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Shadow Lake with Mt Hugel and Little Mount Hugel at Sunset

Cradle Mountain – Lake St Clair National Park

Photo by Andrew (March 2024)

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Mount Hotham Base Camp

A fantastic week at Mount Hotham was enjoyed by all who attended during February 2024. The feeling at the end of the week was that all will be back next time, if only to repeat the sumptuous banquet that was held that final night in honour of David Elliott, our first time Base Camp leader.

It was supposed to be a nine o'clock departure from the last pick-up point, and mostly running to plan until a passenger bemoaned, "Oops! I've forgotten my boots". However, the guilty party was able to console the driver during the diversion to retrieve the boots, saying, "Oh, it will actually be quicker now because I live right next to the freeway".

Faster, quicker, or not, it was a comfortable and pleasant trip up the Hume to our lunch stop at the Sam Miranda Winery at Milawa. We enjoyed a tasting of some fantastic wines followed by a pleasant lunch attended by about half of the trip participants. Your author shared a cheese platter, some crusty bread and Arancini balls; delicious. The staff specially opened a 2003 Chardonnay for the party: amazing.

The Cobungra Ditch Walking Track follows the course of an abandoned water race, a ruin from the gold mining era in the district. The aqueduct was carved through the steep mountain ranges and once conveyed a stream of water just over ten kilometres to the hydraulic sluicing operations of the Cobungra Gold Mining Company at Brandy Creek.

The 17 km walk took us through a range of natural landscapes, through shady open woodland, in and out of cool damp gullies, past waterfalls and, most enjoyably, passing spectacular displays of wildflowers. Unfortunately, for some walkers, the pleasure of the floral displays was rather offset by experiences with the unwanted company of leeches. However, dinner and relaxation back at the chalet, soon brought the pleasant memories to the fore.



The Montane Walking Track is a grade 3 walking track that commences on the northern side of the Great Alpine Road at Dinner Plain. Tiana led this walk.

The track takes an easterly direction to Slippery Pinch, passing through open woodlands with magnificent snow gums and snow grass plains and large boulders arranged beside the track by nature. In the first section of track, we could see views of the Bogong High Plains and of Mount Cope. Towards the end of this section the tree cover changes to Sallee and Mountain Tea Tree.

The second section of the walk meanders through further Snow Gums with their twisted branches ageing gracefully above old cattle yards built by the high country graziers in the earlier parts of the 20th century. Our undulating path, fairly well maintained, eventually brought us to Carmichael Falls, named in honour of Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Governor of Victoria from July 1908 to May 1911.



Carmichael Falls

From the falls we continued our circuit back to Dinner Plain where we enjoyed a welcome drink before completing the car shuffle back to the chalet and a restful afternoon.

The Diamantina Hut to Mt Feathertop walk is absolutely beautiful. A long day, but totally worth it, seemingly on top of the world heading out to Victoria's second highest peak at 1,922 metres.

The return walk is 23 km along the Razorback Ridge with its ups and downs and snow gums providing shade under their spectacular branches for the periodic rest stops.

Above the tree line, on the final section to the summit of Feathertop, the route passes through open patches of snow grass surrounded by low scrub. The climb can be graded moderate, despite the path being steep and rocky. We shared the track with two snakes which we admired from a suitable distance. Our leader David Elliott was a great support, helping the slowish ones among us to complete the ascent in the day's rather warm weather.

Our efforts were rewarded with a fantastic panorama over the Bogong High Plains with Mount Bogong, the Fainters, Mount Jaithmathang and Mount Hotham among the many high peaks we could see, together with a view down the Ovens Valley. It is a walk not to be missed.



Christmas Hills and Wonderland Trail is an easy seven km loop trail and was quite a relief after the previous day's challenging 23 km walk out to Mount Feathertop and back.

We spotted a juvenile owl, either a Boobook or Masked Owl, who was as curious about us as we were of it and saw a beautiful example of the Starfish fungus.



Unfortunately, on Tuesday evening David and Margaret had to perform a medical evacuation from the mountain (Ian, we hope you're feeling better), so the final day's walk on Wednesday was organized by Sueli and Wane.

Derrick Hut is reached on a four kilometre rocky track. Once again we were greeted with clear skies and calm conditions for our final excursion. The day commenced with a short drive to the Mt Loch car park for the Trailhead of the Machinery Spur walking track.

Derrick Hut was built as a day shelter for ski tourers by the Wangaratta Ski Club in 1967. This neat little timber hut is a memorial to Charles Derrick, a cross country skier who died in a blizzard in 1965 while attempting to ski from Mt Bogong to Mt Hotham.

Several track junctions were encountered before we reached the hut, but they were never a problem as our group of ten walkers, with their GPS devices, smart phone apps, even maps and compasses kept us on track. Your scribe was expecting a sextant and dividers to come out at any moment.

Mount Loch was the next stop on the trip back. Reached by a short but steep climb to the summit for some stunning views, particularly of the east side of Mount Feathertop (and more of those obligatory group photos) before the short walk back to the Mount Loch car park.

Most of the group returned to the lodge to enjoy their final afternoon. The more intrepid walkers (David and Mark) continued on to the Mount Hotham summit for a visual summary of our wonderful week's walking. Reaching the ski village, our bold leader declared that a bit of exploring would be a nice way to end the day. So, heading off through some construction sites he managed to capably guide us up to the top of Mount Higginbotham and a view of Mount Hotham's Ski Villages.

Contributors – Marg M, David, Pam, Wane, Margaret R, Kate and Mark.

Leaders - David, Tiana, Sueli and Wane

For more information go to:

- Bushwalking Victoria - [Cobungra Ditch Walking Track, Mt Hotham](#)
- [Hotham Alpine Resort – Walking & Hiking](#)

From that font of all knowledge (Wikipedia)

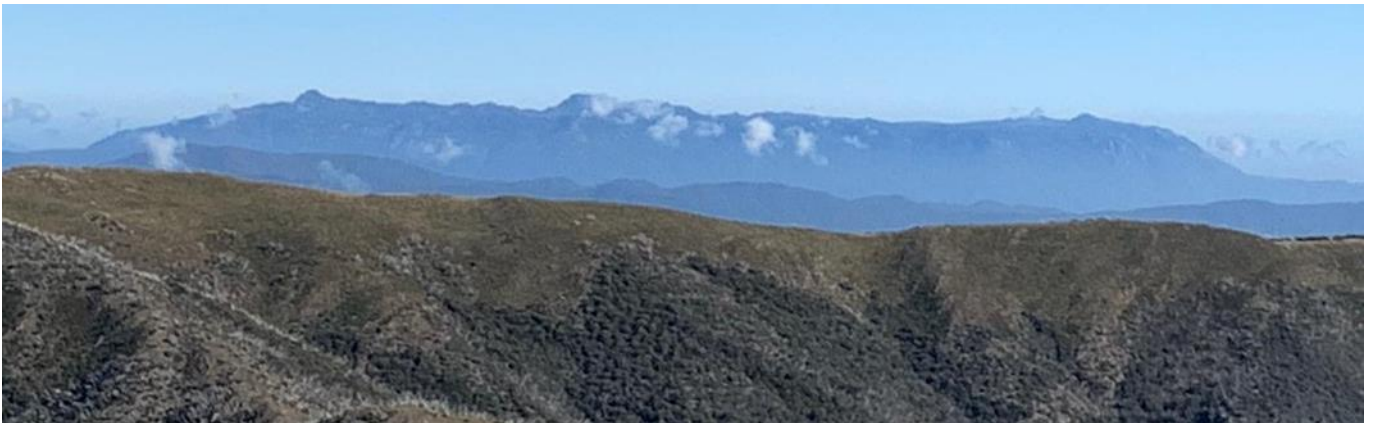
Eucalyptus stellulata, commonly known as **black sallee** or **black sally**, is a species of small tree or a mallee that is endemic to higher altitude regions of south-eastern Australia.



It has rough bark on the lower part of the trunk smooth greenish bark above, lance-shaped to elliptical leaves, flower buds in group of between nine and fifteen, white flowers and cup-shaped or shortened spherical fruit.

Leptospermum grandifolium, commonly known as **mountain tea-tree** or **woolly tea-tree**, is a species of shrub or small tree that is endemic to south-eastern Australia. It has elliptical to egg-shaped leaves with a sharp point on the tip, white flowers and relatively large, broadly hemispherical fruit.

Aseroe rubra, commonly known as the **anemone stinkhorn**, **sea anemone fungus** and **starfish fungus**, is a common and wide spread basidiomycete fungus recognizable for its foul odour of carrion and its sea anemone shape when mature. Found in gardens on mulch and in grassy areas, it resembles a red star-shaped structure covered in brownish slime on a white stalk. It attracts flies, which spread its spores. This fungus is widely distributed in Australia from southeastern Queensland through New South Wales, eastern Victoria and in Tasmania. It is also found across many islands in the Pacific Ocean, including New Zealand.



Mount Buffalo from Mount Hotham



What Happens on Mount Hotham, Stays on Mount Hotham





Q - When is a leader, not a leader?

A - When he is prone

Maate, must a been some week at Hotham.

Yea Base Camp

BBC went to Yea between 3rd and 6th of March 2024 to walk part of the Great Victorian Rail Trail and to explore the town of Yea.

Yea is situated near the confluence of the Goulburn and Yea Rivers in a valley that is home to many classified wetlands. The Yea Wetlands, located between two branches of the Yea River, was on the agenda, but sadly as a result of recent floods, we were unable to walk through the wetlands area and possibly see a resident platypus.

The country around Yea was originally inhabited by the Taungurung people. The first visit to the area by Europeans was the Hume and Hovell expedition in 1824. Within 15 years most of the land in the area had been taken up by graziers. Yea township was surveyed in 1855 and it grew as a service centre for grazing, gold mining and timber-getting in the area. Yea contains many historical buildings, a number of which are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register. We were able to follow a walk around the main historical buildings with the assistance of a very informative leaflet from the local tourist office.



Another historical connection in the area is the Cheviot Railway Tunnel. The tunnel, on the now closed Tallarook to Mansfield railway, was built in 1889 and made from handcrafted bricks manufactured on the site. Closed in 1977, the line has now been repurposed as the Great Victorian Rail Trail, which formed the greater part of the club's walking during this camp.



Members found the three days walking very interesting. The vegetation varied each day and despite the hot weather they were able to enjoy the walks by starting early and finishing by early afternoon in time for a dip in the caravan park pool.



One highlight was this art instillation beside the track at Yarck



Maggie has summarised the camp in a poem.

Yea to Yarck and Back Again - Low Hanging Fruit

Setting the scene

A laden fig tree in Yea's Main Street proved too much of a temptation for two of the group members who independently decided to investigate the tree

Act 1

The figs proved not to be ripe enough, which was just as well
 As the members of our party could easily have spent the first night in a cell
 You see, they had not been too observant were just keen to pick the loot.
 But the tree belonged to the police station - now wasn't that a hoot
 They didn't give up very easily, they didn't like to fail.
 Next day they found some black berries far away from the sight of the jail
 Across a ditch red apples were tempting, hanging down in the laden trees
 But however could we reach them - they were such a tease
 So sadly, we had to leave them, go away with empty packs
 And continue on to Yarck, for lunch, along the railway tracks

Act 2

The Next Day

The Molesworth walk was foreshortened, despite an early start
 The temperatures were against us, and we had to be back by lunch
 In the steps of Hume and Hovell before them, two delinquents (of the male kind) decided to keep soldiering on
 They said Yea to Yarck was so catchy. It was something that had to be done..
 The enthusiasm to get to Molesworth, appeared to be second to none ...
 But secretly, that was not the real reason for the group to split in that way
 It was the fault of the seasons that led to a rather risky, but brave display
 The recalcitrant lads were on a mission to return to the old apple tree,
 Where the ditch and the snakes they challenged and conquered, to go on a scrumping spree
 The fruits of their labours are before us
 And now, a gift to our leader supreme
 Dear Judy, they would like you to accept them
 With a huge, thank you from all of your team

Identities suppressed because as we all know "What happens on a Base Camp...."

Penned by Maggie during the camp at Yea.

Trip Leader and Author – Judy r

Photos – [Cheviot Tunnel](#) by Judy; [Yarck Art Installation](#) by Wojtek



President's Column

There are many benefits to being part of a bushwalking club with links to the peak body, Bushwalking Victoria, and an enthusiastic walking community. Learning navigation and staying safe in the wilderness comes to mind. Low-cost fitness with insurance for members is another benefit as unforeseen issues may occur. You can read more in BWV March newsletter. [March 2024 Bushwalking News! \(mailchi.mp\)](mailto:March 2024 Bushwalking News! (mailchi.mp))

As part of joining clubs there is a responsibility on all members to make sure the club runs smoothly and that leadership positions are refreshed, renewed, and shared around. BBC has an AGM coming up on 6 May 2024 and while we have filled most of the available positions, we are interested in hearing from members who are willing to volunteer their time and share the load. If you would like to join the committee my number is 0411 019 924.

Organised bushwalking is 90 years old this year in Victoria and Bush Search and Rescue is celebrating its 75th anniversary 2024. See [BSAR - Bushwalking Victoria](#)

At BBC's next committee meeting we are brainstorming about how we can celebrate our 40th anniversary later in the year. If you have ideas, please share them with a committee member.

The Fed Walks survey circulated by Louise O'Connor to BBC members has given us good information about the level of interest and offers of assistance. Thank you to all the leaders, the 15 cake makers and members assisting with the program.

Louise also distributed a survey to Bushwalking Victoria for distribution to clubs. The response shows that by all accounts Fed Walks 2024 will be a great success. Even though bookings don't open until 3 June 2024, over 200 people have indicated they are coming to the Prom and 180 will attend the Saturday evening event.

You don't have to be a serious walker to come along to Fed Walks this year. At Wilsons Prom there is something for everyone. You can enjoy an amphibious boat cruise with Wanderer Adventures. You can take any of the self-guided walks on offer. You can attend the Saturday evening event. Come along and join in the fun.

We have had some good sponsorship for advertising in the souvenir booklet from Vast Outdoors, Backpack Light, Bogong, Bayside Sports Medicine and Bayside Chiropractic thanks to former Presidents Jeff McDonnell and Doug Crompton who have been active on this front.

Enjoy your walking

Lyn Curtis

(President)



Next Member's Meeting

Monday April 8th, 2024

Lockie, from Bogong Equipment will be our speaker.

Lockie has hiked thousands of kilometres on trails throughout Australia while working within the adventure retail area. He has walked the Bibbulmun, Heysen, Larapinta, Great Ocean Walk, Goldfields and Grampains Peaks Trail amongst many other trips.

He is happy to share his experience and give great advice, even including how to use your poles correctly!

Venue - Hampton Community Centre, Willis St, Hampton - 7:30 for 8pm.

The AGM will be held on Monday 6th May

Please come along and add your support.

There will be vacancies on the BBC Committee at this year's AGM. Have you thought of volunteering to help manage your club. Contact our secretary for a nomination form, now before the deadline.

Upcoming Walks and Activities

[Grandchildren's Walk at the Cranbourne Royal Botanic Gardens.](#)

Saturday 13th April 2024

Bookings are open.

When booking, please advise in the Comments Box the number and ages of the children with you.

This is a walk for club members with their grandchildren aged 3 years+.

Grandparents are to be fully responsible for the children they bring.

Free entry to the Gardens and free parking.

BYO snacks, lunch, water, plus sunhats and sunscreen. The Gardens café will be open.

Start time 10am. Estimated finish time 1.30-2pm.

Tracks & paths are pram friendly, but bikes and scooters are not permitted in the gardens. Nor are pets allowed.

The current listing of BBC activities can be found on the club's website.

This year's 4 Peaks Challenge is to be held on Sunday April 21st.

Full details are in the advertisement that was attached to the email which brought you the February edition of Packs Up! The start and finish are in Camperdown.



FedWalks 2024

Make it a weekend to remember: 11-13 October 24

As part of the Federation Walks Wilsons Promontory package, we are offering 20 unique walks ranging from easy to medium to hard - available over two days with different styles of accommodation ranging from camping to glamping, plus dinner and entertainment on Saturday evening, October 12.

As an add on to the walks package we are working with Wanderer Adventures and Parks Victoria on a new boat cruise/walk option including a boat ride to Sealers Cove and a 24 km walk back via Refuge Cove, Waterloo Bay and Telegraph Saddle for those looking for a unique experience and a challenge. Of course, this option will have an extra cost, a minimum number and be weather dependent, but it will make for a memorable weekend.



Wanderer Adventures' Boats on Norman Beach

The 90th Anniversary Souvenir Booklet is well underway with detailed maps and descriptions of all the walks on offer. Some of the old favourites include: The Three Bays Walk (Squeaky Beach, Picnic Bay, Whiskey Bay), Oberon Bay, Little Oberon Bay, Mt Oberon, Mt Bishop, Lilly Pilly Gully, Tongue Point, Darby River and Verekers Outlook.

Most of the tracks we are using will be checked and cleared ahead of the weekend by our Bush Track and Conservation group in liaison with Parks Victoria.

Bookings open Monday 3 June 2024 via the Fed Walks website
www.fedwalks.org.au



Bayside U3A Seeks Presenters for their “Armchair Traveller” Series

Many BBC members would fit the bill to a tee. You have travelled overseas and in Australia and are more than capable of preparing and delivering a presentation to a small friendly group of Bayside U3A members. Some of our more interesting bushwalks would be an ideal topic also.

‘**Armchair Travel**’ is a friendly group which meets monthly to discuss travel venues around the world and in Australia. The usual format is an informal PowerPoint presentation, including photos, of the trip for about an hour, followed by about half an hour for questions and a chat over a coffee and cakes.

Many members of the class are elderly and cannot travel as much as they would like. This class provides a stimulating opportunity to get out of the house to ‘armchair travel’ and socialise with similar minded people. The co-ordinator of this group, Claire Andrews, is always looking for new presenters.

Claire and her helpers can offer you as much or as little assistance to prepare your presentation as you require. This help could be putting together PowerPoint slides or setting up the laptop and projector on the day. There is no need to provide your own technology, although you are welcome to bring your own laptop, if you would prefer and if it is compatible.

This class meets on the fourth Friday of the month, from 10.30am-12pm in Beaumaris. Presenters should arrive about 10am to allow time for the setup.

If you would like to have a ‘no obligation’ chat about the possibility of presenting, Claire would be very grateful if you would contact her - mobile 0449 181 146 or claire.bec.waters@bigpond.com

For those few BBC members who need to ask, “What is U3A”?

U3A (University of the Third Age) is an international group for seniors, with about 1,500 members in the Bayside U3A. The group’s aim is to provide educational, recreational and social activities for seniors (over 50 years old), regardless of their ethnicity, religion, ability or disability.

It is run entirely by volunteers.



VAST OUTDOORS, 880 Nepean Highway opposite the Kingston Arts Centre (which older members will remember as the former Moorabbin Town Hall) support our club with discounts and advice.

Vast Outdoors are an advertiser in the FedWalks 2024 Guide Book

Please consider them for your next equipment purchase.

www.vastoutdoors.com.au

Parks Victoria is Updating its Volunteer Strategy

Share your thoughts on volunteering in parks

Parks Victoria is updating its Volunteer Strategy. The Volunteer Strategy 2024-2029 will set the strategic direction for volunteering for and in partnership with Parks Victoria for years to come.

Consultation for the Volunteering Strategy is now live and open until **5th May** and we would love for you to be involved. We want to continue to strengthen volunteering at Parks Victoria by listening and working with stakeholders and the community to hear your experiences, thoughts and ideas.

Feedback will be used to inform the Strategy and guide what actions are a priority in supporting those volunteering at Parks Victoria into the future.

Learn more and have your say:

- Complete the survey at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/parks-victoria-volunteer-strategy>
- Join an online workshop on Tuesday 16th April between 5.30-7pm. Register [here](#).
- Email engage@parks.vic.gov.au or call 13 1963 with your feedback



Myrtle Rust is Lethal to Australian Plants

Could Citizen Scientists Help Track its Spread?

Every weekend, thousands of citizen scientists head into the great outdoors. If they see an unusual animal, plant or fungi, they take a photo and upload it.

This simple act by bushwalkers with smartphones is, in aggregate, increasingly valuable to researchers. Half of all records uploaded to Australia's largest open-data aggregator, the Atlas of Living Australia, now come from citizen scientists – and this number is likely to keep growing.



Citizen science isn't just useful in gauging how native species are going. Curious eyes spot invasive species too. The first sighting of the invasive buff-tailed bumble bee (*Bombus terrestris*) in Victoria was reported by a citizen scientist last year. The first discovery of a virus which turns woodlice (slaters) iridescent purple came from a citizen scientist. To date, reports from citizen scientists strongly favour native species. But as we grapple with damaging new invasive species, we need much more data.

We have been working to track the spread of the lethal plant fungus, which causes the disease myrtle rust, which can weaken and kill hundreds of our most loved tree species, including eucalypts, paperbarks, bottlebrushes, tea trees and lilly pillies. How far has it spread? We just don't know. We urgently need more reports from bush tracks and backyards.



Myrtle rust on a scrub turpentine leaf, showing the distinctive reds and yellows of the infection.

Muchos Insectos/Flickr, CC BY-NC-ND

Why is myrtle rust so bad?

“Myrtle rust” sounds almost cute. It's not. *Austropuccinia psidii* is a highly invasive fungal pathogen native to South America, which arrived in New South Wales in 2010. Windborne spores let the fungus spread rapidly up and down the east coast. By 2015, it had arrived in Tasmania and the Northern Territory, and by 2022 it was in Western Australia. Spores have been detected in South Australia, but no infections have yet been reported.

When the spores land on a plant, the fungus begins to feed on the plant's nutrients and causes myrtle rust disease. In severe cases, the fungus overruns the plant and it suffers dieback. The disease has already driven native guava (*Rhodomyrtus psidioides*) and scrub turpentine (*Rhodamnia rubescens*) to localised extinction in areas of Queensland and New South Wales where they were previously common. At least 15



species of rainforest tree are threatened with extinction. The fungus can infect at least 380 Australian species in the Myrtaceae family.

You can spot myrtle rust by its clusters of bright yellow powdery spores on the new leaves, fruits, flowers or stems of plants in the myrtle family. Each cluster has thousands of spores which can be easily carried by the wind or hitching a ride on your clothes to a new host plant to infect. It's important to avoid touching the rust to reduce its spread.

What role can citizen science play?

We now have more than 130 million observations recorded in the Atlas of Living Australia, ranging from common species such as Australian magpies (*Gymnorhina tibicen*) to little-known species such as the sand ghost shrimp (*Arenallianassa arenosa*). Of all these records, only about 2% are of invasive species. Why? Most citizen scientists get into it because they love native plants, animals and fungi. They may not realise the value of reporting invasive species.

It's very common to think biosecurity is about the border. But conserving Australia's wealth of biodiversity doesn't stop at the airport. Even once an invasive species has arrived, there is much that can be done to reduce the damage. For example, citizen scientists in Queensland have logged reports of highly invasive weed species such as new types of prickly pear cactus (*Opuntia* spp.). Early warnings like this allow authorities to eradicate plants likely to have been illegally dumped.

We know when communities see an invasive species has become a major problem, they will see the value of recording and reporting it via platforms which feed data into the Atlas of Living Australia.

We know myrtle rust has been observed in most states and territories. But we have little up to date information away from the eastern seaboard.



Citizen scientists go to many places scientists often don't get to.

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When an invasive species arrives in a new area, it's essential we find out as soon as possible. Biosecurity rests on early detection. There's often a very small window to eradicate the species before it spreads. We couldn't eradicate varroa mite, which devastates beehives, and are struggling to control fire ants.

Even when it's too late for eradication, as with myrtle rust, occurrence data can help us blunt the damage. Of particular interest is understanding how far it has spread and what plant species are most susceptible to myrtle rust. This information can help researchers tailor new chemical tools against the rust.

We know other strains of the rust outside Australia could actually pose an even worse threat. If these strains arrive or if the rust in Australia evolved in similar ways, it could accelerate the damage. Eyes on the ground help us track changes to pathogen behaviour.

We need, in short, data coming in constantly. This challenge is beyond the resources of professional researchers. Combining research fieldwork with citizen science reports is shaping up as an excellent way to get a better picture.

One reason citizen scientists are so valuable is that many have access to areas not usually observed by scientists, such as home gardens, rural acreage and hiking tracks.

Citizen science is remarkably easy. Free, open-source citizen science apps such as iNaturalist and NatureMapr add the photos you take to the repository of species data we are amassing.

Every photo and observation counts. We really do need your eyes.

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[Walk Safely - Bushwalking Victoria](#)



This Month's Photo Riddle



Where are you and what are you looking at?

Answer on page 23





BTAC Upcoming Activities

Dates	Meet at	Accommodation	Register By	Leader
McMillans Walking Track from Black River to Stander Creek (Upper Goulburn State Forest)				
April 25 to 28	Fiddlers Green on Mt Selma Road 3pm on Thursday 25 April	Camping on Champion Spur Track.	21st April	Joe van Beek
AAWT from Low Saddle to the other side of Mt MacDonald (Alpine national Park)				
May 17 to 20	Park Victoria's Blackbird Depot, near Sheeppark Flat. ** 2pm on Friday.	Camping at the Upper Jamieson Hut	12th May	Bob Edwards
Boroka Track (Grampian National Park)				
4 & 5 May	Wonderland roundabout/carpark on Mt Victory Road 9:30 am each day	Contact David Witham for options		David Witham

- **You must register on ParkConnect to attend these activities.**
- **If wanting to join after the 'register by' date – contact the leader directly.**
- **Please also register on the BBC web site so that Bob Edwards (BBC's Conservation Coordinator) has a record of members attending.**

Skills needed:	Good level of fitness. Chainsaw operators, brush cutting, hedge trimming, use of hand tools, manual lifting, erecting markers. There is a wide range of tasks.
Transport:	Arrange your own transport. Car pooling is encouraged.
We'll provide:	BTAC will provide all track maintenance equipment and PPE.
Please bring:	Camping gear and provisions for all meals. Please pack so that all your gear can be readily transferred to another vehicle if required. A day backpack to carry lunch, energy snacks, water, raincoat, warm



	<p>top, emergency contact, and medical information form, small first aid kit, etc. Sturdy work footwear and gaiters. This activity is in the high country where the weather can change rapidly. Come prepared for all seasons.</p>
Scope of work:	<p>We will be working as volunteers to DEECA to do track maintenance work. Maintenance work will include brush cutting, hedge trimmer operation, chain saw operation, erecting markers and the use of hand tools for vegetation trimming and clean up.</p>
WWCC:	<p>It is a requirement that all volunteers after their first volunteering activity have a working with Children Check and load it up on ParkConnect as evidence.</p>



The latest issue of the Bushwalking Victoria Bulletin is available through the link on the BBC Website under the Packs Up! tab. It is also available direct at BWV by clicking [March 2024 Bushwalking News! \(mailchi.mp\)](mailto:March 2024 Bushwalking News! (mailchi.mp)). The Newsletter contains an article about a new circuit track in the Steiglitz Historic Park.

The March BWV Bulletin contains a brief article about Poo Pots, but you read it first in the March edition of Packs Up!

BSAR 75th Anniversary Celebrations

Bush Search and Rescue Victoria is turning Seventy-five this year and would like to invite current and past members, as well all who have been associated with BSAR, to join in the celebration.

BSAR wants to ensure that all volunteers from the early days who may not have been contacted be made aware of this event.

Date: Sunday 5th of May 2024

Time: 12.30pm - 5pm

Location: The Conservatory, Studley Park Boathouse

Cost: \$45 per person for two course lunch

[REGISTER HERE](#)

RSVP by 21st April 2024. For enquiries contact 75th@bsar.org





My New Car

Photo Riddle Answer

A flow gauge on the West Cope aqueduct near Ryders Huts, Bogong High Plains.

Currently BBC has 355 members.

If you enjoyed reading this magazine or would like to know more about walking with the Bayside Bushwalking Club, visit our website www.baysidebush.org.au .

The Club is welcoming to new members. If you are unsure about a first walk with BBC, we can provide a ‘buddy’ to assist and prepare you for an enjoyable day in the bush or on an urban walk. Places are held for new members on the popular walks that quickly book out.

Identifying details of members have been removed from this ‘public’ edition of the magazine. Some formatting may have suffered from this action.

Packs Up! is the newsletter of the Bayside Bushwalking Club (BBC).

Editor – Paul Redmond

Contributions can be sent to the editor at newsletter@baysidebush.org.au.

Text must be in Microsoft Word format and photos for inclusion in jpg format.

Deadline for contributions is the close of business on the third Monday of the month.

The contributor is responsible for ensuring that all authors and photographers have agreed to publication in *Packs Up!* and that persons depicted in photographs have given their consent for their image to be published in *Packs Up!* and appear on the BBC Website.

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