

WARBY RANGE
BUSHWALKERS
1997B

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INC.

Meeting held at the residence of Rolf Heetel on 12.3.97

PRESENT R. Heetel, E. Jacobsen, J. Butler, D. Banks.

APOLOGIES J. Rosser, B. Mallinder, A. Raison.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on the 7.10.96 were passed on the motion of J. Butler and seconded by M. Shaw. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING 1. Contact Person. After further discussion it was decided to suggest to everyone that they should let someone (eg. relative) know all the details of the walk. This will be done at the A.G.M. and through the newsletter. The committee will continue to look at the feasibility of having a mobile phone.

CORRESPONDENCE

Outwards

1. Mark Lanhorne (program)
2. Associations Incorporation Office (cheque)
3. Vic Walk (\$100 donation)
4. VicWalk (Insurance)

Inwards

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| 96.33 | Down to Earth Confest - Dec. |
| 96.34 | NERSA NEWS |
| 96.35 | VIC WALK (Thankyou letter for donation) |
| 96.36 | Wangaratta Out and About Tracks DEC |
| 97.1 | Red Cross |
| 97.2 | Wangaratta Out and About - Feb. |
| 97.3 | Federation of Walking Clubs (Minutes of council meeting 3.12.96) |
| 97.4 | Vic Walk News Feb 97. |
| 97.5 | Federation of Walking Clubs (Minutes of council meeting 4.2.97) |
| 97.6 | Outdoor Rec. Centre |

The correspondence was accepted on the motion of M.Shaw and seconded by D. Banks.

CARRIED

BUSINESS Outdoor Recreation - It was decided that we would not join.
ARISING

TREASURER'S Balance as at the 12.3.97 \$842.46
REPORT

Accounts passed for payment
Walking in the Otways (book) \$24
Bayside Gardens (Accomodation) \$1735
R. Heetel
(Thank You gift to Mr O'callaghan) \$32₃

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on the motion of D.Banks and seconded by M.Shaw. CARRIED

WALK'S
REPORT

Samaria Camp - many camped and others came for the Saturday walk.

Mhyrree - wet walk but enjoyable.

Lake Kerford - a great day.

Mt. Buffalo - a few intrepid walkers walked from the ticket box to The Chalet.

Oven's Walk - fascinating walk around town with a great guide Mr O'Callaghan.

Bogong High Plains - great - excellent walking weather some members extended themselves but some were sensible and only walked 20 kms.

Kosciosko - a number of members enjoyed this week and walked a total of about 130 km .

Yackandandah - While the group were at Kosciusko another group enoyed a very pleasant walk.

Mt. Buffalo - was cancelled some members sick others preparing for The Otways.

Apollo Bay - was a magnificent week.

R.Heetel thanked D.Banks for all his work as Walk's Co ordinator and especially 'The Week Away'.

GENERAL
BUSINESS

1. 1997/8 committee discussed we still need a nomination for Walk's Co ordinator.
2. Mt. Buffalo Centenary 1998. It was suggested that we might participate and organize a walk.

3. Elaine to send a thankyou letter to Jessie and Merric thanking them for the use of their home for our end of the year party.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at the Stockbridge Bistro Wangaratta on Monday 17.3.97.
commencing at 8.pm.

PRESENT	Rolf Heetel - President Mesdames - Elaine Jacobsen, Joan Butler, Sue Blair, Jessie Ussher, Olwen Turnbull, Isobel Moore, Leilia Bade, Val Kemp, Jan Pyers, Julie Worldon, Trudy Kentmann. Messrs - Murray Shaw, David Banks, Alan Raison, Dick Tivendale.
APOLOGIES	Joy and Bill Rosser, Merrick Ussher, Margot Thompson, Rita Fitzgerald.
WELCOME	President Rolf Heetel extended a warm welcome to all members present.
MINUTES	The minutes of the Twenty-First Annual General Meeting were confirmed on the motion of Jessie Ussher and seconded by Alan Raison. CARRIED
BUSINESS ARISING	Elaine reported that the club has made informal contact with Wangaratta Out and About but nothing definite has been organized at this stage.
CORRESPONDENCE	Nil
REPORTS	President R. Heetel presented his report appended to these minutes. The report was received on the motion of J. Butler and seconded by V. Kemp. CARRIED

Treasurer J. Butler circulated the Financial Report for the year ending 16.3.97 as prepared by accountant G. Hodge. F.C.A.

T. Kentmann moved that G.Hodge be payed \$50 for this report, seconded by D. Banks. CARRIED

The Fincial Report was adopted on the motion of S. Blair and seconded by O. Turnbull. CARRIED

Secretary E.Jacobsen presented her report as appended to these minutes.

This report was received on the motion of M. Shaw and seconded by I. Moore. CARRIED

Walks' Coordinator D. Banks presented his report as appended to these minutes.

This report was received on the motion of I.Moore and seconded by Alan Raison. CARRIED

**ELECTION OF
OFFICE
BEARERS**

Nominations for the year 1997/8 were called.

PRESIDENT

Murray Shaw was nominated by I. Moore and seconded by R. Heetel and in the absence of any further nominations was declared PRESIDENT.

Murray thanked Rolf for all he has done for the club.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Val Kemp was nominated by J.Butler and seconded by J. Ussher and in the absence of any other nominations was declared VICE-PRESIDENT.

SECRETARY

Elaine Jacobsen was nominated by R. Heetel and seconded by L. Bade and in the absence of any further nominations was declared SECREATARY.

TREASURER

Isobel Moore was nominated by J. Butler and seconded by S. Blair and in the absence of any further nominations was declared TREASURER.

WALKS' CO-ORDINATOR

Alan Raison was nominated by D. Banks and seconded by R. Heetel and in the absence of any further nominations was declared WALKS' CO-ORDINATOR.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sue Blair was nominated by A. Raison seconded by V. Kemp. Jessie Ussher was nominated by E. Jacobsen seconded by J. Butler.

Margot Thompson was nominated by J. Ussher and seconded by S. Blair.

There being no further nominations the three members were duly elected as COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

J. Butler moved that the annual subscription remain the same as last year. (Single \$15 , Family \$20 Life Members \$10 and Visitors \$2) Seconded by O. Turnbull.

CARRIED

2. On behalf of Julie Waldron, Murray presented a book to the club . "1879-80 Dairy of a Coastal Walk" by Ernest Morrison was compiled by Julie . Murray thanked Julie for her donation.

3. Club Logo Jessie suggested that we have a club logo and badge we could wear on windsheaters and T shirts. After some discussion R.Heetel suggested that the committee look into this.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20.pm.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 17 th. of March was the club's twenty-second Annual General Meeting. It was once again held at the Stockbridge Bistro. Many of our members attended and enjoyed a pleasant evening. A suggestion which came up for discussion was that we should have a new logo which could be worn on T shirts and windsheaters. It was decided that the new committee would look into this.

A new committee was formed with Murray Shaw as the new president. The office bearers are as follows :

PRESIDENT :	Murray Shaw
VICE - PRESIDENT:	Joan Butler
SECRETARY:	Elaine Jacobsen
TREASURER:	Isobel Moore
WALKS' CO-ORDINATOR:	Alan Raison
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	Sue Blair, Jessie Ussher, Margot Thompson.

It was decided at the Annual General Meeting that the Annual Subscription would remain the same as the previous year.

Single \$15
Family \$ 20
Life members \$ 10
Visitors \$2

The Annual Subscription for 1997/98 is now due and can be sent to the Secretary .Please fill out the form below and forward it to

The Secretary,
Elaine Jacobsen
32 Docker St
Wangaratta 3677.

NAME.....

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INC.

WALKS CO-ORDINATORS REPORT 17-3-'97

The walks throughout the year have been well supported and all have provided many highlights and a great spirit of camaraderie. The camping weekends have been a great success and I was very pleased that some non-campers joined us just for the day of their choice. The number of "new" walks this year, some easy and some not so easy have provided variety and stimulated considerable interest. i.e. the historic walk around Wangaratta.

I find it a little sad that some of us who like to do the easy walks do not come along and walk part of those walks shown as medium or hard. These walks are nearly always out and back and even those of us who like the harder walks don't always complete them! The same should be said of those who like the hard walks not supporting the easy ones, I am sure that a little extra 10 km or so could be found if they came along.

There have been a number of visitors on walks throughout the year and I hope all of us can encourage more people to share our enjoyment and perhaps join the group.

I have greatly enjoyed being your Walks Co-ordinator for the past year and if my personal circumstances were different would be offering myself for reelection; perhaps in the future. Many thanks to all who have given their time and expertise to plan and lead walks and a special thanks to those very dedicated members who have supported me so significantly throughout the year.

I wish you all happy hiking.

David.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

This year I have had a great deal of assistance from David who prepared all the walks' programs and Rolf and Joan who prepared the newsletter. I would like to thank them for their willing assistance .It has made my job much easier.

Last night I took a look through the minutes of our meetings over the past year and I have noted down a few things you may be interested in.

We have had a great deal of discussion on having a contact person for any emergency that may arise . We have tested Walkie Talkies at Fraser N.P. and found their range minimal. We have discussed purchasing a mobile phone but in many areas contact is not possible. However as this improves we thought a mobile phone may be the go in the future. We have also discussed the possibility of having a contact person such as a club member the SES. As neither was feasible we decided that we would recommend that all members inform a friend or relative of all details of the walk.

Federation of Walking Clubs offered a personal insurance at \$ 2 70 but we decided not to take up this offer instead we would advise members to have their own personal insurance and ambulance cover - particularly the ambulance cover.

We sent a donation to the Federation to assist with their search for an office.

The Federation organizes a special weekend of walks with various clubs organizing and leading walks. Next year it will be a centenary year for Mt. Buffalo and the Prom. so we thought we might offer to organize a walk at Mt. Buffalo if it is needed.

Only informal contact has been made with Wangaratta Out and About but we hope to have more contact in the coming year. We have many activities to look forward to in the coming year .Many thanks to everyone who has assisted me with my work as secretary.

MARCH 1997.

THE WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INC.

Dear Members,

Thankyou for allowing me to be your President for 2 years. I feel the last 12 months have again been successful, due to our very able co-ordinator, David Banks, & the enthusiasm of all the committee & members.

The highlight as in other years was our trip away. David planned this with Joan Butlers' help, to the last detail. It was an excellent week of walks over sand dunes, ridges, or through forests & ferns of the Otways. For more details read the Walks Reports. It makes interesting reading.

Some other members were fortunate to have a week at Thredbo, due to Trudi Kentmanns' son, Andrew, making his apartment available to us. Garth Hodge wrote the report on the Rooftop of Australia. Again, we were blessed with great weather, whilst Wangaratta suffered in heat-wave conditions.

Our club has gained some new active members, who I feel will be a great asset to the club, & with a new, active younger president likely to be at the helm this year, I feel very confident for the future.

Most of our walks & camps have been well attended & enjoyed by all who participated.

In closing, I would like to thank all committee members, walk leaders & members for their help & enthusiasm over the past 12 months.

For the coming year I wish the new & previous members a happy & successful time of companionship & good walking.



ROLF HEETEL.

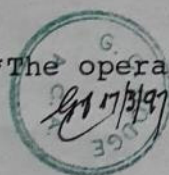
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY, 1997.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Subscriptions	470.00	Bank charges	7.08
Visitors fees	18.00	Office of Fair Trading	32.00
Interest current a/c	18.14	Postage & Stationery	67.70
Term deposit	120.08	Geelong Bushwalking	
	<u>138.22</u>	Publication	22.00
	626.22	Vic. Walking Federation	247.60
TRIPS		Rent - Annual Meeting	12.00
Daylesford	756.00	Refund Life Membership	<u>15.00</u>
Refund	<u>56.00</u>		403.38
	812.00	Daylesford Accommodation	756.00
B/F 1995/96	<u>350.00</u>	Apollo Bay Accommodation	<u>1735.00</u>
	1162.00		2894.38
Accommodation		Cash Increase c/f	279.84
Payment	<u>1156.00</u>		
Net Profit	6.00		
Actual receipts 1996/97	812.00		
Apollo Bay Deposits	1736.00		
Accommodation P/mnt	<u>1735.00</u>		
Net profit	1.00		
Actual receipts 1996/97	<u>1736.00</u>		
	\$3174.22		<u>\$3174.22</u>
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 28th FEBRUARY 1997

Bank balance	842.46	Accumulation a/c 29-2-96	2970.53
Term Deposit		Operating Surplus	
maturing 9-11-97	2372.91	for 1996/97	
		Operating Income	641.22*
		Profit on trips	<u>7.00</u>
			648.22
		Operating costs	<u>403.38</u>
	<u>\$3215.37</u>		<u>244.84</u>
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*The operating income includes \$15 subscription paid in advance 1995/96



Audited and found correct
George F.C.A.

Annual General Meeting.

17th. March.

Members.

Lidia C. Bade
Isobel Moore
Val Kemp.
Dick Tivendale.
Jan Piers.
Murray Shaw.
Joan Butler.
David Banks.
Julie Worldon
Anthoni Kuntzmann.
Sue Blair
Owen Turnbull.
Rolf Heetel
Elaine Jacobsen.
Jessie Cissner
Allan Raison

Present.

LIDIA BADE
ISOBEL MOORE
VAL KEMP.
DICK TIVENDALE.
Jan Piers
MURRAY SHAW.
JOAN BUTLER.
DAVID BANKS.
Julie Worldon
Anthoni Kuntzmann.
SUE BLAIR.
Owl Turnbull.
ROLF HEETEL
ELAINE JACOBSEN
JESSIE CISSNER.
ALLAN RAISON

FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN WALKING CLUBS
(VICWALK) Inc.



241 Swan St, Richmond, 3121

1997/98 FEES for Affiliated Clubs

Club:

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc

- 1) FEES These cover general administration including inquiries, submissions, promotions, newsletters, accommodation, stationery, etc, etc.
Fully Affiliated Member Clubs

.....32..... Adult Members at \$5.50 = \$176.00
(insert No) (\$7.00 metro, \$5.50 country)

- 2) PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE (1 APR 1997 TO 30 JUN 1998)

* 32members at 0.70c each = \$22.40

- 3) PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE (UNTIL 30 SEP 1997)

NOT FOR CLUBS ALREADY COVERED

*members at \$2.70 each = \$

- 4) DONATION As agreed to by Council, clubs are now being formally offered the opportunity to make donations or grants of additional funds to VICWALK. If desired, these funds can be targeted to specific purposes, in consultation with VICWALK.

Donation/Grant. \$

Please attach details if you wish this to be for a specific purpose.

TOTAL PAID

\$ 198.40

* PLEASE NOTE: under the terms of the Insurance agreements, all members of a club must be included in insurance cover. Allowances are made for visitors, and for fluctuations in the number of members through the year, as long as those people are recorded.

Please complete the above and return to:

The Treasurer
VICWALK
241 Swan St
Richmond 3121

Cheques should be made payable to VICWALK.

Meeting held at the residence of I.Moore on 5.5.97

PRESENT

M.Shaw, V.Kemp, E.Jacobsen, I.Moore, A. Raison, S.Blair, J. Ussher,

APOLOGIES

M. Thompson.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held 12.3.97 were confirmed on the motion of M.Shaw and E.Jacobsen.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

- 97.7 Catriona Ferguson - Subscription
- 97..8 Adrian and Helen Twitt - Subscription
- 97..9 Brian Mathews - Subscription
- 97.10 Vic Walk - Questionnaire
- Day Walk Leadership Course
- 97.11 Wamgaratta Out and About Tracks- April
- 97.12 C.Mc Intyre return of newsletter (has left district)
- 97.13 Dept of State Devlt. - Day Walk Leadership Course.
- 97.14 Outdoor Recreation (directory)
- 97.15 Down to Earth Autumn Confest 28/3 - ¼
- 97.16 Track Talk. (Otway Ranges).
- 97.17 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Brisbane Ranges.
- 97.18 The Blue Banana (Jump on Jump Off Bus Service N.T)
- 97.19 Outdoor Recreation Centre Inc. (directory)
- 97.20 Vic Walk News - April.
- 97.21 Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs Inc. -
Minutes of Council Meeting 4/3
Minutes of Meeting ¼
- 97.22 Vic Walk - Map Guide to Australian Alps Walking Track.
- 97.23 N.E. Newspapers (Meeting adv.)
- 97.24 B & E Kelly - Subscription.
- 97.25 Day Walk Leadership Course.
- 97.26 Walk Against Want - Thankyou letter'.

The correspondence was accepted on the motion of J. Ussher and seconded by I. Moore.

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alan and Murray went to the Federation Walk at Kinglake N.P. There were 12 walkers in their group. They discussed the possibility of a week away in the Warburton area with members of the Yarra Valley Walking Club.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Balance at 6.3.97.	842.46
Member's Subs	265.00
Visitors	4.00
	1111.43
Payments	
Gift to Bill O'Callaghan	33.00
Garth Hodge -Audit Fee	50.00
Office of Fare Trading and Business Affairs	32.00
	116.97
Balance at 5.5.97	994.49

NOTE Term Deposit C'wealth Bank Matures 9.11.97 -2372.91 @ 4.5 %

The Treasurer's report was received and accounts passed for payment on the motion of I.Moore and seconded by S.Blair.

CARRIED

Isobel reported that Garth has returned his cheque. J. Usher moved that we send a letter of thanks.V.kemp seconded the motion.

CARRIED

**WALK'S
COORDINATOR
REPORT**

Blue Rag was very successful with 14 on the walk.
Wabonga -5 walkers.
Feathertop - only 2 interested ingoing so this walk was cancelled.

It was decided that the information leaflet would be updated and given out to new members.

**GENERAL
BUSINESS**

1. Ideas for promoting the club.
 - Elaine to send off the program to other clubs.
 - After walks particularly easy walks everyone could go somewhere nearby and have afternoon tea.
 - Join up with other clubs.
 - Val will take program to library etc. and put notices in the newspaper.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50 p.m.

Meeting held at the residence of I.Moore on 18.8.97

PRESENT	M.Shaw, V.Kemp, E.Jacobsen, I.Moore, A. Raison, S.Blair, J. Ussher M. Thompson
APOLOGIES	Nil.
MINUTES	The minutes of the meeting held 5.5.97 were confirmed on the motion of J.Ussher and seconded by V.Kemp. CARRIED
CORRESPONDENCE	Outwards Thank you letter to G. Hodge Inwards 97.27 Outlines - The Outdoor Travel Newsletter. 97.28 Daywalk. - Leadership Course. 97..29 Touchstone Outdoor Adventures Equipment Specials. 97..30 Outdoot Recreation Centre Inc. - Outdoor Recreation Qualifications 97.31 Vic Walk News May 97 97.32 Wangaratta Out and About Tracks - June. 97.33 Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs - Annual Report 97 97.34 Vic Walk News June 97 - NB Insurance. 97.35 Outdorr Rec Centre Inc. Outdoor Qualifacations. 97.36 Vic Walk - Workshops by Australian Heritage Commission. 97.37 Workshops - Special Places in N.E. Vict. Forests. 97.38 Envionment Victoria - Save central Highlands in Gippsland. 97.39 Day Walk Leadership Course. 97.30 Membership B.L. and J.M. Groom. 97.41 Walk Western Australia. 97.42 Vic Walk News. July. 97.43 NERSA Update July 97.44 VicWalk Federation Track Condition Report Form Federation Walk- Wilson's Prom 97.45 Vic Walk - Council meetings in Country Areas 97.46 federation Weekend 11 - 12 October 97.47 Vic Walk News August 97 97.48 Wangaratta Out and About Tracks August 97 97.49 Vic. Walk personal Accident Insurance

The correspondence was accepted on the motion of J. S.Blair and seconded by M.Thompson
CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT	Balance at 5.5.97.	994.49
	Member's Subs	135.00
	Visitors	16.00
	Interest	3.96
		1149.43
	Payments	
	North East Newspapers (Meeting Advert)	12.25
	Fed. Vic. Walking Clubs.	198.40
	Rolf Heetel- Newsletters	20.00

Warrumbungles Dep	100.00	
Garth Hodge Checque cancelled	50.00	
Bank Charges	1.72	282.37
Balance 18.8.97	867.06	

The Treasurer's report was received and accounts passed for payment on the motion of I.Moore and seconded by A.Raison

CARRIED

WALK'S COORDINATOR REPORT

Beechworth Mines - Eight enjoyed a pleasant walk and afternoon tea at The Bakery
Murray's walk was cancelled.
The walk to Turquoise had 12 walkers and the walk to Reef Hills had 8.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Payment for walks expenses** - eg. reconnaissance.

I.Moore moved that the Walk's leader reminds everyone before a walk that a walk costs 5c a km. for travelling costs or alternatively members can take their own car.

Seconded A.Raison

CARRIED

It was also decided that this information should be put in the next newsletter and on the next program.

J.Ussher moved that if the walks leader wishes to claim for expenses incurred, an account should be submitted to be approved at the committee's discretion.

Seconded V.Kemp.

CARRIED

.2 **Visitors** - Visitors coming on walks who belong to other clubs. Murray reported that he rang The Federation and that they suggested that it be called an administration fee. He was also told that a walk that was gazetted and changed is not covered by insurance.

3. **Newsletter**- Murray asked for assistance in typing up the newsletter. Val Offered and Elaine will photocopy and post them

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m.

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

ANNUAL WEEK AWAY

PROPOSED DATES

I have made tentative enquiries for the week **Sunday 24th February to Sunday 3rd March '97**. This week has been suggested as providing the best chance reasonable weather.

DRAFT ITINERARY

Sunday 24th

Leave Wangaratta at 8.00am. Whistle stop at Lancefield at 10.00am. Lunch near Aireys Inlet at Distillery Creek Picnic Area in Angahook State Park at about 1.00pm (cut lunch required). After a short walk we drive to Apollo Bay along the Great Ocean Road and arrive at our accommodation at about 5.30pm. Total car travel for day 430km.

Monday 25th

Four short walks. Total car travel for day about 110km. Start Time 8.30am.

1. Melba Gully - 1.0km. 0.5hr. Easy. Often referred to as the "Jewel of the Otways" this short walk takes us through a magnificent fern gully, past huge trees and a waterfall.
2. Beauty Spot - 4.0km. 1.5hr. Easy. This walk is along the original Ocean Road and takes us through dark rain forested gullies.
3. Johanna Beach to Dinosaur Cove - 8.0km. 3.5hrs. Easy. The walking trail follows the beach to Rotten Point and a scramble can be made over the point to where Dinosaur fossils have been found. (Towels may be needed at the Johanna River crossing).
4. Maits Rest - 1.0km. 0.5hr. Easy. A boardwalk leads through giant Tree Ferns and ancient Myrtle and Beech trees.

Tuesday 26th

Moonlight Head to Princetown "Rivernook Track". Total car travel for day 135km. Start time 8.00am. The track is along the Old Coach Road which follows the ridge of a large sand dune between the Ocean and the Gellibrand River Valley. This walk is suitable for every one as it is very easy going and out and back on the same track. Walk 22km. 7.5hrs Medium (Distance)

Wednesday 27th

Scenic Drives and Hopetoun Falls Walk. Total car travel for day 70km. Start time 10.00am. Walk 1.5km. 1.5hr. Easy. The drive will follow Binns Road into the head of the Aire River where there are small stands of varieties of conifers including huge Californian Redwoods. A short walk to one of the better known waterfalls nearby possibly for lunch will be followed by a leisurely drive from Beech Forest towards Mt Sabine on the renowned Turtons Track and then back to base via Wild Dog Creek Road.

Thursday 28th

Aire River to Cape Otway "Coast Walk". Total car travel for day 50km. Start time 8.00am. Walk from a camping area near the mouth of the Aire River and explore the coastal dune system on some of many tracks in this area and visit the historic lighthouse - it should be open! Walk 15 - 22km. 7.5hrs Medium (Distance).

Friday 1st

Two short walks. Total car travel for day about 66km. Start time 8.30am.

1. Blanket Bay "Telegraph Walk". Walk 6km. 3hrs. Easy. Walk to and around Blanket Bay where lighthouse supplies were landed before the roads were built. The original Tasmanian telegraph cable came ashore at this location.
2. Parker River "Red Hill Track". Walk 7km. 3hrs. Easy. Walk through extensive heath lands and into Blue Gum forest. Some trees in the Otways are reputed to be in excess of 100m tall.

Saturday 2nd

Crows Nest Lookout to Wild Dog Creek. Total car travel for day 0km. Start time 8.30am. Walk from the town along Tuxion Road to Crows Nest Lookout which offers spectacular views of the Bay and the Town with Marengo and Hayley Reef in the background and then back to town along the beach from Wild Dog Creek. Walk 4hrs. Easy/Medium (320m climb).

Sunday 3rd

Return to Wangaratta via inland route. Start time 9.00am. Total travel for day 450km.

Extra Scenic Drive and Walks. (for the extra energetic)

1. Scenic drive to Paradise Picnic Area on the upper Barham River. About 16km return.
2. Elliott River Walk. 4km 2hrs. Hard. Steep climb down to a shelley beach and return through tall forest.
3. Walk to Cape Marengo via Bunbry Point. Walk around the beach to Marengo and back. Walk 11km. 3hrs. Easy.

GENERAL COMMENTS

I have selected these 12 walks from a huge number of options as best representing all the various facets of this fascinating area. The selections are based on information obtained from Colac Otway Tourism, Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre, Department of Natural Resources and Environment and about 20 years experience of the area for both work and recreation.

All the selected walks follow roads, beaches or tracks - no "cross country" due to the extreme density of the undergrowth.

Some important points to keep in mind are:-

1. The wettest area of Victoria is between Lavers Hill and Beech Forest (about 1500mm per annum) more or less uniformly distributed throughout the year.
2. The average maximum temperature for this time of year is about 20°C within a range from 14°C to 28°C.
3. The area west of Cape Otway (where most of the walks are) is exposed to cold SW winds.

Warm as well as waterproof clothing **MUST** be carried on all walks and the use of robust water resistant footwear is strongly recommended. It is also suggested that a light towel be carried as stream levels are unpredictable and we will be making numerous crossings.

From memory a full range of shops are accessible in Apollo Bay i.e. Supermarkets, Bakery, Butcher, Fruiterer, Hardware, Sporting Goods, Garages etc. as well as two Hotels and a range of Restaurants, Bistro's and Cafes.

The beach opposite The Esplanade offers ideal swimming and the water might nearly be warm enough! Good fishing is often possible in the Barham River or off the beaches or the breakwater or wharf.

ACCOMMODATION

A wide choice of accommodation is available at a price. Preliminary enquiries indicate that reasonably acceptable self catering style accommodation will cost less than \$100 per person for seven (7) nights. This is based on 4 people sharing a unit or park cabin. The general configuration of the park cabin option is one double bed in one room, 4 bunks in another and a kitchen/day room with ensuite. The unit option offers a much wider but limited choice ranging from one double bed only to 2 double beds plus 4 bunks plus 2 cots in the living area. I understand that these facilities are far from new but are well maintained (probably of similar standard to the cabins we had at Port Fairy).

I am hoping to personally inspect the choices before we have to make a commitment (early December).

TRAVEL COSTS

Total car travel is expected to be about 1400km. which works out to a maximum \$70 per passenger.

