

WARBY RANGE
BUSHWALKERS
2008



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

NEWSLETTER 1, 2008



CHRISTMAS BBQ

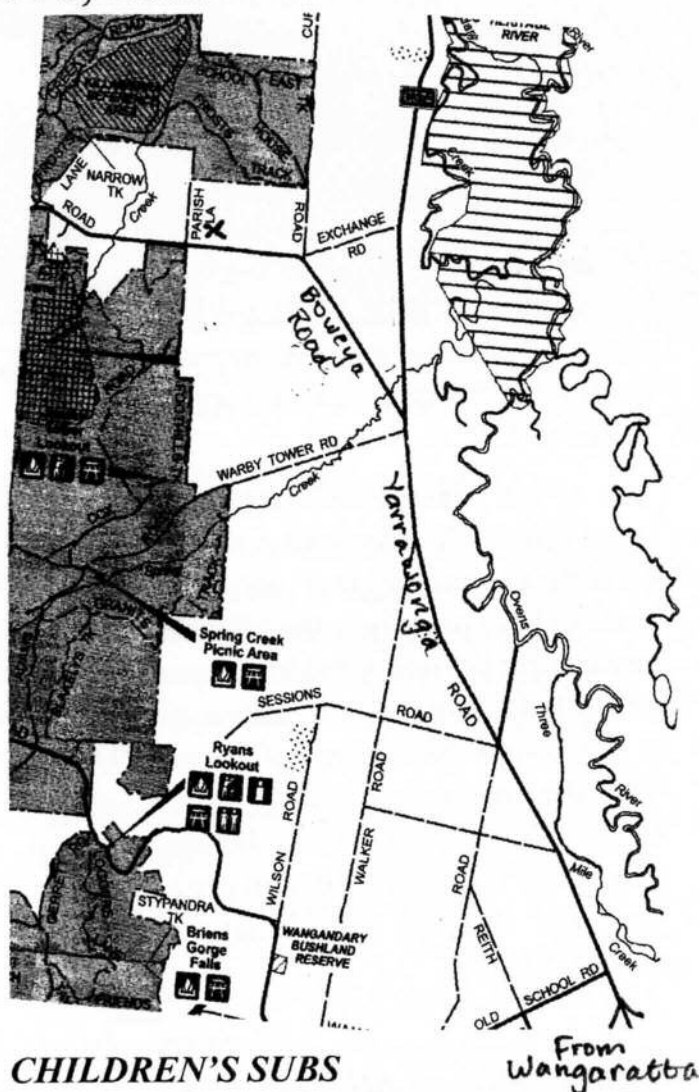
Celebrate the end of the Warby Walkers year at the barbeque party at Peter and Kate Murray's place on Friday 14th December, 7.00 pm. Bring your partner and children. There's a swimming pool, tennis court, and an opportunity for a short walk in the bush. So bring togs, tennis racquet and walking shoes too.

The Murray's place is at Killawarra. Travel along Yarrawonga Road from Wangaratta until you come to Boweya-St James Road (about 12 kms from Phillipson St). Turn left. Travel along Boweya Rd 4 kms, and look for the balloons on the fence on the right. The entrance to the Murray's place is on Parish Lane about 80 metres from the Boweya Road.

Bring meat and drinks, chairs, and own plates, cutlery and glasses. Ring the Murrays and let them know whether you are bringing a salad, dessert, or nibbles. (ph 5726 9337)

MID-WEEK WALKS

Murray Shaw led the first of our mid-week walks in the last quarter. To date, these have been quite a success though with small numbers. You will notice that we are offering another in the next program. Why not take up the opportunity? Thanks Murray for your help.



CHILDREN'S SUBS



This year, we have welcomed a number of school age children on our walks. Wonderful! And they are often at the head of the pack, setting a rapid pace.

At our recent Committee meeting, we set a new subscription rate for children. It will be \$10 per annum (half price until March 31st). It will be lovely to welcome junior members to the Club.



WEEKEND AT FALLS CREEK, JAN 5&6, 2008

Hopefully you won't need skis for our annual

High Plains weekend of summer walking. We have booked Myrtleford Ski Lodge, but you will have to be quick if you want a place. **Bookings close Dec 17th**. Members will get priority. Contact Kerri Davenport (ph 5726 9376)

Most people plan to arrive Friday evening, as the walks on Saturday will start quite early. You may stay an extra night or two at the end of the weekend if you wish. The cost is \$21 per person per night. On Friday evening, we will be having a barbeque, so bring appropriate food for it.

This year, as well as arranging some relatively easy walks, we are offering an 'overnighter' for those who want to backpack into the High Plains and camp out (and we don't expect you'll have to pay for an unoccupied bed at the Lodge that night). If you don't have the appropriate camping gear, John Lloyd (ph 5765 2476) may be able to arrange it, but you'll need to organize your own sleeping bag. What about giving it a go?

WHERE DO WE MEET?

APEX PARK

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE

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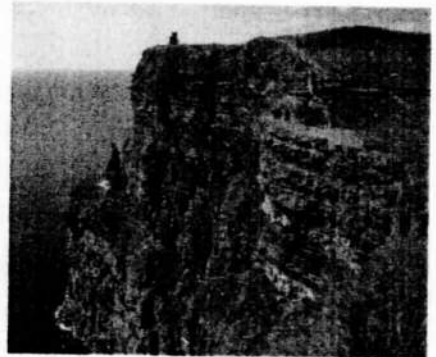
Apex Park has good parking and toilets, and being on the fringe of town, is well placed for an easy departure and car-pooling

GREAT OCEAN WALK

10-15 March 2008

We have already had a huge response from members wanting to be part of 2008's 'week away'. The program is designed to suit walkers of all abilities, with easy and more difficult walks offered each day. Alternatively, you can just be part of the crowd and enjoy the social side. For those who would like to do an overnight camp along the coast, a two day segment of back packing is included too. Bob Shaw, along with other

members, has put in a lot of work designing the program, which is included in detail in this newsletter.



The Great Ocean Walk starts at Apollo Bay and heads along the coast in the direction of Port Campbell.

Participants are staying at the Marengo Camping Ground – some in cabins, some in their own camping accommodation. If you haven't booked, check with Glenda Hall about arrangements (ph 5721 5114; glenda.hall@rdv.vic.gov.au). Most people will be arriving at Apollo Bay on the afternoon of Labour Day, March 10th.

Those who want to do the two-day overnight hike, must book with John Lloyd by December 17th as camping sites on the route must be pre-booked. When we went to print, John, Pat, Adrian and Bob and Judy, had indicated their intention of doing the overnighiter. You might like to join them.

HEALESVILLE WEEKEND

We have heard that our Club had the best attendance of any walking club in the recent annual Federation Weekend walks program. Held this year in the Healesville area on the last Sunday in October, we also took the opportunity to explore the Cathedral Range. This we did on Saturday, on the way down to Healesville. We had been planning to 'do' this Range for some time, so it was a great opportunity and we were not disappointed.

The Sunday walks in the Healesville area were many and varied – so numerous that it would make another excellent 'week away' some time in the future.

WALK BOOKINGS

Have people forgotten that leaders need the courtesy of two days minimum to book for a walk? At the recent Pangerang Lookout walk, only three people including the leader had booked for the walk, by the eve of the event. The leader decided to cancel. Within minutes, the telephone rang with more enquiries.

By the end of the same evening, thirteen were booked, and the walk went ahead. It was a very successful event, and though it rained, only two people cancelled. And, just think – an enjoyable walk on our program might not have happened. The lesson? Please book at least two days in advance.



President Kerri Davenport, with Walks Co-ordinator, Adrian Twitt and Helen Twitt at the crest of the Cathedral Range.

FORTHCOMING PROGRAM

We have had a very successful program over the last quarter, with no walks cancelled, and all walks appear to have been very successful. If you missed out over the spring, what about participating in one of the summer walks?

We always try to program our summer walks in 'cool' areas. Our weekend in the High Country is always popular and usually booked out. If you can't attend for any reason, try one of the day walks.

There are a couple of occasions you might try two-day back packing – during the High Plains weekend, and during the Great Ocean Week. It is a very long time since the Club has offered this extra challenge. Neither will be difficult. If

you want to participate, you obviously need to book for one or both of these programs. If you have not got the equipment, contact the leader (see details) elsewhere.

**ALAN RAISON –
VETERAN
WALKER**

Those of us who have tried to keep up with Alan Raison on walks should not be surprised to learn that he was

no mean sprinter in his younger days. He competed in professional events across north east Victoria, even the Stawell gift, winning enough races to cause others to take note.

Alan was also a keen footballer, playing with

Milawa in the Ovens and King League, for 17 years. He won their best and fairest, and went on to boundary umpire for them for 13 years. He was awarded a life membership of Milawa F.C.

He enjoyed playing tennis, in earlier years winning the hardcourt B-grade doubles championship. In retirement, he likes to hit a golf ball, and go to the gym. No wonder Alan is so fit!

Alan was born on a small farm in South Wangaratta, where he also went to school. He did farm work after leaving school and then worked for Irving's Hardware which was sited where the Pinsent

carpark now is. He spent most of his working life in hardware businesses, going on to the Co-store and then managing French's hardware (now Mitre 10).

Alan met his wife, Tim, at Milawa after football one day, and they married in Milawa in 1956. Today, they live in the neatest house and garden in Wangaratta. His vegetable garden is worth a look.

Alan doesn't easily give away his age. Let's say he is an advanced septuagenarian! In retirement, he has done 13 years of voluntary work for Uniting Care, carrying out maintenance work on their many buildings under an aged care program. He is a member of Probus, and an enthusiastic member of the Warby Walkers.

Alan has been a member of our Club for twenty years, serving on the committee since 1993, and has been Walks Co-ordinator, as well as an event leader. He is often seen helping the slower walkers, in spite of his own ability to speed up the steepest slopes. And although he is noted for getting lost (temporarily), he is always there at the end.

Below:

Alan turns to give a helping hand to others climbing Mt Typo.





WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc. **WALKS PROGRAM**

January-March 2008

(DETAILS OVERLEAF)

JANUARY 5 & 6 Saturday & Sunday	BOGONG HIGH PLAINS Contact: Kerri Davenport	VARIOUS GRADES 5726 9376
JANUARY 19 Saturday	HOWQUA RIVER Contact: Adrian Twitt	EASY-MEDIUM 5721 5327
FEBRUARY 3 Sunday	MORSES CREEK - WANDILIGONG Contact: John Lloyd	EASY 5765 2476
FEBRUARY 7 Thursday	MOUNT GLENROWAN Contact: Murray Shaw	EASY-MEDIUM 5721 3730
FEBRUARY 16 Saturday	SOUTH BUFFALO Contact: Alan Raison	EASY 5721 7886
FEBRUARY 25 Monday	COMMITTEE MEETING(7.00 pm) WALKS PLANNING MEETING(8.00 pm) Contact: Adrian Twitt	5721 5327
MARCH 2 Sunday	BACK PARADISE FALLS Contact: Murray Shaw	MEDIUM 5721 3730
MARCH 10-16	GREAT OCEAN WALK Contact: Bob Shaw	VARIOUS GRADES 5766 2773
MARCH 29 Saturday	MT JACK Contact: Adrian Twitt	MEDIUM-HARD 57215327
APRIL 7 Monday	ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM Contact: Glenda Hall	5721 5114

BOGONG HIGH PLAINS, January 5th-6th Walks on the High Plains are not difficult and can be very enjoyable in summer in cool altitudes. Appropriate clothing is required in case of adverse conditions. Accommodation is at the Myrtleford Ski Lodge, Falls Creek (5726 9376 for bookings). An easy-medium walk will be offered each day, in addition to an overnight camp-out for those who wish. The two day walk is 19 km long commencing Pretty Valley Pondage and via Mt Jim to camp near a waterfall at High Plains Creek. Return by lunchtime on Sunday. Those intending to do the overnight campout should contact John Lloyd (5765 2476) regarding necessary equipment.

HOWQUA RIVER, January 19th For this event we are joining the Benalla Bushwalkers. The Howqua River is a mountain stream, in the Mt Buller area. A circuit will be followed commencing at Tunnel Bend following the river upstream and then a bridle path to Five Mile Creek, returning via the upper bridle path with great views up and down the Howqua Valley. There are crystal clear water holes suitable for swimming, so bring togs and towel. Appropriate footwear for crossing the river is necessary, as being barefooted is inadvisable when crossing the stream. Bring a torch if you wish to go through the tunnel at Tunnel Bend.

MORSES CREEK – WANDILIGONG, February 3rd This walk follows the Morses Creek, along its shady banks from Bright to the township of Wandiligong. It is relatively easy fourteen kilometre return, with an opportunity to stroll around the old gold town.

MT GLENROWAN, February 7th This mid-week walk is from the Taminick Gap in the Warby Range to the highest point in the Range, Mt Glenrowan, which overlooks the township of the same name. There are good views along much of the track. The return is approximately 10 kms and mostly on easy to medium grades.

MOUNT BUFFALO SOUTH, February 16th Two easy walks are offered – an 8 km return walk to the South Buffalo view point from Cresta, and a 3 km return walk to Dickson's Falls. Both walks are through alpine grassy areas, heath with some snow gums, and both have magnificent views at their end points. Dickson's Falls is one of the more spectacular on Mount Buffalo.

BACK PARADISE FALLS, March 2nd A walk of approximately 13 kms in the Wabonga Plateau area. The track is largely through bushland, and takes in the interesting formation that creates Paradise Falls.

GREAT OCEAN WALK, March 10th – 16th This has become one of Australia's iconic coastal walks through heath and forest, and along beaches, across headlands and following cliffs. We will be staying at a caravan park in Apollo Bay, and offering day and half day walks, and a two day over-night backpacking and camping experience for those who wish.

MOUNT JACK, March 30th Located in the Dederang area, Mt Jack rises above surrounding forests and valleys to an altitude of 1200 metres. The 16 km circuit follows 4WD tracks, steep at times, but very rewarding.

ARE YOU NEW TO WALKING?

WHY NOT JOIN ONE OF THE EASIER WALKS
(there are plenty on offer in the Warby Range Bushwalkers program)
ASK A FRIEND TO COME WITH YOU
Visitors pay only \$5 for a walk, and you get your money back
if you decide to join in the current year ending March 31st.
Joining fee is \$12.50 until then. Annual Subscription is currently \$25



Warby Walkers
Great Ocean Walk – Monday March 10th to Sunday March 16th 2008

DATE	OPTION	DESCRIPTION	KM	DESCRIPTION
Tuesday March 11	Day walk - easier	Parker Hill gate to Blanket bay	7	Medium
	Day walk - harder	Parker Hill gate to Shelley Beach	20	Medium/Hard
Wednesday March 12	First day of the overnight camp	Parker Hill to Cape Otway to Aire River	14	Easy/Medium then Medium
	Day walk only	Parker Hill to Cape Otway to Aire River	14	Easy/Medium then Medium
Thursday March 13	Second day of the overnight walk	Aire R. to Johanna Beach	13.5	Medium
	Day walk - harder	Aire R. to Johanna Beach	13.5	Medium
	Day walk - easier	Johanna Beach to Castle Cove	7	Medium
Friday March 14	Day walk - harder	Hornes Rd/Melanesia Beach to Wattle Hill	13	Medium/Hard
	Day walk - easier	Wattle Hill towards Cape Volney return	12	Easy/medium
Sat March 15	Morning walk	Moonlight Head Rd., Wreck Beach Circuit, Devil's Kitchen	10	Medium
	Afternoon Walk	Princetown to Glenample Homestead	6	Easy



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ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM



It's that time of the year again! Join us (even if you are merely PLANNING to be a member) for our

annual dinner at: **Cafe Martini, Murphy Street, Wangaratta.**
6.30 for 7.00 pm, Monday, April 7th

There's no need to be scared that it is also our annual meeting. That part is always short and pleasant.

Book for the dinner by phoning Glenda Hall 5721 5114. We do need to have approximate numbers.

SUBS ARE NOW DUE!

Our financial year goes from 1st April to 31st

March, so it's now time to renew your membership, or join (if you are planning to do so).

The Committee is recommending at our AGM that subscriptions remain unchanged. It's \$25 per annum or \$45 a family. There's also a Junior (school age) membership of \$10, and an Associate membership of \$10.

If you just want to keep in touch with the Club's activities, or you are a member of another Club with affiliations with Vic Walk, then Associate membership might be for you. You will, of course, get our quarterly newsletters.



SEVENTY-SIX TROMBONES!

Well there were 76 trombones leading the big parade, according to the old musical. Now that our membership has reached 77, we have one extra to step out in front!

It's some years since our membership topped seventy, so we must be doing something right. The excellent turn-up for walks is testament to that.

If you didn't go on a walk in the last year, but paid your sub., don't despair – the best season for walking is autumn. So put on your walking shoes (or boots) and be in it!

10 CENTS A KILOMETRE

Club members rarely have to be reminded that, when we car pool for events, the driver should be given a retainer.



At our recent Committee meeting, it was agreed that the costs of motoring have risen significantly since we introduced a 7½ cent a kilometre charge for trips.

It has been raised to 10 cents a kilometre as from April 1st. So next time you get a ride, keep the new charge in mind.

CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR DOINGS

It was good to see Helen Hill back from South Korea again. Helen has now had two successive January stints teaching English in that country. She returned highly enthused about Korea.

Word has it that members Kate Murray and Bob Shaw have recently had big birthdays. Both are enthusiastic walkers. Kate seemed to be unfazed by her heavy pack on the two day High Plains walk.

Glenda Hall, our secretary, and Committee Member, Irene Knox, left our shores on Feb 3rd for NZ to take the Routeburn, Glacier Burn and Mount Aspiring walks. It's their second NZ expedition, and this time they had much more favourable weather. They are certainly keen bushwalkers (or 'trampers' as the Kiwis say). Glenda and Irene returned just in time to gather themselves for the Great Ocean Walk.



Irene looking worried. Glenda happily munching.

Not to be outdone, Maureen and Bob Phillips are in training for an expedition to the Andes and other South American destinations. Have you noticed that they have been tackling all our high altitude walks lately? Maureen seems anxious about altitude sickness. Surprise! Surprise!

Bob and Judy Shaw have taken to overnight back-packing with enthusiasm,

to the extent of organizing a few other intrepids to take a walk to Mount Feathertop, camping at Federation Hut and then down the Bon Accord track. The group had delightful weather and enjoyed the expedition.



On the other hand, another of our keen overnights, John Lloyd, has been literally stopped in his tracks. He has a hip problem that has cramped his style, and we haven't seen John on walks lately. Hope that changes soon, John.

While we are on hip problems, Liz Walpole currently has a similar ailment. She decided not to be with us in Falls Creek in January, though her family were instrumental in founding the Myrtleford Ski Lodge where we stayed for our High Plains walking program. But Liz's hip problem didn't stop her from going on a pre-paid trip to Italy in the recent past (2007) in which there was quite a component of walking. Liz was also an enthusiastic participant in our Great Ocean Walk held recently.



Good to have Ursula Cronin with us in Apollo Bay although she has a new grand daughter (another Ursula) born the previous week. Ursula is a long time member who lives in Sydney, and often joins us for our annual "week away".

Chris Gleeson won't be seen much on walks with us from now on. A relatively new and keen member, he unfortunately (for us), has taken employment in Melbourne. We hope it goes well, Chris.

It's good to see Joan and Ken Ellis joining us recently. Mind you, we tried

desperately to lose Joan on her first walk (near Pretty Valley) in January, but it hasn't deterred her coming again and bringing Ken along too.

President Kerrie Davenport invited her brother, Peter Whittington, from Omeo, to join us at Falls Creek in January. It was a delight to have Peter along and we welcome him as a new member.

OUR NEW MEETING POINT

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WET WEATHER EVENTS

Our policy of no cancellation due to rain still holds, though it fell in a sodden heap on January 19th.

A continuous downpour at first light brought cancellations from some of our own members, then of Benalla Bushwalkers who happened to be leading the walk. The more enthusiastic of us turned up at the scheduled time at Apex Park, glowered at the torrents, and then drowned our sorrows in a Wangaratta coffee shop. As it happened, the Howqua Valley was drenched in rain all day, so perhaps we did the right thing in not proceeding.

When on February 5th, a similar rain event seemed in the offing, we persisted. It was the Morses Creek walk. The rain

was so heavy when we were car pooling (again at Apex Park), that that was a problem in itself. It was dry driving to Bright, but then rain started again. We waited in a shelter for it to stop, set off, and managed the whole walk without mishap, though admittedly, rain recommenced late in the event.

It's been one of those summers! No extremely hot walking days until we headed to the Otways. Amazing.

OUR NEW URN

Ever had a tongue hanging out for a cup of tea or coffee after a walk, and we are miles from a coffee shop? Well, the Club has bought an urn to supply your needs.

From now on, unless we end our walk within or close to a town, you will have tea and coffee supplied. Just bring your own mug and Pat will see to the rest



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A REMEDY FOR BLISTERS

There's no need to suffer from blisters on your feet any more. All you need to do is to put on 'second skin'. You can get it at selected chemists (Curtis - Adams in Reid Street, Wangaratta has it).

If you get a blister on a walk, sometimes a band-aid will do. But to keep going for some distance, 'second skin' is the answer.



The Club will have 'second skin' available in its first-aid kit, carried on walks, if you don't happen to have your own supply.

FEDERATION WEEKEND

The Warby Walkers are gaining a reputation for their enthusiastic attendance at Federation Weekend walks, held once a year by Vic Walk. In 2006, we were part of the organizing committee for a big program of walks in the Bright area, attracting 450 walkers from all over the State. Last year, we sent the largest contingent of any club to the walks around Healesville.



The Club will be participating in this year's Federation Weekend based at Beaufort in the Western District on **October 18-19**, so write it in your diary now. Accommodation is scarce, as it is a small town. If you want comfort, I would book a motel room now. Otherwise, the option might be the camping ground/caravan park.

HIGH PLAINS PROVES ANOTHER WINNER

Myrtleford Ski Lodge was almost booked out for the annual walk weekend in the high country. The weekend provided a variety of walk options, from easy to medium, to even a two day back-packing expedition for those who wanted it. The wildflowers were at their peak, and the weather was near perfect.

Those who went on the two day back-packing, enjoyed a swim at the bottom of the falls along the High Plains Creek.



High Plains Weekend

1. Setting off on day one at Pretty Valley Lake
2. Back packers on the return
3. Adrian enjoys a swim
4. After a cool off in High Plains Creek

DO YOU ENJOY BACK-PACKING?



Some of our members are becoming keen back-packers. They have bought the necessary equipment, and are wanting to use it. We have incorporated a couple of overnight back-packing events into our recent program. The most recent has been along the Great Ocean Walk.

If you want to add your name to the list of would-be back-packers (minimum two days), contact the Walks Co-ordinator, Adrian Twitt (5721 5327).

As with weekend events, if you want to go on a two-day (or more) walk, priority is given to Club members. In any case, you must have membership with Vicwalk.

MT BUFFALO TRACK MAINTENANCE

Bushwalking Victoria and Parks Victoria organize track maintenance weekends in various parts of the State. You will appreciate that the fires of last year burnt out many tracks, and while much work has been done, more is required.

There is a weekend in our area on Mount Buffalo, Sat/Sun April 5/6. If you are interested, contact Jim Harker 9547 1152 jnharker@netspace.net.au

DECLARE YOURSELF A WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKER

We have a great logo – the symbol of the Warby Range. You can either get the logo machined onto your favourite T-



shirt, or purchase a T-shirt of your choice at Steers, Norton Street, Wangaratta (almost opposite the railway station). It's one way of identifying yourself as a Club member, especially when we enter that favourite coffee shop at the end of a walk, or are involved in an event in which other clubs participate.

Whether or not you have had the logo embroidered onto your clothing, make sure you wear your name badge on walk events. We have had many new members lately, and it helps them a lot.

GREAT OCEAN WALK

10-15 March 2008

A record thirty members converged on Apollo Bay for this year's 'week away', an event that attracted a swag of new members (we're now well above the 77 figure mentioned earlier!)

It was impossible not to enjoy it especially as the Great Ocean Walk must be one of the great coastal wilderness walks in the world. A kaleidoscope of seascapes, beaches, shipwreck sites, pounding surf, cool rivers, dramatic cliffs, and changing bushland, was the setting. We had the experience of walking through giant eucalypts and tree ferns, and less imposing ti-tree and scrub. Sleepy koalas kept one eye on our movements, with wallabies and the fattest snakes you could encounter, crossing our paths.

Bob Shaw excelled himself with the organization. We had detailed maps, with alternative easier and harder walks daily, and strategic car shuttles etc. to make life easier.

All went to plan until a late week heat wave elicited a mandatory rest day on the Friday. So much for this summer's cool walking days! Congratulations to

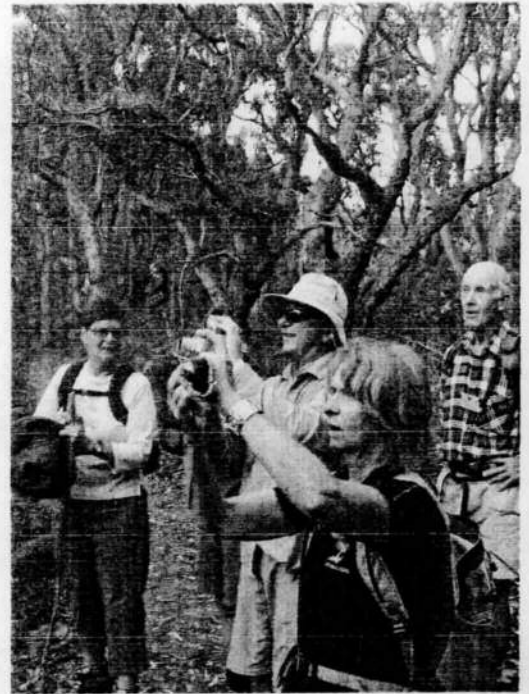
Alan Raison and Murray Shaw who completed the whole 93 kms in grand style.

Happy hours in the Marengo Camp kitchen at day's end, and the proximity to the beach, added to the enjoyment.

Next year's 'week away' will have much to live up to.



Maureen Phillips cleans her footwear to prevent the spread of phytomyces (left)



Koala spotting and the mandatory photo shoot.



Margeret Brickhill, Ursula Cronin and Helen Twitt prepare lunch for the track. (right)



A pause to take in the sea air (left)

Alan Raison found the light house cemetery intriguing (below)





Di Pettigrew, Glenda Hall and Irene Knox enjoy pre-dinner drinks (left)

Judy Lardner, Karen Davis, and Glenda Hall stride it out (right)

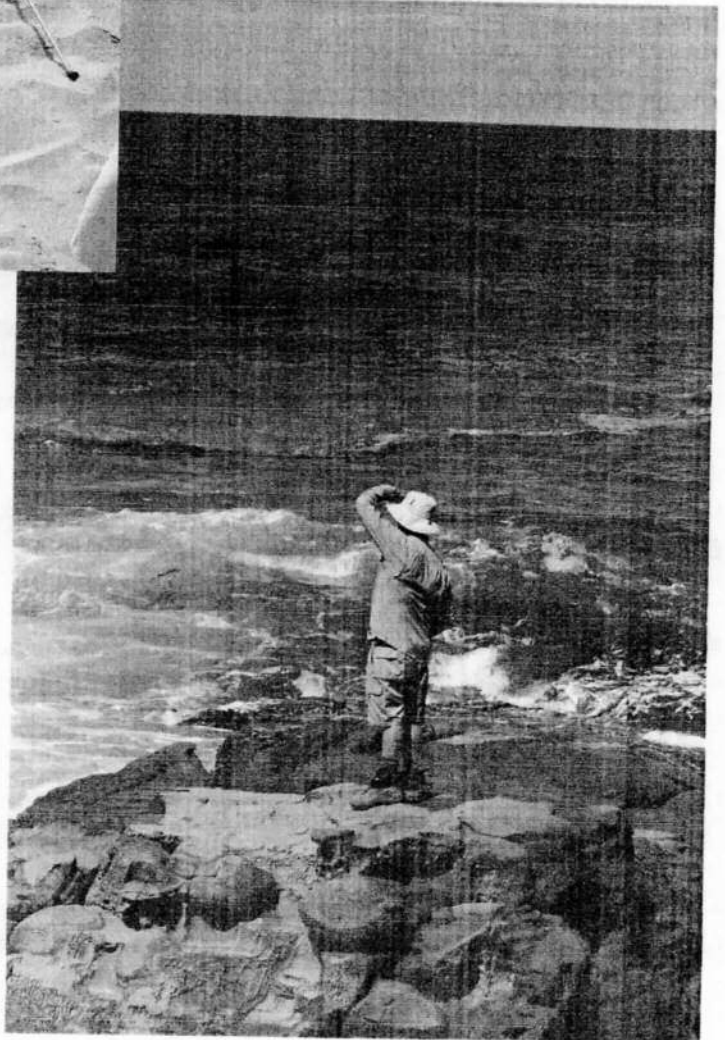


Kerry and Paul enjoy the sands of Rainbow Beach



Bob Shaw (right). Is he looking for a lost tribe of walkers?

New members, Bruce and Wil Meager at wreck beach



CHECK LISTS

CHECK LIST FOR ORDINARY DAY WALK

1. **Day pack.** Of adequate size and comfortable fit.
2. **Fluid.** An amount sufficient to last at least the duration of the walk.
(As a guide—one litre for each 10 km of the walk)
3. **Food.** Lunch plus high energy snacks plus some reserve.
4. **Wet weather gear.** Waterproof and coat and waterproof over trousers.
5. **Woolen jumper** (If not being worn).
6. **Attire.**
 - (a) Sturdy boots.
 - (b) Woolen socks. (2 pair).
 - (c) Jumpers as required.
 - (d) Shorts or trousers (no denim).
 - (e) Long sleeved shirt with collar.
 - (f) Hat with brim.
 - (g) Sunglasses.
7. **Other personal items.**
 - (a) Sunscreen.
 - (b) Band-Aids.
 - (c) Matches.
 - (d) Safety pins.
 - (e) Note book and pencil.
 - (f) Toilet paper.
 - (g) Elastic bandages.
 - (h) Whistle.
 - (j) Compass.
 - (k) Spare bootlaces.
 - (l) Personal medication for conditions such as asthma, blisters or sunburn.

CHECK LIST FOR ALPINE DAY WALK

1. **Day pack.** Of adequate size and comfortable fit.
2. **Fluid.** An amount sufficient to last at least the duration of the walk **plus a reserve.**
(As a guide—one litre for each 10 km of the walk)
3. **Food.** Lunch plus high energy snacks **plus significant reserve.**
4. **Wet weather gear.** Waterproof coat and waterproof over trousers.
5. **Extra tracksuit** (top and trousers) or similar.
6. **Woolen jumper** (If not being worn).
7. **Balaclava** or beanie plus woolen gloves or mitts.
8. **Spare socks.**
9. **Thermal underwear,** gloves and socks or similar if you have them.
10. **Attire.**
 - (a) Sturdy boots. (Must)
 - (b) Woolen socks. (2 pair).
 - (c) Jumpers as required.
 - (d) Shorts or trousers (no denim).
 - (e) Long sleeved shirt with collar.
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 - (j) Compass.
 - (k) Spare bootlaces.
 - (l) Personal medication for conditions such as asthma, blisters or sunburn.
12. **Optional extras.**
 - (a) Pocket knife.
 - (b) Plastic poncho (recommended).
 - (c) Towel or absorbent cloth.
 - (d) 50m of light cord.





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WALKS PROGRAM

April-June 2008

(DETAILS OVERLEAF)

APRIL 6 Sunday	HOWQUA RIVER Contact: Adrian Twitt	EASY-MEDIUM 5721 5327
APRIL 10 Thursday	FRIENDS TRACK Contact: Murray Shaw	EASY 5721 3730
APRIL 20 Sunday	YACKANDANDAH TRACKS Contact: Andy Kimber	EASY 5766 2207
MAY 4 Sunday	PERIMETER TRACK, KILLAWARRA Contact: Peter Murray	EASY 5726 9337
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JUNE 1 Sunday	APEX LOOKOUT, BRIGHT Contact: Kerri Davenport	MEDIUM 5726 9376
JUNE 15 Sunday	TAYLORS GAP - BUCKLAND GAP Contact: Murray Shaw	HARD 5721 3730
JUNE 28 Saturday	WENHAMS TO BOOTHS Contact: Adrian Twitt	MEDIUM 5721 5327

WHO ARE THE WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS?

We are a Wangaratta-based Club, with members scattered far and wide. Our Club was formed over thirty years ago to cater for anyone with an interest in walking, and who want to appreciate the outdoors in scenic areas. We are named after the Warby Range just outside Wangaratta, and while most of our walks are not in the Range, many in the current program take advantage of its proximity. You can find out more details by contacting President Kerri (5726 9376), Secretary Glenda (5721 5114) or Walks Co-ordinator Adrian (5721 5327)

HOWQUA RIVER, April 6th For this event we are joining the Benalla Bushwalkers. The Howqua River is a mountain stream, in the Mt Buller area. A circuit will be followed commencing at Tunnel Bend following the river upstream and then a bridle path to Five Mile Creek, returning via the upper bridle path with great views up and down the Howqua Valley. Appropriate footwear for crossing the river is necessary, as being barefooted is inadvisable when crossing the stream. Bring a torch if you wish to go through the tunnel at Tunnel Bend. You might also like to bring togs and towel for a swim if you can brave the cold water.

FRIENDS TRACK, April 10th An iconic eight kilometre circuit in the Warby Range. This mid-week walk is mainly through bushland, commencing at the more open Wenhams Camp in the heart of the Range. A grand view across the Ovens Valley and Wangaratta at Kwat Kwat Lookout, is one of the features. There are no difficult grades.

YACKANDANDAH TRACKS, April 20th The Yackandandah area has a number of easy walks among its hills and ridges, and along its gorge. These walks centre on the old gold-fields town set in one of the most beautiful areas of north-east Victoria.

PERIMETER TRACK, May 4th This walk, in the Killawarra Forest follows the Perimeter and Orchard Tracks. The Killawarra Forest is a box-ironbark forest, part of the Warby Range State Park. The grade on this walk is easy.

WARBY RANGE, May 8th An exploratory walk following the main ridge of the Warby Range. The walk will not necessarily follow tracks, but the grades are easy and little scrub bashing is required.

CARBOOR HILLS, May 17th A 10 km walk along a ridge top in the Carboor Range. While the walk is largely through forest, there are excellent views into the adjacent valleys. The altitude varies from 363 metres to 553 metres and while much of the route has easy grades, there are some steep pinches.

APEX HILL LOOKOUT, June 1st A 6.5 kilometre walk starting in Bright. The walk is a circuit through pine and eucalypt forest. Grades are medium to steep, but provide a rewarding climb to a lookout across mountains and valleys at Apex Hill.

TAYLORS GAP TO BUCKLAND GAP, June 15th The hills bordering the Murrungee Basin offer steep grades through eucalypt forest. The walk follows existing four wheel drive tracks commencing at Taylors Gap on the Great Alpine Road.

WENHAMS TO BOOTHS, June 28th This walk will involve following compass directions through untracked bushland in the Warby Range, commencing at Wenhams Camp and reaching Booths Winery for lunch. The return, creating a circuit, will follow four wheel drive tracks.

ARE YOU NEW TO WALKING?

WHY NOT JOIN ONE OF THE EASIER WALKS
(there are plenty on offer in the Warby Range Bushwalkers program)

ASK A FRIEND TO COME WITH YOU

Visitors pay only \$5 for a walk, and you get your money back
if you decide to join later.

Annual Subscription is currently \$25 (Juniors \$10; Families \$45)



~WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS PRESIDENTS REPORT~
2007-2008

Once again it has been a most successful year for the club with numbers continuing to grow.

Our walks continue to be well attended even those which continued in the rain – Mt Barambogie, Lake Moodemere, Strathbogie Ranges and Morses Creek. The countryside can present a completely different aspect in varying weather conditions.

There have been many Out and About members who have joined us for walks and activities and our program has also included some combined walks with Benalla Bushwalkers. The Federation weekend in Healesville at which we can proudly say our club had the most attendees was also another opportunity to meet with fellow bushwalkers.

Weekends and weeks away have been particularly successful this year with the club enjoying the high country at Falls Creek, spectacular seascapes at Lakes Entrance and Apollo Bay and the beauty of inland NSW at The Rock and Galore. A special mention to the intrepid Murray Shaw and Alan Raison who completed the entire Great Ocean Walk over 5 days. Thanks to those who put up their hand up to take on the additional responsibilities involved in planning these trips.

There have been a number of innovations to our program this year.

In addition to our regular walks a very informative Compass and Map reading day and First aid course were held. Hopefully these two events will help to make us safer when in the bush. Thanks to Andy Kimber and Irene Knox for organizing these occasions.

Mid week walks are now taking place with numbers beginning to grow. Thanks to Murray Shaw for taking the lead. (As he always does).

Several members have undertaken the challenge of overnight hiking with walks on the Bogong High Plains and along the Great Ocean Walk and these look likely to be continued. Thanks to John Lloyd who has been of great assistance to this fledgling group.

Due to interest from those much younger we have also introduced a junior membership and would really love to see this number grow.

A very big thank you to all those who have assisted in some way, committee members, walks leaders, Kate and Peter Murray, Bob and Judy Shaw and Adrian and Helen Twitt who have opened their homes for social occasions and meetings throughout the year.

Finally thanks to everyone who through their enthusiasm, friendship and encouragement have allowed the club to be such a growing vibrant group.

Happy Walking

Kerri Davenport



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A SOCIAL EVENING WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Book now for our Club (and friends) Wine Evaluation Workshop accredited by Wodonga TAFE/King Valley Vignerons - Friday, 27 June. Guided Wine Tastings at two King Valley Wineries - one at each end of the Valley followed by a sensational three course meal with matching wines at Rinaldo's Restaurant (Dal Zotto Wines). Courtesy bus, pick up at 3pm from Olympic Pool, Swan Street & at Oxley school 3.15pm. Wine evaluation is suitable for everyone. Inexperienced tasters will be given instructions, with the tastings guided by winemakers before the meal. All this for only \$50 per person. Numbers to Glenda Hall no later than 19 June (phone 5721 5114 or email glenda.hall@rdv.vic.gov.au)

THE ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM

If you missed our Annual Dinner, you missed a great social evening. About thirty members jammed into an upstairs room at Café Martini for the occasion. Clearly, we will need a bigger venue next year. It was a noisy affair, with plenty of jollity arising from (bogus) awards' issued on the night.

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

We welcome Karen Davis, Jeanette Dickson and Bob Shaw to our new committee – all elected at our April AGM. Bob Shaw has replaced Judy Shaw on the committee, and John Lloyd has resigned. Thanks to John and Judy, who have done a great job as committee people. John is hoping that his hearing problems can be dealt with soon. Judy stepped down because, as she said, "One Shaw is enough on the committee." In fact, there are still two Shaws, as Murray Shaw is our Treasurer.



Executive trio – Murray Shaw, Kerri Davenport and Glenda Hall

Bob Shaw is the new walks co-ordinator, as Adrian Twitt has relinquished the job. After Bob's sensational work co-ordinating the Great Ocean Walk in March, Bob has already shown his talents.

Kerri Davenport was re-elected as President, and Glenda Hall re-elected as Secretary. They both have been superlative in their positions.

Murray Shaw, as Treasurer, indicated that we have had a small financial surplus for the year, so recommended that subs remain the same.



New Walks Co-ordinator, Bob Shaw with Judy.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO PAY YOUR SUB?

Subs have been rolling in thick and fast. Remember that our financial year goes from 1st April to 31st March, so it's renewal time for any who have not yet paid.



It's \$25 per annum or \$45 a family. There's also a Junior (school age) membership of \$10, and an Associate membership of \$10.



PROFILE OF COMMITTEE PERSON, PETER MURRAY

Peter Murray is serving his second year as a committee member of the Warby Range Bushwalkers.

Both he and Kate have already made quite a contribution to the Club. Their house and garden at Killawarra was thrown open for our last Christmas gathering. Peter also led a well attended walk in the Killawarra Forest locality on

a recent glorious autumn day. Both Kate and Peter participate in walks whenever time and family commitments allow them. (They have four adult children and 12 grandchildren – any advances on that among other members?)

Peter was born in Glenhuntly, but his family took up a dairy farm in Gippsland in his early years, before retreating back to the city again. So Peter began school in Brighton. His father then took up a farm at Lake Bolac where Peter finished primary school. His secondary schooling was at Monivae College, Hamilton, where Peter was an original boarder. Following school days, Peter spent a year working on the farm, and then started an Agricultural Science degree at Melbourne University.

During his studies, Peter also worked for the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, eventually becoming a full-time extension officer, producing journals for them. He later joined New Holland, also in publication and PR. Then Peter became a freelance journalist, developing an interest in ecology and conservation. As much was produced for schools, Peter thought it useful to do a Diploma of Education as a side line.

Peter and Kate met in 1965 (through football, we are told), and married in 1969. Peter played many sports when younger, and captained and coached East Bentleigh Football Club in A grade competition (they won the premierships!)

Peter's interest in the land had not abated. He and Kate bought their Killawarra farm in 1980, and developed a Ryland sheep stud. The drought of 1982, and a request from Galen to assist on their staff, brought Peter into teaching. Peter retired from Galen College only last year, after making a substantial contribution to the school.

Kate and Peter Murray at our annual dinner, with Andy Kimber, Club Vice President



Now he has more time to relax! He hasn't given up writing. Currently he is working on a history of the Catholic Church in Wangaratta. And, of course, you'll see him in-between time at walking events.

FEDERATION WEEKEND

As mentioned in our last newsletter, some of us will be participating in this year's Federation Weekend based at Beaufort in the Western District on **October 18-19**. Did you write it in your diary? Accommodation, including camping sites, is scarce, as it is a small town. There is a range of easy, medium and hard walks being offered in a part of the State which we would otherwise not explore.

If you are interested in going, please phone Adrian Twitt (5721 5327) as soon as possible, to get details. Don't put it off to another day.

ROLF'S MAP DONATION



Rolf Heetel is a founding member, and also a life member, of the Warby Range Bushwalkers. Appropriately, he chaired our latest AGM. Rolf has graciously donated his extensive map collection to the Club. Thanks Rolf. We are sure it will be very useful.

CLUB MEMBERS & THEIR DOINGS

Bob and Maureen Phillips, and Irene Knox, have just returned from South America, where they have spent the last few weeks. Not everything went to plan. They had real problems with their travel agent – just talk to them. The Inca Trail just didn't happen, but they booked themselves on to an alternative four day walk in the area, which proved excellent.

It seems that our members are on the move. Narelle Clarke, one of our newest members has just gone off to the U.K. for a trip. Pat Kuhle has headed north to Alaska. The Shaws (Bob and Judy) are leaving for an eight week camping trip to the outback (and no doubt a visit to their latest grand-child in Darwin). The Murrays are heading up to The Centre for a couple of weeks in the coming school holidays. Joan and Ken Ellis are also flying to Alice Springs during the school break and doing some touring. Karen and Rod Davis are planning a leisurely eight week camping trip into inland NSW. The Twitts have just returned from China, having avoided the earthquake, and Helen Hill enjoyed her trip to New York recently – no terrorists in sight. Jillian Kimber has been to see daughter Anna in England.

If you haven't seen life member, Joy Rosser, lately it is because she has had a cataract operation. The glare (even in winter light), is hard on her eyes.

Another life member, Helen Curtis, recently co-authored with husband Peter, a book on wetland plants of North-East Victoria. It's excellent. Contact Helen (5721 8937) for a copy.



WANT A GOOD PAIR OF BOOTS?

Club member, Robyn Ottaway has found her almost-new boots are a little too tight for her. They are Size 42 (Euro) Tvea brand, with gortex ankle support. \$75 (roughly half price) negotiable. Phone Robyn 57214856

RECENT WALKS

There have been excellent attendances at some of our walks in the last quarter.

Andy Kimber's 'stroll' around Yackandandah proved particularly enticing, with over twenty in attendance. Some thought Yack looked better for autumn colours than Bright.

Peter Murray's 'perimeter' walk in the Killawarra area had to be reconfigured because of DSE threats to burn some of the proposed area. The walk, again very well attended, proved longer than expected, but we don't think it has put people off walking again.

Those who joined Benalla with their Howqua Valley walk, were treated to roughly 20 river crossings. Luckily it was not a cold day, though it clearly would have been better in the summer when the scheduled event was literally washed out.



Wading through the Howqua River

Talking about being washed out, Alan Raison's walk to the Carboor Hills has had to be re-scheduled due to cold, wet conditions with snow down to 900 metres on the day. With cancellations,

there weren't sufficient takers to run the event. Everyone has the right to cancel out, of course, but remember that we aim to conduct our walks regardless of the weather.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BUSHWALKING VICTORIA

Lots of events are being held to celebrate this event.

One activity which you can enter is the photo competition. The theme is 'At a Natural Pace in a Natural Place'. Images must be submitted on CD or DVD and received by July 1st. Check the website, www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au.

Another activity is the Regent Honey Eater Project which is in the Lurg Hills, not far from us. We are being encouraged to be involved by helping this endangered bird with tree planting and establishing nesting boxes over several weekends in August and September. Phone Ray Thomas 5761 1515 or email raydavidthomas@hotmail.com.

RELAY FOR LIFE

A 24 hour fund raising walk is to be held in Wangaratta 4-5 October to aid cancer research. The idea is to have teams of participants, with at least one member walking at any time, so that the team completes a continuous 24 hour walk. It is anticipated that there will be many teams.

The Warby Range Bushwalkers is planning to enter. We would need at least 15 in the team so that it does not become too onerous on any participants. Please register with President Kerri Davenport (phone 5726 9376) by the end of June if you can be part of our team.



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WALKS PROGRAM

June – September 2008.

JUNE 15 Sunday	Taylor's Gap – Buckland Gap Contact – Murray Shaw	MEDIUM 5721 3730
JUNE 28 Saturday	Wenhams to Booths Contact - Adrian Twitt	MEDIUM 5721 5327
JULY 6 Sunday	<u>Chiltern - White Box Walk</u> Contact – Jeannette Dickson	EASY – MEDIUM 5766 2784
JULY 17 Thursday	<u>Mt Glenrowan</u> Contact – Judy Lardner	EASY – MEDIUM 0419 904 494
July 19 Saturday	<u>Carboor Hills</u> Contact - Alan Raison	EASY – MEDIUM 5721 7886
AUGUST 3 Sunday	<u>Top Crossing</u> Contact - Pat Kuhle	EASY – MEDIUM 5722 9173
AUGUST 17 Sunday	<u>King Valley, Turquoise Mine,</u> Contact – Bob Shaw	MEDIUM 5766 2773
AUGUST 21 Thursday	<u>Pine Gully & Pangarang Lookout</u> Contact – Karen Davis	EASY 5722 2540
AUGUST 30 Saturday	<u>Myrree Ridgetop</u> Contact – Adrian Twitt	EASY – MEDIUM 5721 5327
SEPTEMBER 6 Saturday	<u>Sunrise Track & Salisbury Falls.</u> Contact – Andy Kimber	EASY – MEDIUM 5766 2207
SEPTEMBER 11 Thursday	<u>Heritage Ovens River Nature Walk</u> Contact – Karen Davis	EASY – MEDIUM 572202540
SEPTEMBER 20 Saturday	<u>Mt. Meg</u> Contact – Peter Murray	EASY 5726 9337
OCTOBER 18/19	<u>Federation Weekend</u> Contact – Adrian Twitt	Located around Beaufort 5721 5327

A WEEK IN THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS (March 9 – 15, 2009)

As a follow-up to our successful week on the Great Otway's Walk in March 2007, we are planning a similar week in the Snowy Mountains from Monday March 9th 2009 (Labour Day Public Holiday) till Sunday March 15th 2009. Keep these dates (or at least some of them) free in your diary. There will again be graded walks to suit all comers – easy medium and hard!!

Taylor's Gap to Buckland Gap, June 15th The hills bordering the Murrumbidgee Basin offer steep grades through eucalypt forest. The walk follows existing four wheel drive tracks commencing at Taylor's Gap on the Great Alpine Road.

Wenhams to Booths, June 28th This walk will involve following compass directions through untracked bushland in the Warby Range, commencing at Wenhams Camp and reaching Booths Winery for lunch. The return, creating a circuit, will follow four wheel drive tracks.

Chiltern - White Box Walk, July 6th. The Chiltern - Mt. Pilot National Park is located in a box-iron bark forest 30 minutes north of Wangaratta. The walk commences at Cyanide Dam and follows a well designated track past old gold mine areas, mullock heaps and abundant evidence of old prospecting areas. It is a well maintained track with significant areas of interest well signposted.

Mt. Glenrowan, July 17th This 8km walk starts at the Taminick Gap and proceeds along a 4wd track to the summit. There are excellent views across to Mt Buffalo, the King valley and Lake Mokoan.

Carboor Hills, July 19th The track has some medium climbs but largely follows the ridge line on a well maintained track, towards Mt. Carboor. There are views in many directions - of Mt. Buffalo, the Hurdle Creek valley and Meadow Creek valley. There are large areas of red box and red stringy bark forest with little undergrowth.

Top Crossing, August 3rd This is a 10 - 12 km. easy-medium walk to Clear Creek in the Eldorado area. It is a very pretty and easily manageable walk for most. There are some attractive water falls, which will be visited, large outcrops of flat rocks and some evidence of the gold mining era in parts.

King Valley, Turquoise Mine, Black Range, August 17th - This is a medium graded walk starting along the Black Range track. The walk follows a fire track for 6km through very pleasant forest, with occasional glimpses of the beautiful King Valley. The mine itself began in the 1850's. There are plenty of tailings and fossicking is possible. The walk is largely downhill back to the car park.

Pine Gully & Pangarang Lookout, August 21st. - provides a good interpretation of the Warby Range State Park's natural values. This is a 5 km easy walk with panoramic views and is steep and rocky in a few places.

Myrree Ridgetop, August 30th A 10 km easy walk led by local farmer and Club member, Ken Ellis, from Banksdale to Myrree along a ridge separating the King valley and Boggy Creek valley. There are excellent views of the surrounding country side in many directions.

Sunrise Track & Salisbury Falls, September 6th The Sunrise walk is a complex of tracks which start with a climb up to the Warby Plateau. There are excellent examples of large groups of grass trees and there should be plenty of wildflowers in bloom. The walk then proceeds to the Salisbury Falls gorge area. The 10 km. walk will then be completed by a visit to a magnificent local native garden.

Heritage Ovens River Nature Walk, September 11th On wide clearly defined tracks, this walk along the Ovens commences 18 km from Wangaratta and involves a largely flat walk which meanders along the river flats with easy access to the river.

Mt Meg, September 20th The walk will involve exploring the Mt Meg Nature Conservation Reserve which is typical of the granite hills with exposed rocky outcrops found in the Warby Ranges. Although Mt Meg is only 100 metres higher than the surrounding country side, there are good views across to the Warby's and Thoon. There are a large variety of wildflowers to be seen, some extensive areas of native grasses and many stands of white cypress pine.



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc.

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CLUB MEMBERS & THEIR DOINGS

Frank Schumacher and Marilyn Joyce are departing soon. They have bought a house in Lara (near Geelong) to be close to family, but are still awaiting the sale of their Hamilton Park residence. Frank was secretary of our Club for some time, and led a number of walks. We will miss both Frank and Marilyn.



Peter Murray has again been in the news. Remember we featured him in our last newsletter. Well Peter had his appendix out in a rushed operation at the Wangaratta Hospital

recently. He has made a quick recovery and he and Kate flew off to a wedding in Queensland a few days later.

It was good to see Len Ashley on two of our July walks. Len is a member of Berwick Club as well as the Warby Walkers. He is a jet setter extraordinaire. Recent trips have been to Africa, and a flight following the old boomerang route through exotic countries, with many stopovers, between Oz and England. Next he's off to the Atlantic provinces of Canada.

Bob Shaw, our new Walks Co-ordinator, and Judy Shaw have a new grand daughter, born in Darwin. They timed their recent trip up north to enjoy the new arrival and to support their son and daughter-in-law.

There have been a lot of members on the move lately – too numerous to mention all. Most have been seeking the sun. In spite of all, our winter walks program has 'marched' along well.

We haven't seen Sue Dorrington for a while. That's because she has been overseas, and has driven herself all over France including Corsica.

New member, Garry Batchelor, spends quite a bit of the winter at Mt Hotham as a paramedic (and sees some of the results of thrills and spills). He and Helen have become enthusiastic Club members. Helen wonders whether we should include snow shoeing in our winter program. Too late for this year, but what do you think?



Former member, Jill Mallinder, had a stroke recently, but she is recovering well. Jill's father, Arnold Piesse, was one of the founders of the Club. Jill would like to be more involved, but family commitments, and now health issues, have intruded.

John and Evelyn Charalambous are moving to Bendigo. John hasn't been able to participate in many walks this year. Some of us may have read John's

books, which have done well in literary circles.

Alex and Janet Watson are about to leave for central Europe on one of Trevor Wickham's trips. Trevor is a local tour operator who has managed to entice others in our Club on one of his many trips abroad.

OUR WINING AND DINING

Thanks to Glenda Hall's organization, we had a sizable contingent of 23 to fill a small bus for our wine discovery trip up the King Valley at the end of June. After visits and tastings at Woodpark, Milawa, and Station Creek, Cheshunt, we were very ready for our dinner at Rinaldo's, Whitfield, where we arrived at 8.00 pm. The meal was a credit to the restaurant staff.

Surprisingly, many of the same participants turned up next morning for the walk from Wenhams (in the Warby Range) to Booths winery, with 23 members registered. There were wine tastings at lunchtime, before a delightful walk up a creek valley back to the cars. Some packs were heavier on the return with carefully selected Booths wines stowed inside. Great also to see some young people on this walk and others from as far afield as Kyabram.

OUR OWN WEBSITE

The Committee is looking into the costs and benefits of establishing our own website. Bob Shaw, Glenda Hall and Jeanette Dickson are on our Website Sub-Committee



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PROFILE OF COMMITTEE

PERSON- Jeanette Dickson



Jeanette Dickson is one of the new members of the Bushwalkers Committee. She is an enthusiastic walker, and her fitness should not surprise those who know that she served in the

Police Force

Jeanette isn't a policewoman any more, but works in Wangaratta at Roger Porter Associates (Property Valuers) as an office administrator.

Jeanette lives with her children at Hamilton Park – Matthew and Katelyn who attend Galen College. The eldest, Rebecca, is a first year student at Latrobe University, Bendigo.

Rather than keep fit just going for solo walks around the Hamilton Park area in her spare time, Jeanette, joined our Club for the company, and to see parts of the district's many great walking locations which she would not otherwise see. Perhaps if we surveyed our members, we would find a similar response.

Jeanette does not limit her interests to walking. She has been playing hockey for a local team over the winter season, and also enjoys patchwork and other craft activities.

Having spent her childhood and early adulthood in Melbourne, Jeanette savours country life. She was born in Ferntree Gully, went to school in Boronia, and after post-school jobs in the metropolitan area, trained at the Police Academy in Glen Waverley. She spent some time at the Bendigo Training Station, but her first actual posting was at the Missing Persons Bureau. When

her husband (they were married in Melbourne) – an ambulance officer - was posted to Wangaratta, Jeanette had her first real taste of country life. Now she is hooked! They did go back to Melbourne, but when the opportunity arose, she was back here again.

Now, Jeanette is one our enthusiastic and valued members. We can expect to see more of Jeanette over time.

FEDERATION WEEKEND

If you didn't book a cabin or motel room in Beaufort for the Federation Weekend of walks on **October 18-19**, don't despair. There were still campsites available recently. So far we have a few members going, including the Rossers, the Twitts, and Helen Hill. Ring any of them for details. The caravan park phone number in Beaufort is 5349 2196.

There is a range of easy, medium and hard walks being offered in a part of the State which we would otherwise not explore.

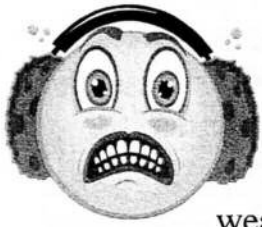
WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR SUBS MONEY?

Members might be interested to know that, of the \$1931 in subscriptions received so far this financial year, \$1149 has been paid out in insurance. Our other running costs (Incorporation fee, newsletters, camera and film etc, hot water urns), have to be paid out of the remainder. We only just manage to cover our costs.

September Walks.

Don't forget excellent offering of walks during September publicized in our last Newsletter -

- Sept 6: Sunrise and Salisbury Falls (Andy Kimber 5766 2207)
- Sept 11: Ovens River (Karen Davis 5722 2540)
- Sept 20: Mt Meg (Peter Murray 5726 9337)



WINTER PROGRAM

The winter walks program has run remarkably well, in spite of the damp weather at times. None of the walks suffered. It's an excellent time to get air into the lungs and enjoy the countryside with the extra energy we seem to have in winter.

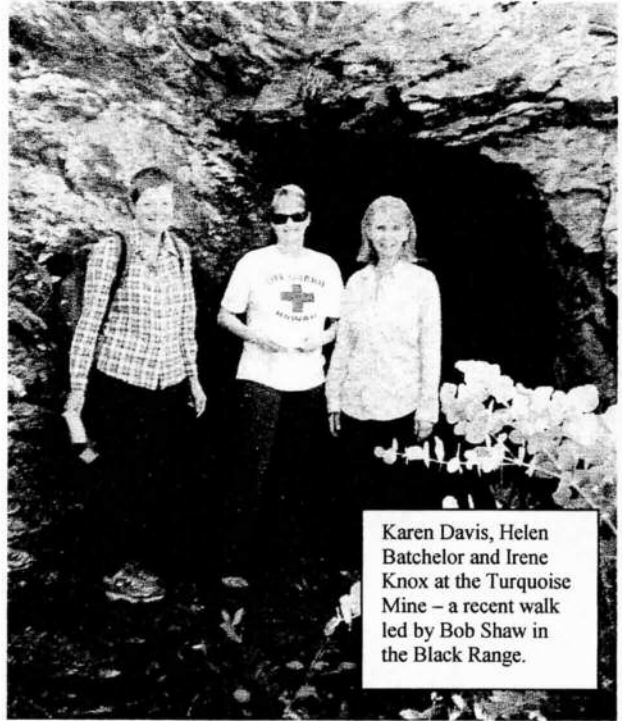
Alan Raison's walk into the Carboor Hills, postponed from autumn due to rain, was successful in July. The views across to snow clad Mt Buffalo made it very rewarding, and the hot cuppa afterwards, thanks to our Club urn, helped fill in the time during the car shuttle.

Jeanette Dixon and new member Judy Lardner, have both led their first walks - Jeanette to the Chiltern Forest, on a bright sunny July day, and Judy to Mt Glenrowan on a brisk, cloudy July morning. Both put in a lot of preparation for these two very successful walks.



Narelle Clarke proves that winter walks can be a great experience as she enjoys lunch during the Eldorado walk

The Thursday walks are picking up in popularity. The recent Pine Gully and Pangerang Lookout walks, led by Karen Davis, had fourteen participants on a mild late winter morning. The ease of the walks may be part of the attraction.



Karen Davis, Helen Batchelor and Irene Knox at the Turquoise Mine - a recent walk led by Bob Shaw in the Black Range.

BOOK NOW FOR SNOWY MOUNTAINS TRIP

We have lined up a very attractive looking lodge for our Snowy Mts trip in March (see programs). The lodge has accommodation for 24 in twin, triple and double rooms. All rooms have ensuite bathrooms. It sounds luxurious. The cost will be approximately \$33 per person per night.

You can book a place by phoning President Kerri Davenport (5726 9376). The first 24 bookings gain the spots. No money yet, but you will all have to pay the full amount early in the New Year.

If you want to camp, the closest site is 10 km from Thredbo at Thredbo Diggings (free, with pit toilets and plenty of mountain stream water but no showers). Otherwise there are other lodges at Thredbo. Let Kerri know what you plan to do.

Bushwalking Victoria encourages members and friends to help with track and conservation maintenance around the State. We occasionally publize the closer activities in our newsletters. If you are interested, you could get details on www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au



WARBY RANGE BUSHWALKERS Inc. **WALKS PROGRAM**

October – December 2008.

OCTOBER 9 Thursday	Whorouly South Contact – Judy Lardner	EASY 57 224 725 or 0419 904 494
OCTOBER 11 Saturday	Swamp Track Walk, Warby Ranges Contact - Alan Raison <i>Plus: Evening Social Gathering (and talk on South America) at Judy and Bob Shaw's, 16 Kingfisher La, Glenrowan</i>	EASY 57 217 886 57 662 773
OCTOBER 18/19 Saturday/Sunday	Federation Walks Weekend, Beaufort Area Contact - Bushwalking Victoria www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au	Various Grades 03 8846 4131
OCTOBER 18 Saturday	Mt. Samaria – Back Ck. Falls and Wild Dog Falls Contact – Jeanette Dickson	MEDIUM 57 662 784
NOVEMBER 4 (am only) Cup Day Tuesday	Wangaratta Waterways: Mark 1 6 km. <i>Visitors to Wang. most welcome.</i> Contact – Adrian Twitt <i>Plus: BBQ Lunch at Helen and Adrian Twitt's, 13 Walter St. Wangaratta</i>	EASY 57 215 327
NOVEMBER 10, Monday, 7.00 pm Monday, 8.00 pm	Committee Meeting Walks Planning (all members welcome) <i>Adrian Twitt's, 13 Walter St. Wangaratta</i>	57 215 327
NOVEMBER 14/15/16 Friday/Saturday/Sunday	Edi Cutting/Fletcher's Track <i>Two full days of short walks, socialising, camp oven teas and BBQ's, camping and wineries excursions.</i> Contact – Neil Ottoway	EASY 57 214 856
NOVEMBER 20 Thursday	Beechworth Historic Park Contact – Karen Davis	EASY 57 222 540 or 0409 215 286
NOVEMBER 30 Sunday	Mt. Tatong Contact – Bob Shaw	MEDIUM 57 662 773
DECEMBER 6/7 Saturday/Sunday	Mt. Hotham to Feathertop to Harrietville <i>(one and two day walks and accommodation at Caravan Park, Harrietville)</i> Contact – Bob Shaw	EASY – MEDIUM - HARD 57662773
DECEMBER 11 Thursday	Wangaratta Waterways: Mark 2 Contact – Karen Davis	EASY 57 222 540 or 0409 215 286
DECEMBER 12 Friday, 6.30 pm.	Christmas Party Contact – Karen and Rod Davis, <i>154 Rowan St., Wangaratta</i>	57 222 540 or 0409 215 286
2009, JANUARY 10/11, Saturday/ Sunday	MYRTLEFORD SKI LODGE, FALLS CK. Walks on the High Plains Contact – Kerri Davenport	EASY – MEDIUM – HARD walks catering for all 57 269 376
2009, MARCH 9 – 15, Monday to Sunday	SNOWY MTS. /KOSCIUSKO N.P. Accommodation at Schuss Lodge in Thredbo, NSW – (see overpage) Contact – Kerri Davenport	EASY – MEDIUM – HARD walks catering for all 57 269 376

Whorouly South, Oct 9 – an Easy grade 6-8 kilometre walk in a beautiful valley with plenty of wildflowers and birdlife. There are some good viewpoints on the route. It is planned to finish by lunchtime, though participants are welcome to bring lunch.

Swamp Track Walk, Oct 11 – 12 km of Easy grade in the Warby Ranges. The walk starts at the Pine Gully circuit, goes along Skeets Track and then to Mt. Bruno. There is an interesting South American village/settlement in this area. The walk continues along Adam's track and Swamp Flat track, then to Pine Gully. There are excellent views and the gullies are spectacular at this time of the year with spring growth.

Mt. Samaria/Back Ck Falls and Wild Dog Ck. Falls, Oct 18 – 12 km. of Easy/Medium grade in the Samaria State Forest. This walk should be a great spring 'wildflower walk.' The walk is Easy Grade along Wileman Tk. to both Back Ck and Wild Dog Ck falls. The walk is then classed as Medium in the ascent to the 950metre high Mt Samaria summit. There are spectacular views over Lake Nillahcootie and the Strathbogie Ranges.

Wangaratta Waterways Mark 1, Nov 4 – this is an Easy 6 km. morning walk exploring some beautiful riverine scenery almost at our backdoors. The walk will wander around the Ovens and Three Mile Ck. areas and pass through areas of huge red river gums. Food you bring for the barbeque lunch will be collected at the commencement of the walk.

Edi Cutting/Fletcher's Track, Nov 14/15/16 – walkers can decide to camp Friday and/or Saturday night just 30 km from Wangaratta at Edi cutting (adjacent to the King River) or they can travel out from Wangaratta. There will be a shower tent, a covered camp kitchen, BBQ's, gas rings for cooking, wood provided, hot water on tap and trestle tables – all the comforts of home! The Saturday walk will be an Easy graded meander through the Moyhu State forest with a walk off Fletcher's Tk. Sunday's forest walk is again classed as Easy and will proceed to the Whitefield (Hyem) cemetery. The cost will be about \$20.00 to cover two breakfasts, Saturday's camp oven tea and Sunday's BBQ. Other distractions could include winery excursions, fishing, swimming and just sitting around a camp fire.

Beechworth Historic Park – an Easy graded walk of about 9 km. This track is close to the Beechworth township and passes through the Gorge area. The walk passes the Powder Magazine, the Cascades, the Reid's Creek Goldfields and spectacular Woolshed Falls.

Mt. Tatong – a Medium grade 14 km walk to the trig point on Mt. Tatong (606m.) There are magnificent views towards Mt. Samaria, down Ryan's Ck. and to the north towards the Fifteen Mile Ck., the King Valley and Wangaratta.

Mt Hotham/Mt Feathertop/ Harrietville – the walks will start on the Saturday, so there is the opportunity to camp at the Harrietville caravan park on the Friday night. The Saturday Hard graded walk for backpackers is from the Diamantina Hut on the Alpine Road, to Mt Feathertop along the Razorback. Next is an overnight stay near the Federation Hut before a Sunday morning walk down the Bungalow Spur to Harrietville. A Hard Saturday walk of 24 km would be to walk along the Razorback to Mt Feathertop then back to the Alpine Rd. An Easy/Medium walk would be to trek partly along the Razorback to say Twin Knobs (6km) then retrace your steps to the Alpine Rd. Easy grade Sunday morning walks could be organised around the Harrietville gold mining and dredging areas.

Wangaratta Waterways Mark 2 – this is an Easy graded 6 km. walk exploring some beautiful scenery very close to the CBD. The walk will wander around the Kaluna Park/King River flood plain areas and Ovens River junction and pass through areas of huge red river gums.

Myrtleford Ski Lodge/ Falls Creek – this traditional weekend on the high plains involves 1 – 2 nights staying at the Myrtleford Ski Lodge with a number of walks on the Bogong High Plains/Rocky Valley and Happy Valley dam areas. There will be a series of Easy/ Medium and Hard walks each day to cater for varying levels of fitness. This weekend often gives the walkers welcome relief from the summer heat they have experienced at the lower altitudes.

A WEEK AT Mt Kosciusko. (March 9 – 15, 2009). The club is planning a week at Snowy Mts. /Kosciusko National Park from Monday March 9th 2009 (Labour Day Public Holiday) till Sunday March 15th 2009. Keep these dates (or at least some of them) free in your diary. There will be daily graded walks to suit all comers – easy, medium and hard!! Accommodation has been organised at Schuss Lodge in Thredbo. **The first 25 walkers wanting accommodation will be accepted, before November 10, 2008.** Accommodation will be about \$200.00 for six nights. Contact – Kerry Davenport on 57 269 376