

WARBY RANGE
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WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

The Club has had a good variety of walks during the past six months.

Thank you to the leaders who organized them and the members who supported them.

The Out and About club joined us on walks in the Warby Range and Chiltern National Park.

The promotional walks in the Warby Range run by the Friends of the Warbys was very successful. We hope the popularity translates into new members.

I would like to wish members a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes and Happy Walking in the coming Year.

Val Kemp.

YOUR COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Val Kemp	57 219409
VICE PRESIDENT	Adrian Twitt	57 215327
SECRETARY	Frank Schumacher	57 662690
TREASURER	Lois Tippet	57 251785
WALKS COORDINATOR	Adrian Twitt	57 215327
ASSISTANT WALKS CO.	David Banks	57 662855
COMMITTEE	Sue Blair	57 215713
	Bill Rosser	57 221947
	Allan Raison	57 217886

MOUNT BIG BEN

Saturday 17th May 2003

We met at The Centre at 8 o'clock and we were pleased to welcome a new member, Graham Bell to our club. We then drove to Myrtleford where we met Len, who had travelled up from Pakenham and then continued on through Mudgegonga and Tunnel Gap Road to Mount Big Ben state Park.

We started walking about 9.30. After walking about 3 or 4 km the track was becoming steeper so the four girls turned around and returned to the cars where they did an easy walk in the lower area that they enjoyed. They saw a variety of birds including Lyrebirds.

The rest of us continued the steep climb along Greys Boundary Track, which is not shown on the map we had, and is not the track we originally intended walking. By the time I realized this we had gone too far to turn back. (The leader should have been more observant). Greys Boundary Track is a well marked fire trail with a good surface to walk on but is very steep in some sections.

We reached Howes Trail which is about the highest point of the walk at 12.30 and had lunch before continuing on to Mount Big Ben arriving there at 1.40. We were pleased to get to Mount Big Ben as it is all downhill from there.

We had climbed about 600m to the top which was a tough initiation for Graham.

After inspecting the DCA Tower and the radio masts we set off down Basin Track which was a quite pleasant walk, to Forest Road and back to the cars and a cuppa before returning home after an enjoyable day walking.

Allan.

CLEAR CREEK FALLS

Saturday 7th June 2003

Four walkers met at The Centre at 8.30 and drove to Eldorado to Lois and Ivan's where Marion and her grandson and Mary and Harvey Henderson joined us as visitors.

The ten of us drove to Old Coach Road and travelled

7 kms to Clear Creek Track. Ivan and Lois in the lead car spotted a Black Wallaby and a mob of Kangaroos on the side of the road. We drove 2 kms down the track to Toohey's property and parked our cars.

We walked down along the creek for an hour until we got to the falls. Unfortunately there was only some water in a few holes. The creek is not running because of the drought. We walked back on the opposite side of the creek.

We enjoyed a sausage sizzle for lunch after only a two hour walk and a very casual day.

There are some beautiful mossy rocks along the creek.

I changed the planned walk from the Rail Trail which was on the program because of the long weekend holiday as I thought there could be a lot of bike riders on the Rail Trail making it a hazard.

We were very fortunate with the weather as it was raining early morning and looked very doubtful. We had no rain and very pleasant weather for walking.

It is sad to see so many trees dying or stressed from the drought in the hills around Eldorado.

Special thanks to the Toohey's for allowing us access to their property and facilities

Lois Tippet.

I forgot to mention that we saw a fox as we commenced the walk down the creek as well as two red robins. Also I would like to thank Rolf for his apology for not being able to join us and his best wishes for us to have a good day and walk. Joy also rang to say they could not join us because of family visiting and wished us well.

L.

SUNRISE TRACK

Sunday 22nd June 2003

Sunday 22nd June didn't look too promising for a walk in the Warby Range after a rainy night. However eight walkers set off from The Centre, and we met the intrepid Len from Pakenham at the beginning of the walk. The Out and About group joined us as they had planned for the sunrise track for the same day. We had about equal representation from groups, with two

people being involved in both groups.

This walk was a bit like the mad hatters tea party (perhaps in more ways than one!) Frank was originally to lead it but he was away sunning himself on Cape York Peninsular, so Bill offered to take over. However he was sick, so it fell to me. We managed quite well with a bit of help from my friends.

Actually the day turned out to be perfect for walking with just a bit of drizzle and a light shower as we were homeward bound. We did the Sunrise Loop and part of the Taminick Loop and a few little detours on the way.

Wildlife was scarce, due to the weather, but we did see a beautiful yellow robin and Kevin found a greenhood orchid just by his feet as we were having lunch.

Everyone enjoyed the walk and those who had never done the Sunrise Track were most impressed. It was great for us to have walkers from "Out and About" with us, and we look forward to their company in the future

A big thanks to all who participated.

Joy.

CHILTERN NATIONAL PARK Cyanide Dam White Box Walk

Saturday 5th July 2003

It was a pleasant day for an easy walk in Chiltern National Park. Nice to have Rolf Back and also Bill who has been on the sick list. Collette Keenan, a visitor and rather young for our group enjoyed the walk.

We followed the White Box Track from the picnic area where we left our cars. There are many mine shafts in the forest and we stopped by the "Golden Bar" open-cut mine. Dropped stones down an air vent—it seemed ages before we heard the plop as they hit the water. The fellows were trying to guesstimate the depth.

The bush is mostly spindly trees with the stumps of larger ones showing how many were cut down for the mines. We saw what we presumed was a swamp wallaby as they are prevalent in the area. We also

saw several gang-gang cockatoos. The most common trees are mugga ironbarks, red stringy barks and white box.

Back in the picnic area we had a cup of tea, then a quick walk around Cyanide Dam, completely dry and some of us walked in it!

Nice to see a good rollup of twelve walkers for this easy 10 km walk. Thanks Val for lending me your walk.

Isobel.

KING VALLEY—THISTLE HILL WALK

Saturday July 19th 2003

This very nice walk had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers.

WOOLSHED FALLS to ONE TREE HILL

Sunday 3rd August 2003

Six walkers met at The Centre at 8.30 and travelled to Woolshed Falls. We viewed the falls which are always spectacular, then commenced to walk along the creek where there is plenty of evidence of miners diggings.

After morning tea stop we made our way up a steep inc line to the Crystal Cascades. There was plenty of water coming over the falls—a beautiful sight. The rock formations on this walk are great.

We walked along the Gorge Road a short distance until we came to a track on the left going up the hill. The sign had been damaged by vandals. It is a gradual climb until you get to One Tree Hill.

We had lunch a little further down the track on the way to Ingrams Rock which is well worth a look, then to The Precipice which has a beautiful view of the valley. It is a gradual walk down the hill. The next place we saw was Fiddes Quarry which was a granite quarry. The stone was used for road works and buildings.

Unfortunately we were too early for most wild flowers—only a few in the area. We didn't see many birds but heard some lovely sounds.

It was a frosty morning that turned into a beautiful sunny day, perfect for walking in this lovely interesting area. We took five hours to walk 12 kms. I recommend this walk at this time of year to early spring. It is a beautiful walk and well worth the huffing and puffing to see the Cascades and views. The local pines are lovely in this area. I recommend that anyone leading this walk in future take the same direction we did starting from Woolshed Falls.

I would like to thank the other walkers for their patience as I locked my keys in the car and we had to wait for my husband to rescue us with spare keys. Thank goodness I had my mobile phone.

Lois Tippet.

ELDORADO HILLS

Sunday August 17th 2003

Margo, Bill and Allan met at The Centre at 8.30 am and travelled to the Eldorado Store to meet the other walkers. We pooled cars and travelled up Old Coach Road to Richards Track where we commenced to make our way along the Eldorado Hills to McEvoy Hill.

We had beautiful views of Eldorado valley and township. We could see the Warby Range and the Great Dividing Range. Almond trees were in full bloom. We sighted four Black Wallabies and four King Parrots. The early nancies were out in full bloom.

In places the walk was slippery because of the moss and trickling water which was great to see as the hills have been so dry with the drought. There are some impressive rock formations. When we made our way down hill we went and had a look at the top cut dredge hole before walking back along the creek to the cars.

Pat and Len had never been into this area before. They enjoyed viewing the swing bridge over Reedy Creek at Eldorado and the whole surrounding area.

We walked about twelve kilometres and had a lovely day with great company.

Lois Tippet.

Bio-Diversity Month WARBY RANGE PROMOTION WALKS

Saturday September 6th to

Sunday September 14th 2003

Sixty-three individual people took part in this highly successful program arranged in conjunction with the Friends of the Warbys.

The range was near the height of its best, with all waterfalls flowing magnificently following good winter rains. Wildflowers were out in profusion, though owing to the cool early spring were at their best after the program concluded. It may therefore be advantageous to run this program a week or two later in future years.

Being part of bio-diversity month activities, legal liability effectively fell under the umbrella of the department of Sustainability and Environment. The DSE also promoted the walks, including in State-wide journals. However few participants came from beyond the district except a group of bushwalkers from the Berwick and Pakenham areas who have had previous contact with the Warby Range Bushwalkers.

A total of 110 people signed up for the walks including 13 who turned up for the final walk that had to be cancelled due to steady rain at the outset. Three walks each attracted more than 20 walkers, they being the Pine Gully and Alpine Views walks held in midweek and the Sunrise walk held on a Saturday.

**Adrian Twitt.
(Coordinator)**

WARBY RANGE WILDFLOWER WALK From Black Springs

Saturday September 20th 2003

Seven walkers set off from The Centre on a beautiful spring morning. We assembled in the open space near Black Springs, and I was amazed to learn that I was the only walker who had been to Black Springs before.

We set off along Nightjar Track and had to detour quite a distance into the bush at one stage to negotiate the water, which must have been coming from a spring somewhere. We got on to Hoysteds Track and walked right out to Booths Road then back the same way and followed Hoysteds Track loop right around back to

Nightjar Track and back to the cars. On the way we detoured into the bush to a beautiful little amphitheatre like spot where I had been before. This is a lovely area of granite outcrops surrounded by *Acacia triptera* (Spur-wing Wattle), Grass Trees, Calytrix and other shrubs. We sat there for some time just to admire the surroundings. We also did a short detour out to the boundary fence from where we had a great view of Lake Makoan and the Alps in the background.

On return to the cars, we walked to the actual spring area and found it full to overflowing, and the noise of the frogs was deafening. It was wonderful to see so much water in the park as we crossed several little creeks. Many flowers were blooming which made it a truly wildflower walk. The Billy Buttons around the wet areas were spectacular as were several varieties of orchids, acacias, stypandra and others.

The glorious weather and the company of the other walkers who were so interested in all around made this a very enjoyable and worthwhile walk.

My thanks to all who participated.

Joy.

YACKANDANDAH GORGE

Saturday October 4th 2003

Eight walkers set off from the Lavender Farm four kilometres from the township of Yackandandah. The conditions were excellent for walking. A beautiful spring day.

The walkers included a really fine young visitor from Brazil; an exchange student attending Galen College this Year. He was very interested in all aspects of the walk and we were fortunate during the walk to see many varieties of orchids plus wallabies and kangaroos. So we were able to share his delight in all that was on offer.

The first part of the walk is fairly steep from the Lavender Farm up to the top of the ridge that takes you down to Yackandandah. However all our walkers negotiated this section with relative ease and after about twenty five minutes were walking along the fire trail on the ridge heading basically downwards. The views from the top of the ridge were splendid looking in all directions.

When the fire track petered out we followed the fence line down off the ridge. Several times we needed to climb fences but once again our walkers showed great agility in those challenges.

We paused a couple of times, for morning tea and for lunch while enjoying the surrounding bush land.

After about two and a half hours walking we reached the bottom where upon we connected to the track around Yackandandah Creek gorge. A fascinating area showing many signs of the gold mining era in the town.

The walk concluded in the town where we rewarded ourselves with a lovely afternoon tea at the local bakery.

We had left a couple of cars in the town and so avoided having to walk back up the road to the Lavender Farm to pick up the remaining car.

The company was great and it was a splendid walk.

Frank Schumacher.

MOUNT TABLETOP

Sunday October 19th 2003

We met at The Centre under a cloudy sky with light rain falling, and as the forecast was for further rain periods we discussed our options. We decided to make a final choice at Chiltern whether to walk in the Chiltern Forest or go all the way to Tabletop. By the time we reached Chiltern the weather had improved so we decided to press on.

On arrival at Kalawa Homestead we were met by Mr. Rob Paterson who told us about the retreat and farm (see notes on map attached). Kalawa Station and Tabletop Mountain Retreat are owned and operated by the Paterson family. As well as general farming they run the retreat which comprises bush cottage accommodation, a functions hall and an outdoor chapel to cater for weddings.

The retreat is about 3½ km in from the homestead and we started our walk there about 11 o'clock following Wombat Walk which is a 4WD track most of the way and a fairly easy gradient. We found a nice sheltered spot alongside Pulpit Rock for lunch with great views to the east.

After lunch we continued on past Sugarloaf Rock and then a bit of off track walking to Mt Tabletop which is mostly conglomerate rock formation. There are good views of Lake Hume from there. As it was raining again we sheltered in some caves in the rock and then did some bush bashing down the side of the mountain until we reached Wildflower walking track that we followed back to the cars, arriving there about 2.30pm.

Steady rain had been falling since leaving mount Tabletop so we definitely needed our wet weather gear. Along the walk we saw kangaroos and an echidna thanks to Helens sharp eyes. There were quite a lot of flowers which would be beautiful on a clear day and the views would be excellent.

This is the first time our club has done this walk and as it is so interesting and fairly easy, I suggest we put it on our program again in the future (in better weather!) if that is possible.

Many thanks to Adrian for his help in organising the day. It was good to welcome Aileen Caldwell back after her overseas walking holiday and also to have Heather on another visit.

Allan R.

MOUNTAIN CREEK

Friday November 14th to Sunday 16th 2003

Eleven walkers assembled at the National Park camping area on Friday. We welcomed Geoff Goodall who joined us and decided to become a member. We were pleased to see that the area around the camp had escaped the bushfires. Eight of us camped in the park and three opted for the local caravan park cabins, and joining us for happy hour and meals.

On Saturday morning we set off along the track that leads upstream to join the Eskdale Spur Track. This is a delightful walk along the creek with several creek crossings, some of which have a footbridge and others to be crossed by various means! The bushfires had had and varied impact on the area. Mostly the regeneration has been good except for one very depressing area higher up the track. Some walkers continued to where the track takes off up the Eskdale Spur to Mt Bogong, and the others had a leisurely stroll back to camp.

Sunday we decided to tackle Moncrieffs Track. Some of the party had explored the bottom part the previous evening. This is a 4 x 4 track which eventually leads to Mt Beauty. There had been a fairly severe burn in the area, but the regeneration was very heartening. Wildflowers abounded and small shrubs (e.g. Austal Indigo) were coming back. This track is quite steep in places, so we broke into two small groups and did whatever distance individuals wanted to do. Those who got back earlier then did the short walks around the camp area before packing up.

Mountain Creek is a delightful area to camp and walk, and we were delighted to see so many people using the campground—hikers, backpackers, mountain-bike riders and even one party who had climbed Mt Bogong the day before carrying skis! (there was still a little snow.

Joy & Bill.

BAROOGA FOREST

Saturday December 6th 2003

This riverside walk is almost ideal on a summer's morning. It follows the north bank of the Murray River from the Cobram—Barooga bridge, and is therefore much shaded by the trees.

We had seven walkers including Marce Foat and all appeared to enjoy a 12 km walk, lunching at a shaded river beach. The water was high and being a not-so-hot day, nobody was tempted for a swim. The return was in the forest, occasionally following a lagoon. Prolific cockatoos, a pelican and several kangaroos added to the interest.

Adrian Twitt.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Single	\$15.00
Family	\$30.00
Day Visitors	\$ 2.00

Day visitor fees will not be included as part of the annual subscription for new or rejoining members.

Passengers in cars are expected to recompense the driver seven and one half cents (7½) per kilometre.

Visitors and prospective members are allowed three activities before becoming a member. A weekend excursion counts as two activities. This rule has been adopted to comply with insurance.

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED

**Twenty-Ninth Annual General Meeting Monday 15th March 2004
Held at Café Martini Murphy St, Wangaratta**

PRESENT Lyn and Laurie Johnston, Joy and Bill Rosser, Helen and Adrian Twitt, Isobel Moore, Murray Shaw, Allan Raison, Andy Kimber, Sue Blair, John Lloyd, Lois Tippett, Val Kemp, Frank Schumacher

APOLOGIES Marilyn Joyce, Frieda Andrews, Marion Seforth,

WELCOME President Val Kemp welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

**MINUTES of the Twenty-Eighth Annual General Meeting were confirmed on the Motion of Adrian Twitt
Seconded by Joy Rosser **CARRIED****

BUSINESS ARISING – NIL

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

- 1 Vic Walk Feb/March Issues
- 2 Letter from Vic Walk including a questionnaire regarding liability and personal accident insurance
- 3 Letter from Vic Walk regarding Risk management Guidelines

Outgoing

- 1 Club Secretary sent to Vic Walk expressing reservations about Outdoor Recreation Centre's Draft Document Adventure Standards for Bushwalking, to have qualified first aiders on all walks.

Moved Bill Rosser Seconded Isobel Moore **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

The Vic Walk Risk management Document to be taken to the Blue Mountains trip for consideration by participants.

Moved Adrian Twitt Seconded Helen Twitt **CARRIED**

**REPORTS President's Report see attached document
Moved Val Kemp, Seconded Sue Blair **CARRIED****

**Treasurer's Report see attached document
Moved Lois Tippett, Seconded Joy Rosser **CARRIED****

**Walks' Coordinators Report see attached document
Moved Adrian Twitt Seconded Murray Shaw **CARRIED****

- **Day Walks have been successful there have been no cancellations**
- **The St Bernard's Weekend was hugely successful**

- **The format for signing in for walks has been changed to include the need to supply telephone number of someone other than your own personal telephone number**
- **There is a need for being proactive in getting existing members to come along to walks**
- **There is also a need to encourage new members to join for example to give a copy of our program for future walks**

Publicity -

Val and Adrian have been handling publicity over the past year and they would encourage walk leaders to pass on reports of their walks immediately after the walk to Adrian so that he can pass them on again to the Chronicle for publication

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS –

A motion was moved By Helen Twitt seconded Val Kemp

That the Club no longer requires an auditor, instead the President and another member view the Treasurer's report before the AGM and if endorsed by them present the report to the AGM for endorsement by the AGM. That after the endorsement the ratification in letter form is passed on to a Public Officer. That this proposal be considered at the next Committee Meeting for approval as a future procedure for the Club.

Amendment

That we modify the auditing procedure so that the books are examined by the President and one other Committee member prior to the AGM

Moved Adrian Twitt Seconded Allan Raison Carried

The amendment now becomes the motion

A vote was taken

CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS – Nominations for the year 2004/2005 were called.

PRESIDENT Adrian Twitt was nominated but declined

Val Kemp nominated by Isobel Moore Seconded by Sue Blair Carried

VICE PRESIDENT

Adrian Twitt nominated by Bill Rosser Seconded by John Lloyd Carried

SECRETARY

Frank Schumacher nominated by Allan Raison Seconded by Lois Tippett Carried

TREASURER

Lois Tippett nominated by Helen Twitt Seconded by Sue Blair Carried

WALKS COORDINATOR

Adrian Twitt nominated by Allan Raison Seconded Murray Shaw Carried

ASSISTANT WALKS COORDINATOR

Allan Raison nominated by Val Kemp Seconded by Adrian Twitt Carried

COMMITTEE

- 1 Murray Shaw Nominated By Lois Tippett Seconded Helen Twitt Carried
 2 Sue Blair Nominated By Frank Schumacher Seconded Isobel Moore
 Carried
 3 John Lloyd Nominated By Adrian Twitt Seconded Bill Rosser Carried
 4 Bill Rosser Nominated By Lois Tippett Seconded Helen Twitt Carried

AUDITOR

Helen . Nominated By Seconded

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS

Val Kemp and Adrian Twitt
 Nominated By Joy Rosser Seconded Lois Tippett Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion 1

That the Secretary write to Garth Hodge about the membership situation so that Garth can audit the books for this year

Moved Lois Tippett Seconded Joy Rosser Carried

Motion 2

Membership Fees 2004/2005

- That recently signed up new members (that is members signed up in the past 4 months prior to the 15th March 2004 AGM meeting) be considered paid up members until the March 2005 AGM

- That there be two membership fees for the new financial year

1. \$15.00 Annual Individual Membership
 \$30.00 Annual Family Membership
 \$2.00 non-refundable fee for Visitors
2. In the second half of the year after October 1st until after March 2005 AGM a pro-rata situation to prevail
 \$7.50 until March 2005
 \$15.00 family membership

Moved Adrian Twitt Seconded Lois Tippett Carried

Motion 3

That a \$40.00 book voucher be purchased for Garth Hodge in appreciation of his services to the Club over the years.

Moved Helen Twitt Seconded Murray Shaw Carried

CLOSE OF MEETING 9.35 pm

*Moved Murray
 Seconded*

Accepted.

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT 15"3"04

The Warby Range Bushwalkers have had another successful year of day walks and weekend camps

Thanks to all members who organized and led walks

All the weekend camps were well supported with 8 members from Pakenham and Berwick joining us at the Wangaratta Ski Club.

Thanks to Joy and Bill for having us at their home for our Christmas breakup.

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

Members will soon be heading for the Blue Mountains for our

annual week away, which is being organized by Helen and Adrian

My thanks go to the Committee for the work they have done and their attendance at meetings.

Wishing all members a great year of walking.

Val Kemp.

Warby Range Bushwalkers Incorporated AOO 17187M
Profit & Loss Statement for 2003\04

Income

Subscriptions	\$585
Visitor fees	<u>\$ 22</u>
	<u>\$607</u>

Expenditure

Government Debit Tax	\$ 4.10
Business Affairs fee	\$ 33.10
Newsletters & Programs	\$ 85.50
Insurance Vic Walk	\$450.00
Postage	\$ 33.00
Mt. Tabletop fees for entrance & map	\$ 50.00
First Aid Kit & container	\$ 77.50
Name tags & holders	\$ 22.90
Photo copying	<u>\$ 19.00</u>
	<u>\$773.00</u>

Net Operating Loss \$166.00

Interest Bendigo Gold \$100.29
Loss for 2003\4 \$ 65.71

Balance Sheet as at February 27th 2004

Blue Mountains booking	\$200.00
Bendigo Bank A/C	\$355.44
Bendigo Gold Deposit	\$2370.07
Petty cash	<u>\$16.10</u>
	<u>\$2941.61</u>

Deposit for Blue Mts. \$220.00

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Visitors Fees	\$ 22.00
Deposit Trip	<u>\$ 570.00</u>
Total Income	\$1177.00

Expenditure:

Government Debit Tax	\$ 4.10
Stationery	\$ 34.07
Business Affairs fee	\$ 33.00
Newsletters & Programs	\$ 83.50
Insurance Vic Walk	\$ 450.00
Postage	\$ 43.30
Mt. Tabletop fees for	
Entrance & Map	\$ 50.00
First Aid Kit & Container	\$ 77.50
Name Tags & Holders	\$ 22.90
Photocopying	\$ 11.20
Refund on Deposit	\$ 20.00
Blue Mountains Booking	\$ 200.00
Petty Cash on hand balance	<u>\$ 16.10</u>
Total Expenditure	\$1045.67

<u>Net Operating Profit</u>	\$ 131.33
Interest Bendigo Gold	<u>\$ 100.29</u>
Profit for 2003/04	<u>\$ 231.62</u>

Balance Sheet as at February 27th 2004

Bendigo Bank A/C Opening Balance 1/3/03	\$ 203.11
Plus Net Profit	\$ 131.33
Refund Deposit given from 2002/03	\$ 20.00
Petty Cash Float from 2002/03	\$ 1.00
Bendigo Bank A/C Closing Balance 27/2/04	<u>\$ 355.44</u>

Bendigo Gold Fixed Deposit A/C Closing Balance	\$2370.07
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WALKS PROGRAM

JAN 4 Sunday	PICNIC DAY at LAKE WILLIAM HOVELL Contact ISOBEL MOORE Meet with Out and About	EASY 57214443
JAN 16, 17, 18 Fri., Sat., Sun.	MOUNT COBBLER Camp at Lake Cobbler Camping Area Leader ADRIAN TWITT	EASY / MEDIUM 57215327
FEB 7 Saturday	MOUNT SAMARIA Leader ALLAN RAISON	EASY / MEDIUM 57217886
FEB 16 Monday	COMMITTEE MEETING At the home of VAL KEMP in Edwards St. Wangaratta	8.00 to 9.30 pm 57219409
FEB 20, 21, 22 Fri., Sat., Sun.	MOUNT ST BERNARD Stay at Wangaratta Ski Club. \$10 each per night Leaders HELEN & ADRIAN (1 weeks notice please)	ALL GRADES 57215327
MAR 6 Saturday	TOP CROSSING from LAKE WILLIAM HOVELL Leader BILL ROSSER	EASY / MEDIUM 57221947
MAR 15 Monday	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Café Martini. 6.30 pm—meal. 8.00 pm—meeting.	6.30 to 9.30 pm
MAR 16 Tuesday am.	WANGARATTA RIVER WALK Senior Citizens Week Leader HELEN TWITT	EASY 57215327
MAR 21 Sunday	SHEPPARTON RIVER WALK Senior Citizens Week Leader Lois Tippet	EASY 57251785
MAR 27 to APR 3	BLUE MOUNTAINS—WEEK AWAY Leaders HELEN & ADRIAN TWITT \$20 each deposit required before 31st January 2004 See newsletter for further information.	ALL GRADES 57215327
APR 18 Sunday	MOUNT GLENROWEN Leader ISOBEL MOORE	EASY 57214443
MAY 2 Sunday	MINES OF BEECHWORTH Leader VAL KEMP	EASY 57219409
MAY 3 Monday	COMMITTEE MEETING PLANNING MEETING At home of VAL KEMP in Edwards St. Wangaratta	7.00 to 8.00 pm 8.00 to 9.30 pm



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MAY 15 or 16 Sat. or Sun.	BOGONG VILLAGE CASCADES Leader LOIS TIPPET	EASY 57251785
JUN 5 Saturday	ALBURY—WODONGA PARKLANDS Leader JOY ROSSER	EASY 57221947
JUN 19 or 20 Sat. or Sun.	KLEM TRACK—WHOROULY SOUTH Leader FRANK SCHUMAKER	EASY 57662690
JUL 3 or 4 Sat. or Sun.	MOUNT EMU Leader ALLAN RAISON	EASY / MEDIUM 57217886
OCT 30 to NOV 1	CASTLEMAINE WEEKEND With Berwick Club Contact VAL KEMP	EASY / MEDIUM 57219409

The following Walks are on the Out and About program

Feb 14, 15	Otways	Leader Kevin Elliott
Feb 28, 29	Mt. Buffalo	Leader Ian Minns
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WARBY RANGE BUSH WALKING CLUB - BLUE MTS TRIP

Sat 27 March 2004 - Sat 3 April 2004

Accommodation

Proposed at Blackheath Holiday Cabins (self-catering). There is a special rate for a one week stay.

4 BR cabins \$1200 sleep up to ten persons (two bathrooms)

2 BR cabins \$600 sleep up to five persons

2 x 4 BR cabins have the following format -

two rooms with double beds

one room with two singles

one room with one bunk and one single (three beds)

or

one room with four single beds

Several 2 BR cabins are available. Most have one room with one double bed and one room with one bunk and one single.

We would suggest that we tentatively book 2 x 4 BR cabins and one 2 BR cabin.

Cost of Accommodation (approximately)

If twelve people go, we could have one 2 BR and one 4 BR which would cost \$21.80 per person per night. If fourteen go and we have two 4 BR cabins, it would be \$18.40 per person per night. Numbers would obviously affect costs, as would juggling accommodation to meet individual or couple needs.

Travel Costs

The distance from Wangaratta to Blackheath is approximately 600 kms. Distances travelled within the Blue Mountains will be quite small due to the proximity of a great variety of walks.

A Club deposit of \$200 is needed to reserve the accommodation.

I/We _____ intend to participate in the Blue Mts Trip, March 27-
April 3.

Attached/enclosed is deposit of \$20 per person, by Jan 31st, 2004 (payable to the Warby Range Bushwalking Club). Please give or send to Adrian or Helen Twitt, 13 Walter Street, Wangaratta.

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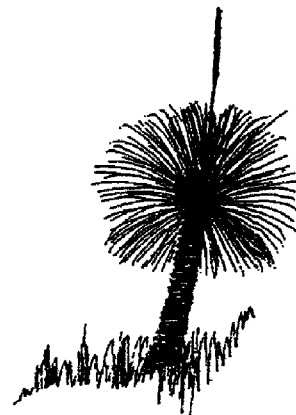
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Adrian Twitt



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NEWSLETTER

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The past six months have been quite an exciting time for the Warby Range Bushwalking Club (affectionately known as the "Warby Walkers"). Currently we have 44 paid up members, with some of our regulars still to pay for the current walk year. This is quite an increase in membership from the previous year. If you are a member who has overlooked your subscription, or an interested person who would like to join, note the details in this newsletter. There is a joining slip at the back. The current walk year goes through to the end of March 2005, so you would get plenty of value out of your \$15 membership.

The annual meeting was held at Cafe Martini in March after a delightful dinner. Val Kemp has been re-elected as President. She is a very enthusiastic member and has a keen committee with some new faces.

We have had good attendances at most of our walks, with participation rates being largely between eight and twelve walkers, just the right number for a leader to manage.

The Blue Mountains week attracted eleven walkers who enjoyed their expedition enormously. A ballad about their trip appears by request, in this letter. The annual "week away" is great for Club spirit, and we would encourage members to go to these trips. We know that they are generally outside school holidays which precludes some people, but that is generally of necessity to get the accommodation that suits our needs.

The Mount St Bernard weekend had 33 participants, so Wangaratta Ski Lodge was just able to cope. The numbers enabled a variety of walk distances and degrees of difficulty, which is always on leaders minds when it comes to making everyone happy. On this particular weekend we had a number of guests from other Clubs including the Pakenham-Berwick Clubs with which we have developed a special relationship over the years. Note that these Clubs have invited us to their "Castlemaine Weekend" at the end of October, so it would be great if members could participate.

We also have a special relationship with the Wangaratta Out and About Club, and try to organize joint programs wherever this is possible. I would encourage all members to be involved where you can.

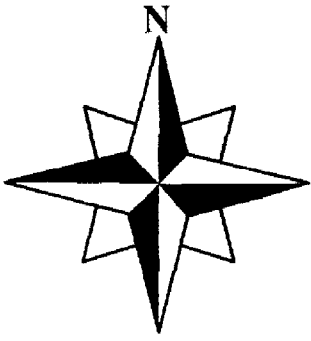
A special thanks to all our leaders who do their valiant best to make each event enjoyable for all.

Adrian R Twitt (Walks Co-ordinator)

OUR COMMITTEE

President:	Val Kemp	5721 9409
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Committee Members:	Bill Rosser	5722 1947
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WALKS AND OTHER EVENTS SINCE DECEMBER

Lake William Hovell Picnic and Walk Day Jan 4, 2004

Six stalwarts braved the heat to represent the Club at the combined Warby Walking Club and Out and About Club annual picnic day at Lake William Hovell.

The arrival of a wind storm forced a retreat to the cars at morning tea time. However, there was time for a pleasant walk to Slaters Creek before rain arrived and an early return to Wangaratta.

Cobbler Lake Base Camp Weekend Jan 16-18, 2004

Seventeen lucky people enjoyed a fabulous weekend hiking in the Cobbler area, camped by sparkling Lake Cobbler and enjoying a respite from the heat of the plains below. Glorious weather, with crisp cold nights and mornings around appreciated camp fires. The light shower on tents on Saturday night was hardly a distraction.

Saturday was spent climbing nearby Mt Cobbler with an early enough return to go for a walk to the Dandongadale falls in the evening.

The next day was spent climbing Mt Speculation, having driven to Mustering Flat and commencing the walk from there. The 360 degree panorama from the summit of Speculation must be one of the best in the Victorian High Country.

Mt Samaria Feb 7, 2004

This walk, enjoyed by the group of ten including newcomers Des Steele, Pat Collins, and Wendy Batey,

involved an initial climb which fortunately was completed before the heat of the day set in. There are great views of Lake Nillacootie and surrounding hills and mountains from the top.

The later morning was spent walking the Wileman Track to Campora Camp and Picnic Area for lunch.

The old timber mill site was explored in the afternoon. It had been a large mill with tramlines in the 1920's.

This walk would be more enjoyable in autumn or spring when the creeks are flowing and the nearby waterfalls could be visited.

Mt St Bernard Feb 21-21, 2004

The Mt St Bernard weekend is becoming a favourite with Club members. We were able to welcome members of the Pakenham-Berwick Clubs and the Porter family from the Albury Club. Altogether, there were thirty-two participants for the weekend. The Wangaratta Ski Lodge comfortably accommodated all who came.

Helen Twitt organized the menus and food buying, which meant that shared evening meals preceded by pre-dinner nibbles and drinks were a highlight of the program encouraging plenty of camaraderie. The outside barbeque for the Friday evening, however, did have to be cooked indoors due to it being a total fire ban day.

Saturday's walk was along the Blue Rag Range to Mt Blue Rag. The devastation of the fires of the previous summer was very evident with little ground cover and almost all trees having been killed. The compensation was that the views are not obscured by foliage.

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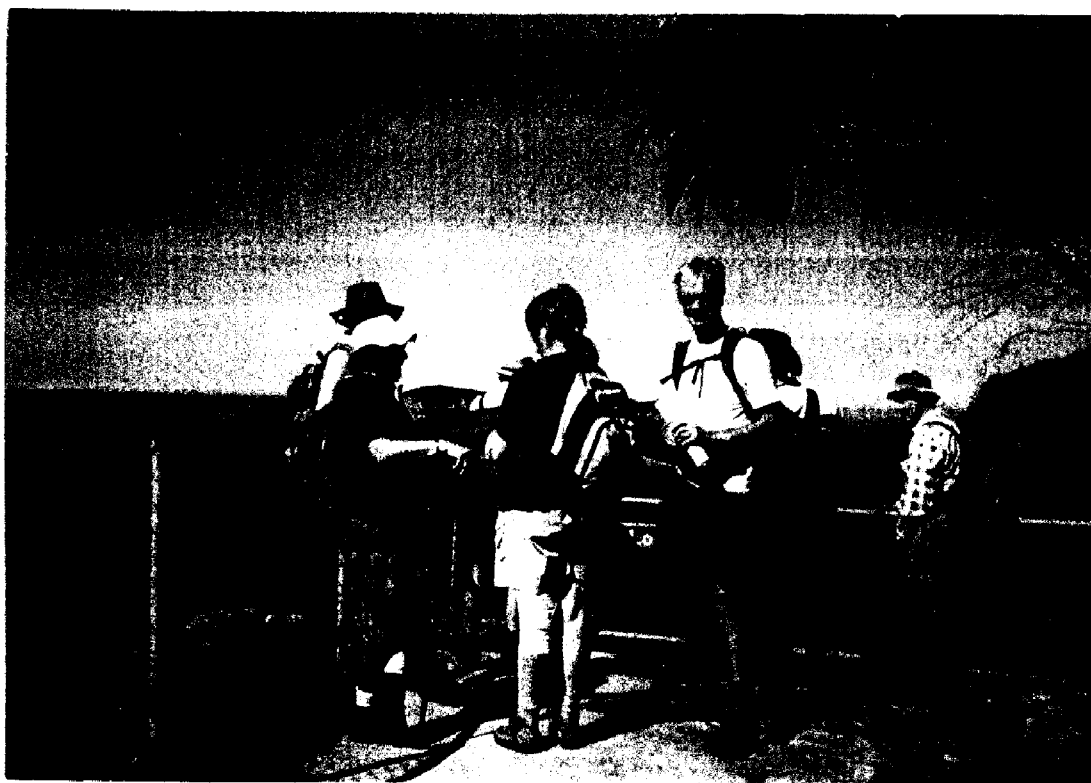
Sunday offered two walks, a 22 km walk from Loch carpark near Mt Hotham vis Dibbins Hut and return, or a short walk to Mt Loch, Machinery Spur and Derrick Hut. Most opted for the latter. The weather was superb, though brisk with a maximum temperature of 12 deg. The recovery from the fires was more obvious in this area, and the swathes of wild flowers painted a bright picture for all to see.

**The Blue Mountains Week
March 27-April 3, 2004**

The Blue Mountains week-long trip was the first by the Club in that part of Australia. It proved an excellent choice at a superb time of the year to enjoy the autumn coolness after a hot Wangaratta summer.

These trips, held annually, are great for Club spirit and camaraderie, apart from the enjoyment of a variety of walks in a concentrated period of time.

The Blue Mountains won our hearts for the range of walks in a very short radius from our headquarters in chalets at Blackheath.



*Warby Walkers savouring
yet another lookout in the
Blue Mts*

**Wabonga Plateau
Top Crossing
March 3, 2004**

Eight walkers took advantage of this walk which began beyond Lake William Hovell. It is a pretty area with forest and good ground cover, though very dry at the time. The dryness did, however, make crossing the King River quite easy. The Top Crossing was reached for a late lunch beside the river. The distance is 19 kms and is medium to hard with some steep climbs on the morning section. A refreshment stop at the Whitfield pub was appreciated on the return home.

**Seniors Week Walks
March 14-21, 2004**

This year was the first time that the Club participated in the official Seniors Week Festival. Two easy walks were scheduled, both river walks.

The Ovens River walk began at the Barr Reserve and covered three kms. There were eight participants, all non-members apart from the leader, and all appeared to enjoy the walk.

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The program does provide good publicity and has led to Shirley Cormack joining our Club.

Participation in the Festival is well worthwhile in what has become an important State event.

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Use the tear-off subscription form overpage to join.

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April 18, 2004**

Eleven walkers, a number of them new members or visitors, set out on a perfect day to Mount Glenrowan commencing from Taminick Gap. It was the first walk with the group by Brett Madigan, Andy Kimber and Doug Sunderland. Tanya Kelly from the Albury Club also participated.

A "cracking pace" was set, according to the leader, so lunch was eaten overlooking Glenrowan township from the top of the mount.

All agreed that the 10-12 kms walk is not easy, but should be graded easy/medium.

**Mines of Beechworth
May 2, 2004**

Starting in 6 deg. and finishing in mid afternoon at 8 deg, this was a chilly walk. Eleven walkers set off from Beechworth Caravan Park headed along the track to Lake Kerford and then on to Fletchers Dam. It is a pretty walk through forest, mostly native but with occasional thickets of exotic.

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NOVEMBER 21 Sunday	HARRIETVILLE AND FEATHERTOP Leaders - Andy Kimber (hard walk up Bungalow Spur) Joy Rosser (easy walk in the Harrietville area)	HARD & EASY 5766 2207 5722 1947
DECEMBER 4-5 Sat-Sun	MT BUFFALO - BASE CAMP AT LAKE CATANI Leader Murray Shaw	MIXED GRADES 5721 3730
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JUNE 5 Saturday	ALBURY-WODONGA PARKLANDS Leader - Joy Rosser	EASY 5722 1947
JUNE 19 Saturday	KLEM TRACK-WHOROUPLY SOUTH Leader - Frank Schumacher	MEDIUM 5766 2690
JULY 3 Saturday	MOUNT EMU Leader - Alan Raison	HARD 5721 7886
JULY 18 Sunday	GREY BOX TRACK- WARBY RANGE Leader - Helen Curtis	EASY 5721 8937
AUGUST 7 Saturday	SUNRISE TRACK Led by Frank Schumacher followed by bbq at Hamilton Park	EASY/MEDIUM 5766 2690
AUGUST 21 Saturday	KING VALLEY-THISTLE HILL Leader - Alan Raison	MEDIUM 5721 7886
SEPTEMBER 4 Saturday	STRATHBOGIE RANGES Leader - Bill Rosser	MEDIUM 5722 1947
SEPTEMBER 20 Sunday	ELDORADO RANGES Leader - Rolf Heetel	EASY 5721 4130
OCTOBER 3 Sunday	KILLAWARRA FOREST Leader - Val Kemp	EASY 5721 9409
OCTOBER 16 Saturday	MUDGEONGA RANGES Leader - Adrian Twitt	MED/HARD 5721 5327
OCT 30,31, NOV 1 Sat-Mon	CASTLEMAINE WEEKEND Joint Berwick and Warby Walkers - Contact Val Kemp (Book by July 31)	EASY 5721 9409
NOVEMBER 7 Sunday	CHESNEY VALE Led by John Lloyd followed by bbq lunch	MEDIUM 5765 2476
NOVEMBER 8 Monday	COMMITTEE MEETING 7.00 pm WALKS PLANNING MEETING 8.00 pm (all members encouraged to attend). At home of Val Kemp, Unit 3 (rear), 81 Edwards St, Wangaratta	5721 9409