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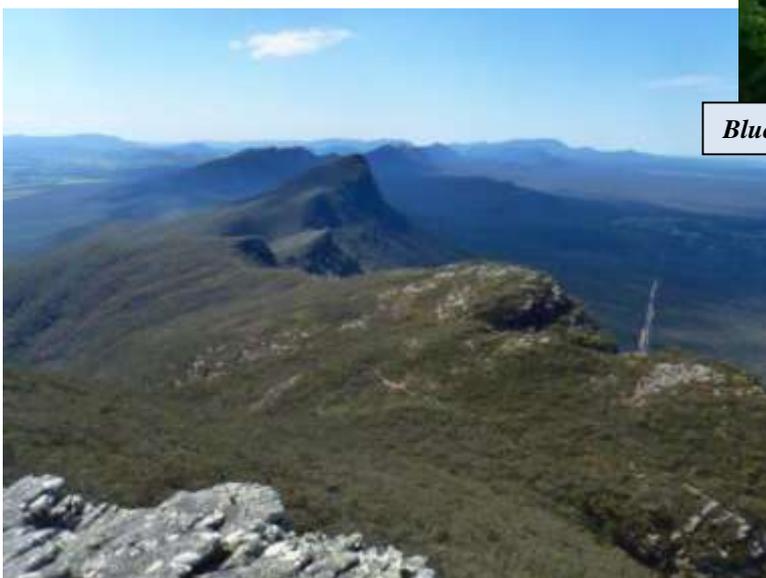
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Blue Fingers – Caladenia catenata



*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.

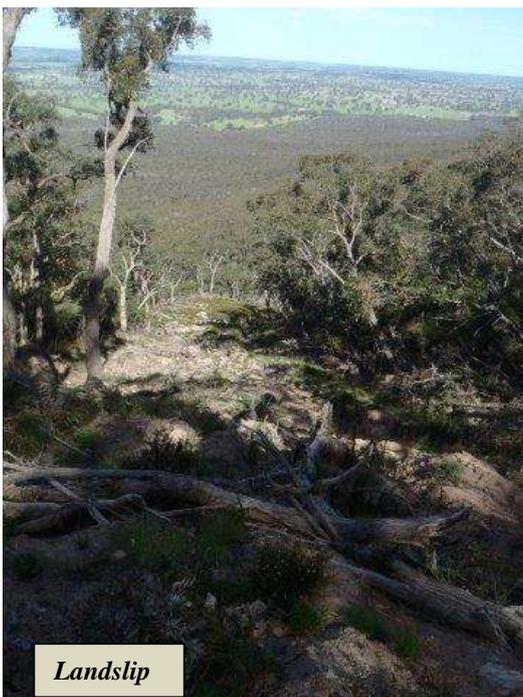
We, being Robert, Peter, Russell, Tony and I, were on a quest to climb the most southern peak and then the most northern. Camping on Friday at Deep Creek had us up and away at a very early hour to drive over the range into the Victoria Valley and by a circuitous route arrive early at the car park at 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 were 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.

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

Phone: 1800331582

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

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