

WARBY RANGE
BUSHWALKERS
2006



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

NEWSLETTER 1

January – April 2006



CHRISTMAS PARTY

It's Christmas party time again. If you haven't been on a walk recently, this is your chance to catch up with other Bushwalking Club members. Maybe you are a new member and haven't got to know others yet. All members, partners and children are invited.

This year's party is at the home of Paul and Kerri Davenport. Kerri is our President, and she and Paul have graciously offered their place for the party which is in the form of a barbeque.

To get to Davenports, follow the Yarrowonga Rd from Wangaratta for about seven kms from the High School. Sessions Road is on the

left and shortly afterwards on the right is Arnott Rd which is parallel to Yarrowonga Road. The Davenports live at 4218 along Arnotts Rd. Watch for the balloons.



The party will be in the form of a barbeque. Please bring your own meat, drinks, folding chair, glasses, and aeroguard. Bring also a salad or sweet to share and ring Kerri to indicate what shared ~~food~~ you plan to bring. There will be sauce, bread, ^{cutlery} and plates supplied.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH
FROM 6.00 PM
AT THE DAVENPORTS

High Country walks for the Summer

Those of us who might be disappointed that we are not having a full weekend this summer at the Wangaratta Ski Lodge, need not fret. We will still be going there, but just for one night, Friday Night, 6th January.

St Bernard (January 6-7)

The Mayford Track and other walks start near Wangaratta Ski Lodge. We have never tested the Mayford Track which by all accounts is far from easy. By staying at the lodge the previous night, we will have time to do the circuit down into the Dargo Valley which is nearby.

Those who don't want to do this challenging walk will be able to do the easier walks being arranged as alternatives. Alternatively, you can just be a lounge lizard and enjoy the superlative views! That's where bringing a non-walking friend can be a bonus!

Adrian and Helen Twitt plan to be at the lodge from 4.00 pm on 6 January. We'll schedule a barbeque evening meal for those who wish. Bring what you need.

You will also need to bring breakfast food, and lunch suitable for day walks on the Saturday. It is not intended to stay at the lodge for dinner on Saturday evening (perhaps at Bright on the way home).

Those who have stayed at Wangaratta Ski Lodge before, will know what to bring, but a sleeping bag and a pillow slip are necessary. There are pillows there but no blankets.

Mt Typo (January 21)

This is a day walk, but it is quite an adventurous one without it being long. It is many years since we have tackled Mt Typo which towers over the Rose River Valley. The walk is only eight kilometres, but is not easy, mainly because of a girdle of thick bush below the summits of the

range in which Mt Typo is located. For this reason, wearing shorts would be inadvisable, and participants might even bring gloves to keep tender skin intact.

This is a great walk. The views are wonderfully rewarding. Let's hope the weather is kind.

Falls Creek (February 3-5)

In February we have a weekend at Falls Creek staying at Myrtleford Ski Lodge. You need to bring the same kinds of things for that weekend as to St Bernard. We will also plan a barbeque on the Friday evening.

This time, it is for the whole weekend. There will be a variety of walks in the High Plains which are beautiful in the summer. We have not had a High Plains trip for a while now, so this is your chance!

A Useful Purchase?

"Take a Walk in Victoria's National Parks" has around 3000 km of walk descriptions in 35 national parks with 130 sketch maps. Worth buying at \$30 ? Apparently available in specialty bookshops. Web site is www.takeawalk.com.au.

Alpine Walking Track

Those of us wondering about the status of the Alpine Walking Track, and concerned that it seems to get less attention to maintenance than it should, might be interested in the Australian Alps Liaison Committee's draft strategy relating to the track mentioned in VicWalk News in July.

It describes the track as a collection of "linked tracks, informal routes and unmarked areas where good navigation skills are required". The aim is to keep it as much as possible as a wilderness experience.

Now we know why it is a bit difficult to follow at times.

Recent Walks

Our recent walks have been "up and down". Aren't any walks? We are talking about numbers of participants.

The Castlemaine Week was quite successful (more on that later). The Mount Glenrowan walk didn't have the numbers and the Gapstead Hills walk had just three participants.

On the other hand, Mt Meg had eleven bookings, though two had to pull out at late notice. This has been a popular walk over the years, and the group was rewarded by sightings of a goanna, kangaroos and rock isotomes, and located what was probably an aboriginal well.

All the Spring walks have had superb weather, and the lushness of the season with copious rains have added to the attraction.

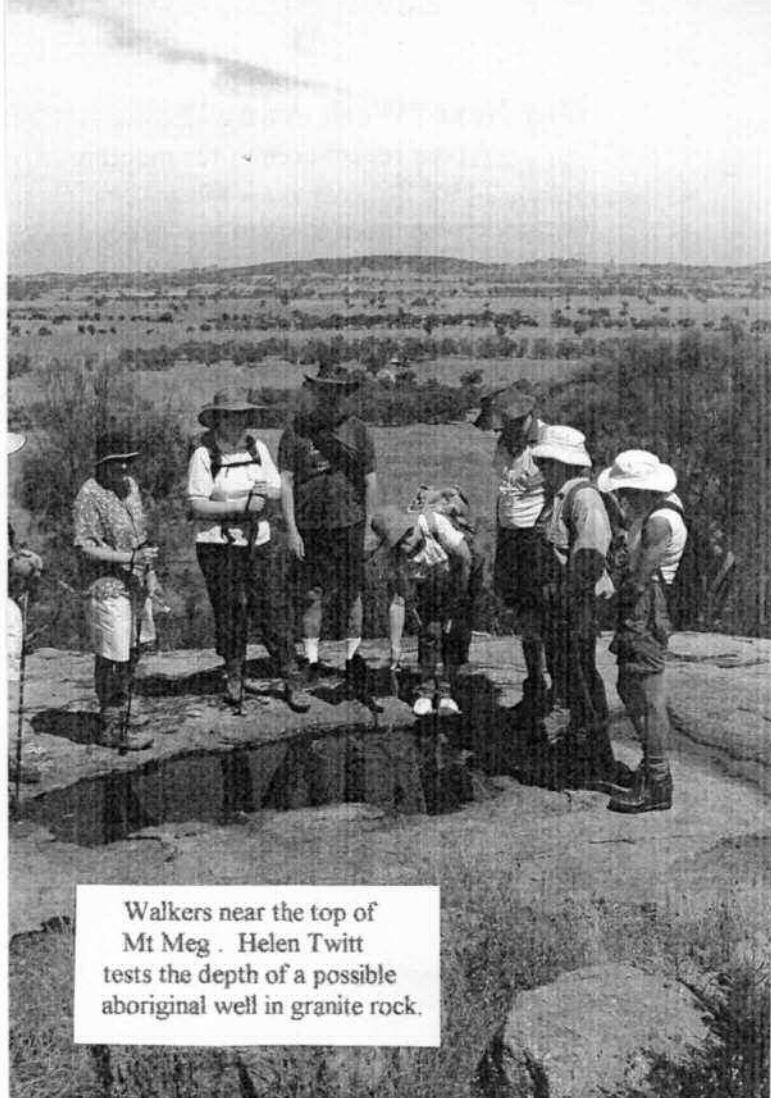
We would all like a repeat of the Gapstead walk which Jan Heywood ably prepared. Thanks Jan. Just a pity that some of our keen walkers could not come on that weekend.

CASTLEMAINE WEEK

For those who couldn't (or didn't) go on our "week away", this was a superb week enjoyed by the dozen or more who went. We were fortunate in having six almost rainless days and bright sunshine.

The area affords great walking. It is, as we all know, in the heart of the goldfields area. Many of the walks are through abandoned diggings, which adds to the interest, whether it is the occasional poppet head, waterwheel ruin, water race, cemetery, or even a Welsh village!

Castlemaine also is on the Great Dividing Trail, which starts down near Bacchus Marsh and finishes in Bendigo. We did two sections of this Trail, one through abandoned diggings, and also the section that crosses over Mt Alexander from which there are superb views across the area.



Walkers near the top of Mt Meg. Helen Twitt tests the depth of a possible aboriginal well in granite rock.

Members of the group enjoyed a couple of evening meals in town as well as visits to Buda, a fascinating old mansion; the Art Gallery, one of the best in Victoria; and the shops. There is even a Burke and Wills monument; Burke was there too before he go lost.

Castlemaine is in an excellent state of preservation, so wandering the streets is a treat in itself.

We had a day in the Maldon area, a heritage town, and also in the Daylesford area. Both were well worth the visit.

Bill and Joy Rosser did a great job, along with Clio Curtis from the Pakenham Club, in organizing the week. A great idea was to have a number of the participants acting as leaders on particular days so that the responsibility was shared.



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc. **WALKS PROGRAM**

January to April 2006

JANUARY 7 Saturday	MAYFORDS TRACK Leader - Adrian Twitt MT ST BERNARD TRACKS Leader - Helen Twitt Accommodation, Wangaratta Ski Lodge Friday evening January 6th	HARD 5721 5327 EASY 57215327
JANUARY 8 Sunday	PICNIC DAY AT LAKE WILLIAM HOVELL Combined with Wangaratta Out and About Contact Adrian Twitt for details	5721 5327
JANUARY 21 Saturday	MT TYPO Leader - Adrian Twitt	MED-HARD 5721 5327
FEBRUARY 4-5 Sat-Sun	FALLS CREEK AND THE BOGONG HIGH PLAINS Leader - Kerri Davenport Accommodation at Myrtleford Ski Lodge Book by January 7	VARIOUS GRADES 5726 9376
FEBRUARY 18 Saturday	BIG WALK MT BUFFALO FROM ROLLASONS FALLS Leader - Pat Kuhle	MEDIUM 5722 9173
FEBRUARY 27 Monday	Committee Meeting 7.00 pm Walks Planning Meeting (all welcome) 8.00 pm 13 Walter Street, Wangaratta Contact - Adrian Twitt	5721 5327
MARCH 4 Saturday	MURMUNGEE HILLS Leader - Murray Shaw	MEDIUM 5721 3730
MARCH 18 Saturday	MT FEATHERTOP VIA N.W. SPUR Leader - Alan Raison	HARD 5721 7886
MARCH 27 Monday	Annual Meeting and Dinner 6.30 pm Contact - Kerrie Davenport	5726 9376
APRIL 2 Sunday	BEECHWORTH HILLS Leader - Kerri Davenport	EASY 5726 9376

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS INCORPORATED A 0017187M

Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ending February 28th, 2006

<u>Balance as at March 1st, 2005</u>	Cheque Ac count	\$ 380.14
	Investment Account	\$ 2,081.73
	Petty Cash	\$ 6.65
	Total	\$ 2,468.52

INCOME

Subscriptions	\$ 1,115.00	
Visitors Fees	\$ 67.00	
Investment Interest	\$ 110.14	
Refund Castlemaine	\$ 144.00	\$ 1,436.14

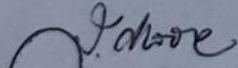
EXPENDITURE

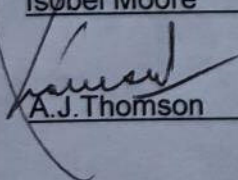
Bank Charges	\$ 3.70	
Incorporation Fee	\$ 35.80	
Vic. Walk Insurance	\$ 565.25	
Newsletters	\$ 120.90	
Deposit Castlemaine	\$ 144.00	
Maps	\$ 16.90	
Maps from Petty Cash	\$ 6.65	
Postage	\$ 85.00	
Photocopies	\$ 4.00	
Films	\$ 20.85	
Birthday Cake	\$ 30.00	
Visitors Fee overbanked	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,038.05

Balance as at February 28th, 2006 \$ 2,866.61

Balances at Bank as at 28th February, 2006

Cheque Account	\$ 674.74
Investment Account	\$ 2,191.87
	<u>\$ 2,866.61</u>


Isobel Moore Treasurer


A.J. Thomson Honorary Auditor.

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKING CLUB INC.
TREASURES REPORT AS OF THE 30-10-2006

BALANCE AS AT MARCH 1 st 2006	CHEQUE ACCOUNT	\$ 674.74
	INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	\$2191.87
	TOTAL	\$2866.61
INCOME	SUBSCRIPTIONS TOTAL	\$1820.00
FROM APP. 60 MEMBERS INCLUDING FEDERATION WEEKEND.		
EXPENDITURE	PRINTING	\$ 55.70
	POSTAGE	\$ 70.00
	PHOTO COPYING	\$ 4.00
	MAPS	\$ 134.00
	CONSUMER AFFAIRS INCORPORATION FEE	\$ 36.70
	CONSUMER AFFAIRS ALTERATION TO RULES	\$ 62.90
	VICWALK INSURANCE PREMIUM	\$ 726.75
OVENS AND KING COMMUNITY HEALTH NIFTY BEYOND FIFTY		\$ 10.00
GIFTS STATIONARY AND BOXES FOR CLUB LIBRARY		\$ 83.13
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$1183.18
BALANCE AS AT THE 30 th OF OCTOBER 2006	CHEQUE ACCOUNT	\$1311.56
	INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	\$2219.93
	TOTAL	\$3531.49



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

NEWSLETTER 2, 2006

Annual Dinner & AGM

It's that time of the year again. Let's see as many members and partners as possible at our Annual Dinner and General meeting on Monday, March 27.

It will be at Café Martini in a room to ourselves, upstairs. Apart from the essential business and election of office bearers, it is also a social occasion and a great time to catch up with others.

Café Martini is in Murphy Street, Wangaratta. Starting time is 6.00 for 6.30 pm.

© CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS



There will be a few constitutional matters to clear up at our annual meeting. Our Constitution does not reflect some of the changed aspects of our Club, so it needs to be updated.

Believe it or not, even though we are registered as the Warby Range Bushwalking Club Inc., our constitution still says we are the Warby Range Protection Society.

We started under the umbrella of the Protection Society, but that link was broken in 1994, so our name needs to reflect it. This also means that we will need to modify our statement of objectives in the constitution.

Insurance considerations have also brought about the term "Temporary Membership" (rather than visitors), and that needs definition.

The Club's constitutional sub-committee is also recommending other changes, one of which is the establishment of Associate Membership for those who feel that their walking days are over but who would like to stay on as social members. There have been a number of members past and present who have contributed to the Club who might like to take out such membership.

The Constitutional Sub-Committee included four members; two with law backgrounds: Gill Mallinder and Catherine Anderson; also Past President Murray Shaw; and Walks Co-ordinator, Adrian Twitt.

There are other amendments concerning our constitution which are printed on the back of this bulletin. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE THE MEETING.**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUB-COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKING CLUB INCORPORATED.

- A. The Statement of Purposes (see attached) be officially adopted.
- B. The following clauses be altered or added to the constitution. The clauses in italics are current in the constitution.
- 1.1 The name of the incorporated association is The Warby Range Bushwalking Club Incorporated (in these rules called the "Association").

The name of the incorporated association is The Warby Range Protection Society Incorporated (in these rules called the "Association").

- 3.1 Membership shall be open to all persons sympathetic to the objects of the Association outlined.

Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the preservation of the natural features of the Warby Range and sympathetic to the objects of the Association outlined.

- 3.3.1 (This clause altered to replace 3.3)

- 3.3.2 An applicant for associate membership shall be admitted to the Club at a discount fee as determined by the club from time to time, and shall be entitled to all Club privileges excepting participation in the walk program.

(Currently there is no recognition of associate membership in the Club.)

- 3.3.3 A person who joins the Club to participate in a specific activity and who pays a fee as determined by the Club from time to time with respect to that activity, shall be a temporary member for the purposes of that activity.

(Currently there is no recognition of temporary membership in the constitution)

- 8.2 A member desiring to bring any business before an annual meeting or special general meeting may give notice of that business in writing to the secretary, who shall include that business in the notice calling the next annual meeting or special general meeting after the receipt of the notice.

8.2 No business other than set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the meeting.

- 8.3 (This clause to be deleted)

- 8.3 *A member desiring to bring any business before a meeting may give notice of that business in writing to the secretary, who shall include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting after the receipt of the notice.*

- 10.7.2 a minimum of three ordinary members, or more as determined from time to time at the annual general meeting.

10.7.2 three ordinary members (This relates to number of committee members other than officers who are the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer)

MEMBERSHIP ROCKETS UPWARDS



Club membership has passed 50 with a number of new members joining in the New Year. Fantastic!

The weekend at Falls Creek was particularly attractive to aspiring Club members, with eight new faces.

They included Judy Byrne who teaches at Yarrunga; Bob and Judy Shaw who have just moved to the area from Swan Hill; Frank and Yvonne Noble who have a farm near Tatong and who have decided to rejoin the hiking crowd after a lapse of a few years; Glenda Hall and neighbour Irene Knox who are working up to an April walk on the NZ Milford Track; and Sue Dorrington whose experiences of life in Africa are interesting.

We had a couple of new faces on the Mt Buffalo walk too. Welcome to Heather Miles, a local piano teacher; and Marion Waite, from Peechelba, who does massage (could be useful for those post-walk aches and pains!).

The membership year is from April 1st to March 31st with new membership fees fixed and payable at the annual meeting.

Don't forget that anyone can come along as a visitor if they want to try out a walk. The fee is \$5, refundable if a person joins in that membership year. Invite a friend to come with you on your next walk.

Come to the Club Dinner
and Annual General
Meeting
at
Cafe Martini
Monday, March 27
6.30 pm

Bring Partners and Guests
Let President Kerri know whether
you are coming (phone 5726 9376
at least a few days in advance)



St Bernard

Our 2006 program has got off to an enthusiastic start with a short weekend (one night and a day) based at Wangaratta Ski Lodge on Mt St Bernard. There were sixteen participants, arriving from late afternoon on the Friday until dusk, with the Murrays appearing early next morning. A barbeque and shared meal created the right mix of camaraderie, ready for the next day's activities.

Two alternatives were offered, with a challenging walk from King Spur down to Mayfords Flat in the Dargo Valley, and one to Mt Loch and Derrick Hut. The majority chose the Mt Loch walk and were rewarded by a fine display of alpine flowers and delightful weather. The Mayford Track walkers had a steep descent followed by four river crossings. The long climb back incorporated 600 metres of ascent in the first two kilometres. Hot work on what was actually a mild summer day.

As usual, the group enjoyed the convenience and facilities of the Wangaratta Ski Lodge as their base.

Mt Typo

Mt Typo walk was conducted on a hot January day. What day in January wasn't hot?

Mt Typo shouldn't be confused with Typo Station. The mountain overlooks Bennies in the Rose Valley, and is part of a series of quite jagged peaks in a north-south alignment, capped by conglomerate rock. It makes for a challenging, though not long, walk.

The seven participants needed to bush-bash their way up the lower and middle slopes before reaching the open rock. The views are well worth the effort, embracing much of the mountain country in the Cobbler area. Water was at a premium in the heat. Two of the seven climbers suffered cramps (Allan and Adrian) from loss of liquid, though luckily at or after the conclusion of the walk. It's a great walk, which Pat Kuhle thought was "the best walk ever". A cooler day would have made it even better.

Falls Creek

We were almost overwhelmed with numbers on the first weekend in February for our High Plains walks. Maybe members were wanting to escape the heat; maybe they wanted to check out the luxuries of Myrtleford Ski Lodge, accommodation for the weekend. In any case, we had 29 participants, including eight new members.

Each day catered for beginner walkers as well as the more experienced, and that's the way these weekend walks should be! On Saturday, the walk started from Watchbed Creek around Marm Point and along the Langford Aqueduct. Every one had lunch together at Wallace's Hut, a heritage building of the 1880's that survived the great Alpine fires of 2003. The following day's walk started from the Pretty Valley dam with a rest stop at the Tawonga Huts and, for those who wished, a walk up to Mt Niggerhead or to Mt Fainter, the alternatives determined by interests and fitness levels.

We need at least two or three of these weekend events which encourage great socialization a year! The weather provided pleasant relief from the lowland heat. Thanks to the Davenports for their organization.

Mt Buffalo

Pat Kuhle led her first walk, attending carefully to all details. She chose the Big Walk up Mt Buffalo. We started from Rollasons picnic spot,

climbing up the face of the mountain to the Chalet and then down again. Once more the walk was well supported, with the fourteen starters not fazed by the continued hot weather and the prospect of a stiff climb up Mt Buffalo. All did well, and most of our new members were not deterred by the climb, or the descent. Lunch in the shade beside the Chalet cricket ground was the perfect spot, and a cuppa at the Chalet Cafe added a luxury touch that we walkers don't always have.

forthcoming walks

Don't forget the remaining walks in the current program which everyone should have stuck to their fridge or their calendar, or wherever else you file important dates.

Murray Shaw is leading the next walk to the Murrungee area on March 4th, and hopes to make it easy enough to cater for those who are a little tentative about their capabilities. So new members, let's see you along. Give Murray a ring on 5721 3730.

The last walk in the 'summer' program is led by Alan Raison up the North West Spur of Mt Feathertop. This is listed as a hard walk, but if you want to do just part of it, tell Alan, and if there are a few members thinking that it will be beyond their capabilities, then Alan can divide the group. The more aspirational walkers do the full climb.

We hope you like the walks on offer for the autumn program. Make sure you file it for reference. We are combining with Wangaratta Out and About for some walks. Some of our members belong to both Clubs, so that makes it easy, but any member of the Warby Walkers can participate in Out and About walks.

You will notice that we have no walk during Easter. The Committee felt that that would be unwise. But there are still plenty of walks on offer around Easter.



BARBEQUE

JOLITY AT THE SHAW'S

Join in the post-walk lunchtime barbeque at Bob and Judy Shaw's place, Hamilton Park after the Sunrise Track walk, Sunday, May 7th. Details when you book for the walk.

Annual VicWalk Weekend at Bright, November 17-19, 2006

Our Club is involved with the planning of this event, one of the highlights of the Walks year. Write it into your calendar now.

Adrian Twitt and Paul Davenport are your representatives on the planning committee.

What is our involvement? You might-

1. Lead a walk and show visitors your favourite walk location.
2. Be a steward on one of the days.
3. Produce a walk description to go in the brochure even if you cannot participate.
4. Just come and be a walk participant.

Carry the flag for the Warby Range Walkers. This is a chance for the Club to become known and to contribute.

WATERFALL INFORMATION

The Victorian Lands Information office is wanting to make a database on all waterfalls in Victoria. We could start with some in our own Warby Range. The Brien's Gorge Falls, Salisbury Falls and Pine Gully Falls all come to mind. There are a couple of other spectacular falls in the Warbies, though on private property. Maybe we should list them too.

What else should be on the list? There are the Clear Creek Falls which we saw on a walk last year. I am assuming that they would already have Paradise Falls, the Dandongadale Falls (the longest drop in Victoria), and the Woolshed Falls already on their list.

Email your comments to Adrian Twitt twitt@dragnet.com.au. You'll have to be quick. Adrian and Helen are leaving for a walking trip in Turkey on March 15th.

Great Ocean Walk

On 9th January, the Great Ocean Walk was officially opened. The walk starts near Apollo bay and finishes near the Twelve (?) Apostles. Our Club has had a walking week down that way some years ago. Maybe we need to go back and explore the new possibilities.

Eventually it is hoped to link this with a Trans Otway Waterfalls Walk and the Surf Coast Walk. Victoria might soon be a walkers paradise, if it isn't already. We certainly welcome the opening of this superlative walk.

What a pity the Alpine Walking Track receives so little funding or publicity! This surely is the greatest long distance mountain track on mainland Australia. Perhaps when the coastal walks are linked, we ought to be lobbying for sensitive improvements to the Great Alpine Track.

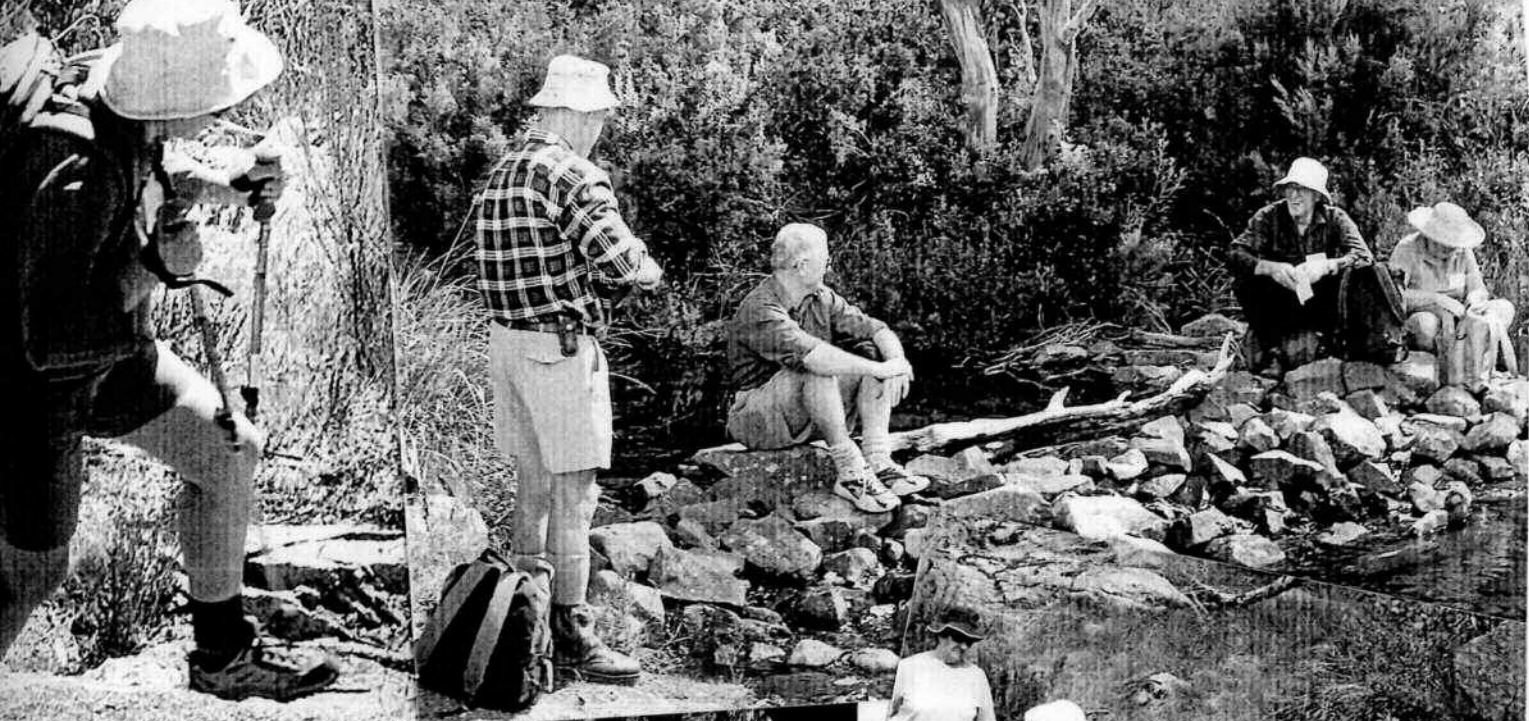
Moss Bed rehabilitation on the Bogong High Plains

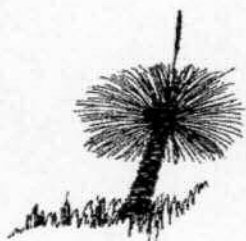
Some of us met a young man involved in the moss bed rehabilitation when we were hiking back from Tawonga Huts in February.

There is a VicWalk maintenance Group to assist with this rehabilitation on March 11-13 with alternatives for either camping or subsidized lodge accommodation for the weekend.

If you would like to help, contact Steve Robertson phone 9561 2407 or email srob7859@bigpond.net.au







WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc. **WALKS PROGRAM**

April to June 2006

APRIL 2 Sunday	BEECHWORTH HILLS Leader – Kerri Davenport	EASY 5726 9376
APRIL 9 Sunday	BACK WALL, MT BUFFALO Combined with Wangaratta Out and About Leader – Stephen Shearer	EASY-MEDIUM 5727 3347
APRIL 29 Saturday	MT GLENROWAN Combined with Wangaratta Out and About Leader – Murray Shaw	MED-HARD 5721 3730
MAY 7 Sunday	SUNRISE TRACK, WARBY RANGE Leader – Bob Shaw Barbeque lunch at the Shaw's, Hamilton Park, after the walk	EASY-MEDIUM 5766 2773
MAY 20 Saturday	BACK CREEK FALLS, MOUNT SAMARIA STATE PARK Leader – John Lloyd	EASY- MEDIUM 5765 2476
MAY 27 Saturday	FRIENDS TRACK AND SALISBURY FALLS Combined with Wangaratta Out and About Leader – Murray Shaw	EASY-MEDIUM 5721 3730
MAY 29 Monday	Committee Meeting 7.00 pm Walks Planning Meeting (all welcome) 8.00 pm 13 Walter Street, Wangaratta Contact - Adrian Twitt	5721 5327
JUNE 3 Saturday	GOAT KNOB-MYRTLE CREEK Leader – Adrian Twitt	MEDIUM-HARD 5721 5327
JUNE 18 Sunday	THISTLE HILL Leader – Catherine Anderson	EASY-MEDIUM 5722 9116
JULY 1 Saturday	LONG CORNER CREEK Leader – Adrian Twitt	MEDIUM 5721 5327



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

NEWSLETTER 3, 2006

Wow! New Faces and Plenty of Action for the Warby Walkers

This Newsletter is the first since our AGM in March. And what changes there have been! Our President, Kerrie Davenport stays in office. Thanks Kerrie, you do a wonderful job. But there have been lots of changes and new faces on the scene. And that demonstrates how healthy the Club is at present. There's nothing like a few new brooms to get things done. The old faces of three or four years ago who are still on the committee are delighted to welcome the "newcomers".

Franck Schumacher and Isabel Moore, former secretary and treasurer respectively, have both resigned after long service to the Club and the Committee. Thanks, Frank and Isabel. We hope to see you around whether it be on walks or social activities.

Over the next few Newsletters, we will profile some of our committee members. Our new treasurer and our new vice-president are profiled below.

Our New Treasurer

Murray Shaw is well known to long time members of the Warby Bushwalkers. In case you don't know, he is the new treasurer, so it is to Murray you pay your subs if you haven't already done so.

Murray is a former President of the Club, as well as a former Walks Co-ordinator. He just about knows anything that you need to know about the Club, and is a willing leader of many of our Club walks.

Murray worked as a mechanic for Heffernan and Rees for seventeen years and retired last year. If you've seen a cyclist riding past as fast as the wind, that's Murray post-retirement. He's even faster on two wheels than he is on two legs! Murray is always in front, whatever the activity. We expect it will be like that with our money.

Murray lived in Melbourne before he came to Wangaratta with his wife, Donna, and their daughter, Emma. Murray liked the idea of escaping from Melbourne and being in the country. Donna already had family in the Wangaratta area, so it made sense to relocate here.

Murray had lots of experience in the motor repairs industry before coming to Wangaratta. At one time, he owned a garage in Melbourne. His first job as a mechanic following his apprenticeship was on the Thompson Dam project in Gippsland where the accommodation was sited for maximum discomfort in winter snows. No wonder Murray is so hardy!



Our New Vice President.

Andy Kimber is a relative newcomer to the Warby Walkers, having joined along with Jillian when they came to Wangaratta about three years ago. They "retired" to Hamilton Park, a favoured location of Warby Walkers and environmentalists.

Jillian and Andy lived in Tallangatta for many years before Wangaratta beckoned. Andy had been a teacher at Tallangatta Secondary College. Retirement has been somewhat interrupted by various work activity in Wangaratta, Wodonga and other points of the district, so that has limited their walking opportunities.

Andy is a Londoner by birth, his family emigrating to our sunny climes in 1949 (if you can call Melbourne a sunny clime!). We won't hold Andy's origins against him. He is a keen bushwalker and has done some quite

challenging treks in our mountains, as well as having participated in the Great NZ Bike Ride. He has aspirations of returning to NZ for some more exploration with both feet on the ground.



Accolades for Joy and Bill

It was with great pleasure that the Club awarded life membership to Bill and Joy Rosser at our March Annual Meeting. And how deserving it was!

Bill and Joy have been stalwarts of the Club since its earliest days, being foundation members. Over that time, they have taken a key role in the Club, always on hand to lead walks, or serve on the Committee. They have not only been enthusiastic walkers, but their knowledge of flora and fauna has helped us all to better understand our magnificent bush, especially its wild flowers and birdlife. Joy would never pass an orchid without identifying it, and Bill has a keen eye on spotting that hidden koala in the trees.

Joy and Bill have been enthusiastic campers and participate in most of our camp weekends or weeks away. In fact, we have lost count of the number of "weeks away" that they have organized for the Club. Being octogenarians doesn't seem to faze them, though Bill's triple by-pass last year, and Joy's knee injury curtailed some of their activities.

Not to allow such set backs to prevent an enjoyment of life, the Rossers have just returned from cruising the Kimberley coast. There are few parts of Australia that are unfamiliar territory for them; and their overseas travel in the past has been extensive too.

We all hope that Bill and Joy are around to enjoy the Warby Bushwalkers activities for many years to come.

What a surprise
for Joy and Bill!



Milford Trampers

Glenda Hall, our new secretary, and Irene Knox have recently completed a "tramp" along the Milford Track in New Zealand. It was a great experience for them, but we understand that it rained almost the whole four days of the walk. Glenda and Irene are now updating their wet weather gear! They should be a fount of wisdom on what's best to carry. Neither of them is deterred by the vagaries of the New Zealand weather. They are now planning a tramp along the Routeburn Track.

Your Editor's Ramblings in Turkey

Your Walks Co-ordinator, Adrian Twitt and Helen, have been on yet another "ramble", this time in Turkey. The two of us have become hooked on British Ramblers holidays the last one being in Italy.

We returned early in May, great ambassadors for Turkey, and admirers of the Turkish people whose informal courtesy easily endears them to Aussies. And the Turks like Aussies too, in spite of our attempts to wipe them out in 1915. And no; Adrian we weren't at Gallipoli on Anzac Day though we did go there!

We travelled extensively in Turkey, using public buses which make it easy for travellers to get about independently. But the key event was a ten day walking holiday based at Bodrum on the Aegean coast.

Bodrum is a seaside town with white "sugar cube" houses spreading upwards on the hillsides overlooking a bay with a formidable Crusader castle at the entrance. The town is very quiet and largely deserted except in the summer months when thousands of Istanbulers descend on it for their holidays.

The twenty strong Ramblers group were all English except for us and two Canadians. It was led by a retired (volunteer) ex merchant seaman named Alan. All accommodation was at the Marina Vista Hotel, the smartest in town, and as the name suggests, facing the sea. The marina, with hundreds of sailing vessels, was opposite.

Within easy walking distance were the remains of King Mausolus's mausoleum, one of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World, and a Roman theatre in very good condition. In fact, there are the remains of ancient ruins in every direction. The group had an afternoon's walk in Ephesus, once the third city of the Roman Empire. Near Bodrum on a mountain top was an ancient spiritual site called La Branda, its buildings erected millennia ago in stone work not unlike that of the Incas of Peru.

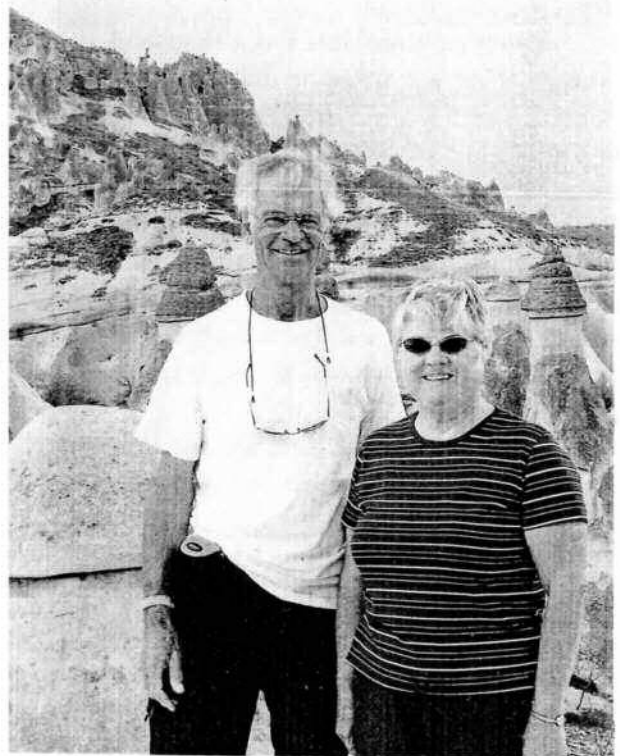
Each day there would be a walk in the hinterland or along the coast, returning for a three course dinner at night at the hotel. What a life!

Most of the walks on the program, we of the Warby Walkers would classify as easy or medium, for that was the grading of the particular holiday. You can choose Ramblers holidays from a variety of gradings and locations.

There was one free day, and everyone on the holiday opted to sail out to the nearby Aegean Islands, enjoy a swim (though the sea was still rather icy, it being mid spring), and savour a resplendent lunch on board the yacht.

I can recommend Ramblers holidays.

Adrian Twitt



China Watcher

Pat Kuhle, our new Assistant Walks Co-ordinator, had a fascinating trip to China in April. She really enjoyed the tour, highlights being cities like Shanghai, Beijing, Xi'an, Chong Qing and Guilan. She also enjoyed the Great Wall, the Snow Jade Cave with its karst formations, and was fascinated at the way silk unravelled, and the art of cloisonne which involves intricate art work on urns.

Since returning, Pat, an enthusiastic outdoors person, came off her bicycle on a rapid descent down Mt Buffalo, and broke her collar bone. She is very philosophical about the accident. "My fault", she says.

Not to be deterred, Pat was back on her bicycle within ten days of the event.

A Thousand Member Club

While Helen and Adrian Twitt were in the UK recently, they had dinner with a member of the Tyneside Ramblers whom they had met on a Ramblers walk three years ago. What we call "bushwalking" and the Kiwis call "tramping", the British call "rambling", even if it means long distance endurance tests in ferocious weather.

Tyneside Ramblers has a thousand members. Can you imagine that? If you want to take part in one of their Wednesday walks, you need to book at least a month ahead. The fee can be six pounds (fifteen dollars) with no refunds. A large bus is hired with sometimes an overflow in an accompanying minibus. Each Wednesday there are several choices of walk, all in the same area, and everyone meets at the end of the day's activity at a nearby village for drinks and afternoon tea.

Tyneside also has weekend walks too, but Adrian and Helen's host has too busy a lifestyle to participate in them.

The Wilderness Shop
The Wilderness shop is now on line.
Anyone who is interested might like to
access it on www.wildernessshop.com.au

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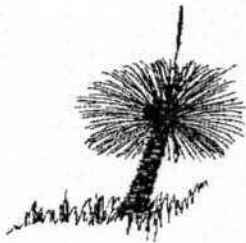
Our walks program has been going well over recent months and it has been rewarding to see the strong support from members, and new people taking part. The fantastic autumn weather has helped, though there was one glitch; the Sunrise Track walk was washed out. Not to be deterred by the rain, there was great enthusiasm for the scheduled barbeque at Bob and Judy Shaw's Hamilton Park residence. Thanks Shaws.

Over the winter, we try to run walks a little closer to home, in case of wet weather. The **Warby Range trio of walks** starting in August fits this aim. The walks, over three weekends, start at the northern end of the Warbies and finish at Glenrowan. This is your opportunity to experience the full extent of the Range. Leaders are being encouraged to avoid the roads, so they will include cross-country non-tracked areas, which will add to the experience. There will also be some skirting of private property to be negotiated. Afterwards, it is planned to have coffee at Granite Gardens, Hamilton Park and Glenrowan.

Make sure you set aside two weekends in the spring. October 21/22 will be a camping weekend with walks in the **Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park** near Cudgewa. We haven't had a bush camp weekend for quite a while, so this is an opportunity to dust out your tents. It is a two-and-a-half hour drive from Wangaratta, and to help those who can't get away until late on Friday, your tent will be erected for you by early starters. There are also tents available to borrow. More detail next newsletter.

If you haven't marked in your diary the **Bright VicWalk weekend**, November 17/18/19, do so now. We are one of the helping Clubs and will lead walks and are assisting in the organization. Expressions of interest are needed now (see attached sheet).

Next March we plan to have a week's camp (under cover) in the Lakes Entrance area. Vice President Andy Kimber has interests in a camp in that area which should be available. Details in the next newsletter.



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc. **WALKS PROGRAM**

June to October 2006

JUNE 10 Saturday	PARADISE & LOWER FALLS, WABONGA N.P Leader: Stephen Shearer This walk is combined with Wangaratta Out and About	EASY 5727 3347
JUNE 18 Sunday	THISTLE HILL Leader – Catherine Anderson	EASY-MEDIUM 5722 9116
JUNE 25 Sunday	POWERS LOOKOUT Leader – Paul McCallum This walk is combined with Wangaratta Out and About	EASY 5727 6353
JULY 1 Saturday	LONG CORNER CREEK Leader – Adrian Twitt	MEDIUM 5721 5327
JULY 16 Sunday	LONG SPUR TRACK Leader – Murray Shaw	MED-HARD 5721 3730
AUG 5,19& SEPT 2 Saturdays	THE WARBY RANGE FROM NORTH TO SOUTH	EASY-MEDIUM
Stage 1 (Aug 5)	Boweya Rd – Ryans Lookout: Leader – M Shaw	5721 3730
Stage 2 (Aug 19)	Ryans L'out – Taminick Gap: Leader – A Raison	5721 7886
Stage 3 (Sept 2)	Taminick Gap – Glenrowan: Leader – A Kimber	5766 2207
SEPTEMBER 16 Saturday	MT EMU Leader – Alan Raison	MEDIUM-HARD 57217886
SEPTEMBER 25 Monday	Committee Meeting 7.00 pm Walks Planning Meeting (all welcome) 8.00 pm 13 Walter Street, Wangaratta Contact - Adrian Twitt	5721 5327
OCTOBER 7 Saturday	MT POREPUNKAH Leader - Pat Kuhle	MEDIUM-HARD 5722 9173
OCTOBER 21/22 Saturday-Sunday	BURROWA-PINE MT NATIONAL PARK Contact:Andy Kimber	VARIOUS GRADES 5766 2207
NOVEMBER 17/18/19 Friday-Sunday	VICWALK BRIGHT WEEKEND Contact: Adrian Twitt	VARIOUS GRADES 5721 5327



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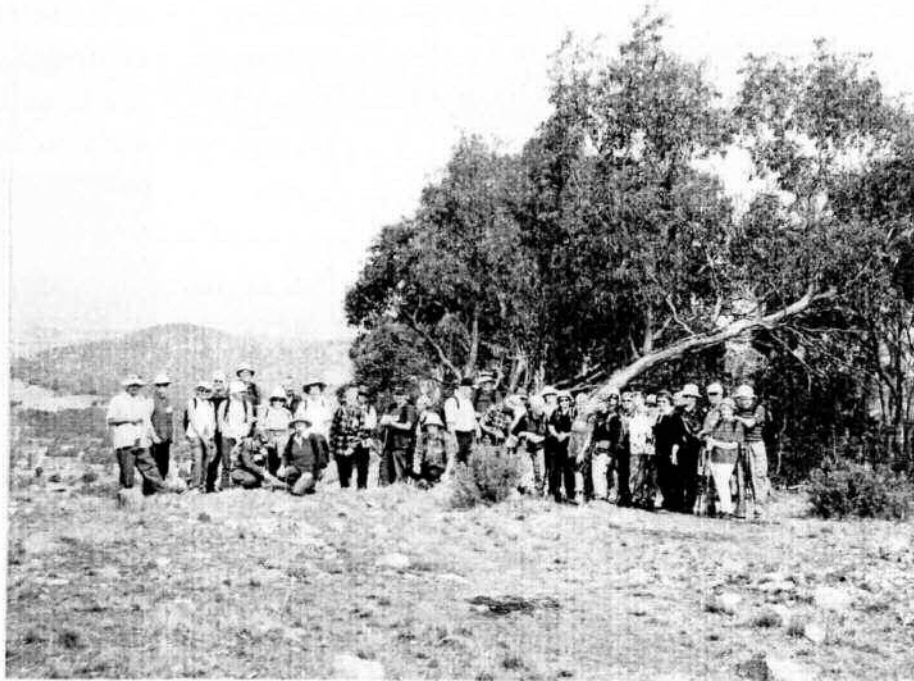
WAS IT A RECORD?

A combined total of something like one hundred registrations were received for the three Warby walks, titled "The Warby Range from North to South" held over the late winter. The final walk had forty participants. Was this a record for any of our Club walks since our formation 26 years ago?

It was great having walkers from the Out and About and Benalla Clubs. And the eleven who completed the whole three, received a certificate on the final day.

The three leaders have to be congratulated – Murray Shaw, Alan Raison, and Andy Kimber. The logistics of the whole exercise, and the need to return drivers back to the starting point each time, were handled well, we hear.

Obviously the idea of having afternoon tea at the end of each walk proved a smash hit. Was that the real reason for the crowds? Granite Gardens, the Shaws of Hamilton Park, and Morrisons Winery, were the venues. Finishing a walk at a winery, must also be something of a first! There are some home cellars bulging since the event. And Bob and Judy Shaw were presented with some of the produce of the vine in appreciation of their part in providing hospitality. Bob and Judy supplied a Devonshire tea after the second walk. Well done!



Walkers on the recent Warby Range from North to South event.

The weather was glorious for all three walks, perhaps too much so for future water supplies. And for those who missed the koala on the first, day, there was one with a hat on to be spotted on the last leg.

RAIN! RAIN! DON'T GO AWAY!

Yes the countryside needs a lot of rain or we're all in big trouble. But most of us walkers don't enjoy it on outings. Amazingly, two of our winter walks were rain affected. It must almost have been the only times it rained significantly for the entire winter season.

The Long Corner Creek walk had to be abandoned, though Adrian and Murray did a good reconnoitre of it a couple of weeks prior.

When it was raining on the morning of the day, the event was switched to an alternative, the White Box Walk in the Chiltern Forest. Had the wet weather persisted, we could all have abandoned ship and headed into nearby Chiltern for cover. As it turned out, we had gentle drizzle for the first part and nothing more. The group even had lunch outdoors at the convenient picnic tables at the conclusion of the walk. Everyone was home in time to listen to the footy!

OUR SECRETARY, GLENDA

Glenda Hall, our secretary, is a relative newcomer to the Club and was elected at our last AGM. She works for Regional Development Victoria as a Business Development Manager, so you can imagine the skills that she brings as our secretary.

Glenda was born in Melbourne and came to Wangaratta when she was sixteen when her family bought a general store. She was reluctant to leave Melbourne at the time, but that all changed when she met “a wonderful young man”. John and Glenda were married for nearly 35 years when John passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Glenda started work in Wangaratta at the courthouse in an administrative capacity. Later, she joined local solicitors, the McSwineys until Melinda, their first daughter, was born. She enjoyed being a mum, joining kindergarten and school committees, and being a Brownie leader. Now she delivers economic development programs and assistance on behalf of the state government to councils and innovative businesses in Wangaratta and surrounding municipalities.

With three daughters and six grandsons, living in the North East, Glenda maintains close ties with her family.

Husband John introduced Glenda to the outdoors, and the family enjoyed the bush on camping trips and holidays. Now, she enjoys her walks with the Warby Walkers, and has ventured further afield with Irene Knox (another of our new committee persons), camping in central Australia, walking the Milford track, and now planning the overland walk in Tassie in the New Year.



PERSONAL SNIPPETS

Former President Val is having a rough trot. She has an ailment that causes her to lose her balance. Val feels that her participation in walks is very much at risk. We wish Val all the best. Drop around and see her if you can.

President Kerrie and Paul Davenport are enjoying walking so much that they are off to New Zealand to do the Routeburn Track late January. Lucky people!

Isabel Moore, former treasurer, has shifted to St John's Village. She is frustrated by a recurrence of throat problems, so say “Hi” to Isabel.

Adrian and Helen Twitt managed some walks on their recent long journey (16 000 kms!) to see their daughter and son-in-law in Halls Creek, W.A.. The gorges of Karrijini and Kalbarri National Parks were among their favourites, but they enjoyed impressive coastal walks too. The wildflowers were special, but greatly reduced by the drought. Yes, it has been dry in the West too!

Judy Shaw, we are told, is in the West too. A popular place at this time of the year.

John Lloyd has just left for Germany. He is visiting a married son and a grand daughter whom he has never seen. John is a keen skier, so we don't see him on many winter walks. During his sojourn, in Europe, he is doing a ten day Ramblers walk in Majorca.

Sue Dorrington has had a recent trip to Borneo and Malaya. It's amazing where our members get to at times.

Since our last newsletter, Joy and Bill Rosser, our newly installed life members, have cruised the Kimberley coast and travelled the Gibb River road. As an aside, we are informed by insurers contracted by VicWalk, that the age at which insurance will cover walkers has been raised to 85. And there is no charge for octogenarians under that age. Joy wonders whether they should hand in their life membership until a later date!

BRIGHT AND BEYOND,

November 17-19.

The Vic Walk BIG weekend at Bright is coming up SOON. Our Club is doing the afternoon tea on the Saturday, so we are looking for volunteers. We are also helping to lead some of the walks, and also do the bus shuttle on Mt Buffalo.

The Club has booked two rooms (four beds in each) at River Lodge, Bright, right near the registration area. It is in the Bright Caravan Park, Cherry Avenue. The Lodge has a kitchen with frig and cooking facilities as well as utensils, crockery etc. Those staying there need to bring their own towel and top sheet, but there are doonas. At this stage, we have filled the rooms with members. Please note that those who have booked are committed to paying for the two nights.

Most people going from Wangaratta will be planning to be in Bright early to mid afternoon on the Friday, as there are some afternoon walks that day. We encourage car pooling. Please contact others whom you know are going, to share rides.

Those who intend to go, need to fill in the attached registration form with cheque to our Secretary, Glenda Hall (15 Park Cres., Wangaratta), by October 23rd. Please be prompt.



BURROWA-PINE MOUNTAIN WEEKEND, October 21/22

This is an opportunity for camping out in this NP at a perfect time of the year to be outdoors. The Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park is between Tallangatta and Corryong and we plan to camp on the Saturday night.

Don't be put off, if you have no camping gear. The Twitt's tent has a separate room, if you wish to share with them. Otherwise, there are members with spare tents and other equipment. Just ring Adrian Twitt (5721 5327) if

you would like to borrow anything. But remember that Andy Kimber is the contact person for booking for the weekend.

To make it easy, we are leaving from Wangaratta on Saturday morning, so you have Friday evening to prepare. That way, we only have one evening meal (there are barbeques there if the fire danger doesn't prevent a fire), two lunches and a breakfast to take.

There will be short/easy and longer, more difficult walks offered. There's a choice.

EXPLORATION WEEKEND



Now here's a chance to have an adventure! Get lost? Fall into a river?

On the weekend of December 2/3 there will be a variety of one day (or half day) walks led by Club members to places yet to be explored by our Club. Murray, Adrian, Pat, Sue, Alan, Glenda and John, are each selecting a locality that has potential for a walk to be offered in the future. The idea is that two or three people in each case, explore an area and report back. You can join any one according to your taste and there should be something to suit everyone.

On the Monday evening (Dec 4), we plan to come together to share our adventures. We thought a counter tea at a pub seemed a possibility. Further details next newsletter.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

Put the date of our Christmas party in your diary now (see program sheet). It will be at Sue Dorrington's place. Thanks for offering, Sue. More details in the next newsletter.

Melbourne Cup weekend always co-incides with the Jazz Festival. We have been invited to join the Berwick Club for a weekend (four days if you wish) in the Bacchus Marsh area. The Rossers are our local contacts, but Clio and Ken Curtis, whom many of our members know, are the leaders of what looks like an excellent program.

Another weekend to put in your diary is our annual High Country weekend. We are staying at Wangaratta Ski Lodge, with its great facilities on the first weekend of January.

We are giving everyone advanced notice of a "week away" from March 17 to March 25 inclusive. That is two weekends with the week in between. Andy Kimber has booked "Bunga Haven", a private lodge near Lakes Entrance which has remarkably cheap accommodation, and is located by Lake Bunga in an area that some would say is paradise. We will need to have some idea of numbers wishing to go, either for one of the two weekends, or the week in between, or the entire period. We are committed to paying for every room. Book with Andy (see program sheet).

WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKING CLUB COMMITTEE.

Kerrie Davenport (President)
Andy Kimber (Vice President)
Glenda Hall (Secretary)
Murray Shaw (Treasurer)
Adrian Twitt (Walks Co-ordinator)
Pat Kuhle (Assistant Walks Co-ordinator)
Catherine Anderson
Irene Knox
Alan Raison
Judy Shaw
John Lloyd



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc. **WALKS PROGRAM**

October – December 2006

DETAILS OVERLEAF

OCTOBER 7 Saturday	MT POREPUNKAH Contact: Pat Kuhle	MEDIUM-HARD 5722 9173
OCTOBER 21/22 Saturday-Sunday	BURROWA-PINE MT NATIONAL PARK Contact: Andy Kimber	VARIOUS GRADES 5766 2207
NOVEMBER 4-7 Saturday-Tuesday	BACCHUS MARSH WEEKEND Contact: Joy Rosser	VARIOUS GRADES 5722 1947
NOVEMBER 7 Tues (Cup Day)	SUNRISE TRACK-WARBY RANGE Contact: Pat Kuhle	EASY-MEDIUM 5722 9173
NOVEMBER 17/18/19 Friday-Sunday	VICWALK BRIGHT WEEKEND Contact: Adrian Twitt	VARIOUS GRADES 5721 5327
DECEMBER 2/3 Saturday or Sunday	EXPLORATION DAYS Contact: Adrian Twitt	VARIOUS GRADES 5721 5327
DECEMBER 16 Saturday	CHRISTMAS PARTY Contact: Sue Dorrington	5721 3086
JANUARY 5/6/7 Friday-Sunday	MT. ST. BERNARD WEEKEND Contact: Adrian Twitt	VARIOUS GRADES 5721 5327
MARCH 17-25 Sat to Sun Week	LAKES ENTRANCE WEEK PLUS Contact: Andy Kimber	VARIOUS GRADES 5766 2207

MT POREPUNKAH, October 7

A day trip to one of the prominent features overlooking the Ovens Valley and across to the Victorian Alps. The views from the top are magnificent. The full walk is 22 kms long, with a reasonably gentle but consistent walk up the mountain, and a very steep descent down, completing a circuit. An optional much less challenging walk is being offered which will be shorter and avoid the steep descent.

BURROWA-PINE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, October 21-22

Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park is located between Tallangatta and Corryong. We will be camping in the Park on Saturday night, leaving Wangaratta on Saturday morning, having lunch on arrival, with an easy afternoon walk. There will be a variety of walks offered the next day. Expected time of return is late afternoon, arriving back in Wangaratta about 7.00 pm on Sunday. However, those wishing to return earlier may have the option to do so with a shorter walk on Sunday.

The camping area has pit toilets and a tap. You are advised to bring water, but this should be rationalized in car pooling to avoid doubling up. Water is heavy! Those who have no camping gear, but would like to go, please contact Adrian Twitt (5721 5327). For all other enquiries re departure time, car pooling etc, contact Andy Kimber (5766 2207).

BACCHUS MARSH WEEKEND, November 4-7

We are joining the Berwick Club for this event at the invitation of Clio Curtis. Participants will be staying at the Bacchus Marsh Caravan Park. There are cabins available and if you mention that you are with Berwick Bushwalkers and stay for the three nights, you will get a discount. Phone the caravan park on 5367 2775 for bookings. On Saturday afternoon there is a half day easy walk in the Lerederg area; Sunday a 14 km full day walk in Long Forest; Monday a full day walk from O'Briens Crossing to the Lerederg State Forest; Tuesday, a half day walk in the morning. Local Wangaratta contact is Joy Rosser, phone 5722 1947. Car pooling encouraged.

SUNRISE TRACK-WARBY RANGE, November 7

A morning walk in the Warby Range, led by Pat Kuhle. Participants will meet at the end of Del'Oro Road at the commencement of the walk. The total distance is 10 ten kms, but shorter alternatives are available. While the first part of the walk is quite steep, the majority of the walk is on gentle slopes and considered easy. There are great views across the Ovens Valley from the escarpment of the Warby Range.

VICWALK BRIGHT WEEKEND, November 17-19

This is the annual Federation walks weekend in which walkers from across the State and beyond come together. A great variety of walks are offered in the Bright, Mt Buffalo, Mt Hotham and High Plains area. Registrations are on the basis of the whole weekend. Participants are asked to bring emergency contact information and carry this with themselves on all walks (eg in an empty film canister). Event registration opens at 1.00 pm on Friday at the River lodge (Bright caravan Park). Bring your own mug for tea and coffee. Entry fees to the Mt Buffalo NP are included in the cost of registration. On Buffalo a shuttle bus will move people between walks. You will receive a walks booklet on arrival. Popular walks are expected to fill up quickly, so come early.

EXPLORATION DAYS, December 2 and 3

Join one of half-a-dozen or more exploratory walks led by committee members of the Club. Walks will be into areas which are unfamiliar territory but in the Wangaratta region. There will be short walks, long walks, easy walks and hard walks held on either Saturday or Sunday (or another day if the weather is unsuitable). You can select which you wish to join. Contact Adrian Twitt the Walks Co-ordinator, phone 5721 5327, for details closer to the time. In most cases, the leaders would wish to have a minimum of three persons on each walk but no more than four. On Monday evening, December 4th, there will be a coming together for a counter tea, to discuss the outcomes.