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Or bring to the meeting.



Welcome to 2019 and our first newsletter for the year. We have been light on with news over the long hot summer so not much news.

If you go on any bushwalking/outdoor activities please feel free to drop me some photos and a report to share in the newsletter. binding.tina.tb@gmail.com

In the November newsletter, I congratulated Tony for his epic climb of Mt Everest. It wasn't my intention to mislead you in thinking he climbed to the top. Tony did epically climb to Base Camp. My apologies Tony.

PIZZA AND ICE CREAM NIGHT AT THE CLUB Thanks Greg for sharing photos of members who attended the evening at the club rooms. It looks like it was a balmy night to have shared with friends. There are more photos on the Sunraysia Bushwalkers Facebook page.



Day Walk Leader Training Course - 13 and 14 April 2019 from 08:45 - 16:00
Contact Izole Bensch - the Office Manager on 98461132 for further details or email
admin@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au

Bushwalking Victoria will be hosting day walk leader training for our affiliated member clubs in April. The details are as follows:

Course Name: Day Walk Leader Training

Date: 13 and 14 April 2019 (the course runs over two days)

Time: 08:45 - 16:00

Venue: Outdoor Activity Hub Conference Room, Westerfolds Park, Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe, VIC (venue details attached)

Course topics include: Leadership skills, previewing a walk, paperwork, risk management, leading the walk, navigation, incident management.

Please bring: Lunch and a bushwalking compass (preferably Silva brand).

BWV will supply each participant with a course handbook, morning and afternoon tea.

The maximum number of attendees for the course is 20 due to the size of the venue.

We would like to give as many clubs as possible the opportunity to attend, so depending on demand, we ask to limit the number of persons attending from any one club to two participants. You can send through additional names to go on a waiting list and if we have additional spaces, we can offer the waiting list participants a place.

Country attendees will need to organise their own accommodation, please. (Options nearby include: [Quest Doncaster](#), [Beau Monde International](#), [Eltham Motor Inn](#), [Airbnb](#))

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Judy Hunter at training@bushwalkingvictoria.org.au by 20 March 2019.

Wimmera Bushwalking Calendar.

If you are looking to get away and would like to join the Wimmera Bushwalkers for a walk here is their calendar for the next few months. Make contact with the lead walker.

March 22nd,23th,24th - Pinks Beach—Kingston SA. Staying in a holiday house and doing a few day walks in the area. Contact Warren 0419 571 506

April 7th - Bovine Falls Look out and Silverband Falls.

Grade Easy Contact Warren and Ann R. 0419 571 506

April 21st - Smith Reserve - Grade easy. Contact Kylie 0403 713 120

Note: To make things easier for the leader, please try to register your interest for walks at least 2 days prior to the date.

All participants must make contact with the leader

Our club often receive some great deals in our email box. Here is one for you if you are heading Gippsland way

HOT WINTER DEAL when PAY FOR 2 STAY FOR 3.

This deal runs from 1st of May-31st of August.

Did you know the Gippsland lakes is Australia's largest and most inland waterways, The Gippsland Lakes, is a network of lakes marshes and lagoons with many more surroundings places to see.

We have so many points of interest your tour group could enjoy, here are just a few examples for you to consider.

- We have a large range of shops, restaurants and clubs.
- A beautiful walking Esplanade path with many trawlers to purchased fresh seafood daily.
- Cross a footbridge to towards the beach and walk around the edge of the lake through coastal bushland to historic Flagstaff Hill for views of boats crossing the bar. Go back the same way or along the popular Ninety Mile Beach.
- Visit our beautiful back lakes system to enjoy some crabbing, fishing, or hiring your own boat or just enjoying a beautiful nature's walk.
- Visit our beautiful Sea & Shell Museum and Marine Display.
- Cruise the lake on many different cruises eg Wine, scenic, lunch on board, or even cruise to the popular little village Metung.
- Raymond Island is well known for their koala population this is where you will find them in the wild. The Raymond Island Ferry provides the only link between the island and the mainland
- And don't forgot the popular Buchan Caves they are nestled in the foot of the Snowy river valley

So please don't hesitate to call Monica on 51551222 or email me at manager@koonwarrapark.com.au to help you accommodate your next tour if you venture our way.

Also in our inbox came some information on the Aussie Camino. Peter has an expression of interest email if you are interested in this event. Take a look at the website or email Luke Mills for more info.

Aussie Camino - Expression of Interest April 2019

I hope you are well rested and having a great break over the summer. You may be looking to plans a walk this year so I am seeking expressions of interest for the autumn camino 2019. The group is half full so if you'd like to come please let me know. Otherwise I hope you can make it sometime in the future. The Aussie Camino is 8 days walking averaging 24km per day 196km in total.

If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me at: aussiecamino@gmail.com or see www.aussiecamino.org

Trail Hiking Australia – If you are looking for a hike, this new website might be of use to you.

Hi there, hope you had a great Christmas and New Year and are ready for a great 2019, filled with adventure. As an active participant in Australia's adventure community I wanted to invite you to participate in a new initiative I have been working on. Its Australia's Outdoor Adventure Directory, [Get Me Wild Australia](http://www.getmewild.com.au). www.getmewild.com.au

My name is Darren Edwards and I am passionate about the outdoors. So much so that three years ago I embarked on a project to encourage more people to get outdoors and be active through hiking/bushwalking. This not-for-profit community project, [Trail Hiking Australia](http://www.trailhiking.com.au), has quickly become one of the leading online resources for information relating to hiking trails, trip preparation, skills, navigation techniques and safety. In this short time my site has grown to now include over 3,000 Australian trails and has over 45,000 users every month. I'm pretty chuffed about that.

I receive a lot of emails, Facebook messages and calls from users who are travelling to new areas and they are always asking questions like; Where can we stay near the start of the hike? Do you know any local transport providers? Do you know where I can buy quality gear? Do you know of any tour operators who service this trek? This list goes on. So, this led me to thinking, why don't we have an online resource, dedicated to the adventure sector, where people can easily find this information.

Over the past six months I have been working hard on Get Me Wild Australia and it is just about ready to launch. My plan is to go live to the public on 01 March this year. Before I do this, I wanted to invite you to create your business profile and listing so that my 45,000 users can find you easier then they ever have before.

There are a few options available, starting with a free plan so when you have some time it would be great if you can search the site to see if a listing already exists for you. If it does, you can simply create your profile and claim this listing as your own. If one doesn't exist, its easy to create one.

This project is all about making getting outdoors easier for the Australian community. Hope you are keen to be involved. Just a reminder I will be launching on 01 March.

If you have any questions you can always give me a call or send me an email and I'll gladly assist.

Darren Edwards Founder of [Trail Hiking Australia](http://www.trailhiking.com.au), [The Buller Huts Trail](http://www.thebullerhuts.com.au) and [Get Me Wild Australia](http://www.getmewild.com.au)

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BUSHWALKING TRACKS AND CONSERVATION – 2019



Start Date	Finish Date	Project	Land Manager	Ranger in Charge	Project Leader or Club
7/03/2019	10/03/2019	AAWT Philack Saddle Baw Baw National Park	PV	Kirsten Phelan	Strzelecki Bushwalking Club
9/03/2019	11/03/2019	AAWT Mt Wills Alpine National Park	PV	Thomas Grounds	TBA
6/04/2019	7/04/2019	East Tyers Walking Track Tanjil Tyres State Forest	DELWP	David Vaskess	Peter Maffei
25/04/2019	28/04/2019	Mt Howit - Guys Hut – Wonnangatta Alpine National Park	PV	Richie Southerton	Joe van Beek
4/05/2019	5/05/2019	Grampian National Park	PV	Ronda McNeil	VMTC and MBW
11/05/2019	12/05/2019	Howqua Area Alpine National Park	PV	Nigel Watts	TBA
8/06/2019	10/06/2019	Hattah Kulkyne National Park	PV	Shane Southon	TBA
31/08/2019	1/09/2019	Great Otways N P	PV	Kieran Lieutier	Ed Butler
21/09/2019	22/09/2019	Lady Walker Track – reopening Warburton State Forest	DELWP	Monica Mains	Melbourne Womens Walking Club
26/09/2019	29/09/2019	Croajingolong National Park	PV	Robyn Korn	Mike Grant
5/10/2019	6/10/2019	Cathedral Range State Park	PV	Natalie Brida	TBA
23/11/2019	24/11/2019	Howqua Area - Alpine National Park	PV	Nigel Watts	TBA

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CALENDAR

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Month	Activity & Date	Activity	Coordinators	Comments
March	Wed 6 Sunday 17 Dates TBA Mid March	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Paddle and/or walk at Walpolla Creek (adjacent to Lock 9). Healesville to Walhalla trek. Maria Island and Freycinet Peninsula	Matt Jones and Peter Rhodes Bill Sutherland Michael Jobe	Meet at Centro at 8.00 am prior to driving to Lock 9 (Lake Cullulleraine). Bring lunch or snacks as appropriate. Canoe sharing can be arranged. Contact Bill for details. Contact Michael for details.
April	Wed 3 Saturday 13 or Sunday 14 Dates TBA	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Snake Island Walk (Wentworth to Murray/Darling junction via bridge) Mountain bike ride to Broken Hill	Karl Sommer Michael Jobe	Meet in Wentworth, perhaps junction or weir and then walk over the bridge to the junction on the other side of Darling River. Contact Michael for details.
May	Wed 1 Sat 11 & Sun 12 Sunday 12	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Sunset NP - Mt Jess walk OR Merbein Common/Blandowski Steps behind winery	Meryl Hale TBA	Option of a weekend camp or day walk, or Meet in car park at bottom of Pump Hill for this local walk.
June	Wed 5 Sunday 16 Dates TBA	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Raak Plain and Ochre Pits OR Nangiloc/Colignan river walk.	Peter Rhodes and Michael Jobe	We will choose the better option depending on weather conditions. Contact Michael for details.

		Heysen Trail - Victor Harbour to Mt. Magnificent		
July	Wed 3 Saturday 13 and Sunday 14	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Mid-year dinner	TBA	Coordinator, venue and meal details TBA.
August	Wed 7 Saturday 3 and Sunday 4, or Sunday 4 Early August	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Grampians Camp (perhaps Mt Stapleton, Briggs Bluff or Boroka Lookout) OR King's Billabong walk. Scotland: West Highland Way (Glasgow to Fort William)	Meryl Hale TBA Michael Jobe	Camp details and transport options TBA Meet in main car park adjacent to embankment at 9.00 am. Contact Michael for details
September	Wed 4 Saturday 14 or Sunday 15	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Yarrara Flora Reserve (Millewa)	TBA	Wildflower walk and perhaps lunch at the Werrimull Hotel.
October	Wed 2 Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 Sunday 14 Dates TBA	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Mopoke Hut to Mt Crozier hike OR Apex Park/ back of Native Nursery walk. Munda Biddi Bike Ride - WA	Meryl and Karl TBA Michael Jobe	Overnight camp and trek. Local walk, meet Apex Park Clubrooms. Contact Michael for details
November	Wed 6 Sunday 10 Dates TBA	Club meeting Apex Park Clubrooms 7.30 pm start Paddle and/or walk Hattah Lakes. Bike Ride Tasmania - Devonport then Stanley/Deloraine	Matt Jones and Peter Rhodes Michael Jobe	Meet at Centro at 8.00 am prior to driving to Hattah. Bring lunch or snacks as appropriate. Canoe sharing can be arranged. Contact Michael for details

Note: All activities and dates are subject to change. Always contact the Leader to register your attendance.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is necessary for all participants to carry a whistle on all walks as per the BWV guidelines. The following are the whistle signals

1 long blast acknowledging a distress signal

3 short blasts for distress

4 short blasts indicating an emergency and for walking party to regroup ASAP