

WARBY RANGE
BUSHWALKERS
2000

Warby Range Bushwalkers' Inc.



14TH, 15TH, 16TH
JANUARY

Bogong High Plains. Camp out. (All grades)
Contact Rolf Heetel 5721 4130

January 24TH Monday

Committee Meeting
Isobel Moore 7.30pm

Sunday
6TH FEBRUARY

Murray River Walk - Easy
Contact Isobel Moore 5721 4443

18TH, 19TH, 20TH
FEBRUARY

Mountain Creek Camp or stay at
Towonga Carvan Park. (All Grades)
Contact Bill Rosser 5722 1947

March 5TH

Bright-Wandiligong - Easy
Val Kemp 5721 9409

March 18TH Saturday

Strathbogie Ranges - Medium
Alan Raison, 5721 7886

AGM 25th Anniversary, Date & Venue T.B.A.

March 31ST
April 1ST & 2ND

Weekend away with Pakenham group.
Please Turn Over for information.

April 16TH

Fletchers Track, Medium
Contact David Banks 5766 2855

May 7TH

Byawatha - Easy
Contact Marion Seferth, 5725 1595

May 15TH Monday

Committee meeting 7pm, followed by Walk
Planning Meeting 8pm
Joy and Bill Rosser's place, 1 Warwillah Avenue.
Bring a Plate.

May 21ST

Mt Pilot - Easy/Medium
Contact Rolf Heetel 5721 4130

June 4TH

Beechworth area, Easy/Medium
Contact Lois Tippet, 5725 1785

June 17TH Saturday

Warby Range, Easy/Medium
Contact Murray Shaw 5721 3730



Ryans Lookout to Wenhams 5 - 9 - 99

Walk Grading

Please contact the contact person in advance (preferably 2 days) for details of the walk and to check for changes if you intend to participate. If you can't reach the contact person then all inquiries should be addressed to the walks co-ordinator.

Grading of Walks

- EASY** About 12km generally on tracks in flat to undulating terrain with climbs to 200m. These walks are suitable for most people of average fitness.
- MEDIUM - (LONG)** As for easy but with distances to 18km possibly with some cross country sections and/or climbs over 200m. A reasonable level of fitness and some bushwalking experience is recommended.
- MEDIUM - (CLIMBS)** 12 to 18km. May include some rough terrain, scrub bashing and possibly sustained climbs up to about 600m. A reasonable level of fitness and some bushwalking experience is recommended.
- HARD** Distance greater than 18km and/or climbs over 600m in any combining. These walks generally should only be undertaken by experience walkers.

Seek the advice of the Walks Co-Ordinator and/or Walks Leader if you are unsure whether to tackle a walk or not.

Pakenham Info.



*Weekend away with Pakenham Walkers.
Leave Wangaratta 31st March, return 1st or 2nd April.*

- Accommodation:** Gilwell Park Recreation Camp, Gembrook Spring Lodge has been booked for 20 people. It accommodates 18-20 people in nine twin-bed rooms. It has a spacious common room, kitchen and internal toilets and showers.
- Cost:** \$25 per night per person, \$5 extra for linen. A deposit of \$20 by the end of February please. Camp sites available \$5 per head per night.
- Meals:** Self catered meals. There are barbeque facilities and a great pub and restaurants nearby. Contact Murray Shaw for more limited information, 5721 3730.

C/o P.O. Box 1120
Wangaratta 3676
18-1-2000

The President, Committee & Members,
Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc.

Dear Murray,

Following our weekend at Mt. Bogong on 15th & 16th January 2000, I feel that we should review our modus operandi as there were quite a number of disturbing incidences that made leading those walks much more stressful than they may otherwise have been.

Bad practices have been tacitly condoned for a considerable period of time - at least two to three years - and I am as guilty as anyone in allowing these to pass unchecked.

Group safety is being jeopardised to cater for purely selfish whims of some individuals.

Insufficient food and fluid is being carried.

Unsatisfactory footwear is being used.

Adequate waterproof clothing is not being carried.

Suitable warm garments are not being carried.

Personal first aid is not being carried.

probably a whole list of other small items could be added such as sunscreen.

THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LEADER IS NOT UNDERSTOOD OR APPRECIATED.

THE ROLE OF LEADERS

1. Leaders are the clubs representative on all walks and as such are responsible for proper implementation of club rules and procedures.
2. Leaders are responsible for group safety and well being as well as individual safety and well being.
3. Leaders are obliged as far as is possible to cater for the whole range of abilities of participants.
4. Leaders are responsible for planning and organising outings.
5. Leaders are obliged to report on all walks undertaken.
6. Leaders are responsible for evaluating the risk factors involved in all walks and must take appropriate action whenever the need arises.
7. In 6 above the leader may consult with experienced participants BUT the leader is ultimately responsible for any decisions taken to vary the proposed outing in any way, whether for the group as a whole or for any individual.
8. The decisions of the leader in 6 & 7 are not negotiable.

SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

1. Every individual is required to act in the best interest of the group and to adhere to the advice of the leader.

2. Every individual must be adequately equipped with appropriate attire AND if they are not the leader may refuse to allow them to participate in the outing.

(a) Study footwear must be worn at all times. Snakebite, cut feet, blisters and frostbite in alpine areas are ever present dangers.

(b) Waterproof coats must be carried on all mountain walks and at the leaders discretion on other walks.

(c) Good quality warm clothing (windcheaters and trackpants) must be carried on all mountain walks in addition to all garments being worn. Hypothermia is an ever present danger in areas where temperatures can plunge 25 degrees C in less than an hour at any time.

(d) Balaclavas or beanies, woollen mitts or gloves should also be carried on alpine walks.

(e) Hats, sunglasses and sunscreen are also necessary as the sun burns viciously on any warm day.

3. Every individual must carry sufficient food and fluid to at least sustain them for the expected duration of the outing. Prudent walkers carry a bit extra just in case they are late home! The leader may refuse to allow those not adequately supplied to participate.

4. Every individual must at all times be able to see the next person in front of them and must also stay in sight of the next person behind them.

5. No person should leave the group without alerting the leader - even for a call of nature!

6. If the leader advises a person or group of persons to return early, that decision will have been made for the benefit of the whole group as well as the persons concerned and is not negotiable.

7. The leader may at his or her discretion allow experienced walkers to detour from the planned route but never alone.

MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. Every individual is responsible for being adequately attired and equipped and must disclose to the leader any deficiencies prior to the commencement of the outing. The leader may refuse to allow that person to participate and that decision is not negotiable.

2. Every individual must advise the leader of any pre-existing condition that may hinder their ability to perform at an expected rate. ie. blisters asthma attack etc.

3. Every individual should be aware of their own limitations and advise the leader accordingly.

4. In some circumstances an individual may be prepared to accept a risk that the club (Leader) is not prepared to accept. In such an instance the decision of the leader shall prevail and is not negotiable.

5. Members introducing new walkers should make them aware of the clubs rules and conditions and the role and responsibilities of walks leaders - they are god for the day!

6. Members with pre-existing conditions or prone to things like blisters or chafing should carry appropriate treatments as those conditions will invariably worsen as the day progresses.

I am saddened that I have felt the need to submit this letter to you but in the last two days nearly all of the points I have listed was abused. This has resulted in placing a degree of responsibility on to the leader that I am not prepared to accept. There is no doubt in my mind that a leader as the clubs representative can and would be sued in the event of a serious mishap in which the clubs rules were not adhered to. This would occur regardless of any platitudes to the contrary in an insurance policy.

I don't pretend that the above list of points is in any way complete but I urge that any of these points not already in our rules and conditions be speedily incorporated - preferably at the next AGM.

Happy Hiking

DAVID BANKS

Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc.
Minutes of Meeting held Monday 28th February 2000

Present President Murray Shaw
 Elaine Jacobsen, Isobel Moore, Rolf Heetel, Val Kemp,
 Bill & Joy Rosser, Margot Thompson, Allan Raison.

Apologies Nil

Minutes of the meeting 24.1.00 were passed on the motion of Bill Rosser and seconded by Rolf Heetel. CARRIED

Business Arising Week Away. Rolf reported that he hasn't as yet rung re – investigating trip to Blue Mountains.

Correspondence

- 00.02 Outdoor recreation Centre
- 00.03 Vicwalk news Feb. & minutes of meeting 7/12
- 00.04 Kali Travel - India
- 00.05 Office of Fair Trading & Business Affairs- Annual return Forms and info on Fundraising Act
- 00.06 Om Trek newsletter - Nepal
- 00.07 Wildside –Wilderness Shop newsletter
- 00.08 Wangaratta Out & About Inc. Feb Newsletter
- 00.09 Victorian Council of Social Services GST Info- Meeting in Wangaratta.
- 00.10 Federation of Walking Clubs Inc. AGM Notice & Notice of special Business.
- 00.11 Ursula Cronin

The correspondence was accepted on the motion of Joy Rosser and seconded by M. Thompson.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance is \$612

The treasurer's report was accepted on the motion of Isobel Moore and seconded by Murray Shaw.

CARRIED

Walks' Report Joy Rosser reported that the weekend at Bogong was very successful 4 reached the summit, there 7 campers and 1 for the day. On the Sunday easy walks were enjoyed by all

Val moved that the walks Report be accepted . Seconded by Allan Raison.

CARRIED

General Business

1. AGM *Murray asked that everyone have a written report to present at the AGM.

*Val will put another notice re the AGM in The Chronicle

*Preparation for the AGM will include

- 1) Photos – everyone to bring photos.
- 2) Scrapbook – Elaine
- 3) Tea , Coffee Urn – Joy
- 4) Name tags (stickers) Val
- 5) Streamers balloons etc. tablecloths Isobel, Joy
- 6) Murray and David will bring Alpine Pack & ordinary day pack and brochure.

Murray presented the new brochure to the meeting. Elaine moved that it be accepted and presented at the AGM. Seconded by Joy Rosser.

CARRIED

- 7) Rolf reported that he has organised Lettuce Eat to cater.
- 8) Committee to go early to set up

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED No A0017187 M

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS + PAYMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 29TH FEBRUARY 2000

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

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VISITORS FEES	32.00	VIC. WALK INSURANCE	202.50
DEPOSITS GRAMPPIANS	2660.00	BUSINESS AFFAIRS	
INTEREST CURRENT A/C	72	INCORPORATION FEE	33.00
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BALANCE SHEET

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WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

Minutes of the Twenty-Fifth Annual General Meeting

Held at The Centre , Chisholm Street, Wangaratta on Tuesday 21st March 2000

- PRESENT** Murray Shaw – President
Mesdames – Lielia Bade, Margot Thompson, Joy Rosser, Elaine Jacobsen, Olwen Turnbull, Isobel Moore, Marion Seferth, Sylvie Hayes, Jessie Ussher, Elizabeth Kelly, Rita Fitzgerald, Aileen Caldwell, Marilyn Joyce, Hilda Sammon, Pat Dunstan, Lois Tippet, Val Kemp, Betty Handley, Sue Bailey, Val Kuhne, Trudi Kentman, Helen Curtis, Joan Butler
- Messrs. – Allan Raison, Bill Rosser, Rolf Heetel, Barry Brady, Merric Ussher, Brian Kelly, Frank Schumacher, Garth Hodge, Peter Curtis, Roy Walpole, David Banks
- APOLOGIES** Ursula Cronin, Tom Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Nora Crossing, Joyce Larkings, Brian Matthews, Helen Twitt, Adrian Twitt, Graeme Fairley
- WELCOME** President Murray Shaw welcomed everyone to the 25th AGM.
- MINUTES** The minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting were confirmed on the Motion of Murray Shaw and seconded by Jessie Ussher. CARRIED
- BUSINESS ARISING** Nil
- CORRESPONDENCE**
Elaine Jacobsen passed around some correspondence for the members' perusal. This correspondence included Wangaratta Out & About Newsletter – Tracks, Vic News and various brochures advertising trips overseas and in Australia.
The correspondence was received on the motion of Rita Fitzgerald and seconded by Allan Raison. CARRIED
- REPORTS** **President's Report:**
Murray Shaw presented his Annual Report appended to these minutes.
The report was received on the motion of Isobel Moore and seconded by Val Kemp. CARRIED
- Treasurer's Report:**
Isobel Moore circulated the Financial Report (as appended to these minutes) for the year ending 28th February 2000 as prepared by Mr. G. Hodge F.C.A. The Financial Report was adopted on the motion of Isobel Moore and seconded by Bill Rosser. CARRIED

Walks' Co-ordinator's Report:

Rolf Heetel spoke to the attached report.
This report was received on the motion of Murray Shaw and seconded by Marion Seferth.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Nominations for the year 2000/2001 were called.

PRESIDENT

Val Kemp was nominated by Isobel Moore and seconded by Murray Shaw.
As there were no further nominations was declared PRESIDENT.

Val thanked Murray Shaw for all his work. Val also thanked Elaine Jacobsen Isobel Moore & the committee members for their work.

VICE-PRESIDENT

David Banks was nominated by Murray Shaw and seconded by Sue Blair.
As there were no further nominations was declared VICE-PRESIDENT.

SECRETARY

Elaine Jacobsen was nominated by Isobel Moore and seconded by Merric Ussher. As there were no further nominations was declared SECRETARY.

TREASURER

Isobel Moore was nominated by David Banks and seconded by Lois Tippet.
As there were no further nominations was declared TREASURER.

WALKS' CO-ORDINATOR

David Banks was nominated by Rolf Heetel and seconded by Bill Rosser. As there were no further nominations was declared WALKS CO-ORDINATOR.

COMMITTEE

Bill Rosser was nominated by Isobel Moore and seconded by David Banks.
Frank Schumacher was nominated by Murray Shaw and seconded by Isobel Moore.
Marion Seferth was nominated by Murray Shaw and seconded by Rolf Heetel.

AUDITOR

Garth Hodge was nominated by Murray and seconded by Jessie Ussher. As there were no further nominations was declared AUDITOR.

Val Kemp will continue to be PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Annual Subscription

Marion Serferth felt the margin between single and family was too great.
Discussion – fees have been the same for 5 years, costs have increased and increasing for G.S.T.
Newsletter is a big cost.
Rolf Heetel moved visitors be charged \$5 for Adults and Allan Raison seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Marion Serferth moved that all members pay the same fixed fee. Seconded by Murray Shaw CARRIED

Peter Curtis commented that everyone would then be getting a newsletter and as it is costly, perhaps could be reduced. David Banks amended the subscription to \$30 for Family, \$15 for Single members. Seconded by Murray Shaw. CARRIED

David Banks moved newsletter by simplified to reduce costs and upcoming committee make these decisions. Seconded by Isobel Moore. CARRIED.

2.

Murray Shaw reminded people to have a look at the recommended equipment one should take on a walk.. Members should take leaflets.

3. Deposit Money

Isobel Moore moved that \$500 of deposit money could be given to Friends of the Warbys when the money returns in November. Elaine Jacobsen seconded. CARRIED

David Banks spoke about Friends of the Warbys costs:

1. Mapping location of groups of species – this needs expensive equipment.
2. Arboretum which will have one of each a species – cost of tags is \$15 each. CARRIED

Merric Ussher moved that treasurer look for something where deposit money could earn more than 2%. David Banks seconded.

CARRIED

Val Kent welcomed everyone particularly original members: Trudi Kentman, Garth Hodge, Elizabeth Kelly, Peter Curtis and Helen Curtis and invited everyone to join in the 25th birthday celebrations.

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

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS 25TH ANNIVERSARY
A.G.M. PLEASE PRINT AND SIGN BELOW:

1 MURRAY SHAW *M. Shaw*

2 BAIDE LIELIA

Leelia & Buck

3 ALLAN RAISON

Allan Raison

4 BILL ROSSER

W. Rosser

5 ROLF HEETEL

N. Hutert

6 MARGOT THOMPSON

Margot Thompson

7 JOY ROSSER

J. Rosser

8 ELAINE JACOBSEN

Elaine Jacobsen

9 CLWEN TURNBULL

Clw Turnbull

10 Barry Brady

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11 ISOBEL MOORE

I. Moore

12 MAMON SEPPELL

M. Sepell

13 SYLVIE HAYES

Sylvie Hayes

14 Fernie Hodge

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15 Merrick Cassin

Sue Blain

16 Brian Kelly

Val Kathleen Kehre

17 ~~John Kelly~~ Rita Fitzgerald

Trudi Neumann

19 Aileen Caldwell - Aileen

Aileen Curtis Heler Curtis

20 MARILYN JOYCE

Marilyn Joyce

21 Frank Schumacher

Roy Walpole

22 Hilda SAMMON

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23 Pat. Dunstan

David Banks

24 Lesi Gypert

John Butler

25 Val Kemp - Kemp

V. Kemp

BETTY HANDLEY

B. Handley

PRESIDENTS REPORT A.G.M. 21st MARCH 2000

I WOULD LIKE TO OPEN THIS REPORT BY CONGRATULATING ALL MEMBERS AND PREVIOUS MEMBERS, SOME WHO ARE UNFORTUNATELY NO LONGER WITH US, OF THE WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INC. FOR THEIR HAND IN MAKING OUR CLUB A SUCCESSFUL AND FRIENDLY ONE TO BE A PART OF. ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH THE CLUB HAVE HAD A PART TO PLAY IN ITS SUCCESS IN VARIOUS WAYS.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS IS NO SMALL FEAT AND IT IS A CREDIT TO THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY INC., AS IT WAS KNOWN THEN. THEY FOUGHT TO STOP MINING IN THE WARBY'S, AND WERE SUCCESSFUL IN SAVING SUCH A DIVERSE AND PICTURESQUE PARK ON OUR DOORSTEP THAT OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS CAN ENJOY.

I HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB FOR THREE YEARS AND HAVE ENJOYED MY TIME IN OFFICE.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH THE COMMITTEES AND THE WALKS LEADERS FOR THEIR HELP IN MAKING MY JOB SO EASY AND PLEASANT A TASK.

SOME VERY FUNNY AND EXCITING MOMENTS HAVE BEEN PERMANENTLY LOGGED ONTO MY MEMORY BANKS AND IT'S BEEN GREAT TO HAVE SUCH A FUN LOT OF WALKERS TO SPEND MY LEISURE TIME WITH.

I JOINED THE WARBY RANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY INC. IN 1988 AND HAVE SEEN THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE CLUB AND ITS MEMBERS OVER THE LAST TWELVE YEARS.

THE CLUB HAS CHANGED ITS AIMS SLIGHTLY FROM CONSERVATION TO BUSHWALKING BUT THE PEOPLE INVOLVED STILL HAVE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATION.

I HOPE WE CAN KEEP SUPPORTING THE FRIENDS OF THE WARBY'S WITH THE GREAT WORK THEY DO AND ALWAYS HAVE CONSERVATION IN OUR MINDS, AS WE HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL TIME IN OUR AUSSIE BUSH.

I WISH THE INCOMING COMMITTEE ALL THE BEST FOR THE YEAR 2000-2001 AND HAPPY BUSHWALKING TO ALL MY FRIENDS.

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MURRAY SHAW.

The Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc. Co-ordinators Report 44 2000

As I stated in my report last year, "A year of pleasant walking and fellowship has been enjoyed under the the capable leadership of Murray Shaw. I have not given the time to the co-ordinators job this year that it deserves and as I see little change in my situation I do not intend to accept this responsibility again in the near future. The Club did however function normally, due to the extra effort put in by president Murray and by my assistants Joy and Bill Rosser. My thanks to them and all the walk leaders (10 in all) plus all the walkers who participated.

The highlight of the year was again the trip away, this time to the Grampians, which was a great success due to Tom Morgan, who for the 2nd time in 12 years, led us thru and over his beloved mountains. We are grateful to Tom for leadership and his knowledge of the ranges and how he negotiated dangerous areas with us on the end of ropes. We were a total of 17 and enjoyed the surroundings, accommodation and the fellowship. Now a few statistics. We had 29 walks (the same as last year) Based on a per day walk including camps and trips, we had a total of 347 walkers including visitors, an average of almost 12 per walk, well up on last year. The most popular walk was Murray's around the Benalla Lake and our trip, with 17 on each occasion, the same as on Val Kemps walk last year. Bill Rosser came on 23 and Marion Seferth on 22 walks followed by others with 20, 19 etc. It is great to see the interest taken by some of our more recent members. Two walks were cancelled and some altered due to weather, we are lucky to be living in the N.E. with such stable weather and beautiful countryside to walk in. Murray also found enough time to lead the most number of walks. We had a good balance from easy to medium to hard walks with the result, that we had the highest number of walkers ever (I think) To the new committee go my best wishes and may I add, that I feel the club will again be in good hands. To Murray and his co-workers congratulations on achieving these excellent results, great timing for the 25th anniversary celebrations. To the Club go my best wishes for the future and thanks to all for your fellowship and help. Robb Muttet

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INC.

Winter 2000

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

At our AGM in March we also celebrated 25 years since the Inaugural Meeting of the Warby Range Protection Society, now the Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc.

Forty past and present members had an enjoyable evening, with Trudi Kentman a foundation member cutting the anniversary cake

Thanks go to Murray who has held the position of President for the past 3 years and also to for organising the newsletter. To Rolf, thank you for being the Walks Co-ordinator and to Joy and Bill who opened their home for meetings. Our Secretary Elaine and Treasurer Isobel who continue to do a great job.

The day walks and weekend camps have been well attended. Seven members had a weekend of friendship and walking at Gilwell Park at Gembrook with the Pak-enham Walkers.

Thanks to all leaders of walks, please read their reports in the newsletter.

To all members I hope to see you on the walks.

Val Kemp

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT Val Kemp

VICE-PRESIDENT David Banks

SECRETARY Elaine Jacobsen

TREASURER Isobel Moore

WALKS CO-ORDINATOR David Banks

COMMITTEE MEMBERS Marion Seferth Bill Rosser
Frank Schumacher Alan Raison

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WARBY RANGES

21st Nov.1999

Welcome to two first timers Mardi and Glenn.

Unfortunately our planned walk at Mt. Samaria was not undertaken due to the very bad weather outlook. I suggested a walk in the Warby Range would be more appropriate to the expected conditions and the six of us left the centre at about 7.50 am.

We followed the approximate route of a new walking track proposed by the 'Friends' group and ParksVic. from Wenhams over Mt. Warby and down to Salisbury Falls. We returned via Boilerwood Track in a northerly loop to the friends track and to Wenhams via the northern part of that track.

The return loop provided commanding views over orchards to the south and the King and Ovens valleys with Wangaratta Township in the foreground. Today the backing ranges shrouded in cloud and rain squalls provided a spectacularly different aspect.

Early drizzle had turned to solid rain and a rather bedraggled and hungry - no dry areas for a lunch stop - little group arrived back in Wangaratta about 1.30 pm having walked about 12 or 13 km.

Thank you all for your stoicism and perseverance in rather trying conditions.

Happy Hiking

David

MOUNT BUFFALO

3rd, 4th, 5th, Dec. 1999

Eight campers left Wangaratta at about 2.00 pm on the Friday in not so auspicious circumstances as it was raining lightly. However, by the time we reached the foot of Buffalo the weather had cleared and we drove up the mountain in lovely sunshine. There had been a wild storm and the road was covered in debris. We set up camp, had an early meal then went for a walk around Lake Catani. Rather cold night, but we had a good campfire.

Two day walkers joined us on Saturday morning and we drove to Tatra and set out on the walk to the Back Wall. This is always a delightful walk through

undulating terrain with a beautiful array of wild flowers (The Mt. Buffalo rock garden!) and numerous birds. On reaching the Back Wall there are views of southern Victoria Alps. On the way back we did the eastern track loop, and five people detoured to Dickson's Falls, while the others returned to camp for a well earned cuppa and a rest. Some walkers were still full of energy and did some extra short walks! Another social evening by the campfire and all were ready for a good nights sleep except for those light sleepers who were awakened by a loud siren at about 4.30 am. (The deaf ones slept on). What were the Venturer Scouts camped next to us up to? Nobody claimed responsibility.

Sunday morning a new walker, Rita joined us and we had a relaxing morning, walked over to The Chalet for a cup of coffee and scones (Good idea Marilyn). Had a look at points of interest at the Chalet area, then did the gorge walk and went further on to some more lookouts. Helen and Adrian showed us the beautiful area where they had attended a wedding. We did the circuit round the lake on the way back to camp, especially for the benefit of our new walker Rita, but of course it was no hardship for any of us.

The delightful weather and good company made this a memorable weekend and our beautiful Buffalo was at its best. We are such lucky people to be able to enjoy this wonderful area right on our doorstep.

Thanks to all who came, for their company and assistance.

Bill and Joy

NB. Suggested campsites for future reference
56 - 59 (Toorak) or 11-12-13 (nearer to amenities).

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

12th Dec. 1999

The Christmas festivities were kindly hosted by Marion at her home at Eldorado. Those who could get there enjoyed a very convivial B-B-Q on a cool but beautiful early summer evening. After consuming the lavish Christmas cake (kindly provided by Marion) at the end of the evening, the revellers made their way homeward about dusk. Thank you Marion.

MOUNT BOGONG

14th, 15th, 16th. Jan. 2000

We left Wangaratta at around 2.00 pm Friday for the beautiful drive up the Ovens Valley and over Towonga Gap to Mt. Beauty where we were to rendezvous with members from Eldorado. The tortuous drive up the mountain is always a pleasure with the wonderful scenery and the wealth of wildflowers. As we passed through Wallace Gap the weather - fine and warm until then - looked quite ominous with a heavy rainstorm over Mt. Cope, however we were able to pitch camp at Raspberry Hill in only a light sprinkle of rain. Later arrives passed through very heavy rain on the way past Rocky Valley.

Saturday saw eleven of us champing at the bit on a cool cloudy morning. We had a later than normal start as two extra walkers were driving up. They were right on time and now thirteen of us set off about 9.15 am.

As conditions were perfect for walking I decided to attempt the long walk to Youngs Hut via Mt. Jim. This walk is almost entirely on the open plain but for the last three quarters of a kilometre down to the hut. Though the wildflowers were disappointing (obviously due to the heavy grazing this area is subjected to) the views were breathtaking in all directions; Mt. Wills behind us, Mt. Nelse and Mt. McKay to the north, Mt. Niggerhead and Mt. Feathertop to the north west; Mt. Lock and Mt. Hotham across Cobungra Gap to the West and over Cobungra Creek Valley to the long ridge from Mt. Hotham to Dinner Plain and then fold after fold of hills rolling away southwards for an enormous distance.

Youngs Hut, tucked in its very pleasant setting, at the head of the Bundarra River is very beautiful and made an ideal rest area for our lunch break. The hut is in very good condition and has not been subjected to the ravages of more accessible huts.

The rain which had threatened ominously for most of the morning started to drizzle lightly which prompted an early departure. As we climbed up the hill past the rustic old cattle yards the drizzle cleared to a pleasant afternoon. You could almost hear the stockwhips cracking with a small mob of brumbies adding to the atmosphere. Some of the group were also lucky enough to see a dingo as well. A more sobering sight was a snow pole blown to matchsticks by a lightning strike - quite awesome.

Our return route was from pole 267 (the Turn off to Cobungra Gap and Dibbens Hut) across the plateau and down to the start of the Cope West Channel, then along the aquaduct to Cope Saddle Hut, then back the way we started to the cars at the base of the Mt. Cope walking track. We were very lucky to get home dry as heavy rain was falling over the Rocky Valley Dam and Wallace Gap area, only about two kilometres away for at least the last two hours.

It was great to see the participation in the cricket match after tea by the youngsters and some not so young! Tremendous powers of recovery after a gruelling twenty five kilometre walk. A little later all enjoyed a pleasant evening yarning around the campfire.

Sunday morning dawned rather overcast again and after a leisurely breakfast only six walkers set off (yesterday really was hard!) to revisit McNamara Hut. This was a very pleasant stroll down into Mountain Ash forest, a striking contrast to Saturday and also the very hot aborted walk of last year.

Congratulations to all who completed the long walk and in particular the two thirteen year old boys - well done. Commiserations to those who found the distance too great and returned slightly short of the objective, nineteen kilometres was still a great effort.

Thank you all for your convivial company and a wonderful weekend.

Happy Hiking

Joan and David

A disturbing aspect of the weekend was the rather blase and careless attitude of some who were ill equipped if conditions had worsened. I trust they will be better equipped and treat the Alps with due respect if they tackle future alpine walks. Remember it can snow in January!

ARTICLES

It is my hope that interested members will continue to submit relevant articles and snippets for possible publication.

Thanks to Helen Curtis and Murray Shaw for their very informative articles in the last newsletter.

Editor

MURRAY RIVER WALK

6th Feb. 2000

Twelve walkers met at the Centre at 8.30 am - pleasantly cool. Proceeded in three cars past Yarrowonga to Thoms Road where we turned towards the river. Bumped our way down dusty tracks, took to the bush to by-pass a fallen tree, then parked between Buchanans Beach and Nevis Beach West.

Set off at 10.00 am. towards Duftys Bend - welcome cool breezes at bends in the river and shade of trees made the increasing heat bearable. Frequent stops at picnic areas to refuel ourselves. Turned back at Duftys Creek and found a nice spot for lunch. Cockatoos were making a great racket and fish (carp) were jumping out of the water.

As the afternoon advanced it became very hot and the cars were a welcome sight. A thirteen kilometre walk in thirty four degree heat was quite enough. Returned to the Centre about 4.30 pm.

My thanks to Joy and Bill for helping me conduct the walk. Nice to see our secretary back walking after her studies - hope to see a lot more of you Elaine.

The river was high after recent releases from Hume Weir.

Thanks to all for participating.

Isobel



Happy group at Mountain Creek.

MOUNTAIN CREEK CAMP-OUT

18th, 19th, 20th. Feb. 2000

Twelve walkers participated. Seven campers enjoyed the picturesque N.P. camping area on the edge of the Park, four stayed in a cabin at the Towonga South C.P. and one day walker arrived early Sat. morning.

As people arrived they set up camp and later the ladies from the C.P. joined us for happy hour.

We welcomed Sue back to the group as we hadn't enjoyed her company on a walk for a couple of years. We had one visitor, Peter.

There were two walks arranged for Sat.. The fitter and more adventurous group set off for the arduous climb to the summit of Mt. Bogong. Four made it with much trouble, two even doing the extra distance to West Bogong. All went up the Staircase Track and back the same way. Hyacinth orchids and royal bluebells were plentiful and someone found a mountain gentian near the summit. On return, one walker was heard to remark that the walk wasn't getting any easier (Maybe he isn't getting any younger!).

The second group did the sixteen kilometre return walk along Mountain Creek Track to the Eskdale Spur. This is such a beautiful walk with lovely views of tree ferns in the gullies, and magnificent blue gums along the way. We took our time and had lots of stops to look at and appreciate the flora and fauna. Birds were plentiful and among others, we saw a male lyre-

-bird, black cockatoos and a beautiful rufous fantail, which is rather rare in this area. The track is good, and there are several new bridges across the creek. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the walk, judging from the comments.

No camp fires Sat. night as it was a day of total fire ban. (Not that we needed the warmth!). Some of us joined the C.P. ladies for tea at the Bogong Hotel in Towonga South.

Sunday was a bit cooler and, as it looked a bit like rain, we decided to abandon the proposed Trappers Gap walk and do some smaller walks near camp. We did the fern gully walk upstream from camp, linking up with the Peppermint walk which was through a woodland area, and a direct contrast to the first walk through the tree ferns along the creek. The short Shady Gully nature walk finished our weekend, and everyone set off for home.

We would like to thank all who participated for their co-operation. It was a truly great weekend among friends.

Joy and Bill

BRIGHT - WANDILIGONG

5th. Mar. 2000

Eleven walkers met at the Centre at 8.30 am. We welcomed a visitor, Ralph Carter. We travelled to Bright along the beautiful Ovens Valley. The weather was perfect.

The walk began at the junction of the Ovens River and Morses Creek. We followed the creek through the camping area, crossed a bridge and followed the other side until we came to Doughertys Bridge on the main road to Wandiligong. Continuing along Morses Creek past the old gold diggings, some of the walkers saw a snake. We finally arrived at the Alpine Park at Wandiligong where we had lunch.

After lunch we did the walk around Wandiligong - a well preserved town with many historic buildings. The walkers then followed Morses Creek back to Bright where we enjoyed a cuppa before returning to Wangaratta.

This walk was 14 km.

Thank you all for coming.

Val



*Alan erecting his tent.
Can you spot him?
Yes he is there!*



Happy group at Alpine Park.

STRATHBOGIE RANGES

18th. Mar. 2000

As we gathered at the Centre the sky was cloudy and rain very likely; we thought "not again" as the two previous occasions this walk had to be abandoned because of rain, but fortunately the rain held off and it was quite a hot day. We left Wangaratta in Rolf's vehicle (Thanks Rolf) at 8.00 am. to travel to the Strathbogrie Ranges via Greta South, Tatong, Swanpool and Lima.

Our first obstacle for the day was near Tatong where a tree had fallen across the road. A man on the other side tried to tow it off the road with his car but the rope snapped. Rolf, who always comes prepared, had Aileen's tomahawk in his car and we all took turns to cut through some limbs and clear enough to get past and continue on our way, arriving at Toorour Forest about 9.45 am.

We started to walk the Learsons Hill loop but had only walked a short distance when we met another problem; what used to be a lovely walking track has been neglected and so badly overgrown that we could hardly find it! After battling through bracken and scrub for a while we gave up and decided to walk on a 4WD track towards Learsons Hill Lookout. There were several 4WD tracks (not shown on the map) leading off this track and after about one and a half kilometres I chose the wrong one. After walking some distance we realised we were on the wrong track and had to back track to the one we started on; a bit further on we accidentally found the foot track which was fairly clear in this area so we followed it to the Lookout and back down to the car, but we had to do a lot of scrub bashing before reaching our destination.

There were not a lot of wild flowers on this walk but our intelligent group did find a couple of species which were identified (by Bill and Aileen) as a pink flower and a yellow flower. Their expert knowledge is much appreciated!

It was about 11.50 am when we reached the car so we decided to have lunch before setting off to the Lima Falls. Once again we were disappointed as this track is also badly overgrown with blackberries and other scrub, which is a shame as it is a beautiful walk among ferns along the creek. The blackberries tasted nice.

Before we had gone very far, Rolf decided to go back to his vehicle and drive to the head of the track leading down to the falls where he met up with us and we all

walked down to the falls, which was a nice refreshing spot for a rest on a hot day. We then walked back up to the car, had a snack and a cuppa and as the weather was still quite hot we all accepted a ride with Rolf back to the starting point and continued on home arriving at Wangaratta about 3.45 pm.

The numbers were down a bit today (perhaps because of the leader) but despite some problems with the tracks the ones that did go had a very enjoyable day.

Allan

NEWSLETTER FORMAT

Our thanks to Murray for the huge amount of work and commitment he has shown in producing such a high quality product that we are all proud of.

While praising the quality, concern was expressed at the AGM about the cost of producing the newsletter and the new committee have been instructed to reduce the expense. (Where have we heard that before!)

A different process of reproducing photos may slightly reduce the quality but will significantly reduce the cost. Unfortunately only photos of a very high standard of clarity and in sharp focus will reproduce well so lets hone our photographic skills.

More condensed print and a double column format is trialed in this edition in an effort to reduce the number of pages without reducing the content.

I would appreciate your comments both for and against, good and bad.

Editor

EDITORIAL

With some of our more experienced members adopting a lower profile it is time for all members to consider who will lead walks in the future. It can't be left to just a few.

It is time for more new members to have a go - experienced leaders are still available to help if requested - and so ensure the future of the club.

25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
21st Mar. 2000

Forty past and present members gathered at the Centre on the evening of March 21st to attend the Annual General Meeting and celebrate twenty five years since the inception of the Warby Range Protection Society.

The Warby Range Protection Society was originally formed to oppose unsympathetic development in the Warby Ranges and to foster values of conservation of flora and fauna and landscape as well as other natural features of the area. The Society formed a walking group in 1977 that is now the Warby Range Bushwalkers which now with conservation reasonably secure in the declared State Park, concentrates its energies in promoting and conducting bush walks for members.

A feature of the evening was a display of memorabilia of times past including many priceless photographs. There were a number of foundation members present including Trudi Kentman who cut the 25th anniversary cake.

After the business of the meeting was concluded members past and present were able to reminisce at length over a bountiful supper provided by the club.

PRESIDENTS REPORT TO A.G.M.

I would like to open this report by congratulating all members and previous members, some who are unfortunately no longer with us, of the Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc, for their hand in making our club a successful and friendly one to be part of. All the people involved with the club have had a part to play in its success in various ways.

Twenty five years is no small feat and it is a credit to the original members of the Warby Range Protection Society, as it was known then. They fought to stop mining in the Warbys, and were successful in saving a diverse and picturesque park on our doorstep that our families can enjoy.

I have been president of the club for three years and have enjoyed my time in office. I would like to thank all the people involved with the committees and the walks leaders for their help in making my job so easy and pleasant a task.

Some very funny and exciting moments have been permanently logged in my memory banks and its been great to have such a fun lot of walkers to spend my leisure time with.

I joined the Warby Range Protection Society in 1988



Left to Right :- Incoming president Val Kemp, Peter Curtis, outgoing president Murray Shaw, Trudi Kentman cutting the cake, Garth Hodge and Helen Curtis.

Members enjoying the supper at the A.G.M.



and have seen the ups and downs of the club and its members over the last twelve years.

The club has changed its aims slightly from conservation to bushwalking but the people involved still have a strong commitment to conservation.

I hope we can keep supporting the "Friends of the Warbys" with the great work they do and always have conservation in our minds, as we have such a wonderful time in our Aussie bush.

I wish the incoming committee all the best for the year 2000- 2001 and happy bushwalking to all my friends.

Murray Shaw

WALKS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT TO A.G.M.

As I stated in my report last year - "a year of pleasant walking and fellowship has been enjoyed under the capable leadership of Murray Shaw". I have not given the time to the co-ordinators job this year that it deserves and as I see little change in my situation I do not intend to accept responsibility again in the near future. The club did however function normally, due to the extra effort put in by president Murray and by my

assistants Joy and Bill Rosser. My thanks to them and all the walks leaders (ten in all) plus all the walkers who participated.

The highlight of the year was again the trip away, this time to the Grampians, which was a great success due to Tom Morgan, who for the second time in twelve years, led us through and over his beloved mountains. We are grateful to Tom for his leadership and his knowledge of the ranges and how he negotiated dangerous areas with us on the end of ropes. We were a total of seventeen and enjoyed the surroundings, accommodation and fellowship.

Now a few statistics. We had 29 walks (the same as last year). Based on per day walk including camps and trips, we had a total of 347 walkers including visitors, an average of almost 12 per walk, well up on last year. The most popular walk was Murray's around Benalla Lake and our trip, with seventeen on each occasion, the same as Val Kemps walk last year. Bill Rosser came on 23 and Marion Seferth on 22 walks followed by others with 20, 19 etc. It is great to see the interest taken by some of our more recent members. Two walks were cancelled and some altered due to weather. We are lucky to be living in the North East with such stable weather and beautiful countryside to walk in. Murray also found time to lead the most number of walks. We had a good balance from easy to medium to hard walks

with the result that we had the highest number of walkers ever (I think).

To the new committee go my best wishes and may I add, that I feel the club will again be in good hands. To Murray and his co-workers, congratulations on achieving these excellent results, great timing of the 25th anniversary celebrations. To the club go my best wishes for the future and thanks to all for your fellowship and help.

Rolf Heetel

GILWELL PARK WEEKEND

31st Mar. 1st, 2nd Apr 2000

Warby Range Bushwalkers and Pakenham Bushwalking Clubs weekend at Gilwell Park. Bunyip State Park. Gembrook.

Six warby walkers and my wife Donna left for Bunyip Forest to enjoy a weekend walking with our many friends from the Pakenham walking club. It was great to meet Brian Mathews and all the familiar faces from our last meeting with the Pakenham group.

We arrived mid afternoon on the Friday and by the time we had sorted ourselves out with accommodation, cuppas and a chat with all the others arriving at intervals, it was time for the evening meal. The warby group had arranged to go out for a meal so we headed for the Gembrook pub where we had a scrumptious repast.

Saturday was drizzling but this did not stop us having two short and interesting walks. One was from Tomahawk Gap around a loop through giant tree ferns and babbling creeks. We stopped for a break but we soon moved on as leeches were falling on us from the trees (they were plentiful). The other walk was to the Bunyip Weir, down all the way there and up all the way back (a pretty place).

On returning to Spring Lodge we prepared for the evenings entertainment. Donna and I went to Donna's sisters 50th birthday in the Dandenongs. The other folk had a musical and singalong evening and by all accounts a great time was had by all.

Sunday we had several short walks starting with Shiprock Falls, then on to Powelltown where we had a cuppa and off to Seven Acre Rock to enjoy the views. We returned to Powelltown picnic ground for lunch

followed by a five kilometre walk to the old Reeds Mill site, which was very interesting.

Thank you again to the Pakenham club for a wonderful time and we look forward to sharing another weekend with them in our neck of the bush!

Murray Shaw

MOUNT GLENROWAN

16th, Apr. 2000

As Barry Brady said " everything has changed- leader and walk". The reason for the change of walk was that three out of the first four walkers to ring me, requested an easy walk (that included me). Although we could have altered David's Fletchers Track walk to suit, I felt his walk deserved a few more walkers, also the weather outlook was uncertain, so I chose the closer Warby Range walk to Mt. Glenrowan with a few changes to the normal route. On Saturday more walkers rang to say they would like to come, however they were unable to make it and we finished with only the above happy group of six.

Starting from the gap at approximately 9.30 am, we walked to the towers and Chick Hill enjoying the views as we normally do, from there we walked down to the small dam then through the bush to Ridge Track, which we followed past Bluff and Moonlight Tracks to Mt. Glenrowan for an early lunch. From there we observed two heavy showers up the valley mainly in the direction of the Fletcher Track area. We counted ourselves lucky. In fact our luck lasted; we only had a light shower near Bailey's vineyards later on. On our return I checked to see if all agreed to go through more bush and walk down to the lower track on the western side of the range. Everyone was feeling fit at this stage, after all we had just had lunch. The first part was easy to Moonlight Track and again when we turned north, it was more open than I expected, with only a short steep descent, that was better than the steep drop of the track. We were amazed how the grapevines have grown since our last walk and we wondered who will drink all this extra wine. On the walk back to the cars we kept more to the left, crossed the main road and arrived at the back of the car park. Apart from some wallabies, a few birds and only a limited number of flowers nothing exciting happened. The best parts of the 13 km. easy medium walk were the views and the happy company. We all enjoyed the outing and were back in Wangaratta by 3.00 pm.

Rolf

BYAWATHA WALK

7th, May 2000

Thirteen members met at the Dredge at Eldorado at 9.00 am. and headed up Old Coach Road to the start of the walk. It was through private property - the hill country where Don and Anna Allen (friends of mine) run sheep and a few cattle.

A short distance in, the group was given the choice to climb what the owners call the "big hill" but was just a pimple to we intrepid walkers. The views from the top were breathtaking.

We had our morning tea break back at the bottom then started out over the undulating hills and over the creek. We inspected the charcoal pits, a reminder of the war years and the reason for the scarcity of trees in the area. The trees that remain are magnificent specimens and Anna has replanted extensively from seedlings she has raised herself.

We lunched nearby in the vicinity of the crutching shed where we had the use of the facilities. We then set off up hill and down dale passing some massive rock formations and more spectacular views.

I for one was sorry when we reached the cars at 1.30 pm. that had been positioned earlier at the end of the walk to transport the drivers back to pick up their vehicles.

It was an approximately 12 kilometre walk in absolutely perfect weather and I consider from the comments it was most successful.

Marion

COMMITTEE MEETING

15th, May 2000

Joy and Bill Rosser hosted a committee meeting commencing at 7.00 pm with all committee present.

Apart from the normal procedural business of running the club the main item of interest was Allan Raison being co-opted by the committee as assistant walks co-ordinator to help out while I am away this winter.

Thank you Allan for helping out.

David

MOUNT PILOT

21st, May 2000

Eleven of us left The Centre at 9.10 am. on a lovely brisk clear morning - perfect for walking. We arrived at the car park below the aboriginal paintings at about 10.00 am.

There is a very interesting short walk with plenty of information signing - which takes about forty five minutes - that we all enjoyed. After latish morning tea we set off on our main walk.

A short distance back along Tovey Road we took to the bush along a vehicle track past some bee boxes and up along a gully. After about half a kilometre we climbed up to an unnamed hill on our right and following a short rest continued southerly climbing along a ridge.

A feature of this section of the walk was the great number of orchids seen. There are many Greenhoods in rosette stage, as were Gnat Orchids and Helmet Orchids. Some early specimens of the Large Mosquito Orchids were out in flower as were some Large Autumn Greenhoods and also what appeared to be Red-tip Greenhoods (nearly finished)

We followed the ridge through young Black Cypress Pine to intersect Old Coach Road, then along it to the Mt. Pilot Road junction where we again took to the bush. Throughout this section of the walk we saw large numbers of fungi of all shapes, sizes and colours. After lunching with a tremendous view from a knob at the western end of Mt. Pilot we proceeded easterly along the ridge to the Tower. A feature of this section is the great views obtained almost all round.

From Mt. Pilot we walked southerly along a ridge to again intersect Old Coach Road which we followed to Gap Road intersection, then northerly along Gap Road for about one kilometre; where we again took to the bush to follow the eastern side of a large gully down to Tovey Road (a very pleasant down hill walk) and then back along Tovey Road to arrive at the cars about 3.15 pm. to have a welcome cup of tea and biscuits.

This is a lovely easy walk of about 11 km. that is suitable for walkers of all abilities.

Happy Hiking.

David

FUTURE MOUNT PILOT EXCURSION

If enough members and their friends are interested, I will see if I can arrange a special interpretive tour of the Aboriginal Relics with Eddy Kneebone.

I understand that he conducts a fascinating comprehensive tour that I think would be a marvellous experience.

Please let me know (after the end of August) if you are interested.

David

Keeping your nose to the grindstone may only blunt your ability to sniff out your opportunities.

The greatest barrier to human betterment is that we tend to dignify well presented stupidity and unfortunately few are equipped to evaluate it.

Getting through.

The old listen but can't hear.

The young hear but won't listen.

G.F.

WEEK AWAY

As you can see from your Walks Program we are planning to go to Nelson in south west Victoria for our week away next autumn.

A tentative booking has been made for Saturday 3rd of March to Saturday 10th March 2001. These days have been chosen to avoid the long weekend. It is felt that the third week in March is getting a little late in the season in this area.

Accommodation is shared four persons per room (if all rooms are full) There are eight rooms, each with an ensuite. There is a common lounge area and communal kitchen. Bring your own bedding.

A deposit of \$20 per person will be required by 13th of November 2000. Costs can be expected to be in the order of \$50 per person for accommodation and up to \$80 per person for transport. B.Y.O. food and drink.

Full details should be available at the planning meeting on November 13th.

Contacts are Joy & Bill Rosser 57221947

Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc. Membership and Subscription Form

Annual Subscriptions	Single	\$15.00
	Family	\$20.00 30.00
	Life Members	\$10.00
	Day Visitors	\$ 5.00

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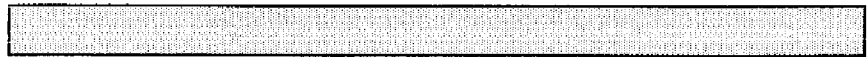
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JUNE 17 Saturday	WARBY RANGES Contact MURRAY SHAW	EASY / MEDIUM 57213730
JULY 2 Sunday	ELDORADO (Flat Rock Area) Contact MARION SEFERTH	EASY / MEDIUM 57251595
JULY 15 Saturday	WARBY RANGES Contact HELEN & ADRIAN TWITT	EASY / MEDIUM 57215327
AUG. 6 Sunday	MOUNT MEG Contact ALLAN RAISON	EASY 57217886
AUG. 20 Sunday	KILLAWARRA FOREST Contact VAL KEMP	EASY 57219409
AUG. 21 Monday	COMMITTEE MEETING at home of VAL KEMP 131 Williams Road	7.30 pm
SEP. 2 Saturday	WARBY RANGES Contact JOY & BILL ROSSER	EASY / MEDIUM 57221947
SEP. 17 Sunday	CHILTERN AREA Contact ISOBEL MOORE	EASY / MEDIUM 57214443
OCT. 1 Sunday	CLOVER DAM Contact ROLF HEETEL	ALL GRADES 57214130
OCT. 14 Saturday	UPPER EVERTON RAIL TRAIL Contact HELEN & ADRIAN TWITT	EASY / MEDIUM 57215327
NOV. 5	<i>ENJOY THE JAZZ FESTIVAL</i>	
NOV. 13 Monday	WALKS PLANNING MEETING at home of VAL KEMP 131 Williams Road	8.00pm Bring a PLATE
	COMMITTEE MEETING (Same Venue)	7.00pm
NOV. 18 Saturday	MOUNT SAMARIA Contact DAVID BANKS	MEDIUM / HARD 57662855
DEC. 1,2,3 Fri, Sat, Sun	MOUNT BUFFALO (Camp or day walks) Contact JOY & BILL ROSSER	ALL GRADES 57221947

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Killawarra Sunrise Track, Wandilgong, Chiltern

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Committee Meeting

DEC. 17 Sunday	CHRISTMAS BREAKUP at ELDORADO at home of MARION SEFERTH <i>TENNIS RACKETS 5-6 B.B.G. 2kms beyond school.</i>	VERY EASY
JAN. 7 Sunday	POWERS LOOKOUT Contact BILL ROSSER	MEDIUM / HARD 57221947 <i>turn right.</i>
Jan 16 JAN. 19, 20, 21 Fri, Sat, Sun	MOUNT BOGONG AREA Camp over or day walks Contact ROLF HEETEL	ALL GRADES 57214130
Feb 4 FEB. 4 Sunday	MOUNT BULLER / MOUNT STIRLING Contact ALLAN RAISON	MEDIUM / HARD 57217886 <i>X 11-15 X 11-45</i>
Feb 12 FEB. 16, 17, 18 Fri, Sat, Sun <i>19 Feb</i>	MOUNT HOTHAM AREA Stay at Wangaratta Ski Club Contact HELEN & ADRIAN TWITT	ALL GRADES 57215327
Mar 3 to 10 MAR. 3 to 10 Sat. to Sat.	<i>Dayaway.</i> WEEK AWAY Base will be at Nelson if accommodation can be arranged. Walks will be in the area between Portland, Mt Gambier and Dartmoor. Arrangements and costs will be advised	Contact JOY & BILL ROSSER 57221947

GRADING OF WALKS

EASY About 12km generally on track in flat to undulating terrain with climbs to 200m. These walks are suitable for most people of average fitness.

MEDIUM - (LONG) As for easy but with distances to 18km possibly with some cross country sections and/or climbs over 200m. A reasonable level of fitness and some bushwalking experience is recommended.

MEDIUM - (CLIMBS) 12 to 18km. May include some rough terrain, scrub bashing and possibly sustained climbs to about 600m. A reasonable level of fitness and some bushwalking experiences recommended.

HARD Distance greater than 18km and/or climbs over 600m in any combination. These walks generally should only be undertaken by fit and experienced walkers.

Seek the advice of the Walk Leader or the Walks Co-ordinator if you are unsure whether to tackle a walk or not.

Please contact the Walk Leader in advance (preferably two days) for details of the walk and to check for changes, meeting place and departure time. If you can't contact the Walk Leader inquiries should be addressed to the Walks Co-ordinator.

Elaine

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Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc.
Minutes of Meeting held Monday 15th May 2000

Present President Val Kemp
 Elaine Jacobsen, Isobel Moore, David Banks, Marion Serferth,
 Bill Rosser, Frank Schumacher, Allan Raison.

Apologies Nil

President Val Kemp welcomed everyone to the first meeting held by the new committee.

Minutes of the meeting held 28.2.00 were passed on the motion of Isobel Moore and seconded by Allan Raison. CARRIED

Business Arising Week Away. David suggested that this discussion be in
 General Business. *Planning Meeting*

Correspondence

- 00.12 Ski Touring Association of Victoria 15th Annual STAV Ski Show.
- 00.13 Vic Walk Water Information Forum 11/5.
- 00.14 Vic Walk News – April 2000 & Letter re additional rule changes.
- 00.15 Wangaratta Out & About TRACKS April 2000-07-05
- 00.16 Vic Walk News – May.
- 00.16 Environment Victoria – Forum 20/5

The correspondence was accepted on the motion of Bill Rosser and seconded by Marion Serferth.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance 1.3.00		611.51
Receipts	Subs	395.00
	Visitors fees	4.00
	Deposit	160.00
	(Pakenham Trip)	
	Gilwell Park	210.00
		<u>769.00</u>
		1380.00
Payments	Lettuce Eat	162.00
	Gilwell Park	350.00
		<u>512.00</u>
Accounts passed for payment		
	Murray Shaw	39.95
	(Mt. Buffalo Book for Pakenham Club)	
	David Banks (Stationery)	10.60
	J.Rosser/ I Moore (First Aid & Stationary)	14.65

The treasurer's report was accepted and accounts passed for payment on the motion of Isobel Moore and seconded by Frank Schumacher.

CARRIED

Walks' Report Nil

General Business

1. Club's Accounts. After some discussion Elaine Jacobsen moved that the club (Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc.) transfer all current accounts and fixed deposits from the Commonwealth Bank to the Bendigo Bank forthwith. The motion was seconded by David Banks and passed by all members of the committee .
2. Newsletter David reported that Imprint will do A3 size paper for 8c per copy. Imprint also have a digital photocopier which would be good for photos. David presented some examples he had made up for the presentation of a newsletter. David will type up the newsletter for the present. He moved that we offer Graham and Anthea \$20 to cover some costs for the laser printer. This motion was seconded by Allan Raison.

CARRIED

Val thanked David and Marion for offering to type up the newsletter.

3. Marion expressed her concern that the Visitor Fees of \$5 was too expensive for pensioners. Fee structures can only be changed at a General Meeting so we will look at this again next year,
4. David moved that we co-opt Allan to join the committee as Assistant Walk's Co-ordinator. The motion was seconded by Bill Rosser .

CARRIED

The next meeting will be held on 21.8.00 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance at 15.5.2000		868.51
Receipts		
Subs	165.00	
Term Deposit Transfer	2624.35	
Bendigo Bank (600 876)	1476.00	
Interest	1.03	
Visitors Fee	5.00	4271.38

Payments

Refund of deposit – B. Handley	20.00	
D.Banks – stationery	10.60	
Gift Book Pakenham Club	39.95	
First Aid & Stationery	14.65	
Bendigo Gold	2000.00	
Bendigo Bank (600 876)	1476.00	
Bank Charges	7.69	
Printing & Graphic Newsletter	36.40	
G. Farley for computer	20.00	
Centre Room hire for 25 th Party	55.00	
Vic Walk fees (35) 6.50 & 2.85	327.25	
Incorporation Fees	33.00	4040.54
Current Account Balance		1099.35

Fixed Deposit \$2000.00

The Treasurer's report was accepted and accounts passed for payment on the motion of Isobel Moore and seconded by Elaine Jacobsen.

CARRIED

Walks' Report As the walk's leader was away there was no report. However Killawarra was a great walk . Mt. Meg had 12 walkers, Eldorado 10 and Warby Range 11 so it seems that winter walks have gone well. The original accommodation for the week away was unsuitable so the accommodation may be more expensive.

General Business

1. Week Away - arrangements will organized and presented at the next meeting

Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc.
Minutes of Meeting held Monday 21st August 2000

Present President : Val Kemp, Elaine Jacobsen, Isobel Moore,
 Bill Rosser, David Banks, Frank Schumacher

Apologies Marion Serferth

Minutes of the meeting 15.5.00 were passed as amended on the motion of Bill Rosser and seconded by Frank Schumacher. CARRIED

Business Arising Nil

Correspondence

Out Consumer and Business Affairs
 Vic Walk Fees

In

- 00.17 Wildside newsletter (Wilderness Shop Box Hill)
- 00.18 Environment News May (Stop Land clearing campaign.)
- 00.19 VicWalk Notice of adjournment of AGM and Notice 2000/2001 Fees and Annual premiums.
- 00.20 Vicwalk Search & Resue Newsletter – May.
- 00.21 Wangaratta Out & About – TRACKS - June
- 00.22 Vicwalk News June and minutes of meeting 2.5.00
- 00.21 Vicwalk Legal Advice, Annual Report, Minutes of meeting 6.6.00 and Vicwalk News - July
- 00.22 Outdoor Recreation Centre Inc. Walking Clubs of Victoria booklet.
- 00.23 Thank You letter from Pakenham Bushwalkers.
- 00.24 Dandenong Valley Bushwalking Club Inc. – Federation Weekend-Grampians 21/22 Oct 2000
- 00.25 Vicwalk News August & Mins of meeting 4/7 & Information on Insurance. _ Personal Insurance.
- 00.26 Travel Brochures to King Island
- 00.27 Tax help – The GST.
- 00.28 Consumer and Business Affairs Victoria – Change of address form.
- 00.29 Vic Walk Membership cards.

The correspondence was accepted on the motion of Isobel Moore and seconded by Bill Rosser. CARRIED

Treasurer's Report.

Balance at 21.8.2000		1099.35
4 Visitors Fees		5.00
Payments		
Donation to Friends of the Warbys	500.00	
Petty Cash Float (Secretary)	20.00	
Current Account Balance		<u>520.00</u>
		584.35

The Treasurer's report was accepted and accounts passed for payment on the motion of Isobel Moore and seconded by Marion Serferth.

CARRIED

Walks' Report In David's absence Allan reported that numbers on walks have been good and that no walks have been cancelled.

General Business

1. First Aid Marion reported that she has just completed First Aid – Level 2 . She informed the committee that we should not be carrying and issuing any medicine and that members should bring their own. It was decided that this should go in the newsletter.
2. Adrian and Helen have suggested combining with the Out and About group. It was decided to send off our next walks program to inform the members of our walks. Val will also contact Tracey Toohey to suggest both clubs put each others walk's program in both newsletters
3. Publicity Frank the moved that we approach the Chronicle and have a regular space once a fortnight which would include a report of the last walk and the forthcoming walk. Seconded by Elaine Jacobsen.

CARRIED

Allan Raison moved that Frank Schumacher be appointed Publicity officer.
Seconded by Elaine Jacobsen

CARRIED

Marion also offered to write an article for the Eldorado & District Star.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Frank & Marilyn

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INC.



Summer 00/01

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Members,

We have had a variety of walks on our Winter Calender and we were lucky with the weather considering the rain we had.

All walks were well supported.

Thanks to all those leaders for arranging their walks. I am sure the members appreciate your efforts. Please take the time to read their reports.

We look forward to our week away in March which is being planned by Joy and Bill.

I look forward to seeing you all at Marion's for our Christmas Breakup.

May you all have a happy and safe festive season.

Val Kemp

YOUR COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Val Kemp	57219409
VICE - PRESIDENT	David Banks	57662885
SECRETARY	Elaine Jacobsen	57221096
TREASURER	Isobel Moore	57214443
WALKS CO-ORDINATOR	David Banks	57662855
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Marion Seferth	57251595
	Bill Rosser	57221947
	Allan Raison	57217886
	Frank Schumaker	57662690



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ELDORADO - FLAT ROCK

2nd July 2000

After meeting at The Centre at 9.00 am I met my fellow walkers at Eldorado Store and we proceeded by car to the base of McEvoy Hill.

After welcoming new walker Brenda and old walkers Catriona and David, we began our walk at 9.45 am with frost still in the shadows.

A brief sharp climb had us shedding some of our layers of clothing, then it was a steady gentle climb for the next half hour or so. Another half hour of flat walking along a well defined but little used track through the bush brought us to the road junction and a drink stop.

Another fifteen minutes down the road and through the bush and we arrived at our destination - Flat Rock and a wonderful view to Beechworth and the snow capped Alps. We sat and basked in the sun while enjoying an early lunch (11.45 am) until our numb bottoms urged us to move on.

Another hour of ascending brought us to decision time, where the choice was to 'bush bash' to the top of the ridge and follow it along to McEvoy Hill, or to follow the road back to the cars.

Four intrepid souls chose the former option and took to the bush. I accompanied the remaining walkers back to the cars where we had a snack, then followed the track up McEvoy Hill and met with the adventurers just before broaching the summit. They had enjoyed the challenge of cross country walking, and had seen a wallaby but were quite glad to see our familiar faces at the end.

We took in the magnificent view of the whole valley with Mount Buffalo and the Alps to the left then the sweep of the Warbys linking with the Eldorado Hills to enclose the circle. How lucky we are to be able to enjoy this magnificent landscape.

We rejoined the remaining walkers at the cars at 2.15 pm. I issued an invitation for a cuppa at my home as it was en route to Wangaratta and five took up the offer.

The Walk between 8 - 10 kms in perfect weather and every one agreed it was most enjoyable

Marion.

WARBY RANGE WALK

15th July 2000

While the days spent on reconnoitre for this walk were not so pleasant (fog, with rain causing a halt on first attempt; cold biting day for finalisation), this morning threatened rain again, but the overnight showers ceased at breakfast with a grey still day to follow. Ideal for winter walking.

Cars were parked at the foot of the Warbys on Warby Tower (Adams) Road. Mossy sections were slippery in places, but otherwise it was easy walking, with some short steep pinches, and a mainly gradual descent in the afternoon.

Lunch was at the Warby Fire Tower picnic area.

The walk proved variable enough to satisfy everyone. Some early rice flowers and hovea out; a few sightings of grey kangaroos and black wallabies; some good views on occasion; a few creeks flowing; some nice mossy rock areas.

A good circuit. If the weather had deteriorated, there was always the possibility of cutting it short at Warby Tower. Thankfully that was not necessary. Actual walk time 9.30 am to 2.15 pm.

Adrian Twitt (Leader)

CHRISMAS BREAKUP

Sunday 17th December 2000

Marion Seferth has again kindly offered to host our Christmas breakup at her home in Sheppard Road Eldorado. This is about two km past Carrarargumungii School cross road.

Anybody wanting more explicit directions should ring Marion on 57252595.

Please take chairs and tables etc and B.Y.O. everything. Marion suggests that if you would like to have a game of tennis you are welcome to arrive early. Don't forget your rackets!

Marion has a small BBQ that will suffice if we are patient. Start time 6.00 pm.

Thank you Marion.

EVERTON - BEECHWORTH RAIL TRAIL

14th October 2000

Our first walk on the rail trail commenced from the Everton Railway Station and concluded at Beechworth Railway Station. A one way walk, the logistics for transport arrangements were handled by Adrian Twitt and Frank Schumacher who drove their cars to Beechworth and cycled down to the commencement point to meet the other participants before the walk commenced.

Cycling in the bitter morning cold took exhilaration to a higher level, so with numb fingers we were glad to de-mount for walking. The track is sealed in the Indigo Shire section, the rest is good gravel.

New walker, Irene Grant set a stiff pace. Having not brought lunch, Irene had hoped to be in Beechworth early. Some shared food during our lunch stop resolved that predicament.

The walk took five hours including morning tea break and lunch stop, neither of which was long due to the bleak weather. In Beechworth it was coffee time at the bakery, retreating out of the bleakness just as rain began to fall. Good Timing!

Adrian Twitt

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

Annual Subscriptions

Single	\$15.00
Family	\$30.00
Life Members	\$10.00
Day Visitors	\$ 5.00

Passengers in cars are expected to recompense the driver at the rate of 5 cents per kilometre.

Perhaps this figure should be reviewed at the next A.G.M. in view of the huge cost increases since the last adjustment.

Ed

WARBY WALKERS WEEK AWAY to NELSON

March 3 to 10 2001

This is a very interesting area, tucked away in the far South West corner of Victoria. Nelson is situated on the mouth of the Glenelg River. It is a very attractive area to visit, with wonderful coastal, river and forest walks in the Lower Glenelg and Mt. Richmond National Parks and Discovery Bay Coastal Park.

Nelson is approximately 630 km from Wangaratta and there will be some travelling to walk venues. Intending passengers should allow between \$75.00 and \$85.00 for transportation costs.

Accommodation will be at Casuarina Cabins. Cost for the week will be between \$115.00 and \$125.00 per person depending on numbers. Kywong Caravan Park is just across the road from Casuarina and has excellent amenities in a bush setting at \$13.20 per night for two persons using a powered site. Some of you may wish to take a caravan or tent.

There is a general store (kiosk) in Nelson where most provisions can be purchased. There is also a Hotel with very good counter meals at reasonable prices.

While there we will have four walks on sections of the Great South West walking track with a variety of coastal, river and forest walking. David is the leader of these walks.

I have planned an optional half - day trip up the Glenelg River to Princes Margaret Rose caves. The cruise up the river is spectacular with great views of the high limestone cliffs of the river gorge. While there those who wish to do so can do an organised cave tour. Cost is \$17.50 to \$20.00.

A day trip to Mount Gambier is planned to visit various attractions, including the walk around the rim of Blue Lake, a board walk in the Nature Park and a visit to one of the famous sink holes.

A deposit of \$50.00 per person should be forwarded to Joy or Isobel on or before our Christmas breakup (Dec. 17th). The balance - to be advised will be required at the co-ordination meeting on Feb. 19th. Please advise at the time of paying your deposit if you will need transport.

Joy and Bill Rosser

MEMORANDUM OF ADVICE

The following are extracts from a memorandum of advice to the Federation of Victorian Bushwalking Clubs Inc. dated 27th of April 2000.

Having been advised of these responsibilities the legal onus is on us as a club and as individuals to adhere to that advice.

".....bushwalking clubs are incorporated bodies.... As such, the bushwalking clubs have legal personality and can be sued."

The advice presupposes that:

- (a) bushwalking may be into rough terrain with the commensurate exposure to dangers.
- (b) Members are adults
- (c) A program is published listing trips and advising the degree of difficulty and the nominated leader.

".....where a duty of care is imposed upon one person toward another, that other person can recover damages in a competent court for a breach of that duty of care."

"..... in my opinion, clubs need do nothing in regard to disclaimers because they are ineffective to exclude legal liability."

".....members could be asked to sign waiver forms Such a form would need to be carefully drafted and would entail significant administration responsibilities....."

"The duty upon leaders is to take reasonable care that members participating in club trips do not suffer injury."

"In my opinion, there is no duty upon a club leader to enquire after the medical condition of a particular member who wishes to participate in any particular trip."

"In my opinion, the club has a duty to ensure that its leaders are competent and responsible."

"..... leaders should not imperil the safety of its members by allowing persons lacking elementary skills and equipment to take part in club trips."

"..... leaders should reject intending participants if the leaders are not satisfied those participants have the necessary level of skill and equipment or are otherwise unsuitable."

"..... a member may present a danger to the group because he or she is wholly unable to accept instruction from the leader"

Full copies can be obtained from either Elaine or myself if you wish to peruse the whole document.

MOUNT SAMARIA

18th November 2000

Six walkers met at The Centre at 8.00 am for the walk in Mt. Samaria State Park. Travelling via Greta Road and Tatong we arrived at Wild Dog Falls car park at 9.30 am on a very warm day.

Just down the road at the next car park we met the last of the people who had been searching for a lost boy. The 'booze bus' was bogged and the tow truck had just arrived to pull them out! The police told us that they found the boy down the northern face of Mt. Samaria; he had become lost near Wild Dog Falls.

From there we took the next track left. After negotiating some water on the track we, with help from Allan got onto the old tram track. It was a lovely walk with plenty of bird orchids. From there we took a side track down to some old concrete works - the old winching station from which loaded trams were lowered to the valley floor below.

While standing at the works Marilyn stood on some bull ants that were not very friendly. After rubbing some bracken on the bites everything was OK again.

Back on the track again we stopped for lunch at 1.45 pm. While having lunch Val was pulling worm like things from her hair and a hungry leach found Allan.

After lunch we were on our way to the top of Mt. Samaria where we arrived at 3.35 pm after a very steep climb. After enjoying the views from the top we made our way down a different route to Wild Dog Falls where plenty of water was gong over. It is not a good view from the platform as it seems to be in the wrong place.

From the falls it was back to the cars at about 4.15 pm, then to Wangaratta arriving back at 5.40 pm.

Bill

Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc.
Minutes of Meeting held Monday 13 November 2000

Present President : Val Kemp, Elaine Jacobsen, Isobel Moore,
Bill and Joy Rosser, Frank Schumacher, Marion Serferth Allan
Raison, Lois Tippet.

Apologies David Banks.

Minutes of the meeting 21.8.00 were passed on the motion of Isobel Moore and
seconded by Frank Schumacher.. CARRIED

Business Arising Nil

Correspondence

- 00.30 Advertisement – The Blue Banana N.T. Backpacker Bus Service.
- 00.31 Vic Walk News – Sept. & Minutes of meeting 1/8.
- 00.32 Cape Otway Bunkhouses Advert.
- 00.33 World Expeditions- Request for donations of old gear.
- 00.34 Wangaratta Out & About – TRACKS - August
- 00.35 Australian Wildflower & Environmental Show – Euroa 30/9
- 00.36 Vic Walk – Schedule of Insurance
- 00.37 Advertisement – Barramunga Cabins – Barramunga (in the Otways).
- 00.38 EcoRecycle – Community Forum 10/10
- 00.39 Dandenong Valley Bushwalking Club Inc. – Federation Weekend-
Grampians 21/22Oct 2000
- 00.40 Vicwalk News October & Mins of Meeting 2/9
- 00.41 Wildside The Wilderness Shop Newsletter
- 00.42 Advertisement - Bharatralia Jungle Camp - Mitta Mitta
- 00.43 Bogong at the Mill Advert. For a talk from Guy Cotter.
- 00.44 Response from Pakenham re Mt. Buffalo.
- 00.45 Wangaratta Out & About – Tracks - October.
- 00.46 Bogong Equipment- Talk from Peter Treseder 1/11
- 00.47 VicWalk – November News & Min of Meeting 3/10
 - Extra Information re Insurance Policy.
 - Advertise your club brochure.
 - Level 2 First Aid Course.

The correspondence was accepted on the motion of Bill Rosser and seconded
by Allan Raison. CARRIED

General Business

1. AGM *Murray asked that everyone have a written report to present at the AGM.

*Val will put another notice re the AGM in The Chronicle

*Preparation for the AGM will include

- 1) Photos – everyone to bring photos.
- 2) Scrapbook – Elaine
- 3) Tea , Coffee Urn – Joy
- 4) Name tags (stickers) Val
- 5) Streamers balloons etc. tablecloths Isobel, Joy
- 6) Murray and David will bring Alpine Pack & ordinary day pack and brochure.

Murray presented the new brochure to the meeting. Elaine moved that it be accepted and presented at the AGM. Seconded by Joy Rosser.

CARRIED

- 7) Rolf reported that he has organised Lettuce Eat to cater.
- 8) Committee to go early to set up

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc.
Minutes of Meeting held Monday 28th February 2000

Present President Murray Shaw
 Elaine Jacobsen, Isobel Moore, Rolf Heetel, Val Kemp,
 Bill & Joy Rosser, Margot Thompson, Allan Raison.

Apologies Nil

Minutes of the meeting 24.1.00 were passed on the motion of Bill Rosser and seconded by Rolf Heetel. CARRIED

Business Arising Week Away. Rolf reported that he hasn't as yet rung re – investigating trip to Blue Mountains.

Correspondence

- 00.02 Outdoor recreation Centre
- 00.03 Vicwalk news Feb. & minutes of meeting 7/12
- 00.04 Kali Travel - India
- 00.05 Office of Fair Trading & Business Affairs- Annual return Forms and info on Fundraising Act
- 00.06 Om Trek newsletter - Nepal
- 00.07 Wildside –Wilderness Shop newsletter
- 00.08 Wangaratta Out & About Inc. Feb Newsletter
- 00.09 Victorian Council of Social Services GST Info- Meeting in Wangaratta.
- 00.10 Federation of Walking Clubs Inc. AGM Notice & Notice of special Business.
- 00.11 Ursula Cronin

The correspondence was accepted on the motion of Joy Rosser and seconded by M. Thompson.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance is \$612

The treasurer's report was accepted on the motion of Isobel Moore and seconded by Murray Shaw.

CARRIED

Walks' Report Joy Rosser reported that the weekend at Bogong was very successful 4 reached the summit, there 7 campers and 1 for the day. On the Sunday easy walks were enjoyed by all

Val moved that the walks Report be accepted . Seconded by Allan Raison.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. David presented a letter to the committee highlighting his concerns re safety issues on walks. (included) Murray told the committee that he had rung the Federation who said that it isn't an insurance issue and that the club needs to make its own rules. Rolf thanked David for taking the walk and bringing the problems to the attention of the committee.

Plan of Action It was decided that a set of rules (a list) be drawn up and given to all members and the walks leader can remind everyone by refering to this before the walk.

Elaine moved that we have fliers drawn up and that we have a 'presentation talk ' at the AGM. Seconded by Murray Shaw.

David agreed to do this presentation CARRIED

David will draw up a set of guidelines with Murray and Rolf. And David will present a demonstration of suitable gear at the AGM.

2. AGM

a) Fees Murray moved that the fees be increased to Singles \$20 and Family \$25 *seconded by Elaine.* CARRIED

b) Date and Venue

Murray recommended

The Centre - Elaine to book

We have a supper and birthday cake catered for.

A display of memoriabilia – photos etc.

Date - Monday 20th of March or Tuesday 25th March

Invite all members and past members.- Murray will make a flier and will need lists of members.

Catering – Rolf will check.

Decorations - Elaine

Advertising – Val

3. Pakenham Trip

Murray asked for those interested to let him know.

4. Next Trip away.

Rolf suggested Blue Mountains. He will contact Ursula asking her to find information- suggestions will be presented at the AGM.

It was decided that the next meeting would be on Monday 28th of February.

The meeting was closed at 9.39 pm.

WARBY RANGES BUSHWALKERS INC. COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at the residence of Isobel Moore on the 24th of January. 2000

PRESENT Murray Shaw, Isobel Moore, Elaine Jacobsen, Margot Thompson, Rolf Heetel, Joy and Bill Rosser, Allan Raison, David Banks.S

APOLOGIES Val Kemp

MINUTES No minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 99. 34 Rapley Marketing - Flashing Safety Lights
- 99. 35 Vicwalk Bushwalkers Search & Rescue Oct 1999
- 99. 36 Vicwalk News – December & minutes of meeting 7/11
- 99. 37 Wangaratta Out & About Inc. – Tracks – December
- 99. 38 Parks Victoria – Wilson’s Prom
- 00. 01 Om Trek Advertising

The correspondence was moved by Allan Raison and seconded by Bill Rosser.
CARRIED

**TREASURER’S
REPORT**

Balance as at 8/11/99	878.20	
+subs	20.00	
Payments		
Murray Shaw (exp for Grampian trip)	50.00	
Imprint Printing	195.00	
SGD Bank Charges	5.01	<u>250.01</u>
		<u>588.19</u>

The Treasurer’s Report was moved by Isobel Moore and seconded by Rolf Heetel.
CARRIED

WALKS CO-ORDINATOR

Rolf said that the number coming on the walks is pleasing, the meeting for the next walks was well attended and the High Plains walk weekend was also well attended - it was a good weekend. Buffalo had 7 campers 2 day walkers on Sat and 1 on Sunday.

Murray Shaw moved that the Walks Co-ordinator’s report be accepted
Seconded by Bill Rosser.