekend of Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th October 2015.

24/10/2015 Lockharts Gap/ Tallangatta, grade 3, 18kms

Grade 3

Ian

This will be a crossover if enough people are interested, otherwise a car shuffle will be required. It is an 18km walk on well formed tracks. The sweetener after your efforts is afternoon tea at 'Cafe Trevaskis', Tallangatta.

25/10/2015 EVERTON TO BEECHWORTH AND RETURN BIKE RIDE 32km + Town Ride

Grade 4

Ian

* Challenging

This ride will commence at the former railway station at Everton at 10:00am where riders should meet by 9:45am. The ride is mainly all uphill to Beechworth on a sealed rail trail, but the bonus is that it's all downhill back to Everton! Lunch in Beechworth at one of the many cafes or grab a pie from the bakery. If we feel up to it we might do the town loop (9.5kms) before returning to Everton. Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), water bottle and sunscreen.

More info at www.murraytomountains.com.au

29/10/2015 - 01/11/2015 Mt Jagungal 29th of October to 1st November

Grade 5

Leader Peter Smith-Allen

Thursday 29th October, 2km

Thursday night we will drive to the Round Mountain trail Head and walk the short distance to Round Mountain Hut where we will camp for the night.

Friday 30th October, Approx. 1.5km

Today we will walk to Derschkos Hut and set up camp. In the afternoon we will follow the foot pad along the Tumut River to the summit of Mt Jagungal and then return to our camp at Derschkos Hut.

Saturday 31st October, Approx. 12 km

We will retrace our steps for a short distance along the Round Mountain Trail before branching off along the Hell Hole Creek Fire Trail. We will then walk off track for a short distance to our overnight camp at Wheelers Hut.

Sunday 1st November 11Km

Our last day will see us cross the Tooma River, following Wheelers Ford Trail. We will then follow Dargals Trail past Paton's hut back to the cars.

Please note there will be a short car shuffle between the Tooma River and the Round Mountain trail Head.

31/10/2015 MYRTLEFORD TO BRIGHT AND RETURN, CYCLING, 60km

Grade 3

Ian

* Long but Easy

This is an easy ride on a flat, sealed rail trail. We will meet at the back of the Coles Supermarket in Myrtleford, opposite the supermarket car park at 9:30am for a 10:00am start. The ride passes open farmlands, hop fields, wineries and Mt Buffalo looms on the nearby horizon. Once in Bright riders can choose a number of options for lunch before we ride back to Myrtleford. Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), a water bottle and sunscreen.

More info at www.murraytomountains.com.au

01/11/2015 The huts walk, 21kms, grade 4

Grade 4

Bernadette

This 21km circuit is on Mt Hotham and takes in Silver Brumby Hut (2006/7), Spargo Hut (1927/28) and Derrick Hut (1967). There is a small amount of road walking but the majority is on well formed tracks including parts of The Cobungra Ditch Track, Golden Point Spur, Australian Alps Track and Machinery Spur Track.

06/11/2015 - 08/11/2015 Brandy Creek fire trail to Young's Hut and return

Grade 3

Warwick McLachlan

Travel late Friday afternoon past Hotham to then walk down Brandy Creek fire trail to a sublime camp site on the Cobungra River bank for evening dinner. Up Paling Spur on Saturday morning for the 4 km to Young's Hut to welcome the birthday boy for an overnight camp. Return the same way on Sunday. All up about 16 km return with 400 m elevation down to and up out of Cobungra River.

07/11/2015 - 08/11/2015 Celebration Weekend. Birthday/Young's Hut completion

Grade 4

Ron H

For those of you whose memory is still intact, my wife organised a surprise sixtieth birthday bash for me at Young's Hut, yes, ten years ago. This time, no surprises, so come celebrate my Seventieth.

So bring a wine or two, wish me Happy Birthday and marvel at the completion of the new weatherboards at Young's.

(Hope to see you all again in another ten years.)

07/11/2015 YOUNGS HUT DAY WALK

Grade 3

Bernadette

For those who are unable to do the overnight walk for Ron's special birthday, I am planning a day walk. We will walk out with the overnights but return after lunch. We may even be able to assist by carrying a bottle or two. Friends (old and yet to meet Ron) are most welcome.

22/11/2015 - 29/11/2015 Wilson's Prom week

Grade 4

Bernadette Cromarty

This is really 2 separate walks so walkers could choose one of the walks or both.

Walk one will be to the Lighthouse for a two night stay. The first day will be a travel day and the night will be spent at Tidal River. Here you can camp or book a cabin. As beds, stoves and life's luxuries are provided we can take some 'real food' and wine. The free day can be spent walking or relaxing.

Walk two will be a full pack circuit walk to Sealer's Cove, Little Waterloo Bay and back with a possible summit of Mt Oberon on the first or last day.

As there are limited places in the lighthouse and at the camping spots, booking as soon as possible is advised. The cost for the week should be around \$450 + petrol. (More if you opt for the cabins at Tidal River)

28/11/2015 Lunch at Blairs Hut, grade 4, 22kms

Grade 4

Deb

I tried to do this walk earlier on in the year but the weather did not cooperate. So here it is again. Starting at Pretty Valley Pondage we will make our way via "The Green Tree" to Pole 333 for morning tea. From there we follow the poles to Cobungra Gap and descend via Basalt Temple nearly to the Cobungra River, where turn off and follow a well worn service track to Red Robin Battery and eventually Blairs Hut on the banks of the Cobungra. After lunch and if we find the track we ascend to Westons Hut and finally back to Pole 333 for a break before heading off once again cross country back to our cars. All up about 22km with a short steep section. As I haven't done this walk before anyone who has would be more than welcome to act as a co-leader or personal GPS on the day.

05/12/2015 Razorback Crossover, grade 4

Grade 4

Deb

Take a walk on the one of the regions most recognisable features – The Razorback. This ultimate sky trail walk will have one group walking from Diamantina Hut, to the intersection with the Mt Feathertop track, where you can decide to summit or laze in the grass, before descending via Bungalow Spurr to Harrierville. The other group will reverse the direction ascending Bungalow Spurr first before tackling Mt Feathertop and the Razorback.

12/12/2015 Falls to Hotham Cross Over, grade 4, 19kms

Grade 4

Deb

The only decision you need to make about this walk is which direction to do it in. Both groups cover the same route, both groups will puff as the ascend and move swiftly as they descend and both groups will have amazing views and great company. But for it to go ahead a co-leader is needed please. This walk is approximately 19km and all on well worn tracks.

13/12/2015 Goldie's Spur cross over, Grade 3, 19kms

Grade 3

Paul Schirmer

This is a walk from the Buckland valley to the Buffalo valley (or the reverse as it is a crossover) behind Mt Buffalo. It is all on a 4WD track that follows a high-tension power line.

There is a fairly substantial climb from either end because the track rises to about 1200m and the start at either end is at about 300m. There are good views along the track because at the higher parts we will be right on the back of Mt Buffalo, near the Back Wall.

Fires have been through most of this area but that will only have served to open up the views.

As this is a cross over I will need at least 6 walkers, three from each end, and someone to be the second leader.

31/12/2015 - 01/01/2016 West Peak Mt Bogong, grade 4 medium-hard

Grade 4

Peter S-A

On Thursday we will walk up the Eskdale Spur to the summit of Mt Bogong. We will then walk over the Hooker Plateau to Stirling Gap, near West Peak where we will make camp for the night. In the evening we can watch the sun go down, on the last day of the year, from the summit of West Peak. Friday we will walk out the same way. This walk will only run if the weather is suitable.

Club member of the year - Cindy Marsh

Best Club Person Award 2015 *Cindy Marsh*

The Border Bushwalking Club acknowledges and celebrates the contribution, the commitment and the enthusiasm of Cindy Marsh over the past ten years.

Since joining the club in 2005 Cindy has shown that she is not one content to sit back and wait to be led by others. Rather, she has taken the initiative to become involved in all aspects of our club, willing to give freely of her time to ensure the ethos and ideals of the club are maintained and upheld.

During her time with the club Cindy has not only adroitly organised and led numerous day walks and extended hikes to far flung places, but has also involved herself in the administration and day-to-day operation of the Club, as well as finding time to encourage and nurture new leaders.

Her involvement on the committee has included two terms as our President; a stint as Publicity Officer responsible for promoting and publicising the benefits of the outdoors; and, the complex task as Activities Co-Ordinator, a role in which she strives to ensure there are a range and diversity of activities that will cater to the tastes and abilities of all members.

Cindy truly is an asset to this Club and we heartily thank her and applaud her commitment.



2016

02/01/2016 Pretty Valley circuit and Mt Jim, grade 3

Grade 3

Eileen

This walk is a circuit around Pretty Valley. Starting at Pretty Valley pondage we head to Cope Saddle Hut then follow the pole line towards Mt Jim, which we will climb and from where we should get some good views of Mt Feathertop. From there, we go to Pole 333, the green tree and back to Pretty Valley, or if time permits, a quick visit to Tawonga Huts. Distance is about 16 km, mainly on tracks, with the ascent of Mt Jim rated 'exploratory' (ie I haven't done it before).

09/01/2016 Falls Creek Trails: Walking on Water

Grade 3

Eileen

Starting at Howmans Gap, we follow Route 24 past the McKay power station portal and a couple of waterfalls to Ruined Castle, thence along McKay Road, looking down on Falls Creek, to Wombat's Ramble and the Walking on Water trail to Rocky Valley Dam for lunch. Return will be via the aqueduct to Falls Creek then down the Packhorse Trail. Mainly up in the morning, down after lunch, but nothing too steep, about 20 km all up. Spectacular views along much of the way!

10/01/2016 Falls Creek Heritage Trail, Grade 1 easy

Grade 1

Eileen

On this easy walk we'll visit some of the historic huts of the Bogong High Plains. Starting at Langford's Gap we'll walk along the aqueduct past Rover Lodge, then visit Cope and Wallace's Huts before returning to the cars. About 10 km, all on track, only one short but steep climb. Suitable for beginners with adequate gear.

21/01/2016 - 26/01/2016 Snowy Mountains - The Kerries via Geehi Dam

Grade 5

Peter Smith-Allen Peter Smith-Allen Peter Smith- Allen

Day 1, 21st Jan

In the afternoon we drive to the Geehi Reservoir and car camp for the night.

Day 2, 22nd Jan, 20Km

Walk up Schlink Pass Rd past Schlink Hilton Hut, to a nice camp site at Schlink Pass.

Day 2, 23rd approx. 10km (off track)

Today we venture off track, with a steep climb to the summit of the Gungarton, 2068 m. From here we follow a ridge line down to Tin Hut, where we camp for the night.

Day 3, 24th approx. 8km (off track)

In the morning we cross the head waters of the Valentine Creek to the ridge line of the Kerrie's. This ridge line offers some of the best ridge walking in the park. We follow the ridge down to Mawsons Hut where we camp for the night.

Day 4, 25th approx. 12 km (off track)

This morning we follow the Valentine Creek to famous Valentine Hut. We continue to follow the Valentine Creek in the afternoon, past Valentine Falls to the Geehi River. After crossing the Geehi River we head for Valentine Track and the Grey Mare Hut where we camp for the night.

Day 5, 26th 18.5Km

On our last day we follow Grey mare trail past Grey Hill back to the cars.

23/01/2016 - 25/01/2016 Mountain Creek to Mt Bogong and Mt Hotham

Grade 5 – hard

Three days: January 23, 24, 25.

Leader: Paul S

Max participants: 8

Starting at the Mountain Creek car park we will climb to the top of Mt Bogong via the Staircase Spur. We will then descend to the Big River along Quartz Ridge. From there we take the Big River Fire trail up to Warby Corner and on to either Edmonsons or Johnstons Hut to spend our first night.

Our walk will then follow the Australian Alps Walking Track to Langfords Gap and then onto some of the iconic huts on the high plains such as Wallaces and Cope Huts.

From there the track heads nearly west past Mt Cope and on to Cope Saddle then pole 333. We then veer south toward Youngs Hut. At pole 267 the track heads west down Dibbins Divide to Dibbins Hut and the Cobungra River for our second night.

Our third day starts with a steep climb up Swindlers Spur to Derricks Hut. From there it's a short 4 kilometres to our final destination, the Mt Lock car park.

The total distance of this walk is about sixty kilometres and is very steep in places. Our destination each night may change if conditions or our levels of fatigue require it.

30/01/2016 Mt Jaitmathang, grade 3 medium.

Grade 3

Deb

Its been a while and had a name change since I last visited Mt Jaitmathang, so thought it time to see if anything else has changed. This walk will start at Pretty Valley Pondage and follow the Fainter Fire Track to Tawonga Huts.

From there (if memory serves me correctly) we leave the fire trail and follow the now well marked (I have been told but cannot confirm this myself) and defined track to the summit of Mt Jaitmathang.

We return via the same route to the cars at Pretty Valley.

06/02/2016 - 07/02/2016 Overnighter/day walk to Youngs Hut

Grade 4

Deb

The location of Youngs Hut makes it perfect for an easy over nighter. Not too far, not a big climb up or down and water available. We should be there for lunch and then the afternoon is free to read, sleep or wander the area without a pack. If you just want to come for the day, that's fine, the more the merrier. The 1,000,000 star rating is worth the big pack. About 20kms return.

14/02/2016 South Buffalo View Point. Grade 1 - easy. 8km

Grade 1

Bruce K

An easy walk along a foot track through picturesque clearings, snow gum woodland and giant rocks to a wonderful viewpoint at the south edge of Mt Buffalo plateau.

Like all walks on Mt Buffalo this is a lovely walk, passing through small open areas and large granite tors. The view at the South Wall is very impressive. There and back from the old Tatra Inn (Cresta lodge) site is only about 8 kms.

15/02/2016 - 16/02/2016 Overnight to Young Hut

Grade 3

Dick Wellard

Overnight backpack to Young Hut. Leaving Yackandandah at 9am on Monday Feb 15th and returning by 4pm on the next day.

In view of late notice prepared to take acceptances up until 4pm Sunday afternoon. Feb 14th.

19/02/2016 - 22/02/2016 4 day alpine walk.

Grade 4

John Hillard

A classic walk along one of the most spectacular sections of the Alpine Walking Track. We will start at Hotham and cross to the High Plains via Cobungra Gap. We'll camp the first night at Ryders Yards or thereabouts. The second day will be a long (but gentle) stroll across the High Plains to Roper Hut. The next day it is down, down, down 800m to the Big River and up, up, up to Cleve Cole Hut to camp. The final day will be an exit via the Eskdale Spur with a brief side trip to Mt Bogong. Please book through Bernadette.

20/02/2016 Mountain Bike ride along Nelse Fire Trail

Grade 3

Warwick McLachlan

This is in conjunction with Bruce's walk to Roper's hut on the same day except we will ride mountain bikes and perhaps travel a little further eg to Timm's Lookout. Departing 7 AM with Bruce's mob from Bunnings Wodonga to Watchbed Creek beyond Falls Creek and head up the Nelse Fire Trail. Not suitable for hybrid bikes I wouldn't think. I have space for 2 more bikes on my rack and Bruce's 4WD might be available for similar number.

20/02/2016 Roper's Hut Grade 2 (Easy-medium) 15 km

Grade 2

Bruce K

Another walk on the high plains where it will be about 12 degrees cooler than in Albury-Wodonga. Most of the walk is well above the tree line and hence there are great views, especially as we pass Mt Nelse. We will be going out and back by the same route, so if some want to cut it short we can pick them up on the way back.

26/02/2016 - 28/02/2016 Car Camp at JB Plain

Grade 4

Deb

Car camping opens up a whole new world of possibilities and luxuries.

The plan is to leave from Albury on Friday afternoon or whenever work commitments allow you to get away.

Some people may choose to come up Saturday morning.

It will be a shared meal on Friday night around a camp fire (weather conditions permitting) or by torch light, for those who are interested in joining.

A walk to Mt Table top is planned for Saturday (see walk description following), with a well earned dinner at the Dinner Plain Hotel that night. Its up to you on Sunday whether you do a short walk to Carmichael Falls (2km return) or just pack up and leave at your leisure.

At 1593 metres above sea level, Mt. Tabletop is a distinctive flat plateau linked to the Great Dividing Range by a low ridge. In this untracked area at the headwaters of the Dargo River there is a distinct feeling of isolation. 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 14kms and marked to a rocky outcrop just below the summit. Return via the same route.

28/02/2016 Walk in Harrietville Grade 1 difficulty and approx 13km

Please join me, Katia Bertazzo and Tania Gatzka on a lovely walk in Harrietville on Sunday 28th Feb.

We will meet at around 9:30 am and walk from the Trout farm just this side of Harrietville along the shared Stage 1 of the Bright -Harrietville Shared trail to Tavare Park (next to ice cream shop) loop around the back to the Tronoh Dredge swimming hole.

We will then join the East Ovens track for a little bit, cross the river at the Chinese Camp, return to the Park and then walk back to the trout farm. Shopping at Granny's Pantry or the Lavender Farm is optional.

Please call Katia Bertazzo in Albury or Tania Gatzka in Bright.

If you are last minute people, your best bet is to call Tania, as reception in Harrietville is dodgy and I will be there Sat night.

01/03/2016 - 08/03/2016 The Great Ocean Walk - Great Otway and Port Campbell National Parks, [Victoria](#)

Grade 4

Cindy Marsh

Great Ocean Walk –one direction, eight days, long-distance walk, 100km

Website: www.greatoceanwalk.com.au

The Great Ocean Walk is a one-way walk starting from the Apollo Bay Visitor Information Centre through the Great Otway and Port Campbell National Parks to finish at the iconic Twelve Apostles near Princetown.

Due to limited camping space 2 persons pre tent is required.

Contact Cindy for additional details- cindy.bushwalking.com.au

01/03/2016 General Monthly meeting – All welcome night

Warwick McLachlan

Traditionally the club has a new members night early in each year when people interested in outdoor activities, and whether members or not, are invited to come along and see what the club has on offer. This year there will be a Day Pack – show & tell by Marie. Paul will give an Overnight Backpack show and tell. David will give information about our activities program and Warwick will run a brief slideshow of club activities to whet the appetite. Tea and biccies as always are available free of cost during the Meeting. What is there not to like!

05/03/2016 Buffalo back wall - grade 1 easy, 10-12kms

Grade 1

Bruce K

Mt Buffalo is a great mountain, it's rock formations and extensive views are hard to beat. The walk (all on track) out to the Back Wall will make the most of all Buffalo has to offer.

Walk past Egg Rock and Chinaman's Dam, across The Devil's Playground, through snow gums, granite rocks and beautiful vegetation, to a scenic lunch spot at the Back Wall overlooking surrounding valleys. Return along the same route.

12/03/2016 Cross Over Pretty Valley to Bogong Village, grade 4

Grade 4

Deb K

The plan for the day is for one group starting at Pretty Valley and following the Fainter Fire Track to Tawonga Huts and from there following what appears (on my map) to be a well defined track that skirts the Fainters and goes to Bogong Jack Hut. From there it looks like there is a 4WD track that goes via The Springs Saddle and down to Bogong Village. The other group would do this in reverse.

19/03/2016 The Big Walk, grade 3 medium, 22kms

Grade 3

Deb

This is my all time favourite walk. As the well worn track climbs from the Rangers Station car park to the Gorge (approx 1000m), it passes through a variety of vegetation zones and gives us the most amazing views. There will

be a number of stops to take it all in. The 11.3km ascent finishes at the Gorge, where we will have lunch before returning the same way. If there is enough interest, The Not so Big Walk will be an option, but this is dependant on numbers.

26/03/2016 Mt Jim/ Tawonga Huts, easy-medium, 15kms

Grade 2

Bernadette

This walk will be 'third time lucky' for me as I continue in my quest to get to the top of Mt Jim.

We will start from Pretty Valley and go via Tawonga Huts on the way there or back. The total distance will not exceed 15kms and, apart from the short climb up Mt Jim, the slopes are gentle.

As this is Easter Saturday its a good way to make a preemptive strike on those Easter calories (although chocolate eaten on Easter Sunday is, of course, calorie free).

02/04/2016 Kelly's and Fitzgerald Huts- 12kms Easy-Medium walk

Grade 2

Bruce

The huts are on the High Plains beyond Falls Creek and we'll walk the "easy" route to them. Starting at Watchbed Creek, we'll follow Big River Fire Track to a junction where we'll turn onto the Kelly Track. On the way we'll make the short detour to Fitzgerald Hut before having lunch at Kelly's Hut. We'll retrace our steps to the cars after lunch. The walk is all on track with slight undulations.

This walk is all on tracks with not much elevation change and is either a good introduction to the high plains or a chance to get away from the heat.

02/04/2016 Mt Bogong

Grade 4

Deb

Starting at Mt Creek camp ground (or the base of The Staircase, if we can get enough 4WD's) we will ascend Mt Bogong via The Eskdale Spurr and Michel Hut. The track is well used but does climb relentlessly to the summit. Then after lunch it's all downhill via The Staircase and eventually flat ground.

09/04/2016 - 10/04/2016 Gourmet Overnight Walk: Tawonga Huts, easy-medium

Grade 2

Ian T

This is a short walk (less than 5kms each way) which means we can bring gourmet food to share and some refreshments too if desired. You don't need to be a chef because by gourmet we mean 'not dehydrated.'

Tawonga Huts are set in a delightful spot out from Pretty Valley, Falls Creek. There are some pleasant tracks from here also if you want to go for more of a stroll after you have set up camp.

Let Ian know if you can join us by 2nd April and then Bernadette will coordinate what people bring for our feast.

This would be a great walk to relax with other club members and would suit beginners to overnight walking.

Don't forget we have lots of gear that you can hire to equip you.

16/04/2016 - 17/04/2016 The Bluff, grade 3 medium

Grade 3

Pete S-A

On Saturday we will travel via Mansfield, Sheep yard Flat, to an overnight car camp situated on the Jamieson River.

Sunday we will drive part way up Bluff link Rd to the car park. We will walk the remaining 6km along the gravel Rd to bluff hut. Here we will leave the road following the walking track 5.5km over the Bluff back to the cars.

This walk has some great views of a different area, but due it's elevation it will not go ahead if bad weather is forecast.

19/04/2016 - 20/04/2016 Overnight walk Mt Loch Car Park to Dibbin Hut

Grade 3

Rosemary

This overnight walk is an exploratory walk. We will leave from Mt Loch car park and walk to Dibbin Hut

following the pole lines, approximately 9 kms. We will camp overnight there and will decide whether to return

the next day via the same route or do a circuit and return via Red Robin Battery and Mt Loch. The walk is suitable for those who want to try overnight hikes.

22/04/2016 - 25/04/2016 AWT: Mt Bogong – The Long Spur – Mt Wills – Benambra - grade 4 - hard

Grade 4

John H

This is an opportunity to see the High Plains from a different angle! A few of us did Hotham to Bogong a few weeks back and we are now intending to do the next four day section of the Alpine Walking Track.

To regain the track, we'll climb Eskdale Spur to camp near the Maddisons Hut site. We then descend the Long Spur before climbing up and over Mt Wills and descending into the Mitta River Valley to finish somewhere near Benambra (exactly where I'll figure out once I get the latest map). Numbers are limited to eight and you'll need to be fit to handle a couple of big climbs.

01/05/2016 Glen Creek Loop Walk Grade 3, 16kms

Grade 3

Pauline S

Commencing on private property, we head off across paddocks, beware the farm animals! We then head into the bush on a little used 4WD track, with our first stop giving a magnificent view over Mudgegonga, Kiewa Valley, and Mount Buffalo, Stanley, Big Ben and Jack. WOW.

After that it's down hill for a bit, then we head off track for a short while, crossing a creek that may or may not have water in it, where we have our second stop. After this it's back onto a 4WD track, with a stop for lunch, then lots of ups and downs, till we're back at our starting point.

21/05/2016 - 01/07/2016 Canning Stock Route

Exploratory

David Findlay

The following is not a Border bushwalking event, but we bring it to members attention for your interest.

We are planning a trip along the Canning Stock Route in WA commencing on Saturday 21st May and returning on or around Friday 1st of July. A few of us long term friends have been talking about this trip for many years are going to make it happen. We plan to take 4x4 utes and some motorbikes and spend 3 weeks travelling South to North on the Canning Stock Route. From the end we will decide to go home via Perth, head to Broome and Darwin or go out via Alice Springs. A few options as we see how we are going. There are a number of exit points for those who wish to leave before the full five weeks however this is an opportunity to see outback Australia at its best. We have nearly all the gear ready to go and a few spare seats if individuals are interested or if other vehicles are wishing to join us. We are a mature group of adults and plan to drive no longer than 6 hours a day. This is an extended trip with some pretty rough country and people need to be comfortable with the extent of the travel possibly 10,000km and living in close quarters with others. We have a briefing paper to explain our planning and general information, for those who are interested please contact David Findlay for a discussion. Final time for interest must be May 1st.

21/05/2016 Wild Horse Creek - Bogong High Plains

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

Wild Horse Creek is a beautiful spot on Track 107 about 10kms from the carpark at Watchbed Creek, where this walk begins. We will initially follow a 4WD track before veering off and following the pole line and Kelly Track to Fitzgeralds and Kelly Hut. This part of the walk is fairly flat and has great views. At Kelly Hut we join Track 107 and descend to Wild Horse Creek, where we will have lunch. After the climb back up to Kelly Hut I would like to make return trip back to the cars via the Aquaduct Track but this will depend on a number of factors including the weather and finding the track. All up about 20km.

22/05/2016 Washington Creek via Bon Accord Track - Harrierville

Grade 2

Katia Bertazzo

Sunday May 8th Grade 2

The following is an excerpt from "Walking and Trails in Harrierville"

Washington Creek via Bon Accord Track

"8km, 3hrs return Formed track with hills and some obstacles. Sign posted. Starting at the end of Bon Accord Track. Though this walk is only recommended for experienced walkers, the first section of this track is a fantastic walk on its own. The track will guide you along the east branch of the Ovens River to the confluence of Washington Creek. Return the way you came."

I have walked it before and it has a steady grade down and back up but not steep. We would like to meet at Pioneer Park at 9:30 am and walk down to Washington creek for an early lunch. On the way back we will turn left before the Feathertop Chalet and follow the road at Harrierville, so we can check the Museum before going to the coffee shop. All up I estimate the walk to be around 12 km max. And would rate it Grade 2 at the most because of the ups and downs.

Call me Katia Bertazzo by Sat morning May 21th as I will be in Harrierville and out of range at times. or Tarnia Gatzka up to Sunday morning May 22nd. If you are a late minute person please at least let us know that you are coming so we don't leave without you.

28/05/2016 Bon Accord Spurr Cross Over, 12kms

Grade 3

Deb

The Bon Accord Spur was the route taken by walkers, horseriders and pack horses to Mt Hotham before the Great Alpine Road was built. The track follows the Ovens River – East Branch for 5 km. The steep climb up the spur starts from the bridge at Washington Creek. The Bon Accord Hut ruin is 9.5 km from the start of the track. From here it is 2 km up to the Razorback, then 0.5 km to the Great Alpine Road. As this is a cross over you have the option to decide whether you walk up or down the track.

29/05/2016 Eurobin to Wandiligong and Return by Bike

Grade 2

Leader: Ian Trevaskis

We'll meet at Eurobin Station, between Myrtleford and Porepunkah, at 9:30 am for a 10:00 am start. The route is a pleasant and easy cycle on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail to Bright (14kms) and then on a newly opened and sealed trail to Wandiligong (5kms). After a bit of a wander around Wandi we will ride back to Bright for lunch (either at a cafe or we'll get take away and eat by the river) then we'll ride back to Eurobin, maybe stopping at the Rail Trail Cafe in Porepunkah for a coffee.

There is no booking deadline – just turn up or call me to let me know you are coming.

Please make sure you have a roadworthy bike, spare tube and puncture repair kit with you.

04/06/2016 Cross Country Skiing

Grade 3

Sue Cardwell

Trips are planned with a few days notice snow & weather permitting on the borderskiers Yahoo site. Most trips

Grade 3 medium with some hard at times. Can be flexible if beginners.

If you wish to join this group please contact the co-ordinator Warwick McLachlan

04/06/2016 Lake Sambell to Lake Kerford -Beechworth

Grade 2

Pauline McLaughlin

We'll start at Lake Sambell in Beechworth and walk along the well-marked track through bush land, passing several mine shafts that have been protected by wire until we reach Lake Kerford for morning tea. We'll retrace our steps and finish with a picnic lunch overlooking Lake Sambell.

05/06/2016 Lower Big Walk Highlights

Grade 3

Bernadette Cromarty

We will commence at the start of the Big Walk and walk up as far as Marriotts Lookout. At this point we will retrace our steps until we come to Rollasons Junction where we will make a side trip down to Rollasons Falls on our way back. All of this walk is on well formed tracks although there may be some fallen trees or recent erosion to contend with. Much of the walk is steep (equally up and down, not surprisingly)

11/06/2016 Mt Pilot off track

Grade 3

Warwick McLachlan

This is a walk from the club's 1980s history. Starting from the top of Mt Pilot in Chiltern State Park walking due west then veer north west off track to hit Greenbreak Track, then a short north-westerly walk along a gravel road to Yeddonba Picnic area where an Aboriginal rock painting of a Thylacine is visible along a quite interesting cultural heritage interpretive trail (1.5km). Then it's a climb straight up the northern slope of Mount Pilot off track gaining 200 metres elevation to the summit, lunch and the cars. A little over 4 km in total but expect not much change out of 4 hours.

19/06/2016 - 13/07/2016 Larapinta Trail, NT

Grade 4

Marie Maguire

I'm planning an extended trip along the remarkable Larapinta Trail (Western MacDonnell Ranges, NT). I'll be taking my time & having a good look around, so I will be out walking for about three weeks. As there are multiple access points to this trail I will be able to put in a few food drops and it also makes it possible for walkers to join me for a section or two (or more) of the trip, as it suits them.

The plan is still evolving but anyone who is interested can email me, and I will send you my detailed trip plan.

Overall the trip will be "medium" (although there will be a few harder days along the way) and I am factoring in a number of rest days.

19/06/2016 Mount Beauty Hill and West Kiewa Power Station, Grade 2 Easy / Medium, 12 - 15 kms

Grade 2

Carol Tonn

Starting from Mount Beauty we follow the marked cross country mountain bike trail up hill for about 1 1/2 hours.

It is not a steep climb as the bikes go up this trail not down, there are two very short steeper bits once we leave the bike trail (about 100 mtrs). Once at the top it's gradual downhill to the West Kiewa Power station lookout and 2 waterfalls. We retrace some of the walk before heading back to the cars on different trails.

There may also be time to go down the Gorge, a short interesting walk along the track to the river.

**Unfortunately there is too much water coming down at the moment to walk the last bit into the canyon .

The walk is on bike trails, foot pads, dirt roads and fire trails and is approx 13 kms.

25/06/2016 The very First Mount Emu Cross-Over Walk, grade 3 medium, 16kms

Grade 3

Deb

The view across Tawonga and Mt Beauty from the top of Mt Emu is pretty stunning.

Mt Emu is adjacent to Mt Bogong but much lower so is accessible during the winter months. Despite this walk being all on 4WD track it is perfect for this time of the year.

I have checked out Redbank Track which takes you to the summit of Mt Emu from the opposite direction of our usual ascent. So I would like to try to do this as a cross-over if someone would like to lead from Mountain Creek Road.

It will be very straight forward and all on well defined 4WD tracks.

One group will walk up Mt Creek Road from the cars before turning at the intersection with Eskdale Spurr for the walk to the summit, while the other group will follow Redbank Track to the summit. Lunch for both groups will be on the hang glider launch pad, with the most amazing views across Tawonga and Mt Beauty, before each group continues to walk to the other end of Eskdale Spurr from which they started. If no co-leader can be found we will revert to plan B which will be a loop walk from Mt Creek Road along Eskdale Spurr to the summit for lunch. The return walk will follow the access road for the transmission lines. Around 16kms all up.

26/06/2016 Bright to Wandiligong return

Grade 1

Katia Bertazzo

Distance: Max 14 km (The "Bright and Surrounds" Walks and Trail guide says 11 kms but we are not so sure about their distance data!)

Grade: Flat except for one small hill

Easy Walk (according to Pauline McLaughlin)

Duration 9:30-2:30

We will meet at the Riverside park at 9:30, walk to Wandiligong along the various pathways next to Morse Creek to The Chinese Gardens where we will have lunch. Then we will wander back to Bright for some afternoon tea.

Please call Katia or Tania ahead of time. Since its a Sunday feel free to let us know up to the morning of Sunday that you are coming. I will be driving up from Albury.

02/07/2016 Mt Granya

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

It's been awhile since I have walked Mt Granya but I don't think much will have changed. The walk is about 14 kms, all on well formed tracks and should be easy to follow. The walk doesn't involve huge climbs or long distances but it is a decent walk. If you have recently walked Mt Granya and would like to be my GPS for the day I would be most appreciative.

03/07/2016 Everton Railway Station to Beechworth and Return 32 kms total

Grade 4

Ian Trevaskis

This is a challenging (and quite likely chilling) ride on the rail trail UP to Beechworth where we will have a leisurely lunch at Bridge Road Brewers (great pizzas) before the EASY freewheel back down the hill.

Please be at Everton with your bike, puncture repair kit, spare tube and warm gear by 10:30am. There is a MTB track running beside the sealed track for those who want to have some fun on their mountain bikes.

06/07/2016 Albury Riverside Trail

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

Time to start the Wednesday Wanders wunce again. This walk will take us from Noreuil Park to Sumsion Gardens and return. I'm hoping to walk most Wednesdays so if you know of a good local walk or would like to lead/co-lead, just let me know.

09/07/2016 Lake Sambell to Lake Kerford -Beechworth

Grade 2

Pauline McLaughlin

We'll start at Lake Sambell in Beechworth and walk along the well-marked track through bush land, passing several mine shafts that have been protected by wire until we reach Lake Kerford for morning tea. We'll retrace our steps and finish with a picnic lunch overlooking Lake Sambell.

13/07/2016 Bungambrawartha Creek Trail

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

Starting in or near Noreuil Park, we head north along the cycle/footpath alongside Bungambrawartha Creek past the Albury Golf Club to Heathwood Park in Lavington for lunch, then return by a similar route. About 13 km, mostly flat.

16/07/2016 Mt Jack, 17kms medium-hard

Grade 4

Deb

Finding a walk that is accessible in winter is tricky. Mt Jack, at the back of Dederang fits the bill nicely. Whilst it is all on 4WD track, these tracks are rarely used so we won't be dodging vehicles all day. The walk is a loop that is accessed via private property and by crossing a number of creeks (depth of water is dependant on weather). On a clear day whilst climbing steeply (700m over 4km) up Billy Hicks Track you can see the main range. This climb will take us to the Mt Jack Track and from here its a bit up, a bit down, and a bit around till we get to the unassuming summit of Mt Jack. Following the North House Creek Track we will descend back to the flatter farmland and the cars. All up about 17km.

16/07/2016 Snow Shoe Mount Buffalo Easy

Grade 2

Ron Hammond

Walk to Dickson Falls in the morning, followed by a walk to the Horn car park with some great views. (Hopefully the sun will shine)

23/07/2016 Cross Country Skiing for Beginners

Grade 1

Sue Cardwell

An opportunity for anyone keen to learn the basics of Cross Country Skiing. Sue Cardwell and Ian Trevaskis will introduce you to the joy of sliding over the white stuff and by the end of the day you will be a confident and proficient cross country skier! Those who don't have access to skis can hire some from 'Snow Trek and Travel', Wodonga prior to the day. We will explore the groomed trails and the Bogong High Plains beyond the Nordic Bowl. For more information regarding appropriate gear and travel arrangements please contact Sue.

(If you are fit and you can walk – you can ski!)

As for all snow play activities this is a 'weather dependent' event.

23/07/2016 Flaggy Creek Gorge Mt Lawson

Exploratory

Sarah-Jane Harrington

Mt Lawson State Park is about 70kms from Albury Wodonga between Granya and Jingellic. Flaggy Creek Gorge is a well marked track with waterfalls and rock pools which hopefully will be in good flow after the recent rains. Panoramic views over the Murray River. A pleasantly up and back walk along a well marked track.

30/07/2016 - 31/07/2016 Heathy Spur snow camp

Grade 4

Warwick McLachlan

The club usually runs a snow camp this time of year and 2016 is to be no exception. Suitable for 1st timers at snow camping but need to have a rudimentary ability to ski cross country. We will backpack from Falls Creek to camp part way along Heathy Spur – about 2 hours of slow work mainly along the groomed track. After setting up camp we will day tour to practically anywhere depending on the fitness and finesse of the party and the energy of the leader, who is old. Sunday will be similar, returning to Falls Creek mid to late afternoon. Much will depend on the weather – lying in a tent all weekend with a good book and numerous cups of tea is not unpleasant; however brilliant sunshine will ensure plenty of out and abouting. There is enough tentage available although extra snow plates or pegs will be useful. Participants will need a good quality sleeping bag or someone close by for a restful night's sleep.

I am away from Albury until and including 17 July so prior bookings will be responded to after that date.

30/07/2016 Lower Big Walk Highlights

Grade 3

Bernadette Cromarty

We will commence at the start of the Big Walk and walk up as far as Marriotts Lookout. At this point we will retrace our steps until we come to Rollasons Junction where we will make a side trip down to Rollasons Falls on our way back. All of this walk is on well formed tracks although there may be some fallen trees or recent erosion to contend with. Much of the walk is steep (equally up and down, not surprisingly)

06/08/2016 lake nillahcootie west track walk

Grade 3

Mick Sheedy

this is a new area. the walk is combo of management track and open farmland with a few ups and downs with biggest climb of about 300 mts , approximately 18ks long.

14/08/2016 Mount Welcome – Mitta Mitta

Grade 4

Bill Krautz

A walking track leaves the river below Mitta then climbs Mt Welcome (about 650 meters ascent) following a spur with some steep sections. The track affords views of the Mitta Valley and passes quite a few old reef mines.

19/08/2016 - 21/08/2016 Howmans Gap Snow Weekend

Sue Cardwell

As easy or as hard as you please. Come & have a great 3 day weekend in the snow- skiing – downhill or cross country, snow shoeing, walking or just lazing around the fire with a good book.

Staying at Howman's Gap Alpine Centre just near the entry gate to Falls Creek. Accommodation 2- 5 bunk bedrooms, single & communal bathrooms & disabled facilities. Large efficient drying rooms & guest fridges available.

All meals included from Friday dinner to Sunday packed lunch. BYO bedlinen/sleeping bag, towel, wine & nibbles for around the fire predinner. Gluhwein could be on the menu. Blankets & pillows provided.

Cost \$247 for 2 nights & 6 meals.

20/08/2016 Myrtleford Tracks

Grade 2

Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at the J A Jones Memorial at Myrtleford, we'll walk up Reform Hill where we'll pass the Hume and Hovell memorial on our way to morning tea at the Lookout where we'll be able to take in the views over the Ovens Valley and Mt Buffalo. A leisurely walk down the circuit track will have us back where we started and from there we'll walk along a track through part of Myrtleford to Rotary Park for lunch. From there, we'll cross the bridge over Happy Valley Creek and take the track along the banks of the Ovens River and finally end up back in town for a coffee. About 9kms

21/08/2016 Lake Urana - "Walking through time"

Grade 2

Bill Krautz

Lake Urana offers massive 90feet high sand dunes, ancient lake and beaches, middens, 23 000 year old burial site and remnant vegetation.

Massive climate cooling and warming events are displayed in the lunette.

All off track through clean open forest (easy walking), with one ascent of the dune giving views of surrounding country side and lake.

27/08/2016 Shelley Station Bushwalk

Grade 2

Leader - Jo Cook

Meet at Wodonga Bunnings at 7am. Car pool to Koetong Pub. Walk will begin at Edgars Road going up varied gradients to Shelley Station which was the highest train station in Victoria at 781 meters. Along the way we will cross a couple of old trestle bridges. Lunch at Shelley Station then back down the way we came followed by afternoon tea at Koetong Pub.

This walk is approx. 20 kilometres return.

03/09/2016 The Big Walk

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

This is my favourite walk in our area. Mt Buffalo dominates the Ovens Valley skyline and the Big Walk gives access to views from a variety of angles. The walk starts at the carpark near the Rangers station and climbs steadily to the Gorge, is approx. 22km return and all on well formed walking tracks. If there is enough interest those of you who would prefer a shorter option may be able to do The Not So Big Walk (approx 14km return), which will start just up the road from Rollasons Falls carpark.

07/09/2016 Albury Riverside Trails

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

A choice of walks here! Starting from Noreuil Park, in the morning we'll follow the trail to Sumsion Gardens for morning tea then return to Noreuil for lunch (10 km). In the afternoon, we'll go in the opposite direction towards Horseshoe Lagoon and view the Aboriginal artworks on display (6 km). Do either or both!

10/09/2016 Thru Stanley State Forest to Buckland Gap

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

This walk is about 20kms and all on management tracks through Stanley State Forest. The first 8kms are uphill and then the rest of the walk is a bit up, a bit down and a bit flattish. The walk takes in the remnants of a glaciated landscape and from Murrungee Lookout we can see the truncated spurs which are evidence of this.

14/09/2016 Bungambrawartha Creek Trail

Grade 1

Eileen Clark

Starting from Noreuil Park we'll follow the trail through the streets and parks of Albury and Lavington to Centaur Road for lunch and then return by the same route. Easy walking, all on track, no hills, about 12 km.

17/09/2016 Baranduda Loop

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

The Baranduda State Park is a gem on our doorstep. This loop of about 16km makes the most of a number of well defined 4WD tracks (currently closed to vehicles). There are two climbs and descents of 650m and 360degree views along the ridge.

21/09/2016 Hume & Hovell track, Albury to Thurgoona

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

Starting from Borella Road we'll follow the Hume & Hovell track to somewhere in Thurgoona for lunch and return via the bike track from Thurgoona to Corrys Road, thence to the Hume & Hovell track for the final leg. About 15 km, all on tracks.

24/09/2016 Mt Stanley

Grade 3

Bernadette Cromarty

This 17km walk involves walking on some tracks with a little bit of bush-bashing.

There is a fair bit of up and down and we will start at the top of Mt Stanley which means that the main climb will be at the end of the day.

As its close to home our start won't be too early.

28/09/2016 Wodonga Huon Hill

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

Starting from Bandiana we'll ascend Huon Hill, returning via a different track. Fabulous views of Albury and Wodonga, spring flowers out. If the Kiewa River is still in flood we'll go somewhere else. About 15 km and steep in places.

30/09/2016 - 01/10/2016 Madisons Hut Ruins in the snow

Grade 5

Peter Smith-Allen

This walk will start at the base of Eskdale Spur where we will leave the cars. We will make our way up Mt Bogong through the patches of snow, passing Cleve Cole Hut on our way down to Madisons. There is a small campsite here next to a little creek where we will set up camp Friday night. We can then spend the rest of the day exploring the nearby Howmans Falls or just relaxing. Return back the same way on Saturday. (This walk will only run if the weather is good). Approx. 30km in total

01/10/2016 Mt Beauty

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

Explore the hills around Mt Beauty, including an ascent of Mt Beauty itself. Good views, perhaps with a dusting of snow on the high peaks, and early orchids underfoot. There's not much 'flat' on this walk, but the gradients are not too challenging and we have all day. About 14 km.

02/10/2016 - 09/10/2016 Grampians Wildflowers and Walks

Liz Nilbett

I am offering a trip to Halls Gap commencing Sunday October 2. This coincides with the annual Halls Gap Wildflower Walkabout.

The trip has 3 options to select from:

Option 1: 3 days. Arrive October 2 and participate in activities related to the Wildflower Walkabout such as self guided or guided walks and wildflower displays in the town hall. We will also do a variety of day walks to enjoy some of the beauty and stunning features the Grampians National Park offers.

Option 2: The Grampians Peak Trail, October 5 – 7. See details below. Bushwalking, grade 4, hard.

Option 3: Participating in both of the above options.

Please let me know which of the options you are interested in.

There could be a 4th option if someone is interested in being a co-leader and extend the activities of option 1 to 7 days.

Accommodation: Halls Gap Lakeside Camping and Cabins.

A huge variety of accommodation types is available here. If you wish to camp there are powered and unpowered sites.

Go to this website if you wish to explore the options. www.hallsgaplakeside.com

The Retro Glampers are the cheapest of the cabins. They sleep up to five, (one double, 3 bunks). These cabins have ensuites and are basic but comfortable. These are available for \$475 for the week. Depending on how many stay per cabin this can work out fairly economical.

Whichever type of cabin you choose, if staying for a week, the proprietors have arranged a very good deal: stay 7 nights, pay for only 5.

<http://www.hallsgaplakeside.com/cabins/retro-glampers/>

The campground has a great common area with an open fire we can gather around.

You will be responsible for booking your accommodation, however I can put you in touch with other participants wishing to share a cabin.

The Grampians Peak Trail.

The link below opens a PDF with all the information you need about this walk.

http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/662813/Grampians-Peaks-Trail-Brochure.pdf

The Grampians Peaks Trail is one of the *Walk Victoria's Icons* long distance trails. The first section is now complete and offers a 36 kilometre, 3 day/2 night circuit walk departing from Halls Gap.

Be inspired by the spectacular outlook of rugged mountain peaks from the top of Mount Rosea, panoramic views from the Pinnacle Lookout, ancient rock features of the Grand Canyon and the rich cultural history of this truly iconic Grampians landscape.

Three day / two night circuit walk

Distance: 36.6km total

Elevation changes: Day 1: 8.6km

Day 1:

840m Day 2: 13.8km

Day 2: 1033m Day 3: 14.2km

Day 3: 600m

Time: 3 days / 2 nights

Start/Finish: Halls Gap

Experience required Bushwalking experience recommended – well-prepared and self sufficient bushwalkers prepared for all weather conditions.

Day one

Halls Gap to Bugiga (8.6km – 5 Hours) Starting from the carpark in Halls Gap walk past the swimming pool, cross the road and follow signs to Venus Baths. Just before the rock pools at Venus Baths take the track up the stairs towards Splitters Falls. Once on the track you will come to a track junction where you can take a small detour to view the falls.

Return to the main track and climb up through a rocky gully to the Grand Canyon. After the canyon a steady ascent takes you through woodland and to the rocky corridor of Silent Street and then on to the famous Pinnacle. From this lookout views of Mt William, Halls Gap and Fyans Valley are astounding.

Follow the GPT signs south to Lakeside Lookout and then to Sundial Carpark. Much of this track is near the ridge that provides hikers with views along the way.

At Sundial Carpark take the track towards Sundial Peak for 250m. Turn right and follow the track towards Rosea Carpark. After 1.1km turn left onto the track to Bugiga Hiker Camp, a distinctive high-quality sustainable hiker camp exclusive to the Grampians Peak Trail. Alternatively, keep following the track to the Stony Creek group Hikers Camp.

Day two

Bugiga to Borough Huts (13.8km – 5 to 6 Hours) Take the track to Rosea Carpark, cross Stony Creek Road to start an ascent through tall Messmate forest. On the ridge, carefully follow track markers through a maze of sandstone outcrops, to cross a bridge over the Gate of the East Wind.

Continue the climb up windswept terraces to a sign posted intersection, turning left to the summit of Mt Rosea. Enjoy amazing 360-degree views over the Serra and Mt William Ranges.

Follow the markers down and veer left, through a sheltered forest. Track markers will guide you down rocky outcrops and forested gullies before reaching Borough Huts Campground for your second night's stay.

Walkers may choose to finish the walk at Borough Huts on day two and arrange for vehicle transport back to Halls Gap.

Day three

Borough Huts to Halls Gap (14km – 5-6 Hours) From the campground carefully cross the Grampians Tourist Road and follow the track to Bellfield Track, then continue along the Terraces Fireline. Follow this track to the Tandara Road intersection, turn left and walk to Tandara Road. Continue to the end of the road and cross over to the sealed walking track that will take you back to Halls Gap.

08/10/2016 Falls Creek Mt Nelse & Edmonsons Hut

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

We will go up Heathy Spur and steadily ascend the Big River Fire Trail to visit the summit of Mt Nelse and admire the views before dropping down to the hut, nestled among snow gums. Return by the same route or via Watchbed Creek. The walk is nearly all on track, about 14 km, some climbing involved but not too steep.

09/10/2016 Falls Creek Roper's Lookout

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

This walk starts in Falls Creek village. After a short, sharp climb we follow the aqueduct track to the end of the dam wall before the climb up to the lookout, returning roughly the same way. The length is about 10 km total and the climbs aren't too demanding, but the views are excellent. Suitable for novices with appropriate gear. No calls before 01 October, please.

12/10/2016 Mungarabeena/Eastern Hill

Grade 2

Bernadette Cromarty

This morning walk takes us over Eastern Hill and down to Mungabareena. It starts and ends at Cafe Borella so a hit of caffeine or even lunch are possibilities at the end.

This walk is being conducted in conjunction with Wodonga Senior Celebrations.

15/10/2016 Livingston Park Circuit - (near Mangoplah)

Grade 3

Bernadette Cromarty

This walk should be great this Spring with wildflowers a plenty. Livingston Park is near Mangoplah and a 25km circuit covers the park. There are lots of ups and downs on 4wd drive tracks in this walk.

15/10/2016 BY BIKE TO BEECHWORTH around 40kms Return

Ian Trevaskis

A short but challenging ride from the former Everton Railway Station uphill to Beechworth where we'll include a circuit ride via the gorge if participants are up for it. Lunch somewhere in Beechworth like Bridge Road Brewery before an exhilarating downhill run back to Everton. Cyclists to meet at Everton railway station at 9:15am and to carry spare tube and puncture repair kit.

22/10/2016 Myrtleford to Bright By Bike 60kms Return

Ian Trevaskis

We'll meet at the back of Coles Supermarket in Myrtleford at 9:15am before heading off on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail for a cruisy ride to Bright. After feeding our faces in Bright we'll ride back to Myrtleford.

Easy peasy! Cyclists to bring a spare tube and puncture repair kit.

29/10/2016 - 30/10/2016 Young's Hut Working Bee - (snow on track) (date changed to 17 Dec)

Grade 4

Ron Hammond

Our old friend, Young's Hut is in need of a coat or two of Linseed oil, It's been nearly 2 years since we replaced the weather boards. A re-coat will ensure a long life for the old girl, so come along with a brush or two a bottle of wine and have a great social Weekend.

If you would like to come for a day walk on Saturday to carry out some gear you would be most welcome.

05/11/2016 - 20/11/2016 Australian Alps Walking Track

Grade 5

Michael (Lowe)

Australian Alps Walking Track – Walhalla to Mt Hotham

November 5-20, 2016

Rated hard

Leader: Michael (Lowe)

Contact: mjlowe263 [at] gmail.com

This is a two-week trip planned for late next year from the southern terminus of the AAWT to where the track crosses the road near Mt Hotham ski resort. There will be a food drop after the first week, at Rumpff Saddle, on the Jamieson-Licola Road. This food drop will give the chance to do just one week – either start or finish at the saddle. The trip is for four to eight people. This is a 220km walk, mainly on track, through some of Australia's most spectacular country. A firm booking is not needed now, this is a call for expressions of interest.

05/11/2016 EUROBIN to WANDILIGONG and Return 40kms cycle

Grade 1

Ian Trevaskis

We'll meet at 10:00am at the former Eurobin Railway Station (about 16kms past Myrtleford on the Great Alpine Road.) The ride is all on the sealed Murray to the Mountains rail trail and includes the new 5km section between Bright and Wand. We'll lunch at the rustic Wand. Pub before mounting up and riding back to Eurobin. Please make sure you are carrying puncture repair kit and spare tube.

09/11/2016 AFTER WORK CANOE

Sasho Dillow

It's on again folks and there's plenty of water in the river! Come and enjoy an easy and relaxing paddle after work on the beautiful Murray River. Canoe hire will be arranged or BYO your own canoe. We will meet at the Cumberoona Wharf, Noreuil Park at 5.30pm. Following the paddle there will be a BBQ dinner for those who wish to stay and socialise. Please note participants need to be able to confidently swim at least 25 metres.

12/11/2016 LOCKHART'S GAP to TALLANGATTA LOOKOUT

Grade 3

Ian Trevaskis

One group led by Ron will start from Lockhart's Gap while the other group led by Ian will start from Tallangatta Lookout. After meeting somewhere on the track, keys and pleasantries will be exchanged before walking on. Following the walk participants can adjourn to Cafe Trevaski to enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea. This walk will require a car shuffle.

19/11/2016 - 20/11/2016 Mayford on the Dargo River

Grade 4

Mick Sheedy

This overnight walk will start after leaving the cars at the Lanky Plain Hut which is just a few hundred metres from the Dargo High Plains Road. We then walk down King Spur Track and past some cliff faces from where we get some great views. We'll follow the track that has a couple of steep bits down to Mayford at the bottom of the valley on the Dargo River. Once at the bottom there are three creek/river crossings to the camp site on the Dargo River. The next day we walk back out. Overall it's about 15kms one way and about 800 metres down to Mayford and back up.

19/11/2016 - 04/12/2016 Tasmanian trip (no vacancies - all spots filled)

Alison & Dick Wellard

Expressions of interest are sought from those wanting to participate in walking the Three Capes Walk on Tasmania's South Coast

This is a 4 days/3night walk, sleeping in huts which provide beds and basic cooking facilities. No tents!

The cost is about \$500 per person for the "Three Cape Walk"

Following that it is planned to visit the Mt Field National Park where it is believed huts are available for base camping.

The plan is to take vehicles and travel on the Spirit of Tasmania overnight.

Volunteers are called for those willing to take vehicles. Club policy on travel expenses, including the cost of carriage of vehicle on ferry, would apply.

Numbers are limited to 12. (3 x car loads) First in best dressed.

It is anticipated that the trip would be of 14 days duration – home to home.

26/11/2016 The Huts Walk

Grade 3

Bernadette Cromarty

This 21km circuit is on Mt Hotham and takes in Silver Brumby Hut (2006/7) , Spargo Hut (1927/28) and Derrick Hut (1967) There is a small amount of road walking but the majority is on well formed tracks including parts of The Cobungra Ditch Track, Golden Point Spur, Australian Alps Track and Machinery Spur Track.

27/11/2016 Mahers Hill

Grade 2

Marg Coulston

This morning walk is a circuit on Mahers Hill. Whilst there is a small steep section it will be taken slowly and the rewards are great. There are fantastic views over the weir and surrounding countryside.

This walk is being conducted in conjunction with the Sustainable Living Festival.

Booking through the Co-Leader, Bernadette.

03/12/2016 Shepherds Plain Hut

Grade 4

Mick Sheedy

We'll leave the cars at Lanky Plain Hut and walk down King Spur Track where we turn onto Long Spur Track to Shepherds Plain Hut. There are no climbs or descents on this track just a nice walk through the bush. All up the walk is around 25 kms max

10/12/2016 Westons hut, grade 3 medium, 16kms

Grade 3

David G

This will be a typical Bogong High Plains walk, starting from Pretty Valley pondage, over to pole 333 for morning tea and on to the hut for lunch. Weston's Hut is a relatively new hut (rebuilt after the fires).

There are a couple of gradual rises, but they are not long or steep and the track is good. However there is a drop of about 200m down in the last kilometre into the tree-line and Weston's hut. We will return by the same route.

This is a good walk for newer members to the club as it is not a particularly long walk and we get great views across the high plains and over to Mt Featherstop.

Please book by preceding Wednesday.

17/12/2016 An exploration of The North Razorback Track

Exploratory

Deb Kahn

Ever wondered what lies north, beyond the summit of Mt Feathertop? Well this is your chance to find out. This reece/exploratory trip will check out this little used track. The plan is to drive the 25kms (this is what the map says) of a 4WD track that ends where the relatively short (approx 5kms) walk to Feathertop Summit begins. We will summit Feathertop but what happens after that will depend on time and weather – maybe walk down to Federation Hut and then return the same way. At the moment there are 3 seats available in one 4WD and if anyone else wants to take their vehicle other seats may become available. This trip may lead to future walks using this track.

17/12/2016 - 18/12/2016 Youngs Hut working bee

Grade 3

Ron Hammond

Due to the road closure of Pretty Valley Rd and the Bogong High Plains Rd till Mid November ? I have rescheduled the working bee to 17th 18th Dec

Our old friend, Young's Hut is in need of a coat or two of Linseed oil, It's been nearly 2 years since we replaced the weather boards. A re-coat will ensure a long life for the old girl, so come along with a brush or two a bottle of wine and have a great social Weekend. If you would like to come for a day walk on Saturday to carry out some gear you would be most welcome.

28/12/2016 NO AFTER WORK CANOE - resumes 11 January

Sasho Dillow

Sasho gets a rest from canoe duties until 11 January

29/12/2016 Twilight walk and candlelight supper

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

This will be an early evening walk in the foothills of Mt Beauty (about 8 km), ending up riverside at The Gorge for a shared candlelight supper. China with hand-painted periwinkles optional, but best Hyacinth Bucket manners expected. Option of a sleepover for those doing Friday's walk. No calls before 02 December, please.

30/12/2016 Somewhere around Falls Creek

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

This will be a walk of about 15 km at Falls Creek, exact location to be confirmed nearer the time. No calls before 02 December, please.

31/12/2016 - 01/01/2017 Celebrate New year on West Peak Mt Bogong, grade 4 medium-hard

Grade 4

David G

On Saturday we will walk up the Eskdale Spur to the summit of Mt Bogong. We will then walk over the Hooker Plateau to Stirling Gap, near West Peak where we will make camp for the night. In the evening we can watch the sun go down, on the last day of the year, from the summit of West Peak. Sunday we will walk out the same way. This walk will only run if the weather is suitable.

I will only accept bookings from club members who have previously climbed Bogong, and/or have other reasonable background in overnight camping.

Club member of the year - Peter Smith-Allen

BORDER BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.

Best Club Person Award 2016

Peter Smith-Allen

The Border Bushwalking Club acknowledges the outstanding contribution that Peter Smith-Allen has made to the Club as a Leader. Over the years, Pete has offered members a range of unique and interesting walks to places not often visited, including the Cobberas Wilderness Area, Buller-Howitt Alpine Area, Mt Jagungal Wilderness Area, The Pilot, the Razor-Viking Wilderness, Tooma River Huts and the Crosscut Saw.

His walks, usually rated 'Hard', are often described in *Footprints* as "...off-track or in difficult terrain; an opportunity for walkers with advanced outdoor knowledge and skills to find their own way along often indistinct tracks or off-track in remote locations. They may include steep sections of unmodified surfaces. There may be rock scrambling, creek walking and crossing involved."

Pete is well known for these trips to remote and spectacular wilderness areas where his knowledge, skills and bush craft come to the fore. Pete is widely respected and admired for his meticulous planning and organisation, for his skill and ability to read the terrain and successfully navigate and lead groups through often rugged bushland and trackless landscapes. This, coupled with Pete's self-assurance and easy-going manner, instils confidence and trust in those he leads and is further enhanced by Pete's reputation as an entertaining story teller who possesses a genuine passion for the great outdoors.

Pete is a worthy recipient of the Border Bushwalking Club's 2016 Club Person of the Year award and on behalf of all those who have been privileged to participate in one of Pete's memorable walks we sincerely thank him.

Congratulations Pete!

Cindy Marsh, 2015 recipient.



Today I received a big surprise, well in actual fact there were two surprises. The first one was that I had missed the club Christmas party. I had been so wrapped up in work and getting things ready for Christmas I had forgotten all about it. The second big surprise was that I had been awarded Club Member of the Year. The Border Bushwalking Club for me has been much more than a Bushwalking Club. It has enabled me to meet some great people from all walks of life. It has taken me to some great places and opened the door to bushwalking overseas. But the thing I like most about the Border Bushwalking Club is that it continues to teach me valuable lessons. One of these I will tell you about a bit later on.

I have always had a love for the bush, its plants and animals. In my early days I spent many a weekend with my friends, driving into the bush to find nice campsites. Once we found one there always seemed to be lots of other people there too. We would build a fire, cook our tea and drink lots of beer. Thankfully for me my interest in the bush continued passed these early days and I began to look at the countryside in a whole new way.

Once you get away from the roads, the noise and the crowds of people, for me, you get into the real world. A world without all the mod cons, a world of beauty, it's a world we share with animals and plants and a world that must be respected.

Throughout my time with Border Bushwalking Club I have been privileged to lead numerous walks, mostly to remote places. The people who know me recognise I love a bit of a challenge and the further into the bush I go the better. When you go on a bushwalk with other people you get to share your world with them and they get to share theirs with you. You go through the hardships, the good times and you rely on each other.

I am very honoured to receive this award, as in this club wherever you look there are people who have done so much for the club over the years. To the new members, the regular bushwalkers and the people who just walk every now and then, thank you. Without you all, it would not be a bushwalking club. All this brings me back to that lesson I was talking about a bit earlier on. Sometimes you can get so wrapped up in things and the struggles of day to day life that you miss what is really important, "time out for you". So get out into the real world and get Bushwalking.

See you on the tracks, Pete Smith-Allen.

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04/01/2017 NO AFTERNOON CANOE UNTIL 11 JANUARY

Sasho Dillow

Sasho gets a rest from canoeing until resumption on 11 January

07/01/2017 Buffalo Bits

Grade 2

Bernadette Cromarty

This walk will begin with a 4km return walk to Rollasens Falls. This is a steep but short walk. After this we will drive to the Gorge Visitors Centre and walk around the beautiful gorge. From here we will head to Lake Catani and walk to View Point. The group may decide to walk to the lake rather than driving, adding 4kms be determined by the group on the day. There are few spots to have a swim if the weather is hot and a dip at Eurobin Falls on the way home is also a possibility.

14/01/2017 - 15/01/2017 A sleep over at Wild Horse Creek

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

Wild Horse Creek is a beautiful spot on Track 107 about 10kms from the carpark at Watchbed Creek, where this walk begins. We will initially follow a 4WD track before veering off and following the pole line and Kelly Track to Fitzgeralds and Kelly Hut. This part of the walk is fairly flat and has great views. At Kelly Hut we join Track 107 and descend to Wild Horse Creek, where we will set up our tents. The next day after the climb back up to Kelly Hut I would like to make return trip back to the cars via the Aquaduct Track. All up about 25km.

14/01/2017 Falls Creek - Kellys Hut

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

This walk will start from Watchbed Creek and head to Kelly's Hut, probably visiting Fitzgeralds Hut on the way, possibly returning via the aqueduct and Marms Point. Some ups and downs, nothing too taxing. Wildflowers should be out. About 16 km depending on chosen route.

20/01/2017 - 22/01/2017 Mt Gungarten via Munyang and Disappointment Spur

Grade 4

Warwick McLachlan

This is normally done clockwise but this time we will start from Munyang Power station, east of Guthega and head north up the fire trail to Disappointment Spur Hut then bush bash north to the Spur's ridge top for easy off track walking to Mt Gungarten. Camping will be near the headwaters of Dicky Cooper Creek, or if the weather is cutting up, somewhere near Schlink Hilton Hut. Sunday, depending on weather will be up to Schlink Pass, onto the Rolling Ground and down Guthega Ridge to Guthega or if time and energy permits, divert to Mount Tate and a compass job down to and across Guthega River. Depart Friday night for a camp at the roadside stop near Island Bend. Your leader is old and the pace will be slow. We'll need 2 cars for the car shuffle as it is very difficult getting a hitch between Guthega and Munyang during summer.

21/01/2017 Mt Spion Kopje

Grade 3

Bernadette

This walk is 25kms in length and climbs gradually but there are no challenging ascents.

We commence at Watchbed Creek car park east of Falls Creek on the Bogong High Plains and walk to meet the Australian Alpine Walking Trail ("AAWT"). From here we turn at Warby Corner to our lunch destination of Spion Kopje. The views from here are fantastic.

We retrace our steps to return. There is an option of a very short side trip to Mt Nelse and / or Mt Nelse Nth (Victoria's underwhelming third highest peak)

28/01/2017 Mt Jaithmathang

Grade 2

Charles Dunn

This is a relatively easy walk. After arriving at Pretty Valley Dam we will take a leisurely walk on track to Towonga Huts for morning tea. From here we take the side track up to Mt Jaithmathang. If the weather isn't too hot we will have lunch here enjoying the views across to Feathertop, Hotham and Mt Jim, or we can return to the shade and relative cool of the Huts.

After lunch an easy walk back to the cars. You may wish a dip in the dam upon you return to the cars.

Please note the walk is fairly exposed so hat, sun-screen, lots of water, bushman's for the flies and keep an eye out for snakes. If the weather is in the extreme zone it will be cancelled.

On return trip home we may do a side trip to Fainters Falls.

Please contact co leader to book in.

29/01/2017 Falls Creek Heritage Trail

Grade 1

Eileen Clark

This is an easy day walk taking in some of the heritage of the Bogong High Plains. Starting from Langfords Gap, we'll do a circuit to visit Rover Lodge, Cope Hut and Wallaces Hut. All on track, only one easy climb, about 10 km in all. Suitable for beginners with appropriate clothing.

29/01/2017 Movie : Lion - fundraiser for Tawonga Community based Orphanage

Members are invited to attend the 4 PM session of "Lion" at Regent Cinemas Albury. Cost is \$20 per person available for sale from Libby Frankel –or Penny Vine –or from the fundraising group on the day at Regent Cinemas Albury. Payment must be by cash or direct deposit only. Funds raised go towards school fees and uniforms for the orphans in Malawi.

Members might like to join BBC member Pauline Scott and others for dinner after the film at Amicis on Dean. For bookings for dinner RSVP direct to Pauline by 20 January.

STOP PRESS: DEB KAHN TEARS ACHILLES TENDON

Yes, unfortunately Deb tore her achilles tendon this week. This will mean Deb will be off the walking trails for some considerable time. A real blow for someone so keen to walk and exercise and I know she is extremely disappointed. She would love lots of visitors to drop in and help her maintain her sanity as she recovers.

It is also a HUGE blow to our club as Deb leads so many of the club's activities.

Some activities already posted have been removed from our events calendar. Please note the following activities are postponed until further notice:

The Twins (Jan. 28)

Lake Tali Karng (late Feb)

Cleve Cole overnighter (March 4-5)

All of us at BBC wish you a speedy recovery Deb.



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04/02/2017 Falls Creek Mt Nelse & Edmonsons Hut

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

This walk starts at the dam wall and follows Heathy Spur to the top, then on to Mt Nelse for spectacular views. We'll visit Edmonsons Hut in its picturesque snow gum setting for lunch. Mainly on track, some climbing but nothing too steep, about 15 km.

11/02/2017 Federation Hut via Bungalow Spur Track

Grade 3

Pauline Scott

Not going to offer to do the NW Spur, but this walk will still get us out there.

Starting at Harrierville, Bungalow track is approximately 9 km up to Federation Hut. It is a gentle climb, just getting a bit steeper for the last 2 km. There we will have lunch, and those that have the energy may be able to climb Feathertop, if time permits. Then back down the way we came , to our cars.

18/02/2017 Falls Creek - Pretty Valley circuit and Mt Jim

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

This walk starts at Pretty Valley pondage and takes us around Pretty Valley to Cope Saddle (morning tea) and on to the Alpine Walking Track towards pole 333. There may be an ascent of Mt Jim before completing the circle back to the cars via the Fainter Fire Trial. Nearly all on track, some ups and downs but nothing too steep, about 16 km

18/02/2017 EUROBIN to WANDILIGONG BY BIKE Total 40kms

Grade 1

Ian Trevaskis

We will set off from the former Eurobin Railway Station (16kms beyond Myrtleford) at 10:00am and follow the sealed Mountains to the Murray Rail Trail through Porepunkah and Bright to the Wandiligong Pub for lunch before returning on the same route. Riders should carry a spare tube/puncture repair kit and water. This ride will not go ahead if the weather forecast is unfavourable.

19/02/2017 Falls Creek - Roper's Lookout

Grade 1

Eileen Clark

This walk starts in Falls Creek village and after a short sharp climb we make our way along the aqueduct track to Rocky Valley Dam and then up to Ropers Lookout for spectacular views, returning roughly the same way. About 10 km with a couple of not-too-hard climbs. Suitable for beginners with appropriate clothing.

25/02/2017 THE BIG WALK - MT BUFFALO 22kms/Hard

Grade 3

Ian Trevaskis

Appropriately named, The Big Walk is a great way to ascend Mount Buffalo starting from Eurobin Creek Picnic Area to the Gorge Day Visitor Area and returning by the same route. Hikers will pass through several vegetation zones as the altitude increases, while enjoying spectacular views of the Australian Alps and The Gorge from numerous lookouts. There is an option for those who wish to walk a few kms less to join us at the Rollasons Falls Picnic Area. This is an iconic walk with a steep start, and ascending over 1000 metres in just 9kms!

04/03/2017 - 05/03/2017 Gourmet Weekend

Grade 3

Bernadette Cromarty

It's on again!

This is an overnighter with a difference. We will walk less than 5km to Tawonga Huts (Falls Creek area) with full packs but they will be full of gourmet goodies as well as tents and other essential gear. Once we have set up camp and off loaded the goodies some may like to walk on to Mt Jaithmathang to work up an appetite for our special shared dinner accompanied by a few laughs and tall stories. The next day our packs will be much lighter as we head back, probably via Weston's Hut.

This walk is very suitable for those who have never done an overnighter before and your leaders will guide you regarding equipment needed and what we have for hire.

It's also a great walk for some more experienced walkers who would enjoy a more relaxed, social weekend.

Last year bling was essential for dinner; This year's theme is mad hatters so bring that special creation or something to decorate your beanie. (A great way to disguise hat hair after the day's walk.)

Ring Bernadette to book. The first to book get first choice of food to bring.

07/03/2017 New and Prospective Members Night

Committee pf BBC

Border Bushwalking club invites to this club night all those who may be considering activities of the outdoors as a new hobby as well as those who already enjoy such pursuits and would like to do so with a like minded group of

adventurers. At this meeting, current members will provide information regarding the variety of activities we undertake, the equipment we use and have for hire, how to pack for day and overnight activities, as well as a slide show of some of our outings.

We do day and multi day bushwalks, kayaking, cross country skiing and snow shoeing, local, interstate and even international walking.

Where and When: 7:30pm, Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, Civic Centre Complex (beside 'the Cube' and the Wodonga Council offices), Hovell Street, Wodonga.

The meeting room will be open from 7pm, so members and visitors are able to socialise prior to the meeting commencing at 7:30pm.

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

10/03/2017 - 13/03/2017 Cobungra River loop

Grade 4

Peter Smith-Allen

Cobungra River loop. March 10th to March 13th, Grade (Medium-Hard)

Leader, Peter Smith-Allen

Day 1. Approx. 10km

Early Friday morning we will drive to the Mt Lock car park and make our way down to Dibbins Hut. We will then follow the Cobungra River, Swindlers Creek to our campsite at the bottom of Paling Spur.

Day 2. Approx. 12km

We continue following the Cobungra past the Brandy Creek fire trail downstream to a nice campsite in a remote area of the park. There is a great swimming hole here. (Please note there are lots of river crossings in this section).

Day 3. Approx. 13km

Today we will follow an old bridal trail up to Mc Namaras Dinner Plain hut. From here we will follow the Young's Hut trail to our overnight camp situated in a beautiful valley amongst some old snow gums.

Day 4. Approx. 9km

On our last day, we will walk through some beautiful frost hollows and old snow gums. From a distance, we will glimpse Young's Hut as we make our way down Paling Spur. We will cross the Cobungra River one last time before making the ascent up the Brandy Creek Fire trail to the cars.

12/03/2017 Red Robin Circuit - Mt Hotham area

Grade 3

Bernadette Cromarty

Starting at the Loch car park on Mt Hotham, we will walk down Swindlers Spur to Dibbins Hut via Derrick Hut. From here we will walk to the Red Robin Battery and follow the West Kiewa Logging Road to join Machinery Spur at the Red Robin Mine. We then follow Machinery Spur up, then over Mt Loch to our waiting cars. About 20kms all up.

17/03/2017 - 19/03/2017 The Fainters

Grade 3

Pauline Scott

I have decided the only way I am going to get to the Fainters is if I put the walk on , by which you will understand I have not been there before. However , I have been told it is not hard to find !

Starting at Pretty Valley on the Friday , we will walk the 4 kms on the 4WD track to Tawonga Huts, and set up camp. Saturday we will follow the track to Mt Fainter North and South, and possibly to Bogong Jack Hut. It is 10km to Bogong Jack Hut, and the Fainters are 1 or 2 km short of this, so maximum 20km there and back.

Sleeping at the Tawonga huts campsite on Saturday night , and walking out Sunday. We could do Westons Hut or the Jaithmathang on Sunday, but will leave that open until then.

25/03/2017 Falls Creek - Langfords Gap to Kellys Hut

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

Starting from Langfords Gap we follow the Alpine Walking Track along the aqueduct and up through snow gum forest, then along the usual route to Fitzgerald's and Kelly's Hut. After lunch we take the track down to the aqueduct, which we follow all the way back to the cars. Distance about 18km but only one ascent.

26/03/2017 [Falls Creek Heritage Trail](#)

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

The trip planned earlier this summer was cancelled, so here's another chance to visit some of the historic huts of the Bogong High Plains. Starting from Langfords Gap we'll see Rover Lodge, Cope Hut and Wallaces Hut and learn a little of the history of the area. About 10 km easy walking, suitable for beginners.

01/04/2017 [Falls Creek Youngs Hut](#)

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

Starting from Pretty Valley Pondage we will make our way to Youngs Hut, maintained by the Club. On the way we'll get spectacular views across to Feathertop and Mt Hotham. Return by the same route. No SMS bookings, please.

04/04/2017 HOW TO TWEET FROM THE HIGH PLAINS - TECHNOLOGY & BUSHWALKING

Committee of BBC

Border Bushwalking club invites to this club night all those who may be considering activities of the outdoors as a new hobby as well as those who already enjoy such pursuits and would like to do so with a like minded group of adventurers.

Tonight we'll hear from David, as he shares some of his recommended online bushwalking-related resources – some you may already be aware of, others not. He'll also talk about what some other clubs and groups are doing on the online world (for interest only), and maybe show one or two of his favourite short films
Where and When: 7:30pm, Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, Civic Centre Complex (beside 'the Cube' and the Wodonga Council offices), Hovell Street, Wodonga.

The meeting room will be open from 7pm, so members and visitors are able to socialise prior to the meeting commencing at 7:30pm.

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

08/04/2017 - 09/04/2017 [Overnight at Federation hut - Mt Hotham, medium-hard, 22kms return](#)

Grade 4

David G

The plan is to wander out along the Razorback from Diamantina Hut, at a leisurely pace and set up camp at Federation Hut. Those who wish to see the sunset can walk up Feathertop with me (remember your torch); others may prefer to remain at the camp.

In the morning we'll retrace our steps back along the Razorback back to our cars, and hopefully get down to Harrietville in time for a coffee (or otherwise Bright).

The walk is about 11kms each way. It isn't overly steep, but it is undulating and pretty rocky in sections, and it could get pretty cold overnight.

15/04/2017 [Bogong Village Black Possum Trail](#)

Exploratory

Eileen Clark

This walk winds its way through the forests around Bogong Village, halfway between Mt Beauty and Falls Creek. It starts with a 2 km uphill section, steep in places, before slowly descending in a loop back to the start, in all a distance of about 16 km. It is all on fire trails but I haven't done the walk for several years so consider it exploratory. This is Easter weekend so be on the lookout for bunnies. No SMS bookings, please.

23/04/2017 [BIKE RIDE](#)

Grade 3

IAN TREVASKIS

EVERTON to BEECHWORTH 32kms Return

Meet at the former Everton Railway Station at 10:15am for 10:30 start. The ride to Beechworth can be quite challenging as it is mostly all uphill; the bonus is we get to freewheel back down after we have enjoyed lunch at one of the many cafes in town. (We may decide to add a few kms by doing the Gorge Circuit.)

Bring water and spare tube and repair kit and a bike with brakes that work!

More info on Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail website <http://www.victoriashighcountry.com.au/murray-to-mountains-rail-trail/>

May 2017 Footprints - When to book in for a walk

dropbear

I've led quite a few walks this year and received many phone calls about them. If you're wondering when is the best time to ring, the following might (not) provide some guidance.

Shall I ring before seven? She might be asleep
 A rude awakening might make her weep
 I try at eight. She's out on her walk
 She's puffing so much I can't hear her talk
 At nine and at ten, she might be at work
 I don't want to feel like I'm making her shirk
 I try at noon and there's no reply
 My phone bill is running dangerously high
 I'll use SMS to ask 'yes' or 'no'
 So she can tell me where to go
 Oh no, she's rung back and I missed the call
 Will I ever book into this walk at all?
 Now it's late in the day, I'll call her at six
 Once more there's no answer, I can't take a trick
 When I call her at seven, the answer's surprising
 'How can I talk when the soufflé is rising?'
 At eight and at nine I can't get through
 I really don't know what else I can do
 My final effort, it's a quarter to ten
 It's late, I know, but she might answer then
 'The walk's fully booked, you should have called sooner
 And please don't ring me when I'm under the doona!'

Eileen.

29/04/2017 Falls Creek Trails

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

This walk begins at Howmans Gap and heads first along Road 24 towards the McKay Portal where we get spectacular views down the Kiewa Valley (if it's not foggy). From there, we follow the McKay road that takes us above Falls Creek village and under the chair lifts, before heading into the trees and heading for Rocky Valley Dam. After lunch we return by a shorter route to Falls Creek then head down the Packhorse Trail back to Howmans Gap. About 20 km, undulating, but could be shortened if necessary. No SMS bookings, please.

30/04/2017 EUROBIN to WANDILIGONG 40 kms Return Easy

Grade 2

IAN TREVASKIS

EUROBIN to WANDILIGONG 40 kms Return Easy

I've put this one on a couple of times and it's a great ride if you're looking to do something that doesn't have much elevation gain. The plan is to meet at the former Euobin Railway station, just before Porepunkah, at 10:15am for a 10:30am start and take a leisurely ride on the sealed rail trail through Bright to the Wandi Pub where we'll have lunch before riding back.

I will need to make a booking at the Pub, hence I need numbers no later than Thursday 27th.

Bring water, spare tube and repair kit ... and a bike!

More info at the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail website

07/05/2017 Glen Creek Loop Walk

Grade 3

Pauline Scott

Glen Creek Loop walk

This is a 16 km medium grade walk, starting on private property and heading into state forest. It is mainly on very little used 4WD tracks, though there is a short section off track, and several creek crossings. It is mostly undulating, with some short climbs, and some great views. Glen Creek is 16 kms south of Yackandandah, so not too far away, an early night before Monday.

14/05/2017 Buffalo views - 18kms medium-hard

Grade 4

David G

We'll start walking from Mackey's lookout. It will save the bulk of the 'big walk' up the mountain while allowing us to walk up into that wonderful view across the gorge to the chalet. There is still a climb up to the chalet though. We'll then make our way past the underground river and take a side-trip to 'View point', past Lake Catani, and then explore the Chalwell galleries circuit (note; the galleries circuit involves a little ladder-work and contortioning – you can wait this section out at Lake Catani if you'd prefer). We'll then return to the chalet and back the way we came.

We'll start early due to daylight savings, but there are plenty of good opportunities for short breaks at the lookouts during the day.

21/05/2017 Nail Can Hill

Grade 3

Bernadette Cromarty

Choose your own adventure.

I plan to walk from Jindera Gap to the Botanic Gardens for lunch and then return to Jindera Gap. You may like to do this walk of about 30km with me.

OR You may like to walk one way, Jindera Gap to the gardens in the morning or Gardens to Jindera Gap in the afternoon.

OR there is a possibility of walking a smaller section if you can organise transport to the start/end of your sector.

OR just come and have lunch and a chat at the gardens. We are a bushwalking club after all.

No late bookings as the shuffles may get complicated. This is advertised as grade three but obviously this will vary according to your chosen section of the walk.

24/05/2017 Wednesday wander: Albury Bungambrawartha track

Grade 1

Eileen Clark

We'll start from Noreuil Park and follow the Bungambrawartha cycle path through Albury and North Albury for lunch at the picnic table at Centaur Road, Lavington. Then we return via the same route. There's a surprising amount of open space on this walk and we get different views of some Albury landmarks. The walk is about 12 km in total with very gentle grades.

25/05/2017 Social - Banff mountain film festival 2017

Grade 1

David G

As per the promos;

The 2017 Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour showcases over 2 1/2 hours of the most enthralling mountain adventure films that will have you planning your next adventure before the credits roll.

I've been for the past four years, and look forward to it each year. I'll be at the 'Coffee club' on Dean st (entrance beside city walk) a little after 6pm, so come join me for a quick bite and a coffee prior to the show starting at 7pm at the Albury entertainment centre.

You'll need to book your own tickets here; <http://alburyentertainmentcentre.com.au/whats-on/banff-film-festival>
So far most club members have been booking seats in the vicinity of the center-back stalls (lower-level).

25/05/2017 Book Launch: Along the Bush Tracks.

A booklet for discovering the hilltop bush lands of Albury-Wodonga including plants, birds, cultural heritage and trails.

Come along and learn more about the places where we walk in our back yard.

Albury Library Museum.

5. 30 pm

Thursday May 25th

If you are going to BANFF it's just before it and in the neighborhood.

27/05/2017 Mt Beauty Moncrieff Fire Trail

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

This walk starts from Mountain Creek and takes us through the forest at the base of Mt Bogong, bringing us almost into Mt Beauty township. It's mainly up in the morning and down in the afternoon, some views and a hidden waterfall, about 12 km in total.

03/06/2017 Mount Granya

Exploratory

Eileen Clark

Mt Granya (870 m) lies in a State park about 60 km east of Albury with views over Lake Hume. There is a circuit walk to the summit and other shorter walks, probably about 12 km all up. I haven't done this walk for many years, so consider it exploratory. No SMS bookings, please.

06/06/2017 CLUB NIGHT: Cape to Cape Walk

Sue Cardwell will take us on a photographic journey of her recent Cape to Cape Walk.

Non members are welcome to come and learn about our club and the fun we have in local and distant outdoor environments.

07/06/2017 Wednesday wander: Albury to Thurgoona

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

Starting from Borella Road near the airport, we follow the Hume and Hovell Track to somewhere in Thurgoona for lunch, returning via the Thurgoona Cycle Path to Corrys Road and back to the start. Distance will be about 12 km, depending on how far north we go, and no major hills.

10/06/2017 BIKE AND LUNCH MYRTLEFORD to BRIGHT and RETURN 64km

Grade 2

IAN TREVASKIS

If you're not interested in hitting the slopes for the ski season opening, but would still like to see some snow then join me for a cruisy ride from Myrtleford to Bright and return with the added bonus of being able to admire the snow capped peaks of Hotham and Feathertop. We will meet behind the Coles Supermarket in Myrtleford for a 10:30am start (the fog should have lifted and the frost melted by then). The ride is all on a sealed rail trail and is mostly flat. We shall lunch at a cosy little cafe behind the main street that Trish and I discovered on last weekend's ride. Bring a roadworthy bike, puncture repair kit and warm clothing. If the 64 kilometres is a bit beyond your capabilities you can arrange to meet us at Ovens, Eurobin Station or even Porepunkah. I will make a reservation at the cafe for a 1:00pm lunch.

11/06/2017 Bird watching @ Wonga wetlands

Chris Gay

We'll meet at Wonga Wetlands at 8:00am, finishing about 11:00-11:30am.

Things to bring; Morning tea and a drink, Binoculars (beg, borrow, or steal a set if necessary), Field guide (not so important as we can share), small note pad and pencil so you can record what you see and sturdy footwear.

I need to emphasize that this is not a walk, and we may end up travelling a very short distance over a long time if there are lots of birds to see.

Also participants need to be prepared to sneak around without loud chatter.

17/06/2017 Mt Beauty to Tawonga Gap

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

This walk requires a car shuffle. It starts in Mt Beauty with a very steep climb of about 2 km onto the ridge track, which we will take very slowly. We then walk north along the ridge track to the Tawonga Gap lookout, about 12 km in all. The ridge track is undulating and gives spectacular views over the Kiewa Valley to Mt Bogong. No SMS bookings, please.

21/06/2017 Wednesday wander: Thurgoona

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

This walk follows part of the Hume and Hovell Track. Starting from Thurgoona Drive we head north past Charles Sturt University and through the Eight Mile Creek reserve until we have walked far enough. Exact route to be determined on the day.

24/06/2017 Mt Glenrowan

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

There is no better place to view the Ovens and King Valley and the Victorian Alps than from the summit of Mt Glenrowan. The return walk to the lookout begins from the stile at Taminick Gap and follows Ridge Track. There is one steep section of sealed road leading up to the communication towers near the start of the walk, while the remainder is moderate to easy. There will also be a short side trip to Chick Hill. Total distance approximately 14km.

25/06/2017 Mount Stanley

Grade 3

Bernadette

This walk will start at the top of Mt Stanley in order to avoid walking through the creek. We will walk to Myrtle Creek for morning tea and then begin the climb back up the mountain. Most of this walk is on well-formed tracks but there is a small bush-bash towards the end. It is 17km in length.

Phone calls, and not texts, are required for booking please.

01/07/2017 The other way up Mt Emu

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

Mt Emu (about 1300 m) overlooks the townships of Tawonga and Mt Beauty and we have usually started the walk to the summit from Mountain Creek on the Mt Beauty side. There is an alternative route from the northern side on 4WD tracks, so we'll try this route for a change. Distance about 16 km in total, up in the morning, down after lunch. We may find snow along the way! No SMS bookings, please.

04/07/2017 Clubnight: Aquatic Habitats of the High Plains

CLUB NIGHT 7:30 Tuesday July 4th

Dr Phil Suter – Aquatic habitats of the High Plains.

Dr Suter is an Emeritus Scholar in the Department of Ecology, Environment and Evolution at LaTrobe University. He will tell us about some of his research up on the High Plains with regard to the diverse aquatic habitats which influence the plants and animals. He will then talk about those animals most people seldom see, the invertebrates. The only relationship they have to animals with backbones (such as fish) is that they may be food.

Finally, he will explain how temperature in the streams is also an important factor for aquatic insect communities.

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 from 7pm so that members may socialise.

15/07/2017 High Country Rail Trail Shelley to Koetong

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

The High Country Rail Trail follows the route of the old Wodonga to Cudgewa railway line. We'll be walking on a recently restored section of the HCRT. Shelley was the highest station in Victoria, so our walk will be mainly downhill, winding through pine forests and passing some spectacular timber trestle bridges. Distance is about 20 km.

19/07/2017 Mahers Hill

Grade 3

Deb Kahn

Mahers Hill has amazing views over Lake Hume. It's right in our backyard so no early starts for this one. We will take a few different tracks to get to the top, where we will have lunch. Then wind our way back to the cars by a different route. About 10kms all up with a bit of up and down along the way.

22/07/2017 Mt Warby

Grade 3

Deb

The Victorian Government created Warby-Ovens National Park, in June 2010 to protect and enhance the remaining River Red Gum forests in Victoria. The park is an important location for the survival of species such as the Squirrel Glider, Feathertail Glider, Powerful Owl, Turquoise Parrot, Carpet Python and Lace Monitor. The walking tracks that we will access to get to Mt Warby summit include; Salisbury Falls Tk and Friends Tk. We will return (hopefully that's the plan) via Alpine Views Tk, make a short detour to Kwat Kwat Lookout for excellent views of the Ovens Valley and the Victorian Alps and then join back up with Salisbury Falls Track. All up nothing too extreme, but there is a short steep bit somewhere in the mix, a nice medium grade walk of about 14kms.

29/07/2017 Mt Pilot

Grade 3

Deb

First off we will visit Yeddonba Aboriginal Cultural Site – situated at the foot of Mount Pilot, this heritage area provides an insight into local aboriginal culture.

Then after a short drive we will park the cars and walk to the summit of Mt Pilot for lunch. Returning to the cars via a variety of wide access tracks. All up a walk of about 14km in Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park.

02/08/2017 Not the regular Nail Can Walk

Grade 3

Deb

Ever wondered where all those side tracks on Nail Can will take you but never been confident enough to check them out. Well here's your chance. This walk mostly on management track and approx 15kms will take you up, down and along some of them. There are a few steepish ups and downs but nothing too challenging and as this is so close to home we won't need to rush to get home before dark.

08/08/2017 The other side of "The Dude"

Exploratory

Deb

Some of these tracks I know, others I have only seen on a map. Thought it might be time to check them out. Reading the contours, I know that the walk along Bantik, Darmody's and Trig Point Tracks to Burgess Lane is nowhere near as much of a grunt as the usual route up Baranduda. There is maybe a 200m climb and descent but other than that I have no idea what we will find. The walk should be approximately 8km and all on tracks that have been seasonally closed. This means that we will need to climb over at least 3 locked gates. We will need to do a short car shuffle.

12/08/2017 Woomargama Forest

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

This walk follows part of the Hume and Hovell track in the Upper Murray area. We go nowhere in particular but it should be a pleasant day's walking on tracks through light forest and hopefully we should get some views to the mountains.

13/08/2017 Mount Buffalo Snow shoe

Grade 2

Ron Hammond

Due to bad weather conditions on the original date, this event has been rescheduled for Sun Aug 13th.

Buffalo on snow shoes it is (hopefully)

An easy walk out to Dickson's Falls great views ,then x country and up the Horn Road to the Horn

If Buffalo sheds it's snow Ropers Lookout and Heathy Spur Falls Creek

The Club has snow shoes for hire \$10 a day.

16/08/2017 Wednesday wander: Huon to Ebden

Grade 1

Eileen Clark

Let's explore another section of the High Country Rail Trail, walking from Huon to Ebden with spectacular views of

Lake Hume. I suggest we walk in the morning with lunch at Ebden Reserve afterwards and a side trip to the

Bonegilla Migration Museum in the afternoon if you wish. Length is about 9 km and a short car shuffle is needed.

18/08/2017 - 20/08/2017 HOWMAN'S GAP SKI WEEKEND

Sue

Come and have a great 3 day weekend- skiing (down hill or cross country- skating or classic), snow shoeing, walking in the snow or lazing around the fire reading. For further details see Footprints or ring Sue or email her
Deposit required by June 7th.

19/08/2017 Falls Creek Pretty Valley snow shoe

Grade 4

Ron

I'll be up at Howmans 18/19/20

If anyone would like to come up on Saturday for a days snow shoeing over the ski fields to Pretty Valley then X country to sun Valley come and join me.

14km. Not suitable for complete beginners.

20/08/2017 Woolshed Falls into Beechworth

Grade 2

Cindy Marsh

The walk from Woolshed Falls into Beechworth is a Border Bushwalking Club classic Winter walk. Come and join me on this 12km easy walk, which includes having a leisurely lunch at the Beechworth Pantry, before returning to the Falls.

22/08/2017 Endurance Trail - Huon Hill

Exploratory

deb

The last time I was walking on Huon Hill from Watsons Lookout down to the Kiewa River I saw a new sign marking

The Endurance Trail. I have never seen this sign before. So this walk is an exploratory walk to see where it

actually goes. We will start walking along the Kiewa River from Killara, hook onto the Endurance Trail where I

saw the marker and from then on who knows where the track will take us. I do know we will eventually find

ourselves on the top of Huon Hill and be rewarded with fantastic views and from there it will be downhill back to

the cars. But other than that, it will be all new. The distance will be between 10 – 13km and it should be all on

some sort of track.

25/08/2017 FRIDAY FITNESS AND FUN

Grade 3

Bernadette

I am planning a few Friday walks that will involve wearing a full pack to build/ maintain pack fitness. You can join me with a pack or without (but don't expect me to be too quick)

Today's walk will be around a 14km circuit on Mt Baranduda: Up the Ridge trail, down Cobb and up Trig and then returning to the cars. Steep ups and downs that are all on 4WD tracks.

26/08/2017 West Track -Mt Samaria State Park 18kms approx

Grade 3

Mick Sheedy

This walk is on a management track that follows farm fringe country. The walk consists of a few short steep climbs and descents as well as creek crossings and good views of Lake Nillahcootie. There will be a small car shuffle at the start and will finish with a walk through some paddocks back to the cars. Ring me please to book in and Deb has been kind enough to Co-lead and organise the the car arrangements

26/08/2017 Myrtleford Tracks

Grade 2

Pauline McLaughlin

Starting at the J A Jones Memorial at Myrtleford, we'll walk up Reform Hill where we'll pass the Hume and Hovell memorial on our way to morning tea at the Lookout where we'll be able to take in the views over the Ovens Valley and Mt Buffalo. A leisurely walk down the circuit track will have us back where we started and from there we'll walk along a track through part of Myrtleford to Rotary Park for lunch. From there, we'll cross the bridge over Happy Valley Creek and take the track along the banks of the Ovens River and finally end up back in town for a coffee. About 9kms

30/08/2017 Wednesday wander: Huon to Tallangatta

Grade 1

Eileen Clark

This is another walk along the High Country Rail Trail beside Lake Hume, and includes the spectacular Sandy Creek bridge. About 10 km. We'll walk in the morning and have lunch in Tallangatta if you like.

02/09/2017 [THE ROCK](#)

Grade 3

Bernadette

The Rock is a short, sharp walk near the town of the same name, (between Albury and Wagga) with great views of the valley below. It is only 7kms so I thought we could finish with lunch at (or from) the famous Uranquinty bakery.

05/09/2017 Club night

CLUB NIGHT 7:30 Tuesday September 5th

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 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.

Supper will involve tasting some of the yummy things we take on hikes.

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.



08/09/2017 FRIDAY FITNESS AND FUN

Grade 3

Bernadette

Today's walk will be a circuit up and down some of the Nailcan hill network. I'll be wearing my full pack but the choice is yours as long as you don't want speed. I'm proposing we walk from Haydon Park and go up Warrenlea track, from here we will head North and then go to Reedy Dam and the nearby lookout before heading down the Range Rd track. Our track up, after walking along Easy up will be Gap Rd (or Hernia Hill). From there we will head back via Florence track.

09/09/2017 High Country Rail Trail Shelley to Koetong

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

This walk is rescheduled from July but note that the description has changed. The HCRT follows the route of the old Wodonga to Cudgewa railway line and is being restored in stages. Shelley was the highest railway station in Victoria so our walk will be mainly downhill. The route veers away from the main road to wind through forest and there are some spectacular trestle bridges. We'll go from Shelley down to where the HCRT crosses the road (approx. 12 km) and possibly continue on to see the recently restored Boggy Creek bridge before returning to wherever we left the car, probably Koetong Pub. All up about 15 km, with a short car shuffle required.

09/09/2017 - 10/09/2017 Snowcamp out of Falls Creek

Grade 4

Warwick McLachlan

Given the good snow depth I am happy to lead a Snowcamp on the 9/10 September weekend. Depending on who applies, the destination will be somewhere on Heathy Spur, nice and high if the weather is good, snuggled in behind the hill if the wind is up.

If the fitness and experience of the party allows, we would go off to Tawonga Huts instead, but Heathy Spur is the more likely option. I have two 4 season tents providing space for four persons, the necessary stoves, snow shovel et cetera. However a good warm sleeping bag is essential as are off-track skis. I may be able to get a lend of one winter bag if needs be.

Once camped we can go off and explore Baker's Spur, for example, or if over at Tawonga huts, up onto the Jaithmathangs and on Sunday across to Mt Jim.

(this is already published on the borderskiers website)

Warwick McLachlan

10/09/2017 MOUNT WELCOME

Grade 3

Bernadette

This walk has been rescheduled due to bad conditions on the original date. Mount Welcome is near Mitta. This walk involves some interesting little features before a fairly slow and steep climb up Mount Welcome. (We gain 625m over 4km) From there we come back via the Mount Disappointment track but the views of the valley won't disappoint. The final section along the river is usually completed after a visit to the pub for a squash. Total distance 17km.

16/09/2017 Flaggy Creek Gorge

Grade 3

Deb

This 14km return walk provides access to the waterfalls and rock pools within the Flaggy Creek Gorge. There are panoramic views over the Murray River after the first 1.5km. The walking track is well marked, but narrow in places and has some steepish sections that can be a bit slippery.

19/09/2017 Jindera Gap Loop

Grade 3

Deb

Starting and ending at Jindera Gap we will follow a variety of tracks that will loop up, down and round Nail Can Hill, and take us to the secret dam as well as the Lookout for lunch. All up about 12km and on track.

23/09/2017 Circuit from Tawonga Gap

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

This walk starts at Tawonga Gap and takes us through forest north along the ridge line towards Tawonga to the junction with the German Creek track. We follow this to where it emerges on the Bright road, about 4 km from Tawonga Gap. A short car shuffle is required. This walk is somewhat exploratory because I haven't done it for some years. It is 12-14 km long, with several climbs and descents but hopefully we will get mountain views and spring flowers.

29/09/2017 - 01/10/2017 Snow camp weekend

David Findlay

Ski Trip and Snow Camping long weekend Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st Oct

With the good snow conditions the opportunity exists for a three day ski tour. The final destination is still to be determined and will either be the Snowy Mountains

or Bogong High Plains. We will ensure that the safety of a hut is within close distance however all provisions for snow camping must be carried. Experience skiing with a pack would be beneficial however first time snow campers are encouraged to come along. You will need to ensure that you have appropriate equipment for the conditions and the capacity to provide for yourself. For a discussion and expression of interest please contact David Findlay. As I am working shift work please leave a message for the best time to contact you if I do not answer.

30/09/2017 Hume and Hovell track, Albury to Thurgoona

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

This walk mixes bushland and suburbia with a bit of history thrown in for good measure. It starts where the Hume & Hovell track crosses the Riverina Highway near Albury airport. We head north through Thurgoona and round the back of Charles Sturt University and pass an interesting community garden. The track then winds through bushland, crossing Table Top Road. After lunch we retrace our steps to Table Top Road and head past Kinross and Thurgoona Plaza and then back to the start. It's all on tracks or footpaths, no hills to speak of, and about 16 km.

04/10/2017 After work paddling

Cindy

The after work canoeing starts from 5:30 and finishes at 7-7:30. The cost \$12 and every thing is supplied : life jackets, transport and canoes.

Cindy will be organising the first 3 sessions and then Sasho will take over.

06/10/2017 - 08/10/2017 The Great Dividing Trail - Goldfields Track

Grade 3

Deb

Late booking still being taken.

The Goldfields Track is actually three interlinked tracks: Wallaby Track (90kms) Dry Diggings Track (60km) and the Leanganook Track (60km) and links the goldfields towns of Ballarat and Bendigo.

We will travel from Albury to Bendigo on Friday and stay overnight – possibly share the cost of an Air BnB house. Then spend the next 2 days walking 2 different sections of the Leanganook Track, returning to our accommodation on Saturday night. The Leanganook Track runs from Castlemaine to Bendigo and has changing spectacular scenery, from granite tors around Mt Alexander to the golden plains near Bendigo.

Over the 2 days we will cover 2 stages. We will be extending The Leanganook Summit Walk to make it approximately 20km (depending on access points) and shortening the Coliban Water Walk to about 12km. This allows us to climb Mt Alexander on Saturday in case anyone just comes for the day on Saturday or doesn't want to walk on Sunday.

The Leanganook Summit Walk Calder Highway – Sutton Grange Rd (12km) Zig zag steeply upslope enjoying splendid views. The well-known Dog Rocks are just one of many magnificent granite tors set among white-trunked

manna gums that you will encounter as you traverse the summit. On the downside track you descend through old growth woodland, a taste of what the countryside once was.

The Coliban Water Walk: Sutton Grange Rd – Sandhurst Reservoir (20.5km) Flat and winding with long views across farmland, the track hugs the contours of the historic Coliban Channel. It's a far from monotonous journey. As well as picturesque boulder-strewn hills, you reach at regular intervals startling sculptural marvels, such as two sets of artificial waterfalls and two long tunnels.

07/10/2017 THREE BRIGHT HILLS

Grade 3

Bernadette

This used to be a regular walk but I haven't put it on for a few years.

This walk incorporates three short walks up and down hills that give different views of Bright: Apex Lookout, Valley View Walk and Huggins lookout. The first two can be done as circuits by grunting up the fire trail and descending down the track. The last is out and return. These steep hills are linked by the canyon walk, rail trail (flat), a bit of road and Bakers Gully Reservoirs (slightly hilly). In all its about 17 kms and a good way to keep fit. Hopefully the wildflowers will be abundant at this time.

10/10/2017 Baranduda Loop

Grade 3

deb

This walk is about 14km, all on tracks of some sort and will get your heart pumping as you climb and descend a total of approximately 900m from start to finish. We won't be in any hurry and there are great views to take in as you catch your breath.

14/10/2017 Falls Creek Ropers Lookout

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

This walk will start at Howmans Gap and take the Packhorse Track up to Falls Creek. Then we will walk up to the aqueduct track and follow this to the dam wall before climbing Ropers Lookout for spectacular views. Return by similar route, about 14 km, some ups and downs but nothing too steep.

Note: If there is too much snow cover for this walk, I will do a walk in Mt Beauty instead.

18/10/2017 Weir Wander

Exploratory

Deb

Apparently there is a little used or known about track out near Bellbridge. Hopefully we will find it. This walk is totally exploratory, mostly off track through open paddocks, may involve cows, fences, gates and will take us on a bit of a wander to the top of a hill that will have amazing views. I am not sure how far we will walk, but imagine we will be walking for about 4-5 hrs and it will be around 14kms.

18/10/2017 After work paddling

Cindy

The after work canoeing starts from 5:30 and finishes at 7-730 . The cost \$12 and every thing is supplied : life jackets, transport and canoes .

Cindy will be organising the first 3 sessions and then Sasho will take over. please ring to book after 7pm on the night before(Tuesday)

21/10/2017 The Twins and Spargos Hut.

Grade 3

Mick Sheedy

Two short walks in one day. We will do the harder walk to the summit of The Twins first. Then drive to Mt Loch carpark for lunch before an easier arvo walk to the hut. The Twins Walk (10km loop) starts just near the Dargo Road turn off below Hotham and at the beginning follows a 4WD track. When we get to Twin No 1 the track becomes less well defined in fact at times there is no track but we just keep going up the Twin till we summit. Then it's a gentle up and down to Twin No 2. from where we head downhill till we meet the 4WD track and follow it back to the cars. Spargo Hut (11 km return) Walk starts at Mt Loch car park and follows the AAWT pole

line to pole 84 and then an unmarked walking track downhill and to the south for 1 km to the hut. Return by the same route.

22/10/2017 MYRTLEFORD TO BRIGHT BY BIKE (and return) 62kms

IAN TREVASKIS

We'll meet at the back of the currently closed 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 'Coral Lee 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.

24/10/2017 Sunrise on Eastern Hill

Grade 2

Deb

Eastern Hill is a great spot to see the sunrise over the Murray River. We'll be meeting at my place. I'm walking out to the lookout at the southern end of the ridge on Eastern Hill. After sunrise will wander back the way we came and have breakfast on my back deck.

25/10/2017 After work Paddling

Cindy

The after work canoeing starts from 5:30 and finishes at 7-730 . The cost \$12 and every thing is supplied : life jackets, transport and canoes .

Cindy will be organising the first 3 sessions and then Sasho will take over. please ring to book after 7pm on the night before(Tuesday)

28/10/2017 - 05/11/2017 AAWT: Taylors Crossing - Dead Horse Gap

Grade 4

John Hillard

Last year, a (select) few of us did the Hotham to Bogong and Bogong to Taylors Crossing (Mitta River) sections of the Alpine Walking Track. This walk tackles the next section to Thredbo over eight days. There will be an option to cheat on the first day by dropping our heavy packs at the first campsite by the Mitta-Benambra Road and walking from Taylors Crossing with day packs. However, the next day will involve a long grind up to Johnnie's Top with seven days food in the pack. If the weather is suitable, we'll take the original AWT route over the Cobberas and, if not, we'll take the track. The walk starts in remote and rugged mountain country, involves a couple of days off track and finishes on the high plains of the Snowy Mountains. The logistics of this will be tricky so we'll be looking for volunteers to drive us to the Mitta River and/or collect us from Thredbo. This will again be a joint effort with Bernadette Cromarty taking the bookings and John Hillard doing the rest. Numbers are limited to six and you'll need to be fit to handle a couple of big climbs.

28/10/2017 Grandmothers Track - Koetong State Forest

Grade 3

Deb

The Grandmothers Track walk is approximately 13km, all on wide tracks and is at the lower end of a grade 3 walk. The variety of tracks that we use undulate through this section of the Koetong State Forest, which is home to a diverse range of plants and animals. The day could finish with cold refreshments at Koetong Pub before the return trip home.

31/10/2017 Winton Wetlands

Grade 2

Deb

Winton Wetlands is now on what was once Lake Mokoan. The Lunette/Split Walk Loop is 9km and will take us out onto an observation point between Greens Swamp and Winton Swamp. This area is home to the long neck turtle and eagles. There are a few shorter walks that we may do – weather dependant.

01/11/2017 After work paddling

Sasho

The after work canoeing starts from 5:30 and finishes at 7-730 . The cost \$12 and every thing is supplied : life jackets, transport and canoes .

04/11/2017 - 05/11/2017 Cascades Hut

Grade 2

Warwick McLachlan

The Alpine walking track crew need a lift from Dead Horse Gap at the finish of their multi-day walk. John Kaitler and I are bringing cars to Dead Horse Gap for that purpose. They are camping at Cascades Hut on the Saturday night and I propose to walk the 10 km from the Alpine Way to the Hut and and bring them back to civilisation on the Sunday, after camping overnight with them. I am hoping they have bathed daily.The walk-in is very easy on a fire trail and we would start around 1 PM.. The catch is we would need a third car to carry the weekenders as all available spots in my and John's car will be taken by the multi-day people.

04/11/2017 Mt Wills

Grade 3

Deb

Mt Wills is past Mitta Mitta on the Omeo Highway. Mount Wills is an extension of the Long Ridge that comes off the eastern side of Mount Bogong. The summit is a broad ridge that drops away into gullies, covered in open snow gum woodland, with big old trees, grasses, granite boulders and outcrops. We will take the shortest way in, via a 2WD track off the Omeo highway to the Tallangatta ski club for our walk to the, summit. This area is ringed by a broken cliff-line and steep slopes on the east, with fantastic views in all directions, back up to the High Plains and as far as the Main Range of the Snowies.

This is an easy/medium day walk to the top of Mt Wills and a car shuffle will be needed so that we can walk through to Sunnyside on the Omeo Highway.

Distance about 10km, 500m climb, 600m descent.

08/11/2017 Late Afternoon Canoeing on the Murray

Sasho

Dates: 8 November (and then most Wednesdays through to March 2018— check the website for alterations, alternative leader, postponement for weather reasons etc.

Participant Numbers: Flexible but must be able to swim confidently at least 25 metres

Final booking date: by lunch time Wednesday, especially if canoe hire is required. Cost is \$15 including lifejacket, transport back to the start and canoe.

Bookings essential by direct contact with the leader.

It's on again folks and there's plenty of water in the river! Come and enjoy an easy and relaxing paddle after work on the beautiful Murray River. There is a lot of wild life to be seen along the paddle ,platypuses, birds and kangaroos . Canoe hire will be arranged or BYO your own canoe. We will meet at the Cumberoona Wharf, Noreuil Park at 5.20pm. Expect to finish around 7:30 PM. Following the paddle there will be a BBQ dinner for those who wish to stay and socialise.

11/11/2017 Falls Creek Mt Nelse & Edmonson's Hut

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

This walk is a classic introduction to the Bogong High Plains. We'll follow Heathy Spur and then head to the summit of Mt Nelse, before dropping down into the snow gums for lunch at Edmonson's Hut. Mostly up in the morning and down in the afternoon, about 14 km.

14/11/2017 Budginigi Hill

Grade 2

deb

I havent been to Big and Little Budginigi Hills are between Tabletop and Ettamogah on the Hume and Hovell Track, but they look good. From the top there will be 360 degree views. Its only short but I believe its steep in places and rocky.

18/11/2017 Falls Creek Hidden Waterfall

Exploratory

Eileen Clark

This is an exploratory walk to find a hidden waterfall south of Pretty Valley. I have track notes and would like to investigate. Much of the walk will be off track. Length is about 15 km, no major hills but be prepared for anything. Not suitable for beginners.

18/11/2017 - 19/11/2017 overnight on Mt McLeod

Grade 4

Mick Sheedy

This a walk out to the remote Mount McLeod for an overnight camp. We will leave the cars at Reservoir Picnic Area then follow the Mt McLeod walking track for approximately 8kms to our campsite. On arrival at the camp we can pitch our tents and either have a look around or sit back and relax. Sunday morning can be a sleep in or be up early for sunrise before we walk back out on the return trip. There's a small fee for the sites which will be split between the group.

28/11/2017 East Ovens River Track

Grade 2

deb

I haven't done this 13km walk which follows the east branch of the Ovens River (to the east of Bon Accord Spur Track), so whilst it is all on formed track, I am not sure what we will find. But I do know there will be a few river crossings along the way. Could be an interesting day.

29/11/2017 Eastern Hill/ Mungabareena

Grade 2

Bernadette

This Wednesday wander will wander up Eastern Hill, along the ridge and then amble around Mungabareena Reserve.

02/12/2017 Full Moon Walk - Ludlows Reserve to the Sandy Creek Bridge

Grade 2

Cindy Marsh

Ludlow Reserve to the Sandy Creek Bridge, along the Rail Trail

12 kms return.

As the Full Moon rises, we walk from Ludlows Reserve along the Rail Trail, to the Sandy Creek Bridge.

Bring a thermos and something to share, for a cuppa at the Sandy Creek Bridge.

Following the same track we return to the cars, later in the evening.

Bring a torch.

Walk start time: 8.15 PM

03/12/2017 Buffalo Bits

Grade 2

Bernadette Cromarty

This 12km walk in beautiful Mt Buffalo will begin with a 4km return walk to Rollasens Falls. This is a steep but short walk. After this we will drive to the Gorge Visitors Centre and walk around the beautiful gorge. From here we will head to Lake Catani and walk to View Point. The group may decide to walk to the lake rather than driving, adding 4kms but this will be determined by the group on the day.

If it is hot we will have a few chances for a dip and we may add a visit to Eurobin falls on the way down.

05/12/2017 Mt Beauty Walks

Grade 2

Deb

This walk is a combination of Survey Track, Pole Track and the Mount Beauty Gorge Walk track. All up about 10kms on well marked tracks. Heaps of views, a swing bridge and the opportunity for a swim in the gorge if its hot enough.

05/12/2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ira

Come along, share a BBQ, reminisce about the activities of the year and find out who the new Club Member of the Year is.

5.30 for 6pm at Brown's Lagoon, Albury.

BYO chair, mossie repellent, utensils.

If your surname begins A-M bring a dessert, N-Z salad. Meat provided and special dietary needs will be catered for if you let Ira know in your RSVP.

PLEASE RSVP BY DEC 1ST FOR CATERING PURPOSES.

08/12/2017 - 10/12/2017 McNamara Hut (Dinner Plain Hut) to Youngs Hut walk

Grade 4

Mick Sheedy

This walk will involve two overnight stays. We will leave Friday for an overnight car camp at McNamara's Hut. On Saturday morning we will be heading off for Youngs Hut which will be approximately 12kms one way for our second overnight stay. Sunday morning we will be making the return trip back McNamara's Hut where we will be returning to the cars for the trip home. All up the walk is around 24kms. From McNamara's to Youngs the track is faint and may require off track walking and requires a 4wd to get to McNamara's hut. Numbers for the walk will depend how many 4wds are available. I will have four free seats in mine.

09/12/2017 Falls Creek, Kellys & Fitzgeralds Huts

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

This is a classic High Country walk with views, a bit of history and hopefully some wildflowers. Starting from Langfords Gap, we'll take the Alpine Walking Track up through the forest to where it joins the track to the huts. After lunch we'll return via the aqueduct. About 16 km in length, only one climb, and flat all the way home. Please note that I will be away in a parallel universe and different time zone until WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER, so no calls before then, please. Because of this, members can book in by SMS but be sure to include your name.

10/12/2017 Pub to Pub by Bike 62kms total

Grade 3

IAN TREVASKIS

Meeting at the Happy Hotel, carpark, 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.

16/12/2017 Roper's Lookout from Howman's Gap, Take 2

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

We had to abandon this walk in October without reaching our destination because the snow was too deep. We take the Packhorse Track from Howmans Gap to Falls Creek, wind our way through the village to the dam wall and then ascend Ropers Lookout for good views. Return by a similar route. Length is about 16 or 17 km, mainly up in the morning and down after lunch. No calls before Wednesday 6 December, please.

17/12/2017 UP and DOWN by BIKE 32kms

Grade 3

IAN TREVASKIS

Meeting at Everton Railway Station at 9.45am for a 10.00 am start. It's all Uphill from the former Everton Railway Station where we will meet after a sleep in, but the bonus is that after lunch in Beechworth it's all DOWNhill back to the station!

Cyclists must have bikes with brakes that work, a spare tube and puncture repair kit.

30/12/2017 Falls Creek Westons Hut

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

Westons Hut sits in a forest clearing and was rebuilt a few years ago after the 2006 fires. The walk starts from Pretty Valley and has some ups and downs but is all on track and is about 14 km. Wildflowers should be out, too. We could organise a sleepover if people want to go to the Mountain Film Festival which is in Mt Beauty this evening, and/or to do Sunday's walk.

31/12/2017 Falls Creek Huts and Heritage

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

This 10 km walk is all on track. It is a circuit from Langfords Gap and visits some of the historic huts nearby. Interpretation boards along the way explain the history of the area. There are also great views.

31/12/2017 - 01/01/2018 New years on the Razorback - grade 4 medium-hard

Grade 4

David G

The plan is to wander out along the Razorback from Diamantina Hut, at a leisurely pace and set up camp at Federation Hut.

We'll nearly have a full moon, so my plan is to head up to the summit for the sunset and return in the moonlight (remember your torch, a jacket, and maybe some nibbles to share); others may prefer to remain at the camp. In the morning we'll retrace our steps back along the Razorback back to our cars, and hopefully get down to Harrietville in time for an ice-cream at Morries.

The walk is about 11kms each way. It isn't overly steep, but it is undulating and pretty rocky in sections, and it could get cool overnight.

Club member of the year - David G

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR.

Congratulations to David G on being awarded Club Member of the Year 2017



Peter, last year's recipient, presenting David with the award.

David is a most worthy recipient of this award. Presenting the award, Peter cited David's willingness "to put his hand up for every job that comes along". He indeed provides incredible input in a number of roles as a committee member. Peter has enjoyed watching David mature from someone who is, "newish to the club, initially a bit green in bushwalking skills, develop into the very able walker he is today". David competently leads a number of activities for the club and is an all round great guy. Well done to BBC's quiet achiever!

2018

07/01/2018 Spion Kopje

Grade 4

Bernadette

Spion Kopje is a peak with some great views. The climbs and descents are never too dramatic but the walk is about 25km in all. The walk begins at Watchbed Creek and is on well formed tracks until the final, short ascent onto the peak.

Mt Nelse and/ or Nelse North are both very short side trips.

09/01/2018 Mt Beauty Gorge

Grade 2

Deb

This walk is a combination of Survey Track, Pole Track and the Mount Beauty Gorge Walk track. All up about 10kms on well marked tracks. Heaps of views, a swing bridge and the opportunity for a swim in the gorge if its hot enough.

12/01/2018 - 15/01/2018 Cowombat Flat Extended walk / MTB ride (MVB)

MICK MVB

This is a Murray Valley Bushwalkers event that some BBC members may like to join.

From January 12, 2018 8:00 am until January 15, 2018 5:00 pm

At Dead Horse Gap

Posted by Mick Webster

Categories: Multi – Walk or Cycle

Cowombat Flat Grade 4 Extended MTB ride/walk

Snowgum woodlands, great views, historic huts, a big waterfall, a plane-wreck, jump across the Murray River! We'll be riding or walking from Dead Horse Gap in Kosciuszko National Park, hopefully to Cowombat Flat at the source of the Murray R on the Victorian border- Day 1 drive 3-4 hours to Dead Horse Gap (probably park at Thredbo village), ride to Cascades Hut (9km), Day 2 ride to Tin Mines camp at Tin Mines Huts, explore the mines, visit the tallest falls in the Park (16km), Day 3 down and back to Cowombat Flat, possibly walk to border cairn, source of Murray, possibly climb The Pilot with amazing views to Kossie and the Vic Alps, back to Tin Mines (34km). Day 4 back to Dead Horse Gap and home (25km), or camp at Tom Groggin and home on Day 5. All on MVO tracks of reasonable standard, mountain bikes with paniers required. I have two sets of paniers and racks people can borrow, contact me. More details to come!

Walking option – Day 1 and 2 are perfectly doable for walkers, Day 3 maybe not so much but you could easily walk to the summit of The Pilot, a great peak with excellent views (or take a rest day, explore the mines and waterfall area). Return to Dead Horse Gap can be done in a day, or split up as on the way out. This is a good trip for a walker to push their pack on a golf buggy – talk to me about how this can be done (I will have a buggy to loan out.....)

13/01/2018 Hotham to Pretty Valley Cross Over

Grade 4

Deb

The only decision you need to make about this walk is which direction to do it in. Both groups cover the same route, both groups will puff as they ascend and move swiftly as they descend and both groups will have amazing views and great company. I will be leading the group from Hotham to Pretty Valley Pondage and Bernadette will co-lead, taking the group in the other direction. This walk is approximately 19km and all on well worn tracks.

17/01/2018 Wodonga Huon Hill

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

We'll have an early start on this one to beat the heat and should finish by lunchtime. We'll start down by the river, climb to the top and return by a slightly different route. Huon Hill gives great views that make the climb worthwhile. Probably about 14 km in all.

21/01/2018 Buffalo Bits

Grade 2

Bernadette

I tried to do this walk early in Dec but the weather Gods were advising us to rebuild that Ark and Parks closed the road to Mt Buffalo (I think because it would be crowded with pairs of animals.) So here goes again! This walk will begin at the Gorge Visitors Centre on Mt Buffalo with a walk around the beautiful gorge. From here we will head along the Lake Catani track and walk to View Point, named for its magnificent views. We will then continue to the lake for lunch. After lunch we will return to the cars and head down to Rollasens Picnic area. (Anyone who is feeling weary can simply rest here while the others head to the falls) A short steep walk will take us down to the falls where a refreshing dip is a possibility. The climb back will warm us up but there is a possibility of another dip at Eurobin Falls on the way home.

24/01/2018 [Somewhere on Nail Can Hill](#)

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

Another early start for this one. We'll probably start from Centaur Road and have morning tea at Reedy Dam, then tackle the Gorge Trail if we're feeling strong. About 14 km with possibility of steep climbs, should finish around lunchtime.

26/01/2018 - 29/01/2018 Cobungra River loop

Grade 4

Peter Smith-Allen

Day 1. Approx. 10km

Early Friday morning we will drive to the Mt Loch car park and make our way down to Dibbins Hut. We will then follow the Cobungra River, Swindlers Creek to our campsite at the bottom of Paling Spur.

Day 2. Approx. 12 km

We continue following the Cobungra past the Brandy Creek fire trail downstream to a nice campsite in a remote area of the park. There is a great swimming hole here. (Please note there are lots of river crossings in this section).

Day 3. Approx. 13 km

Today we will follow an old bridal trail up to Mc Namaras Dinner Plain hut. From here we will follow the Young's Hut trail to our overnight camp situated in a beautiful valley amongst some old snow gums.

Day 4. Approx. 9 km

On our last day we will walk through some beautiful frost hollows and old snow gums. From a distance we will glimpse Young's Hut as we make our way down Paling Spur. We will cross the Cobungra River one last time before making the ascent up the Brandy Creek Fire trail to the cars.

27/01/2018 Wonga Wetlands Birdwatching

Grade 1

Chris Gay

This is an easy morning activity. There are no hills at all and it is likely to be only a few km depending on how many birds we see.

Bring Binoculars (if you can- I do have two spare sets for loan on the day), Bird book, Morning Tea, Water, Sun Hat and Sunscreen and good sturdy footwear.

Participants must be prepared to be quiet and minimise talking so as not to scare off the birds.

03/02/2018 Falls Creek Hidden Waterfall

Exploratory

Eileen Clark

There is a hidden waterfall south of the Alpine Walking Track between Mt Jim and Cope Saddle that I would like to investigate. It was featured in a walk description in 'Wild' some years ago. We'll start from Pretty Valley and make our way to Pole 333, hopefully find the waterfall and return via Cope Saddle. Some off-track walking involved, some hills and some unknowns! Not suitable for beginners. About 15 to 20 km.

03/02/2018 Mt Timbertop Saddle and The Paps

Exploratory

Deb

I have never done these two short but steepish walks so the day will be totally exploratory and in a new area. The first is Timbertop Saddle and Summit. This pretty but steep climb begins at Timbertop Saddle located on Howqua Track. At the top we will sit under snowgums and enjoy the extensive views over the Mansfield Valley before returning to cars.

The second walk will be The Paps; twin hills about 10 kilometers out of Mansfield (on the Benalla side) but they make up the landmark that is most notable from Mansfield as they dominate the nearby landscape. There should be good views of Lake Eildon from the top.

06/02/2018 Club Night.

All welcome. Reflections on 40 years. Warwick. See Footprints for details.

10/02/2018 East Ovens River Track

Exploratory

Deb

I tried to do this 13km walk which follows the east branch of the Ovens River (to the east of Bon Accord Spur Track), in November but I was by myself and hesitant to continue on a sometimes ill defined track by myself. So I am hoping that a few people might like to join me this time, however, I am not sure what we will find. But I do know that it is a stunningly beautiful clear river and that there will be a few river crossings along the way. Could be an interesting day.

10/02/2018 Pub to Pub by Bike 65kms total

Grade 3

IAN TREVASKIS

This is a repeat of a recent Pub to Pub which was a most enjoyable ride, the only difference is this time we will have lunch at the Wandu Pub rather than just a cool ale. Meet at the Happy Valley Hotel, Ovens at 10:15am for 10:30 start. We ride on the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail via Porepunkah and Bright, which is all sealed and basically flat. Lunch at Wandu Pub and return.

For those who don't want to do the whole lot there is the option to join us at Eurobin or Porepunkah. Must have a roadworthy bike, puncture repair kit and spare tube.

Because I will need to make a booking for lunch please note early Final Booking Date.

13/02/2018 Montane Walking Track

Grade 2

Deb

This walk starts on the north side of the Great Alpine Rd, Dinner Plain and heads east to Slippery Pinch before crossing back to the southern side. From here the track goes through areas of snow gums, past old cattle yards before dropping down to the Victoria river and grassy plains. A timber bridge allows us to cross the river and head back up the river valley and up the drier side of the mountain. After a short side trip to Precipice Plain Lookout, we head back to Dinner Plain. All up about 10km.

17/02/2018 - 18/02/2018 Overnight at Cleve Cole Hut

Grade 4

Mick Sheedy

This walk is both hard and easy. Any climb up Mt Bogong with an overnight pack is hard but given we are taking the easiest and shortest way to the summit – 3km maximum we will be taking things very easy. The walk does, however involve a 500m climb. On reaching the summit we might drop packs and wander up to the Mt Bogong cairn then retrace our steps, pick up packs and do the short 3km along almost flat terrain to Cleeve Cole Hut. The hut is in a flat, open, grassy area with available water and is an ideal campsite. We will set up tents and then people might like to do a 4km return almost flat, pack off, stroll to Howman Falls. On Sunday morning we will do the return journey this time dropping 500m back to the vehicle/s. Access is via Trappers Gap Track/ Camp Creek Rd, both 4WD access only. Places will depend on the availability of other 4WD vehicles there are a few seats left in my ute.

24/02/2018 Kellys and Fitzgeralds Huts 16kms

Grade 3

IAN TREVASKIS

I missed out on Eileen's walk early in December to these two huts so thought I might wander on out there in February. This is a classic High Country walk with views, a bit of history and hopefully some wildflowers. Starting from Langfords Gap, we'll take the Alpine Walking Track up through the forest to where it joins the track to the huts. After lunch we'll return via the aqueduct. About 16 km in length, only one climb, and flat all the way home. (Hoping to find a co-leader from Wodonga end for this event.)

25/02/2018 BIKE BY THE LAKE

Grade 3

IAN TREVASKIS

This is a bike ride on the High Country Rail Trail beginning at Ludlow's Reserve and taking cyclist on a brilliant 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. Cyclists must have a roadworthy bike, puncture repair kit and spare tube.

02/03/2018 - 04/03/2018 Wheelers Hut, Kosciuszko National Park

Grade 4

Peter Smith-Allen

March 2nd 3rd & 4th Wheelers Hut, Kosciuszko National Park

Grade 4 Approx. 25km

Leader Peter Smith-Allen

Friday 2nd Day one.

Driving to the Tooma Dam in the evening, we will leave the cars and make the short walk (3km maybe under torch light) to Paton's Hut, where will make camp for the night.

Saturday 3rd Day Two.

We will follow the Dargals trail just past Hell Hole Creek trail; here we will venture off track for a short distance of approximately 2km, to wheelers Hut where we will camp for the night. There should be plenty of time here to relax and explore the area for the rest of the day.

Sunday 4th Day Three

In the morning we will follow the Snakey plain track, back to the cars. (Note there will be a short car shuffle between Snakey plain trail and Tooma Dam Trail Head.)

03/03/2018 Bon Accord Crossover

Grade 3

Mick Sheedy

The Bon Accord Spur was the route taken by walkers, horseriders and pack horses to Mt Hotham before the Great Alpine Road was built. The track follows the Ovens River – East Branch for 5 km. The steep climb up the spur starts at Washington Creek (we may get wet if the bridge is still out). The Bon Accord Hut ruin is 9.5 km from the start of the track. From here it is 2 km up to the Razorback, then 0.5 km to the Great Alpine Road. As this is a cross over you have the option to decide whether you walk up or down the track. David G will lead the 'downhill' group from Diamantina hut.

06/03/2018 CLUB NIGHT

New Members Night. Non Members also welcome.

I'm interested in Bushwalking but what do they really do? What do I need to take? Am I fit enough? How do I get the walk? How do I book in?

All these questions will be answered at this meeting.

Wodonga Senior Citizens Rooms

7.30PM

06/03/2018 New Members Club Night

Come and learn:

What to bring on a walk

Where to get the best gear

What protocols keep you safe and comfortable
 Meet other new members and long standing club members.
 Interested non-members welcome.

10/03/2018 Cope Hut to Ryder' Yards via Mount Cope

Grade 3

IAN TREVASKIS

This walk (approx. 14kms) follows the Australian Alps Walking Track and begins with a visit to Cope Hut before setting off across the Bogong High Plains with a detour to summit Mount Cope before continuing on to Ryder's Yards where we'll have lunch before returning via Cope Saddle and Cope Saddle (SEC) Hut. Plenty of scope for a bit of extra wandering if time, energy and enthusiasm warrants. Ideal opportunity to hone up on cross country navigational skills with a fairly cruisy walk.

(This has been rated medium as it includes some off track walking.)m

11/03/2018 Introduction to the Bogong High Plains

Grade 2

Eileen Clark

This is a walk for everyone, newcomers, beginners and old friends. It consists of three short walks designed to show off the best of the country around Falls Creek. We'll start by climbing Mt Cope for a panoramic view of the area, then visit a couple of the heritage huts nearby, including the iconic Wallace's Hut. Later in the day we'll visit Fainter Falls. We'll walk about 10 km in all, at a gentle pace. I'd appreciate the services of a co-leader or wrangler at Wodonga to organise transport on the day.

16/03/2018 - 18/03/2018 40th Anniversary weekend

Our club is turning 40 and we are planning a weekend of celebrations for all. Our celebrations will be centered around Beechworth.

Beechworth Lake Sambell Caravan Park has a variety of accommodation options from non-powered sites to powered sites and a variety of cabins. Mention that you are booking in for BBC's celebrations and you'll receive a 10% discount.

We suggest you book soon as it's a popular time. Call 03 5728 1421 or check out the options at www.caravanparkbeechworth.com.au

If you would like to share a cabin but are not sure who else is looking to do the same please contact us before the end of November and we'll help to group people together.

EVENT TIMETABLE

FRI MARCH 16TH

5-6.30pm Happy Hour (or so) (Nibbles provided/ BYO drinks) Lake Sambell Caravan Park

6.30pm Dinner at Beechworth pub (TBA)

RSVP BY SAT MARCH 3RD FOR CATERING AND BOOKING PURPOSES TO IRA

SAT MARCH 17TH

10.00am Activity choice. No need to book; assemble outside the office at Lake Sambell Caravan Park and join the activity of choice (or make up your own)

GORGE WALK

A casual Walk along the Gorge Road (from Powder Magazine end) taking in all the sights along the way. This walk is on a well fomed track and is largely flat. The group will be in Beechworth for lunch. Approx 7kms.

Leader: Liz.

WOOLSHED FALLS WALK

This scenic walk will take us along the tracks to Woolshed Falls for a BYO picnic lunch. The walk has some small hills and is on mostly on footpads. It is about 17km in length.

Leader: Bernadette. Call her if you have any enquiries.

BEECHWORTH TO MILAWA RIDE 64kms or 32km

This ride offers two options – a longer, more challenging ride from Beechworth, freewheeling down the rail trail to Everton Railway Station and thence to Milawa for a lazy lunch at Milawa Kitchen

(<http://www.milawacheese.com.au/cheesefactory/>) before tackling the return route, half of which is a bit of

an uphill slog from Everton. For those less inclined to over-exert themselves, you can meet riders at Everton and

cycle the shorter and easier version from there to Milawa and return to your cars at Everton. (32kms). Only cyclists with roadworthy bikes may participate in this event.

Leader: Ian Trevaskis. Call him if you have any enquiries.

SATURDAY 17TH

5PM Happy Hour/ cutting of cake by life members/ toast. (nibbles provided BYO drinks)

6.30PM Gourmet BBQ Those with surnames A-M Bring a salad/ n-z a dessert. BYO plates/ utensils/ drinks.

Meat , bread sauce provided.

"I remember When..."

RSVP BY SAT 3RD MARCH REQUIRED FOR CATERING PURPOSES TO IRA

Please include any dietary needs.

SUNDAY 18TH

AM Breakfast and informal activities.

18/03/2018 Wallaby Mine/Fletchers Dam

Grade 2

Paul

We will meet at the Lake Sambell Caravan Park office at 10.00 am. and decide who will take their cars to Lake Kerford. After parking the cars we make our way around Lake Kerford to eventually find the Wallaby Mine track. This will take us through the Nine Mile Creek historic area. After some down hill we arrive at the Wallaby mine area. Relics here are in good condition and look like they could be restarted with very little effort. We retrace our steps for a short distance and head off the Fletchers Dam. Along the way we pass a memorial to Charlie Gunther, a timber worker killed on the spot in 1959.

The Hurdle Flat picnic area on our right was a thriving town during the gold rush of the 1870's.

We then follow Fletchers Dam Road and Hurdle Flat Road back to Lake Kerford Road and our cars.

The walk is about 8km long and 3 hours in duration.

As this is a part of the 40th anniversary celebrations there is no need to book in, just come along.

23/03/2018 - 25/03/2018 Mt Speculation, The Cross Cut Saw, Mt Howitt

Grade 4

Mick Sheedy

This two night trip consists of camping at Lake Cobbler on Friday night. On Saturday morning we will drive up to the base of Mt Speculation where we will start our walk up to the summit of Mt Speculation. We'll then walk across the Cross Cut Saw to Vallejo Gantner Hut. We will return the same way but with a detour up to Mt Howitt before heading back across Mt Buggery along the Cross Cut Saw to Mt Speculation and the car/s and back to Lake Cobbler for our second night. On Sunday morning the plan is to do a short 8k return walk up to Mt Cobbler before heading home. It's approximately 20 kms return walk up to Mt Speculation across to Vallejo Gantner Hut/Mt Howitt when returning to the cars. A 4wd is required to get to the base of Mt Speculation so numbers for the walk will depend on how many 4wds are available. I will have spare seats in mine.

24/03/2018 - 25/03/2018 Overnight at Johnston Hut.

Louse Evans

This walk involves a 4 km walk to Johnston Hut, near Falls Creek. From here there will be walks with a day pack to Kelly's Hut, Mt Nelse or other areas of interest to the group. Beginners are welcome.

24/03/2018 Mollisons Galleries - Mount Buffalo 18kms

Grade 3

IAN TREVASKIS

The Mollison Galleries Rocky Creek Circuit traverses both Five Acre and Mollison Plains in the heart of the Buffalo Plateau. The circuit is clearly sign posted as it winds its way through snow gums, alpine ash forests, rocky outcrops and grassy plains. On the way we will take in a few side trips to Og Gog Magog and Eagle Point. Both offer rewarding views of nearby peaks and the Buffalo Plateau.

28/03/2018 Youngs Hut on Wednesday

Grade 3

Bernadette

We will walk from Pretty Valley to Youngs Hut (The hut we in BBC maintain) for a pleasant lunch and the return. Simple! Depending on weather we will head cross country for part of the walk or walk a little further via track if visibility isn't good.

A little more than a Wednesday wander but on a Wednesday, nevertheless.

30/03/2018 - 04/04/2018 AAWT Kiandra – Tharwa (Canberra)

Grade 4

John Hillard

Some of us have been inching our way up the Australian Alps Walking Track over the past two years and in 2018 we'll do the final section from Kiandra to Tharwa near Canberra. This section has rather less of the UP-UP-UP and DOWN-DOWN-DOWN that we are used to from previous sections but it is still a fairly substantial undertaking. It takes six days (so carrying five days food) and typical distances of 20km per day. It is the one bit of the AAWT that I've not done before but it looks very interesting with beautiful alpine plains and historic huts. We will be Hiring a mini bus to get us to the start of the walk at Kiandra and we will arrange transport to get you from Tharwa to central Canberra but you'll have to arrange to get yourself home. The trip is being run over the period of an ancient pagan spring festival called Easter so followers of Ishtar, Horus, Mithras or Cybele are also welcome along although they will have to cope with the fact that it will actually be autumn in this part of the world.

Bookings through Bernadette please. They will need to be early so we can arrange logistics over this busy weekend.

03/04/2018 Club Night

Birds and Bees.

All welcome.

See Footprints for details.

Life member award - Eileen Clark



40th Anniversary celebration

Here is the invitation (December 2017 Footprints) and some of the article from the April 2018 Footprints. Eileen was awarded a Life membership at the 40th Anniversary weekend.

NOTICES.



**40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BORDER BUSHWALKING CLUB
WHERE? LAKE SAMBELL CARAVAN PARK, BEECHWORTH
WHEN? FRIDAY MARCH 16 TO SUNDAY 18 MARCH 2018.**

OUTLINE OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND:

FRIDAY MARCH 16

Happy Hours from 5pm to 6:30pm. Nibbles provided.

7pm Dinner at a Beechworth hotel.

SATURDAY MARCH 17

10am Choose from the following (no need to book):

GORGE WALK: a casual walk along the Gorge enjoying all the sights. This walk is on a well formed track and is largely flat. We will stop in Beechworth for lunch. Approx. 7kms.

WOOLSHED FALLS WALK: this scenic walk will take us along the tracks to Woolshed Falls for a BYO picnic lunch. Approx 17kms.

BEECHWORTH TO MILAWA BIKE RIDE: This ride offers two options – a longer, more challenging ride from Beechworth, freewheeling down the rail trail to Everton Railway Station and thence to Milawa for a lazy lunch at Milawa Kitchen (<http://www.milawacheese.com.au/cheesefactory/>) before tackling the return route, half of which is a bit of an uphill slog from Everton. For those less inclined to over-exert themselves, you can meet riders at Everton and cycle the shorter and easier version from there to Milawa and return to your cars at Everton. (32kms). Only cyclists with roadworthy bikes may participate in this event. (Bikes are available to hire at the campground).

Relax as you canoe on Lake Sambell. Self guided activity. (Canoes available for hire at the campground).

5pm: Happy hour.

CUTTING OF THE CAKE by life members and a toast. Nibbles provided.

6:30pm: Gourmet BBQ with great meat provided (as well as sausages), vegetarian options, bread, onions and sauce.

Please provide a salad or dessert to share. Surnames beginning A-M salad, N-Z dessert.

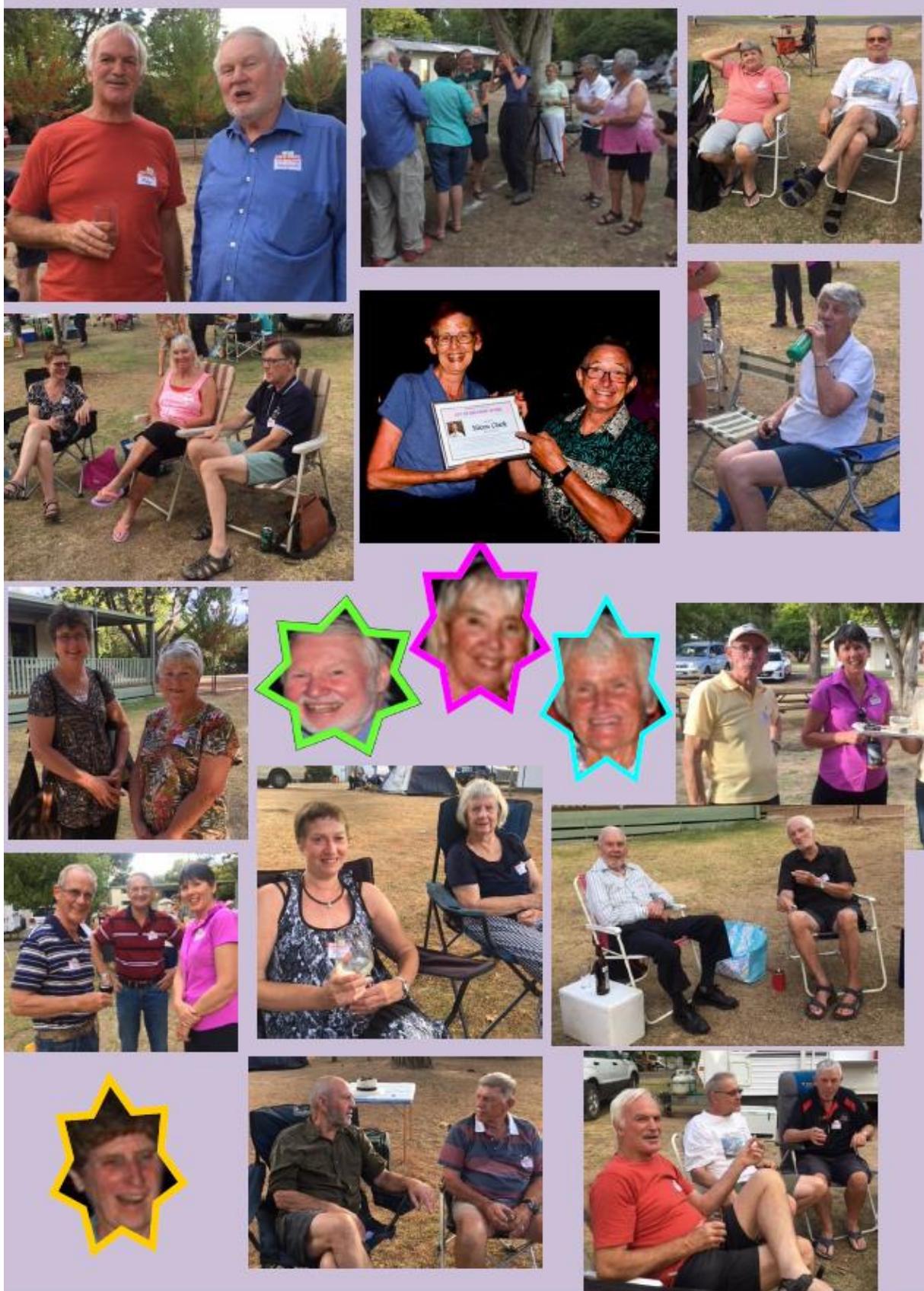
AFTER DINNER: "I REMEMBER WHEN..." stories from past and present members recalling their adventures bold, brave and downright crazy.

SUNDAY MARCH 18

BREAKFAST TOGETHER.

To be followed by activities for those interested.

PLEASE CONTACT ANY EX MEMBERS YOU KNOW SO THEY CAN PARTICIPATE.



07/04/2018 Lockhart's Gap Crossover (and Afternoon Tea)
Grade 3

IAN TREVASKIS

One group led by Bernadette will start from Lockhart's Gap while the other group led by Ian will start from Tallangatta Lookout. After meeting somewhere on the track, keys and pleasantries will be exchanged before walking on. Following the walk members and guests are invited to enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea at Cafe Trevaski.

Please note there are some very steep sections in this walk. The walk is approx 20kms provided hikers don't manage to miss THAT turn!

08/04/2018 UP and DOWN by BIKE 32kms

Grade 3

IAN TREVASKIS

I love this ride because you get to fly down from Beechworth at a screaming pace! It's all Uphill from the former Everton Railway Station where we will meet after a sleep in, but the bonus is that after lunch in Beechworth it's all DOWNhill back to the station! Cyclists must have bikes with brakes that work, a spare tube and puncture repair kit.

Opportunity to extend the day with a ride through the gorge if participants so desire.

13/04/2018 - 15/04/2018 The Fainters

Grade 3

Pauline Scott

Although this is an overnight walk, we only have to carry our heavy packs approximately 5 kms from Pretty Valley to the Tawonga Huts on the Friday, and back again on the Sunday.

We will be leaving Wodonga early Friday afternoon, giving us ample time to walk to the huts and set up camp. Saturday we head to both North and South Fainter, where we will have lunch with magnificent views before heading back to camp. Sunday we pack up and plan to be in Mt Beauty for lunch before heading home.

14/04/2018 Mt Tabletop – Dinner Plain

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

At 1593 metres above sea level, Mt. Tabletop is a distinctive flat plateau linked to the Great Dividing Range by a low ridge. In this untracked area at the headwaters of the Dargo River there is a distinct feeling of isolation. 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 14kms and marked to a rocky outcrop just below the summit. Return via the same route.

21/04/2018 The Big Walk

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

This is one of my favourite walks in our area. Mt Buffalo dominates the Ovens Valley skyline and the Big Walk gives access to views from a variety of angles. The walk starts at the carpark near the Rangers station and climbs steadily to the Gorge, is approx. 22km return and all on well formed walking tracks. If there is enough interest those of you who would prefer a shorter option may be able to do The Not So Big Walk (approx 14km return), which will start just up the road from Rollasons Falls carpark.

28/04/2018 Falls Creek Westons Hut

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk starts at Pretty Valley and follows tracks towards Westons Hut, rebuilt after the 2003 fires. It is sited among snow gums in a sheltered valley. On the way back, we might call in on the 'gourmets' at Tawonga huts. The walk is about 15 km long, on tracks but with quite a bit of up and down.

28/04/2018 - 29/04/2018 TAWONGA HUTS GOURMET WEEKEND

Grade 3

BERNADETTE CROMARTY

It's on again!

This is an overnighter with a difference. We will walk less than 5km to Tawonga Huts (Falls Creek area) with full packs but they will be full of gourmet goodies as well as tents and other essential gear. Once we have set up camp and off loaded the goodies some may like to walk on to Mt Jaithmathang to work up an appetite for our special shared dinner accompanied by a few laughs and tall stories. The next day our packs will be much lighter as we head back, probably via Weston's Hut.

This walk is very suitable for those who have never done an overnighter before and your leaders will guide you regarding equipment needed and what we have for hire.

It's also a great walk for some more experienced walkers who would enjoy a more relaxed, social weekend. Last year's theme was 'Mad Hatters'. This year's theme will be divulged when you book in! Ring Bernadette to book. The first to book get first choice of food to bring.

01/05/2018 Club Night

Short AGM followed by The Best of South America presentation.

05/05/2018 Razorback Cross Over

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

Take a walk on the one of the regions most recognisable features – The Razorback. This ultimate sky trail walk will have one group walking from Diamantina Hut, to the intersection with the Mt Feathertop track, where you can decide to summit or laze in the grass, before descending via Bungalow Spur to Harrierville. The other group will reverse the direction ascending Bungalow Spur first before tackling Mt Feathertop and the Razorback.

06/05/2018 Pub to Pub by Bike 65kms total

Grade 3 Medium

IAN TREVASKIS

Meeting at the Happy Valley Hotel, carpark, 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 pubs) Cyclists need to have a roadworthy bike, spare tube and puncture repair kit.

12/05/2018 Wild Horse Creek

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

Wild Horse Creek is a beautiful spot on Track 107 about 10kms from the carpark at Watchbed Creek, where this walk begins. We will initially follow a 4WD track before veering off and following the pole line and Kelly Track to Fitzgeralds and Kelly Hut. This part of the walk is fairly flat and has great views. At Kelly Hut we join Track 107 and descend to Wild Horse Creek, where we will have lunch. After the climb back up to Kelly Hut I would like to make return trip back to the cars via the Aquaduct Track but this will depend on a number of factors including the weather and finding the track. All up about 23km.

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19/05/2018 Falls Creek Youngs Hut Day Walk

Grade 3

Eileen Clark

We'll join with Ian's overnighers for a day trip to Young's Hut starting from near Cope Hut and following the Alpine Walking Track for much of the way. The route is exposed so good wet weather gear is a must, and a head torch would be handy given that the days are quite short in May. About 20 km in total.

19/05/2018 - 20/05/2018 YOUNGS HUT OVERNIGHTER 20kms

Grade 3

IAN TREVASKIS

This walk to Young's Hut is suitable for those who have not previously completed an overnight walk or for those who just want to visit an old friend! Those who are interested in doing a beginner's overnight walk, but are unsure, should contact the leaders for further information. Young's Hut is a rustic former SEC survey hut that our club maintains in conjunction with Parks Victoria. The walk starts at Cope Hut and follows the Alpine Walking Track to Cope Saddle, past the aqueduct and up a slight climb to Pole 333 where we turn left, pass Mt Jim and follow the track leading down to the hut. Return journey is via the same route. We should have great views and possibly see some brumbies. Walk is all on track, with nothing too steep, but is very exposed.

26/05/2018 Back Wall/ Dicksons Falls

Grade 3 Medium

Ralph Sempendorfer

The Back Wall and Dicksons Falls Mt Buffalo,

15 km, 5 hours (approx)

The Back Wall of Mt Buffalo National Park heads off from the same point as the Dicksons Falls walk with the paths diverting after 500 metres.

The main walk can roughly be divided into three sections. First the pretty Cresta plain with interesting rock formation leading to the Devils Marbles Next you enter a treed area with a dense sub alpine growth where gaiters are recommended. The final third opens up to the smooth boulders with numerous cairns to guide the way, This area will be difficult if the weather closes in. The view is most rewarding over the Buffalo River valley and on to the main divide in all directions.

On return to the main path we take an easy side trip to Dickson's Falls and nature walk, this time with a different view back to Mount Feathertop.

30/05/2018 Banff mountain film festival – social

David

Not a club event, but for members interest [buy your own tickets – link below]:

The world's most prestigious mountain film festival is coming back to the Albury Entertainment Centre. The 2018 Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour showcases over 2 1/2 hours of the most enthralling mountain adventure films that will have you planning your next adventure before the credits roll.

Presented by World Expeditions, the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour will be screening in Albury for ONE NIGHT ONLY.

When: Wednesday 30 May, 7.00pm

Where: Albury Entertainment Centre, 525 Swift Street, Albury

Price: \$34 Adult, \$24 Child under 16, \$29.95 Group 10+ – Child under 2 free on knee

Tickets available from; <http://alburyentertainmentcentre.com.au/whats-on/banff-mountain-film-festival-2018>

02/06/2018 - 03/06/2018 Two days on the Hume and Hovell Track

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

Spend two days walking The Hume and Hovell Track from Henry Angel Trackhead, which is just out of Tumbarumba.

We will drive up Saturday morning, set up camp and then walk south from HAT along Burra Creek Gorge to the swing bridge over Tumbarumba Creek (approx 12km return). Followed by a quick trip to Paddy's River Falls (2km return walk 10km drive). Dinner in Tumbarumba Saturday night.

Sunday we will walk north from HAT to Junction Camp Ground – Junction of Burra and East Burra Creeks. (13km return).

All walking is with day packs on on track.

Drive home after a great weekend.

03/06/2018 Buffalo – the big walk – 22kms

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

Unfortunately I couldn't make it on Deb's big walk in April, but it would be a pity to miss it for a whole season. The walk starts at the carpark at the Park entry, and climbs steadily to the Gorge, is approx. 22km return and all on well-formed walking tracks. Bring a thermos and winter gear, as it could be cool. It'll also be an early start, given the shorter days.

05/06/2018 Club Night

Walking the Himalaya – Ray Musty

All welcome. See Footprints for details.

09/06/2018 Nail Can Hill (out and /or return)

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Bernadette

Choose your own adventure!

We will start in the morning at Jindera Gap and walk to the Botanic Gardens for lunch. For some it will be the end of the walk, for others the start and others still the middle.

Confused? You can walk 15 kms one way or go both ways. You can chose which way you go but we will all meet at the Botanic Gardens at lunch time.

The grading is based on walking one way. Walking both ways increases the grading to 4, based on distance. As the logistics of getting transport organized for all options can get complicated early booking would be appreciated.

30/06/2018 Mt Warby

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

The Victorian Government created Warby-Ovens National Park, in June 2010 to protect and enhance the remaining River Red Gum forests in Victoria. The park is an important location for the survival of species such as the Squirrel Glider, Feathertail Glider, Powerful Owl, Turquoise Parrot, Carpet Python and Lace Monitor.

The walking tracks that we will access to get to Mt Warby summit include; Salisbury Falls Tk and Friends Tk. We will return (hopefully thats the plan) via Alpine Views Tk, make a short detour to Kwat Kwat Lookout for excellent views of the Ovens Valley and the Victorian Alps and then join back up with Salisbury Falls Track. All up nothing too extreme, a nice easy/medium grade walk of about 14kms.

03/07/2018 Club Night/ soup night CHANGED VENUE

CHANGE OF VENUE: As the Senior Cits is being renovated we will be at St John's Hall in Beechworth Rd.

Soup night. Come along for a social night. Discuss upcoming events, your latest expedition or what you would like to do next while you sample some soup and bread.

BYO bowl or mug and be ready to tell tales about what tales it would tell f it could talk.

See Footprints for details

14/07/2018 Mt Jack

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Deb

Finding a walk that is accessible in winter is tricky. Mt Jack, at the back of Dederang fits the bill nicely. Whilst it is all on 4WD track, these tracks are rarely used so we won't be dodging vehicles all day. The walk is a loop that is accessed via private property and by crossing a number of creeks (depth of water is dependant on weather). On a clear day whilst climbing steeply (700m over 4km) up Billy Hicks Track you can see the main range. This climb will take us to the Mt Jack Track and from here its a bit up, a bit down, and a bit around till we get to the unassuming summit of Mt Jack. Following the North House Creek Track we will descend back to the flatter farmland and the cars. All up about 17km.

20/07/2018 - 22/07/2018 The Great Dividing Trail – Dry Diggings Track

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

Last year we walked part of the Leanganook Track, this year we will do a section of the Dry Diggings Track. We will be staying in Castlemaine on Friday and Saturday nights (share costs of accomodation). Saturday we will do part of the The Golden Mountain Walk and Cry Joe Walk (total distance approx 23km). On Sunday a short walk before driving home will be an option.

Because of the location participant numbers will be based on car loads. There will be 2 seats available in my car. Then I will require another car to be able to take another 4 people. Total number of people will be 2 car loads.

More information on booking.

28/07/2018 Mt Murramurrangbong, Kergunyah

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Mt Murra towers over the Kiewa Valley Highway between Kiewa and Kergunyah. I've often looked at it but never walked it, so this walk will be somewhat exploratory, guided by a trip report from the Warby Walkers:

<http://warbybushwalkers.org.au/2017/06/21/mt-murramurrangbong-june-18/>

We will start/finish at the Kergunyah end and there is quite a bit of climbing involved, all on track and leading to splendid views, about 15 km in total.

04/08/2018 Mt Samaria

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

Mount Samaria State Park is between Benalla and Mansfield and has great views from a variety of locations. This walk of approx. 16km will visit Mt Samaria summit with its 360 degree views to The Alps and lowlands, Wild Dog Falls from where you can see Lake Nilhacootie and The Strathbogies and Spring Creek Sawmill ruins and kilns. The walk criss crosses the park and is on a variety of walking tracks with a few short sections on a dirt road.

07/08/2018 [Club Night](#)

See Footprints for details. All welcome

12/08/2018 Flaggy Creek Gorge, Mt Lawson SP

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Paul Schirmer

Flaggy Creek Gorge Walking Track starts near the Kurrajongs picnic area on the Murray River Road about an hour east of Albury/Wodonga.

This is a strenuous 14 km, 7 hour return walk with a number of testing climbs that can be slippery in places. As there is no water along the track be sure to carry adequate drinking water.

The first section to Valley View is a climb through granite boulders for 1.5kms.. This section of the track is demanding with very few flat areas. On reaching Valley View, there are views in both directions along the Murray River and over the northern end of the park. Caution is needed here as there are unguarded cliff edges but it is a good place for a break.

From Valley View the track follows the ridge line for about a kilometre before descending onto a small saddle where Lyre birds have sometimes been heard. Beyond this the views open up as the track contours the side of Mount Porcupine for 1.5 kms before descending onto a very pronounced saddle, the creek can be heard roaring below in the gorge. From here the track climbs fairly steeply for over a kilometre to The Oaks.

After more ups and downs and after about 1.5 kms the track finally reaches the wall of the gorge with views of the waterfalls and cascades below. Eventually the track leads down to the water, where a number of small pools and waterfalls can be found. This is a great place to cool off, hop around the rocks, and enjoy our lunch before heading back.

17/08/2018 - 19/08/2018 HOWMANS GAP SKI WEEKEND – EARLY NOTICE

Sue Cardwell

3 day weekend of skiing – downhill or cross country (classical or skating), snow shoeing or walking in the snow.

As easy or as hard as you please.

Staying at YMCA Howman's Gap Alpine Centre just near the entry gate to Falls Creek. Cost \$175 for 2 nights accommodation in bunk rooms & 6 meals.

\$50 deposit to secure booking. (11 members already booked)

BYO bed linen/sleeping bag, towel, wine & nibbles for pre-dinner.
Choice of travel departures Friday morning or evening depending on drivers.

18/08/2018 The Rock

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Standing tall about one hour's drive north of Albury, The Rock is the Riverina's Uluru. The walk is not long, about 7 km in total, but the walking track to the top is steep in places, so we will not rush and will have time to rest. The 360 view from the top is spectacular. There is an excellent picnic area at the start of the walk, so I suggest we walk in the morning and then have a leisurely lunch, with a BBQ for those who wish.

25/08/2018 Tawonga Gap ridge track – north

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk starts at the Tawonga Gap car park and we head north along the ridge to its junction with the German Creek track, which we follow until it reaches the Bright road. The track is up and down, steep in places, and walking poles are recommended if you use them. There is a very small creek crossing right near the end and a short car shuffle. We should also get some views. The walk is about 14 km in all.

01/09/2018 Mount Buffalo Snow Shoe

Grade 3 Medium

Ron Hammond

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.

02/09/2018 Mount Stanley

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

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. Don't phone before August 25th.

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

04/09/2018 Club Night

All welcome.

See footprints for details.

08/09/2018 Tawonga Gap ridge track south

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

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.

15/09/2018 Glen Creek Loop Walk

Grade 3 Medium

Pauline Scott

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.

22/09/2018 Mt Beauty Survey Track and gorge

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

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.

23/09/2018 Wallaby Mine/Fletchers Dam

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Paul Schirmer

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

After parking or 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.

28/09/2018 YHA Melbourne & BBC Intra Club Walk – Pine Mountain & Rocky Knob (10km return)

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Deb

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.

28/09/2018 YHA Melbourne & BBC Intra Club Walk – Dinner

Deb

Join us for dinner on Friday night. Star Hotel, Albury 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.

29/09/2018 YHA Melbourne & BBC Intra Club Walk – Flaggy Creek Gorge Walking Track (14km return)

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

This is a rugged 14km (7-hour) return walk that provides access to the waterfalls and rock pools within Flaggy Creek George. 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.

Section 2: Valley View to the Oaks (3.5km) – follows the ridge line for one kilometre before descending into saddle. The walk then resumes uphill for over a kilometre up to The Oaks (named for the drooping She-oaks found in the area).

Section 3: The Oaks to Flaggy Creek Gorge (2km) – heads downhill towards the Gorge. The track follows the gorge top down to the water where a number of small pools and waterfalls can be found.

30/09/2018 YHA Melbourne & BBC Intra Club Walk – Mount Granya Walking Track (10.4km return)

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

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

02/10/2018 Club Night/ climate change.

The speaker at our October meeting [on Tues 2 October](#) will be Bruce Key.

Bruce will discuss:

Is climate change occurring and has it happened before?

And

Is renewable energy viable?

All welcome.

06/10/2018 Walk and Gawk

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Liz

Birdwatching, wildflower walk and BBQ

Whitebox Walk Chiltern National Park

Bring your sense of wonder, binoculars and bird identification book for this stroll along the Whitebox Walk Chiltern National Park. How much of this lovely walk we complete is dependent on the number of birds and wildflowers we see.

Our wildflower expert Ira will be ably assisting us locate and identify flowers.

Master birdwatcher Chris will charm the birds from the trees. Liz will bring the firewood for our lunchtime BBQ at the Honeyeater Picnic ground where our walk starts and ends.

The walk is up and down but the pace will be moderate to downright slow. All up about 8km.

Bring something to throw on the BBQ and maybe a little something to share as well.

06/10/2018 Bike by the Lake 46kms return

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ian Trevaskis

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.)

07/10/2018 Mt Dunn and Macs Point on Mt Buffalo

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Paul Schirmer

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.

07/10/2018 [Huon Hill Wodonga](#)

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Cindy Pickering (Marsh)

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.

13/10/2018 - 14/10/2018 Faithful's Hut

Grade 3 Medium

Christina Sobey

PLEASE NOTE EARLY BOOKING DATE

This is a walk I led many years ago while doing the BMLC. It's an overnight walk, but can be extended to two nights if you don't have to turn up to work on the Monday. Cars are left at Strawberry Saddle, and we walk a couple of k's down to Faithful's Hut following old cattle pads and the creek. A leisurely afternoon walk down to the nearby waterfall [after lunch. Sunday morning](#) we walk back up past the cars and onto the flank of Mt Cope, seeking out a stand of ancient snow gums, moving on to the summit for lunch. Then it's down towards Ryders

Yards, but turning back at the aqueduct and heading back to the road via brumby/cattle pads, again along the flank of the hill wending through the scrub. Back to Faithfull's for tea, while those heading home pick up their cars at the road. On the Monday it's a leisurely morning brekky, a stroll around the area, then back up to the cars and home. Due to off-track work, this is a fine weather walk only.

All up 14km.

13/10/2018 Mt Tabletop - Dinner Plain

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

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.

14/10/2018 Tallangatta Tall Trestle Treadle - High Country Rail Trail Event

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Cindy Pickering

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/>

Summer Wednesday after Work Kayaking 2018/19

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Sasho Dillow

There's no better way to relax after work than to float along a lazy river with the sun warming your skin and a paddle in your hands keeping an eye out for platypus, kangaroos coming down to drink and spotting many species of birds. The cost is \$15 that includes kayak, paddles, life jacket and transport. The participants must be able to swim 25m.

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Meeting place Noreuil park boat ramp, Albury

Time 5.00 pm until 7.30/8 pm (Daylight savings only)

Cost: \$15

20/10/2018 Bogong Village

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Bogong village nestles in the hills between Mt Beauty and Falls Creek. We'll start with a steep climb up Black Possum Spur before looping round and back down via the Red Fox track, from where we can walk round the lake back to the cars. It's about 15 km with steep ups and downs, but hopefully some interesting views.

20/10/2018 Pub to Pub 65kms return

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

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 Wandii Pub.

20/10/2018 - 21/10/2018 Harrington Track

Grade 3 Medium

Paul Schirmer

Harrington's Track, constructed in 1895 to allow miners to access the upper reaches of the Indi (Murray) river, goes from Bunroy Station to Stony Creek near Tom Groggin Station.

The track follows closely the Indi River early in its length with good views at Higgins Knob. We will camp near Riley's Memorial or nearby Surveyors Creek. Jack Riley is said to be the inspiration for Banjo Patterson's poem "The Man from Snowy River".

Next day, instead of hiking through to Stony Creek this time, we will return to Bunroy Station via the Surveyors Creek and Barlow Break Tracks.

This will be a great introduction to overnight hiking as the first day is about 10 kilometres and the second day about 12 kilometres plus we will see some spectacular country.

27/10/2018 Falls Creek Mt Nelse & Edmonson's Hut

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This is a classic Bogong High Plains walk that should provide a good introduction to the alpine walking season. Starting near the dam wall, we follow Heathy Spur to its junction with the Big River Fire Trail, then steadily climb to the summit of Mt Nelse for spectacular views. We descend to Edmonson's Hut for lunch before returning to the cars by the same or similar route. About 14 km, some ups and downs but nothing too steep. Good cold/wet weather gear needed.

27/10/2018 Myrtleford to Bright by Bike 62kms return

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ian Trevaskis

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.

03/11/2018 Falls Creek Youngs Hut day walk

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

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!

03/11/2018 - 04/11/2018 Young's Hut Overnight

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

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)

04/11/2018 Mount Buffalo- Mount Dunn - Eagle Point circuit

Grade 3 Medium

Rick and Cindy Pickering

We start this walk at the picnic area at the end of the unsealed Reservoir Road, which leaves Mount Buffalo Road.

Our first destination is to Mount Dunn (1485m). I hope there will be snow on the ground to add a bit of magic to this scenic walk. Mount Dunn offers 360 views of the surrounding Mountain.

Our second destination is Eagle Point and yes, I have had the pleasure of watching Wedge-tailed Eagles soaring high above on the thermals.

This loop walk is about 16 km, all on track.

06/11/2018 Club Night: photo night & buy, swap sell.

Oh the places we've been. Submit up to 5 of your favorite photos of places you've been recently and come along and tell why these photos are special to you. Send up to 5 photos to Ralph Sempendorfer come and see where others have been and why they are special.

BUY, SWAP AND SELL: Sell old gear, buy preloved gear.

Bushwalking gear can be expensive. Come and see what gear you can buy, swap or sell.

All welcome.

09/11/2018 - 11/11/2018 The Fainters

Grade 3 Medium

Pauline Scott

Although this is an overnight walk, we only have to carry our overnight packs about 5 kms to the Tawonga Huts from Pretty Valley.

We will be leaving Wodonga Friday afternoon, giving us ample time to walk to the huts and set up camp.

Saturday we head to the Fainters, North and South, where we will have lunch with magnificent views, before heading back to camp. This day's walk will be about 18 kms long, mostly on track, except where the tracks are barely discernible, heading to the peaks. Sunday morning we pack up and plan to be in Mt Beauty for lunch before heading home.

10/11/2018 Falls Creek Kelly's & Fitzgerald's huts

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Starting from Langfords Gap we follow the aqueduct for a short distance before climbing up through alpine forest where hopefully early wildflowers will be blooming. We pause at the top for morning tea before making our way to Fitzgerald's and then Kelly's huts, both of which have an interesting history. After lunch we return along the aqueduct to the cars. All on track, about 16 km, some climbing in the morning but nearly all flat in the afternoon.

17/11/2018 - 18/11/2018 Ryder's Yards Overnight 14kms

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

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.

23/11/2018 - 25/11/2018 Bluff Hut/Ritchies Hut overnight car camp

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Mick Sheedy

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.

25/11/2018 Mount Buffalo - The Big Walk

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Rick and Cindy Pickering

The Big Walk (22 klms return) is one of Mount Buffalo's great walks and a wonderful way to enjoy the spectacular views of the Australian Alps while passing through several vegetation zones. There is an option to join this walk at Rollasons Falls (14 klms return).

01/12/2018 Falls Creek - Hidden Waterfall

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

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.

01/12/2018 Everton to Beechworth Bike Ride and Return

Ian Trevaskis

We will meet at the former Everton Railway Station and bust a gut cycling a piddly 16kms uphill on the rail trail to Beechworth where we will find somewhere to have lunch, eg Bridge Road Brewery, Beechworth Pantry, Beechworth Provender. After a long leisurely lunch we will free wheel back to Everton.

Participants will need a bike that works, eg two wheels, handlebars, brakes, (good brakes!) and a puncture repair kit and spare tube.

03/12/2018 [test](#)

Grade 3 Medium

Ralph

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04/12/2018 Club Christmas Party

Ira

Brown's Lagoon, Albury. All welcome. Bring a salad if your surname begins A-M or a dessert if it begins N-Z. meat, bread, sauce etc provided.

BYO plates and cutlery

RSVP needed for catering purposes.

See Footprints for details.

09/12/2018 Rock in the Morning

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

I am planning to walk up The Rock and then have lunch at the picnic table in the carpark. The Rock (or the lion of the plains) is located near the town of the same name about an hour north of Albury on the Wagga road.

It is a short steep climb with great views from the top.

The walk is 7 km altogether.

Ring after 4pm or see me at the Christmas party.

15/12/2018 Falls Creek Ropers Lookout - Two options

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Ropers Lookout is the rocky knoll from where we get spectacular views over Falls Creek and the High Plains. It is reached by a short sharp climb from the end of the dam wall but can be made into a day walk which is all on tracks. Option 1: We start from Howmans Gap and follow the delightful Packhorse Track up to Falls Creek. After pausing to admire Falls Creek Falls, we make our way through the village, walk over (or under) the dam wall then up Ropers Lookout for lunch, returning by roughly the same route. Distance 20 km. Option 2: Drive to Falls Creek and join the walk there. Distance 13 km with less climbing. Please nominate your preferred option when booking in.

15/12/2018 - 16/12/2018 Johnston Hut Overnight Hike

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ian Trevaskis

Johnston Hut is sited in a beautiful little spot south east of Mount Nelse and provides grassy shaded camping spots beside the rustic hut where we can cook our meals. There's even ample outdoor seating around a huge fire pit! This hike is ideal for those wishing to do their first overnighter (others are quite welcome to join us). It is a short 5 km walk up the Big River Fire Track before turning off to the hut and because we will get there early there are options to take a stroll down to Edmondson Hut for a squizz or to just relax beneath the trees and chill out. Sound idyllic?

Members should not be put off if they feel they do not have the necessary gear – tents, packs, etc can be hired from Adventure Gear, Albury or we can arrange a loan of just about anything, except a pack horse!

22/12/2018 The Three Tracks pre xmas walk.

Grade 3 Medium

Mick Sheedy

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 Author 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

26/12/2018 - 31/12/2018 Kosciuszko National Park

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Deb

All of Australia's 10 highest peaks are located within the Kosciuszko National Park. The hiking route generally follows the Main Range Track and Summit Road, with the actual summiting of many of the peaks requiring a detour from marked walking tracks and instead going cross-country along unmarked or non-existent trails.

The plan is to leave Albury on Boxing Day and drive to Charlottes Pass, where we will stay for the night. The following morning (Dec 27th) we will head off across the Snowy River for our 4 day/3 night hike. Whilst the Main Range Track is not excessively steep, most days involve uphill and downhill sections.

We will possibly camp for 2 nights somewhere in Wilkinsons Valley, west of Muellers Pass. This will allow us to ditch our big packs on Day 2 and follow a track behind Muellers Peak that leads all the way to the Abbott Range.

Wilkinsons Valley is probably the most popular of all the camping sites in the National Park, but not crowded. There are apparently plenty of flat camp sites. There are also many small creeks which can replenish water supplies.

On day 3 we will head off to our highest peak, Mt Kosciuszko and then, we will make our way to North Rams Head, where we intend to camp the night.

On day 4, we will head across to the summit walking track, Mt Stilwell and back to Charlottes Pass, our accommodation and dinner.

On Day 5, New Years Eve, we will leave after breakfast and drive back to Albury.

All up about 55kms on and off track. The views in KNP and along the Main Range Track are endless. This is a very exposed area so if bad weather is forecasted, I will be postponing this hike. A back up navigator would also be useful, just in case I have the map upside down!

29/12/2018 Falls Creek Westons Hut

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk starts at Pretty Valley pondage. There's a bit of a climb along the fire trail to start, then we descend through forest to the hut, nestled among the trees in a clearing. We return by the same route, grunting up the hill from the hut. We should get some good views across to Feathertop and the Fainters, and walk about 14 km. For those who want to do Sunday's activities also, I can offer carpet or lawn for a BYO sleepover in Tawonga South.

30/12/2018 Falls Creek Roper Hut

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk starts at Watchbed Creek and is nearly all on the fire trail. We climb gently up past Mt Nelse and follow the Alpine Walking Track to the hut. We should get fantastic views. There's some ups and downs on this walk but nothing too drastic. We return by the same route. Distance 20 km. If you want to join in the weekend's other activities, I can offer carpet or lawn for a BYO sleepover in Tawonga South.

30/12/2018 Adventure film night Mt Beauty

Eileen Clark

This is a showing of outdoor adventure short films held in the Mt Beauty Community Centre. Films start at around 7 pm with food and drinks stalls open for an hour beforehand. Tickets (\$30 for adults) may be available at the door but they sold out last year, so it's best to book on line beforehand at <http://www.ticketebo.com.au/bright-mountain-film-tour/bright-mountain-film-tour-mt-beauty-2018.html>

31/12/2018 Falls Creek Wallace's Hut Heritage Tour

Grade 1 Easy

Eileen Clark

This is a Walk and Talk tour of the area around Wallace's Hut on the Bogong High Plains. On the walk, I'll explain some of the history and ecology of the area and the challenges faced by Park managers. The walk is all on tracks, there's one short sharp hill but otherwise almost flat. It's suitable for children under close adult supervision. Total distance is about 5 km with a shorter option (1 km) available if people don't mind waiting.

Club member of the year - Ira Robinson



Border Bushwalking Club

Club Member of the Year 2018

AWARDED TO

Ira Robinson



Awarded 4th of December 2018

As the outgoing recipient, I have chosen to pass on the club member of the year award to Ira Robinson, in acknowledgement of her efforts toward the organisation and catering for the Club's 40th Anniversary celebrations back in March this year, and also her longstanding support to the club.

Most club members will be aware of Ira's catering and hospitality prowess – in addition to the 40th anniversary, you'll be aware that Ira has, yet again, coordinated tonight's Christmas party.

And you might be aware that she is usually the second person to arrive at each club night (after the key holder) so that she can set up the club suppers.

In addition though, Ira has been a long-term committee member and provides a thoughtful and compassionate view-point at each meeting, and she has also demonstrated continued advocacy and care for our club and our environment such as participation in the hawkweed program and community events.

Ira has made a real contribution to the well-being of the club and its members and is strongly deserving of this acknowledgement.

David Graf



2019

05/01/2019 4 Huts at Falls Creek

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

This walk encompasses Kelly, Fitzgerald, Edmonson and Johnston Huts, all out from Rocky Valley Dam at Falls Creek. It is about 18km with no big descents or ascents (but a few gentle ones)

A great way to see some high country history.

05/01/2019 The Grey Hills track loop walk

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Mick Sheedy

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

10/01/2019 - 13/01/2019 Jagungal Circuit

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

This walk is in the Kosciuszko National Park.

We will leave late on Thursday to start this circuit at the Round Mountain Trackhead.

Thurs: 1 1/2 km walk to Round Mountain Hut.

Fri: 13km to Derschkos Hut.

Sat: 5km to O'Keefes Hut with an ascent of Mt Jagungal without full packs as an extra.

Sun: 15km to back to the cars.

19/01/2019 - 20/01/2019 Dibbin Hut Overnight

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

I've always fancied the idea of a night hanging out near Dibbin Hut but I've always walked past. I'm about to change that with this walk. We will leave from Loch Carpark, Hotham on Saturday morning and head down to Derrick Hut and then down to Dibbin via Swindlers Spur. We may have a short side trip to Spargo Hut if we so desire but we can leave our heavy packs for this part. This day will be 9km +2 if we do the side trip. On Sunday we will head back via Red Robin Battery and mine along the West Kiewa Logging Track and Machinery Spur. We also have the chance to take the very short walk up Mt Loch. Well worth it. This day is a bit of a slog but our packs will be lighter and we have all day to complete 12km, so no rush.

19/01/2019 - 20/01/2019 Mt Buller to Mt Stirling Overnighter

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Deb

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.

26/01/2019 - 27/01/2019 Youngs Hut overnight

Grade 3 Medium

Ron Hammond

As Ian's walk didn't go ahead due to road closures last November

I'll try again, {using Ian's blurb}.

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. 8.5kms. 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.

02/02/2019 North Razorback Track

Grade 3 Medium

Mick

This walk starts with great views from the moment we get out of the cars. We head off through the trees following the walking track, which then opens up to clear views along the ridges up to Mt Feathertop. The track is not well defined from this point but we just climb up until we reach the top.

There may be an option to visit MUMC Hut depending on the group and time.

From the cars and return it's approx. 10kms, cars to MUMC Hut return is 16kms approx.

Stoney creek track is an easy 4x4 track, but the last 2kms are a bit bumpy and rocky and needs a bit of clearance to the start of the walk.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria Track classification rates this as a Medium track: some steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. Suitable for medium clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain or road tyres.

05/02/2019 CLUB NIGHT; Heading North

Come along and hear tales of travels way up north.

Ralph, Sue, Liz, Marie, and Sandy will tell of their different adventures in exotic places like Kakadu, Carnavon Gorge and the Jatbula trail.

Senior Citizens room, Wodonga, 7.30 pm.

09/02/2019 The walk previously known as: Beat the heat walk, breakfast and swim.

Bernadette gr 3

UPDATED: Early February is usually the hottest part of our Summer, BUT I've managed to change that. As the forecast is now for 28 ...

You will have two choices:

Both walks will start and end at Noreuil Park. After the walk both groups will meet and stay for a picnic breakfast (or maybe morning tea) and a swim (or float) if you like. There are BBQs if you'd like to cook but otherwise just pack something that you can leave in your car until after the walk.

Walk one will start at 8.30am and the group will wander along our beautiful Murray River tracks for about an hour. This is a grade 1 walk. Ring Pauline M if this appeals.

Walk two will start at 7.30am and will do a figure 8 walk exploring the gardens, Monument Hill, Nail Can Hill and part of the river track. This short grade 3 walk will be around 2 hours and includes a few short, sharp ascents and descents. Ring Bernadette to join this group.

09/02/2019 - 10/02/2019 Ryder's Yards Overnight and a Swim!

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ian Trevaskis

After having to cancel this walk recently I have rescheduled it. The walk is an easy 6kms out to the huts at the yards, all on track and is eminently suitable for FIRST TIME overnights. The walk follows the Australian Alps Walking Track from Cope Hut, passes Cope Saddle Hut and then along a track beside the viaduct. Last time I did this trip it took two hours walking at a very leisurely pace.

There are plenty of level grassy places to pitch your tent, an ample water supply and a very comfortable hut where we can cook our meals and socialise. If it's hot (or not) we can take a short walk to some secret falls where there is a beautiful swimming hole. I suggest you bring your bathers!

If you are worried that you may not be properly equipped, remember you can hire gear from Adventure Gear, Albury or we can rustle up whatever you might need from other members. I hope as many 'first timers' as possible can join me for this little adventure!

23/02/2019 - 24/02/2019 The Long Spur / Cleve Cole Hut Overnight

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Mick

After meeting up in Wodonga we'll head off to Mitta Mitta, from here we drive up the Omeo Hwy to where it meets the Snowy Log Rd. Snowy Log Rd meets the Malhauser Rd and onto Malhauser Camp where we will leave the vehicles. We then have a short steep walk up to the AAWT. We turn right and follow the AAWT which passes Maddisons Hut ruins until we reach our stay at Cleve Cole Hut. Hopefully we make the hut for lunch.

After lunch there are the options of either relaxing or walking to the summit of Mt Bogong/ West Peak.

Another option is to visit Howman Falls.

The reports that I have read say that Snowy Log /Malhauser Rds are medium 4wd tracks.

The walk is about 19kms return.

24/02/2019 Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk

Grade 1 Easy

Sue S

Inspired by Bernadette and Pauline M offering "Beat the heat walk, breakfast and swim" join us on the Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk. Starting at 7:00am at the Totem Pole outside the River Deck Café, Noreuil Park, Albury, we will walk along the Wagarri Track to Horseshoe Lagoon stopping at each of the 11 excellent aboriginal sculptures that are part of the ever expanding Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk.

Total distance 10 km of almost all flat walking returning to the River Deck for coffee.

If you like to learn more about the Sculpture Walk visit this link <https://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/leisure-and-culture/public-art/yindyamarra-sculpture-walk>

28/02/2019 There goes Summer

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Deb

It's been a memorable summer. Let's give it an appropriate send off. This easy walk along the East Albury Ridge will give us great views across the Murray Valley, and up into the mountains of the last sunset of summer. Bring some nibbles and drinks and we can sit and watch from our vantage point. Please bring a head torch just in case. Approx 7km return.

05/03/2019 CLUB NIGHT: New members

Tonight the focus is on new members and those who are interesting in joining. We will explain how to find out what's on, the booking procedures and how to choose a suitable activity.

We will also talk you through what gear you need and where you can borrow or buy it.

The evening will cover bushwalking, paddling, cycling, snowshoeing and skiing.

Experienced members are asked to come and meet new members and share your wisdom.

Senior Citizens room, Wodonga, 7.30 pm.

08/03/2019 - 10/03/2019 Spion Kopje overnigher

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

Spion Kopje is one of my favourite places in the Falls Creek area as it has such great views. We have done it many times as a day walk but there is now a gate at Watchbed Creek which means it would be a very long day walk.

I'm proposing that we walk 5 km out to Edmonson's Hut on Friday night and then walk to Spion Kopje and back to the tents with day packs on the Saturday. Saturdays walk would be around 19km.

On Sunday we will walk back to the cars and be down off the hill by lunch time.

16/03/2019 Introduction to Falls Creek

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Eileen Clark

This day is designed for beginners or those new to the area, but all are welcome. It comprises two or three shortish walks. We will drive to Falls Creek and walk up Roper's Lookout for a bird's eye view of the area. This walk is 2 km each way, flat at first then with a steady climb on a marked track with some steps. Next, we will drive to the start of the Wallace Hut Heritage Circuit, a 5.6 km loop that takes in some of the significant heritage and ecology of the High Plains. The walk is on a good track, flatish with one short climb. We will go at an easy pace and your leader, a trained tour guide, will explain some of the features of the area. If time permits, on the drive home we will stop briefly to explore Fainter Falls, about 700m off the main road.

17/03/2019 Falls Creek Hammering

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This will be a combination of walking and working somewhere on the Alpine Walking Track in the vicinity of Falls Creek. There is a need to replace several markers on signposts, so no great skill needed but it would help if some of you could bring a hammer. More details to follow.

23/03/2019 Back Wall / Dicksons Falls, Mt Buffalo

Grade 3 Medium

Ralph

The Back Wall of Mt Buffalo National Park heads off from the same point as the Dicksons Falls walk with the paths diverting after 500 metres.

The main walk can roughly be divided into three sections. First the pretty Cresta plain with interesting rock formation leading to the Devils Marbles. Next you enter a treed area with a dense sub alpine growth where gaiters or long pants are recommended. The final third opens up to the smooth boulders with numerous cairns to guide the way, This area will be difficult if the weather closes in. The view is most rewarding over the Buffalo River valley and on to the main divide in all directions.

On return to the main path we take an easy side trip to Dickson's Falls and nature walk, this time with a different view back to Mount Feathertop.

Please phone before 8:30pm to discuss details and book the walk.

24/03/2019 The Huts Walk

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

This 21km circuit is on Mt Hotham and takes in Silver Brumby Hut (2006/7) , Spargo Hut (1927/28) and Derrick Hut (1967) There is a small amount of road walking but the majority is on well formed tracks including parts of The Cobungra Ditch Track, Golden Point Spur, Australian Alps Track and Machinery Spur Track.

This walk includes a variety of gradients including some steep sections but we won't be rushing.

Please ring to book in by the final date for booking.

25/03/2019 - 31/03/2019 Great Ocean Walk Late March early Apri. Fully booked

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Ron Hammond

Fully booked

Great Ocean Walk –March 25th to 31st March plus a day or too each side. one direction, eight days, long-distance walk, 100km^[L]_[SEP] Website: www.greatoceanwalk.com.au

The Great Ocean Walk is a one-way walk starting from the Apollo Bay Visitor Information Centre through the Great Otway and Port Campbell National Parks to finish at the iconic Twelve Apostles near Princetown.

If interested contact me by October 10th as bookings need to be made

I'll be overseas from 19th Sep till 8th Oct but may be contactable by email

30/03/2019 - 31/03/2019 Blairs Hut overnighiter

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Deb

Starting from Pretty Valley pondage on Saturday, we will make our way to Blairs Hut via The Green Tree, Pole 333 and Westons Hut. After setting up camp we'll explore the area and maybe check out the bottom of

Diamantina Spur. On Sunday we will take the track up Cobungra Gap, past Basalt Temple and revisit Pole 333 and The Green Tree before getting back to the cars.

30/03/2019 Falls Creek Mt Nelse and Edmonsons Hut

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Starting from the dam wall we will go over Heathy Spur before starting the climb up to Mt Nelse, from where we will get spectacular 360' views. Then we will drop down into Edmonsons Hut for lunch, before returning along Heathy Spur. About 12 km, some climbing but steady rather than steep. Nearly all on tracks.

02/04/2019 CLUB NIGHT: Ice-age in the High Plains

Tonight Ted Minty, a geologist will take us back in time and explain how some of our favourite places came to be. Senior Citizens room, Wodonga, 7.30 pm.

06/04/2019 Falls Creek Youngs Hut

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

PLEASE NOTE: Eileen's mobile phone is not working. Please ring her landline. 02 6025 3292

If you are well known to Eileen as a walker you may email her.

Youngs Hut is in a delightful secluded spot between Falls Creek and Mt Hotham. The Club is responsible for its maintenance and we visit it often. We will start from Pretty Valley pondage, head up the Tawonga Gap fire trail before cutting across to join the Alpine Walking Track then down to the hut. There are quite a few ups and downs, the walk is mainly on rough tracks and the views are spectacular. It is very exposed so good wet weather gear and warm clothing is essential. This is the last day of daylight saving and we should be back at the cars before dark, but it would be wise to bring a torch. About 16 km in all.

06/04/2019 - 07/04/2019 Tawonga Huts Gourmet Weekend

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

It's on again!

This is an overnighter with a difference. We will walk less than 5km to Tawonga Huts (Falls Creek area) with full packs but they will be full of gourmet goodies as well as tents and other essential gear. Once we have set up camp and off loaded the goodies some may like to walk on to Mt Jaithmathang to work up an appetite for our special shared dinner accompanied by a few laughs and tall stories. The next day our packs will be much lighter as we head back, probably via Weston's Hut.

This walk is very suitable for those who have never done an overnighter before and your leaders will guide you regarding equipment needed and what we have for hire.

It's also a great walk for some more experienced walkers who would enjoy a more relaxed, social weekend. Last year's theme was 'Bring a Furry Friend'. This year's theme will be divulged when you book in! The first to book get first choice of food to bring.

I would appreciate someone acting as a Co-Leader to organise the menu!

13/04/2019 Wild Horse Creek

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

Wild Horse Creek is on Track 107 about 10kms from the carpark at Watchbed Creek, where this walk begins. We will initially follow a management track before veering off and following the pole line and Kelly Track to Fitzgeralds and Kelly Hut. This part of the walk is fairly flat and has great views. At Kelly Hut we join Track 107 and descend to Wild Horse Creek, where we will have lunch. After the climb back up to Kelly Hut I would like to make return trip back to the cars via the Aquaduct Track but this will depend on a number of factors including the weather and finding the track. All up about 23km.

14/04/2019 Baranduda tower – 30km hard

Grade 5 Hard

David G

Starting from ridge lane, this is a long walk with lots of up and downs as we follow the spine of the ridge to the tower and retrace our steps back. However it is all on good track. Around 1500m total altitude gain over the course of the day.

17/04/2019 - 22/04/2019 Morton National Park, (The Budawang's)

Grade 5 Hard

Peter Smith-Allen

Morton National Park, (The Budawang's) Wednesday 17th April to Monday 22nd April.

Grade 5 (Hard)

Map Ref, Corang 8927-3N, GDA N.S.W Government.

Leader, Peter Smith-Allen

Day 1. Wednesday 17th

On Wednesday afternoon we will drive up the Hume Hwy to Goulburn, we will then head south east to the Shoal haven River where we will car camp for the night.

Day 2. Thursday 18th Approx. 14.5 km

After a short drive to Wog Wog campground we leave the cars and start the walk following the Scenic rim walking track. We pass over Corang Peak and visit Corang Arch before descending to Burrumbeet Brook camping area, where we camp overnight in a cave.

Day 3. Friday 19th Approx. 15km

Today is a big day; we continue to follow the Scenic Rim walking track before joining the Monolith walking track. From here we follow an old foot pad up a very steep rock face in-between Mt Cole and Mt Owen. We head between Mt Cole and Owen before descending into once again a very steep gorge. We once again pick up the Monolith walking track and follow this until we descend into Cooyoyo Creek, where we camp for the night. (There will be some very steep rock scrambling and short sections of rope climbing in this section, pack hauling will be required).

Day 4. Saturday 20th Approx. 12km

After leaving our overnight packs at the top of Cooyoyo Creek track we head for the castle. (This is once again not for the faint hearted and requires some very steep rock scrambling and short sections of rope climbing. Walkers may opt out for this section if they wish). After the castle we pick up our packs and descend into the cool fern clad gorge of Monolith Valley and follow the track back to our overnight camp near the base of Mt Tarn.

Day 5. Sunday 21st Approx. 11 km

This morning we back track to Canowie Creek where we leave the track and follow an old foot pad to the Corang River. We follow this until reaching a great swimming hole where we will camp for the night.

Day 6. Monday 22nd Approx. 9km

Following Corang Lagoon Walking Trail we pick up the scenic Rim trail and make our way back to the cars. We should be back at Wog Wog Camping ground around lunch time for our drive back home.

27/04/2019 Circuit Falls Creek

Grade 3 Medium

Pauline Scott

Starting at Howmans Gap, we will walk up the gentle incline of Road 24, with a great lookout spot for morning tea. We then continue uphill until reaching Pretty Valley road, where we turn off and follow the Home and Away trail. Falls Creek resort have assured me the board walks along here have been fixed. We will come out near the Big Fella Tank and make our way to a picnic spot in Falls Creek (with a toilet!). After lunch we head to Packhorse Heritage trail, a lovely foot track, mostly downhill, taking us back to our cars at Howmans Gap.

This is an easy medium walk, approximately 14 kms.

Please don't phone between 7th to 17th April. Anytime before or after is good.

04/05/2019 Buffalo views – 18kms medium-hard

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

We'll start walking from Mackey's lookout. It will save the bulk of the 'big walk' up the mountain while allowing us to walk up into that wonderful view across the gorge to the chalet. There is still a climb up to the chalet though, and the section of the walk past the chalet still has some climb in sections.

We'll then make our way past the underground river and take a side-trip up to 'View point', past Lake Catani, and then explore the Chalwell galleries circuit (note; the galleries circuit involves a little ladder-work and contortioning – you can wait this section out at Lake Catani if you'd prefer). We'll then return to the chalet and back down the way we came.

We'll start early, but you must bring a torch (and don't make dinner plans) – we could be pushing the dusk on the return down to the cars if we lose time at some stage.

02/06/2019 LOCKHART'S GAP CROSSOVER

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

One group led by Bernadette will start from Lockhart's Gap while the other group led by Ian will start from Tallangatta Lookout. After meeting somewhere on the track, keys and pleasantries will be exchanged before walking on. Following the walk members and guests are invited to enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea at *Cafe Trevaski*. (Please bring a plate of goodies to share)

Note there are some very steep sections in this walk. The walk is approx 20kms, provided hikers don't manage to miss THAT turn!

Note 2 as activities coordinator I promise we won't miss THAT turn (I have final editing rights)

07/06/2019 - 08/06/2019 A night on Hume and Hovell track

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette Cromarty

This walk is on a Fri/Saturday as that's when I can fit it in. On Friday morning we will drive to leave a car on Clear Springs Rd (off the Holbrook/ Jingellic Rd) and then continue on to Lake Mannus where we will commence our walk. Day one is about 18km. We will camp at Munderoo campsite which has a fireplace and pit toilet. On the Saturday we will walk for another 17km to our cars. I haven't done this section of the track but it is largely in Mannus and Munderoo State Forests and undulating.

After a short shuffle to collect the car at the start we will be homeward bound with plenty of time to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

08/06/2019 Mt Beauty Moncrieff Fire Trail

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk starts at the Mountain Creek Picnic Ground in Tawonga and winds its way around the base of Mt Bogong to Mt Beauty through tall forest with the chance of seeing snow capped peaks in the distance. It's mainly up in the morning and down after lunch, with a shallow creek crossing right at the end, and a car shuffle is required.

15/06/2019 Flagstaff Range

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

You will get great views (to the mountains which are now locked up) from this 20km walk on quieter 4WD tracks that wind through Stanley State Forest. After the initial steady 8km climb onto the ridge line, the walk continues through new growth forest and pine plantations and goes past Murrungee Lookout, with great views across an old glaciated valley. The final downhill run takes us back to Buckland Gap and some of our cars. A car shuffle is also required.

22/06/2019 Winter Solstice – bushwalk around Beechworth and ghost tour 10km

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

David G

Please contact me by 31 May to book in.

Following the drive from Wodonga (leaving 4pm) we'll get in the mood by starting our night at a suitably spooky location (feel free to come dressed for the occasion). From there we'll set off on our night's journey by following the gorge walk past the powder magazine. Bring some nibbles to share (and maybe a thermos) for a light dinner at the falls.

We'll then make our way into town in time for the Asylum ghost tour (90 minutes, \$35)

<https://www.asylumghosttours.com/> and then walk through town back to the cars.

We should be back in Wodonga by midnight.

Safety – be aware that we will be walking on a public road. You will need a head-torch and spare batteries. Toilets available at the beginning and end of the ghost tours. If rain, the asylum tour component will still go ahead, but we might book in for a meal somewhere instead of the walk.

23/06/2019 An afternoon on Nail Can Hill

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

Following on from David's longest night Beechworth Walk I thought a walk on Nail Can Hill would be good. It will celebrate the fact that the days are getting longer! We will start early in the afternoon (1 pm) and then walk up and down hills for around 12kms. You will need to be hill fit but it won't be a race.

27/06/2019 Midweek Snow Shoe Mount Buffalo

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ron Hammond

Buffalo is at it's best in Winter snow.

We'll walk to Dickson Falls then head for the Horn Rd and up to the stone shelter.

about 10 -12 klm

Lunch in the snow somewhere along the way.

If Buffalo fails to deliver the white stuff, Its up to Falls. Ropers Lookout and Heathy Spur

02/07/2019 soup and stories.

Soup night. Come along and tell us what you can't do without on a walk. There is soup and bread to keep you warm. More details on Footprints.

06/07/2019 Mount Mackay snow shoe

Grade 3 Medium

Ron Hammond

Snow shoe to Mount Mackay

We will go up over the ski fields to Mount Mackay, returning cross country to Sun Valley then follow ski trails back to Windy Corner. about 12klm

07/07/2019 Mt Warby

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

The Victorian Government created Warby-Ovens National Park, in June 2010 to protect and enhance the remaining River Red Gum forests in Victoria. The park is an important location for the survival of species such as the Squirrel Glider, Feathertail Glider, Powerful Owl, Turquoise Parrot, Carpet Python and Lace Monitor.

The walking tracks that we will access to get to Mt Warby summit include; Salisbury Falls Tk and Friends Tk. We will return (hopefully thats the plan) via Alpine Views Tk, make a short detour to Kwat Kwat Lookout for excellent views of the Ovens Valley and the Victorian Alps and then join back up with Salisbury Falls Track. All up nothing too extreme, a nice easy/medium grade walk of about 14kms.

14/07/2019 Kiewa River & Huon Hill

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Sasho Dillow

From Kiewa river car park near Killara , we will walk along the river, turn left into Stringybark track which will take us to Huon Hill Lookout. Then on Bundy track we will walk down to where the Kiewa River meets the Murray River.

Will meet at 8:30 am at the car park near Kiewa River, just before the bridge after Killara . The walk is 9 km long and it is grade 2-3 . Will finish around 1pm.

20/07/2019 Tramway Walk

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Pauline Scott

Third time lucky! Note the new date as the weather gods had other plans.

Starting at Clover Dam, we walk uphill on a 4WD track for about 3kms. We then walk along the Tramway, which is flat, running alongside the water race . There is often interesting bits and pieces of old equipment along here, and also several small creeks feeding into the aqueduct . We may explore one of these, where I know there is a small waterfall, and I also need to look for a lost drink bottle !

There are two trestle bridges that will require us to scramble down and up the sides. Where the Tramway finishes we walk on a 4WD track back to the Bogong High Plains road. It is about 1.3kms back to the cars along this road ,but we will stop at the Clover Arboretum to view the village remnants and plants.

This is not a long walk , total 11kms, and it is mostly easy, but it does have a few ups and downs and short scrambles.

20/07/2019 Ski or snowshoe at Falls Creek

Sasho Dillow

We will meet at Bunnings car park [on Saturday at 7:30am](#) , drive to windy corner at Falls creek . Snowshoes or skis can be hired in windy corner . Will drive back in the afternoon . Last time for booking [Friday midday](#) . Please phone for more details and to book in.

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03/08/2019 Mt Samaria

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

Mount Samaria State Park is between Benalla and Mansfield and has great views from a variety of locations. This walk of approx. 16km will visit Mt Samaria summit with its 360 degree views to The Alps and lowlands, Wild Dog Falls from where you can see Lake Nilhacootie and The Strathbogies and Spring Creek Sawmill ruins and kilns. The walk criss crosses the park and is on a variety of walking tracks with a few short sections on a dirt road.

03/08/2019 Ski or snowshoe at Falls Creek

Sasho Dillow

We will meet at Bunnings car park [on Saturday at 7:30am](#) , drive to windy corner at Falls creek . Snowshoes or skis can be hired in windy corner . Will drive back in the afternoon . Last time for booking [Friday midday](#) . Please phone for more details and to book in.

06/08/2019 MEET THE 'BOSS' : COLIN MACDONALD, PRESIDENT BUSHWALKING VICTORIA

Bushwalking Victoria's President, Colin Macdonald has kindly accepted our invitation to travel all the way from Melbourne to speak to members and guests at our August Club Night.

Colin will outline the workings of Bushwalking Victoria, and how BWV represents the interests of bushwalkers throughout the state. He will discuss such things as current BWV projects, communicating and marketing bushwalking; engagement in issues management such as track development and conservation, feral animals, and land management plans; community building; strategic planning; leader training; and much more.

This is a great opportunity for members to find out more about how BWV supports our club and to put to Colin your most pressing questions. As usual, a light supper is provided.

10/08/2019 Ski or snowshoe at Falls Creek

Sasho Dillow

We will meet at Bunnings car park [on Saturday at 7:30am](#) , drive to windy corner at Falls creek . Snowshoes or skis can be hired in windy corner . Will drive back in the afternoon . Last time for booking [Friday midday](#) . Please phone for more details and to book in.

11/08/2019 Chiltern Forest south

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ira

An easy walk in the Chiltern forest south of the freeway. There will be gentle ups and downs along parts of various vehicle tracks and a section of the White Box walk. Old gold mines, forest dams, birds and the early spring wildflowers are there to be enjoyed. About 11 kms all up.

16/08/2019 - 18/08/2019 HOWMANS GAP SKI WEEKEND

Sue Cardwell

As easy or as hard as you please.

A 3 day weekend skiing – downhill or cross country, snow shoeing, or walking in the snow.

Staying at YMCA Howmans Gap Alpine Centre just near entry gate to Falls Creek. Accommodation 6 bunk bedrooms, single & communal bathrooms. BYO bed linen/sleeping bag, towel, toiletries, wine & nibbles for predinner time. Blankets & pillows are supplied – bring own pillow if prefer.

Large drying room rooms & guest fridges available.

2 nights accommodation & 6 meals for \$187 per person.

NEW CRITERIA FOR STAYING AT HOWMANS All guests must have a current Working with Childrens Check or current VIT to stay in the accommodation block with school age children. You can apply on line in your state as a volunteer & it's free. Check with me first for some details.

DEPOSIT OF \$50 to me by 1st May 2019 to secure our booking.

17/08/2019 Mt Jack

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Deb

Finding a walk that is accessible in winter is tricky. Mt Jack, at the back of Dederang fits the bill nicely. Whilst it is all on 4WD track, these tracks are rarely used. The walk is a loop that is accessed via private property and by crossing a number of creeks (depth of water is dependant on weather). On a clear day whilst climbing steeply (700m over 4km) up Billy Hicks Track you can see The Main Range. This climb will take us to the Mt Jack Track and from here its a bit up, a bit down, and a bit around till we get to the unassuming summit of Mt Jack.

Following the North House Creek Track we will descend back to the flatter farmland and the cars. All up about 21km.

18/08/2019 Chiltern bird wander, walk and bush bbq

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Chris

Two walks west of the Chiltern-Howlong road all on bush vehicle tracks with only small ups and downs. One walk is for bird watching, so distance covered will be minimal, maybe 2 kms, and may step off track slightly to see particular birds. Time taken and distance depends on the birds. You will need binoculars and if you have one, a bird field guide. The other walk will follow the Tuan track, about 7 kms. Both groups will then meet for a bush wood fired bbq. You will be self catering so bring what you enjoy cooked outdoors over an open flame.

24/08/2019 Mount Stanley

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

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. Don't phone before August 14th.

08/09/2019 First Aid Course

Eve Durham

This is a 1 day first aid course run by Kim Mills from Indigo North Health Inc. It is free thanks to a grant obtained by Ian. We have quite a few leaders booked in for this course, and are now opening up the few vacancies to all members. The course will be held at the Wodonga Senior Citizens Centre.

Please contact Eve for any enquiries and/or to book in.

14/09/2019 SHELLEY RAIL TRAIL

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Bruce Key

This will be a lovely spring walk along the rail trail near Shelley. Shelley was the highest rail station in Victoria when the train was operating. Being a rail-trail, the grade is extremely gentle (and we will be walking downhill anyway). We will be passing through beautiful native forest and also some pine plantations. We will see two impressive trestle bridges, at least one of which has been recently restored. Distance is about 12 km and we will need a car-shuffle so that we don't have to walk back.

15/09/2019 MOUNT WELCOME

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

I'll be honest, some say Mount Welcome, near Mitta, is misnamed. It's a bit of a slog, climbing over 600m to the top and the top is quite indistinct with no views. It does get better though as we link up to the equally misnamed Mount Disappointment Track which is far from disappointing. There are great views down into the valley at our lunch spot. The day also involves some lovely river walking, some mining history, a bit of road walking on the return into Mitta and hopefully some excellent company. There is track, 4WD track and a little bit of bitumen over the 15kms that make up the day.

22/09/2019 Mt Beauty Three easy walks

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Eileen Clark

Enjoy spring weather with blossom and mountain views on these three easy walks in Mt Beauty. We start with a riverside walk to Pebble Beach followed by a circuit of the pondage. Both of these are flat walks on good surfaces, about 6 km in all. Then we will head to the Gorge, about 4 km return with a few gentle ups and downs, returning through the town for coffee if people want to refresh themselves. Pace will be gentle as leader recovers from injury!

25/09/2019 Wonga Wetlands

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Charles Dunn

THIS WALK IS SUITABLE FOR INEXPERIENCED BUSHWALKERS.

This is an easy to medium walk on walking/cycling track from Noreuil Park to the Wonga Wetlands. It is an out and back on a walking/cycling track. Total distance is about 14km. This allows plenty of time to look at the wonderful bird life along the bank of the Murray as well as the wonderful art installations along the way. So come with me on a wonderful Wednesday and smell the wattle on other flowers out in bloom, listen to the red rump finches and the babble of the Murray. Morning tea break at the wetlands and lunch beside the river in Noreuil Park.

29/09/2019 Kiewa River / Wodonga Creek Walking Track

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ralph

A perfect time of the year to walk along the banks of the Kiewa River to where it joins the Murray River and then continue to the Wadonga Creek Junction. The bird life was prolific earlier this week. Along the way we will pass a canoe tree and a duck egg collector tree. A total of 14 km easy walking mostly on walking tracks.

02/10/2019 Gateway Wet Lands

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Charles Dunn

THIS WALK IS SUITABLE FOR INEXPERIENCED WALKERS

This is another easy Wednesday walk along the banks of the Murray. This time the starting point is at Hovell Tree Park. From here we walk along the banks of the Murray to Gateway Island onto the wet lands and onward to Belvior Park in Wodonga. Along the way there is an array of bird life to look at, see what is in flower or choose your next lazy picnic spot. The total walking distance is about 12 easy K's along a well made path. On the way back we can call into River Deck Cafe for a relaxing coffee!

06/10/2019 PINE MOUNTAIN

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bruce Key

Pine Mountain is near Walwa in the upper Murray area. It is one of the better walks in our area because it is all on a foot track through large boulders similar to Mt Buffalo, which makes for interesting walking. There are frequent views along the way and at the finish there is a spectacular view across the upper Murray looking at the snow-clad main range of the Snowy Mountains. The walk is only about 11 km but there is 850 m of climbing involved which is why the grading is Medium-Hard. The last 4 km of driving to access the start requires 4WD which is why we need another 4WD if numbers exceed 5.

09/10/2019 Woolshed Falls-Spring Creek Cascades Picnic

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Leanne

Parking at Woolshed Falls, we follow the trail along Spring Creek to the Beechworth Gorge Cascades for morning tea, then return for a shared picnic lunch at Woolshed (I'll have an esky in the car for cold food/drink). This is mostly a really easy and pleasant walk with stunning waterfall views at either end and informative signage on Beechworth's gold-mining heritage, with just one steep climb up to the Gorge bridge on rough steps. About 8km return, bring bathers if it's warm.

Summer After work paddling 2019/20

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Sasho

There's no better way to relax after work than to float along a lazy river with the sun warming your skin and a paddle in your hands keeping an eye out for platypus, kangaroos coming down to drink and spotting many species of birds. The cost is \$15 that includes kayak, paddles, life jacket and transport. The participants must be able to swim 25m.

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Meeting place Noreuil park boat ramp, Albury

Time [5.00 pm until 7.30](#)/8 pm (Daylight savings only)

Cost: \$15

12/10/2019 Tawonga Mountain Creek tracks

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk is on a set of linked tracks starting from Mountain Creek picnic ground at the base of Mt Bogong. The tracks wind through lush rain forest along the creek and then move into more open peppermint gum forest. There are short bursts of climbing and the track is a bit rough in places, but the total distance is only about 9 km so this is a good walk for those who have been doing the easy walks on the program recently. If people are keen we can extend the distance.

16/10/2019 Huon Hill

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Huon Hill sits between the eastern end of Wodonga and Bandiana. We'll start at the Kiewa River (unless it's flooded) and walk up to the summit for great views over Albury-Wodonga and beyond, then do a loop back to the cars. There's some grunting up the hill but it's all on track and not too hard, about 12 km total.

19/10/2019 BIG WALK MOUNT BUFFALO

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

This is one of my favourite walks and a favourite with the club too. We start at the base of Buffalo and climb around 1000 meters to the top. On a clear day, AND IT WILL BE A CLEAR DAY ON THE SECOND ATTEMPT, you get great views from the lookouts along the way as well as enjoying the changing landscape and vegetation. We have lunch at the Gorge picnic area near the old chalet before retracing our steps and seeing it all from a different viewpoint.

19/10/2019 BIKE BY THE LAKE

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ian Trevaskis

This is a bike ride on the High Country Rail Trail beginning at Ludlow's Reserve and taking cyclist on a brilliant 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. Cyclists must have a roadworthy bike, puncture repair kit and spare tube.

PLEASE NOTE: I am out of the country between September 7th and October 12th, so best to book before or after those dates, otherwise drop me an email and I'll get back to you sometime in between the hiking/cycling.

20/10/2019 Wodonga to Barnawartha along Black Range

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Paul Schirmer

We start at the car park on Felltimber Creek Road about 3.3 k's from the intersection with Melrose Drive. Take the high path to Kling's Hill where there is a small shelter. Heading west we stay on the ridges as much as possible until we can see the three communication towers on Mt Lady Franklin. When we reach the towers we follow a 4WD track to Oates Gap Road then turn left to get to the entrance of the Barnawartha Scenic Reserve. Once in the reserve we walk over the top of the hill and down to Plunkets Road. From there it is a short walk into Barnawartha and the café for a coffee and cake. Total distance is about 15 k's.

23/10/2019 Eastern Hill

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Charles

This walk will start at Peard's Nursery and walk back past the Albury Base Hospital and then upto the towers and onto Eastern Hill and onto Mungab' Reserve. This is a wonderful easy walking trail with a couple of pinches and the occasional uneven surface. There are great views over Albury and the Murray River from the weir and beyond Brown's Plains. If there is still snow on the alps you can see Bogong and more. The total distance is about 12ks give or take a step or two.

30/10/2019 Thurgoona Hume & Hovell track

Grade 1 Easy

Eileen Clark

This is an easy walk through bushland along part of the Hume and Hovell track. Starting at Charles Sturt University, we follow the track north towards Table Top, avoiding as much as possible the suburbia that is encroaching on the area. Return by the same route. About 10 km, no hills.

Farewell Louise Evans

Farewell Louise Evans (3 Sept 1946 – 6 Oct 2019)

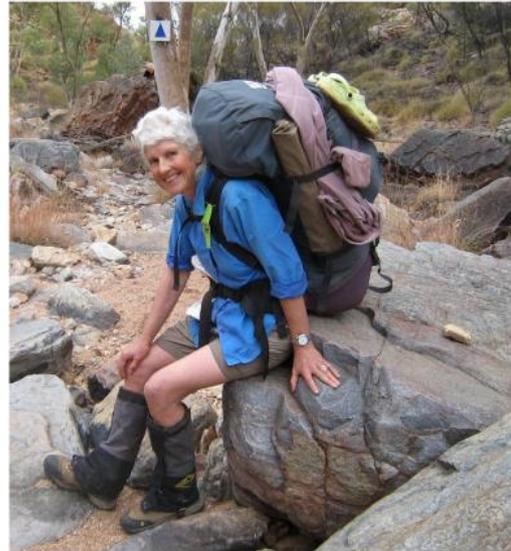
Louise joined the Border Bushwalking Club in the early 80s, when she arrived in Albury. Over the years Louise participated enthusiastically in many club activities. She did many overnight and extended trips. Louise was a strong and adventurous walker. And a cheerful group member.

Louise loved plants in the wild as well as in her own garden. A visit to Louise's always resulted in departing with a selection of her seedlings, and plants she had grown from cuttings. Louise was also a great reader and well informed on current issues.

Louise had strong environmental beliefs and lived her life minimising her own "footprint" and use of resources. In this she was ahead of the times! She also had a wonderful independent streak and she was definitely her "own person" in the way she lived her life. We were very fortunate to have Louise as an active club member for more than thirty years. Marie.



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02/11/2019 Falls Creek - Kelly & Fitzgerald Huts

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk is a great introduction to the High Country, offering views and history in one package. Starting from Watchbed Creek we climb up through the trees to the plains and take the track down to the huts, returning after lunch by the same route. The walk is all on tracks and the hills are not too taxing. If you've enjoyed the easy walks that have been on the program recently, this walk is an opportunity to take your walking up to the next level without too much effort.

05/11/2019 Club Night-walking with WRENS

Grade 1 Easy

Liz Nilbett

A PICNIC/BBQ AND A WALK WITH WRENS (Wodonga Retained Environmental Network).

In 1973 the Albury/Wodonga Development Corporation established a threatened species and habitat conservation strategy to create and maintain wildlife corridors to help preserve our native flora and fauna in the face of regional development. There are many WREN sites and they are a great place to walk and enjoy nature right at our doorstep. Join us for a walk and talk with Glenda, a key driver of this initiative.

If you can make it at 6pm we will have a picnic/BBQ at the picnic area behind the Baranduda Community Centre. BYO everything. Park in Sage Crt near the shop and school and walk behind the community centre. There are free gas barbecues for use and a couple of tables with benches. The walk will commence at 7pm so if you can't get there earlier be there by 7pm.

If it is too wet for this Glenda will give a slideshow presentation at the WODONGA Senior Citizens Hall at 7:30.

06/11/2019 Nail Can Hill down Davies Track

Grade 3 Medium

This walk is designed for those who are in training and may be short on time and need a walk close to home with a bit of grunt. We will start at the pizza oven end of Hovel Tree Park and walk up to the Memorial and from there continue on to join the Ridge Track on Nail Can Hill. We will follow the ridge to Davies Track and descend to the bottom round past the cemetery and regain all height lost coming back onto Ridge Track just short of Reedy Dam. At this point we will head back to the cars along the Ridge Track. As we are expecting rain over the weekend the track should be good under foot. Approximately 14km.

08/11/2019 - 10/11/2019 Hike to Mt Jagungal.

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Paul Schirmer

After leaving Wodonga on Friday afternoon about 3.30 PM we arrive at the Round Mountain car park about 6.30.

The Round Mountain Hut is about two kilometres from the car park, this is where we will spend our first night. The next day we walk generally south on the Grey Mare Trail to O'Keefes Hut. A little further on we leave the trail to climb Mount Jagungal.

At 2,061 metres Mount Jagungal is the seventh-highest mountain in Australia and is the dominant peak in the 'Jagungal Wilderness Area'.

The actual climb of the mountain is a gradual slope except for a little rock hopping at the end.

After returning to the trail and retrieving our packs we'll walk to Derschko's Hut and camp there overnight. On Sunday an easy walk will see us back at the cars and on our way home.

Apart from the actual climb of Mt Jagungal the entire walk, about 34 kilometres, is on a well formed track. Derschko's Hut about 20 k's into the walk.

09/11/2019 Falls Creek - Mt Nelse and Edmonson Hut

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk starts at the dam wall from where we climb steadily up Heathy Spur to the Big River fire trail for the grunt up to the summit of Mt Nelse, from where we get spectacular 360 degree views. Then we drop down to Edmonson Hut for lunch before returning to the cars. The walk is about 14 km all on track with steady climbing involved, but we won't be going fast. Hopefully the first of the wildflowers will be coming into bloom.

09/11/2019 PUB TO PUB

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

Because the ride planned for November 2nd was cancelled due to weather forecast, I am rescheduling it for the 9th in the hope the weather gods will be kinder!

Meet 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.

If you don't wish to ride the full distance, you can join us at Eurobin, Porepunkah or even Bright.

13/11/2019 Tuan Track with a difference.

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Charles

Tuan Track is in part of the Chiltern State Forrest. Starting point is at the Depot Track car park and from there we will go back along Depot Track to Gilman Track to join Wallace Track onto Mt Pleasant Track. From here it is a lovely straight walk to the Chiltern/Howlong Road to where we will join up eventually to the Tuan track. It is all on track will lovely undulations. Approximately 12kms.

16/11/2019 - 17/11/2019 Buffalo Plateau Circuit

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Deb

The Buffalo Plateau Circuit is a 2 day, approximately 34km walk, that starts and finishes at Echo Point car park. Day 1 (19.4km): Starting at Echo Point car park today we will follow a variety of tracks to our overnight camp at Rocky Creek Campsite, located in the far west of the plateau. On the way, we will pass and stop for the great views of nearby peaks, the plateau and the Buffalo River, at The Monolith, Mt Dunn, Og Gog Magog, Eagle Point and Mollisons Galleries.

Please note that the section between Mollison Galleries and Rocky Creek may be overgrown, as it is not often used. There are limited markings and may be dense scrub and blackberries as we attempt to stay on the faint track.

Day 2 (14.4km): Leaving Rocky Creek Campsite we will head towards Wild Dog Plains and Macs Point, with great views over The Great Dividing Range. Following The Long Plain we will cross Split Rocks, the Giants Causeway, Stanley and Drillhole Rocks. After a short distance on the Mt Buffalo Road, we turn onto the Lakeside Walk, which follows the northern side of Lake Catani. Crossing the bridge below the dam wall, the track eventually drops into the Haunted Gorge before climbing up to Billisons Lookout. From here it's only about 300m back to the cars.

I will pre book the Rocky Creek campsites with Parks Vic, so there will be a small fee for the sites, which will be split between the group.

24/11/2019 Hotham to Falls Creek (Pretty Valley Pondage) Crossover

Grade 3 Medium

Ralph

Join us on the very popular annual crossover event. We head out from both the start and finish of the walk and exchange car keys when we meet half way.

Both groups cover the same route, both groups will puff as they ascend and move swiftly as they descend and both groups will have amazing views and great company.

Ralph will be leading the group from Pretty Valley Pondage to Hotham and Bernadette will co-lead, taking the group in the other direction. When we meet half way, we will stop for a yarn perhaps for lunch depending on time, exchange car keys and continue on.

This walk is approximately 19km and all on well worn tracks.

Please note the early booking date as the transport arrangements can be complicated. Also be aware that you may need to come to Wodonga even if you live enroute as the return trip is different.

30/11/2019 Jaithmathang and The Fainters

Grade 3 Medium

Mick

Starting at Pretty Valley Pondage we take the Fainters Fire Trail to Tawonga Huts. From there we will follow the track up to summit of Jaithmathangs. Keeping to the ridge line we will make our way cross country for a short distance and rejoin The Fainters Trail and continue along the track until we reach Fainter North. We will return to Tawonga Huts and our cars, via the Fire Trail. All up about 25km, with some offtrack walking between Jaithmathang and The Fainters Fire Trail.

30/11/2019 Spion Kopje via Mt Arthur and Grey Hills walk

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Mick

Lake Guy at Bogong Village is where we will commence our walk. Climbing up Black Possum Spur, we will reach the Mt Arthur sign post. Here the initial start of the track is over grown and faint, there will be a little bit of off track walking until we find the main track up to the Mt Arthur summit. From the summit of Mt Arthur we join The Grey Hills track. This track could also be over grown and uneven and may not be well defined. Hopefully we should get good views of Mt Bogong as you walk along the ridge to where we meet the Spion Kopje Fire Track. We then have a short walk to Spion Kopje and more great 360 degree views before descending back down to Lake Guy and to our cars.

From Lake Guy to Mt Arthur is a climb of around a 1000 mts with lots of ups and downs across Grey Hills Ridge.

All up the walk is approx. 23kms

PLEASE NOTE THIS WALK HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE CURRENT FIRE SITUATION

30/11/2019 MYRTLEFORD TO BRIGHT BY BIKE

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

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 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.

03/12/2019 Christmas BBQ, Browns Lagoon, South Albury

Grade 1 Easy

Ira

Yes, it's Christmas BBQ time. Join us for this always popular event by advising Ira of your attendance by November 26.

The club provides the BBQ food and we ask you to bring either a salad (surname starts with N to Z) or desert (A to M) to share. BYO cold drinks. If vegetarian BBQ is required, advise Ira in your email.

06/12/2019 - 09/12/2019 Great Walhalla Alpine Walk

See below

From 6-9 December 2019, the [Victorian Mountain Tramping Club \(VMTC\)](#) will host the Great Walhalla Alpine Trail walk via the downhill route incorporating side trips to places such as Mustering Flat, Mount St Gwinear and a little known highlight, Hobbit Land, which could add another 20 km to the walk depending on participants' interest and fitness. A few of the Bushwalking Victoria Individual Supporter Members will join the walk along with VMTC members and there are a few places still available if you or a member in your club are interested in joining. Peter Conroy from the VMTC will lead the walk.

The plan is to set off [before midday next Friday](#) and spend 3 nights out along the very special plateau incorporating Mt St Phillack, Mt Erica, Mt Talbot, and the iconic Mushroom Rocks before descending the steep Erica Spur to the Thomson River valley and along the historic timber tramline into famous gold town Walhalla. On the first night, walkers will camp near the rock shelter, the second near Mushroom Rocks and the third at O'Shea's Mill.

Walkers must be fully self-sufficient with all gear and food backpacked for 4 days prepared for the alpine high-country bush. This is essentially a wilderness area spent above the snowline altitude with only sporadic road access. [All participants must have ambulance cover](#) in the unlikely event of injury or illness that will necessitate evacuation by helicopter.

07/12/2019 Frying Pan Spur Track Falls Creek

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Simon Mullumby

This walk follows the shadows of the original telegraph poles set up 75 years ago to service the Falls Creek village.

Beginning at Howmans Gap on the Bogong High Plains Road at 1235m, after a short 300 meters stretch along the road the track quickly climbs 450 meters through the montane forests around Falls Creek, on wards and upwards to the sub-alpine forests and onto the wild flowers of the alpine open plains around the summit of Falls Creek. After a wonderful flattish 2km walk through the early summer alpine wild flowers with sweeping views of Mt. Feathertop, the Fainters and Mt. Bogong we then descend towards the Alpine village and onto the historic Pack Horse track back towards Howmans gap. All up this historic walk is about 11 km long and climbs steeply 450 meters.

07/12/2019 - 08/12/2019 RYDERS YARDS OVERNIGHT

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

This walk is suitable for those who have not previously completed an overnight walk, or for anyone seeking an easier and shorter hike. 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), and along the aqueduct 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. There's also a secret waterfall nearby with a beaut swimming hole! 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.

13/12/2019 - 15/12/2019 The long way up Hannells Spur to Mount Kosciuszko

Grade 5 Hard

Mick

The challenging Hannells Spur walking track in the NSW Snowy Mountains is now cleared from the base to the top of the spur, opening its full length to hikers. The 15.5km track (Approx), which leads to the summit of Mt Kosciuszko from near Geehi Flat on the Alpine Way, is unique in offering the greatest elevation gain (1800m) of any single walk in Australia. Climbing through the full range of vegetation from heavily forested slopes above the Geehi and Swampy Plain Rivers to sub-alpine and alpine plains on the top of the Main Range.

Although the trail is now clear all the way to the top of the spur itself. From Byatts Camp we need to follow 3-4km of uncleared footpad through alpine heath above the tree line to Wilkinson Creek valley

Leaving Albury early on Friday we will drive to Thredbo, where we will leave a car. We will then return to Geehi and set up camp for the night.

We will be leaving camp early Saturday morning to start the walk. This will give us plenty of time and hopefully, we will get to Wilkinsons Valley where we'll camp for the night.

On Sunday, we will take The Main Range Track to Kosciuszko Summit, before following the metal board walk past The Rams Heads to the Express Chairlift and return to the car at Thredbo. Then drive home, stopping for something to eat on the way.

This is a BIG walk and not for everyone. However, there is the possibility if we could get someone willing to lead a second group, that on Saturday, another group of walkers could catch the chairlift from Thredbo and meet us at Wilkinsons Valley for the night. Both groups on Sunday, would then summit Kosciuszko and return to Thredbo together.

Co Leader. (depending on sufficient numbers)

If someone would like to lead a second group from Thredbo to meet us at Wilkinsons Valley for the night, could you contact me please

14/12/2019 Falls Creek - Pretty Valley circuit

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk starts and finishes at Pretty Valley pondage and goes past Pole 333 and Cope saddle, with possible side trip to Tawonga Huts and/or Ryders Yards. It's all on tracks, some ups and downs, great views and about 15 km.

28/12/2019 The Huts Walk

Bernadette

This 21km circuit is on Mt Hotham and takes in Silver Brumby Hut (2006/7), Spargo Hut (1927/28) and Derrick Hut (1967) There is a small amount of road walking but the majority is on well formed tracks including parts of The Cobungra Ditch Track, Golden Point Spur, Australian Alps Track and Machinery Spur Track.

29/12/2019 Falls Creek Kelly Hut

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk will take us up Heathy Spur then across to Kelly Hut, visiting Fitzgerald Hut on the way and returning by a similar route. The wildflowers should be at their best, so come and walk off the excesses of the festive season.

It's about 14 km in length, mainly on track and with some climbing involved, but nothing too steep. No calls on Christmas Day, please.

Club member of the year - Sandy Kaitler

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2020 SANDY KAITLER



In presenting this award to Sandy, our outgoing recipient Iira, called Sandy, "Our quiet achiever" as indeed she is. Sandy was presented this award in recognition of the massive amount of invaluable support she gives the club behind the scenes.
Thank you Sandy.

2020

11/01/2020 Youngs Hut walk and work CANCELLED

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Young's Hut is in a secluded valley between Falls Creek and Mt Hotham and has been lovingly maintained by the Club for many years. There is a working bee this weekend (see Ron's post) but for those who can't stay the weekend, I'll lead a day walk so we can help out or at least make encouraging noises. Distance is about 8 km each way from Pretty Valley, mainly on track, some ups and downs and spectacular views. WALK CANCELLED BECAUSE OF BUSHFIRES

11/01/2020 - 12/01/2020 Youngs Hut working bee CANCELLED Due to the bush fires

Grade 3 Medium

Ron Hammond

CANCELLED Due to the bush fires

will re schedule at a later date

18/01/2020 East Ovens River Walk

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

This approximately 13km walk starts near the dredge hole in Harrietville and follows the east branch of the Ovens River, which is to the east of Bon Accord Spur track. The track is sometimes not well defined and last time we did this walk we decided it was easier to walk in the river which is very pretty. The track is supposed to lead to the base of Champion Spur, but last time we didn't find it. Maybe this time.

25/01/2020 Saturday morning on Nail Can Hill

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

I plan to spend a few hours walking on Nail Can starting around 8am. The actual course will be determined by the weather, as the date gets closer, and the group. Any walk on Nail Can involves ups and downs and some of these are steep but never too long.

28/01/2020 Edmonsons Hut via Heathy Spur.

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

Now that some of the walking areas around Falls Creek are open I'm keen to get back into my Summer playground. Tuesday is an unusual day for our club to go into the high country but there's nothing unusual about this Summer and the weather looks perfect. This walk is about 13kms with some ups and downs but nothing too steep. So get that pack out and come along if you can. Buy a coffee or your lunch at Mt Beauty on the way up and maybe some afternoon tea on the way back to support the local traders after the visitors disappeared. My first choice was Young's Hut but we can't walk there yet. I've been told some more tracks may open mid week. If it happens earlier and one of them is Young's I will change my plans and go there. I believe our beloved hut is still standing and probably looking forward to a rescheduled working bee soon.

01/02/2020 Alternative walk, Falls Creek

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

At the time of writing (14 Jan) the Alpine National Park is closed to visitors but the area within the boundary of the Falls Creek Resort is open. If this situation remains, my walk scheduled for Roper Hut on 1 Feb will be cancelled and replaced with a walk within the resort boundary. Starting at Howmans Gap we will walk up Route 24 to the McKay Portal lookout for morning tea, then follow the road up past Eagle Rock (where we look down on the resort) and slowly descend to the banks of Rocky Valley Dam for lunch and a quick swim if you wish (too cold for me!). From there we will head back to the village and take the Packhorse Track back to the cars. The

walk is about 20 km but can be shortened, some ups and downs but not too steep, and plenty of views if the smoke has cleared.

Final decisions about which walk will be made a day or two beforehand, with safety the paramount concern.

01/02/2020 Falls Creek Roper Hut

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Roper Hut was rebuilt a few years ago after being destroyed in the 2003 bushfires, and it is a popular spot on the Australian Alps Walking Track. Our walk will start at Watchbed Creek, climb gradually past Mt Nelse and keep going to the hut. It's all on track but can be very exposed, so good gear is needed. There are great views of Mt Buffalo, Mt Bogong and many others. About 20 km with some ups and downs but nothing too steep.

01/02/2020 - 02/02/2020 Howlong to Corowa – Overnight Canoe trip and social get together

Deb

It hasn't been a good start to 2020; in fact it's been a sad and awful beginning to the new decade. So how about we start the BBC year off with a social get together on the banks of the Murray River between Howlong and Corowa.

There are two options to this weekend; paddle on Saturday and Sunday OR come and camp/fish/relax on Saturday and Saturday night. We will be using Police Paddocks as our base camp spot. This camp site has no facilities (we are bringing a small porta loo, for important business, if you have your own please bring it as well) so you will need to be totally self-sufficient. The camp site is suitable for vans if you are thinking of bringing one. See the link below for directions.

<https://www.campsight.com.au/catalogue/the-murray—central-victoria/police-paddocks—murray-river—north-of-rutherglen>

Saturday 1st February: After meeting in Albury and picking the canoes up we will drive to the start of our paddle at Howlong Memorial Park. (There will be a short car shuffle, to our overnight basecamp site, before we begin paddling.) I have been told that this section of the Murray River is very pretty, with places to stop for snacks/swims and lunch. It's about 25km from Howlong to our camp for the night. Once we get to camp, there will be another short shuffle to get cars from Howlong (approx. 15mins each way). The remainder of Saturday will be spent relaxing, swimming, fishing, eating and enjoying the river location.

If you are not going to paddle you have the option of either leaving Albury in the morning with the paddlers and making the most of your time in camp on the river (and maybe even being a support vehicle and helping out getting all vehicles to camp) OR making your own way to camp sometime during the day.

Sunday 2nd February: After brekky there will be another short car shuffle (approx. 15mins each way) before the paddlers set off for a leisurely 15km paddle down to Corowa, where we will have lunch at the pub, before heading home.

Everyone will be paddling in new double kayaks, that will be hired from the Canoe Guy- \$120 per canoe/\$60 per person, this includes pfd's and paddles. Paddlers must be able to swim 25m and be confident in the river. Please note the early book by date as we need to book canoes with Dave The Canoe Guy a week in advance. It would be really good to get some non paddlers who just want to come and have a camp by the river and would be happy to share pulling the canoe trailer and driving cars to/from our basecamp. Even though its not far this would save the car shuffles.

04/02/2020 Club night. Walking in Iran

Iran – but is it safe?

Iran is a country of mountains as well as deserts. The Alborz Mountains in the north rise to 5670 meters and the Zagros Mountains of central Iran to 4,400 meters. With a population of 80 million, there are many ordinary Iranians that are avid mountaineers, climbers, skiers and walkers. Unless you happen to speak Farsi, most people that visit Iran to walk will want to use a local guide as good maps are not readily available. John Hillard visited in July 2019 and will describe a week long walk among the snow-capped mountains in a remote part of the Zagros Range. His experience, like that of virtually all visitors to Iran, was of friendly people, good food and superb mountain scenery. While the focus will be on the mountains, he'll also talk about some of the amazing things there are to see in cities like Isfahan and Shiraz.

Senior Citizens Rooms Wodonga. Visitors welcome.

08/02/2020 - 09/02/2020 FEATHERTOP FULL MOON

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

Well it's the day before the Full Moon but I'm sure we won't notice.

The group will meet early to tackle the climb up Bungalow Spur from Harrierville before the heat. We will the set up camp, chill in the mountain air and eat dinner before heading up to the peak Mount Feathertop.

We will watch the sun set from this excellent vantage point with 360 degree views and the head back to camp site by the light of the moon.

In the morning we will walk back to Harrierville in time for lunch, a dip in the river or a famous Harrierville ice-cream.

14/02/2020 - 16/02/2020 The Cathedral Ranges

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Deb

Save this weekend and come and explore The Cathedral Range, which is a spectacular seven kilometre ridge of sharply upturned sedimentary rock, near Taggerty, Victoria.

We will be leaving from Albury/Wodonga Friday mid morning (but if you want to make your own way there later in the day or on Saturday morning that is fine, as long as you arrive in time for our walk) and basing ourselves, for 2 nights, at Cooks Mill Campgrounds. Cooks Mill has sites suitable for tents, campervans and a small number of caravans. Pit toilets, fireplaces, picnic tables and shelters are available. Firewood collection is prohibited and no drinking water is available, so please bring your own. No bins are provided. Please take all rubbish home with you for recycling or disposal. Camping fees apply and prebooking is required.

On Saturday we will be doing the Cathedral Range Southern Loop a challenging 11 km. Rather than me tell you about it here are a couple of links for you to read with some amazing photos.

<https://goinferalonedayatatime.blogspot.com/2015/05/cathedral-range-southern-circuit.html>

Then on Sunday we will pack up after brekky and drive to Neds Gully Campground carpark (which is on our way out of the park). This is where the Little Cathedral Peak walk (approx. 8km) starts and finishes. This walk offers spectacular views from the ridge and the lookout at Little Cathedral Peak.

<https://www.trailhiking.com.au/little-and-cathedral-peak/>

As this is an area that the club does not visit regularly, if people want to come and camp and explore the area but not walk that would be fine.

Please note the early book by date as I need to pre book campsites.

23/02/2020 The Yerong walking track at The Rock plus some exploring.

Grade 3 Medium

Paul Schirmer

Leaving directly from the car park near the information point, this pleasant and accessible walk takes visitors to the top of the dramatic The Rock formation. It begins gently, crossing small graveled slopes between graceful red gums.

As you go higher, the path begins to wind around recessed cliffs hiding cool woolly ragwort plants – a threatened species native to the area that blooms with yellow flowers. Wallabies scatter through the undergrowth, lizards bask in the warm sun, and you may see glossy black cockatoos or wedge-tailed eagles circling overhead. Bird watching only gets better the further you climb so bring binoculars and a camera.

This hike becomes steep towards the end, but it is worth the effort with spectacular views across bush and rolling farmland from the top, providing an excellent opportunity for photography. Galore Hills is often visible to the west, and on clear winter days the snow-capped peak of Mount Kosciuszko rises in the distance.

Instead of returning to the car park along the track I intend to walk along the ridge and descend to the Olympic Way near Braithwaites Lane. Some people may decide to go straight back to the car park, if so, the walk is about 6 kms taking between 2.5 and 3.5 hours. If we go the other way the distance will be about 10 kms and take up to 5 hours.

28/02/2020 - 01/03/2020 Easy Bogong Overnight and West Peak Day Walk

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Pauline Scott

This is an overnight walk that was cancelled earlier in 2019 due to fires.

Leaving Friday early afternoon, we will drive to CampCreek via Trappers Gap road. This becomes a 4WD track that is not officially graded but only 4WDs will be driven.

Leaving the cars at Camp Creek, we will walk 2.5kms up Eskdale Spur, gaining about 500metres. So – not so easy in elevation, but easy in distance ! We have all afternoon to plod to Michell's hut, and I will be leading from behind.

Saturday morning we will be up early and take a slow pace, still going up, gaining 360 metres over 2kms to the top of Bogong. From here we hope to walk approximately another 2 kms to the West Peak, which I've been told is quite obvious, but with no marked track. All helpful advice will be welcomed. Newly acquired navigational skills may be tested !

Once Bogong has been conquered, we spend another night at Michell's hut, before the slow walk down Sunday morning.

The campsites are limited at Michell's hut, so consider sharing with a friend.

03/03/2020 New Members Club Night

Come along and meet other people who love walking, cycling, paddling and snow activities.

New members and those who are curious about joining will hear about what we do, how to get involved and what kind of gear is required. It's a good time to ask questions and meet people.

This means we want long standing members there to meet new people and share your wealth of knowledge too. If you have any gear that is no longer needed or want to buy some gear this night will include Buy, Swap and Sell.

07/03/2020 Bushfire recovery, coffe, shop & walk, Mt Beauty

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Eileen Clark

Hopefully, danger from the fires has passed but local communities dependent on tourism are desperate for visitors to come back and spend! Join us for a laid back day with a bit of walking and bring some money to spend if you can. We'll start off with coffee or late breakfast at the Old Tawonga Store, then drive to Mt Beauty where the monthly community market will be in full swing. There's usually plenty of cakes, plants and preserves for sale among other things, and of course more coffee. Then we will gather for a short walk or two along the river and/or around the lake, followed by lunch in the park (buy a sandwich in town or BYO). After lunch, we can do another walk to visit the gorge. All walks are short, almost flat and on good tracks. Then it will be time for afternoon tea somewhere, or a swim in the lake or the pool. Weather permitting, there may even be free glider flights on offer. All activities except coffee are optional.

10/03/2020 Beechworth Historic Park Circuit

Grade 3 Medium

Leanne Murphy

We'll meet at the Powder Magazine and take a very up-and-down circuit through the granite hills and gullies of Beechworth's Historic Park, visiting One Tree Hill, The Precipice, Fiddes Quarry, Ingrams Rock, Spring Creek Cascades, and Beechworth Gorge Bridge. There's a steep descent to the creek with a rock-hop across, and an equally steep climb up to the bridge, plus swimming/paddling possibilities at the Cascades before heading back to the carpark. Lunch options TBA. About 8km, walking poles recommended.

14/03/2020 Introduction to Falls Creek

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This day is designed for beginners or those new to the area, but all are welcome. It comprises two or three shortish walks. We will drive to Falls Creek and walk up Roper's Lookout for a bird's eye view of the area. This walk is 2 km each way, flat at first then with a steady climb on a marked track with some steps. Next, we will drive to the start of the Wallace Hut Heritage Circuit, a 5.6 km loop that takes in some of the significant heritage and ecology of the High Plains. The walk is on a good track, flatish with one short climb. We will go at an easy pace and your leader, a trained tour guide, will explain some of the features of the area. If time permits, on the drive home we will stop briefly to explore Fainter Falls, about 700m off the main road.

21/03/2020 - 22/03/2020 Navigation Day

Grade 3 Medium

John Hillard

On 2 Mar 2019, Judy Hunter of Bushwalking Victoria ran a day walk leader course in Wodonga. We then had a day out in the Mt Pilot area for those that wanted to practice their navigation skills. On the weekend of 21-22 March 2020 (weather permitting), there will be another day out at Rocky Knobs for some more navigation practice.

A course has been laid out on Rocky Knobs that starts and finishes at Pretty Valley hut. Sadly, the eucalyptus candibarus is not endemic to this area so we'll have to be looking for other ways to identify the features that we will be looking for on the map.

Those who attended the BWC course in March 2019 will have priority but other club members are also welcome to come along to practice their navigation skills. You'll need to know (at least) the basics of how to work out a magnetic bearing from the map but, if you don't, talk to Bernadette about it and we'll see whether we can find a way to get you up to speed.

Anyone that is an experienced navigator is also welcome to come. You are welcome just to have a play but be warned that you might be asked to help experienced people.

We are fortunate that Judy Hunter of Bushwalking Victoria will also be joining us so we'll be able to run multiple groups if there is sufficient demand. If you are interested, then we'd like you to keep both Saturday 21 March and Sunday 22 March free. We'll run it on Saturday if the weather co-operates but would like to have the option of deferring to Sunday 22nd March if necessary. If the numbers are too big to be catered for on one day we will run it over both.

The terrain on Rocky Knobs is a bit different to what we encountered at Mt Pilot. There are some nice open areas but there are also some fairly steep and scrubby sections so wear old clothes rather than your designer gear.

We'll meet at Mt Beauty at 0830 and then go in convoy to Pretty Valley Hut. You can expect to be out for about 4-5 hours so bring your usual day walk gear including lunch. Details will be published in 'events'. Please book in even if you have contacted Bernadette about this already.

25/03/2020 A walk on Nail Can Hill

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Eileen Clark

It's time to start up the Wednesday wanders again. We'll start from Lavington and wander somewhere on Nail Can, probably finishing around 2 pm. There will be some ups and downs with exact route to be decided soon, distance about 10 km probably.

26/03/2020 - 08/04/2020 Mutawintji national park Cancelled

Grade 3 Medium

Ron Hammond

Cancelled

Mutawintji is a fantastic area in Northern NSW, north of Broken Hill. We will base camp for 2 nights at Homestead Creek Campground (Hot Showers) and walk the Gorge and water hole tracks with day packs, Then explore the wilderness area. Day One Backpack out to Wrights Dam 11 klm and camp for 2 nights, Day two day walk to Mount Wright 11 klm return, Day Three day walk to Gundara Waterhole 16 klm return. Day 4 back to base camp. Maybe a couple of day at Mungo on way home

27/03/2020 - 29/03/2020 West Peak via Timms Spur and Quartz Ridge

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Mick

DUE TO WORK COMMITMENTS THIS WALK HAS BEEN CANCELLED

This 3 day, 2 night walk starts at Heathy Spur after a private transfer (see note below) from Mt Beauty and finishes at Mt Creek campground.

Day 1 (approx. 20km) Friday 27th March: after meeting early and leaving a car at Mt Creek Campground, we will drive to Mt Beauty. From here we will be driven up to our starting point, Heathy Spur. We will follow Heathy Spur track to the AAWT and then past Warby Corner to the Timms Spur/Big River Fire Trail turn off. Following this and on our way to our first nights camp at Bogong Creek Saddle we pass Timms Lookout.

Day 2 (approx. 6km) Saturday 28th March: Today we climb Quartz Ridge up to West Peak. We will set up camp in the saddle between Hooker Plateau and West Peak from where we should get a great view of sunset.

Day 3 (approx. 11km) Sunday 29th March : After brekky we will pack up and head up to Bogong Summit. From there we will follow the Staircase down to Mt Creek Road and back to the cars left at Mt Creek Campground. Hopefully we will be down before lunch, which we can have in Mt Beauty, because we have to pick up any vehicles in there.

PRIVATE TRANSFER: the most time, cost effective way to do this walk is by getting a private, one-way transfer from Mt Beauty up to Heathy Spur. If you want to do this walk then you have to be part of the transfer. The Mt Beauty Taxi that we will be using can take 5 people and their packs and costs \$140. The cost of the transfer will be split amongst the group.

PARTICIPANTS NUMBERS: due to the transport, numbers will be restricted to 10 people.

28/03/2020 - 29/03/2020 Three and a half huts cancelled

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Mick

CANCELLED DUE TO CURRENT CONDITIONS

On Saturday we will start at Heathy Spur and follow the walking track to where it meets the Big River Firetrail/AAWT. We continue along the AAWT passing Mt Nelse, Warby Corner and Pole 902 to our overnight camp at Ropers Hut. In the afternoon we will try and find the remains of Battys Hut. There is no track to Battys Hut ruins, so we will need to find our way through fallen trees and other obstacles.

On Sunday we will pack up and follow the Big River Firetrail/AAWT back towards Watchbed Creek, with side trips to both Edmondsons and Johnston Hut.

There will a small car shuffle

Requires a short car shuffle on Saturday morning.

01/04/2020 Lavington One Tree Hill cancelled

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

One Tree Hill (also known as Red Light Hill) dominates the Lavington skyline and can be seen from many parts of Albury. There are tracks right to the top so we will take one of these and grunt our way up, returning to the start point after morning tea. Next follows a short bitumen bash and then an exploration of the north end of Prune Street with lunch beside Bungambrawartha Creek. All up this walk is only about 6 km but the hill climb/descent is steep so bring walking poles if you have them.

04/04/2020 Falls Creek Kelly Hut Cancelled

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk starts at Langford Gap and climbs up through the forest to meet the track going to Kelly and Fitzgerald Huts, where we will have lunch. We return to the cars via the aqueduct track. All up about 16 km but only one hill, plenty of views and a bit of history. If you managed the introductory walk on 13 March without much difficulty, this walk would suit you.

07/04/2020 Club night : cancelled From Cairns to Broome on a Pushbike

Cancelled due to Covid 19

From Cairns to Broome on a Pushbike.

Last year club members Liz and Brad rode their trusty pushbikes 4200kms across the top of Australia via the Savannah Way. The ride included a huge variety of terrain and lots of isolated and very bumpy roads but it was great. Come along and have a look and a listen.

10/04/2020 - 14/04/2020 Easter in the Snowys -Cancelled grade 4 medium-hard

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

Cancelled due to Covid 19

Easter in the Snowys

Note – regarding fitness, due to the remoteness of this walk, the shorter days and risk of changing/adverse weather, you need to be comfortable with walks of grade 4 medium-hard standard (e.g. the 'big walk' up Mt Buffalo, Mt Feathertop). Similarly, this isn't a walk for someone who's only done one or two easy single-

overnighters out to, say, Ryder's yards or Edmondson's huts. But if you've done more than that, give me a call and we can talk about it.

Day 1 Friday – about 9km

We'll travel to Guthega power station, with a quick rest stop in Corryong and then Khancoban for parks passes (\$68/car added to fuel) on the way.

We'll continue on to the power station. From there, we'll start our walk and take it slow with an initial big climb up to the dam gatehouse (it can get hot in the sun), before we join the Horse Camp aqueduct which should be nice and shaded in the afternoon. We'll look at Horse camp creek hut and then continue on to camp at Whites river hut. If it's busy, the Schlink Hilton is another 3km along (but doesn't have as much flat tent space). Worst case I know a nice spot for some wild camping a little further on again. We should be in at camp between five and six pm.

Day 2 – 17km (all on good track)

Today we'll head to Grey Mare hut for the night. The first couple of km are on the 'main track', before we turn on to the Valentine trail and we start to feel properly wild-ed. A couple of hours will bring us to Valentine's hut. We'll see the falls down below us but won't go down as the track is a bit treacherous and we'll see plenty of other streams and scenery.

From Valentines, we have a couple of big ups and downs passing through some narrow valleys, before we see Grey Mare Hut on the far side of a big river valley. We will get wet going across one stream (hopefully knee-height only, and please don't repeat my mistake and have to go chasing after your boot downstream), and a couple more crossings can be avoided. Grey mare hut isn't that big and it's a little rustic inside, but the view back over the valley makes it worth the walk and camp. There are also some mining relics scattered around.

Day 3 – 11km, plus 3km extra optional

We'll backtrack most of the way to Valentines, before we leave the track on our way to Mawson's hut. This untracked section is around 3-4km but goes through an absolutely stunning, pristine, river valley, which to my mind is one of the trip highlights. We will have a break on some rocks beside the stream.

Depending on time and the group, once we get to Mawson's and set up camp, we have the option to do a walk out to try to find Bluff Tarn. I haven't been there and it might be slow going if we can't find a good line across the valley (lots of streams to cross), but it looks to only be 3km return. We'll only go if plenty of time, and if it gets too slow going we'll turn back early.

Day 4 – around 11km

Almost all of today is off-track. If it looks like there are storms rolling through, unfortunately we'd have to backtrack to Valentines and take the 'low road' back to Schlink again, rather than go up onto the exposed ridge. But ideally, from Mawsons, the first hour is uphill onto the Kerries ridge. Once we get above the scrub and tree line (the first ten minutes are the worst), the views open up with boulder-strewn ridges either side of a long valley. To get the best views, I'm proposing to follow the top of the ridge and it's about 7-8km to Mt Gungatan (2,068m). That will be the bulk of the day done, and from there we'll drop down off the side, aiming for the main track at Schlink pass. Getting off the ridge we will encounter some low scrub – this is difficult walking as it obscures the uneven rocks/terrain, but hopefully it'll be no more than half an hour.

From Schlink pass we'll continue down the hill and camp at either Schlinks or Whites river hut (both only another 1.5km either direction downhill from Schlink pass), unless they're jam-packed or we're making exceptional time in which case we could push on for horse camp hut (but this adds another 4.5km to the day so pretty unlikely).

Day 5 – 9km or 12km (first day in reverse)

From camp, it's an easy (and mainly downhill) stroll back to the cars. We may or may not take the aqueduct trail again depending how we found it the first day. We'll have an early start to get back to the cars within the parks pass expiry time. We can see if anything's open to grab a sandwich & drink for an early lunch in Jindabyne, or otherwise push on and try our luck at the café in Khancoban. But best to bring and leave some snacks in the car for lunch in case. I'm also happy to stop for a coffee/snack in Corryong to break up the drive home.

Risks, hazards, and gear

The main risk is the weather – cold/wet/wind. So you must have appropriate warm clothing for walking, spares / for night-time, and waterproofs.

I recommend (but not mandatory) gaiters given the off-track walking, and poles for the river crossings and uneven terrain. Also need water purification tablets or filter (the streams looks pristine, but there are a lot of walkers and horses etc. up there), spare torch batteries, and a good dry bag system for the stream crossings/rain. Water availability won't be an issue, and these huts all have long-drop toilets.

There are many stream crossings – some we'll be able to rock-hop across, others we'll have to wade. I really don't expect any of the streams to be much higher than knee height (if that), but this isn't a certainty – we'll reassess our route if any are flowing too deep and fast for safety.

In summary, the route is a plan but not a guarantee.

Fuel – if we had a full contingent of eight walkers (two cars), fuel would be around \$70/person (this includes \$17 towards the parks passes).

02/05/2020 - 03/05/2020 Youngs Hut Maintenance Cancelled

Grade 3 Medium

Ron Hammond

The fires are over so lets try again. Our old friend, Young's Hut is in need of a coat or two of Linseed oil, and some general maintenance. It's been 3 years since the last coat.

A re-coat will ensure a long life for the old girl, so come along with a brush or two a bottle of wine and have a great social Weekend. If you would like to come for a day walk on Saturday to carry out some gear you would be most welcome

02/05/2020 Youngs Hut walk and work cancelled

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Ron is having a weekend working bee at Youngs Hut and would appreciate some porters or at least an admiring audience on the Saturday. We'll walk in from Pretty Valley with open plains, great views and possible chilly winds. Full winter gear needed plus head torch. About 16 km all up.

15/05/2020 - 22/05/2020 Members forum: creative writing

With all the time you would once have been Bushwalking why not try your hand at writing to reflect on your change of circumstances this week.

It could be Corona poetry, song writing (make sure you tell us the tune to sing it to), a letter to your post isolation self, a diary entry, a survival list, a set of iso rules...

The choice is yours but be creative and entertain.

I emailed instructions in early May if you haven't been on yet but it's very easy. See you there.

16/05/2020 Falls Creek Mt Cope & Ryders Yards cancelled

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This is a two-part walk. First we will climb Mt Cope for great views and morning tea then it's a short drive back to the Alpine Walking Track which we will follow to Cope Saddle before walking along the aqueduct to Ryders Yards for lunch, then return to the cars. If the morning is foggy, we may do the trip in reverse. Total distance about 14 km, on tracks all the way, a bit steep going up Mt Cope but mainly flat otherwise. Weather could be cold and windy so winter gear required.

17/05/2020 3 Bright Hills. Fully booked. Wait list only

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

I'm looking forward to seeing somewhere different now that we have had our leashes lengthened.

This is a walk that involves 3 steep hills around the township of Bright and lots of undulating ground in between.

There is a bit of rail trail walking and some quiet road walking thrown in for a very varied day. It is around 17km .

Up to 10 can come but as we are not car pooling we may need to split into two groups so we can fit into the parking area for one of the hills. Alternatively some may opt to walk 2 Bright Hills instead.

I am hoping that lovely Autumn leaves and interesting fungi may be there for our enjoyment.

20/05/2020 Lavington One Tree Hill Wednesday Wander

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Gladys has said we can walk again

We can go in groups, no more than ten

And as she spoke, I thought, 'Well then I'll put this walk on the program again.'

We are expecting more details from BWV on any changes to protocols by 15/5 so be aware you may be asked to do some things differently on this activity.

This walk was the first casualty of the Corona shut down so it's only right we should revive it as soon as possible. However, in view of the cold mornings, I've made it an afternoon walk. The walk takes us up to the top of One Tree (aka Red Light) Hill, that dominates the north of Lavington. We'll pause there to admire the view and take light refreshments, then descend and do a short bitumen bash to Prune Street, which we will follow to its northern end through farmland beside the Bungambrawatha Creek. Then back to the cars and home in time for tea. The walk is about 8 km but the climb is steep. It's on tracks but with slippery gravel in places, so walking poles are recommended.

Please observe social distance and hygiene regulations on the walk, no sharing of food or equipment and bring your own hand sanitiser. Interstate, international and intergalactic travellers, please check your local regulations about travel restrictions and border crossings.

22/05/2020 - 29/05/2020 Members Forum: I have learned

This week is a good time to reflect on what you have learned during our change of circumstances. It could be a very practical skill (playing the bagpipes), it could be something you've learned about yourself (I'm not very musical), something you've learned about others in your bubble (my family love going for walks; they always decide to go when I'm practicing bagpipes) or ...

Tell us in words or pictures what you have learned on the members forum.

23/05/2020 - 24/05/2020 Gourmet Weekend cancelled

Grade 3 Medium

Ian

This year's annual gourmet weekend will have an Italian theme. We walk to Tawonga Huts carrying extra goodies to share for dinner. The walk is only 4 1/2 Kms and we will walk at a gentle pace. After setting up camp we will walk to Jaimathang with light packs. A gourmet dinner by the fire will follow. On Sunday we will walk out, probably via Westons Hut.

Call Bernadette early to choose which Italian goody you can provide: nibbles, main or dessert.

23/05/2020 Mount Mcleod - Mount Buffalo

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

This 16km return walk leaves from the Reservoir Picnic Area and is all on track except for the last 50 metre rock scramble to the summit. There are great views of the Ovens Valley and surrounding peaks and views across the Buffalo Plateau.

24/05/2020 Myrtleford to Porepunkah by Bike

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

We'll meet at the back of Coles Supermarket in Myrtleford at 10:00 before heading off on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail for a cruisy 24km ride to Porepunkah on a sealed rail trail with virtually no hills. At Porepunkah we'll grab some take away food (or bring your own) and adjourn to the park beside the river for lunch before riding back to Myrtleford. Easy peasy! (If we're feeling extra energetic we may decide to ride another 6kms to Bright and have lunch there!). 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.

30/05/2020 The Rock

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

The Rock (or Kengal) is a short, sharp climb of about 350m just off the Olympic Highway near the township of The Rock. The Yerong trail is 7kms return and has great views of the surrounding area. At this stage it will be an early afternoon walk after lunch at the picnic ground at the start of the walk but if numbers are above 10 there may be a morning group as well, ending with a picnic.

If anyone else is crazy enough to want to do it twice let me know when you book in.

06/06/2020 Mt Beauty Survey Track, Pole Track and Gorge

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk is a circuit that takes us around the hills in Mt Beauty through forest, up to the summit of Mt Beauty itself (yes, there is one), then down to the river. There are views across to the mountains, maybe with a covering of snow. The walk is about 12 km long, some ups and downs but nothing too steep.

13/06/2020 LOCKHART'S GAP CROSSOVER

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

One group led by Bernadette will start from Lockhart's Gap while the other group led by Ian will start from Tallangatta Lookout. After meeting somewhere on the track, keys and pleasantries will be exchanged (from a distance) before walking on. There are some very steep sections in this walk. The walk is approx 20kms.

At the conclusion of each group's walk, participants are asked to re-assemble at Ian's house in Tallangatta where vehicles will be transferred back to owners.

Note: Due to the current Corona Virus pandemic participants are asked to carry alcohol wipes or similar to disinfect vehicle steering wheels, seats, etc. Current advice is to avoid sharing vehicles. There is also limited parking space at each start point.

20/06/2020 Tramway Walk

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Pauline Scott

Starting at Clover Dam, we walk uphill on a 4WD track for about 3kms. We then walk along the Tramway, which is flat, running alongside the water race. There is often interesting bits and pieces of old equipment along here, and also several small creeks feeding into the aqueduct.

There are two trestle bridges that will require us to scramble down and up the other side. Where the Tramway finishes we walk on a 4WD track back to the Bogong High Plains road. It is about 1.3kms back to the cars along this road, but we will stop at the Clover Arboretum to view the village remnants and plants.

This is not a long walk, total 11kms, and it is mostly easy, but it does have a few ups and downs and short scrambles.

27/06/2020 Nail Can across the top. (places available for pm walkers only)

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

This walk has 3 options for exploring the track that we are lucky to have in the heart of Albury.

Walk from Jindera Gap to the Botanic Gardens in the morning.

Walk from the Botanic Gardens to Jindera Gap in the afternoon.

Walk both ways with lunch at the Botanic Gardens.

Both ways is about 26km and has about 800m of height gain. Halve that for an idea of each way.

The walk, is mostly on 4WD tracks and has lots of ups and downs.

01/07/2020 Nail Can Hill North Wednesday Wander

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk will start and finish at Jindera Gap and take us past the highest point on Nail Can Hill before descending towards Centaur Road and exploring a few of the side tracks. There will be plenty of ups and downs and walking poles are recommended.

This will be the a walk in the peak bagging of the Murrays, Albury-Wodonga's answer to the Munros and Marilyn's. I'm not putting a height limit on them but instead, they should be within Albury-Wodonga city limits. Here's my list: One Tree/Red Light Hill Lavington, Nail Can Hill Trig Point, Eastern Hill, McFarlanes Hill, Federation Hill, Huon Hill, Mahers Hill, Bears Hill, Baranduda Summit. I'm proposing that we try to walk all of these in the cooler months ahead, generally as mid-week walks because most of them are fairly short. For more details, see my posting in the Members' Forum (log in required).

04/07/2020 Mt Buffalo - the big walk 22kms

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

The walk starts at the carpark at the Park entry, and climbs steadily to the Gorge, is approx. 22km return and all on well-formed walking tracks.

I doubt there will be more than a light dusting of snow at the top (if that), but there are likely to be patches of ice on the track higher up. The track lower down will be slippery on the mud and tree bark (especially the first/last 3km).

There were many different types of fungi about, and I startled a lyrebird, when I did this a couple of weeks ago. Note too that there was a couple of trees to climb over and lots of debris on the track (compared to normal). Bring a thermos and plenty of winter gear, as it will be cool.

18/07/2020 Hill and River stroll

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Bernadette

This afternoon walk of 8km starts at Kremur St boat ramp and heads over to Nail Can Hill via the Unemployment Track. (one of the few tracks up the hill that is not 4wd or bike) After climbing the hill we will walk along the ridge to the monument and then down to the river. We will leave the main track and head to the lower river trail, stopping beside the river for an afternoon tea rest before heading back to the cars. 8km with one climb. Bring something to sit on.

25/07/2020 Kelly cave and Barry falls (Beechworth). Medium-hard, approx. 20km.

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Ian Trevaskis

Victoria.

We'll meet in Beechworth and convoy to the starting point of the walk – a 4WD is not required but your car is likely to get a bit dirty as we will drive on an unsealed road. The first five kilometres are easy walking (relatively flattish) on a well-maintained but quiet 4WD track with the Beechworth historic park (forest) on one side and open farmland on the other. We then leave the track and head into the forest to the cave, which is part of a large rock outcropping overlooking Woolshed valley.

We won't be following a proper track for this part – instead we'll be pushing through the scrub for roughly 500m. The cave is on a steep slope which is likely to have slippery rock and loose dirt/vegetation.

After morning tea we'll head back through the scrub up the slope to rejoin the track and retrace most of the way back toward the cars. I'm thinking we'll take another 'detour' into the forest, perhaps by one of the small streams, at an appropriate time for lunch.

We then take a different approach and start heading 'down', initially on Nieoff's road, before leaving the road and making our way down a gulley. Initially the gulley is a small creek, but starts to open up, culminating in one large gorge, before another (Barry falls) 100m further on. This section of the walk is off-track, and will again be quite slippery in places. From here, we'll follow Nieoff's road back up to the cars (about 250m height gain).

There is a chance of some cars on this road, but there is plenty of room for us to move aside.

Most of this walk is on good 4WD/unsealed road. But we will have to go slow and take care on the off-track sections, particularly when we are near the slopes/gorges.

(For future reference, splitting this walk would make for two nice 'medium' walks).

26/07/2020 Eastern Hill and Doctors Point Albury Loop. NSW

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ralph

Views over the Murray River flood plain and Mt Bogong, two hills to push your way up, wander through billabongs, some road walking; all before lunch. Three hours of walking plus a mid morning break.

29/07/2020 Wednesday wander through Thurgoona. NSW

Grade 1 Easy

Eileen Clark

This easy walk will follow the Hume and Hovell track at Thurgoona, starting and finishing at Charles Sturt University. We'll be walking through open woodland to Eight Mile Reserve as far as Kywanna, then return to Table Top Road and skirt through the campus back to the cars. All on track, flat, about 11 km.

01/08/2020 Baranduda Range - Victorian Walkers

Grade 3 Medium

Pauline Scott

This is a loop walk on the Baranduda range, starting at Ridge Lane.

While this is only 14 kms and all on 4WD tracks, the climbs are quite steep and long, and so is on the higher end, ie harder, grade 3 walk.

Please phone rather than email for booking this walk.

Also note that due to Covid border restrictions, this walk is only open to Victorian members.

01/08/2020 Woomargama Hume & Hovell Track. NSW

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk generally follows the Hume & Hovell Track in Woomargama National Park (NSW). It is a forested area and wattles should be flowering. The walk is all on tracks without too much climbing. With no car pooling it will have to be an out and back walk, but there is a nature trail we can explore on the way back. The walk will probably be about 15 km, depending on how far we want to go. Note: This walk will follow the same route as Deb's North's Lookout walk, but it won't be as long or as steep, nor get the specky views.

08/08/2020 Mt. McFarlane track - Victorian walkers CANCELED

Grade 3 Medium

Simon Mullumby

This walk along the Mt. McFarlane track, locally know as 'Hunchback' is 18.5km. A climb is required to begin the walk which is quite steep along a track with a number of switchbacks, sweeping views of Wodonga, Albury and surrounding hills are on display during the walk.

The walks begins at the carpark at the base of Mt. McFarlane on Fell Timber Creek Road, West Wodonga.

Participants will need to acknowledge and abide by the clubs Covid 19 safety procedures and guidelines.

12/08/2020 Albury Bungambrawartha Track. NSW

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk follows the Bungambrawartha bike path from Centaur Road, Lavington. It passes through open parkland and then winds around quieter parts of central Albury, finishing at the Botanic Gardens where we will have lunch before turning around and retracing our steps to the start. It's about 12 km all up, on paths and with only gentle slopes. If you only want to go one way, the bus from Albury to Lavington stops near the start/finish point, ask me for details when you book in.

14/08/2020 - 16/08/2020 Howmans Gap Ski Weekend: cancelled

Sue Cardwell

Cancelled for 2020

3 day skiing weekend staying at YMCA Howmans Gap just below Falls Creek as easy or as hard as you please. Skiing downhill or crosscountry (classic or skating), snowboarding or snow shoeing.

Accommodation 5-6 bunk bedrooms, single & communal bathrooms, & disabled facilities.

BYO bed linen/sleeping bag, towel, wine & nibbles. Blankets & pillows supplied. Large drying rooms & guest fridges available.

All meals included from Friday night dinner to Sunday lunch. Full cost \$187 per person

NB. TO STAY AT HOWMANS WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN THE ACCOMMODATION BLOCK, ALL GUESTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK FROM YOUR STATE. YOU CAN APPLY ONLINE AS A VOLUNTEER & IT IS FREE

I need to know numbers ASAP. Will let folks know when deposit required.

15/08/2020 Mahers Hill - Vic -Cancelled

Grade 3 Medium

Simon Mullumby

Will look at rescheduling this walk after the 13th of September.

This walk is based on the Mahers Hill Trail Run course, which was part of the original Albury Wodonga Military Area Trail Running Series. It has exhilarating views of Lake Hume, the dam wall and Bethanga Bridge. The fire trail climbs towards the eastern boundary of the reserve along the northern side of the Mahers Hill ridge line. The walk includes a long climb to the top of Mahers Hill, where we can admire the views before descending to the carpark.

Distance is 14km

Participants will need to acknowledge the risks and hazards associated with this walk including the Clubs Covid-19 safety procedures and advise.

[Track notes and maps](#)

15/08/2020 NSW Hume & Hovell track Woomargama westward

Exploratory

Eileen Clark

This walk starts at the same spot as the walk on 1 August, but heads in the opposite direction through the forest towards Lake Hume on a marked track. I have not done this walk before, so it is definitely exploratory, but from the map it looks as though there are ups and downs through open forest with plenty of wildlife. It is an out and back walk so we will decide just how far we want to go on the day, but I'm expecting about 16 km in total, probably with a Grade 3 rating.

Because of Covid regulations, this walk is for those who live in NSW only (unless everything changes again!)

16/08/2020 Tour de Springdale Heights, NSW

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk is a circuit with Red Light Hill as its centrepiece. We start in Wagga Road and climb Red Light Hill from the east side, which should give us spectacular views to the south and east. We descend the hill by the more usual route down Shaw Street and the challenge is to walk on as little bitumen as possible to get back to the cars. The walk is only about 6 km but the climb is very steep. Bring walking poles if you use them. Wattles should be flowering and there may be a few kangaroos loose in the back paddock. This will be an afternoon walk to allow the frost to thaw and the fog to lift. Bring a little titbit for afternoon tea, plus something to sit on.

23/08/2020 Art Deco walk; Albury

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ralph

A walk with a difference to explore Albury's Art Deco houses. There are more than 40 houses built between 1929 and 1952 in the Art Deco style all within walking distance around central Albury. This is adapted to a walking route from a bus tour by the Albury & District Historical Society by local historian Jan Hunter.

If you cannot make this date we can provide the notes and self guided map for the walking tour.

A reminder that the majority is on pavement, with some bush tracks and Albury is hilly.

Three hours walking plus a mid morning break and finish by 1:00 pm.

29/08/2020 Tumbarumba to Rosewood. NSW

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

The Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail trail opened earlier this year. It's 21km of sealed, multipurpose surface with interpretive signage outlining the history of the track. We will be walking its gentle gradients, sweeping curves and restored trestle bridges.

There will be a short car shuffle before we start the walk. For this shuffle it will need to be 2 people per large car sitting distanced in the front and back. Each person will need to be wearing a mask. That means every participant will need to drive their car to the start point.

30/08/2020 Nail Can Hill (again) NSW. CHANGE OF DATE

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Yes, it feels like we are walking round in circles but at least we are out and walking! Yet again I will start from Jindera Gap, up to the trig point then down Bakes trail to Centaur Road, where we will join the Ridge Track. Then down the Gorge track and up Waterview to Reedy Dam for a well-earned lunch (bring something to sit on because there's only one bench). Then back to the Ridge track and return to Jelbart Road. Probably about 14 km but with several quite steep ups and downs.

05/09/2020 - 06/09/2020 Livingston National Park overnight NSW

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

Livingston Park is located near Mangoplah about an hour north of Albury. Where's Mango (as it's affectionately known?) Not far from Cookardinia of course.

The walk consists of two circuits off a main track. The vegetation is interesting and varied and there is a lovely camping spot 9km into the walk.

For those who would like to extend the walk there will be a 7km walk up The Rock, with day pack, preceding this in the morning. (300m height gain) This has also been advertised as a walk on it's own but the overnights will make precedence.

After a night under the stars, snug in sleeping bags we will walk about 12kms back to the cars.

The walk is on well formed tracks and undulating in nature. Over the 2 days there is approx 480m height gain.

05/09/2020 The Rock. NSW

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

The Rock (Or Kengal) is located about an hour Nth of Abury. It rises about 300m above the plains. This 7km out and return walk is a solid climb but short and rewarding.

As this forms the first part of my overnight Livingston Park walk people who just wish to do this in the morning will be put on a wait list until bookings are closed.

12/09/2020 Galore Scenic Hill. NSW

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

NSW members only

We will start by walking the fire trail around the bottom of Galore Hill up to The Saddle where there is a small hill covered in native pines with hopefully many orchids in flower and lots of echidnas, wallabies and roos. The views of the surrounding farmlands from this hill are pretty specky at this time of the year if the canola is flowering. We will also pass an arboretum of grevilleas that was established in the late 1900's. Lunch will be had at The Saddle Picnic Area. Afterwards we will walk the Mad Dog Morgan Cave Loop Trail (where possibly peregrine falcons could be nesting) to the summit and climb the Lookout Tower to obtain a 360degree view of the surrounding countryside. A short car shuttle will be needed. Approx 12km

Participants will need to acknowledge and abide by the clubs COVID 19 safety procedures and guidelines, that apply to this walk and will be outlined on booking.

Then on the way back to Albury, we will stop at Morgans Lookout, which was the hiding spot that he used to evade the police for so long.

20/09/2020 The Rifle Range, to the Crematorium and back via Norris Ridge

Grade 3 Medium

Ralph

This loop commences at the Albury Netball Centre in David Street, climbs though the Rifle Range (relocated after WW2), up Heartbreak Hill (our preferred name to Hernia Hill) to Nail Can Hill Main Range, down to the Crematorium, up to Norris Ridge for lunch and then back along Bungambrawatha Creek to the Netball Centre. A couple of serious hills to climb plus some enjoyable spring flowers to enjoy along the way.

26/09/2020 McFarlanes Hill- VIC

Grade 3 Medium

Simon Mullumby

The start of this walk is approx 3km west of the Melrose Dr. roundabout on Fell Timber Creek Road WEST WODONGA.

The walk will travel along well formed tracks around Hunchback Hill crossing Coyles fire trail and then undertake the steady climb towards Klings Hill.

Klings Hill provides panoramic views of Albury, Mt Bogong, Mt Buffalo and Wodonga. After a break we will descend towards Hunchback Hill. This walk is Approximately 11km but involves some steep climbs and descends. Current Victorian Covid rules only allow for 5 people per outdoor activity, if we have more than 5 people interested will have two groups leaving 10-15 mins apart

No Car pooling required

[Track notes](#)

26/09/2020 - 02/10/2020 Namadgi National Park, ACT

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

Namadgi National Park is a protected area in the south-west of the Australian Capital Territory, bordering Kosciuszko National Park in New South Wales. It lies approximately 40 kilometres southwest of Canberra, and makes up approximately 46% of the ACT's land area. Namadgi NP, has 160 kilometres of marked walking tracks, remote wilderness, a wide range of natural environments, an abundance of native wildlife, and Aboriginal and European cultural sites and this makes it ideal for day walks.

Our first 3 nights will be at Mt Clear Campground (bookings needed and small cost involved), which will give us access to walks like – Mt Clear Summit, Demanding Hut and Horse Gully Hut and Settlers Track.

Then we will move to Woods Reserve (bookings needed and small cost involved) for access to walks like – Stockyard Spur and Pryors Hut, Square Rock and Gibraltar Peak and Gibraltar Falls.

You will need to be self sufficient, campgrounds have toilets and fire pits, but you will need to bring your own wood for fires and water, as there is none available. And all rubbish needs to be taken with us.

27/09/2020 Murruguldrie State Park. NSW. Not in border bubble.

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

We attempted this walk in July but didn't quite finish. We thought it would be nice to try again in Spring so here it is.

About 1 hr and 10mins North of Albury is Murruguldrie State Park. There is a very pleasant and varied 13km loop in this park.

The tracks are 4WD of varying conditions but none are like the Superhighway that NailCan Hill has become. It is undulating and has a number of small rises and falls that total just over 300m.

It will be a late morning start (11 am from the walk start) to facilitate a sleep in, or house work or...

On a clear day the lunch spot will have views to the Main Range snowfields.

10/10/2020 Kiewa River- Huon Hill. VIC - Change of Date

Grade 3 Medium

Simon Mullumby

[Kiewa River Huon Hill track](#)

This walk is one of the four Wodonga Covid series of walks. Huon Hill, Mahers Hill, McFarlane Hill and Federation Hill – completed 26/9/20

Beginning at Kiewa River car park at Killara. We will walk along the Kiewa River. Picking up the Stringybark Track to the views of Huon Hill and overlooking the meandering Murray River. After a break, descend back to the Kiewa River via the Bundy Track and continue towards the river Junction with the Murray. Again after a break return to our cars following the Kiewa River. All up the walk is about 14km, with a steep climb up to Huon Hill.

This walk begins about 5km east of Wodonga Bunnings on the Murray Valley Highway where it crosses the Kiewa River (Killara). Car pooling not required.

All participants will need to acknowledge the clubs Covid 19 guideline and risk and hazard assessments.

10/10/2020 Everton to Myrtleford by Bike 54kms return

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

This ride takes place on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail and is all on a well-sealed surface. We will meet at the former Everton Railway Station ready to commence riding at 10:30am. The pace will be easy, as will the

ride. At Myrtleford we will find an eatery, eg Coffee Chakra or Cafe Fez, or maybe buy some goodies and have a picnic in the park, before riding back to Everton.

Participants should have a roadworthy bike and be carrying a spare tube.

Participants will need to acknowledge and abide by the clubs COVID-19 safety procedures and guidelines.

17/10/2020 Mahers Hill- VIC

Grade 3 Medium

simon Mullumby

This walk is one of the four Wodonga Covid series of walks. Huon Hill, Mahers Hill, McFarlane Hill and Federation Hill – completed 26/9/20

The walk is based on the Mahers Hill Trail Run course, which was part of the original Albury Wodonga Military Area Trail Running Series. It is approximately 14km taking around 5 hours to complete.

Head east along Lees Lane through another pedestrian gate at 400m as the track turns right and left up a small rise where there are exhilarating views of Lake Hume, the dam wall and Bethanga Bridge. The fire trail climbs towards the eastern boundary of the reserve along the northern side of the Mahers Hill ridge line.

At the start is a small carpark area at the end of Lees Lane which is off Mahers Road Bongilla

[Track Notes](#)

[Track Map](#)

17/10/2020 - 18/10/2020 Northern Kosciuszko National Park

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Deb

Even though its relatively close and in NSW we don't often go to northern KNP. These 2 walks are just out of Tumut and close to Blowering Dam.

We will drive up Saturday morning and set up our base camp at Log Bridge Creek Picnic Area and Campground. The after lunch will do the Blowering Cliffs walk. This walk is steep in parts (bring poles if you use them) but has great views over the area, waterfalls, Blowering Dam and Blowering Cliffs. Even though it's only 5km due to the terrain it will most likely take 3 hours to complete as it, winds (very steeply in places) through open montane forest, which grows on sheltered hillsides.

Then on Sunday we will do the 11km return Warogong Sugarloaf walking track that starts just up the Snowy Mountains Highway. This walk is also very steep in places, so walking poles, if you use them will come in handy. As we climb Warogong Sugarloaf also has great views from granite cliffs and Bogong Peaks Wilderness, while the vegetation changes to scribbly gum with an understorey of large grass trees. Once you reach the top, there are extensive views over the Tumut River valley to the north and Blowering Reservoir to the south-west. This walk is very steep on a formed track, 11 kilometre return – 5 to 6 hours.

Please note I have not done these walks before.

People who book in for this weekend will need to understand and abide by the clubs COVID 19 safety plan. They will also need to book their own campsite at Log Bridge Creek Picnic Area and Campsite. Due to COVID all camping in NSW NP must now be booked, there is a \$6 fee per campsite. This can be done by ringing NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service on 1300072757. When booking please make sure you are booking the Log Bridge Creek Picnic Area and Campsite near Blowering Dam.

Getting There

Blowering Cliffs walking track is in the northern (Blowering Foreshores) precinct of Kosciuszko National Park. To get there from Tumut Visitor Centre: Drive 16.6km south along Snowy Mountains Highway Turn off the highway into Log Bridge Creek campground and picnic area. Continue 500m up the road you until you see the Blowering Cliffs trackhead sign and park in the carpark Parking is available at Log Bridge picnic area, a short walk from the beginning of Blowering Cliffs walking track. There's also room for caravan and RV parking.

18/10/2020 Cycle to Tallangatta. Vic. Change of Date

Grade 3 Medium

Simon Mullumby

Due to poor weather, this ride has been rescheduled to the 18th of October

Ride A: 60km ride – Park our cars and cycle from the Whytes Road rail trail parking area, full distance to Tallangatta and return to Whytes rail car park. (leaving 9.00am)

Ride B: 40km ride – Meet longer distant riders at Ludlows Reserve ride to Tallangatta and return to Ludlows Reserve

Cycle to Tallangatta via the High Country Rail trail. This is approximately a 60km cycle, passing over the Kewia River, through the old train stops of Bonegilla and Ebden. After a break at Ludlows Reserve, picking up new riders we continue cycling along side the Hume Weir, crossing the Weir over an old bridge and lunch at Tallangatta. After lunch retracing our tyre tracks we will return to our cars at Ludlows Reserve or onto Whytes Road parking area,

This trail has a mix of bitumen and well compacted gravel surfaces so a hybrid or mountain bike with wider tyres would make your ride more comfortable. There is water along the way, please bring snacks and lunch. Participants will need to acknowledge and abide by the clubs Covid 19 safety procedures and guideline.

[Wodonga Council Map of the Rail Trail](#)

24/10/2020 Mt. McFarlane West Wodonga

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Simon Mullumby

Rescheduled because of bad weather

This walk is one of the four Wodonga Covid series of walks. Huon Hill, Mahers Hill, McFarlane Hill and Federation Hill – completed 26/9/20

The walk will travel along well formed tracks around Hunchback Hill crossing Coyles fire trail and then undertake the steady climb towards Klings Hill.

Klings Hill provides panoramic views of Albury, Mt Bogong, Mt Buffalo and Wodonga. After a break we will descend towards Hunchback Hill. This walk is Approximately 11km but involves some steep climbs and descends. The start of this walk is approx 3km west of the Melrose Dr. roundabout on Fell Timber Creek Road WEST WODONGA.

No Car pooling required

[Track notes](#)

25/10/2020 Myrtleford to Bright and Return 60kms

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

This is a popular ride on the fully sealed Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail. There are no big climbs or descents, so it's not gonna be too taxing, but you do need to be able to cover the 60 kilometres .

We will meet at the rear of the Coles Supermarket car park, Myrtleford, ready to start riding at 10:00am. The route takes us through Ovens, Eurobin and Porepunkah so there is the option to shorten your ride by joining us from one of those places. We will find a cafe to have a leisurely lunch before riding back.

Participants need to have a roadworthy bike and a spare tube just in case. Participants will need to acknowledge and abide by the clubs COVID-19 safety procedures and guidelines.

31/10/2020 Federation Hill Wodonga

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Simon Mullumby

[Federation Hill Wodonga](#)

This Wodonga walk was held as a backup walk due to heavy rain a few weeks ago. It turned out to be very popular with the small number of members who attended. All up the walk ended up being about 17km.

This walk begins by wondering through some urban surrounds then after a short climb we reach the undulating track stretching along Federation Hill, where sweeping views of Wodonga and Albury are on display.

This walk provides a good opportunity for new and young members to walk and meet some clubs members and enjoy a day walking along bush tracks close to home.

All walkers will need to acknowledge they have read and understand the clubs risk assessment and Covid-19 guidelines

Canoeing after work: Wednesdays – Summer 2020/21

Sasho

There is nothing so relaxing as spending a few hours paddling on the Murray River in Albury.

Each Wednesday you can spend a few relaxed hours paddling downstream in canoes hired locally.

The group meets at 5.15pm and for a cost of \$16 you will be ferried, with the hire canoes, by mini bus to the start point. Please wear a mask on the bus and bring your own sanitizer for yourself and the equipment. Life jackets are also provided.

You will also need to bring your own pen for the sign on sheet.

Ring Sasho with any enquiries.

06/11/2020 - 08/11/2020 The Fainters - Change of Date

Grade 3 Medium

Pauline Scott

Although this is an overnight walk, we only have to carry our overnight packs about 5 kms to the Tawonga Huts from Pretty Valley.

We will be leaving Wodonga Friday afternoon, giving us ample time to walk to the huts and set up camp.

Saturday we head to the Fainters, North and South, where we will have lunch with magnificent views, before heading back to camp. This day's walk will be about 18 kms long, mostly on track, except where the tracks are barely discernible, heading to the peaks. Sunday morning we pack up and plan to be in Mt Beauty for lunch before heading home.

14/11/2020 - 15/11/2020 Ropers Hut Overnighter

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

The walk will start at Heathy Spur after a short car shuffle to our end point at Watchbed Creek. We will follow Heathy Spur track to where it meets the Big River Fire Trail. Turning left, we will walk to the turn off to Edmondson Hut, where we will drop our packs on the main track and detour into the hut. Returning to our packs we then pass Mt Nelse and Mt Nelse North, Warby Corner and the turn off to Timms Lookout. From here Ropers Hut is only about 1km. After setting up camp it's up to you what you do. On Sunday we will walk to the cars at Watchbed creek and on the way visit Johnstons Hut. We should be back at the cars and down to Mt Beauty for a late lunch, before heading home.

14/11/2020 - 15/11/2020 Wheelers Hut Overnighter POSTPONED NEW DATE TBA

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

We will leave Albury early on Saturday Morning and drive through Corryong to the beginning of the walk at Snakey Plain Track. We will need to do a short car shuffle from here to Tooma Reservoir (where we finish) before we start.

Then it's pretty straight forward, as the walk follows Snakey Plain Trail. Lunch will be somewhere along the track. Wheeler's Hut is in a great spot and is approximately 8km from the start.

On Sunday after brekky and packing up, we make our way down to the Tooma river, cross over (water shoes may be a good idea) and climb up and out along Dargal's Trail. Morning Tea or Lunch will be at Patons Hut before continuing onto the cars at Tooma Reservoir.

21/11/2020 Mt. Buffalo- scenic points -Date change

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Simon Mullumby

Moved to late spring in the hope some Alpine flowers will be on display

Starting at the Mt. Buffalo Chalet carpark, walk to View Point passing the underground river and reaching views over Lake Catani. Head towards the Chalwell galleries along the lakeside track and via the camp ground for a short but steady climb to the Galleries, a scrambling descend through the rocks/caves is required to reach the gravel Park road. Once recovered, walk along the south bank of Lake Catani and up to the Monolith, for views of the Park and Lake Catani, descending back to the carpark. Approximately 10km.

This walk requires some rock scrambling through narrow gaps and passageways combined with short but steep climbs. It is a great way to visit some of Mt. Buffalo interesting views.

21/11/2020 - 22/11/2020 Ryders Yards Overnight and a Swim!

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ian Trevaskis

This is the perfect walk for those who have not yet experienced a night on the High Plains. The walk is an easy 6kms out to the huts at the yards, all on track and is eminently suitable for FIRST TIME overnights. The walk follows the Australian Alps Walking Track from Cope Hut, passes Cope Saddle Hut and then along a track beside the viaduct. Last time I did this trip it took two hours walking at a very leisurely pace.

There are plenty of level grassy places to pitch your tent, an ample water supply and a very comfortable hut where we can cook our meals and socialise. If it's hot (or not) we can take a short walk to some secret falls where there is a beautiful swimming hole. I suggest you bring your bathers!

If you are worried that you may not be properly equipped, remember you can hire gear from Adventure Gear, Albury or we can rustle up whatever you might need from other members. I hope as many 'first timers' as possible can join me for this little adventure!

28/11/2020 Falls Creek Kelly and Fitzgerald Huts

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk will start and finish at Watchbed Creek. There's a slow, steady climb at the start, nothing too steep, then gentle ups and downs. The walk takes us to two interesting cattlemen's huts with tales of wild Irishmen. We should also have some views and lots of wildflowers out. Distance is about 10 km and pace will be slow because the leader is coming back after a spell in the back paddock. The walk is suitable for fit beginners but all walkers must have good wet weather gear, just in case.

28/11/2020 Falls Creek Kelly and Fitzgerald Huts POSTPONED

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk will start and finish at Watchbed Creek. There's a slow, steady climb at the start, nothing too steep, then gentle ups and downs. The walk takes us to two interesting cattlemen's huts with tales of wild Irishmen. We should also have some views and lots of wildflowers out. Distance is about 10 km and pace will be slow because the leader is coming back after a spell in the back paddock. The walk is suitable for fit beginners but all walkers must have good wet weather gear, just in case.

This walk has been postponed because of the very hot and windy weather forecast

28/11/2020 - 29/11/2020 Postponed - Madison Hut Ruins, Mt Bogong – 20km+ Hard

Grade 5 Hard

David G

This walk is postponed on account of high expected temperatures for the weekend. I'll look at putting it on again after summer – so perhaps March/April.

This walk will start at the base of Eskdale Spur where we will leave the cars. Depending on booking numbers (and number of associated cars), we might 'mask up' and car-pool from Mountain creek to the base of Eskdale. We will then make our way up to the summit of Mt Bogong (1986m).

We'll then pass Cleve Cole Hut on our way down to Madisons. There is a small campsite here next to a little creek where we will set up camp for the night. We can then spend the rest of the day exploring the nearby Howman Falls or just relaxing. Return back the same way on Sunday.

This is a big walk, but we'll have all day to do it. It is not a walk for newbies to overnight walks though sorry (check out Ian's Ryders yards overnights, or maybe Youngs hut instead).

There is a chance it could get pretty cold overnight, but I'm also hoping the timing will mean it isn't too hot a slog going up Eskdale.

I will pull this walk if the weather prediction has any likelihood of thunderstorms or heavy rain.

05/12/2020 - 06/12/2020 Young's Hut Overnight

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

My last visit to "our" hut was quite some time ago, 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 18kms. Return journey is via the same route. We should have great views to Mt Hotham, the Razorback and Mt Feathertop. If the

weather is hot (or not) we'll take a short hike down the valley from the hut to the hidden waterfall and cool off. Walk is both on and off track, with a couple of short steep climbs, and is very exposed across the top.

12/12/2020 Frying Pan Spur Track- Falls Creek

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Simon Mullumby

This walk follows in the shadows of the original telegraph poles set up 76 years ago to service the Falls Creek village.

The walk starts at Howmans Gap on the Bogong High Plains Road at 1235m, walking a short 300 meters along the road reaching the beginning of the Frying Pan Spur Track. This track climbs quickly 450 meters through the montane forests around Falls Creek and upwards to the sub-alpine forests and onto the wild flowers of the alpine open plains around the summit of Falls Creek. After a wonderful flattish 2km walk through the early summer alpine wild flowers with sweeping views of Mt. Feathertop, the Fainters and Mt. Bogong we then descend towards the Alpine village and onto the historic Pack Horse track back towards Howmans gap. All up this historic walk is about 11km long and climbs steeply 450 meters, with some scrambling over fallen snow gums.

19/12/2020 Buffalo Bits. Beginners welcome.

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

These are three separate walks that give an idea of the variety on Mt Buffalo. It is possible to sit out any of the walks if you'd like as they are separate and all begin at pleasant picnic areas. Each year I change the departure time and order of the walk according to the weather. The final decisions are made on the Wednesday prior to the walks.

The Gorge is the best known of these walks. It is 2.5km and has interpretive signs telling of some history the area through the eyes of Guide Alice. It also shows the grandeur of this magnificent gorge.

The walk to View Point starts at Lake Catani and is 4km return. This walk ends with stunning views down to the valley below. If it's hot the lake is a great place for a dip before, after or instead of the walk.

Rollasons Falls is the steepest walk. It is 4km return and has two viewpoints of this lovely waterfall. The first 2km go down and then...you guessed it, you go up to get back. There's also opportunity to get wet here if you are hot.

This day is rated grade 3 but it is an easy grade three and possibly even easier if you opt out of one part.

20/12/2020 Ridge and Moonlight Track, Warby Range.

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Paul Schirmer

The Ridge and Moonlight Track is an 11.9 kilometer loop trail located near Glenrowan that offers the chance to see wildlife, incredible flora and fantastic views.

The walk takes the Ridge Track from the car park located at the top of Taminick Gap south for 4.9 kilometers to Mt Glenrowan. We then double back to the Moonlight Track and follow that until we are at the back of Bailey's vine yards.

There are extensive views into the Ovens Valley and across to Mt Buffalo and the Main Range before Mt Glenrowan then, from Moonlight Track, across to the Winton Wetlands and Ghesney Vale Range.

This walk is all on management vehicle tracks but I have rated this walk as Grade 2 because of the distance and one spot where the track is quite steep for about 200 meters.

After the walk I thought we could visit Bailey's Winery to share a Pizza or have a coffee then explore the historic grounds and the expansive native garden.

28/12/2020 - 30/12/2020 Jagungal Circuit CANCELLED

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Deb

This 3 day walk fits nicely between Christmas and New Year.

Day 1: Monday 28th December (approx.14.5km) Leaving early, we will drive to Round Mountain Trail head on the Cabramurra – Khancoban Road and walk in a clockwise direction along Farm Ridge fire track to O'Keefe's Hut for the night,

Day 2: Tuesday 29th December (approx. 16km) we'll follow the track to the base of Jagungal, drop our packs, and climb to the top, possibly for lunch. We then go back down, pick up our packs, and walk on to Derschko's Hut, for the night.

Day 3: Wednesday 30th December (approx. 14.5km) we follow the Round Mountain Trail. back to the cars.
Drive home

30/12/2020 Mt Beauty: Short twilight walk and candlelight supper

Grade 1 Easy

Eileen Clark

This walk will add a touch of class to Club events. We will meet at Mt Beauty in the early evening for a short walk along the river and/or around the pondage. Both walks are on tracks and are about 30 mins each. Then we will gather in the new riverside gardens and watch the full moon rise over Mt Bogong as we eat a candlelight supper lovingly prepared by yourselves. You'll need to bring your supper, drinks, chair or rug, hand sanitiser and insect repellent. Formal dress optional, bling a must. I can offer lawn or carpet if you want to sleep over.

No calls on Christmas Day, please.

2021

02/01/2021 Falls Creek Kelly and Fitzgerald Huts

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk is rescheduled from a few weeks ago. Let's hope for better weather this time around. We will start at Watchbed Creek and climb steadily but not too steeply for 2 km before following the track to Kelly hut, stopping off at Fitzgerald hut on the way. We'll return by the same route. Expect splendid views, a touch of history, and wildflowers. Total distance about 10 km, on tracks, pace will be slow. Suitable for fit beginners but good wet weather gear needed by all walkers.

09/01/2021 - 10/01/2021 A night at Dibbin Hut

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

Starting at Mount Loch car park (Mt Hotham) We will head down to Dibbin Hut via Mt Loch, Derrick Hut and Swindlers Spur. After a night beside the very pleasant Cobungra River we will head back to the cars via Red Robbin battery and mine and up Machinery Spur. About 10kms each day. Mostly down on Saturday and mostly up on Sunday when our pack will be that little bit lighter.

No permits are required to camp here.

09/01/2021 - 10/01/2021 Timms Lookout, Bogong Creek Saddle, Quartz Ridge and The Staircase.

Grade 5 Hard

Mick

This 2 day, 1 night walk starts at Heathy Spur after a private transfer (see note below) from Mt Beauty and finishes at Mt Creek campground.

Day 1 (approx. 20km) Saturday 9th January: after meeting early and leaving a car at Mt Creek Campground, we will drive to Mt Beauty. From here we will be driven up to our starting point, Heathy Spur. We will follow Heathy Spur track and then the Big River/AAWT track before turning off onto Timms Spur. This will take us past Timms Lookout, before descending to our campsite at Bogong Creek Saddle.

Day 2 (approx. 15km) Sunday 10th January: Today we climb about 800m up Quartz Ridge to West Peak and then head up to Bogong Summit. The views as we climb Quartz Ridge will make the climb worthwhile. From there we will follow the Staircase down to Mt Creek Road and back to the cars left at Mt Creek Campground.

PRIVATE TRANSFER: the most time, cost effective way to do this walk is by getting a private, one-way transfer from Mt Beauty up to Bogong Village. If you want to do this walk then you have to be part of the transfer. The Mt Beauty Taxi that we will be using can take 5 people and their packs. The cost of the transfer will be split amongst the group.

BOOK BY DATE: Please note the early book by date DECEMBER 30TH as we have to pre book our transfer in advance.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 4 people per taxi

17/01/2021 Easy amble around the high plains

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Bruce Key

This will be an easy walk of about 10 km beginning at the Watchbed Creek turnoff. We will walk up a gentle grade towards Mt Nelse and return via Heathy Spur. There should be good views and hopefully plenty of wildflowers. Beginners most welcome.

21/01/2021 - 26/01/2021 Extended Jagungal circuit - Australia day long weekend

Grade 5 Hard

David G

Geehi reservoir start. About 75km and 2,300 elevation gain.

Day 1, 21st Jan Thursday afternoon

We'll drive (leaving mid-afternoon) to the Geehi flats campground and car camp for the night.

Note that we will have to stop along the way and buy national parks permits at Khancoban (\$68/car for 5 days park entry which will be divided with fuel costs).

Day 2, 22nd Jan Friday, 18km / 870m elevation gain

We'll get up and drive 30km back up the hill to the Geehi Reservoir. It's 27km from the turnoff to the dam and takes a good half hour to drive.

We then start by walking up Schlink Pass Rd to Schlink Hilton Hut. This is a steady gradient on a well-maintained fire trail. Not particularly exciting, but easy walking and the changing vegetation is interesting (the native trees are pretty incredible, and lots of ferns, and it tracks the Geehi river (?) as we head up). While it's a long-ish day, it is all on track.

We'll have a good morning tea at the water crossing (bridge) a bit over an hour in. There is not reliable (flowing) water again until an hour or so before the hut.

Day 3, 23rd Jan Saturday, approx. 12km, 350m elevation, mostly off-track.

We start today by following the 'main road' up to Schlink pass, before going off track with a steep climb to the summit of the Gungarton, 2068 m. We'll have a bit of scrub (likely at least knee height) to start with.

From here we head down to Gungarten pass and then follow a clear (un-scrubby) ridge line across the Kerries ridgeline and down to Mawson's hut where we camp for the night. While off-track, in good weather this is easy walking. If bad weather, we'll take the 'low route' via Valentines hut.

Being a ridge-line, the only water is likely to be standing pools.

Day 4, 24th Jan Sunday approx. approx. 17km / it won't be flat, mostly off-track. Exploratory. About 450 elevation gain?

From Mawsons Hut we make our way past Tarn Bluff, skirt to the west-side of the Bull's peaks, McAlister Saddle, and Jagungal Saddle to the summit of Mt Jagungal.

I would like to try to find Bluff Tarn on the way as I've heard it is one of the prettiest places 'off track' in the Jagungal area. Between Mawsons and Jagungal is 'exploratory' for me and I'll be relying on a combination of other people's notes and map/gps.

Following the ~12km to Jagungal summit, we'll head down a clear footpad to the north-west and then a final 2km of fire trail over to Derschko's hut (some people may wish to camp on the ridge behind) for the night.

We'll try to pick the best routes through the valleys and any scrub we encounter, but it could be 'interesting' in sections and there will be a number of stream crossings and possible bog sections.

Day 5, 25th Jan Monday, 10km on-track, 185m elevation gain.

Today is an easy day following the grey mare track south to Grey Mare hut.

In the afternoon there's the option of going for a wander down the valley and having a splash in the river.

Alternately, if we make good time and anyone is really energetic, it's about 10km return (with day pack, mainly off-track) to Valentine's falls, or 8km return to a really cute little valley half-way to Valentines.

Day 6, 26th Jan Tuesday, 18.5km 450 elevation gain, 880 elevation loss.

On our last day we follow Grey mare trail past Grey Hill back to the cars.

The first hour or so is uphill onto the Grey Mare range, walking on exposed 4WD track. The next 10km or so are on grassed-over 4WD track along the top of the range, and is really pleasant walking with great views across to Jagungal and the Kosi main range. The last 5.5km are steeply downhill on initially well-graded 4wd track, which becomes more grassy and shady as we lose height.

Note that this day is quite sun-exposed and there isn't any flowing water until two stream crossings 1km before the end.

We'll try to find a café or something in Corryong for a quite bite on the way home, but best to have some spare snacks in the cars as well.

30/01/2021 Falls Creek: another way to Kelly Hut

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

On this walk to Kelly Hut we start at Langford Gap. After a short warm up along the aqueduct we climb an attractive path up through snowgum forest to above the tree line, then follow the pole line to Kelly hut, with a side trip to Fitzgerald hut if people wish. After lunch, we walk down to the aqueduct, which we follow all the way back to the cars, with one very shallow creek crossing. This route is about 16 km in total, with only one climb. We get views, a bit of history and hopefully there will still be wildflowers on display.

06/02/2021 Falls Creek Ryders Yards

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Eileen Clark

This is an opportunity for day walkers to see how weekend camping works. We'll accompany Ian's group (at an appropriate social distance) from Cope Hut to Ryders Yards, have lunch then return by the same route. It's 6 km each way on good tracks with a few gentle ups and downs. We will have splendid views of the High Plains. The walk is suitable for fit beginners but everyone must have good wet weather gear.

06/02/2021 - 07/02/2021 Ryders Yards for Beginners (and others!)

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ian Trevaskis

Because it was so good back in November, I'm putting it on again. Hopefully, I'll get a few more first-timers, but anyone is welcome to come along and enjoy.

This is the perfect walk for those who have not yet experienced a night on the High Plains. The walk is an easy 6kms out to the huts at the old cattlemen's yards, all on track and is eminently suitable for FIRST TIME overnighers. The walk follows the Australian Alps Walking Track from Cope Hut, passes Cope Saddle Hut and then along a track beside the viaduct. Last time I did this trip it took two hours walking at a very leisurely pace. There are plenty of level grassy places to pitch your tent, an ample water supply and a very comfortable hut where we can cook our meals and socialise. If it's hot (or not) we will take an afternoon hike to the 'Secret Waterfall' where there is a beautiful swimming hole. I suggest you bring your bathers!

If you are worried that you may not be properly equipped, remember you can hire gear from Adventure Gear, Albury or we can rustle up whatever you might need from other members. I hope as many 'first timers' as possible can join me for this little adventure!

06/02/2021 - 07/02/2021 Two days canoeing on the Upper Murray AND social get together.

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

We tried to do this last February, but had to change locations due to the fires. So Take #2 and fingers crossed. Saturday 6th February: Leave Albury early and drive to Clarke Reserve on the Murray River Road Tintalra. From here we will spend the day paddling leisurely downstream to the Walwa Caravan Park, where we will be spending the night. Dinner will be at the Walwa Pub, which I will prebook for the group.

Sunday 7th February: Will be a shorter day on the river. After a leisurely brekky, pack up and short car shuffle we will continue downstream. Our finishing point will be decided closer to the time and dependent on access. But once finished we will head to Jingellic Pub in time for lunch.

You will need to book your own accommodation for Saturday night at Walwa Caravan Park. Camper vans and trailers are most welcome.

<https://www.walwariversidecaravanpark.com.au/>

If you are not going to paddle you have the option of either leaving Albury in the morning with the paddlers and making the most of your time in camp on the river (and maybe even being a support vehicle and helping out getting all vehicles to camp) OR making your own way to camp sometime during the day.

Double canoes will be hired from the Canoe Guy - \$100 per canoe/\$50 per person, this includes pfd's and paddles. Paddlers must be able to swim 25m and be confident in the river.

Please note the early book by date as we need to book canoes with Dave The Canoe Guy a week in advance. It would be really good to get some non paddlers who just want to come and have a camp by the river and would be happy to share pulling the canoe trailer and driving cars to/from our basecamp. Even though it's not far this would save the car shuffles.

13/02/2021 Falls Creek Roper Hut

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Roper Hut stands amid snowgums in the shadow of Mt Bogong. The present hut was built about 15 years ago to replace one destroyed in the 2003 bushfires. The route starts from Watchbed Creek and takes us past Mt Nelse. There are several ups and downs but nothing too steep, with many spectacular views along the way. It is all on

tracks and we return by the same route, about 20 km all up. It is quite exposed in places so good wet weather gear is a must.

20/02/2021 Mt Buffalo Circuit: Lake Catani, Macs Point, Og Got and Magog

Grade 3 Medium

Ralph

One of Mt Buffalo's iconic circular walks. The walk begins near Lake Catani, heads out along The Long Plain Track before ascending to Macs Point. From here the walk continues to Og, Gog and Magog for lunch. We return via The Reservoir rejoining The Long Plain track.

This 15 km. walk is at the tougher end of Grade 3 all on well marked tracks.

25/02/2021 - 28/02/2021 Cascade and Tin Mine Huts, Kosciuszko National Park

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Deb

We will leave Albury early on Thursday morning and drive to the start of the walk near Dead Horse Gap. Located in Kosciuszko National Park, the walk follows the wide Cascade Trail past Bobs Ridge to Cascade Hut in the Pilot Wilderness Area. It is just under 10km to Cascade Hut, where we will spend the first night. On Day 2 (Friday) we will walk approximately 16km to Tin Mine Huts and set up camp, for the night. The following day, Day 3 (Saturday), we will return to Cascade Hut for the night. Then on Sunday (day 4) we will pack up, return to the cars and then drive home, stopping in Khancoban or Corryong for lunch.

27/02/2021 - 28/02/2021 Full Moon Feathertop

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

Please note, change of route.

It's on again! After a few years where the moon calendar and mine haven't lined up I'm going to attempt the Feathertop Full Moon walk.

It works like this:

We head along the Razorback from Hotham and set up camp. We have dinner and then walk to the top of Feathertop with day packs and torches.(a steeper 2km) After watching the sunset at the top of the surrounding world we walk down to the camp by twilight, the full moon and, if necessary, torches.

In the morning we head back to our cars.

If the weather is not good enough to go up Feathertop safely in the evening we can do this on Sunday morning instead.

02/03/2021 First club night for 2021

Our first club night will be a social BYO picnic/BBQ near the wood fired ovens in Hovell Tree Park, Wodonga Place, Albury.

Members are invited to tell us about their favourite walk, real or imagined, past or future.

Because we are near the river, mossie repellent is advised.

No need to book.

05/03/2021 - 08/03/2021 Edmonsons Hut/Spion Kopje

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

Note extra day added due to road closures being extended this year.

This walk involves leaving on Friday afternoon to walk to Edmonsons Hut from Watchbed Creek. (5km) On Saturday we will take day packs and walk to Spion Kopje for the wonderful views and then back to Edmonsons (19km). Then on Sunday we will walk Heathy Spur to Ropers Lookout and back to Edmonson's. On Monday we will pack up in a leisurely fashion and return to the cars the way we came.

07/03/2021 Myrtleford to Wandiligong bike ride – 70kms

David G

This is an easy ride on a nearly flat, sealed rail trail. We will meet at the carpark at the back of the Coles Supermarket in Myrtleford, ready for a 9:30am start. The ride passes open farmlands, hop fields, wineries and Mt Buffalo looms on the nearby horizon.

From Bright, we'll add an extra 10km return on the bike path to Wandiligong – because this section of bike path is really smooth and pretty.

Once back in Bright riders can chose a number of options for lunch (or byo) before we ride back to Myrtleford. Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), a water bottle and sunscreen.

This is a good introduction to the rail trails as there aren't any real hills on this section. The only pain-point is that the last 5km straight back into Myrtleford can 'drag' in the afternoon.

More info at www.murraytomountains.com.au

13/03/2021 Navigation Training Day

Grade 3 Medium

John

John Hillard will take us through the basics of navigation and give us the chance to try out our skills in the Chiltern Forrest. John assists with training courses for Bushwalking Victoria and we are very lucky to have him as a BBC member.

This is suitable as a refresher or for first timers with very limited skills. It will cover a course that a number of club members have already completed (and we all made it back) but you are welcome to come again to refresh your skills.

Bring a chair and a thermos as we will go over theory before setting off to find our way around and back.

John will send out more information to those who express their interest.

19/03/2021 - 21/03/2021 Two Ways to Mt Howitt Walks

Grade 5 Hard

Mick

One location, two options – Upper Howqua Camping Area

We will be basing ourselves at Upper Howqua Camping area for 2 nights. On Friday night we will set up camp and on Saturday there will be 2 options for day walks. Both groups will meet on West Howitt and return via Howqua Feeder Track.

Option #1 – Medium walk (approx. 16km/10km return depending if we drive or walk the first 3km) to West Howitt Peak 1725m via the Howqua Feeder Track. The start of the walk is 3km from camp. So we can either walk or drive. The walk follows the Howqua River before zig zagging and climbing 5km up to West Howitt. Return via the same route.

Option #2 – Hard walk (approx. 24km) to West Howitt Peak 1725

The Helicopter Spur track starts as an old fire trail behind Upper Howqua Campground before turning into a foot pad as it climbs up to Bluff Track. Before we get to Bluff Track there are three rock ledges that need to be negotiated. We follow Bluff Track to where it meets the AAWT at King Billy One. It then climbs over Mt Magdala and Big Hill to Howitt. Returning via Howqua Feeder Track.

After brekky on Sunday morning and packing up, we will visit Bindaree Hut and Falls and then take the Circuit Road back to Telegraph Box Junction and Craigs Hut before returning to Mansfield for lunch.

20/03/2021 Falls Creek: Frying Pan spur the easier way

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

The top of Frying Pan spur provides extensive views over the northern end of Falls Creek and the top of the Kiewa Valley, and this route avoids steep and rough tracks up and down. We begin at Howmans Gap and take Road 24 to the top of Mackay Portal, the huge tunnel carrying water from the dam down to Mackay power station. From there, we continue up the road almost to the Eagle chair lift, where we turn off and follow a route cross-country for about 1.5 km to the highest point at the top of the spur, where we will probably have lunch.

Then we return to the road and take one of the easier tracks down into Falls Creek village, and from there follow the delightful Packhorse Track past Falls Creek Falls back to Howmans Gap. Most of this walk is on 4WD or other good tracks, the ascents are steady rather than steep, and there is plenty to see along the way. Total distance is about 20 km.

21/03/2021 Everton to Beechworth Bike Ride 35- 45kms

David G

This ride will commence at the former railway station at (Upper) Everton at 9:30am where riders should meet by 9:15am. The first half of the ride is mainly uphill to Beechworth on a sealed rail trail, but the bonus is that it's all downhill back to Everton!

I'd like to have a go at the town loop (about 9.5kms). If you aren't comfortable with this, you can sit it out and have an extra hour for lunch. <https://www.routeyou.com/en-au/route/view/1222914/cycle-route/beechnorth-town-loop>

Lunch in Beechworth at one of the many cafes or grab a pie from the bakery, or bring your own and join me in some shade at the chinese garden (or thereabouts).

The trail from Everton to Beechworth is all bituminised and is mostly a steady 3-3.5% gradient uphill. Most of the town loop is bitumen – initially on streets and then narrow road for the first half of the gorge loop. However the second half of the gorge loop (about 2.5-3km?) is on loose/stony gravel. I'll be trying it on my road bike with puncture-resistant (gaterskin) tyres – but fair warning that a gravel or mountain bike would probably be a better choice for this bit.

Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), water bottle and sunscreen.

More info at www.murraytomountains.com.au

22/03/2021 - 31/03/2021 Mutawintji

Grade 3 Medium

ron hammond

Mutawintji is a fantastic area in Northern NSW, north of Broken Hill. We will base camp for 3 nights at Homestead Creek Campground (Hot Showers) and walk the Gorge and water hole tracks with day packs, Then back pack and explore the wilderness area. for 3 days

This walk was cancelled (put on hold) last year due to Covid ,as the same crew is taking part its Fully booked

27/03/2021 - 28/03/2021 Gourmet Weekend. Italian theme.

Grade 3 Medium

Ian

This a a great social weekend that involves some lovely walking.

We walk from Pretty Valley to Tawonga Huts (4 1/2 km) carrying food to share for an Italian themed dinner.

After setting up camp we will walk with day packs to Mt Jaithmathang (4km return) to take in the views and work up an appetite for our dinner.

On Sunday morning we will back up camp and walk to pole 333 where we drop our heavy packs for a trip down to Westons Hut before walking back to the cars. Today's walk is about 16km but less than 5 of these will be with full pack.

Ring Ian to book in and Bernadette will contact you to discuss what you'd like to contribute to our feast.

Book early to help with catering plans.

31/03/2021 - 05/04/2021 Pilot, Cobberas, Ingeegoodbee Wilderness.

Grade 5 Hard

Peter Smith-Allen

Day 1. Wed 31st, Drive

Leaving in the Afternoon we drive via Benambra to Native Dog Flat where we car camp for the night.

Day 2. Thur 1st Approximately 9km. Drive, Footpad, off track.

Early morning, undertake car shuffle to Suggen Buggen, 80km round trip. Starting at the Playgrounds we make our way to the top of Mt Cobberas No1, Cleft Peak and our campsite for the night.

Day 3. Fri 2nd Approximately 8 km. Off- track

Campsite 1, via Mosco Peak, Mt Cobberas No2 to Cowombat Flat where we camp for the night on the headwaters of the Murray River.

Day 4. Sat 3rd Approximately 18 km. Off- track, fire trail.

Cowombat Flat, following Cowombat Flat trail for a short distance, we then head off-track following the ridge of the Pilot to its summit. Back down to Cowombat Flat trail to Tin Mine Huts (Carter's) where we camp for the night.

Day 5. Sun 4th Approximately 23km, Fire trail.

Tin Mine Huts following the Ingeegoodbee Trail along the river to a campsite on the banks of the Ingeegoodbee River.

Day 6. Mon 5th Approximately 10.5 Km. Fire trail, foot pad.

Ingeegoodbee River camp, branching off to follow the Suggen Buggan River to the cars. In the afternoon we drive back home.

03/04/2021 Mt Beauty Three easy walks in autumn colour

Grade 1 Easy

Eileen Clark

Come and see the splendour of autumn foliage in Mt Beauty. We will do three easy walks, starting with a circuit of the pondage and then the riverside walk, both on good flat paths and each about 1-2 km. Then we will have a picnic lunch in the riverside park before doing the gorge walk in the afternoon. This is on a footpath with few gentle ups and downs, about 3 km altogether. You can do as many of these walks as you wish, or just join us for lunch. There will be time before the first walk to visit the Easter Saturday market in Mt Beauty if you wish.

04/04/2021 Beechworth Easter Sunday Singing Walk

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Leanne

This is for singers who love to do a bit of walking, and walkers who love to do a bit of singing!

We'll be walking a return circuit in the Beechworth Historic Park from the Powder Magazine to Ingrams Rock via One Tree Hill, The Precipice and Fiddes Quarry, with plenty of rest stops along the way to sing short and easy songs in 2-4 part harmony, and celebrate the spirit of renewal that Easter brings.

All up there'll be about two hours of walking (7km approx.) and 90 minutes of singing. The tracks are fairly well made with quite a bit of up and down, but each stretch of walking will only be about 15-20 minutes then we'll stop to sing, with a morning tea break halfway along the journey. Walking poles are recommended, and I'll have three spare poles that walkers can borrow.

Bring your own morning tea and thermos, water, hat, sunscreen and an umbrella/raincoat if it's damp. You could bring a portable chair if you like (and there are plenty of rocks to choose from too).

Non-singers are also very welcome...though it's always more fun to join in.

07/04/2021 Wednesday River wander

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Bernadette

This is two river walks and you can opt into the morning walk, the afternoon walk, both or just lunch.

We will meet at Albury's Norieul Park later in the morning and walk through the Botanic Gardens and then climb up to see our monument. After that we explore the NSW side of the river on quiet tracks that have some very gentle rises and falls.

We will have lunch at Oddies Park (no need to carry it) before heading to Victoria to see if the grass really is Greener on the other side of the Murray.

On this side there are some ancient gums one of which is clearly a canoe tree.

Come for the whole walk or just the morning or afternoon.

All up the walk is just under 14km. This is a relaxed walk with no pressure for speed at all. The morning walk has a few hills and the afternoon is pretty flat.

18/04/2021 Cycle to Tallangatta via the High Country Rail trail

David G

This is approximately a 60km cycle, passing over the Kiewa River, through the old train stops of Bonegilla and Ebdon. After a break at Ludlows Reserve, picking up new riders we continue cycling along side the Hume Weir, crossing the Weir over an old bridge and lunch at Tallangatta. You'll have the option of buying your lunch in town (and meeting back again at a certain time) or bring your own lunch and join me at the foreshore park. After lunch retracing our tyre tracks we will return to our cars at Ludlows Reserve or onto Whytes Road parking area,

This trail has a mix of bitumen and well compacted gravel surfaces so a hybrid or mountain bike with wider tyres would make your ride more comfortable. However I'll likely give it a go (and hopefully not regret it!) on a road bike with gaterskin tyres.

There is water along the way, please bring snacks and lunch (if applicable). Cyclists must have a roadworthy bike, puncture repair kit and spare tube.

Ride A: 60km ride – Park our cars and cycle from the Whytes Road rail trail parking area, full distance to Tallangatta and return to Whytes rail car park. (leaving 9.00am)

Ride B: 40km ride – Meet longer distant riders at Ludlows Reserve (be ready for us to get to you around 9:30-9:45am) and ride to Tallangatta and return to Ludlows Reserve.

[Wodonga Council Map of the Rail Trail](#)

24/04/2021 Choose your own adventure-Bright

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Bernadette

This walk is grade 2 if you want to walk the canyon trail followed by the rail trail and end at lunch time at the reservoir. Hopefully there will be some interesting funghi here.

For those who'd like a bit (lot) more grunt you can precede the walk with Apex lookout and end with ValleyView walk. This makes it grade 3.

Please ring to discuss which option you'd like before 21st April.

02/05/2021 Blue Rag Range – 16km

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

There is a very limited window of opportunity to walk on Blue Rag Range due to its exposed location just below Hotham, you either fry or freeze. So we'll take this opportunity to do a really spectacular walk before the snow closes the road and we can't get in.

We take the Dargo Plains Road and park cars at its junction with the Blue Rag Range 4WD track.

The walk involves some good ups and downs all on track and all the way out to the trig point where if the weather is kind to us we will have beautiful views across the High Plains.

This is an out and back walk, so we will return via the same route.

I have 'upgraded' this walk though from previous program iterations (previously listed as a medium) as my gps mapping software says there is over 650m cumulative elevation gain.

I haven't done this walk but it looks straightforward and I've heard good reviews of it. If there is rain or storms forecast, I'll offer a substitute (but more sheltered) medium-hard walk instead.

The main risks with this walk are vehicles (it is a popular 4WD track, but this is outside school holidays), and exposure (heat or cold/rain).

09/05/2021 Everton to Myrtleford Bike Ride 55kms

David G

We will meet at the former Everton railway station at 9:45am for a 10:00am start.

The trail is all bituminised and is mostly long up/down gradients of 1-2%. There's a bit of a climb over Taylor's Gap near Gapsted, and then a long gradual incline (not bad but gets steeper and longer the hotter it is) back up to the cars.

You'll have the option of buying your lunch in town (and meeting back again after, say, an hour) or bring your own lunch and hang out with me at the park.

Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), a water bottle and sunscreen. We can refill water in Myrtleford, and there is a tank at the top of Taylors gap but I wouldn't be certain that it's operational/full.

This isn't quite as scenic as the Myrtleford to Bright section of the rail trail, but it is still quite a nice ride beside the farmland.

More info at www.murraytomountains.com.au

15/05/2021 Buffalo views - 18kms

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

We'll start walking from Mackey's lookout. It will save the bulk of the 'big walk' up the mountain while allowing us to walk up into that wonderful view across the gorge to the chalet. There is still a climb up to the chalet though. We'll then make our way past the underground river and take a side-trip to 'View point', past Lake Catani, and then explore the Chalwell galleries circuit (note; the galleries circuit involves a little ladder-work and contortioning – you can wait this section out at Lake Catani if you'd prefer). We'll then return to the chalet and back the way we came.

We'll start early due to daylight savings, but there are plenty of good opportunities for short breaks at the lookouts during the day.

You must bring a head-lamp (and check the batteries first), as it's easy to 'lose time' on this walk and we'll notice the shorter days.

The main risk with this walk will be slipping on rocks and bark/debris.

23/05/2021 Bogong Village Black Possum Spur circuit, medium-hard 17km

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

I haven't done this walk in winter before – I'm hopeful it'll be a nice way to get some good snow views (if an early season) without having to actually go 'to' the snow.

However, I have done a 'shorter' version of this in early winter, and loved walking through the massive trees, the ferns beside the track, the little waterfalls, and a light dusting of snow higher up.

We will meet at Mt Beauty and then head up to Bogong village. The walk starts from the picnic ground at the southern end of Bogong Village, past the power station and the tennis courts. However we will park at the 'upper' car park because the lower park is unsealed and gets a bit muddy around the edges – I'd hate for anyone to get bogged.

From the picnic ground, we cross the footbridge over the creek and follow an obvious track. Very soon there is a track junction, Black Possum Spur Track which goes off on the right. We follow this track, a broad 4WD fire trail, as it climbs STEEPLY for about 4 km, or about 1.5 hours of walking (from about 680m to about 1,200m elevation). This climb is the reason this walk is rated medium-hard.

The track leads to an obvious track junction which is just about the highest point of the walk.

We'll take the track on the right which climbs gently for a short distance then swings round and gradually circles down back to the start of the walk. Along the way there are interesting views up to Spion Kopje and across to the Fainters.

There will be a few boggy spots where streams cross the track, and we will need to cross Rocky Valley creek toward the end. This crossing is a no-go early-spring with snow-melt, but should be fine in May. In any case, we will be crossing the same creek via the bridge at the start, so will know if the stream is roaring too much – in which case we'll do the shorter alternate walk below.

After crossing the creek, the track climbs for about 1 km, coming out at a junction with the Spion Kopje Track beside the Falls Creek Road. A track then descends back to the start of the walk.

I expect that the track will be a bit icy and slippery, and we may encounter light snow too. If we encounter too much snow/ice, we'll backtrack and take the 'lower track' and then 'red fox track' back down to the cars as a shorter circuit. Hiking poles are strongly recommended due to potential ice on the track and the stream crossing. I recommend taking a change of clothes in the car, especially dry shoes/socks, for the return drive home. Also bring a head-torch due to the days getting shorter, and plenty of warm gear.

12/06/2021 Lonesome pine - 14kms

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

David G

Lonesome pine state forest is about 75km north-west of Albury – directly north of Corowa and just to the east of Coreen. I first 'heard of it' as it shows up as a big green rectangle of uncleared land/forest on google satellite, and I'm hoping it might be a nice 'new' walk for the winter months.

Be warned that this walk might be the most unexciting walk you've done with the club, however there are quite nice views over the surrounding farmland and it is a change of scenery from the 'usual' alpine walks.

The following informative website advises that the forest is a unique time-capsule of White Cypress-pine on land that was likely cleared in the late 1800s, but then untouched since. This has meant that the trees (and surrounding vegetation) have regrown in a really interesting and natural way (unlike other pine forests where the trees are thinned for harvesting).

<https://ianluntecology.com/2013/05/22/dense-old-trees-bitter-and-twisted-charismatic-megaflora/>

I've devised a 14km loop/meander on 4wd tracks through the forest. My gps anticipates a minimal altitude gain of 95m for the whole day.

19/06/2021 Mt Beauty Moncrieff Fire Trail

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

Moncrieff Fire Trail winds through lush eucalypt forest around the base of Mt Bogong from Tawonga to Mt Beauty. There are views up to snow covered (probably) peaks and down the Kiewa valley, plenty of wildlife and even a hard-to-spot waterfall. The walk is on a broad fire trail and is mainly up before lunch, with one steep pinch near the start, and down in the afternoon. There is a creek crossing that is usually only ankle deep right at the end of the walk. Total length about 15 km.

Please note that because this is an end-to-end walk, a 15 min car shuffle with vehicle sharing is needed. If you are not comfortable with this, please do not come on this walk.

19/06/2021 Mt Samaria

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

Mount Samaria State Park is between Benalla and Mansfield and has great views from a variety of locations. This walk of approx. 16km will visit Mt Samaria summit with its 360 degree views to The Alps and lowlands, Wild Dog Falls from where you can see Lake Nilhacootie and The Strathbogies and Spring Creek Sawmill ruins and kilns. The walk criss-crosses the park and is on a variety of walking tracks with a few short sections on a dirt road.

27/06/2021 Baranduda Range - Ridge lane loop Sunday walk

Grade 3 Medium

Pauline Scott

This is a loop walk on the Baranduda range, starting at Ridge Lane.

While this is only 14 kms and all on 4WD tracks, the climbs are quite steep with a total of over 800 metres of vertical ascent. However this is made up of an uphill with 400 metres elevation, then a downhill, then loop back uphill 400 metres. We will not be going fast, especially as this is close to home, so no rush. It is all on 4WD tracks.

03/07/2021 Beechworth hills exploration - 14kms

Grade 3 Medium

David G

This is essentially a recce of a walk I found in a club newsletter from 2005. I won't have done it before. If we find any issues with the track (e.g. track closed/unpassable), we'll return the way we came.

We'll meet in Wooragee and then drive out to our starting point. Note that this is different to the usual starting point of Wodonga Bunnings (depending on where people are coming from, it'll likely be quicker for most people to do the short drive direct than go meet at Bunnings first).

Depending on numbers, we will likely car-pool from Wooragee rather than take all cars, as there isn't a heap of car parking at either end of the walk. A short car shuffle will be required before/after the walk.

Heading out toward Eldorado, we start walking from the corner of the Reedy Creek track. This is a four-wheel drive track which the previous walk description said is easy walking but all up hill for the start of the day. We follow Reedy Creek most of the way with some beautiful views into the gully. We climb about 300m reaching 500m by lunchtime. The trip down is along Long Ridge Fire Track. My GPS says the distance will be about 14km all up and 360m total elevation gain.

I think, but am not certain, that this walk will all be on pretty good 4WD track with thin scrub either side. I doubt we'll see too many 4WDs. I haven't walked on this side of Woolshed road before, but the map shows a fair number of tracks which could make for some interesting winter walk possibilities so I'm looking forward to seeing. I'm marking this as medium given the 'unknown' factor.

CONTINGENCY

It's possible that Woolshed road could be closed due to rain (the road goes over several low fords). If so, we'll walk from Woolshed falls into Beechworth for a coffee and then walk back out again. This would be a tad under 14km also, with about 260m elevation gain going up to Beechworth. This walk is mostly on footpad, except for the couple of km from Beechworth Cascades around the gorge loop (a quiet tourist drive loop with a 20km speed limit). There is a section of steep steps hewn into granite rocks.

06/07/2021 New member's night / club night 7pm

Despite all the challenges of COVID, record numbers of new members have joined in the last twelve months.

To help you all gain the most from your membership, whether new or current members, come along to the New Members Night to:

Learn about booking activities, what questions leaders will ask, and what do the difficulty gradings really mean,
 Understand how to hire gear from the club to try before you buy; tents, jackets plus much more,
 Meet the leaders, put a face to the names,
 Explore our website and links to other worthwhile sites,
 Enjoy a Pizza before moving into small groups,
 Visit our activity "stations" to understand what each has to offer and what equipment is necessary:

Day Walks

Overnight Walks

Multi Day Walks

Canoeing

Cycling

X-Country Skiing & Snowshoeing

The Meeting location is Senior Citizens Meeting Room, at the rear of Cube Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga (Havelock Street end of the car park).



07/07/2021 Easy afternoon walk Thurgoona

Grade 1 Easy

Eileen Clark

This is an easy walk on the Hume and Hovell track around Thurgoona, from Charles Sturt University to the Eight Mile reserve and return. There's a bit of bitumen bashing as we cut through the new housing estate, otherwise it is on footpaths through woodland. Last year there had been a lot of revegetation planting so it will be interesting to see how that has grown. We normally see kangaroos and assorted bird life. This will be an afternoon walk to avoid the morning frosts. Length about 10 km (2-3 hrs) and flat.

10/07/2021 Tramway Walk

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Pauline Scott

Starting at Clover Dam, we walk uphill on a 4WD track for about 3kms. We then walk along the Tramway, which is flat, running alongside the water race. There is often interesting bits and pieces of old equipment along here, and also several small creeks feeding into the aqueduct.

There are two trestle bridges that will require us to scramble down and up the other side. Where the Tramway finishes we walk on a 4WD track back to the Bogong High Plains road. It is about 1.3kms back to the cars along this road, but we will stop at the Clover Arboretum to view the village remnants and plants.

This is not a long walk, total 11kms, and it is mostly easy, but it does have a few ups and downs and short scrambles.

18/07/2021 My favourite side tracks- Nail Can Hill

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

This 16km walk meanders up, down and around Nail Can Hill, taking in some of my most loved side tracks.

These include Unemployment Track, Guys Track, Reedy Dam and of course, the Ridge Trail to link them. We will not be taking any dedicated bike tracks so we will only encounter bikes on wide tracks.

Over the day we climb 485 m. This is mostly in 2 climbs but there are undulations throughout.

It will be a 9.30am start. Bring something to sit on for morning tea and lunch as there are no convenient logs or lounge chairs.

Please phone me to book.

18/07/2021 Postponed - Mt Buffalo – the big walk in winter 22kms

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

Walk postponed due to the latest COVID lockdown

The objective of this walk is to walk up into a light dusting of snow up the top of Buffalo – I think the chalet looks magical with a light dusting on it. We timed this right last year and it was one of my favourite hikes for the year. Hopefully we'll get the timing right again this year.

The walk starts at the carpark at the Park entry, and climbs steadily to the Gorge, is approx. 22km return and all on well-formed walking tracks.

Risks: even if we don't have snow, there is likely to be patches of ice on the track higher up (I've previously found some and landed heavily on my back).

The track is likely to be very slippery on the mud and tree bark (especially the first/last 3km).

Bring a thermos and plenty of winter gear.

Note that this is grade 4 medium-hard as the likely cold/wet/slippery/icy conditions add difficulty to what is already quite a big walk.

24/07/2021 Postponed - LOCKHART'S GAP CROSSOVER WALK 20kms

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

Postponed due to Victorian lock-down

This is one of our annual events and has proved to be popular with members as we follow the ridge line through some magnificent forest while being entertained by the resident lyrebirds.

One group led by Bernadette will start from Lockhart's Gap while the other group led by Ian will start from Tallangatta Lookout. Lunch will be taken somewhere suitable on the track. After meeting the other group, car keys and pleasantries will be exchanged before walking on. At the conclusion of the walk participants are invited to share afternoon tea at the Tallangatta Lookout where there is ample under-cover seating and BBQ facilities. All walkers should ensure they have appropriate warm weather/wet weather gear.

Please note that there are some **very steep sections** in this walk and walking poles are highly recommended.

25/07/2021 Chiltern White Box Loop plus Skeleton Hill. POSTPONED

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ira

EVENT POSTPONED due to Covid lockdown in Victoria. It will be rescheduled for a future date.

This is an easy winter walk on forest roads and foot tracks with several gentle ups. It will be in two parts. In the morning we will complete the 8.5 km White Box walk before returning to the cars for lunch. In the afternoon we can do a further 4.5 K loop to Skeleton Hill for views to Chiltern, Mount Barrambogie and Mount Pilot.

There is a wood fire barbecue at the lunch spot where you may wish to cook a sausage etc.

BYO wood, fire lighting materials and cooking equipment.

PLEASE NOTE- if it is wet or has been immediately before, the walk will be cancelled as parts of the track can be quite slippery.

31/07/2021 Postponed - Two Beauty-ful hills

Grade 3 Medium

Eileen Clark

This walk is POSTPONED because of uncertainty over Covid travel restrictions and ongoing rain making part of the walk very slippery.

We did two Bright hills in April, now it's the turn of the good looking hills! There are several smallish hills around Mt Beauty and on this walk we will tackle two of them. We start by climbing Mt Beauty itself, a fairly gentle ascent through the forest with some views up to Mt Bogong and then down across the town. The exact route will be determined on the day from a few options. Then it's off to the riverside park in town for lunch before heading to Tawonga South. The walk starts at the Junction Creek nature trail, a relatively new short walk that crosses Junction Creek on little log bridges many times. We also see an interesting relic of the 1950s (no, not the

leader!). Then we climb up Vails Hill, which is a steady but not very steep climb, and from the top we loop round through a ferny gully back to the start.

All walks are on tracks with a couple of short scrambles. Each walk is about 5 or 6 km, and you can join us for one or both, just specify when booking. Grade is 2 for one walk or 3 for both.

01/08/2021 Postponed - Kelly cave and Barry falls (Beechworth). Medium-hard, approx. 20km

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

Walk postponed

We'll meet in Beechworth and convoy to the starting point of the walk. The first five kilometres are easy walking (relatively flattish) on a well-maintained but quiet 4WD track with the Beechworth historic park (forest) on one side and open farmland on the other. We then leave the track and head into the forest to the cave, which is part of a large rock outcropping overlooking Woolshed valley.

We won't be following a proper track for this part – instead we'll be pushing through the scrub for roughly 500m. The cave is on a steep slope which is likely to have slippery rock and loose dirt/vegetation.

After morning tea we'll head back through the scrub up the slope to rejoin the track and retrace most of the way back toward the cars. I'm thinking we'll take another 'detour' into the forest, perhaps by one of the small streams, at an appropriate time for lunch.

We then take a different approach and start heading 'down', initially on Nieoff's road, before leaving the road and making our way down a gully. Initially the gully is a small creek, but starts to open up, culminating in one large gorge, before another (Barry falls) 100m further on. This section of the walk is off-track, and will again be quite slippery in places. From here, we'll follow Nieoff's road back up to the cars (about 250m height gain).

There is a chance of some cars on this road, but there is plenty of room for us to move aside.

Most of this walk is on good 4WD/unsealed road. But we will have to go slow and take care on the off-track sections, particularly when we are near the slopes/gorges.

And while it is 'close to home', we will need to keep moving to ensure we cover the ground with the shorter days. (For future reference, splitting this walk would make for two nice 'medium' walks).

03/08/2021 Club night - postponed

Postponed due to remaining COVID restrictions

Come and enjoy a cup of hot soup and share your plans for walking post COVID. For some years now in the middle of winter, your committee provides soup (bring and fill our own bowl in these COVID times) and share stories around a chosen theme.

This year with COVID still with us, we have chosen to ask everyone to give us a brief view of where you plan to walk "if only you could". And hopefully in the not too distant future, you will walk there. Perhaps it is climbing Mt Bogong, carrying a pack along the Larrapinta Trail, walking the West Highland Way in Scotland or just your favourite walk in our own Alpine region.

15/08/2021 Chiltern White Box Loop plus Skeleton Hill

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ira

This is an easy winter walk on forest roads and foot tracks with several gentle ups. It will be in two parts. In the morning we will complete the 8.5 km White Box walk before returning to the cars for lunch. In the afternoon we can do a further 4.5 K loop to Skeleton Hill for views to Chiltern, Mount Barrambogie and Mount pilot.

There is a wood fire barbecue at the lunch spot where you may wish to cook a sausage etc.

BYO wood, fire lighting materials and cooking equipment.

Please note that this walk is for Victorian residents only due to current restrictions.

21/08/2021 Postponed - Wodonga views

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

Postponed due to current border bubble restrictions

Mahers Hill and Huon Hill are two hills that give different views of the surrounding area. Both are about 9km in length (the way I plan to go) and involve about 250m of on track climbing.

You can do one or both.

We will walk Mahers Hill before lunch, have lunch near the Kiewa River and then go up Huon Hill.

Ring me to discuss the walk and whether you are interested in one part or both (or want to keep your options open).

29/08/2021 Postponed - Mount Sugarloaf

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

Postponed due to current border restrictions

On David's Beechworth Hills walk we noticed an interesting loop on the map that was nearby. It looked like it might have good views. It is Mt Sugarloaf and it does.

The shortest route there is on little used 4wd tracks that climbs through some very pleasant forest. Some of the walking is steep but never such that your boots scrape your chin.

There is a very pleasant lunch spot with great views at the top.

The walk is 16km all up. I have not done 2.5 kms of it but it looks pretty straight forward both on the map and looking at it from afar. If it turns out that there is a problem with this part we can turn back and retrace our steps without doing any extra kms.

04/09/2021 Postponed - Norths Lookout

Grade 3 Medium

Deb

Norths Lookout, is on The Hume and Hovell Track, in Woomargama National Park. Parts of the walk are steep, rocky and uneven. But it is all on a track of some sort. About 22km all up with an elevation gain of 450m. At about 1000m above sea level, the 180 degree views from Norths Lookout, across the Upper Murray Valley, the western face of Snowy Mountains, Riverina district and the town of Holbrook, are sensational.

11/09/2021 Postponed - Leaders Training Day

Bernadette

Postponed

Leaders Training Day.

This day is run by Bushwalking Victoria and they have, once again, agreed to run it locally. The likely venue is Wodonga. It is a full day and includes things such as walk planning, safety and navigation.

25/09/2021 Warby Range Walk

Grade 3 Medium

Pauline Scott

This easy grade 3 walk will begin on the Salisbury Falls walking track, which is a beautiful gorge with a creek that we'll cross several times, and includes a few steps, but is all on track.

We continue to the top of Mt Warby, then follow Friends track to Wenhams camp, where there are toilets if required. We then continue to Kwat Kwat lookout, where the views below will be enjoyed while eating lunch.

From here we follow the Alpine Views track, the name says it all, then loop back up with the Salisbury Falls track and back to the car.

The wildflowers may be out, and hopefully the sun will be too.

This walk is in lieu of the cancelled Glen Creek Walk, so already has some bookings, therefore be quick in booking because we are limited to the covid 10.

02/10/2021 BIKE BY THE LAKE 46KMS

Ian Trevaskis

This is a cruisy bike ride on the High Country Rail Trail beginning at Ludlow's Reserve and taking cyclist on a brilliant scenic journey beside Lake Hume, across the Sandy Creek Bridge to Tallangatta. We'll buy some lunch (or BYO) and ride down to the lake foreshore. After lunch we'll ride back to Ludlow's Reserve, a total distance of around 46kms.

The trail is undulating with some moderate gradients and is a mix of smooth gravel and sealed sections. Cyclists must have a roadworthy bike, puncture repair kit and spare tube.

03/10/2021 Wodonga Views

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

This walk was postponed from August and I'm going to be brave and try again. Let's hope Gladys lets me out and Dan lets me in.

We will be walking Mahers and Huon Hills near Wodonga.

Each walk is about 8km with about 250m of height gain. They are both on formed tracks (mostly footpads) and have great views.

We will have lunch at the Kiewa River between the 2 walks.

Please phone me to book in or ask questions.

09/10/2021 PUB TO PUB 60KMS

Ian Trevaskis

Meet at the Happy Valley Hotel car park, Ovens at 9.15 for a 9:30 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 have 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.

If you don't wish to ride the full distance, you can join us at Eurobin, Porepunkah or even Bright.

10/10/2021 Nail can hill in Spring

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

In 2020 NailCan Hill in Albury was stunning with an array of wildflowers at this time of year so I'm hoping 2021 will present us with a similar garden display. I'm not sure which tracks we will take as I'll be basing it on where the flowers are. It will be a slow walk with plenty of time to smell the ...wildflowers. Photography encouraged. I'm planning a few hours ending around lunch time.

Please phone me by the 8/10 to book in.

16/10/2021 MYRTLEFORD TO WANDILIGONG BY BIKE 70KMS

Ian Trevaskis

This is an easy ride on a nearly flat, sealed rail trail. We will meet at the carpark at the back of the Coles Supermarket in Myrtleford, ready for a 9:30am start. The ride passes open farmlands, hop fields, wineries and Mt Buffalo looms on the nearby horizon.

From Bright, we'll add an extra 10km return on the bike path to Wandiligong – because this section of bike path is really smooth and pretty.

Once back in Bright riders can choose a number of options for lunch (or byo) before we ride back to Myrtleford.

Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), a water bottle and sunscreen.

For those who wish to ride a shorter distance you may make arrangements to start and finish at either Eurobin or Porepunkah.

This is a good introduction to the rail trails as there aren't any real hills on this section.

More info at www.murraytomountains.com.au

23/10/2021 Stanley wanderer cycle - 30kms

Grade 3 Medium

David G

This will be about 30kms, with a tad under 400m elevation gain (which isn't much worse than the Everton to Beechworth rail trail hill). There is only two, very short (couple of hundred metres distance max each), steep pinches.

Essentially this ride goes out of Beechworth, takes a quiet route (off the main road) toward Stanley, does a bit of riding through the forest past some points of interest (e.g. Fletcher's dam), heads into Stanley and out to the South (past the orchards), before looping back around and in again, and then back to Beechworth. It has some similarities to the 'Stanley intro loop' here (<https://gravelmob.com.au/day-routes/>), but it's a tad longer and takes in some of my favourite places.

I'm thinking we'll have a (late?) lunch at the park/pond in Stanley – so byo lunch.

There are some sections of really horrible rocky gravel so this is not suitable for road bikes. Hybrids should be fine (we'll go slow on these rough bits), but if you have a mountain bike (even cheap/old) with slightly thicker tyres then great.

The route I've planned is >95% off the main Beechworth/Stanley road, and covers the best scenery I can do around Stanley without adding more hills in. If you've done the Everton/Beechworth rail trail hill (or similar) and handled it ok, or any of Ian's recent 60km rides on the rail trails, then you'll be fine on this.

24/10/2021 Reedy valley cycle (Beechworth) - 38km

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

This ride is a loop around Beechworth, through the historic Woolshed valley and along Reedy creek, which was part of the gold rush in the 1850's. It is nearly all on gravel road.

The first 6km or so (up to Beechworth) is on a very quiet farm lane, but it is quite steeply up, with much of it at a gradient of around 7-8%. For comparison, the Everton to Beechworth rail trail is about 3.5%. My GPS tells me that I was going about 8.5km/hr on this bit last time – it's steep!

At this point we are done with the uphill, and head out of town toward Everton. After a couple of km we'll take a side road and leave the bitumen again.

We'll follow the top of the plateau north before we start a steep downhill to Woolshed road. We will need to cross Kangaroo crossing, which is a concrete ford with Reedy creek flowing over it. For this reason, if there has been much rain the week before, I'll substitute this for an equivalent ride (difficulty/distance) around Beechworth/Stanley.

The next 1.5km are 'undulating flat' along Woolshed road (there are no real hills), and we will stop along the way to read the historical plaques. We'll also divert down to Reedy creek here and there, eventually arriving back at the start.

When I've done this before the traffic has been quite minimal, but I would like (and expect) the group to be on 'good behaviour' and ride as a reasonable group, move over to the left to allow cars to pass etc.

There is either 504 or 684m elevation gain on this – my GPS mapping and Strava aren't agreeing. Either way, it's pretty decent for a ride of under 40kms, and nearly all the elevation is in the first 10km (we'll get it over and done with first up).

In terms of bikes, you *could* do this on a road bike if you aren't concerned about your tires with the gravel surfaces – I can't recall any particularly rough sections although if it's muddy then it mightn't be fun. A hybrid-type bike would be absolutely fine, as would any mountain bike.

The bottom line for this one is that personally I'm not a super-fast roadie cyclist – on this one I'll probably bring my mountain bike, and I'd like to dawdle a bit and look at the scenery. However, the last climb on this ride is beautiful, but it is a serious climb. So if you can handle the Beechworth to Everton climb (or similar) quite happily, or you spend a reasonable bit of time out mountain biking the countryside whatever, give me a call. But if you get to the top of the Everton-Beechworth climb and you'd hate to do anything worse, then I'd recommend sitting this one out.

29/10/2021 - 31/10/2021 The Fainters

Grade 3 Medium

Pauline Scott

Although this is an overnight walk, we only have to carry our overnight packs about 5 kms to the Tawonga Huts from Pretty Valley.

We will be leaving Wodonga Friday afternoon, giving us ample time to walk to the huts and set up camp.

Saturday we head to the Fainters, North and South, where we will have lunch with magnificent views, before heading back to camp. This day's walk will be about 18 kms long, mostly on track, except where the tracks are barely discernible, heading to the peaks. Sunday morning we pack up and plan to be in Mt Beauty for lunch before heading home.

Wednesday canoeing – Summer 2021/22

Sasho

There is nothing so relaxing as spending a few hours paddling on the Murray River in Albury.

Each Wednesday you can spend a few relaxed hours paddling downstream in canoes hired locally.

The group meets at 5.15pm and for a cost of \$17 you will be ferried, with the hire canoes, by mini bus to the start point. Please wear a mask on the bus and bring your own sanitizer for yourself and the equipment. Life jackets are also provided.

You will also need to bring your own pen for the sign on sheet.

Ring Sasho with any enquiries.

20/11/2021 Falls Creek to Hotham crossover

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

This is an 18km walk that involves 2 groups crossing and swapping car keys. You will need to be prepared to meet in Yackandandah in the morning and also be happy have someone else drive your car (or car pool.) Unless you have your own transport at both ends organized you will need to meet here and not be picked up enroute. Hopefully the wildflowers will be abundant at this time of the year.

Each group has a fairly demanding climb after a corresponding down section. The groups will meet at Dibbins Hut for lunch, reclaim their own car keys and continue on.

The walk is 18km in length.

Please ring me to discuss the walk. You may be able to request which direction you walk in but this does depend on numbers.

02/12/2021 - 06/12/2021 Postponed - the Prom

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Mick

This event has been postponed/cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances

UPDATED DUE TO TRACK CLOSURE

The Prom – 4 days 3 nights

Wilson's Promontory National Park or 'The Prom' is a peninsula southeast of Melbourne. It's known for its rugged granite mountains, wildlife, including kangaroos and wombats and hiking trails that criss cross The Prom and give hikers access to spectacular beaches, The Lightstation built in 1859 and South Point the most southern point on Mainland Australia.

This 4 day and 3 night walk from Tidal River to Telegraph Saddle follows much of The Southern Circuit route as it winds through rainforest, boulder strewn beaches with crystal blue water, coastal dunes and over granite cliffs with views into Bass Strait.

Day 1 Thursday 2nd December: Meet at Tidal River campground

Day 2 Friday 3rd December: Tidal River to Roaring Meg via Oberon Bay 16km 6hrs Moderate.

The track from Tidal River offers great coastal views and passes through large rock outcrops and low heathland and eucalypts on its way to Oberon Bay. We then continue onto Roaring Meg, the southernmost camping area on The Prom. After setting up camp there is the option to walk to South Point, which is a 7km 2hr walk

Day 3 Saturday 4th December: Roaring Meg to Little Waterloo Bay via the Lightstation 17km 6hrs Moderate.

This will be our biggest day in kilometres walked and elevation changes. We will be detouring to The Lightstation before the steep descent to Waterloo Bay and its white sandy beach. We will be staying at LWB for 2 nights.

Day 4 Sunday 5th December: Day walk. Little Waterloo Bay to Refuge Cove 15km return approx. 5hrs Moderate.

As we climb out of LWB the track goes round Kersops Peak before heading into Refuge Cove. Today there's views across to The Northern Prom and along the coast.

Day 5 Monday 6th December: Little Waterloo Bay to Telegraph Saddle 12.5km 4.5hrs Easy/Moderate

Leave Little Waterloo Bay and head inland crossing a few swampy areas before climbing to a saddle between Mounts Wilson and Boulder. From Telegraph Junction we follow Telegraph Track which leads north to Telegraph Saddle Carpark.

NOTE:

You will need to book your own campsites for this walk. The Prom is popular, so book your campsite early to make sure you don't miss out.

Tidal River – Thursday 2nd December

Roaring Meg – Friday 3rd December

Little Waterloo Bay – Saturday 4th December and Sunday 5th December

They can be booked either online or by phone.

<https://www.parkstay.vic.gov.au/book-your-stay/wilsons-promontory-national-park/33314> or 0384272122

03/12/2021 - 06/12/2021 Mt Buffalo Walk, Camp and Sing Weekend

Grade 3 Medium

Leanne

A weekend of walking along some of Mt Buffalo's iconic tracks, with rest stops along the way for snacking and singing easy songs in 2-4 part harmony.

Day walkers very welcome!

Daily walks are:

Friday

Camp check-in 1pm onwards

3pm, Lake Catani Circuit, 3kms – wildflowers a-plenty

BBQ dinner

Saturday

9am Lake Catani, Monolith, Chalet, Gorge, Underground River, Lake, about 10kms

Some great view spots for singing, quite a bit of up and down, takeaway coffee at Chalet, and two options to get back to the lake.

Sunday

9am South Buffalo Track, 8kms – very beautiful, not too much up and down, amazing views of Lake Buffalo

About 3pm View Point, 4kms – this walk has it all, wildflowers, forest, rock formations and a great view at the end

Monday

9am-ish Mahomet's Tomb, Corral Peak, The Sentinel and The Castle, about 4kms

Good climbing, more great views and some really interesting nooks and crannies for singing underneath

1pm lunch at Happy Valley Hotel

Please feel really welcome to phone me or email me if you have any questions or would like to book in.

07/12/2021 Christmas party

Yes, it's still on however it is a BYO EVERYTHING picnic at Browns Lagoon Garden, South Albury on Tuesday, December 7 from 5:30 pm onwards.

We have taken the conservative option with our region still having significant positive testing numbers to operate under the "no sharing of food guidelines." Unfortunately, we will not be able to indulge in the usual amazing array of salads and desserts members have shared in the past.

We will set up near Harrys Hut as usual so that those who prefer a barbecue will be able to access the barbecues and those who want refrigeration for your drinks, Harrys Hut will be open for our use. There are fixed tables at the barbecue, but you may prefer to bring your own as it is a public area and there could be other people using it also.

One other Covid restriction that will not be lifted in time; you will need to be double vaccinated to participate. Browns Lagoon Gardens is accessed by the Olive Street entrance at the end of Nurigong Street, South Albury. Finally, your opportunity to also share your thoughts on where you plan to walk now things are opening again.

11/12/2021 Falls Creek Ryders Yards day walk

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Eileen Clark

On this day walk we will follow a similar route as Ian's overnight party, either with him or a suitable social distance apart, depending on numbers.

The walk starts near Cope Hut and follows a footpath across open country to Cope Saddle and then beside the aqueduct to Ryders Yards, where we will have lunch before turning around and returning to the cars.

Wildflowers should be out and there are good views.

The walk is about 6 km each way, virtually flat, but can be windy.

It is suitable for beginners with appropriate wet weather gear (the Club has some raincoats for hire).

No calls before 5 December, please.

11/12/2021 - 12/12/2021 RYDERS YARDS BEGINNERS OVERNIGHTER

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ian Trevaskis

This is the perfect walk for those who have not yet experienced a night on the High Plains. The walk is an easy 6kms out to the huts at the yards, all on track and is eminently suitable for FIRST TIME overnigheters. (Experienced overnigheters are also welcome)

The walk follows the Australian Alps Walking Track from Cope Hut, passes Cope Saddle Hut and then along a track beside the viaduct. Last time I did this trip it took two hours walking at a very leisurely pace.

There are plenty of level grassy places to pitch your tent, an ample water supply and a very comfortable hut where we can cook our meals and socialise. If it's hot (or not) we can take a short walk to some 'secret' falls where there is a beautiful swimming hole. I suggest you bring your bathers.

If you are worried that you may not be properly equipped, remember you can hire gear from Adventure Gear, Albury or we can rustle up whatever you might need from other members. I hope as many 'first timers' as possible can join me for this little adventure!

17/12/2021 - 19/12/2021 Weekend with the Warby Bushwalkers at Harrietville

Chris from the Warby Range Bushwalkers has invited any interested Border Bushwalking Club members to join them on the following activity. Please call Chris to book in.

My plan is a walk along the Razorback to Mount Feathertop, with a descent back to Harrietville via the Bungalow Spur. This is a hard walk of approx 22k along The Razorback to Federation Hut, and Mt Feathertop, then a descent down the Bungalow Spur track back to Harrietville.

There will be an additional easy walk on Sunday.

Camping at Harrietville caravan park (book your own accommodation).

18/12/2021 - 19/12/2021 Full moon Feathertop

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Bernadette

This lovely walk went so well in February I've decided to put it on again. As there is no weekend full moon in the warmer months in 2022 it's on in December.

If there are enough people interested we can do this walk as a crossover with one group walking up Bungalow Spur (up for 10km but quite a gradual climb) and the other along the Razorback (9km undulating) If there are less than 8 participants we will choose one of these routes.

We will camp at Federation Hut and have an early dinner before heading up Mt Feathertop (2km each way steep). At the top we will watch sunset and then walk down by twilight, moonlight and/or torchlight, hoping watching moonrise twice: at the top and then over the mountain at the bottom.

The next morning we will walk via the other route to the cars left by the other group. (Or back to our own cars if insufficient numbers)

It takes a lot of organizing for a crossover so please ensure that you are aware of your Christmas and other commitments before booking as withdrawing should only be for unavoidable events. For this reason also please book before the final date for booking.

18/12/2021 Cycling - Las Vegas loop - 50km

Sasho

Will meet at the end of Mc Koy st. across the road from United petrol station .

Will ride on Plunketts rd. to Barnawartha , logic centre and old Barnawartha road .

Suitable for road and hybrid bikes . We can stop for a brake at Barni park near the bridge .

We can make a selfie photo at the boulevard with the palms at the logic centre at pretend to be in Las Vegas .

Last time for booking Friday 6 pm .

08/01/2022 - 09/01/2022 YOUNGS HUT OVERNIGHTER

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Ian Trevaskis

It will be almost 12 months to the day since we last visited "our" hut 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 9kms.

Return journey is via the same route. We should have great views to Mt Hotham, the Razorback and Mt Feathertop and will probably meet the resident mob of brumbies. If the weather is hot (or not) we'll take a short

hike down the valley from the hut to the hidden waterfall and cool off. (Bring your bathers, or not!) Walk is both on and off track, with a couple of short steep climbs, and is very exposed across the top.

Someone might like to lead a Day Walk on the same day and join us.

16/01/2022 Four huts walk

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

This will be a modified, and slightly exploratory, version of the 'three huts walk' Bernadette has led the past few years.

The circuit is on Mt Hotham and takes in Silver Brumby Hut (2006/7), Spargo Hut (1927/28) and Derrick Hut (1967). The majority is on well formed tracks including parts of The Cobungra Ditch Track, Golden Point Spur, Australian Alps Track and Machinery Spur Track.

Rather than the 'traditional' road walk between Mt Loch and Davenport access track, I'm proposing to instead go from Mt Loch down Slalom gully to Davenport track. This looks relatively clear of vegetation on the satellite, but may have a degree of scrub-bash – hopefully not too much. But it will be very steep down, so bring poles if needed.

The walk is rated medium-hard because the track up to Spargo hut is very steep switchbacks uphill (about 400m elevation gain), and has the initial off-track section, and then another offtrack section following a pole-line uphill from Spargos to the turn-off to Derricks (about a km or two of off-track or really faint trail from memory).

It can be very hot so bring plenty of water. Also bring snake gaiters as much of this walk is on single track and/or beside water races (but don't assume these will have water to resupply).

I am also proposing to visit Joyce Brockhoff hut on the way back to Mt Loch – I haven't been there before but it looks pretty close-ish to the track we'll be on, but will involve a short sharp descent and then ascent back up to the track (and then only a short walk remaining back to the cars).

My gps says this revised route will be 14.5km, however I feel this isn't right. From memory the 'usual' version of the walk is 21km, which the 'shortcut' should shorten by a couple of km. So I think it will actually be around 18km, but be prepared that it could be longer. Accordingly we will meet pretty early, but that will also help beat the heat!

18/01/2022 - 19/01/2022 Sunset on Mt Nelse

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

The Feathertop Sunset/ full moon walk for December had to be cancelled so I thought I'd try for one that's a bit easier to organize and do.

On Tuesday we will walk from Watchbed Creek Trachead (Falls Creek) to Edmonsons Hut. This involves gently climbing 4 kms of fire trail and then dropping down to the hut on a footpad. After setting up camp and having dinner we will then go back up to the fire trail and walk about 2kms to Mt Nelse. The final 500m up Nelse is also a footpad. This can be done with a day pack or a much lighter overnight pack. Hopefully there will be a wonderful sunset to enjoy.

We will walk back to our camp site, hopefully aided by the light of the moon but torches and spare batteries are essential.

On the Wednesday we will head back to the cars via Heathy Spur 6.5 kms of footpad. Hopefully we can arrange to have a car there and then get drivers back to their cars. Otherwise it's a 2km walk beside the road. There is also the possibility of walking 5km up to Ropers Lookout without our full packs at the end if people still have the energy.

21/01/2022 - 23/01/2022 Get together at JB Plain

Bernadette

This is an opportunity for all comers to get together and relax or indulge in a short walk. You may like to come up and catch up with old friends; you may be new and want to meet others or test out your walking; you may just want to chill out. It would be great to see some of our long standing members who have been less active recently, as well as new members and our current active members get together.

JB Plain has a hut with a fire place but is only 100m from the car park so you can bring along some luxuries like real food and a bigger tent if you like.

There will be 4 walks on offer over the weekend but none are compulsory so you can decide at the time.

Room with a View: 6km (or 3 if you drive to Dinner Plain) and only 84m elevation gain.
 Carmichael Falls: similar distances to the above walk with 140m elevation gain.
 Mount Loch: 7kms with a bit more grunt.
 Spargos Hut: 11km with a steep grunt up Golden Point Spur.
 Of course you can always just wander into Dinner Plain for a coffee.
 Please ring me to discuss this and get more details if you are interested in coming.

21/01/2022 - 23/01/2022 Vallejo Gantner Hut overnight hike

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Mick

Vallejo Gantner Hut

We will drive to King Billy camping area where the walk starts.

This overnight hike follows the AAWT across Mt Magdala, Hells Window, Big Hill and onto Mt Howitt before we reach Vallejo Gantner Hut for the night. As we walk there are great views across the Howqua Valley and the famous Cross Cut Saw.

The next morning we retrace our path back to our cars and make our way back home.

The walk is on a basic easy to follow foot pad and consists of ups and downs. The terrain and views are constantly changing on the walk.

All up the walk consists of 20km approximately.

06/02/2022 Buffalo views - 15kms

Grade 3 Medium

David G

We'll start walking from Mackey's lookout. It will save the bulk of the 'big walk' up the mountain while allowing us to walk up into that wonderful view across the gorge to the chalet. There is still a climb up to the chalet though, and the section of the walk past the chalet still has some climb in sections.

We'll then make our way past the underground river and take a side-trip up to 'View point', to Lake Catani.

We'll then return to the chalet and back down the way we came.

In previous years we've gone from Lake Catani out to the Chalwell galleries circuit, however this always starts to make me nervous with timing so we will leave this out. It also drops the distance to 15km or so.

I've graded the walk as a medium, but it will be a really solid medium. It is all on track. The first hour or two up to the chalet is an ongoing 'up' and has some switchbacks. Likewise the walk from the chalet out to view point has a sharp downhill and then equal uphill. But once we get to viewpoint, it's nearly all flat or downhill for the remainder of the day.

13/02/2022 Falls creek - a collection of short(ish) walks

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

David G

This collection of short walks will tick off a number of attractions I've always driven past on the way to, or from, other walks. This inherently means I haven't been to any of the following places, however I'm confident in rating this collection of walks as easy-medium.

We'll start with Fainter falls. The falls are 700m walk each way (ie 1.4km return).

Then we'll head up to Falls creek and stop in the first car park. Backtracking 150m down the road there is supposed to be some steps beside the road which lead down to a waterfall I've seen pictures of. I think this will be no more than 2km return, and likely much less – I think. I don't know how steep the down and up will be, but I don't think it'll be a long and tough climb.

We'll then head on and park at the base of Heathy spur and follow the aquaduct along, and then a smallish hill (100m elevation gain) up to Ropers lookout – about 5km return.

Finally, we'll drive around Rocky dam to Cope hut, look at the hut, and then follow the aquaduct to Rover chalet and back – about 3.2km return.

So all up about 12km for the day – maybe a little more, maybe a little less.

22/02/2022 Mt Pilot Twilight Walk & Sing Picnic

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Leanne

Being a bit of a palindromic numbers enthusiast, I thought it might be nice to celebrate the date of 22/02/2022, with a Grade 2 walk of about 2km (sounds a bit nerdy I know).

Starting at the Mt Pilot carpark, we climb the well-formed steps to the summit, then amble across the saddle to the further peak where we'll have our picnic dinner. Plenty of stops there and back for a bit of a sing, finishing with a sunset warble before heading back down. Sunset is at 8:01pm apparently.

The steps up are well made and the path across to the opposite peak is fairly clear, but with a bit of up and down, a few steeper rocky steps and some logs and tree roots to step over.

All are welcome, singers and listeners alike, the songs will be easy to learn with some harmonies thrown in. BYO picnic dinner, drinks, nibbles, portable seating, mozzie repellent, headtorch just in case.

24/02/2022 - 27/02/2022 Tali Karng take #6

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Deb

Tali Karng is a hidden lake deep in the mountains of Gippsland, fed by snowmelt waters of the Wellington Plains. The lake is believed to have been formed about 1500 years ago when a massive rock slide collapsed into the valley damming the waters of Nigothoruk Creek above Wellington River. The water runs underground from the lake to emerge as the Wellington River 150m below in the Valley of Destruction. The easiest route to Lake Tali Karng begins at McFarlane Saddle Carpark on the Moroka Road, 60 km from Licola.

Roughly 36km all up over the 3 days and except for about 500m all on track.

Day 1 – Thursday 24th February 2022

Big drive of approx. 7hrs to McFarlane Saddle Hut. Camp overnight.

Day 2 – Friday 25th February

Follow Wellington Plain Track to intersection with Moroka Gap Walking Track (6km). Then follow the Moroka Gap walking track to the intersection with Mt Wellington Track (1km). Leave big packs there and walk (easy walk) the 1km to summit of Mt Wellington – for smoko. Return to packs (1km) and continue south on Mt Wellington Track to Taylor Lookout and then onto Millers Hut (4km). Continue along the Millers Hut Track for 2km to Nyimba Campsite and set up camp for 2 nights. Approx 15km

Day 3 – Saturday 26th February

Option 1: Take Gillios tk to Lake Tali Karng. The last bit of this track is very steep. Allow 5hrs for return walk and 1.5hrs for walk around lake to Snowden Falls, if possible. Return to camp for night. Approx 9km

Option 2: Take Gillios tk to Lake Tali Karng. The last bit of this track is very steep. After walking (if possible) to Snowden Falls, return to camp via Echo Point Track which climbs a little less steeply than Gillios Track, for 1km to meet Riggall Spur Track. Follow Riggall Spur Track back to camp. Approx 9.5km

Day 4 – Sunday 27th February

Pack up and leave early and walk west from Nyimba campsite past Wellington Plains Tk to junction with Spion Kopje Tk (if possible). Head north following Spion Kopje Tk to rocky summit. The track is faint in places but follows the ridgeline north to a saddle. Turn east here (rest of Spion Kopje Tk is overgrown) over grassy plains for approx. 500m (no track) till you hit the Wellington Plains Tk just to the south-west of Moroka Gap Tk. Keep following Wellington Plains Tk north to McFarlanes Saddle Hut. Approx 3hrs/11 km. Depart for home or wherever.

26/02/2022 Myrtleford to Bright by Bike 60kms return

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

This is a popular ride on the fully sealed Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail. There are no big climbs or descents, so it's not too taxing, but you do need to be able to cover the 60 kilometres .

We will meet at the rear of the Coles Supermarket car park, Myrtleford, ready to start riding at 10:00am. The route takes us through Ovens, Eurobin and Porepunkah so there is the option to shorten your ride by joining us from one of those places. We will find a café to have a leisurely lunch before riding back.

Participants need to have a roadworthy bike and a spare tube just in case. Participants will need to acknowledge and abide by the clubs COVID-19 safety procedures and guidelines and should be fully vaccinated.

26/02/2022 Pretty Valley Circuit

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

This circuit begins at Pretty Valley Dam at Falls Creek.

We walk to Tawonga Huts for morning tea and then head to pole 333 and across to Cope Saddle. After this we head back to the Pretty Valley trail and back to the start.

Some is 4WD tracks (mostly management vehicles only) and some are more bush tracks. There are some ups and downs all day but nothing very steep. It is quite an exposed walk so slip, slop, and slap.

05/03/2022 - 06/03/2022 TAWONGA HUTS GOURMET WEEKEND

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette Cromarty

This a fun social weekend that involves some lovely walking and is ideal for those who have yet to do an overnight hike.

This has become an annual event and this year's theme is 'GOING FORMAL'

We walk about 5kms from Pretty Valley Pondage to Tawonga Huts carrying lots of yummy food to share for dinner. After setting up camp we will walk with day packs to Mt Jaithmathang (4km return) to take in the views and work up an appetite for our FORMAL dinner accompanied by a few laughs and tall stories.

On Sunday morning we will pack up camp and walk to pole 333 where we leave packs for a trip down to Westons Hut before returning to Pole 333 and walking cross-country to the cars.

Sunday's walk is about 16km, but less than 5kms of those will be with full pack.

Ring Bernadette to book in and she will discuss with you what you'd like to contribute to our feast.

Please book early to help with catering plans.

Participants will need to acknowledge and abide by the clubs COVID-19 safety procedures and guidelines and should be fully vaccinated.

13/03/2022 - 14/03/2022 MT MCLEOD OVERNIGHTER

Grade 3 Medium

Leanne

This 16km return walk leaves from the Reservoir Picnic Area and is all on track except for the last 50 metre rock scramble to the summit.

Parking at the foot of the Mt Mcleod track, we'll take the scenic shortcut before rejoining the main track and climb for about 6.5km with full packs. The terrain is sometimes fairly rocky with a few steeper sections, narrow ledges and small creek crossings, and is mix of flat, up and down over a 250m change in elevation. Walking poles are recommended.

At Dels Plain we'll set up camp at the designated campsites, then weather permitting climb another 1km to the summit for some spectacular 360 views. This last section has large rocky steps and some slope clambering, but we'll take it slow and steady and walkers will have the option of stopping halfway up if preferred.

The campsite has a large undulating rocky area for some early evening sunset watching, dinner and whatever entertainment ensues.

We'll head back down the next morning and either have lunch and a swim at Lake Catani or book in for lunch at the Happy Valley Hotel before heading home.

Amenities include a pit toilet and water from a nearby creek but no hut and no outdoor fires permitted, and a limit of five fairly close campsites which can each be shared by two people. I've booked all five sites, cost is \$7.10 per site, and I'm happy if walkers want a site to themselves or would like to book in with a camping buddy.

13/03/2022 Road closure Alpine area

This is advance notice for those planning trips.

The 'Peaks Challenge' cycle race will be held on Sunday 13 March and as a result there will be extensive road closures in the alpine area at different times of the day. The roads include those linking Falls Creek, Mt Beauty, Tawonga Gap, Mt Hotham, Omeo and the Bogong High Plains Road to Falls Creek. There is also likely to be a lot of traffic in and around Falls Creek all over the weekend.

Precise details of the timing of closures should be available from Falls Creek Visitor Information, but the best idea is to avoid the area entirely for the weekend!

At this stage the road closures will be: <https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/peaks-challenge/event-info/#road-closures>

Road closures

Front of Falls Closure (ie Mt Beauty to Falls Creek): 5:30am – 9am

Tawonga Gap Closure: 7:00am – 10:30am

Mt Hotham Closure: 8am – 1pm

Back of Falls Closure: 12:00pm – 8:30pm

19/03/2022 - 20/03/2022 Another 2 days canoeing The Upper Murray and social get together

Deb

Saturday 19th March: Leave Albury early and drive to our starting point at Bringenbrong Bridge on the Murray River Road Tintaldra. From here we will spend the day paddling leisurely downstream to the Clearwater by The Upper Murray Caravan Park, where we will be spending the night. Dinner will be at the Tintaldra Pub, which I will prebook for the group.

Sunday 20th March: Will be a shorter day on the river. After brekky, pack up and short car shuffle we will continue downstream. Our finishing point will be decided closer to the time and dependent on access. But once finished we will have lunch before heading home.

You will need to book your own accomodation for Saturday night at Clearwater by The Upper Murray Caravan Park. Camper vans and trailers are most welcome.

<http://clearwatercaravan.com.au/>

If you are not going to paddle you have the option of either leaving Albury in the morning with the paddlers and making the most of your time in camp on the river (and maybe even being a support vehicle and helping out getting all vehicles to camp) OR making your own way to camp sometime during the day.

Double canoes will be hired from the Canoe Guy- approx. \$100 per canoe/\$50 per person, this includes pfd's and paddles. Paddlers must be able to swim 25m and be confident in the river.

Please note the early book by date as we need to book canoes with Dave The Canoe Guy a week in advance.

It would be really good to get some non paddlers who just want to come and have a camp by the river and would be happy to share pulling the canoe trailer and driving cars to/from our basecamp. Even though it's not far this would save the car shuffles.

19/03/2022 Everton to Beechworth by Bike and Return 30kms

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

Ian Trevaskis

This ride will commence at the former railway station at Everton at 10:00am where riders should meet by 9:45am. The ride is mainly all uphill to Beechworth on a sealed rail trail, but the bonus is that it's all downhill back to Everton! Lunch in Beechworth at one of the many cafes or grab a pie from the bakery. If we feel up to it we might do the town loop (9.5kms) before returning to Everton. Riders should carry a spare tube (and know how to replace it), water bottle and sunscreen.

Participants will need to acknowledge and abide by the clubs COVID-19 safety procedures and guidelines and should be fully vaccinated.

www.murraytomountains.com.au

More info at

02/04/2022 Mount Sugarloaf

Grade 3 Medium

Bernadette

On David's Beechworth Hills walk a few years back we noticed an interesting loop on the map that was nearby.

It looked like it might have good views. It is Mt Sugarloaf and it does. Mt Sugarloaf is on the northern side of Woolshed road (which heads out to Eldorado). I was COVIDED by my last attempt at this walk so here we go again.

The shortest route there is on little used 4wd tracks that climbs through some very pleasant forest. Some of the walking is steep but never such that your boots scrape your chin.

There is a very pleasant lunch spot with great views at the top.

The walk is 16km all up. I have not done 2.5 kms of it but it looks pretty straight forward both on the map and looking at it from afar. If it turns out that there is a problem with this part we can turn back and retrace our steps without doing any extra kms.

Please ring me to book in.

02/04/2022 - 03/04/2022 JOHNSTON HUT OVERNIGHTER

Grade 2 Easy-Medium

Ian Trevaskis

Johnston Hut is sited in a beautiful little spot south east of Mount Nelse and provides grassy shaded camping spots beside the rustic hut where we can cook our meals. There's even ample outdoor seating around a huge fire pit! This hike is ideal for those wishing to do their first overnighter (others are quite welcome to join us). It is a short 5 km walk up the Big River Fire Track before turning off to the hut and because we will get there early there are options to take a stroll across to Edmondson Hut for a squizz or to just relax beneath the trees and chill out. Sound idyllic?

Members should not be put off if they feel they do not have the necessary gear – tents, packs, etc can be hired from Adventure Gear, Albury or we can arrange a loan of just about anything, except a pack horse!

Participants will need to acknowledge and abide by the clubs COVID-19 safety procedures and guidelines and all participants should be fully vaccinated.

09/04/2022 PUB TO PUB BY BIKE 65 kms return Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

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.

Participants will need to acknowledge and abide by the clubs COVID-19 safety procedures and guidelines and should be fully vaccinated.

24/04/2022 LOCKHARTS GAP CROSSOVER WALK 18KMS

Grade 3 Medium

Ian Trevaskis

This is one of our annual events and has proved to be popular with members as we follow the ridge line through some magnificent forest while being entertained by the resident lyrebirds.

One group led by Bernadette will start from Lockhart's Gap while the other group led by Ian will start from Tallangatta Lookout. Lunch will be taken somewhere suitable on the track. After meeting the other group, car keys and pleasantries will be exchanged before walking on. At the conclusion of the walk participants are invited to share afternoon tea at the Tallangatta Lookout where there is ample under-cover seating and BBQ facilities. All walkers should ensure they have appropriate warm weather/wet weather gear.

Participants will need to acknowledge and abide by the clubs COVID-19 safety procedures and guidelines and should be fully vaccinated.

Please note that there are some very steep sections in this walk and walking poles are highly recommended.

01/05/2022 Kelly cave and Barry falls (Beechworth). Medium-hard, approx. 20km

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

Forward planning – actual date may move a bit one way or the other as we get closer, to sync it in with other walks that are more 'season'-dependant etc.

We'll meet in Beechworth and convoy to the starting point of the walk. The first five kilometres are easy walking (relatively flattish) on a well-maintained but quiet 4WD track with the Beechworth historic park (forest) on one side and open farmland on the other. We then leave the track and head into the forest to the cave, which is part of a large rock outcropping overlooking Woolshed valley.

We won't be following a proper track for this part – instead we'll be pushing through the scrub for roughly 500m. The cave is on a steep slope which is likely to have slippery rock and loose dirt/vegetation.

After morning tea we'll head back through the scrub up the slope to rejoin the track and retrace most of the way back toward the cars. I'm thinking we'll take another 'detour' into the forest, perhaps by one of the small streams, at an appropriate time for lunch.

We then take a different approach and start heading 'down', initially on Nieoff's road, before leaving the road and making our way down a gully. Initially the gully is a small creek, but starts to open up, culminating in one large gorge, before another (Barry falls) 100m further on. This section of the walk is off-track, and will again be quite slippery in places. From here, we'll follow Nieoff's road back up to the cars (about 250m height gain).

There is a chance of some cars on this road, but there is plenty of room for us to move aside.

Most of this walk is on good 4WD/unsealed road. But we will have to go slow and take care on the off-track sections, particularly when we are near the slopes/gorges.

Please note though – while it is 'close to home', we will need to keep moving to ensure we cover the ground with the shorter days – for reference it is nearly as far with distance as the big walk up buffalo.

(For future reference, splitting this walk would make for two nice 'medium' walks).

04/05/2022 Film night - Banff - Albury

This is not a club activity, but is provided here for club member's interest. Several club members attend this every year. For information and bookings, open the link below (copy and paste into a new web page if the link doesn't work).

<https://alburyentertainmentcentre.com.au/whatson/banff>

The 2022 Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour is a 3-hour celebration of the mountain and adventure sports world. Sharing over 2 1/2 hours of the most exhilarating short films from explorers, runners, mountain bikers, skiers, paddlers and climbers from around the globe.

17/07/2022 The big walk in winter

Grade 4 Medium-Hard

David G

Forward planning – date may change a week or two one way or the other as we get closer.

The objective of this walk is to walk up into a light dusting of snow up the top of Buffalo – I think the chalet looks magical with a light dusting on it. We timed this right between lock-downs in 2020 and it was one of my favourite hikes for the year. Hopefully we'll get the timing right again this year.

The walk starts at the carpark at the Park entry, and climbs steadily to the Gorge, is approx. 22km return and all on well-formed walking tracks.

Risks: even if we don't have snow, there is likely to be patches of ice on the track higher up (I've previously found some and landed heavily on my back).

The track is likely to be very slippery on the mud and tree bark (especially the first/last 3km).

Bring a thermos and plenty of winter gear.

Note that this is grade 4 medium-hard as the likely cold/wet/slippery/icy conditions add difficulty to what is already quite a big walk.

History – Cobungra ditch – the Huts walk at Mt Hotham

The Cobungra Ditch Walk (formerly known as the Aqueduct Trail) is a new 12.5km track that traverses through Mt Hotham's spectacular alpine scenery whilst taking you on a journey through Mt Hotham's rich mining and cultural history, weaving your way past 125 year old dry stone walls, stunning waterfalls, gullies and alpine flora and fauna.

The walk can be done as 12.5kms in and 12.5kms out or as an 18km circuit leaving from the Great Alpine Road 1 km from the resort entry to Dinner Plain. Walk notes and maps are available online. This trail will put Mt Hotham on the map as the premier hiking destination in the high country, and aims to educate visitors on the lesser known side to Hotham: the fascinating history of the pioneers who traversed this land long before it became a ski resort. For example, one of the stories that the walking trail will reveal goes back to November 1884, when 'great excitement was caused' down towards the Brandy Creek mine when over 50 men who had been working on the construction of the Cobungra Gold Mining Co's water race were suddenly dismissed. Two years earlier the Cobungra Gold Mining Co was formed to work the Brandy Creek deep lead claims that formed part of the Cobungra Diggings. The company made an £11,000

investment in the mine and workings, the biggest component of which was the construction of a 7½ mile long water race from the head of Swindler Creek to the Brandy Creek mine through some of the harshest and most rugged country in Australia. In today's terms, the £11,000 investment by the Cobungra Gold Mining Co was the equivalent of a \$35 to \$40 million investment!

The second walking trail to be completed is The Hut's Walk which will take visitors on a fascinating journey on Hotham's hut history and links three of the resorts' uniquely different huts, including the historic Spargo's Hut, the

picturesque Silver Brumby and the winter refuge shelter known as Derrick Hut. This walk was opened in April 2011.