

**Ben Cruachan Walking Club Inc.**  
Incorporation Number A0004849G

**Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting**

Held on Wednesday, 10 July 2019 at 7.30 pm at the Criterion Hotel, 90 MacAlister Street, Sale

**1. President's Welcome:**

**1.1. Attendance:**

The President, Joe van Beek, welcomed all those present:

Committee Members – Jack Winterbottom, Heather Alexander, Robyn Rowley, Monica Scicluna, Chris Marshall, Trevor Whibley, Helmut Tracksdorf, Piero Baglioni, Becky Horsham, Ken Free, Geoff Mattingley, Michael Dowe.

Club members - Joe Scicluna, Wil Streckfuss, Rob Paterson, Josie Paterson, Elizabeth Davis, Philip Davis, Andrew Ross, Sandy Mattingley, Jim Stranger.

**1.2. Apologies:**

Marian Matchan, Debbie Ray, John & Dorothy Hanlon, Judy van Beek, Denise Stranger, Bev Beard, Anna Janca, Corinne Klein, Sue Wielgosz, Noel & Jan Burrows, Jessie Walker

**2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting Held on 11 July 2018**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 July 2018, be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Philip Davis                      **Seconded:** Chris Marshall                      **Carried**

**3. Presentation of Reports:**

**3.1. President:**

The President, Joe van Beek, presented the President's Report as attached.

**Motion:** That the President's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Joe van Beek                      **Seconded:** Rob Paterson                      **Carried**

**3.1.1 Award of Life Membership**

Joe van Beek called up Wil Streckfuss to receive the award of a Life Membership of the Ben Cruachan Walking Club.

Joe summarised Wil's 30 plus years as a member of the club, during which time she has led countless walks and served on the Management Committee for many years. She is especially recognised as the organiser and leader of the club's annual Wilson's Promontory weekend. She has become a close friend and mentor to many members of the club and her Life Membership Award is richly deserved.

Joe presented Wil with a Life Membership Certificate and Ken Free presented her with a hand-crafted redgum serving tray with a brass Life Membership plaque.

Wil received a very warm round of applause and she thanked everyone for the honour of being a Life Member.

### **3.2. Treasurer:**

The Treasurer, Robyn Rowley, presented the financial statements for the 2018-19 financial year to 30 April 2019, as attached.

**Motion:** That the Financial Statement for 2017-18 financial year and Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Robyn Rowley                      **Seconded:** Monica Scicluna                      **Carried**

### **3.3. Tracks and Huts:**

The Tracks and Huts Co-ordinator, Michael Dowe presented the Tracks and Huts report, as attached.

**Motion:** That the Tracks and Huts Officer's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Michael Dowe                      **Seconded:** Philip Davis                      **Carried**

### **3.4. Walks Coordinator:**

The Walks Coordinator, Geoff Mattingley, presented the Walks Coordinator's Report. The Walks Coordinator's Report is attached.

**Motion:** That the Walks Coordinator's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Geoff Mattingley                      **Seconded:** Jack Winterbottom                      **Carried**

### **3.5. Newsletter Editor:**

The Newsletter Editor, Jack Winterbottom, presented a verbal Newsletter Editor's Report: Helmut Tracksdorf finished his term as Newsletter Editor in August 2018 with the publication of the club's 200<sup>th</sup> issue. Helmut received a warm round of applause for a job well done.

As Jack explained, the Newsletter really needs no report, it speaks for itself with a great collection of Walk Reports, Walk Previews and news in every issue. He thanked everyone who has made contributions of words and photographs over the past year.

Philip Davis made the point that the Newsletter was a fantastic effort on the part of both Helmut and Jack.

**Motion:** That the Newsletter Editor's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Jack Winterbottom                      **Seconded:** Helmut Tracksdorf                      **Carried**

### **3.6. Publicity:**

The Publicity Officer, Chris Marshall, presented the Publicity Officer's Report, as attached.

**Motion:** That the Publicity Officer's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Chris Marshall                      **Seconded:** Trevor Whibley                      **Carried**

## **4. Appointment by the membership present of an impartial Club member to chair proceedings during the election of office holders and ordinary Committee members:**

**Motion:** That Philip Davis chair the meeting for the election of office holders and ordinary committee members.

**Moved:** Joe van Beek                      **Seconded:** Monica Scicluna                      **Carried**

## 5. Vacating of all office holder and ordinary Committee member positions:

The Chairperson, Philip Davis, declared all positions vacant and thanked Joe van Beek and Office Holders for their work during the last year. He congratulated the outgoing committee on a job well done and thanked them on behalf of the membership.

## 6. Appointment of Office Holders:

### 6.1. President:

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of President.

**Nomination:** Joe van Beek                      **Nominated by:** Jack Winterbottom

**Nomination accepted.** As no further nominations were received, the Chairperson declared Joe van Beek appointed to the Office of President.

### 6.2. Vice President:

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Vice President.

**Nomination:** Piero Baglioni                      **Nominated by:** Joe van Beek

**Nomination accepted.** As no further nominations were received, the Chairperson declared Piero Baglioni appointed to the Office of Vice President.

### 6.3. Treasurer:

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Treasurer.

**Nomination:** Monica Scicluna                      **Nominated by:** Joe van Beek

**Nomination accepted.** As no further nominations were received, the Chairperson declared Monica Scicluna appointed to the Office of Treasurer.

### 6.4. Secretary:

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Secretary.

**Nomination:** Heather Alexander                      **Nominated by:** Chris Marshall

**Nomination accepted.** As no further nominations were received, the Chairperson declared Heather Alexander appointed to the Office of Secretary.

### 6.5. Publicity Officer:

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Publicity Officer.

**Nomination:** Robyn Kercher                      **Nominated by:** Joe van Beek

**Nomination accepted.** As no further nominations were received, the Chairperson declared Robyn Kercher appointed to the Office of Publicity Officer.

### 6.6. Newsletter Editor:

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Newsletter Editor.

**Nomination:** Jack Winterbottom                      **Nominated by:** Helmut Tracksdorf

**Nomination accepted.** As no further nominations were received, the Chairperson declared Helmut Tracksdorf appointed to the Office of Newsletter Editor.

### 6.7. Tracks and Huts Coordinator:

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Tracks and Huts Coordinator.

**Nomination:** Helmut Tracksdorf                      **Nominated by:** Michael Dowe

**Nomination accepted.** As no further nominations were received, the Chairperson declared Helmut Tracksdorf appointed to the Office of Tracks and Huts Coordinator.

### 6.8. Walks Coordinator:

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Walks Coordinator.

**Nomination:** Geoff Mattingley      **Nominated by:** Trevor Whibley

**Nomination accepted.** As no further nominations were received, the Chairperson declared Geoff Mattingley appointed to the Office of Walks Coordinator .

### 7. Appointment Of Up To Six Ordinary Members:

The Chairperson invited nominations for Ordinary Members of the Committee.

**Nomination:** Becky Horsham      **Nominated by:** Jack Winterbottom      **Nomination accepted.**

**Nomination:** Michael Dowe      **Nominated by:** Piero Baglioni      **Nomination accepted.**

**Nomination:** Trevor Whibley      **Nominated by:** Monica Scicluna      **Nomination accepted.**

**Nomination:** Marian Matchan      **Nominated by:** Ken Free      **Nomination accepted.**

**Nomination:** Rob Paterson      **Nominated by:** Monica Scicluna      **Nomination accepted.**

**Nomination:** Jim Stranger      **Nominated by:** Helmut Tracksdorf      **Nomination accepted.**

### 8. President Takes Chair and Addresses the Meeting as follows:

Thank you for the honour of electing me as your president and congratulations to all those elected to the Ben Cruachan Walking Club Management Committee.

Welcome to new committee members Robyn Kercher, Rob Paterson and Jim Stranger.

Special thanks to committee members not continuing:

- Chris Marshall
- Ken Free
- Robyn Rowley

I look forward to their ongoing participation in the club and their support of the committee with their expert knowledge.

At the beginning of my term 2 years ago I listed 6 aims:

- Effective leadership of the committee
- A great year of bush walking for the club
- Maintain our standing in the community
- Foster external relationships
- Exploit our uniqueness - e.g. FedWalks2020
- Protect the values for which we are known: openness and being friendly.

These continue to be my aims for the coming year.

The committee will work to ensure we exercise our duty of care while facilitating enjoyable, hassle free bushwalking and other outdoor activities.

On top of that we will be working hard to prepare for a successful FedWalks2020 to be held in November 2020, with participants accommodated at the Licola Wilderness Village for the weekend.

FedWalks2020 will require volunteers to assist on the organising committee and, on the weekend of the event, walk leaders and tail-end-Charlies for 20 to 22 walks on each of the 2 days.

In a significant departure for FedWalks events we are planning to stage up to 3 overnight walks into the Wonnangatta, Moroka and Tali Karng which will be supported walks utilising Parks Victoria and Macalister 4WD club for support.

We will also use the occasion to launch the McMillan's Walking Track Guidebook and Joe suggested that we might have Andy Oates as a guest speaker on the Saturday night.

Jim Stranger asked whether we would require permission to conduct off-track walks at FedWalks2020. Joe responded that we were not planning to seek an event permit and with a Parks Victoria Ranger, Connor Wilson, attending some organising committee meetings there should not be a problem.

Joe encouraged those present to register for both the Combined Gippsland Clubs event at Phillip Island in September and FedWalks2019 at the Otways in October.

Joe thanked everyone for attending and declared the 2019 Ben Cruachan Walking Club AGM closed.

**Meeting Close:** The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

The 2020 Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 8 July 2020, at a venue to be determined.



## Ben Cruachan Walking Club President's Report for 2018/2019

This concludes my second year as president of the club. When I look back on the aims I set two years ago I am satisfied and proud that we are achieving well. These aims were:

- **Effective leadership** of the committee. This is for others to judge.
- **A great calendar** of bushwalking - a wide variety of walks/events to cater to a wide range of people.
- Maintain our **standing in the community**
- Foster **external relationships**
- **Exploit our uniqueness**
- **Protect the values** for which the club has become to be known - **Openness** and being **Friendly and welcoming**

I see my challenge, as your president, to ensure that the club exercises its duty of care, while facilitating enjoyable, hassle free bushwalking - and other outdoor adventures.

Looking back over the last year tells me that we have done well including achieving against those aims. Some features and achievements of the last year include:

- All positions on the committee were filled and the committee did a sterling job.
- A varied program of bushwalks and other outdoor activities.
- Three walks were included in the Premiers Active April program
- BCWC facilitated the Combined Gippsland Walking Clubs' event.
- Nine members attended Federation Walks held on the Mornington Peninsular.
- Members were involved in helping to clear some 26km of bushwalking tracks in our area.
- A small subcommittee has commenced writing a guide book to McMillans Walking Track.
- Our relationship with Parks Victoria and DELWP continues to be strong.
- Club Nights were varied and well attended. Thank you to all those who presented.
- The pre Christmas lunch was as popular as ever and the BCWC birthday picnic on Ben Cruachan was well attended.
- We continue to attract new members and have numerous visitors. Our membership reached 128.
- We have had good coverage in the local media and more coverage in the BWV bulletins than most clubs.
- The bi monthly well illustrated News Letter has kept us well informed of goings on. Jack has now stamped his editorial mark on the News Letter.
- The BCWC Facebook group page has been reactivated and has 93 members.
- A new club flyer has been produced and distributed.
- We are in a sound financial position with income lagging expenditure by just a couple of hundred dollars.

- We have abolished the Newsletter Only membership. The newsletter is available free of charge to anyone who requests it. It is also available on our website.
- We have opened up our website so members no longer need to log in to get to some of the information.
- We have moved the website to a more secure platform.
- We recently purchased a shelter to be available for car camps and other events.
- We farewelled John Smith, of McMillans Walking Track fame and a Life Member of the club, in style at his funeral in January.
- We have reached an agreement with Ambulance Victoria via Debbie Ray, a BCWC member, to provide first aid training for members. This is a JV between Ambulance Victoria, SES Maffra and BCWC.
- We have agreed with Bushwalking Victoria to host FedWalks2020.

We have much to be **proud** of.

The first half of the 2019 year has been somewhat frustrating for me with a number of walks and track clearing events having been postponed or cancelled due to fire activity, unavailability of Parks Victoria and DELWP staff, park closures for safety reasons and then more lately because of snow. This has contributed to the number of activities being down on last year.

We contribute \$17.60 per member to Bushwalking Victoria as an affiliation fee. They are spending our affiliation fees along with grants from DELWP and Recreation and Sport to provide a secretariat to advocate for bushwalking, improve the capacity of BTAC and BSAR and to promote bushwalking as an active recreation beneficial to physical and mental wellbeing. Over the last year they have provided policy advice on Child Safety and Privacy.

I would like to make particular tribute to all those who have lead walks. Without **walk leaders** we have no walks, without walks we don't have a walking club.

A big thank you to each and every member of the Committee for all their efforts, contributions and achievements over the last year. A special thank you to those standing down from their roles on the committee. Thanks to **Ken Free**, secretary, **Chris Marshall**, publicity, **Robyn Rowley**, treasurer, **Michael Dowe**, Huts and Tracks and **Helmut Tracksdorf** who handed over the newsletter after producing the 200th edition last year.

Thanks to all **our members** for their support and participation at whatever level. I also extend a welcome to **our visitors** and trust that they enjoyed their experience with the club and may consider becoming a member.

Before I conclude it is my great pleasure to award life membership to Wil Streckfuss who has been a stalwart of the club for many years.

Thank you for your attention. See you on the tracks.

***Joe van Beek***

Ben Cruachan Walking Club Incorporated  
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30 April 2019

Opening Balance as at 01 May 2018	6,293.52	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Add Receipts</b>		
Membership	4,114.00	3,914.00
Interest	.62	1.34
Visitors Fees	370.00	247.00
Donations		300.00
Newsletter		40.00
First Aid refresher course (include rebate)	420.00	770.00
Uncategorized (float, Memorabilia)		105.00
Wilson's Prom Wknd	868.20	855.60
McMillan Tk 2017		2,664.24
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>5,772.82</b>	<b>8,897.18</b>
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Total funds available	12,066.34	
<b>Less Expenditure</b>		
Postage/Print & Stationery (include mail box)	454.00	47.90
Insurance & Affiliation fees (121) (110)	3,153.26	2,893.00
Equipment (Hand held radios)	883.00	652.53
Track Maintenance		15.03
Wilson's Prom 2019	879.00	868.20
Kosciuszko 2016 refund		34.00
McMillan Tk 2017 refund		2,964.13
First Aid Course	420.00	420.00
Gift Vouchers	90.00	
Consumer Affairs Club Rego (3 years owing)	173.40	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>6,052.66</b>	<b>7,894.79</b>
<b>Closing Balance as at 30 April 2019</b>	<b>6,013.68</b>	



**Ben Cruachen Walking Club Incorporated**

**Bank Reconciliation as at 01 May 2019**

**Cash Book**

Opening Balance as at 01 May 2018	6,293.52		
Add Deposits	5,772.82		
Funds Available	12,066.34		
Less Expenditure	6,052.66		
Balance as at 30 April 2019	6,013.68	Net Profit/Loss	-279.84

**Bank Statement:**

Balance as per Bank statement 01 May 2018	6,293.53		
Less unpresented cheques		Nil	
Closing Balance as at April 2019	6,013.68		



## Tracks and Huts 2018/2019

I am pleased to report that in the last twelve months club and BTAC volunteers have assisted with maintenance of some 26 kilometres of walking tracks in our region, as detailed in the table below.

Track	Section	Length (km)
McMillans Walking Track	Lazarini Spur Track to Black River	6
	N18 to Jamison Licola Rd	4
Track 96	Budgee Track to Lee Creek Picnic Area	4.5
	Alistair Fielding Memorial Walk	2
Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT)	Big River Saddle to Mt Wills Track	2
	Mt Wills to Omeo Highway	6
	Beyond the highway	2

DELWP crew did some log clearing of the Mt Shillinglaw section of the McMillans Walking Track. Fires in March impacted on approximately 25km of McMillans Walking Track.

In August last year DELWP hosted a meeting of various stakeholder to discuss the promotion of McMillans Walking Track.

A team consisting of Helmut Tracksdorf, Joe van Beek and Martin Norris (SBWC) are writing a guide book for McMillans Walking Track. It is expected that the book will be launched at FedWalks2020.

Thanks to everyone who participated, especially Joe van Beek for taking the lead role and project managing the BTAC activities..

Michael Dowe

## Walks Coordinator Report to 2019 Annual General Meeting

Walk	Leader	Walk Type			Attendance		
		Day	Base Camp	Pack Carry	Members	Visitors	Total
Track 96 - Freestone Creek	Chris Marshall	*			11	3	14
Nowa Nowa	Jackie Whiting	*			15	3	18
Snow Shoe Mt St Gwinear	Joe van Beek	*			4		4
Buchan Caves Reserve	Trevor Clues	*			5	1	6
Mt Hedrick	Geoff Mattingley	*			4	3	7
Cape Conran - Yeerung	Heather Alexander	*			8		8
Mitchell Old Weir	Ken Free	*			12	3	15
Car Camp - Mitchelldale	Ken Free	*			6		6
Den of Nargun	Monica Scicluna	*			5	6	11
Mississippi Creek	Jackie Whiting	*			4	2	6
Port Albert - old port trail	Monica Scicluna	*			7	2	9
Taste of McMillans Tk no. 1	Joe van Beek			*	4	3	7
Newlands Arm	Marian Matchan	*			4	1	5
McMillans Tk - Crooked River survey	Joe van Beek		*		3	1	4
Billy Goat Bend - Den of Nargun	Ken Free	*			5		5
Wilson's Prom lodge weekend	Monica, Michael Dowe		*		10		10
Refuge Cove circuit	Chris Marshall			*	3		3
Entrance at Lakes/ Bat cave	Monica, Ken Grandy	*			13	6	19
Cowombat Flat, Border Cairn	Oliver Raymond			*	8		8
High Plains Wildflowers - joint VMTC	Maureen Hickling		*		2		2
Mt Worth State Park	Chris Marshall	*			5		5
Trapyard Hill	Jack Winterbottom	*			6	1	7
Eagle Point - Paynesville	Trevor Clues	*			8	3	11
Howitt Car Park -King Billy - Macalister	Oliver Raymond			*	2		2
Mt Howitt wildflowers car camp	Jack Winterbottom		*		11	4	15
Logie Track, Ensay, Cassilis	Trevor Clues		*		2	2	4
Nyerimilang	Monica Scicluna	*			12		12
Boggy Creek (Melwood)	Geoff Mattingley	*			9	5	14
Picnic Point - Bairnsdale	Trevor Clues	*			4		4
Hiawatha	Jessie Walker	*			8	2	10
Lost Lake, Mueller River	Oliver/Jackie	*			4	1	5
Mitchell R Mystery History	Ken/Rob Paterson	*			9	2	11
Tarra-Bulga Balook - Macks Ck	Peter Jennings	*			6	4	10
Traralgon Ck - Railway Reserve	Jim Stranger	*			6	1	7
Mt Buffalo Base Camp	Trevor Whibley		*		10		10
Sale Wetlands	Monica Scicluna	*			13	7	20
Deptford	Trevor Clues	*			5	8	13
Toms Cap	Peter Jennings	*			4		4
Taste of McMillans Tk no. 3	Joe van Beek			*	6		6
Cycle Gippsland Plains Rail Trail	Jim Stranger	*			3	1	4
Jack Smith Lake	Peter Jennings	*			17	1	18
East Tyers Walking Track	Joe van Beek	*			8		8
Lakes entrance/Bunga	Trevor Clues	*			7	6	13
Hortons Track	Ken Free	*			8	4	12

Club Birthday - Ben Cruachan	Joe van Beek	*			16	4	20
Walhalla - Poverty Point	Monica Scicluna	*			3		3
	Totals:	35	6	5	325	90	415
	Last year:	35	13	5	431	53	484

Leader leading most walks: Monica - 5 as leader, 2 as co-leader, total 7  
Joe van Beek and Trevor Clues - 6 walks each

Walk with most participants: Equal at 20 participants - Sale Wetlands - leader Monica Scicluna  
Club Birthday - leader Joe van Beek

## PUBLICITY OFFICERS REPORT 2019

This year we have had increased articles in the three main newspapers of our area which wasn't difficult as we did not have a Publicity Officer last year. Many walk previews and some photos have been published.

There was also a media release from Parks promoting McMillans Walking Track and Ben Cruachan Walking Clubs upcoming walks on the track which was given great exposure in the local papers.

Thanks to the efforts of our Facebook expert Becky Horsham we now have an active Ben Cruachan Walking Club page which is being used to advise of upcoming walks and events. Members of the group are posting photos after their walks and also putting up assorted information which may be of use to bushwalkers like track closures, fires etc. This has been a great development for the club and the page now has 96 members.

# **BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.**

## **Minutes of Management Committee Meeting**

Held on Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 7.00 pm

Maffra Community Sports Club, 122-126 Johnson Street, Maffra, preceded by dinner at 6 pm

### **1. President's Welcome:**

**1.1. Attendance:** - Joe van Beek, Chris Marshall, Trevor Whibley, Geoff Mattingley, Monica Scicluna, Heather Alexander, Robyn Rowley, Jack Winterbottom and Ken Free.

**1.2. Apologies:** Michael Dowe, Becky Horsham, Piero Baglioni, Marian Matchan and Helmut Tracksdorf.

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

#### **2.1. Confirmation**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the meeting of 12 December 2018 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Joe van Beek      **Seconded:** Geoff Mattingley      **Carried.**

#### **2.2. Matters Arising**

It was agreed, in his absence, that Jack Winterbottom would source an electronic copy of the Inspiring Gippsland publication for forwarding to Bushwalking Victoria to include its walks on the Where2walk section of the BWV website. Jack agreed to follow this up.

It was suggested by Jack Winterbottom and agreed by the Committee that the Minutes should include an Action List to ensure that actions and undertakings were acted in a timely manner.

### **3. Correspondence:**

#### **3.1. Incoming:**

Bushwalking Victoria email re BWV Board vacancies;  
Email with December 2018 News from the Alps newsletter;  
VNPA email re Little Desert National Park 50 year Anniversary;  
BWV and WGCMA emails re Horseshoe Bend closure for major 'construction' work;  
VNPA email – December 2018 Park Watch bulletin;  
Parks Victoria email about closure of parts of Alpine NP for Deer Control Trial;  
Email from Bill Morrison re his terminal illness;  
Email response from Enoch Lavender (Joomla) re "spam robot registrations" on website;  
Trust for Nature email about Women in Conservation Breakfast 2019;  
Emails from Darren Edwards re Trail Hiking Australia website directory;  
Email from Ryan Evans of GippSport with information about courses and grants for sporting clubs;  
Email from Big4 Taggerty Holiday Park with information about local bushwalks;

Trust for Nature email with Jan 2019 Nature News;  
Bushwalking Victoria email re where2walk survey and website access;  
Bushwalking Victoria reminder email re Premier's Active April walks;  
Bushwalking Victoria email re logging in East Gippsland old growth forests;  
Email from Hayley Hollis inviting input to the Catchment Action Plan for the Upper Mitta Mitta River catchment;  
Email from Kerry Spencer of DELWP re Forest Management Agreements;  
Email from John McRae re Australian Alps Project Grants Program;  
Bushwalking Victoria email re Day Walk Leader Training 13 & 14 April 2019;  
Email from Riley Tronson re Diverge Maps App;  
Email from Peter Maffei re Diverge Maps App;  
Rachel Dawkins of DELWP re media release about McMillans Walking Track maintenance;

### 3.2. Outgoing:

To Joomla: Query about website anomalies  
To BCWC Management Committee:  
Information about 2 Bushwalking Victoria Board vacancies;  
To DELWP, ParksVic and other outside organisations: Info about John Smith's funeral;  
To Becky Horsham: forwarded emails from Darren Edwards;  
To Hayley Hollis: email acknowledgement re Upper Mitta Mitta Catchment Action Plan;  
To McMillans Walking Track maintenance volunteers, email thankyou from Joe van Beek;  
To Izolde Bensch of BWV, email from Joe van Beek re sharing of photographs

To all members:

Minutes of December 2018 BCWC Management Committee meeting;  
Information about the Friends of Baw Baw NP Wildflower Walk on 12 Jan 2019;  
December 2018 News From The Alps newsletter;  
Email from VNPA re 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Little Desert NP;  
Email from BWV/WGCMA re closure of Horseshoe Bend for major "construction Work";  
Email from BWV/ParksVic re Wilson's Promontory Advisory Group vacancy;  
VNPA December 2018 Park Watch bulletin;  
Email from ParksVic re Alpine NP Deer Control Trial;  
Reminder for Australia Day weekend McMillans Walking Track maintenance;  
Information about John Smith's funeral;  
Trust for Nature email with Jan 2019 Nature News;  
Bushwalking Victoria email re where2walk survey and website access;  
Bushwalking Victoria email re logging in East Gippsland old growth forests;  
Email from Hayley Hollis inviting input to the Catchment Action Plan for the Upper Mitta Mitta River catchment;  
Email from Kerry Spencer of DELWP re Forest Management Agreements;  
Strzelecki Bushwalking Club February 2019 Newsletter.

**Motion:** That incoming correspondence be accepted and actions and outgoing correspondence be noted.

**Moved:** Joe van Beek

**Seconded:** Geoff Mattingley

**Carried.**

## 4. Reports:

### 4.1. President

Joe van Beek reported that a very good turnout of past and present Ben Cruachan Walking Club members attended the funeral service for John Smith, a very long serving Life Member of the club. Joe gave a tribute at the funeral service and talked about the outstanding contribution John had made to the club particularly in respect of the establishment of the McMillan's Walking Track. 14 club members formed a guard of honour as John's coffin left the chapel.

Joe van Beek had a very productive meeting recently with DELWP and Parks Victoria to develop a program of track maintenance activities on McMillans Walking Track and other tracks that may be used for walks for FedWalks2020.

BWV have announced the date for their annual Forum and AGM as 22 June. Venue TBA.

### 4.2. Treasurer

Robyn Rowley presented the Treasurer's report for the 2 months ended 31 January 2019 (attached to these Minutes).

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Robyn Rowley

**Seconded:** Heather Alexander **Carried.**

### 4.3. Tracks and Huts

#### 4.3.1 McMillans Track

A table of Track Assets has been compiled which indicates condition, priority, alternative routes etc with a colour coding to indicate what needs attention and there is currently nothing in the 'red' urgent box.

Joe advised that no maintenance work has been done in recent times on the section of McMillans Walking Track within the Mt Darling - Snowy Bluff Wilderness Zone in compliance with Parks Victoria policy for Wilderness Zones. The section along the Moroka River and up Playboy Creek are now the most challenging sections on the track.

There is a need for a McMillan's Walking Track guide book and a working group of Joe van Beek, Helmut Tracksdorf and Martin Noris (SBWC) has been established to produce it. The working group will consider possibly working in partnership with John and Monica Chapman who wrote and published the Australian Alps Walking Track book. If practicable the aim is to launch the guide book at FedWalks2020.

#### 4.3.2 BTAC

Joe van Beek reported that the clearing of the track to the Black River exercise was very successful with a diverse range of volunteers from Melbourne and elsewhere.

The BTAC Program for 2019 has been finalised and circulated to Bushwalking Victoria affiliated clubs.

Joe will be the Project Leader for the BTAC Project "Howitt Hut and Guys Hut to Wonnangatta" from 25 to 28 April 2019, the Anzac weekend, which will include part of the National Bicentennial Trail.



#### **4.4. Walks Coordinator**

Geoff Mattingley reported that a few new walks for February have been added to the program. Walk Previews are still required for number of walks on the program.

Joe van Beek advised that we need to confirm with Bushwalking Victoria which walks we would like to nominate for inclusion in the Premier's Active April program. After some discussion it was agreed that 3 walks would be nominated:

Traralgon Creek – Railway Reserve on Wednesday 10 April led by Jim Stranger;

Sale Wetlands on Monday 22 April led by Monica Scicluna; and

Deptford on Saturday 27 April led by Trevor Clues.

Joe will report our walk nominations to Bushwalking Victoria subject to the walk leaders agreement.

#### **4.5. Newsletter Editor**

Jack Winterbottom advised that the February issue of the newsletter is underway and should be published by the end of the week.

It was generally agreed that only BTAC events in our area should be included in the Walk Previews section of the newsletter.

#### **4.6. Publicity**

Chris Marshall reported that publication of walk previews in the newspapers appears to be going well although sports reports sometimes relegates our walk previews to the "Sports Briefs" section.

Rachel Dawkins, Media and Communications Adviser, DELWP has issued a press release re work on McMillans Walking Track to local newspapers. She has also posted on Facebook

#### **4.7. Facebook Page**

In Becky's absence, a number of people reported that she is doing a great job putting up plenty of photographs, events and so on.

Joe said that members should be encouraged to visit the Facebook Page.

### **5. Walks Program**

#### **5.1 Development of Walks Program**

There was considerable discussion about proposed and possible future walks.

Joe van Beek emphasised that our current priority should be to have a full walks program for the months of March, April and May and that consideration should be given to including more mid-week walks.

#### **5.2 BWV Day Walk Leader Training 13 & 14 April 2019**

Joe van Beek advised that Bushwalking Victoria will accept a maximum of 2 members from each club for this training session.

Ken Free will circulate the details to club members.

### **6. Meetings Program**

#### **6.1 Committee Meetings**

Joe van Beek confirmed that we have 2 committee meetings before the AGM, Bairnsdale on Wednesday 10 April and Maffra on 12 June.

## 6.2 Club Nights

Joe van Beek confirmed that the club meeting on 13 March 2019 in Traralgon will be on the subject of Maps and Apps with presentations by Peter Maffei from Strzelecki Bushwalking Club and Hans van Elmpt. Robyn Shingles, a Bushwalking Victoria Board Member will also attend and give a short presentation and answer questions about the activities of the Board. For this meeting we will have dinner at the Wan Loy restaurant and then may walk to the DELWP office for the guest speaker presentations.

For the club meeting on 8 May 2019, it was proposed to have a presentation by the Emerald Link organisers, however Piero Baglioni has been unable to contact the relevant people to confirm their attendance. In the meantime, the DELWP officers managing the Forest Reform Program are very keen to do a presentation to our club members possibly at this meeting. It was agreed that Ken Free should confirm the attendance of DELWP and liaise with Piero on also including a recorded Emerald Link presentation.

Trevor Whibley to give consideration to the September Club Night.

## 6.3 Other Social Events

For the club's Xmas lunch, a date of 16 December 2019 was agreed upon with venue to be investigated by Ken and Monica.

## 6.4 AGM

For the AGM on 10 July 2019, Chris Marshall and Monica Scicluna will jointly organise a suitable venue and investigate possible guest speakers or other activities for the evening.

## 7. Management of Website

### 7.1 Exploited Website: need for anti-hacker insurance? [carried over from Oct '18 meeting]

There was considerable discussion about website security and related issues and it was agreed that Ken Free should contact Enoch Lavender at Joomla to confirm that we wanted to organise anti-hacker insurance and to clarify other issues:

- Converting from *http* to *https* : It has been suggested that we should convert our website to https. How do we go about doing this; is there a cost involved; and what are the advantages in doing so?
- Anti-hacker Insurance : How do we organise this and what is covered by the insurance?
- Super User "lock-out" : There have been a couple of instances where, having made updates or changes and apparently forgetting to save the changes, a Super User has been unable to login again – i.e. effectively "locked out" of the website. When this happens is there a standard procedure to unlock?
- Are there any hosting charges or other fees for our website?

**7.2 “spam robot registrations” on website:** During December 2018 and January 2019, a number of new Users (club members) in Russian language appeared on the club’s website with Russian email addresses.

Ken Free reported that he had exchanged emails with Enoch Lavender from Joomla and been advised that the problem had now been fixed by disabling Joomla’s self-register built-in feature.

**7.3 Simplification of website:** the website is currently very busy with hundreds of words and to get to the upcoming walks page takes more than 1 step. [carried over from Oct ‘18 meeting]  
It was generally agreed that this is not a high priority at the moment.

**7.4 Homepage Photographs:** the Management Committee decided at the meeting in December 2017 that the website should be freshened up with new photographs – it hasn’t happened yet. [carried over from Oct ‘18 meeting]

It was generally agreed that this is not a high priority but it was suggested that Jack Winterbottom look into it and make some changes. .

### **7.5 Responsibility for Maintenance of Website**

There are currently 3 Management Committee members with Super User status for maintenance of specific areas of the website: Jack Winterbottom for the Newsletter, Geoff Mattingley for the Walks Program and Ken Free for club membership login details and meeting minutes. There is no-one with overall webmaster responsibility and apparently no-one who is prepared to take on that role at the moment.

The question of whether login should be required for specific areas of the website was raised and there was a wide ranging discussion. It was suggested that at our next club meeting, Robyn Shingles be asked about the background to Bushwalking Victoria changing their website to be completely open to public access.

Joe van Beek proposed that each committee member should undertake a review of the website in terms of what was publicly available and what required a member login and report back to the next meeting with suggested improvements and recommendations. Joe will ask Anna Janca about the website guidance that she undertook to provide to Geoff Mattingley in December 2018.

It was agreed that Ken Free would undertake website liaison with Enoch Lavender of Joomla.

## **8. General Business:**

### **8.1 Membership:**

Newsletter-only memberships.

It was agreed that we will not have a Newsletter-only category of membership.

It was also agreed that the newsletter would be made freely available to any past member who made a request to continue receiving the newsletter.

It was also agreed that the newsletter should be distributed to a wide range of external organisations including DELWP, Parks Victoria, tourist information centres etc.

Life Memberships.

Joe van Beek asked committee members to consider whether there were any possible candidates for Life Membership and to bring recommendations and/or citations to the next meeting.

New Membership Application Form.

Ken Free advised that the new Membership Application Form would be loaded to the website in early March and a reminder email/letter circulated at the same time.

## **8.2 Promotion of 2019 BTAC Program**

The 2019 BTAC Program has been circulated.

**8.3 Emerald Link:** At the October 2018 meeting it was agreed that Piero would invite the Goongerah Environment Centre to give a presentation at the club meeting on 8 May 2019. See comments @ item 6.2 above.

## **8.4 Federation Walks Weekend 2020**

Joe van Beek reported that so far only 2 clubs have responded to his email regarding assistance with planning and organisation of FedWalks2020. He has sent a follow-up reminder email on 13 February 2019.

When the majority of the Gippsland Bushwalking Clubs have confirmed their support Joe will make a formal offer to BWV and seek under writing for risks such as the event not proceeding for any reason.

## **8.5 Inclusion of East Gippsland walks on the Where2walk BWV website**

Jack Winterbottom will contact Tim van Emerick who organised the printing of "Inspiring Gippsland" to see if he has a digital file which could be used as a source for Gippsland walks for where2walk.

Ken Free advised that he has been unable to ascertain how to load walks onto Where2walk. He will contact Izolde Bensch at Bushwalking Victoria and ask about the procedure.

## **8.6 Newsletter Distribution**

See comments at item 8.1 above.

**8.7 DELWP Forest Reform Program:** Proposal to attend a BCWC meeting to discuss the program and receive comments/input.

See comments @ item 6.2 above.

## **8.8 Darren Edwards Trail Hiking Website:**

This item was carried over from the last meeting. In the meantime Becky Horsham was to explore the implications of Darren's request. Does it impose any burden on the club?

Joe to check with Becky on progress..

## **8.9 Possible sources for Grant Money:**

Monica Scicluna raised the issue of where we could seek grant funds to assist with first aid training. A number of possibilities were suggested and it was agreed that in the first instance Monica should contact the Wellington Shire Council who have an ongoing program of community grants.

**Meeting Closed:** at approximately 9:15 pm

9. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 7.00 pm  
at the Bairnsdale Club, Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale

## **ACTION LIST**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Find digital file for Inspiring Gippsland	Jack W.	10 April 2019
Include Action List in Minutes	Ken F.	Feb 2019
Publish McMillan's Walking Track Guidebook	Joe v B. + others	FedWalks2020
Nominations to BWV for Premier's Active April	Joe v B.	Feb 2019
Circulate BWV Leader Training Info	Ken F.	Feb 2019
8 May 2019 club meeting speakers	Ken F. & Piero B.	Feb 2019
AGM arrangements	Chris M. & Monica S.	June 2019
Contact Joomla re website issues	Ken F.	Feb 2019
Review website re public access etc.	All Committee	April 2019
Request website guide from Anna Janca	Joe v B.	Feb 2019
Liaise with Enoch Lavender of Joomla	Ken F.	Ongoing
Review Website banner photos	Jack W	April 2019
Recommend Life Memberships	All Committee	April 2019
Load new Membership Form to website	Ken F.	March 2019
Contact BWV re FedWalks2020	Joe v B.	April 2019
Ask BWV for Where2walk website procedure	Ken F.	April 2019
Include BCWC on Darren Edwards Website	Becky H.	April 2019
Investigate grants availability	Monica S.	April 2019
Investigate venue for Xmas Lunch	Monica S & Ken F	April 2019
Consider options for Sept Club Night	Trevor Whibley	April 2019
Advise Robyn Shingles of questions on notice	Joe v B	Feb 2019
Follow up with Becky re Darren Edwards request	Joe v B	Feb 2019

# **BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.**

## **Minutes for Management Committee Meeting**

Held on Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 7:00 pm  
Bairnsdale Club, Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale, preceded by dinner at 6 pm

### **1. President's Welcome:**

**1.1. Attendance:** Joe van Beek, Marian Matchan, Becky Horsham, Piero Baglioni, Monica Scicluna, Heather Alexander, Robyn Rowley, Jack Winterbottom and Ken Free. New club member, Robyn Kercher also attended.

**1.2. Apologies:** Geoff Mattingley, Trevor Whibley, Chris Marshall, Helmut Tracksdorf, Michael Dowe,

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

#### **2.1. Confirmation**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the meeting of 13 February 2019 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Joe van Beek                      **Seconded:** Monica Scicluna      **Carried.**

#### **2.2. Matters Arising**

nil

### **3. Correspondence:**

#### **3.1. Incoming:**

Email from Anne Hicks of Peregrine Walking Club re 2019 Combined Gippsland Camp;  
Email from Robyn Shingles re SBWC Try Bushwalking Day on 3 March 2019;  
Email from Lisa Cheeseman re NZ Sustainable Trails conference 1-4 April 2019;  
Email from Joanne Eastman DELWP re Bushfire Planning Consultation;  
Email from Hayley Hollis inviting input to the Catchment Action Plan for the Upper Mitta Mitta River catchment;  
Email from Melanie McVey-Di Lazzaro, ParksVic re closure of Point Hicks reserve;  
Emails from Enoch Lavender of Joomla re website matters;  
Email from Diverge Maps;  
Emails from Sarah Noonan of Parks Vic with fire updates;  
Emails from SBWC with February, March & April 2019 Newsletters;  
BWV email re where2walk survey and website access;  
BWV email re logging in East Gippsland old growth forests;  
BWV email re January/February BWV Bulletin;  
BWV email re March 2019 Bulletin;

Email from Kerry Spencer of DELWP re Forest Reform Program;  
Email from Kerry Spencer of DELWP re Forest Management Agreements;  
Emails from Trust for Nature with Nature News Bulletins;  
Email enquiries from 2 prospective members;  
2 new memberships and a number of membership renewals.

### **3.2. Outgoing:**

To BWV from Jack Winterbottom – request for BWV logo digital file;  
To Joomla: Query about website anomalies  
To BCWC Management Committee:  
    Information about 2 Bushwalking Victoria Board vacancies;  
To DELWP, ParksVic and other outside organisations: Info about John Smith's funeral;  
To Becky Horsham: forwarded emails from Darren Edwards;  
To Hayley Hollis: email acknowledgement re Upper Mitta Mitta Catchment Action Plan;  
To McMillans Walking Track maintenance volunteers, email thankyou from Joe van Beek;  
To Izolde Bensch of BWV, email from Joe van Beek re sharing of photographs;  
To Kerry Spencer of DELWP confirming her attendance at May 2019 club night;  
To Izolde Bensch of BWV, email re where2walk;  
To Izolde Bensch of BWV, email with completed 2019 Insurance Questionnaire;

To all members:

Minutes of February 2019 BCWC Management Committee meeting;  
Email from Joanne Eastman DELWP re Bushfire Planning Consultation;  
Email from Melanie McVey-Di Lazzaro, ParksVic re closure of Point Hicks reserve;  
Email from Diverge Maps;  
Trust for Nature email with Jan 2019 Nature News;  
Bushwalking Victoria email re where2walk survey and website access;  
Bushwalking Victoria email re logging in East Gippsland old growth forests;  
Email from Hayley Hollis inviting input to the Catchment Action Plan for the Upper Mitta Mitta River catchment;  
Email from Kerry Spencer of DELWP re Forest Management Agreements;  
Strzelecki Bushwalking Club February 2019 Newsletter;  
Trust for Nature email with February 2019 Nature News;  
Bushwalking Victoria email re January/February BWV Bulletin;  
DELWP email re survey on fuel management strategies;  
Strzelecki Bushwalking Club March 2019 Newsletter;  
Email from Kerry Spencer of DELWP re Forest Reform Program;  
BWV email re walk leader training 13 & 14 April 2019;  
Email reminder for Traralgon club meeting in March;  
Email re midweek walk on 27 March 2019;  
Email re weekend walks on 22 to 24 March 2019;  
Email re postponement of Walk into Wonnangatta Valley;  
Email from Wilderness Shop re 2 April 2019 sale;  
Email re Mt Buffalo Walks on 12, 13, 14 April 2019;

Emails from Sarah Noonan of Parks Vic with fire updates;  
BWV March 2019 Bulletin;  
Strzelecki Bushwalking Club April 2019 Newsletter;  
BCWC Membership Renewal reminder – emails & snail mails;  
Trust for Nature email with March/April 2019 Nature News;

**Motion:** That incoming correspondence be accepted and actions and outgoing correspondence be noted.

**Moved:** Robyn Rowley                      **Seconded:** Piero Baglioni                      **Carried.**

#### **4. Reports:**

##### **4.1. President**

Joe van Beek reported that Bushwalking Victoria are still looking for nominations for Board Member positions.

##### **4.2. Treasurer**

Robyn Rowley presented the Treasurer's report for the 2 months ended 31 March 2019 (attached to these Minutes).

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Robyn Rowley                      **Seconded:** Jack Winterbottom                      **Carried.**

##### **4.3. Tracks and Huts**

###### **4.3.1 McMillans Track**

Joe van Beek reported that 25 kilometres of the McMillans Walking Track was burnt in the recent bushfires. It is not yet known how extensive the damage is to track markers and signage.

Joe also advised that there will be no McMillans Walking Track maintenance until May 2019; the planned activity for 12 to 14 April 2019 has been cancelled. Joe is looking at replacing it with work on N18 to Mt Shillinglaw which still needs DELWP approval.

###### **4.3.2 BTAC**

Joe van Beek reported that the planned work on the tracks to the Dry River planned for ANZAC weekend is unlikely to happen because of the Alpine Park still being closed post fires. Joe, on behalf of BTAC, is looking at rescheduling the previously cancelled work on the AAWT at Mt Wills for the ANZAC weekend instead.

##### **4.4. Walks Coordinator**

Marian Matchan is acting in the Walks Coordinator role while Geoff Mattingley is Overseas.



She reported that the walks program is looking reasonably healthy and that Ken Free had recently submitted a number of walks for inclusion in the program for the rest of the calendar year.

#### **4.5. Newsletter Editor**

Jack Winterbottom reported that he is using an Apple publishing program called In Design for the newsletter production and the next issue is due to be circulated shortly, possibly on 14 April 2019.

Robyn Kersher asked whether the newsletter could include links to podcasts of walks, such as one about walks from Botany Bay to Mallacoota.

Jack has contacted other Gippsland clubs to confirm that they would like to be on our newsletter circulation list and it is intended to include DELWP and Parks Victoria staff who we deal with.

#### **4.6. Publicity**

In the absence of Chris Marshall, a number of people reported that our walks are receiving good coverage in the local newspapers. On occasion, walks are publicised well in advance of the walk date but it was generally agreed that this is preferable to no publicity.

#### **4.7. Facebook Page**

Becky Horsham reported that the Facebook page is going well with 59 members and photographs regularly being submitted. Becky proposed and it was generally agreed that we should change our Facebook status from “group” to “page”.

**Motion:** That the BCWC Facebook page status be changed from “group” to “page”.

**Moved:** Becky Horsham                      **Seconded:** Joe van Beek                      **Carried.**

### **5. Walks Program**

#### **5.1 Development of Walks Program**

Marian Matchan reported that Ken Free has recently submitted 10 walks for inclusion on the walks program and there are still a number of vacant dates available for walks.

Currently we average about 1 walk per fortnight. Joe van Beek proposed that ideally we should aim for 1 walk every week.

Joe is planning an East Tyers walk on 8 June 2019.

Joe will be leading an end to end walk of McMillans Walking Track from 1 to 14 December 2019 and he already has 2 or 3 starters.

#### **5.2 BWV Day Walk Leader Training 13 & 14 April 2019**

Ken Free advised that all members have been circulated with the details of the Walk Leader Training which will be conducted in Melbourne.

### **6. Meetings Program**

#### **6.1 Committee Meetings**

The next Committee meeting will be in Maffra on 12 June 2019.

## **6.2 Club Nights**

The next Club meeting will be in Bairnsdale on 8 May 2019 with guest speakers from DELWP to do a presentation on the Forest Reform Program. Ken Free will prepare a "Walk Preview" for circulation to members and inclusion on the club's website. Joe van Beek advised that Trevor Whibley would be organising our September 2019 club night.

## **6.3 Other Social Events**

Monica Scicluna reported that she has investigated using the Badger and Hare restaurant in Stratford as a venue for our Xmas lunch. After some discussion about suitable dates it was agreed that Monica should book this venue for 15 December at 12 noon.

## **6.4 AGM**

The Criterion Hotel in Sale has been booked for our AGM. Chris and Monica to arrange the evening.

## **7. Management of Website**

### **7.1 Anti-Hacker Insurance**

Ken Free reported that he has confirmed our Anti-hacker Insurance cover with Joomla at a cost of \$40 per annum.

### **7.2 Conversion of website from "http" to "https"**

Ken Free reported that he has organised with Joomla to convert the website to "https" for a one-off cost of \$30. The conversion was completed on Friday 8 March 2019.

### **7.3 Website hosting charges**

Ken Free reported that Enoch Lavender from Joomla had advised that he invoices Bushwalking Victoria for the website hosting charges for all affiliated clubs who use the Joomla platform. It is assumed that Bushwalking Victoria absorb this cost.

### **7.4 Homepage Photographs:**

Jack Winterbottom has done an initial investigation to ascertain how we change banner photographs. Ken free will send Jack a copy of the Joomla website instructions which include how-to videos.

### **7.3 Website login**

BWV recently deleted the requirement for club members and individual members to login to the 'members' area of the website, i.e. all areas of the BWV website are public. Do we need member login on the BCWC website? (Carried over from last meeting)

There was considerable discussion about the need or otherwise to 'protect' certain areas of the website by way of member logins. It was generally agreed that all areas of the website available to members should also be available to the general public.

**Motion:** That the BCWC website be converted so that there is public access to all areas of the website including those currently restricted to club members. There will no longer be a

requirement for members to login to the website. Ken Free will contact Joomla to make the necessary arrangements for the conversion.

**Moved:** Joe van Beek

**Seconded:** Jack Winterbottom

**Carried.**

## **8. General Business:**

### **8.1 Membership: Life Memberships.**

The Committee received a nomination for the awarding of a Life Membership. A motion was passed agreeing to the awarding of the Life membership. It was agreed that Joe and Ken determine the logistics of making the award.

#### **Membership Renewals.**

Ken Free advised that renewal reminders with the new Membership Renewal form have been emailed or posted to all current members. The Membership Renewal and New Membership forms have been loaded to the website.

Hard copies of the forms will be available at the next club meeting.

### **8.2 Promotion of 2019 BTAC Program**

The BTAC Program has been circulated to the club membership.

### **8.4 Federation Walks Weekend 2020**

Joe van Beek advised that the Bushwalking Victoria Board has assigned 2 of their Board members to consider our proposal to run FedWalks2020. The only feedback so far is to the effect that the \$300 cost for the weekend may be a little high – it does include 3 night's accommodation and meals and event participation.

### **8.5 Inclusion of East Gippsland walks on the Where2walk BWV website**

Ken Free reported that he has been advised by Izolde Bensch at BWV that walks were loaded to the Where2walk website by BWV Board members and/or volunteers and there hasn't been any activity for some time due to a lack of resources. The website does not allow individual clubs to load walks and the BWV Board are currently considering what to do for the future.

It was agreed that under the circumstances we would wait for an outcome from the BWV Board.

### **8.6 Grants sources**

Monica Scicluna reported that she is applying to Sale Greyhound and Racing Club for a grant to cover the cost of 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training for 12 club members. Due to the retirement of our previous trainer, it is proposed to employ Cathy and Tim Kemps of Gem Aquatics in Maffra to conduct the training.

If needed, it was suggested that the LaTrobe Valley Authority may be a potential grant source.

**8.7 DELWP Forest Reform Program:** Proposal to attend a BCWC meeting to discuss the program and receive comments/input.

Ken Free advised that Kerrie Spencer and Carmel Henderson from DELWP's Bairnsdale office will attend our club meeting in Bairnsdale on 8 May 2019 to give a presentation and discuss the Forest Reform Program.

**8.8 Darren Edwards Trail Hiking Website:**

This item was carried over from the last meeting.

Joe van Beek has determined that this website may be good exposure for the club at no cost and with no obligations.

Ken Free will provide Joe with the sample walk he submitted to BWV for Where2walk as a tryout of the Trail Hiking Website.

**8.9 Emerald Link**

Piero Baglioni reported that, despite many attempts to contact the Emerald Link proponents, they have not responded.

It has also been reported that logging operations are now taking place in the Emerald Link area which may affect the 'Link's viability.

**8.9 Equip for Life**

Monica Scicluna proposed that an organisation named Equip for Life may be a possible source for a future guest speaker.

**Meeting Closed @ 8:37 pm**

**9. Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 12 June at 7.00 pm at the Maffra Community Sports Club  
122-126 Johnson Street, Maffra, preceded by dinner at 6:00 pm.

## ACTION LIST

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Publish McMillan's Walking Track Guidebook	Joe v B. + others	FedWalks2020
AGM arrangements	Chris M. & Monica S.	June 2019
Liaise with Enoch Lavender of Joomla	Ken F.	Ongoing
Contact Enoch Lavender of Joomla re conversion Of website to 'Public'	Ken F.	June 2019
Liaise with BWV re FedWalks2020	Joe v B.	Ongoing
Change Facebook from 'group' to 'page'	Becky H.	June 2019
Write 'Walk Preview' for May club meeting	Ken F.	26 April 2019
Compile Newsletter circulation list	Jack W.	June 2019
Book Xmas lunch venue for 15 December	Monica S.	June 2019
Update website banner photographs	Jack W.	June 2019
Process 1st Aid Grant Application	Monica S.	June 2019
Load walk to Trail Hiking website	Joe v B.	June 2019
Load Profile on Darren Edward's website	Joe v B	June 2019
Consider options for Sept Club Night	Trevor W	June 2019
Determine logistics for award of Life Membership	Ken F & Joe v B	June 2019

# Financial Statement for 31 March 2019

## Ben Cruachan Walking Club

Balance @ 31 January 2019		3,864.68
Income:		
Memberships	48.00	
Kercher		
Visitor Fees	95.00	
		143.00
Sub Total		<u>4,007.68</u>
Expenditure		
Post Office Box		35
Balance @ 31.03.2019		<u><u>3,972.68</u></u>
Accounts to pay:		
J. van Beek supplies	\$ 79.17	
Cheques Outstanding		

# **BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.**

## **Minutes for Management Committee Meeting**

Held on Wednesday 12 June 2019 at 7:00 pm  
Maffra Community Sports Club 122-126 Johnson Street, Maffra

**1. President's Welcome:** Joe van Beek welcomed those present.

**1.1. Attendance:** Joe van Beek, Marian Matchan, Monica Scicluna, Geoff Mattingley, Trevor Whibley, Chris Marshall, Michael Dowe, Robyn Rowley, Jack Winterbottom and Ken Free.

**1.2. Apologies:** Becky Horsham, Piero Baglioni, Helmut Tracksdorf, Heather Alexander.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

### **2.1. Confirmation**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the meeting of 10 April 2019 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Joe van Beek      **Seconded:** Robyn Rowley      **Carried.**

### **2.2. Matters Arising**      Nil

**3. Correspondence:**

#### **3.1. Incoming:**

Email from a number of new members with application forms;  
A number of email and snail mail membership renewals;  
Email from Heather Cameron re volunteering for track clearing;  
Email enquiries from a number of prospective members;  
Email response from Enoch Lavender re website conversion;  
Emails from SBWC with May and June 2019 Newsletters;  
Emails from BWV with April and May 2019 Bulletins;  
Emails from Tony Walker re Hoddle Mountain Trail;  
Email from Consumer Affairs Victoria re Annual Statement;  
Email from ParksVic re Southern Alps Fire Re-opening date;  
Email from Trust for Nature with May/June 2019 Nature News;  
Emails from Kerry Spencer & Carmel Henderson DELWP re Forest Reform Program;  
Email from Samuel Gitahi re Upper Mitta Catchment Action Plan;  
Emails from Kerry Spencer DELWP re Forest Reform Program Survey phase 2;  
BWV emails re AGM & Leadership Forum;  
BWV emails re vacant Board positions;  
Email from Anne Hicks re Combined Gippsland Clubs weekend 2019;  
Email from Joanne Eastman re Phase 2a survey – Fuel mgt areas;  
Email from ParksVic re Early Seasonal Closures – Alpine NP;

Email from ParksVic re draft Grampians NP Management Plan;  
Email with News from the Alps Autumn edition;  
Email from VNPA with Park Watch June 2019;  
Email from VNPA re Barmah National Park;  
Email from Kerry Spencer of DELWP re Drop-in sessions @ Orbost and Bairnsdale;  
Letter from Sale Greyhound Racing Club. – grant application unsuccessful;  
Email from Joomla re website conversion;  
Email from BWV re increase in 1<sup>st</sup> Aid subsidy.

### **3.2. Outgoing:**

To Izolde Bensch of BWV, email with completed 2019 Insurance Questionnaire;  
Emails to Enoch Lavender re website conversion;  
Email to Management Committee re BWV Privacy Policy update;  
Email to Kerry Spencer & Carmel Henderson – thank you for May 2019 club night;

### **To all members:**

Management Committee minutes for 10 April 2019 meeting;  
Emails from SBWC with May and June 2019 Newsletters;  
Emails from BWV with April and May 2019 Bulletins;  
Email re Hoddle Mountain Trail;  
Email from ParksVic re Southern Alps Fire Re-opening date;  
Email from Trust for Nature with May/June 2019 Nature News;  
Emails from Kerry Spencer & Carmel Henderson DELWP re Forest Reform Program;  
Email from Samuel Gitahi re Upper Mitta Catchment Action Plan;  
Emails from Kerry Spencer DELWP re Forest Reform Program Survey phase 2;  
BWV emails re AGM & Leadership Forum;  
BWV emails re vacant Board positions;  
Email from Anne Hicks re Combined Gippsland Clubs weekend 2019;  
Email from Joanne Eastman re Phase 2a survey – Fuel mgt areas;  
Email from ParksVic re Early Seasonal Closures – Alpine NP;  
Email from ParksVic re draft Grampians NP Management Plan;  
Email with News from the Alps Autumn edition;  
Email from VNPA with Park Watch June 2019;  
Email from VNPA re Barmah National Park;  
Email from Kerry Spencer of DELWP re Drop-in sessions @ Orbost and Bairnsdale.

**Motion:** That incoming correspondence be accepted and actions and outgoing correspondence be noted.

**Moved:** Trevor Whibley      **Seconded:** Monica Scicluna      **Carried.**



## 4. Reports:

### 4.1. President

Joe van Beek reported that:

The first half of the year had been somewhat frustrating for him with many walks and track clearing events being postponed or cancelled due to fire activity and/or unavailability of ParksVic and DELWP staff and then more lately because of snow;

He will represent the Ben Cruachan Walking Club at the Bushwalking Victoria AGM and Leadership Forum on 15 June 2019.

Joe then asked the committee members whether they intended to continue on the committee after the AGM in July and advised that he would be in contact with each member before the AGM to discuss.

### 4.2. Treasurer

Robyn Rowley presented the Treasurer's report for the 2 months ended 31 May 2019 (attached to these Minutes).

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Moved:** Robyn Rowley

**Seconded:** Jack Winterbottom **Carried.**

### 4.3. Tracks and Huts

#### 4.3.1 McMillans Track

Michael Dowe reported that a recent walk at the eastern end of McMillan's Walking Track revealed that significant areas were burnt out in this year's fires. Joe confirmed that the creation of fire breaks had probably obliterated sections of cleared and marked track. Joe, Martin Norris and Helmut Tracksdorf are working on the McMillan's Walking Track Guide Book with a view to launching it at FedWalks2020 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in November 2020. The share of the publishing cost could be around \$5,000. The Chapmans, who published The Australian Alps Walking Track book have been approached to collaborate on the guide book. They have indicated they could pay all costs and recoup the funds along with interest on our share from book sales before sharing profits.

#### 4.3.2 BTAC

As reported in the President's Report, a number of BTAC events have been cancelled. There was a successful track clearing event recently on a section of the AAWT at Mt Wills.

### 4.4. Walks Coordinator

Geoff Mattingley reported that there are still quite a few gaps in the walks program.

He also reported that the number of attendees on walks this year is less than in previous years. See also Item 5.1 below.

### 4.5. Newsletter Editor

Jack Winterbottom advised that the June 2019 newsletter is due for publication on Sunday 16 June 2019.

He also requested that any photographs that are submitted by members should be at least 1 MB file size for optimum reproduction in the newsletter.

A number of people made the observation that this year's newsletters don't appear on the website. Jack undertook to load them to the website.

Jack reported that newsletters are being distributed to all members on the 'newsletter-only' list and ParksVic and DELWP offices. Joe will provide Jack with a list of specific DELWP and ParksVic people who should be on the distribution list.

#### **4.6. Publicity**

Recent publicity in the Gippsland newspapers had been very good and all present congratulated Chris Marshall on a job well done.

#### **4.7. Facebook Page**

Becky Horsham sent a report via email:

"Facebook has been going great. People are becoming more interactive, sharing photos etc. I encourage walk leaders to mention that the club has a Facebook group at any walks they hold. I'm here to help if anyone is having trouble finding or using it. As per previous meeting I've also set up BCWC as a Facebook 'Page' to give us a more public profile, but will continue to keep the 'Group' going at the same time."

Becky's report was well received by the committee.

There seems to be some confusion about the difference between a 'Group' and a 'Page' and it was agreed that we should seek clarification from Becky on her return.

### **5. Walks Program**

#### **5.1 Development of Walks Program**

Joe van Beek suggested that we should endeavour to fill any gaps in the program for the rest of the calendar year. The following walks were proposed:

Saturday 29 June - Poverty Point – Monica Scicluna;

Saturday 13 July Avon River – Geoff Mattingley;

Saturday 27 July - Snow Shoe Shuffle @ Mt St Gwinear – Joe van Beek;

Wednesday 14 August - Tyers – Oliver Raymond;

Sat & Sunday 7 & 8 December – Mt Hotham Huts – Marian Matchan & Jackie Whiting.

Walk leaders were reminded that walk previews should be forwarded to the Walks Co-ordinator and Newsletter Editor at least 3 months in advance. Where possible they should be accompanied by interesting and good quality photographs for publicity with a file size of at least 1 MB.

### **6. Meetings Program**

#### **6.1 Committee Meetings**

The next Committee meeting will be in Maffra on 14 August 2019.

#### **6.2 Club Nights**

The next club night will be on Wednesday 11 September 2019 at the Bairnsdale Club and Trevor Whibley advised that he is organising a guest speaker and will book the venue.

Chris Marshall recommended that club meetings should be more social occasions with guest speaker time limited to ½ an hour. The meeting agreed.

### **6.3 Other Social Events**

Joe van Beek said that the next social event would be the Ben Cruachan Birthday event on Sunday 23 June 2019 and he would need a 4WD volunteer to transport members and equipment to the summit; Michael Dowe volunteered his services.

Monica has booked the Badger & Hare at Stratford for our Christmas Lunch for Sunday 15 December.

### **6.4 AGM**

Monica Scicluna and Chris Marshall have booked the Criterion Hotel in Sale for Wednesday 10 July 2019 and a staff member from Aussie Disposals will be our guest speaker.

Joe van Beek reminded committee members that reports need to be prepared for the AGM.

## **7. Management of Website**

**7.1 Homepage Photographs:** Jack will see what he can do before the August meeting.

**7.2 Website login:** Ken Free reported that Enoch Lavender from Joomla has advised by email that the club's website has been converted to full public access with one small exception which Ken will clarify with Enoch.

There was some discussion about whether the public should have access to minutes of club meetings. It was generally agreed that, provided we were mindful of the minutes being publicly accessible documents, this should not be a problem. The minutes are already circulated to all club members.

## **8. General Business:**

### **8.1 BWV Privacy Policy**

Joe van Beek reported that Bushwalking Victoria had recently released their Privacy Policy and encouraged individual clubs to adopt their own privacy policies.

Joe advised that privacy legislation does not apply to clubs such as ours, unless they want to opt in.

It was generally agreed that as a matter of policy the club does not share any personal information it collects from members, medical information remains with the individual member and emergency contact information only appears on walk attendance sheets which are filed by the Walks Co-ordinator. Membership details are only shared with those with a need to know and our Membership Application form includes a notice to the effect that individuals can choose not to have their photograph taken.

Provided we adhere to these policies and are mindful of respecting people's privacy, the committee considered that there is no need to create a specific privacy policy.

Joe will sit in on the discussion of this topic at the BWV Forum and see what other clubs are thinking and doing.

### **8.2 Federation Walks Weekend 2020**

Joe van Beek reported that Bushwalking Victoria had today (12 June 2019) verbally confirmed that we can proceed with planning for FedWalks2020. BWV are concerned that we should

minimise the risk of a default payment for the accommodation venue in case of a cancellation and Joe has already been in discussions with the proprietor on this subject. It is expected that we should have in excess of 150 bushwalkers attending.

Joe advised that we will need support from other clubs both on the organising committee and to lead walks and conduct recces. He will be looking for volunteers from our club for the organising committee.

### **8.3 Funding for First Aid Training**

Sale Greyhound Club have advised by letter that our application for funding to run 1<sup>st</sup> Aid courses was unsuccessful. Monica Scicluna will investigate other possible funding sources, for example Wellington Shire Council.

Monica suggested that our next 1<sup>st</sup> Aid course could be held following our Wilsons Promontory weekend (15 – 17 November 2019). When a firm date is decided, all members will be invited to participate and be advised of the new BWV subsidy.

### **8.4 BCWC Membership**

#### **8.4.1 Life Memberships**

Joe van Beek and Ken Free will discuss the arrangements for presentation of a life membership at the AGM.

Committee members will research other possible nominees and prepare citations.

#### **8.4.2 Membership Renewals**

Ken Free advised the meeting that we currently have a total of 129 members of which 77 have renewed their memberships; 52 have not renewed.

Ken proposed that a reminder be sent to those who haven't renewed with advice that their membership would be cancelled if not renewed by 30 June 2019. After some discussion it was generally agreed that 30 June 2019 was an appropriate date given that the AGM was on 10 July 2019.

Jack Winterbottom requested that Ken also draft a reminder notice to be included in this month's newsletter.

### **8.5 Proposal to Purchase a Shelter for Camp-at-Cars Events**

Chris Marshall proposed that the club should purchase a shelter which could be used for gathering under, cooking under etc during inclement weather at camp-at-cars events. Chris recommended that a Coleman Event 14 Sun Shelter plus an additional Sun-wall would be ideal.

A quick search by Jack Winterbottom found that such an item was currently available for online purchase at a discounted price and the meeting unanimously agreed to proceed with the purchase.

**Meeting Closed @ 9:05 pm**

### **9. Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 12 August 2019 at 7.00 pm at the Maffra Community Sports Club 122-126 Johnson Street, Maffra, preceded by dinner at 6:00 pm.

## **ACTION LIST**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Publish McMillan's Walking Track Guidebook	Joe v B. + others	FedWalks2020
Liaise with Enoch Lavender of Joomla	Ken F.	Ongoing
Contact Enoch Lavender of Joomla re clarification of conversion of website to 'Public'	Ken F.	21 June 2019
Liaise with BWV re FedWalks2020	Joe v B.	Ongoing
Load Newsletters onto Website	Jack W.	Ongoing
Provide Names for Newsletter distribution list	Joe v B.	16 June 2019
Organise September 2019 club night	Trevor W.	11 Sept 2019
Write Reports for AGM	Office Holders	10 July 2019
Investigate 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid funding sources	Monica S.	Nov 2019
Organise 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Course	Monica S.	Nov 2019
Organise Life Member appointment	Joe v B. & Ken F.	10 July 2019
Circulate Membership Renewal Reminder	Ken F.	14 June 2019
Write Renewal Reminder for Newsletter	Ken F.	14 June 2019
Purchase Camp-at Cars Shelter	Committee	DONE!
Update website banner photographs	Jack W	August 2019
Provide Joe with sample walk	Ken Free	August 2019
Load Walk to Trail Hiking Website	Joe v B	August 2019
Load profile on Darren Edward's website	Joe v B	August 2019
Initiate formation of Organising Committee for FedWalks2020	Joe v B	July 2019

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 31 MAY 2019

### Ben Cruachan Walking Club

Balance @ 31 March 2019	3,972.68
Income:	
Memberships	2181.00
Platt, Vanbeek, Boyd, Kellas, Harris, Mattingley, Free, Weilgosz, Maclennan, Kercher, Hickling, Jennings, Scicluna, Rogers, Davis, Roughley, Marshall, Whibley, Rowley, Burgess, Hides, Johns, Stranger, Beard, Grundy, Clues, Wigg, Bodin, Dunlop, Stevenson, Carter, Dowe, Watts, Roberts, Markley Hanlon, Paterson, Burrows, Fairless, Huggins, Martin Alexander	
Visitor Fees	90.00
B.W.V First Aide Subsidy	175.00
	2446.00
Sub Total	<u>6,418.68</u>
Expenditure	
Purchases (Meals & supper guest speakers)	79.17
Balance @ 31.05.2019	<u><b>6,339.51</b></u>
Accounts to pay:	
Cheques Outstanding	
Nil	

# BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.

## Minutes for Management Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 14 August 2019 at 7:00 pm  
Maffra Community Sports Club 122-126 Johnson Street, Maffra

**1. President's Welcome:** Joe van Beek welcomed those present.

**1.1. Attendance:** Joe van Beek, Marian Matchan, Michael Dowe, Jack Winterbottom, Becky Horsham, Jim Stranger and Heather Alexander

**1.2. Apologies:** Monica Scicluna, Piero Baglioni, Helmut Tracksdorf, Trevor Whibley, Geoff Mattingley, Rob Paterson, Robyn Kercher

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

### 2.1. Confirmation

**Motion:** That the minutes of the meeting of 13 June 2019 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Joe van Beek      **Seconded:** Becky Horsham      **Carried.**

### 2.2. Matters Arising

- Joe van Beek attended BWV forum and noted the outstanding presentation by Andy Oates re the Winter Crossing of the Alps Walking Track in August 2018. Joe suggested Andy would be an excellent speaker for FedWalks2020.
- Group Mail has been set up for Newsletter and partners
- Newsletters to be loaded to the Website
- Photographs on website to be adjusted
- First Aid courses. Debbie Ray will provide course aimed at bushwalking but members wishing to obtain accreditation, will also need to do an accredited course. Debbie's course will run 12 October 2019, details re first aid to be reviewed at next meeting.
- BWV Invoice for affiliation and Insurance \$2,867.30. Joe advised that the BWV Insurance covers transferring an injured walker to the roadside and from there the individual's private Ambulance cover is required to cover cost of transfer to Hospital

**Motion:** That the BWV Invoice for 2019/2020 affiliation and insurance of \$2,867.30 be approved for payment.

**Moved:** Joe van Beek      **Seconded:** Jack Winterbottom      **Carried.**

### **3. Correspondence:**

#### **3.1 Incoming:**

New members with application forms;  
Member with a membership renewal;  
SBWC with July and August 2019 Newsletters;  
BWV with June and July 2019 Bulletins;  
BWV re FedWalks2019;  
Wellington Information Centre re Loch Sport walks & Newsletter;  
Joe van Beek re FedWalks2020;  
VNPA with Parkwatch June 2019;  
BWV with Insurance Certificate of Currency and Invoice;  
Jamie Molloy DELWP re Forest Protection Survey;  
Retirement Village re talk about BCWC;  
BWV re work support @ Wollangara;  
BWV with Track & Trail Grading Manual;  
Enoch Lavender re website upgrades;  
BWV re AGM & Leadership Forum;  
BWV acknowledging new Committee;  
Consumer affairs and Jack Winterbottom re Changes to fundraising Ministerial Exemption for Not-for-Profit, fundraiser, incorporated associations;  
DELWP re feedback from Future of our Forests Engagement Phase One;  
BWV re Thin Green Line Movie opportunity for club nights;  
BWV re digital membership cards;  
BWV re Road spikes in Toolangi State Forest;  
BWV re Day Walk Leader Training;

#### **3.2 Outgoing To All Members:**

Management Committee minutes for 12 June 2019 meeting;  
SBWC with July and August Newsletter;  
BWV with June and July Bulletins;  
VNPA with Park Watch June 2019;  
Reminder from BWV re FedWalks2019;  
BWV re work support @ Wollangara;  
BWV with Track & Trail Grading Manual;  
Jamie Molloy DELWP re Forest Protection Survey;  
Re opening of Horseshoe Bend Fishway;  
13 June 2019 re Membership Renewal reminder;  
BCWC Birthday on 23 June2019;  
Hoddle Mountain Trail;  
Digital Membership Cards

**Motion:** That incoming correspondence be accepted and actions and outgoing correspondence be noted.

**Moved:** Heather Alexander **Seconded:** Jack Winterbottom **Carried.**



## 4. Reports:

**4.1. President**            Nothing in particular to report

### 4.2. Treasurer

The Treasurer's report for the 2 months ended 31 July 2019 was tabled (attached to these Minutes).

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Moved:**     Joe van Beek                            **Seconded:** Becky Horsham     **Carried.**

### 4.3. Tracks and Huts

The Tracks and Huts report was tabled (attached to these Minutes).

**4.4. Walks Coordinator**        Nothing to report.

### 4.5. Newsletter Editor

Jack Winterbottom advised that the August 2019 newsletter is due for publication by Monday 19 August 2019.

### 4.6. Publicity

Joe van Beek discussed the recent article in the Gippsland newspapers covering all events for the month. He also tabled Robyn's request regarding including information on the benefits of bushwalking in the next article. The committee agreed that this is a good suggestion.

### 4.7. Facebook Page

Becky Horsham outlined the difference between the BCWC Facebook 'Page' to give us a more public profile, and 'Group'. The Page provides information for public access and the Group provides information to group members only. The Page currently has 70 followers. Joe asked how much time it takes to administer of Facebook and Becky advised currently about 2 hours per fortnight.

Walk leaders are to be reminded to send photographs to the Newsletter Editor with the walk report and to Becky for posting to Facebook.

## 5. Walks Program

### 5.1 Development of Walks Program

Becky Horsham advised that she is willing to lead a walk from Mt Hotham to Falls Creek on the weekend of 3-5 November 2019, but needs an experienced walk leader to assist.

Joe van Beek discussed the use of the Summer season to conduct walks suitable for the FedWalks2020 program. He also advised that the walk from Dargo High Plains to Talbotville on 27-29 September 2019, may need to be changed due to road closures. He suggested a base camp at Licola instead. Joe will advise in time for newsletter if that is the case, will use the time to check walks in the Licola Village area for FedWalks2020.

Becky Horsham suggested that we consider a beginner's pack carry.

Walk leaders are reminded that walk previews should be forwarded to the Walks Co-ordinator and Newsletter Editor at least 3 months in advance. Where possible they should be accompanied by interesting and good quality photographs for publicity with a file size of at least 1 MB.

## **6. Meetings Program**

### **6.1 Committee Meetings**

**The schedule for committee meetings for 2019/2020 was agreed.**

The next Committee meeting will be in Bairnsdale on 9 October 2019.

### **6.2 Club Nights**

The next club night will be on Wednesday 11 September 2019 at the Bairnsdale Club Trevor Whibley has organised a guest speaker and booked the venue.

Michael Dowe will organise the speaker for the club night on Wednesday 13 November 2019 at the Criterion.

Joe van Beek and Jim Stranger will organise the speaker for the club night on Wednesday 11 March 2020 at Wan Loy.

It was suggested that Geoff Mattingly and Piero Baglioni may like to organise a presentation for the club night on Wednesday 13 May 2020 at the Bairnsdale Club.

### **6.3 Other Social Events**

Becky Horsham suggested that we consider an open day for the public instead of the Ben Cruachan Picnic for the club's Birthday, showcasing the club and giving an introduction to bushwalking.

## **7. Management of Website**

Joe van Beek requested that committee members responsible for sections of the website continue to keep their own sections up to date.

## **8. General Business:**

### **8.1 Federation Walks Weekend 2020**

Joe updated the committee regarding the establishment of the FedWalks2020 committee and recent meeting. He advised that the event will be held by BCWC and in order to manage the transactions relating to the event it is felt that a second bank account, solely for FedWalks2020 be opened.

**Motion:** That the committee approve the opening of a second BCWC bank account for the FedWalks2020 event.

**Moved:** Joe van Beek

**Seconded:** Heather Alexander

Joe advised that the agendas and minutes of the FedWalks2020 meetings will be distributed to BCWC committee members.

Jack updated the committee regarding the development of the FedWalks2020 logo.

## **8.2 Support to Secretary for Membership Issues**

Joe van Beek outlined the work associated with maintaining the members list and distributing information to new members.

Heather Alexander suggested that she and Monica Scicluna discuss how the duties may effectively be shared.

The committee noted that the members list should be distributed to the Newsletter Editor, Treasurer and President prior to the issue of the newsletter in order to note new members and that new member packs must be sent out promptly.

## **8.3 Aims for the Year**

Joe van Beek outlined committee aims for the year including providing a comprehensive walks program, informative newsletter, prompt attention to secretarial matters, and informative reports.

## **8.4 BCWC Membership**

### **8.4.1 Life Memberships**

Committee members will research nominees and prepare citations.

### **8.4.2 Membership Renewals**

Current Membership 107.

**Meeting Closed @ 9:00pm**

## **9. Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 13 October 2019 at 7.00 pm at the Bairnsdale Club, 68 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale, preceded by dinner at 6:00 pm.

## **ACTION LIST**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Publish McMillan's Walking Track Guidebook	Joe v B. + others	FedWalks2020
Liaise with Enoch Lavender of Joomla	Ken F.	Ongoing
Liaise with BWV re FedWalks2020	Joe v B.	Ongoing
Load Newsletters onto Website	Jack W.	Ongoing
Organise September 2019 club night	Trevor W.	11 Sept 2019
Investigate 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid funding sources	Monica S.	Nov 2019
Organise 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Course	Monica S.	Nov 2019
Update website banner photographs	Jack W	August 2019
Organise November 2019 club night	Michael Dowe	September 2019
Keep Website up to date	All those with resp.	Ongoing
Open Second Bank Account for FedWalks2020	Heather/Monica	August 2019
Distribute FedWalks2020 Agendas and Minutes	Joe v B.	Ongoing
Determine how to share members duties	Heather/Monica	October 2019
Obtain register of Club Gear from Chris Marshall	Joe v B.	October 2019
Determine Track clearing activities	Joe /Helmut	October 2019
Consider a club Open Day	Committee	October 2019
Consider a beginner's pack carry	Committee	October 2019

## **BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.**

### **Management Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 14 August 2019  
Maffra Community Sports Club

### **Tracks and Huts Report**

#### **McMillans Track**

*CURRENTLY THERE IS NO TRACK MAINTENANCE WORK SCHEDULED ALONG McMILLANS WALKING TRACK – ALTHOUGH WITH AN END TO END WALK SCHEDULED FOR EARLY DEC 2019, SOME TRACK MAINTENANCE WILL BE NECESSARY.*

*OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS (SEP/OCT) I WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH JvB WHICH SECTIONS TO PRIORITISE, AND WHEN WE CAN SCHEDULE SUCH WORK TO BE DONE.*

*SO STAY TUNED!*

#### **BTAC**

*ON 9 – 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 3 MEMBERS OF BCWC (JOE, ROBYN & PATRICK) JOINED BTAC TO ASSIST WITH TRACK MAINTENANCE WORK IN THE BUNYIP STATE PARK.*

*THE PARK WAS SEVERLEY IMPACTED BY FIRES IN MARCH 2019 WITH SEVERAL TRACKS BEING CLOSED. APPROX 475 MAN AND WOMAN HOURS WERE PUT IN TO STABILISE TRACKS AND MITIGATE EROSION. PLUS CLEAR FALLEN TREES.*

*THE NEXT BTAC ACTIVITY IS SCHEDULED WITHIN THE GREATER OTWAYS NP FROM 31<sup>ST</sup> AUG – 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPT  
CLUB MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE TRACK MAINTENANCE EVENT SCHEDULED LATE SEPT IN CROAJINGOLONG NP. FURTHER DETAILS TO BE RELEASED SOON.*

**Helmut Tracksdorf**  
**Tracks and Maintenance**

**14<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Financial Statement for 31 July 2019

Ben Cruachan Walking Club

Balance @ 31 May 2019	6,339.51
Income:	
Memberships	1,139.00
Tracksdorf, Christiansen, Matcham, Whiting , Aucote, Ross, James, Freitas, Caithness, Ray, Churchill, Waymouth, Kleine, Janca, Horsham, Banks, Baglioni/DeLeeuw, Balderstone, Raymond, Ammitizboll, Newman, Richards	
Visitor Fees	90.00
Interest	0.37
Sub Total Income	<u>1,229.37</u>
Expenditure	
Chq 249519 K Free (engraving)	25.00
Balance @ 31-07-2019	<u><b>7,543.88</b></u>
Accounts to pay:	
Cheques Outstanding	
Nil	

# **BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.**

## **Minutes of Management Committee Meeting**

Held on Wednesday 9 October 2019 at 7:00 pm

Bairnsdale Club 68 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale

### **1. President's Welcome:**

1.1. **Attendance:** Joe van Beek, Heather Alexander, Helmut Tracksdorf, Becky Horsham, Jack Winterbottom, Monica Scicluna, Geoff Mattingley, Robyn Kercher.

1.2. **Apologies:** Piero Baglioni, Michael Dowe, Marian Matchan, Jim Stranger, Rob Paterson, Trevor Whibley

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

#### **2.1. Confirmation**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the meeting of 14 August 2019 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Heather Alexander

**Seconded:** Joe van Beek **Carried.**

#### **2.2. Matters Arising**

Newsletters to be loaded to Website

Banner Photographs to be resized

Members to be asked to send photographs to Becky Horsham for Facebook

### **3. Correspondence:**

#### **3.1. Incoming:**

##### **Emails from:**

New members with application forms;

Member with a membership renewal;

SBWC with 2019 Newsletters Sept;

BWV with 2019 Bulletins;

BWV re FedWalks 2019;

JVB re Bushwalking Gear available

BWV re Day Walk Leader Training

BWV Discount Partners 2019/2020

Easy Joomla Invoice Hosting to 31/8/2021 and changes to Access Pages \$195

Rob Patterson re Bald Hills Gorge walk

Peter Maffei re Best Friend Awards

Request for Gippsland walks information in Mitchell River area from Maggie Stewart, Echuca Moama Walking club, forwarded to Ken Free

Request for McMillans track information from Alex Svazas forwarded to and responded to by Joe van Beek

Request from ABC Gippsland forwarded to and responded to by Joe van Beek

Sale Visitor Centre request for flyers



DELWP (Teagan Killoran) Advice re funding for Blue Pool recreation area upgrades and camp site closure from November 2019 to mid 2020.  
Invitation from Bairnsdale Regional Health Service to attend staff Wellness Expo Thursday 31 October 12-2pm. Heather to send flyers to BRHS for expo

Action from Correspondence – Heather to check with Joomla why passwords for members are needed to access certain parts of the website.

### **3.2. Outgoing:**

#### **Emails To all members:**

Management Committee minutes for 14 August 2019 meeting;  
SBWC with Newsletter Sept;  
BWV with Bulletins;  
Bushwalking Gear available  
BWV FedWalks Update  
BWV re Day Walk Leader Training  
BWV Discount Partners 2019/2020  
Bald Hills Gorge Walk Notice for Wed 18 Sept 2019  
Congratulations Joe van Beek Best Friend Award  
Club Social Night Reminder  
Details re Jessie Walker's Funeral

#### **Emails To members:**

Welcome emails with website passwords and walk documents: Diane Hunter, Jeff Ingram, Vicki McNaughton, Cheryl-Lee Weightman, Dean & Trudi Clark

**Motion:** That incoming correspondence be accepted and actions and outgoing correspondence be noted.

**Moved:** Monica Scicluna   **Seconded:** Jack Winterbottom   **Carried.**

### **4. Reports:**

#### **4.1. President**

Joe acknowledged the recognition of the value of volunteers following receipt of the Best Friends award for efforts in caring for Tyers Park.

Joe attended the Combined Clubs walk weekend at Philip Island. BCWC is scheduled to host in 2022 and South Gippsland will host in 2021.

#### **4.2. Treasurer**

The Treasurer's report for the 2 months ended 31 September 2019 was tabled (attached to these Minutes).

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Jack Winterbottom suggested that BVCWC check whether ANZ will set up a 2 party account for payment of accounts and if not investigate whether other banks will do so and costs of moving account from ANZ

**Moved:** Monica Scicluna

**Seconded:** Joe van Beek **Carried.**

#### **4.3. Tracks and Huts**

##### **4.3.1 McMillans Track**

Next end to end walk scheduled for 1-14 December 2019. Joe and team did rec 20 September 2019. There have been a number of enquiries about the walk which reflects the need for the guidebook. There is not enough time between November and December to set aside time for a working bee on the track, so the December walk will be used to highlight any damage from fires and work to be done.

Joe advised that he had proposed that track clearing be completed 21-22 December 2019 from Kelly's Lane to Dingo Hill with a base camp at Kelly's Hut.

##### **4.3.2 BTAC**

Nothing to report.

#### **4.4. Newsletter Editor**

Jack advised that the newsletter would be completed and distributed in the coming week.

#### **4.5. Publicity**

Robyn advised that she is using website information and sending it to three newspapers. Robyn asked that committee and members email any items to her to be included in publicity and asked that leaders be reminded to show whether walks should be publicised or not in walk previews.

Joe advised that he recently spent time with the ABC discussing the benefits of bushwalking.

#### **4.6. Facebook Page**

Becky advised that we have 136 Facebook Group members and 96 Facebook page followers.

The committee discussed the need for walk leaders to be clear about whether or not a walk preview may be posted on the Website or Facebook page for Public view.

Joe requested that Jack include a note in the newsletter reminding walk leaders to advise whether the preview is to be publicised on the website and Facebook.

### **5. Walks Program**

#### **5.1 Development of Walks Program**

Geoff advised that he is in need of walks for the new year.

Joe will include a note re walk in his President's ramblings for the newsletter.

Heather to send latest member list to Geoff, Jack, Monica, Joe and Becky.

## 6. Meetings Program

### 6.1 Committee Meetings

Heather to book Maffra for 11 December 2019.

### 6.2 Club Nights

Next Club Night 13 November 2019 at the Criterion in Sale.

### 6.3 Other Social Events

Christmas 15 December 2019 – RSVP to Monica

## 7. Management of Website

The committee acknowledged that oversight of the website was of concern, however care by each user for their area was being undertaken.

## 8. General Business:

### 8.1 Federation Walks Weekend 2020 (FedWalks2020)

Joe advised that the walks program had been developed, that there were some walks which required permission for walkers to access private land and that the next steps would be to identify walk leaders. After the completion of the 2019 FedWalks Weekend, an email advising club secretaries of the need for walk leaders will be distributed.

The committee discussed an overview of the FedWalks2020 program, promotion of the event at Lorne - FedWalks 2019, and the use of TryBooking for registrations.

### 8.2 BCWC Membership

#### 8.2.1 Life Memberships

Forward life membership recommendations to committee.

#### 8.2.2 Membership at 6 October 2019

	Male	Female
Under 50	11	7
Over 50	48	42
Age not disclosed	5	2
Sub-total	64	51

**Total Membership 115**

#### 8.2.3 Membership Renewals

Judy & Neil Reid, Judy Richards

### 8.3 Donated Gear

A silent auction was conducted at the Club Night 11 September 2019.

### 8.4 Registration of PLB's

Geoff to arrange registration of PLB's.

### **8.5 3<sup>rd</sup> Club Bag**

The Committee decided that a third club walk bag was not required.

### **8.6 Review Action List**

The committee reviewed the action list.

Items to be added included First Aid 23 November 2019 and proposal for an Open day for Active April event.

### **8.7 BRHS expo invitation**

Heather to send brochures for event.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 11 December 2019 at 7.00 pm  
Maffra Community Sports Club 122-126 Johnson Street, Maffra

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Publish McMillan's Walking Track Guidebook	Joe v B + others	FedWalks2020
Liaise with Enoch Lavender of Joomla	Heather A.	Ongoing
Liaise with BWV re FedWalks2020	Joe v B.	Ongoing
Load Newsletters onto Website	Jack W.	Ongoing
Investigate 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid funding sources	Monica S.	Nov 2019
Organise 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Course	Monica S.	Nov 2019
Update website banner photographs	Jack W.	Dec 2019
Organise November 2019 Club Night	Monica S.	Oct 2019
Keep Website up to date	All those with resp.	Ongoing
Distribute FedWalks2020 Agendas and Minutes	Joe v B.	Ongoing
Determine how to share members duties	Heather/Monica	December 2019
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Consider a club Open Day for Active April	Committee	December 2019
Consider a beginner's pack carry		
Book Committee Meeting Night Venues	Heather A.	December 2019
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Financial Statement for 30th September 2019

Ben Cruachan Walking Club

Balance @ 30th July 2019	7543.88
Income :	
Memberships Hunter, McNaughton, Ingram, Weightman, Reid & Clark	253.00
Visitor Fees	140.00
Sale of Camping Gear (donated)	390.00
Sub Total Income	<u>8326.88</u>
Expenditure:	
Cheque 249517 A Winterbottom (sun tent)	213.90
249518 J Carter (refund membership pd twice)	48.00
249520 BWV (insurance 2019/20)	2867.30
Balance @ 30th September 2019	<u>5197.68</u>
Accounts to pay: Easy Joomla \$195.00	
Cheques Outstanding:	
Nil	

**BEN CRUACHAN WALKING CLUB INC.**  
**Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting**  
Held on Wednesday 11 December 2019 at 7:00 pm  
Maffra Community Sports Club, 122-126 Johnson Street, Maffra

**1. President's Welcome:**

Piero conducted the meeting on behalf of Joe van Beek, and welcomed those attending.

**1.1. Attendance:** Piero Baglioni, Jim Stranger, Monica Scicluna, Rob Paterson, Geoff Mattingley,

**1.2. Apologies:** Joe van Beek, Heather Alexander, Michael Dowe, Marian Matchan, Trevor Whibley, Helmut Tracksdorf, Becky Horsham, Jack Winterbottom, Robyn Kercher.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

**2.1. Confirmation**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the meeting of 9 October 2019 be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Monica Scicluna

**Seconded:** Rob Paterson **Carried.**

**2.2. Matters Arising**

Robyn to talk to Latrobe Express re walk publicity. Jim stated that nothing has been advertised recently.

8.4 in the previous minutes, needs to be amended to Geoff not Joe re PLB

**3. Correspondence:**

**Motion:** That incoming correspondence be accepted and actions and outgoing correspondence be noted.

**3.1. Moved:** Monica Scicluna

**Seconded:** Geoff Mattingley **Carried.**

**4. Reports:**

**4.1. President**

Nothing to report.

**4.2. Treasurer**

The Treasurer's report for the 2 months ended 30 November 2019 was tabled (attached to these Minutes).

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

### **4.3. Tracks and Huts**

#### **4.3.1 McMillans Track**

Nothing to report.

#### **4.3.2 BTAC**

Nothing to report.

### **4.4. Newsletter Editor**

Nothing to report.

### **4.5. Publicity**

Nothing to report.

### **4.6. Facebook Page**

Nothing to report.

## **5. Walks Program**

Geoff advised that the Den of Nargun walk 30 November 2019 was cancelled due to Park closure.

### **5.1 Development of Walks Program**

Geoff to speak to members at our Xmas break up to see if they will lead a walk in 2020.

To use Federation weekend recce walks on our program for members, this to be advertised.

A few walks were added to the program.

## **6. Meetings Program**

### **6.1 Committee Meetings**

Heather to book Maffra venue for Wednesday 12 February 2020.

### **6.2 Club Nights**

Next club night 11/3/20 at Won Loy Restaurant Traralgon.

Jim to book for 6pm and will organise Guest Speaker for 7pm.

### **6.3 Other Social Events**

Christmas in July and AGM Wednesday 8 July 2020

Ben Cruachan Birthday in June, details to follow.

## **7. Management of Website**

Jack to fix and resize banner photos.

Not yet done as at this meeting.

## **8. General Business:**

### **8.1 Federation Walks Weekend 2020 (FedWalks2020)**



Preparations are well underway. Walks have been decided.  
Leaders and Co-Leaders have been allocated.

## **8.2 BCWC Membership**

### **8.2.1 Life Memberships**

Held over to February meeting due to uncertainty whether we had a quorum.

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## **8.4 Registration of PLB's**

Geoff verified who our emergency contacts are – Geoff, Piero and Monica  
Registration under control for PLB's , other issues to be discussed at February meeting.

## **8.5 Walk Leader Training Peregrine Walking Club**

Heather to contact Pam Horton regarding walk leader training enquiry, find out what they require so it can be discussed at the February meeting.

## **8.6 Review Action List**

Jack to upgrade banner pictures on website.

Heather to contact Pam Horton (may be in email)

Heather to book Maffra Community Sports Club for Wednesday 12 February 2020.

Jim to book Wan Loy venue for Wednesday 11 March 2020 & Guest Speaker.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm

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Memberships	
Fitkin	30.00
Visitor Fees	45.00
Interest	.48
McMillan Walk Payments	
Hides, Raymond, Cartledge G & W, Kercher, Platt, Edwards, Sharp, Tracksdorf, van Beek, Chapman J & M, Norris	3660.00
Sale of Camping Gear	25.00
Prom Re imbursement 2019	879.00
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	4639.48
Sub Total Income :	9837.16
Expenditure :	
Cheque 249521 Easy Joomla (Hosting Domain	195.00
249522 M Scicluna (Prom 2020 Account)	909.00
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	1104.00
Balance @ 30th November 2019	8733.16
Cheques Outstanding :	
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