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## **WALKS PROGRAM, APRIL – JUNE 2018**

If the walk leader(s) cannot be contacted to book into a walk,  
phone Jeanette, 0417 546 974; or Michael, 0447 617 880.

If a walk needs to be cancelled (for example, due to weather) an alternative walk will be offered where possible.

AWTGS = Australian Walking Track Grading System : see under 'Walks Program' on website for details.

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Walk</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Proposed walk</b>
Sunday, 18th March	Dickson Falls and the Back Wall, Mt Buffalo. AWTGS 3	M	Michael, 0447 617 880
Wednesday, 21st March	Buckland Gap to Stanley via Lady Newton Drive (AWTGS 3)	E/M	Lesley, 5728 1740
Saturday, 24th March	The Big Walk, Mt Buffalo This walk has been re-scheduled.	M & H	Jeanette, 0417 546 974
Monday, 26th March	Annual General Meeting, Wangaratta Club, Victoria Parade, Wangaratta. Arrive for dinner between 6 & 6.30pm, meeting at 7.30pm.		Judy, 5766 2773
Wednesday, 4th April	Benalla Lake and Murals. AWTGS 1	E	Andy, 5721 7922
Sunday, 8th April	Two short walks at Myrtleford. A loop river walk, followed by a BBQ at the historic kiln, Rotary Park. Reform Hill walk after lunch. AWTGS 2	E & M	Erin, 0419 200 998
Sunday, 15th to Sunday, 22nd April	Week away – Great South West Walk.		See website for details
Sunday, 29th April	Browsing Beechworth in Autumn. AWTGS 1	E	June, 0434 338 404
Friday, 4th May	Warby Ovens NP. AWTGS 2	E	Karen, 5722 2540
Saturday, 12th May	Sunrise Track and Taminick Loop. AWTGS 3	M	Jeanette, 0417 546 974
Saturday, 26th May	Mystery Stone Columns. AWTGS 4	Short and hard	Geoff, 0418 530 242
Saturday, 2nd June	Lake William Hovell. AWTGS 4	H	Bob, 5766 2773
Wednesday, 13th June	Buckland Gap to Beechworth. AWTGS 3	E/M	Glenda, 5721 5114
Sunday, 17th June	Mt Samaria. AWTGS 3	M	Michael, 0447 617 880
Saturday, 30th June	Tawonga Gap to Young's Gap. AWTGS 4	H	Bob, 5766 2773
Monday, 14th May	General meeting		Michael's

<p><b>Sunday, 18th March. Dickson Falls and The Back Wall, Mt Buffalo. Michael, 0447 617 880</b> Rescheduled from December 2017 when the road was closed. A medium walk of approx 15k on bush tracks from near Cresta Valley to Dickson Falls. We pass through the Giants Playground, before reaching the southernmost point on the Plateau, with stunning views from the Back Wall. <b>AWTGS 3</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 21st March. Buckland Gap to Stanley. Lesley, 5728 1740</b> An easy/medium walk of approx 7km along gravel roads from Buckland Gap to the Murrumbidgee Lookout along Lady Newton Drive, then onto Bates Dam, where there is evidence of early mining activity, and onto Stanley via Clarkes corner picnic area. After a steady climb to Murrumbidgee Lookout, great views are to be had over the floodplains of the Ovens and King Rivers, and to Mt Buffalo. <b>AWTGS 3</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, 24th March. The Big Walk, Mt Buffalo. Jeanette, 0417 546 974</b> A walk of approx 11.5k from the entrance gate of the National Park to the Chalet Visitor area. A hard walk for those taking the UP option, and a medium walk for those taking the DOWN option. Shorter option, downhill to Rollasons Falls. Spectacular views along the way. Now deferred to a later date. <b>AWTGS 4</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, 26th March, Annual General Meeting at the Wangaratta Club, Victoria Parade, Wangaratta.</b> Book with Judy or Bob, 5766 2773. Arrive for dinner between 6 and 6.30, meeting at 7.30pm.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 4th April. Benalla Lake and Murals. Andy, 5721 7922</b> An easy, near level, walk around Benalla Lake, and around Benalla to check out the latest in murals around town. <b>AWTGS 1</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, 8th April. Two short walks at Myrtleford. Erin, 0419 200 998</b> BYO BBQ lunch to eat following an easy mostly flat loop walk of approx 8k at Myrtleford. BBQ lunch near the Historic Kiln at Rotary Park. A short hard walk of approx 4k, with a climb up Reform Hill also an option for those inclined. <b>AWTGS 2</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, 15th to Sunday, 22nd April Week away at Portland. The Great South West Walk. AWTGS 1-3</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, 29th April. Browsing Beechworth in Autumn. June, 0434 338 404</b> An easy walk of approx 6k along the pathways and streets of old Beechworth, includes Silver Banksia Walk along Spring Creek, lunch in the Chinese Gardens, some of the town section of the Beechworth Tree Walks, and reference to the town's history. Timed for the Autumnal Spectacular - bring your camera. <b>AWTGS 1</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, 4th May. Warby Ovens NP. Karen, 5722 2540</b> An easy 9.5k loop track on 4 wheel drive tracks off the Yarrowonga Road. Basically flat walking between the Ovens River, and its anabranch. River vistas, wetlands and riverine red gum forest. Habitat for water birds and kangaroos. <b>AWTGS 2</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, 12th May. Sunrise Track and Taminick Loop - AWTGS 3. Jeanette, 0417 546 974</b> A medium loop walk of approx 7k on bush tracks in the Warby Ranges. Like most walks in the Warby's, it's a steep start, but then undulating terrain. <b>AWTGS 3</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, 26th May. Mystery Stone Columns. Geoff, 0418 530 242</b> Mystery stone columns have stood isolated, and unknown except to locals, in the Upper Fifteen Mile Creek area for more than a century. Now thought to be of Chinese origin, and having religious significance. There is no track to them, and the scramble to them is quite short and steep in parts, and requires some bush bashing, so can be described as hard. Getting there, and the walk itself, will take most of the morning. In the afternoon, a walk along the Fifteen Mile Creek, or tributary, is planned; 6-8k of easy-medium standard. Car pooling will be in 4WD or AWD vehicles. <b>AWTGS 4 and AWTGS 2</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, 2nd June. Lake William Hovell. Bob, 5766 2773</b> A choice of two walks. A hard walk of approx 21k circumnavigating Lake William Hovell. Most of this walk is on 4WD roads, and includes a river crossing, a steep climb, mountain ash forest and views over Lake William Hovell and the Upper King River Valley. Bring along the hiking poles, and old runners to cross the King River. <b>AWTGS 4</b></p> <p>If you're not into the river crossing and steep climb, then the medium walk may be for you. This walk is along a 4WD road on the west, and south-west, side of the King River, and Lake William Hovell, and returns back to the dam wall. <b>AWTGS 3</b></p>
<p><b>Mid week walk. Wednesday, 13th June. Glenda, 5721 5114</b> An easy to medium walk of approx 8k from Buckland Gap to the George Kerferd Hotel, Beechworth. The walk is on gravel roads, and has a steep start at Buckland Gap. <b>AWTGS 3</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, 17th June. Mt Samaria - AWTGS grade 3. Michael, 0447 617 880</b> A medium walk, with some steep sections at Mt Samaria State Park, of approx 15k, mainly on bush tracks, part on dirt roads. The walk includes a climb to Mt Samaria, the ruins from the logging days of the kiln, the braking station, and walking the Wileman Track. Following the walk there is a proposed extra special ending to the day. <b>AWTGS 3</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, 30th June. Tawonga Gap to Youngs Gap. Bob, 5766 2773.</b> A hard walk of approx 21.5 k through mountain ash forest from Tawonga Gap to Youngs Gap. Following the ridge line from Tawonga Gap to Simmonds Gap, then 4WD tracks to Youngs Gap. Altitude changes from 890m at the start, reaching a maximum of 1150m. Glimpses of Mt Bogong, Big Hill, Mt Fainter and Mt Feathertop along the way. The last time we completed this walk we walked most of the way in snow. Takeaway pizzas at Tawonga South if it's a late finish. <b>AWTGS 3</b></p>

The Australian Walking Track Grading System (AWTGS) has been developed by the Walking Tracks Grading and Improvement Project and funded by "Go for your Life" - A Victorian government initiative. The AWTGS has been endorsed by Parks Forum as a voluntary industry standard.

**AWTGS grade 1**

No bushwalking experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them. Walks no greater than 5km.

**AWTGS grade 2**

No bushwalking experience required. The track is hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps. Walks no greater than 10km.

**AWTGS grade 3**

Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections a rough surface and many steps. Walks up to 20km.

**AWTGS grade 4**

Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signage may be limited.

**AWTGS grade 5**

Very experienced bushwalkers with specialised skills, including navigation and emergency first aid. Tracks are likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked. Walks may be more than 20km.