

# FOOTPRINTS

## May 2024

*Newsletter of the Border Bushwalking Club Inc A5665  
Affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria*

**We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters on which we travel and meet. We respect their elders past and present.**

President	Ian Trevaskis 0425 782 983
Vice President	Alwyn
Membership, Data base	Sandy
Treasurer	Geraldine
Secretary	Dick
Newsletter Editor	Eileen
Activities Coordinator	Bernadette
Ira: Meeting Suppers & Social Convener; Wendy; Equipment Officer; Alwyn: Policy; General member: Tim.	

### Communication breakdown!

At present, the Club email addresses are not working. To contact us, please use the Contact page on the Club's website <https://borderbushwalkingclub.com.au/contact/>

### Club night and Annual General Meeting for the Border Bushwalking Club

The Annual General Meeting for our club will be held on **Tuesday 7 May 2024** at the Senior Citizens Meeting Room, at the rear of Cube Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga (Havelock Street end of car park). More details next page.

### Vale Sue Simpfendorfer

It is with much sadness that we have learned of the sudden death of one of our beloved members and former committee member, Sue Simpfendorfer, dearly loved wife of Ralph.



Sue and Ralph joined the club at the end of 2015 after retiring to Albury and seeking out an organisation such as ours that would cater to their love of the outdoors. They soon became more than 'just members', taking an active role on committee and enthusiastically participating in all club activities.

Sue's cheerful disposition, her genuine interest in others, her bright and happy smile, and her engaging conversations, were always a welcome addition to any hike, whether it was along the river, across the High Plains, or wandering around Mount Buffalo.

For such a vibrant and energetic person to be suddenly struck down with such a debilitating illness would have floored many, but Sue maintained a positive and philosophical outlook despite the seriousness of her condition.

Ralph has assured us that Sue died peacefully and free of pain in the early hours of the morning on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> with him by her side. We are ever so grateful to have been able to have been a small part of Sue's life and to have had our own lives enriched by her presence.

We extend our sincere condolences to Ralph and the family. The committee hopes to arrange a fitting tribute to Sue sometime in the future.

Ian



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The formal part of the meeting will be brief and will be followed by Ian talking about his trip through Portugal last year and Alwyn describing her adventures in Japan, followed by supper and socialising.

## From the President's Stump



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

I'm not exactly sure how many years I have been doing this now, but I do know that each year I find there is much to be thankful for, not least of which is the opportunity to work with a really switched on and committed group of people called 'the committee', who do so much work behind the scenes to make sure the Club continues to thrive and grow, and who excel at promoting and bringing to a wide cross section of people the many joys of being in the great outdoors. To be able to work with and lead such an enthusiastic group is a real honour and pleasure.

As we have done for over 40 years, Border Bushwalking Club continues to offer members a range of outdoor activities that, apart from bushwalking, include canoeing, cycling, and skiing. Our bushwalking activities are curated and designed to suit most interests and

capabilities, which means members can choose from day walks, overnight hikes, and multi-day hikes all of which may vary from an easy couple of hours' stroll to more remote and challenging excursions into the wilderness.

All these activities are achieved due to the generosity and support of a small core group of Leaders willing to organise and lead others on gentle strolls around Albury-Wodonga, to places further afield like the Bogong High Plains, and Kosciuszko National Park, and to even more distant and remote places such as the Tasmanian wilderness. This dedicated group of skilled and experienced Leaders, led by our very capable Activities Coordinator, Bernadette Cromarty, desperately needs more members to step forward and offer to lead some activities, being mindful that we offer to mentor any new and inexperienced Leaders.

Our past 12 months of operation have run smoothly with no major issues to be dealt with. We have recently established a Border Bushwalking Club Facebook page which will help promote and celebrate Club activities.

During the year the Committee has met monthly to receive financial reports, review and consolidate policies, plan and prepare Club Nights, and generally make sure we are attending to the needs of members. I am pleased to report that we continue to maintain a very healthy bank balance, our membership continues to grow steadily, and we continue to strive towards a culture of inclusivity, friendship, support, and learning.

In closing, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge and thank **Ralph Simpfendorfer** who, up until, recently acted as our Website Manager; to co-opted member **Suzanne Fisher** who has willingly taken over Ralph's role and has been instrumental in setting up our new Facebook page; to **Geraldine Bohan** who has been our Treasurer for the past 12 months and kept the books balanced; and to **Paul Schirmer** who instigated the very successful event at Mt Table Top to celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Congratulations and thank you to members who led an activity over the past twelve months, or who participated in an activity. Due to your participation and contribution the Club can only continue to prosper.

'May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face'. (Just don't forget your jacket, hat, and sunscreen!)

Ian Trevaskis, President



## WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS?

For more details of the activity please click on **events** in our Club website. You will also find the leader's phone number here. **Please ring them to discuss the walk and to book in.**

<http://borderbushwalkingclub.com.au/>

***Don't forget events are added to the website frequently so check often or you may miss out.***

***There are plenty of opportunities for more walks to be added so why not add an event yourself? An experienced leader will support you.***

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Yackandandah to Beechworth:</b> Cycle Ride	Grade 4 Medium/hard
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Albury:</b> Nail Can Hill and River stroll	Grade 3 Medium
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mt Buffalo:</b> Wander to Eagle Point	Grade 3 Medium
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mt Beauty:</b> Survey track and Gorge walk	Grade 2 Easy/medium
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Everton to Beechworth:</b> Cycle ride	Grade 4 Medium/hard
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Ebden to Tallangatta:</b> Cycle by the Lake	Grade 2 Easy/medium
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Plain Creek Falls:</b> Merrijig, Mansfield	Grade 3 Medium
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Beechworth:</b> Mt Sugarloaf	Grade 3 Medium

## YOU'LL NEED TO PLAN IN ADVANCE FOR THESE ONES:

18-19 January 2025	<b>Canoeing weekend</b>	Ungraded
15-21 February 2025	<b>Tasmania: Mt Field National Park</b>	Grade 3 Medium



Mt Field NP is the venue for the next BBC trip to Tasmania. While Mt Field NP is known as the park for all seasons, we will be spending a week there in late summer, February 2025. Towering tree ferns, giant eucalypts, waterfalls, tarn lakes, short walks and longer walks. Mt Field NP has something for everyone, including what is generally considered Tasmania's best day walk, The Tarn Shelf Loop. Our shared accommodation will be a very comfortable Air BnB in Maydena. Maximum number for this trip is 6. Please contact us if you're interested. Deb.

## Other activities

We are pleased to support these community activities. Please note that they are not Club events.

### **Whistle Stop High Tea** Sun 19th May 2024, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm

Hosted by Bonegilla and Tallangatta Rail Trail groups.

Back by popular demand is this gourmet bike ride on the High Country Rail Trail, with spectacular views of Lake Hume and the hills beyond. The ride is 24 km from Huon Reserve, over the Sandy Creek Bridge, along the shoreline of Lake Hume to Tallangatta and return. Bike riders leave Huon Reserve, off the Murray Valley Highway, at 1.30pm. Registration from 1pm.

Traditional 1950's style high tea served at Sandy Creek Bridge and Tallangatta.

Tickets \$30/adult, \$10/youth, children under 12 free. Family group \$60 (2 adults, 2 youth over 12)

Bookings WILL CLOSE Wednesday 15th to allow event catering.

Bookings are essential!

For bookings see [Whistlestop High Tea 2024 | Humanitix](#)

## Move it in May

This an initiative of Wodonga Council to encourage the community to get active and they have invited organisations to become involved. Alwyn is offering to lead an easy guided walk on **TUESDAY, MAY 21<sup>st</sup>** commencing at 10:00am. We hope many of our members (and their friends) will “make the move”.

### ***Willow Park, The Heckendorf Legacy***

Meet at the car park just off Pearce Street for an easy walk through parts of Willow Park and into Clyde Cameron reserve as we find out about the Border Bushwalking Club and explore the history and natural delights of this part of Wodonga. We will see two very ancient trees; we will hear about the settlement and development of the area and enjoy a sociable end if you bring your own snacks and drinks. Approx. 2 hours in duration.

## New members

We extend a warm welcome to new members Lyn Shannon, Dimitti Rae and Amie Moradin, Lisa and Aria Gilbert, Ben McNair and Consuelo Merluzzi.





## Trip reports

### Wheelers Hut overnight

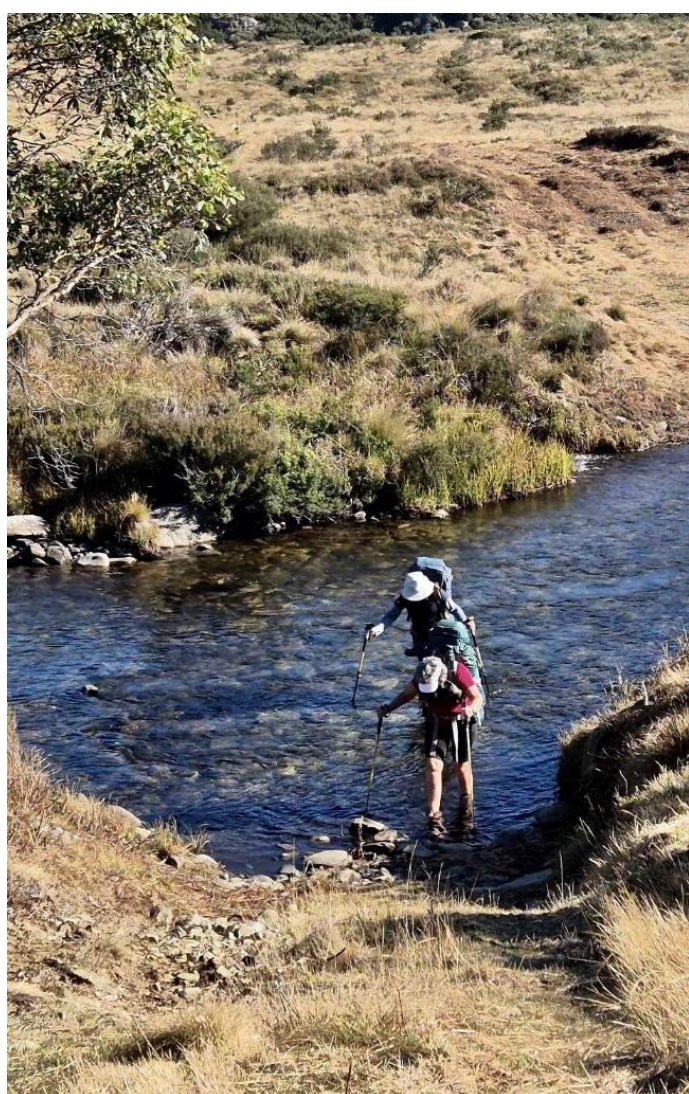
The Jajungal Wilderness is tucked away in a corner of Kosciuszko NP not far from Corryong. It is as beautiful as it is remote and was the perfect location for the recent BBC overnight hike. We started with coffee and sausage rolls in Corryong (which was a mad house due to the Man from Snowy River Festival) before heading off to the start of our walk at Snakey Plain Trailhead. The trail had recently been cleared and this made walking the never-ending roller coaster of hills easier, but not necessarily easy. Descending one of the last hills we got our first glimpse of Mt Jajungal and decided that lunch on the track with a view was a good idea.



The trail continued to surprise us with a few more ups followed by the downs. Once we got onto flattish ground, frost hollows, thick scrub and grasses replaced the bush we'd walked through. You can't see Wheelers Hut from the track, but it's pretty obvious where it is, as a smaller track leaves Snakey Plain Trail and takes you there. It really is a sensational location and even better, we had it to ourselves. After the usual "get to camp and set up" stuff was done, and knowing that it was going to be a cool night, we lit a fire in the hut, then sat on the verandah and watched the light fade and the fog creep in.







Sunday morning was crunchy with frost on tents, grass and even water froze! Not ideal for an early morning crossing of the Tooma River. When we got to the river it was actually quite low and not as cold as I was expecting (however, I was alone in this thought). The climb out from the river is a bit steep and any cold feet soon warmed up. Again, when we hooked onto Dargals Trail we noticed that it had been recently cleared, making it easy to walk, talk and gawk as we headed towards Patons Hut. When we finally got to Patons Hut (it was a bit further than expected) we had lunch and a bit of a break before heading off to Trail Head Carpark and a car that we'd left there on Saturday morning. Corryong was a lot less manic on Sunday afternoon and the usual after hike refuelling took place. Deb



## Porepukah to Harrietville by bike

Nine of us, including two visitors, gathered at Porepukah on a slightly chilling morning for the 32km ride to Harrietville on the rail trail. A few of us fuelled up on a coffee from the Rail Trail Café before we set off on what was a very busy route with cyclists coming at us from every direction.

Despite the heavy traffic we survived the ride to Bright and after some 'wardrobe adjustments' due to the warming weather and negotiating some back streets we left Bright behind and were soon enjoying the 27km smooth Great Valley Trail wending its way beside the Ovens River and taking us past old gold mining sites and into Harrietville.

We refuelled at Harrietville with an assortment of food purchased from the pub, the coffee van and the former 'Morries' before remounting and heading back. The return trip was a lot quicker because we were riding ever so slightly downhill, and we arrived back in Porepukah without mishap despite a couple of sightings of 'wriggly sticks.'

To celebrate our achievement, we adjourned to the Pukah Pub for a debrief and some welcome refreshments. A very pleasant day's cycling in very pleasant company and one that we're all looking forward to doing again soon. Ian

## Tawonga Huts Gourmet Weekend

Cancelling the original Gourmet Weekend due to bad weather proved to be a wise decision as nine of us gloried in the brilliant sunshine, crisp mountain air and cloudless sky as we plodded up the hill from Pretty Valley Pondage, lugging packs stashed with all manner of delicious goodies, bound for Tawonga Huts. The short 5km hike to the huts was done in a leisurely fashion with plenty of stops to catch our breath and soak up the scenery and the stillness and the silence – all a feature of this part of the world.



We arrived at the huts early in the afternoon and were pleased to note we had the place to ourselves. After setting up tents, collecting water and firewood, sitting around in the sunshine and eating some lunch we eventually stirred ourselves and set off to climb to the summit of Mount Jaithmathang. We followed the foot track leading west to the saddle and then turned north and ascended to the summit over some rocky and muddy terrain. From the summit Mount Feathertop was clearly visible just across the valley, and in the far distance was the rugged outline of Mt Buffalo. We could see the tower on Mount Hotham and in the opposite direction was Mount Bogong. After taking in the views, we headed back to the huts ready for a night of fun and feasting.

Up the first hill.

**Time for a breather!**







And what a feast it was! Dressed in our 'bling' (think evening gloves, pearls, tiaras, dangly earrings, bowties, etc) we started with bubbles and wine and an overloaded platter of cheeses, crackers, grapes and pastes. Because we still had more courses to come, Suzanne went bravely into the night with the leftovers of the platter to share with some nearby campers. More wood was fed into the pot belly while we fed more food into our faces - we moved on to the two main courses of delicious curries, accompanied by perfectly baked naan and rice, along with a little more of the bubbles and wine. By this time we were all feeling more than sated, so there wasn't a lot of enthusiasm for the final course of a rich and decadent tiramisu.

### Warming the naan

After the washing up was done some of us retired to our tents, while a few others sat around in the hut enjoying the warmth and chatting before they too retired. The night was still and clear and the stars shone brilliantly in a velveteen sky and by morning a magic carpet of frosting clothed the valley floor.



### Dig in!!



### Sharing with the neighbours



**I'll have what she's having! Life member Chris Sobey enjoying the feast**



**Early next morning....**



**...there was a frost**



By the time the others had roused themselves from the cosiness of their sleeping bags, the leader had the pot belly pumping out the heat and we gathered in the kitchen hut for breakfast, along with offers of leftover curry and tiramisu. It was agreed the icing on the tents needed more time to melt and that we really didn't want to hurry our departure from such a wonderful locale so the option of a side trip to Weston's Hut was abandoned in favour of just bathing in the sunshine and enjoying the peace and quiet.

We eventually roused ourselves and after sweeping and cleaning the kitchen hut we set off mid-morning on the long climb up the hill, past the stone cairn and on to the cars at Pretty Valley Pondage. Our hike out was not without some laughs, especially when we stopped for a breather and Jacinta announced with great excitement, *'Oh! I just realised where my bra was hiding!'* as she patted her chest.



**Was it water or ice?**



Our weekend together concluded with lunch at a café in Mt Beauty along with some wonderful memories of another successful Gourmet Weekend. I'm sure our 'first timers' will have benefitted from their experience of an overnight camp in the mountains and will be looking forward to more of the same in the future, I know I am! Ian

**Some of the happy campers**





**And more of those spectacular views...**





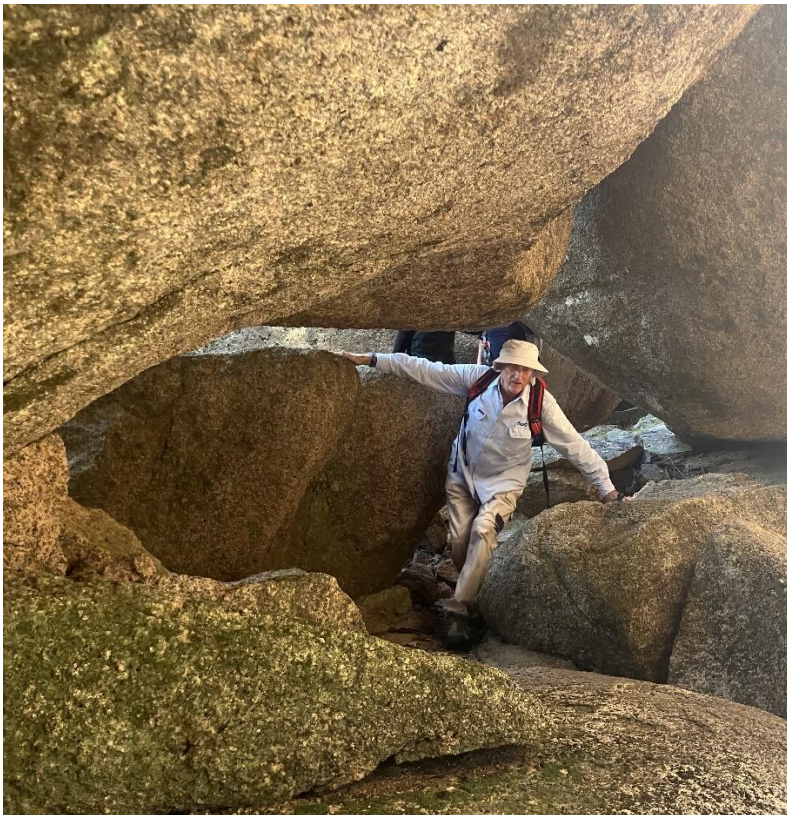
## Buffalo Bits

The weather forecast for Saturday 21st April could not have been better and the Buffalo Bits walk was fully booked with a waiting list. Cars and departure details were organized and communicated. Then a fellow club member informed me that the road up the mountain was closed until 10.30 am. A few adjustments were made, and we were set to go. The meeting was smooth despite fears of chaos as the road reopened.

The group was varied, with members of many years mixing with new members, visitors and members of a few years. As there was a big group and the tracks are narrow and popular, Ron stepped in as co-leader and we split into two groups with a small gap between for each walk.

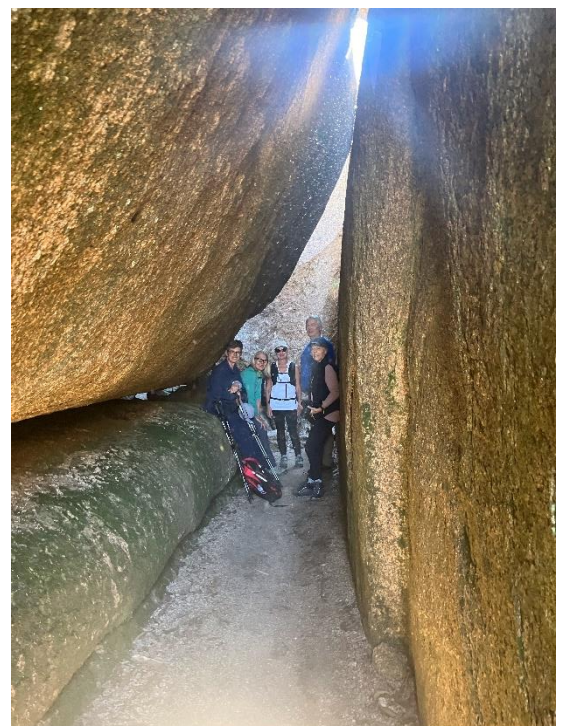


Our first walk was around the Gorge, giving close up views of the amazing rock faces and some history from guide Alice. After that we drove to the lake for lunch and View Point walk. The views from the top were slightly affected by the Autumnal smoke haze but still well worth the walk. Our final walk was Old Galleries; an adventure playground made of rock.



The whole group walked all three walks (there was a choice) and vowed to return to club walks and Mt Buffalo soon. I look forward to seeing them as it was a fabulous group.

Bernadette





## Equipment hire

Would you like to go on a hike like the gourmet weekend but don't have all the gear? Are you aware that the Border Bushwalking Club has a range of hiking and camping equipment available for hire?

If you are new to hiking and camping and not sure what gear you would like to purchase, hiring equipment is an ideal opportunity to trial gear. Equipment is stored and managed at Adventure Gear Albury, 479 Dean Street Albury, and the staff are happy to assist in selecting the equipment you require. A selection of tents, sleeping mats, backpacks, wet weather jackets and walking poles are available. A food dehydrator is also available. And for the snow enthusiasts there are snow shoes. For Leaders of BBC walks, PLBs, First Aid Kits and a defibrillator are available. Gear is hired at a very reasonable rate, based on a daily hire period, paid in cash at the time of hire. Gear should be returned in a clean and dry condition ready for the next hire period. Any faults and concerns with equipment should be directed to me via the 'Contact Form' email found on the BBC's website. A full list of equipment available is on the BBC website in the members' area.

Call in to Adventure Gear and have a chat to the friendly staff for all your equipment needs, whether it be hiring or buying at the special BBC club discounted rate.

Happy Hiking.

Wendy (Equipment Officer)



## Photo credits this issue

Alwyn, Bernadette, Deb, Jacinta, Sandra, Suzanne, Vasthi, Wendy and apologies to anyone I've omitted.



## Annual reports

### Membership Report

At the end of March 2024, we had **105** members (BWV census date for Annual Insurance)

As at 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024, we have a total number of **116 (including 8 Life Members)**

This is comprised of Single Memberships: 75 members (75 members)

Family Memberships: 19 (41 members)

Sandy (Membership Secretary)

### Treasurer's Report

**For the 12 months from 1 March 2023 to 29 February 2024**

#### Assets and Liabilities

Assets as at 29 February 2024

• Cash at bank – Current Account	\$1,694.00
• Cash at bank – Term Deposit (3.35%: 3 months maturing 29/04/2024)	\$5,423.37
• Cash at bank – Term Deposit (3.75%: 3 months maturing 10/05/2024)	<u>\$6,951.25</u>
• TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$14,068.62</u>

Liabilities as at 29 February 2024	\$0.00
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#### Comments on overall financial position

There was a reduction of \$1192.46 in the overall cash balance for the year.

#### Membership Fees

The committee proposes that the membership fee structure for the 2024-25 membership year remains at the current level.

Geraldine Bohan

Treasurer

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DISSECTION 2023/24

INCOME	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total Yr 23/24
Member's Fees	\$	\$70.00	\$95.00	\$3,345.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$00.00	\$25.00	\$	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$1,095.00
Temp Mbr's Fees	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$	\$5.00	\$	\$5.00	\$	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Equipment Hire	\$	\$	\$0.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
Club Sales	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Donations	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
Interest Current Acc.	\$	\$	\$	\$18.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$10.00	\$	\$	\$	\$28.00
Interest Term Deposit	\$	\$	\$	\$2.27	\$	\$	\$	\$5.03	\$	\$	\$5.41	\$51.25	\$93.96
Total Income for month:	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$102.00	\$3,350.18	\$52.27	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$50.03	\$20.00	\$10.10	\$90.41	\$81.25	\$6,696.24

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total Yr 23/24
Affiliation Fees	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$6.00	\$	\$	\$	\$5.00	\$	\$	\$	\$21.00
BWV Affiliation (incl. pers insurance & public liability)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$,052.55	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$,052.55
Club Room Hire	\$	\$	\$20.00	\$	\$	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$140.00
Consumer Affairs	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PO Box Hire	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Postage	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Printing	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Website Non-discretionary	\$4.76	\$53.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00	\$	\$87.76

Recurrent expenditure: \$5,051.31

DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total Yr 23/24
Advertising	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
BWV AGM Attendance	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Christmas Party	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$00.00	\$	\$	\$0.00	\$50.00
45th Anniversary	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$77.90	\$	\$	\$	\$77.90
Club Nights	\$	\$	\$00.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$00.00
Club Suppers	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Computer	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gifts to Members	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equipment Maintenance	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equipment Purchase	\$	\$26.98	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$26.98
First Aid Course	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Leaders Night	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Leadership Training	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Member Reimbursement	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$50.00	\$	\$	\$	\$2.51	\$	\$82.51
Snake Bandages	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Website	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Youngs Hut	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Discretionary expenditure: \$837.39

Total expenditure for month: \$4.76 \$79.98 \$20.00 \$ \$6.00 \$,112.55 \$20.00 \$ \$42.90 \$ \$12.51 \$50.00

Total expenditure: \$5,888.70

Net Cash In (Out) \$ (1,192.46)

Balance 01/03/23 \$5,261.08  
Cash Movement \$ (1,192.46)  
Balance 29/02/24 \$4,068.62

Comprising  
Cheque Account \$694.00  
Investment Account #1 \$5,423.37  
Investment Account #2 \$6,951.25  
\$4,068.62

Difference -



## Activities Report

2023-4 has again seen our members (and some visitors) out and about in our magnificent local environment. One hundred and two people got out there at least once. The attached report compiled by our data collector Eileen Clark gives an idea of the depth and breadth of activities and with activities listed right into 2025 it looks promising into the future.

My special thanks goes to the leaders of day walks and extended walks, bike rides and river paddles. A lot of work goes into planning and conducting these activities and it is appreciated. It would be great to see more people leading activities. It may seem daunting but really all it takes is thinking of a favourite place that you like to walk, ride or paddle and contact a current leader to help step you through the process. Please consider leading an activity as a way of giving back to the club.

Thanks to Eileen who tirelessly collects data and follows up with errant leaders. The results are often surprising when they are seen laid out, so take your time to read this attachment.

I hope to see you on an activity soon.

Bernadette Cromarty

### Summary of activities, 01 March 2023 to 29 February 2024

A total of 102 **members and visitors** took part in at least one activity (not counting Anniversary or Christmas Party) this year.

#### Day activities–Walks

**Total walks:** 30

(There were only 3 walks in the period Dec–Feb, compared with average of 9 in each of the other quarters)

**Total no. of walkers on all day walks:** 217

#### Visited areas:

Mt Hotham	4
Falls Creek	4
Mt Beauty	3
Albury	3
Warby Ranges	3
Beechworth, Mt Buffalo, Tawonga	(two each)
Baranduda, Myrtleford, Stanley, Tallangatta, The Rock, Yackandandah	(one each)

#### Walks by grade:

Ungraded	1	Total walkers: 9
Grade 1	1	Total walkers: 12
Grade 2	8	Total walkers: 57
Grade 3	13	Total walkers: 100
Grade 4	5	Total walkers: 30
Grade 5	1	Total walkers: 5

#### Leaders:

Eileen Clark	10
Bernadette Cromarty	9
Deb Kahn	4
Pauline Scott	2

Ian Trevaskis	2
Alison Wellard	2
Mick Sheedy	1

Eileen also had 5 walks cancelled and Pauline 1 walk cancelled.

#### Co-leaders:

Bernadette Cromarty (2), Wendy Enever and Deb Kahn (1 each)

#### Day activities—Cycling

Rides: 2 (both Grade 3)  
 Areas: Harrietville, Tallangatta  
 Leader: Ian Trevaskis 2

Total no. of cyclists: 10

#### Day activities—XC skiing

None reported

#### Day activities—Canoeing

One walk or paddle at Lake Buffalo led by Bernadette Cromarty with 11 participants

#### Weekend activities—Bushwalking/camping

Total: 8 walks and 1 canoeing weekend

Areas: Falls Creek 3, Mt Hotham 2, Mt Buffalo 1, JB Plain 1, Blue Waterholes 1, Eskdale 1

Total number of participants: 42 walkers, 15 paddlers

#### Walks by grade:

Ungraded	2	Total participants:	10
Grade 2	1	Total participants:	7
Grade 3	3	Total participants:	13
Grade 4	2	Total participants:	12

#### Leaders/co-leaders:

Bernadette Cromarty	4
Deb Kahn	3
Mick Sheedy	1
Ian Trevaskis	1
Ira Robinson	1

#### Extended trips

Total: 2

Areas: Kosciuszko National Park, 7 walkers, leader Bernadette Cromarty  
 Tasmania Overland Track, 6 walkers, leaders Deb Kahn & Mick Sheedy



# BORDER BUSHWALKING CLUB

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUES 2 MAY 23 - Commenced at 7.30PM

### MINUTES

#### Welcome

Ralph welcomed all members and provided a brief introduction of the procedures for the AGM and the guest speakers following. All members signed the Attendance Register for our AGM records.

#### Apologies

David Graf, Alywyn Friedersdorff, Ian Trevaskis, Dick Wellard, Tim Knight, Bernadette Cromarty, Marie Maguire, Jan Lonergan and Steve Scott.

#### Quorum

Confirm that the AGM meeting has a quorum of voting members.

#### Minutes of previous AGM May 2022

These Minutes were attached to the May 2023 "Footprints Newsletter" for members' scrutiny.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2022 AGM as circulated be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Eileen Clark                      Seconded: Charles Dunn                      Carried

#### Business arising from 2022 AGM minutes. Nil

#### President's Report 2023

The President's Report was attached to the May 2023 "Footprints Newsletter" for members' perusal.

Motion: That the President's report as circulated be accepted.

Moved: Pauline Scott                      Seconded: Liz Nilbett                      Carried

#### Treasurers Report 2023

The Treasurer's Report was attached to the May 2023 "Footprints Newsletter" for members' scrutiny.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report as circulated be accepted.

Moved: Eve Durham                      Seconded: Alison Wellard                      Carried

#### Fees for Forthcoming Year:

It is recommended that there be no increase in membership fees for the 23/24 year.

Motion: Eve - That there be no increase in the membership fees for the 23/24 year.

Moved: Eve Durnham                      Seconded: Liz Nilbett                      Carried

#### Activities Coordinator's Report

The Activities Coordinator's Report was attached to the May 2023 "Footprints Newsletter" for members' perusal and information.

#### Equipment Officer's Report

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## **All Committee positions declared vacant.**

### **Election of 2023/2024 Committee**

The following nominations have been received.

- President: Ian Trevaskis.
- Vice President:
- Secretary: Dick Wellard.
- Treasurer: Geraldine Bohan
- General Committee: Sandy Kaitler, Wendy Enever, Ira Robinson, Alwyn Friedersdorff, Tim Knight and Bernadette Cromarty (on a Restricted basis)

### **Retiring committee members.**

The Chair, Ralph, on behalf of our Border Bushwalking Club acknowledged and thanked the following retiring committee members:

Eve Durham, David Graf, David Butler, Paul Schirmer, Nola Houghton and Ralph Simpfendorfer.

### **Management of accounts:**

Motion: Eve - That the signatories to the club accounts held at Hume Bank be:

President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

Moved: Pauline Scott                      Seconded: Eileen Clark                      Carried

### **General Business**

Discussion from several members regarding declining activities, especially easy day walks, leaders and attendances at Club Nights and social functions.

Questions and ideas regarding additional promotion of the club to attract new members/visitors.

Essentially, Covid has had impact on all sorts of clubs and people's habits are changing and have other options.

Eileen, who records all our walks statistics stated that the walking numbers are essentially the same.

### **AGM Meeting closed at 8.05pm**

Guest Speakers – Ralph & Sue and Sandy

AGM Minutes recorded by Sandy Kaitler on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023





NOMINATION FORM  
for the 2024 ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS  
of the BORDER BUSHWALKING CLUB INC. A5665

NAME of NOMINEE: .....

POSITION (Please CIRCLE): President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, General Committee

PROPOSED BY: .....

SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER: .....

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE: .....

DATE: .....

Return to the Secretary, Border Bushwalking Club Inc at [secretary@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au)  
or deliver to the Secretary before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting on 7 May  
2024