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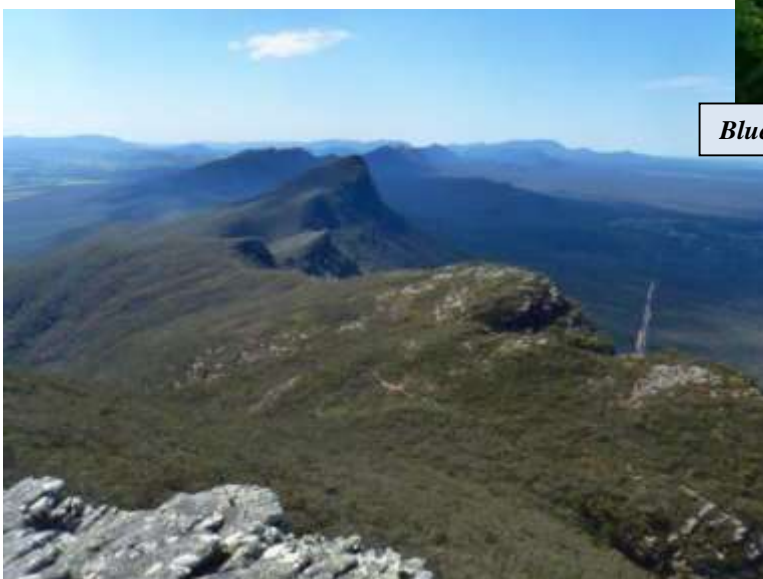


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*Blue Fingers – Caladenia catenata*



*Mt Spurgeon looking north towards  
Mt Abrupt in the centre*

To view the complete calendar, please follow the link:

<http://www.sunbushwalk.net.au/calendarofactivities.html>

## Three Peaks - One Weekend.



Peter on Mt Spurgeon

October and a visit to the Grampians is a 'must do' so off we went with a plan, of sorts, in train.

We, being Robert, Peter, Russell, Tony and I, were on a quest to climb the most southern peak and then the most northern. Camping on Friday at Deep Creek had us up and away at a very early hour to drive over the range into the Victoria Valley and by a circuitous route arrive early at the car park at the base of Mt Sturgeon. Not so early that there were no cars already parked there! On

our climb we were passed by three parties who had already done the climb and were heading down. Tony was our guide as he had previously done the climb.

Russell was in his element with flowers in abundance, even his beloved orchids, and he soon dropped back with his camera in hand and called out that we should go ahead and he would either catch us up or we would meet him on our return. Robert kept him company. It did not take us too long to gain the summit and with a clear morning we had a good look around and eyed off Dunkeld hoping to visit later in the day. Russell did make it to the top and that allowed us to dwell a little longer so that he could catch his breathe.



*Eastern Wallflower Diuris – Diuris orientis*  
Common Name: Donkey Ears but still an orchid



Landslip

Our next task was to climb Mt Abrupt (827meters) which seemed to be about half as high again as Mt Sturgeon (583 meters). Lunch was at Mt Abrupt car park and then off on the climb. It was evident the impact of the fires over the last few years, that have apparently burnt about 90% of the parklands, had caused considerable erosion and a large amount of restoration work had been necessary to allow the reopening of the climb to the public. On one section on the way up a large landslide had occurred and much rock work had been undertaken to make a safe walk across the land slip. In planning the walk I had used as reference the Federation Weekend booklet of 2000. Mount Abrupt was described as being 7.5hours over 7klms starting from Dunkeld reservoir and finishing where we started. Part of the original walk was described as 'off track'. The Mount Sturgeon walk was a 6.5 hour 8 klm walk, also starting at Dunkeld reservoir.



We drove into Dunkeld and had a beer at the pub before heading back to our overnight camping spot at which we had a very pleasant evening around a camp fire. An early morning walk on Sunday to the Glenisla Aboriginal Shelter near Buandik let our tents dry before packing them away for our return home. It was sobering to see the evidence of just how fierce the fires had been with many trees burnt so extensively that they were beyond throwing new shoots – although a lot have, as is the want of the Australian bush.



Our final climb was Mount Zero, the most northern peak, and this was once again an eye opener when we looked across at Mt Stapleton and saw vast tracks of dead scrub and tree areas normally covered by timber and undergrowth bare to the gaze. I have never seen such a complete kill of vegetation and I doubt that it will recover in what remains of my lifetime.

So what was achieved in the weekend? – Three peaks that I had not previously climbed and the knowledge that both the southern and northern most peaks were in that number. On a slightly different note, I discovered that baking paper within my stainless steel lined aluminium pot can keep it clean when doing a fry up. A good thing to know.

*Report by Roger*

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**Our condolences to Dick on the passing of his mother  
and to Noel for his brother.**



*Daddy Long-legs – Caladenia  
filamentosa Orchididaceae*

The Bushwalking Victoria membership card enables members to obtain discounts from a number of mainly Melbourne based retailers of bushwalking equipment and services. *Below is a current list of our stakeholders. Note that Bushwalking Victoria membership cards need to be presented prior to processing of sale.*

## TRAVEL

- Outdoor Travel, 5% on Outdoor Travel tours and all reservations made directly with the office at Bright. Check out their website or join their email newsletter subscription list for tours and current deals.

Web: [www.outdoortravel.com.au](http://www.outdoortravel.com.au)

Phone: 1800331582

Email: [info@outdoortravel.com.au](mailto:info@outdoortravel.com.au)

## **RRP = Regular Retail Price-does not include sale or consignment items or hire gear**

- AJAY's Snow and Country Sports: Heathmont – 10% off RRP
- Bogong Equipment: Melbourne -10% off RRP
- Discovery Holiday Parks - Cradle Mountain – 20% discount off shoulder and low season rates (16th of April - 21st of December)  
Contact Claire 03 6492 1289, 1800 068 574 [www.discovervholidayvparks.com.au](http://www.discovervholidayvparks.com.au)
- EMC, Eastern Mountain Centre: Deepdene -10% off RRP
- Escape 2: South Wharf DFO, Shop TG30, 20 Convention Centre Place South Wharf 20% off
- Escape 2 Moorabbin DFO 20% off
- Melbourne Map Centre: Malvern East 5% discount
- Outsports Moorabbin: ask for PRIORITY discount for a great deal
- Paddy Pallin - Melbourne, Hawthorn and Ringwood -10% off RRP
- Phillip Island Nature Parks – 10% discount off 3 Parks Pass ticket. Includes Penguin Parade, Churchill Island and the Koala Conservation Centre. Tickets valid for 6 months
- The Wilderness Shop: Box Hill -10% off RRP
- Smitten: Tasmania, merino wear for the outdoors. 15% off RRP to order email [www.smittenmerino.com](http://www.smittenmerino.com)
- Woodslane Walking Guides -20% discount for online orders. Note there is a \$5 shipping charge with each order under \$100, free shipping for anything over \$100. Quote "Walking" at the check-out to obtain your discount.  
<https://secure.woodslaneonline.com.au/promotion/walking/woodslane-walking-guides>

Clubs will be notified, via "Bushwalking News Victoria", of any other organisations that come on board offering discounts.

Note also that the presentation of a club card works sometimes in other states with 10% being the usual discount.



### *Paddling Chalka Creek*

## CALENDAR

|                                                         |                                                                                                                |                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Nov 4th                                                 | Canoeing Chalka Creek                                                                                          | Contact Roger<br>50257325           |
| Nov 5th                                                 | Meeting 8.00pm Club Room                                                                                       |                                     |
| Nov 6 - 16 <sup>th</sup><br>Federation Walks<br>Weekend | Day Walks Rawson &<br>Extended Coastal Walk follow on of<br>Croajingalong walk (Stage 2 Mallacoota to<br>Eden) | Contact Roger<br>50257325           |
| Dec 3rd                                                 | Meeting 8.00pm Club Room                                                                                       |                                     |
| Dec 6th                                                 | Break-up                                                                                                       | Contact Noel<br>50257455/0438456355 |
| Jan 25 2015                                             | Progressive meal                                                                                               | Volunteer needed                    |
| Feb 2-7 2015                                            | New Zealand Milford Track walk & other NZ<br>adventures. Limited spaces.                                       | Contact Roger<br>50257325           |

**Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday 4th November at 8.00 pm**  
**at Drysdale's**  
**2164 Fifteenth Street,**  
**Irymple**