FOOTPRINTS

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Newsletter of the Border Bushwalking Club Inc.

affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria

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CLUB NIGHT

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH 7:30

'I REMEMBER WHEN..." HIKING TALES OF YESTERYEAR.

Gladys Crumple proudly displays the latest in packs.*

A walk through history.

The club started in 1978 and at the April meeting Warwick McLachlan will present, with digitised pictures, a potted (no more than 20 minutes) history of the club from its inception to the present day. Although the mountains and creeks and rivers remain the same, the walkers and their gear have changed and aged over the years. This is an opportunity to explore the past, without actually having to go there. **Members are invited to speak about their first bushwalk with the Club** and if they send in or bring along one of two pictures, we will try to computer scan and project these as well.

These latest hiking fashions were warmly received by women as they no longer had to endure cumbersome attire.

Where : Senior Citizens, Meeting Room, Civic Centre Complex, Hovell Street, Wodonga. **Visitors** are always welcome at meetings and supper is served afterwards.
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.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members :

Jess Watts

Stephen and Suzanne Burgess

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOOTPRINTS.

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Your contributions are keenly sought. If you have been on a club trip please send a short, or indeed long, report to the editor. Members love reading about the club outings. No talent required! **Photos** of outings are also greatly appreciated. Send to:
newsletter@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au
Deadline for next Footprints is 19/04/15
A huge thank you to all those who submit material.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Slices off the Presidential Pannacotta

Talkin' about you

The issue of personal responsibility has bubbled to the surface in recent times. The person who turned up in high heels for a bushwalk some years ago might have misheard the leader about dress sense. The person who complains when the leader doesn't finish the walk at the stated time, more recently. The person who is a passenger and never a driver in the car to the track head - always. The person who turned up for a canoe trip and keeps silent that she can't swim - ouch. These are folk who drain, not fill the energy banks and at their worst imperil the leader and the safety of the group. Of course there is generally pleasantness so the dysfunction is not always clear. But bushwalking as in life is prey to the odd sod who doesn't do team, who doesn't take responsibility for their own well-being, who take rather than give and blame when something goes awry.

In multi-day walks where the individual desires need to be put aside for the good of the group, it is just so important that each participant takes personal responsibility to fit in, have adequate gear, be respectful of the leader and not least, embrace the rigours of the journey with good grace and little if any dummy spits! (I've wandered slightly from topic as multi-day walks are not usually troublesome although I have a tale or two to the contrary!. Nevertheless the principle remains for shorter journeys be they walks, canoe trips, cycles, snow camps or day skis).

Of course, bushwalking can be a solo pursuit in which case climb Bogong wearing underpants, thongs and carrying a ham sandwich but when you travel in a group your personal craziness must be tucked away and cooperation, with the leader and co-walkers, must become your guiding star.

The Anchoress

Reading a review of the book of this name by Robyn Cadwallader brought me to contemplate the relevance of bushwalking which, except on a spiritual level is the antithesis of a person (an anchoress in its female form of the word) who locks themselves in a small room for the rest of their days without social human contact. It is possible as William Blake notes to see a world in a grain of sand and take in its beauty and deep solitude may be the pathway to that. Sadly or otherwise, I prefer to gross out with a substantial beach, large mountain or flowing river and bugger the molecules and tiny grains. Call me shallow but give me the big picture, the wide spaces, generally the company of people and the absence of constraints (cf. Personal responsibility above). Bushwalking provides those qualities in spades and if you are reading this, it is likely to a greater or lesser degree you are on for them as well. To those other folk with a yearn to leave us for a 3 x 3 room with a small sandpit in the middle I wish you well and recognise the difference in us.

A transport of delight (not)

What is it about sharing car expenses that makes it a perennial for the committee to get down and whacky about. We have a policy – car drivers get paid. A formula is in place – see Policies on the website. Sure it's a a pain if the stars do not align and there is only one passenger in one car that travels a gazillion kilometres to the track head with a majestic amount of money to contribute by the passenger eg: $77 to Kosciusko. In such cases I think the passenger needs to know before the trip starts that the contribution is can be more substantial than if the car was chockers.

A trivial pursuit of material assets

We have loosened the club's purse strings ever so slightly to acquire a new Optoma W316 data projector which had its first outing at the last meeting, with improved sharpness and brightness over our Dell 1800 MP which now languishes and shortly will be placed on Gumtree for commercial disposal. The Dell has 97 hours on the lamp clock which makes it a baby in usage terms and that make sense given its only application has been the odd half-hour at a monthly meeting since its purchase in, what, 2005. I am mentioning all this as offers are invited for its purchase. Comes with carry case, instruction manual and our blessings.

We also about to acquire a ladder for permanent storage at Young's Hut so maintenance can be done with more safety than using a leg up. Other possible uses suggested by an un-named member were mounting a horse, eloping through the hut window, lopping branches for the fire and Santa, for the descent of. Oh, dear....

A quote about and for our female leaders

I just love bossy women. I could be around them all day. To me, bossy is not a pejorative term at all. It means somebody is passionate and engaged an ambitious and doesn't mind leading. (Anon)

TRIP REPORTS

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YOUNG'S HUT

Seven of us, including two potential new members, walked out to Young's Hut from Cope Hut recently to hang some new curtains in the hut. This had been originally planned as an overnight trip, but because the Three Peaks Challenge meant the road would be closed on Sunday to accommodate the two and half thousand cyclists taking part it was decided a day walk was a better option. Weather was perfect for a day on the High Plains and we enjoyed a visit from the resident brumbies on the way back. Ian and Clayton took a detour to summit Mt Jim. A most enjoyable day was had by all and our two visitors were suitably impressed by the recently refurbished hut. Ian Trevaskis

en route to Young's hut

Pole 333

Neighbourhood watch is alive and well at Young's hut.

MT. KOSCIUSZKO MAIN RANGE OVERNIGHT WALK.
27 Feb to 2 March

Unfortunately Ron Hammond was unable to lead this walk. Four walkers set out, three of whom had never walked in the area. After a long drive we spent the first night at Geehi Camping Ground. We set out for Thredbo on Saturday morning and took the chair lift to start walking to our first camp site. The weather was beautiful, not too hot and a very clear sky so we had good views. After a side trip to the top of Kosciuszko we had lunch at Seaman's Hut before continuing off track towards Charlotte's Pass. Along the way we met a group of about 200 people, some young ones with muscular dystrophy and their supporters, who were going up Kosciuszko from Charlotte's Pass to raise funds for the cause.

We set up camp near the Snowy River junction, water was plentiful and the camp site fairly flat. As it was getting cold, we had an early night ready for our walk to Wilkinson's Creek via the Blue Lake the next day.

In the middle of the night the rain came. With wet tents we set off cross country to the walking track. That's when it started - the rain, wind, fog, thunder and lightning made it a very unpleasant morning. We couldn't see 20 metres around us so didn't go to Blue Lake. One in our party, (me), wanted to abort the trip and continue back to Thredbo, but was out voted. Instead we set up camp in a reasonably sheltered spot and had a quiet afternoon. The skies cleared and it turned into a lovely day (but cold) with a beautiful sunset. It also became extremely cold in the evening so we had another long night in the tents. Next time it will be worth carrying a book.

Monday morning we woke to a cold day with clear skies. Before long it had warmed up and the views on the way out were spectacular.

It turned out to be an excellent walk, with good company, good walking and some awful weather. We were sorry that Ron was unable to join us. Rosemary McConnell.

LAKE TALI KARGN...OR IS DICK ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL AGAIN?

Since the last elections, Greens candidate, Dick, has had time to contemplate and has decided to embark upon a tried and true campaign method - be seen in budgie smugglers.

Look, it's working. He's already been noticed.

Licola, expensive petrol and the ice creams were stale.
A return trip of about 900 km was worth it in every way, even if at times the trip was bumpy and fog bound
Kits of gear were compared and **K**ulinary expertise admired
Excellent 360d views from Mt Wellington and Spion Kopje
Tough, tough climb down to and up from lake. **T**highs were feeling the pinch but worth it
A thoroughly inspiring/good weekend and scintillating company
Loos and water at campsites an added advantage
Icy lake water invited Peter, and then the others, for a quick dip in this unique 51 metre deep lake. The lake was formed by a landslide 1,500 years ago and is the only lake in the Alpine region, it's the only deep lake in Victoria.
Kind of you to read this rubbish, keep reading
Alison, Dick, Bernadette, Ron, Ira, Peter, and Rosemary had a wonderful time.
Rosemary led the ratbag ramblers. She had wanted to do this trip for over 40 years.
Nyimba campsite, a two night delight, in the snowgrass and gums.
Great campsites, great company, great neighbours, great sunsets, great weather. Gone home.

The Ratbags
Alison, Dick, Bernadette, Ira, Ron, Peter and Rosemary.

MORSES CREEK RIVER WALK.

On a lovely autumn day, we followed the river from Wandiligong down to the bridge and then walked up the creek/river occasionally having to get out to go around the really deep bits. We met a few mountain bikers, some gold panners and some surprised swimmers along the way. Most of us didn't get too wet! We returned to the cars for lunch. The Bright and Wandiligong area is very beautiful with lots of flat, easy walks. We wandered around the old gold works area and historic buildings after lunch. Some of us went to the Maze tearooms. Highly recommended for pleasant day out. Janet Buckton.

Fearless leader Paul.

NOTICES

Membership fees

Membership fees for 2015-6 are due by the end of May 2015.
There appears to have been some confusion regarding who pays when and how much.
New members who join between January and May 2015 will have their membership paid until May 2016. This only applies to new members and not to current members who have not paid for this financial year.
Current members who were late in paying for 2014-15 and have paid after January 2015 will be covered until May 2015 and will need to pay again for 15-16.
Those holding seniors cards, both national seniors and state government issued, are not eligible for a concession. The concession is for those who are able to provide a pensioner concession number. To contact Rosemary for membership renewal you may email her at this address:
membership@borderbushwalkingclub.com.au

Leaders - Emergency Contact Person (ECP).

Leaders are reminded to inform their participants who the ECP for their event is and provide them with relevant contact details ***at the time of booking into a walk***.

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. A copy of the form can be downloaded from the BBC website, printed, filled in and carried in an external pocket (either in a small zip lock bag or an old film canister) at all times.

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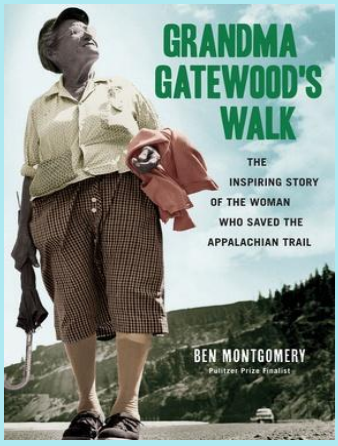
Pauline Scott
Warwick McLachlan
Janet Buckton
Alison Wellard

FOR SALE.

4 Season Tent. $300
A Wilderness Equipment Second Arrow.
Very good condition. No damage.
Lightweight, 2 person.
Contact Trevor 0400 119027 until 9pm
or by email bushtrev@hotmail.com

*This is in fact Grandma Gatewood, and you can read her amazing story by Ben Montgomery. It's the story of a woman, alone, in 1955, at age 67, who walked the entire Appalachian Trail. Grandma Gatewood did not have hiking boots, a backpack or a tent. She carried a blanket and a shower curtain in a drawstring bag and wore sneakers because her bunions were so bad.



GEAR HIRE

Members are advised 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

A full list of what is available and the cost is on our webpage under the section, "Information".

BARBER'S LAWS OF BACKPACKING #5

The difficulty of finding any given trail marker is directly proportional to the importance of the consequences of failing to find it.

FIRST AID KITS

Leaders are reminded to take first aid kits on all activities. The club has a number for use. Contact David Graf.

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.

Disclaimer

All statements and opinions expressed in articles published in 'Footprints' are those of the respective authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the Editor, the Committee or members of the Border Bushwalking Club

Activities on the website... don't forget to keep an eye on our website for upcoming activities.

Federation Walks Weekend 2015

will be held in the Victorian Goldfields and Spa Country around

Daylesford and Hepburn Springs

on the weekend of 24th and 25th October 2015

The event will be hosted by the Bayside Bushwalking Club and the Great Dividing Trail Association

The venue for registration, afternoon tea and Saturday evening meal will be

Hepburn Primary School

156 Main Road, Hepburn (corner of Fourteenth Street)

Due to the diversity of accommodation in the area and the proximity to Melbourne which permits day trips, the hosting clubs will not be organising accommodation. Instead we will provide information about suitable group and budget accommodation.

The Daylesford area is very popular and accommodation can book out quickly, sometimes a year in advance, so if you would like to participate in some of the great walks we are planning and stay overnight, book soon.

http://fedwalks.org.au/

The following hiking tips come from The Australian Geographic "Outdoor" magazine. The article is entitled Top 25 hiking tips.

Here are some of those tips. See them all by clicking here.

TAPE UP

A roll of duct tape will prove its worth in time of a quick repair. Wrap the tape around a trekking pole, or a container if space is a real concern. Duct tap will fix a torn tent, a ripped backpack, hold a flapping boot sole at bay, extend a cracked water bottle's life and even help prevent blisters.

NAVIGATION 101

Even on well-marked trails experienced walkers are always navigating. They will look behind at regular intervals and get a feel for the route should they have to return. They will identify points of interest such as rock formations, distinctive trees, or changes in the terrain. This simple routine should become every walker's habit. With the advent of GPS such simple habits can be easily overlooked.

LACE UP

Carry extra bootlaces. The saying goes "you're only as strong as the weakest link" and you wouldn't want a simple bootlace to be the undoing of an otherwise well-planned trip.

TRY IT AND TEST IT

Regular walkers love nothing more than playing with their gear. A great habit to develop is inspecting and using gear regularly between bush sojourns. Keep abreast of the operation of equipment; this will assist you if you have to set-up gear in tough conditions, and will ensure you don't set off with faulty or damaged gear. A simple problem could compromise the safety of you and your group. In particular, trial new gear before you go bush. Much walking gear, such as stoves, require assembly and can have many different parts.

BLESSING IN A BAG

You should waterproof all gear, at the very least use a waterproof pack liner. However, most seasoned walkers will tell you it is imperative to show some extra vigilance with your sleeping-bag and one set of warm underclothes. Wet clothes can be walked in and may have to stay wet, as is often the case in Tasmania, however to sleep dry and warm is imperative for enjoyment and safety. Ensure each morning you repack your dry underclothes and sleeping-bag well and it is waterproof sealed.

LIGHT MY FIRE

Experienced walkers will always carry at least two ignition sources. Should one fail you can be safe in the knowledge you have another.

LOVE ZIP LOCKS

Walkers love zip-lock bags. Storing foodstuffs in these handy little bags saves weight and space. The muttering of the words "save weight and space" will set the pulse racing of any hot-blooded regular walker. Zip-lock bags pack well and keep food fresh. Removing food packaging will also mean less rubbish to carry out.

ROUTINE, ROUTINE, ROUTINE

Regular walkers love routine. For example, get into the habit of always setting up the tent the same way. Packs under one vestibule, food in a bag in the top pocket, torch in your pant pocket - whatever works for you, just as long as it's consistent. This will avoid you spending half the evening looking for things in your bag, miss half the ingredients for dinner or have to blindly scramble around the tent looking for your torch when you're busting for the loo.

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.**

FIRST AID KITS: are to be taken by leaders on each walk.

BIVY BAGS: The club has bivy bags available for activities where extreme cold may be an issue.

GRADING

Grade 1

(**Easy**) Opportunity for large number of participates, including those with reduced ability to walk/cycle on well- marked and even formed tracks. **Formed tracks** may have a few steps. Should not be steep. Suitable for beginners. Distance should not exceed about 10km.

Grade 2

(**Easy-Medium**) Easy activity, mostly on tracks of low gradient. Opportunity to walk/cycle easily in natural environments on well-marked tracks. Tracks should not be steep. Distance should not exceed about 15km.

Grade 3

(**Medium**) Medium activity with some hilly sections and/or rougher terrain. Opportunity to walk/cycle on de- fined and distinct tracks with some steep sections requiring a moderate level of fitness. Suitable for fit beginners. Distance should not exceed about 20km.

Grade 4

(**Medium-Hard**) Steeper, rougher terrain and may have off-track sections (no more than one quarter of the walk) or a longer distance track walk. Opportunity to explore and discover relatively undisturbed natural environments mostly along defined and distinct tracks. Tracks can be steep. There may be short sections of rock scrambling involved. Leaders should have map reading abilities and/or ability to use a compass. Distance depending on circumstances. Not suitable for most beginners.

Grade 5

(**Hard**) Off-track or difficult terrain. Opportunity for walkers with advanced outdoor knowledge and skills to find their own way along often indistinct tracks or off track in remote locations. May include steep sections of unmodified surfaces. There may be rock scrambling, creek walking and crossing involved. Distance should not exceed 30km, but may be short and difficult. Not suitable for beginners.

Grade 6

(**Very Hard**) Strenuous off-track walk or very long distance. Opportunity for highly experienced walkers to exploratory remote and challenging natural areas without reliance on managed tracks. Terrain may be steep, uneven and no track. There may be rock scrambling, creek walking and crossing involved. Distance covered is unlimited, but may be short and difficult. Only for experienced walkers and not suitable for beginners.

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.

Perfect Weather for the Outdoors. Let's Go!

Overland Track Tasmania **Friday, 20th March -Sunday 29th March 2015** **Grade 4 (Med-Hard)**
Bushwalking - 70+km
Leader: Cindy Marsh
Phone 0410425335 (after 7pm)

Having recently completed the Overland Track. I consider it is an Australian iconic 'must-do' long-distance bushwalk. Normally, it's a 65 km, six-day trek through the heart of the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, part of the magnificent Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. However, with travel and a rest day, plus taking in Pine Valley Hut, our trip length will be 9 nights- 10 days.

The stunning scenery and the physical challenge of the Overland Track have assured it a national and international reputation as one of the great wilderness bushwalks.

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South Buffalo View Point - Dickson's Falls **Saturday, 28th March** **Grade 4**
Bushwalking **18 kms**
Leader: Deb Kahn
Phone: 02 6041 4202 before 8pm
Bookings by Wednesday, 25th March

The South Buffalo Viewpoint walk is one of the most picturesque walks on the Buffalo Plateau. Starting at Cresta and meandering to a rocky outcrop that overlooks Lake Buffalo, it goes through bog, heath and grassy plains. Ideally suited to a picnic lunch, participants will be asked to bring a share plate to contribute to lunch. After returning to the car park, those who wish to can then walk out to Dickson Falls, that looks across the other side of the National Park.

Cobungra Gap and beyond **Saturday, 4th April** **Grade 4**
Leader: Deb Kahn **23 kms approximately**
Phone: 02 6041 4202 before 8pm
Bookings by Wednesday, 1st April

I haven't done this exact walk before but have done most of the bits as part of other walks. The plan is to walk a loop from Pretty Valley Pondage via Basalt Temple and Cobungra Gap to Blairs Hut. From there it will be a bit steep up to Westons Hut and finally back to the cars via "the green tree". I would be interested in hearing from anyone who has done this walk before and would love to have them on the walk as a co-leader.

Young's Hut Restorations **Saturday, April 11th - Sunday, April 12th** **Grade 3**
Bushwalking
Overnight camping
Leaders: Ron Hammond and Cindy Marsh
Phone: Ron: (02) 60401233 Cindy: 0410425335

The remaining weather boards to finish the exterior cladding of Young's have arrived. To complete the restoration work, I have organised an overnight walk to be led by myself for April 11 & 12th. Cindy Marsh will lead a day walk to Young's Hut on Saturday April 11, to assist with carrying items out to the Hut.

We need to oil the weather boards a couple of times and I have 6 three metre lengths of weatherboards and a small ladder to carry to the hut.

In addition, I will organise a working bee at short notice towards the end of April to fix the weather boards and hang the new curtains, compliments of Trish Trevaskis.

Milk Run or Walk **Sunday, April 19th** **Ungraded**
Bushwalking
More Information:
Eric Thompson: (02) 6071 8609
Peter Croucher: (02) 6027 3260
Kiewa Tangambalanga Lions Club invite you to participate in the 6km or 10km Milk Run on the High Country Rail Trail. There will be tucker, spot prizes, water points and some great views as you run along the foreshore of Lake Hume. Before the cooler winter weather arrives once more, take advantage of the mild autumn weather by being part of the 4th MILK RUN family walk or run event. The walk is the brainchild of the Kiewa Tangambalanga Lions Club and is supported by both Indigo Shire and Murray Goulburn, as well as other sponsors and the Bonegilla Rail Trail Advisory Group.
There are two options on the day: a 6km or 10km course along the rail trail over the new Sandy Creek bridge starting at the beautiful Huon Reserve. With the weir containing good amounts of water over recent years, the views along the course remain sensational and will be much more enjoyable with a coffee, sausage, flavoured milk or yoghurt in hand after you complete your run/walk. There will also be loads of spot prizes on the day.
Start / Finish:
High Country Rail Trail at the Huon Reserve, Murray Valley Hwy, Huon VIC 3695. This is a 20 minute drive east of Albury Wodonga.
Registrations and Payment:
Help event organisers by registering online prior to the day (credit card payments):
Online registeration details will be available closer to the date
Cash registrations from 8.30am to 9.30am on Sunday 19 April 2015.

Mt. Bogong **Saturday, April 25th** **Grade 4**
Leader: Deb Kahn
Phone: 0410 047884 before 8pm
Bookings by: Wednesday, April 22nd.
A memorable walk on a memorable day. Summit one of Victoria's iconic peaks to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli, This walk will start from Mt Creek carpark and go up and down the Staircase.

High Country Rail Trail - Whistle Stop High Tea **Saturday, May 16th** **24km return cycle from Huon**
Bike riding **1:30 pm** **Reserve over the Sandy**
Social **Creek Inlet bridge to**
Tallangatta and return.
As part of the North East High Country Harvest Festival, the Bonegilla Rail Trail Advisory Group, Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group and Parklands Albury Wodonga invite you to get on your bike as part of this **Progressive High Tea**.
Start: 1.30pm at Huon Reserve, Murray Valley Highway, Bonegilla (20 minutes drive east of Wodonga)
What is provided: Sociable afternoon mingling with other High Tea participants at this Friends of the High Country Rail Trail event. There will be High Tea (1950's style tucker) and hot drinks at various "whistle stops" along the High Country Rail Trail between Huon and Tallangatta.
What to bring: Bicycle, bicycle helmet and water bottle.
Why are we doing this: To celebrate the High Country Rail Trail, showcase the region and attract visitors during this quiet period for tourism. We are also fundraising for the High Country Rail Trail. Many community and business volunteers continue to contribute significant time in restoring traditional trestle bridges, fencing and establishing access so as to open this spectacular High Country Rail through to Corryong. Lots of people all contributing a little (time and donations) has enabled us to open 60km of rail trail….only 40km to go!
Bookings essential: Registration is via bank transfer of $20 per person to:
Bank Name:WAW Credit Union
BSB:803 070
Account Name:Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group Inc
Account Number:54629
Please include your name (for group booking the name of the person paying is sufficient) in the Reference section of the bank transfer.
Then email railtrail@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au*protected email* to confirm.

Jatbula Trail from Katherine N.T. to Edith Falls **Wednesday, 10th June - Tuesday, 16th June** **66 kms**
Leader: Dick Wellard
Phone: 02 60271 622

5 nights, 6 days of moderate walking on sometimes rocky tracks. Clean water and swimming available at each overnight stop.

The trail extends from the Nitmiluk Centre (Katherine Gorge) to Edith Falls.

A booking has been made for 7 people. At the time of writing there is one vacancy. Participants need to make their way to and from the walk site. Assistance is available to transit passengers from the end of the walk back to vehicles left at the Nitmiluk Centre.

Eileen's Big Birthday Bash **Saturday, June 27th** **Grade 1**
Leader: Eileen Clark
Social
Phone: 02 60253292 or 0412 042 195
Bookings by: Wednesday, June 24th

Claiming the date for this one, more details later. Short walk at Mountain Creek in morning followed by shared lunch at Tawonga South.

Jarvis creek Jaunt or Touring Tallangatta **Sunday, June 29th** **Distance Varies**
Walk or Cycle
Information: Rob Caddell: (02) 6071 2374
or Kerry Love: (02) 6071 2334

Refer to the website:
www.parklands-alburywodonga.org.au
Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group invite you to join their annual Friends of the Rail Trail Jarvis Creek Ride.
Registration: 8.30am for 9am start at Tallangatta Information Centre (The Triangles)
Medium 49km circuit, 9km on the sealed rail trail to Old Tallangatta followed by a climb up into Jarvis Creek Plateau Regional Park & spectacular downhill run on 4WD tracks.
Lifts to the top available from Information Centre but will not leave until after 10 am. Book in when registering (limited spots available)
Morning tea available on plateau for gold coin donation. The damper and morning tea at the top are worth the effort.
Mountain bike best but robust hybrid OK as well.

Ride or walk from Tallangatta to Old Tallangatta:
Registration: 10am at Tallangatta Information Centre

This is an easy ride on the sealed section of the rail trail. 18km return. Enjoy morning tea Old Tallangatta (gold coin donation). Bring a snack/lunch on your back. On return enjoy a local counter meal/take away or BYO BBQ lunch or a picnic in Tallangatta.