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Newsletter of the Border Bushwalking Club Inc A5665 Affliated with Bushwalking Victoria

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Sandy, David B., Alwyn & Wendy

David

Activities Coordinator



Next Club Night, Tuesday May 3; Winter Special including a very brief AGM

Winter is around the corner and your committee have been planning an exciting return to the snow after two Covid affected seasons.

- Hear about the plans for snowshoeing and how first timers can join in the fun; no experience necessary
- Join the regular cross-country skiers and understand how their communication works given the last-minute nature of changes to snow conditions. Again, first timers are very welcome
- Sign up for the annual winter day walk led by David anticipated to be on My Buffalo again depending on weather and snow.
- Prepare for Carpooling changes to the snow with the new options fully explained. Carpooling is your choice

Doors open at 7:00 pm to catch up with friends and the meeting kicks off at 7:30 pm. Venue is the Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, at the rear of Cube Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga (Havelock Street end of car park).

We need a quorum of 25 for the AGM. Please help us meet this number and come along.

Reports from the office bearers will be included below for you to read prior to the meeting. We are known to have the fastest AGM in the district.

One member has signed up for a return stint on the committee and we still have room for a second member. A nomination form is attached to this email for your convenience or sign up on the night.

From the President's stump including the Annual Report for 2022

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

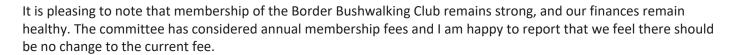
Border Bushwalking Club continues to offer our local communities a wide range of outdoor activities with bushwalking remaining our main emphasis.

Through a committed Activities Coordinator in David, and with the skills, expertise and experience of a small pool of Leaders, we are able to provide a wide range of outdoor experiences including easy day walks, hard extended overnight hikes, car camping, bike rides, canoeing and camping trips, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Our aim is to try to have something on the calendar of events that will satisfy all tastes, interests and capabilities and I reckon we do it pretty well.

I like to think we are a bunch of friendly and sociable people and to this end we aim to inject some of those qualities not only into the outdoor activities we provide, but also by hosting an occasional social event such as those held at Norieul Park and through our Club Nights. Unfortunately, the current

pandemic has meant a number of proposed Club Nights have had to be cancelled, but we are hoping that we can now get back to some more regular get-togethers where we can share and enjoy our adventures in the outdoors.



I am also pleased to report that the majority of your current committee members have indicated that they are happy to continue to serve you for another twelve months and I would encourage all members to support and applaud their efforts.

A big Thank You is extended to our retiring committee member, Vanessa Crosby, who has served on the committee in the role of Secretary. Thank you, Vanessa.

Congratulations and thank you to all those members who have either led an activity over the past twelve months, or have participated in an activity, whether it be just one or many. The Club survives because of your participation and contribution, so give yourselves a big pat on the back!

I look forward to catching up with you sometime, somewhere, on a bush track, a winding cycle path, a burbling waterway or a pristine ski slope in the near future.

Ian Trevaskis April 2022



New members; a warm welcome to

- Tania Hoffman
- Kate Wiesner
- Jennifer Kain
- Steven Oakley
- Bernadette Hurley

A New system for membership renewal online for 2022/3

This year you will need to complete the online risk acknowledgement to renew your club membership. A full explanation behind this move was included in March 2022 Footprints

To do this:

- Go to www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au
- From the top menu, select 'Members' and then 'Online membership renewal'.
- You should see a login option on the right of your screen. Login.
 - o If you have forgotten your password, select 'forgot password' and enter your login name or email. You will be emailed a password reset this might have gone to your junk email folder.
 - If you have forgotten your username, select 'forgot password', enter your email address, and your username will be on the email that you receive. Then do the prior step if you've also forgotten your password.
- Once you have logged in you will see the risk acknowledgement information.
- Read the risk acknowledgement and tick the box to confirm you have read and acknowledge the risk acknowledgement statement.



- Transfer your membership fee using the club's bank account details as shown and tick the box confirming this (or n/a 1 am a life member).
- The field with today's date should have auto-filled you don't need to change this unless it's incorrect.
- Complete the 'captcha' (you can skip this by pressing and holding down your mouse button for a couple of seconds where it says 'I am not a robot') and submit the form.
- Your membership has now been renewed. If there have been any issues with the form or payment going through, this will become apparent if/when you receive a reminder email to renew [this 'exception' process is less work for our membership officer than emailing to confirm every membership].

If you have any concerns with completing the risk acknowledgement, please contact the committee via the Contact form (Menu toolbar > Contact).

Trip reports

Easter Sunday Magic Forest Singing Amble

Great Easter weather, great company, great TREES!

After a bit of a National Lampoon's start with nearly everyone thinking we were to meet at the Beechworth Chinese Burning Towers rather than the Beechworth Chinese Gardens despite written directions, and then detouring for a scenic public loo stop with a drive-by of Lake Sambell, nine of us eventually cruised out towards Stanley and made it to the Magic Forest with oodles of time to wander, sing, chat and have a very relaxed time together.

There was also time for participants to share a poem, story or anecdote at morning tea. Here are a few excerpts on themes of Easter, autumn and a united call for peace, that are all well worth following up for a full reading...

From Alwyn: Allan G Simmons, *Your Church – His Bush* "A thought has often stirred me as I've eyed cathedrals tall;

These man-made mounds of building blocks don't house my God at all.

He dwells in airy canyons, on plains, in hills, on seas. His voice I hear, though not from choirs, but drifting in the breeze..."





From Jan: Annette Wynne, The Leaves Do Not Mind At All

The leaves do not mind at all That they must fall.
When the summertime has gone, It is pleasant to put on
A travelling coat of brown and gray
And fly away.
Past the barn and past the school, Past the noisy little pool It used to hear but could not see.
O, it is joy to be
A leaf- and free!...



And from Leanne via Facebook (another Leanne, not me $\stackrel{\hookleftarrow}{\bigcirc}$):

An anthropologist showed a game to the children of an African tribe. He placed a basket of delicious fruits near a tree trunk and told them: "The first child to reach the tree will get the basket and fruit." When he gave them the start signal, he was surprised that they were walking together, holding hands until they reached the tree and shared the fruit. When he asked them "why did you do that when every one of you could get the basket only for you?" they answered with astonishment:

"Ubuntu." That is, "how can one of us be happy while the rest are miserable?" Ubuntu in their civilization means: "I am because we are"...

Thanks to all participants for making this a truly magical morning, and also hearty thanks to the BBC for encouraging such gatherings to happen!

PS. if you're wanting to visit, these are the most straightforward directions from Beechworth:

- Find The Magic Forest on Google Maps, then head to Stanley
- Turn L at Masons Rd
- Turn L at Chambeyron Rd (which becomes Wooden Gate Rd)
- Turn L at Number One West Rd, follow along until just before Upper Nine Mile Rd, park here
- Follow the walking path straight ahead into the forest then head R for a short distance, you're there when you see the massive trees



Leanne

A Pub to Pub bike ride

A great 66 km ride on Saturday, starting off at the Happy Valley Hotel, through Porepunkah and Bright and onto a very pleasant lunch and refreshments at the Wandiligong Pub.

Just a few spots of rain and then the more downhill return to Happy Valley Pub and a cool down debrief with the obligatory refreshments.







Annual Reports for 2021/2

Presidents Report see above

Activities Report.....David

Following last year's AGM, Bernadette vacated the Activities coordinator role and I took it back on for my second stint.

Unfortunately the first six+ months to October/November were a real headache for Leaders and myself trying to make sense of frequently changing rules and restrictions, with many activities during this time being cancelled or postponed.

Nevertheless, as the statistics below show, we still managed to get in 45+ walks/rides/overnighters over the year as well as multiple canoeing trips.

Thanks to all our Leaders for your contribution, and participants for coming along for the walk/ride/canoe/... I would like to call out and recognise:

- Eileen for her ongoing work in keeping the lists below (stats) of where we've been going,
- Sasho and Catherine for leading the many canoeing activities (which have sadly now ceased),
- Mick and Deb for leading some interesting trips further afield (Mt Howitt / Vallejo Gantner, Tali Karng), and
- Leanne for starting to lead walks including her 'singing ambles' which are a unique addition to the program and yet another way of connecting with nature.

Hopefully the year ahead will start getting back to 'normal', or at least whatever the 'new normal' is. However I know that many of our Leaders and club members have travel planned in coming months, so the club program for winter at least may still be on the quiet side.

In September we will hopefully have a Leaders training day – tentatively scheduled for 17 September. This will be relevant for not just current/potential Leaders, but also (as Bernadette described last year) for anyone who wants to brush up on bushwalking skills and stay safe, wants to give more to the club or wants to understand more about what leaders are doing behind the scenes.

We will then have some of our Leaders and hopefully members participating in the October Federation Walks weekend.

In addition, this year the new risk acknowledgement process will take effect from May with membership renewals. This will cut down on the 'paperwork' while still maintaining risks are appropriately considered and managed.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me (or the new activities coordinator if there's a changeover following the AGM) if you would be interested in potentially leading some activities, or have any queries/concerns about the program.

Summary of activities, 01 March 2021 to 28 February 2022 for the BBC....Eileen

A total of 106 members and visitors took part in at least one activity (not counting Christmas Party) this year. Because of Covid and inclement weather, many walks were cancelled, re-routed or rescheduled.

The following figures are for activities that happened because it was not possible to record cancelled walks in any meaningful way.

Day activities—Walks

Total walks: 25 (includes 1 mid-week afternoon, 1 evening)

Total no. of walkers on all day walks: 243 (down from 277 last year)

Most visited areas:

Albury/Lavington/Thurgoona 4

Falls Creek 5

Beechworth, Bogong Village, Mt Beauty, Mt Buffalo, Chiltern (two each)

Balldale, Mt Samaria, Benalla, Bright, Mt Hotham, Warby Ranges, Baranduda, Wodonga (one each)

Walks by grade:

Grade 1 1 Total walkers: 4 (mid-week)

Grade 2 8 Total walkers: 106 (includes 25 on evening singing)

Grade 3 12 Total walkers: 102
Grade 4 4 Total walkers: 31

Grade 5 0

Leaders:

David Graf 7

Bernadette Cromarty 7

Eileen Clark 4
Pauline Scott 3

Deb Kahn 1

Ira Robinson 1

Leanne Murphy 2

Co-leaders:

Ian Trevaskis 1

Day activities-Cycling

Rides: 9

Area: Myrtleford, Everton, Tallangatta, Wandiligong, Stanley, Reedy Valley

Leader: David Graf 6, Ian Trevaskis 3

Total no. of cyclists: 53

Day activities-XC skiing

2 trips registered, Falls Creek, 5 skiers each, leader Sue Cardwell

Day activities-Canoeing

Evenings, Albury, organised by Sasho Dillow and Catherine, numbers not available

Other activities

Navigation training John Hillard/Bernadette Cromarty 9 participants

Weekend activities—Bushwalking/camping

Total: 10

Areas: Falls Creek 5, Mt Buffalo, JB Plain, Mt Howitt, Vallejo Gantner, Tali Karng

Total number of participants: 77

Walks by grade:

Ungraded 1 Total walkers: 12

Grade 2 1 Total walkers: 11

Grade 3 4 Total walkers: 30 (1 mid-week)

Grade 4 3 Total walkers: 19

Grade 5 1 Total walkers: 5

Leaders or co-leaders:

Bernadette Cromarty 4
Ian Trevaskis 3
Deb Kahn 3
Mick Sheedy 3
Leanne Murphy 1

Extended trips

Total: 0

Membership Report.....Nola

Total number of members as at 24th April 2022: 154 members

This includes:

Single memberships: 93 (93 members)Family memberships: 29 (61 members)

Border Bushwalking Club Inc

Treasurer's Report

For the 12 months from 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2022

Assets and Liabilities

Assets as at 28 February 2022

•	Cash at Bank - Current Account	\$ 4,232.97
•	Cash at Bank - Term Deposit	\$11,899.40
	Total Assets	\$16,132.37

Liabilities as at 28 February 2022 \$ 0.00

Income and Expenditure

The period ended with an increase in cash at bank of \$583.26. Income included interest received of \$0.40 from the current account and \$25.21 from our Term Deposit.

Key points include:

- The total of Member Fees and Temporary Members Fees remained stable.
- Equipment Hire fees showed an increase of \$134.50 over last year.
- Bushwalking Victoria's affiliation fees of \$4,077 were more than last year by \$2,313. These fees include our
 insurance for members and non-members. The increase in this expense was due to an increase in member
 numbers this year and the receipt of a \$836 COVID-19 Special Rebate last year.
- Equipment maintenance of \$180 comprised the replacement of the battery for the Club's PLB.
- Website expenses of \$606 were less than last year by \$450 due to reduced social media maintenance and website issues.
- The annual website hosting and domain name registration cost of \$450 remained the same as last year.
- · Club room hire fees were Nil again this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Comments on overall financial position

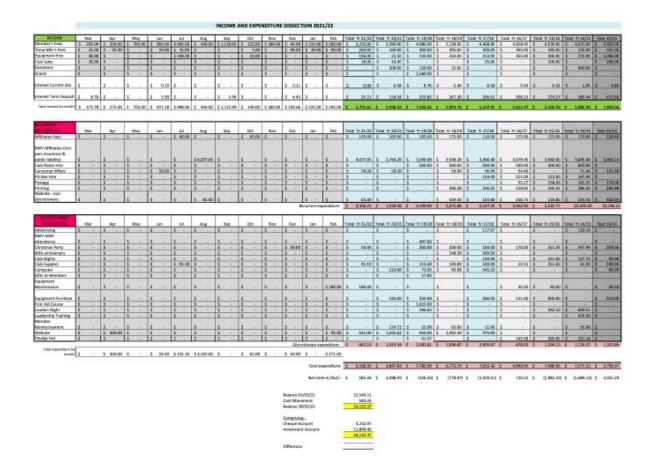
Our revenue exceeded our recurrent expenditure due mainly to decreased general expenditure as a result of continued COVID-19 restrictions.

Membership Fees

The committee proposes that the membership fee structure for the 2022-23 membership year remains at the current levels.

Evelyn Durham

Treasurer



BBC Equipment Report 2021/22....Dick

Once again, the Covid 19 virus has had a substantial negative impact on the use of club equipment. We are again indebted to Gino and his staff at Adventure Camping for the storing and administration of our equipment hiring program.

Our PLB has had a replacement battery inserted which should maintain its effectiveness until 2025.

Details of equipment rental for period May 21/ April 22 as detailed below.

Item	Days hired	Total rental	Remarks
Tents	17	\$115	
Packs	17	\$85	
Jackets	3	\$6	
Snow Shoes	2	\$20	

Total Rentals \$226

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Association Number A 5665B



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 4th May 2021 at Senior Citizens Hall

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies Marie Maguire, Jan Lonergan, Dick Wellard, Alison Wellard, Trish Trevaskis
- 3. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting held by email. Ian moved that these are true and correct. Seconded by Eileen Clarke. Carried.
 - 3.1 Business arising Nil
- 4. President's Report Ian Trevaskis

The report has been circulated in April Footprints

5. Treasurer's Report - Eve Durham

The report has been circulated in April Footprints

Eve moved that the financial report be accepted. Seconded by Ken. Carried.

5.1 Fees for the forthcoming year – Eve moved that fees for 2021-22 should remain the same.

Seconded by Sandy. Carried.

6. Activity Coordinator's Report - Bernadette Cromarty

The report has been circulated in April Footprints

7. Equipment Officer's Report – Ken Tooley

The report has been circulated in April Footprints

8. Election of 2021-22 Committee

The President advised that since the nominees did not exceed the number of vacancies on the committee, there would be no need to conduct a formal vote. He then declared the following nominees as successful, and the following posts filled.

President, Ian Trevaskis

Vice President, Ralph Simpfendorfer

Secretary, Vanessa Crosby

Treasurer, Eve Durham

General Committee, Sandy Kaitler, Ira Robinson, David Butler, David Graf, Nola Houghton, Dick Wellard Thank you Simon, Bernadette, Marie and ken for their work on the committee for the past 12 months (or longer).

9. Management of Accounts – no change to signatories – 4 office bearers + one other.

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Agenda of the Annual General Meeting Held on Tuesday May 3, 2022

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting held by email
 - 3.1 Business Arising. Nil
- 4. President's Report Ian Trevaskis
- 5. Treasurer's Report Eve Durham
 - 5.1 Fees for the forthcoming year
- 6 Activity Co-ordinator's Report David Graf
- 7 Equipment Officer's Report Dick Wellard
- 8 Election of 2022-23 Committee
- 9. Management of Accounts
- 10. General Business

Services included in your BBC membership include.

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

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

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

- First aid kits
- GPS
- PBLs

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

Call in and have a chat to Gino, Wendy and Peter for all your equipment needs whether it be hiring or buying at the special BBC club discounted rate.

They appreciate members coming in during a quite time a few days early. You can then book any items for collection on the day before use. This avoids potentially arriving during a busy time when they are with customers looking to buy products.

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