

SUNRAYSIA BUSHWALKERS

NEWSLETTER



*Have you booked for the
Federation Walks*

19th – 20th October

<https://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/federation-walks>

AUGUST 2019

Next Meeting

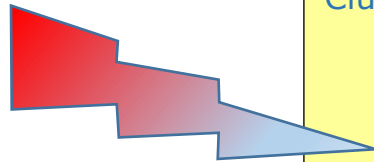
7th August

Club Meets

First Wednesday of Month

7 30 pm

Erskine Falls



Club Fees \$40 per person

Due July

BSB 063 520

Account 00907072

August Walks

Kings Billabong

Sunday 4th August

Time 9 am

Meet at Billabong Walks Car Park,
adjacent to embankment.

Contact Coordinator

Peter Rhodes 0438 321 898

Register Interest

up to day before for this event.



Scroggin

How is the sunburn after World Nude Hiking day?

We are looking for nominations for the worst food taken on a hike!

First Nomination Peanut butter Pasta, any advances ?

Bamboo Socks, yes or no?

Calendar

Please contact walk coordinator prior to attending a walk

Month	Date	Activity	Coordinators	Comments	Grade
August	16 - 18th	Bike Tour Clare Reisling Trail Barossa Track	Michael Jobe	Mountain Bikes or Hybrids Caravan Park	Easy
	Early Aug	King's Billabong	Peter Rhodes		Easy
	31 to 1/9	Great Otways N.P	Ranger Kieran Lieuter Project Leader Ed Butler	Parks Victoria	Track Maintenance
September	14-15 th	Yarrara Flora Reserve Millewa	TBA		Easy
	21 - 22nd	Lady Walker Track - re-opening Warburton State Forest	DELWP Monica Mains Melbourne Womens Walking Club		Park Maintenance
	26 - 29th	Croajingolong National Park	Parks Victoria Robyn Korn	Mike Grant	Park Maintenance
October	5th -6th	Cathedral Range State Park	Parks Victoria Natalie Brida		Park Maintenance
	12-13 th	Mopoke Hut to Mt Crozier Hike		Overnight Pack Hike	Trek
	14th	Apex Park	Michael Jobe		Easy
	26th to 1st November	Heysen Trail Mt Compass to Hahndorf 80 Kms	Michael Jobe	Cost Approx \$350 Contact Michael to register your interest	Car shuffle, day packs Cabins
November	10	Paddle/ Walk Hattah Lakes	Matt Jones and Peter Rhodes	Canoe Pooling available Meet at Centro 8am Bring lunch and snacks	
	23 - 24	Howqua Area Alpine National Park	Parks Victoria Nigel Watts		Track Maintenance
December		Break Up			

Mid-Year Dinner

Warananga 2019

Theme - Australia

The wind blew a group of bushwalkers into the Warananga Woolshed on the weekend of July 20th for our annual dinner and fellowship. We began the evening with soup from the Sandra and Russell kitchen then, Roger undertook the leadership around the campfire as he created a camp oven meal. The baton was then passed to Michael to round the meal out with bread and butter pudding.



Sandra enjoying the sun on Sunday

Thanks for a great meal to our Chef's



Michael and Paula



Roger the 60's Hippy

Winner



Wattle Queen Barb,
Russell and Meryl

The creative juices were flowing in the Shallard house as Russell took the prize for the fancy dress for the night. Luckily we had the snake collector on hand to ensure our party was safe, but I think the gum trees were a little wary of "Odd Jobe" the "bush mechanic".



We also had a representative from the CWA, and very nicely turned out, Elaine was, a credit to the organisation, ever the accomplished hostess, seen here chatting to kangaroo Wendy.



Will offering to wash dishes, fast track membership?

Despite being a Kiwi, David happily joined in singing some of our alternate anthems,

"We are one" and "I still call Australia Home"

Although mention was made of a suitability to stand for Parliament, as David has his certificate!

Thanks, David.



Warananga Day 2

Overnight the wind dropped and we awoke to a beautiful day, with a light breeze and blue skies. It was decided we would have time for a short walk along the river bank. The muscle shells were large and had interesting patterning on the shells. Unfortunately we hadn't checked the opening hours at the bar, or was it the currency which was wrong.



The area showed some typical river bank vegetation of river red gums and signs of agriculture in the fences and old bottles. A few pelicans rested on the bank. Departure time was 10 am, so we had to leave and make way for the

next guests to enjoy the facilities at Warananga. The "Galah" flew home and the "Welcome Stranger nugget", put away the welcome mat and we drove home. The drovers have returned to their regular duties and Greg enjoyed the peace and quiet to finish his reading.





Bushwalking Victoria assisted the Hattah Parks Victoria rangers Shane Southon and Julia Beechy who to undertake track maintenance over the weekend of 8th to the 10th June. Tracks were cleared of debris, and overhanging branches. The Bulge Ridge Track, Woodlands Track, and Shingleback Track benefitted from a total of 104 volunteer hours. Bayside, Murray Valley and Sunraysia bushwalking clubs, the Great Dividing Trail Association and individual members of Bushwalking Victoria volunteered their time and energy over the weekend.

Roger was the representative from the Sunraysia club who attended the weekend and was able to pass on information about the Hattah Lakes pumping station which supplied water for the steam railway and the town of Hattah. It was great to have members of Bushwalking Victoria from across the state, coming north to help in the maintenance work at Hattah.



In other excerpts from the Bushwalking Victoria Newsletter

Always plan for the unplanned ... it can save your life! Please always [complete this Victoria Police trip intention](#) form when you go on a bushwalk and leave it with someone reliable who will alert Police if you have not returned from a walk by the expected time. Please take note of the recommended items to pack in case of an emergency and **make sure you keep critical items on your person** if for some reason you are separated from your pack.

1. Review [Snowsafe](#) and [Walksafe \(PDF\)](#) guidelines
2. [Complete a Trip Intentions form](#) and leave it with a responsible person
3. Carry a well-charged [mobile phone](#) with good reception
4. Carry a [Personal Locator Beacon](#) or [Spot tracking device](#) and know how to it
5. Carry navigation equipment (map, compass, GPS) and know how to use them
6. Carry an emergency foil blanket and use it for shelter if necessary
7. Carry waterproof matches, a cigarette light and some firelighters or solid stove fuel tablets
8. If you do get lost, stay where you are, make a shelter to stay warm and dry, and raise the alarm
9. If possible, stay close to a clearing where you are more likely to be sighted by aircraft
10. Turn your phone off then on at scheduled intervals. Use SMS in preference to voice

The Bushwalking Victoria Facebook page has links to Bush search and Rescue

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