

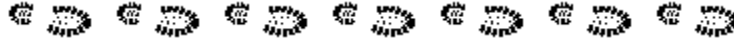


FOOTPRINTS



*Newsletter of the Border Bushwalking Club Inc.
July 2012*

affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria



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Charles Dunn, Brian Franklin, Ron Hammond, Debbie Kahn, Ian Trevaskis, Alison Wellard

Club Night : Tuesday July 3rd
at 7:30pm

Adventures in Bhutan

Frank and Adrienne Dyall

“The natural beauty of this country was magnificent with snow-capped peaks, glacial rivers and amazing villages clinging to steep mountain sides. Taking a hot-tub bath in the open with the Himalayan Mountains towering over us was a highlight, along with the schools we visited and the people we met.”

See and hear all about Adrienne and Frank’s amazing 150km trek through Bhutan in 2010.

Club Nights are regularly held on the first Tuesday of the month (except December and January) at 7:30pm. The room is opened half an hour before the start so that members may socialise.

Where : Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, Civic Centre Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga (Havelock Street end of car park)

Visitors are always welcome at meetings and supper is served afterwards.

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Overlooking Hume Weir from Conic Rocks

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members :

Andrew and Valerie Kingerlee

and

Mark Harrison

We trust that you will enjoy all that the Club and its members have to offer.

The next **Committee Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, July 10th, 2012**. If you have any matters you want discussed please contact a Committee member.

Deadlines for next Footprints :

Activities for the next Footprints to the Activities Coordinator, Deb Kahn at activities@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au by **Friday, July 6th, 2012**

Footprints Contributions including Trip Reports to Ian Trevaskis at iantre@hotmail.com by **Friday, July 13th, 2012**

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Welcome to the July edition of Footprints. Traditionally, February is the month where we promote and seek new members; however the Club receives applications for new membership each month, throughout the year. So I welcome all new members and those renewing their membership. The Border Bushwalking Club (BBC) is a great outdoors club to be member of. We rely on all members to contribute in various ways - as leaders, as participants, as a committee member, or by attending Club Nights. Basically, to pitch in when and where we can and in doing so to feel part of the Border Bushwalking Club.

For all members it is worthwhile having an understanding of the BBC Policies. The policies have evolved over time to ensure our members have a framework, or guidelines, available to them. A particular concern in our club is safety. To ensure that our activities are carried out in a safe manner, we need to have specific policies relating to safety. Without such policies we will be seen as derelict in our duty of care to our members.

The committee, consisting of active members from within the Club, review each policy, every twelve months to ensure it is still relevant. I encourage you next time you log onto to the BBC website, to take some time to scroll through the policies. The pathway is - log onto the BBC website, click the information tab, click to open the file called 'Club Policies April 2012'.

In particular, I refer you to the following policies : Leader's Responsibilities, Border Bushwalking Club Guidelines for Trip Leaders, Participants Responsibilities and BBC Participants Guidelines. These policies, and others, will give you an understanding of the requirements a leader, or a participant, to ensure your activity runs smoothly. If you have any suggestions to make on the content of any policy or the need for a new one, please contact the Secretary. Hardcopies are available at Club Nights or for those members who do not have internet access.

Recently, I received information about the Federation Walk for 2012. This year it is to be held in Marysville. If you have never participated in a Federation Walk, then I encourage you to give it a shot. The Moroondah Bushwalking Club (MBWC) is hosting this event. Details including a list of walks are available on their website www.mmbwc.org.au. I am the nominated coordinator for the BBC. If you are interested please contact me soon.

Now that the weather has turned cold, did you know we have a Bivvy Sack for hire? A Bivvy Sack is a thin waterproof fabric shell designed to slip over a sleeping bag, providing an additional 5 to 10 °F (2 to 5 °C) of insulation and forming an effective barrier against the wind chill and rain.

The BBC Club Nights are renowned for the inspiring presentation on interesting, and at times challenging walks, through awesome scenery. Those who attend regular Club Nights are rewarded for their efforts. Last month the talks on the Five Passes Walk in NZ and Snow Business were an example of breathtaking scenery and rewards that come from venturing into remote areas. Thank you, Rick, John and Warwick for your inspiring presentation.

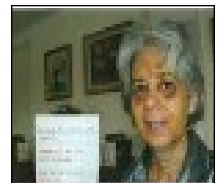
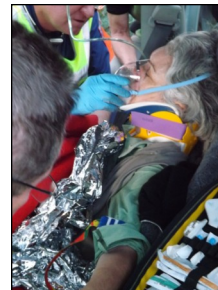
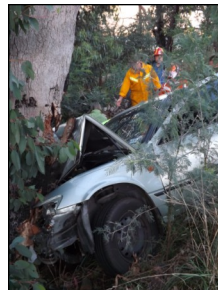
This month's talk from Adrienne and Frank Dyal is shaping up to be as equally spectacularly. In 2010, they joined a Canadian Expedition Group to walk 150km through Bhutan which included four passes over 12,000 feet, including the highest at 16,500 feet... but I am not going to give too much away. I invite you to listen to their presentation at the next Club Night on July 3rd.

In closing, I always welcome your thoughts. If you'd like to contact me to discuss any issues, please feel free to contact me on 0410 425 335, or email at president's email address or cindy.bushwalking@gmail.com.

Bye for now and happy are those who are out in the great outdoors,

Cindy Marsh
BBC President

DEB KAHN'S WALKS ... ALWAYS FULL OF THRILLS AND SPILLS!



Pauline is making a pleasing recovery from her accident after a recent Club walk. She has granted permission for these photos to be published as a reminder to all members to take care on the road.



TRIP REPORTS

Flagstaff Range

To find out how this activity went select and insert the correct word into the appropriate space from the list below, .

Saturday 9th 2012 saw 13 (..... for some) members of BBC walk in the Stanley State Forest along Road. Unbelievably there was not a in the sky or any fog in the Murrumungee Views across a u-shaped valley, remnant of the last age provided great views of the spurs that so clearly define the valley.

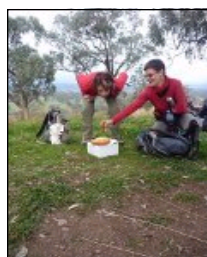
After 7.6km of , we reached the ridge for morning tea. The quiet being interrupted by the of motor bike engines. Most people thought it was one of the group who had encountered..... problems before the departure time but alas it was only an ex of another member. As we strolled along the ridge, clouds from adjacent valleys covered the sun. At the exact same time as our minded member had fixed his car and us in time for ourlunch. After lunching on bread, cheeses, dips and assorted, we headed for Lookout. Being all downhill from there we rolled on to the and afternoon tea. A great day in the great outdoors.

husband rising thumping starter motor crusty smallgoods Murrumungee cars mechanically found picnic June unlucky Flagstaff cloud valley ice truncated active ascent



FROM THE BUSH TO BOLLYWOOD

Saturday 16th June was cool and overcast, perfect for walking. Taking advantage of the local hills a group of 18 people ascended Eastern Hill in Albury from a trio of different angles – Mungabareena, Doctors Point and the Billabong. This gave us the opportunity to look at the Murray River Valley and environs from a number of different perspectives. Afternoon tea was had from the lookout before the final assault on a well hidden track. This hungry mob then regrouped with partners, friends or acquaintances for a meal worthy of any Bollywood movie set. Samosas, dosas, pappadams, vindalos, saag and paneer were consumed in great quantities. Thanks to those people who attended (the response was overwhelming) and to those who missed out - get in early next time.



TRIP REPORTS

BRIGHT TO WANDILIGONG

As 14 of the fairer sex left Centennial Park Bright and followed the stream all the way to Wandiligong, I swear there was as much babbling from us as from the brook!

The day was once again a great one both in terms of weather and company. The walk mostly stuck to the stream which was very picturesque and as the walk was not at all difficult, we were able to relax and enjoy our surroundings.

Our destination was the Chinese Bridge which was erected to commemorate the history and influence of the Chinese working the goldfields in this area. Their trials and tribulations, brought about because of their isolation from their home country, family and friends was detailed on information panels on the bridge. It made for interesting reading and certainly a real human aspect which I admit I had not really given consideration to before.

All of us would like to thank Val Rolfe and Pauline McLeod for organising this lovely walk and the yummy afternoon tea on our return to the vehicles at Bright.

Kerrin Ritchie



Chinese bridge at Wandiligong

SATURDAY WALKS

A big thankyou to Cindy for organising two consecutive Saturday walks. The first walk to the trestle bridge, Conic Rocks and Mt. Lawson summit in the Koetong area provided some amazing scenic views of the weir and other local landmarks. We were able to bbq our lunch and relax in deckchairs as the billy boiled and Cindy provided us with some delicious brewed coffee and "home made" Tim Tams. Although today was more of a chauffeured tour, we none the less had some great exercise as Cindy pointed out that this area lends itself to some more difficult but equally beautiful walks. Again thanks to Cindy (and Richard) for making us feel like "family".

The second walk from Woolshed Falls to Beechworth and return was equally delightful. A group of 14 of us set off on another beautiful day. The track was really delightful (as was the pie and coffee at Beechworth Bakery!) A deviation on the way back saw 10 of us do an extra 5.2kms to the Precipice Lookout. Once this track formed part of a loop to the lookout but the bridge has been lost, hence the need to retrace our steps to the main track. Sunset was upon us before we reached Woolshed Falls and the remainder of the walk was completed in semi-darkness, adding another fantastic plus to our great day. Thank you again Cindy.

Kerrin Ritchie

**Sunset on return
hike to Woolshed
Falls**



MONTHLY QUIZ

Congratulations to **Connie Constas** who correctly identified all of the pictured Club members in last month's quiz. Connie wins a special gift pack from *Adventure Gear Albury*. Thank you to the other six members who had a go! This month's quiz asks you to identify the wearer of this pack.



Entries **via email only** to The Editor (iantre@hotmail.com) by midnight Monday, July 2nd. Usual rules apply. Good Luck! (P.S. The wearer of the pack is ineligible to enter!)

NOTICES

GEAR HIRE

Members please note that the Club equipment we have available for hire is located at

'Adventure Gear Albury'

479 Dean Street, Albury

phone : 02 6021 6200

website :

www.adventuregearonline.com.au

We thank Gino and Kelly for their generous support of Border

Bushwalking Club.

Members should be aware that when hiring gear from '**Adventure Gear Albury**' that payment is to be made when the gear is picked up. Payment is to be made according to the number of days of the activity as listed in *Footprints* (whether used or not) and there will be no refund given if the gear is not used. If you have any further queries or problems with this arrangement please contact a Committee member.

REMINDERS TO TRIP LEADERS

Trip Leaders are reminded that it is your responsibility to organise an **ECP** (Emergency Contact Person) for the activity you are leading. Trip Leaders are also reminded that **PLBs** (Personal Location Beacons) should be carried on any remote, extended or out-of-range of mobile areas. These are an important and vital safety item and are available for hire at no cost from '**Adventure Gear Albury**'.

Walkers are asked to email

**Cindy Marsh, Field Officer,
Bushwalking Victoria Alpine No 1**

at : ccm1964@gmail.com

or

Pauline McLaughlin, Field Officer, Mount Buffalo

at : mcpaulin@bigpond.com

to

- *Report on the matters concerning the conservation of bush land and walking areas*
- *Report any damage to signage*
- *Report on track maintenance*
- *Report any weeds or blackberries*

THANK YOU

The Committee wishes to acknowledge and thank **Frances Dryden** at **Java@Yack**, Yackandandah, for the printing of the monthly edition of *Footprints*.

We appreciate the ongoing support.

A GENTLE REMINDER

All members of the Club are reminded of the importance of carrying the correct clothing and equipment when undertaking activities at altitude such as the High Plains.

Weather conditions that may appear benign can quickly turn nasty.

Leaders are also reminded that they are obliged to check that ALL participants have the appropriate clothing and equipment in their packs.

(Refer to the Club Handbook for details)

Photo credits this issue : Brian Franklin, Charles Dunn, Ian Trevaskis, Pauline Scott, Kerrin Ritchie

Membership Fees

are now

OVERDUE

Please refer to the BBC website ...
Members Tab : "How to Join or Renew in 2013" for information,
or to download a Membership Form

LEADERS WANTED

We encourage **all** members to have a go at leading an activity. It is not difficult if you choose something you are comfortable and familiar with and we have many "old hands" in the club who are only too willing to act as co-leaders or to assist you.

Please contact Deb and give our regular Leaders a bit of a break.

ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

LEADERS reserve the right to change the activity route on the day depending on prevailing conditions and altered circumstances. A walk leader can refuse permission for any person to take part in his/her activity. A list of trip participants must be prepared and the non-member fee (currently \$5) should be collected before the start of the trip. This is a requirement of our insurance policy. Without this list participants may not be covered by insurance.

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSONS (ECPS): Leaders must leave trip details, including a list of participants and their contact numbers with a family member, or if none available, with an ECP. In the event of a delay, the ECP will contact families and decide on the next course of action.

PARTICIPANTS (members and visitors) must check with the leader that their fitness and experience suit the walk. Follow the leader's instructions at all times. Pay own ambulance costs – insurance is recommended (but accidents are rare).

BOOKINGS: If you intend participating in any of the activities listed below **you are required to personally speak** to the Leader **no later than the Wednesday prior to a day activity or 7 days prior to an overnight activity** or unless otherwise indicated. SMS bookings are not appropriate. Please be aware that **leaders have the right to decide the size of the group** they will accept for their activities. **Activities may become fully subscribed before the general cut-off date.** By contacting the leader early you may avoid missing out.

WALKS GRADING

Easy walks are generally less than about 15 km per day, on easy terrain and following some form of track.

Medium walks are from 15 to 20 km per day and may involve considerable climbs, on or off tracks. Could involve up to 6 hours of walking.

Hard walks may involve long distances, long steep climbs, cross country travel, thick scrub, rock scrambling. Could be up to 8 hours of walking.

Exploratory is unknown to leader and while every effort has been made to grade the activity appropriately, there may be some unexpected aspects which may increase the difficulty of the walk.

WINTER 2012 June, July, August

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING: Sue Cardwell Phone: 02 6056 0501

Throughout the ski season (9th June – September 30th) Trips are planned with a few days notice snow and weather permitting on the Borderskiers Yahoo site. If you wish to join this group please contact the co-ordinator Warwick McLachlan 60251323/0418 673164 or mcla@bigpond.net.au

Saturday 2nd June	3 Bright Hills	17km/Medium
Saturday 2nd June	Woolshed Falls to Beechworth and return	12km/Easy
Saturday 9th June	Flagstaff Range	20km/Medium
Sunday 10th June	Bright to Wandiligong	12km/Easy
Sunday 10th June	Bunroy Track	16km/Medium
Saturday 16th June	From the Bush to Bollywood	12km/Easy & Delicious
Saturday 23rd June	Mt Emu	16km/Medium
Sunday 24th June	Mudgegonga Area	10km/Easy

Saturday 30th June

Flaggy Creek Gorge

14km/Medium

Leader: Bruce Key

Phone: 02 60243986 or 0437282 814

Flaggy Creek Gorge is off the upper Murray, between Granya and Jingellic. Our club helps with the track maintenance but we have not done much for some time. The walk has a few ups and downs, and some great views of the Murray Valley. We have to go out and back by the same route, but it is a pleasant route on a foot-track.

Saturday 30th June

Baranduda Ridge & Boiler Spur

25km/ Hard

Leader: Charles Dunn

Phone: 02 6032 8218 after 7:30pm

This walk is almost all on track. We start at the beginning of Ridge Track and take a small deviation up to the trig point. From here we follow the track to Kenny's Track and on to the Boiler Spur which will lead us back to the Ridge Track. Once back on track we follow our steps back to the cars for a well earned rest. This walk has lots of ups and downs and is a good training walk.

Saturday 30th June

Everton to Gapsted Winery 40km/Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

Phone: 02 6041 4202 before 8:00pm

Finish the financial year with an FBT expense account style lunch in a picture perfect setting. We will follow the Rail Trail from Old Everton Railway Station up and over Taylor's Gap to Gapsted Winery. After lunch we retrace our ride back to the cars. **Bookings no later than June 25th**

Sunday 1st July

Mount Pinnibar Beginners XC Ski

10km/Medium

Leader Bill Krautz

Phone: 02 6041 2110 or 0439026912

email: krautz@bigpond.net.au

Turn off Corryong-Benambra Road drive into Pinnibar along Dunstons Road till we meet snow. Put skis on and ski along road through the forest. Relatively level going and would suit beginners. Remote country so people should have suitable gear. This area is very rarely skied but in the nineteen sixties the Australian Ski Championships were held here. As usual everything depends on the amount of snow and weather conditions on the weekend.

Sunday 1st July

Bates Dam/Dingle Range

12km/Easy

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin

Phone: 02 6021 3767

A circuit of about 12kms along undulating fire trails in the forest between Beechworth and Stanley. Visit the interesting relics at Bate's Dam and admire the view from Murrungee Lookout.

Saturday 7th July

Lockhart's Gap to Tallangatta

20km/Medium

Leaders: Ian Trevaskis/Bernadette Cromarty

Phone: 02 6071 2361

One group led by Bernadette will start from Lockhart's Gap while the other group led by Ian will start from Tallangatta Lookout. After meeting somewhere on the track, keys and pleasantries will be exchanged before walking on. Following the walk members and guests are invited to enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea at *Cafe Trevaski*. This walk is mainly undulating along a well defined 4WD track. Be aware that the first section from Tallangatta Lookout is quite a steep climb.

Everyone loves to read about your latest trip so how about submitting a report to the Editor telling what it was like, where you went and what fun you had. We can't all join in so this is one way to share the experience and you don't have to be the Leader to submit a report.

Friday 13th July **Mount Stanley Return** **16km/ Medium**

Leader: Charles Dunn
Phone: 02 6032 8218 after 7:30pm

It is school holidays and I thought some of you might like a Friday walk. This walk is the lovely walk introduced to me by the Hammonds. The only difference here is that we are starting on Mt. Stanley and lose all height and then we have to gain it all back again. A great walk with a little bit of up and a little bit of down.

Saturday 14th July **The Not So Big Walk** **16km/Medium**

Leader: Brian Franklin
Phone: 0427221446

There are just not enough daylight hours at this time of the year. So to make the most of the shortened days this ever popular walk will start from the Rollason's Falls Car Park and wind its way up to the Gorge following the Big Walk Track. We will pass through stands of Mountain Ash and take in the spectacular views down to the Ovens Valley and across to the high peaks in the background. We will also pass by a few fine examples of Buffalo Sally, which are unique to this mountain environment.

Sunday 15th July **Rutherglen to Wahgunyah** **18km/Easy**

Leader: Pauline McLaughlin
Phone: 02 6021 3767

We will walk on the picturesque rail trail where the scenery changes from bush to farmland (and of course grape vines), from Rutherglen to Wahgunyah, have a picnic by the river and return along the track to Rutherglen. The walk could be graded medium due to the length but the track is FLAT so the walking is easy.

Saturday 21st July **Snow Shoe: Mt Loch** **13km/Medium**

Leader: Clayton Pollett
Bookings: Deb Kahn
Phone: 02 6041 4202

We will put our snow shoes on near Mt Hotham and follow the Alpine Walking Track as far as Derrick Hut, with small diversions to Mt Loch and Spargo's Hut. If the weather is good the views from Mt Loch are well worth the effort and the snow gums around Derrick Hut will be very pretty in their winter wonderland. While the walk is not dead flat, there aren't a lot of hills to climb or descend (maybe 300m difference between the top of Mt Loch and Spargo's Hut). Despite being on snow shoes it should be an easy day with plenty of time for photos and chatting.

Saturday 21st July **Walk along the Weir** **9km/Easy or 18km/Medium**

Leader: Cindy Marsh
Phone: 02 6072 7527 after 7:00 pm or 0410425 335

This easy walk can be completed as a 9km one way trip or as a return trip for 18 km. I plan to park the cars at the Old Tallangatta Lookout and walk into Tallangatta, following the rail trail, for lunch. Returning to the cars the same way. This easy walk following a well formed track takes in the views of the Hume Weir and the surrounding countryside.

Saturday 21st July **Jindera Gap** **26km/Hard**

Leader Charles Dunn
Phone: 02 6032 8218 after 7:30pm

This is almost all on four-wheel-drive track. For this walk we start at Noreuil Park, up the Nail Can and onto Jindera Gap and return. Whilst it is listed as a hard walk it is only because of its distance not because of its steep or difficult terrain. However there are a number of steep ascents and descents involved to keep you on your toes. So don't let the distance put you off as we have all day to do it.

Sunday 22nd July **Mt Beauty Area** **10km/Easy**

Leader: Rob Ashworth

Phone: 02 6024 7291

A day of short walks in and around the Mt Beauty and Mountain Creek area. All on track.

Saturday 28th July **Baranduda Bash** **14km/Medium**

Leaders: Dick and Alison Wellard

Phone: 02 6027 1622 (after 2nd July)

This walk is on track along the Baranduda Range. Beginning at a gate on Ewart's Road, south of communication tower, it continues past the tower along an undulating ridge. Our final descent is down Ridge Lane track, close to Wodonga - Yackandandah road. Will require either a car shuffle or cross over. Final decision dependant on number of starters. A couple of steep pinches but all in all, very pleasant walking

Saturday 28th - **First Aid Course** **Valuable**
Sunday 29th July **Organiser: Pauline McLaughlin**

Phone: 02 6021 3767

If you've always wanted to gain First Aid knowledge or to update your First Aid knowledge, this is your opportunity. The club has organised a weekend course which will be facilitated by Red Cross and will have an emphasis on First Aid in the bush. It will be held at the TAFE building on the corner of Lawrence and Havelock Streets (behind the Senior Citizens' Hall). Cost is \$110 and you will be eligible for the \$40 reimbursement from Bushwalking Victoria.

Phone after 16th June to book in.

Sunday 5th August **Mount Buffalo- Beginners Snow Shoe** **10km/easy**

Leader: Ron Hammond

Phone: 02 6040 1233

An easy snow shoe to Dickson Falls. Followed by a walk up to the Horn or through the snow gums towards South Buffalo View Point.

Saturday 11th August **Falls Creek - Snow Shoe** **15km/medium**

Leader: Ron Hammond

Phone: 02 6040 1233

We will walk over the ski runs to Pretty Valley for lunch, then cross country to Sun Valley returning to Windy Corner.

Saturday 11th August **Lower Mount Buffalo** **18km/Medium**

Leader: Bernadette Cromarty

Phone: 0419241687 after 5:00pm

At this time of the year the top of the Big Walk may be snowbound and this leader is no snow bunny! We will start the Big Walk taking us as high as Marriot's Lookout at 1080m. After taking in the views of the Gorge we will start down, taking a side trip to Rollason's Falls. Whilst it is a medium walk there is a lot of steep climbing and a corresponding amount of steep decent!

Saturday 18th August **Federation Hill – West Wodonga** **6km/Easy**

Leader: Rob Ashworth

Phone: 02 6024 7291

An informal twilight walk starting at 7pm. Federation Hill runs between Felltimber Creek Road and Huon Creek Road. Come and check out the lights of Albury and Wodonga.

**Friday 17th to
Sunday 19th August**

Howman's Gap Weekend

easy/hard/social

Leader: Sue Cardwell

Phone: 02 6056 0501

A great 3 day weekend of skiing (downhill or cross country), snow shoeing, walking in the snow or lazing around the fire and reading. Staying at YMCA Howman's Gap Alpine Centre just near the entry gate to Falls Creek. The trails will be groomed for the Hoppet the following weekend.

Accommodation is 2 x 7 bunk bedrooms, single and communal bathrooms and disabled facilities. All meals included. BYO bed linen/sleeping bag, towel, wine and nibbles. Blankets and pillows supplied. Large drying rooms & guest fridge available. Cost : \$270 pp for 2 nights and 6 meals. Please **ring Sue early July** to confirm your booking and to organise transport. Choice of travel departures Friday morning or Friday evening depending on drivers.

**Sunday 19th to
Thursday 23rd August**

Bogong High Plains via Falls Creek

Snowy/Medium

Leader: Michael Lowe

Phone: 03 6334 0001 email mj.lowe@bigpond.net.au

A week skiing around the Bogong High Plains and snow camping by huts. The itinerary is variable, but it might be good to stay at Pretty Valley for two nights and check out that area. Then move towards Mount Nelse and spend a few days in that area. It would be a chance to have a good look around the High Plains in winter.

Saturday 25th August

Wandi Wobble

20km/easy ride

Leader: Liz Hammond

Phone: 02 6040 1233

From Porepunkah we will ride along the bike path into Bright, go through Bright and pick up another bike path to Wandiligong. We'll have a look around Wandi, enjoy lunch then ride back to Porepunkah. Apart from about half a km through Bright, it's all on sealed bike paths so no hassles with traffic. We won't go fast and I'm sure there will be plenty of opportunities to stop to admire the view and of course to drink coffee.

Saturday 25th August

Mt Jack

16km/Medium

Leader: Deb Kahn

Phone: 02 6041 4202

Mt Jack is in Dederang and access for this walk is via private property. Whilst at various stages of the very active ascent (700m+ rise) we can see right across to the Main Range and Kosci there aren't any drop dead views from the summit. However it's guaranteed to warm you up in winter and a great way to spend a day outdoors.

Saturday 25th August

Baranduda Ridge Track to Radio Towers

30km/Hard

Leader Charles Dunn

Phone: 02 6032 8218 after 7:30pm

This is almost all on track with a little off road up to the trig point at the beginning. It is a long walk with lots of up and downs as we follow the spine of the ridge. If you can do Jindera Return then you are up for this. So don't let the distance put you off. It is close to home and we have all day to do it.

Sunday 26th August

Yackandandah Area

10km/Easy

Leader: Rob Ashworth

Phone: 02 6024 7291

A formal tour of Kerr's Reef Gold Mine, near Yackandandah. Cost: adults \$25/Concession \$20. A two hour tour departing Yack. To be followed by other secret activities!

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP IN SPRING

Sunday 9th September

Mt Granya - Georges Track

16km/Medium

Leader: Rob Ashworth

Phone: 02 6024 7291

An enjoyable walk all on track with views to the Hume Weir, Victorian Alps. Walk passes by Cotton Tree Creek Waterfall and an historic scout hut. Car shuffle required.

Sunday 9th September

Beechworth Area

12km/Easy

Leader: Don Ingram

Phone: 0409352899 after 7:00pm

This is the first of two walks in the beautiful Beechworth area to enjoy the delights of spring. The second part will be in October.

Sunday 16th September

Mt Pilot Area/Woolshed Falls

15km/Easy

Leader: Rob Ashworth

Phone: 02 6024 7291

A great walk starting at Yeddonba Rock Art site and walking along Green Break Track and Old Coach Road to Mt Pilot summit. Return via McGuinness and Toveys Road.

Sunday 7th October

Beechworth Area

12km/Easy

Leader: Don Ingram

Phone: 0409352899 after 7:00pm

The second walk in The Beechworth Spring series.

Sunday 14th October

Federation Walks – Marysville

Varied

Contact Person: Cindy Marsh

Phone : 02 6072 7527 after 7:00 pm or 0410425 335

The Federation Walk this year is to be held at Marysville. The event is being hosted by the Maroondah Bushwalking Club. The coordinator for the Border Bushwalking Club is Cindy Marsh. A description on the available walks can be found at <http://www.mbwc.org.au/> . Booking and payment of \$22.00 to cindy.bushwalking.com.au by 31/08/2012.

Saturday 20th-

Mount Buffalo

Easy/Satisfying

Sunday 21st October

Coordinator: Pauline McLaughlin

Phone: 02 6021 3767

Walk, talk and plan with the Park Rangers at Mount Buffalo. Over the weekend we'll walk Viewpoint, Lakeside and Eurobin Falls tracks with the rangers and have input into the planning of improvements on these tracks. Later we'll follow up with some work on the tracks. Camping will be at Lake Catani.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS FORM

You never know when you are going to be in trouble and for this reason all Border Bushwalking Club members are asked to please make sure that they have a completed 'Emergency Contact Details' form with them in an external pocket of their pack. Recently the details provided on this form proved invaluable when liaising with emergency services at the scene of a nasty accident that involved one of our club members. All emergency personnel that were in attendance were most impressed with this aspect of our club that allowed them to quickly attend to the needs of our member. A copy of the form can be downloaded from the BBC website and I encourage you all to print it off, fill it in and carry it in an external pocket (either in a small zip lock bag or an old film canister) at all times.