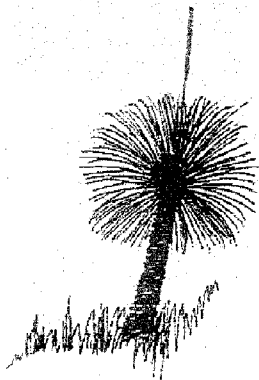


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WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

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JAN. 6 Sunday	LAKE WILLIAM HOVELL PICNIC Contact ISOBELL MOORE	EASY 57214443
JAN. 18,19, 20. Fri., Sat., Sun.	CAMPING WEEKEND AT MT. BOGONG Contact DAVID BANKS	ALL GRADES 57662855
FEB. 3 Sunday	MOUNT BULLER Contact ALLAN RAISON	MEDIUM/HARD 57217886
FEB. 15, 16, 17. Fri., Sat., Sun.	WANGARATTA SKI CLUB AT MT. ST BERNARD Contact HELEN & ADRIAN TWITT \$10 per night per person.	ALL GRADES 57215327
FEB. 25 Monday	COMMITTEE MEETING VAL KEMP'S Home, 131 Williams Road.	8.00 pm.
MAR. 3 Sunday	OVENS RIVER WALK Contact JOY ROSSER	EASY 57221947
MAR. 23 Saturday	LAKE BUFFALO AREA Contact BILL ROSSER	MEDIUM 57221947
MAR. 25 Monday	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Dinner at Sydney Hotel	Dinner at 6.30 pm Meeting 8.00 pm
APR. 7 Sunday	BEECHWORTH AREA Contact VAL KEMP	EASY 57219409
APR. 20 Saturday	GAPSTEAD AREA Contact ADRIAN TWITT This walk may be led by special guest FRED SARGENT	MEDIUM 57215327
APR 28 - May 4 Sun. to Sat.	TUMUT WALKING WEEK Contact HELEN & ADRIAN TWITT Cabin style accommodation or caravan park available. Allow around \$200 for cabin and traveling. <u>A deposit of \$20 per person is required by January 31</u> Please pay Helen or Adrian, 13 Walter Street, Wangaratta 3677.	ALL GRADES 57215327

CHECK LISTS

CHECK LIST FOR ORDINARY DAY WALK

1. **Day pack.** Of adequate size and comfortable fit.
2. **Fluid.** An amount sufficient to last at least the duration of the walk.
(As a guide—one litre for each 10 km of the walk)
3. **Food.** Lunch plus high energy snacks plus some reserve.
4. **Wet weather gear.** Waterproof and coat and waterproof over trousers.
5. **Woolen jumper** (If not being worn).
6. **Attire.**

(a) Sturdy boots.	(b) Woolen socks. (2 pair).	(c) Jumpers as required.
(d) Shorts or trousers (no denim).	(e) Long sleeved shirt with collar.	(f) Hat with brim.
(g) Sunglasses.		
7. **Other personal items.**

(a) Sunscreen.	(b) Band-Aids.	(c) Matches.
(d) Safety pins.	(e) Note book and pencil.	(f) Toilet paper.
(g) Elastic bandages.	(h) Whistle.	(j) Compass.
(k) Spare bootlaces.	(l) Personal medication for conditions such as asthma, blisters or sunburn.	

CHECK LIST FOR ALPINE DAY WALK

1. **Day pack.** Of adequate size and comfortable fit.
2. **Fluid.** An amount sufficient to last at least the duration of the walk **plus a reserve.**
(As a guide—one litre for each 10 km of the walk)
3. **Food.** Lunch plus high energy snacks **plus significant reserve.**
4. **Wet weather gear.** Waterproof coat and waterproof over trousers.
5. **Extra tracksuit** (top and trousers) or similar.
6. **Woolen jumper** (If not being worn).
7. **Balaclava** or beanie plus woolen gloves or mitts.
8. **Spare socks.**
9. **Thermal underwear,** gloves and socks or similar if you have them.
10. **Attire.**

(a) Sturdy boots. (Must)	(b) Woolen socks. (2 pair).	(c) Jumpers as required.
(d) Shorts or trousers (no denim).	(e) Long sleeved shirt with collar.	(f) Hat with brim.
(g) Sunglasses.		
11. **Personal Items.**

(a) Sunscreen.	(b) Band-Aids.
(c) Matches.	(d) Safety pins.
(e) Note book and pencil.	(f) Toilet paper.
(g) Elastic bandages.	(h) Whistle.
(j) Compass.	(k) Spare bootlaces.
(l) Personal medication for conditions such as asthma, blisters or sunburn.	
12. **Optional extras.**

(a) Pocket knife.	(b) Plastic poncho (recommended).
(c) Towel or absorbent cloth.	(d) 50m of light cord.



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

Twenty-Seventh Annual General Meeting Monday 25th March 2002
Held at Sydney Hotel 2 Templeton St, Wangaratta

PRESENT Val Kemp, Sue Blair, Jessie Ussher, Merrick Ussher, Rolf Heetel, Marion Seferth, Alan Raison, Isobel Moore, David Banks, Adrian Twitt, Helen Twitt, Marilyn Joyce, Lois Tippett, Frank Schumacher, Margot Thompson.

APOLOGIES Bill and Joy Rosser, Murray Shaw, Garth Hodge, Ivan Tippett.

WELCOME Val Kemp welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting

MINUTES of the Twenty-Sixth Annual General Meeting were confirmed on the Motion of Jessie Ussher
Seconded by Marion Seferth **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING

David Banks presented a report on issues relating to Insurance for the Club (see attached document) and two motions (see below) which were discussed and carried

Motion 1. That from this time visitors and prospective members be allowed a maximum 3 activities before becoming a member. A weekend excursion is to be counted as two activities. Participants in "week away" type excursions must be members.

Moved David Banks Seconded Adrian Twitt Carried

Motion 2. That walks leaders be authorised to issue receipts for visitors fees

Moved David Banks Seconded Marilyn Joyce Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

1. VicWalk notification of Council meeting to be held in Wangaratta On the 7th September 2002.
2. Parks Victoria notification of Mt Buffalo walk on Easter Sunday March 31st.
3. Parks Victoria Annual report 2000/2001.
4. VicWalks Newsletter – March 2002.
5. Mountain Equipment \$20 gift vouchers (2).

Outgoing

1. Letter of thanks to Helen and Adrian Twitt for their organization of the weekend (15/16/17 of March) at the Wangaratta Ski Club at Mt. St. Bernard.

Received Alan Raison Seconded Merrick Ussher Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming correspondence No. 1 Secretary to acknowledge receipt of this letter and to indicate to VicWalk Council that we will send representatives to the September Meeting and would be more than happy to provide leaders for walks in the local area (Warby Range) and also Mt. Buffalo.

This September Council Meeting will be discussed in further detail at the May 13th Committee Meeting.

REPORTS **President's Report see attached document**
Moved by Val Kemp Seconded Sue Blair Carried
Treasurer's Report see attached document
Moved by Lois Tippett Seconded Isobel Moore Carried
Walks' Coordinators Report see attached document
Moved by David Banks Seconded Alan Raison Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS

A letter of thanks be forwarded to Garth Hodge for his services as auditor.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS – Nominations for the year 2002/2003 were called.

PRESIDENT

Val Kemp was nominated by David Banks Seconded Sue Blair.
As there were no further nominations Val Kemp was declared PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

Merrick Ussher was nominated by Adrian Twitt Seconded Lois Tippett
As there were no further nominations Merrick Ussher was declared VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Frank Schumacher was nominated by Sue Blair Seconded Margot Thompson
As there were no further nominations Frank Schumacher was declared SECRETARY

TREASURER

Lois Tippett was nominated by Margot Thompson Seconded Marion Seferth
As there were no further nominations Lois Tippett was declared TREASURER

WALKS COORDINATOR

David Banks was nominated by Adrian Twitt Seconded Lois Tippett
As there were no further nominations David Banks was declared WALKS
COORDINATOR

ASSISTANT WALKS COORDINATOR

Isobel Moore was nominated by Sue Blair Seconded Helen Twitt
As there were no further nominations Isobel Moore was declared Assistant Walks
Coordinator.

COMMITTEE

1 Joy Rosser **Nominated By** Marion Seferth **Seconded** David Banks **Carried**
2 Marion Seferth **Nominated By** David Banks **Seconded** Helen Twitt **Carried**
3 Bill Rosser **Nominated By** Isobel Moore **Seconded** Alan Raison **Carried**

AUDITOR

Garth Hodge **Nominated By** Val Kamp **Seconded** Alan Raison
As there were no further nominations Garth Hodge was declared AUDITOR

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Marion Seferth **Nominated By** Val Kemp **Seconded** Isobel Moore
As there were no further nominations Marion Seferth was declared PUBLIC
RELATIONS OFFICER

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion. That all fees remain the same as last year i.e.

\$15 Annual individual membership

\$30 Annual family membership

\$2 non refundable fee for visitors

and that 7.5 cents per litre be charged for members and visitors when being transported in other members cars to and from walk locations.

Moved David Banks

Seconded Isobel Moore

CARRIED

CLOSE OF MEETING 9.20 p.m.

kilometre .

President's Annual Report 26.3.02

Members have enjoyed a variety of walks which have been well supported.

Welcome to our new members who have joined our club during the year.

Thank you to all leaders of walks and to Joy & Bill for organizing the Mt Buffalo weekend and to David the Bogong High Plains.

Members enjoyed the weekend with our friends from the Pakenham and Brucacks Bushwalking Clubs who kindly belleted us and organized walks and entertainment. Thanks to Len for the B.B. evening.

Our thanks to Lois and Ivan for opening their home at Eldorado for our Christmas Breakup.

The weekend at the Wangaratta Lbi Club was enjoyed by the members with walks organized by Adrian and Helen.

It is pleasing to see members who have been on the sick list enjoying the walks.

My thanks to the Committee for their help and to wish all members a great year of walking.
I at Henry.

Warby Range Bushwalkers Inc.

Walks Co-ordinators report 25th March 2002

We did 26 walks last year with an average of 9.3 people on each – a little down on the previous year. The greatest number was 18 and the least was 4. One walk was cancelled.

I thank the 10 people (possibly the greatest number ever) who led walks during the year for their time and effort and interesting reports. Please take the time to read them in your newsletter. No one led more than 5 walks.

The weekend at the Wangaratta Ski Club was again very popular with seventeen participants. There was no 'week away' during the past year with the trip to Nelson being a few weeks before last AGM, and the greatly anticipated visit to the Tumut area scheduled for the end of April.

Seven Members again enjoyed a 'long' weekend as guests of the Pakenham and Berwick Bushwalking Clubs – an experience we greatly enjoyed. I must admit that I did have some problems coming to terms with the sea of umbrellas that their members produced at the start of what promised to be a fairly damp walk.

I thank you all for your enthusiasm and support throughout the year and in particular those who so regularly provide transport. I also want to thank Helen and Adrian for utilising their considerable skills, in organising not only ordinary bushwalks and the Ski Club weekend, but also the coming 'week away' at Tumut. I am very disappointed that there were not enough of us interested to be able to use a mini-bus. It was a great idea.

Again this year I anticipate a lengthy absence during the colder months and I promise to not get lost!

Happy hiking to you all.

David Banks

Warby Range Bushwalkers Incorporated A0017187M

Income and Expenditure Statement for year ended February 28, 2002

Income		Expenditure	
Subscriptions	\$525.00	Business Incorporation Fee	\$33.00
Vistors Fees	\$12.00	Imprint	\$69.00
Fees for Buffalo	\$105.00	Vic Walk - Insurance	\$290.00
		Photo Album	\$19.50
Bendigo Gold Fixed Dep. Interest	\$88.69	Deposit for Mt Buffalo	\$100.00
		News Letter	\$20.00
		Hume&Hovell Kit	\$22.00
		Petty Cash - Printing, Stationary, Post	\$48.35
			\$601.85
		Net Income c/d	\$128.84
	\$730.69		\$730.69

Balance sheet as of February 28, 2002

Bendigo Bank Current a/c	\$894.65	Accumulations A/c Fund	\$2,632.90
Bendigo Gold Deposit	\$2,174.64	Net Income 2001/2002	\$128.84
Petty Cash in Hand	\$12.45		\$2,761.74
		Holding deposits for Tumut	\$320.00
	\$3,081.74		\$3,081.74

Audited and found correct

WALKS PROGRAM



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May 13 Monday	COMMITTEE MEETING VAL KEMP'S Home, 131 Williams Road	7.00 to 8.00 pm
May 13 Monday	WALKS PLANNING MEETING VAL KEMP'S Home, 131 Williams Road.	8.00 to 9.30 pm
MAY 19 Sunday	MOUNT PILOT Contact DAVID BANKS	EASY / MEDIUM 57662855
JUN. 1 Saturday	MOUNT SAMARIA Contact ALLAN RAISON	MEDIUM 57217886
JUN. 16 Sunday	REEF HILLS Contact JOY & BILL ROSSER	EASY 57221947
JUL. 7 Sunday	MOUNT MEG Contact FRANK SCHUMACHER	EASY 57662690
JUL. 20 Saturday	MOUNT GLENROWEN Contact ROLF HEETEL	EASY 57214130
AUG. 4 Sunday	SALISBURY FALLS Contact BILL ROSSER	MEDIUM / EASY 57221947

GRADING OF WALKS

EASY About 12 km, 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 up to about 18 km, 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 18 km. May include some rough terrain, 'scrub bashing' and possibly sustained climbs up to 600m. A reasonable level of fitness and some bushwalking experience is recommended.

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

Please contact the nominated walk leader in advance (preferably 2 days or 3 for campovers) for details of the walk, meeting place and time. If you can't contact the leader then address your inquiries to the Walks Co-ordinator.

GUIDE TO SAFE BUSHWALKING

SAFETY

1. Extra is better. Extra clothing, food and fluid should be carried in case of emergencies; particularly on an Alpine walk.
2. Each person should make every effort to stay with the group. If you are having trouble keeping up, you must inform the leader. Fast walkers should restrain themselves.
3. Each person must at all times be able to see the next person in front of them and the next person behind them.
4. If you become separated for what ever reason, you must immediately raise an alarm by blowing your whistle three times or by loud calling. Wait where you are and keep calling until a response is received.
5. No person is to leave the group without informing the leader, even for a nature call.
6. A leader may advise a person to abort their walk and will arrange for them to be accompanied home. The leader would only do this for the benefit of the person and the welfare of the group.
7. Experienced walkers may by arrangement with the leader, deviate from the planned walk BUT never alone and preferably at least three together.

THE ROLE OF LEADERS

1. Leaders are all volunteers.
2. Leaders are the clubs representative and are responsible for the implementation of the rules.
3. Leaders usually plan the outing and in so doing cater as far as possible for the range of abilities of all intending participants.
4. Leaders are responsible for the group as well as individual well being.
5. Leaders have to evaluate all risks and take appropriate action as the need arises. They will always act in the best interest of the whole group.
6. Leaders will advise each participant of degree of difficulty, distance, likely conditions and any expected problems prior to the start of the walk.
7. Leaders will also advise which kit to carry and any special requirements.
8. Leaders report on all walks they lead.

MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Every person is responsible for being appropriately attired and equipped.
2. The leader must be informed of any known deficiencies prior to starting out.
3. The leader is to be informed of any condition liable to hinder a person from performing at their usual standard.
4. Anybody with a pre-existing condition or are prone to blisters should carry appropriate treatments.
5. Members introducing new walkers should make them aware of the clubs rules and the role of leaders. Members should ensure the new walkers are adequately equipped. They should be given a copy of the checklists and the guide to safe bushwalking.
6. Each person is to sign the register of participants.



TUMUT WALKING WEEK, SUN. APRIL 28-SAT MAY 4, 2002

Location of Walks: In the area stretching from Tumut to the northern slopes of the Snowy Mountains. The Hume and Hovell Walking Track passes through the area. A variety of walk types are planned.

Accommodation: Talbingo Tourist Park is central to the area, located 40 kms south of Tumut and 55 kms north of Kiandra. It has camping sites as well as on-site cabins similar to those used at Nelson, our previous "week away" trip. Food is available at the Talbingo store/supermarket. There are two eating places in Talbingo for those who may wish to eat out.

Getting there: Drive via Albury, turning off Hume Highway 18 kms north of Tarcutta, following signs to Adelong and Tumut. At Tumut, follow Snowy Mountains Highway to Talbingo 40 kms south.

WALKS

Sunday, April 28

Short goldfields walk at Adelong which is a suitable lunch stop. The goldfields walk need only be one to two hours but would be a useful break in the journey. It follows a delightful stream which flows through the town. Travel time from Adelong to Talbingo approximately one and a half hours.

Monday, April 29

Two short walks from Talbingo township, just to give us a feel for the area.

Mill Creek Falls walk starts in the village; medium; 8 kms return

Jounama walk, starts a few minutes drive away; easy; 8 kms OR

Blowering Cliffs, starts 15 minutes drive away; medium; 6 kms

Tuesday, April 30

High Country walk (before the weather turns against us). Full day trip, to the Blue Water Holes, visiting the Coolamon Homestead on the way. Driving distance approximately one hour each way with gravel road away from the highway. The Jennings Walks allow for an alternative-

Cave Creek to Clarke Gorge. Allow 1 to 2 hours return; easy

Nicole Gorge to Murray Cave and on to Cooleman Plain. Allow 3 to 4 hours for round trip; easy

Wednesday, May 1

Buddong Falls and return from Talbingo along Hume and Hovell Track. Commencing near the Tumut 3 power station, it is 22.6 km return with steep climb on the way in; hard; allow 8 hours.

An easier walk, for those who wish, is available from nearby starting point: the Red Hill Road walk to Talbingo Dam on the eastern side of the former river bed. Approximately 5 kms each way.

Thursday, May 2

Yarrangobilly Caves and walks day (a good wet weather day). Approximately 30 kms from Talbingo and just off the SM Highway. There are a number of short walks in the caves area, all easy. Visits to the caves (and there are several) are available. Thermal Pool for swimming (where, like the caves, you can get out of the rain).

Friday, May 3

Blowering Campsite(Blowering dam Wall) to Brown's Creek following the Hume and Hovell Track along the edge of the Blowering Reservoir; grades are easy; 17.2 kms return.

Saturday, May 4

Return to Wangaratta. Possible alternative routes-

Tumut - Batlow - Tumbarumba - Jingelic - Wodonga

Kiandra - Cabrumurra - Corryong - Tangambalanga

COSTS (approx)

Travel: about 1000 kms including daily trips from Talbingo @ 7.5 cents (\$75)

Accommodation: Talbingo Tourist Park (cabins vary according to numbers and facilities) \$110-\$122 per person for six nights.

A deposit of \$20 per person to be paid by January 31, 2002 to Adrian or Helen Twitt, 13 Walter Street, Wangaratta 3677

The Tumut and the Shouting Dies

The Warby Walkers one week show
Was destined to be at Talbingo.
We converged on the town in twos and threes
Among the dazzling autumn leaves.

First stop had been at Adelong,
Too late to avoid the festival throng.
A walk along the goldfields site,
Followed our stop for a lunchtime bite.

Next day the sun dawned bright and clear;
The leader assured us we had nothing to fear.
The Mill Creek walk would be easy for all,
And at the end there'd be a nice fall.

Over the stile and on our way,
It proved a decidedly difficult day.
The steep bits made for a dusty slide,
Joy and Ursula wished they could glide.

Murray as usual was first to the falls.
Came back to report it as steep as walls.
We mostly decided to call it a day,
Wanting to enjoy the rest of our stay.

Then after lunch, a change of mind,
Surely there were easier spots to find!
To Jounama Creek as quick as a jiff
Or else you could scale the Blowering Cliff.

Tuesday, all were up early again.
It was off to visit the Coolemon Plain.
Exploring the homestead, Len thought fun.
Blue Waterholes beckoned in the glorious sun.

Ken's gadgets trialed on the Nicole Gorge Walk,
Were mostly used for trivial talk.
The caves we visited with torches aglow;
For Cleo 'twas better than a sound and light show.

Sue's boot had rapidly come asunder.
The repairs might be a one day wonder.
For the time, Allan's shoes would do.
Not much faith in the strength of the glue.

On Wednesday Murray lay flat on his back.
He didn't seem ready to head for the track,
With Donna at bedside and needing a rest,
He deemed that staying at camp would be best.

Buddong Falls were calling the rest of the troupe;
Another fine day found us all cock-a-hoop.
Bill, Allan and David, the three musketeers,
Climbed all the way without changing gears.

The views of the falls were a sight to behold,
The spectacle Hume and Hovell had told.
Brian kept a pace for those who went down,
While Helen spotted lyrebirds scampering around.

Marion at first had opted for rest,
But the sights of the mountains were easily best.
Buddong Hut was preferred for some at slow pace;
Unfortunately Carol fell flat on her face.

Ursula heeded Len's unhelpful advice;
Hot pepper leaves do not taste nice.
The birds of the forest struck up such a song
That Margot declared it the best walk she'd been on.

The next day found us at Yarrangobilly
Where caves are so numerous you could go silly;
But the grandeur of the Glory Cave,
Was enough to make a speleologist rave.

Now Allan could endure any strenuous feat,
A walk before breakfast his usual beat.
A case of the runs all night not planned;
From now-on cold sausages he has banned.

Blowering walk was the last for the week;
The distance involved made it not for the meek.
Some made it, some didn't. What did it matter?
'Twixt emus and parrots, we made the roos scatter.

With drinks and nibbles and dinners galore,
No wonder our tummies at times were so sore.
Lois as usual in her gentle way,
Made sure we knew the fees we should pay.

It's time to leave the Tumut Valley
Our leader no more to make us rally.
To visit this heaven seemed so wise,
Now the Tumut and the shouting dies.

Adrian Twitt



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Members have enjoyed a good variety of walks during the past six months. The mild winter allowed all walks to proceed as programmed. My thanks go to the leaders who organized the walks. Please take time to read their reports.

The three days of walks organized by the Pakenham and Berwick Bushwalking clubs was very successful. Many thanks to the members of those clubs who provided such splendid accommodation for seven of our members. We all had a great time.

Thanks go to the committee for their hard work throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas get together at Lois and Ivan's home at Eldorado.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Well, Safe and Happy New Year.

Val Kemp

YOUR COMMITTEE

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

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BEECHWORTH HISTORIC PARK

3rd June 2001

Eleven walkers left The Centre at 9.00 am. We met Len Ashley at Newtons Bridge, Beechworth.

Jessie and Merrick drove their car part of the way around the Gorge to the Precipice, then to Woolshed Falls. They then walked along the track to meet up with the other ten walkers. Jessie did not want to do the whole walk because she has been ill. It was great to have them both join us for part of the walk and the barbeque.

The weather was perfect for walking. We commenced from Newtons Bridge and walked 3.3 km to the Cascades. We then proceeded down the hill to Ponds Track and walked approximately 4.0 km up to Woolshed Falls for our barbeque lunch.

Marion's daughter and her two children joined us for the barbeque lunch, as did Joy Rosser, and Lois's daughter Leanne, and grand daughter Chanel. Joy did not walk because of a painful foot.

Merrick took Rolf and Ivan back to Newtons Bridge to get the cars and drive back to the falls so that we only had to walk one way.

After lunch eight walkers and some guests walked around the circuit, viewed the waterfalls and then said our farewells.

We all enjoyed the lovely day, beautiful weather, company and an easy walk with some lovely views, not too far from home.

Lois Tippet.

SUNRISE TRACK

17th June 2001

Ten walkers set out at approximately 9.35 am in perfect frosty winter weather with splendid cloudless blue skies. Included in the group warmly welcomed were two new club members, Frieda Andrews and John Lloyd.

We opted to take the loop in a clockwise direction, a walk of about twelve to fourteen kilometres and about three hours in duration.

After the testing initial steep incline we settled into a steady pace, slowing only at the halfway point where another steep incline was encountered. This proved to be a good stopping point for morning tea, affording lovely views looking towards the Taminick Gap.

The bush was in sparkling condition after recent rains and inspired by the beautiful day we chose to add the detour to the old quarry site to the walk. The view from the platform area in front of the quarry, taking in the whole of the Ovens Valley and the snow capped mountains in the distance was particularly lovely.

The walk concluded at 12.30 pm followed by a barbeque at Frank and Marilyn's where we were joined by the welcome additions of Marion Seferth, Ivan Tippet and Jessie and Merrick Ussher.

A very pleasant afternoon of conviviality then followed.

Frank.

WARBY WALK (Pine Gully to Adams Road)

7th July 2001

Eight walkers set out from the Pine Gully picnic area on a rather dull morning with a hint of fog in the distance—An ideal day for a bush walk actually.

Before starting the main walk, we did the Pine Gully nature walk, which is always a delight, especially the cliffs at the turn around point.

After morning cuppa we set off on the main walk which had been explored by the "Friends" group on their last project day. We walked along an old track parallel to Thoona Road, and followed it until we got to Adams Road. We then walked about two km along Adams Road to the point where Swamp Track takes off. The walk along Swamp Track is very Picturesque in places, especially in the gully areas. The Callitris trees were very plentiful and lovely to behold with their blue-green foliage. We also passed through a stand of Spur-wing Wattles growing around a rocky outcrop.

An easy and enjoyable walk of ten to eleven km all told.

Joy.

POWERS LOOKOUT

22nd July 2001

Six walkers left The Centre at 8.30 am.

We decided to walk up the S.E.C. track rather than tackle the hard climb directly up from the bottom, (Some people had painful memories of last time).

The walk up the track was a steady climb, with a few rests to look at the views down the valley.

We arrived at the lookout by 11.30 am and noted the improvements made by NRE since our last walk.

We went out to the original lookout, now greatly improved, and great views of the Alps.

We had lunch on a rocky outcrop. Margot found what we think was a Lyre-bird's mound.

On the way back we saw several birds including the beautiful Flame Robins.

Estimated walk of ten to twelve km and reasonably easy.

Bill.

With that climb I doubt everybody would agree with that grading! I would have thought it to be at least medium. Perhaps we are not all as fit as Bill!

Ed.

ELDORADO WALK

5th August 2001

12 walkers had intended to do the planned 14 km mainly off road through bush hike. This would have required a dry day. In the early hours of the morning we had heavy rain, and I have to admit, I was expecting to call off the walk. However the rain turned into light showers and we met as planned at 8.30 am minus four starters.

After picking up Lois at Eldorado, we started the walk just after 9.00 am.

Due to the uncertainty of the weather and the still wet undergrowth, we walked along tracks for a start, turning off Woolshed Falls Road onto Neioff Road

until we came to Mason Track leading to the Waterfall, for a morning tea stop. Although there was only a trickle of water at the falls, we enjoyed this little secluded valley.

After the cuppa we headed for Long Gully. As the weather had been kind to us, and the undergrowth had dried, we headed for the Allan Raison Marbles. (I named this spot as Allan must be the first to climb these boulders). We enjoyed the view as we had lunch.

For a change from our normal approach to this 390m ridge, we descended the eastern side to a track, that in parts was badly washed out. This track took us back on to Mason Track to the Neioff Road and past the Chinese Gardens to our vehicles.

Joy was our best bird and Orchid spotter for the day, Bill had the job of collecting cans and bottles etc, and we were his helpers.

The weather was kind to us. We put on our wet weather gear a few times only to take it off a few minutes later. That is how little rain we had on the walk. When we got back in the early afternoon it rained again for a while, a good time for a hot cup of tea.

I thank all who took the risk with the weather. I enjoyed your company and I hope we will do the longer walk some time in the future.

Rolf Heetel

CARBOOR

18th August 2001

After some bleak weather with rain and strong winds over the last two nights, we met at The Centre at 9.00 am for a "Carboor" walk. Our destination was Fire Track No. 2 which leads off the road five km before reaching Carboor, with a good parking spot 100m off the main road.

The track has some medium climbs, but largely follows the ridge line, with views both ways. We had excellent views of the Hurdle Creek Valley and glimpses of Mt. Buffalo occasionally emerged from the snow showers, exposing the new mantle of snow after the blizzards of the last two days. At times we needed to rug up in extra clothes when on the south west side of the ridge but mostly it was sheltered and surprisingly calm.

Lunch was held at the extreme point reached, (Marked on the map with X), on a north east facing slope with excellent views.

About twelve to thirteen kilometres was covered in the walk, with a well earned coffee and cake at the Milawa cheese factory on our return. Whilst a small group it was an enjoyable walk with the first of the Early Nancys already out.

Adrian Twitt.

KILLAWARRA FOREST

16th September 2001

Fifteen walkers set out from the Camp picnic area on a beautiful spring morning. We welcomed four visitors, (One of whom became a member before the day was over!).

We started off along Selection Track and went through a variety of terrain with open spaces and some regeneration. Four wheel drivers had recently made a terrible mess in some soft areas of the track.

We reached the boundary of the forest and turned into Wallaby Hill Track which took us into a very pretty area along Irishtown Creek, then joined Perimeter Track and back to our starting place via Tarrawalla Track, Parrallel Track and Irishtown Track.

Wild flowers were plentiful—many Orchids among them. We were fortunate to see a group of three Echidnas.

A great walk of about 15 km.

Joy and Bill.

The Killawarra Forest is a very lovely place that has unfortunately been considerably changed by logging and firewood gathering over a long period. It is a very important habitat area, especially for the seriously threatened Regent Honeyeater.

It is hoped that the recommendations of the ECC Box-Ironbark Forests & Woodlands Investigation, to include the Killawarra Forest in the Warby Range State Park, will be speedily adopted by the Government so that this area can then slowly return to something like its original pristine condition.

David.

CHILTERN BOX-IRONBARK N. P.

6th October 2001

Six members left the centre at 9.00 am and drove to Chiltern where we met Len at the turnoff to the National Park. We parked the cars at the Cyanide Dam picnic area.

The White Box Walking Track has numbered posts corresponding to the points of interest in the brochures we had. We walked along Cyanide Road then turned left into Bar Trail to the Golden Bar open cut Mine.

Vegetation of the area includes Blakelys Gum, Mugga Ironbark, Red Stringybark, Apple Box, Red Box and White Box. Marilyn and I saw a Swamp Wallaby. There was a variety of wildflowers. Everlastings, Grevilleas, Pea species, Orchid species, Grass Trees and the interesting Varnish Wattle were plentiful.

While having a cuppa back at the picnic area we saw Yellow Robbings, Tree Creepers and Blue Wrens.

This was a pleasant easy walk of about nine kilometres.

Thank you all for coming.

Val.

WANDILIGONG

21st October 2001

Fifteen members and three visitors set off from Bright on an absolutely beautiful day at approximately 9.15 am. After a little initial confusion regarding the track through the camping area we made confident progress to Wandiligong.

There was much evidence of mining activity en route with many minor streams cut into the rock leading into Morses Creek. The mining of course was from a bygone era..

We stopped for morning tea at the rocks— a delightful spot. We then made our way to Alpine Park in Wandiligong, where it is encouraging to see that work is going on to restore the cricket ground there.

After a short break the group made their way to the "Diggings" and on to the main street of Wandiligong where we were able to enjoy some of the charming

buildings including the old Library, the Primary School and the Post Office.

After a pleasant lunch we made our way back to Bright in about one and a half hours. We covered about seventeen to eighteen kilometres in total to be rewarded by ice creams all round.

Thank you all for making it such a lovely walk.

Frank.

WEEKEND AT PACKENHAM

17th to 20th November 2001

Seven Warby Walkers made their way to Berwick / Pakenham / Narre Warren where we were so kindly billeted by members of the Pakenham and Berwick Bushwalking Clubs.

Aileen, Val and I greatly enjoyed the beautiful drive down the Black Spur to Healesville and then through the Dandenong Ranges to Berwick where Aileen and Val were staying. I went on the short distance to Narre Warren North.

In the evening the weather changed with rainsqualls and strong blustery winds during the night. Light rain was falling as we made our way to the rendezvous at Emerald Hall car park in Emerald. After signing their register, Clio Curtis led about 25 of us on our way. We had all donned our wet weather gear, and were most surprised to see the majority of locals using umbrellas. Not such a bad idea really, in an area where the tracks are generally wide and clear and showers are frequent.

This delightful walk took us along the Puffing Billy railway line almost back to Clematis Station before making our way down to Menzies Creek. After following this beautiful little creek northward for about one and a half kilometres, we had morning tea at Avarad Picnic Ground before making our way back up the hill to our starting point. After a brief stop we made our way down through Emerald Lake Park to a pretty little lunch spot overlooking Lake Treganowan. This is an intriguing historic area having been part of the famous Nobelius Nursery. Many trees and relics are reminders of that era. (See page 127 of the Melways directory).

A large group gathered at the home of Len Ashley for a sumptuous barbeque and convivial evening.

We were on our way early Monday for the 90 km trip along the South Gippsland Highway, around Westernport Bay to an area known as the Punchbowl, some 3 km east of San Remo. A biting cold wind greeted the group of about 25 as we prepared ourselves for the very picturesque walk along the cliff tops to Kilcunda, under the guidance of Arthur Gooding. The George Bass Walking Trail closely follows the edge of the cliffs, with occasional deviations inland to cross little creeks and gullies. It provides uninterrupted views of Bass Strait and the rugged coastline from Cape Woolamai to Cape Paterson. In the past the area was grazed right up to the edge of the cliffs and there is very little native vegetation left. Commendable efforts are being made to regenerate the coastal heaths that protected this lovely area from erosion prior to the indiscriminate clearing.

After a good lunch in the picnic area at Kilcunda we retraced our steps to the car park. As this was a fairly long walk (at least 8 km each way) a number of the group took the offer of a lift back to the cars. The weather had improved considerably and sunburn was now a concern as the remainder of the group meandered along. It was a very enjoyable walk.

A large gathering enjoyed the evening at the Pine Grove Hotel. I must thank Len for the tour of the sights of Melbourne at night – absolutely stupendous.

Another large group enjoyed a lovely walk through Lysterfield Lake Park on Tuesday morning. The area was once clear farmland and has been extensively planted to different varieties of eucalypts. Unfortunately this was in pure stands and in rows, with no understorey. It is a valuable lesson for anybody contemplating rehabilitation plantings. There are still many relics of former farming activities. It was a very interesting and informative walk.

Aileen, Val and I enjoyed a picturesque drive up the Myer Creek Valley to Toolangi and Yea, arriving home about 6.00 pm.

To all the kind and friendly members of Berwick and Pakenham Clubs, please accept our sincere thanks for organising such a delightful tour of your part of the world, and particular thanks to those who so generously billeted the seven of us.

Happy Hiking.

David.

MT. BUFFALO

30th November to 2nd December

Ten walkers arrived at Lake Catani camp ground on Friday, another camper and a day walker on Saturday morning.

We were fortunate in that we had pre-booked sites 56, 57, 58 and 59 (Toorak)-Rolf's favourite spot with great views over the lake.

Len very kindly brought two visitors from Berwick / Pakenham groups, Lorraine and Margaret and we were happy to have them. Also it was great to have Murray again after a long absence (still as fit as ever!) and Rolf for the first time since his illness. Well done Rolf!

Saturday dawned fine and clear after a rather frosty night. Nine walkers opted for the medium / hard walk from the reservoir to Mt. McLeod, a distance of 16 km. Two hardy souls climbed Andersons Peak and another walked back to the camp instead of driving. All were pleased with the walk and enjoyed the 360 degree view from the top.

The remaining three set out from camp along the long plain track, then on to Mt. Dunn (Great views from the top) and on out to the reservoir, and back the same way, completing the walk by going around Lake Catani. (About 14 km all told).

Wild flowers abounded everywhere we went, and also on the way up the mountain. David made a long list of about 30 species.

Sunday morning was overcast and, as rain was predicted, we packed up after breakfast and decided to shorten the walk. We started by going around the lake then on to View Point where the views were quite good despite the overcast sky. We then went on to the Chalet via the underground river. We had timed our walk perfectly as we had just arrived at the Chalet when it started raining in earnest! As usual, the Chalet garden was a wonderful sight and much appreciated by our visitors who had not been to Mt. Buffalo before.

After a nice lunch at the Chalet café, we said our goodbyes and headed home.

Thank you everyone for your participation in what was another great Buffalo camp-out.

Joy and Bill.

Merry Christmas

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy and safe Christmas and a wonderful and prosperous new year.

Mt St Bernard Weekend.

15th to 17th February 2002.

Helen and Adrian have planned some walks for everyone. They have produced a detailed information sheet covering all aspects of the proposed weekend. The lodge can hold approximately 40 people.

Contact Helen or Adrian on 57 215 327 for a copy of the information sheet or to book. Remember they must be let know by **Friday the 8th of February** if you are intending to go.

Tumut Walking Week

28th April to 4th May 2002.

Helen and Adrian have done a lot of planning for this trip with some wonderful walks proposed.

If you are thinking of going ask them for a copy of their comprehensive information sheet and remember that a deposit of \$20 per person must be paid to Helen or Adrian by **31st of January 2002.**

Ring 57 215 327 or write to
13 Walter Street,
Wangaratta 3677

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you are requesting information sheets.

Thank you, to all who have volunteered to lead walks in the autumn. It is very heartening to see such enthusiasm.

To those of you who have not been well, we wish a full and speedy recovery and look forward to meeting on a walk in the near future.

David.



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

WALKS PROGRAM

2002 GN-RDS

JUN. 1 Saturday	MOUNT SAMARIA Contact ALLAN RAISON	MEDIUM 57217886
JUN. 16 Sunday	REEF HILLS Contact JOY & BILL ROSSER	EASY 57221947
JUL. 7 Sunday	MOUNT MEG Contact FRANK SCHUMACHER	EASY 57662690
JUL. 20 Saturday	MOUNT GLENROWEN Contact ROLF HEETEL	EASY 57214130
AUG. 4 Sunday	SALISBURY FALLS Contact BILL ROSSER	MEDIUM / EASY 57221947
AUG. 18 Sunday	ELDORADO AREA Join with Benalla Bushwalking Club. Contact MARION SEFERTH	EASY 57251595
SEP. 1 Sunday	MOUNT KILLAWARRA Contact ISOBEL MOORE	EASY 57214443
SEP. 7 Saturday	VICWALK COUNCIL MEETING At GALEN COLLEGE Please notify FRANK by mid August if you plan to attend.	5.00 pm 57662690
SEP. 8 Sunday	CHOICE OF VARIOUS WALKS AS PART OF VICWALK WEEKEND IN OUR REGION Contact FRANK SCHUMAKER for details	57662690
SEP. 15 Sunday	KILLAWARRA FOREST Contact VAL KEMP	EASY 57219409
OCT. 5 Saturday	HUME & HOVELL WALKING TRACK (PART 6) North of Lake Hume Contact DAVID BANKS	MEDIUM (16 km) 57662855
OCT. 20 Sunday	GARDEN RANGE WILDFLOWER WALK Join with Benalla Bushwalking Club. Contact DAVID BANKS	EASY / MEDIUM Approx. 4km 57662855
NOV. 5 <u>Tuesday</u>	MURRAY RIVER WALK Contact JOY & BILL ROSSER	EASY / MEDIUM 57221947
NOV. 15, 16, 17, 18. Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.	LONG WEEKEND AT BAIRNSDALE Walks on Sat. & Sun. Leader Brian Mathews. Interested persons contact JOY ROSSER by SEPT 15 so that transport and accommodation can be arranged.	EASY / MEDIUM 57221947

WALKS PROGRAM



2002 GN-RDS

NOV. 18 Monday	COMMITTEE MEETING VAL KEMPS Home. 131 Williams Road	7.00 to 8.00 pm
	WALKS PLANNING MEETING VAL KEMPS Home. 131 Williams Road	8.00 to 9.30 pm 57219409
NOV. 29, 30, DEC. 1, Fri., Sat., Sun.	MOUNT BUFFALO CAMPING WEEKEND Contact LOIS TIPPET	ALL GRADES 57251785
DEC. 15 Sunday	CHRISTMAS BREAKUP At the home of MARION SEFERTH at Eldorado	6.00 to 9.00 pm 57251595
JAN. 5 Sunday	PICNIC AT LAKE WILLIAM HOVELL Contact ISOBEL MOORE	SHORT STROLL 57 214443
JAN. 17, 18, 19. Fri., Sat., Sun.	MOUNT BULLER We hope to arrange accommodation in a Chalet Interested persons contact VAL KEMP before <u>25th Nov.</u>	ALL GRADES 57219409
FEB. 1 Saturday	MOUNT BUFFALO Lower part of Big Walk (Can be walked either way) plus Rollasons Falls. Contact FRANK SCHUMAKER	EASY / MEDIUM 57662690
FEB. 28, Mar 1, 2. Fri., Sat., Sun.	MOUNT ST BERNARD Accommodation at Wangaratta Ski Cub Chalet Contact HELEN & ADRIAN TWITT (\$10 per person per night)	ALL GRADES 57215327
MAR. 15 to 22 Sat. to Sat. to be confirmed	WEEK AWAY AT MALLACOOTA Deposits will probably be required by <u>DEC. 15</u> Interested persons please contact VAL before then.	ALL GRADES 57219409

GRADING OF WALKS

- EASY** About 12 km, 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 up to about 18 km, 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 18 km. May include some rough terrain, 'scrub bashing' and possibly sustained climbs up to 600m. A reasonable level of fitness and some bushwalking experience is recommended.
- HARD** Distances greater than 18 km and / or climbs over 600m in any combination. These walks should only be undertaken by fit and experienced walkers.

Please contact the nominated walk leader in advance (preferably 2 days or 3 for campovers) for details of the walk, meeting place and time. If you can't contact the leader then address your inquiries to the Walks Co-ordinator.