

# *Benalla Bushwalking Club*

*Newsletter*  
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## ***President's Message***

Seasons greetings to you all. May this be a joyous and happy time for you and yours and lead on into a bright and pleasant New year.

We have reached that mystical point of having over 100 members in our club again and that is a reflection of the positive way in which our great club is operating under trying conditions. When we were able to get back out on the track again. Many people were keen and eager to join in and that has generated enthusiasm and spread the enjoyment of the outdoors over a wider group of like minded people. Obviously the walks program is attractive and suitable so that many can get out there and enjoy our wonderful region with day walks, camps, overnights, bike rides and social gatherings.

Many thanks to the hard working members of our Committee who have put a lot of effort into making the program what it is, ensuring that as many events as possible do go ahead and that there is a tremendous input from many members with suggestions, ideas and leading.

Benalla is part of a group of bushwalking people putting together a program for the Federation Weekend which we hope will happen in October 2022. Based in Wangaratta and covering the North East Region with a wide range of walks to cater for lots of interests and abilities. Keep your eyes open for more information.

Of course I must mention that our AGM will occur in early February 2022 and that is the time we need to be able to put together our new committee to lead us on to bigger, better and greater things in the outdoors. Please be prepared to do your bit to make it happen. This is a very active Club doing great things for all members and it needs your continuing support.

See you in the great outdoors soon.

***Doug Kneen. President. December 2021.***

***Welcome to new members:***

Alistair & Helen Cumming

**President: Doug Kneen 0409 347 273      Secretary: Gill Sydes 0419 585 996**

**Walks Co-ordinator: Brian Watson 0407 300 922**

## Your Committee for 2021

**President:** Doug Kneen 5721 2892  
**Vice-President:** John Boehm 0428 254 801  
**Secretary:** Gill Sydes 0419 585 996  
**Treasurer:** Brian Watson 0407 300 922

### Committee members:

Trevor Smith 0417 598 346 Neville Downie 0416 181 501  
Don Allen 0428 270 334 Suzie Buykx 0448 759 029  
John Boehm 0428 254 801

### Committee Responsibilities

**Walks Program:** Brian Watson Gill Sydes Doug Kneen  
**Guest speakers:** Brian Watson  
**Maps & Gear loan:** Gill Sydes  
**Public Officer:** Gill Sydes  
**Registrar:** Gill Sydes  
**Publicity:** John Boehm Don Allen Suzie Buykx  
**Library/Archivist:** Doug Kneen  
**Newsletter:** Trevor Smith Don Allen  
**Webmaster:** Trevor Smith  
**Meeting Supper:** Neville Downie  
**Mid-week walks Liaison:** John Boehm

# Reminders

## Total Fire Ban Days

Members are reminded the club policy is that on days of total fire ban during the declared fire season all walk activities are **cancelled**.

## Acknowledgement of Risks and Responsibilities Form

This form is now part of the membership application form. **All Members** must complete this form when renewing membership. This form alleviates the need for members to sign a form before each walk. Non-members on walks must sign the agreement before each walk. For this purpose copies of the form can be downloaded from the Leaders Information page in the Members Only section of the club website or a membership application form containing the agreement can be found at the rear of the newsletter.

## Travel Costs

The club has a policy of passengers on walks paying drivers for their generosity in providing transport. Currently the rate is 30c per kilometre per car. Members can assist the drivers by doing their own calculations based on **\$30.00 per 100km** divided by number of people in the vehicle.

**A reminder that this rate is club policy and all members are expected to pay for transport at this rate regardless of the number in the vehicle. No pay, no lift.**

## Staying Together

With larger groups or groups containing walkers of varying abilities it is inevitable that the group will tend to become strung out at times. To avoid this happening or at least becoming a problem if it does happen the following actions *must* be adhered to.

1. If you have to leave the track for a toilet stop advise the walker ahead or behind you of your intention and leave your pack in the middle of the track.
2. At a track intersection walkers *must* stop and wait for the rest of the party to catch up before proceeding.
3. If a small group wish to leave the main group to visit a nearby off route attraction they *must* advise the leader of their intention before doing so. The leader, if he agrees to the request, will decide whether the whole group goes or waits on the track for their return.
4. Each walker should at all times be able to see the walker ahead and the walker behind, especially in more dense vegetation conditions. If not, the message should be sent up the line to slow up and allow them to catch up. With larger groups it is advisable to appoint an experienced walker as whip or "tail-end charlie" to keep track of the slower party members.
5. Should the party become disoriented, which can happen to the best of us, it must be remembered that the leader has sole responsibility for the final decision on what to do. The last thing that is needed is for individuals to be 'doing their own thing' in an attempt to rectify the situation.

The above common sense rules, if followed, will help to keep groups together and safe and avoid the trauma and expense of searches for lost walkers.

## Club Website

[www.benallabushwalkingclub.org.au](http://www.benallabushwalkingclub.org.au)

## Club E-mail address

[benallabushwalkingclub@gmail.com](mailto:benallabushwalkingclub@gmail.com)

## For Sale

Club Mugs (\$10.00) Cloth Badges (\$7.00) and Hat Badges (\$10.00) are ready and waiting for you to buy. See Brian at the Meeting or phone to place your order.

## General Meetings

Meetings are held in the Uniting Church Parish Centre, Carrier Street Benalla (opposite Coles) on the first Tuesday of each month at 8pm. A short meeting followed by a guest speaker, then supper. Everyone is welcome.

## Newsletter Deadlines

Members wishing to suggest or lead a walk are asked to send details to the walks program coordinator, Brian Watson on email [brian\\_gayle@bigpond.com](mailto:brian_gayle@bigpond.com) prior to a committee meeting.

Walk reports should be sent to Trevor Smith in the week following the walk. Photos are always welcome. A walk participant may be asked to write a report. Trevor's email is [trevsm42@bigpond.com](mailto:trevsm42@bigpond.com)

## Club UHF Communication

When using hand held or in vehicle UHF transceivers on club outings, the preferred channel to use is channel 9.

# Walks Program

## January

Sat 8	Mollyullah Bike Ride	Brian Watson
Sun 9	Mt. Major	Helen Nicholas
Mon/Tue 10-11	Ropers Hut Overnight	Helen Spinks
Sun 16	Shepparton Bike Ride	Gary MacDonald
Sat/Sun 29-30	Westons Hut Overnight	Helen Spinks
Sun 30	Delatite River Mirimbah	John Boehm

## February

Sat 5	Howqua River	Trevor Smith
Sun 6	South Buffalo Track	Gill Sydes
Wed 9	Mt. Buffalo	John Boehm
Sat 12	Murray River Flats	Mitchell & Sasha Watson
Sun 13	Tungamah	Brian Watson
Sat 19	Dookie Bike Ride	Gary MacDonald
Sun 20	Mt. Timbertop	Jean Lightfoot

## March

Thu/Mon 3-7	Lower Glenelg Camp & Canoe	Lynne Cornall
Wed 9	Mt. Stirling Summit	Wendy Baker
Sat 12	Yarck to Alexandra Bike Ride	Don Allen
Fri 18	Kwat Kwat	Brian Watson
Sat 26	Myrtleford to Bright Bike Ride	Don Allen

# Walks Program

Members wishing to go on a walk should contact the leader:

- Three days prior to the walk for day walks.
- Five days prior to the walk for overnight, extended walks or car camps.  
People calling in late may be considered at the leader's discretion.

**Common sense walks etiquette:** If you are booked in for a walk and find you are unable to attend please inform leader before advertised departure time to prevent unnecessary delays.

## Risk Acknowledgment Form

Just a reminder that walk leaders need to have **all non-member participants** fill in the Risk Acknowledgment Form prior to each walk. A copy of the form can be found in this newsletter or can be downloaded from the club website by navigating to the Leaders Information page in the Members Only section where you will find a link which, when clicked, will download the form in PDF format which can then be printed out.

**TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS** On days of Total Fire Ban, any walks/activities in that district will be cancelled.

## Walk Gradings

Distance in one day	Hills	Track
<b>S</b> - Short, under 10Kms.	<b>1 - 3</b> Easy, suitable for beginners.	<b>1 - 3</b> Grade, open terrain, well formed tracks or paths.
<b>M</b> - Medium, between 10 and 15Kms	<b>4 - 7</b> Medium fitness required.	<b>4 - 7</b> Bush, minor scrub, some rock hopping or scrambling.
<b>L</b> - Long, between 15 and 20Kms.	<b>8 - 10</b> Hard, strenuous, fit walkers only.	<b>8 - 10</b> Bush, thick scrub, major rock and creek crossings, rock hopping.
<b>X</b> - extra long, over 20Kms.		

*Example: S - 4 - 3 = Under 10Kms, medium fitness required, well formed track.*

School Terms 2021		Easter 2021	
Term 1	28 Jan - 1 Apr	Good Friday	2 Apr
Term 2	19 Apr - 25 Jun	Easter Monday	5 Apr
Term 3	12 Jul - 17 Sep		
Term 4	4 Oct - 17 Dec		

Sat January 8

### MOLLYULLAH BIKE RIDE

What a way to start the year! A slow ride along some quiet gravel back roads not far from Benalla. Sit beside a creek for morning tea. An early start to beat the heat. About 29 km.

**Rating:** Medium

**Contact:** Brian Watson 0407 300 922

Sun January 9

### MT MAJOR

A simple walk up the North side of Mt Dookie. Up for a lookaround, then down to the Emporium for a cool drink and a stickynose through this fascinating place. Early finish in case it's hot.

**Rating:** S - 3 - 3

**Contact:** Helen Nicholas 0428 784 495

Mon/Tue Jan. 10-11

### ROPER'S HUT OVERNIGHT

The hike begins at Watchbed Creek and follows management tracks to Ropers Hut which is surrounded by beautiful snowgums. We will stay there for the night. Some hikers may decide to walk to Timms Lookout after pitching their tent. Next morning we will walk back to the cars. The walk to Ropers is about 8km each way.

**Rating:** S - 3 - 4 (Medium)

**Contact:** Helen Spinks 0488 013 059

**Sun January 16            SHEPPARTON BIKE RIDE**

A nice easy start for the New Year. Come and ride the shared path network within the City Of Shepparton. Riding from Jordan's Bend along the Goulburn and Broken Rivers around Kialla Lakes and return. All being well the new bridge across the Broken River to the Botanic Gardens should be up and open to allow for a short diversion.

All easy riding on good surfaces and no hills.

**Rating:** Easy

**Contact:** Gary Macdonald 0421 052 367

**Sat/Sun Jan. 29-30        WESTON'S HUT OVERNIGHT**

This hike begins near Cope Hut and follows the Alpine Walking Track until Pole 333, turning towards Weston's Hut, where we will stay for the night. Some hikers may decide to walk to Blair's Hut on the West Kiewa River after pitching their tent. Next day we will retrace our path back to the cars. The hike to Weston's Hut is about 10km each way.

**Rating:** S - 3 - 4 (Medium)

**Contact:** Helen Spinks. 0488 013 059

**Sun January 30            DELATITE RIVER MIRIMBAH**

An easy walk along the Delatite River starting at Mirimbah park, returning the same way. Meet at the 'The Centre' Tennis Courts, Barkly St. Meet 9.00am Depart 9.15am

**Rating:** S - 3 - 3 (Easy)

**Contact:** John Boehm 0428 254 801

**Sat February 5            HOWQUA RIVER**

From just above Sheeppark Flat, a walk and paddle along and through and in the river. Middle of summer, sparkling cool waters, greenery alongside and a blue sky. A nice way to spend a morning. Probably need a bit of sunscreen.

**Rating:** Easy

**Contact:** Trevor Smith 0417 598 346

**Sun February 6            SOUTH BUFFALO TRACK**

This is a track we haven't walked for a while. We leave from Cresta Valley carpark (on the Mt Buffalo tourist road) and climb up to a ridge. We wander through snow gums and small snow plains out to the South Buffalo view point. There should be alpine flowers. Mt Buffalo is always a great place in summer as the mountains will be cooler.

**Rating:** S - 3 - 4 (Easy)

**Contact:** Gill Sydes 0419 585 996

**Wed February 9            MT BUFFALO**

Time to be adventurous and do three short walks for some variety. The walks are the Cathedral – Hump track, the Old Galleries track, and Chalwell Galleries. These are all short walks. Note the Galleries walks pass through fallen rock which forms the galleries. Steep, narrow, and challenging at times. Need to be comfortable with confined spaces.

Meet at Tennis Courts Barkly St. (Behind Aldi) 8.00 am; depart 8.15 am

**Rating :** S - 4 - 5

**Contact :** John Boehm 0428 254 801

**Sat February 12            MURRAY RIVER FLATS**

A quiet stroll along some tracks beside the Murray. Start and finish early, and keep to the shady lanes near Wodonga.

**Rating:** Easy

**Contact:** Sasha & Mitchell Watson 0413 199 520

**Sun February 13      TUNGAMAH**

An easy canoe paddle through Tungamah. Like the lake in Benalla, this is maintained at a constant level and is very popular with the locals. A drink and an inspection of the silo art afterwards.

**Rating:** Easy

**Contact:** Brian Watson. 0407 300 922

**Sat February 19      DOOKIE BIKE RIDE**

It's about time we did this circuit again following the rail trail out to the end and then completing the block back into Dookie taking in the extended section that has now been completed.

Not big distances to be covered but a nice morning ride finishing off with coffee in the park.

**Rating:** Easy

**Contact:** Gary Macdonald 0421 052 367

**Sun February 20      MT TIMBERTOP**

Yes, I know it is summer, but it should be a bit cooler in the hills, and we should finish before the real heat sets in. A lovely, uphill walk through the forest, with magnificent views back towards Mansfield, Eildon and the Cathedral.

**Rating:** S - 3 - 3

**Contact:** Jean Lightfoot. 0407 908 352

**Thu/Mon March 3-7      LOWER GLENELG RIVER CAMPING & CANOEING**

Camping on the banks of the beautiful Glenelg river at Pritchards Campground.

Activities may include canoeing/kayaking (BYO or borrow one from BBWC), short walks, fishing and lazing around. If anyone is interested there may be a trip to the Princess Margaret Rose Caves.

The Glenelg River has some spectacular limestone cliffs and tranquil forest.

Campsites need to be booked on the Parks Victoria website. [www.Parks.vic.gov.au/en/bookings](http://www.Parks.vic.gov.au/en/bookings) (select Lower Glenelg National Park, then select Pritchards campground). I have already booked site no. 1, it would be nice if we were near each other i.e. book site 2,3,4, or 5 etc. These campsites are suitable for caravans and tents. Small tents maybe able to fit onto site with a caravan.

**Contact:** Lynne Cornall 0412 247 483

**Wed March 9      MT STIRLING SUMMIT**

Approximately 8km walk to the Mt Stirling Summit via Machinery Shed and Wombat Loop. Start and finish at King Saddle shelter. We will pass through a number of different vegetation zones and visit a couple of huts. Great views along the way and at the summit.

**Rating:** S - 4 - 3 (Easy-Medium)

**Contact:** Wendy Baker 0429 780 179.

**Sat March 12      YARCK TO ALEXANDRA BIKE RIDE**

This is a pretty easy ride of 42 kilometres, mostly shaded. Unlike lots of the rail trail, none of this ride is actually "level". You are either going gently uphill or gently downhill. Although, to be honest, the 10 kilometres from Cathkin to what I call the "Big Cutting" is steeper than "gentle", but nothing like the ride from Everton to Beechworth. I find that for bike rides, a small number of riders seems to work a bit better, so I will have a maximum of six riders. More details closer to the date.

**Rating:** Easy

**Contact:** Don Allen 0428 270 334    donallen1902@gmail.com

**Fri March 18      KWAT KWAT**

In the cool of the evening we will have a drink and a chat as the moon slowly rises over the floodplains of the Ovens valley. A simple social evening to unwind after a hectic week (:

**Rating:** Easy

**Contact:** Brian Watson. 0407 300 922

**Sat March 26**

**MYRTLEFORD TO BRIGHT BIKE RIDE**

We will be pedalling for 60 kms on this one, so some leg weariness can be expected by the time we are back in Myrtleford, but it is a good ride along the Rail Trail, through a very picturesque countryside. It is slightly uphill all the way to Bright where we have a good break, and get some food. Along the way we could stop in Ovens where there is a very popular coffee van beside the Pub. Whenever I travel through Ovens there are always people at that coffee van! Then the return to Myrtleford is a downhill ride. More details closer to the date, and again, six riders.

**Rating:** Easy

**Contact:** Don Allen 0428 270 334 donallen1902@gmail.com

# Walk Reports

## Reform Hill - Myrtleford Sun Oct 17



Wow! At last - a perfect Spring day: all the better to undertake another bushwalk... and one with a difference. Wendy Baker led our group (plus Daisy the dog) up Reform Hill, towering above Myrtleford township. The track was steep, so walking poles were an asset. There are a few different tracks on the Hill, so information boards had been erected, mapping the route and also detailing the long gold-mining history of Reform Hill.

When we reached the summit, we were rewarded with panoramic views over Myrtleford township in one direction and then over the Ovens Valley to Mount Buffalo in the other. As it was such a clear day, we could see in the far distance, a snow-capped Mount Feathertop.

After lunch, the fun began... a walk along the Mosaic Trail, which runs beside the swiftly flowing Ovens River, to find as many hidden mosaics as we could. After the habitual afternoon tea, James ran a short impromptu Stretch Class. Great idea James... it might just catch on. I'm sure we all enjoyed today's jaunt in Myrtleford. Thanks Wendy!

**Bev Thornell**



## Mount Wombat and the Garden Range Sun Oct 24

Eleven walkers met at Kelvin View and drove to where there had been a camp below Mt Wombat. Then we walked through the bush, admiring the flowers and rocks, up to the towers at the top. The wind was very cold, but we looked at the view in all the directions before descending down the track to the vehicles where we had lunch out of the wind. Then we drove down to the waterhouse weir and went for a second walk.

We were enjoying the different area and the flowers, but going up to the waterfall the way we were going seemed too hard, so we returned to the cars for afternoon tea. Everyone enjoyed the walk in a new area for most of them.

**Jean Lightfoot**



## Sunday October 24 Mt. Wombat - Garden Range

Yesterday, Jean Lightfoot led a group of Club weekend away stay-at-homes... including a few from Shepparton, eager to be let out again... on an interesting walk up Mt. Wombat. Though not far from Euroa, few of us had heard of Mt Wombat and its Fire Spotting towers.

Wending our way through scrub and across huge rock faces, keeping a lookout for any late wildflowers, we reached the summit, with its amazing 360° views - all the better to Fire Spot! After lunch, we drove on to the nearby Garden Range, where we began the trek on level ground past the Reservoir, but then tackled the steep ascent (no defined track) towards distant Charman Falls, falling from steep rocky cliffs. Alas, the Falls remained distant, as they proved difficult to reach without abseiling gear, so we wisely decided to turn back (another time?) However, we cheered up during a plentiful afternoon tea.

**Bev. Thornell**



### **Cheviot Tunnel Bike Ride Sun Oct. 31**

After a couple of cancellations, I had three participants for this ride; Fiona, Helen and Peter, and it turned out very well, as with only four riders it made for a companionable day out.

We set off from Yarck on time at 9:30 in perfect weather, although the Trail is mostly shaded, and for a while it was a bit cold on the hands, but soon warmed up. The Tunnel is certainly a work to behold, and its condition is testimony to the skill of the workers who built it 130 years ago, and definitely worth a visit. Then the easy downhill ride to Yea, which was very busy; I guess with Melbourne people enjoying their first weekend out of lockdown. The people selling coffee and food had smiles all over their faces! We joined the queue for some food for ourselves and had a good rest, before making the journey back to Yarck.

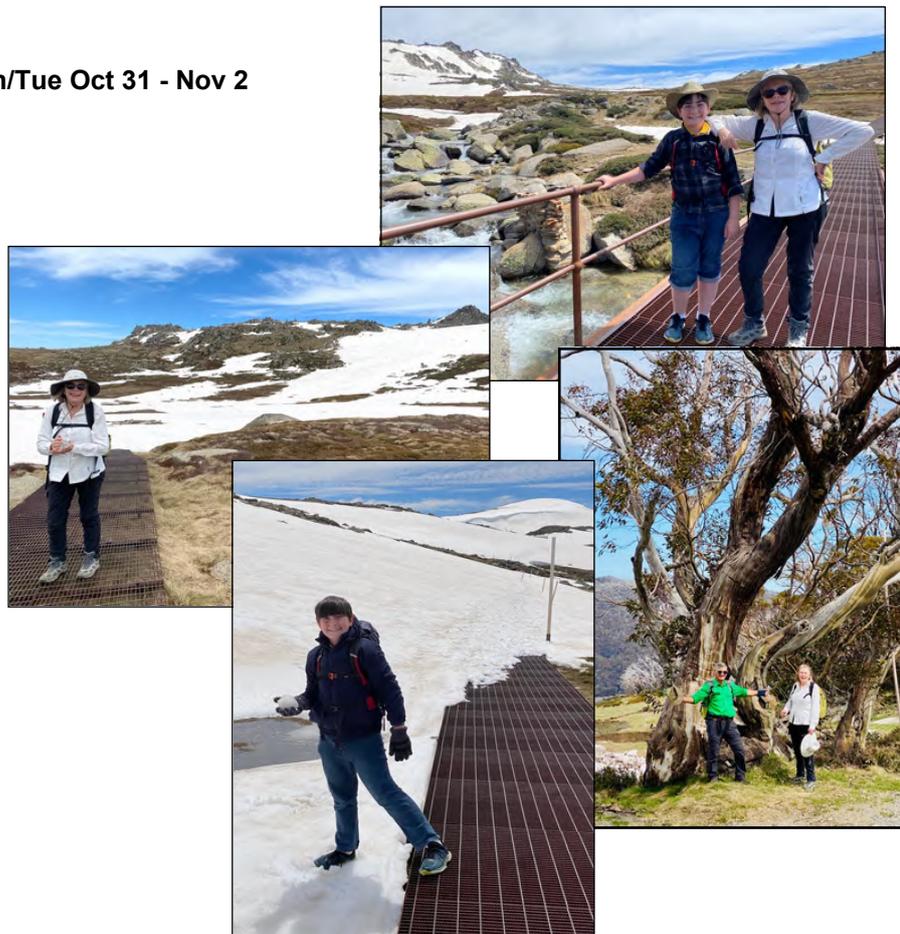
It became a slightly harder ride than I envisaged as it was 58 kilometres from Yarck to Yea and return, rather than the 54 kilometres that I indicated and of course it is slightly up-hill for the last few kilometres back into Yarck. We were all pretty glad to see our vehicles at the end of the ride, before a cup of tea and biscuits at a picnic table before heading home.

Was a good day; thanks to Fiona, Helen and Peter for being part of it.

***Don Allen***



### **Kosciuszko in a Day Sun/Tue Oct 31 - Nov 2**



## Harrietville & Dinner Plain Sat/Sun Nov 6-7



Another of our Walks where we leave town for a large part of a weekend, taking our own accommodation such as tents or caravans or staying in a cabin. Adele had 8 walkers for her weekend away; Brian, Chrystal, James, Mitch, Peter, myself, plus Sandy and Trish, who were visitors from the Warby Ranges Bushwalkers.



Most of us drove to Harrietville Saturday morning and after we had secured our accommodation, Adele took us along some of the Walking Trails in and around Harrietville, checking out the remains of the gold-digging days and particularly where the Tronoh Dredge operated from 1942 to 1954. This machine weighed a bit over 4000 tonnes, floated on water from the Ovens River and just gnawed away at the river bed to a maximum depth of forty metres but mostly 25/30 metres, to recover the gold. And they obtained just on one and a half tonnes of the stuff for their efforts, worth nearly \$100M in today's dollars! Over the decades, I have driven through Harrietville many times but never stopped to have a look around. So much History from the gold mining years and Harrietville presents it well.

Saturday night was a scrumptious dinner at the Snowline Hotel, where Adele had booked us a couple of tables, then back to our beds in preparation for the big walk next day.

Sunday morning, we travelled to the Dinner Plain Village from where we set off on the Montane Walking Track, firstly to the Room with a View lookout where there is a huge vista out and across the mountains and a good spot for a small snack before setting off on the 10/12 kilometres through forest and open country to The Precipice, crossing the Alpine Road on the way. As the name suggests, the Precipice presents an almost sheer drop into the valley and vast views across the mountains and valleys to the west and to the south. Good spot for lunch before retracing our steps for a couple of kilometres on our way back to the village along a formed vehicle track.



No eateries were operating in Dinner Plain so we made our way back to Mt Hotham where the Pub was open. Drinks and food there, then back to Harrietville from where some of us headed back to Benalla.

Thanks Adele; a good weekend "away". Good walking, lots to see and a good evening at the Snowline Hotel.

**Don Allen**



## Warby Ranges Sun Nov 7



The Warby Ranges were the destination of our day walk today. First stop was the Pangarang Lookout. Along the track wildflowers were a plenty. Masses of sticky everlastings and bluebells were a delight to see. Also riceflower, twining bindweed, and some that we were unfamiliar with. The grass trees were stunning, as were the white cypress pine.

The views from Pangarang lookout towards the western plains to Mt Major, Dookie and north west towards Tungumah were beautiful. The

Pangarang/Bangerang people knew the lookout as Munganjandra meaning 'the home of the eagle'.

We then drove to the Pine Gully Nature Reserve for lunch followed by a walk around the circuit loop. Again wildflowers greeted us and the water pools at the Pine Gully Falls were a welcome sight on the humid day.

Total distance of walks approx 7 kms.

**Wendy Baker**



## Underground River - Mt Buffalo Nov 12



What luck! Our mid-week bushwalking outing was held on the last fine day before the big wet arrived. The Underground River Walk up on Mt. Buffalo is a pleasant 4.5Km circuit from Lake Catani picnic area, past swampy areas, rough rock steps, several scenic viewpoints, and then down to the Underground River and its cave entrance. A fetid smell (origin unknown) dissuaded us from lingering there, so we tackled the roughly hewn rock steps leading up to the Chalet picnic area, sharing this with city day trippers. John kindly allowed us a bit of extra time to check out the panoramic views from the Lookouts. The new one even has a small glass-bottomed square panel. No hang gliders were operating that day.

The return 1.5km walk, via the Gorge/Lake Catani track, was interesting, with huge granite boulders bordering the track. We trooped across the bridge and skirted Lake Catani, stopping to photograph wildflowers (sorry John), especially some lovely swathes of Violet Hovea. Afternoon tea spread under Lake

Catani shelter was much appreciated by us and also by a newly arrived (rather nice) Parks Victoria Summer staff member, who was on cleaning duty.

This story does not have a happy ending however, due to Robyn's pesky VW reminding her that it has a self-locking mechanism, meaning keys can become locked in a backpack in the boot (a helpful feature). Oh dear. RACV couldn't offer any assistance, so husband Les came to the rescue, driving all the way up from Benalla with the spare key.

\*P.S. Wendy...we can visit your Pumpkin Place another time - sorry about that.

**Bev. Thornell.**



## Mt Buffalo - Mackey's Lookout to Chalet Wed Dec 8



Our last mid-week walk for the year, and Wendy Baker had 14 walkers for the trek from Mackey's Lookout to the Chalet. Part of the Mt Buffalo Big Walk, but the more scenic part, as there are several lookouts where there are panoramic views of the Ovens Valley and of Porepunkah township. Numerous huge boulders beside the track, lots of wildflowers and of course, the Crystal Creek waterfall which had lots of water cascading over the rocks and way down into the valley. This would have to be one of Victoria's more spectacular waterfalls, surely? Along with Paradise Falls, we are fortunate to have such waterfalls nearby.

At the Chalet, we split up into groups for an hour or so, while we ate our lunches and explored the manicured gardens and the nearby viewing platforms, including the platform with the glass floor. Not for the faint-hearted! It seems unfortunate that a coffee van type of food service does not (or cannot) operate at the Chalet. I guess the Powers That Be have their reasons. Then the walk back down the hill to the cars and home. Many thanks Wendy for a Top Walk.

And a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our Members. And more great walks in 2022.

**Bev Thornell/Don Allen**



# Benalla Bushwalking Club Inc.



## Acknowledgement of Risks and Responsibilities of Participants on Club Activities

To be completed by all non-members and non-financial members participating in this activity.

Leader: ..... Date: .....

Activity: .....

In voluntarily participating in the above activity of this club, I am aware that my participation in this activity may expose me to risks that could lead to injury, illness or death or to loss of or damage to my property. Those risks include, but are not limited to, slippery and/or uneven rocks, rocks being dislodged, swimming, diving, submerged logs and rocks, shallow and/or cloudy water, hypothermia and strong currents.

To minimize these risks I have endeavoured to ensure that

1. This activity is within my capabilities.
2. I am carrying food, water and equipment appropriate for the activity.
3. I have advised the activity leader if I am taking any medication or have any physical or other limitation that might affect my participation in the activity

I will make every effort to remain with the rest of the party during the activity and accept the instructions of the leader of the activity.

I have read and understand these requirements. I have considered the risks before choosing to sign this acknowledgement of risk. I still wish to join this activity. I accept that in signing this form I will take responsibility for my own actions.

### Members:

Name	Emergency Contact

### Non Members - \$5.00

Name	Address	Signature	Emergency Contact

Leaders complete & forward to: Doug Kneen

## BENALLA BUSHWALKING CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (2021)

The annual membership fee is \$45 per person (\$40 (incl. \$5 discount) if paid prior to March 31). Full time students, if accompanied on walks by their paid up parent(s), are covered by the parent(s) membership.

No. of individuals included in application: ..... Amount Enclosed \$ .....

Payment Method:  Cash / Cheque  Online Deposit

For online payments **BSB 803078 Acc. No. 137269. Please use name as reference.**

Membership Renewal  New Member

Name/s.....

Postal Address.....

Town.....Postcode.....

Email Address.....Phone.....

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN BENALLA BUSHWALKING CLUB ACTIVITIES

#### **NB. To be completed by all new and renewing members**

In voluntarily participating in any activities of the Benalla Bushwalking Club, I am aware that my participation in these activities may expose me to risks that could lead to injury, illness or death or to loss or damage to my property. Those risks may include, but are not limited to, slippery and/or uneven ground, falling rocks, cliffs, exposure to weather, white out conditions, heat exhaustion, hyperthermia, creek crossings and snake/spider bite.

To minimize these risks I will endeavour to ensure that-

- (1) any activity in which I participate is within my capabilities, and
- (2) I am carrying food, water and equipment appropriate for the activity.
- (3) I agree to advise the activity leader if I am taking any medication or have any physical or any other limitation that might affect my participation in the activity.

I will make every effort to remain with the rest of the party during any activity and accept the instructions of the leader of the activity.

I accept that I also have an obligation to read and understand the risk management strategy guidelines that the club distributes or makes available in its newsletter or web page from time to time providing guidance and instruction on how to minimise any risks of its activities.

**By signing this form and/or payment of my subscription** I acknowledge I will be responsible for my actions and fully understand and accept the above conditions.

NAME(1)\_\_\_\_\_ NAME(2)\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE(1)\_\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_\_

DATE\_\_\_\_\_

AS AT DECEMBER 2018

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

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