

FOOTPRINTS

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*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.

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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/>

Next Club night: 2 July 2024 A night not to be missed!!

Kosciuszko: Walking back into the Ice Age

Members and friends are invited to come along to our next Club Night to be educated, entertained and enthralled by what is sure to be unique presentation by former Tallangatta Secondary College geography teacher and alpine geology expert, Ted Minty and his wife, Glenda.

The presentation is a visual/virtual hike through the seven main cirque glaciers that were active during the Last Glacial Maximum (Ice Age) about 16,000 to 20,000 years ago. There is also considerable evidence of a much older glaciation that was an order of magnitude bigger than the LGM. Each of these seven relict cirque glaciers can be explored as day walks from one of three main access points and the logistics associated with these day walks can be discussed. There are very tight protocols for overnight camping on the Kosciuszko Main Range and carrying a 20 kg pack is not everyone's favourite option. Ted can talk briefly about safety, especially if anyone is intending to explore these areas during late-winter/early spring as there is a serious risk of avalanche at these times as well as flash floods in the Snowy River. Ted and Glenda will be taking us on a 'virtual tour' through the glacial landscapes of the Kosciuszko Main Range, focusing on the most recent glaciation which left us those beautiful moraine-dammed lakes: Cootapatamba, Albina, Club and Blue Lake.

Ted and Glenda's presentation at a previous Club Night, focusing on the geology of the High Plains, is still talked about by members who attended, so this one will undoubtedly be just as fascinating.

NB: We will be at a different venue for this meeting. Details on next page.

The meeting will be held at 'The Venue' (formerly German-Austrian Club), 5 McFarland Road, West Wodonga. This is at the Pearce Street end of McFarland Road, on the corner of Stott Court. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. Please bring your own mug if possible to reduce use of disposables.

Images from Ted's talk:



Blue Lake





From the President's Stump

In case you haven't noticed ... winter has arrived!

This means our Activities Program takes on a slightly different look with fewer forays up into the mountains and High Plains and a temporary halt to the usual overnight and multi-day hikes.

This means our Leaders are looking to provide more 'user-friendly' and warmer activities than a wet paddle down the Murray River or a night shivering in a snow-covered tent at Tawonga Huts.

A quick look at the Activities Program on our website indicates four 'Tuesday Winter Wanders' happening for those who want to maintain their hike fitness and be ready for a busy spring of hiking, and an 'Awesome Albury' bike ride.

Winter is a great time for those of you who have been thinking of leading a walk to put on something similar – a short walk in or around Albury-Wodonga with coffee and cake afterwards. If you'd like to give our regular leaders a break, then contact Bernadette to discuss some options.

If you're keen to play in the white stuff, *borderskiers* will be active again over winter with day trips to Falls Creek. As soon as the snow cover makes cross-country skiing viable there will be posts appearing on the app when members are planning to head up the mountain. To join this group, which uses WhatsApp, you will need to contact Marie Maguire on 0431 210 087.

I look forward to catching up with you on a hike, a bike ride or a ski trail soon.

Ian

Gone missing.....

The Club's Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) appear to have gone for a walk and not returned. These safety devices are available for walks leaders to borrow to ensure that members always return from walks, so we are anxious to get them back. **Walks leaders (and others):** if you have ever borrowed one of these, please search your packs, car boots and everywhere else to see if a PLB is hiding there. They are quite small and can easily slip out of sight. If you find one, or know of their whereabouts, please return to Adventure Gear in Dean Street or to any committee member as soon as possible. No questions will be asked!



Short local walks, ideal for winter. Check the program regularly for walks like these.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS?

Here is your chance to give back to the Club by leading a short walk.

WE HAVE RESTARTED MIDWEEK SHORT WALKS. MOST MEMBERS WOULD HAVE A SHORT WALK CLOSE TO HOME THAT THEY COULD ADD. YOU WILL BE SUPPORTED BY AN EXPERIENCED LEADER IF YOU LET THEM OR BERNADETTE KNOW OF YOUR IDEA.

For details of any activity please click on **events** in our club website <http://borderbushwalkingclub.com.au/>

You will also find the leader's phone number here. **Please ring them to discuss the walk and to book in.**

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

Tuesday 25 th June	Albury: short Winter walk	Grade 3 Medium
Sunday 30 th June:	Awesome Albury bike ride	Grade 3 Medium
Saturday 7 th July:	Wodonga wanders	Grade 2 Easy-Medium
Tuesday 9 th July:	Albury: short Winter walk	Grade 3 Medium
Sunday 21 st July:	Tallangatta: Lockhart's Gap Crossover	Grade3 Medium
Tuesday 23 rd July:	Wodonga: short Winter walk	Grade 3 Medium
Tuesday August 6th:	Wodonga: short Winter walk	Grade 3 Medium
Saturday August 10 th :	Warby Ranges: Mt Killawarra loop	Grade 4 Medium-Hard

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

18-19 January 2025	Canoeing weekend	Ungraded
15-21 February 2025	Tasmania: Mt Field National Park	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.

Volunteering with Parks Victoria: Good news for NSW residents

People who volunteer for activities organised by Parks Victoria have been required previously to obtain a Working With Children Check. This is time-consuming and difficult to obtain if you live outside Victoria but now, if you are volunteering for less than 30 days a year, you can provide a Working With Children Check from your home State. You will still need to upload your details and the WWCC to Park Connect on the Parks Victoria website [Volunteering \(parks.vic.gov.au\)](https://parks.vic.gov.au)

Working With Children Checks are free of charge for volunteers.

To apply in NSW: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-working-with-children-check#>

To apply in Victoria: [Working with Children Check | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au)

Trip reports

Hume Weir Cycle Ride



At the very civilised time of 10.15am on a crisp Autumn Sunday morning, eleven BBC cyclists pedalled out of Ebdon Reserve headed for Tallangatta. We progressively peeled off layers of clothing at Ludlow's Reserve and Huon Reserve where we picked up David to make it a group of twelve.

We arrived at the Sandy Creek Bridge where Marie treated each of us to a slice of Donna Hay Yoghurt Lemon cake, which she had not only baked but packed and transported in her bum bag. The secret recipe will be closely guarded by the group members. While enjoying our cake, Sasho declared he had spotted a platypus on the water's edge. Catherine dissented, claiming it as a water rat. Group members studied the little creature bobbing in and out of the water and were ultimately split as to whether it was a rat or platypus. Arguments were made for each side: "Platypuses (or is it platypi?) are plentiful in nearby Sandy Creek, so it's feasible they swam to here". "The creature has a long, white-tipped tail, so it must be a water rat".

The group was again split when we arrived in Tallangatta, with some making a beeline for the Bakery, while our leader espoused the culinary delights of the Yellow Picket Fence cafe. We picked up Trish in Tallangatta and the Trevaskises (or is it Trevaski?) led us on the scenic route around the lake and the caravan park (glamping anyone?). As we joined the rail trail again on our exit from Tallangatta, we came across a fellow cyclist who was riding a fancy mountain bike, so we interrogated her about all things mountain bike related and when we later caught up with her at Huon, Ian did his best to recruit her to the BBC.

We left David and Claire at Huon and eleven of us returned to Ebden while the sun was still shining brightly. Thanks to Ian for another glorious ride in the lovely north east, with fine company, yummy cake and lots of riding tips shared. (Connie)

Wahgunyah to Lake Moodemere, 1 June 2024

W – walking in ideal conditions, 12 walkers set off from Wahgunyah to Lake Moodemere,

A – a distance of 15 kms return along the banks of the Murray River.

A point of interest along the way was the site of the old Rutherglen research station.

H – history of the area was explained by our leader, Ira Robinson, with some embellishments by a guest walker, Peter Seymour.

G – good tracks and level going all the way. Glimpses of azure kingfishers and whistling kites were of interest.

U – underneath the river red gums were a number of campers.

N – Next to Lake Moodemere we sat and ate our lunch.

Y – young at heart but definitely not in body we commenced our return walk.

A – along the way back we took a short detour to visit an old cemetery.

H – having completed our journey tired and leg weary, we indulged in coffee and cakes at the local cafe. (Dick and Ali)



Kiewa River walk

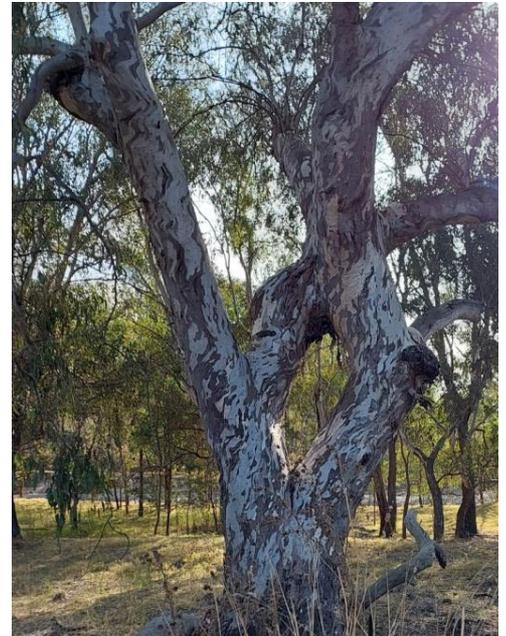
Six members enjoyed a late autumn walk along the Kiewa river that proved to be a pleasant meeting with kangaroos, deer, a turtle and a variety of birds as we followed a well-formed track to the confluence of the Murray and the Kiewa rivers. We walked on to the end of the mapped trail to find that the Wodonga Creek was looking sadly depleted from this long period of low rainfall. This puzzled us because it is flowing at the causeway and stock bridge where Wodonga Creek exits into the Murray. However, Ira has since discovered that further downstream along the Murray, there is another exit point of a branch which, after a short way, flows into Wodonga Creek just west of the freeway roughly where the Bandiana link comes in. Together they make one stream which is the Wodonga Creek we know that flows under the bridge on the Lincoln Causeway and the Stock bridge. Useful to know when we are planning this longer walk!



Wodonga Creek section

Huge river red gums prompted us to wonder what stories they could tell and certainly, the presence of our First Nations people was evident as we spotted a 'ring tree' and possibly a birthing tree nearby. Ring trees are often found near rivers and serve as boundaries between lands or to mark places of abundance, and birthing trees were typically hollow at the base, providing shelter and a safe place for women during labour and birth.

We completed about 14 kilometres at a steady pace over the return track, but this was an easy, flat and well-marked trail that will hopefully be extended onwards to a point on Gateway Island, so we can look forward to longer walks on this planned extension. (Alwyn)



Ring tree

Lovely Kiewa colour



Mount Sugarloaf walk, Saturday 15 June 2024



After a miserable week of grey and cold days, Saturday June 15th started with a burst of rain. It was most unexpected, but what was even more unexpected was the lovely sunny day that followed. A group of 10 set off to explore our local Mt Sugarloaf (near Beechworth). The first hill hasn't shrunk, and we have agreed to shrink it before next time, but we all made it up with smiles on our faces and sun on our backs.

Our loop back to our lovely lunch spot was a little more kind with ups slightly less than downs. It was hard to stand up to finish the walk as it was so lovely basking in the sun as we ate lunch. Our afternoon walk involved hearing little slides under the boots fairly often, but everyone managed to stay upright and get back to the car that we had left at the end, for our short final shuffle.

It was great to introduce 8 of the 10 to the walk for the first time. (Bernadette)



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