

WARBY RANGE
BUSHWALKERS
2001A

Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc.
Minutes of Meeting held Monday 19 February 2001

Present President : Val Kemp, Elaine Jacobsen, Isobel Moore,
Bill and Joy Rosser, Marion Serferth Allan Raison. David Banks.

Apologies Nil

Minutes of the meeting 13.11.00 were passed on the motion of Bill Rosser and seconded by Allan Raison.. CARRIED

Business Arising Val reported that she hadn't got through to Tracey Toohey but has sent our program to the Wangaratta Out & About group.

Correspondence

- 00.48 Behind the Log - VicWalk Search & Rescue.
- 00.49 Par Avion – Bushwalkers access the South West Wilderness
- 00.50 VicWalk – Secretary Position & Track/Route Survey
- 00.51 VicWalk – Dec News & List of Federation Walks & Mins of meeting 14/11
- 00.52 Parktrek Walking Tours Brochure
- 0052 Rooftop Maps Warby Range map
- 00.53 Victoria's Parks Festival. 6/5
- 00.54 Peregrine Walking and trekking brochure.
- 00.55 Wilderness Shop – Box Hill
- 01.01 VicWalk News & Minutes of meeting 5/12
- 01.02 Outdoor Travel – Brochure European Walking/Cycling Holidays
- 01.03 The Walking Safari Company – Travel Brochure.
- 01.04 Wild Side Wilderness Shop Newsletter
- 01.05 Thank You letter from the Friends of the Warbies.
- 01.06 Christmas card from Vaughn and Len
- 01.07 Donation of stamps and envelopes from Len Ashley

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

Treasurer's Report.

Balance at 13.11.00		584.35
And subs	30.00	
Deposits Nelson Trip	700.00	
		<u>730.00</u>
		1316.35
 <u>Payments</u>		
Newsletter expenses	54.20	
Casuarina Cabins Deposit	420.00	
		<u>474.20</u>
		<u>840.15</u>

To pay

Cheque for Casuarina Cabins 280.00

Rosser's Expenses for Nelson Bay 27.00

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

CARRIED

Walks' Report Mt. Buffalo-. 5 walkers from Pakenham joined us for an extremely good weekend.

Jan 7 was also a good week but Mount Bogong was cancelled

Mt Buller had 5 walkers but the weather was not so good.

Wangaratta Ski Club weekend had great camaraderie and marvellous weather

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

CARRIED

General Business

1. Val reported that she has booked the Sydney Hotel for the AGM.
2. Jessie sent along information about accommodation at Khan Khoban - for 12-14 people costs would be \$150 per night. She suggested this might be a good area for walks.
3. Annual Fees Marion moved that at the AGM we recommend that visitor fees be \$2 for day walks and that it is not refundable from annual fees Also that there should be a limit of 3 walks and that anyone going on the week away must be a member. The motion was seconded by Isobel Moore.

CARRIED

David Banks moved that we recommend that fees remain the same at \$30 for families and \$15 for a single member. The motion was seconded by Elaine Jacobsen.

CARRIED

4. Auditor . Garth Hodge will be asked to be the auditor again.
5. Payment for drivers. David Banks moved that we increase the amount of re-inbursement for drivers to 7 1/2 cents a km.> The motion was seconded by Bill Rosser.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth Annual General Meeting

Held at 131 Williams Road, Wangaratta on 26th March, 2001

PRESENT Marion Seferth, Joy Rosser, Bill Rosser, Elaine Jacobson, Isobel Moore, Allan Raison, Rolf Heetel, Frank Schumacher, David Banks, Sue Bailey, Val Kemp, Lois Tippet, Margo Thompson.

APOLOGIES M & J Ussher, J. Butler, Ivan Tippet, Marilyn Joyce, Trudi Kentman, Helen and Peter Curtis, Ursula Cronin.

WELCOME Val Kemp welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting

MINUTES The minutes of the Twenty-fifth Annual General Meeting were confirmed on the Motion of Marion Seferth and seconded by Joy Rosser. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

1. \$500 was given to Friends of the Warbys
2. Bank account was changed to Bendigo Bank
3. Newspaper costs, much less (\$60 per addition)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Friends of Warbys
2. Ursula Cronin
3. Elaine passed correspondence around for members to have a look at. It included Wangaratta Out and About, Brochures and Vicwalk News

The correspondence was received on the motion of Isobel Moore and seconded by Allan Raison. CARRIED

REPORTS

President's Report:

Val Kemp presented her Annual Report appended to these minutes. The report was received on the motion of Rolf Heetel and seconded by Allan Raison CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

Isobel Moore circulated the Financial Report (as appended to these minutes) for the year ending 28th February 1991 as prepared by Mr. G. Hodge F.C.A. The Financial Report was adopted on the motion of Isobel Moore and seconded by David Banks

CARRIED

Walks' Co-ordinator's Report

David Banks spoke to the attached report.

This report was received on the motion of Bill Rosser and seconded by Sue Bailey. CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Nominations for the year 2001/2002 were called.

PRESIDENT

Val Kemp was nominated by Isobel Moore and seconded by Joy Rosser

As there were no further nominations Val Kemp was declared
PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT

David Banks was nominated by Bill Rosser and seconded by Lois Tippet.

As there were no further nominations David Banks was declared
VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Frank Schumacher was nominated by Bill Rosser and seconded by David Banks.

As there were no further nominations Frank Schumacher was
declared SECRETARY

TREASURER

Lois Tippet was nominated by Marion Seferth and seconded by Isobel Moore.

As there were no further nominations Lois Tippet was declared
TREASURER

WALK'S CO-ORDINATOR

David Banks was nominated by Bill Rosser and seconded by Margot Thompson.

As there were no further nominations David Banks was declared
WALK'S CO-ORDINATOR

ASSISTANT WALK'S CO-ORDINATOR

Allan Raison was nominated by David Banks and seconded by Isobel Moore.

As there were no further nominations Allan Raison was declared
ASSISTANT WALK'S CO-ORDINATOR

COMMITTEE

Joy Rosser was nominated by David Banks and seconded by Lois Tippet. CARRIED

Bill Rosser was nominated by Isobel Moore and seconded by Sue Bailey. CARRIED

Marion Seferth was nominated by Rolf Heetel and seconded by Lois Tippet. CARRIED

Rolf Heetel was nominated by Isobel Moore and seconded by Val Kemp. CARRIED

AUDITOR

Garth Hodge was nominated by Elaine Jacobsen and seconded by Isobel Moore. As there were no further nominations Garth Hodge
was declared AUDITOR CARRIED

Val Kemp to continue to be PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.

The President Val Kemp thanked the outgoing Secretary Elaine Jacobsen and the outgoing Treasurer Isobel Moore for their enormous efforts in the past few years in their respective roles.

David Banks moved, seconded by Val Kemp, that a huge vote of thanks be directed to both Elaine and Isobel. CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Fees

Visitors to be charged \$2.00 non refundable for walks. They can attend a maximum of three walks as a visitor and then it is expected they they should become members. MOVED Marion Seferth SECONDED Isobel Moore. CARRIED

Kilometer Rate for Drivers

7.5 cents be charged per kilometre for passengers being transported by club members to and from walk locations. MOVED David Banks SECONDED Isobel Moore. CARRIED.

A suggestion was made by Rolf Heetel that Marion or Rolf loan their mobile 'phones for day walks/weekend walks for use in case of emergencies.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.35 pm.

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED A0017187M

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2001

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	590.00	BANK CHARGES	8.95
VISITORS FEES	14.00		
TRIP - GILWELL PARK	370.00	TRIP GILWELL PARK	370.00
		EXPENSES NELSON TRIP	27.00
INTEREST - C'WEALTH SAVINGS	1.03	FIRST AID KIT REPLACEMENTS	9.25
FIXED DEPOSIT	10.77	GIFT TO TAKENHAM CLUB	39.95
BENDIGO GOLD	872.1	INCORPORATION FEE	33.00
OPERATING LOSS FOR YR 04/01	92.19	INSURANCE VIC WALKERS	327.25
		NEWSLETTERS	110.60
		PETTY CASH	6.20
		STATIONERY	16.00
		25 TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY	217.00
	<u>\$ 1165.20</u>		<u>\$ 1165.20</u>

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2001

BENDIGO BANK CURRENT A/C	533.15	ACCUMULATION A/C FWD	3225.09
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		THE WARBY'S	500.00
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President's Annual Report 26-3-2001

Members have enjoyed another year of friendship and walking.

Thanks to all the leaders who organized a variety of day walks and weekend camps.

We have shared a weekend with our friends from the Papenham Bushwalking Club at Gilwell Park and the Wanganatta Lake Club.

Thanks go to Joy and Bill for organizing our week away at Nelson, and to David for leading walks on sections of the Great South West walking tracks.

Thank you Marion for opening your home and garden for our Christmas breakfast.

To all members of the Committee thank you for your help and support. To our Secretary Elaine and Treasurer Isobel who have held their position for a number of years and to Walks Co-Ordinator David who also produces our newsletter.

Thank you for having me as your President. It is a pleasure to belong to such a friendly Club as the Warty Range Bushwalkers.

Val Kemp.

WALKS CO-ORDINATORS REPORT TO AGM.

26th March 2001

Thanks to everyone who participated in our programmed outings during the past year. It has been a very successful year with 28 walks conducted and an average attendance of almost eleven people per walk.

I wish to express my appreciation of the nine members who led walks last year, with particular thanks to Joy and Bill Rosser who not only led the greatest number of walks but also organised the very successful 'week away'.

It was very gratifying to note the great improvement in the attention to clothing, equipment and safety demonstrated by all our walkers throughout the year. Well done.

On looking back, the year had many highlights, such as the visit of six of our members to Pakenham, and the six well attended walks in the Warby Range - it seems to be everybody's favourite place. The weekends at Mt. Buffalo and at The Wangaratta Ski Club lodge at Mt. St Bernard were very well supported and in each case we were pleased to have a number of Pakenham walkers join us. A very successful innovation this year was the picnic at Lake William Hovell - a very pleasant way to spend a hot summer day.

The greatest highlight was as usual, the week away, this year at Nelson near Mt. Gambier. Pleasant surroundings, varied and interesting walks, splendid excursions and in particular the camaraderie of the regular evening gatherings for a tippie and a snack before dinner, made this a terrific time for the large number who were there.

As usual I won't be able to join you for a number of walks over winter as this swallow is going north again. I have enjoyed the past year as your walks co-ordinator and will accept the position again if nominated.

Thank you all

David Banks

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WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
26.03.01.

ELAINE JACOBSEN

MARGOT THOMPSON

SUE BLAIR

Wendy Baker

LILIA BADE

OWEN TURNBULL

David BANKS

JOY ROSSER

BILL ROSSER

Rolf HEETEL

Alexia "

FRANK SCHUMACHER

Marion Seferd

ISOBEL MOORE

VAH KEMP

ALLAN RAISON

Lois. Tippet

Elaine M. Jacobsen

Margot Thompson

Sue Blair

Wendy Baker

Lilia C. Bade

O. M. Turnbull

Banks

J. Rosser

W. R. Rosser

R. Heetel

Alexia Heetel

Frank Schumacher

Marion Seferd

Isobel Moore

Vah Kemp

Allan Raison

Lois Tippet

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INC.

Winter 2001

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Dear Members,

At our A.G.M. in March a new Committee was formed.

Our thanks go to retiring secretary Elaine and treasurer Isobel.

Subscriptions are now due. Vehicle passengers are now requested to donate seven and a half (7 1/2) cents per km to the driver.

The picnic day and walk at Lake William Hovell was enjoyed by all with some members having a swim.

The weekend at Wangaratta Ski Club with members from Pakenham was well supported.

Our week away at Nelson was a great success with seventeen members enjoying a variety of walks.

Thanks to members who organise the walks. Please take some time to read their reports. A variety of walks have been planed.

Hoping to see you all at those walks.

Val Kemp.

YOUR COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Val Kemp	57219409
VICE - PRESIDENT	David Banks	57662855
SECRETARY	Frank Schumaker	57662690
TREASURER	Lois Tippet	57251785
WALKS CO-ORDINATOR	David Banks	57662855
COMMITTEE	Joy Rosser	57221947
	Bill Rosser	57221947
	Rolf Héetel	57214130
	Alan Raison	57217886
	Marion Seferth	57251595

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MT. BUFFALO CAMP OUT

1st to 3rd December 2000.

Eleven Warby walkers participated and we were very pleased to welcome six Pakenham walkers including our old friend and former member Brian Mathews.

We managed to secure good camping sites and convivial evenings were spent around the campfire.

Saturday dawned fine and clear after a rather chilly night. The day remained fine and clear - perfect for walking.

We divided into two groups - those who wanted a longer walk went under the guidance of Bill to Mollisons Galleries with a short walk to Eagle Point Lookout on the way as well as a few other detours.

The group had a leisurely lunch at the galleries enjoying the views of Buffalo Dam and the mountains beyond.

The walk was 18 - 20 km and all walkers managed well.

The second group, led by Joy, did a shorter walk from the reservoir to Eagle Point where we all climbed the ladders to see the view. We then retraced our steps and did a round trip via Five Acre Plain track back to the reservoir. Wild flowers were plentiful as always at this time of year. Length of walk 10 - 11 km.

Sunday we broke camp early and drove out to Tatra to the start of the picturesque South Buffalo walk of about 8 km. Wild flowers abounded as before and we saw many birds including the beautiful flame robin who posed "full frontal" for us.

Again the weather was perfect and we enjoyed the lovely views.

As well as the organised walks several people did their own walks in little groups around the Lake Catani, Chalwell Galleries, up to the Chalet, Nature Walk (formerly View Point walk) and the Gorge walk.

Bill and I would like to thank all walkers for their co-operation which made the weekend pleasurable for all.

Joy

P.S. We signed up a new member! Len Ashley from Narre Warren North. Welcome to our group Len.

CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

17th December 2000

Despite the heat, about 15 of us gathered under the shade of the giant elms at my home in Eldorado.

There were no takers for tennis, surprise, surprise!

It was great to see Jessie Ussher out and about and able to join us. We wish her a full and speedy recovery.

There was much chatter, passing of photographs, consumption of cold drinks and good food with a few Christmas treats to follow.

Everyone departed at dusk after an enjoyable and relaxing evening.

Marion Seferth

Special thanks to Marion for providing such a lovely venue.



The group relaxing with their Christmas treats.

**LAKE WILLIAM HOVELL
PICNIC AND WALK**

7th January 2001

Because of the long spell of hot weather it was decided that we abandon the proposed walk to Powers Lookout (What a silly idea that was!!)

Thirteen members and two visitors travelled to Lake William Hovell for a relaxed day of walking, swimming, reclining with a good book or whatever else tickled the fancy.

Most set out for a walk up the track, with others finding attractive spots by the water or opting for a shorter walk. A few of us made it to Evans Creek crossing before turning back - a return trip of about 7 km. The water babies had a dip and then we all had a sociable picnic lunch.

We all saw lots of hyacinth orchids, and the beautiful blue berries of the Tasmanian flax lily and some blue pincushion flowers (*brononia*). Also a family of gang - gangs paid us a visit and were a delight.

A great day - maybe we will repeat it next year.

Joy & Bill

What a great idea.

MT BOGONG

19th to 21st January 2001

Unfortunately this outing had to be cancelled due to the very hot and dry conditions. Total fire bans were predicted with storms expected.

Ed.

MT STIRLING

4th February 2001

We left Wangaratta about 7.30 am and hadn't gone very far when light rain started falling, but as we had arranged to meet Len our new member from Narre Warren at Mansfield, we continued to there. We met Len and as the weather had not deteriorated any more we drove on to Telephone Box Junction with Len following in his own car.

I had intended to start walking there and do a circuit to Mt Stirling and return but on Rolf's suggestion we drove to Kings Saddle to start the walk as this would be less climbing for those who wanted an easier walk. There is a nice big shelter and a toilet block there now making it a good place to begin a walk.

We started walking along the Stirling Trail about 10 o'clock in cloudy conditions but not raining. The track



Picnic at Lake William Hovell

MT ST. BERNARD

16th to 19th February 2001

Friday.

Welcome to Pakenham Bushwalkers for a combined weekend (our third annual). Mt St. Bernard is a great location and the Wangaratta Ski Lodge is ideal accommodation. The week leading up had been wet, but beautifully fine by Friday when all participants arrived.

An evening barbecue made sense with the pre dinner nibbles outside. By dusk, it was time to retreat to the warmth of the lodge.

Saturday.

An 8.00 am departure under crystal clear skies meant that we were on the Feathertop track by 8.30 am. Intentionally we split into two groups after initial walk together. Most climbed the summit and had lunch at the cross. Others were content to get as far as Twin Knobs. A weary group of walkers stumbled back to the Diamantina car park by late afternoon after eight hours (including breaks) on the track.

Sunday.

We have "discovered" an excellent half day walk in the Hotham area. Having parked at Slaty Cutting, two kilometres beyond Hotham, we took the Christmas Hills ski trail and then took the access track to the old aquaduct, following it "upstream" to the Davenport ski

is well marked and fairly easy walking. After walking for nearly an hour light rain started falling and we had to put on our wet weather gear. As we got nearer to Mt Stirling the rain became quite heavy and we were pleased to see the Geelong Grammar School hut which is just below Mt Stirling.

We took refuge in the hut and decided to have an early lunch (about 11.40 am) and wait for the weather to improve. While we were there two mountain bike riders (a man and a girl) came in to shelter from the rain. They were not very well prepared for the mountains, no coats, no food, no maps! Two chaps in a 4WD also called in.

After lunch we set off for the top of Mt Stirling, one walker did get to the top but the weather was not good and visibility was very poor, so instead of doing a circuit we decided to return to King Saddle on the same track we came on. Allan checked out the Bluff Spur Memorial Hut on the return walk.

We arrived back at King Saddle about 2.30pm and after a snack we farewelled Len and left for home about 3.00pm. The walk was about 10 km and on a fine day would be a good fairly easy walk.

Although the weather was not kind to us we still had a very enjoyable day.

Allan.



Admiring the view on the way to Mt Feathertop.

lift area and then the 4WD track back up to the Great Alpine Road. The shady route with ferns, wildflowers and a small waterfall, added to the pleasure.

A number of participants departed following the morning walk; some returned to the ski lodge for lunch; others to Dinner Plain.

At dusk, from the ski lodge, we did a short walk to the St. Bernard Hospice site, and then a leisurely evening with some reading conversation and pool.

Plans were to depart by 9.30 am on the Monday.

Adrian Twitt.

NELSON AREA

3rd to 10th March 2001

Thirteen walkers left South Wangaratta at 7.20am on Saturday morning for the long drive to Nelson in the far south west corner of the State. After stops at the Old Coach Road Rest Area; Broadford for morning tea; Ballarat for lunch; Dunkeld for coffee and Hamilton for fuel, we arrived about 5.00pm at the little cabins that were to be our home for the next week.

Sundays walk along the very firm beach from near the mouth of the Glenelg River to White Sands Camp and on to McEacherns Rocks on a breezy overcast day, though long, was a great start to the week. The beach was littered with the buoys and ropes of fishermen. A couple of members were able to salvage some "useful" items.

Monday saw us inland, walking from the vehicles at Moleside Camp to the Inkpot - a geological oddity, believed to be a lake formed near the top of a sand hill by subsidence of a limestone cave beneath. After lunch some of us went downstream to Wild Dog Bend on the Glenelg River. This section was not along the cliff tops as we anticipated, but some distance inland in dense understorey. As the afternoon was quite hot we were a bit disappointed. Adrian took advantage of the wait while Bill and I returned for the cars to have swim.

The drive to and around Mt Gambier on Tuesday provided many highlights, not least of which was the brilliant colour of the Blue Lake. The brilliant sights and gentle walks were

greatly enjoyed by everyone. Some of us detoured via the disappointing town of Port McDonell on our way home. What a desolate looking place!

Lake Monibeong at the end of Bong Bong Road was the setting for Wednesdays walk which meandered along the lake edge behind the sand dunes for about 7 kilometres, then along the beach to Nobles Rocks where aboriginal middens and flint knapping areas can be seen, and return via the firm beach to the start. The sudden appearance of a fair sized snake caused considerable consternation for the leading walkers with some of those following nearly being bowled over by the precipitate retreat of at least one of the leaders. Some excitement was also provided by the poor state of



*Homeward bound.
End of Lake Monibeong walk.*

the access road. One of our vehicles had to be towed through one of the deep "bulldust" holes on the return trip. We could not reach the car parking area because of the condition of the road.

On Thursday morning we greatly enjoyed a leisurely stroll along the Livingstone Island Nature Walk and also to the Glenelg River mouth. After lunch we boarded the Nelson Explorer for a delightful cruise upstream to Princess Margaret Rose caves where some of us enjoyed another short nature walk while the others were on a cave tour.

On Friday seven stayers journeyed about 55 kilometres to Mt Richmond for a series of short walks of great variety. As the day was quite hot and we were all rather fatigued we made an early return to camp.

The week provided many highlights with beautiful seascapes and booming surf on beach walks, grand vistas from Mt Richmond, magnificent scenery in and around Mt Gambier, colourful imposing cliffs along the Glenelg River, dense quiet bush walks and the enigma of the Inkpot. The area supports a great diversity of flora and though in the grip of a very severe drought there were still many wildflowers seen. Correa, Parsons Bands Orchids and Fringe Lillys as well as Banksias and Gums in flower were prominent. Large numbers of water birds including many rare Hooded Plovers along the beaches were a feature.

Parrots, Eagles, Honeyeaters, Wrens, Kingfishers and Emus were among the diverse variety of other birds seen. Many Kangaroos, Wallabys, Possums, Snakes and Lizards were also sighted. The sandy soil showed many tracks of species that can only be guessed at.

Without doubt the major highlight of the trip was the "happy hour" each evening where the walks got harder and longer and rougher and the sights more magnificent. A great camaraderie developed.

The lower Glenelg is a "drowned river valley" with tidal influence and saline water as far as Dartmoor, some 70 kilometres inland. The estuary contains many species of fishes. People walking near the waters edge often saw large schools of bream. Mulloway are sometimes caught in good numbers.

The area is of considerable historical significance, being of importance to the indigenous tribes as the shell middens and the flint shards show. More recently it was the turn around point of the explorer Major Mitchell as the many plaques and monuments testify.

The group arrived back in hot Wangaratta about 4.30 pm after leaving a showery Nelson in the early morning. My thanks go to Joy for all her hard work in organising it all.

Happy Hiking

David



A little help needed.

MOUNT JACK

25th March 2001

We left The Centre at 7.30 am for the drive up through Myrtleford, to the start of our walk to the top of Mt. Jack.

After parking the cars we started the walk at 8.40 am arriving at the junction of another track at 10.15 am for our morning snack. From there we walked to the top of Mt Jack arriving at 12.00 noon.

This walk was a very hard climb with all doing a very good job to make it to the top. After having lunch we retraced our steps back to the cars by 3.15 pm, then back to Wangaratta by 4.30 pm.

Bill

LAKE WILLIAM HOVELL

7th April 2001

Only four walkers met at The Centre to do the walk today, a bit disappointing, perhaps we are getting older.

We left Wangaratta at 8.00 am in Adrian and Helen's car and travelled to Lake William Hovell. We left Helen at the entrance to the weir wall and then drove on

to the picnic area and parked the car. The three boys started walking from there at 9.05 am, walked back and met Helen, and then proceeded across the dam wall where we turned left and walked in a northerly direction on a well marked foot track for about three and a half kilometres to Long Spur Track. This was reasonably easy walking, but when we turned right on to Long Spur Track it was a bit different. In the next three kilometres the track rises over four hundred metres, a fairly steep climb.

When we reached the top we had a short break to recuperate and then continued to our lunch stop just past the junction of Sandy Flat Track. We arrived there at 12.15 pm.

After an enjoyable lunch and our energy restored we set off again to follow Sandy Flat Track south for about two kilometres where we had to cross a creek, which we were able to do okay with our boots still on, by stepping on rocks. Then on to the King River where we had to remove our boots and socks to paddle across. The water was very cool and refreshing but the problem was the stones were slippery and quite sharp and hard on the feet. Helen did eventually get to use the towel I had suggested to bring. We left the river crossing about 2.00 pm with seven kilometres still to walk, this section was fairly easy walking with some short climbs.



*Peace and serenity at Lake William Hovell
7th January 2001*

There is quite a lot of bird life in this area, we also saw a few kangaroos. One interesting animal was a black rabbit that ran on to the track in front of us.

David and Adrian arrived back at the cars at 3.35 pm. Adrian drove a short distance back up the track to meet Helen and I. We had a cuppa at the picnic area and then returned home.

An enjoyable medium walk of about 19 km.

Thanks to Adrian for doing the driving and using his car.

Allan R.

I must have been on a different walk, it felt bloody hard to me!!

Ed.

LAKE SAMBELL / LAKE KERFORD

22nd April 2001

Four walkers left The Centre at 9.00 am and travelled to Beechworth where we had arranged to meet Len Ashley from Pakenham. We left the cars near Lake Sambell Caravan Park where the walk to Lake Kerford starts.

The track passes through old gold mining sites where many deep vertical shafts were dug.

Light rain began to fall and we put on our wet weather gear, but lucky for us it did not last long.

When we arrived at Lake Kerford, we were surprised to find a new spillway and locked gates blocking access across the road. We were able to walk across the spillway and rejoin the road. We enjoyed our lunch by the lake and then walked along Red Hill Road, with nice views of Beechworth with autumn colours, past the mansion picnic area and back to Beechworth.

This was a 13 kilometre walk.

Coffee and cakes were enjoyed at the bakery where we all signed a birthday card for Trudi. We said goodbye to Len who was staying another night in the area. Isobel and I delivered the card to Trudi and it was nice to see Ursula.

Thanks to Rolf for doing the driving. Thank you all for coming.

Val.

FLETCHERS

6th May 2001

We left Wangaratta about 8.00 am on a lovely autumn morning for the short drive to "Fletchers" having collected one member at Moyhu.

We left our vehicles on the road reserve outside Fletchers homestead at 8.40 am and walked back along Fletchers Lane to the saddle that has been the start of some previous walks in this area. We then proceeded southerly along the undulating ridge east of Fletchers Track to the intersection of that track, and then we turned south easterly. After having morning tea in the sunshine and sheltered from the brisk breeze, we followed an ever diminishing bush track southerly up the main creek valley until we were confronted by a deep steep sided gully. After crossing the dry main creek bed we climbed south easterly to intersect a 4WD track on the ridge top.

We followed this track southerly for about one kilometre to where we had lunch. After retracing the last kilometre we found an intersecting 4WD track heading north easterly down into a large gully and along it to eventually reach Holmes Track. We turned west off this track after about one and a half kilometres in a northerly direction onto a disused track that we followed back to the cars, arriving about 2.30 pm.

The Bush was very dry with no wildflowers to be seen though some of the trees were in bloom. We did see many birds as well as Wallabys and Kangaroos.

Fletchers have planted their farm in blue gums which appear to be doing well. These were visible from time to time as we walked, as were other views down the Boggy Creek valley and also up the ridge to Thistle and Bald hills.

It was a very pleasant medium walk of 15 to 16 kilometres which would be even better in the springtime.

Happy Hiking.

David.

I have noticed a number of news items recently about hikers in difficulties. Some were well prepared and equipped and were unlucky. Others such as the fellow in Tasmania were ill prepared and were lucky not to suffer a worse fate.

We must always be prepared for any eventuality.

David.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26th March 2001

Our annual general meeting for 2001 was held at the home of President - Val Kemp.

I do not have a copy of the minutes to hand. Briefly, a new executive and committee was elected (see page one) and fees for the ensuing year were set.

Elaine Jacobsen did not stand for re-election as secretary, a position she efficiently filled for the past eleven years. **Thank you very much Elaine from all of us.**

Our thanks also go to Isobel Moore who retired as treasurer after years of diligent accounting. **Thank you Isobel.**

The following reports were presented:-

Presidents Report

Members have enjoyed another year of friendship and walking.

Thanks to all the leaders who organised a variety day walks and weekend camps.

We have shared a weekend with our friends from the Pakenham Bushwalking Club at Gilwell Park and at the Wangaratta Ski Club.

Thanks go to Joy and Bill for organising our week away at Nelson, and to David for leading the walks on sections of the Great Southwest Walking Track.

Thanks also to Marion for opening your home and garden for our Christmas break up.

To all members of the committee thank you for your support. To our Secretary Elaine and Treasurer Isobel who have held their positions for a number of years, and to Walks Co-ordinator David who also produces our newsletter.

Thank you all for having me as your President. It is a pleasure to belong to such a friendly club as the Warby Range Bushwalkers.

Val Kemp.

Walks Co-ordinators Report

Thanks to everyone who participated in our programmed outings during the past year. It has been a very successful year with 28 walks conducted and an average attendance of almost eleven people per walk.

I wish to express my appreciation of the nine members who led walks last year, with particular thanks to Joy and Bill Rosser who not only led the greatest number of walks but, also organised the very successful "week away".

It was gratifying to note the improvement in the attention to clothing equipment and safety demonstrated by all walkers throughout the year. Well done.

On looking back the year had many highlights, such as the visit of six of our members to Pakenham, and the six well attended walks in the Warby Range - it seems to be everybody's favourite place. The weekends at Mt Buffalo and at the Wangaratta Ski Club lodge at Mt St Bernard were very well supported and in each case we were pleased to have a number of Pakenham walkers join us. A very successful innovation this year was the picnic at Lake William Hovell - a very pleasant way to spend a hot summer day.

The greatest highlight was as usual, the week away, this year at Nelson near Mt Gambier. Pleasant surroundings, varied and interesting walks, splendid excursions and in particular the camaraderie of the regular evening gatherings for a tippie and a snack before dinner, made this a terrific time for the large number who were there.

As usual I won't be able to join you for a number of walks over winter as this swallow is going north again. I have enjoyed the past year as your walks co-ordinator and will accept the position if again nominated.

Thank you all

David.

Treasurers Report (Abridged)

Income	\$1073.00
Expenditure	\$1165.20
Operating loss for year	\$92.20
Accumulated A/C Fwd	\$3225.10
less operating loss	\$92.20
Less donation to Friends	
of the Warbys	\$500.00
Accumulated funds at 28-2-01	<u>\$2632.90</u>

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES (NOW DUE)

Annual Subscriptions:-

Single	\$15.00
Family	\$30.00
Life Members	\$10.00
Day Visitors	\$ 2.00

Day visitor fees will no longer be included as part of the annual subscription for new or rejoining members.

Passengers in cars are now expected to recompense the driver **seven and one half cents (7 1/2)** per kilometre travelled.

AN INVITATION

Pakenham and Berwick Bushwalking clubs have invited members of Warby Range Bushwalkers to join them for organised walks on **Sunday 18th, Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th of November 2001.**

The walks are proposed to be in the Dandenongs and the Berwick area.

The organisers have requested an indication of numbers by mid July so that hosts can be organised in plenty of time. They plan to have visitors billeted at various members homes. You can also arrange your own accommodation if you wish.

Val Kemp (57219409) has more details and has volunteered to act as co-ordinator for us. Please advise Val as soon as possible (by 8th July) if you may be interested in participating and if you will need accommodation arranged.

Our friends at Pakenham have already gone to considerable lengths to ensure that it will be a very good weekend with possible barbecue and other social activities planned. It should be an excellent weekend.

David.

*Cooling off at the end of a hot day
- Lake Momibeong -*



MOUNT CARBOOR

19th May 2001

We left Wangaratta at 8.30 am on a crisp clear morning for the short drive to Mt Carboor. Having parked the cars, we set off at a brisk pace in a crackling white frost, along the track that follows a rather large gully for nearly 2 km. to the start of the 300m climb to Mt Carboor.

After morning tea on a knoll just short of Mt Carboor, we climbed to the "trig" station - now quite overgrown - before following the track southerly along the saw tooth ridge. We stopped for lunch just past an overgrown track that intersects from the west, having gone about 11 km. from the cars.

A feature of this walk is the large areas of predominantly Red Box and Red Stringybark forest with very little undergrowth. The area is very dry and no wild flowers were seen. Birds were active, in particular the Scarlet Robins that kept us company for most of the walk. There were very good views into Hurdle Creek valley to the east and Meadow Creek valley to the west that are showing a fresh green tinge after recent showers.

It was a beautiful day for walking. The four of us enjoyed the hard walk of about 22 km. very much.

Happy Hiking

David.