

WARBY RANGE

BUSHWALKERS

2007



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

NEWSLETTER 1, 2007



PARTY TIME AGAIN!

Yes! Remember last Christmas? Well it's here again. Let's hope we have as big a crowd at this year's celebration.

Be at Sue Dorrington's place on Saturday evening, 16th December for our Christmas party from 6.00 pm. Even if you haven't been for a walk all the year, it's a good time to meet those who have. And bring partners and children too.

Sue lives at 13 Swinburn Drive, Wangaratta. That's in the estate behind Galen College. Ring Sue and let her know at least four days in advance that you are coming. She'll suggest you bring a salad, a sweet or some nibbles.

What else to bring? There'll be a barbeque, so bring some meat if that's your line. Also bring drinks, and your own eating utensils (cutlery, plates etc) and chairs. A fold out table might be useful too. Bread, sauce, tea and coffee will be provided.

MT ST BERNARD HERE WE COME!

If you've missed out on our previous weekends of walking and socializing at Wangaratta Ski Club



Lodge, then this is your chance. We're booked in for the weekend of January 5th to 7th. And there's some great walks planned. The altitude ensures a get away from the heat. But do remember that it can snow even in January. So come prepared for any weather.

If you or your partner doesn't want to walk, that doesn't matter. Bring a book! But please remember to register on or before our Christmas party (December 16th) by phoning Adrian Twitt 5721 5327. No deposit required. There are 40 beds, and all facilities. No need to bring anything except your food, a towel, a pillow slip, and either a sleeping bag or blanket and sheets.

We'll have a barbeque on the Friday evening and organise a shared meal on Saturday. The lodge will be open from 4.00 pm on Friday so we could even have a walk before we stoke up the barbeque.

Day trippers can come, but let Adrian know. You would need to be prepared to be at the lodge by 8.00 am if you plan to come up on one of the days.

The lodge is located between Harrierville and Mt Hotham. Thirteen kilometres after Harrierville, watch for the Dargo Road turn off. Continue on the Great Alpine Road for 400 metres. Watch for the four wheel drive track on the right hand side. The lodge is a mere two hundred metres from the road up the hill.

A WEEK AT BUNGA HAVEN



Our 2007 week-away is to be based at Bunga Haven, just four kilometres east of Lakes

Entrance. It is a

holiday house with five bedrooms and multiple beds. We have booked the whole place from Friday, 16th March to Friday 23rd March. There is room to camp outside for our overflow, depending on booking numbers. The place is so cheap that it will pay to leave home to be there!

So book early. A deposit of \$20 is required by 1st February. This should be sent to our secretary, Glenda Hall, 15 park Crescent, Wangaratta 3677.

Bunga Haven sounds like the perfect getaway. It has the sounds of bell birds in the trees outside the front door, and it overlooks Lake Bunga with its swans and sea eagles. The beach is 400 metres away.

Walks can take place right from the grounds of the house. There is a huge variety of walks in the area. It's take-your-pick country. And the week will cater for all abilities.

There are self catering facilities with an equipped kitchen, and a dining-lounge area at Bunga Haven.

Those who book will get more detailed information closer to the time. Put it in your 2007 diary now!

THE FEDERATION WEEKEND

What a fantastic event the recent Federation weekend in Bright was! 450 walkers from all over the State and across the Border, participated. Eighteen members of our Club attended. We provided a number of leaders and catered for the Saturday afternoon tea. Most stayed either at River Lodge or camped in the surrounding camping ground.

There were nearly 50 walks on offer. Our Club led walks to Feathertop, the Back Wall of Mt Buffalo, Big Walks (up and down Mt Buffalo), and from Bright to Wandiligong and back along Morse's Creek.

It was great to see some of our newer members taking part in the Federation Weekend. Below, Oscar Maddigan, lines up for a walk.



EXPLORATION WEEKEND

The weekend of December 2/3 was designated an "Exploration Weekend". Fortunately the fires did not disrupt events, and the weather was cool.

The aim was to explore new walk opportunities. Several walks were "mapped". They included walks in the Nug Nug area climbing up the flank of Mt Buffalo, the upper Watchbox Creek area of Molyullah, the Boweya Forest, and Mt Barambogje.

There was a swapping of thoughts about the weekend while still fresh in minds. This was done over a pub meal at the Pinsent on Monday 4th December.

ANNUAL DINNER

Our next newsletter may be too late to give you a reminder of our annual dinner and annual meeting, held at Café Martini, Wangaratta.



It's to be on Tuesday, 13th March. That's the day after Labour Day. So please come and join in. We always have a great time. It's our only regular dinner for the year.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING

As usual, Warby Walkers are on the move. President Kerrie and Paul Davenport are off to New Zealand in January (after the St Bernard weekend). Murray Shaw is going in the Great Tasmanian Bike Ride, so will be absent for much of February. Glenda Hall and Irene Knox are doing the Overland Track in Tasmania also in February.

Bob and Judy Shaw are expecting. At least they are expectant grandparents (again)! So they are going to Brisbane in March when we're at Bunga Haven.

Whilst on grandchildren. Life Member, Rolf Heetel, has a new

grandson, born in Sydney last week. Congratulations Alexia and Rolf!

Jan Hayward enjoyed a trip to the UK and Europe recently with her daughter. She was particularly enthralled with Scotland. Our "Scottish" member, Aileen Caldwell will be pleased to hear this.

Did anyone note that Helen Hall was an entrant in the Jazz Art exhibition last month? Helen's a person of many talents.

We were sorry to learn that Frieda Andrews lost both her sister in Adelaide, and her mother in Perth, in the same week in November. Her partner, John Lloyd was back from Germany, and a walk in Majorca.

Andy Kimber was burning up energy on the Great Victorian Bike Ride recently. His post-ride comment, "No great challenge!"

If you think this newsletter has been late arriving, you're right. Your editor (Adrian Twitt) has had a worrying time lately. His mother died in Shepparton on November 28th

NEW MEMBERS

Our membership has passed sixty. We only gained one as a result of the seniors forum at The Centre recently, but at least we were there. Any publicity is good.

Word must be spreading about us in Yarrawonga. Brett Madigan, who has been a participant in walks in the past, joined up with son, Oscar, recently. They went to Burrawa-Pine Mountain with the group recently, and like the rest of us, seemed to enjoy the weekend immensely.

Another new Yarrawonga-Mulwala member is Michael Abikhair who came on the Mt Porepunkah walk. We look forward to seeing more of Michael in the future.

JUDY SHAW – COMMITTEE PERSON



Judy Shaw is one of our new committee members. She and husband Bob have only lived in Wangaratta since the beginning of this year, so Judy has thrown herself into Club affairs very quickly.

Judy grew up in Moe and married Bob in 1970, later having 3 children – Kerryn (an accountant in Brisbane), Stuart (a secondary teacher in Darwin) Belinda (a chef in Wangaratta). They became proud grandparents in July with another grandchild due in March. Judy trained as a Food Technology teacher and has taught in government and Catholic secondary schools. Judy (with Bob) commenced her teaching career in Wonthaggi and has since lived in Cobram, Hamilton (20 yrs) and Swan Hill before retiring from teaching in 2005 and moving to Hamilton Park. She now enjoys pursuing her interests in bushwalking, which she and Bob have always enjoyed. They know the Grampians from top to bottom, and the Lower Glenelg area from their Hamilton days. They have also enjoyed hiking on three trips to Tassie.

Judy's other interests include bike riding, golf, aqua aerobics, gardening, cooking, sewing, embroidery and craft. The Club has benefited more than once from Judy and Bob's hospitality with social gatherings at their residence already.

CLUB LOGO SHIRTS

The Committee has been discussing a possible Club logo to wear on our shirts. We have looked at design ideas which incorporate our current grass tree symbol that you see on our letter-head and badges.



By next newsletter, we'll have the design on display. You will be able to have it embroidered on your favourite walking shirt for about \$8 or you will be able to order a shirt with the logo attached.

Warby Walkers enjoying Bluff Falls near Cudgewa. Back: Brett Maddigan, Helen Twitt, Oscar Maddigan. Front: Aileen Caldwell, Sue Dorrington.





WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc. **WALKS PROGRAM**

January – March 2007

DETAILS OVERLEAF

JANUARY 5-7 Saturday-Sunday	MT ST. BERNARD WEEKEND Contact: Adrian Twitt	EASY-MEDIUM 5721 5327
JANUARY 14 Sunday	LAKE WILLIAM HOVELL Contact: Paul McCallum	5727 6353
JANUARY 21 Sunday	OVENS RIVER, PEECHELBA Contact: Pat Kuhle	EASY 57222 9173
FEBRUARY 3 Saturday	LONG CORNER CREEK Contact: Adrian Twitt	MEDIUM 5721 5327
FEBRUARY 6 Tuesday	WALKS PLANNING MEETING Contact: Adrian Twitt	5721 5327
FEBRUARY 17-18 Saturday & Sunday	MOUNTAIN CREEK WEEKEND Contact: Andy Kimber	VARIOUS GRADES 5766 2207
MARCH 4 Sunday	MOLYULLAH HILLS Contact: Sue Dorrington	EASY 5721 3086
MARCH 13 Tuesday	ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM Contact: Kerry Davenport	5726 9376
MARCH 16-22 Friday to Friday	LAKES ENTRANCE WEEK Contact: Andy Kimber	VARIOUS GRADES 5766 2207

The Warby Range Bushwalkers welcome new members. Currently you can join for \$12.50 up to March 31st, or you can simply join a walk on the day by paying the visitors fee of \$5 refundable if you join later. Phone the walks co-ordinator, Adrian Twitt 5721 5327 or secretary Glenda Hall 5721 5114 or the walk leader at least two days before the scheduled walk.

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

MT ST BERNARD, January 5-7

A weekend based at the lodge of Wangaratta Ski Club at Mt St Bernard near Mt Hotham. Walks planned for the weekend include Mt Tabletop, a 12 km medium grade walk from JB Plain, and the Hotham-Dinner Plain ski trail an 11 km easy walk mainly gently down hill. Walks will conclude by 3.00 pm on Sunday. Participants can arrive from 4.00 pm on Friday. An informal short walk may be possible at 5.00 pm on Friday for early arrivals. Bookings for the lodge due by December 16. Day trippers should arrive at the lodge no later than 8.00 am on the day.

LAKE WILLIAM HOVELL, January 14

A picnic and canoeing day organized by Wangaratta Out & About. Bring lunch and swimming gear.

OVENS RIVER, PEECHELBA, January 21

A morning walk by the Ovens River near Peechelba. The walk is largely through red gum forest on the banks of the river, and will be approximately six to eight kilometres, finishing by lunchtime. Bring morning tea.

LONG CORNER CREEK, February 3

This walk commences on the ridges overlooking the Buffalo River Valley, eventually following Long Corner Creek. The 15 kms is mainly downhill, with the latter half along shaded tracks.

WALKS PLANNING MEETING, February 6

Walks planning meetings are open to all members and are a chance to have your say about what walks you might like. This meeting is at the home of Adrian and Helen Twitt, 13 Walter Street, Wangaratta, commencing at 8.00 pm. There is a prior committee meeting at 7.00 pm

MOUNTAIN CREEK WEEKEND, February 17 and 18

This is a camp weekend in a delightful setting at the foot of Mt Bogong. There are tent and campervan sites, and toilets, but no other facilities. Water is usually readily available in Mountain Creek. Cars will leave Wangaratta on Saturday morning and there will be an easy walk after lunch. On Sunday, two alternative walks will be offered, one of medium grade, and the other, a hard walk up the Devils Staircase to the summit of Mt Bogong.

MOLYULLAH HILLS, March 4

This 10 km walk through some pretty areas follows a mixture of pine plantation and eucalypt forest in the Watchbox Creek area south of Molyullah. The walk follows a circuit along four wheel drive tracks.

ANNUAL DINNER, March 13

Our AGM is always quite brief, and one in which all members are encouraged to attend. It is also a social event, with dinner. It will be held at Café Martini, Murphy Street, Wangaratta from 6.30 pm

LAKES ENTRANCE WEEK, March 16-23

A week of walks in the Lakes Entrance area. Participants will be based at Bunga Haven Lodge in a bushland setting overlooking Lake Bunga and the nearby 90 Mile Beach. Participants may stay in the self catering lodge, or camp outside. A variety of walks and social activities will be held in the area, with some walks available from the lodge itself. Book by February 1 with a deposit of \$20. Participants may come for any combination of days that suits them. Indicate the nights you expect to stay when booking.

Analysis of Walks on the 2006 Federation Event *Bright and Beyond*

Friday Events

These were offered for the first time.

Four afternoon activities were offered - 3 walks and a cycle. The walks attracted 66 people, an average of 22 each, and the cycle event attracted 6 participants.

All in all a highly successful innovation.

Saturday Events

Walk results are available for 26 events for the Saturday which is believed to be all.

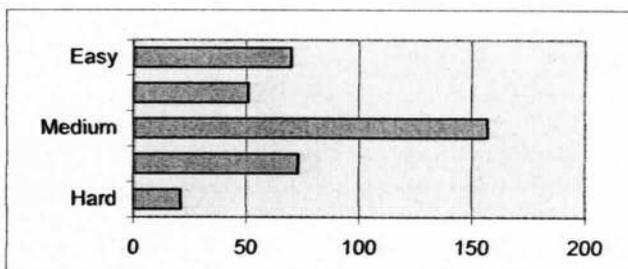
In all, 381 people, including the leaders, participated in the Saturday Events. The total number of people at the event was 440, and allowing for the number of leaders/volunteers (57) this leaves a number of people who attended not as volunteers, but were not on any of the official walks. I am personally aware of at least 4, but there were presumably others. However as a proportion of the total attendees the number is still small.

Paddle. 9 people did the paddling.

Walks

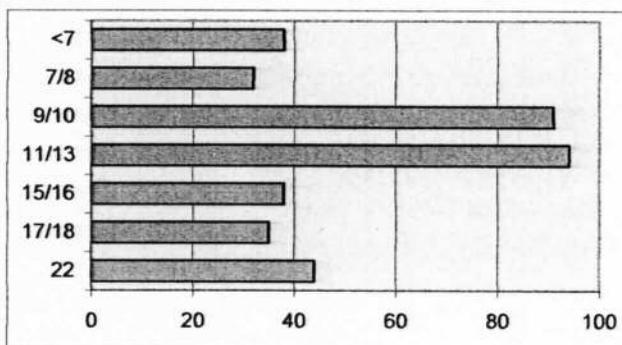
By Standard

	Walks	People	Average
Easy	7	70	10.0
E/M	3	51	17.0
Medium	10	157	15.7
M/H	4	73	18.3
Hard	1	21	21.0
Totals	25	372	14.9



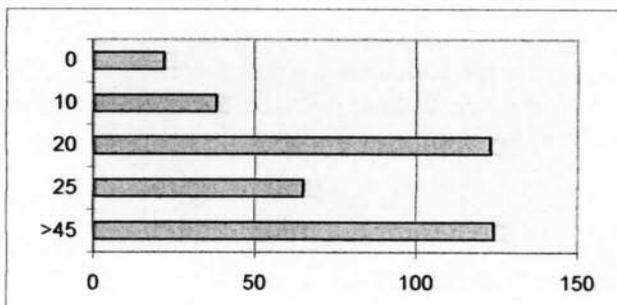
By Distance

km	Walks	People	Average
<7	4	38	9.5
7/8	4	32	8.0
9/10	6	91	15.2
11/13	5	94	18.8
15/16	2	38	19.0
17/18	2	35	17.5
22	2	44	22.0
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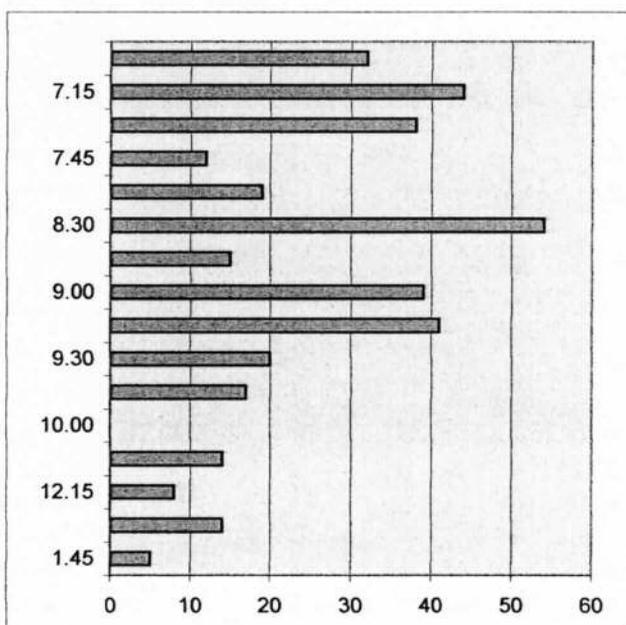
By Drive

km	Walks	People	Average
0	1	22	22.0
10	2	38	19.0
20	10	123	12.3
25	5	65	13.0
>45	7	124	17.7
Totals	25	372	14.9



By Start Time

Time	Walks	People	Average
7.00	2	32	16.0
7.15	2	44	22.0
7.30	2	38	19.0
7.45	1	12	12.0
8.15	1	19	19.0
8.30	3	54	18.0
8.45	2	15	7.5
9.00	2	39	19.5
9.15	3	41	13.7
9.30	1	20	20.0
9.45	1	17	17.0
10.00	1	0	0.0
11.00	1	14	14.0
12.15	1	8	8.0
12.45	1	14	14.0
1.45	1	5	5.0
	25	372	14.9

**Sunday Events**

Due to uncertainty about the completeness of the records, the Sunday events have not been analysed.

Some tendency for people to do their own walks on the Sunday was observed, especially when they could not get on to their preferred walk.

Conclusions

All choices were dependant on walks availability. There was also a strong demand for one particular walk to Mt Feathertop.

That aside, there was a definite tendency for people to choose medium-level walks both in turms of difficulty and distance. This tendency is probably more than appears above as many people did two shorter walks in the one day.

The distance that people preferred to drive tended towards shorter, as per previous events, but there was obvious preparedness to drive further where necessary.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the start time does not appear to have had a significant effect on walk choices, being outweighed by other issues. Several people indicated that they would like to have had earlier starts on Sunday due to the impending warm temperatures. This may well have been reversed if a cold day were expected.

Interestingly, after the concerns over the numbers, the average people per walk was **less than 15**. This was probably due to there being so many leader/volunteers included in the total numbers, plus some people who did not walk for whatever reasons.



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NEWSLETTER 2, 2007

MEMBERS SUBS DUE

We hate to start our newsletter with mercenary matters, but here's an important reminder.



March is "Subscriptions Due" month. If you pay before the Annual Meeting (see below), you will get in at current prices. This newsletter contains information and a tear-off slip to help you join or rejoin the Warby Range Bushwalkers.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

If you already belong to another Club (eg Wangaratta Out and About; Pakenham Bushwalkers) that is affiliated with Bushwalkers Victoria, you are eligible to be an Associate member. Note the details about Associate membership later in the newsletter.



ANNUAL DINNER

Our Annual Dinner and AGM is on again at Café Martini, Murphy Street, Wangaratta. Come and enjoy yourself. New members, or those who haven't been on a walk for a while, this is your chance to socialize! The date is Tuesday, March 13th (day after Labour Day), at 6.30 pm. Be there.



FIRE! FIRE!

Nobody needs to be told about the severity of the fires in North east

Victoria over the summer. But who would have thought on December 1st that they would create such havoc with our walks program!

Our "Exploration Weekend", on the first weekend of December, which was such a success at the time, has led to short term disappointment. Many of the explored walks have been burnt out, including those in the Mt Buffalo, Tolmie, and Myhree areas.

Our walk on the first weekend of March has had to be altered. Note the new program in this newsletter. Instead of a walk in the Molyullah Hills, now a blackened area with the danger of falling trees, we have replaced it with a walk in the Woolshed Falls area. Thanks to Sue Dorrington and Pat Kuhle for their reconnoitring and preparation for the former walk and the new walk.

As everyone knows, we had to postpone the Mt St Bernard weekend for a month. That proved an excellent move, especially as the fires reached within two kilometres of the Wangaratta Ski Lodge. Not only did we have a great weekend in the High Country on the first weekend in February, but the walk to replace it in the Beechworth area was well attended. Both it and St Bernard attracted approximately thirty participants.

A WEEK AT THE GIPPSLAND LAKES

There are already over twenty walkers booked into our 'week away' in March. It's to be at the Gippsland Lakes: Lake Bunga. We have booked Bunga Haven guest lodge from March 16th to March 23rd. A few participants are going for the weekend only, but most are planning to stay for the week.



Bunga Haven is four kilometres east of Lakes Entrance. It has five bedrooms, and space to camp

outside for those who wish. There are self catering facilities with an equipped kitchen, and a dining-lounge area in Bunga Haven. Those who have booked will get more detailed information.

Most people have already organized their car pooling. In general, food will be bought at Lakes Entrance with a barbeque planned for the first (Friday) evening. Andy Kimber is the leader and will be circularizing all participants prior to the time, so you'll know what to bring.

PROFILE OF COMMITTEE PERSON- JOHN LLOYD

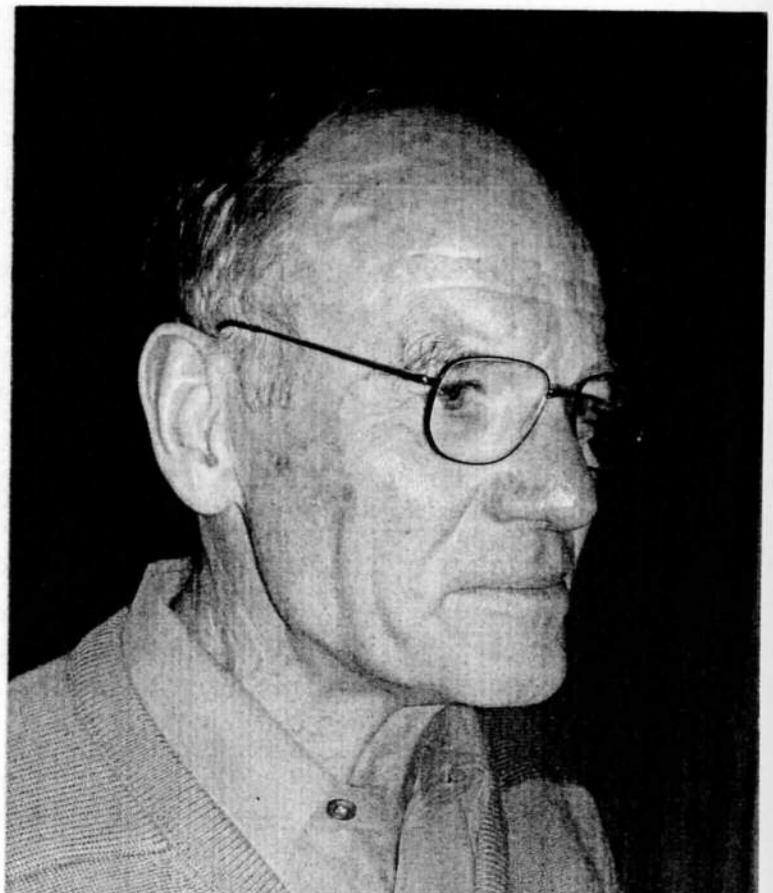
Most members know John Lloyd. For some time now, John has been a member and walks leader, as well as representing us on the Committee.

John has lived in the Wangaratta area for a number of years, and in recent times, has been building a straw-bale house out at Chesney Vale overlooking Lake Mokoan. It has been a project in progress for quite a while, and the results are quite fantastic. John is somewhat of a perfectionist, even if partner, Frieda (also an enthusiastic Club member) thinks it has all taken longer than she had hoped.

John lived in Wangaratta in the 1970's, and was in charge of the special education unit based at what is sometimes called the 'grey building' in Ovens Street. Since then, he has been a school principal in Melbourne before retiring back to Wangaratta.

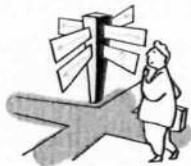
John's family is grown up, and scattered around. In 2006, he went to Germany to catch up with married son Phillip and new grand-daughter who live there. He also took the opportunity to do some walking in Madiera with the British Ramblers.

John is an enthusiastic skier, which is one of the attractions of living back in the north east. We don't see much of John when the white stuff mantles the High Country and he clips on his cross-country skis. Come summer, he has taken off to remote parts of Tassie to tackle extended treks of up to 12 days. As such, he is one of our most experienced long distance hikers. Sodden tents and clothing don't necessarily dent John's enthusiasm.



LOST

We thought we had lost one of our walkers on the Peechelba River Walk recently. It was a lovely walk led by Pat Kuhle on a humid but not-so-hot day in January.



Helen Twitt thought she had had enough by early afternoon and headed off on a bush track along what was thought to be the direction of the cars. Not so. Instead it went off on a tangent. When the rest of the walkers realized the error, there was a hasty retreat to the cars. Helen was nowhere to be seen!

Panic! A drive around the bush tracks revealed nothing. A 'spotter' plane above was of no help (it was probably on a quite different mission).

Helen had sensibly heard the traffic along the Yarrawonga Road and headed through fences and across paddocks until she reached familiar territory and was back, footsore and weary, at the cars a couple of hours later.

We all learnt some lessons from this, but we don't know what they are!

MEMBERS DOINGS

Glenda Hall and Irene Knox have left for Tasmania where they are walking the Overland Track. We hear that it is the luxury style walk with wine served on white table cloths at dinner each evening!

Murray Shaw has already spent some time in Tassie, riding in the Great Tasmanian Bike Ride. We all wonder what he did after morning tea each day, by which time he had presumably finished the day's activity!

The Davenports are also off on a walking jaunt, this time to NZ to do the Routeburn Track. Paul successfully delayed the departure, much to Kerrie's disgust, by injuring his leg helping to construct their new house. He was lucky his injury wasn't more serious.

It was great to hear that Jessie Ussher has been awarded an OAM in the latest honours list. Jessie was a stalwart member of the Club who died in 2006 after battling cancer for many years. Her enormous contribution to the community, especially to the Red Cross has at last been officially recognized.

Alan Raison and Murray Shaw have been featured on the front cover of the latest VicWalk News. They are pictured (ant like) leading the walk to Feathertop on the Federation weekend in November.

Congrats to new member, Margaret Brickhill, whose work towards the new performing arts centre for Wangaratta has borne fruit with the recent funding announcement by the government. Did other members know that Paul Brickhill, of "Dambusters" fame, is a close relative?

NEW CAMERA



The Committee has decided to buy a digital camera for the Club. It will hopefully be a 'point and shoot' variety.

Recently we were the beneficiaries of \$335, part of the profits from the 'Bright and Beyond' (Federation) weekend in which we were one of the four organizing Clubs. Photos can be used for publicity and as a record in our Walks Folder.

CLUB
LOGO



Take your favourite tee-shirt to Steer Clothing in Norton St (opp Railway Station in Wang), or buy a new tee or polo shirt there, and ask for the Club logo to be embroidered on it. Logos only cost \$8.50. They look great! Choice of colours available.

FIRST AID



Would you like a first aid session or two specially related to walking events? The Committee discussed the possibility at our last meeting and feels that it might be a good thing. Let someone on the Committee know your thoughts on this.

Adventure Camping, 14 Rowan St, Wangaratta is offering to email special lists, when they are available, to Club members. If you go into their shop, they will put you in their data base. Just say you're from the Warby Range Bushwalkers

CONQUESTATHON Sun, March 11
Conquer Mt Bogong in this event presented by the Lions Club of Upper Kiewa Valley. Phone 5754 4002 to enter.

Membership of the Warby Range Bushwalkers is valid from March to March each year. Please pay now by post, or at the AGM if you expect to be in attendance. Complete the tear-off slip below to submit with your payment.

Associate Member

If you don't think you'll be going on walks but want to have an association with the Warby Range Bushwalkers, you can become an Associate Member. Similarly, if you belong to another affiliated walking club, you may like to become an Associate Member and walk with the Club.

What are the advantages of being an Associate Member? As well as having contact with the Club through its newsletters, which will be mailed to you, you can join in the Club's social activities. It's also cheaper.

Membership Details

The Club keeps lists of members, their addresses and phone numbers for use within the Club. Please complete the section regarding privacy, and indicate your wishes here. Email addresses are useful if we need to contact Club members at short notice.

-----Tear off
Please send to -
Glenda Hall, The Secretary, Warby Range Bushwalking Club, 15 Park Cres., Wangaratta 3677

Membership/address

Name.....Postal address.....

Phone Number.....Email.....

I am happy to have the above details available to the Club. Yes/No Signed.....

Enclosed (please circle appropriate amount) -

- \$25 single subscription
- \$45 family subscription
- \$10 associate membership



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APRIL 1 Sunday	MORSE'S CREEK Contact: Sue Dorrington	EASY 5721 3086
APRIL 14 Saturday	BOWEYA FOREST Contact Murray Shaw	EASY 5721 3730
MAY 6 Sunday	MUDGEGONGA ABORIGINAL ROCK ART Contact Adrian Twitt	EASY/MEDIUM 5721 5327
MAY 19 Saturday	YACKANDANDAH RIDGETOP Contact Frank Schumacher	MEDIUM 5766 2690
MAY 21 Monday	WALKS COMMITTEE MEETING WALKS PLANNING MEETING Contact Adrian Twitt	5721 5327
JUNE 2 Saturday	BARAMBOGIE HILLS Contact Alan Raison	MEDIUM 5721 7886
JUNE 17 Sunday	OVENS RIVER, PEECHELBA Contact: Pat Kuhle	EASY 5722 9173

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WOOLSHED FALLS, March 4

This walk replaces a formerly scheduled one to the Molyullah Hills which was burnt out in recent fires. Instead, the walk will be to Woolshed Falls from Beechworth. It is an easy 11 km walk following a circuit from Beechworth to the Woolshed Falls return.

ANNUAL DINNER, March 13

To be held at Café Martini, Murphy Street, Wangaratta. 6.30 pm. All welcome including potential new members.

LAKES ENTRANCE WEEK, March 16-22

Participants in the program will stay at Bunga Haven, a lakeside guest lodge within hearing of crashing ocean waves. Located adjacent to a series of walking tracks a few kilometres from Lakes Entrance. Participants may come for part or all of the program.

MORSE'S CREEK, April 1

A 10 kilometre return walk from Bright to Wandiligong following Morse's Creek. A shady amble through exotic and native trees bordering the picturesque creek, reaching historic mining township of Wandiligong.

BOWEYA FOREST, April 14

An afternoon walk of 8 to 9 kilometres in the Boweya State Forest, a box-iron bark forest west of the Warby Range. Walkers will be unlucky not to view some of the diverse wildlife of the area.

MUDGEONGA ABORIGINAL ROCK ART, May 6

Aboriginal rock art hidden in the hills of Mudgegonga makes a good destination for this walk of approximately 12 kilometres. The walk requires a descent into a creek bed and up to a ridge with approximately 200 metres of climbing. Our leader is Don Ingram from the Border Bushwalkers.

YACKANDANDAH RIDGETOP, May 19

This ridge overlooks Commissioners Creek valley with some excellent views of the area. The walk may start at the lavender farm near Yackandandah, climbing quite steeply onto the ridge and through forest, finally descending to old gold workings at Whisky Flat and into the township of Yackandandah. The walk is 7 kilometres with car shuttle, and 11 kilometres full circuit.

WALKS PLANNING MEETING, MAY 21

All members of the Club are encouraged to be part of the program planning. The planning meeting follows a committee meeting and commences at 8.00 am. Venue is 13 Walter Street, Wangaratta..

BARAMBOGIE HILLS, JUNE 2

This locality, between Eldorado and Chiltern, is a forested area of granite hills, the walk following mainly bush four wheel drive tracks but with some non-track bush walking. A short easy option of 9 kilometres is available as well as a longer loop making 16 kilometres depending on level of fitness.

OVENS RIVER, PEECHELBA, JUNE 17

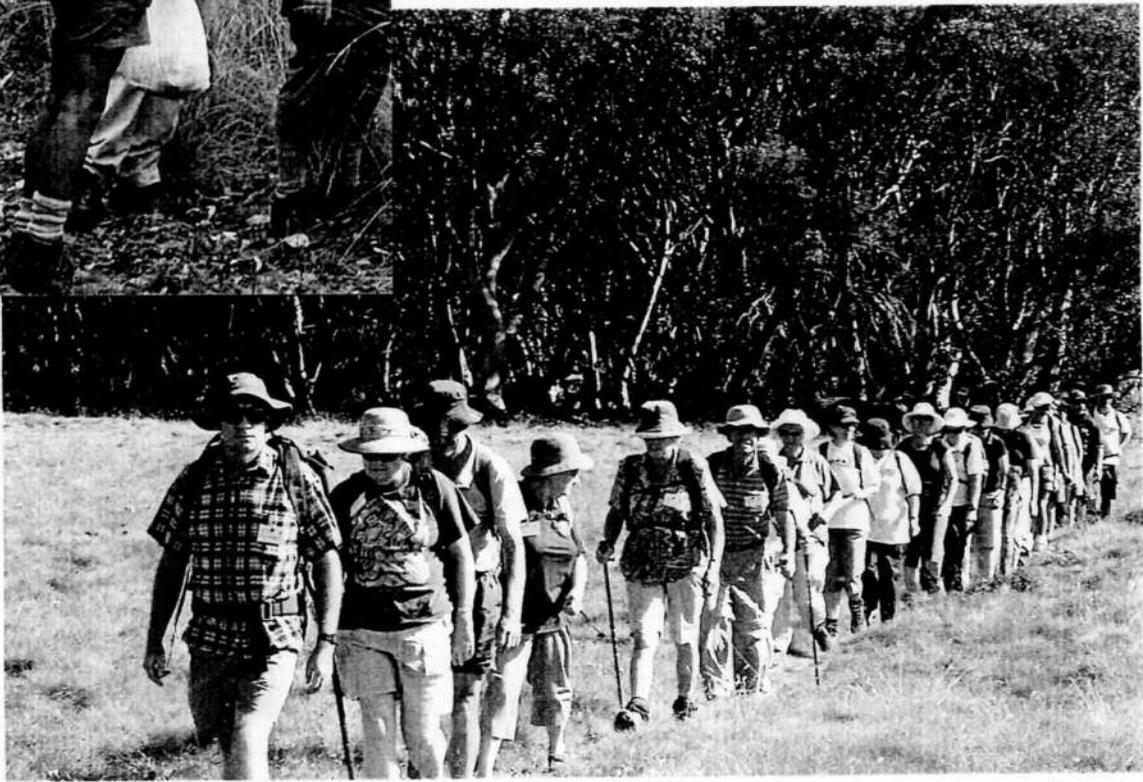
A winter afternoon walk in the red gum forest adjacent to the Ovens River near Peechelba. The walk has some splendid views overlooking the river which in this stretch is one of the best preserved riverine precincts in Victoria.



Top: Assistant Walks Co-ordinator, Pat Kuhle, and President Kerri Davenport, enjoy a break beside the Ovens River on the Peechelba walk.

Middle: Walkers spot something interesting. (Answer next page)

Bottom: Looks like a route march led by Vice President Andy Kimber. Not so, just the recent walk to Tabletop.





Top: Members enjoy pre-dinner at Wangaratta Ski Lodge in February.

Middle: Sue Dorrington and Andy Kimber perched at cliff edge, Mount Tabletop.

Bottom: Kate Murray and John Lloyd preparing dinner at the Ski Lodge.



A Koala up a tree in the
Peechelba Forest (Answer
to question, previous page)





WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

NEWSLETTER 3, 2007

WALKING IN THE RAIN



Winter can be the best time to walk, so don't let the rain put you off! The

recent Mount Barambogie walk was a perfect example. It was raining when we got up, and a third of those booked in dropped out. They shouldn't have; it was a great walk!

True, when we arrived by car to the starting point in the hills beyond Eldorado, it was raining again. We set off in a steady downpour, not fazed as we all had the appropriate clothing (including some with waterproof pants).

The rain stopped, and for the rest of the day, the group had the delight of walking through a refreshingly wet forest and among mossy rocks. Jan Heywood thought the mist rising above the hills was like a scene out of a Wagnerian opera! To see the changing moods of the bush, you needed to be there.

Don't cancel out because of the weather; you may miss something special. Phone the leader to check on any changes. Our walking Club hates cancelling a walk!

GREAT NUMBERS

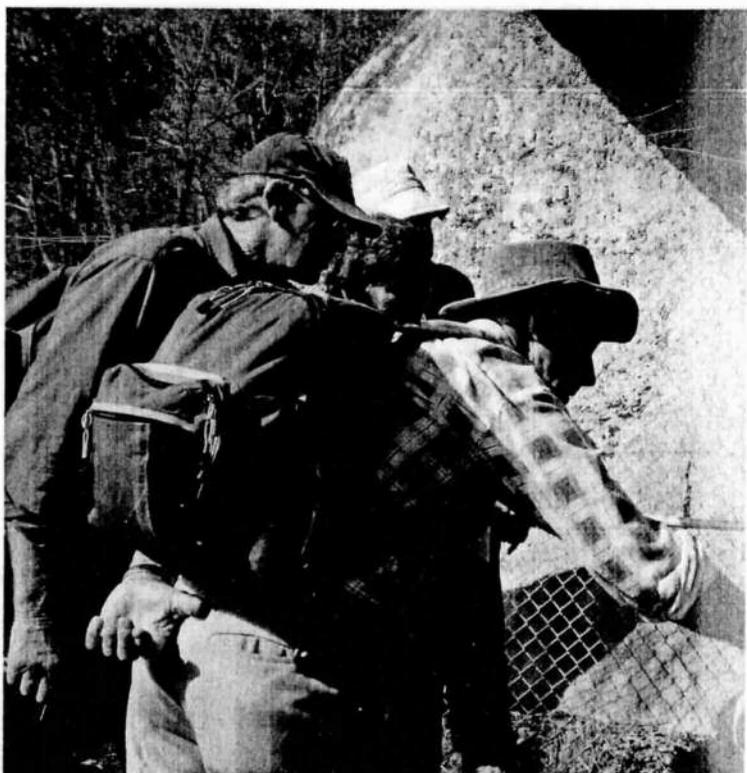
Our walks have been very well attended in recent months. We must be doing something right. New members and visitors keep adding to the influx.

Sometimes we seem overwhelmed with the numbers.

On the Mudgegonga aboriginal rock paintings walk, we had 34 booked in. Whew! It was a delight to have Border Bushwalker, Don Ingram guiding us on that walk. We had been hoping to visit the rock art for years, but didn't know where to go (it's probably kept secret for good reasons).

The rock art itself, is blurred and to many, a little disappointing, but it was still an exciting visit, and the walk in the surrounding forested hills with their magnificent views, was well worth it. And in such delightful weather, with the valleys looking so green after the drought.

Below: Alan Raison looks especially interested in the aboriginal rock art.





FIRST AID COURSE

Sat. 28th July, 10am-3pm

This is just what we have been waiting for - a course in first aid

especially for related outdoor activity. It will cover CPR, allergic reaction, sprains and fractures, lacerations and abrasions, heat exhaustion and hypothermia.

Bring lunch (or buy from nearby bakery). Venue is the Uniting Church in Appin Street (cnr Esmond).

The cost is \$15 (\$10 for members) paid on the day. Book a week or more in advance with Irene Knox 5721 4881.

PAT KUHLE, MEMBER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Almost everyone in the Club knows Pat Kuhle, Assistant Walks Co-ordinator. She comes on many of our walks and is wonderful company. Her fitness is almost legendary – she can bound up the steepest slope without taking a breath, and is always keen for a challenge.

Pat was born at Yinnar in Gippsland where her parents were dairy farmers. They shifted to Melbourne just as she left school and she worked for a publishing company. She met future husband, Ken, at a dance on her 18th birthday; they married two years later.

Pat worked at Knox Private Hospital, but her ten years of delivering catalogues, running 75 kms a week, gave her much enjoyment as well as fitness. She thinks that running is good for the mind as well as the body.

An unusual event in Pat's life was winning a herald competition to name the Orang-utans at the Melbourne Zoo. Apart from being front page news in the

paper Pat won a first class air trip and luxury accommodation to visit the Taronga Park (Sydney) and Western Plains (Dubbo) zoos. (*Guess the names- they appear elsewhere in this bulletin*)

Pat and Ken moved to Peechelba in 1998, enjoying retirement on a hobby farm. Unfortunately Ken contracted cancer and died in 2005.

Pat anticipating widowhood, had moved with Ken into Wangaratta to a unit where she now lives. Pat's sons (Geoff in Wangaratta and David in Sydney) and their children give Pat great joy.

Apart for being a keen walker with the Warby Walkers, she is an enthusiastic member of Out and About and cycles regularly. She is on the committee of both organizations.

But that isn't all. Pat is a member of the Wangaratta Urban Landcare group, serving on its committee, and attending weekly working bees; helps as a receptionist with the local Blood Bank; bakes for the Friends of the Hospital cake stalls (a monthly event). And you can sometimes hear her cheering on grandson Luke at a football match!

Pat looking relaxed on a walk.



THE ROCK AND GALORE

You will notice that we have a couple of weekend jaunts in the spring. They are both two-days-one night ventures, and the first is to the Riverina on September 1st and 2nd. It is the perfect time of the year for this activity and the wildflowers should be at their best.

The Rock is a steady climb upwards on a good walking track. The views from the top are most rewarding, and on a fine day you can see the Snowy Mountains. The Rock is near the town of the same name not far from Wagga Wagga.

We plan to stay in Wagga and explore walks within the city. On the way back to Wangaratta, we'll climb Galore Hill near Lockhart, a magic place named by an explorer who could see "galore".

If you plan to go, please book with Adrian or Helen Twitt by August 19th. Better still, let them know your plans well in advance. We need to know how many cabins to reserve (likely cost \$24 per person with four in cabin).

FEDERATION WEEKEND

This is an annual Sate-wide event which last year was held in Bright. In alternate years, it is held close to Melbourne and this year is a one day event on the Sunday at Healesville. We are making a weekend of it, leaving Wangaratta on the Saturday morning, October 20th, and doing a walk enroute.

The Saturday walk is anticipated to be in the Cathedral Range, a spectacular area which we have not visited for many years. It will be a good chance to visit that area.

The Healesville program will be varied, it being a favoured area for bush walks. (You can pick what suits you).

As with The Rock weekend, we'll need to know whether you are coming, but because of the likelihood of heavy bookings, we need to have expressions of interest now. Phone Glenda Hall 5721 5114 to express your accommodation preferences.



Is this walk the correct grading for me?

All our walks are graded. Sometimes

the grading is difficult to categorize, but the leaders do their best to get it right. Occasionally we offer a program with a 'variety of grades' in an attempt to cater for a larger number of our members. If you think we don't have enough walks to suit your needs, please come to a walks planning meeting to have your say. We are a democratic Club!

On all walks, the leader is expected to have a responsible person at the front and at the back. The 'tail end Charlie' is meant to walk at the speed of the slowest walker, but is usually a competent walker him/herself. That person could even be the leader, with another person who knows the route, appointed by the leader to be at the front for a time.

Walk leaders need to note that a group will move more slowly than one person and allow for this when advising the length of time for the walk. On a walk day, if you are having difficulty grade, let the 'tail end Charlie' know, and he/she should communicate that to the leader at the next stop.

Sometimes a leader may decide to split the group into two, with a shorter or less arduous walk for some participants. The minimum group for any 'split-off' is three, and must include a person who has a good knowledge of the route to be

taken, and carrying basic first aid equipment (as do all leaders).

It is important that we don't do our own thing on a walks day. It has potential dangers (eg snake bite; injury; getting lost). In addition, if you are not

Following the scheduled walk plan, you may not be covered by insurance.

The best thing about keeping together is the camaraderie. It's best if we can walk together. It's even better to finish the day together and share the experience.

**SOME PHOTOS FROM THE
GIPPSLAND LAKES
WALK WEEK**

Answer: Bono and Suma





WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc. **WALKS PROGRAM**

July-October 2007

(DETAILS OVERLEAF)

JUNE 30 Saturday	GOLDEN MOUNT, STRATHBOGIE RANGE Contact: Adrian Twitt	MEDIUM 5721 5327
JULY 7 Saturday	LAKE MOODEMERE Contact: Adrian Twitt	EASY 5721 5327
JULY 22 Sunday	GAPSTEAD HILLS Contact: Jan Heywood	MEDIUM-HARD 5727 1347
JULY 28 Saturday	FIRST AID FOR THE OUTDOORS Contact: Irene Knox	5721 4881
AUGUST 4 Saturday	THISTLE HILL Contact: Alan Raison	EASY-MEDIUM 5721 7886
AUGUST 19 Sunday	MURMUNGEE HILLS Contact: Murray Shaw	MEDIUM 5721 3730
AUGUST 27 Monday	WALKS COMMITTEE MEETING WALKS PLANNING MEETING Contact: Adrian Twitt	5721 5327
SEPTEMBER 1&2 Saturday-Sunday	THE ROCK AND GALORE Contact: Adrian Twitt	EASY-MEDIUM 5721 5327
SEPTEMBER 15 Saturday	SALISBURY FALLS-WENHAMS Contact: Pat Kuhle	EASY-MEDIUM 5722 9173
SEPTEMBER 29 Saturday	COMPASS & MAP READING Contact: Andy Kimber CLUB BARBEQUE Contact: Judy Shaw	5766 2207 5766 2773
OCTOBER 7 Sunday	EUROBIN CREEK-ROLLASON FALLS Contact: John Lloyd	MEDIUM 5765 2476
OCTOBER 20&21 Saturday-Sunday	FEDERATION WALKS, HEALESVILLE Contact: Adrian Twitt	VARIOUS GRADES 5721 5327

The Warby Range Bushwalkers welcome new members. You can join for \$25 (one year's subscription to March 2008), or you can simply join a walk on the day by paying the visitors fee of \$5 refundable if you join later. Phone the walk contact person at least two days before the scheduled day to book yourself into a walk. If no response, contact the walks co-ordinator, Adrian Twitt 5721 5327 or secretary Glenda Hall 5721 5114.

GOLDEN MOUNT, STRATHBOGIE RANGE, June 30th A five hour medium grade walk on four wheel drive tracks to Golden Mount with its spectacular rock face and views. The walk includes the former open cut mine at Tallangalook. This event is in conjunction with Benalla Bushwalkers.

LAKE MOODEMERE, WAHGUNYAH, July 7th A loop of ten kilometres from Pfeiffer's winery; easy grades around a delightful lake which is a spill-over from the Murray River. The river's course will also be followed for part of the route.

GAPSTEAD HILLS, July 22nd The walk begins in farmland and climbs steeply through forest up a rocky ridge onto the Gapsted Range; it follows the range along a four wheel drive track which affords many steep climbs and excellent views. The descent is along a rocky creek strewn with old gold diggings. Finally, it passes through the remains of the quaint gold mining village of Gapsted. 12 kms

FIRST AID COURSE FOR THE OUTDOORS, July 28th This is a four hour course especially geared to a walkers or outdoor groups. 10am-3pm (one hour lunch break). Cost is \$15 (\$10 for members of the Warby Range Bushwalking Club). Venue if Appin Street Uniting Church, or Appin and Esmond Sts. Bring lunch or purchase at nearby bakery or take-away shops.

THISTLE HILL, August 4th Although not steep, this walk does include a steady incline to reach the top of Thistle Hill. The walk rewards the climber with some magnificent views across to Mt Buffalo and the valley of Boggy Creek.

MURMUNGEE HILLS, August 19th This walk is through forest country on the edge of the Murmungee basin. There are some spectacular views of the basin from vantage points.

WALKS PLANNING, August 27th Planning meetings are open to any member of the Club. It is your chance to have a say in what you would like the Club to offer. The meeting is quite social and ends with supper.

THE ROCK AND GALORE HILLS, September 1st and 2nd Leaving Wangaratta on Saturday morning and returning on Sunday afternoon. The Rock, a prominent feature of the Riverina plains, will be climbed enroute. It is a steep, but short climb (less than 3 kms) with views as far as the Snowy Mountains. Accommodation will be at Wagga Wagga Beach Tourist Park. Some walks in Wagga Wagga are anticipated. On Sunday, Galore Hill near Lockhart provides an easy climb through some lovely remnant vegetation. Please book by August 19th indicating your preferred accommodation.

SALISBURY FALLS-WENHAMS, September 15 This Warby Range walk, at the height of the spring flowering period, commences by following the cascading Salisbury Falls. The first (and last) two kilometres is steep, but from then on, the grades are gentle. Parts of the walk encompass the Friends Track and the Alpine Views Track.

COMPASS AND MAP READING, September 29th This event will be held in the morning or the afternoon of the day depending on when the AFL decides to hold this year's final. Compass and map reading will be held outdoors catering for a basic level. Bring a compass if you have one (otherwise supplied). Following the program, there will be a barbeque (or pie and sauce) at the home of Bob and Judy Shaw.

EUROBIN CREEK-ROLLASON FALLS, October 7th This ten kilometre walk requires a reasonable level of fitness, but is very rewarding. It commences at the base of Mt Buffalo, requires a crossing of the Eurobin Creek, and follows the lower part of the Big Walk, branching off to go to the attractive Rollason Falls before returning.

FEDERATION WALKS-HEALESVILLE, October 20th and 21st Walks Victoria plans an annual event called the "Federation" walks. A variety of walks are offered at a range of levels. This year they are being conducted at Healesville on Sunday, Oct 21. Our Club is planning to leave Wangaratta on the Saturday morning as a group and do a walk on that day enroute to Healesville (probably in the Cathedral Range). We plan to stay in Healesville on Saturday night and return to Wangaratta after the Sunday walks conclude. Cabin accommodation is anticipated. Please indicate your accommodation preferences now to Glenda Hall (phone 5721 5114) so that we can book approximate numbers.

CHECK LISTS

CHECK LIST FOR ORDINARY DAY WALK

1. **Day pack.** Of adequate size and comfortable fit.
2. **Fluid.** An amount sufficient to last at least the duration of the walk.
(As a guide—one litre for each 10 km of the walk)
3. **Food.** Lunch plus high energy snacks plus some reserve.
4. **Wet weather gear.** Waterproof and coat and waterproof over trousers.
5. **Woolen jumper** (If not being worn).
6. **Attire.**
 - (a) Sturdy boots.
 - (b) Woolen socks. (2 pair).
 - (c) Jumpers as required.
 - (d) Shorts or trousers (no denim).
 - (e) Long sleeved shirt with collar.
 - (f) Hat with brim.
 - (g) Sunglasses.
7. **Other personal items.**
 - (a) Sunscreen.
 - (b) Band-Aids.
 - (c) Matches.
 - (d) Safety pins.
 - (e) Note book and pencil.
 - (f) Toilet paper.
 - (g) Elastic bandages.
 - (h) Whistle.
 - (j) Compass.
 - (k) Spare bootlaces.
 - (l) Personal medication for conditions such as asthma, blisters or sunburn.

CHECK LIST FOR ALPINE DAY WALK

1. **Day pack.** Of adequate size and comfortable fit.
2. **Fluid.** An amount sufficient to last at least the duration of the walk **plus a reserve.**
(As a guide—one litre for each 10 km of the walk)
3. **Food.** Lunch plus high energy snacks **plus significant reserve.**
4. **Wet weather gear.** Waterproof coat and waterproof over trousers.
5. **Extra tracksuit** (top and trousers) or similar.
6. **Woolen jumper** (If not being worn).
7. **Balaclava** or beanie plus woolen gloves or mitts.
8. **Spare socks.**
9. **Thermal underwear,** gloves and socks or similar if you have them.
10. **Attire.**
 - (a) Sturdy boots. (Must)
 - (b) Woolen socks. (2 pair).
 - (c) Jumpers as required.
 - (d) Shorts or trousers (no denim).
 - (e) Long sleeved shirt with collar.
 - (f) Hat with brim.
 - (g) Sunglasses.
11. **Personal Items.**
 - (a) Sunscreen.
 - (b) Band-Aids.
 - (c) Matches.
 - (d) Safety pins.
 - (e) Note book and pencil.
 - (f) Toilet paper.
 - (g) Elastic bandages.
 - (h) Whistle.
 - (j) Compass.
 - (k) Spare bootlaces.
 - (l) Personal medication for conditions such as asthma, blisters or sunburn.
12. **Optional extras.**
 - (a) Pocket knife.
 - (b) Plastic poncho (recommended).
 - (c) Towel or absorbent cloth.
 - (d) 50m of light cord.





SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE OVERDUE

Our financial year goes from 1st April to March 31st. The number of paid-up members is really fantastic for this time of the year – almost sixty members. If you have forgotten to pay your sub., you will have a reminder in this bulletin.

We make it easy for new or prospective members to join. Just book and attend a walk. You can pay the walk leader on the day, (see the cost at the bottom of the walks program) or just pay a visitors fee if you are not yet sure about joining the Club.

MEMBERS DOINGS

We wish Catriona and David Ferguson all the best for their shift to Warragul. They have been members of the Club for a long time, and we will miss them.

Sue Dorrington is going on extended leave with a trip up to Cape York on the agenda. Sue is looking for a house sitter. Any takers? (see advert below)

Life members, Joy and Bill Rosser have also taken off north for a few weeks. They are on a trip to the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The Gippsland Lakes walking week was a great success, and it was lovely to be joined by Ursula Commins, a longtime member and Sydney resident. Ursula obviously enjoyed the week, as did all the participants, and the venue, Bunga Haven (a comfortable and slightly quaint 1920s guest house), was perfect.

Kate and Peter Murray are travelling in Turkey and Europe for a few months. Lucky people! We look forward to hearing of their exploits when they return.

VALE MARION SEFERTH

We were all saddened by the recent death of Marion Seferth. Marion was an inspirational person whose positive attitude to life was an example to all. She didn't allow her protracted illness to prevent her from enjoying walks and trips away with the Warby Range Bushwalkers. Those who knew Marion only casually, would hardly have realized that she had long term cancer. Her book, "Arrest the Silent Killer", dealing with cancer, was an inspiration, and received much publicity. Several members of the Club went to Marion's funeral in Eldorado on May 25th.

MAP AND COMPASS MORNING

(& bbq lunch)



Ever wondered how you would get on if lost? Would you like to learn how to use a

compass? Our morning of map and compass reading on 29th September is just for you!

Even if you are quite familiar, come anyway, and lend a hand to our leader for the day, Andy Kimber. You don't have to own a compass, but if you do, bring it.

The morning will be in the Warbies, and will be followed by a barbeque lunch at the Shaw's, Hamilton Park. Then being AFL final day, you can watch the footy if you wish! It is shaping up to be a nice social occasion though Collingwood supporters may want to leave early.

House Sitter Wanted for July. Easy to look after house, with ducted heating. Cat to be fed and loved. Some indoor plants to water. Nice new estate 4 kms Wangaratta CBD. Ph. Sue Dorrington AH 5721 3086



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

NEWSLETTER 4, 2007

WINTER WALKS

Winter has come and gone, and we have brushed off the cold and wet for a series of highly successful walks. After the last newsletter's reminder that we walk, rain or no rain (within limits), there has been a great turnout of participants. Most walks have had 10 to 20 participants, hail, rain or shine.

Rain ushered in the Lake Moode mere day, but we pressed on regardless. And the decision was the right one. The grey mist, falling as we travelled up the Three Chain Road, didn't auger well. We sheltered under the veranda at Pfeiffer's Winery, wondering what the elements had in store for us. With confident gusto, we set off, only to have a couple of showers on the entire ten kilometres. Lunch by the lake could even be eaten outside,



despite the availability of an adjacent shelter. The tracks were wet, but mud was easily avoided. And with the circuit completed, a warm spot for wine tasting at Pfeiffers was a bonus.

There was brisk cold wind for the Thistle Hill walk, and on the Strathbogie Range, sago snow fell on us as we approached the summit of Golden Mount. Otherwise, most walks have been in glorious sunshine.

Wet winters seem to be a distant memory. But this winter has been a great one for walking!



Top: Wet, foggy weather at the top of Mt Barambogie.

Left: Not the Kokoda Track, but Warby Walkers in the Strathbogies



FIRST AID COURSE

Now at least fourteen more of us know the latest technique in CPR. That's how many people (including some from Out

and About) gave up a winter Saturday and attended our First Aid program. The CPR demonstration was just part of the day's activities.

It was an informative day, capably delivered by Nick Youings, and geared to outdoor injury and misadventure.

It's heartening to know that, if you do the right things, an adult bitten on the leg by a snake can be kept alive for up to eight hours. The secret is to slow the poison's movement to the lymph glands, and that means immobilizing the victim. Nick's demonstration of what is required, proved very interesting. The 'snake season' is almost upon us, but let's hope we don't need to try out our new-found knowledge.

Thanks Irene (Knox) for organizing the program.

NEXT YEAR'S "WEEK AWAY"

There is a lot of enthusiasm in the Club to try out the Great Ocean Walk, which the Committee has agreed will be the destination for next year's "week away". Bob Shaw has already done a lot of background research for us.

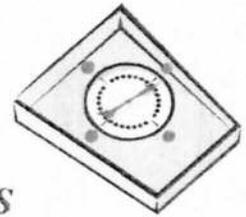
Pencil in your diary, the week commencing Labour Day, March 10th next year. Our plan is to travel to Apollo Bay that day, and spend the rest of the week until Sunday, in the area.

Day walks, and overnight walks are both possibilities according to your preference. It's a fabulous area.

CLUB JOTTINGS

One club member will have vivid memories of returning from the Thistle Hill walk. Yes, he ran out of petrol! Being last in the convoy meant there was no ready help at hand. Questions were asked when the rest of the walkers arrived at Miranda Winery on the return, to find that one car was missing. Bob Phillips and his passengers turned up late. We're not sure whether the 7.5 cents a kilometre charge for passengers was waived or not.

Your editor is back in action after exerting himself too much on the ski slopes this winter. Yes, he injured his Achilles tendon, trying to improve his style. Adrian's family said, "You're too old to be learning to skate ski, Dad." Perhaps they're right!



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IRENE KNOX – WALKS ENTHUSIAST

Anyone who has been a regular walker the last couple of years or so, will know Irene Knox well. She is one of our newer members, but is a regular participant, and we love it when she brings along grand children for the day's walk - it brings our average age down!

Irene is not one for shirking involvement in other ways. She is now on our Committee, and has been instrumental in the last twelve months in initiating tee-shirts with the Club logo, and organizing the recent First Aid day.

Irene was born in Yarrawonga, trained as a nurse in Wangaratta, and after a stint at the Base Hospital, worked as a receptionist/nurse at the Ovens Street Clinic. She married Tom in 1965, and left nursing to raise two children, Tom and Karen, who still live in Wangaratta. With six grand-daughters, Irene has a delightful extended family.

Unfortunately, Irene lost her husband to cancer in 2003. She had returned to nursing in 1979, so gave up around the time of Tom's death, when she was in charge of the District Nursing unit. She is proud of the unit being the first in the world to introduce advanced computer technology into its work structure.

Apart from walking, Irene has played basketball, A-Grade squash, and is an enthusiastic Swans supporter - so much so, that she has recently flown to Sydney to see her favourite AFL team play on home territory, missing our Wagga weekend in the process.



Irene on a recent walk with the Warby Walkers, with two of her granddaughters, Claire and Ayla.

Irene is also a keen reader, knitter, camper and traveller. This month she leaves for a trip to Kenya and Zambia – not her first to Africa as she has been to Egypt too. Next year she plans a South American trip.

She and Glenda Hall have done some great walks in Tassie and NZ, and in February, plan to do the Greenstone, Routeburn and Mt Aspiring walks in the Land-of-the-Long-White-Cloud. They hope it won't be as wet as the time they did the Milford Track a couple of years ago. That was a story in itself.

HEALESVILLE WEEKEND

Healesville is the location for this year's annual Federation walks, Sunday 22nd, October. **You need to book your walks with Glenda Hall, 15 Park Cres., Wangaratta 3677, and pay your \$15 by September 10th.** Members received a list of walks separately, some time ago.

The Club is also doing its own walk enroute to Healesville in the Cathedral Range on Saturday, 11th Oct, then staying overnight in Healesville ready for the walks next day. If you haven't

arranged accommodation, don't despair. Ring Adrian or Helen Twitt before Sept 10th and they will arrange it for you. We have an unfurnished house available for internal camping.

Those who don't wish to go to Healesville, but have always wanted to hike the dramatic Cathedral Range, can come with our convoy, leaving Wangaratta at 8.00 am, and just do the Saturday walk with the Warby Walkers.

The Cathedral Range is in the Alexandra area.

MID-WEEK WALKS

Our intrepid and enthusiastic member, Murray Shaw, has offered to run a couple of mid-week walks. We have often talked about it, and it will suit retirees and those with flexible working arrangements.

These will not be difficult walks. Why not add to your enjoyment of spring in the North East by fitting in some additional exercise? Details on programme.

Eighteen members enjoyed climbing The Rock (see right), and Galore Hill, as well as a riverside walk in Wagga over the first weekend this month. It was perfect spring weather, with views from the summit of The Rock as far as the Snowy Mountains.



HIGH PLAINS IN JANUARY

The Bogong High Plains are a walker's paradise in January. The Warby Walkers have booked the Myrtleford Ski Lodge for the weekend of January 5-6.

Our High Country weekends have always been a favourite, and seem to attract those who want to wind down after a busy working year.

This year, as well as day walks, we are going to offer a two day/overnight walk. Don't be too concerned if you have no equipment - we can arrange that.

All you need to do at this stage is to pencil the event into your diary and wait for more details in our next newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

The Warby Range Bushwalkers now has 65 paid-up members without counting life members, who would bring our total to approximately seventy. That's more than we have had for a number of years. We must be doing some things right!

This newsletter contains a membership card (if you are a paid-up member). It entitles you to discounts at outdoor shops (not all of them - just show your card).



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc. **WALKS PROGRAM**

September-December 2007

(DETAILS OVERLEAF)

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OCTOBER 25 Thursday	MID-WEEK WALK Contact: Murray Shaw	EASY 5721 3730
NOVEMBER 3 Saturday	PANGERANG LOOKOUT Contact: Adrian Twitt	EASY 5721 5327
NOVEMBER 15	MID-WEEK WALK Contact: Murray Shaw	EASY 5721 3730
NOVEMBER 18 Sunday	MOLYULLAH HILLS Contact: Pat Kuhle	MEDIUM 5722 9173
NOVEMBER 26	WALKS COMMITTEE MEETING(7.00 pm) WALKS PLANNING MEETING(8.00 pm) Contact: Adrian Twitt	5721 5327
DECEMBER 1 Saturday	MOUNT DUNN Contact: Murray Shaw	MEDIUM 5721 3730
DECEMBER 14 Friday	CHRISTMAS PARTY Contact: Peter and Kate Murray	5726 9337
JANUARY 5-6 Saturday-Sunday	BOGONG HIGH PLAINS Contact: Kerrie Davenport	VARIOUS GRADES 5726 9376

The Warby Range Bushwalkers welcome new members. You can take a half subscription from October 1st for \$12.50, or you can simply join a walk on the day by paying the visitors fee of \$5 refundable if you join later. Phone the walk contact person at least two days before the scheduled day to book yourself into a walk.

SALISBURY FALLS-WENHAMS, September 15th This Warby Range walk, at the height of the spring flowering period, commences by following the Salisbury Falls. The first (and last) two kilometres is steep, but from then on, the grades are gentle. Parts of the walk encompass the Friends Track and Alpine Views Track.

COMPASS AND MAP READING, September 29th This event will be held at Hamilton Park, at the foot of the Warby Range, commencing at 10.30 am. The compass and map reading will be at a basic level. Bring a compass if you have one (otherwise supplied). Following the program, there will be a barbeque (or pie and sauce) at the home of Bob and Judy Shaw, and you can watch the footy final. Phone Andy Kimber for details on how to get there and what to bring.

EUROBIN CREEK-ROLLASON FALLS, October 7th This ten kilometre walk requires a reasonable level of fitness, but is very rewarding. It commences at the base of Mt Buffalo, requires a crossing of the Eurobin Creek, and follows the lower part of the Big Walk, branching off to go to the attractive Rollason Falls before returning.

FEDERATION WALKS-HEALESVILLE, October 20th and 21st. Walks Victoria plans an annual event called the "Federation" walks. A variety of walks are offered at a range of levels on Sunday. Our Club is planning to leave Wangaratta on the Saturday morning and do a walk in the Cathedral Range enroute to Healesville. We plan to stay in Healesville on Saturday night and return to Wangaratta after the Sunday walks conclude. In the Cathedral Range, two alternative walks will be offered, starting from Ned's Gully camp. One will be an easy walk along the Little River Track. The main walk, however, is an 8 km steep walk, requiring some scrambling over rocks to the top of the Range. This walk is quite hard, requiring good footwear and fitness.

MID-WEEK WALKS, October 25th and November 15th These two walks will be led by Murray Shaw. Contact Murray for details.

PANGERANG LOOKOUT, November 3rd An easy morning's walk of approximately five kilometres in the Warby Range to a fine lookout across farmland, with views as far as the Dookie Hills. Return to Wangaratta before lunch. The Club is inviting the public to join them in this walk. Cost is \$5 for visitors including transport from Wangaratta.

MOLYULLAH HILLS, November 18th A 16 -18 km walk in undulating to hilly country. Grades are not difficult, as the walk follows a four wheel drive track. The area suffered from forest fire earlier in the year, and it will be an opportunity to see the recovery of the forest since then.

WALKS PLANNING, November 26th This is open to all Club members and is an opportunity to have input into the activities of the Warby Range Bushwalkers.

MOUNT DUNN, December 1st Mount Dunn is part of the Mt Buffalo Plateau. The walk is 13 km and should co-incide with the blooming of early summer flowers in this high altitude area. There is a steady climb of 150 metres, with a further 100 metres of steep climb to the top of Mt Dunn. There are good views into the Buffalo Valley from Macs Point. Those who wish, may like to camp at Lake Catani on Mt Buffalo on the nights before or after the walk. The leader, Murray Shaw, plans to do this. The walk starts near Lake Catani. Those who wish may do other unscheduled walks the next day.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, December 14th The Club's annual Christmas party will be held at Peter and Kate Murray's Killawarra farm on Friday evening, Dec 14th. Details in the next newsletter.

BOGONG HIGH PLAINS, January 5th and 6th. Walkers will be based at Myrtleford Ski Club in Falls Creek on Friday and Saturday evenings. Easy walks will be conducted on both days. In addition, a longer two-day walk involving overnight camping will be available, catering for in-experienced or experienced overnight walkers. Hiking gear, including back-packs, tents, and other equipment may be available for borrowing.